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## *The wonderful world of MSCRAMMs*

The MSCRAMMs constitute a family of structurally related proteins found on the surface of most Gram positive pathogenic bacteria. Here the MSCRAMMs, which find themselves at the interface between the microorganism and the host, are designed to interact with different but specific target proteins in the host. As a result, MSCRAMMs can mediate bacterial attachment to host tissues and invasion of host cells but also manipulate the host antimicrobial defense systems. Thus, MSCRAMMs are critical virulence factors in different infections and attractive targets in novel antimicrobial therapeutic strategies. The past, present and future of MSCRAMM research will be discussed from a molecular perspective.



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**Friday, Sept 28, 4pm**

**BioScience Research Collaborative**

**BRC Room 280**