中文題目:非流行病學定義之社區發生的 methicillin 抗藥性金黃色葡萄球菌感染,而是社區型 methicillin 抗藥性金黃色葡萄球菌株在透析併發菌血症的族群中有較好預後英文題目:Community acquired methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) strain, but not community onset MRSA infection by epidemiological classification, is associated with better outcome of MRSA bacteremia in hemodialysis patients

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Background: Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) infections in the hemodialysis (HD) population are epidemiologically classified as healthcare-associated hospital-onset (HAHO) and healthcare-associated community-onset (HACO). The clinical impact and bacterial characteristics of HAHO- and HACO-MRSA in HD patients are unclear.

Materials and methods: We performed a retrospective review and molecular analysis of clinical isolates from 106 HD patients with MRSA bacteremia in a Taiwan medical center from 2009 to 2014. Community-associated MRSA (CA-MRSA) strains were defined as isolates carrying the SCC*mec* type IV or V, and hospital-associated MRSA (HA-MRSA) strains were defined as isolates harboring SCC*mec* type I, II, or III.

Results: Seventy-six patients had HACO-MRSA infections and 30 patients had HAHO-MRSA infections. 76% HAHO-MRSA infections are caused by HA-MRSA strains, while 64% HACO-MRSA infections are due to CA-MRSA strains. A higher Pitt score was associated with higher treatment failure (p=0.003) and CA-MRSA strains were associated with less treatment failure (p=0.001). There was no significant difference in the treatment failure rates between patients with HACO-MRSA infections and those with HAHO-MRSA infections (p=0.178). For isolates with a vancomycin minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) \leq 1.5 mg/L, the multivariate analysis revealed that HA-MRSA strains, a high Pitt score and endocarditis were associated with treatment failure. For isolates with a vancomycin MIC > 1.5 mg/L, the only risk factor for treatment failure was a higher Pitt score.

Conclusion: CA-MRSA strains, but not the epidemiological classification of HACO-MRSA, determined the outcomes of MRSA bacteremia in the HD population, especially when the isolates have a vancomycin $MIC \le 1.5 \text{ mg/L}$.