

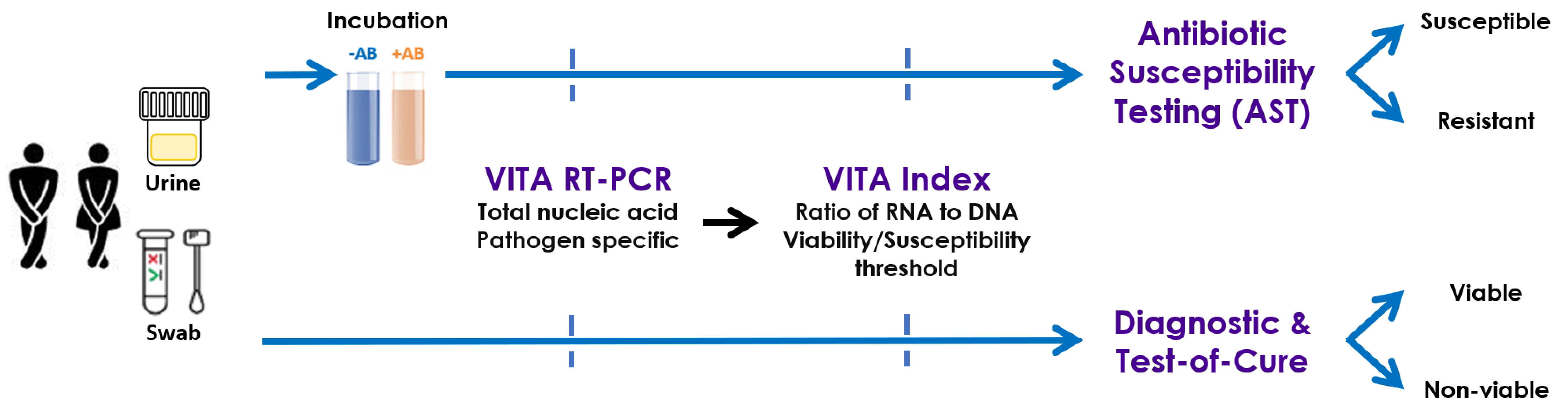
Determination of Antibiotic Susceptibility and Efficacy by VITA

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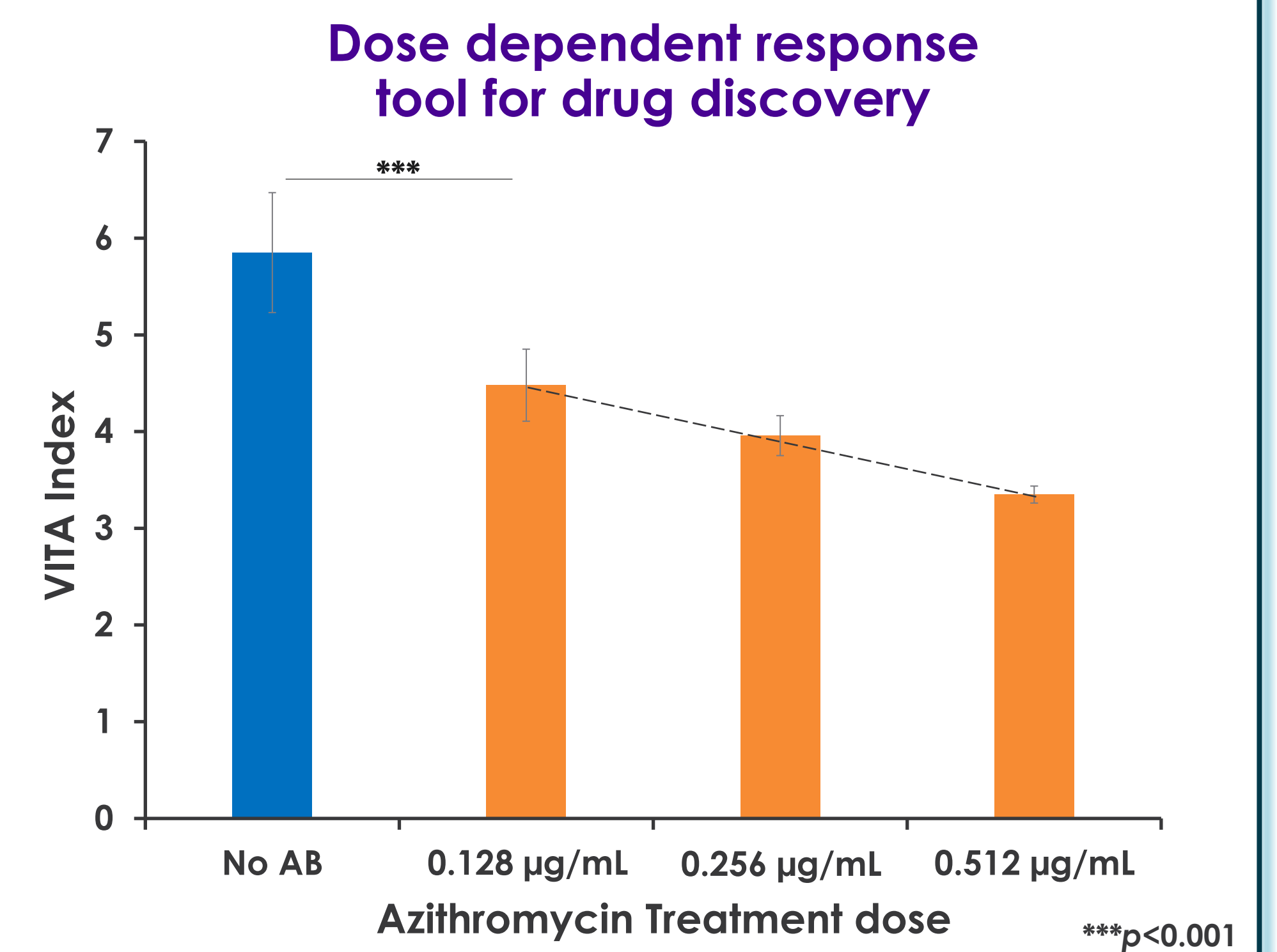
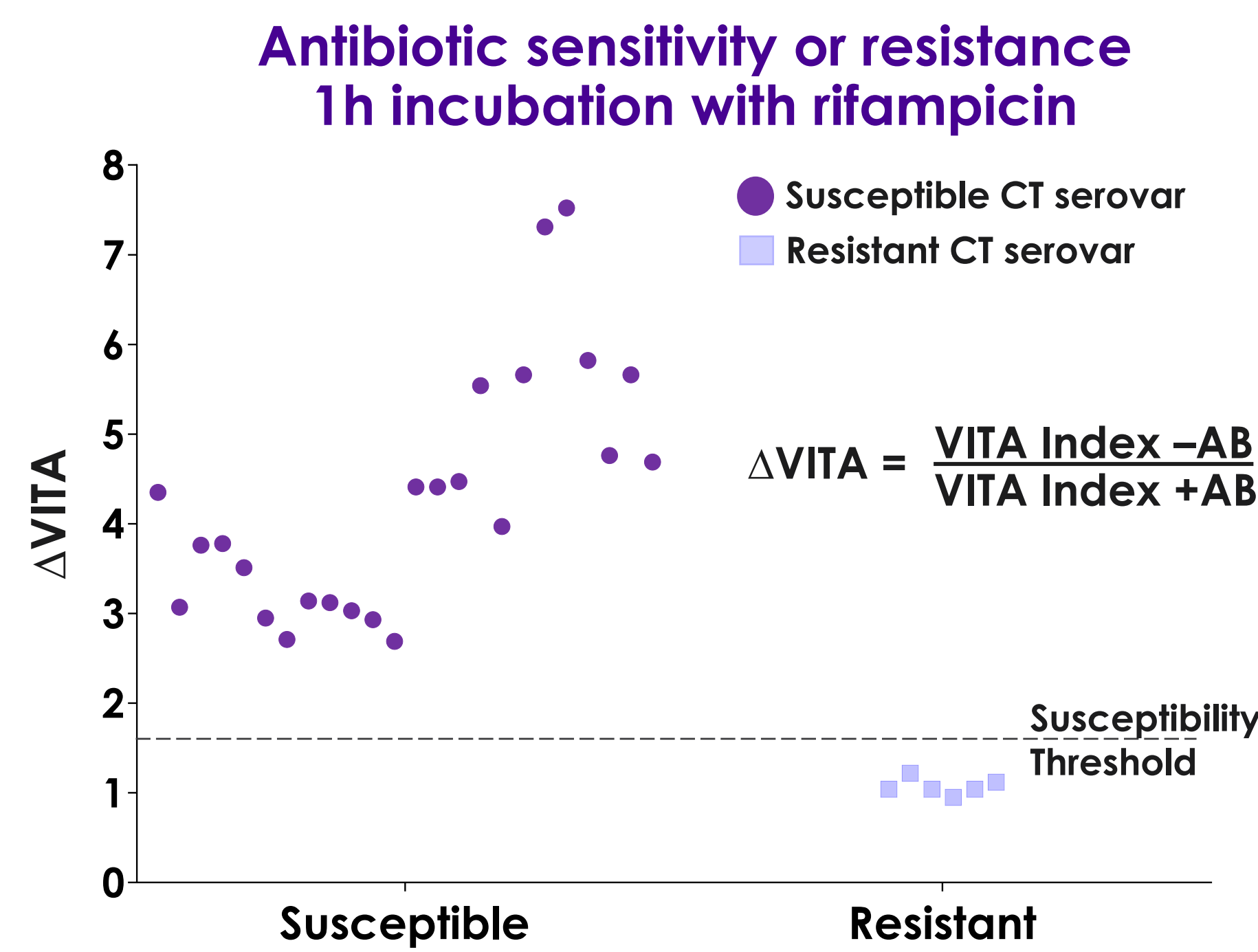
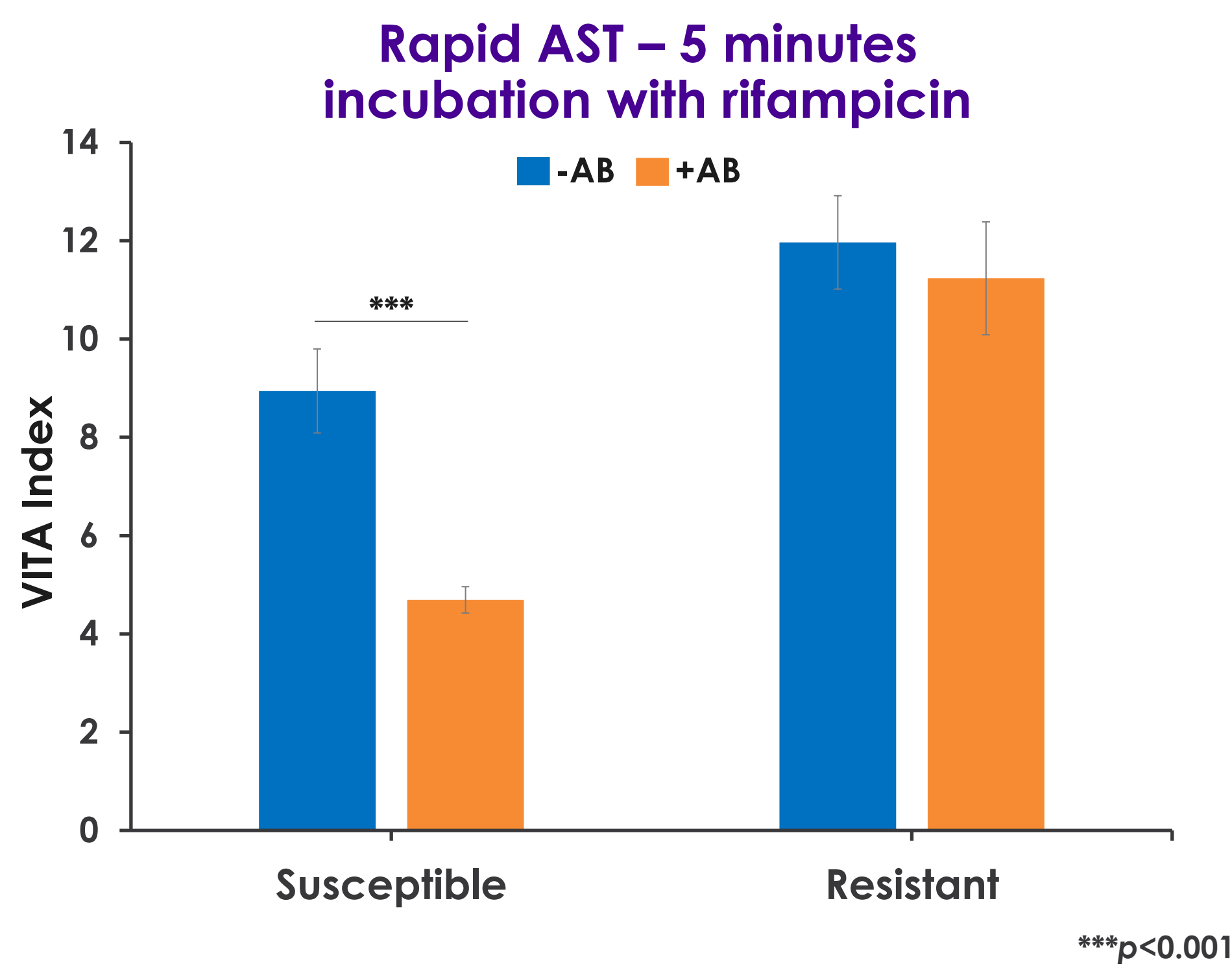
VITA: Viable Transcript Analysis

VITA RT-PCR provides a relative measure of active transcription regardless of the quality/quantity of specimen
A resulting VITA Index elucidates the viability of bacteria at any given time and in response to antibiotics (AB)



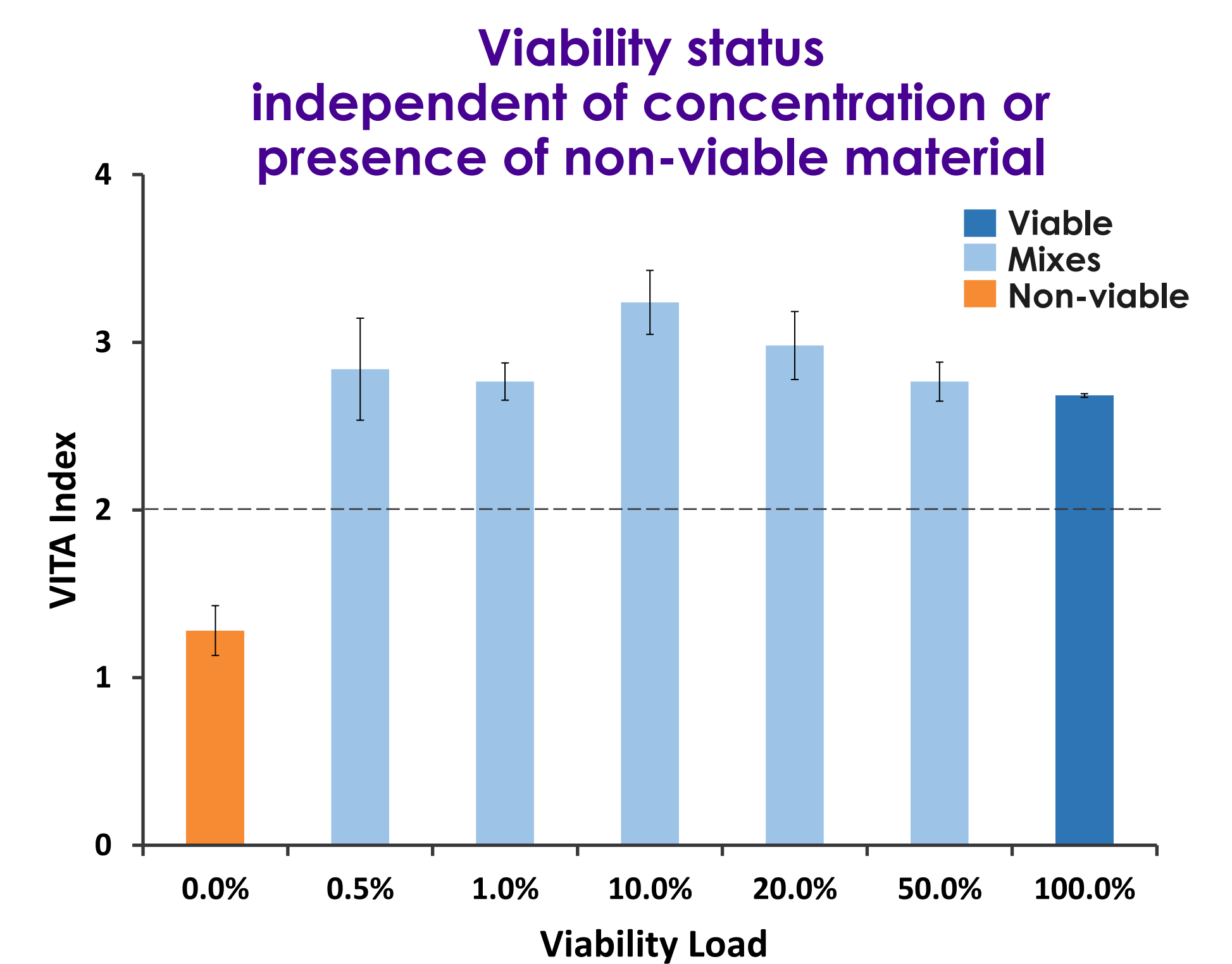
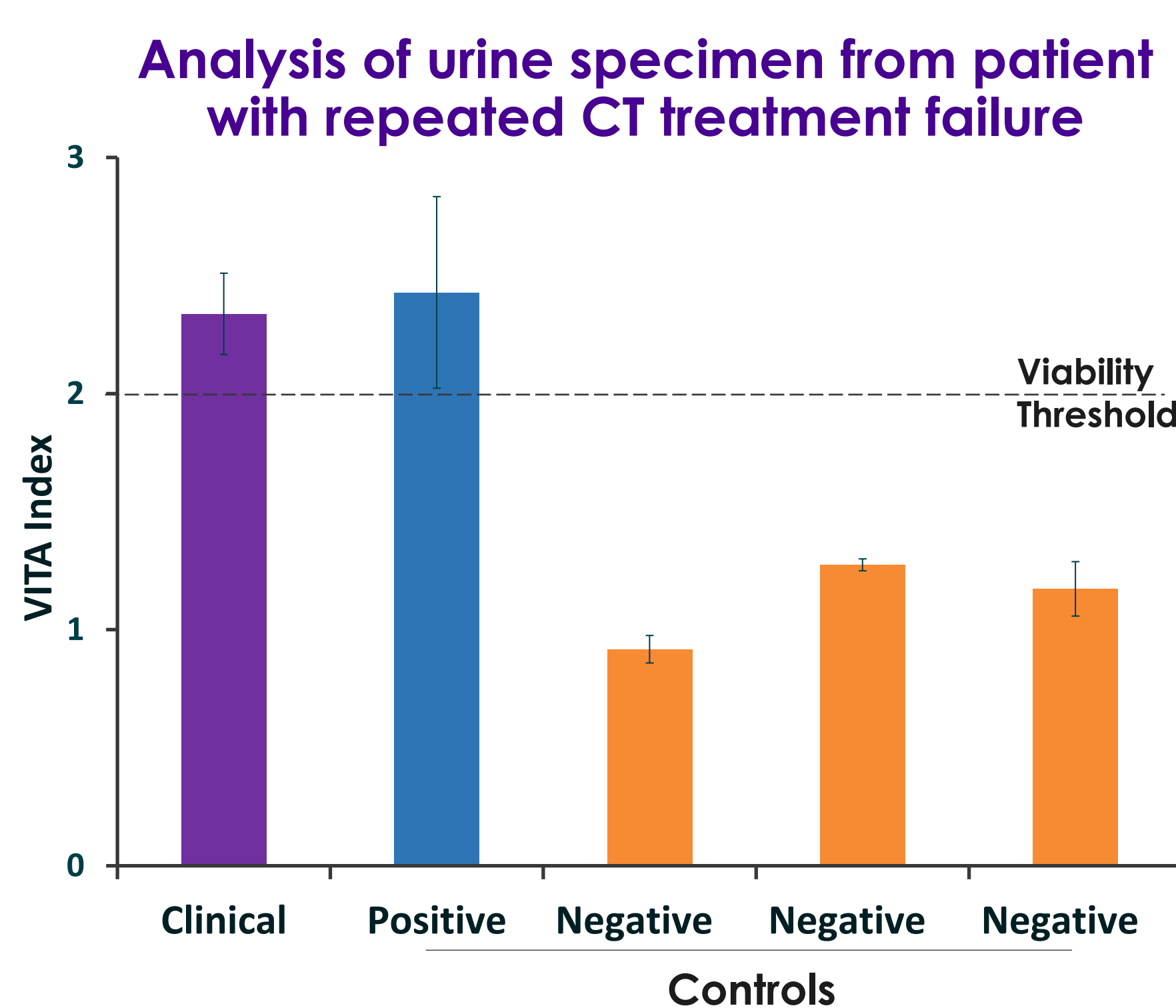
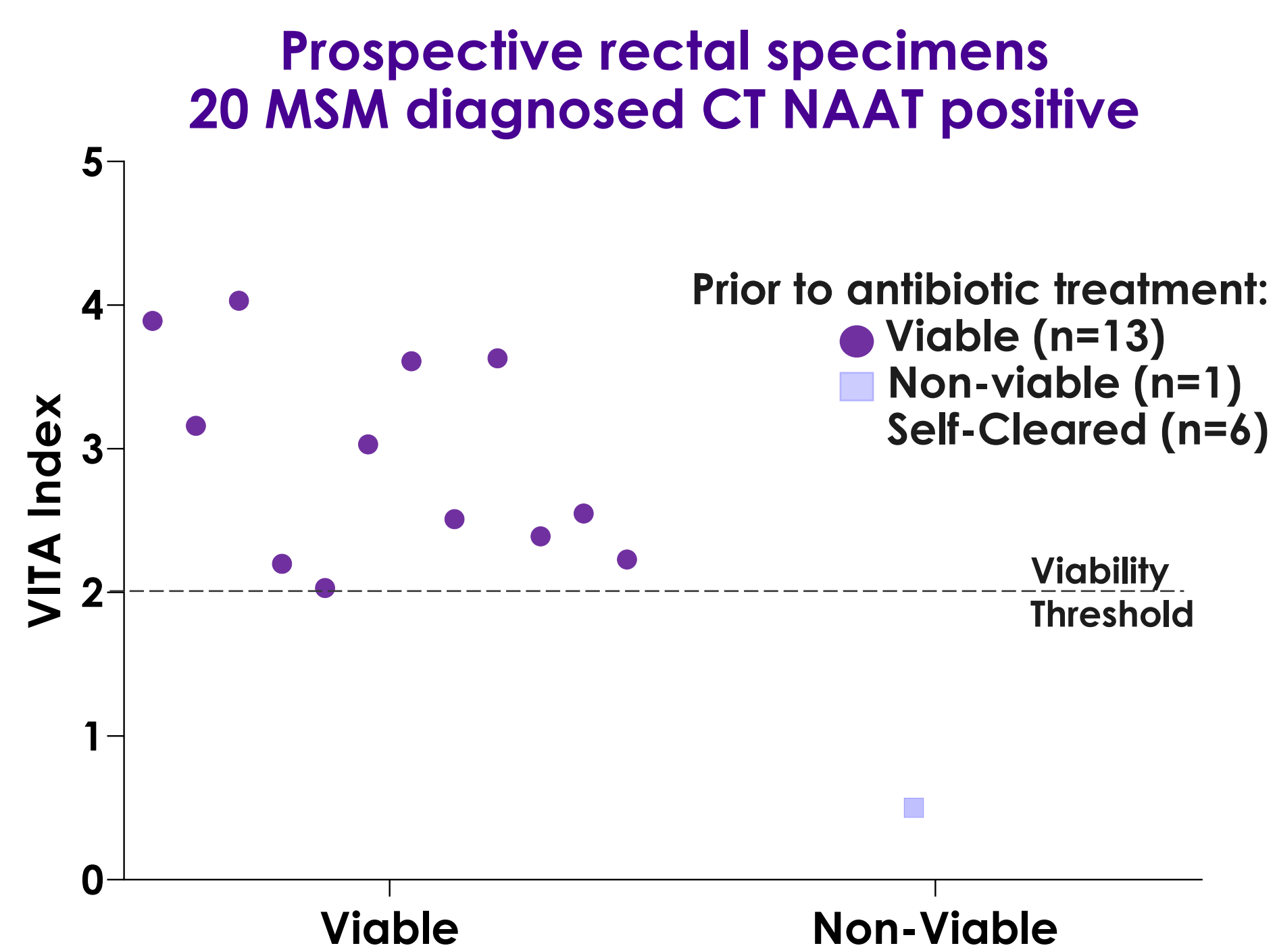
Antibiotic Susceptibility Testing

Susceptibility profile after short incubation with antibiotic



Diagnostic and Test-Of-Cure

Viability of the bacteria before and after treatment



Conclusions

- ▶ VITA provides an accurate rapid method for diagnosis, guiding antibiotic therapy and determining cure
- ▶ AST with VITA requires no prior knowledge of genetic basis for resistance/sensitivity to antibiotics
- ▶ VITA is culture independent and can overcome limitations of current NAATs