

A detailed illustration of the human gut microbiome. The background shows a blue, semi-transparent representation of the intestinal wall with various colored bacteria (green, pink, yellow) scattered throughout. In the foreground, there is a large, dense cluster of red and orange spherical bacteria, possibly representing a specific microbial community or a site of infection.

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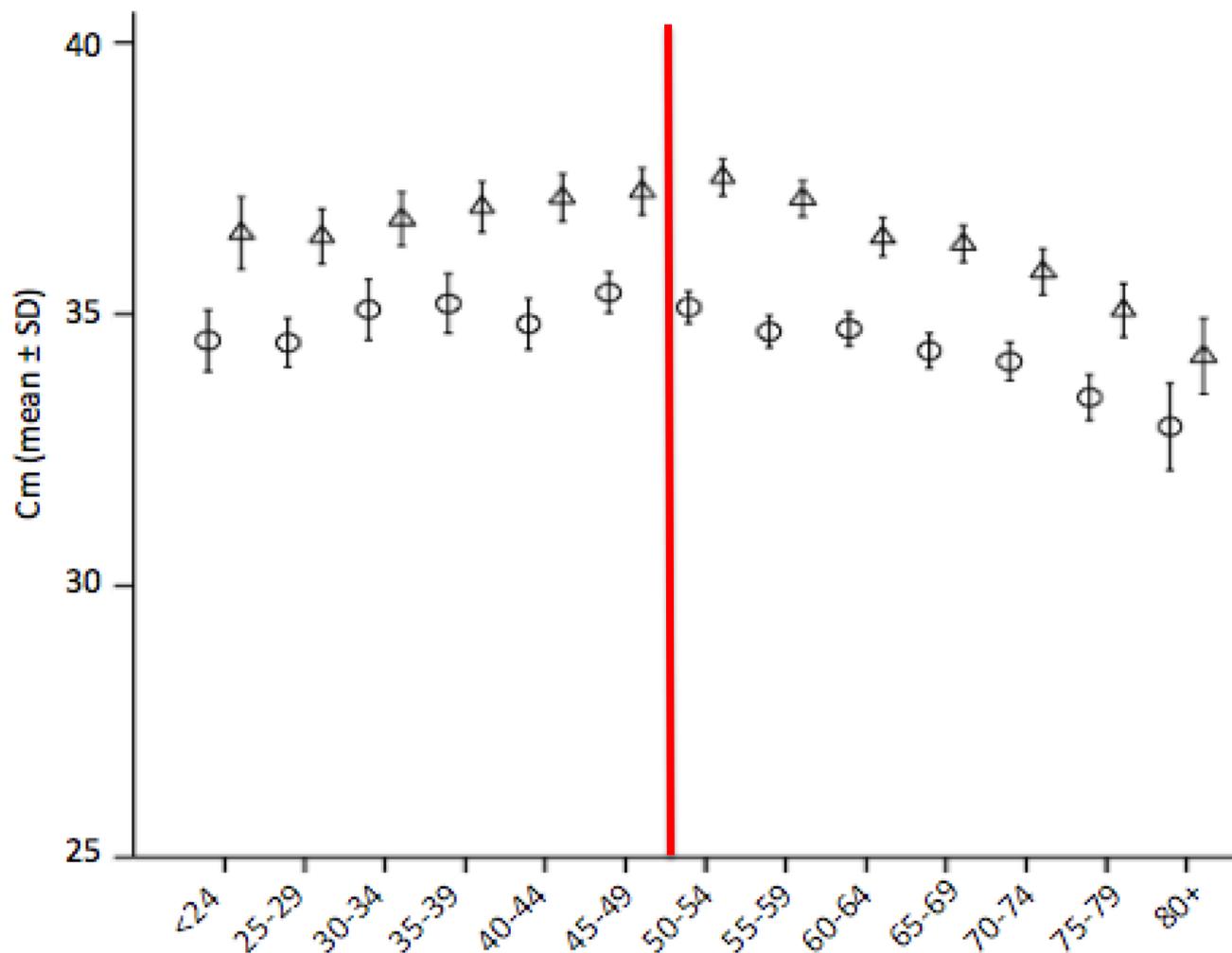


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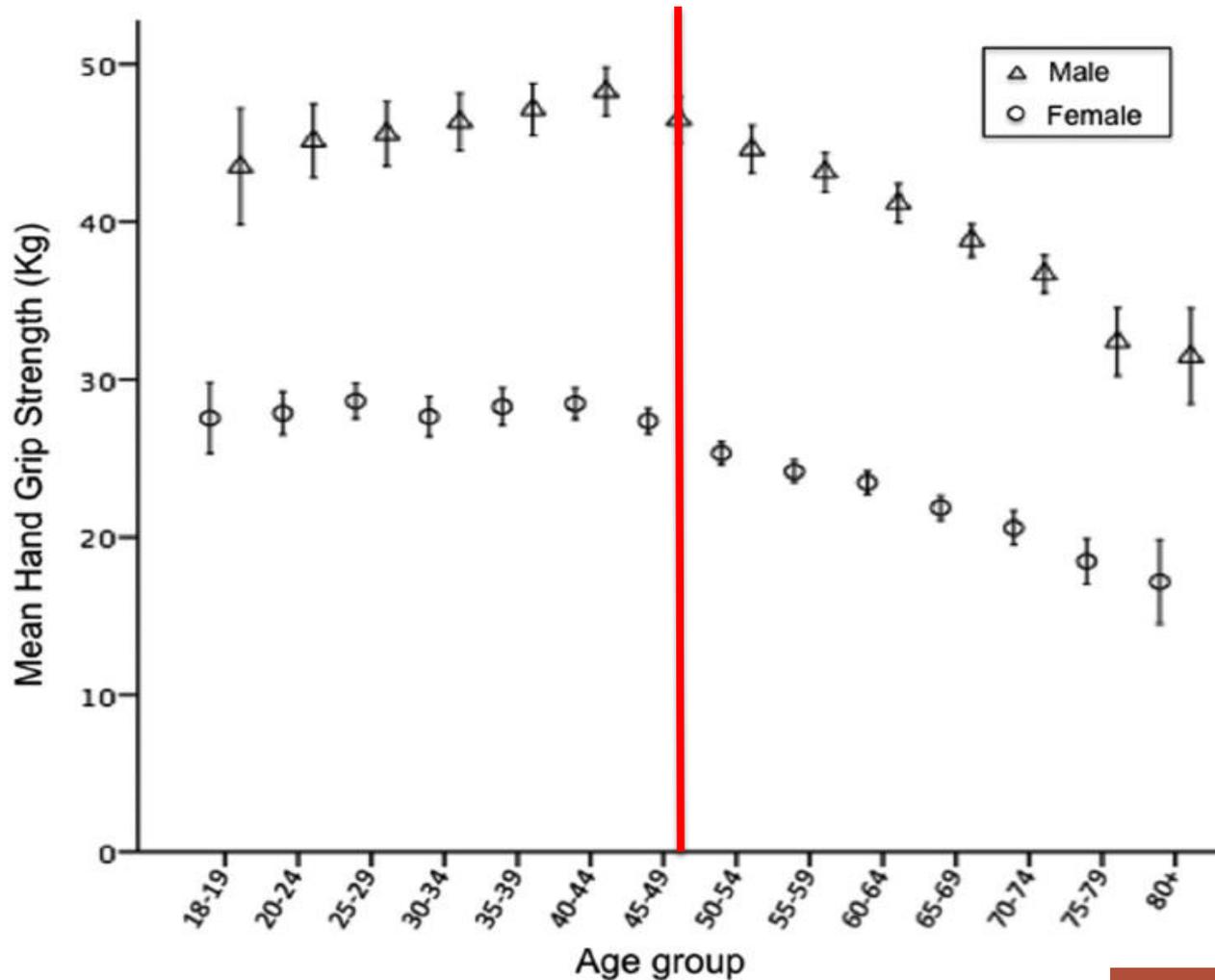
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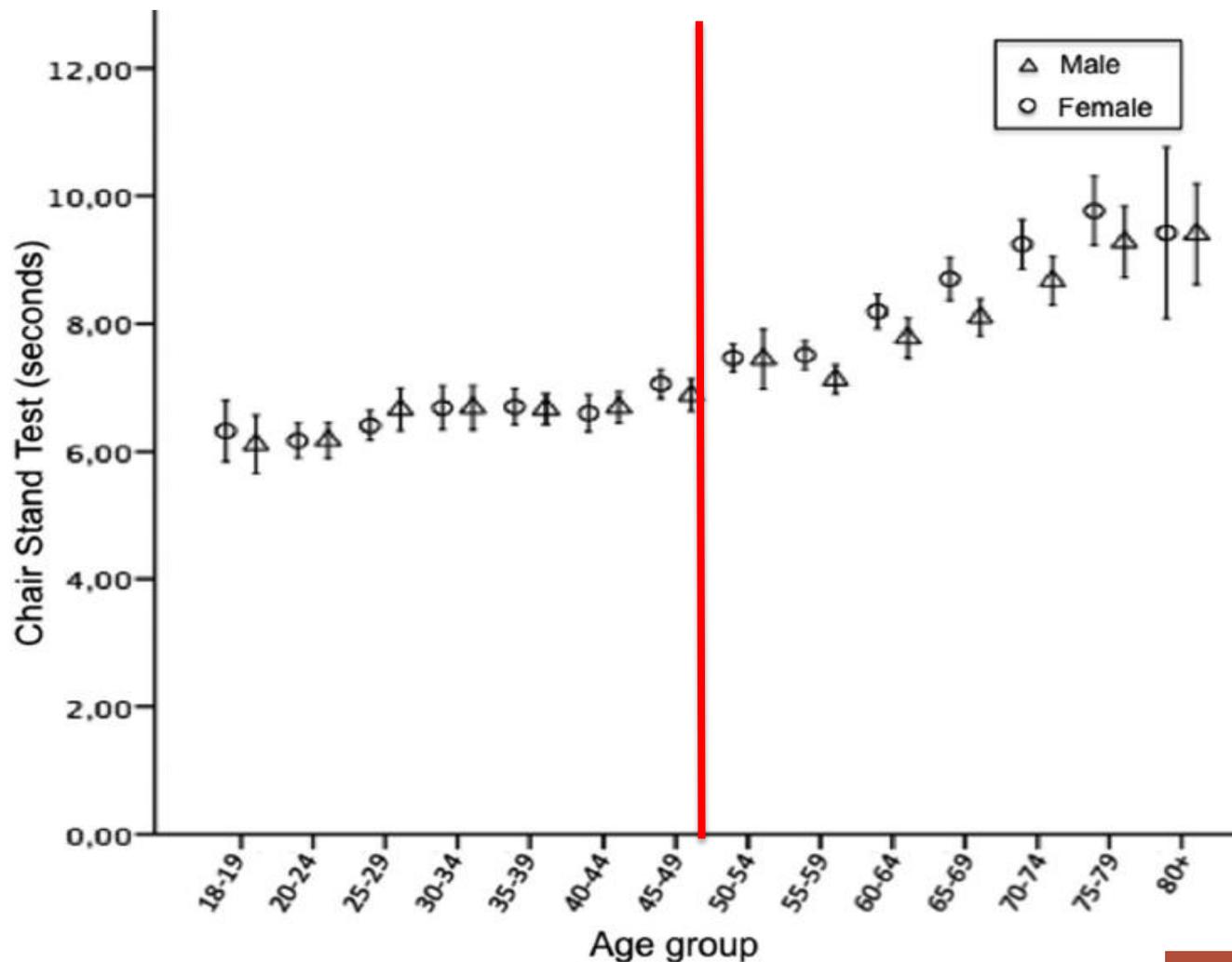
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# Under-nutrition, Sarcopenia and Frailty



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Research paper

## Sarcopenia and frailty: From theoretical approach into clinical practice

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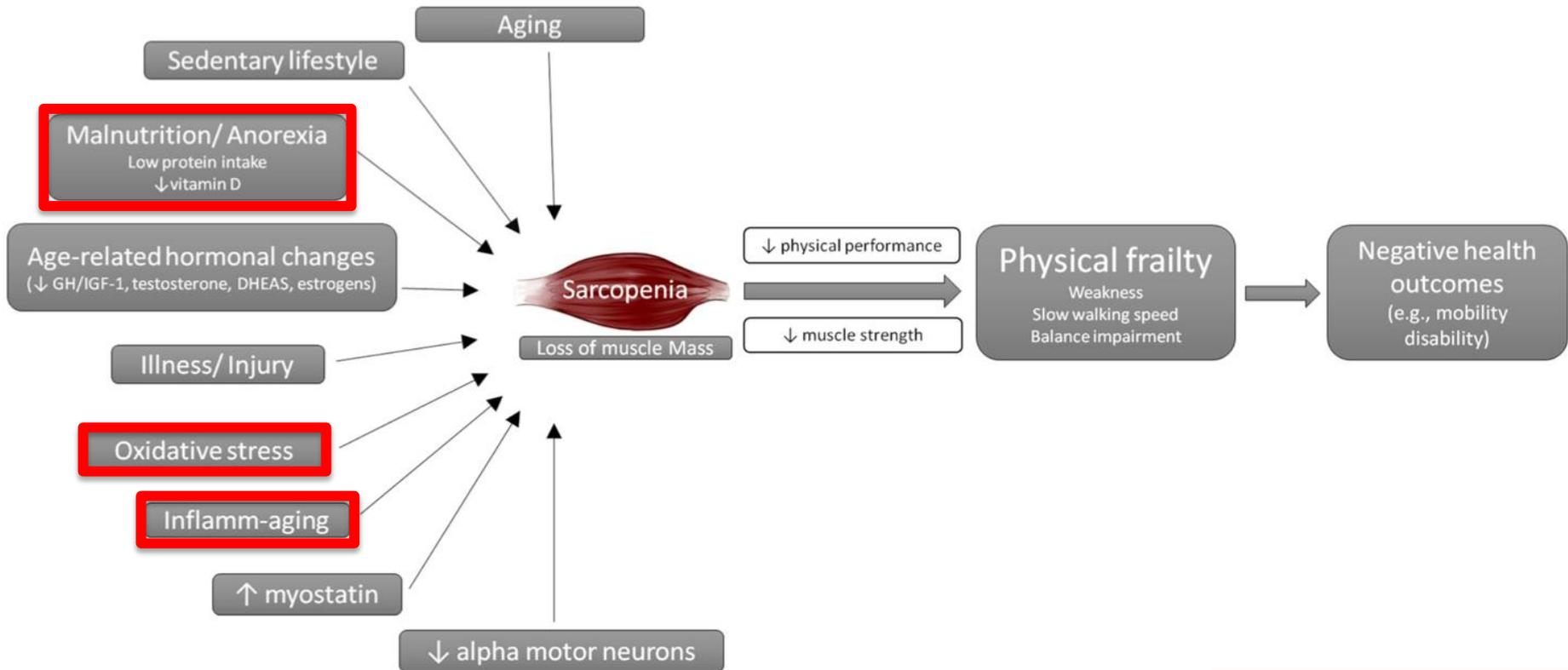
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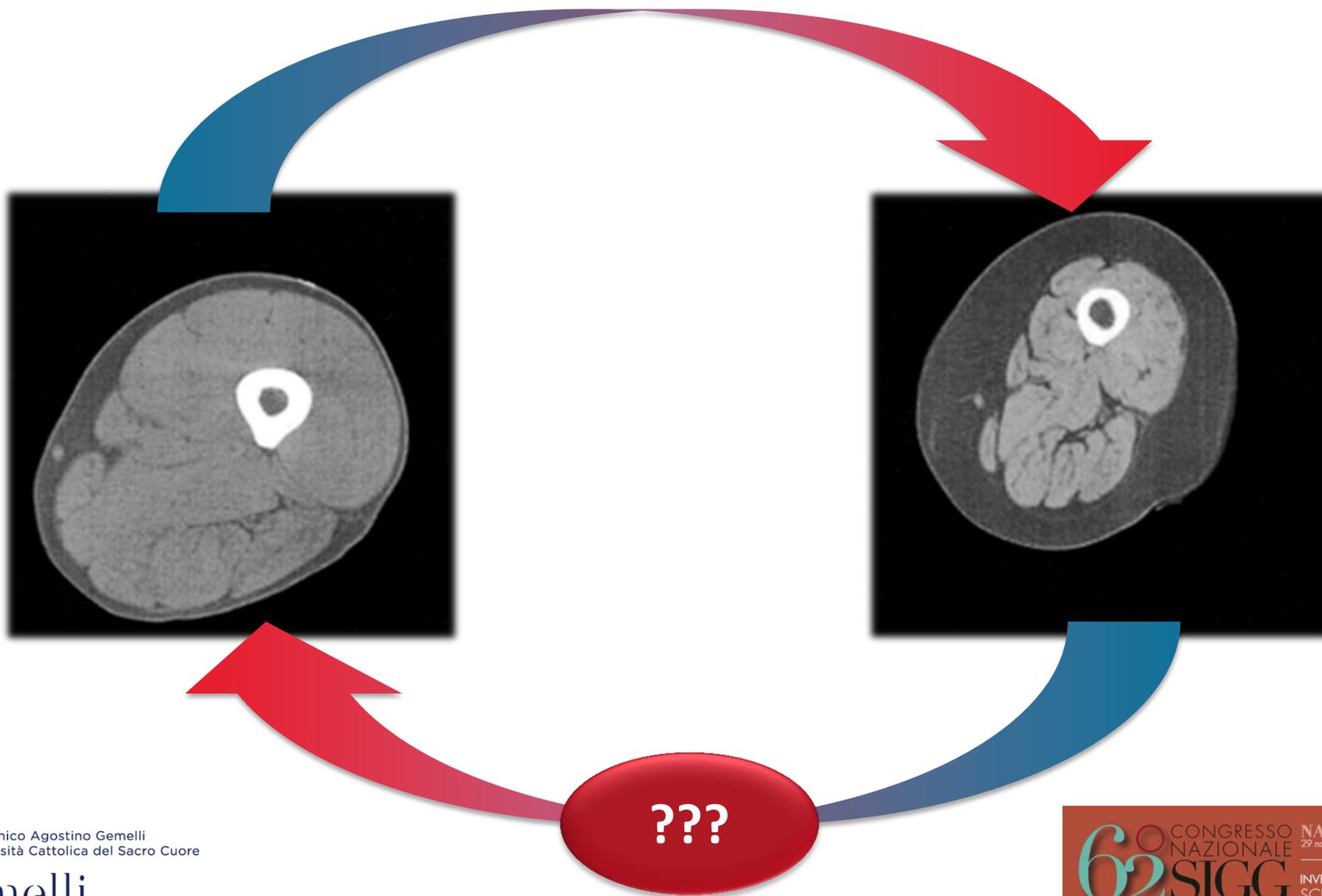
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# Under-nutrition, Sarcopenia and Frailty

- Physical inactivity and decreased dietary intake
- Decreased protein synthesis and increased protein breakdown
- Infiltration of fat into muscle

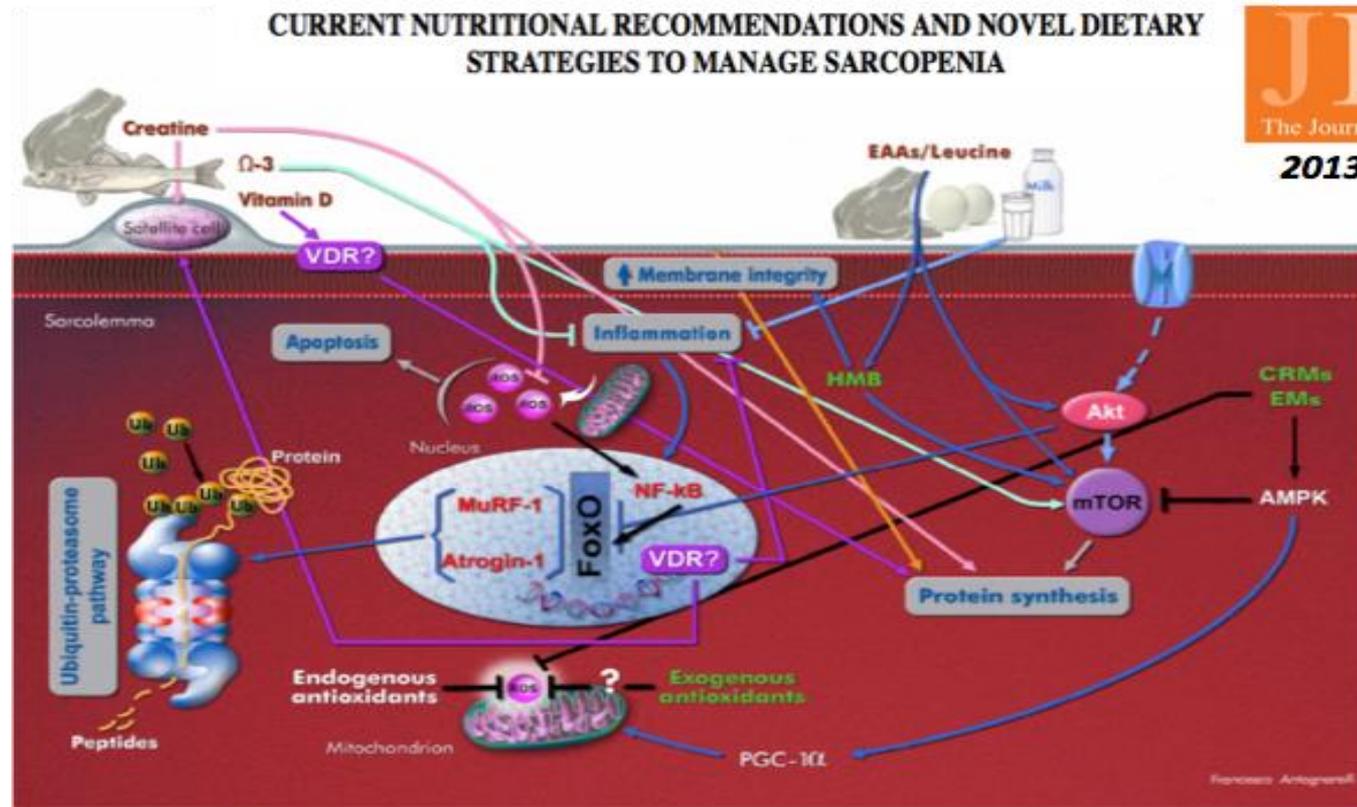


# Can sarcopenia/PF be prevented and/or treated?



# PUTATIVE MECHANISMS OF PROTEIN ACTION ON MUSCLE CELLS

Overview of potential pathways whereby resistance exercise and nutritional interventions may influence cellular events implicated in the regulation of muscle mass

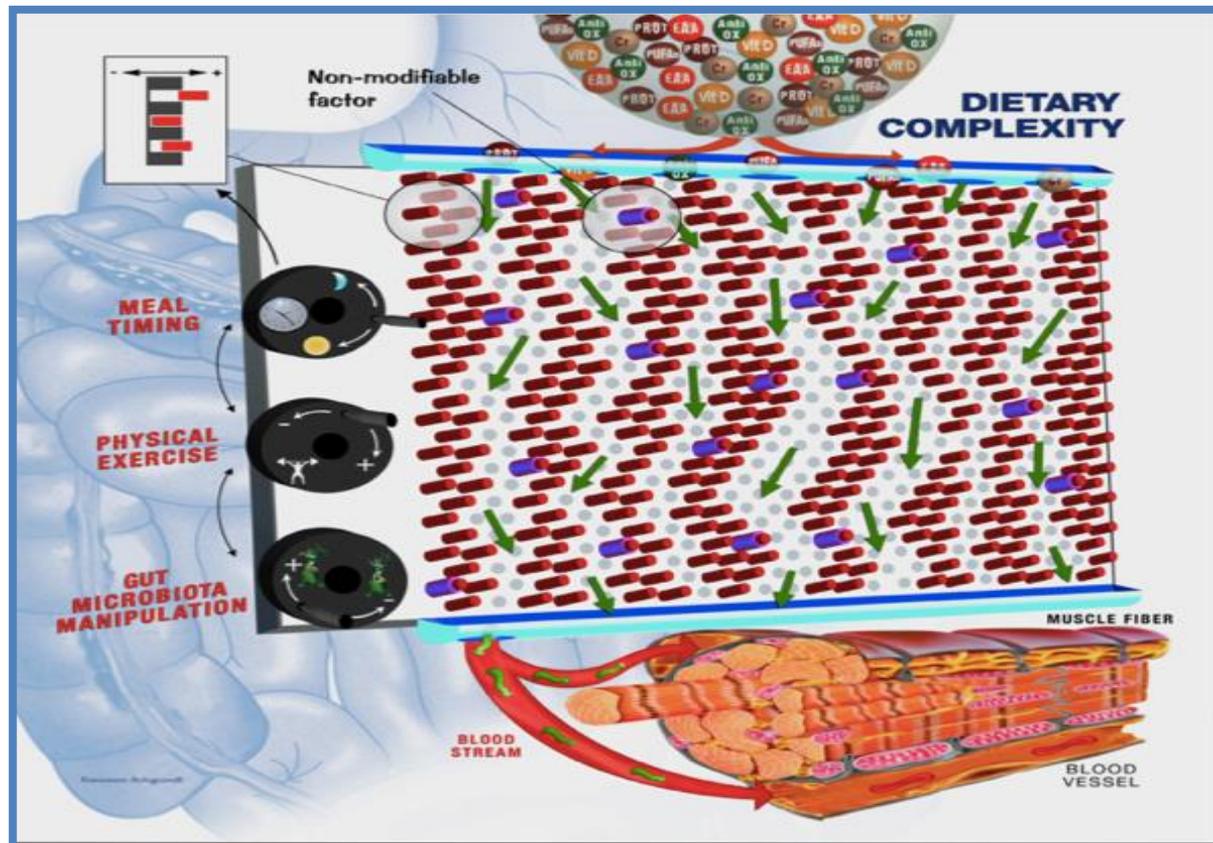


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For Sarcopenia  
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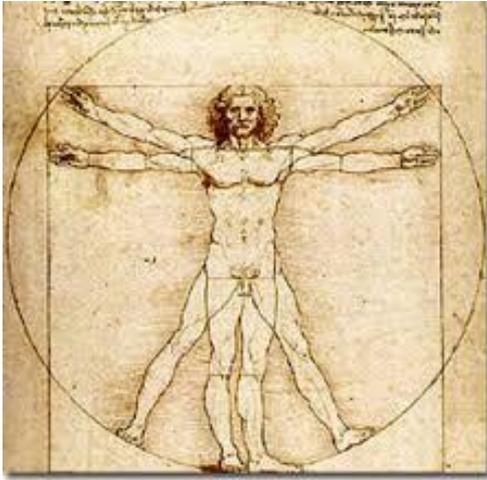
## Nutrition-muscle connection The “Pachinko Model”



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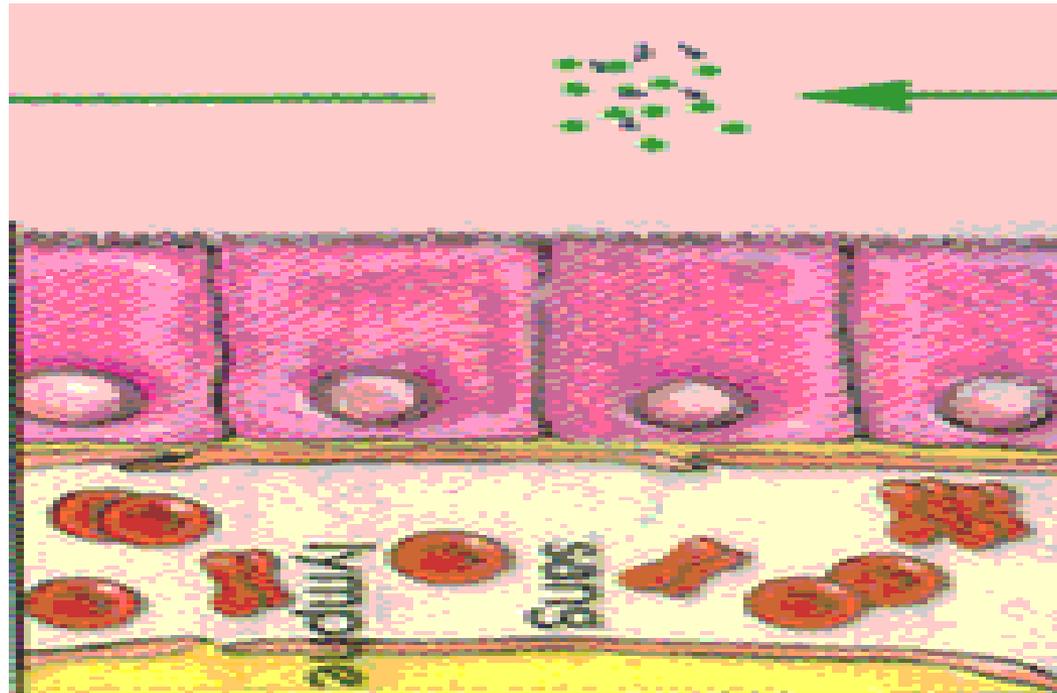


## The mammalian holobiont

The result of co-evolution of the eukaryotic  
and prokaryotic parts of an organism

# Gut microbiota as a part of the gut barrier

**Microbiota**



*Mucosal  
Barrier*

*Epithelial  
barrier*

*Endocrine  
system*

*Acquired  
and  
Innate  
immunity*

*Vascular and  
lymphatic  
systems*

*Digestive enzymes*

# The gut barrier



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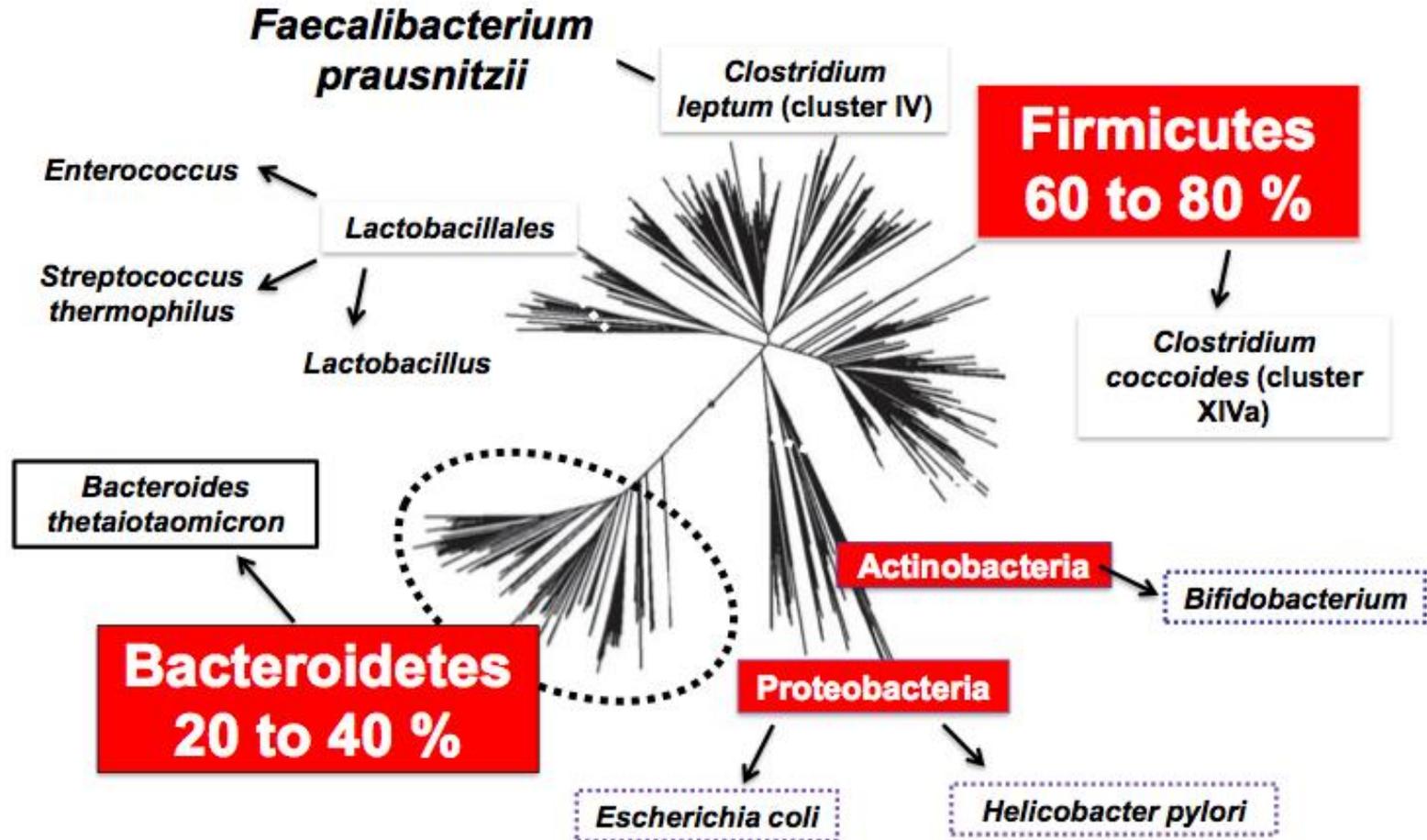


## The human gut microbiote: facts and figures

- The total weight of the microbiota biomass in the human gut may reach up to 1.8 kg
- The number of bacteria in the human gut exceeds the number of somatic cells in the body by 10-fold
- The gut microbiome includes 100-fold more genes than the human genome

(Sommer & Bäckhed. Nat Rev Microbiol 2013;11:227–238; Tremaroli et al., Nature 2012;489:242–9)

# Phylogenetic diversity of human gut microbiota

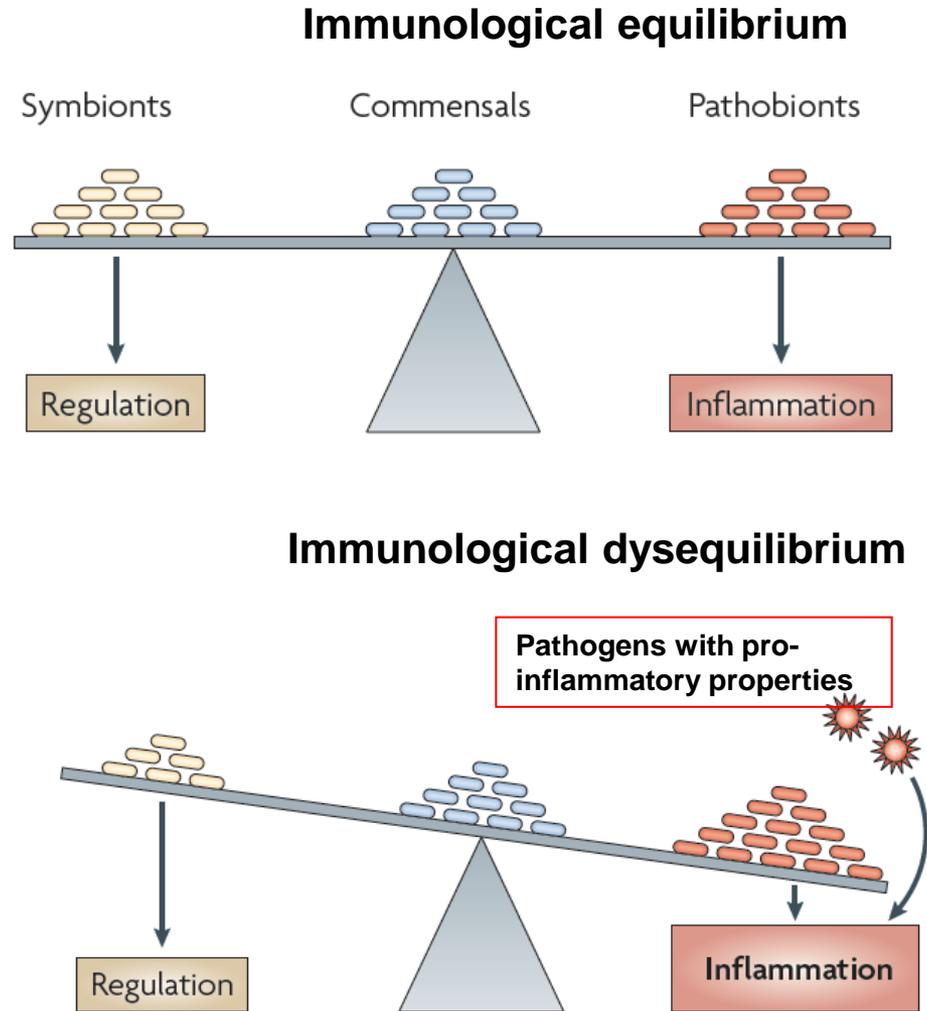


**2 major phyla: Firmicutes and Bacteroidetes (>70%)**

# Immunological dysregulation associated with dysbiosis of the Gut Microbiota



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# The human gut microbiote and human diseases

- Rheumatoid arthritis

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Inflammasome  
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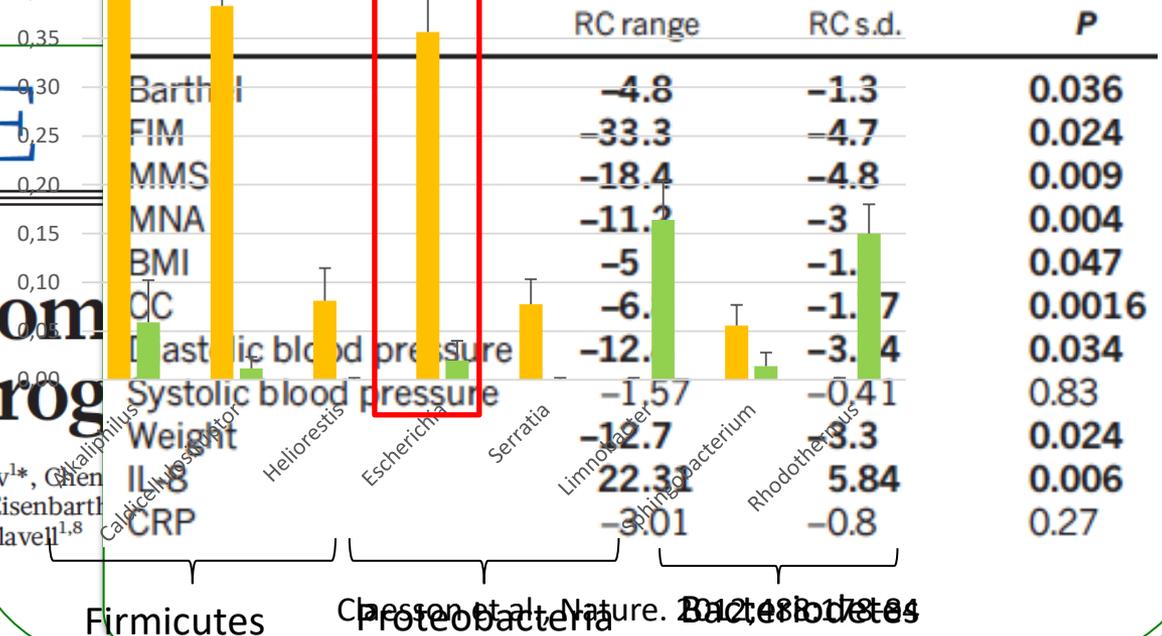
Bacterial DNA

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0,20  
0,15  
0,10  
0,05  
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90  
80  
70

Percent increase in total body  
fat after

■ Aβ+  
■ HC



Firmicutes

Proteobacteria

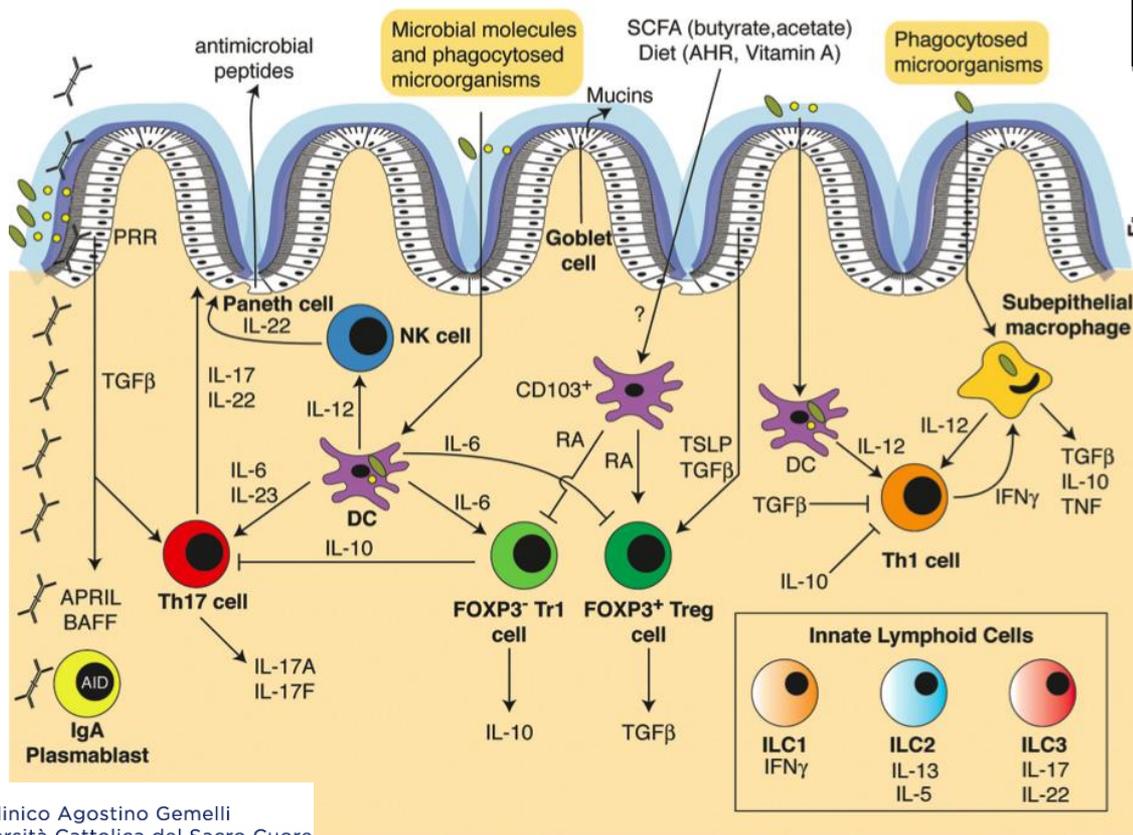
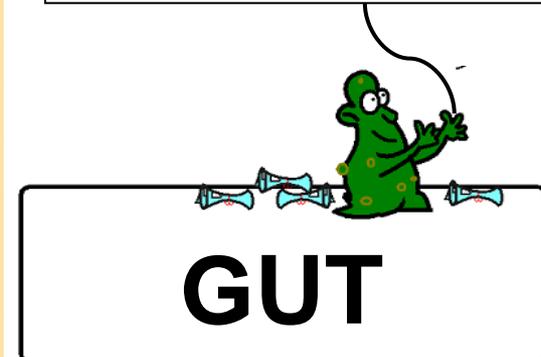
Bacteroidetes

# GMB as master Regulator of Immunity and Inflammation

- ✓ Activation of complement C1q
- ✓ Inflammation signals Receptors



GMB metabolites and inflammation signals into systemic circulation



# Concepts on the pathophysiology of obesity and metabolic diseases related to the gut



## Western-style diet

Rich in fat (in particular saturated fatty acids)

Rich in sugars (in particular fructose)

Poor in fibers



Energy-dense food uptake  
Inadequate energy balance



Change in microbiota composition  
in the intestine  
(e.g. Induction of firmicutes)



Enhancement of energy harvest  
High energy load



Obesity  
Joint disease  
Depression



Translocation of bacteria and  
bacterial products in the  
intestine



Enhanced endotoxin in the  
portal vein

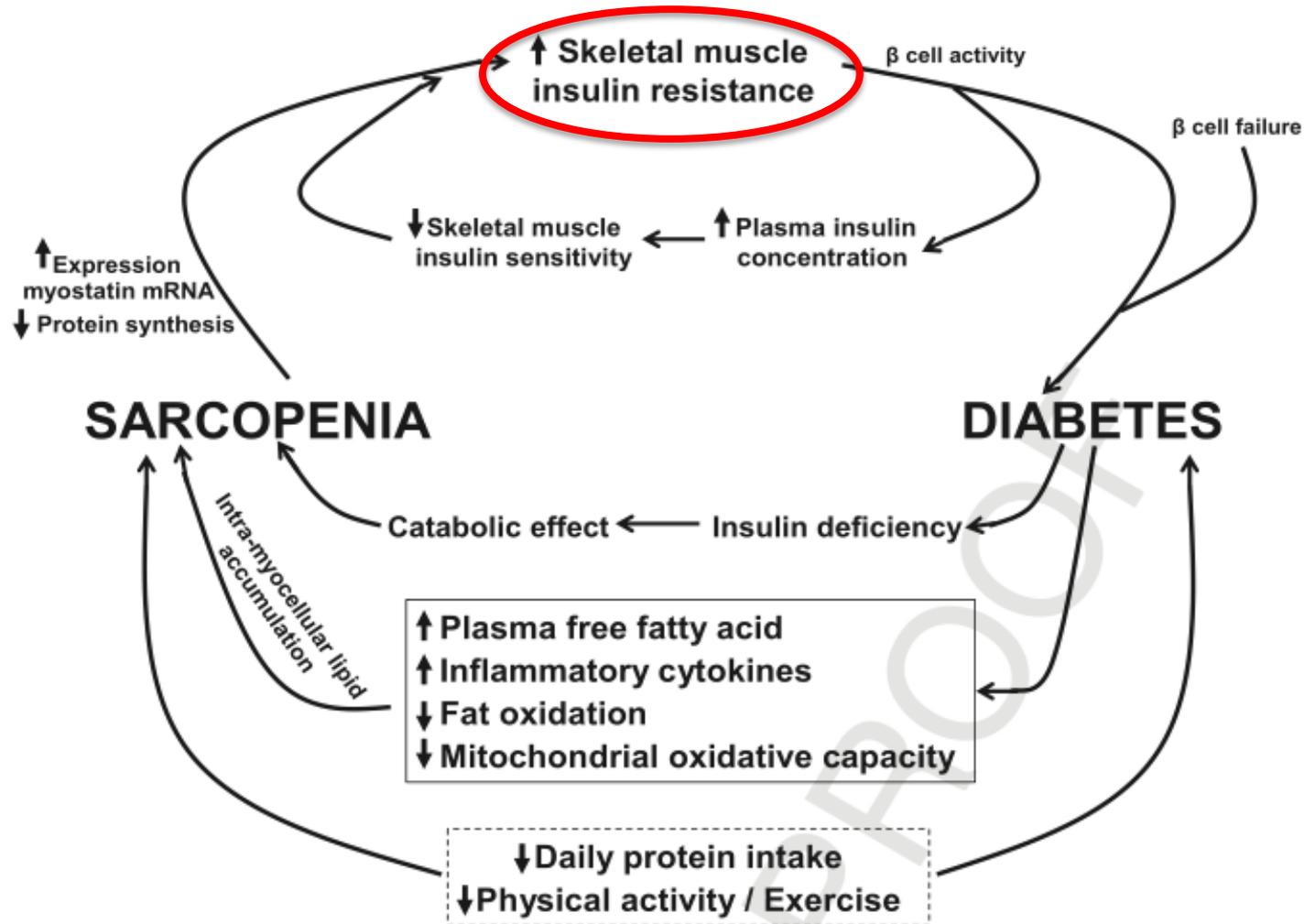


Low-grade liver  
Inflammation

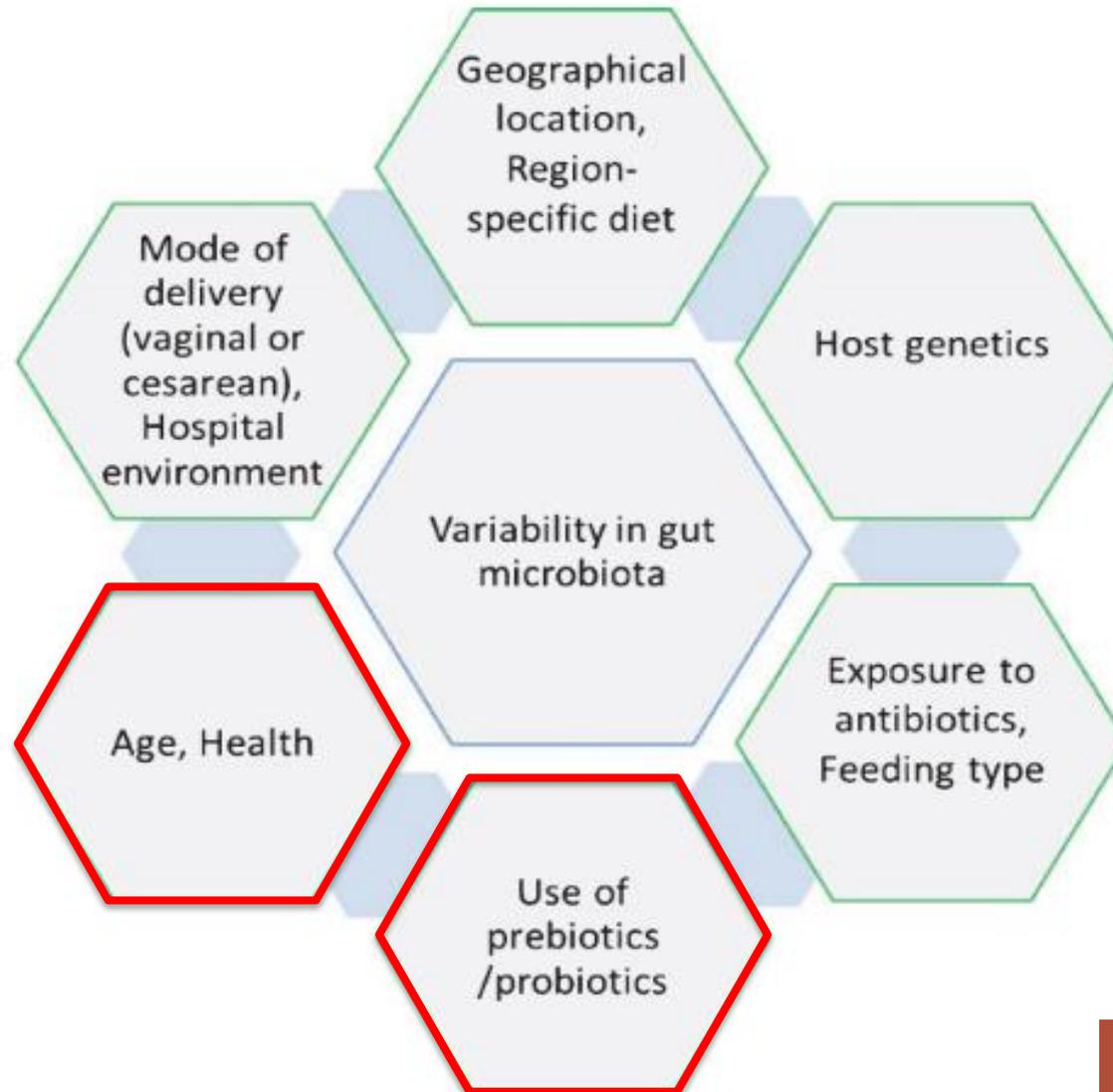


NAFLD / NASH  
Insulin resistance  
Metabolic disease

# The interaction between sarcopenia and diabetes



# Factors responsible for inducing the variability in the human gut microbiota



## EUBIOSIS



*Modification of MICROBIOTA-HOST equilibrium during lifetime*

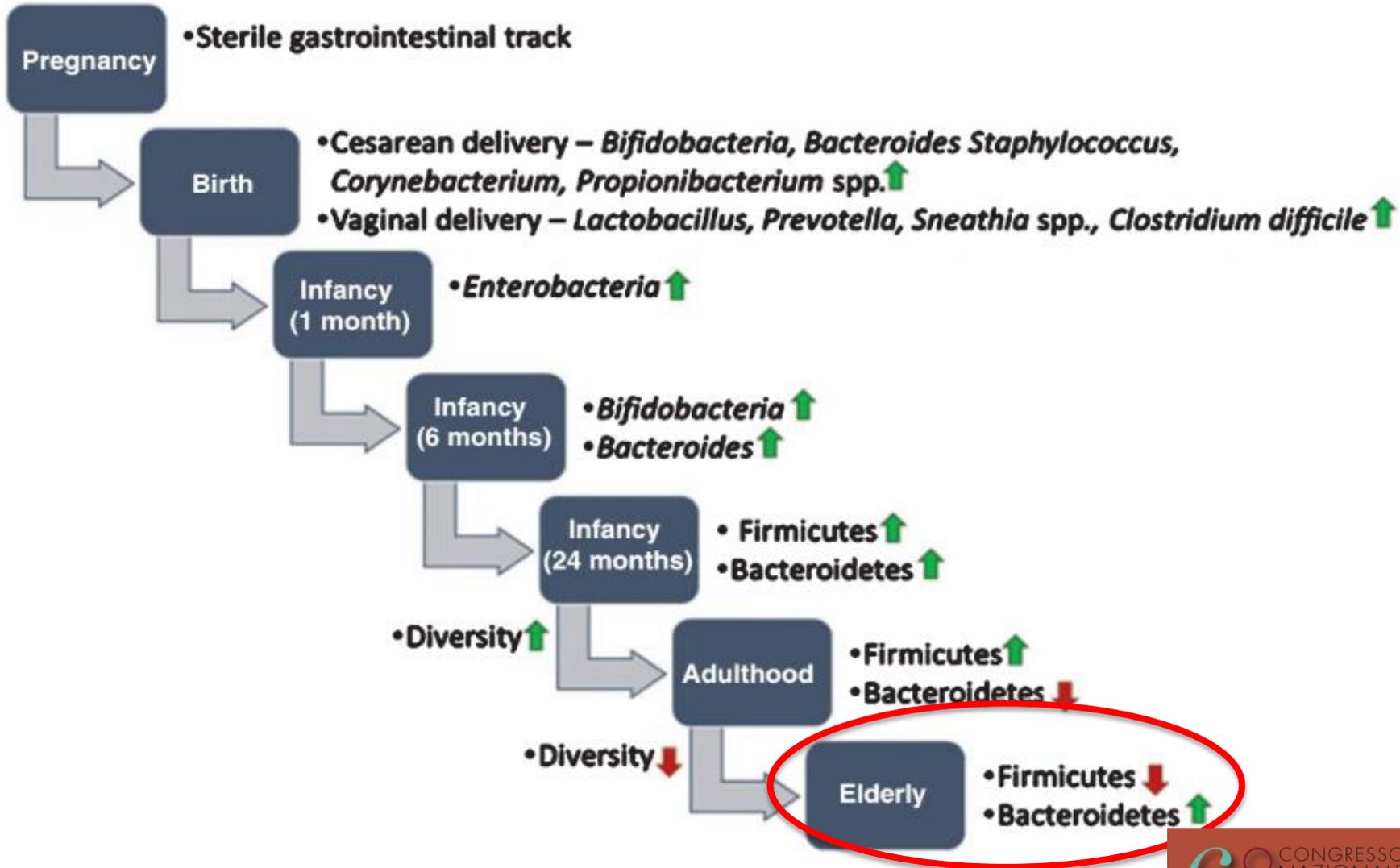


*Quali-quantitative alteration of gut microbiota and its functions*



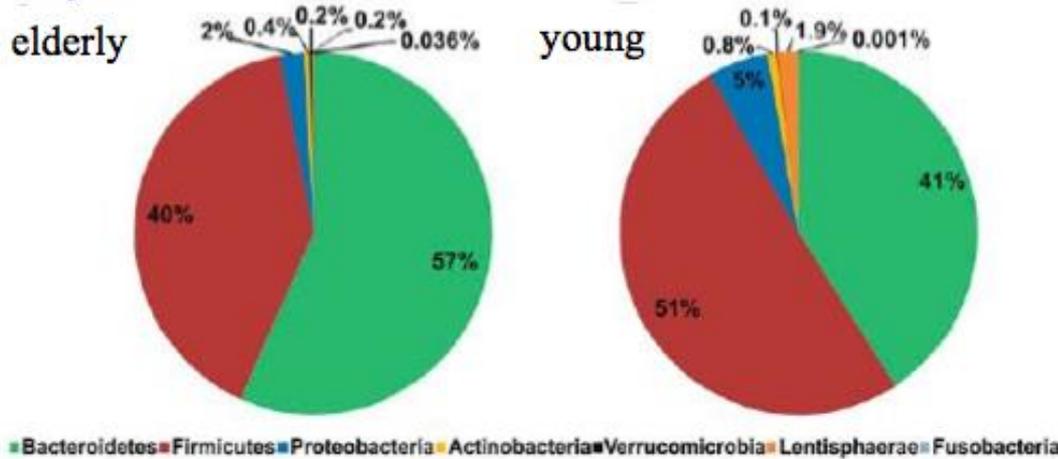
## “AGED” GUT MICROBIOTA

# Development of human gut microbiota from prenatal to elderly



# Aging compromise the homeostatic equilibrium between microbiota and host

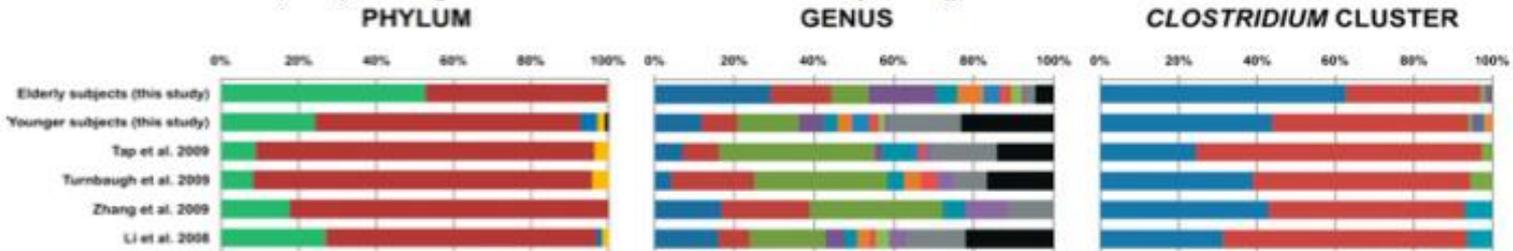
## Phylum level



## 161 ELDERLY IRISH SUBJECTS:

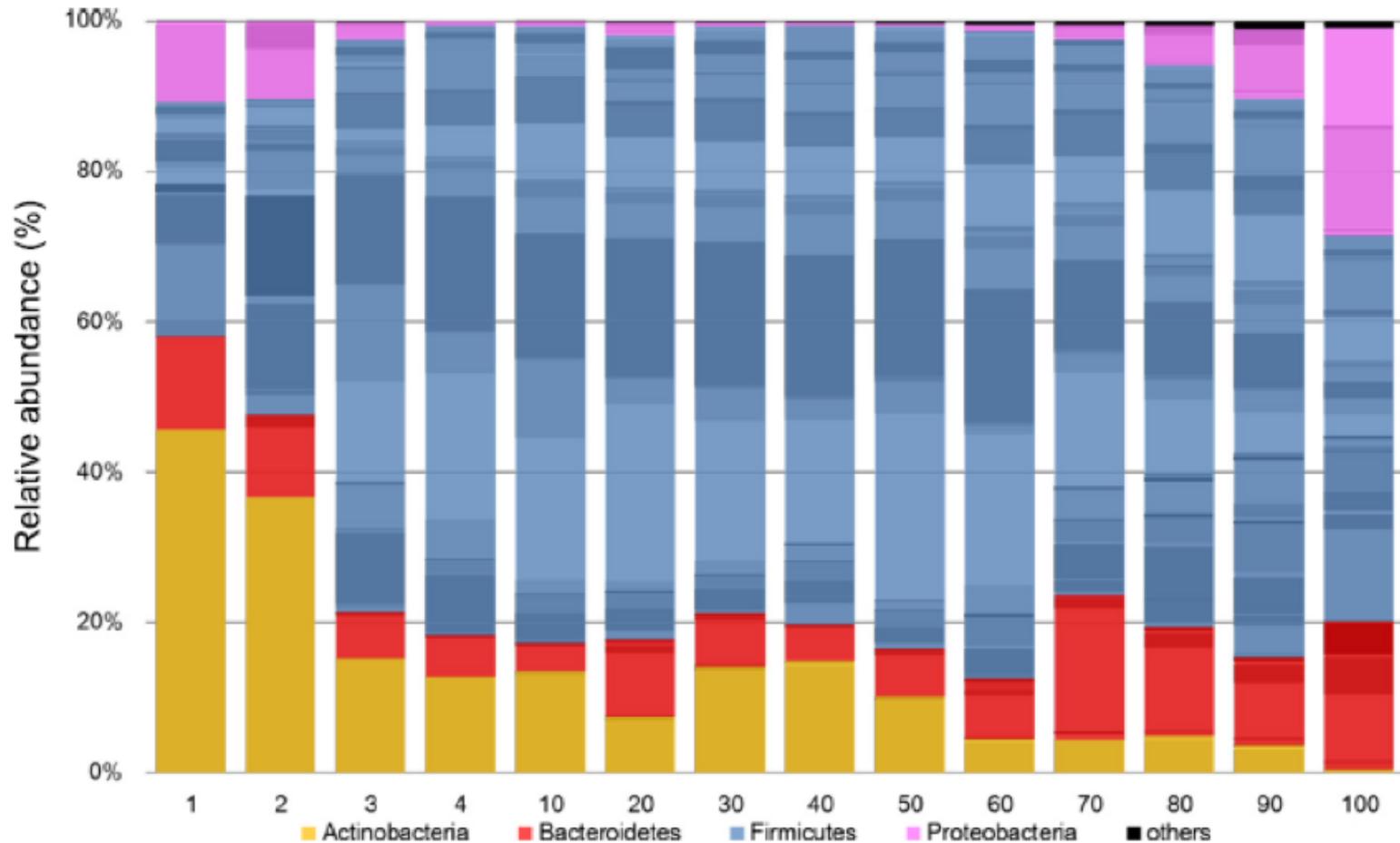
The individual composition datasets showed extraordinary variation, with the proportion of the Bacteroidetes ranging from 3% to 92% and the proportion of the phylum Firmicutes ranging from 7% to 94%

More than one-half of the core microbiota (53%) in the elderly subjects-comprised Bacteroidetes were made up by the genera Bacteroides (29%), Alistipes (17%), and Parabacteroides (7%) compared with 8–27% in the younger adults.



# Aging compromise the homeostatic equilibrium between microbiota and host

367 Japanese individuals: 6 centenarians (100-104 years old) and 7 individuals >95 years

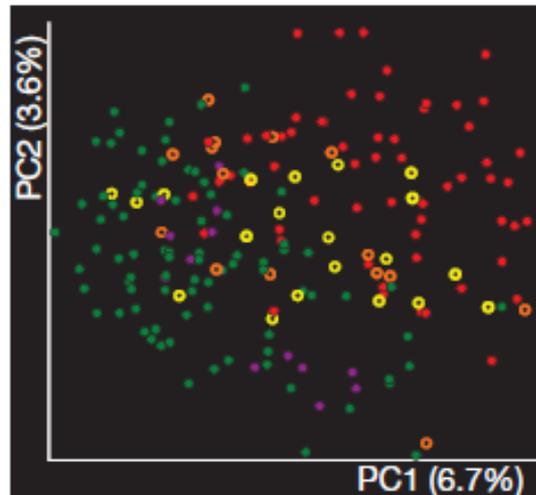


# Microbiota correlated with residence location

- (1) community-dwelling
- (2) attending an out-patient day hospital
- (3) in short-term (<6 weeks) rehabilitation hospital care
- (4) in long-term residential care (long-stay)

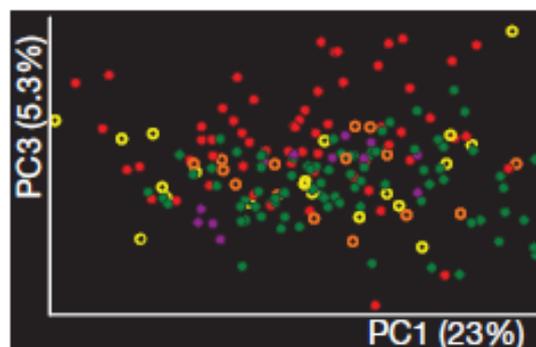


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Microbiota composition in elderly people living in long-stay residential care facilities was different from that of the free living elderly, within the same ethno-geographic region.

Long-stay microbiota had a **higher proportion of phylum Bacteroidetes**, compared to the proportion of phylum Firmicutes and unclassified reads in community-dwelling subjects

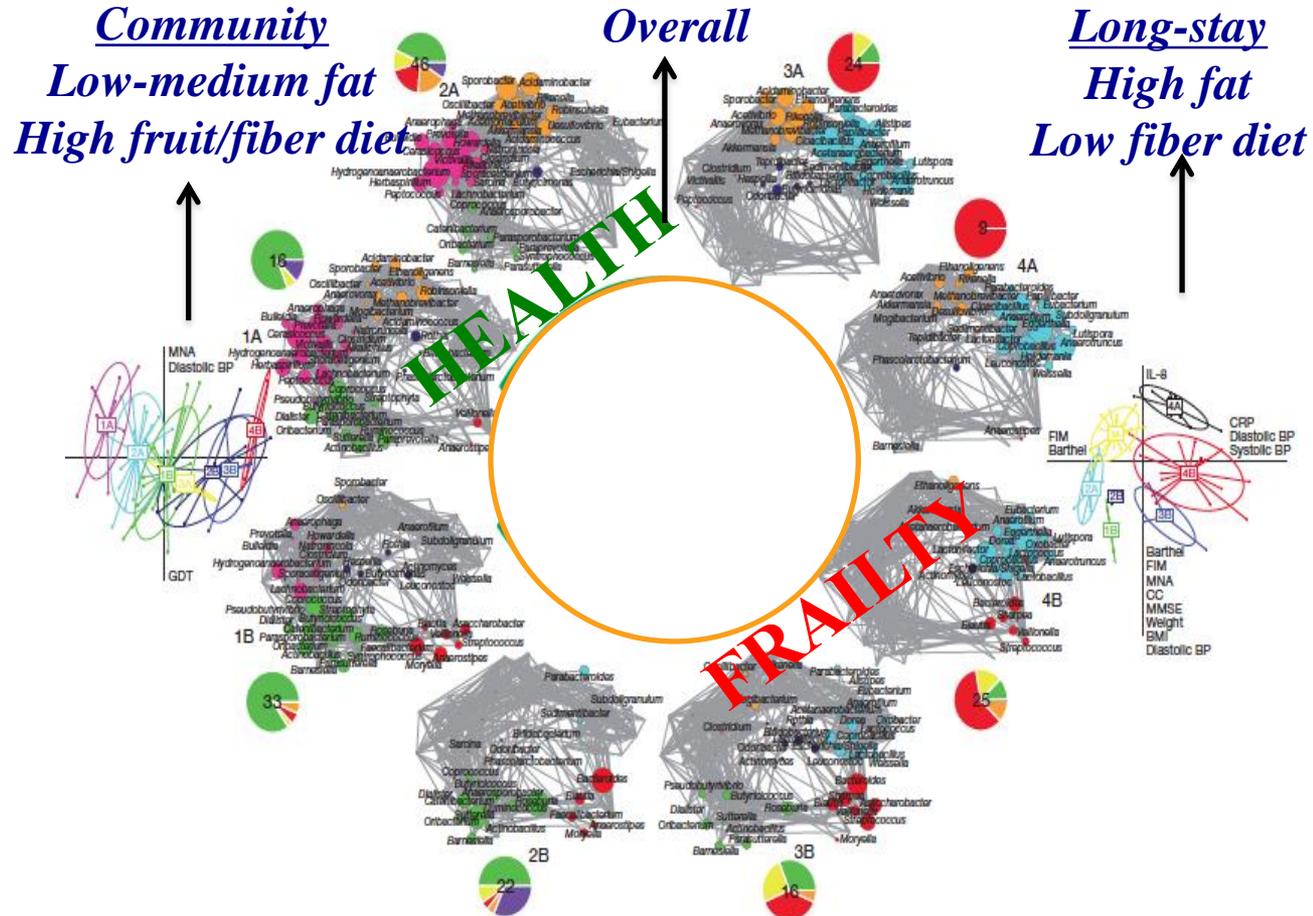


*Claesson et al, Nature 2012*

# The composition of the microbiota is determined by the composition and diversity of the diet

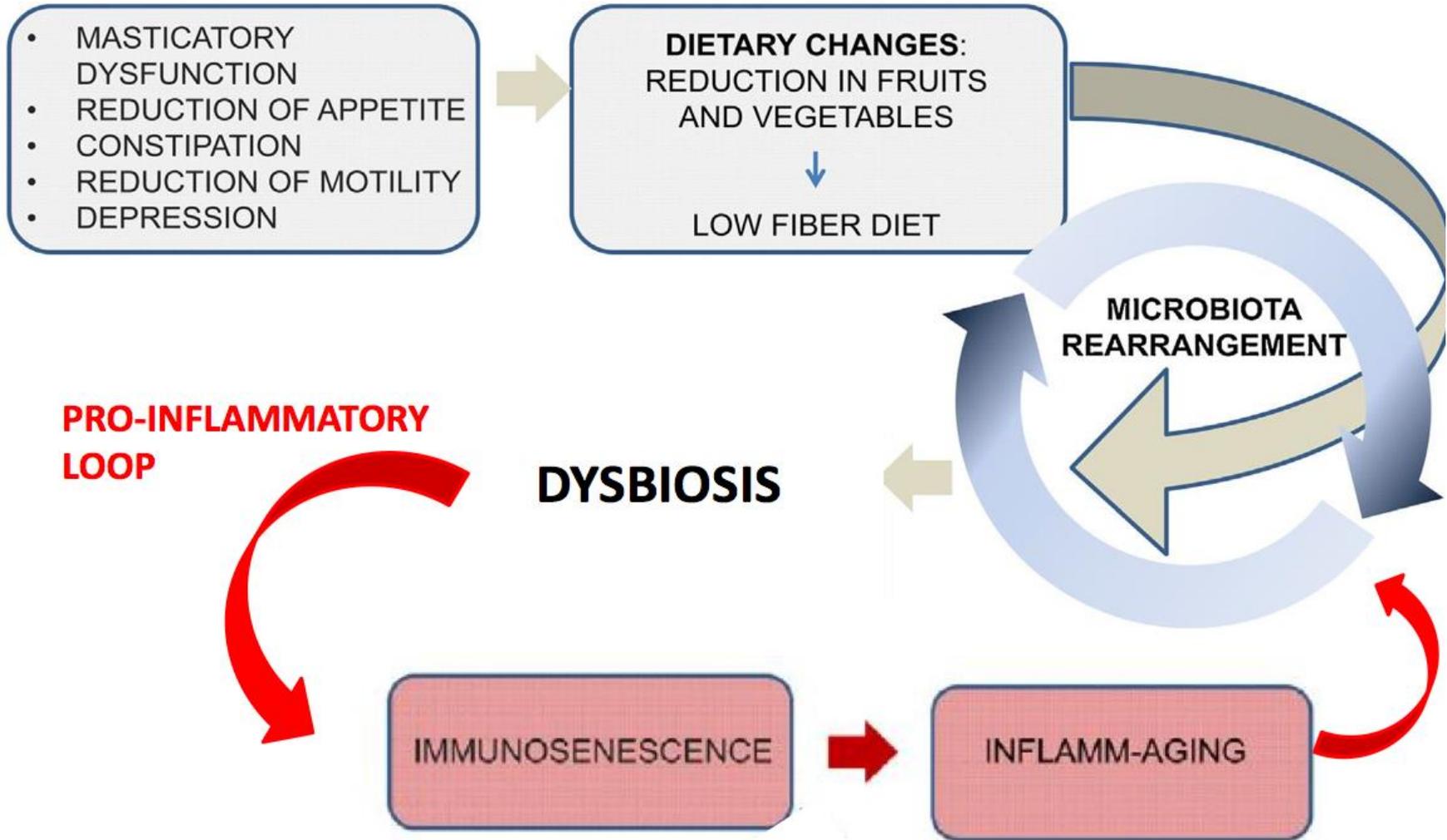


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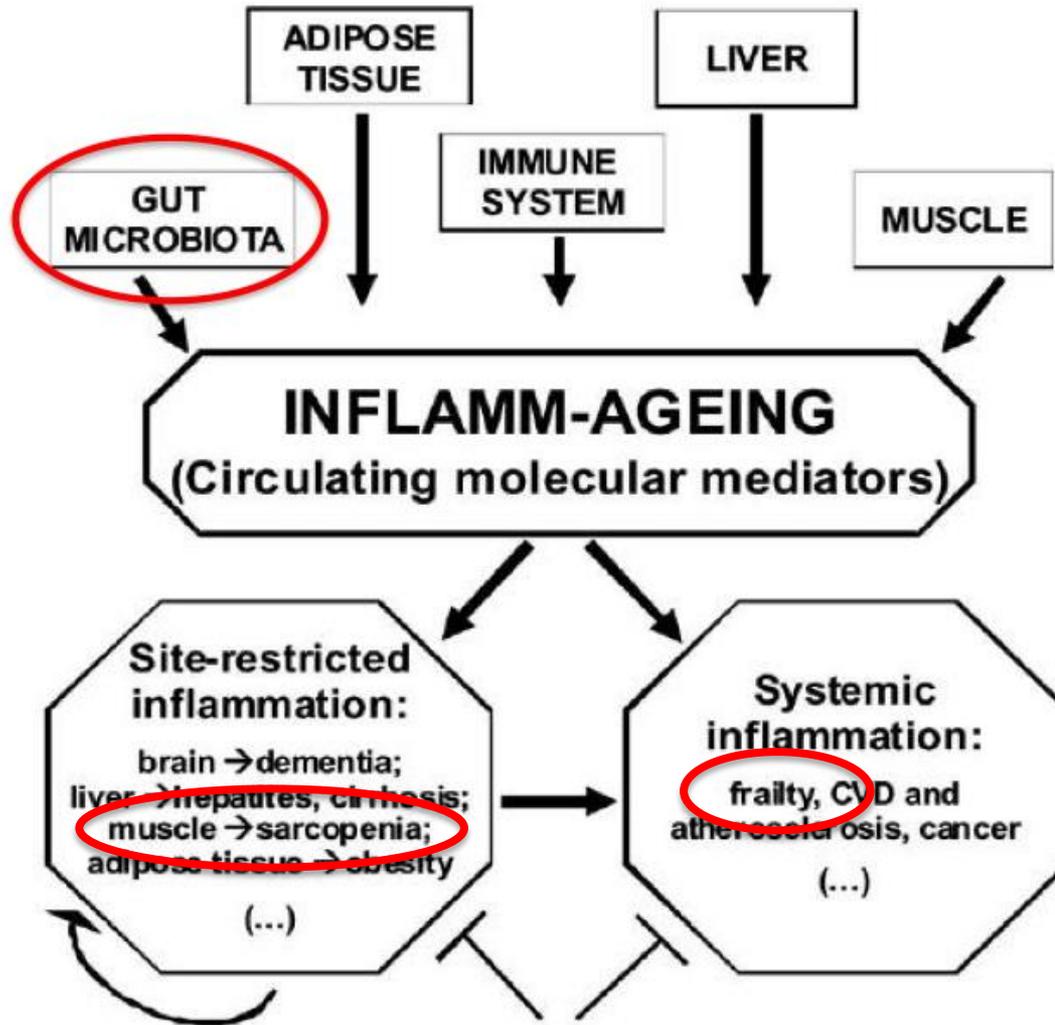


The most discriminating food types were vegetables, fruit and meat

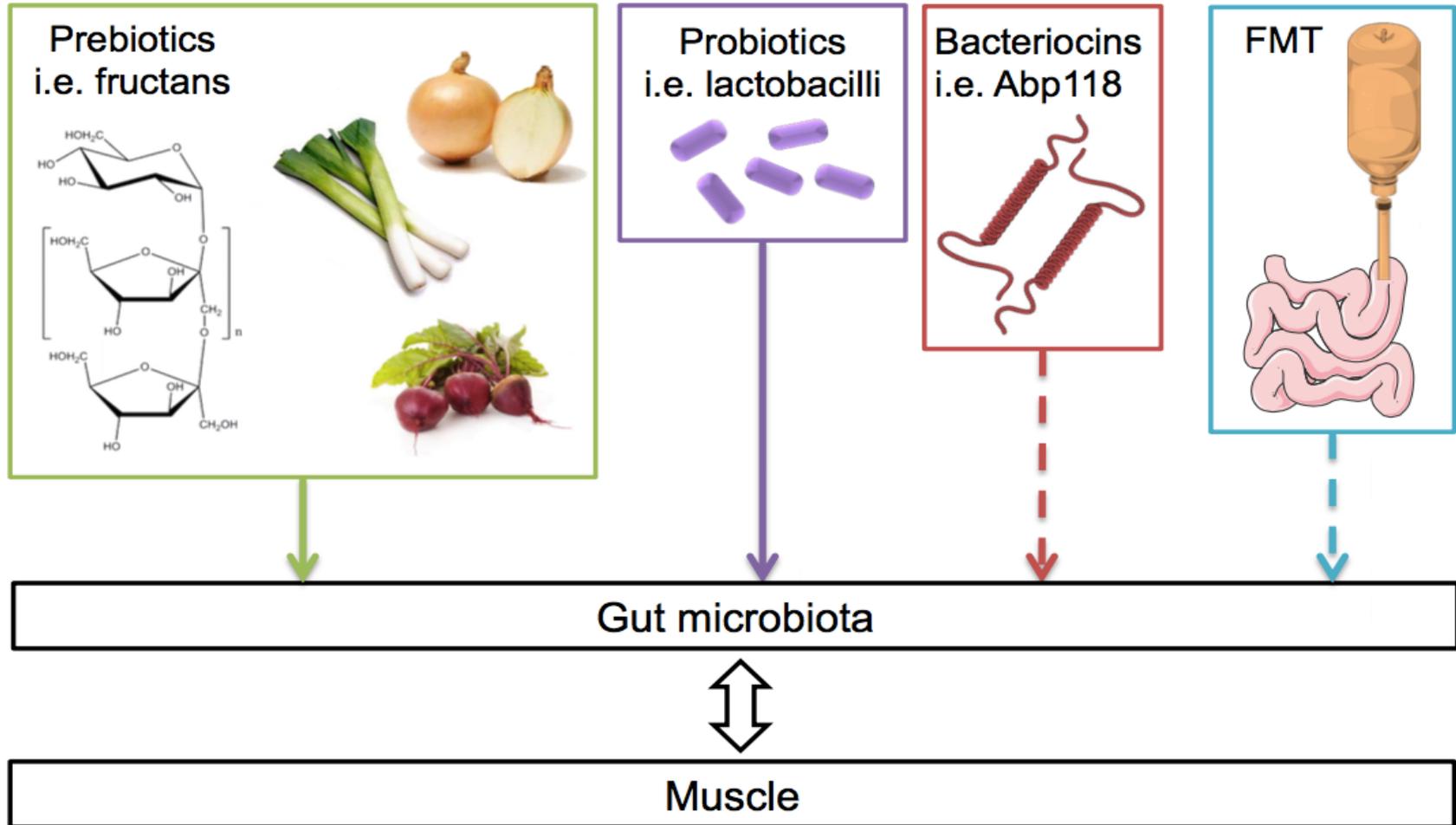
# Ageing inevitably affects gut microbiota



# Gut microbiota and inflammation

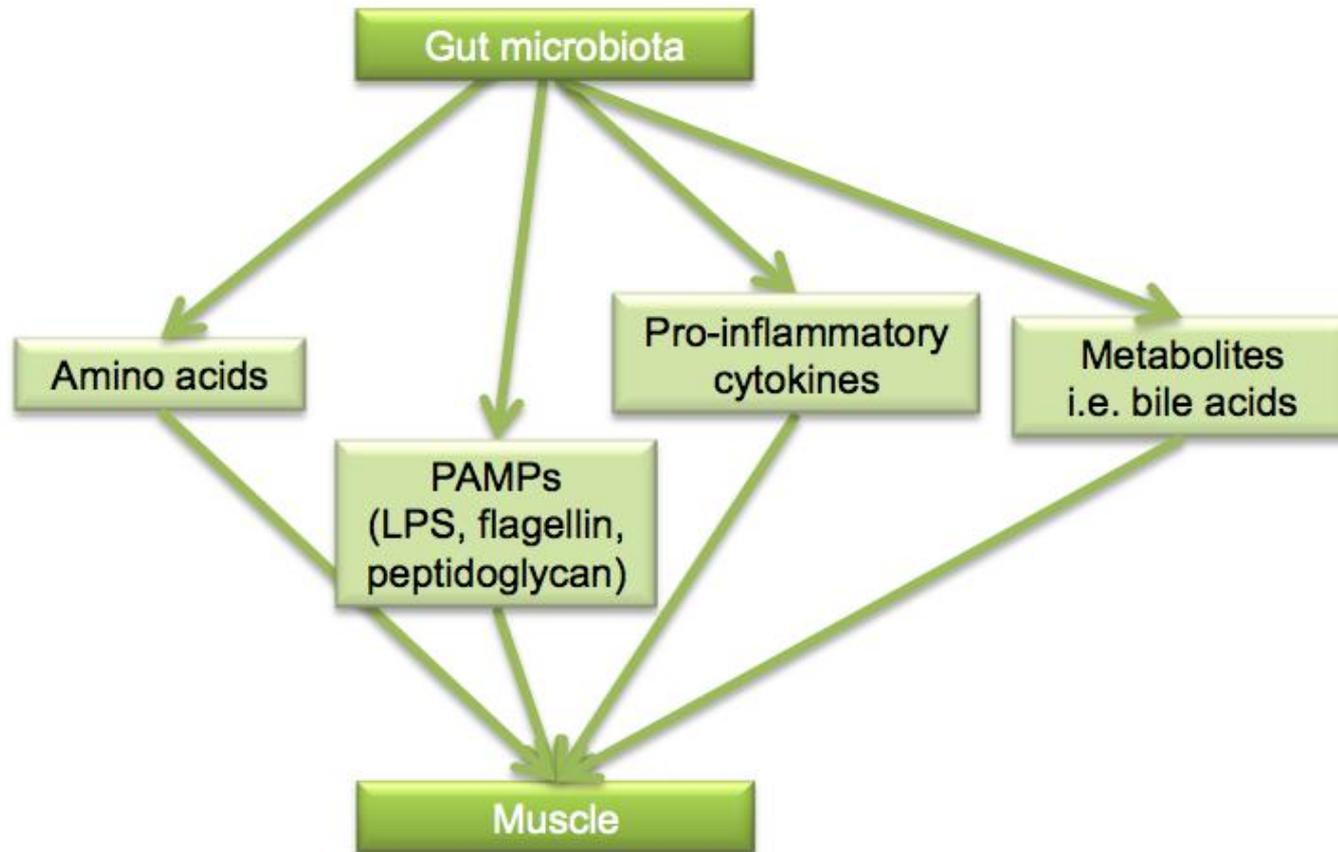


# Muscle wasting: the gut microbiota as a new therapeutic target?



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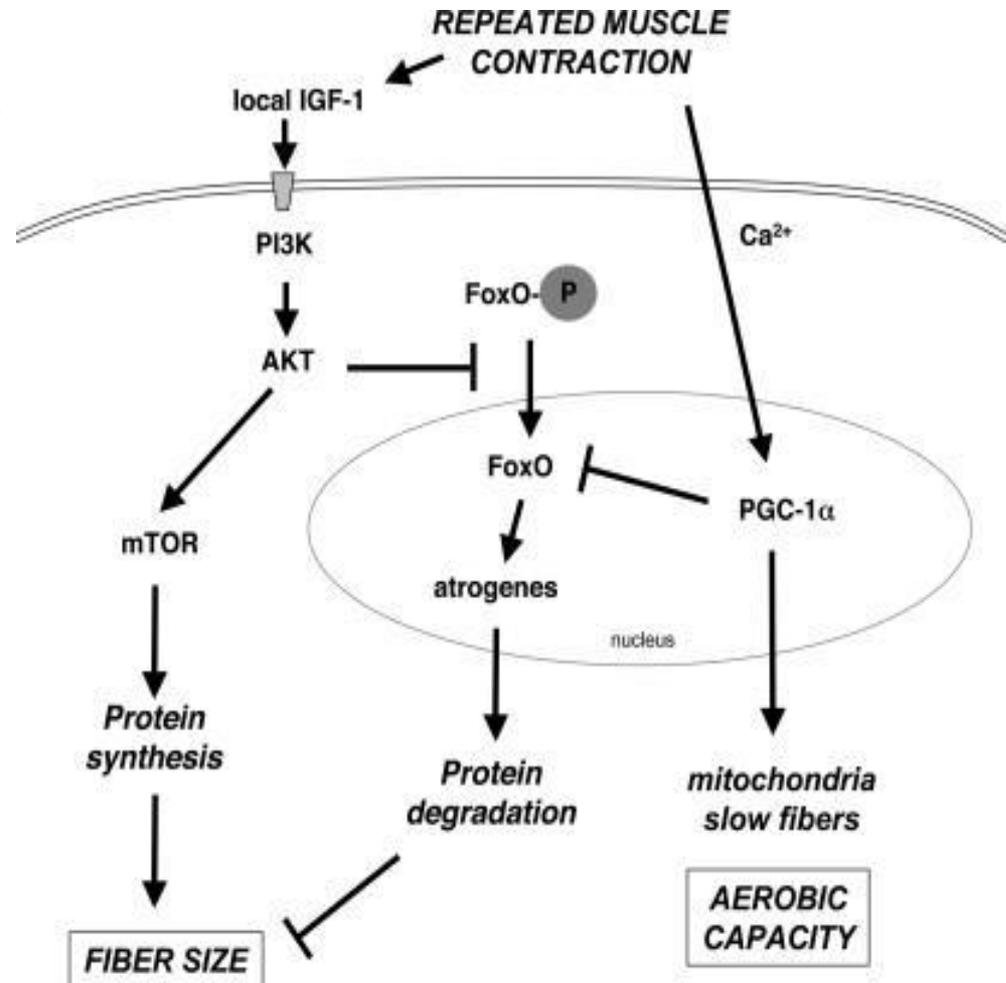
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# Possible influence of the gut microbiota on muscle physiology

**Protective effect of Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma co-activator 1-alpha (PGC-1 $\alpha$ ) overexpression in mice towards skeletal muscle atrophy achieved through the reduction of the impact of denervation and fasting on muscle fiber diameter and on the ubiquitin-proteasome pathway activity, consequently inhibiting protein catabolism**



# Gut microbiota and protein metabolism



- The gut microbiota can modulate amino acids availability. Antibiotics have been shown to increase the levels of circulating amino acids, which would have been otherwise degraded by intestinal bacteria.
- On the other hand, the administration of specific probiotic strains such as Lactobacilli is associated with a specific faecal amino acids pattern.
- Furthermore, the gut microbiota exerts indirect effects on protein synthesis through the release of linoleic acid, acetate and bile salt able to reach skeletal muscle tissue and producing metabolic effects.

Puiman *Am J Physiol Gastrointest Liver Physiol*, 2013

Torrallardona et al. *J Nutr*, 2003

Martin et al *J Proteome Res*, 2010

## Microbiome and Longevity: Gut Microbes Send Signals to Host Mitochondria

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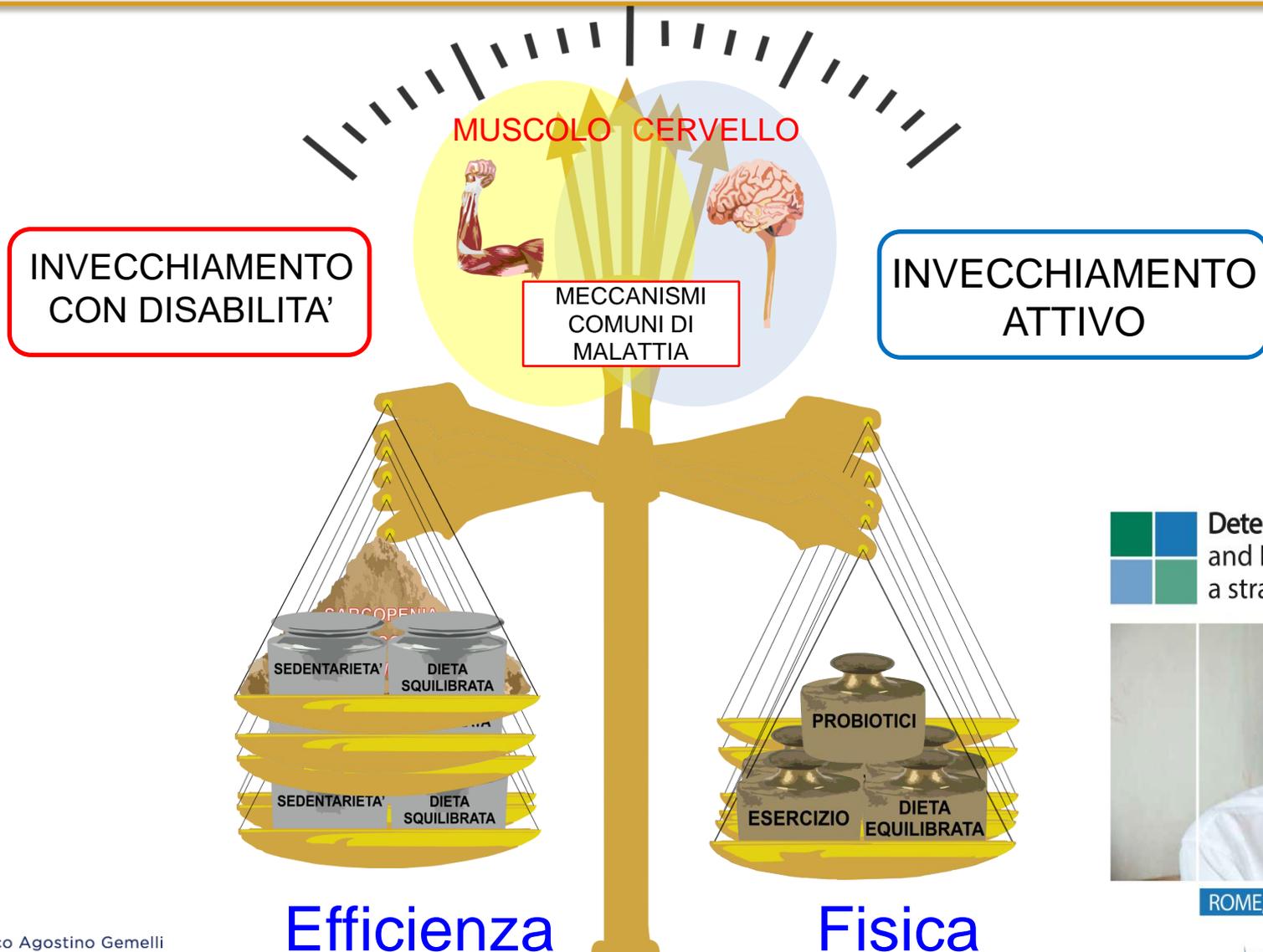
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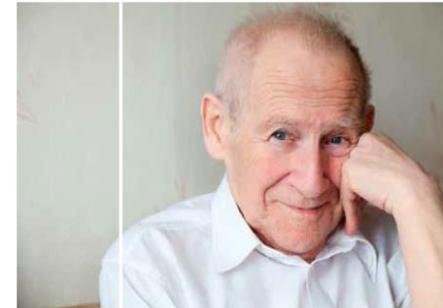
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The microbiome has emerged as a major determinant of the functioning of host organisms, affecting both health and disease. Here, Han et al. use the workhorse of aging research, *C. elegans*, to identify specific mechanisms by which gut bacteria influence mitochondrial dynamics and aging, a first step toward analogous manipulations to modulate human aging.

# Understanding Longevity

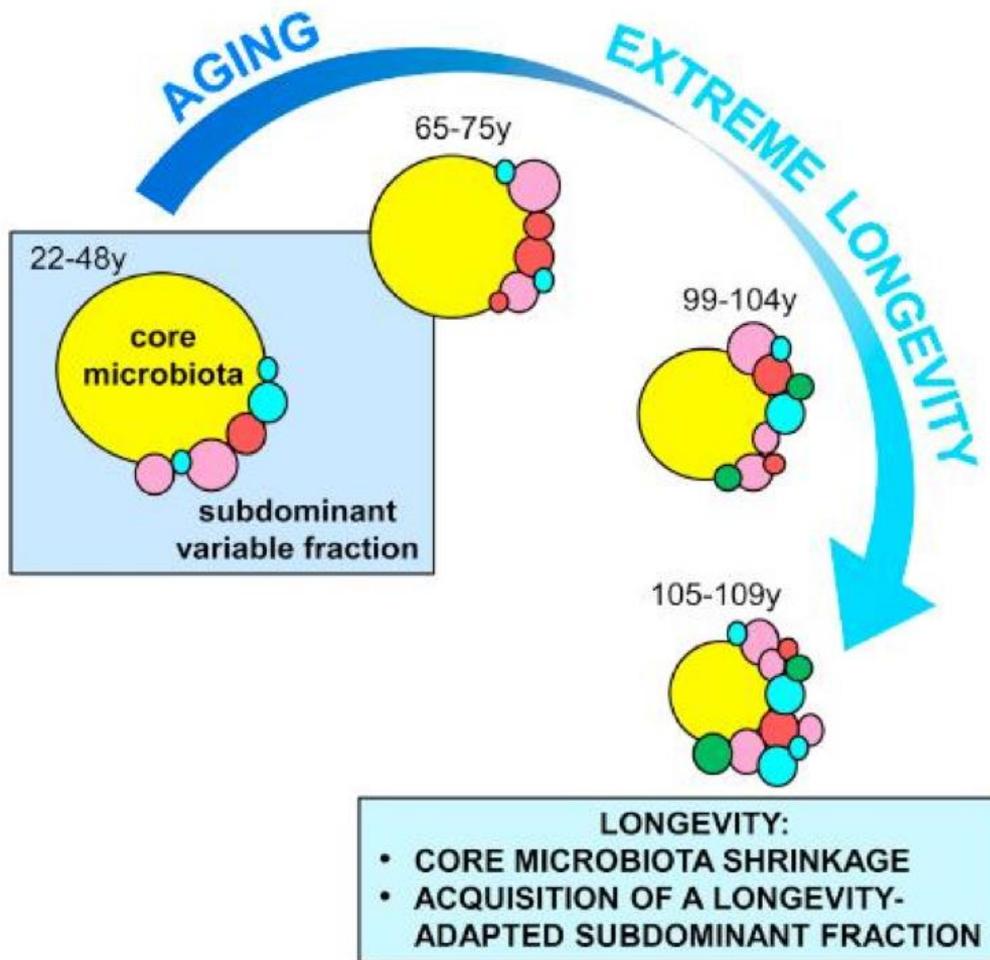


**Determinants of Active and Healthy Ageing: a strategy for Europe**



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# “Aged” gut microbiota: ...only deranged or a trajectory towards a different stability?



Accommodating opportunistic and allochthonous bacteria might possibly support health maintenance during aging, such as an enrichment and/or higher prevalence of health associated groups (e.g., Akkermansia, Bifidobacterium, and Christensenellaceae).



# Factors proposed to support the gut barrier

## Dietetic approach

Avoidance of high amounts of sugar and fat

Avoidance of energy-dense Western-style diet

FODMAP diet

Prebiotics/fibers

Glutamine

Other immune-modulating formula

## Probiotic approach

Selected probiotics

Probiotic cocktails (multispecies concept)

Synbiotics (combination of probiotics and prebiotics)

## Drugs/others

Short-chain fatty acids (SCFA)

Metformin

Quercetin and other flavonoids

# Probiotics as New therapies ?

- PROBIOTICS (“living organisms that can provide benefit to the Host”)
- PREBIOTICS (“substances that are present in the food that is not absorbed by the Host but that it is used by the gut bacteria”)



- Lactobacillus Plantarum LP01: modulazione della flogosi per positivo rapporto tra citochine antinfiammatorie e pro-infiammatorie
- Lactobacillus Buchneri LB26: probiotico inattivato che internalizza Selenio e Zinco per aumentarne la biodisponibilità
- Bifidobacterium Animalis specie lactis BS05: effetto antiossidante per produzione GSH e SOD

**Lactobacillus and Bifidobacterium are the most commonly used probiotic bacteria**

Siezen and van Hylckama Vlieg *Microbial Cell Factories* 2011, **10**(Suppl 1):S3  
<http://www.microbialcellfactories.com/content/10/S1/S3>



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## Genomic diversity and versatility of *Lactobacillus plantarum*, a natural metabolic engineer

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### Abstract

In the past decade it has become clear that the lactic acid bacterium *Lactobacillus plantarum* occupies a diverse range of environmental niches and has an enormous diversity in phenotypic properties, metabolic capacity and industrial applications. In this review, we describe how genome sequencing, comparative genome hybridization and comparative genomics has provided insight into the underlying genomic diversity and versatility of *L. plantarum*. One of the main features appears to be genomic life-style islands consisting of numerous functional gene cassettes, in particular for carbohydrates utilization, which can be acquired, shuffled, substituted or deleted in response to niche requirements. In this sense, *L. plantarum* can be considered a "natural metabolic engineer".

## Selenium and Zinc Internalized by *Lactobacillus buchneri* Lb26 (DSM 16341) and *Bifidobacterium lactis* Bb1 (DSM 17850)

### *Improved Bioavailability Using a New Biological Approach*

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**Background:** Minerals, often referred to as micronutrients, are one of the 5 fundamental groups of nutrients needed to sustain life. Micronutrient malnutrition affects >50% of the worldwide population. In particular, zinc (Zn) deficiency is considered an emerging public health problem in India and in other developing countries. Selenium (Se) is another trace mineral essential for humans and animals. Dietary Se exists primarily as selenomethionine and selenocysteine. In addition, Se may be present in its inorganic form (selenite) in some vegetables. To increase the daily intake of these minerals, numerous food supplements containing different inorganic and organic forms of Zn or Se are commercially available. At any rate, it is quite well known that inorganic salts have a very low bioavailability. Organic salts, commonly based on gluconate, orotate, citrate, or other molecules, are characterized by a higher systemic effect. The innovative opportunity of using certain species of probiotics enriched with the 2 minerals could represent an interesting alternative to these preparations. Diet integration with bacteria able to internalize Zn and Se may embody a new application of probiotics.

were predominantly found in the apical compartment, thus demonstrating their poor ability to diffuse into the cell and become bioavailable in all subcellular areas.

**Conclusions:** The opportunity of delivering minerals in a highly bioavailable form by means of a probiotic bacterium has not been deeply investigated to date. This is the first study reporting quantitative data on the bioavailability and percentage of absorption of minerals internalized by specific probiotics. The most noticeable aspect is the significantly higher absorption of both probiotic Se and Zn compared with their organic forms, with particular reference to seleno-L-methionine, seleno-L-cysteine, and zinc gluconate.

**Key Words:** probiotic strain, selenium and zinc, organic form, Transwell system, bioavailability

(*J Clin Gastroenterol* 2012;46:S41-S45)

# Bifidobacterium Animalis (lactis BS05)



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APPLIED MICROBIAL AND CELL PHYSIOLOGY

## Antioxidant properties of potentially probiotic bacteria: in vitro and in vivo activities

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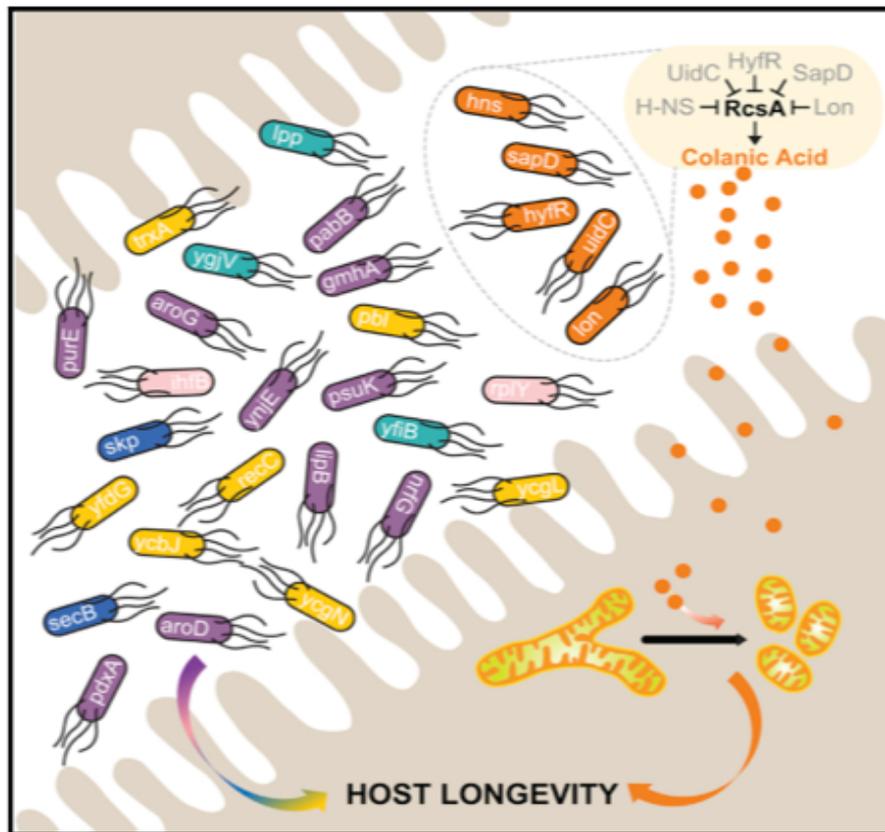
**Abstract** Thirty-four strains of lactic acid bacteria (seven *Bifidobacterium*, 11 *Lactobacillus*, six *Lactococcus*, and 10 *Streptococcus thermophilus*) were assayed in vitro for antioxidant activity against ascorbic and linolenic acid oxidation (TAA<sub>AA</sub> and TAA<sub>LA</sub>), trolox-equivalent antioxidant capacity (TEAC), intracellular glutathione (TGSH), and superoxide dismutase (SOD). Wide dispersion of each of TAA<sub>AA</sub>, TAA<sub>LA</sub>, TEAC, TGSH, and SOD occurred within bacterial groups, indicating that antioxidative properties are strain specific. The strains *Bifidobacterium animalis* subsp. *lactis* DSMZ 23032, *Lactobacillus acidophilus* DSMZ 23033, and *Lactobacillus brevis* DSMZ 23034 exhibited among the highest TAA<sub>AA</sub>, TAA<sub>LA</sub>, TEAC, and TGSH values within the lactobacilli and bifidobacteria.

mixture effectively reduced doxorubicin-induced oxidative stress. Probiotic strains which are capable to limit excessive amounts of reactive radicals in vivo may contribute to prevent and control several diseases associated with oxidative stress.

**Keywords** *Bifidobacterium* · *Lactobacillus* · Probiotic · Antioxidant · In vivo · In vitro

## Microbial Genetic Composition Tunes Host Longevity

### Graphical Abstract



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### In Brief

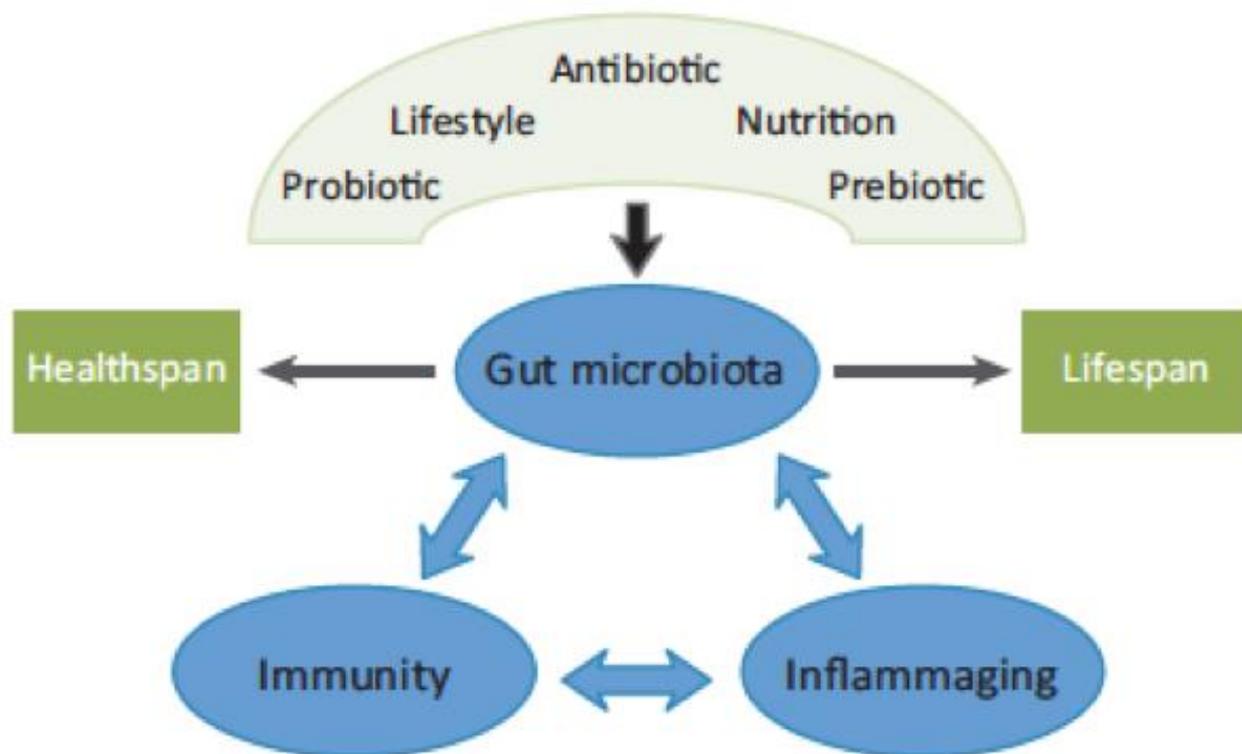
The genetic composition of gut microbes  
controls the production of metabolites  
that impact host longevity.





# TAKE HOME MESSAGE

The age-tailored and personalized modulation of the gut microbiota will be aimed at maintaining the microbial profile **with the highest probability to help the host in preventing diseases and promoting (muscle) health**



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# ... Thank you !