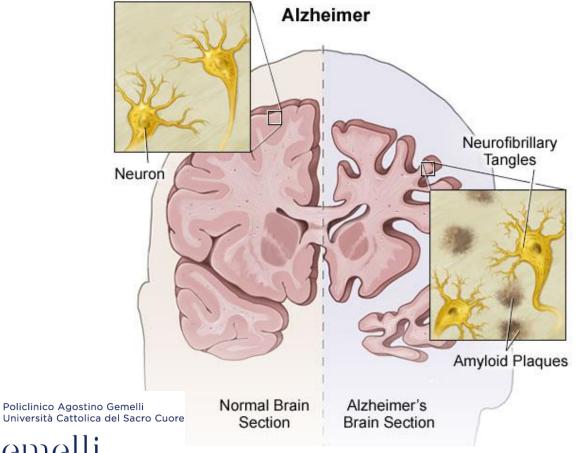
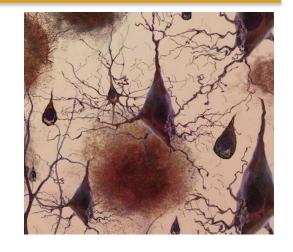


#### Hallmarks of Alzheimer's Disease

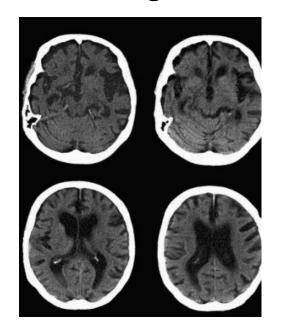


- √ β-amyloid containing plaques
- ✓ Neurofibrillar tangles





#### Neurodegeneration



Gemelli Brain amyloidosis and gut bacteria in humans

## Peripheral and Central Inflammation in Alzheimer's Disease



- Neuritic amyloid plaques co-localize with reactive microglia and astrocytes
- √ complement proteins
- Amyloidogenic pathway Non-amyloidogenic pathway Aβ protofibrils Aß fibrils Increa Plaques Aß monomer B-secretase α-secretase Aß oliaomers Tau pathology? CNS pathology, such Microglial cell as AB pathology Inflammatory Systemic or local cytokines inflammation and chemokines Mutant innate Primed Neurodegeneration immune molecule microglial cell Neuron loss

Immune attack: the role of inflammation in Alzheimer disease

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## Peripheral and Central Inflammation in Alzheimer's Disease

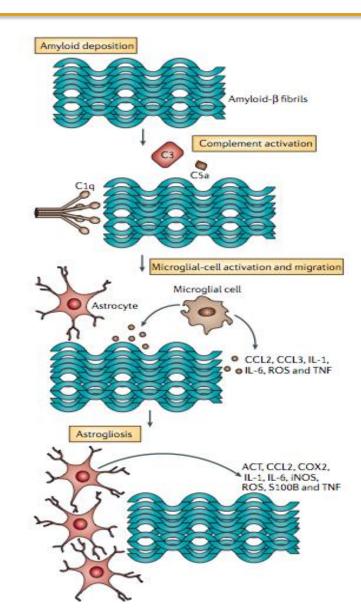


**Pro-inflammatory** stimuli



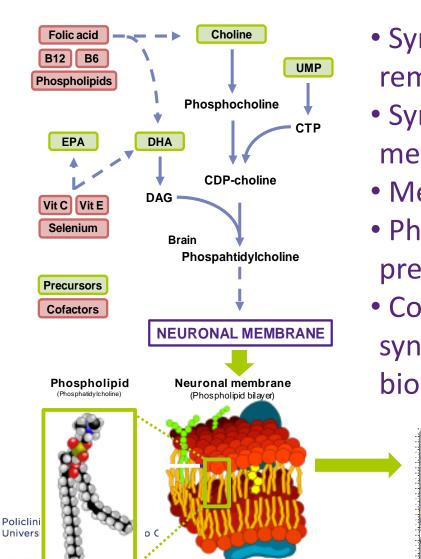
Is amyloid deposition causing inflammation or is inflammation promoting AB oligomers Policlinico Agostino Genegation?
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# Synapse formation requires nutritional precursors and cofactors





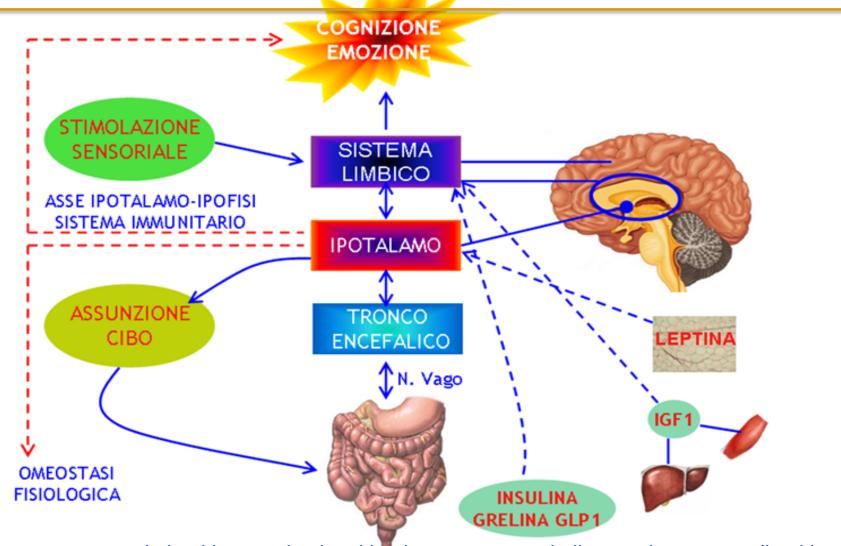
- Synapses are continuously being remodeled
- Synapses are part of the neuronal membrane
- Membranes consist of phospholipids
- Phospholipid synthesis depends on the presence of uridine, choline and DHA
- Co-factors facilitate phospholipid synthesis by enhancing precursor bioavailability

Axon

terminal

# Synapse formation requires nutritional precursors and cofactors





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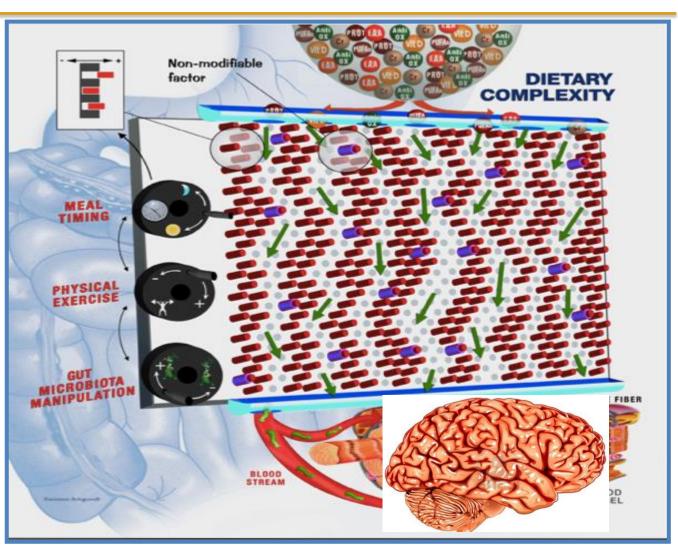
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I circuiti nervosi coinvolti nei comportamenti alimentari sono coordinati in modo preciso con i centri cerebrali che regolano l'omeostasi energetica e la funzione cognitiva.

## Potential therapeutic strategies



Gut-brain connection
The "Pachinko Model"







## Gut microbiota as a part of the gut barrier



#### Microbiota

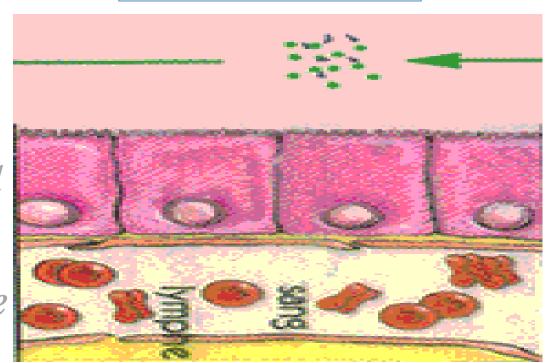
Mucosal Barrier

**Epithelial** barrier

**Endocrine** system

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Acquired and Innate immunity

Vascular and lymphatic Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore systems

Digestive enzymes

### The gut barrier



of the cells in your body as





#### 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)

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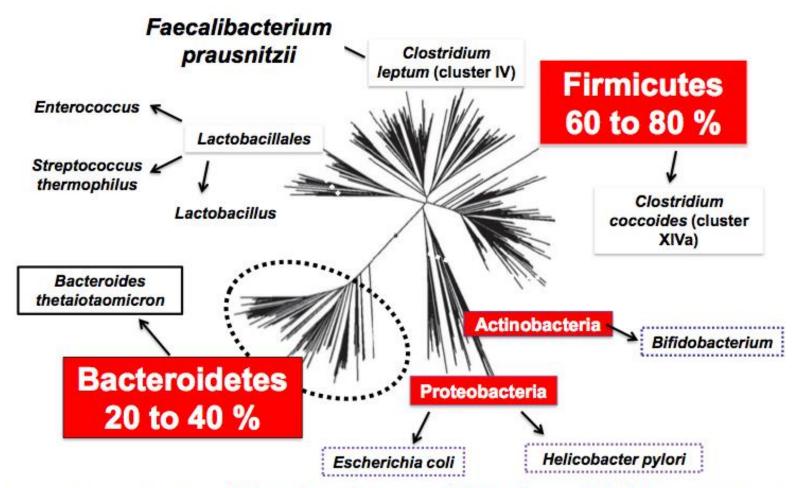
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# Phylogenetic diversity of human gut microbiota



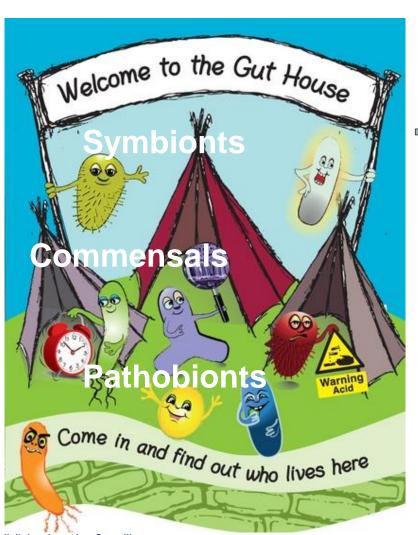


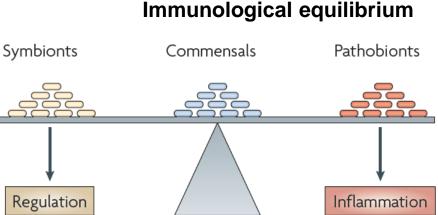
2 major phyla: Firmicutes and Bacteroidetes (>70%)



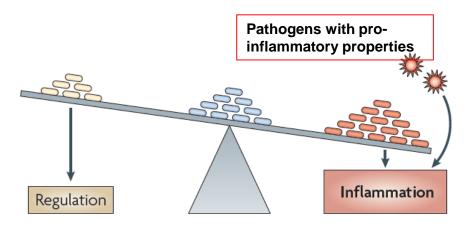
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#### Immunological dysequilibrium





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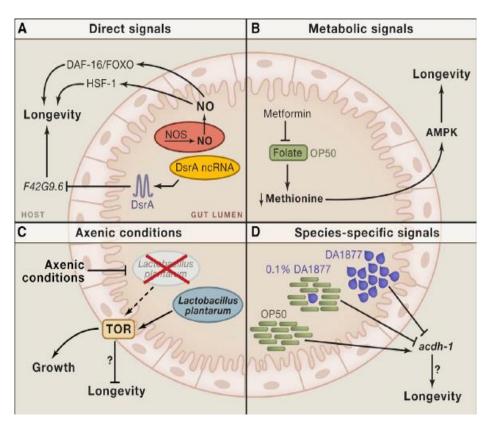




# You Are What You Host: Microbiome Modulation of the Aging Process

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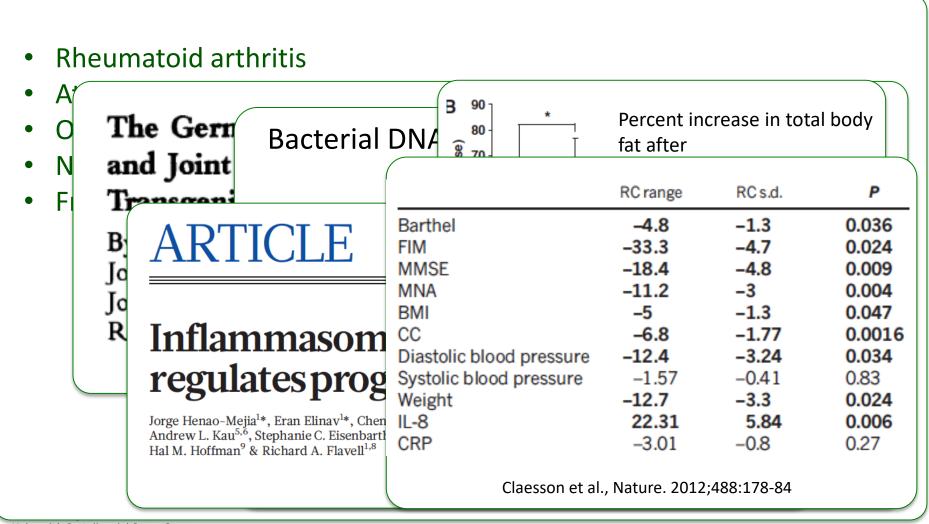
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# The human gut microbiote and human diseases











# **GMB** as master Regulator of Immunity and Inflammation



✓ Activation of complement C1q **Inflammation signals Receptors BRAIN** Microbial molecules SCFA (butyrate, acetate) Phagocytosed antimicrobial Diet (AHR, Vitamin A) and phagocytosed microorganisms peptides microorganisms Mucins **GMB** metabolites and Subepithelial inflammation signals **★ Paneth cell** IL-22 macrophage NK cell into systemic IL-17 TGFB IL-22 circulation **TSLP TGFB** TGFB. IL-10 TNF IL-10 Th1 cell Th17 cell FOXP3 Tr1 FOXP3 Treq **Innate Lymphoid Cells** cell IL-17F **GUT TGFB** IL-10 ILC1 ILC2 ILC3 **Plasmablast** IFNγ IL-17 IL-13



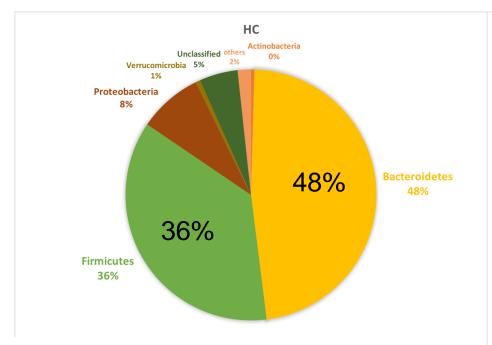
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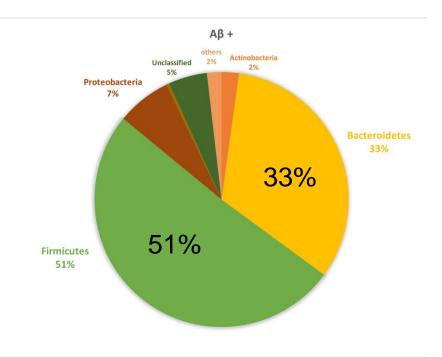


	AD	НС	P-value
Gender∄M/F)	20/14	4/5	P>0.05
Aget(mean±SD)	71 <b>±</b> 6.5	69±6.3	P>0.05
MMSE	22 <b>±</b> 4.5	28±1.1	P<0.05

9 CTRL Amy-34 AD Amy+



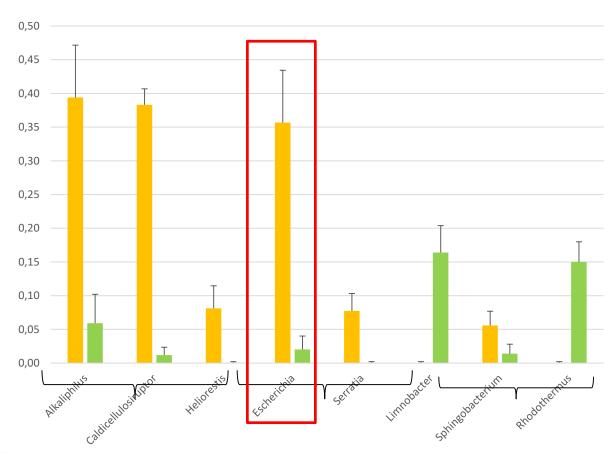






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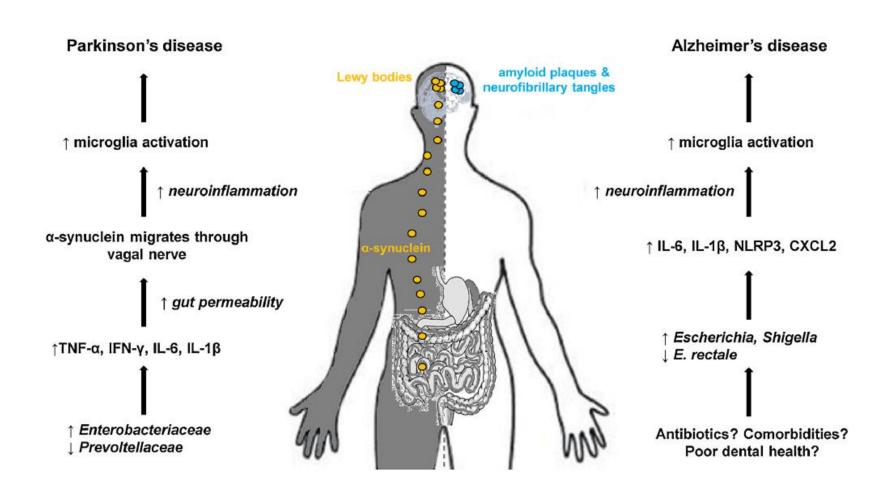
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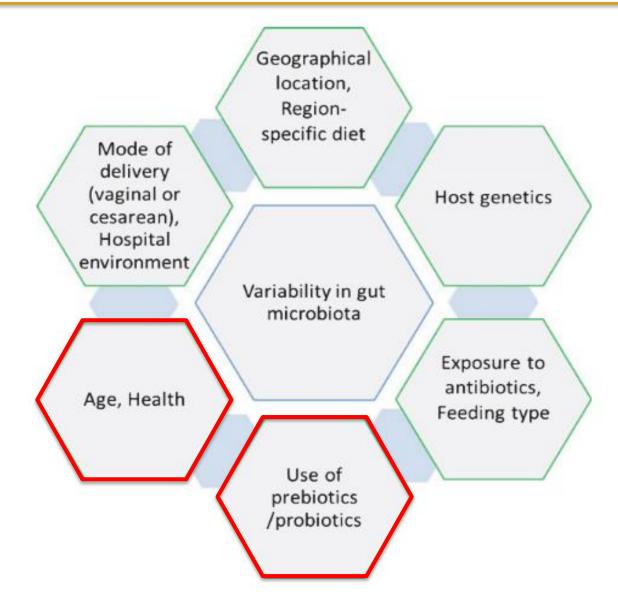






# Factors responsible for inducing the variability in the human gut microbiota





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# Aging and variability in the human gut microbiota



## **EUBIOSIS**



Modification of MICROBIOTA-HOST equilibrium during lifetime



Quali-quantitative alteration of gut microbiota and its functions

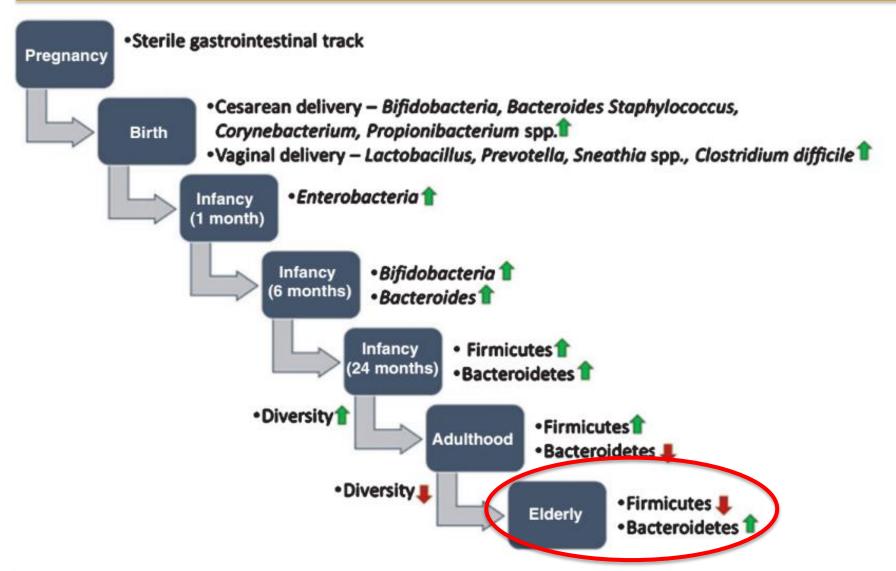


"AGED" GUT MICROBIOTA



# Development of human gut microbiota from prenatal to elderly



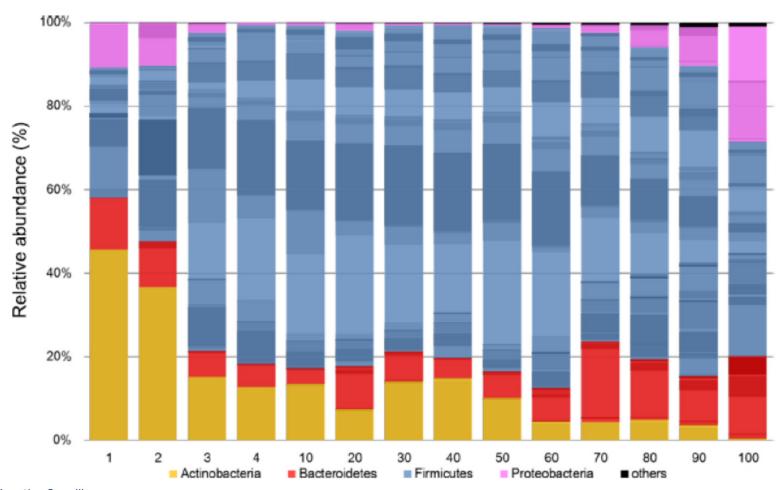




# Aging compromise the homeostatic equilibrium between microbiota and host



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



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Odamaki et al. BMC Microbiology, 2016

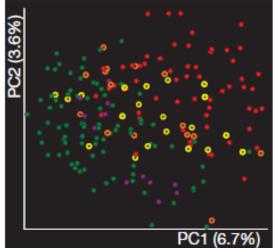
# Microbiota correlated with residence location

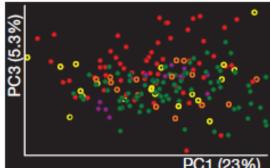




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- (1) community-dwelling
- (2) attending an out-patient day hospital
- (3) in short-term (<6 weeks) rehabilitation hospital care
- (4) in long-term residential care (long-stay)





Microbiota composition in elderly people living in longstay 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

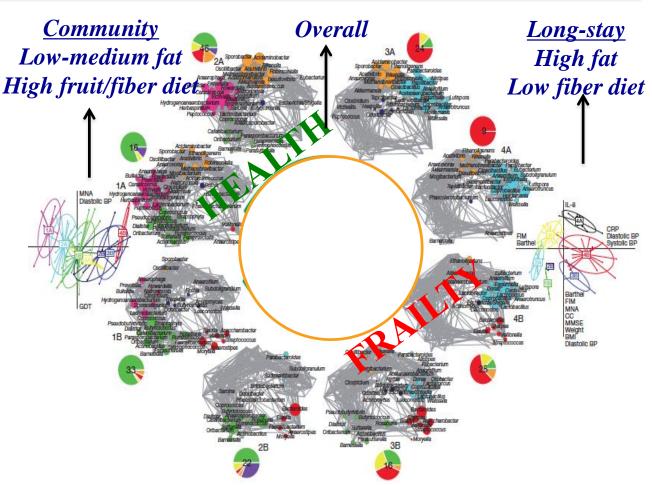


## The composition of the microbiota is determined by the composition and diversity of the diet





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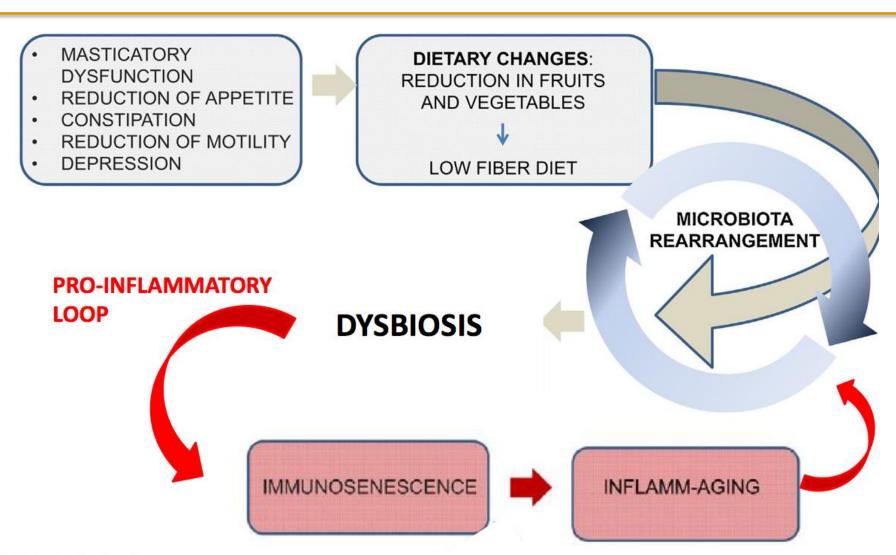


The most discriminating food types were vegetables, fruit and meat



## Ageing inevitably affects gut microbiota







## Factors proposed to support the gut barrier





Avoidance of high amounts of sugar and fat  Avoidance of energy-dense Western-style diet  FODMAP diet  Prebiotics/fibers  Glutamine  Other immune-modulating formula  Selected probiotics  Probiotic approach  Probiotic cocktails (multispecies concept)  Synbiotics (combination of probiotics and prebiotics)  Drugs/others  Short-chain fatty acids (SCFA)  Metformin  Quercetin and other flavonoids				
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## **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")



## Potential therapeutic strategies



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

Lactobacillus and Bifidobacterium are the most commonly used probiotic bacteria



#### **Lactobacillus Plantarum LP01**



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



#### PROCEEDINGS

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

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From 10th Symposium on Lactic Acid Bacterium Egmond aan Zee, the Netherlands. 28 August - 1 September 2011

#### 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".

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#### Lactobacillus Buchneri LB26



#### 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.

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



## **PROBIOTICS & malattie psichiatriche**



	sample	probiotic	effects	Pathology/physiology	reference
	BALB/c mice	Lactobacillus rhamnosus	↓ depressive-anxious behaviour	Depression, anxiety	Bravo 2011
	BALB/c mice	Mycobacterium caccae	↓ anxiety	anxiety	Matthews 2013
	BALB/c mice	Lactobacillus <u>rhamnosus</u>	In vivo Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS)  † Glu, Gln, GABA, N-acetyl aspartate + N-acetyl aspartyl glutamic acid long term effect (not for GABA)	neurotransmission	Janik 2016
animal	Sprague- <u>Dawley</u> rats Maternal separation model	Lactobacillus <u>rhamnosus</u> + L. <u>helveticus</u>	↓ HPA	Anxiety, depression	Gareau 2007
ar	Sprague- <u>Dawley</u> rats	<u>Bifidobacterium</u> infantis	No behavioural changes  ↑ Trp in plasma  ↓ pro-inflammatory cytokines	depression	Desbonnet 2008
	Sprague-Dawley rats Maternal separation model	Bifidobacterium infantis	probiotic ≅ citalopram	depression	Desbonnet 2010
	Sprague- <u>Dawley</u> rats	Lactobacillus <u>helveticus</u>	↓ corticosterone ↓ ACTH ↑ IL-10, BDNF, NA, 5-HT probiotic ≅ citalopram	Depression	Liang 2015
human	Healthy subjects	Lactobacillus casei Shirota (yakult)	Amelioration of mood (only subjects whose baseline mood scores fell in the lowest 3 <sup>rd</sup> of the total range)	depression	Benton 2007
	Healthy subjects	Lactobacillus helveticus and Bifidobacterium longum	↓ negative mood ↓ urinary cortisol	depression	Messaoudi 2011
جَ	Healthy subjects		↓ reactivity to sad mood	depression	Steenberg 2015
	Healthy students (examination time)	Lactobacillus <u>casei Shirota</u> ( <u>yakult</u> )	↓ plasma cortisol (the day before the examination) ↑ higher fecal 5-HT	anxiety	Kato- <u>Kataoka</u> 2016



#### **PROBIOTICS & Demenza**





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# Effect of Probiotic Supplementation on Cognitive Function and Metabolic Status in Alzheimer's Disease: A Randomized, Double-Blind and Controlled Trial

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#### **PROBIOTICS & Demenza**



TABLE 2 | Mean values of the behavioral test and the biomarkers measurements in the probiotic and control groups.

	Control group		Probiotic group		Difference between the two groups
	Baseline	End-of-trial	Baseline	End-of-trial	<i>P</i> -value <sup>a</sup>
MMSE (score out of 30)	8.47±1.10	8.00 ± 1.08	8.67 ± 1.44	10.57 ± 1.64	<0.001
TAC (mmol/L)	$895.66 \pm 25.96$	915.35±26.60	876.13±26.48	$922.42 \pm 28.53$	0.25
GSH (μmol/L)	$390.78 \pm 17.46$	$386.76 \pm 20.33$	$377.26 \pm 14.82$	$401.25 \pm 16.68$	0.19
MDA (μmol/L)	$4.26 \pm 0.30$	$4.32 \pm 0.31$	$4.31 \pm 0.26$	$3.21 \pm 0.23$	< 0.001
hs-CRP (μg/ml)	$4.54 \pm 1.30$	$6.59 \pm 1.14$	$6.61 \pm 1.24$	$5.44 \pm 0.85$	< 0.001
NO (imol/L)	$44.76 \pm 0.53$	$45.56 \pm 0.82$	$43.68 \pm 0.64$	$44.37 \pm 1.14$	0.93
FPG (mg/dl)	$83.40 \pm 2.36$	$86.77 \pm 4.07$	$92.00 \pm 7.92$	$94.13 \pm 7.72$	0.98
HOMA-IR	$1.43 \pm 0.24$	$2.08 \pm 0.27$	$1.30 \pm 0.13$	$1.60 \pm 0.19$	0.002
HOMA-B	$25.04 \pm 3.21$	$37.86 \pm 4.64$	$27.36 \pm 3.50$	$22.06 \pm 2.43$	0.001
QUICKI	$0.38 \pm 0.01$	$0.36 \pm 0.01$	$0.38 \pm 0.01$	$0.37 \pm 0.01$	0.006
Triglycerides (mg/dl)	$84.32 \pm 4.65$	$81.74 \pm 4.76$	$119.60 \pm 10.25$	$94.33 \pm 10.04$	0.003
VLDL (mg/dL)	$16.86 \pm 0.93$	$16.35 \pm 0.95$	$23.92 \pm 2.05$	$18.87 \pm 2.01$	0.003
LDL (mg/dl)	$90.44 \pm 4.58$	$94.34 \pm 4.39$	85.16±4.14	$90.64 \pm 5.29$	0.76
HDL (mg/dl)	$51.27 \pm 1.75$	$44.49 \pm 1.97$	$45.81 \pm 1.45$	$38.82 \pm 1.35$	0.93
Total cholesterol (mg/dl)	$158.57 \pm 5.75$	$155.17 \pm 5.59$	$154.88 \pm 4.91$	$148.32 \pm 5.43$	0.63
Total/ HDL-cholesterol	$3.15 \pm 0.12$	$3.62 \pm 0.16$	$3.43 \pm 0.12$	$3.95 \pm 0.2$	0.81

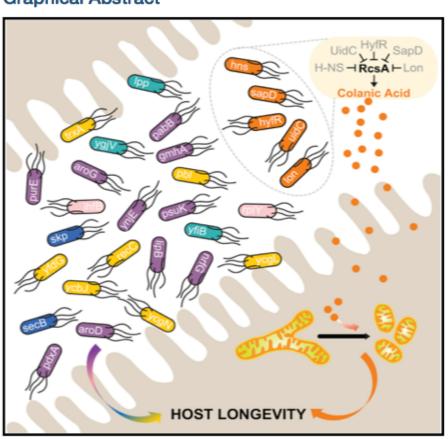
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## Microbial Genetic Composition Tunes Host Longevity

#### **Graphical Abstract**



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#### In Brief

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

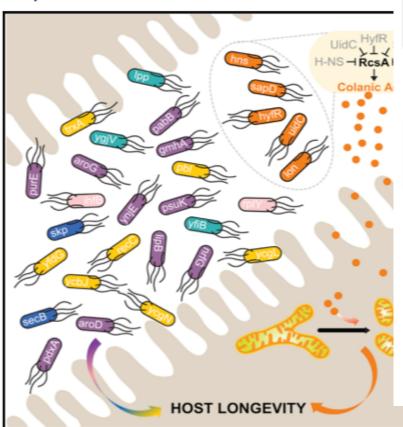






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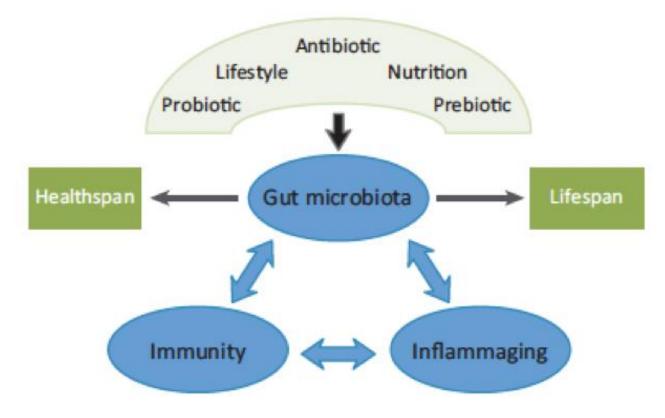


Homeostasis of the gut microbiota critically influences host health and aging. Developing genetically engineered probiotics holds great promise as a new therapeutic paradigm to promote healthy aging. Here, through screening 3,983 Escherichia coli mutants, we discovered that 29 bacterial genes, when deleted, increase longevity in the host Caenorhabditis elegans. A dozen of these bacterial mutants also protect the host from age-related progression of tumor growth and amyloid-beta accumulation. Mechanistically, we discovered that five bacterial mutants promote longevity through increased secretion of the polysaccharide colanic acid (CA), which regulates mitochondrial dynamics and unfolded protein response (UPR<sup>mt</sup>) in the host. Purified CA polymers are sufficient to promote longevity via ATFS-1, the host UPR<sup>mt</sup>-responsive transcription factor. Furthermore, the mitochondrial changes and longevity effects induced by CA are conserved across different





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 (brain) health



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