

PROBIOTICS, PROBIOTIC TECHNOLOGY

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WE ARE MADE UP OF MORE BACTERIA THAN THE BODY'S OWN CELLS. MOST BACTERIA ARE FOUND IN

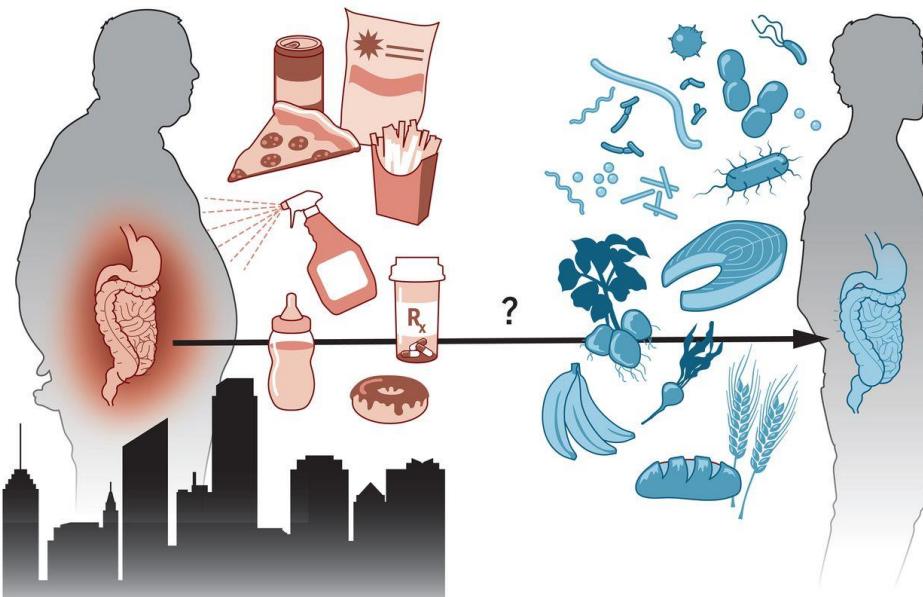
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In general, we can say that the more diverse the composition of our microbiome, the more resistant we are to bad external influences

By increasing diversity, you increase RESILIENCE

INDUSTRIALIZATION AFFECTS THE HUMAN GUT MICROBIOTA



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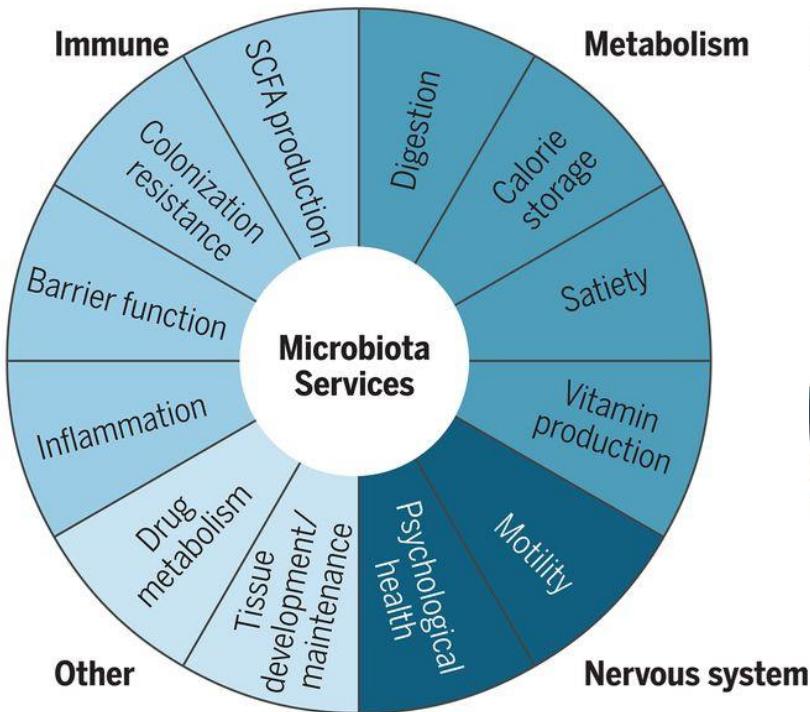
Vulnerability of the industrialized microbiota

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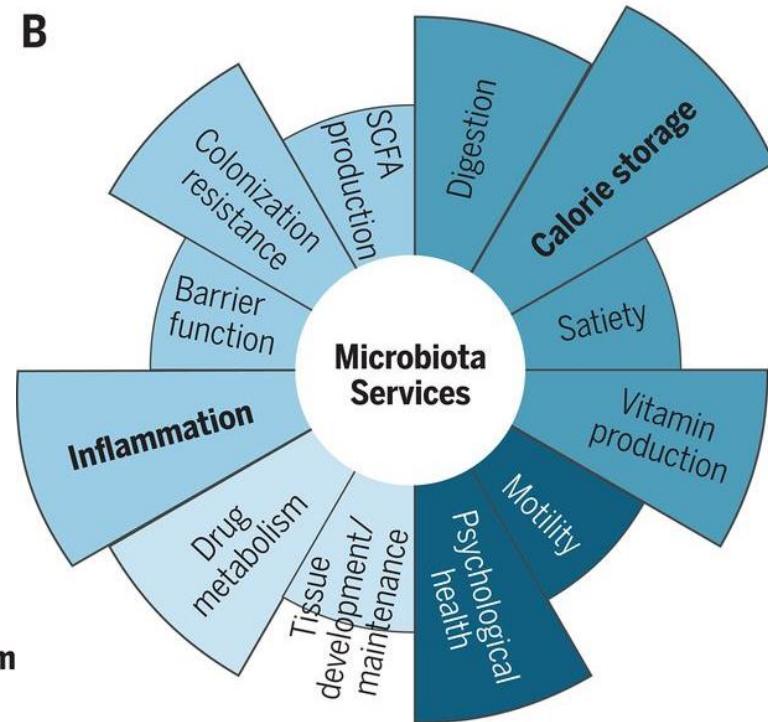
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WHAT ARE MICROBIOTA SERVICES?

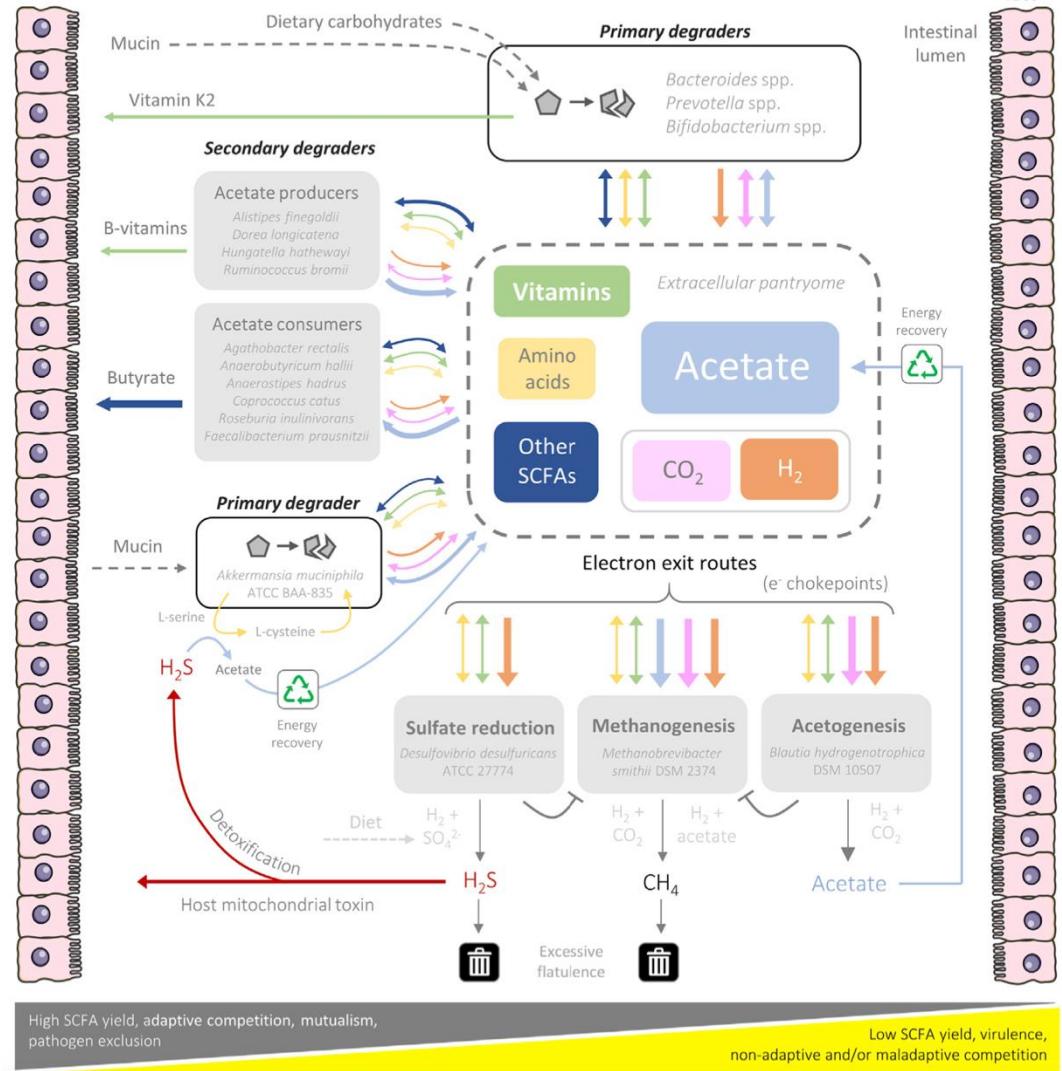
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A COMPLEX AND DIVERSE ECOSYSTEM IS BASED ON MANY COLLABORATING MICROORGANISMS



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A 'pact' between humans and microbes

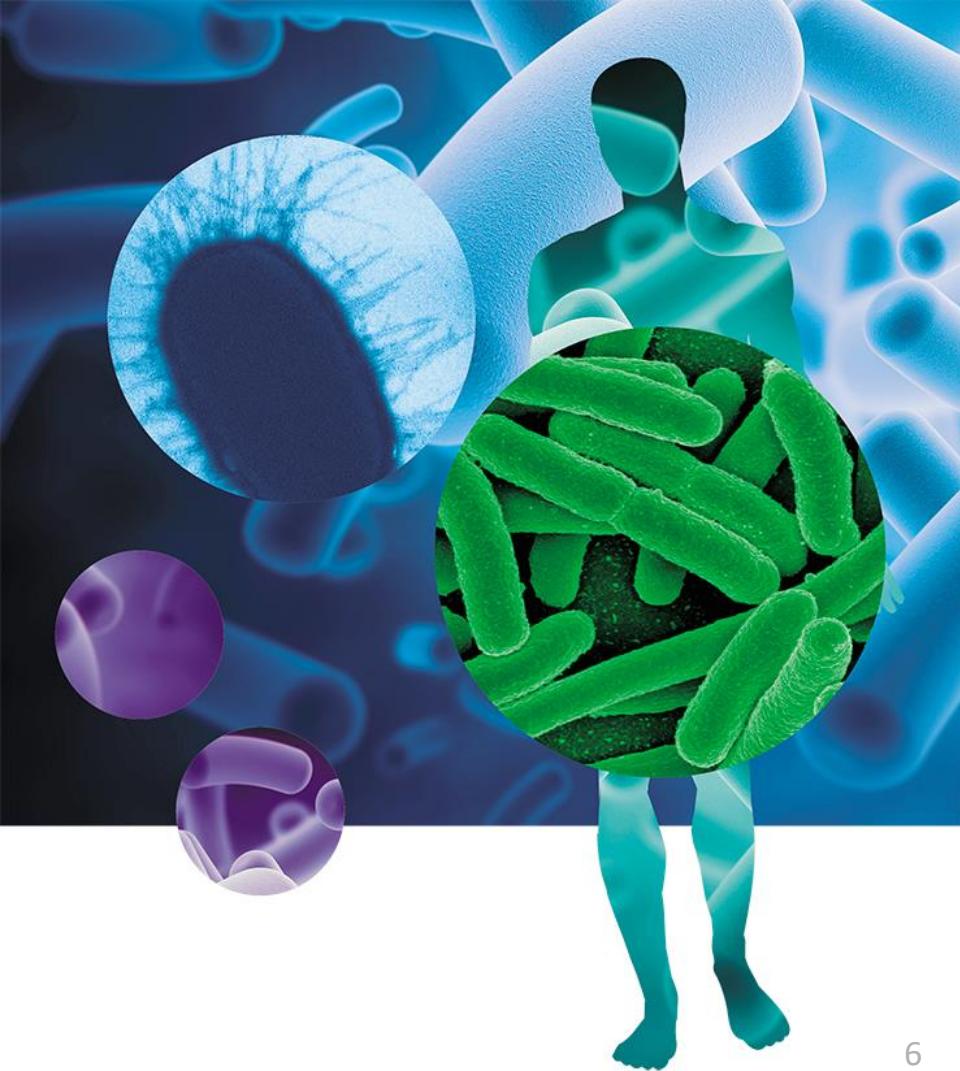
We

1. Give the bacteria give our body, as a 'home' to live in
2. Feed the bacteria



They.

3. Protect us from bad bacteria
4. Strengthen our immune system.





Herbert George Wells
(21 September 1866 – 13 August 1946)

The WAR of the WORLDS

By H.G. Wells

Author of "Under the Knife," "The Time Machine," etc.

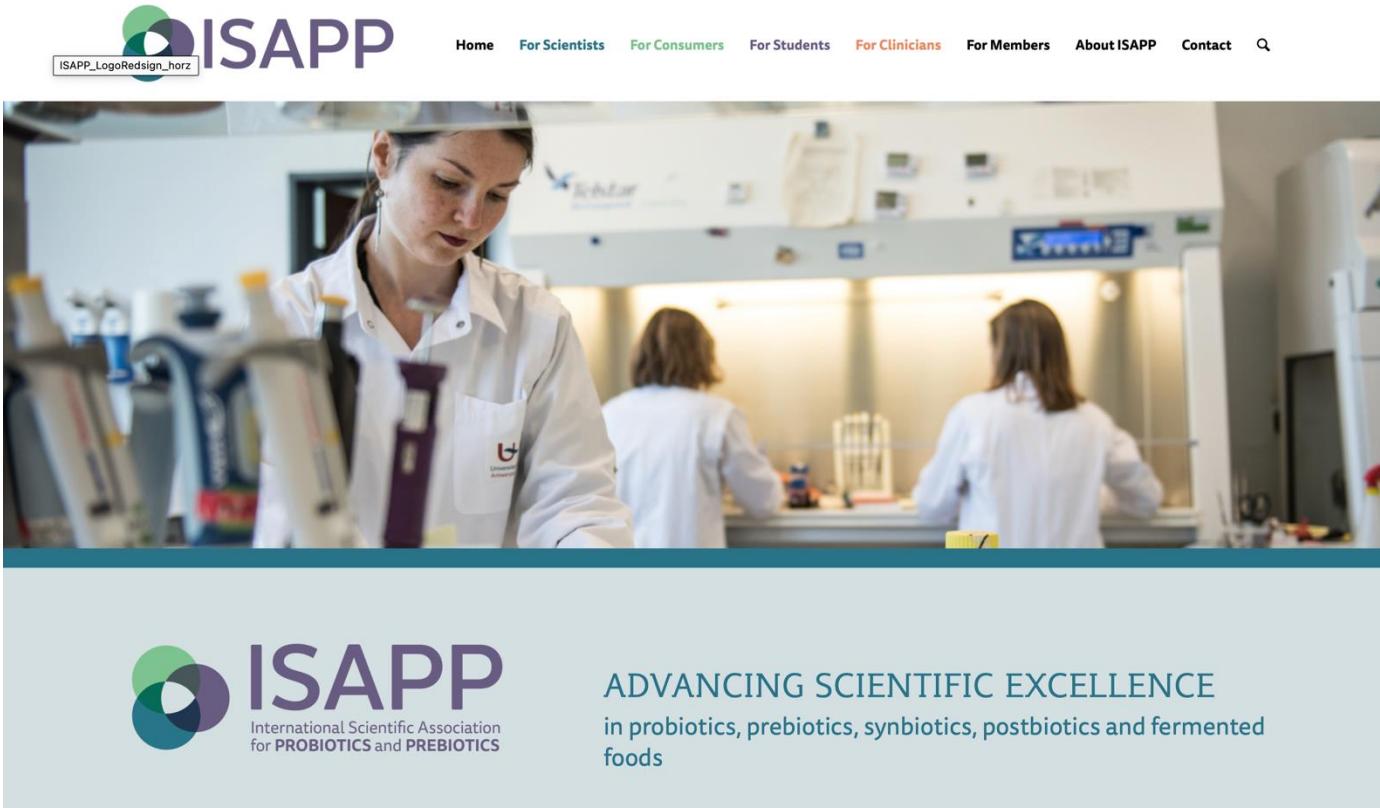


INTERESTING SHORT MOVIES PROBIOTICS, PREBIOTICS

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The image shows the homepage of the International Scientific Association for PROBIOTICS and PREBIOTICS (ISAPP) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links to Home, For Scientists, For Consumers, For Students, For Clinicians, For Members, About ISAPP, and Contact, along with a search icon. Below the navigation bar is a photograph of a female scientist in a white lab coat working in a laboratory. In the foreground, the ISAPP logo is displayed, consisting of a stylized green and purple circular icon followed by the acronym 'ISAPP' in a bold, purple, sans-serif font. Below the acronym, the full name 'International Scientific Association for PROBIOTICS and PREBIOTICS' is written in a smaller, all-caps, purple font. At the bottom of the page, the text 'ADVANCING SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE in probiotics, prebiotics, synbiotics, postbiotics and fermented foods' is centered.

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CONTENT

- › How it begun
- › Probiotics (and prebiotics, synbiotics, postbiotics)
- › Probiotic production technology

History of life, to scale

January 1, 4500000000000 BC thru May 09 2025

4500 million years ago

Hadean (no life)

3500 million years ago

Archean (anaerobic life)

Prokaryotes appear

Last universal common ancestor

2500 million years ago

Great oxygenation event

Photosynthesis evolves

Proterozoic (aerobic life)

1500 million years ago

Single celled Eukaryotes appear

Sexual reproduction evolves

500 million years ago

Cambrian explosion

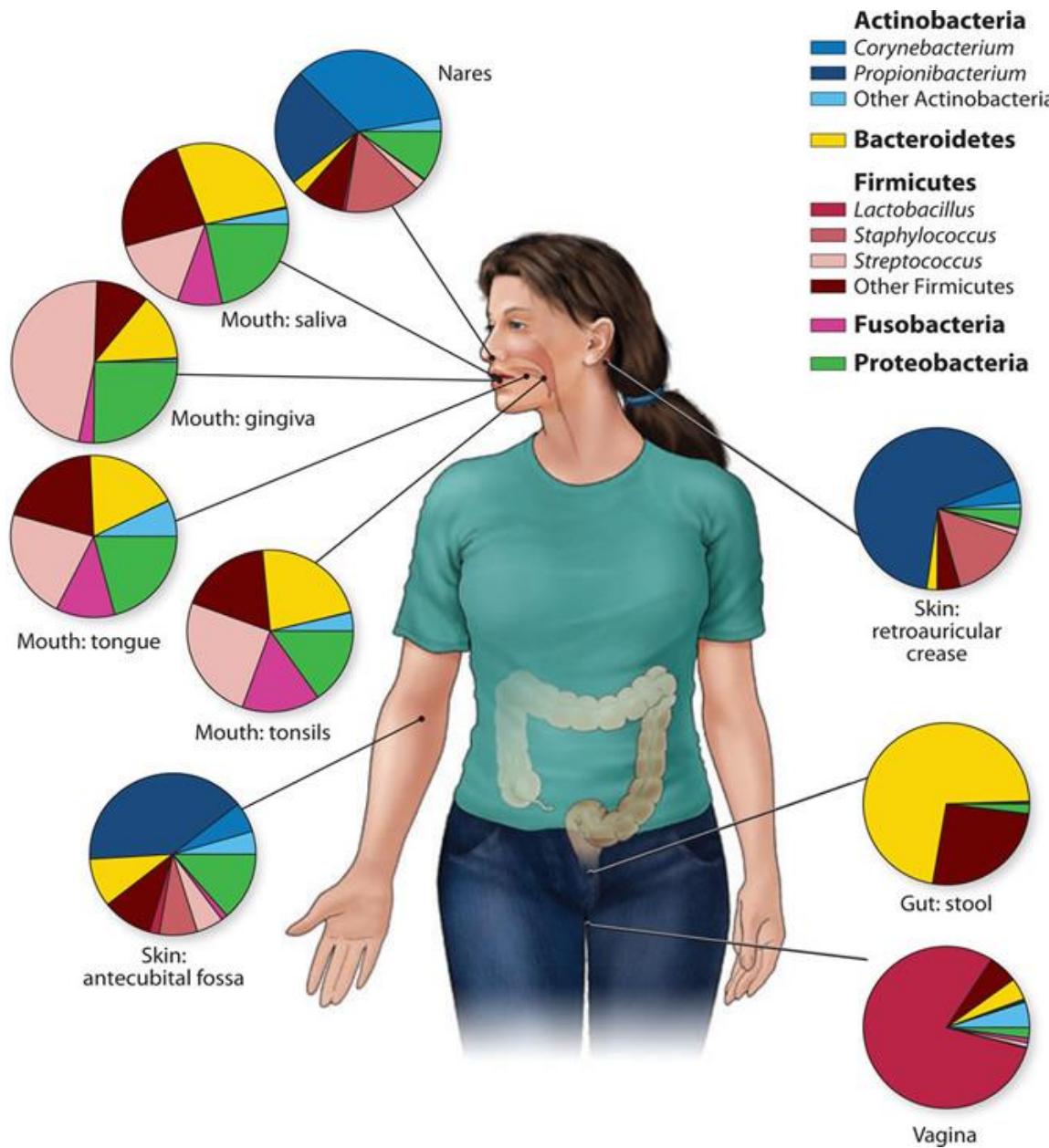
Simple multicellular organisms evolve

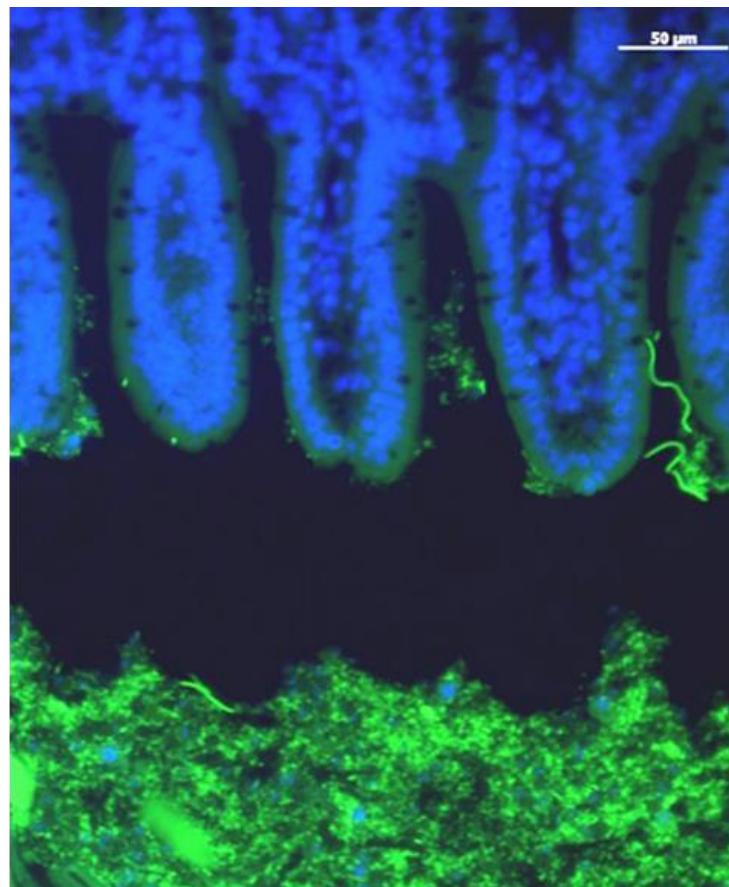
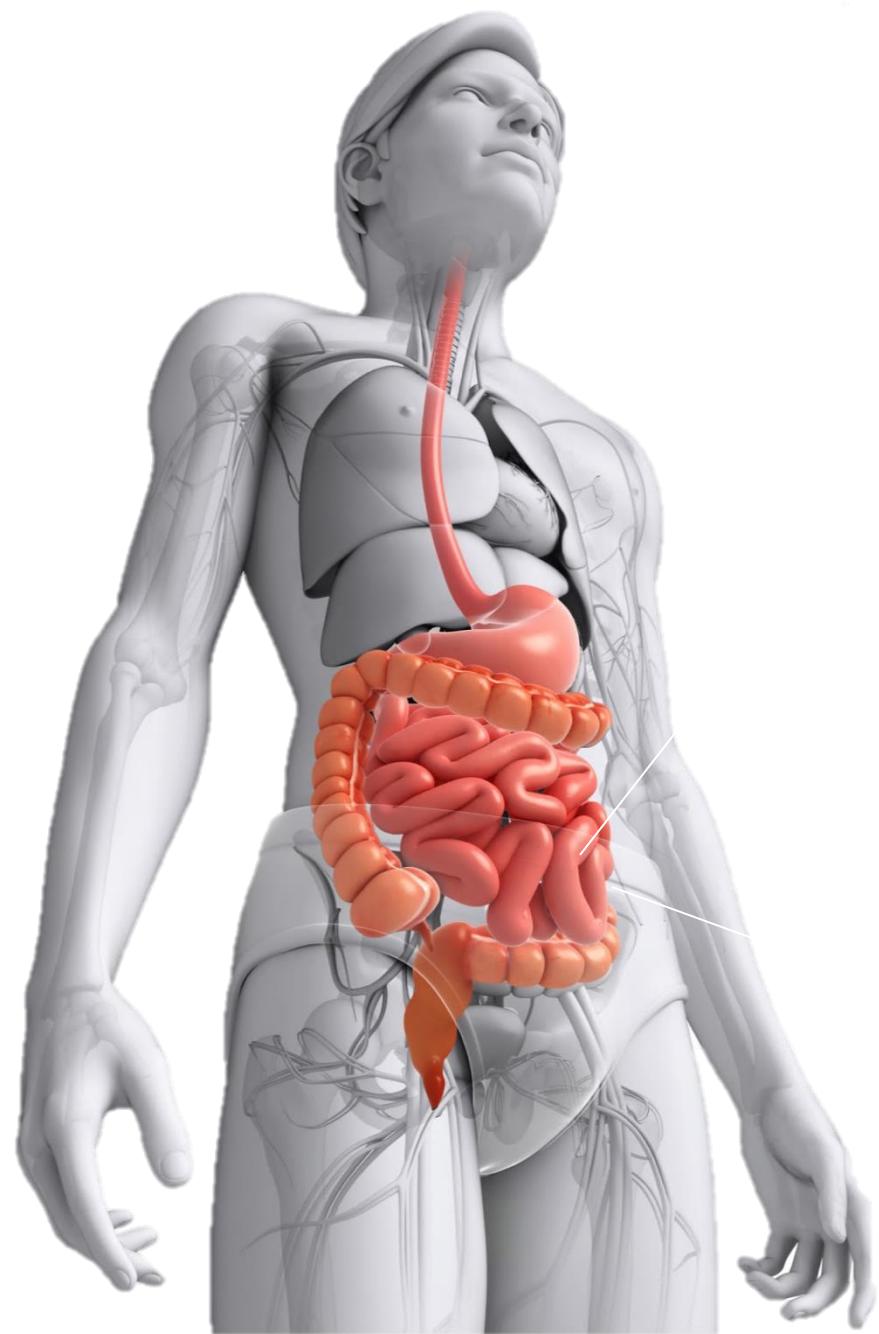
Phanerozoic

Dinosaurs appear  and die

humans appear







Microbiome

IN NUMBERS

100 Trillion

symbiotic microbes live in and on every person and make up the human microbiota

The human body has more microbes than there are stars in the milky way

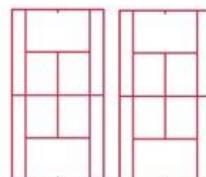


95%

of our microbiota is located in the GI tract

150:1

The genes in your microbiome outnumber the genes in our genome by about 150 to one



The surface area of the GI tract is the same size as 2 tennis courts

1.3X

more microbes than human cells

>10,000

Number of different microbial species that researchers have identified living in and on the human body



The gut microbiota can weigh up to 2Kg



Interfacing Food & Medicine

The microbiome is more medically accessible and manipulable than the human genome

90%

It is thought that of disease can be linked in some way back to the gut and health of the microbiome

5:1

Viruses:Bacteria in the gut microbiota



2.5 The number of times your body's microbes would circle the earth if positioned end to end



Each individual has a unique gut **microbiota**, as personal as a fingerprint

IMAGINE... NO IMMUNE SYSTEM

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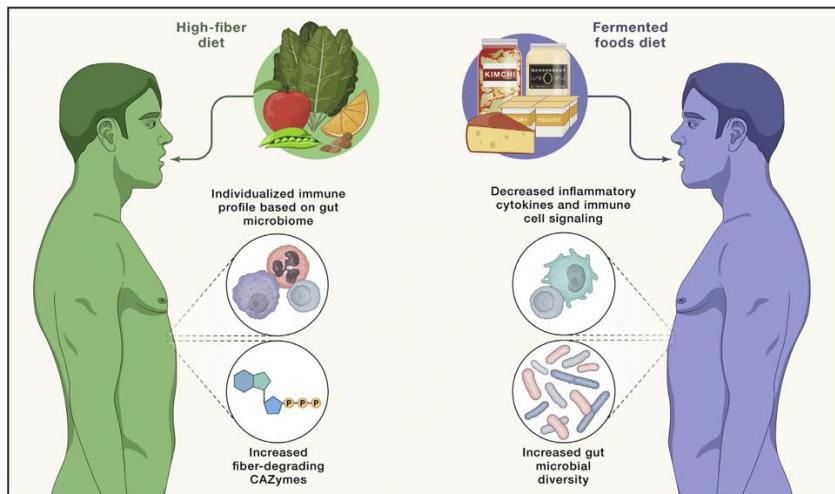


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OPTIONS FOR VALUE CREATION WITH PROBIOTICS AND/OR FERMENTED FOOD

FERMENTED FOOD DIET INCREASES MICROBIOME DIVERSITY AND REDUCES INFLAMMATORY PROTEINS



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Article

Gut-microbiota-targeted diets modulate human immune status

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Overall microbial diversity increases by eating yogurt, kefir, fermented cottage cheese, kimchi and other fermented vegetables, plant-based brine drinks, and kombucha tea, with larger portions having a more substantial effect.

We get good bacteria through

- Birth canal
- Human milk
- Our Nutrition
- Our environment



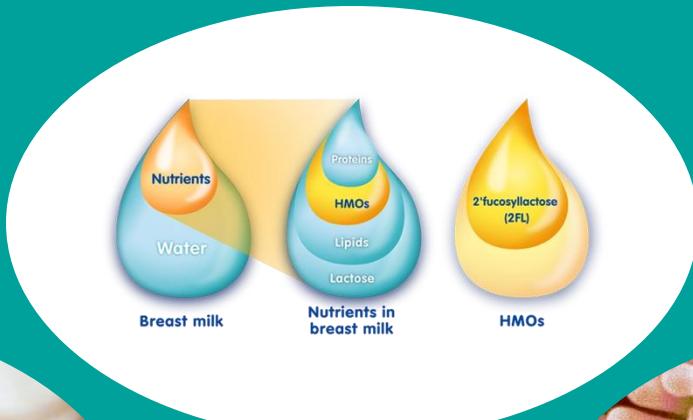
The composition of our microbiome is negatively affected by

- Too many sugars and too little fiber
 - Alcohol
 - Pesticides
- Too much fatty meat
- Antibiotics / Medication
 - Too much stress

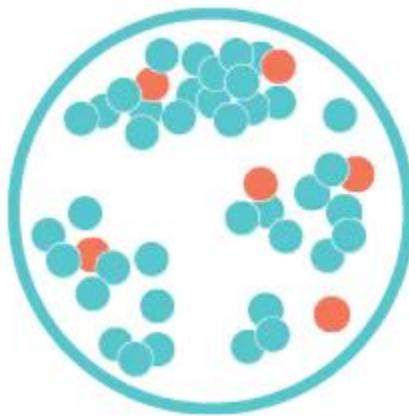


Through human milk we get many healthy *lactobacillus* and *bifidus* bacteria.

And, part of human milk is made up of fiber to feed these bacteria

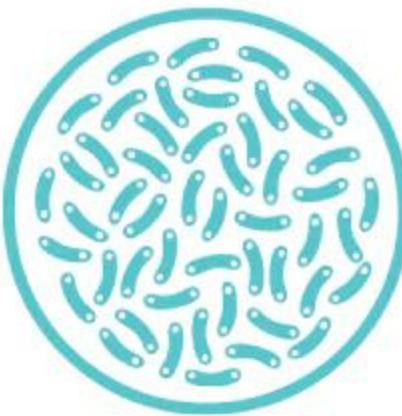


‘BIOTICS’ BETTER EXPLAINED



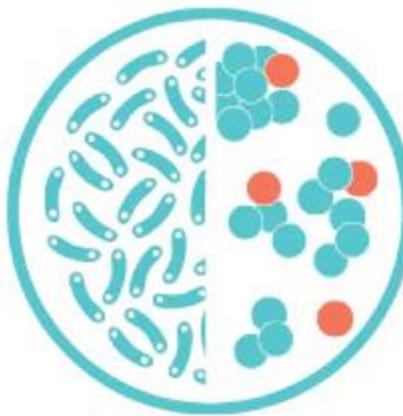
Prebiotics

Non-digestible fiber compounds that stimulate the growth and activity of beneficial gut microorganisms.



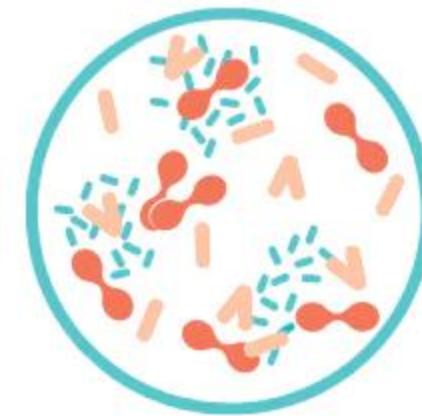
Probiotics

Live microorganisms that inhabit the microbiome and confer health benefits when consumed in sufficient amounts.



Synbiotics

A combination of prebiotics and probiotics.



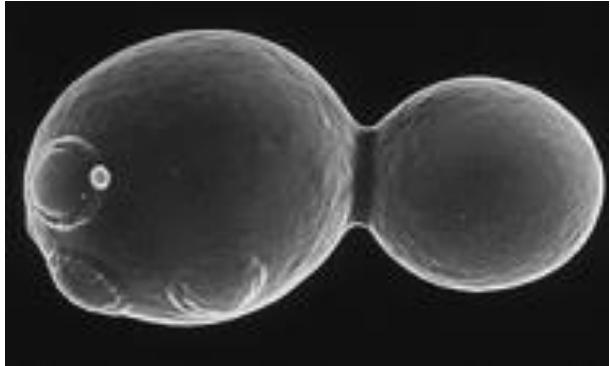
Postbiotics

Products of prebiotic and probiotic activity that mimic some of the same benefits as probiotics, but also offer additional health benefits.

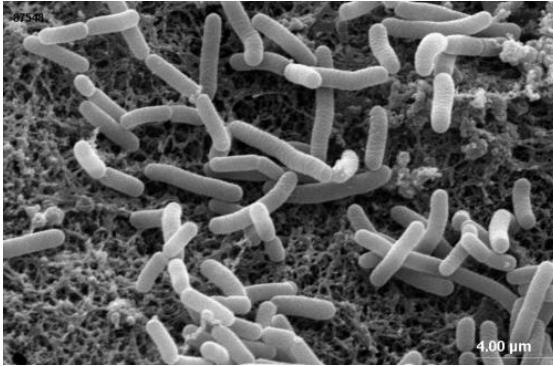
How do we define probiotics today?

"Probiotics are live micro organisms which when administered in adequate amounts confer a health benefit on the host"

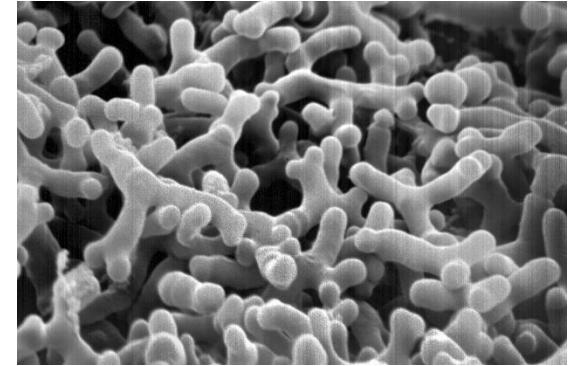
Source: WHO/FAO expert group



Yeast



Lactobacilli

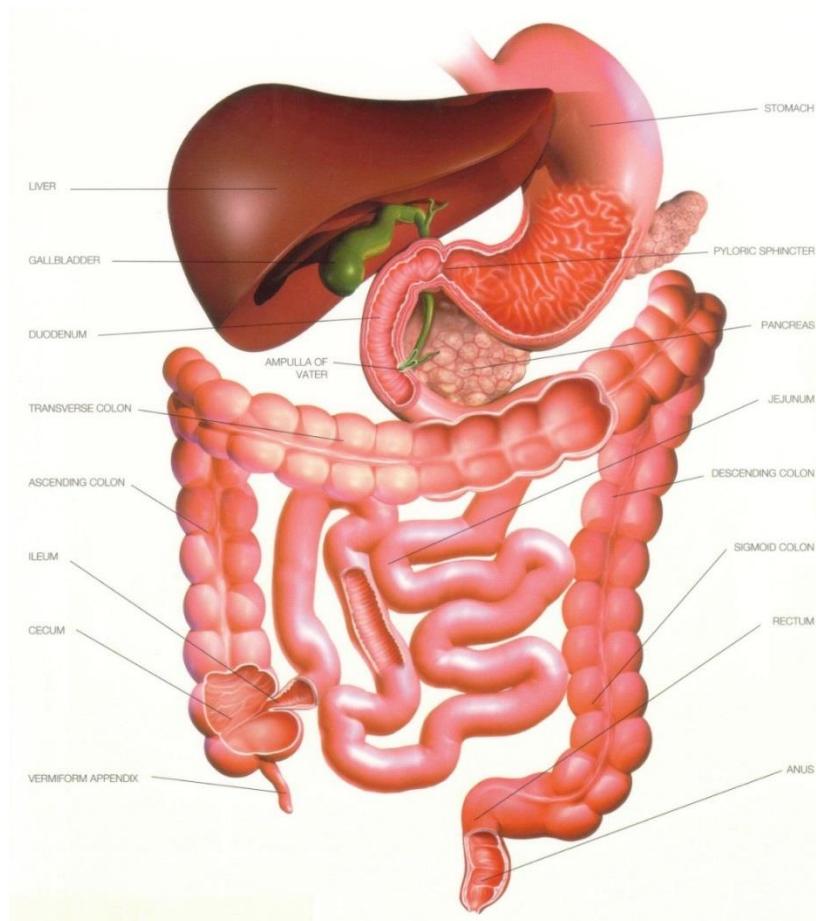


Bifidobacteria

- Typically **Lactobacilli** or **Bifidobacteria**, but also **Enterococci** or **Bacilli** (plus others). Some **yeasts** are also probiotic.
Note: not all Lactobacilli and Bifidobacteria are probiotic
- They colonize the GIT (gastro intestinal tract) only temporarily

DEFINITIONS

PROBIOTIC, PREBIOTIC, SYMBIOTIC



› Probiotic:

- › Specific exogenous health beneficial bacteria

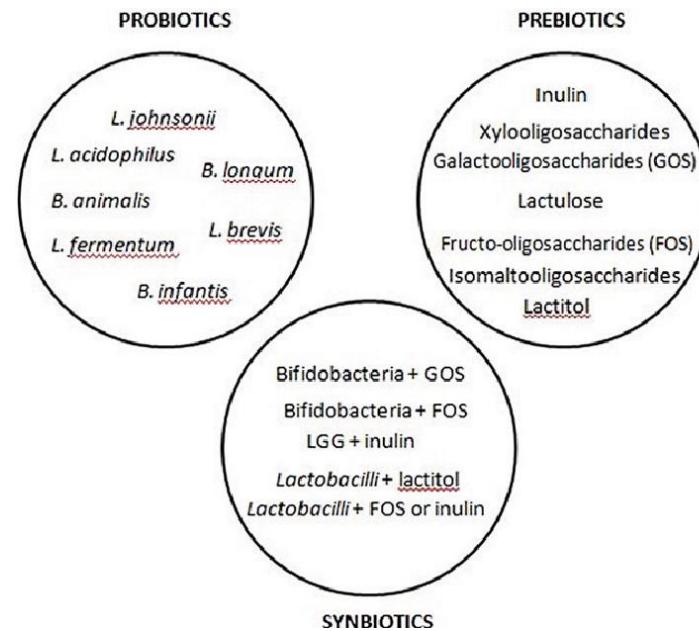
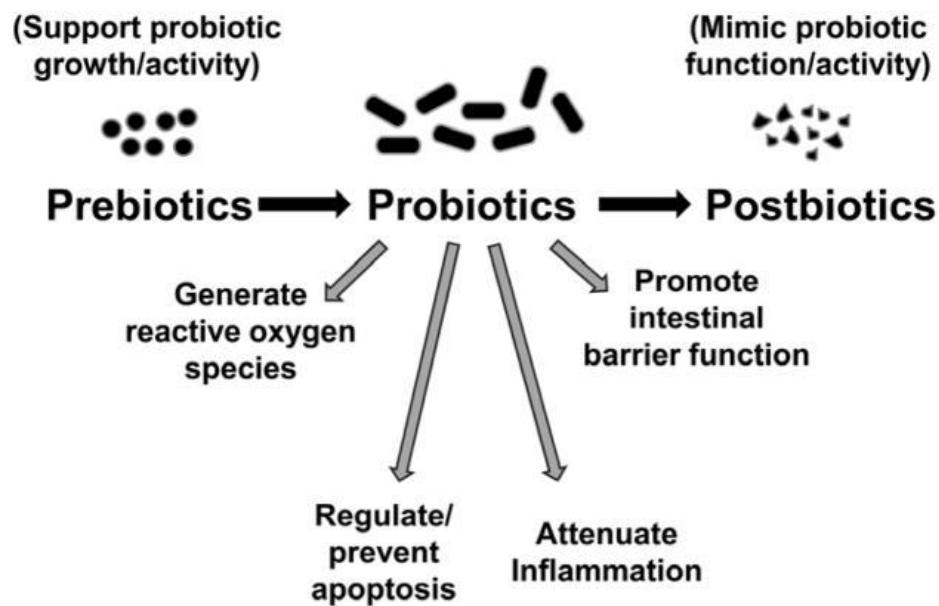
› Prebiotic:

- › Specific ingredient (oligosaccharides) non digestible by the host but able to support the growth of beneficial endogenous bacteria

› Symbiotic:

- › Combination of a probiotic and a prebiotic
- › Tailor made substrate for the probiotic

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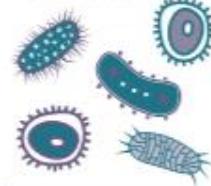


Postbiotics

A postbiotic is a preparation of inanimate microorganisms and/or their components that confers a health benefit on the host.

COMPONENTS OF A POSTBIOTIC:

Postbiotics may contain intact inanimate microbial cells...



and/or microbial cell fragments/structures...



with or without metabolites/endproducts



POSTBIOTIC:

- ✓ Derived from microorganisms, but a postbiotic does not have to be derived from a probiotic
- ✓ A deliberate process to terminate cell viability must be applied. The final postbiotic must contain inactivated microbial cells and/or metabolites or cell components
- ✓ Negligible number of viable cells remaining in final product
- ✓ Evidence of a health benefit in the target host
- ✓ Assessment of safety of the postbiotic preparation for the intended use

NOT POSTBIOTIC:

- ✗ Viruses, including bacteriophages
- ✗ Vaccines
- ✗ Filtrates without cell components
- ✗ Purified microbial components (e.g., proteins, peptides, exopolysaccharides)
- ✗ Purified microbial metabolites (e.g., organic acids)

THE POSTBIOTIC DEFINITION EXPLAINED:

Postbiotic is derived from "biotic", relating to living organisms, and "post", meaning after (life).

Preparation recognizes that the specific formulation, including microbial biomass, matrices, and inactivation methods, may play a role in the beneficial effect.

Inanimate recognizes that the terms 'dead' or 'inactive', may suggest an inert material, rather than a material capable of conferring a health benefit.

Components recognizes that health effects may be mediated by a variety of different cell parts or metabolites.

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Examples of Postbiotics

a preparation of inanimate microorganisms and/or their components that confers a health benefit on the host



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Effects on anti-periodontal diseases

1. Oral Health Prev Dent. 2016; 14(3):207-14. Daily Intake of Heat-killed Lactobacillus plantarum L-137 Decreases the Probing Depth in Patients Undergoing Supportive Periodontal Therapy.

Anti-cold/flu effects in healthy subjects with high levels of psychological stress

2. J Nutr Sci. 2013; 2: e39. Oral intake of heat-killed Lactobacillus plantarum L-137 decreases the incidence and severity of upper respiratory tract infection in healthy subjects with high levels of psychological stress.

Effects on immune functions and health-related QOL in healthy human subjects

3. J Nutr. 2006; 136(12): 3069-73. Daily intake of heat-killed Lactobacillus plantarum L-137 augments acquired immunity in healthy adults.

Effects on anti-inflammation and lipid metabolism in overweight healthy adults

4. Eur J Nutr (2019). Daily intake of heat-killed Lactobacillus plantarum L-137 improves inflammation and lipid metabolism in overweight healthy adults: a randomized-controlled tri



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HK L-137 Evidence Center



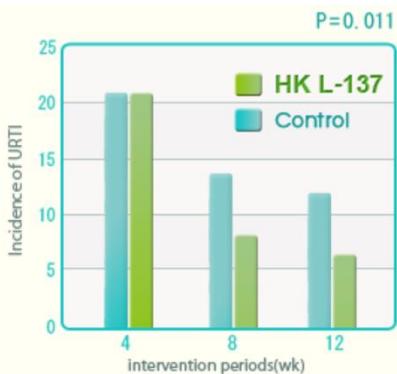
"Lactobacillus plantarum strain L-137"

Narezushi is fermented fish pickled with rice

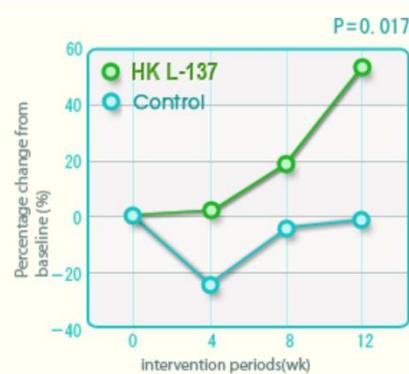


L-137

DAILY INTAKE OF HK L-137 AUGMENTS CELLULAR IMMUNITY, THEREBY DECREASING THE INCIDENCE AND SEVERITY OF URTI IN HEALTHY SUBJECTS.

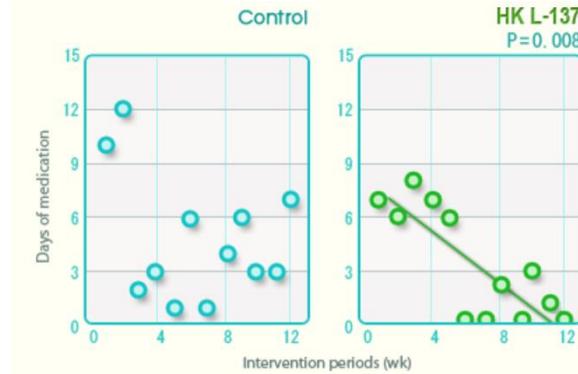


The incidence of URTI in the HK L-137 group was significantly lower than that in the control group ($P=0.011$).



T cell proliferation was significantly higher in the HK L-137 group than in the control group during the study ($P=0.017$). (Concanavalin A-induced proliferation).

A total of 78 healthy subjects (thirty-three men and forty-five women; mean age 50.6 years) were randomly assigned to receive a tablet containing HK L-137 (10 mg) or a placebo tablet daily for 12 weeks.



The days of medication showed a significant negative correlation with duration of HK L-137 intake ($P=0.008$).

Hirose S., et al. (2013). Oral intake of heat-killed Lactobacillus plantarum L-137 decreases the incidence of upper respiratory tract infection in healthy subjects with high levels of psychological stress. *Journal of Nutritional Science*, 2, E39. doi:10.1017/jns.2013.35

L-137, IS APPLIED IN A BROAD RANGE OF FOOD PRODUCTS

FOR SOME OF THESE PRODUCTS, THE QUESTION ARISES HOW HEAT STABLE IS THE ACTIVE INGREDIENT DURING E.G. BAKING AND LONG SHELF LIFE?



Tetra Pak
Postbiotic Flavored Ambient Yoghurt Drink



Note: 5 year shelf Life!



10billion of heat-killed
lactobacillus plantarum L-
137 in 1 pack

[Dietary supplement]
Usage examples

Add lactic acid bacteria while keeping it tasty!

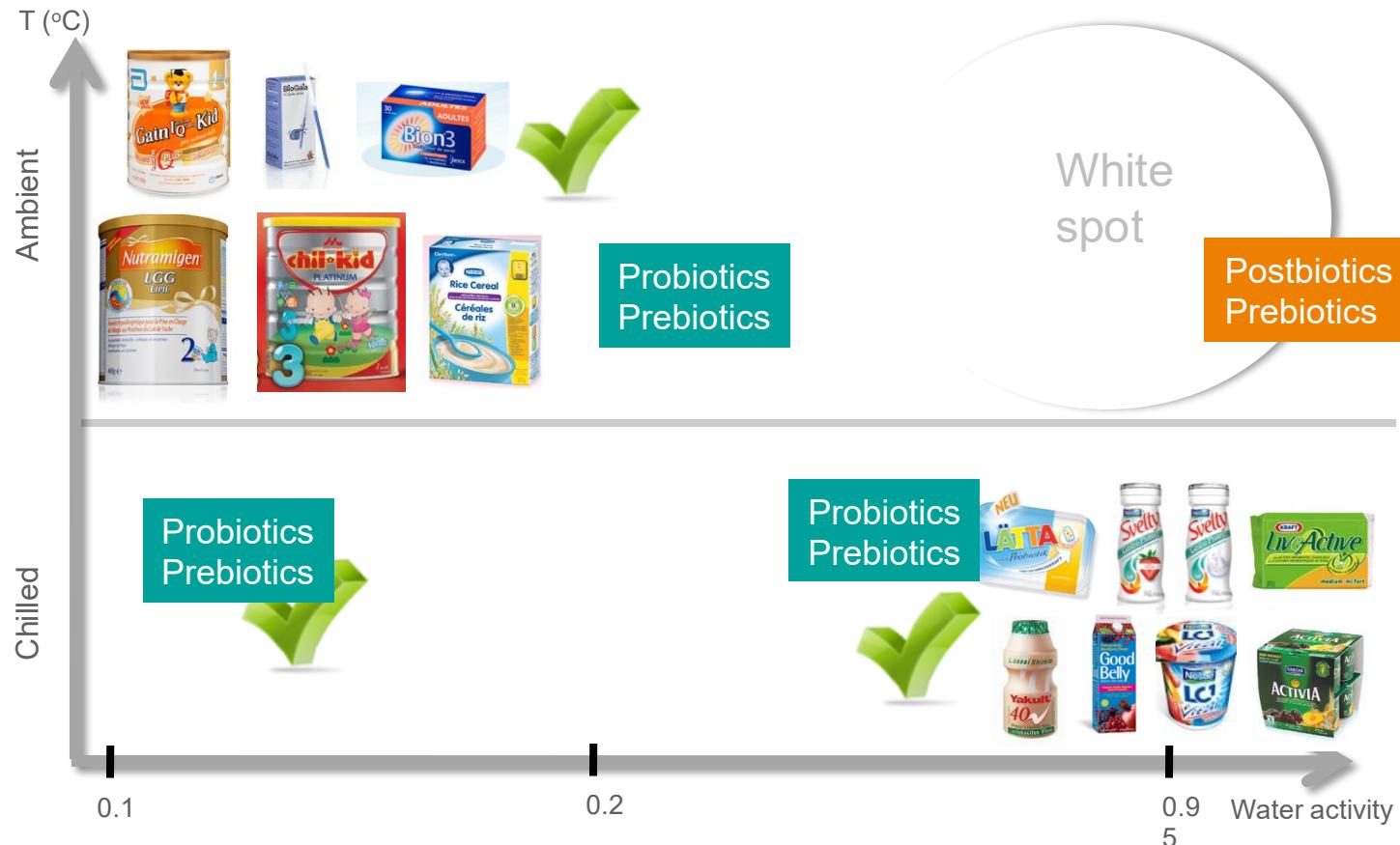
Product name: Lactic acid bacteria for protect and enhance L-137 Supplement

Powder stick packs

Easy health management

30 sticks

PROBIOTICS DRIED AND AMBIENT VS. LIQUID AND CHILLED



Probiotics, Prebiotics, Synbiotics, Postbiotics and Fermented Foods **DEFINED**

Many terms in the 'biotic' space have emerged. Although probiotics, prebiotics, and synbiotics have more than a 25 year history, other biotic terms are relatively new. These terms are widely used in both scientific literature and popular media, and while they are intended to be descriptive, they often are confusing and misused.

ISAPP has enlisted the help of global experts to provide multiple perspectives in formulating consensus definitions that reflect current science for many of these terms. The goal of the consensus panels (comprising 10 or more global experts) has been to describe clearly what these terms are in order to support their proper use by stakeholders.

In addition to the criteria stipulated below, all substances must be safe for their intended use. For substances required to have a demonstrated health benefit, all product formulations must deliver an efficacious level of substance and must be fully identified.

Probiotic



Consensus definition Live microorganisms that, when administered in adequate amounts, confer a health benefit on the host (Hill et al., 2014)

Simple way to conceptualize Live microbes that are good for your health

Live microbes present? Yes

Demonstrated health benefit required? Yes

Examples *Bifidobacterium animalis* subsp. *lactis* XYZ
Genus: *Bifidobacterium*
Species: *animalis*
Subspecies: *lactis*
Strain: XYZ



Keep in mind Identity must be confirmed through genome sequencing.
Viability must be preserved through the end of shelf life.

Prebiotic



Consensus definition A substrate that is selectively utilized by host microorganisms conferring a health benefit on the host (Gibson et al., 2017)

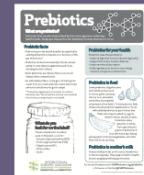
Simple way to conceptualize Food for beneficial microbes within the host

Live microbes present? No

Demonstrated health benefit required? Yes

Examples Inulin, galactooligosaccharides, fructooligosaccharides

Keep in mind New prebiotics emerging:
Polyphenols, oligosaccharides based on xylose, maltose and other sugars



Synbiotic

Consensus definition

A mixture comprising live microorganisms and substrate(s) selectively utilized by host microorganisms that confers a health benefit on the host (Swanson et al., 2020)

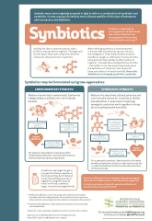
Simple way to conceptualize

Live microbes present? Yes

Demonstrated health benefit required? Yes

Example Complementary synbiotic: inulin + *Bifidobacterium animalis* subsp. *lactis* XYZ

Keep in mind A health benefit must be shown for a synbiotic as combined, not just the probiotic alone and the prebiotic alone.



Postbiotic

Consensus definition

Preparation of inanimate microorganisms and/or their components that confers a health benefit on the host (Salminen et al., 2021)

Simple way to conceptualize

Live microbes present? No

Demonstrated health benefit required? Yes

Examples Some infant formulas, some bacterial lysates to prevent recurrent respiratory tract infections, yeast fermentates used in animal feeds

Keep in mind Purified metabolites do not qualify as postbiotics



Fermented Foods

Consensus definition

Foods made through desired microbial growth and enzymatic conversions of food components (Marco et al., 2020)

Simple way to conceptualize

Live microbes present? Sometimes yes, sometimes no.

Demonstrated health benefit required? Live microbes not required in final product.

Examples Not required

Keep in mind Yogurt, kefir, sauerkraut, sourdough bread

Keep in mind Microbes present may be defined or undefined; live or dead



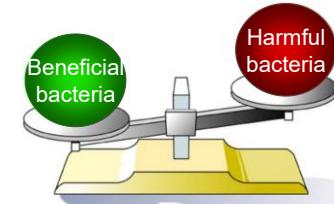
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Introduction to probiotics

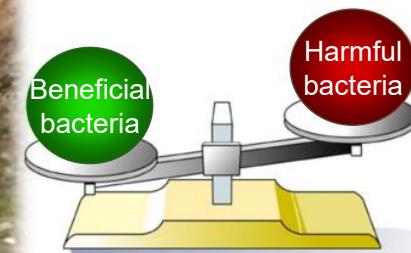
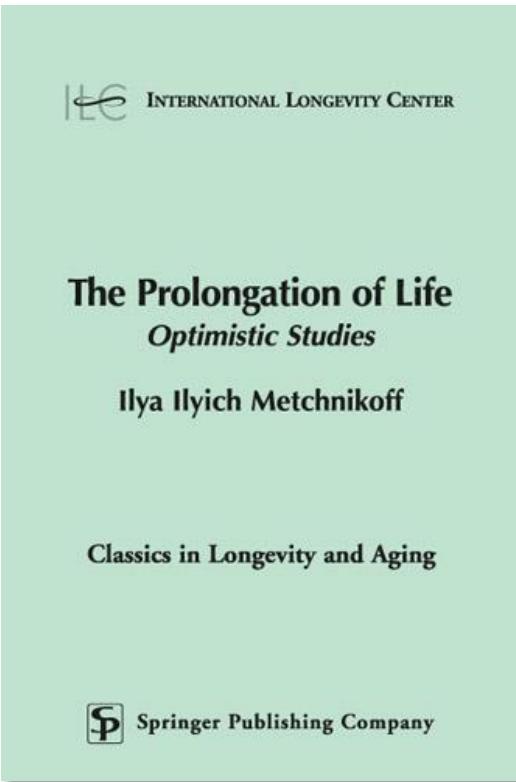
Why are they healthy and different from other bacteria?

1. Remain active during transfer in the digestive tract; they endure gastric acid, bile acid, and other stressful conditions
2. They are adhesive and can adhere to the surface of the intestine where it inhibits the actions of harmful bacteria
3. Become a natural part of intestinal microbiota, balancing it against disturbances
4. Lactobacilli have been shown to bind aflatoxin B, a food borne mycotoxin produced by *Aspergillus niger*
5.



The beginning of the probiotic concept

ILYA METCHNIKOFF (1845-1916): "THE PROLONGATION OF LIFE – OPTIMISTIC STUDIES"



Introduction to probiotics



Minoru Shirota (1899 –1982) was a Japanese scientist. He was the inventor of Yakult, the yogurt-like probiotic drink containing *Lactobacillus casei* strain shirota.



1985 PATENT DESCRIBING LGG® ISOLATION PROCEDURE - GOLDWIN AND GORBACH

Selection a human stool sample with high levels of lactobacilli (average is 10^9 gram $^{-1}$)



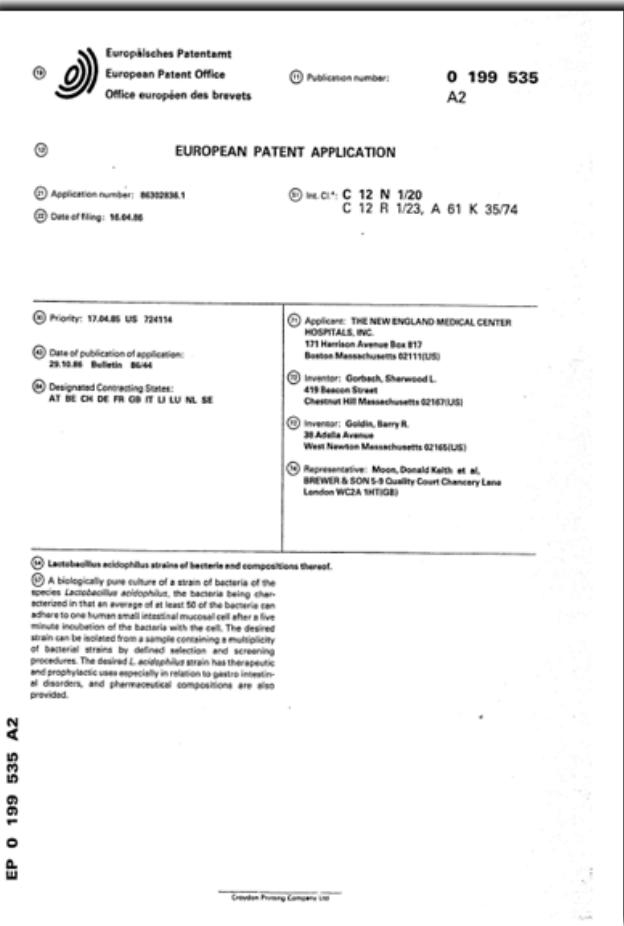
Screen:

- › Tolerant for acidic conditions
(growth between pH 3.0 and pH 3.5)
- › Tolerant for bile acids
(growth in the presence of 1.5 g/l oxgall bile)
- › Ability to attach to small intestinal mucosal cells (> 100 bacteria per cell)
- › Lactic acid production (4 mmol per 24 h of 10^{10} cells)
- › Hardy *in vitro* growth (doubling time of 45 min at 37 °C)

Administration: 10^9 – 10^{10} bacteria to 200 ml of UHT milk for treatment of

- antibiotic-associated diarrhoea
- IBD
- constipation

Claim for colonization of the intestine by this “natural organism”



PROBIOTICS: HOW COULD THEY WORK?

1. Inhibition of pathogens

- reduction of luminal pH
- competition for nutrients
- secretion of anti-microbial compounds (bacteriocins)
- induction of the production of antimicrobial compounds by the host (defensins)

2. Improvement of the epithelial barrier function

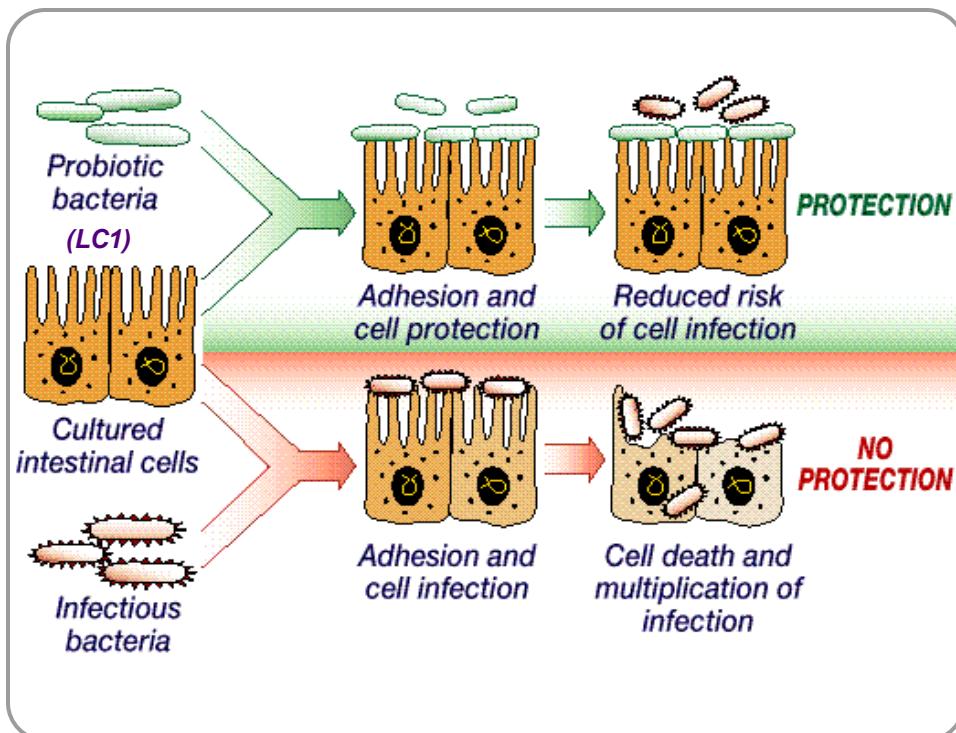
prevention of bacterial adhesion and evasion of epithelial cells

3. Modulation of host immune responses

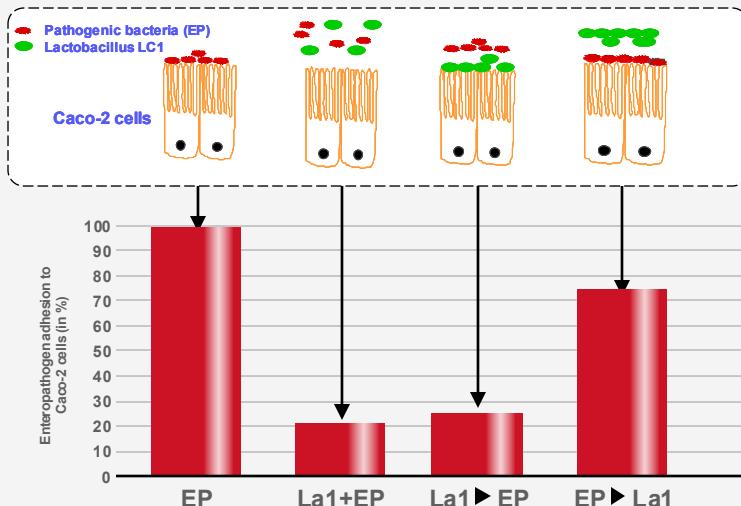


Required is adhesion to and/or colonization of the epithelial cell surface

ANTI-PATHOGEN ACTIVITY OF PROBIOTICS COMPETITIVE DISPLACEMENT OF PATHOGENS IN THE GUT



Inhibition of enteropathogen adhesion to Caco-2 Cells by La1
(*E. Coli*, *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*)



Ref. Nestlé data

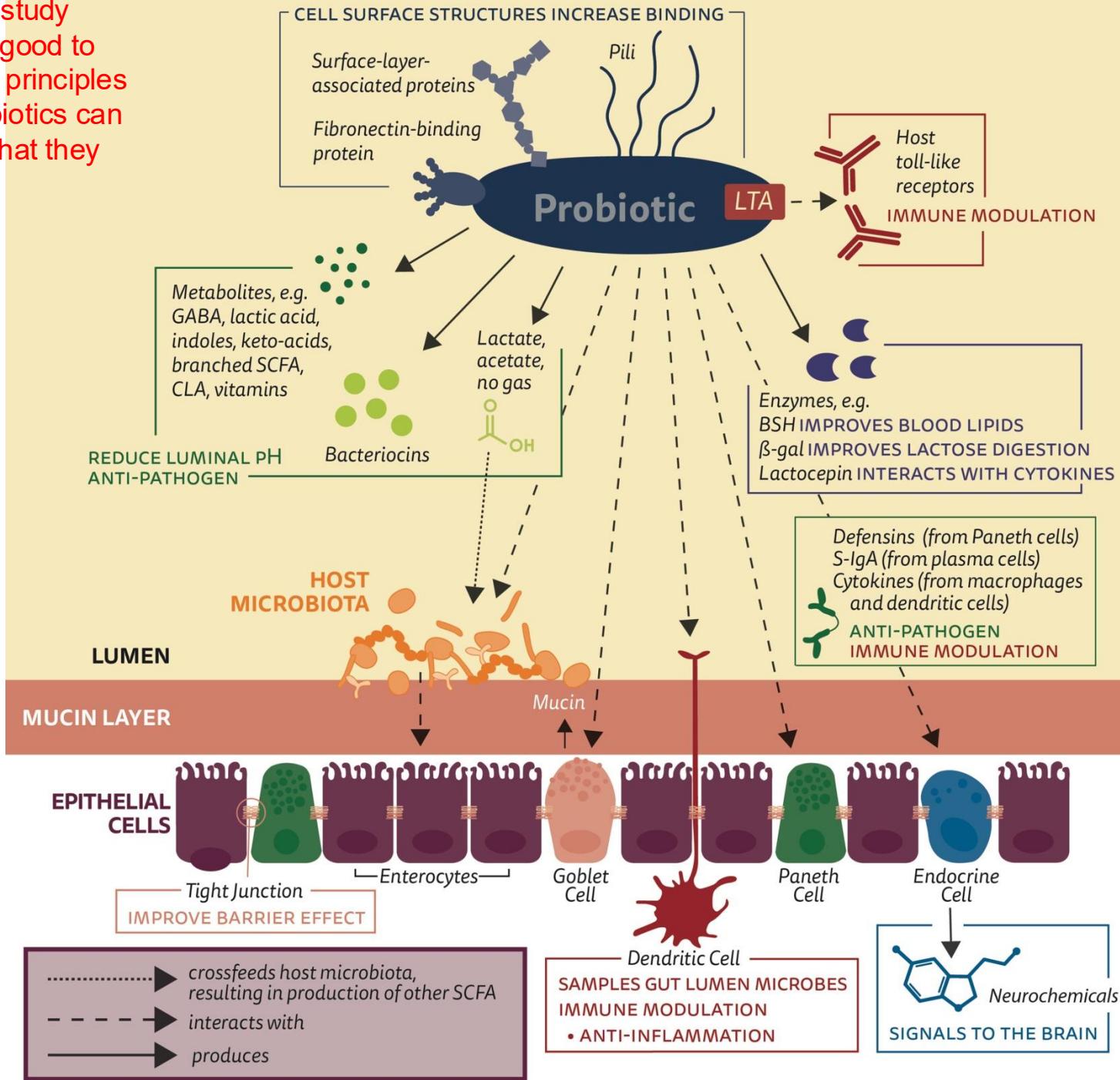
PROBIOTICS IN ACTION – MOVIE

***L. JOHNSONII* AND *E. COLI* O157**



Movie is not available on line, but was shown in class

No need to study details, but good to know some principles of how probiotics can work and what they can do



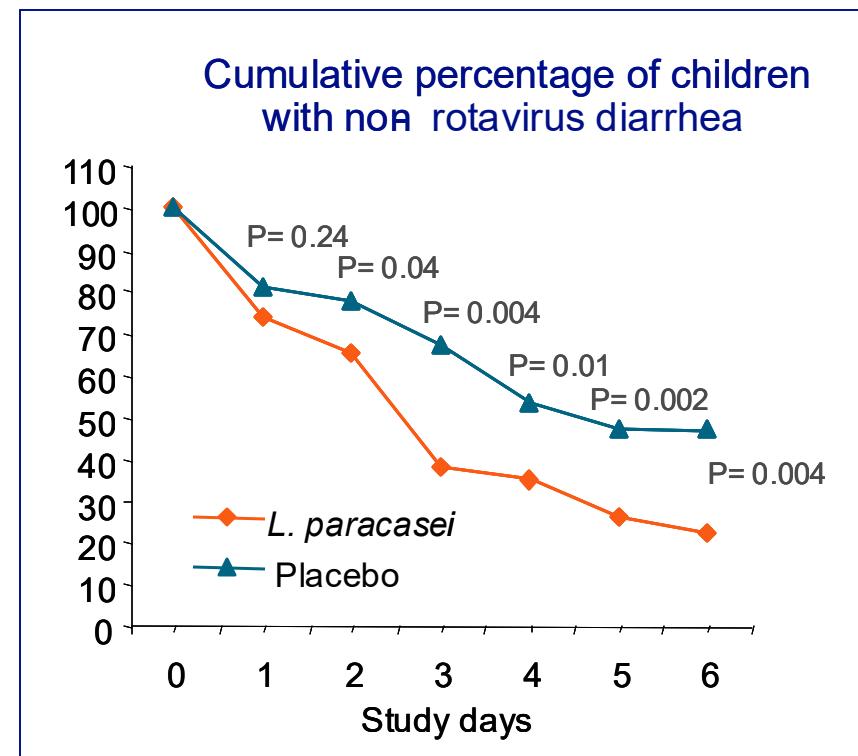
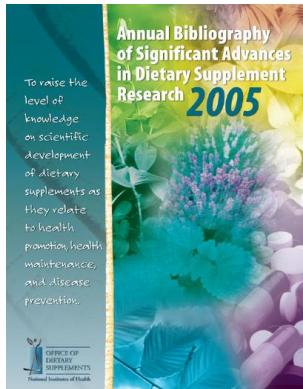
Product example:

GUM powder with *L. paracasei* NCC2461 (ST11)

Study

- 230 infants, 4-24 months
- Diarrhea < 2 days
- 10^{10} *L. paracasei* NCC2461 or placebo for 5 days

Study selected as one of the best interventional studies by NIH



Sarker et al. 2005



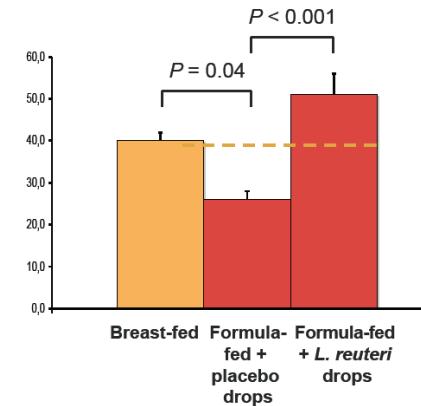
Product example:

Infant formulae with *L. reuteri*



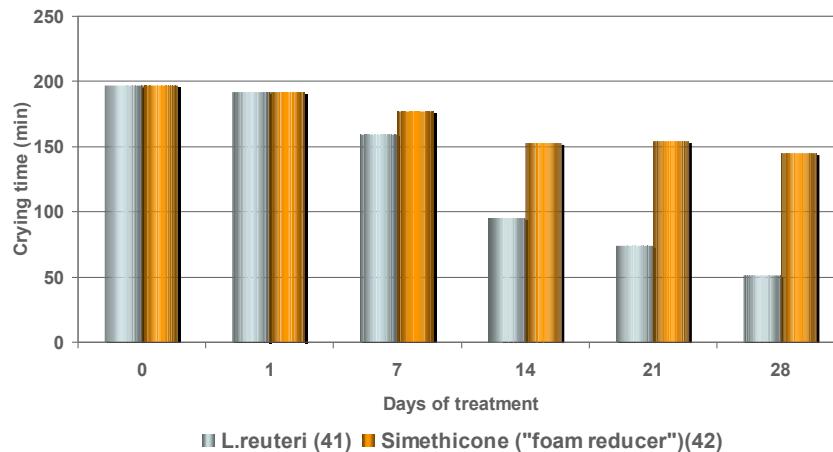
- *L. reuteri* improves gastric motility and GI transit in preterm and term infants
- *L. reuteri* reduces daily crying time in colicky infants
- *L. reuteri* reduces pain intensity in children suffering from recurrent abdominal pain

Gastric emptying rate



Indrio et al. *J Pediatr* 2008

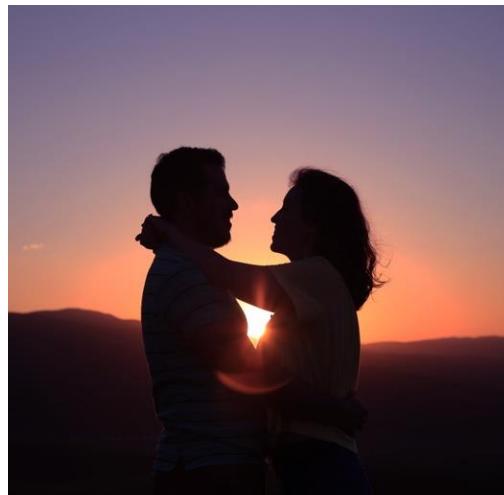
Crying time



Savino F. et al., *Pediatrics* 2007

"The Gut Brain Axis"

Connection between brain and gut



1. In love



2. Feeling full after eating



3. Stress at work

- In a mice studies, the composition of the microbiome impacts responses to stress
- *Administering certain probiotics (*lactobacillus reuteri*) can eliminate the effects of stress.*

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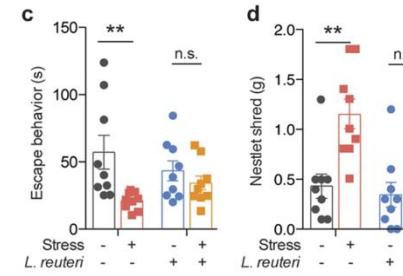
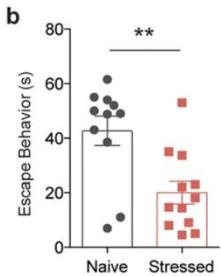
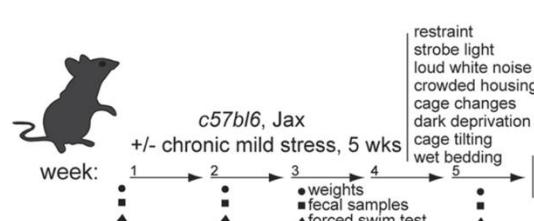
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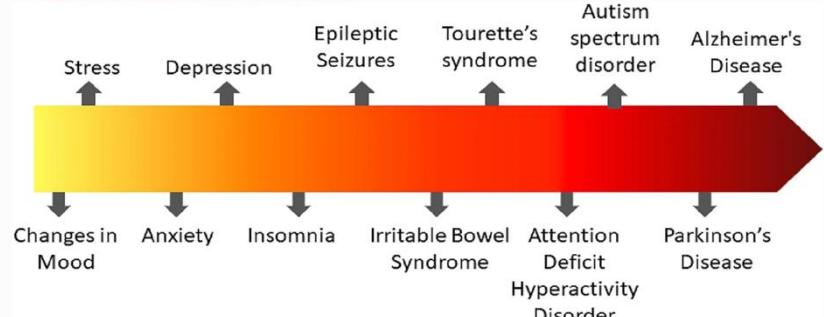
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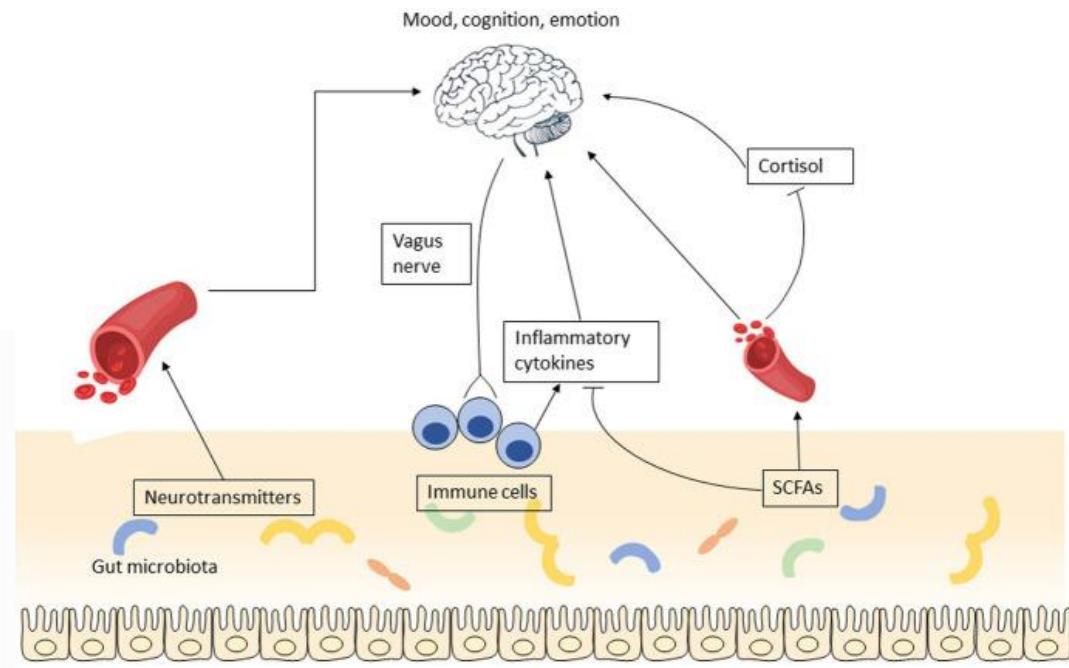
Mechanisms about how our gut bacteria are connected to our mental health

- Synthesis of neurotransmitters,
- Production of short-chain fatty acids (acetic acid, butyric acid, propionic acid)
- Regulating and limiting inflammation.

From: [Psychobiotics: The Next-Generation Probiotics for the Brain](#)



Scope of psychobiotics with regard to their therapeutic potential



Yang Y, Zhou B, Zhang S, Si L, Liu X, Li F. Prebiotics for depression: how does the gut microbiota play a role? *Front Nutr*. 2023 Jul 6;10:1206468. doi: 10.3389/fnut.2023.1206468. PMID: 37485386; PMCID: PMC10358272.

Certain probiotics produce – or remove- substances that act on the Vagus Nerve

The butyrate producing bacteria *Coprococcus*

Accepted manuscript

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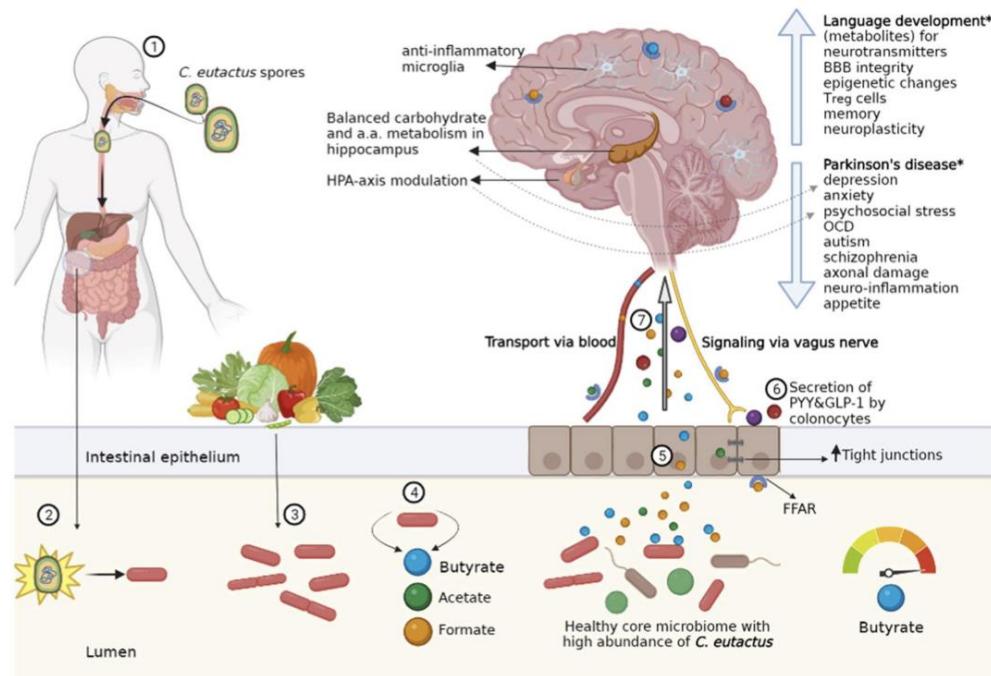
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GABA is produced by gut microbes and plays important role in managing anxiety, stress and fear.

GABA reduces a nerve cell's ability to receive, generate, or send chemical messages to other nerve cells. GABA is known to have a calming effect.

Bifidobacterium adolescentis as a key member of the human gut microbiota in the production of GABA

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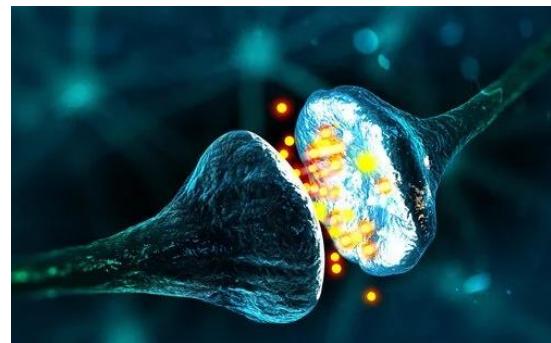
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Bifidobacterium longum subsp. *longum* Reduces Perceived Psychological Stress in Healthy Adults: An Exploratory Clinical Trial

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Yili and Fonterra Taking Probiotics Beyond Digestive Wellness?



Two more examples linked to the Gut-Brain Axis bacterium *Coprococcus*

1. Language development
2. Depression



In a study that looked at the composition of the gut microbiome in young Ugandan children, an association was seen between the presence of the intestinal bacterium *Coprococcus eutactus* and the development of language skills.

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Coprococcus bacteria were consistently associated with higher quality of life indicators. Together with Dialister, *Coprococcus* spp. were also depleted in depression, even after correcting for the confounding effects of antidepressants.

Several mood enhancing probiotics are entering the market

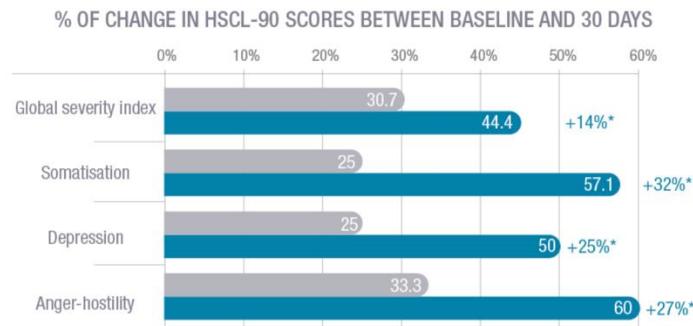
Examples



CEREBIOME® significantly improves psychological signs related to occasional stress

■ Placebo
■ CEREBIOME®

* $p<0.05$



CEREBIOME® helps alleviate the physical and psychological symptoms of stress and feelings of anxiety.

Since the 2000s, CEREBIOME® (*Lactobacillus helveticus* Rosell®-52 + *Bifidobacterium longum* Rosell®-175) has been documented on the reduction of psychological stress in humans by five clinical studies and nine animal studies.

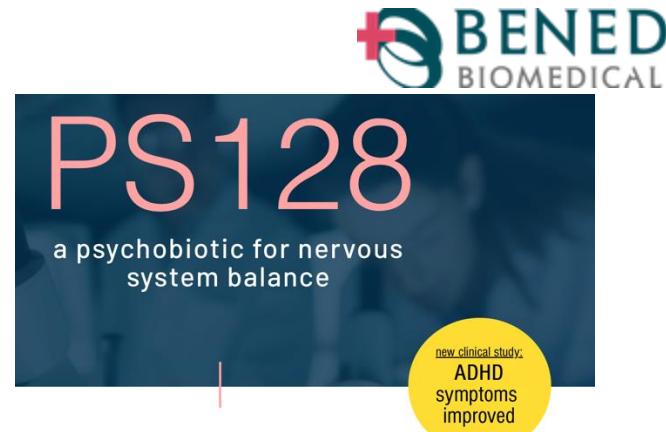


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- Regulates dopamine (motor control, motivation) and serotonin (mood, sleep)
- Reduces cortisol (stress) levels throughout the body
- Boosts amounts of key SCFAs (short-chain fatty acids) and
- Antioxidant and anti-inflammatory (reduces TNF- α and IL-6, increases IL-10)
- Improves athletic endurance and post-workout physical recovery
- Promotes healthy digestion

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Effects of *Lactobacillus plantarum* PS128 on Depressive Symptoms and Sleep Quality in Self-Reported Insomniacs: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Pilot Trial

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Stress can also be reduced by eating fermented foods and fiber

Hereby also the composition of the gut microbiome changes



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Positive Health Outcomes Associated with Live Microbe Intake from Foods, Including Fermented Foods, Assessed using the NHANES Database

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Probiotic health benefits



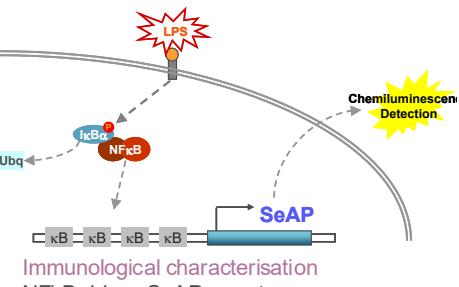
Courtesy Nestlé Research.

Note: These are broad probiotic health benefit areas, not health claims associated with probiotic products.

Development of New Probiotics

Pre-clinical studies SAFETY - EFFICACY

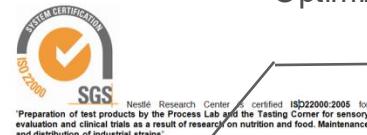
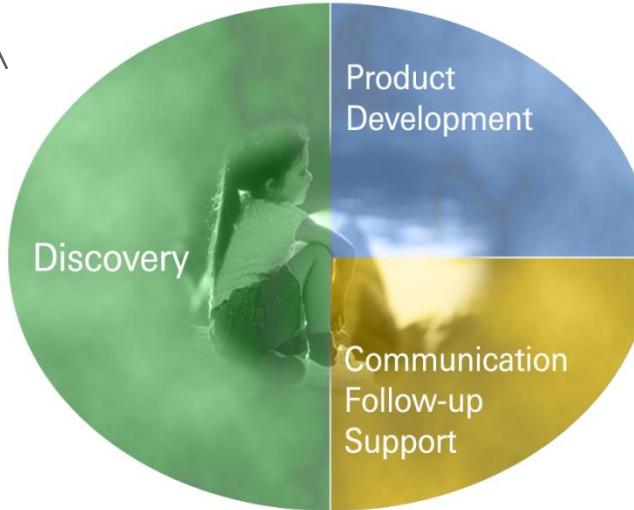
In vitro SAFETY – STABILITY - EFFICACY



Culture Collection Basic Characterization, IP Status



Human / Clinical Studies SAFETY - EFFICACY



Process & Product Optimization, Formulation, Scale Up



Documentation & Regulatory Approval



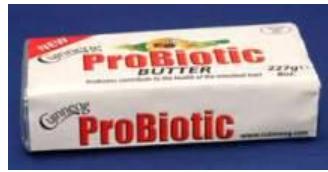
Product Launch



Many formulations as part of daily life



Shelf-stable dairy, Nutrition



Chilled dairy

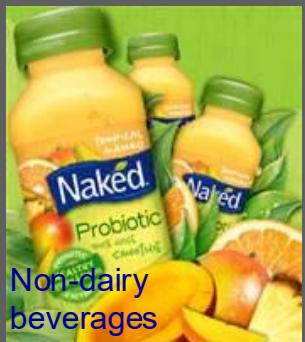
Confectionery



Cereals



Pet Care



Non-dairy beverages



Ice cream



Beauty & Health care supplements

Probiotic Production Technology - Content

1. What

- a. Viability
- b. Yield
- c. Functionality

Definition of Probiotics

“live microorganisms that, when administered in adequate amounts, confer a health benefit on the host”

2. How

- a. Increasing the strain stability
- b. Stabilizing process conditions

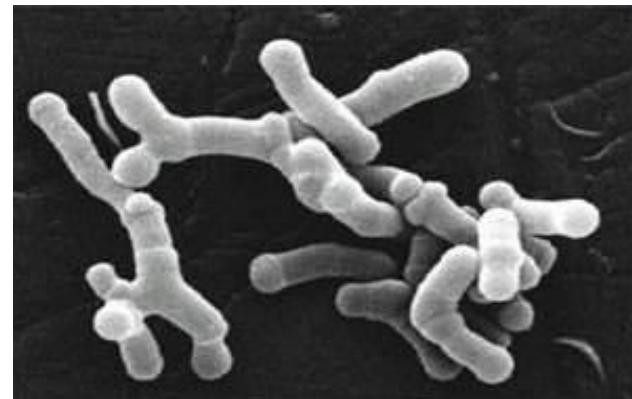
Fermentation

Drying

Mode of reconstitution

Genetic stability

- c. Understanding the mechanisms of probiotic functionality



3. Scale up

4. Outlook and Conclusions

Probiotic Food Products – Examples from the western world

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Frozen products

- Ice cream

Refrigerated products

- Fermented dairy products
- Fruit juices

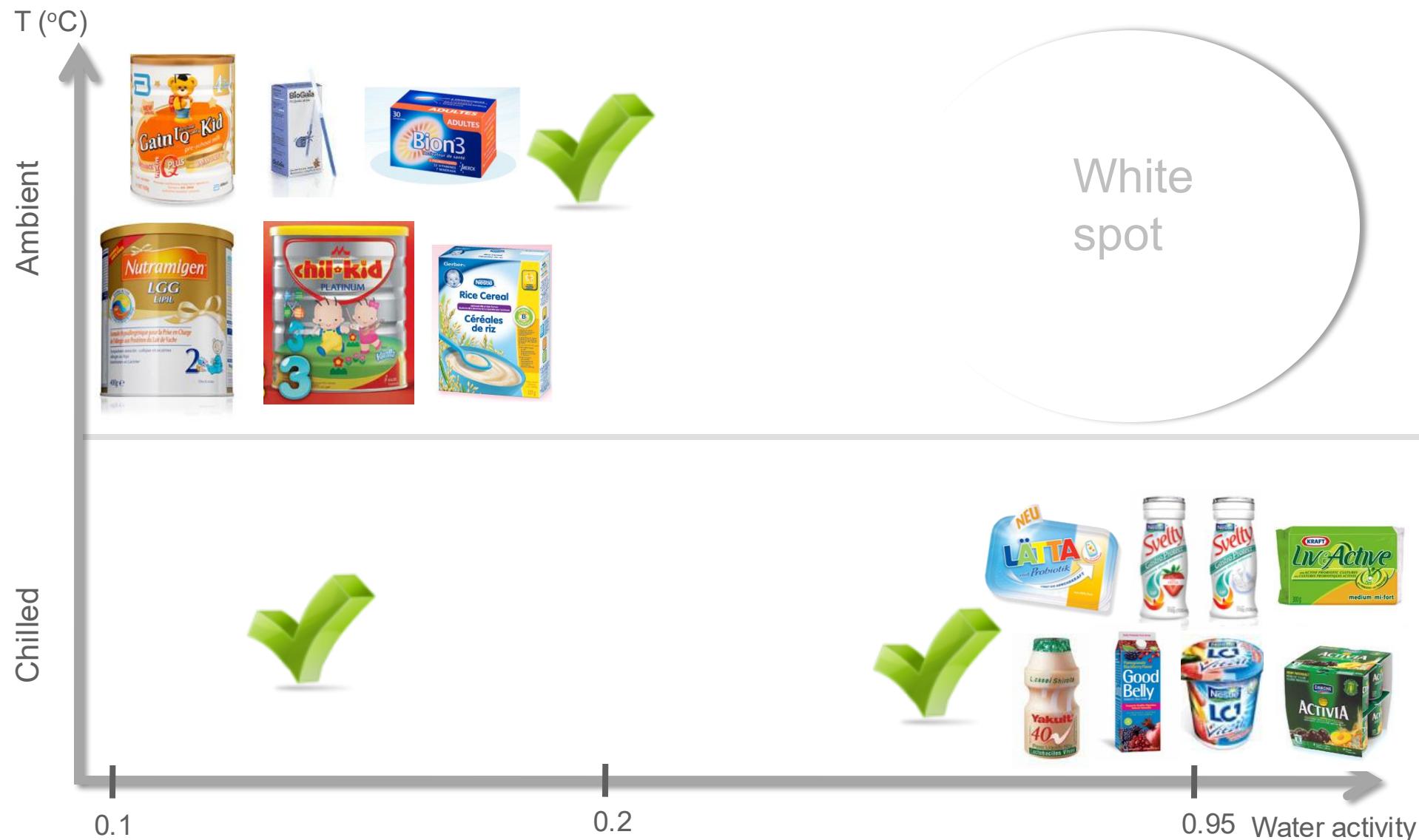
Shelf-stable products

- Milk powder (infant and children)
- Breakfast cereals, muesli
- Biscuits, bars, candies, chocolate..
- Pet food (esp. cats & dogs)
- Medical food powders
- Supplements

Overview of storage regimes

Dried and ambient vs. Liquid and chilled

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Overview of the manufacturing process options and product formulation

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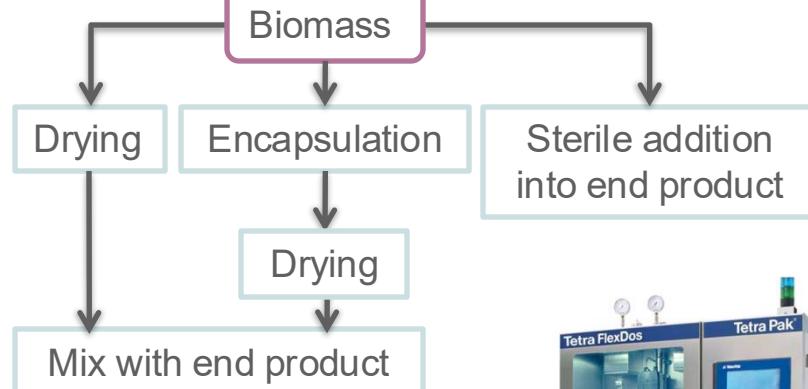
Ingredient

Growth/fermentation

In-Product

Food grade growth media
In fermenter
Aim: Maximal biomass

In-product fermentation
In container or fermentation tank
Aim: Optimal sensory & biomass

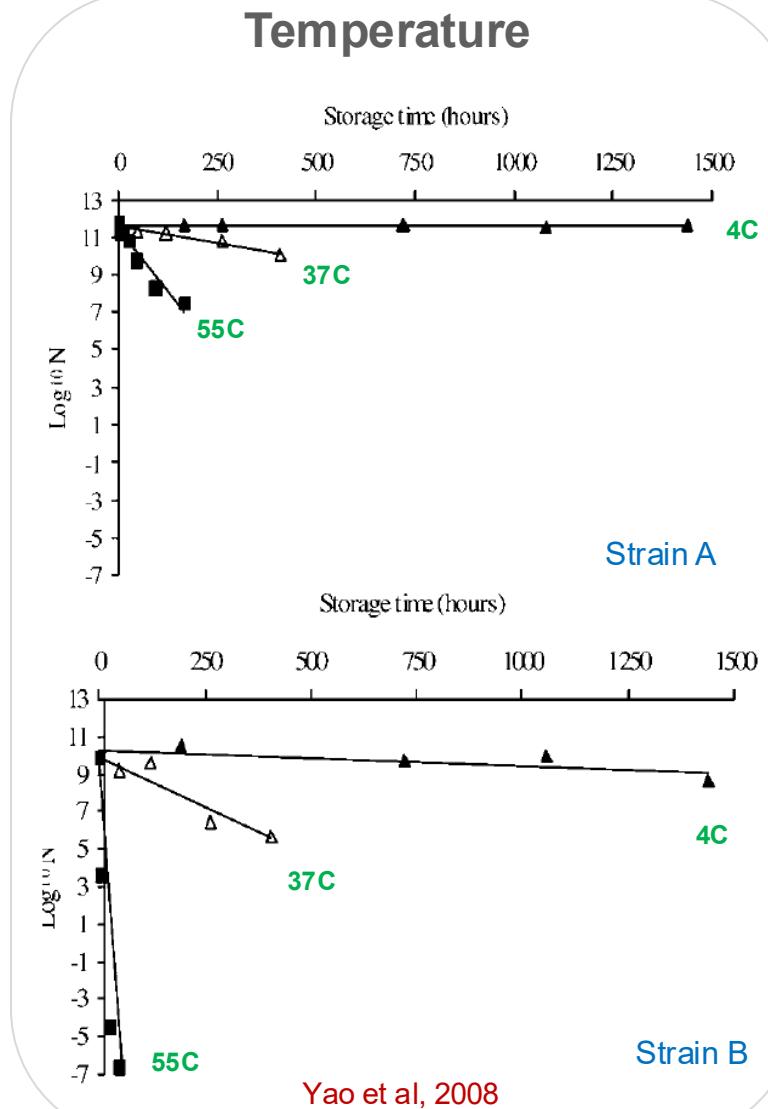
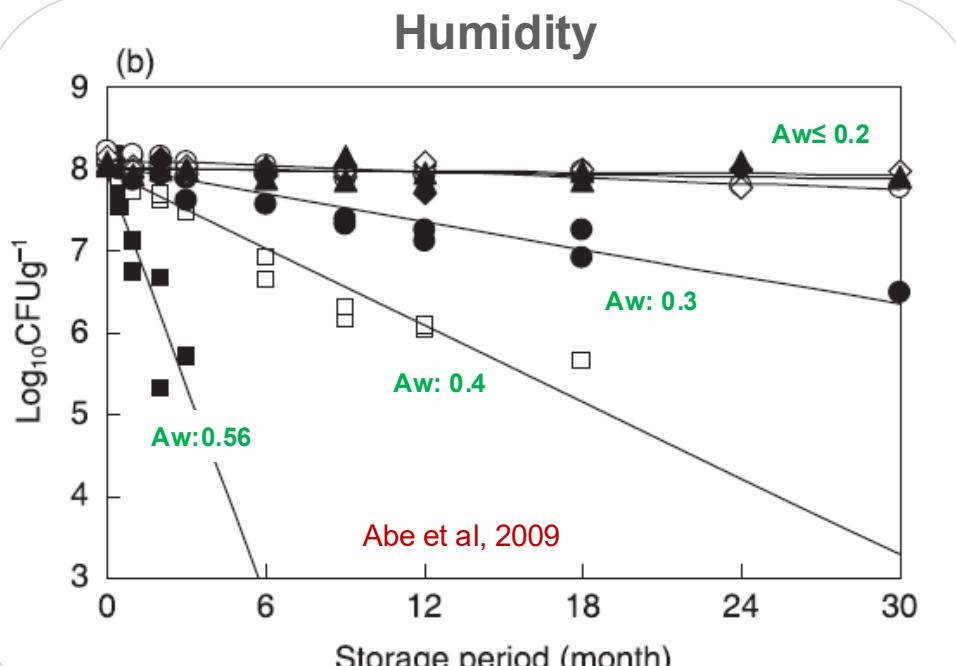


Fermented milk

Drying

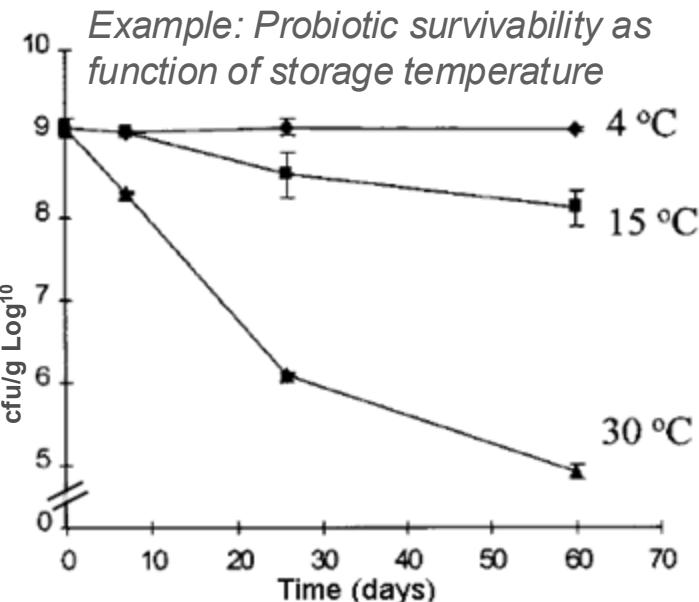
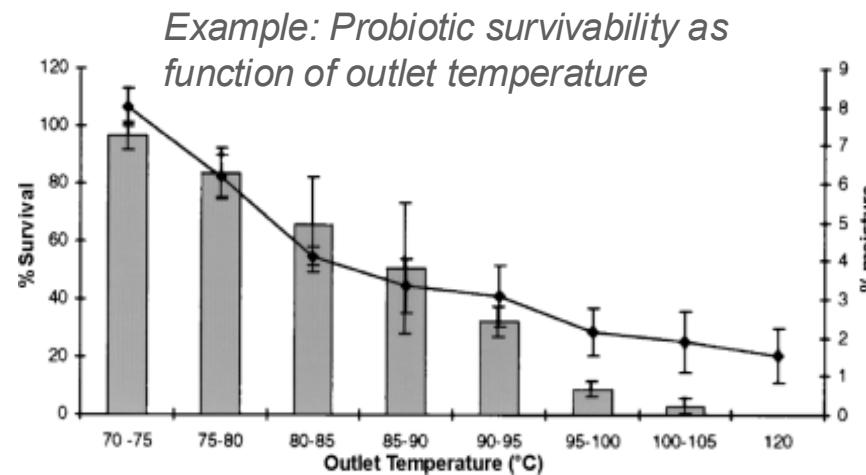


Storage of dry products – T and a_w as critical factors



The main challenge is to keep the probiotics viable during processing and storage

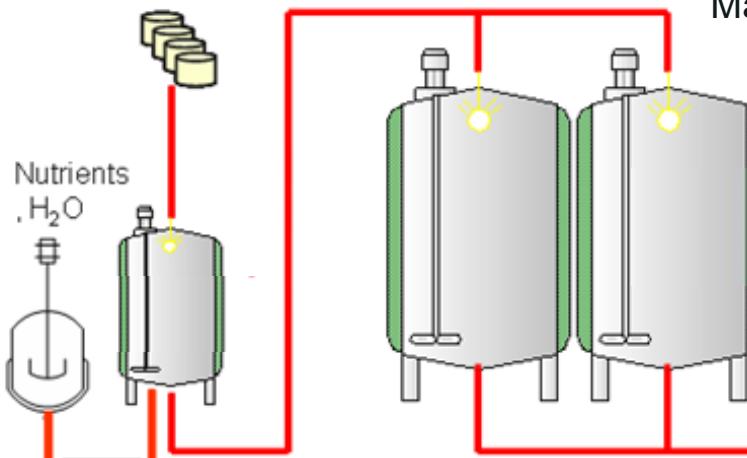
- Production
 - Survivability
 - Extreme temperature changes
 - Osmotic pressure changes
 - Oxygen stress
- Consumption
 - Storage stability
 - Remain viable during gastric transit
 - pH stress



I. Jankovic (2010), Ananta *et al.* (2005), R.P. Ross *et al.* (2005), C. Stanton *et al.* (2003), T. Mattila-Sandholm (2002), G.E. Gardiner *et al* (2000).

Production of dried –shelf stable- probiotics

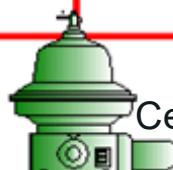
Strain / Inoculum



Starter fermentation

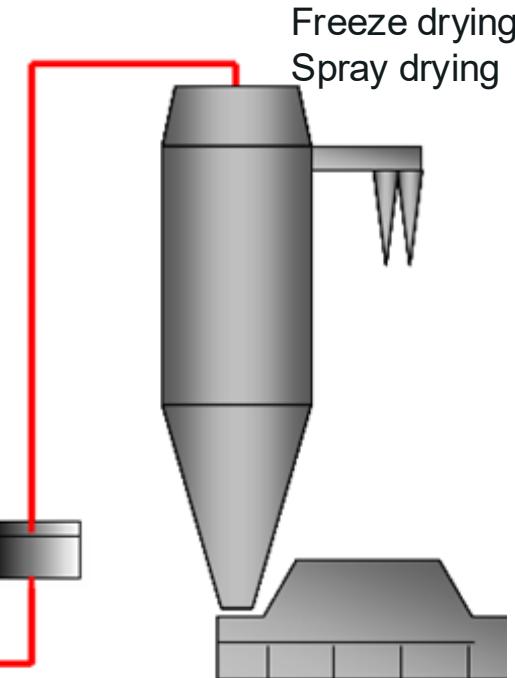
Main Fermentation

Serum



Centrifugation

Protecting Agents mix



Yield and viability is influenced by:

- Strain
- Medium composition
- Fermentation Conditions
- Protective/Stabilizing agents
- Down stream processing conditions

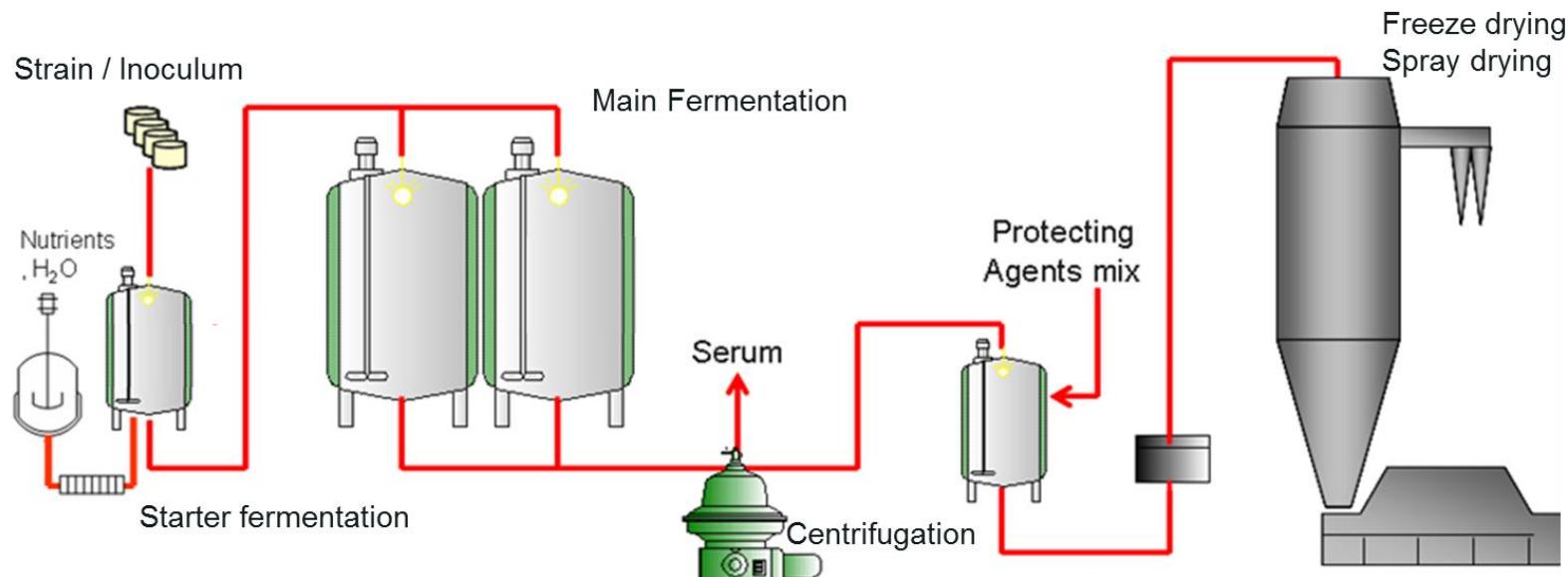
Alternative drying techniques

Table 1. Costs of Drying Processes Referenced to That of Freeze Drying^a

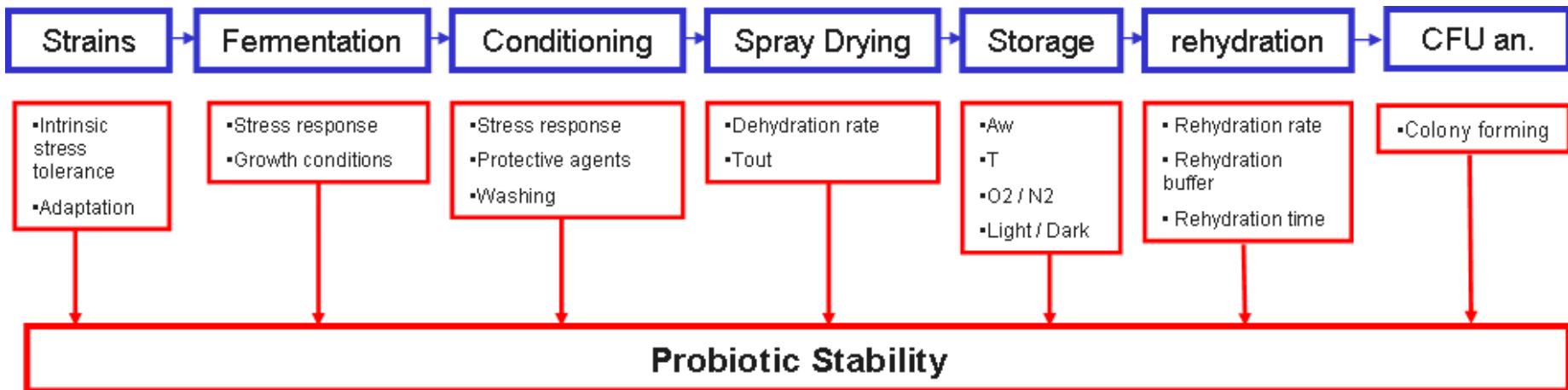
drying processes	fixed costs (%)	manufacturing costs (%)
freeze drying	100.0	100.0
vacuum drying	52.2	51.6
spray drying	12.0	20.0
drum drying	9.3	24.1
fluidized bed drying	8.8	17.9
air drying	5.3	17.9

Question:

- What is a potential limitation of this process?
- Do you know a probiotic product concept that does not have this problem?



Probiotic stability is affected by many steps in the production process



Main questions to answer are:

When/where are cells (ir)-reversibly damaged/killed?

→ Drying, storage, rehydration, ...?

How/by what are cells (ir)-reversibly damaged/killed?

→ Membrane damage, DNA damage, ribosome damage, protein damage, ...? by heat, osmolarity, oxidation, ...?

How/what is the cellular response for survival?

→ Membrane repair, DNA repair, ribosome repair, chaperones, anti oxidation, ...?

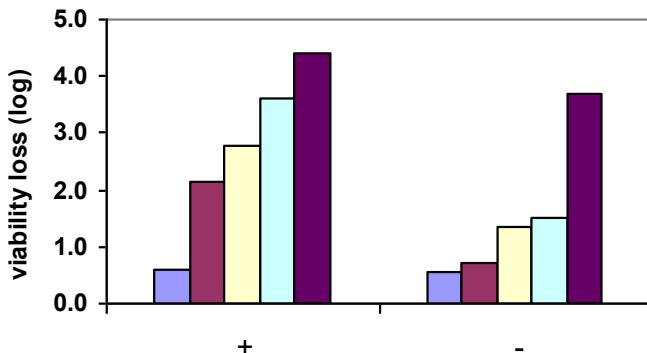
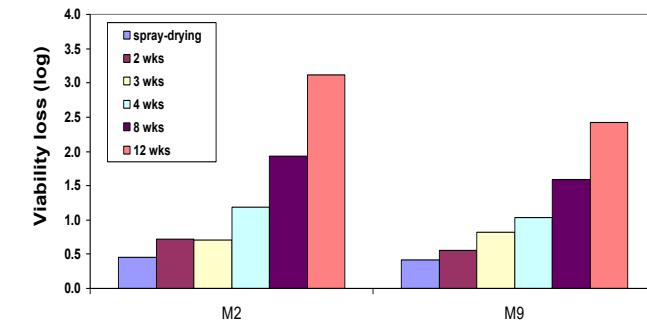
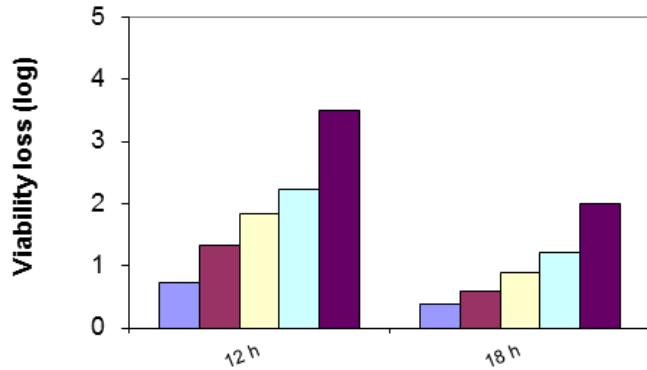
Why do some cells survive better than others?

Increased shelf life stability after application of different fermentation conditions

1. Moment of Harvesting / Fermentation Time → Why?

2. pH controlled fermentation vs. acidified fermentation → Why?

3. Medium ingredients → Why?



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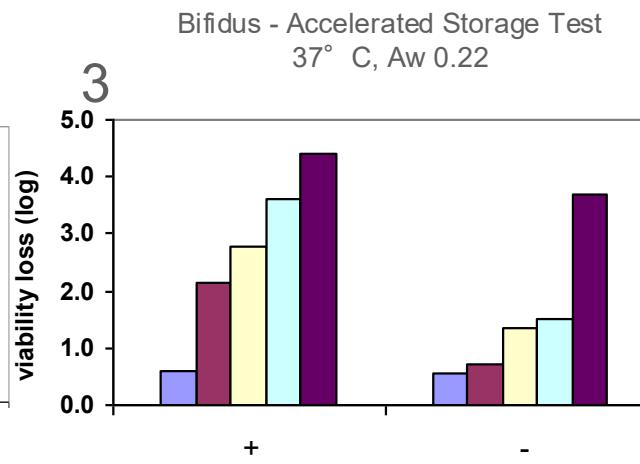
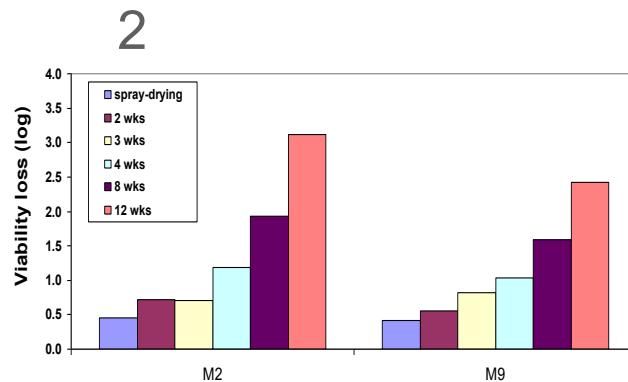
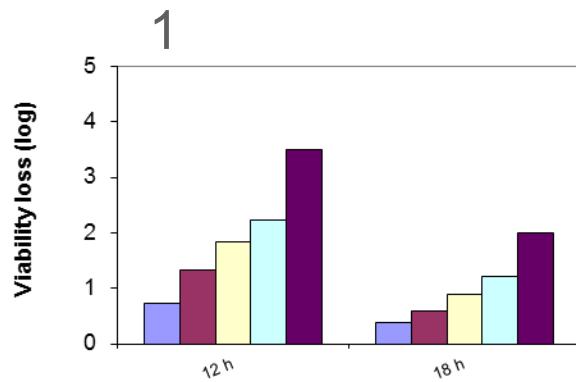
→ *Cells in stationary phase are more stable than end of exponential phase*

2. pH controlled fermentation vs. acidified fermentation

→ *Acidified cultures are more stable than pH controlled cultures*

3. Medium ingredients (e.g. addition of anti oxidants)

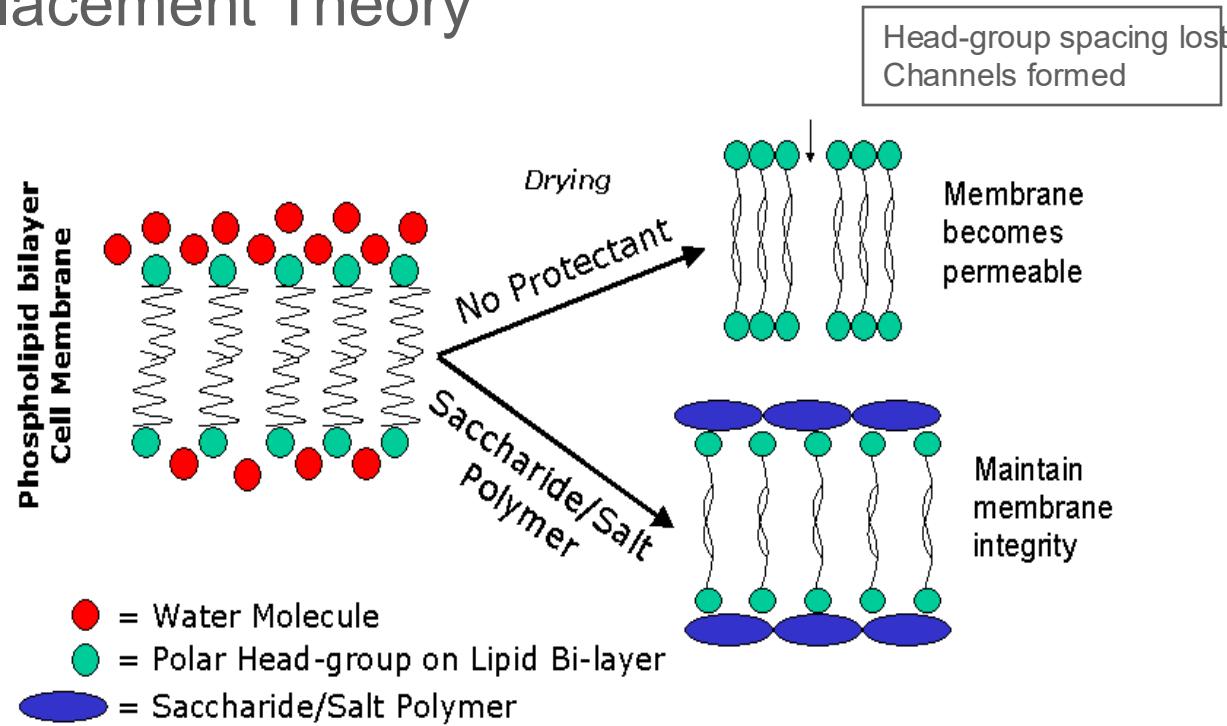
→ *Anti- oxidative properties enhancing cell viability*



W. Sybesma, A. Dubois unpublished results

Increasing the stability of dried bacteria by using (cryo)protective agents

Water replacement Theory

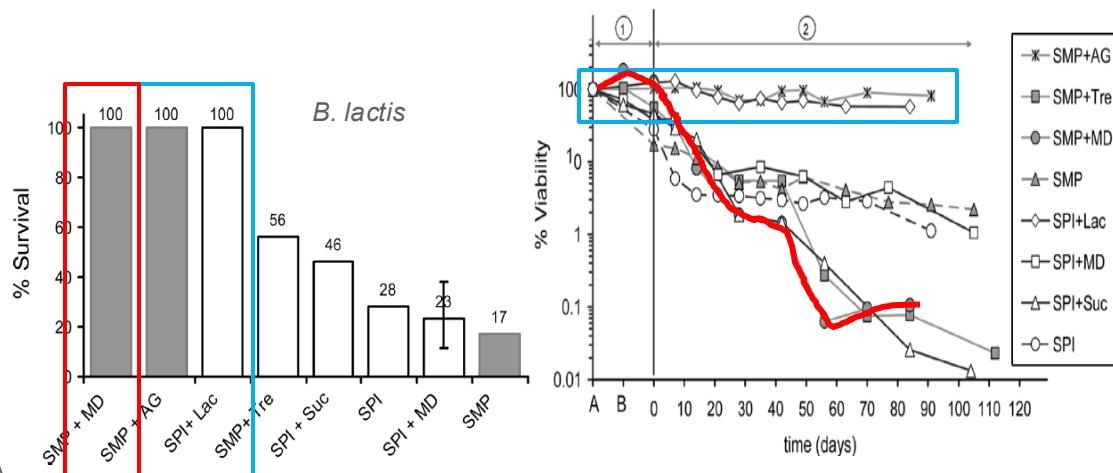
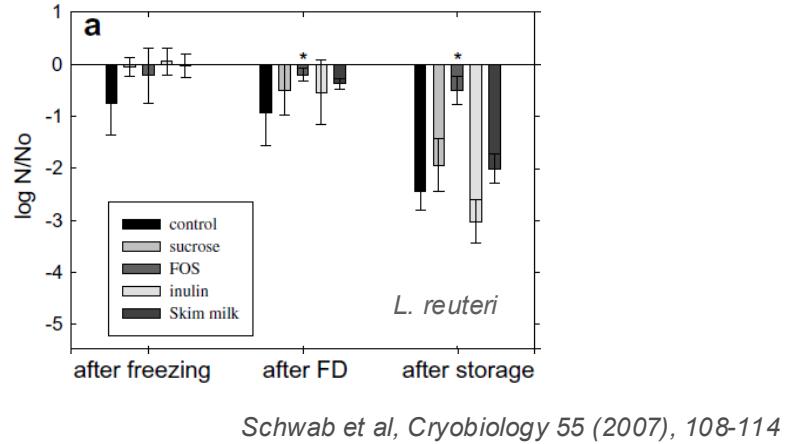


*Sucrose and trehalose protect membranes and proteins *in vitro* from dehydration damage*

Hianik et al. *Bioelectro. and Bioener.* 1996 39, 299-302; Viera et al. *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 1993 1145, 157-167; Anchordoquy et al. *Cryobiology* 1987 24, 324-331.

Encapsulation or protective agent mixes as strategies to minimize viability loss (1/2)

Protective agent/carrier

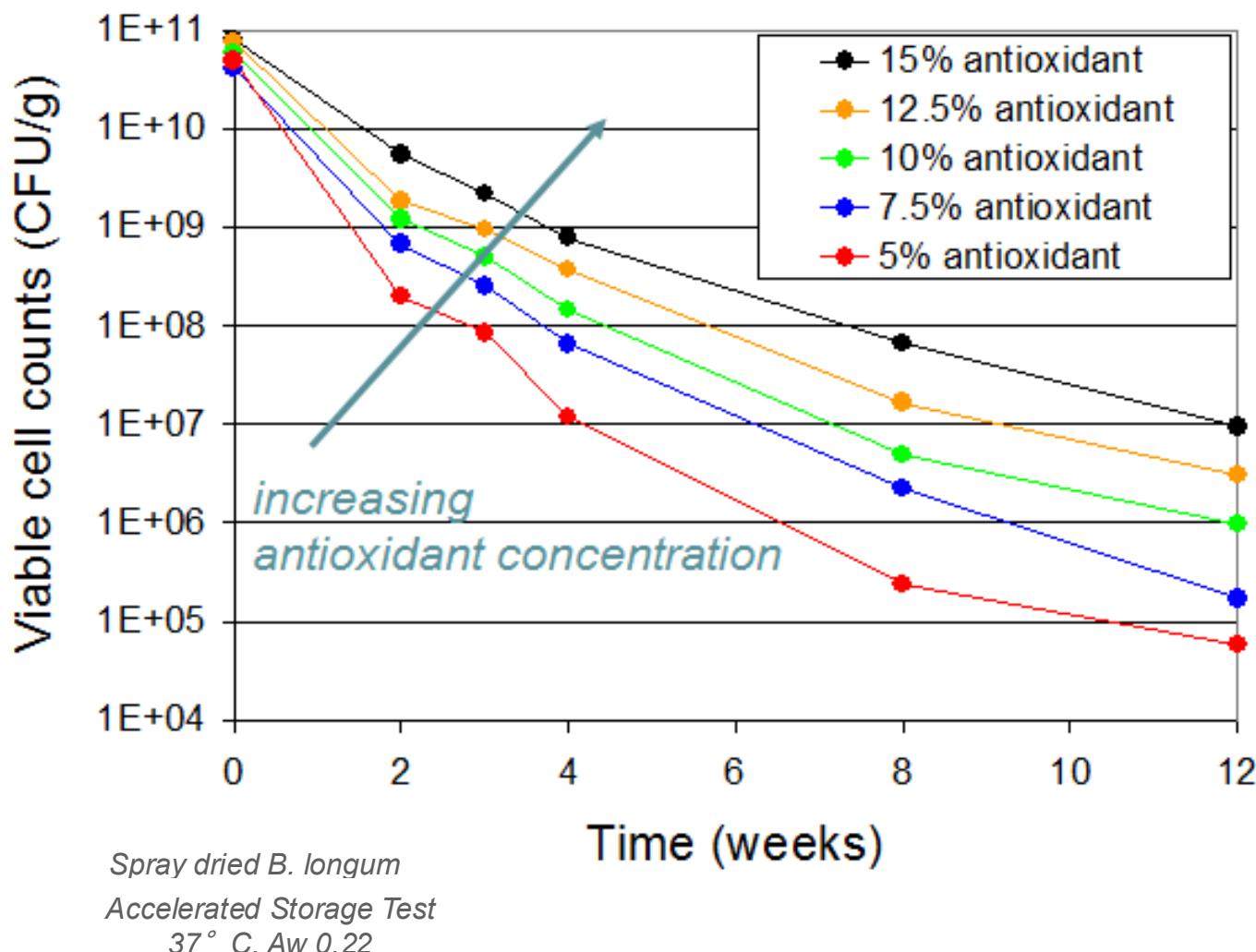


Encapsulation



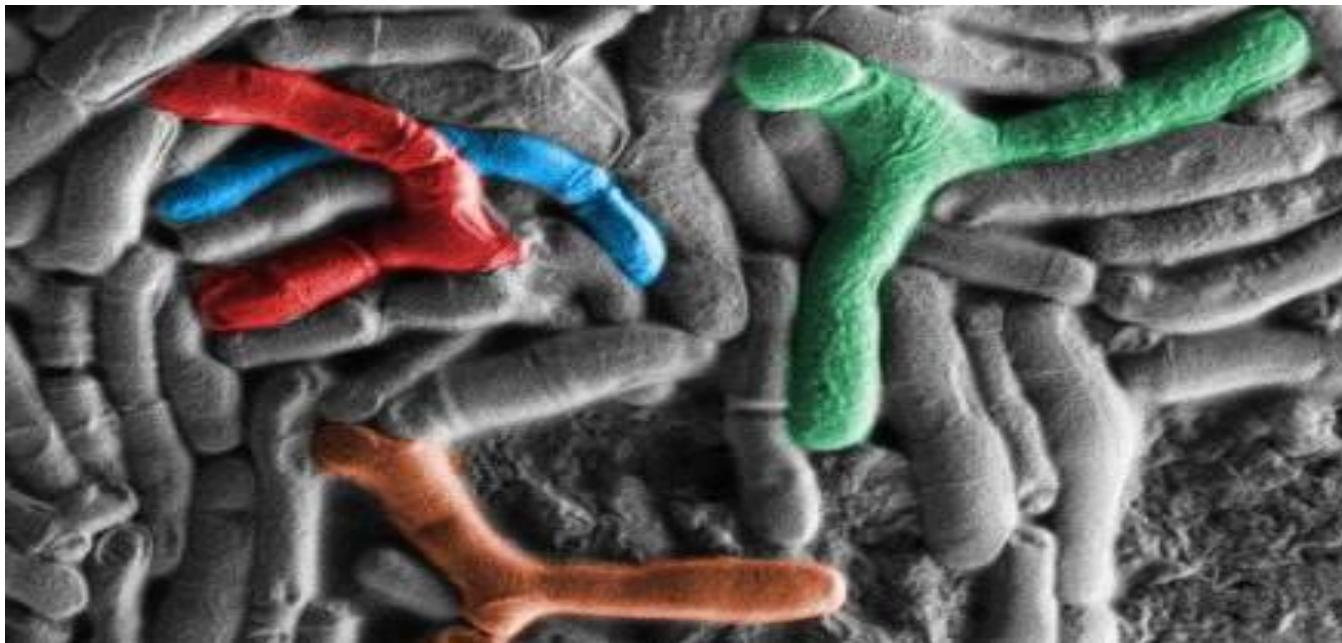
Drying: examples of strategies to minimize viability loss (2/2)

Composition of (cryo)protective agents affects the cell viability



Increasing probiotic yield and stability is important, but

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.... at the end it is all about functionality
and health benefits

Immunity

- Immune boost
- Inflammation

>800 published human studies



Allergy

- Prevention of atopic disease
- Treatment of atopic dermatitis
- Secondary prevention of respiratory allergies

Infections

- H. pylori*
- Common cold
- Otitis media
- Vaginosis
- Oral health

Diarrhea

- Treatment
- Prevention

Skin health and beauty

- Skin drynes
- Skin sensitivity
- Recovery from UV

Digestive comfort

- Microbiota balance
- IBS, pain, bloating, flatulence,...
- Quality of life (gut brain axis)
- Lactose intolerance
- Putrafactive fermentation and cancerogenes
- Regulation of gut transit time



Weight management

- Weight gain,
- satiety,
- energy intake

Healthy ageing

- CVD
- Improved bioavailability of active ingredients

Performance

- Physical performance
- Cognitive performance

Growth and Development

- Promotion of infants growth
- Improved bioavailability of active ingredients

Probiotics: Do they need to be alive?

*it cannot always be ascertained if the claimed functional effects of probiotic preparations are delivered by the **biomass**, **intracellular**- or **extracellular cell components**, and/or **media derived bioactive compounds***

Different concepts of probiotic production processes and related potential probiotic derived bioactive compound.

Production Process	Potential Probiotic Derived Bioactive Compounds					Products/Examples
	Living probiotic cell	Fermented medium component	Intracellular components	Extracellular components	Killed probiotic cell	
Fermented product as a whole	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fermented yogurt drinks with probiotics
Cultivated and down stream processed* without culture medium	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Dried culture powders
Cultivated and down stream processed* without cells	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Spent culture medium, for example, see [64]
Cultivated, killed and downstream processed with or without culture medium	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Heat treated lactobacilli, for example, see [65]
Potential mode of action/main active component	Signalling through metabolites or cell components or activity through direct contact	Lactic acid derived from carbohydrates, bioactive peptides derived from milk proteins or raw materials	DNA, cellular proteins or peptides	Bacteriocins, antimicrobial peptides, cell wall components	Activity through direct contact or by cell components	

* For example, frozen, spray dried, freeze dried, encapsulated.

Jankovic, Sybesma et al. *Current Opinion in Biotechnology* 2010, 21:175–181

Non-viable probiotic microorganisms or probiotic cell components demonstrated to elicit an immune response

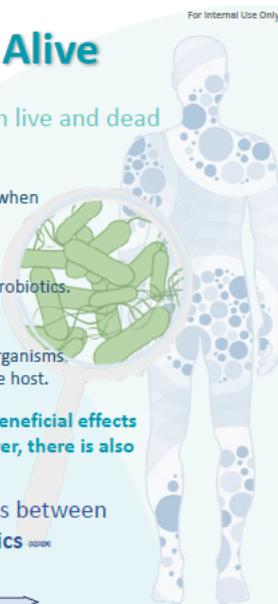


Wanted dead or Alive

What are the differences between live and dead beneficial bacteria



Probiotics are defined as live microorganisms that when administrated in adequate amounts confer a health benefit to the host.



Inactivated ("dead") beneficial bacteria are not considered probiotics. They belong to the group of postbiotics.

Postbiotics are defined as preparations of inanimate microorganisms, and/or their components that confers a health benefit on the host.

Dead and live bacteria can have common beneficial effects such as immunomodulatory actions however, there is also differences

What are the main differences between Probiotics and Postbiotics

Can proliferate and colonize the intestinal microbiome	Cannot proliferate and colonize the intestinal microbiome
Benefits are extensively documented in clinical studies for various health benefits	Benefits are not yet well established and more evidence is needed
Health benefits are strain specific	Different metabolite production by specific strains requires further research
Can excrete bacteriocins that inhibit pathogens	Do not excrete bacteriocins that inhibit pathogens
Stimulate the production of beneficial SCFA	Limited ability to stimulate the production of SCFA
Ability to metabolize harmful molecules (cholesterol), thus benefit host metabolism	Limited ability to metabolize harmful molecules (cholesterol), thus benefit host metabolism
Limited stability	High stability
Risk of transferring antibiotic resistance genes	No risk of transferring antibiotic resistance genes

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The probiotic paradox: live and dead cells are biological response modifiers

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Review

Health Benefits of Heat-Killed (Tyndallized) Probiotics: An Overview

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Postbiotics—A Step Beyond Pre- and Probiotics

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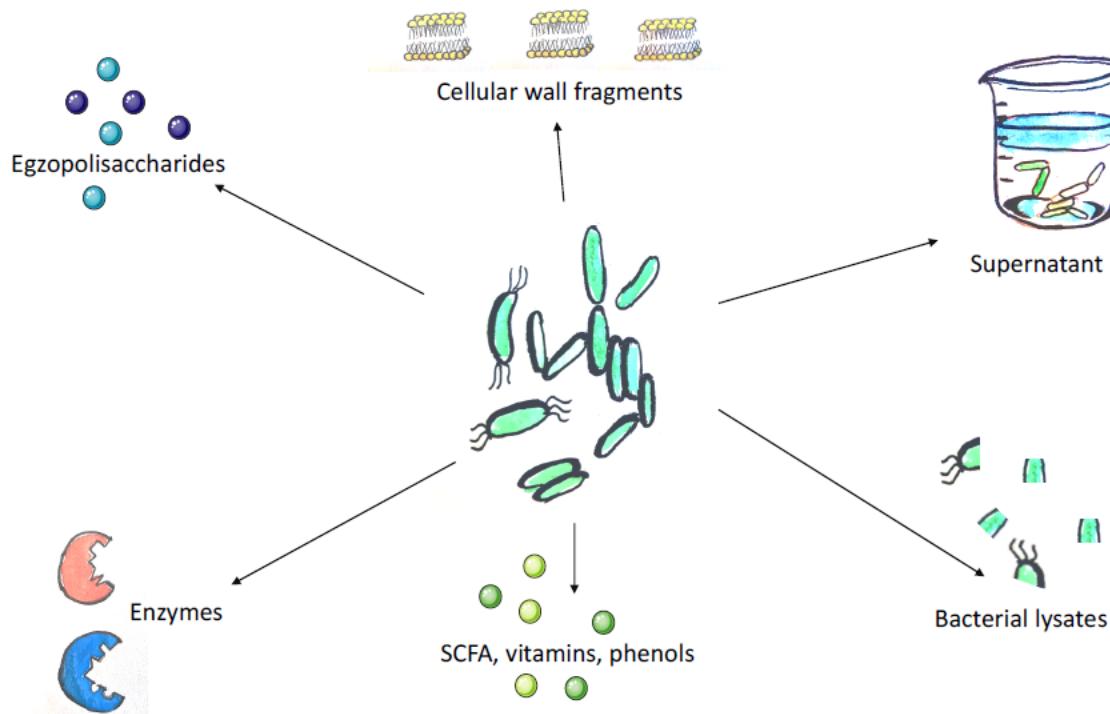


Figure 2. Methods of acquisition of postbiotics. The concept of postbiotics conceals either metabolites or fragments of microorganisms which confer a beneficial effect to the host. The structural heterogeneity of postbiotics implies the abundance of possible techniques used to postbiotics' acquisition. Lysis of bacterial cells may be achieved by chemical and mechanical techniques. These methods include enzymatic extraction, solvent extraction, sonication, and heat. Extraction, dialysis, and chromatography are used to isolate and identify desired molecules. SCFA, short-chain fatty acids.

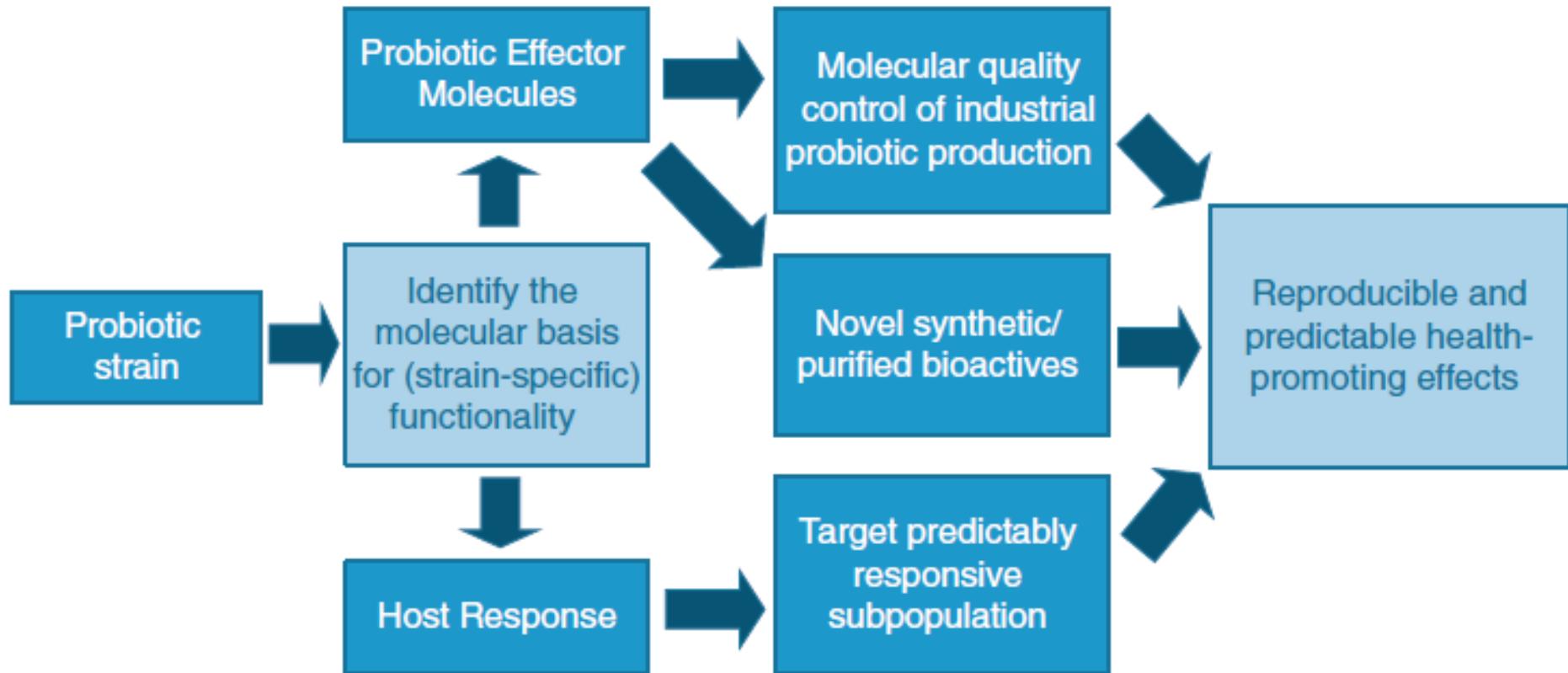
- Extend the use of health promoting bacteria to products in which they are difficult to maintain alive :

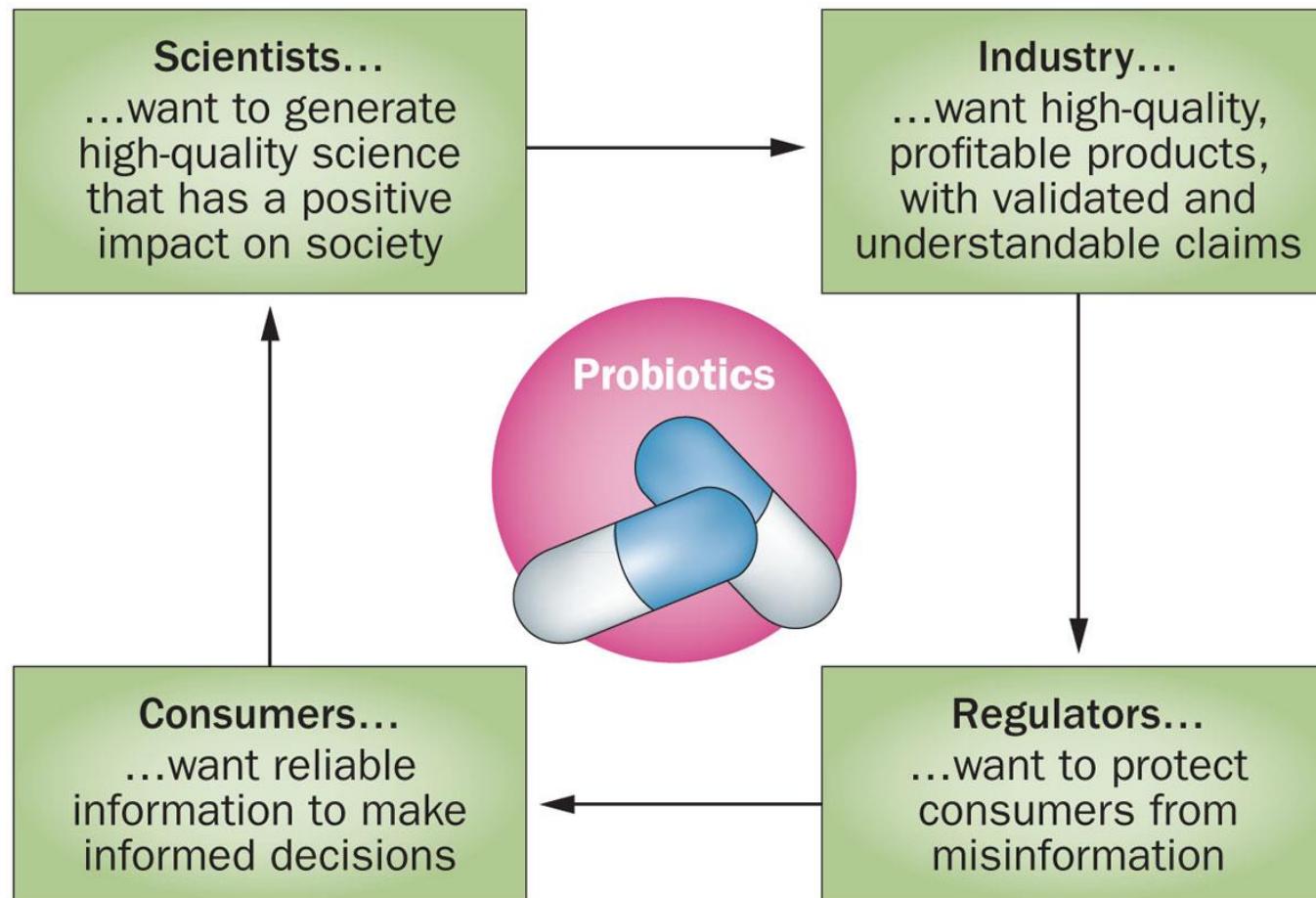
- High moisture & water activity products
- High acidity products (fruit juices,..)
- Shelf stable products (cereals, cereal bars..)



- Increased shelf life, less stringent storage conditions, less stringent packaging specifications
- May enable hot usage for consumers
- Safety: Better suited for critically ill or immuno-compromised subjects

The future: From cfu to understanding mechanism of action and personalized nutrition





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Movie explaining the microbiome
<https://youtu.be/xEo3N9EOpgw>

