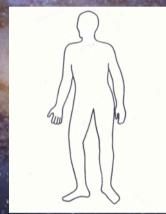


Asse intestino-cervello nel disturbo del comportamento alimentare

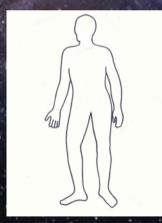
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Asse microbiota- intestino-cervello nel disturbo del comportamento alimentare

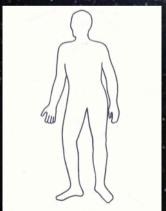
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Microbial body



Cellular body



10<sup>13</sup> germ and somatic cells

≈ 80 kg

24,000 genes

Cellular body

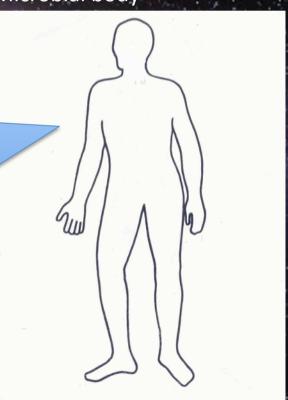


10<sup>14</sup> bacteria

1.13 kg

3-4 million genes

Microbial body



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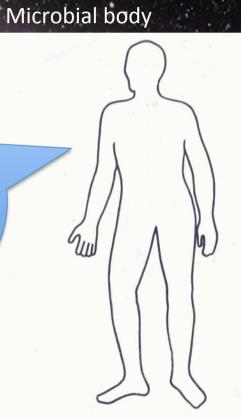
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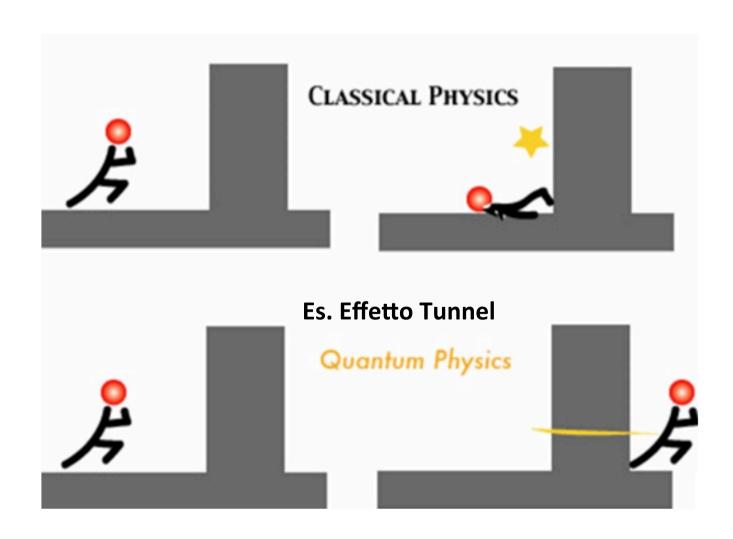


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Fisica delle particelle ≠ Fisica classica

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R2= 4000000/1.13



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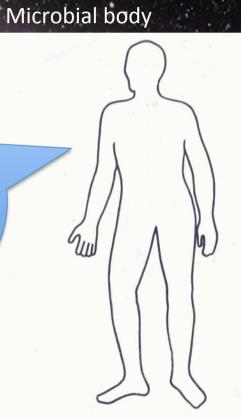
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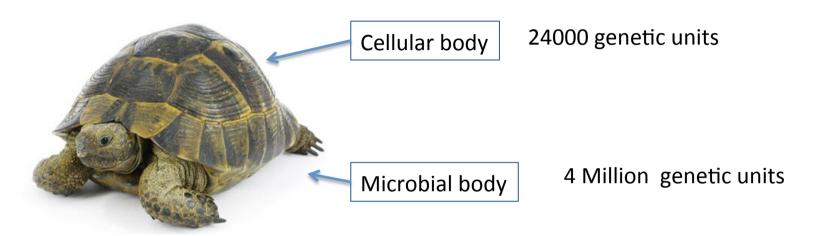
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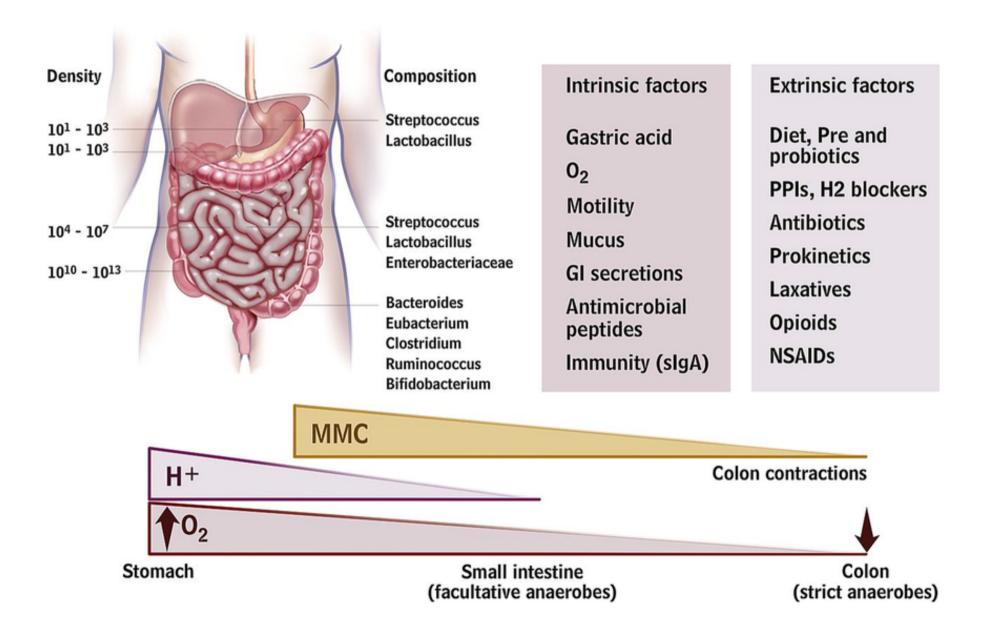
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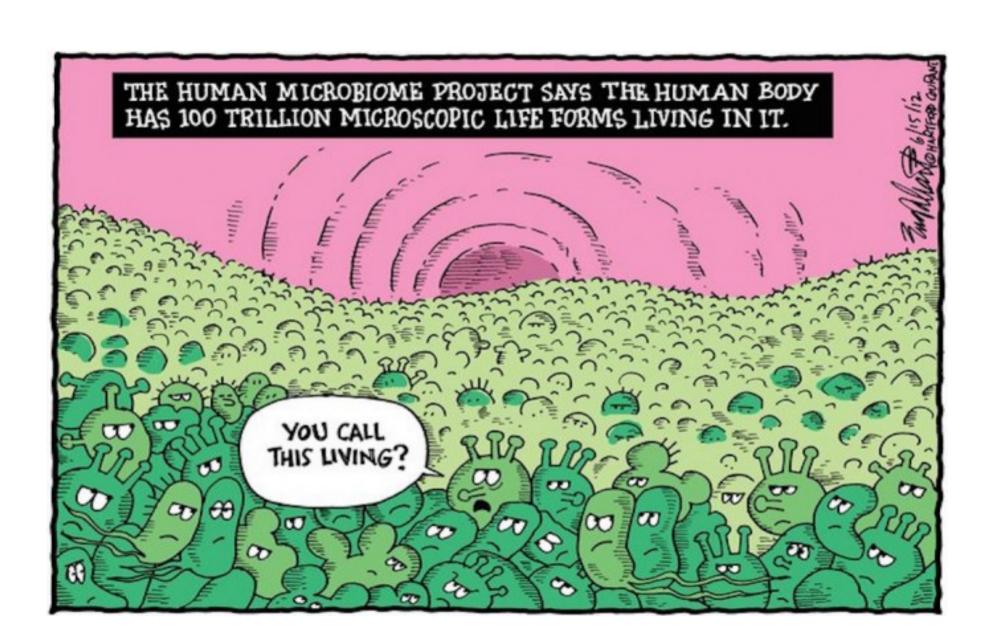


"Surprisingly, each of us can be identified by the DNA of our gut microbes".

George Weinstock, Genoma Institute, Washington University

- It compensates for our genetic damage
- It is able to repair our DNA
- It is able to modify our genetic expression

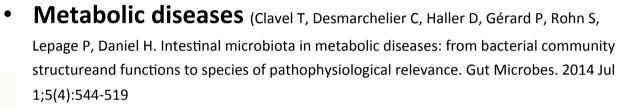




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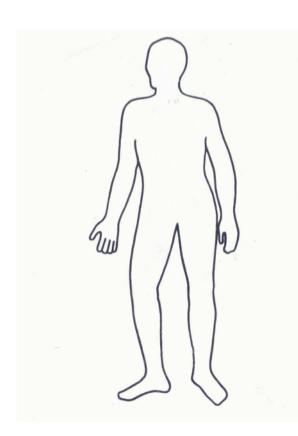
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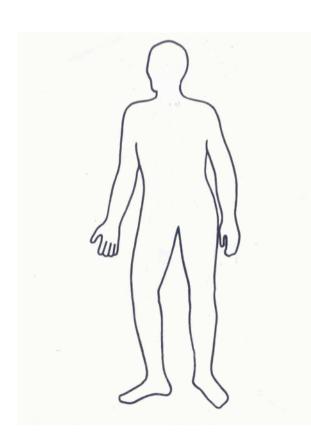


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## Huntington's

- MS (Tremlett H, Waubant E. Gut microbiome and pediatric multiple sclerosis. Mult Scler. 2018 Jan;24(1):64-68).
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- PANDAS (Quagliariello A, et al. Gut Microbiota Profiling and Gut-Brain Crosstalk in Children Affected by Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome and Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated With Streptococcal Infections. Front. Microbiol. 9:675.)

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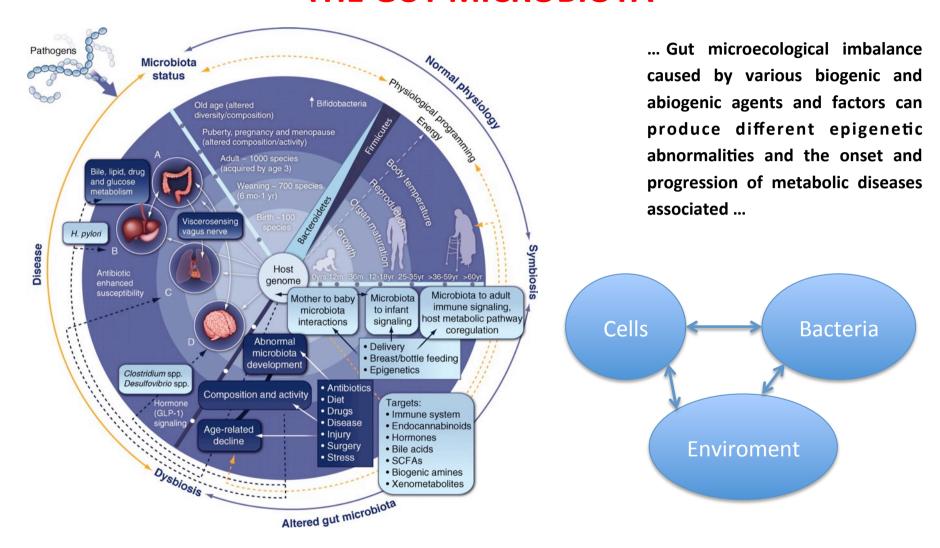
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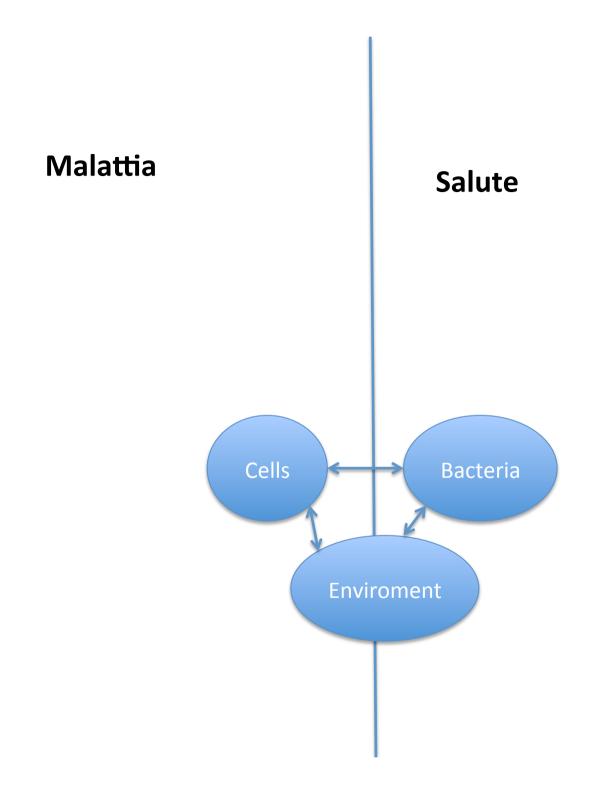


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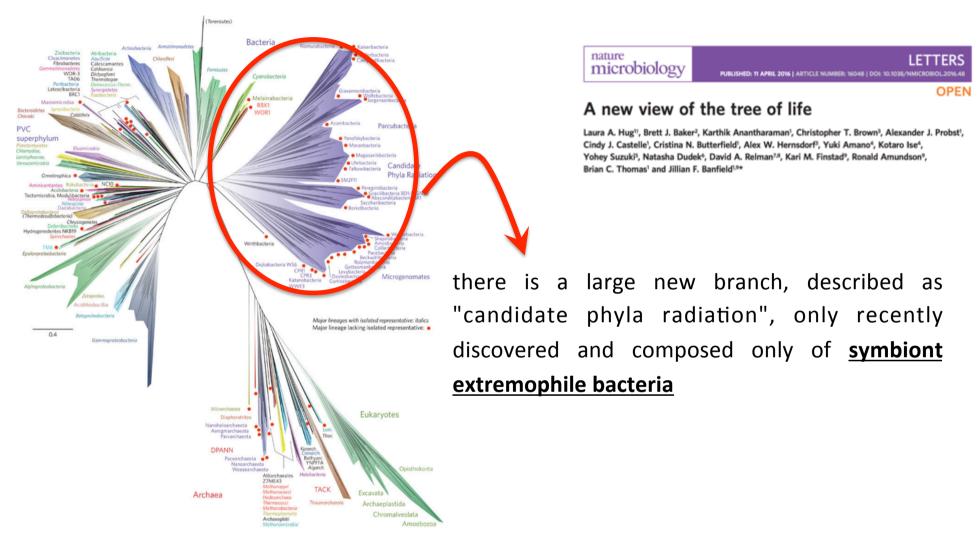
## THE GUT MICROBIOTA



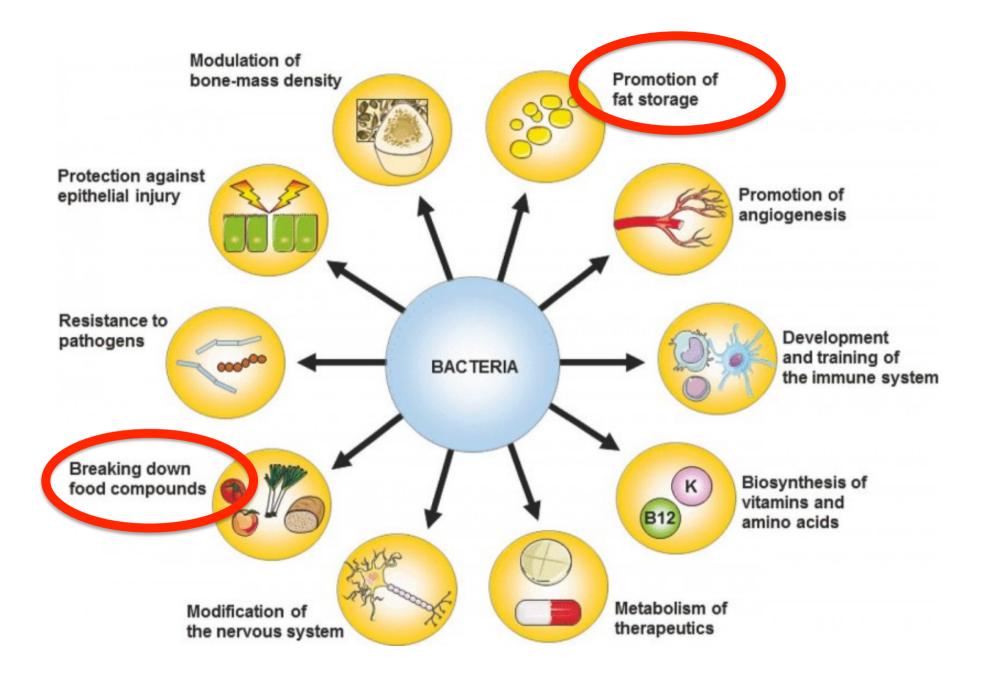
Shenderov BA et al: Gut indigenous microbiota and Epigenetics. Microbial Ecology in Health & Disease 2012, 23: 17195 -



## A new tree of life: grouped by evolutionary distance and not by taxonomy



"This incredible diversity means that there is a very incredible number of organisms we are just beginning to learn about the peculiarities, which could change our understanding of biology,"



## Prospects & Overviews

Is eating behavior manipulated by the gastrointestinal microbiota? Evolutionary pressures and potential mechanisms

I'll have the Garden Salad, please Joe Alcock<sup>1)</sup>, Carlo C. Maley<sup>2)3)4)\*</sup> and C. Athena Aktipis<sup>2)3)4)5)</sup> Males Females **T5KO** Body mass [g] 4 8 12 16 12 16 20 Age [weeks]

Wexler HM. Bacteroides: the Good, the Bad, and the Nitty-Gritty. Clinical Microbiology Reviews. 2007;20(4):593-621.

## I batteri vivono sulla Terra da 3.5 miliardi di anni, l'uomo da mezzo milione di anni

- ✓ Oltre tre miliardi di anni di evoluzione hanno affinato le capacità di batteri di sfruttare i loro ambienti.
- ✓ Milioni di anni di coevoluzione di batteri e dei loro ospiti presumibilmente hanno selezionato quei batteri che meglio manipolano i loro ospiti

### **Bacteria influence host appetite:**

The bacteria in the gut possess several mechanisms for influencing the physiology of their hosts and, in particular, can influence the preferences of their hosts for certain nutrients

## Positive feedback between gut microbiota and appetite:

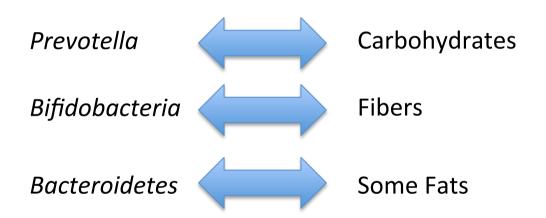
Un sistema di selezione basato su un feedback tra i nutrienti consumati e la composizione batterica intestinale porta ad una stabile attrazione verso particolari alimenti determinando il comportamento alimentare.



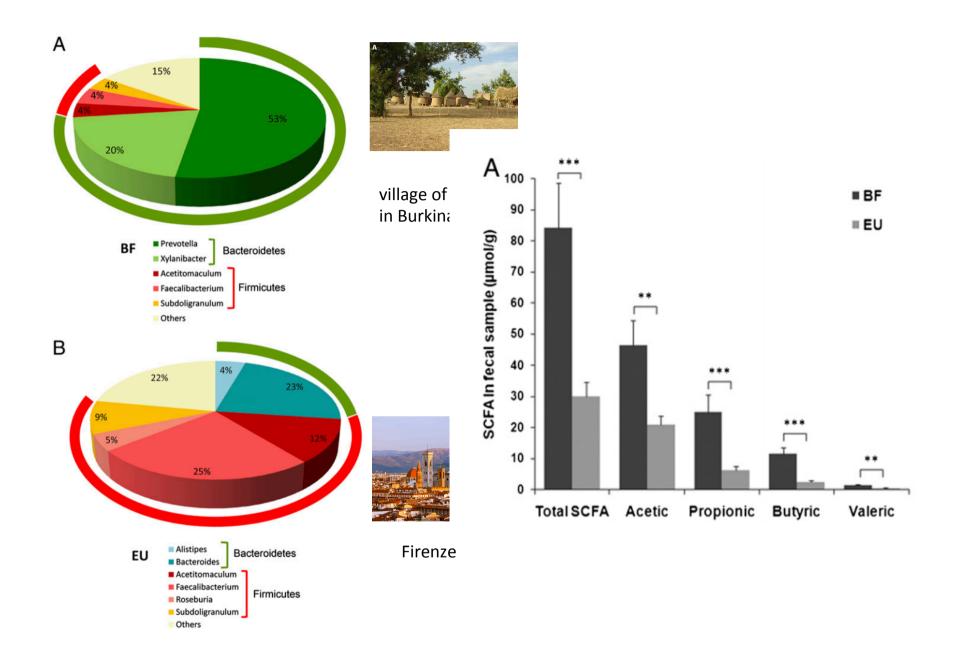
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### Selective influence of diet on microbiota:

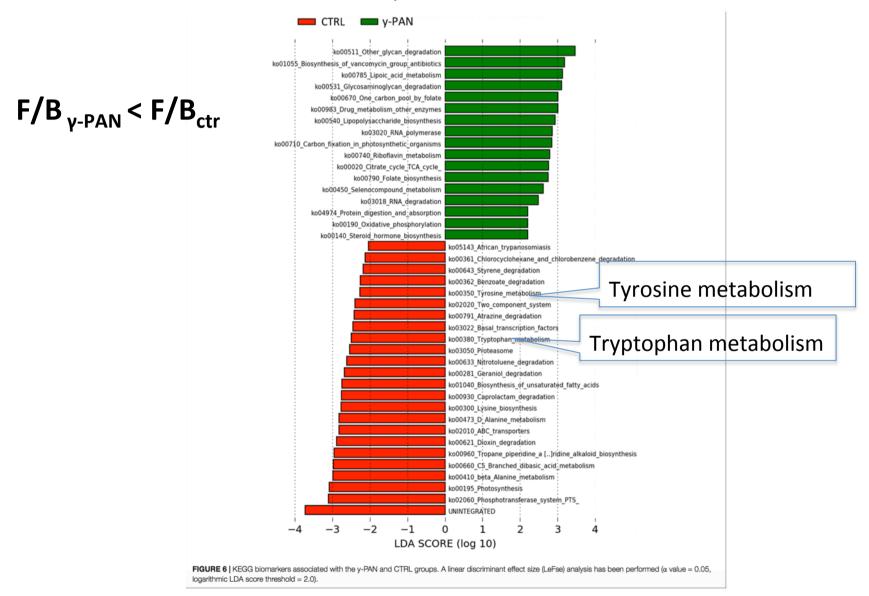


- Microbi che digeriscono alghe marine in Giappone
- Microbi che digeriscono la cellulosa in Africa



De Filippo C, et al. Impact of diet in shaping gut microbiota revealed by a comparative study in children from Europe and rural Africa. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America. 2010;107(33):14691-14696.

## An altered F/B ratio carry out to altered metabolism



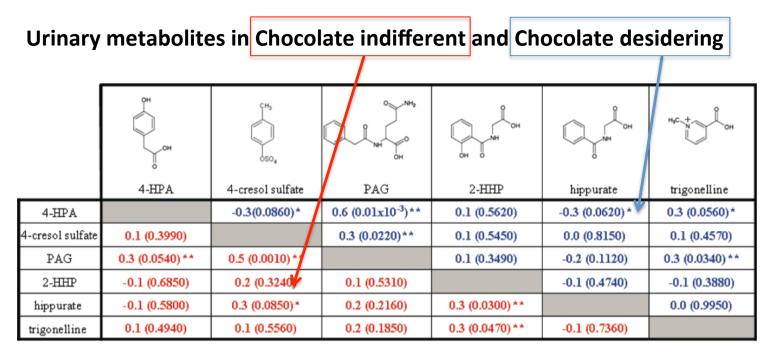
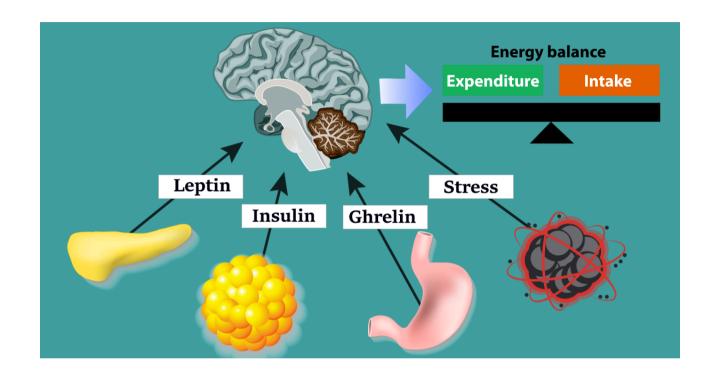


Figure 5. Correlation matrix between urinary host and microbial metabolites in "chocolate indifferent" and "chocolate desiring" individuals. This figure reports the Pearson correlation coefficients between <sup>1</sup>H NMR intensities scaled to the noise level obtained from the different aromatic metabolites and their respective *P*-values calculated at the confidence levels of 95% (\*\*) and 90% (\*) for the "chocolate desiring" (CD, blue) and the "chocolate indifferent" (Cl, red) subjects. Positive and negative correlations show the multicolinearity between metabolites whose concentrations are interdependent such as in the case of a substrate—product biochemical reaction or under some common regulatory mechanisms across different pathways. Phenylacetylglutamine (PAG) shows significant and non-class specific correlations with 4-hydroxyphenylacetate (4-HPA) and 4-cresol sulfate, two microbial metabolites, which may indicate a relationship between microflora activity and the host liver and kidney metabolism. However, the correlations of 2-hydroxyhippurate (2-HHP) with hippurate and trigonelline are specifically observed in the Cl group, while the CD group is characterized by the correlation of trigonelline with PAG. These observations highlight a class-specific microbial modulation of dietary flavonoids and niacin metabolism. Moreover, the conversion of 4-HPA to 4-cresol sulfate exhibits a negative correlation in the urine profiles of CD subjects confirming an already established substrate—product biochemical relationship associated with the gut activity of *C. difficile*. Interestingly, this relationship shows a non-significant correlation in the Cl individuals. These findings suggest differential mammalian—microbial metabolism for the considered metabolites between the "chocolate desiring" and the "chocolate indifferent" individuals.

## Microbiota dei golosi diverso da quello dei non golosi

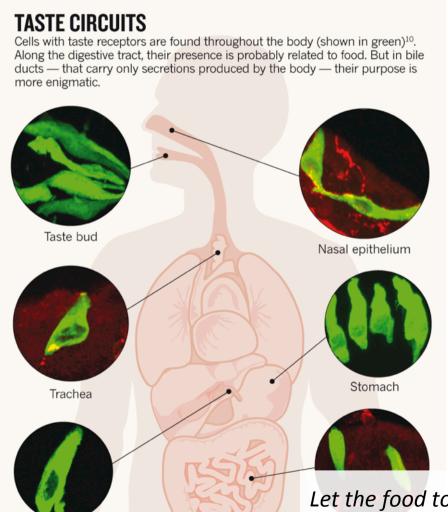
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Gut Microbiota modifies Serum Leptin and Ghrelin Levels

Queipo-Ortuño MI, Seoane LM, Murri M, et al. Gut Microbiota Composition in Male Rat Models under Different Nutritional Status and Physical Activity and Its Association with Serum Leptin and Ghrelin Levels. Sanz Y, ed. PLoS ONE. 2013;8(5):e65465.

### Taste receptors to produce anticipatory response to foods or pathogens.



Bile duct

- They recognize food
- Memorized it
- To produce fast response

- ✓ The main role of digestive system is to protect gut ecosystem
- ✓ By the food we can talk with microbiota
- ✓ Food information goes beyond the nutritional aspect

Let the food to be the medicine and the medicine to be the food.

Hippocrates

OPINION

How do you feel? Interoception: the sense of the physiological condition of the body

A. D. Craig

L'interocezione è una consapevolezza interna soggettiva nel momento in cui si sente un'emozione nel corpo.

Di contro le posture, espressioni facciali ed i gesti, esprimono esternamente stati emotivi interni, comunicandoli agli altri



- ✓ The subjective process of feeling emotions requires the participation of brain regions that are involved in the mapping and/or regulation of our continuously changing internal states that is, in homeostasis.
- ✓ These feelings help to guide behavioural decisions that affect survival and quality of life by producing a 'perceptual landscape' that represents the emotional significance of a particular stimulus that is being experienced, or of a projected future action by means of a further 'as-if-body loop' mechanism.

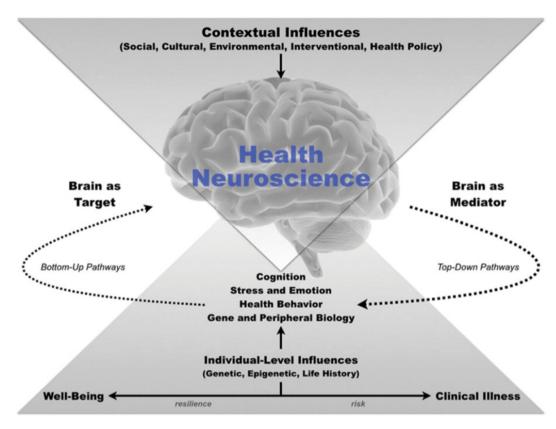


Figure 1. Conceptual model defining the interdisciplinary field of health neuroscience. Reprinted with permission from Ref. 1.

Questo intimo colloquio regola i normali processi digestivi e li integra con il completo stato fisico ed emozionale del corpo.

## Il cibo ed il sesso fondamentali per garantire la sopravvivenza della specie.

il cibo e il sesso hanno la stessa localizzazione cerebrale, gli stessi circuiti neuroendocrini e gli stessi ormoni che li controllano, di conseguenza sono stimolate le stesse molecole del cervello.

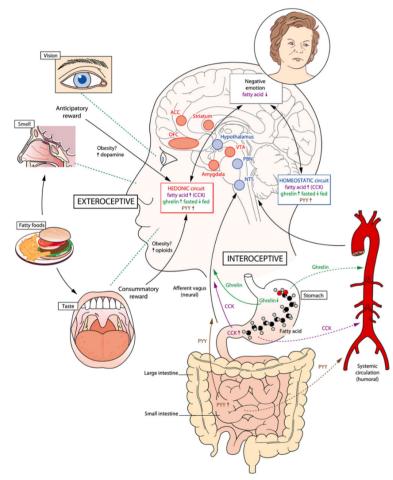


Figure 2. The gut-brain axis from a nutritional neuroscience perspective: interoceptive and exteroceptive gut-brain signaling pathways influencing homeostatic and hedonic appetite and feeding regulation. PYY, peptide YY3.36; CCK, cholecystokinin; NTS, nucleus of the solitary tract; PBN, parabrachial nucleus; VTA, ventral tegmental area; OFC, orbitofrontal cortex; ACC, anterior cingulate cortex. Reprinted with permission from Ref. 12.

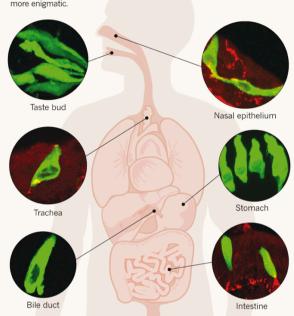
Weltens N et al. The gut-brain axis in health neuroscience: implications for functional gastrointestinal disorder and appetite regulation. Ann.N.Y. Acad Sci. 1428 (2018) 129-150.



- ✓ These deep-rooted connections between the senses and the brain can make it hard to change dietary habits
- ✓ Junk foods and sweet drinks are often described as addictive.
- ✓ It's not a classic chemical addiction, where a single drug hits a single receptor, but a widespread activation of eager taste receptors supercharging a powerful brain response.

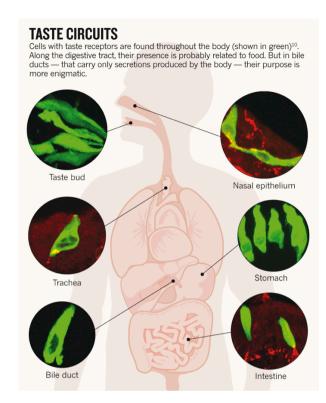


Cells with taste receptors are found throughout the body (shown in green)<sup>10</sup>. Along the digestive tract, their presence is probably related to food. But in bile ducts — that carry only secretions produced by the body — their purpose is more enjamatic.



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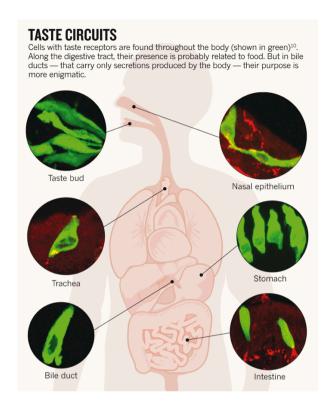
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- o salato,
- o amaro,
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- o e grasso.



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✓ scatenano una frenetica attività cerebrale che influenza profondamente gli stati d'animo, le emozioni e i ricordi (regioni emotive del cervello)



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- e grasso.





- ✓ una potente salvaguardia contro il consumo di cibi potenzialmente pericolosi.
- ✓ Alcuni cibi amari causano una risposta molto rapida nausea e/o vomito

I bambini tendono ad evitare cibi che hanno sostanze chimiche amare, come i cavolini di Bruxelles

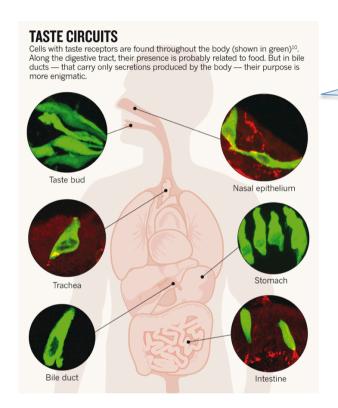
in dosi gestibili, i sapori amari possono essere tollerati e persino assaporati - come il sacro caffè mattutino.

## Not only on the tongue

- ✓ the receptors that detect bitter, sweet and umami are not restricted to the tongue
- ✓ They are distributed throughout the stomach, intestine and pancreas, where
  they aid the digestive process by <u>influencing appetite</u> and regulating insulin
  production.
- ✓ They have also been found in the airways, where they have an impact on respiration, and even on sperm, where they affect maturation

A better understanding of what they do and how they work could have implications for treating conditions ranging from allergy, diabetes to infertility.

## Taste receptors response to bitter-tasting compunds in airway



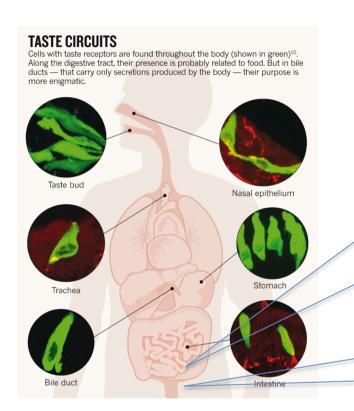
Bitter receptors are also found on cilia on human airway epithelium cells

When are stimulated by bitter compounds, such as nicotine or quinine, the cilia waved back and forth vigorously, helping to clear the airways of irritating compounds

"they stop breathing, they cough and sneeze,"

This response is to stop the irritant from being inhaled deep into the lungs

## Taste receptors response to bitter- and umami tasting compunds in testes



The bitter receptor T2R5 is also found in the testes; deleting these cells leads to smaller testes and a huge reduction in the number of mature sperm

The umami receptor keeps the sperm in a quiet state until it reaches an egg.

Mammary epithelial cells express Tas2Rs, and their expression is **downregulated in breast cancer cells.** 

Tas2Rs act on apoptosis signaling.

## Taste receptors response to carbohydrates and proteins

Taste circuits

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Taste bud

Nasal epithelium

Trachea

Stomach

Bile duct

T1R3 receptors secrete ghrelin, **encouraging eating** when important nutrients are available .

The sweet receptor on L cells produce the gastrointestinal incretin hormone GLP-1, which stimulates insulin production and sends a <u>satiety signal to the brain</u>

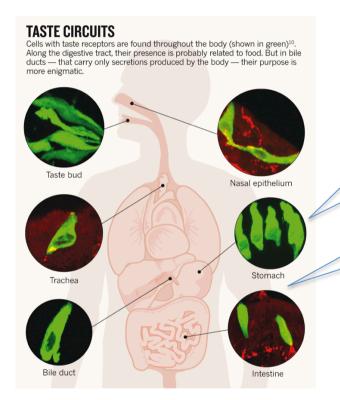
Jang, H.J. et al. Proc. Natl Acad. Sci. USA 104, 15069–15074 (2007).

- ✓ Blocking or deleting these sweet receptors decreases insulin release
- ✓ This 'second tasting' triggers glucose transport into the cells and bloodstream, and the faster this happens, the more insulin will be released.

It was surprising that artificial sweeteners, which were thought to influence only the tongue, also trigger changes in the gut

Margolskee, R. F. et al. Proc. Natl Acad. Sci. USA 104, 15075–15080 (2007).

## **Taste receptors response bitter-tasting compunds**



Initially, T1R3 receptors secrete ghrelin, encouraging eating when important nutrients are available.

But after 30 minutes, food intake decreased, as did gastric emptying, keeping the food in the stomach

This curbs the appetite by prolonging the sense of fullness and satiety — perhaps to prevent the ingestion of toxic food.

The Romans drank wine infused with bitter herbs to prime the appetite and prevent over-eating.

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# Microbiota alters taste receptors

Germ-free mice had altered TRs for fat on tongues and on intestine.

(Duca FA et al. 2012 Increased oral detection, but decreased intestinal signaling for fats in mice lacking gut microbiota. PLoS ONE 7: e39748)

 Germ-free mice preferred more sweets, have more sweet TRs in gut vs normal mice.

(Swartz T et al. 2012 Up-regulation of intestinal type 1 taste receptor 3 and sodium glucose luminal transporter-1 expression and increased sucrose intake on mice lacking microbiota. Br J Nutr 107:621)

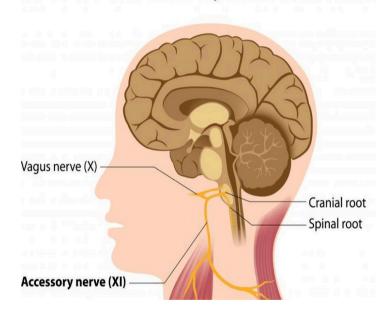
 Gastric bypass surgery modifies TR, change microbiota and alters satiety and food preferences.

(Miras AD, le Roux CW. 2013 Mechanisms underlying weight loss after bariatic surgery. Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol 10:)575-84

Microbes could influence food preferences by altering receptor expression or transduction

# Microbiota can influence hosts through neural mechanisms

- ✓ The vagus nerve is a central actor in this comunication, connecting 100 million neurons of ENS to the brain
- ✓ Enteric nerves have receptors that react to particular bactera and to bacteria metabolites, i.e. SCFAs



- ✓ Vagus nerve regulates eating behaviour and body weight:
  - ✓ Its transection cause drastic weight loss
  - ✓ Its stimulation, i.e. by NE, drive to excessive eating behaviors

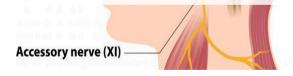
- Then, gut microbes producing adrenergic neurochemicals may contributes to over.eating by Vagus nerve
- Microbes have opportinites to manipulate vagus nerve traffic in order to control host eating

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Intriguingly, many practices that are known to enhance parasympathetic outflow from the vagus nerve, e.g. exercise, yoga, and meditation, are also thought to vagus strengthen willpower and improve accuracy of food intake relative to energy expenditure



Il Microbiota altera la percezione di se stessi

WARNING: to increase vagus activity is not always associated with health.

One study linked parasympathetic vagus activity with weight loss in patients with anorexia nervosa.

# Microbiota orchestrates inflammatory processes

# Dysregulation of gut microbiota and chronic inflammatory disease

In addition to their barrier function, Intesinal Epithelial Cells (IECs) serve as 'mediators', maintaining a balanced relationship between gut microbes and the host immune system by secreting cytokines, chemokines and hormones.

Thus, dysfunction of the IECs leads to perturbation of the gut microbiota and enhances susceptibility to **intestinal inflammation** 

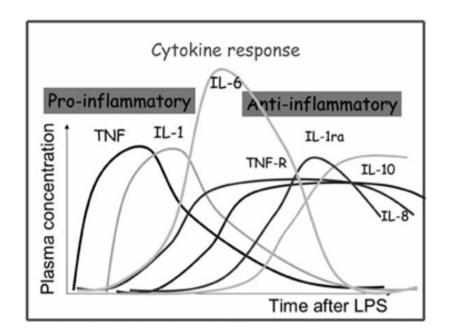
Koh, J. H., & Kim, W.-U. (2017). Dysregulation of gut microbiota and chronic inflammatory disease: from epithelial defense to host immunity. Experimental & Molecular Medicine, 49(5), e337—.

# **Inflammatory cascade:**

# Pro- and anti-inflammatory Modulate from APR to CPR

**APR: Acute Phase Reaction** 

CPR. Chronic Phase Reaction



- The Pro-Inflammatory Cytokines produce necrosis
- The Anti-infllammatory Cytokines rebuild tissues

### In CNS:

- The Pro-inflammatory cytokines inhibit synaptogensis and neurogenesis,
- The Anti-inflammatory cytokines restart Synpatogenesis and neurogenesis processes

Andreasen AS, Krabbe KS, Krogh-Madsen R, Taudorf S, Pedersen BK, Møller K. Human Endotoxemia as a model of systemic inflammation. Curr Med Chem. 2008;15(17):1697-705.

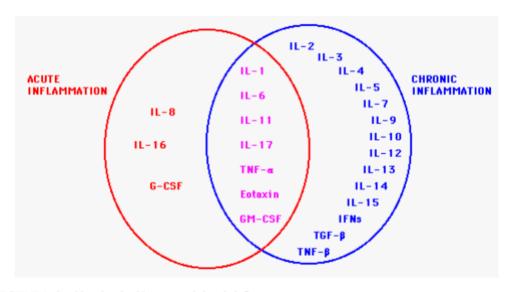


FIGURE 1: Cytokines involved in acute and chronic inflammatory responses.

In Chronic Inflammation are produced different anti-inflammatory cytokines: unable to rebuilt tissues, unble to restart synaptogenesis and neurogenesis processes in CNS

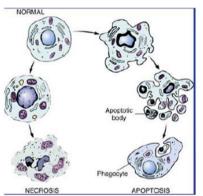
Stig Bengmark, Acute and "chronic" phase reaction - a mother of disease. Clinical Nutrition (2004) 23, 1256–1266



# Meccanismi di morte cellulare

- Apoptosi
  - Morte programmata
  - Contrazione
  - Corpi apoptotici

- Necrosi
  - Morte accidentale
  - Espansione
  - Infiammazione



- Cytokines participate in neuronal development in brain functioning. Inappropriate activity can produce different neurological symptoms

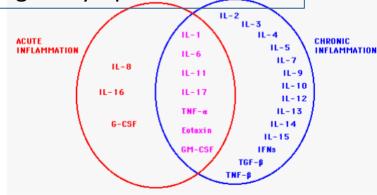


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# when does the problem originate?



• Impact of Maternal Stress in Pregnancy on Brain Function of the Offspring

Udagawa J, Hino K. Impact of Maternal Stress in Pregnancy on Brain Function of the Offspring. Nihon Eiseigaku Zasshi. 2016;71(3):188-194.



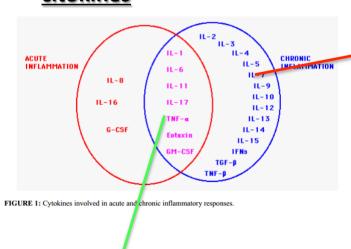
## Metabolic changes during pregnancy:

- Same nutritional intake
- Increased energy extraction by foods:

Leptin (ng/ml) <sup>f</sup>	30.72 (±1.83)	37.58 (±2.47)	0.0008
Cholesterol (mmol/l) <sup>f</sup>	4.76 (±0.09)	6.37 (±0.12)	1.72 × 10 <sup>-33</sup>
Insulin (mU/l) <sup>f</sup>	6.48 (±0.59)	10.92 (±0.88)	1.01 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>
Homeostatic model assessment (HOMA) <sup>f</sup>	1.35 (±0.12)	2.28 (±0.19)	1.93 × 10 <sup>-7</sup>
Quantitative insulin sensitivity check index $\left( QUICKI \right)^f$	0.39 (±0.01)	0.35 (±0.00)	2.39 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>
Glucose (mmol/l)	4.65 (±0.03)	4.61 (±0.05)	0.5799
GHbA1c1 (%) <sup>f</sup>	5.01 (±0.03)	5.23 (±0.03)	9.92 × 10 <sup>-10</sup>

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- the microbiota undergoes profound changes in T3 vs T1
- It is not due to nourish the fetus, but to realize his tissues by anti-inflammatory citokines



**No-problems** 

# Houston, we have a problem!



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Host Remodeling of the Gut Microbiome and Metabolic Changes during Pregnancy

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# when does the problem originate?



 Neonatal inflammatory pain and systemic inflammatory responses as possible environmental factors in the development of autism spectrum disorder of juvenile rats.

The first 1000 days of life set the tone for the whole of the lifespan.

May be linked with the bacterial phylogenetic diversity?

Lee JH, et al. Neonatal inflammatory pain and systemic inflammatory responses as possible environmental factors in the development of autism spectrum disorder of juvenile rats. J Neuroinflammation. 2016 May 16;13(1):10

In the first 1000 days of life, new born arrives to have a microbiota like mother's one at T1

By Caesaream section or too medicalized deliveries risks taking the midwife's one

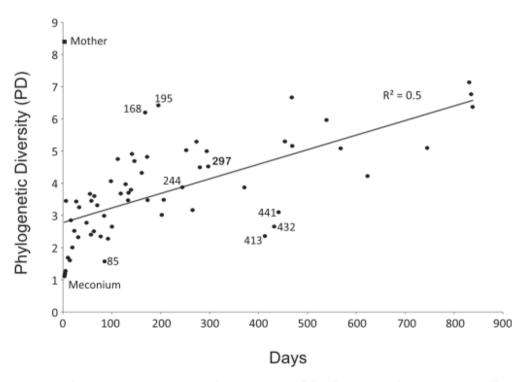
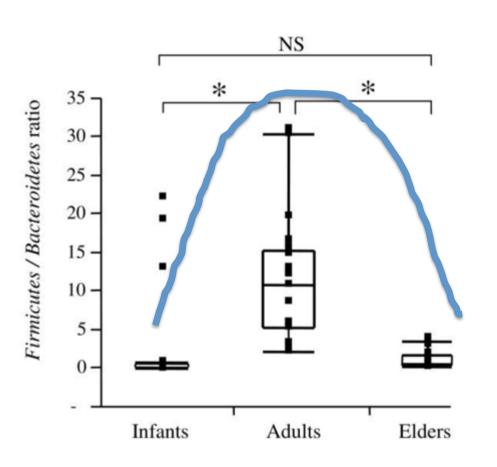


Fig. 1. Bacterial PD of the infant gut microbiota over time. PD provides a measure of the diversity within a community based on the extent of the 16S rRNA phylogenetic tree that is represented by that community. Symbols are fecal samples. The mother's fecal sample, collected at day 3, is denoted as a filled square.

# Firmicutes/Bacteroidetes ratio vs ageing

getting old you will be children again



Bacteroidetes
Firmicutes

Infants: N=21, from 3 weeks to 10 months

Adults: N=21: from 25 to 45 years

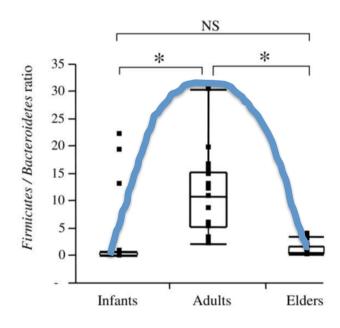
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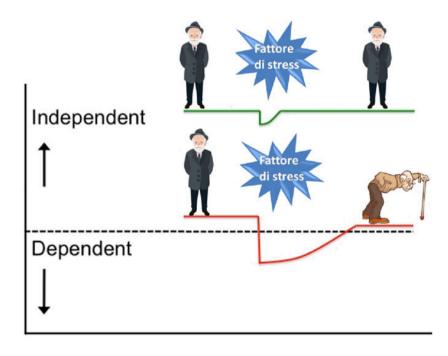
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# Frailty in older people

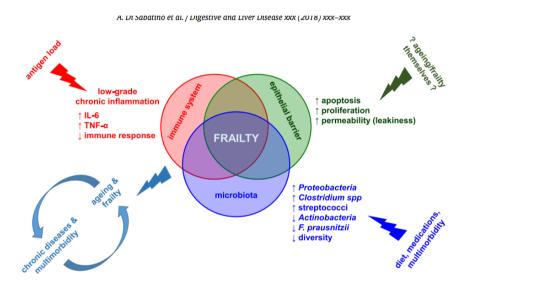
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It is a **state of vulnerability** to **poor resolution of homeostasis** following a stress and is a **consequence of cumulative decline in multiple physiological systems over a lifespan.** 





The frail gut is characterised by <u>a low-grade chronic mucosal inflammation</u>, impaired immune response, increased permeability, and <u>reduced microbiota diversity</u>



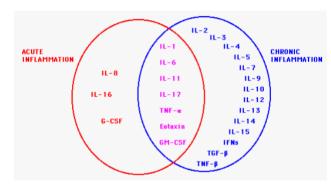


FIGURE 1: Cytokines involved in acute and chronic inflammatory responses

A reduced microbiota diversity carry out to **Chronic Inflammation**:

A type of inflammation unable to repair tissues continually damaged by stressor

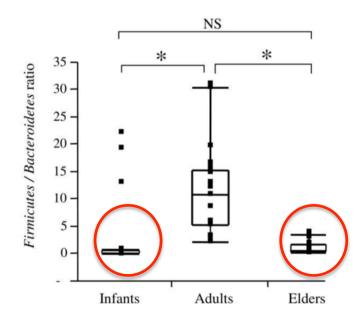
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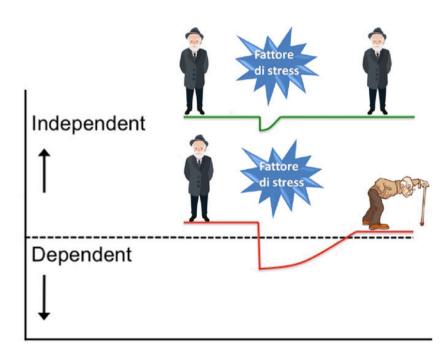
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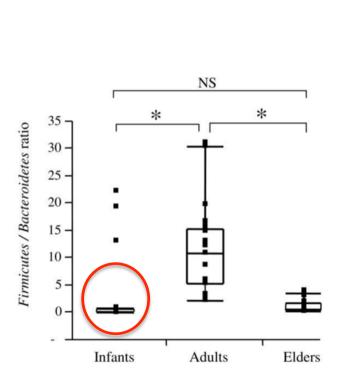
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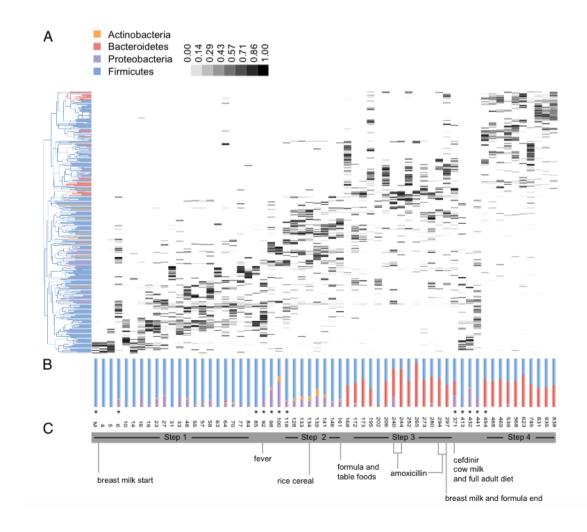


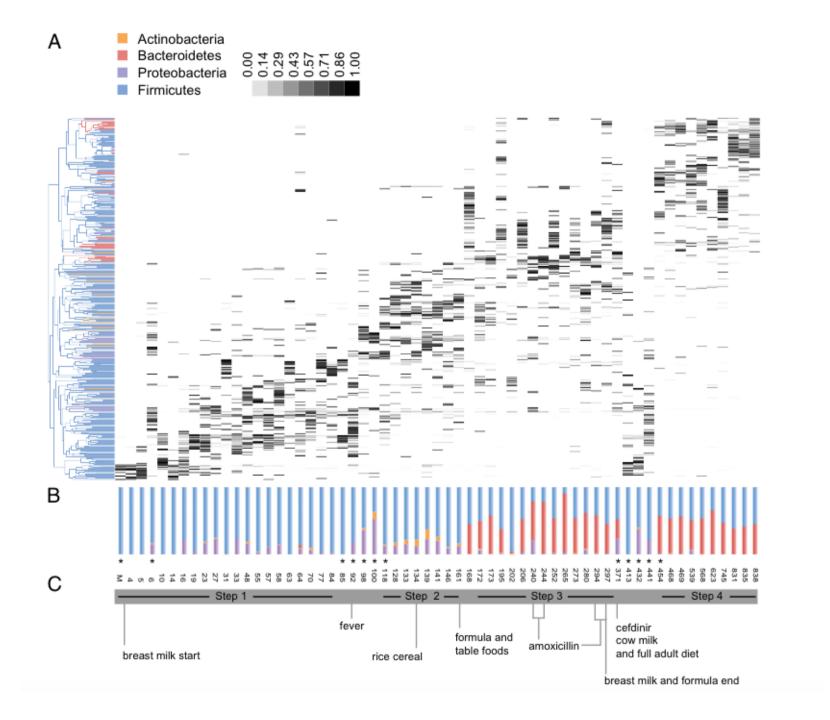


# Frailty in newborns and in infants

- Weaning ends at 7 years
- It is equivalent to bring the digestive system to gym: it has to be gradual and progressive.
- Microbiota has to be perturbed by stressful agents, but the strength of stress must be comparable with that of the microbiota.







### PROGRAMMA DI MATURAZIONE FETALE



the neonatologist, and then the pediatric neurologist, must know the entire clinical history of the child.



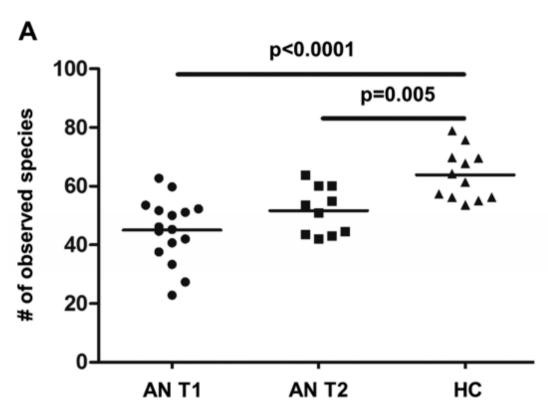
The relationship between premature birth and obesity among children aged 10 to 17 years in the U.S.

Tabitha Young

Presented to the Public Health Faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Master of Public Health

- ✓ Adolescents that were born premature tended to have body weights other than the normal ranging either too high or too low.
- ✓ These results suggest that prematurity may play some role in weight gain

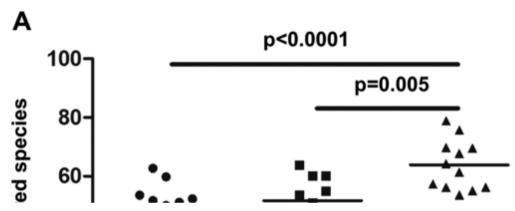
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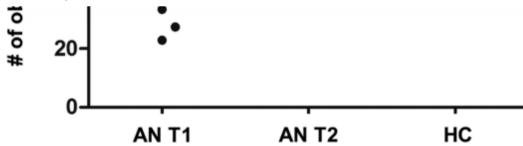


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# **Bristol Stool Test to explore the Gut Microbiota**

# Type 1 Separate hard lumps SEVERE CONSTIPATION Type 2 Lumpy and sausage like MILD CONSTIPATION Type 3 A sausage shape with cracks in the surface NORMAL Type 4 Like a smooth, soft sausage or snake NORMAL Type 5 Soft blobs with clear-cut edges LACKING FIBRE Type 6 Mushy consistency with ragged edges MILD DIARRHEA Type 7 Liquid consistency with no solid pieces SEVERE DIARRHEA

# Gut

Gut microbiota composition associated with stool consistency

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### Gut

Stool consistency is strongly associated with gut microbiota richness and composition, enterotypes and bacterial growth rates

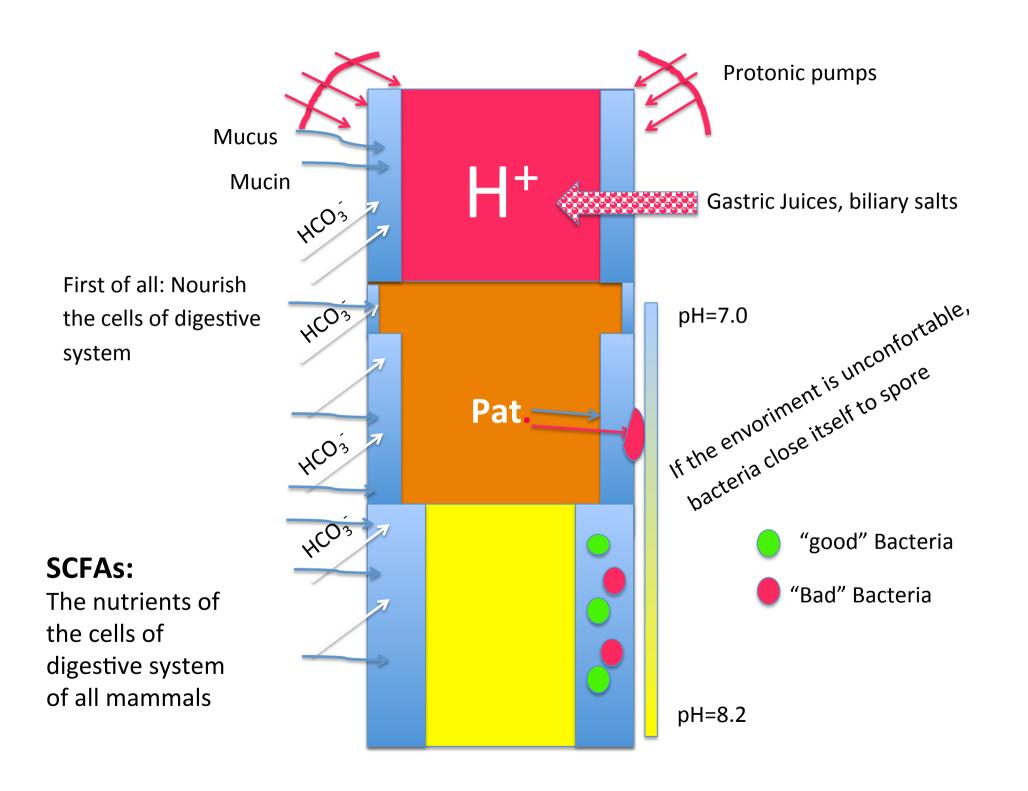
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# Gut microbiota composition associated with stool consistency

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Butirric acid
 Acetic acid
 Propionic acid
 Valeric acid

VPA

**SCFA**s= Histone-deacetilase inibitor = **Intestinal disinflammation** 

Saturated fats in the diet allow us to obtain SCFAs.

**Ketogenic diet**: Fats/Carbohydrates ratio 4:1 or 3:1

Then, rich in saturated fats and butter

KD nourishes and disinflammes intestine

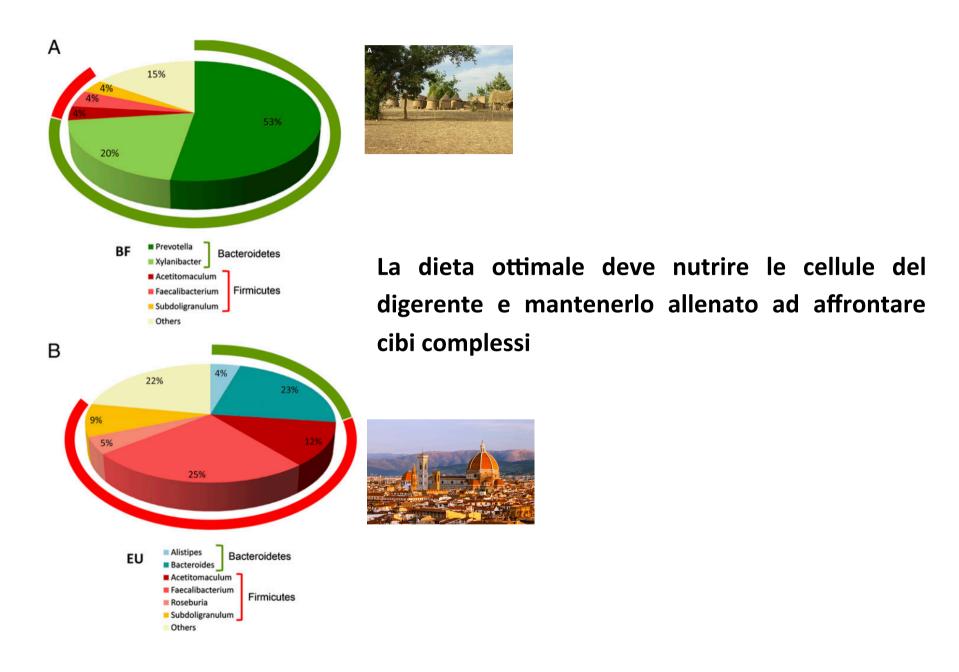
Does the butter hurt?

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Waldecker M(1), Kautenburger T, Daumann H, Busch C, Schrenk D. Inhibition of histone-deacetylase activity by short-chain fatty acids and some polyphenol metabolites formed in the colon. J Nutr Biochem. 2008 Sep;19(9):587-93.

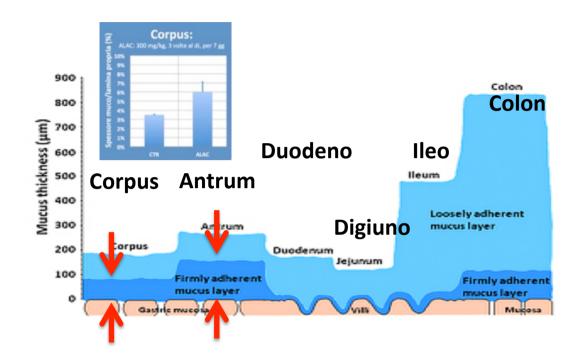
# **Butyric acid has been suggested:**

- as an alternative approach in autoimmune and inflammatory diseases,
- against bacterial infections,
- reduce cell proliferation in colon cancer,
- reduce blood sugar,
- insulin resistance,
- dyslipidemia and gluconogenesis comparable to metformin.
- has protective action in experimental models of muscular spinal atrophy,
- as well as reducing muscular atrophy from aging,
- has therapeutic action on allergic rhinitis,
- improves cardiac functions,
- reduces alcohol intake in dependent animals,
- protects against severe acute lung injury at a distance caused by burns.
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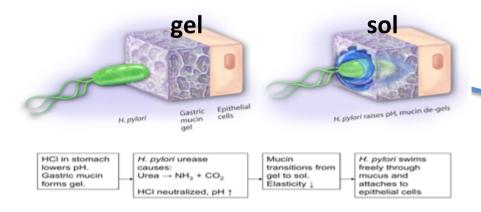


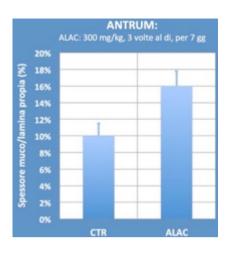
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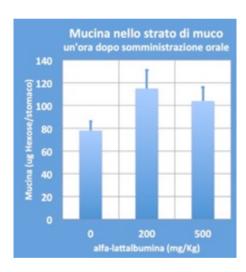
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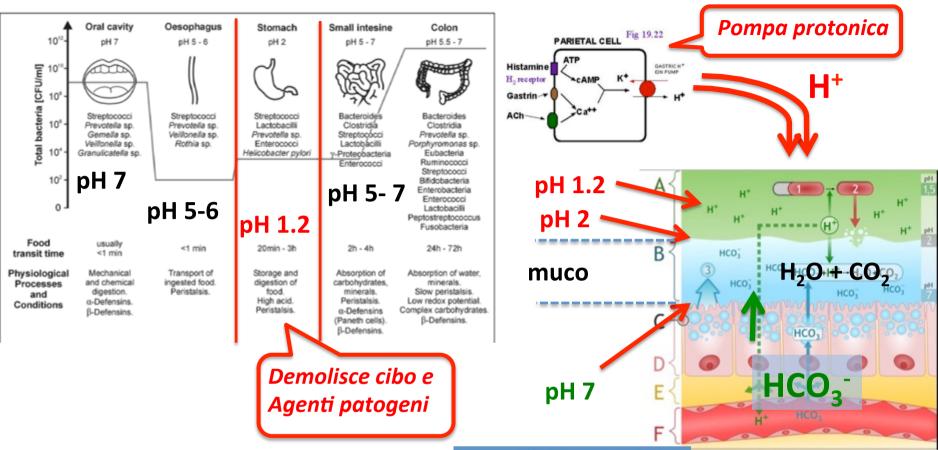


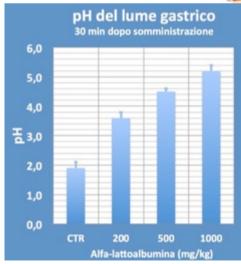






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# Alpha-lactalbumin protects in a dose-dependent manner from gastric ulcers induced by alcool or stress

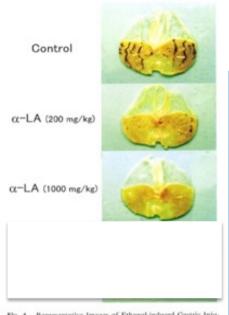
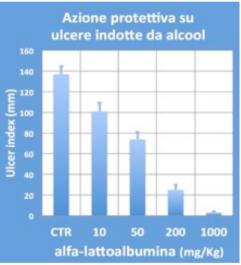


Fig. 4. Representative Images of Ethanol-induced Gastric Injury.



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# Looking towards a new medicine:



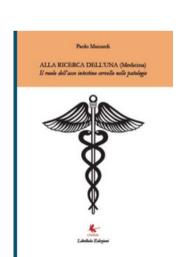
MORE POWERFUL THAN ANY DRUGS

restore the powerful of endogenous selfrepair and control mechanisms

Take – home message:

Cure the microbiota to allow it to take care of you.

Looking for the One Medicine



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION