

# The Gut Microbiome in Health and Disease: Focus on the Microbiome-gut-brain Axis

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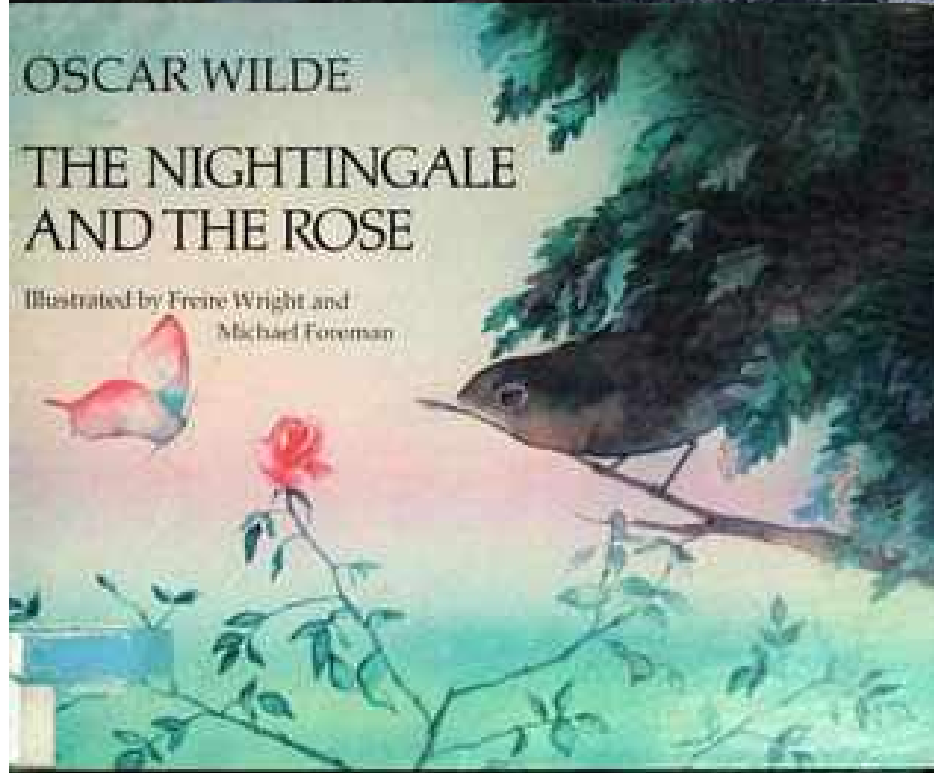
Ah, on what little things  
does happiness depend.

Oscar Wilde

quote fancy

OSCAR WILDE  
THE NIGHTINGALE  
AND THE ROSE

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# Living in a Microbial World...

## Microbiome IN NUMBERS

### 100 Trillion

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

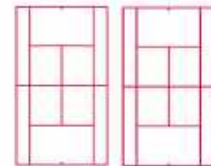
The human body has more microbes than there are stars in the milky way

### 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

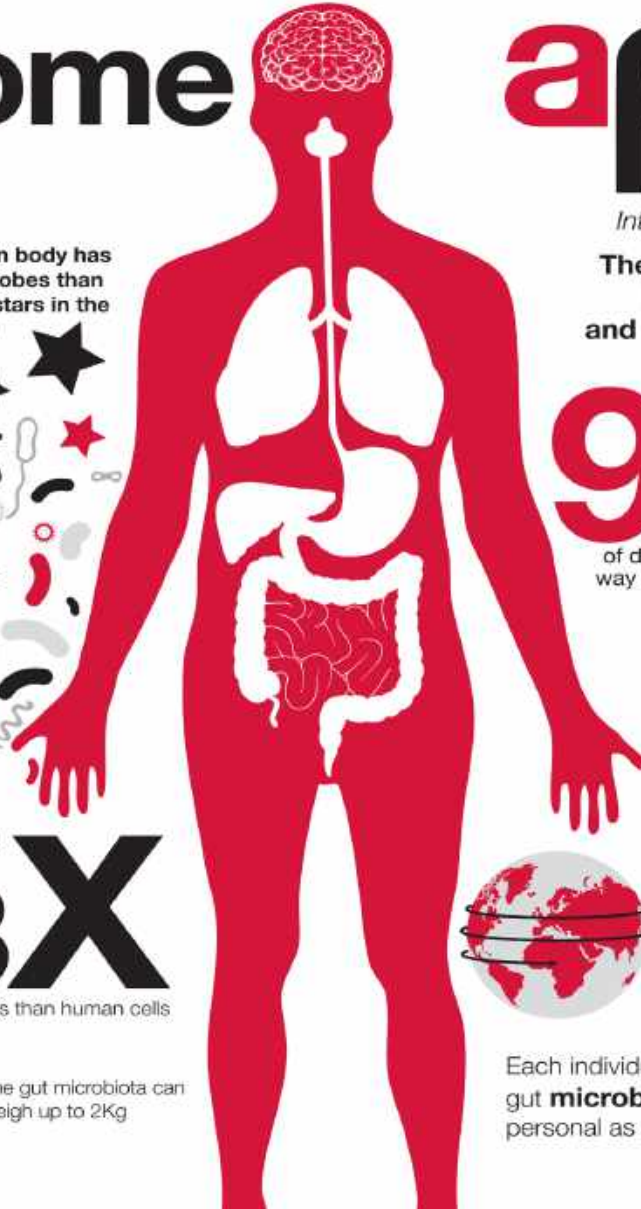
more microbes than human cells

### >10,000

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

### 2kg

The gut microbiota can weigh up to 2Kg



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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





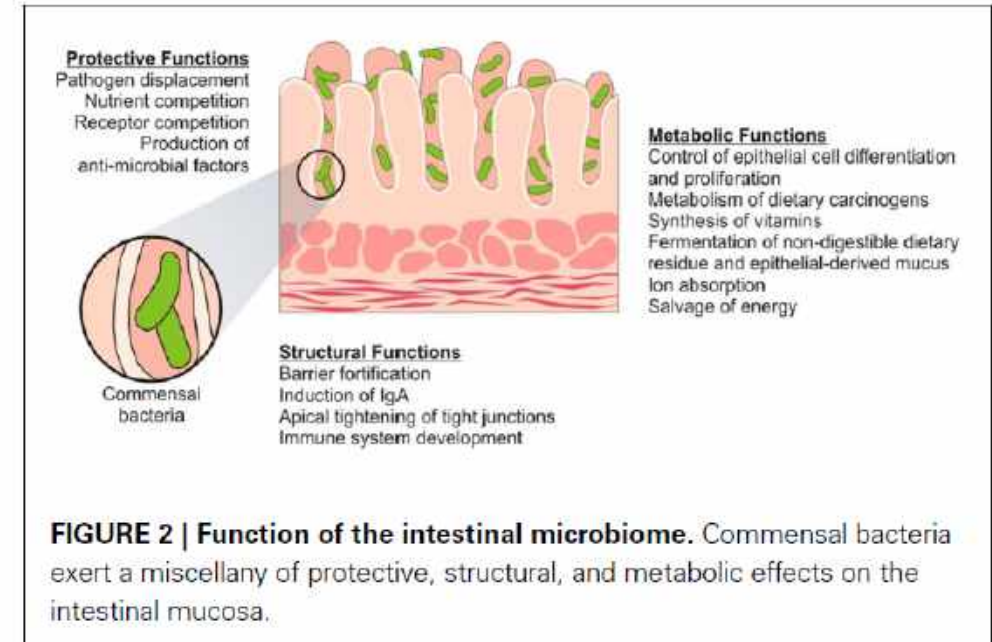
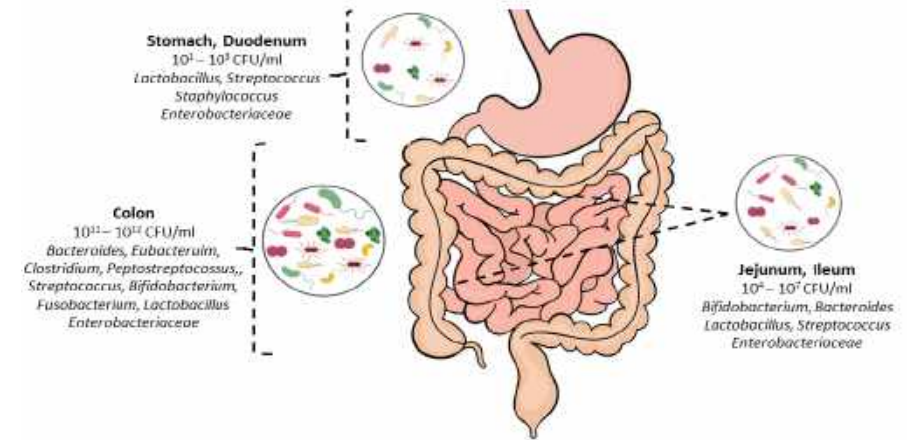
# The War on Bacteria



[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PoxT-D8d0zg&feature=player\\_detailpage](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PoxT-D8d0zg&feature=player_detailpage)

# The Forgotten Organ?

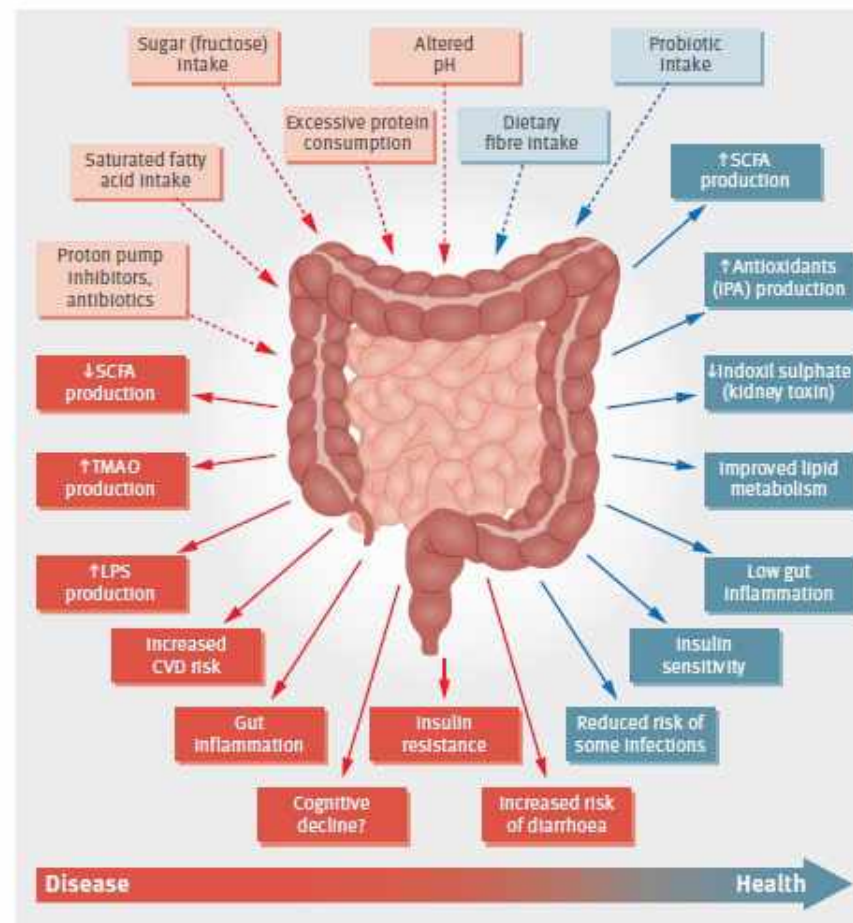
- Bacteria density increases in the jejunum/ileum from the stomach and duodenum
- In the large intestine, colon-residing bacteria achieve the highest cell densities recorded for any ecosystem
- Exert a range of protective, structural and metabolic effects on the intestinal mucosa





# Role of the gut microbiota in nutrition and health

**Ana M Valdes and colleagues** discuss strategies for modulating the gut microbiota through diet and probiotics





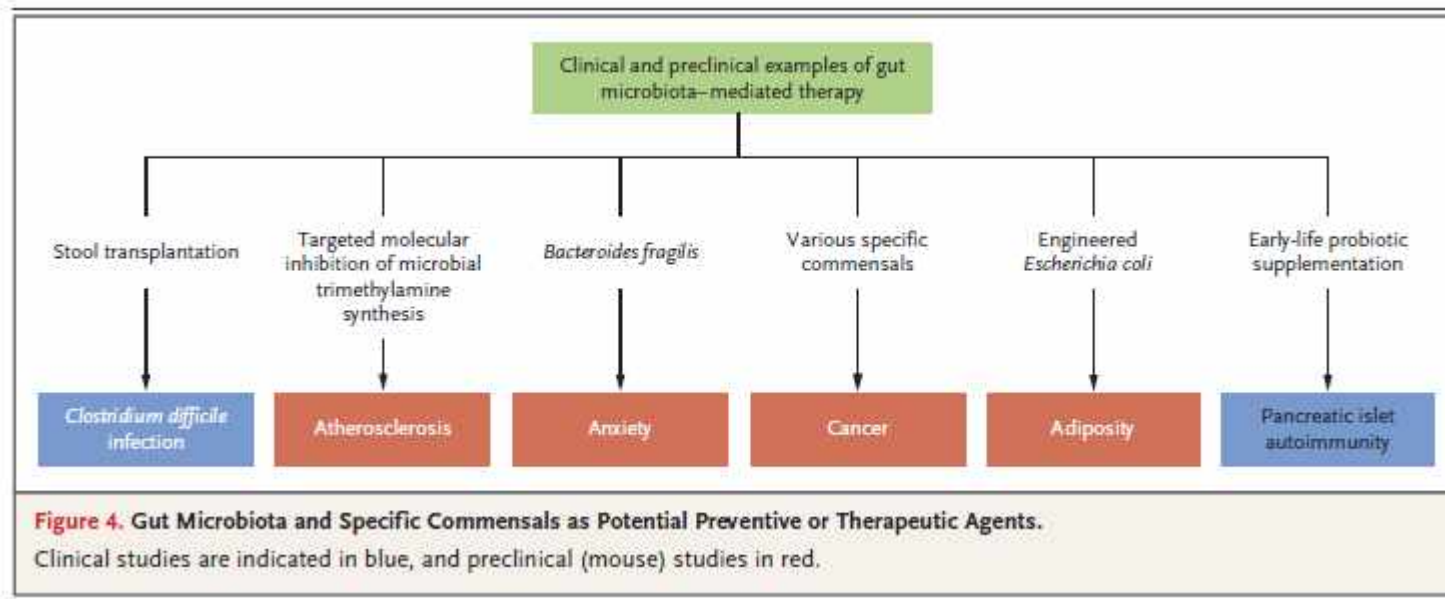
## REVIEW ARTICLE

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# The Human Intestinal Microbiome in Health and Disease

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Gut Microbiota Functions	Disease Indications
<b>Influences</b> Immune maturation and homeostasis Host cell proliferation Vascularization Neurologic signaling Pathogen burden Intestinal endocrine functions Bone density Energy biogenesis	Neurologic Psychiatric Respiratory Cardiovascular Gastrointestinal Hepatic Autoimmune Metabolic Oncologic
<b>Biosynthesis</b> Vitamins Steroid hormones Neurotransmitters	
<b>Metabolism</b> Branched-chain and aromatic amino acids Dietary components Bile salts Drugs Xenobiotics	







## The Gut Microbiota

REVIEW

# Interactions Between the Microbiota and the Immune System

Lora V. Hooper,<sup>1\*</sup> Dan R. Littman,<sup>2</sup> Andrew J. Macpherson<sup>3</sup>

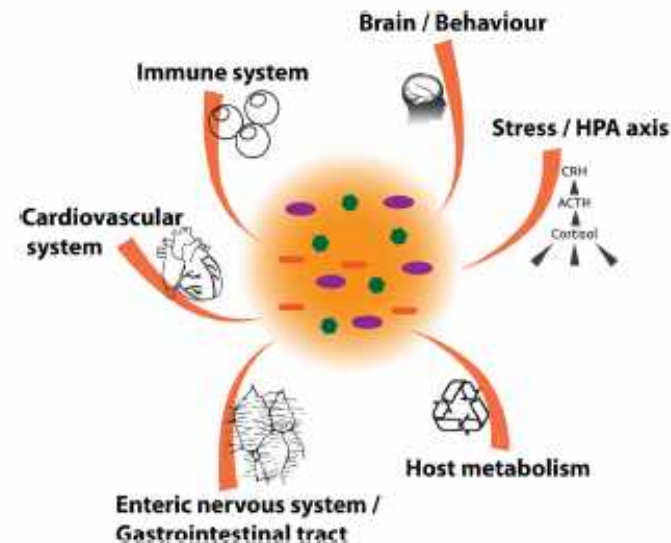
MINIREVIEW

*Mol Endocrinol*, August 2014, 28(8):1221–1238 | [mend.endojournals.org](http://mend.endojournals.org)

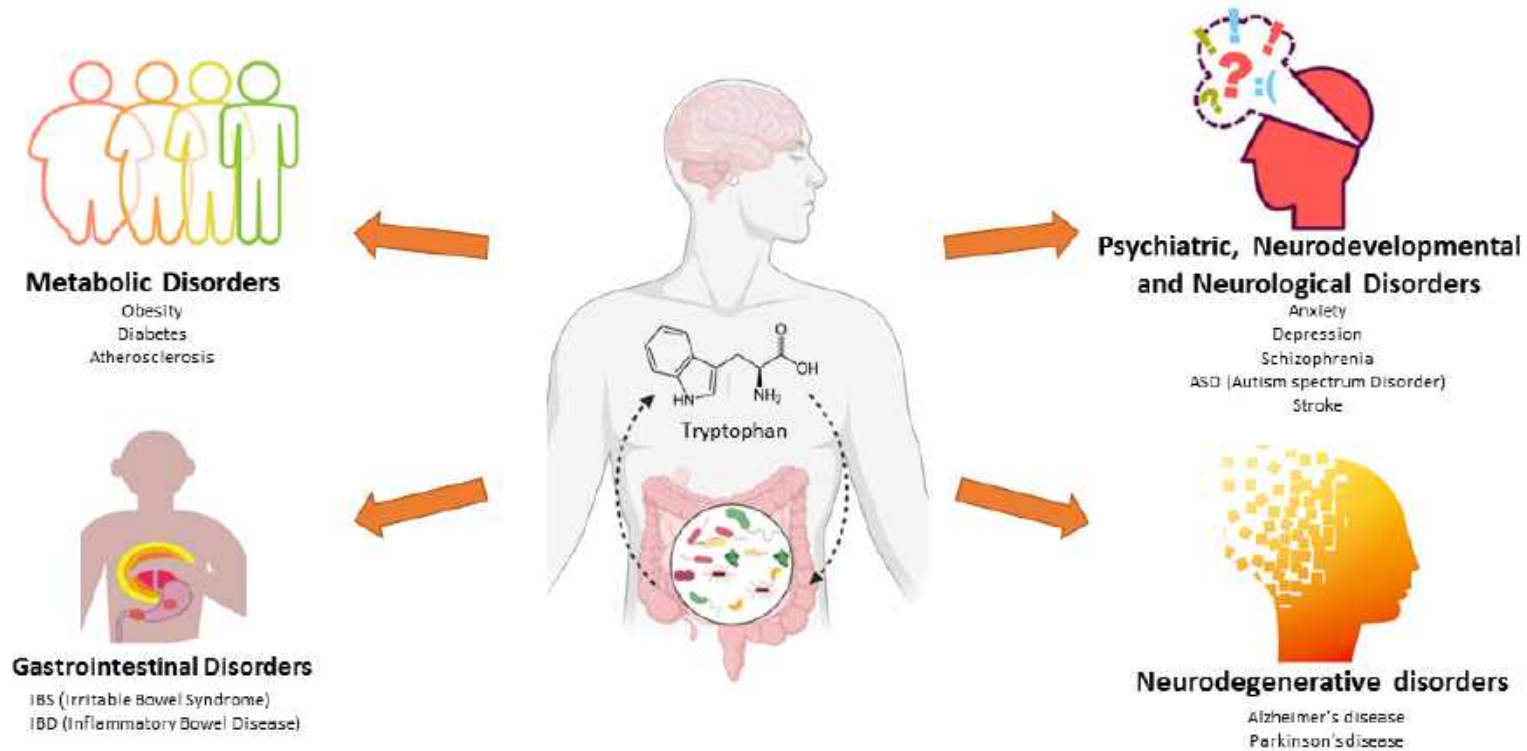
## Minireview: Gut Microbiota: The Neglected Endocrine Organ

Gerard Clarke, Roman M. Stilling, Paul J. Kennedy, Catherine Stanton, John F. Cryan, and Timothy G. Dinan

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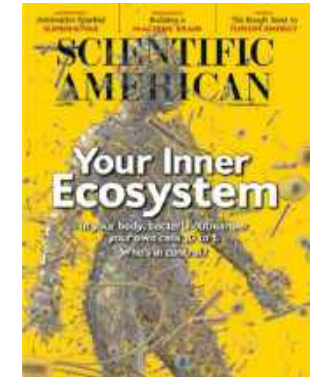


# The Gut Microbiome in Disease





# Forgotten Organ No More!



## MEET THE PSYCHOBIOME

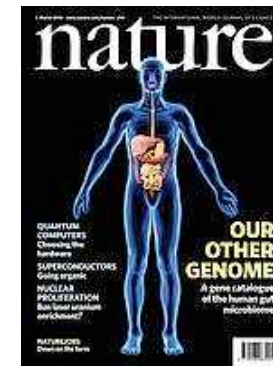
Mounting evidence that gut bacteria influence the nervous system inspires efforts to mine the microbiome for brain drugs

By Elizabeth Pennisi, in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Photography by Ken Richardson

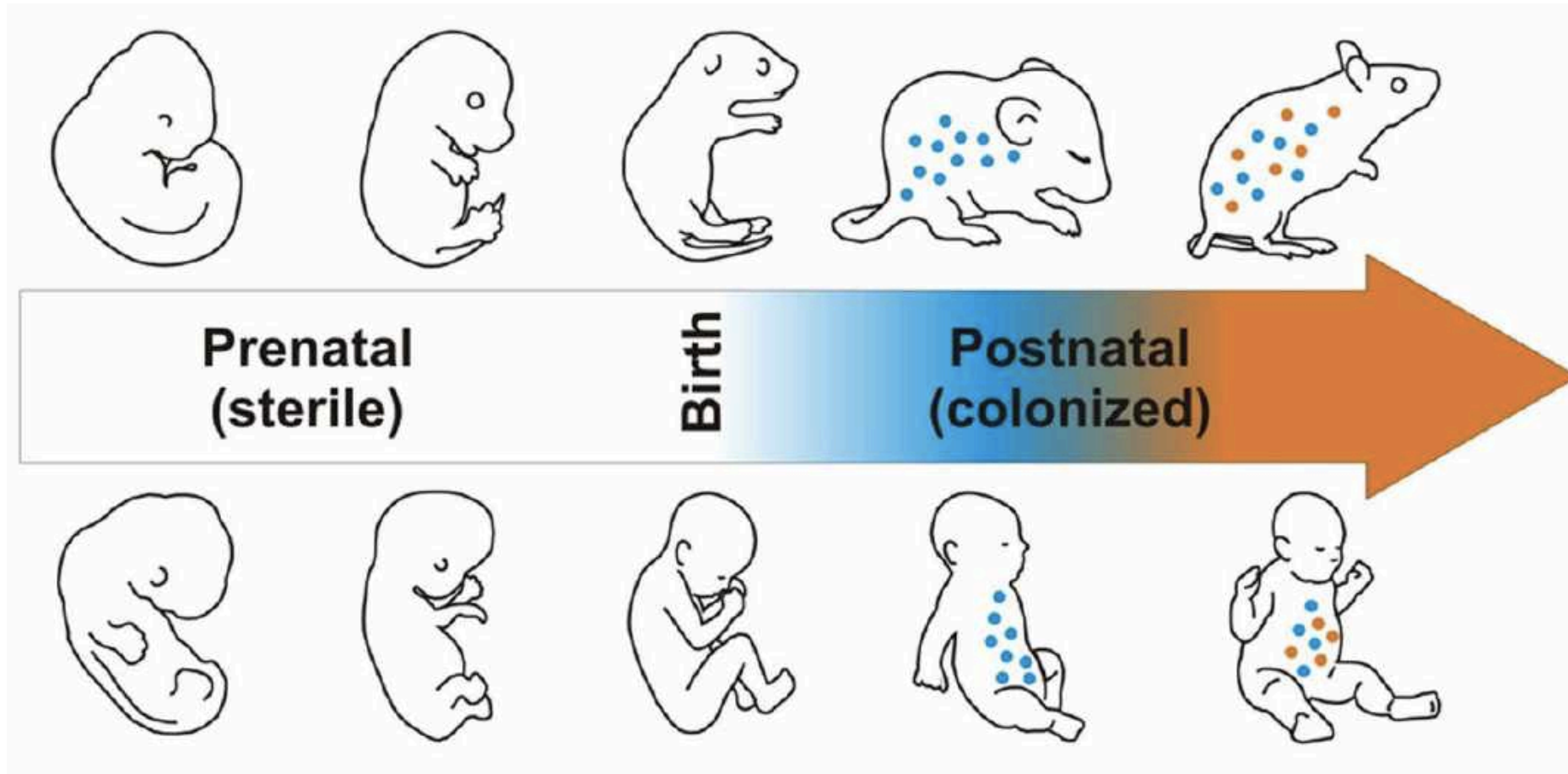
**K**atya Gavrilis is searching for new brain drugs in a seemingly unlikely place: human stool samples. An earnest and focused microbiologist who trained in Russia and loves classical music, she's standing in front of a large biosafety chamber in a lab at Hologobiome, a small startup company here. She reaches into the glass-fronted chamber through Michelin-blue gloves to begin to dilute the sample inside. That's the first step toward isolating and culturing bacteria

that Gavrilis and her Hologobiome colleagues hope will produce new treatments for depression and other disorders of the brain and nervous system. The eight-person company plans to capitalize on growing evidence from epidemiological and animal studies that link gut bacteria to conditions as diverse as autism, anxiety, and Alzheimer's disease. Since its founding a mere 5 years ago, Hologobiome has created one of the world's largest collections of human gut microbes. The company's CEO, Phil Stranitzke, cannot yet say exactly what items

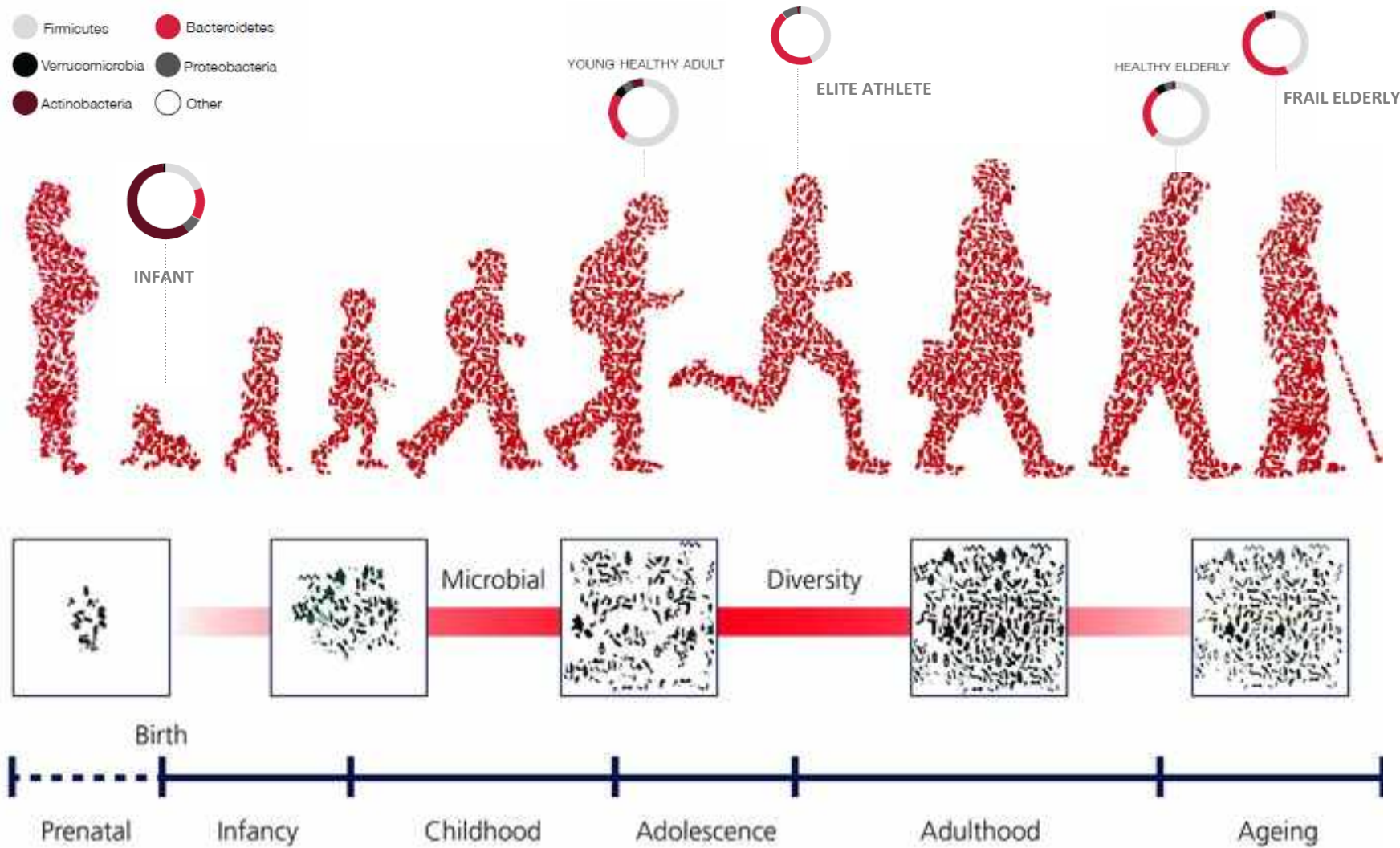
the new treatments will take. But the targeted ailments include depression and insomnia, as well as constipation, and visceral pain like that typical of irritable bowel syndrome—conditions that may have neurological as well as intestinal components, emphasizing a role for gut microbes. Hologobiome, with a Ph.D. in microbiology, isn't prone to visionary statements, but neither is he short on ambition: He predicts the first human trial will start within 3 years. The alliance is simple: Drug development for neuropsychiatric disorders has lagged



# Where do we get our microbiota from?



# GI microbiota over lifetime



Cryan and Dinan, J Physiology 2017

Stress response  
Immune development

Inflammation  
Immunosenescence

# Factors Defining the Gut Microbiome

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➤ Stabl

➤ Diver

➤ Mod



Geographical location      Host Genetics      Exercise

# 10 Days


Professor Spector's son Tom spent 10 days eating only McDonald's

Gastric secretion      Antimicrobial peptides & IgA      Gastric motility

iotics



## MILESTONES IN HUMAN MICROBIOTA RESEARCH

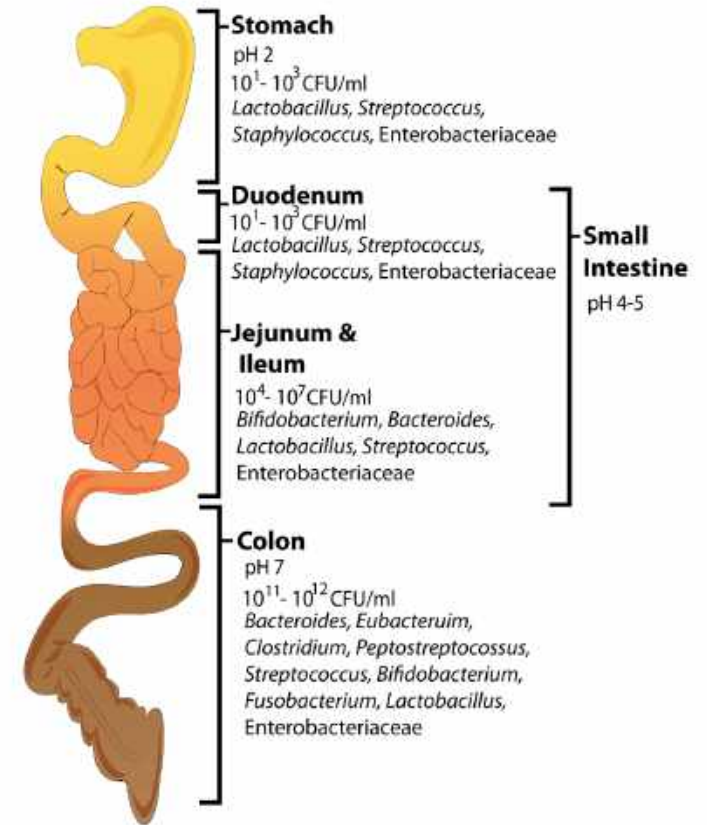
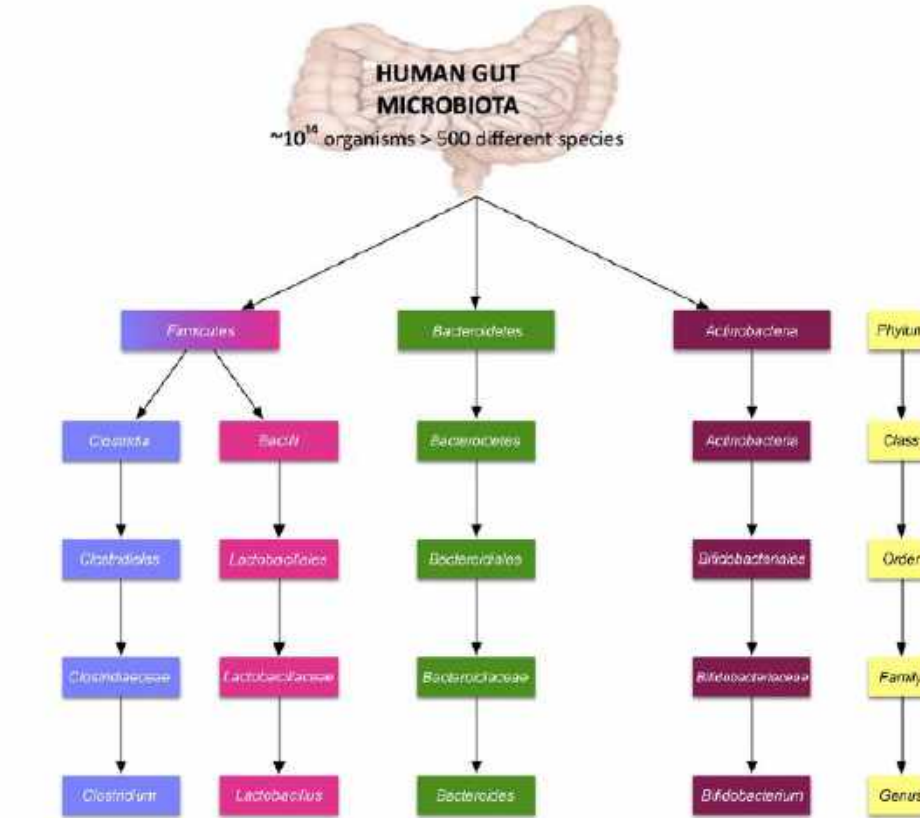
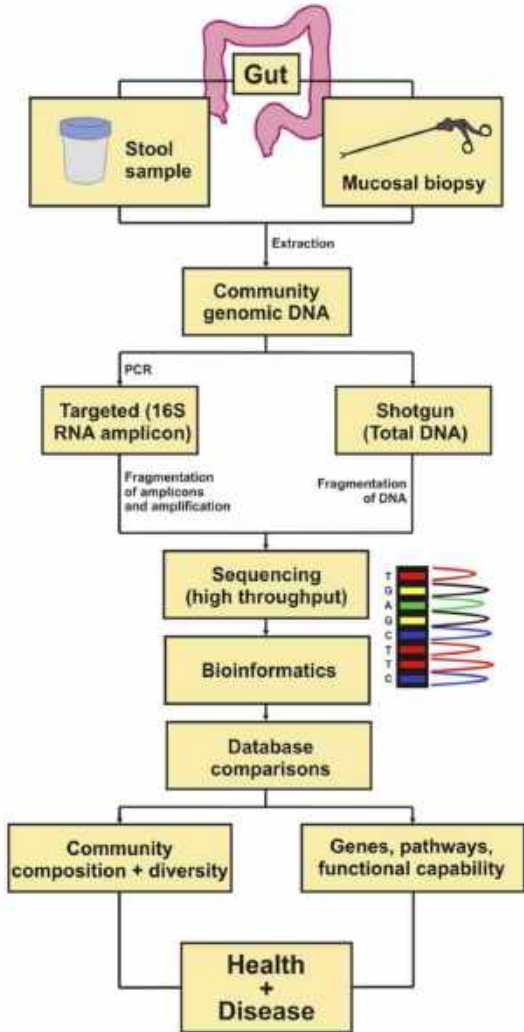
 A field is born (FOREWORD)

- 1944 Culturing anaerobes (MILESTONE 1)
- 1958 Faecal microbiota transplantation for *Clostridioides difficile* infection (MILESTONE 2)
- 1965 Gut microbiota transfer experiments in germ-free animals (MILESTONE 3)
- 1972 The microbiota influences metabolism of host-directed drugs (MILESTONE 4)
- 1981 Microbiota succession in early life (MILESTONE 5)
- 1996 Sequence-based identification of human associated microbiota (MILESTONE 6)
- 1998 Stability and individuality of adult microbiota (MILESTONE 7)
- 2003 Beyond bacteria: studies of other host-associated microorganisms (MILESTONE 8)
- 2004 Regulation of mucosal immunity by the microbiota (MILESTONE 9)
- 2005 The importance of adequately feeding your microbiota (MILESTONE 10)
- 2006 Transfer of host phenotypes through microbiota transplantation (MILESTONE 11)
- 2006 Impact of diet-microbiota interactions on human metabolism (MILESTONE 12)
- 2007 Mechanisms of colonization resistance (MILESTONE 13)
- 2007 Functional human microbiota analyses in vivo using 'omics technologies (MILESTONE 14)
- 2010 Antibiotic effects on microbiota composition and host health (MILESTONE 15)
- 2010 Bioinformatics tools enable the analysis of microbiome sequencing data (MILESTONE 16)
- 2010 Microbiome analyses in large human populations (MILESTONE 17)
- 2011 The microbiota-gut-brain axis (MILESTONE 18)
- 2012 Modern culturing efforts expand the culturable microbiota (MILESTONE 19)
- 2012 Global human microbiome (MILESTONE 20)
- 2013 Microbially-produced short-chain fatty acids induce regulatory T cell production (MILESTONE 21)
- 2014 Production of antibiotics by the human microbiota (MILESTONE 22)
- 2015 Host-targeted drugs affect microbiota populations (MILESTONE 23)
- 2018 Human microbiota affects response to cancer therapy (MILESTONE 24)
- 2019 Metagenome-assembled genomes provide unprecedented characterization of human-associated microbiota (MILESTONE 25)



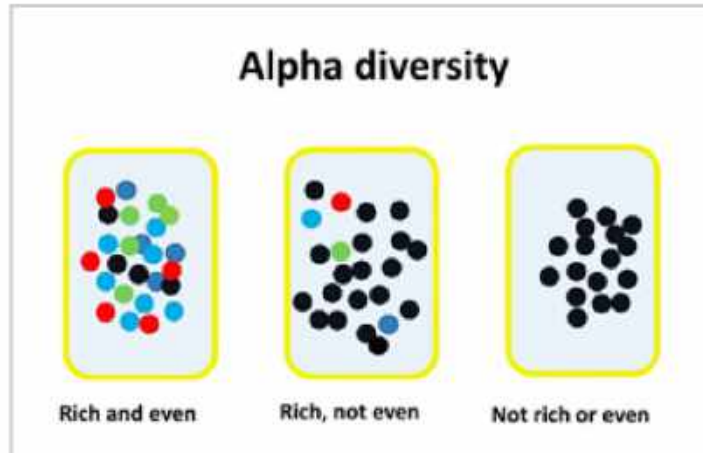
# It's a gut feeling: How the gut microbiota affects the state of mind

Adam D. Farmer, Holly A. Randall and Qasim Aziz





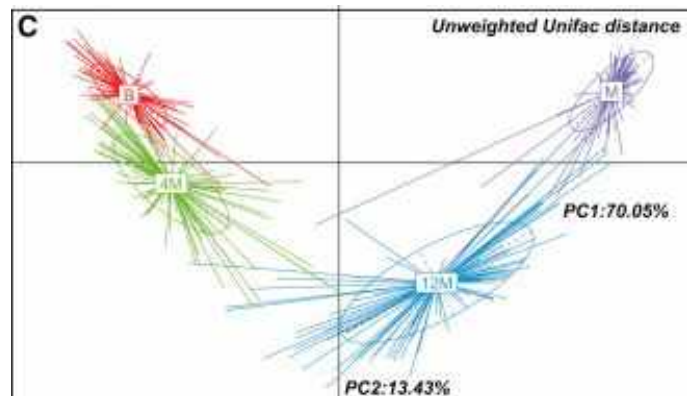
# Alpha and Beta Diversity



Stoll et al, The Rheumatologist 2016

- Alpha diversity is a measure of the compositional complexity of a community within a site
- Alpha diversity increases with the number of present species and with the evenness of their relative abundances

## Beta diversity



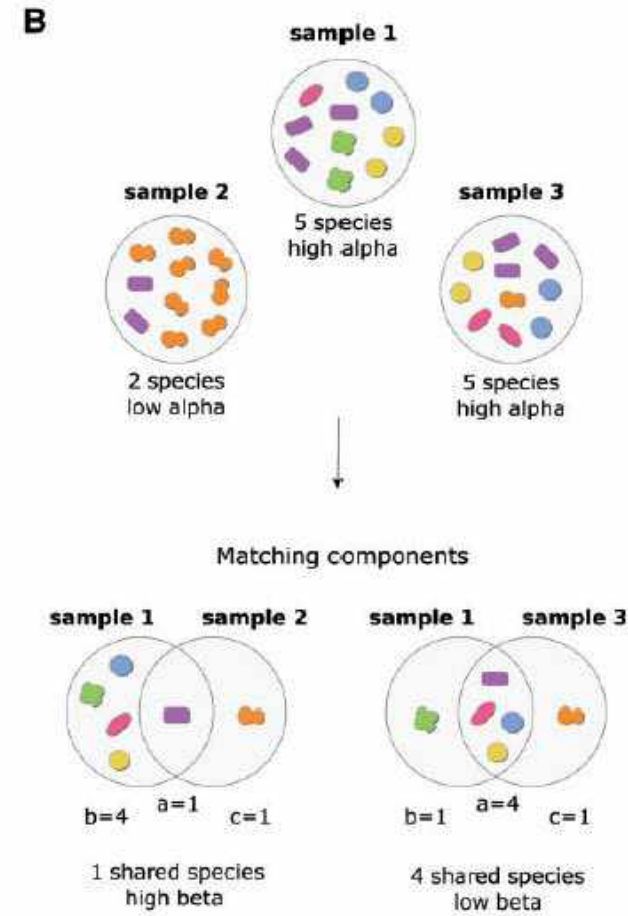
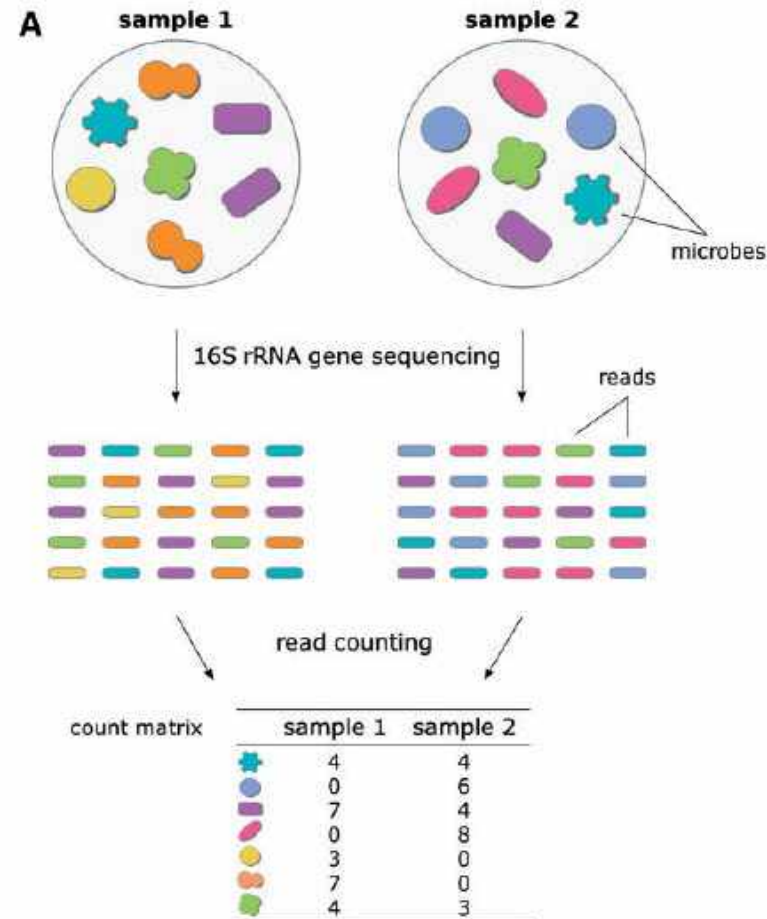
Backhed et al, Cell 2015

- Beta diversity looks at difference in taxonomic abundance profiles from different samples
- Presence-absence data are often used to identify which species are shared by samples and which are not.

# Diversity is Key

2 | Finotello et al.

Briefings in Bioinformatics, 2016, 1-14

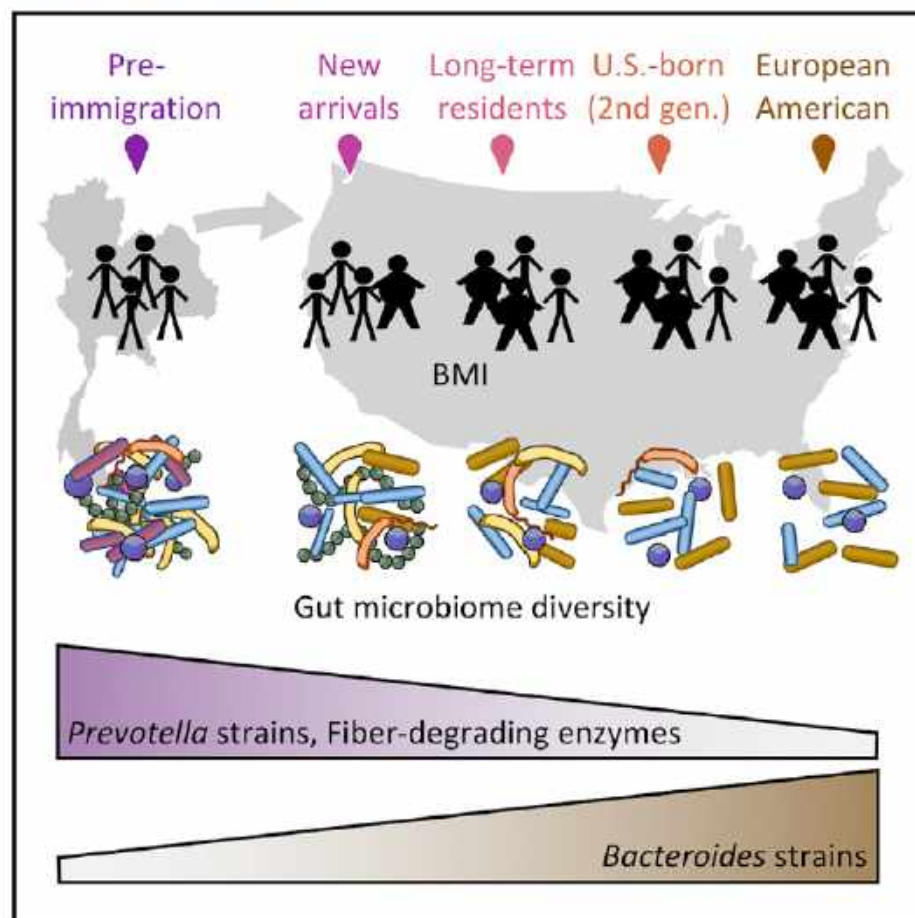




# Cell

## US Immigration Westernizes the Human Gut Microbiome

### Graphical Abstract



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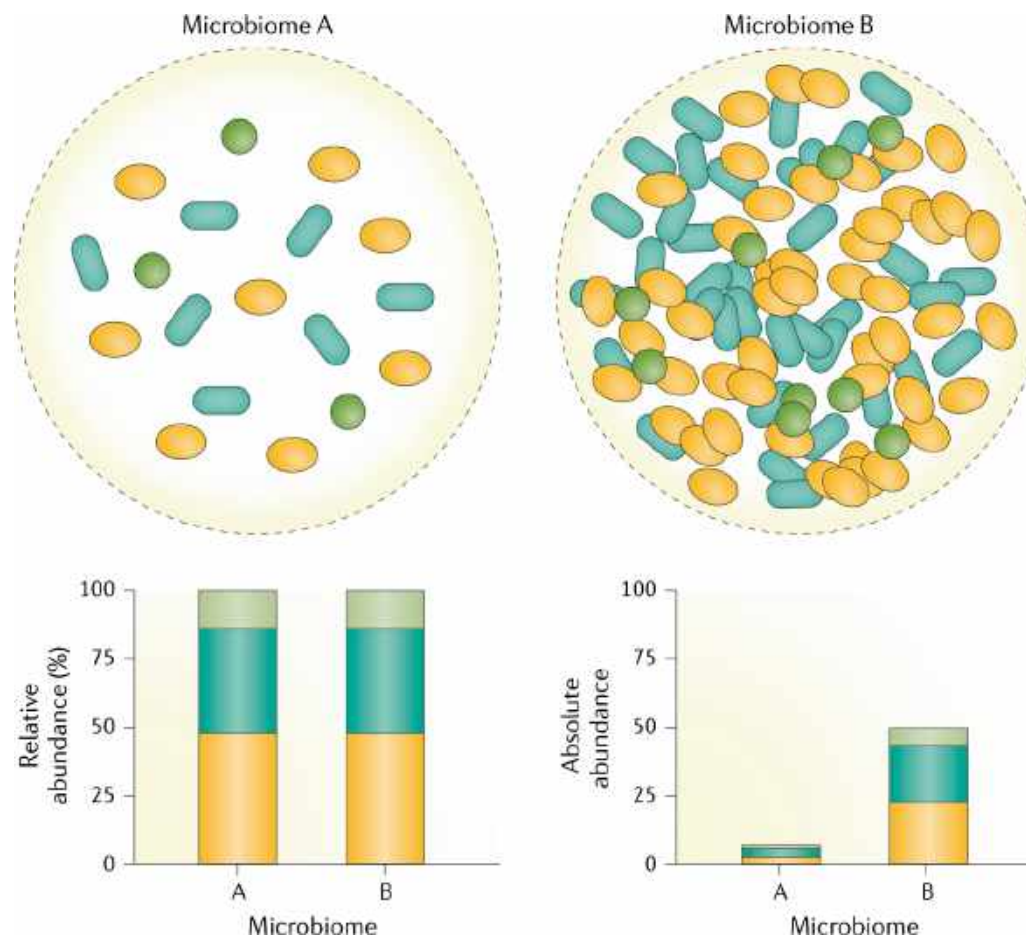
### In Brief

Migration from a non-western nation to the United States is found to be associated with a loss in gut microbiome diversity and function in a manner that may predispose individuals to metabolic disease.



# Language, numeracy and logic in microbiome science

Fergus Shanahan<sup>1,5\*</sup> and Colin Hill<sup>2,3</sup>



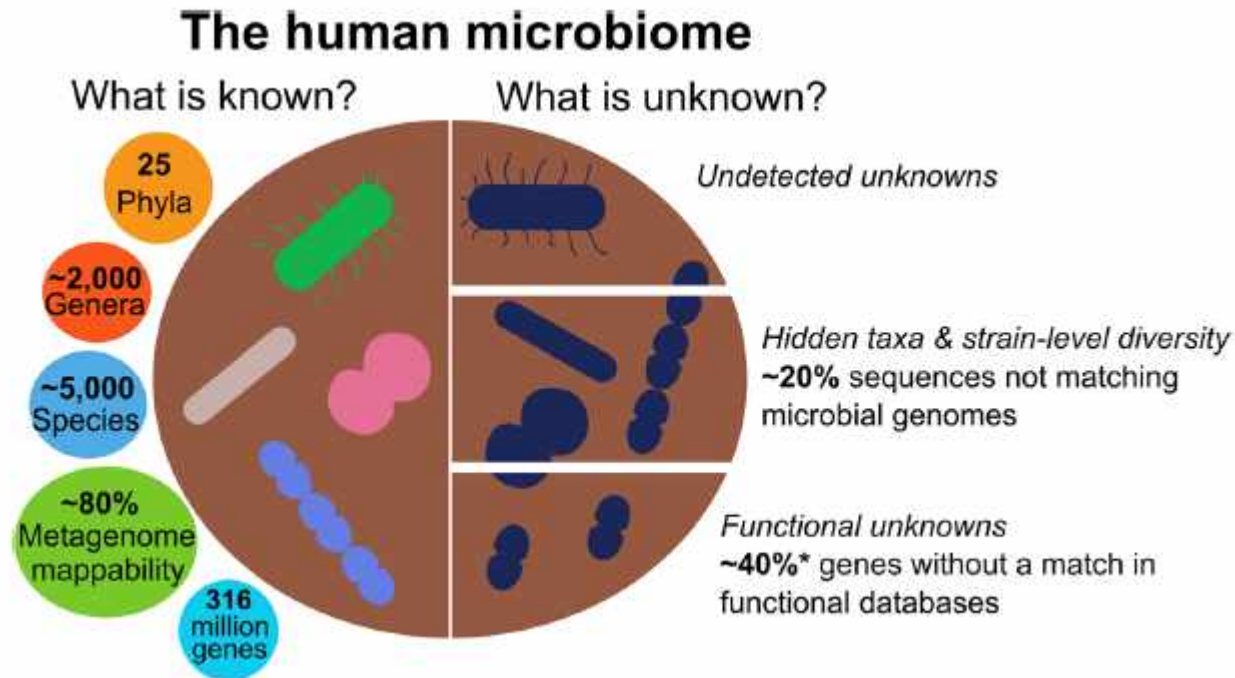
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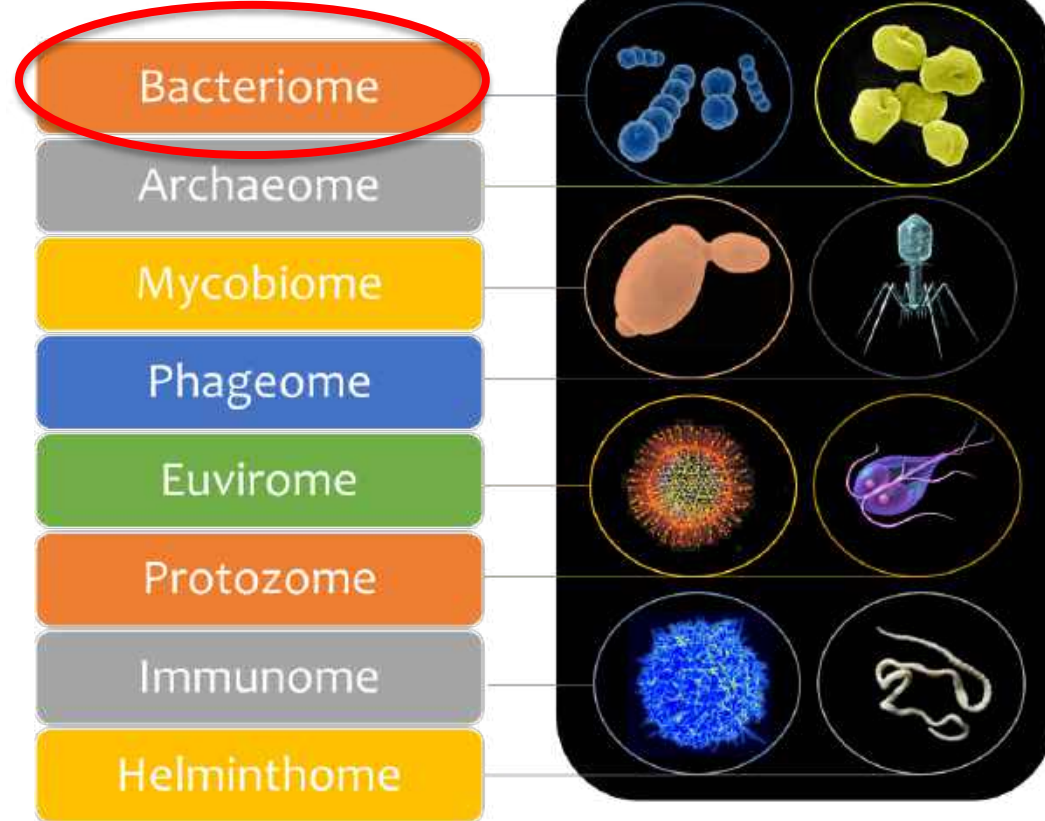
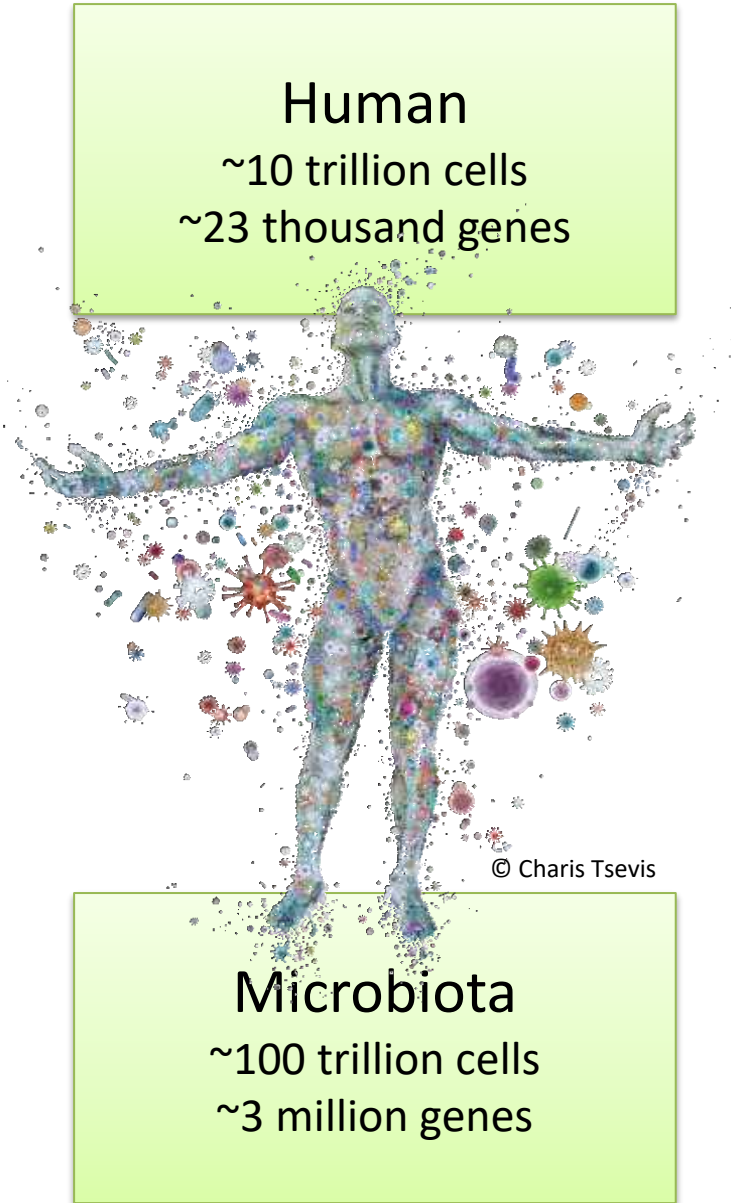
# Multiple levels of the unknown in microbiome research



Andrew Maltez Thomas and Nicola Segata\*



# Microbiome





## REVIEW ARTICLE

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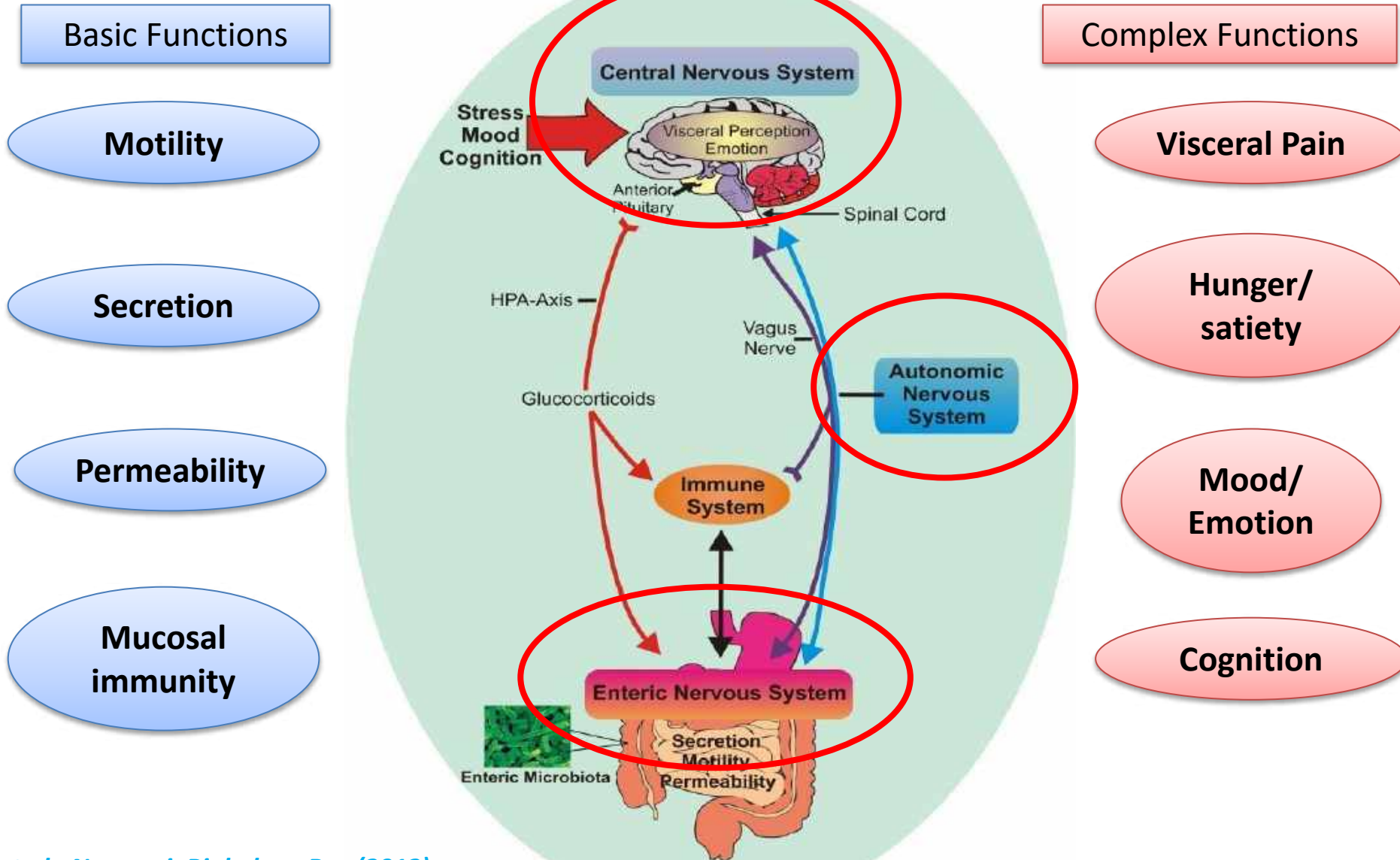
Susan V. Lynch, Ph.D., and Oluf Pedersen, M.D., D.M.Sc.

**Table 1.** Tools for Analyzing Microbiota.

Approach	Data	Platform	Pros and Cons
Biomarker sequencing (e.g., 16S rRNA gene or internal transcribed spacer region)*	Community composition	Next-generation sequencing	Is cost-effective, is semiquantitative, permits resolution of genus level and in some cases species level; short reads may make accurate classification difficult
Metagenomics	Generation of draft genomes, functional capacity, growth dynamics	Next-generation sequencing	Has capacity for strain-level reconstruction, is quantitative, allows for functional annotation with pathway predictions; is currently very costly, has community coverage that may be relatively shallow in more complex assemblages
Metatranscriptomics (RNA sequencing)	Gene expression	Next-generation sequencing	Highly expressed genes are more likely than others to be detected, depletion of human transcripts is possible, requires immediate preservation or processing of fresh or snap-frozen intestinal specimens
Metaproteomics	Protein expression	Liquid or gas chromatography-mass spectrometry	Primarily detects dominant proteins; makes removal of host-derived proteins impossible
Metabolomics	Metabolic productivity	Liquid or gas chromatography-mass spectrometry or magnetic resonance spectroscopy	Is semiquantitative; can be targeted or untargeted; detects metabolites that are platform- and database-dependent; detects metabolites that may originate from microbes, diet, or host

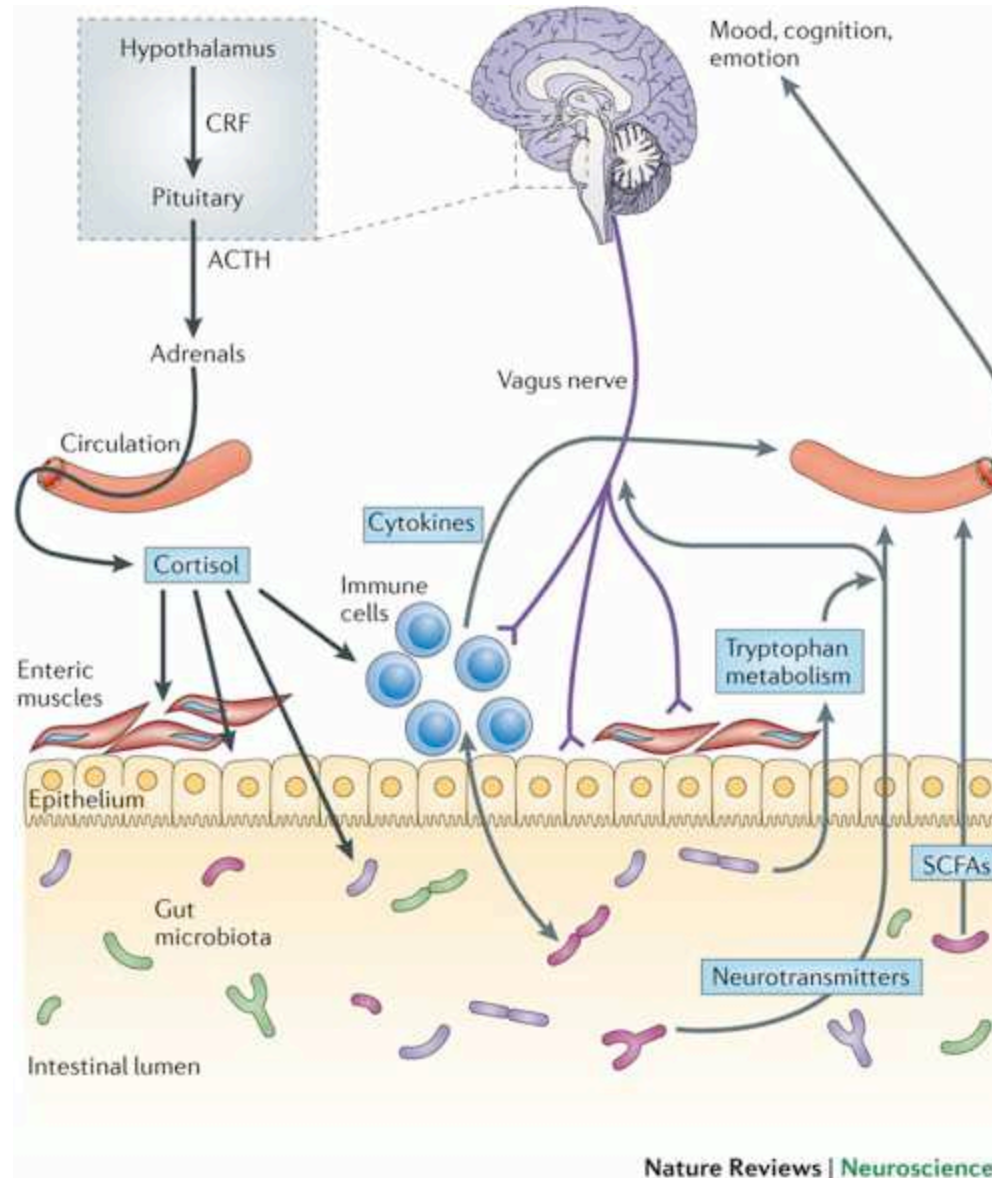
\* The term rRNA denotes ribosomal RNA.

# The brain-gut –(microbiota) axis





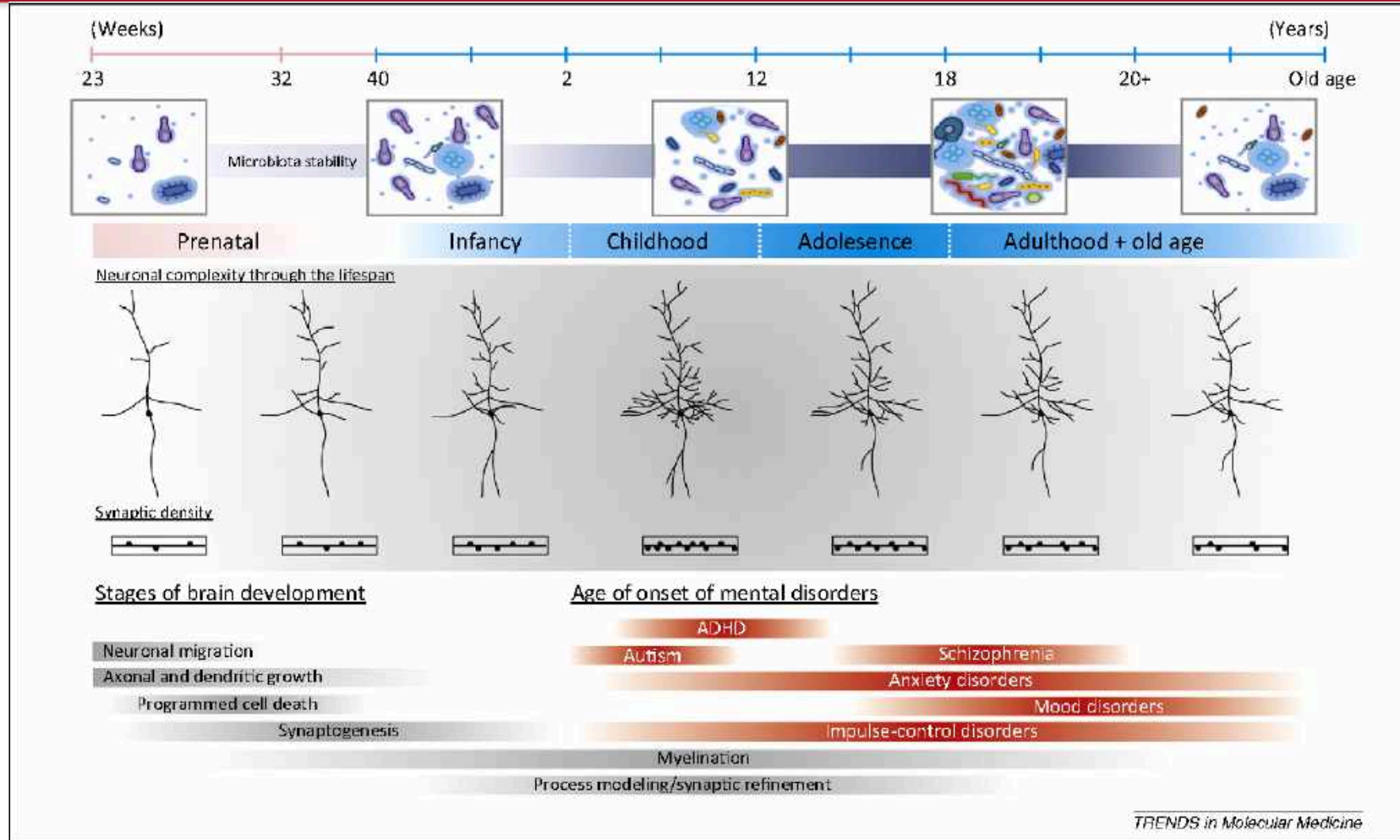
# Signalling Along the Brain-Gut-Microbiota axis



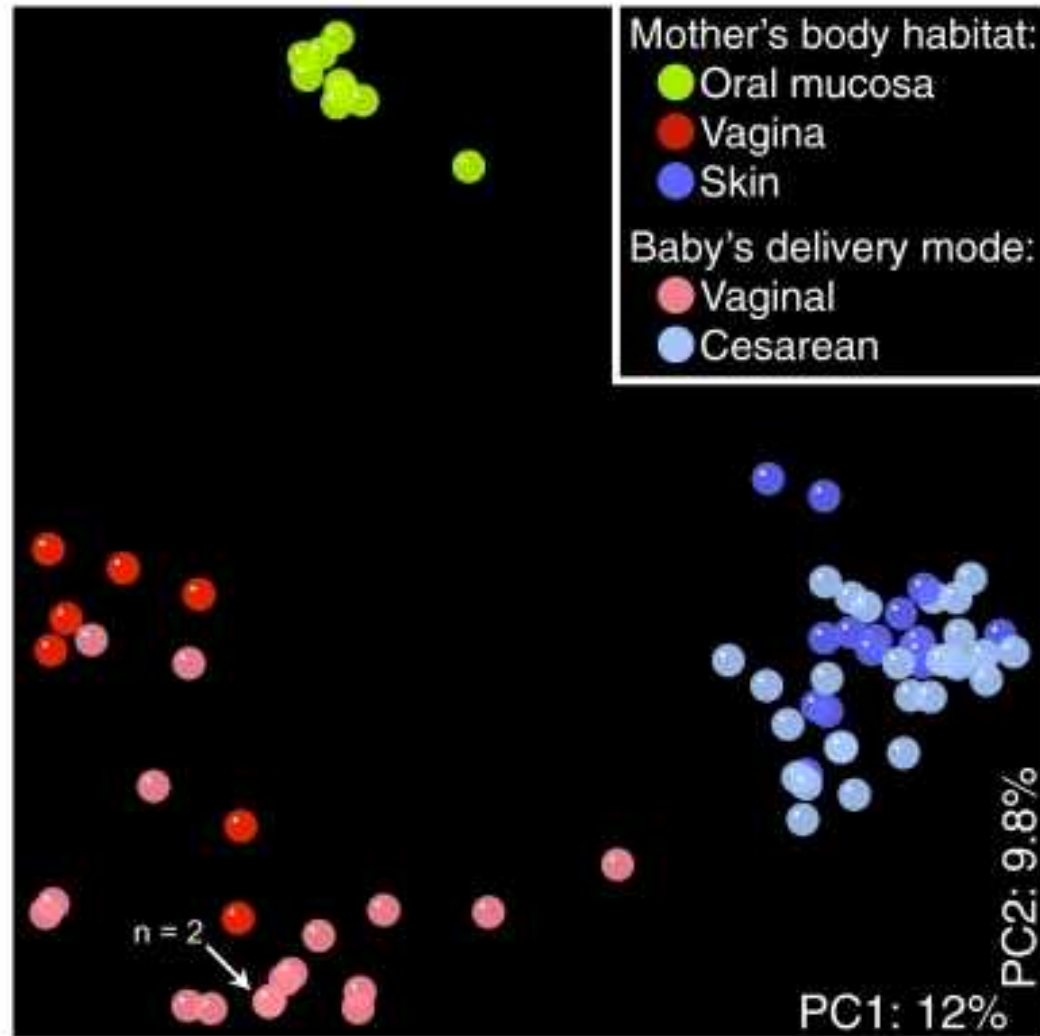
Nature Reviews | Neuroscience

Cryan and Dinan, *Nat Rev Neurosci* Oct 2012

# Microbiota and Neurodevelopment

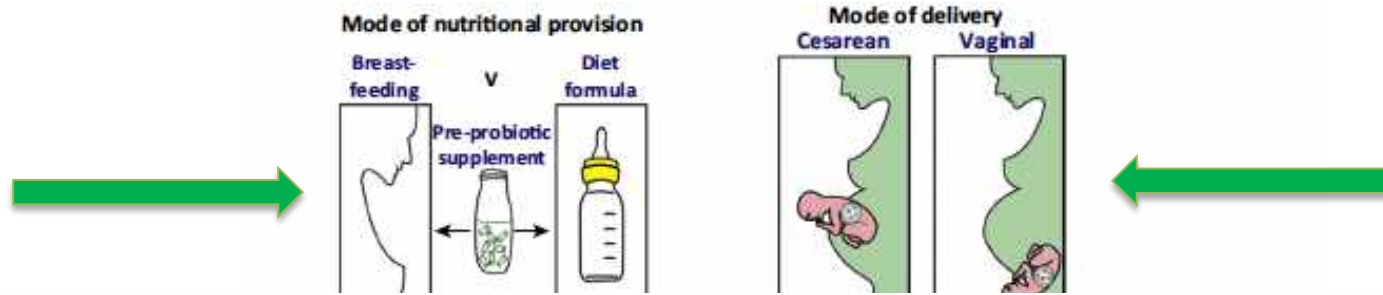


# C-section and Infant Microbiome



Dominguez-Bello et al, PNAS 2010

# The Gold Standard



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## REVIEW

### EARLY-LIFE ADVERSITY AND BRAIN DEVELOPMENT: IS THE MICROBIOME A MISSING PIECE OF THE PUZZLE?

S. M. O'MAHONY,<sup>a,ba</sup> G. CLARKE,<sup>b,c</sup> T. G. DINAN<sup>b,c</sup> AND J. F. CRYAN<sup>a,ba</sup>

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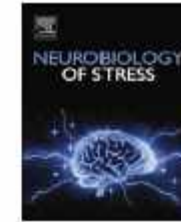
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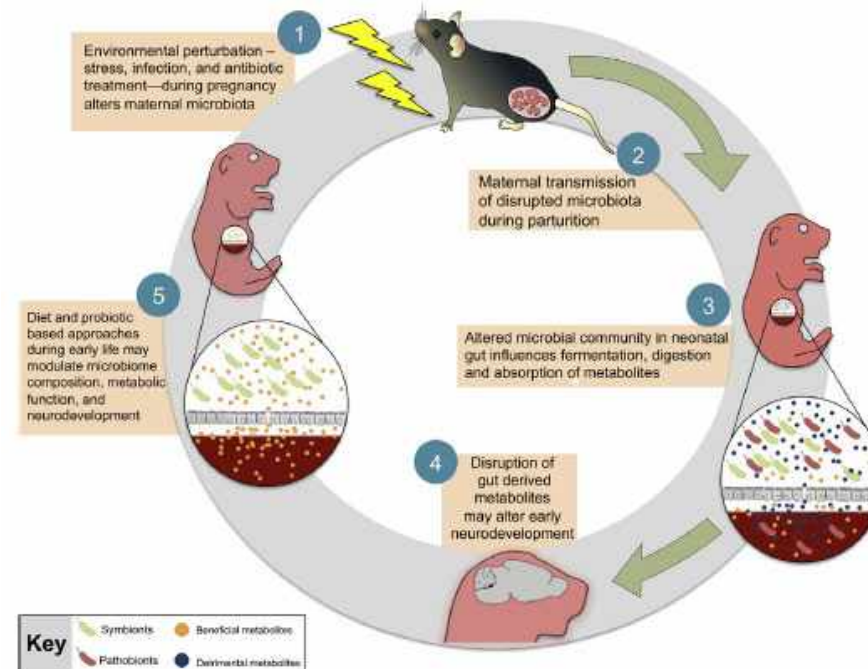
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## A novel role for maternal stress and microbial transmission in early life programming and neurodevelopment



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# Gut microbiome, obesity, and metabolic dysfunction

Herbert Tilg<sup>1</sup> and Arthur Kaser<sup>2</sup>

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[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/14/science/our-microbiome-may-be-looking-out-for-itself.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/14/science/our-microbiome-may-be-looking-out-for-itself.html?_r=0)



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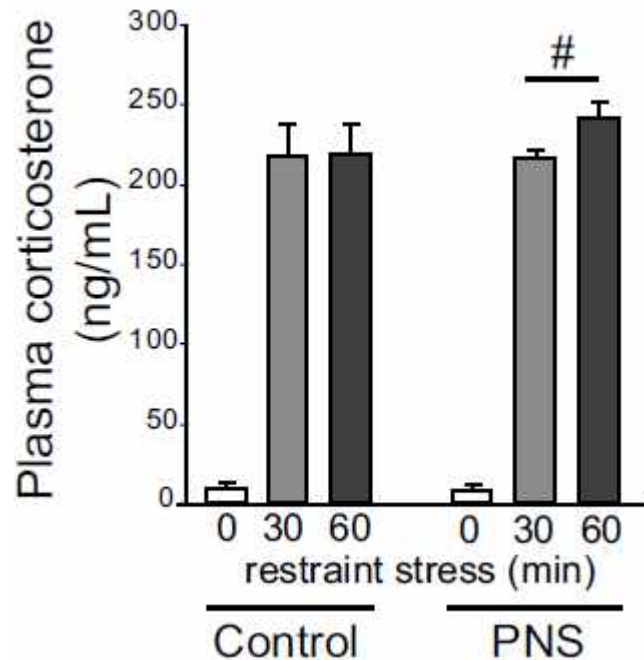


## Prenatal stress-induced alterations in major physiological systems correlate with gut microbiota composition in adulthood

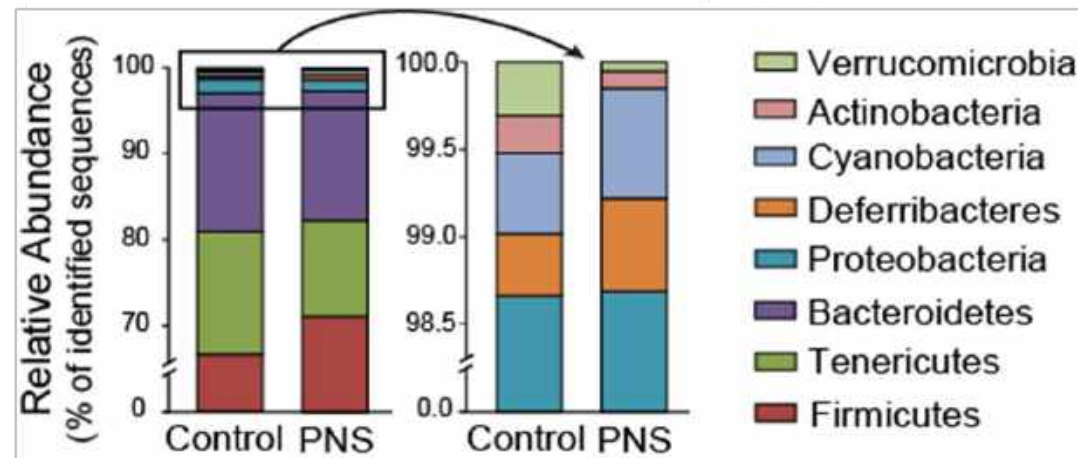


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**Prenatal stress induced long-lasting alterations in HPA responsivity and in gut microbiota; Abundance of distinct bacteria correlated with stress response**



### Relative abundance of bacterial phyla, %



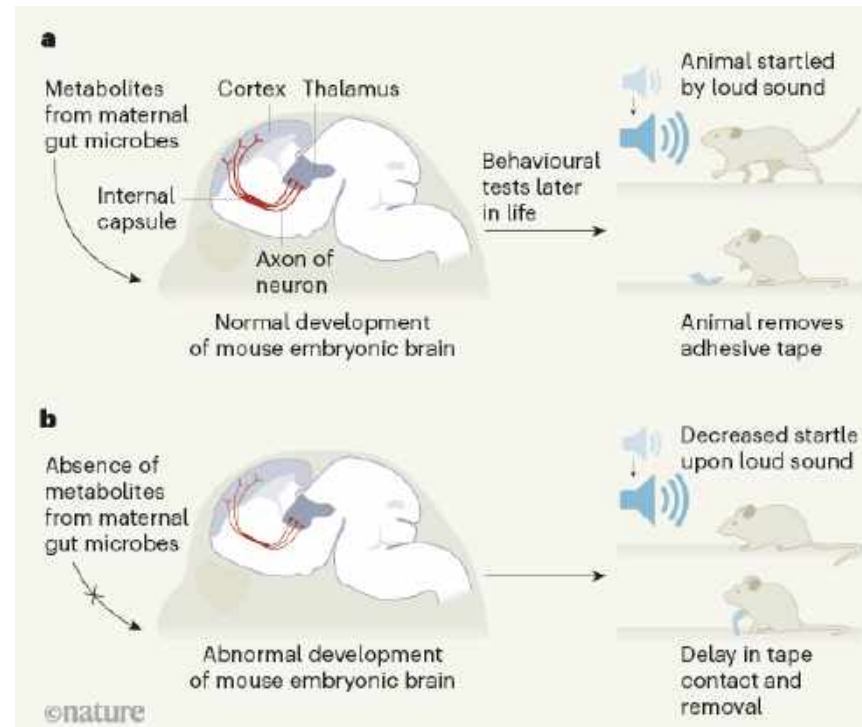
# The maternal microbiome modulates fetal neurodevelopment in mice

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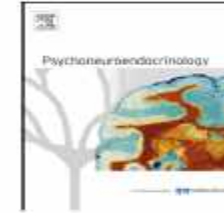




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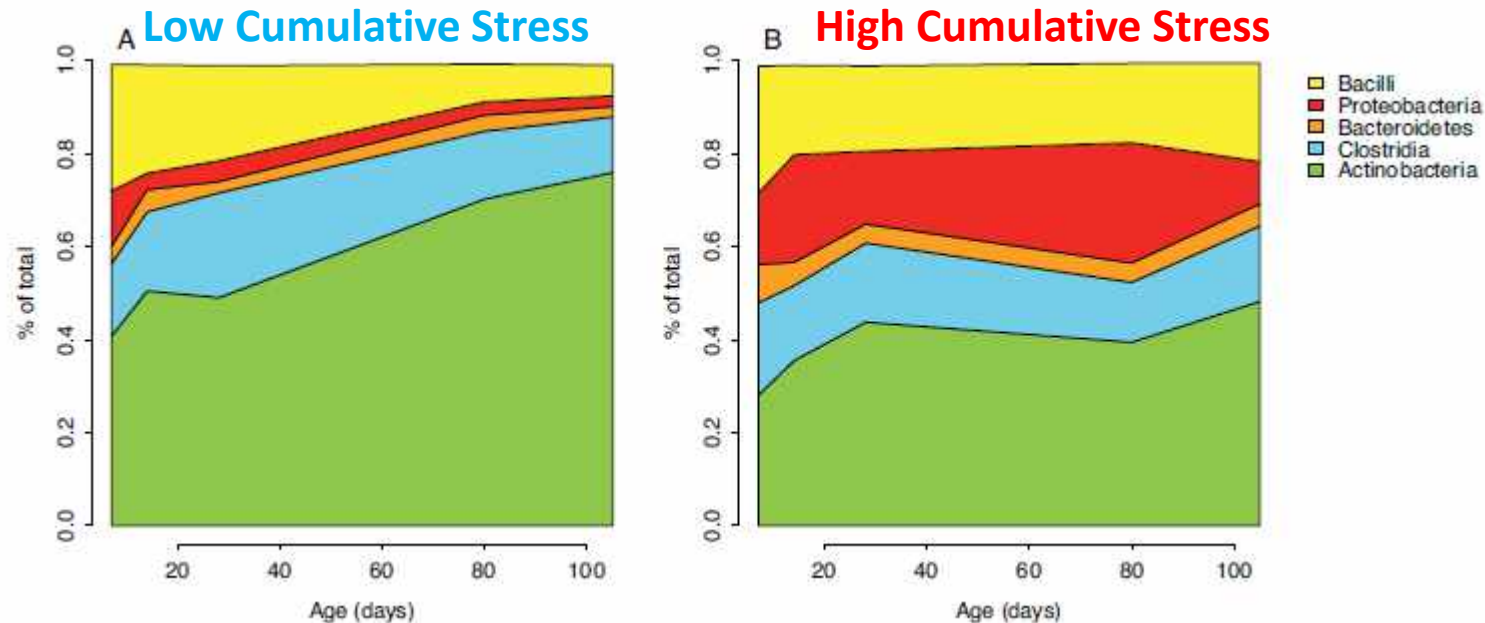
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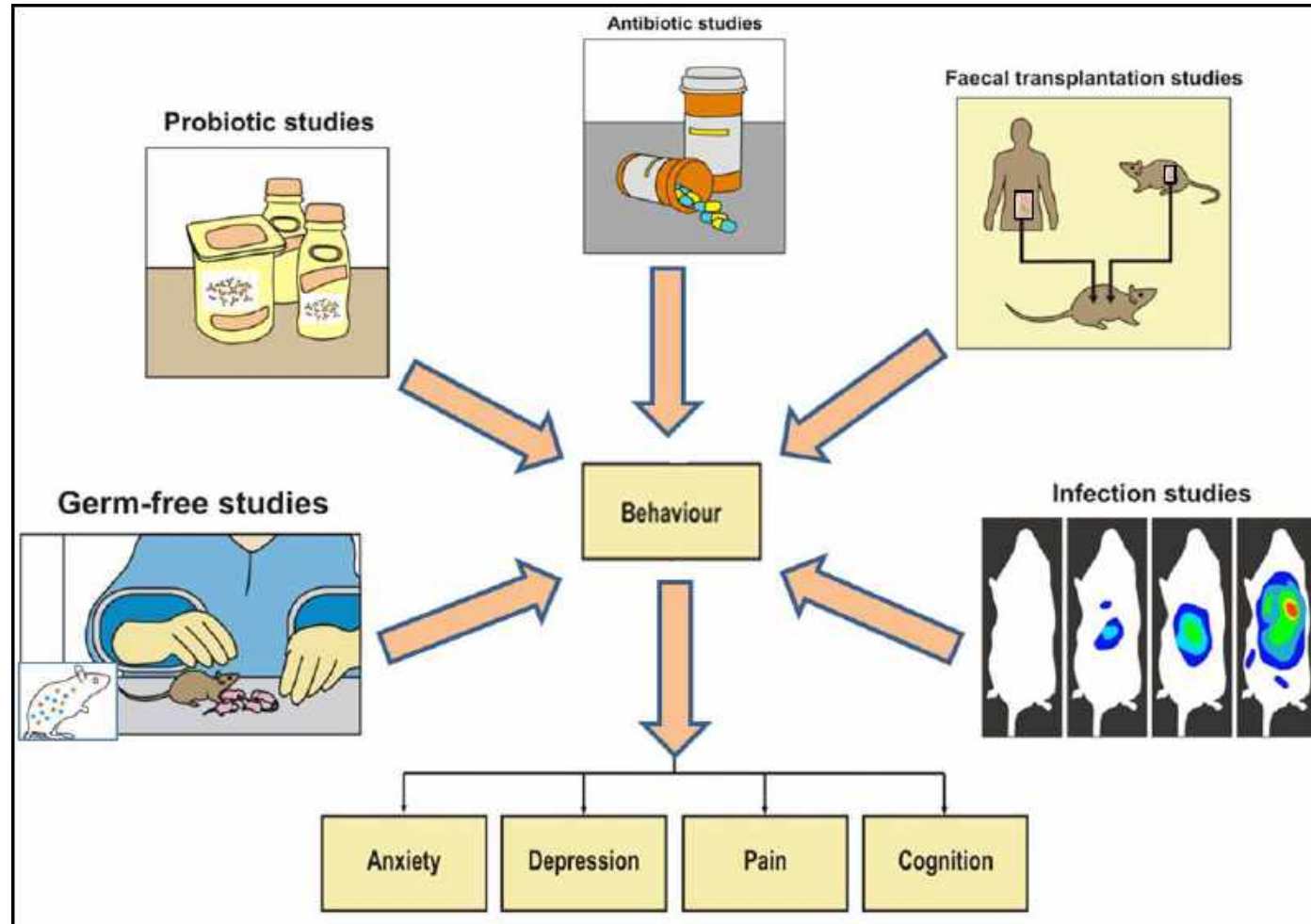
## Maternal prenatal stress is associated with the infant intestinal microbiota



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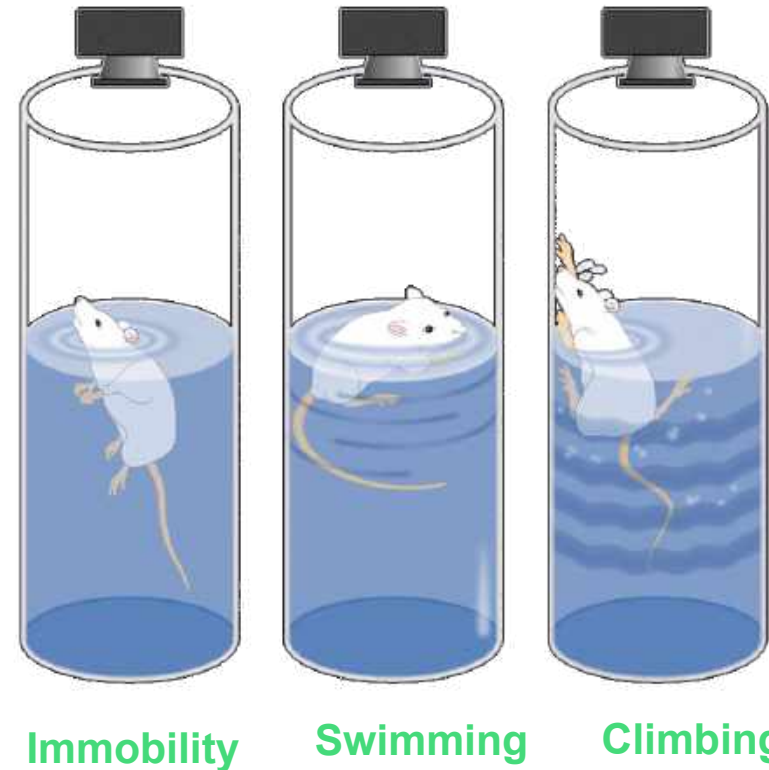
# Microbiota, Brain and Behaviour



Clarke et al., Encyclopedia Metagenomics 2013

# Forced Swim Test (FST)

- FST is the most widely-used pharmacological model for assessing antidepressant activity preclinically.
- Animals will develop an immobile posture when placed in an inescapable cylinder of water.
- This immobility is thought to reflect either, a failure of persistence in escape directed behavior i.e. behavioral despair, or the development of passive behavior that disengages the animal from active forms of coping with stressful stimuli.

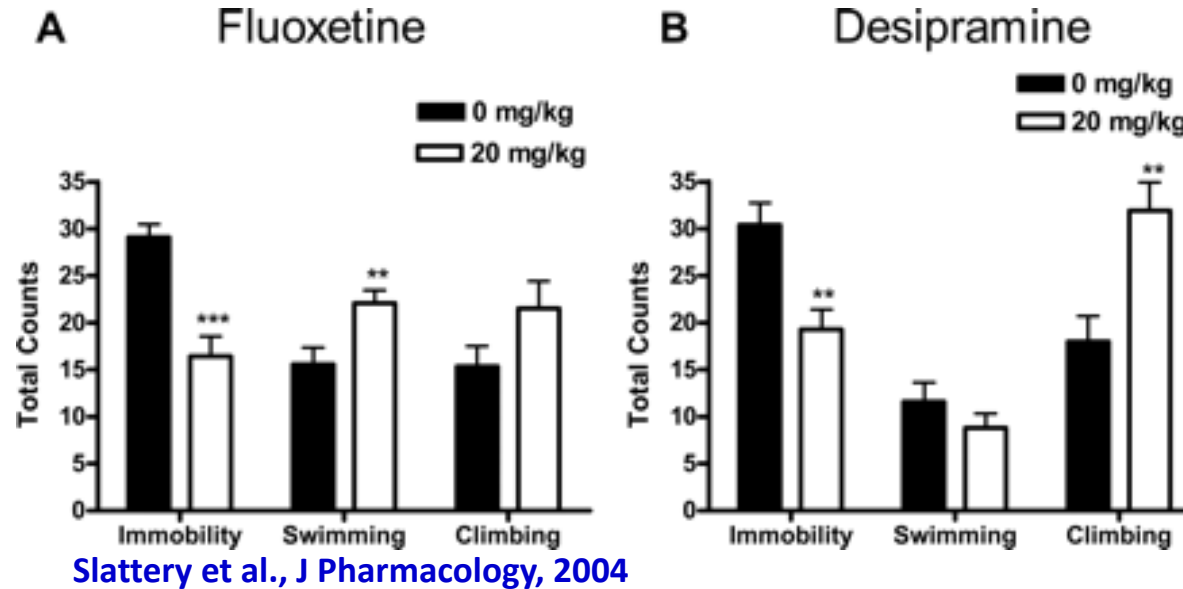


*Cryan et al., Trends Pharmacol Sci, 2002*

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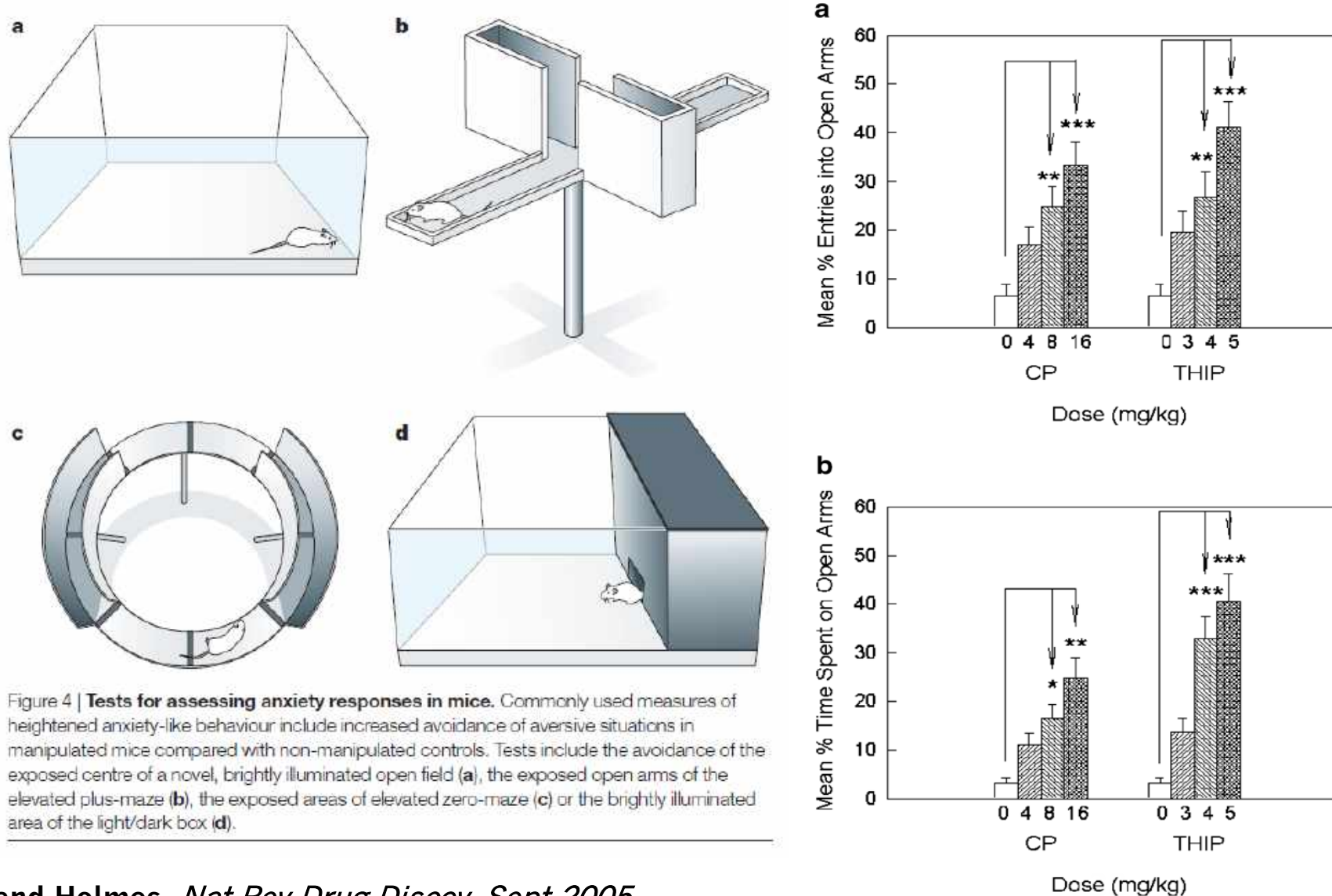


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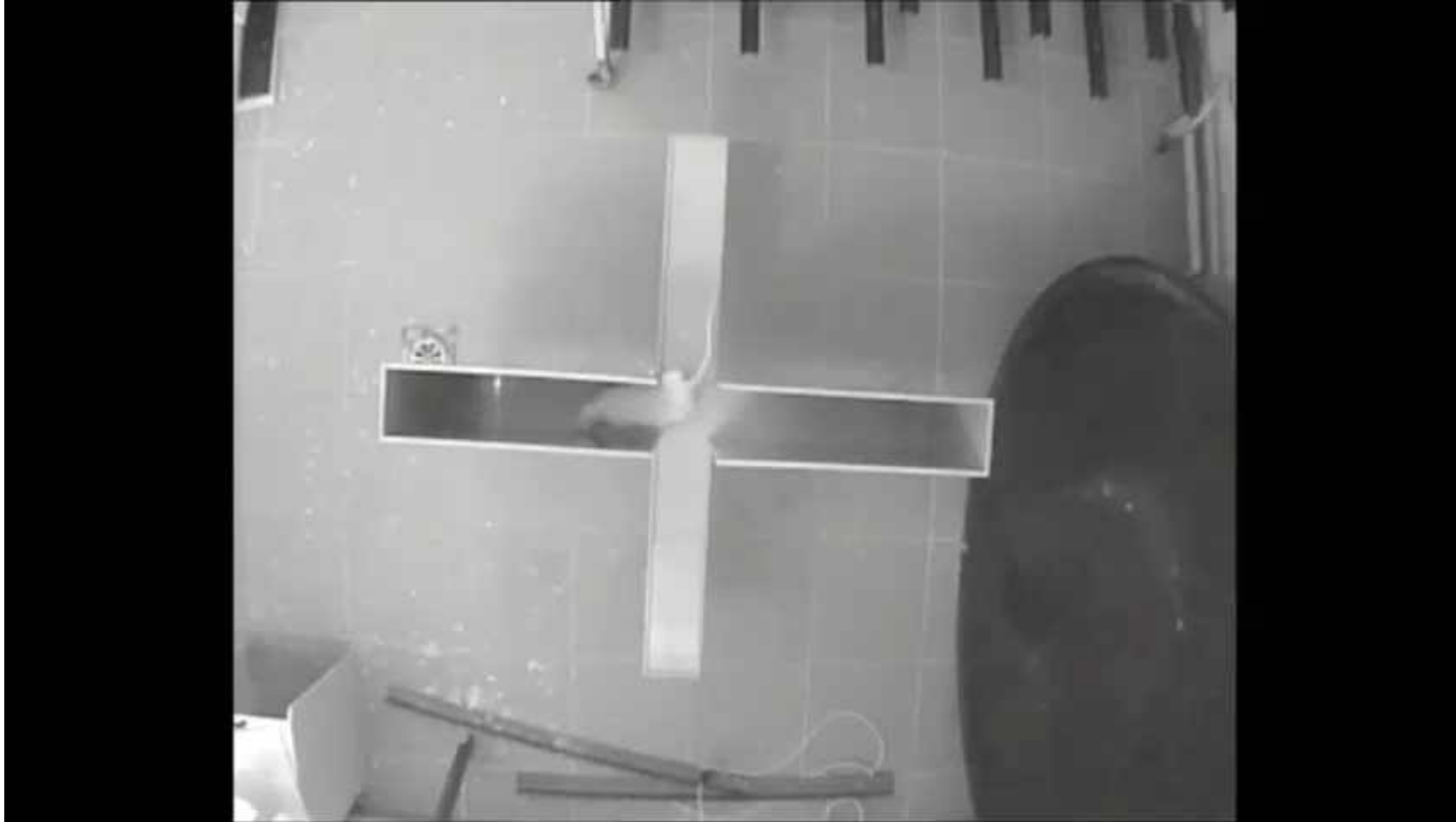


- Effects of Fluoxetine and Desipramine in the modified forced swim test.
  - (A) Fluoxetine decreased immobility time in the forced swim test and increased swimming behavior
  - (B) Desipramine decreased immobility time in the forced swim test and increased climbing behavior

# Tests for Assessing Anxiety Response



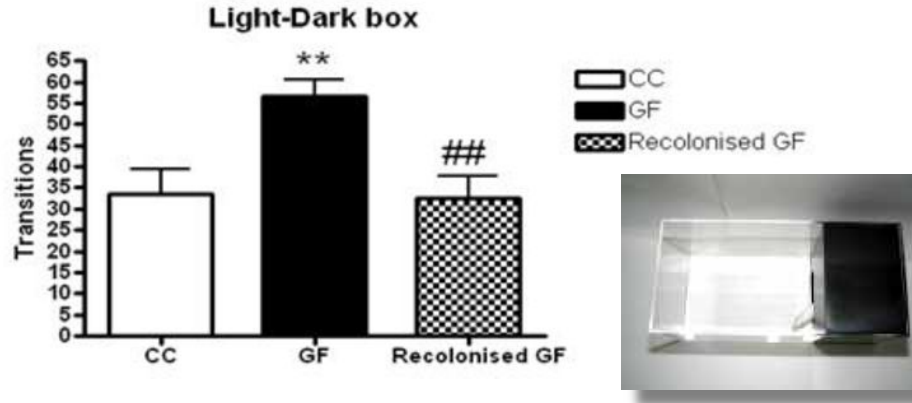
# Elevated Plus Maze







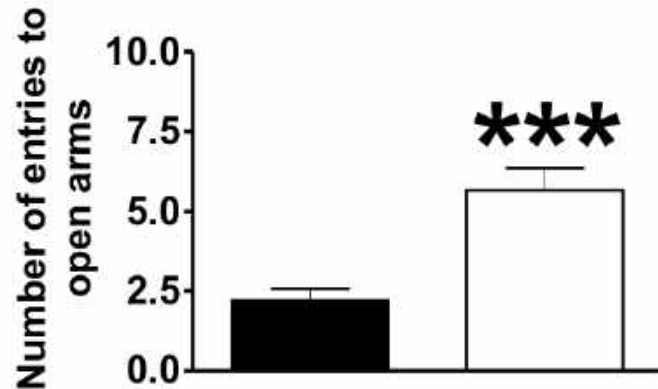
# Microbiota Regulates Anxiety



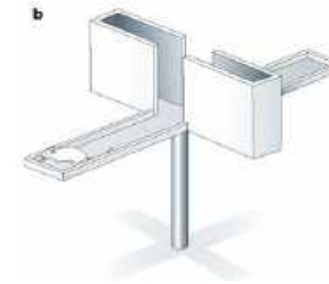
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*Clarke et al., Mol Psychiatry 2013*

**Probiotic reduces anxiety-like behaviours**



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The Scream (Edvard Munch)



**Antibiotics  
Infection  
Microbiota  
Transplantation**

Scream adapted, New Scientist, March 12 2013



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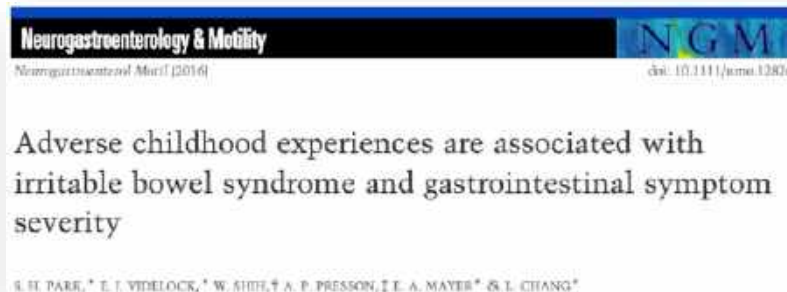
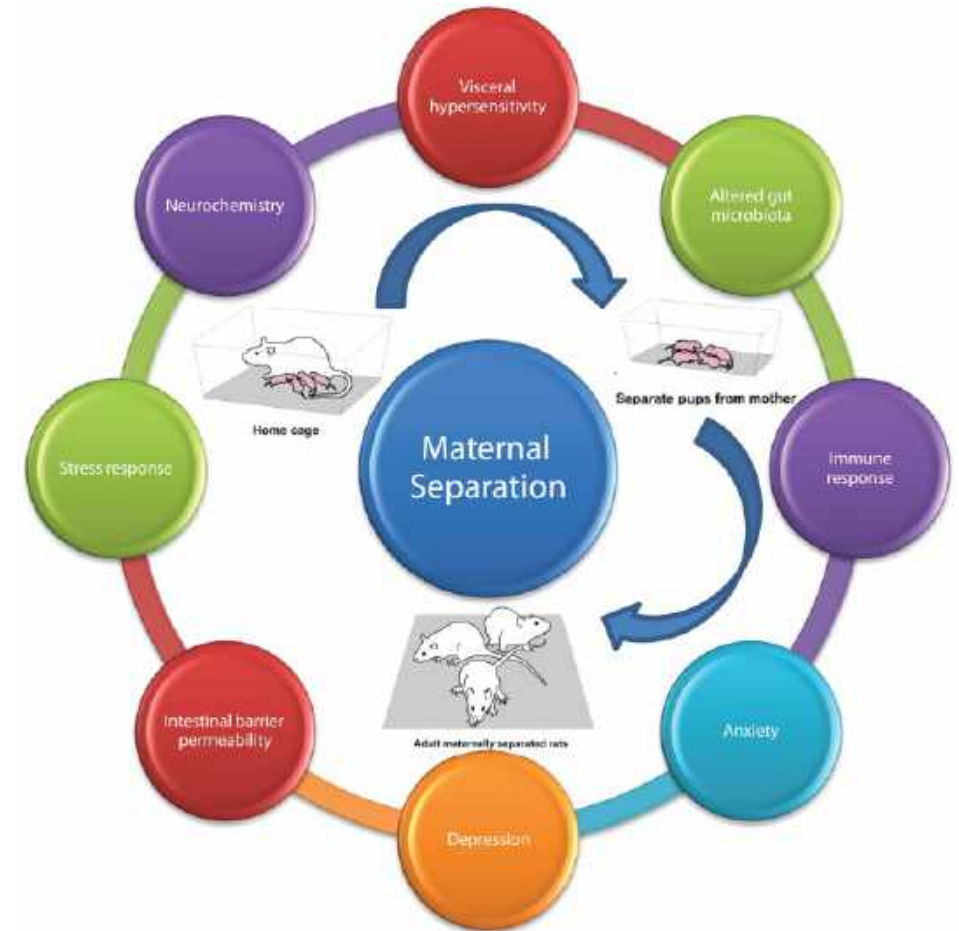
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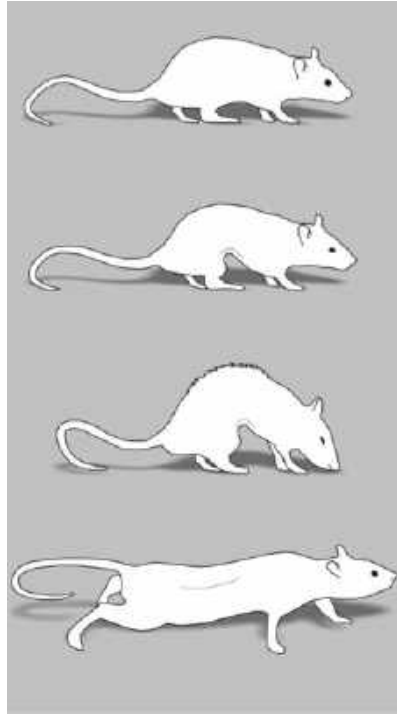
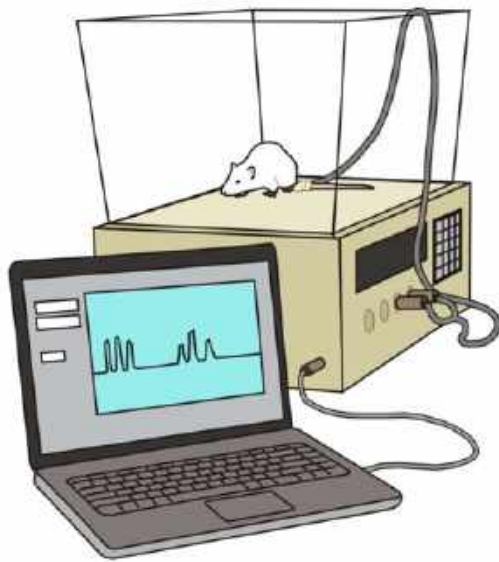
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### Diversity of Microbiota

Group	Mean Similarity %	SEM
Non Separated	75.2	16.8
Maternally Separated	59.9 *	21.0

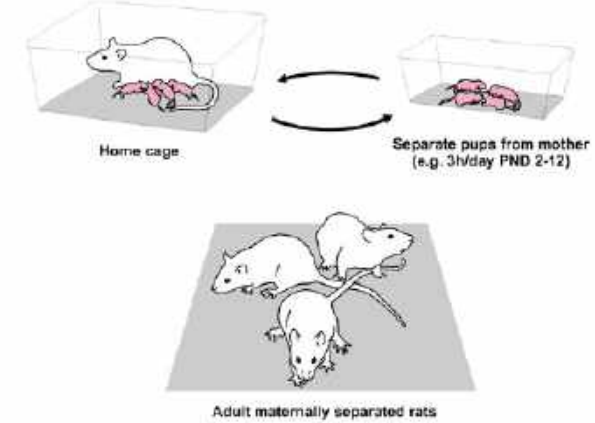


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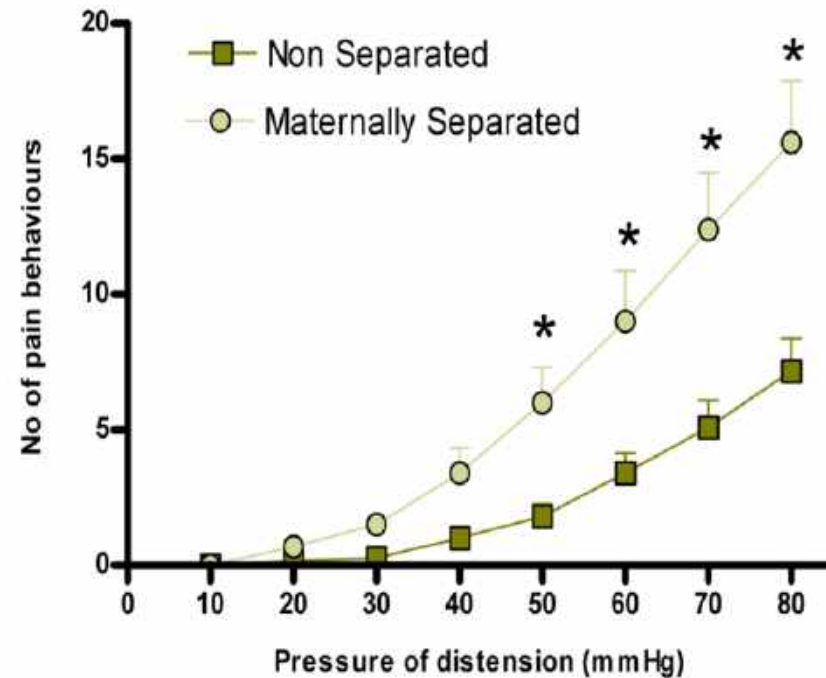


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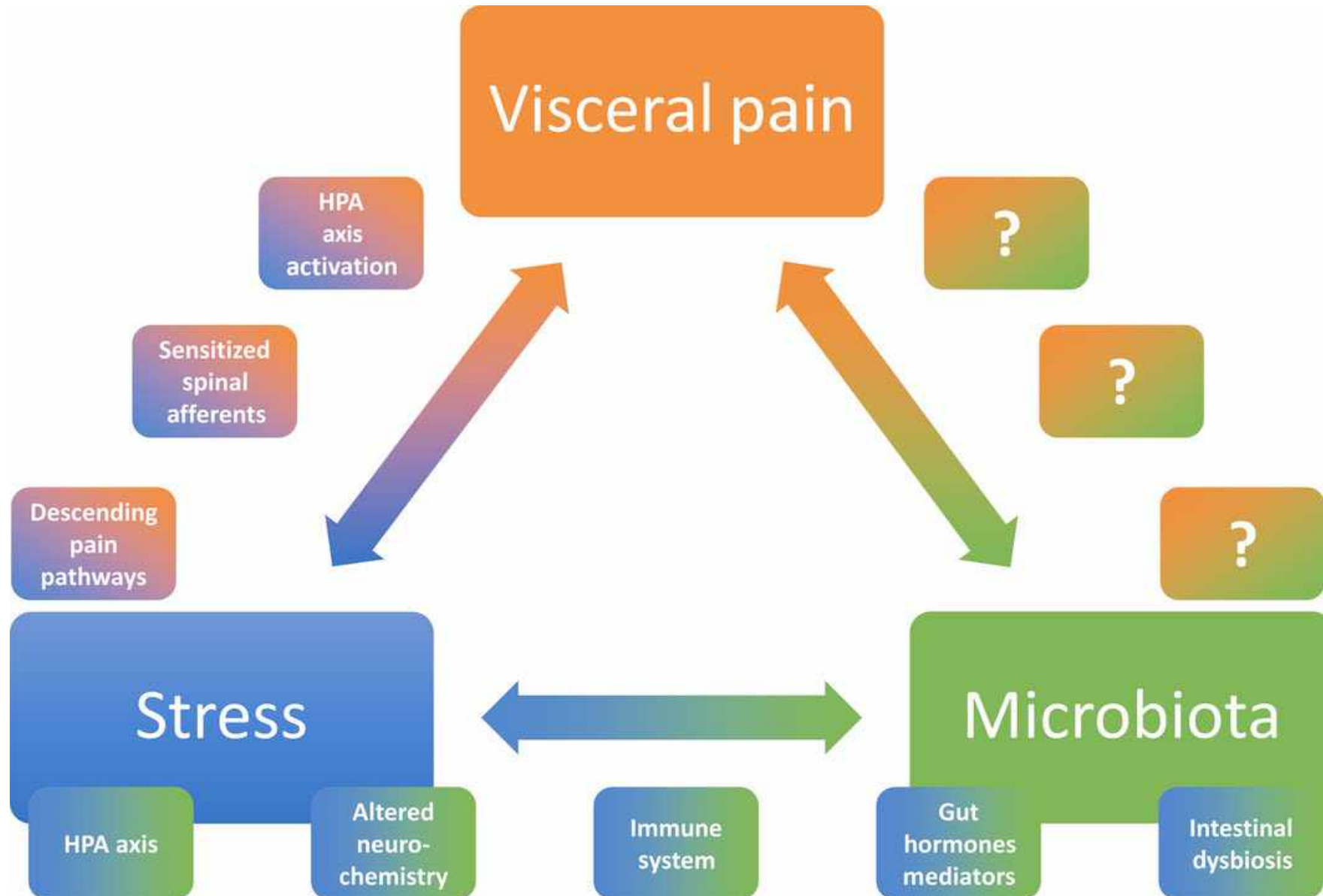
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# Stress, Microbiota & Visceral Pain



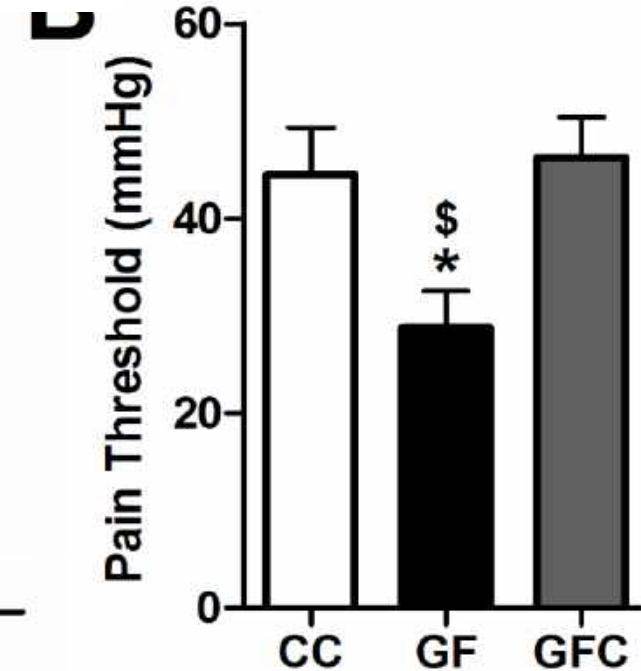
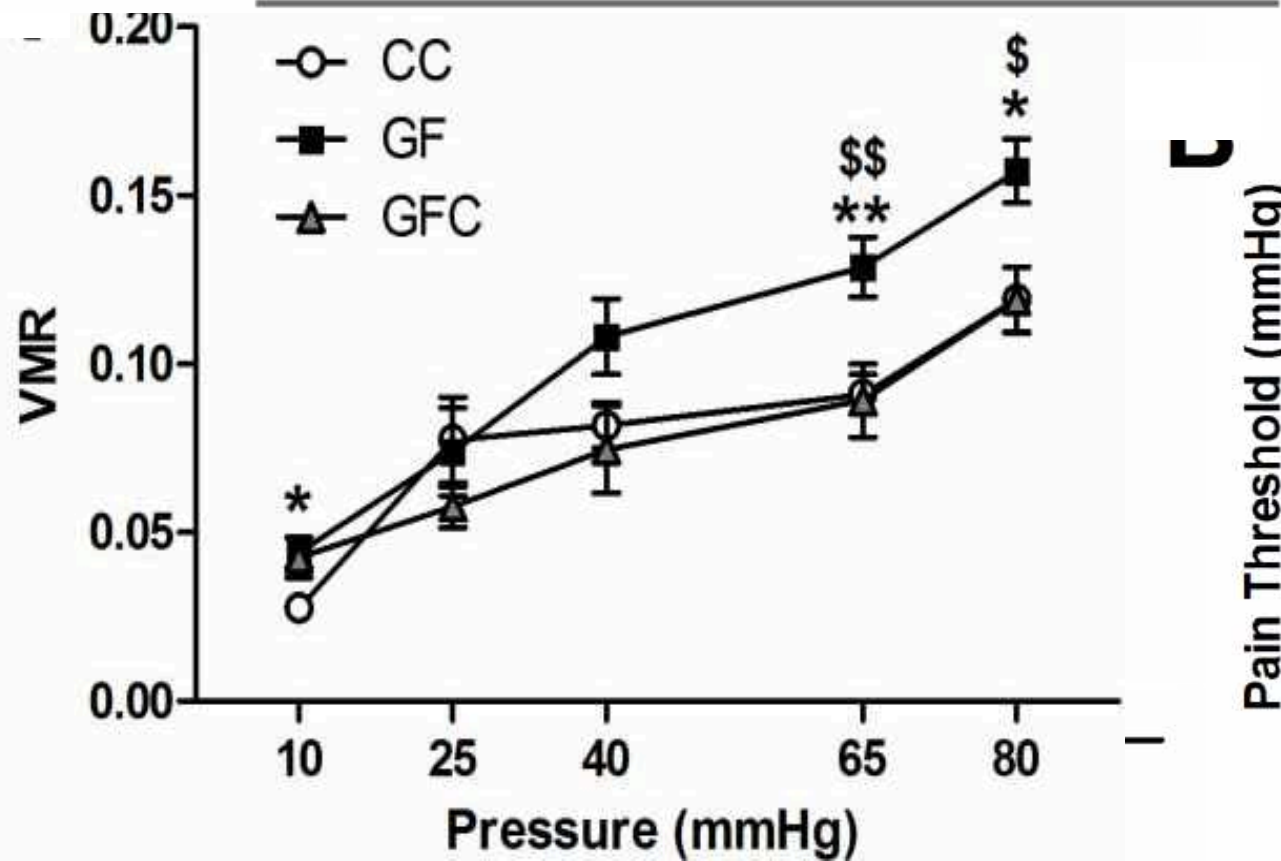


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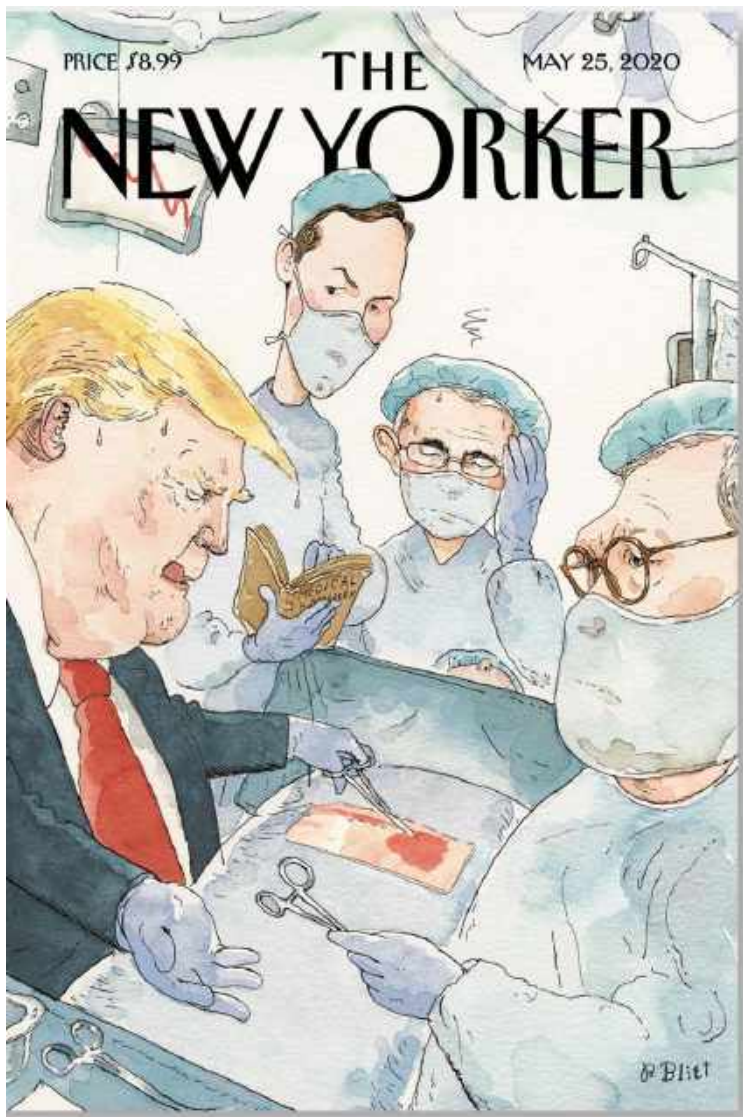
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# Stressors



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**OBESITY AND CANCER**  
We may finally know what the connection is

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And why that is a problem for physics

**FIRE AND ICE**  
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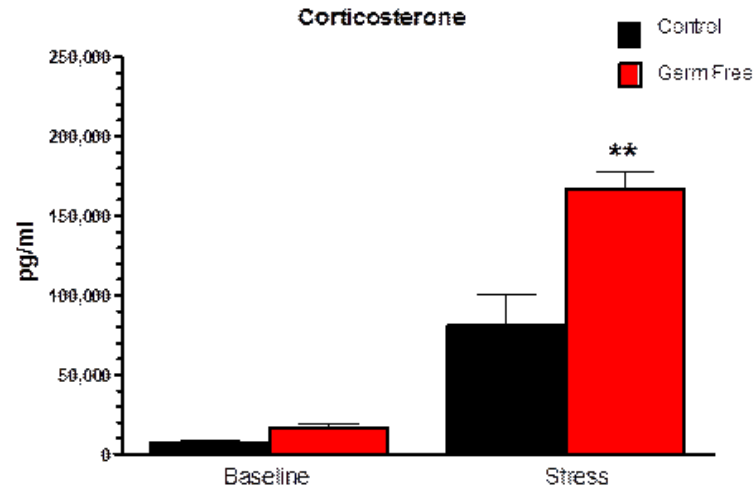
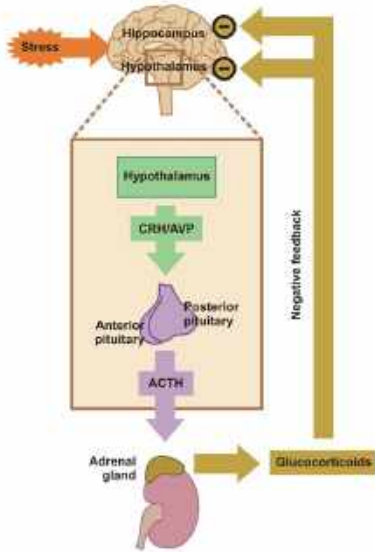
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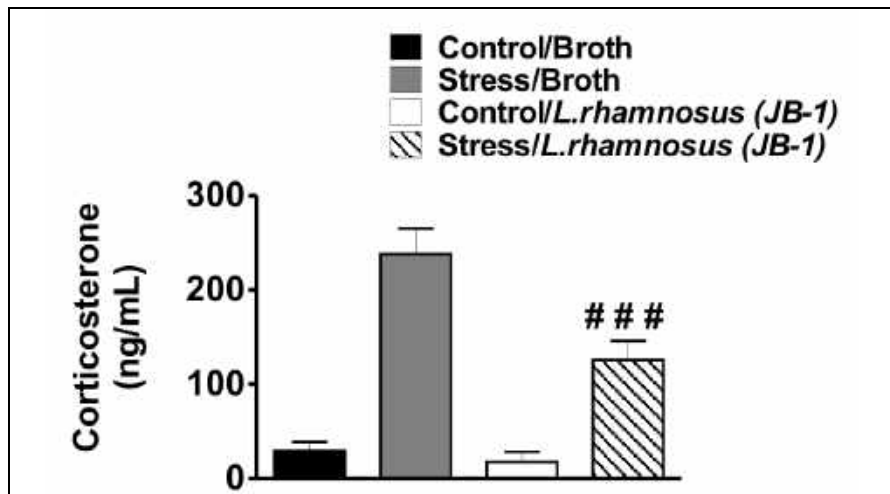
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When protection equals pollution

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# Microbiota Controls Stress Response



**Germ-free animals have an exaggerated stress response**

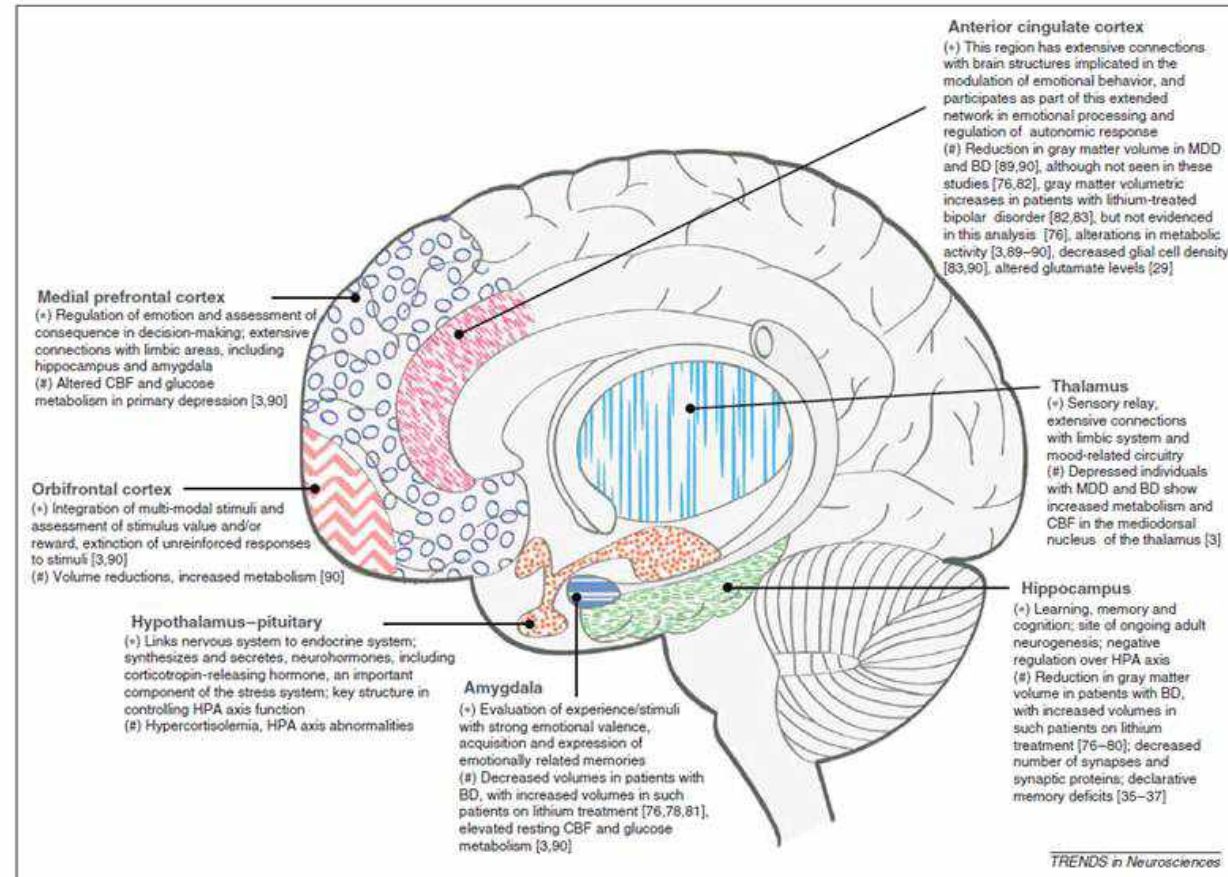
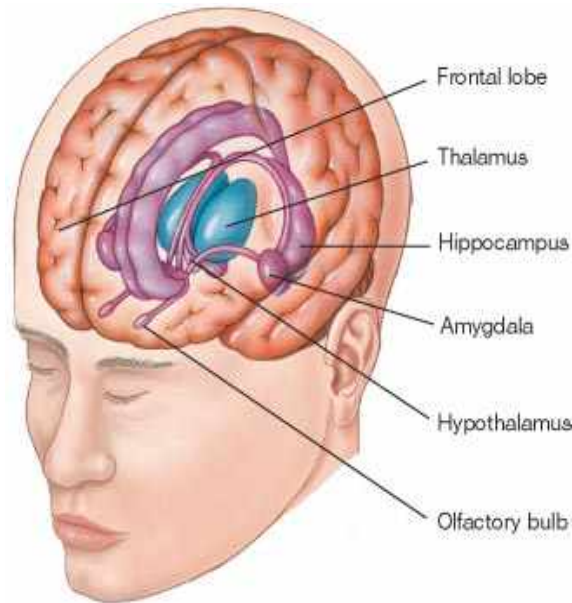


**Probiotic Reduces Stress-induced Corticosterone Levels**

*Bravo et al., PNAS Sept 2011*



# Functional Annotation of Brain Regions



# Microbiota Determines Amygdala Volume & Dendritic Morphology

**EJN** European Journal of Neuroscience

**FENS** Federation of European Neurosciences Societies

Research Report

**Adult microbiota-deficient mice have distinct dendritic morphological changes: differential effects in the amygdala and hippocampus**

Pauline Luczynski<sup>1</sup>, Seán D. Whelan<sup>3</sup>, Colette O'Sullivan<sup>2</sup>, Gerard Clarke<sup>1,2</sup>, Fergus Shanahan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy G. Dinan<sup>1,2</sup> and John F. Cryan<sup>1,3,\*</sup>

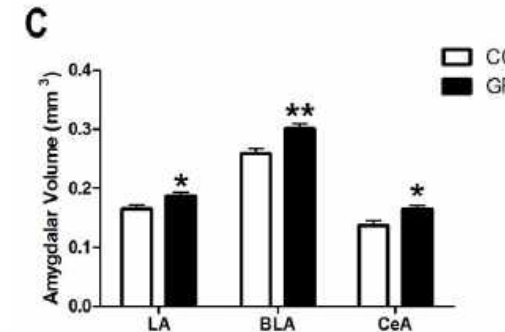
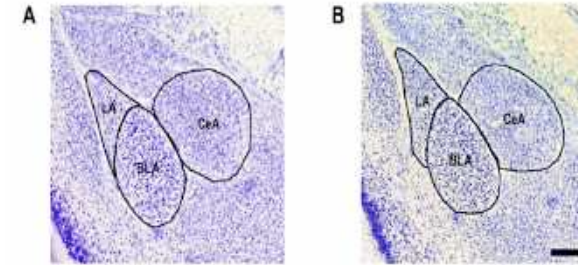
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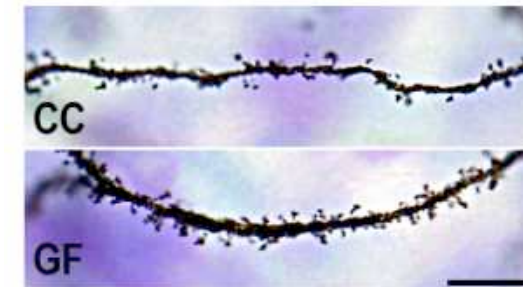
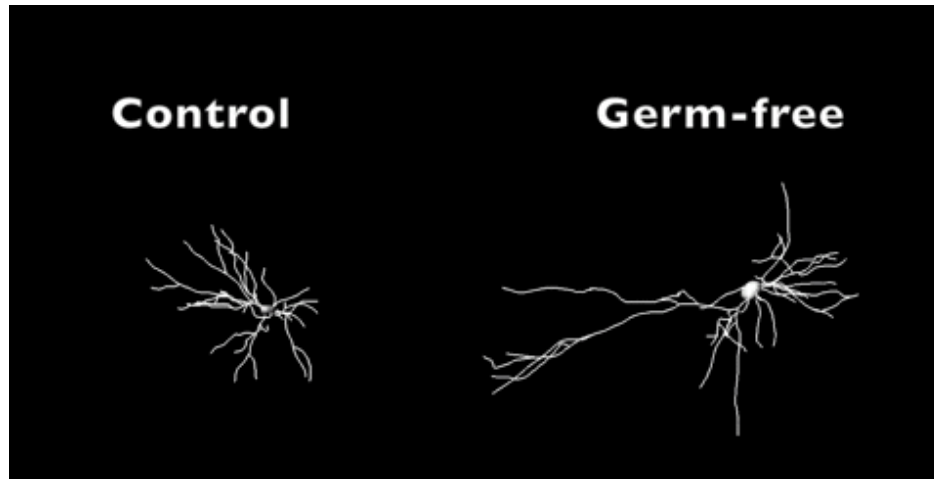
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## Dendritic Hypertrophy of Basolateral Amygdala Neurons



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GF = Germ Free



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The microbiome

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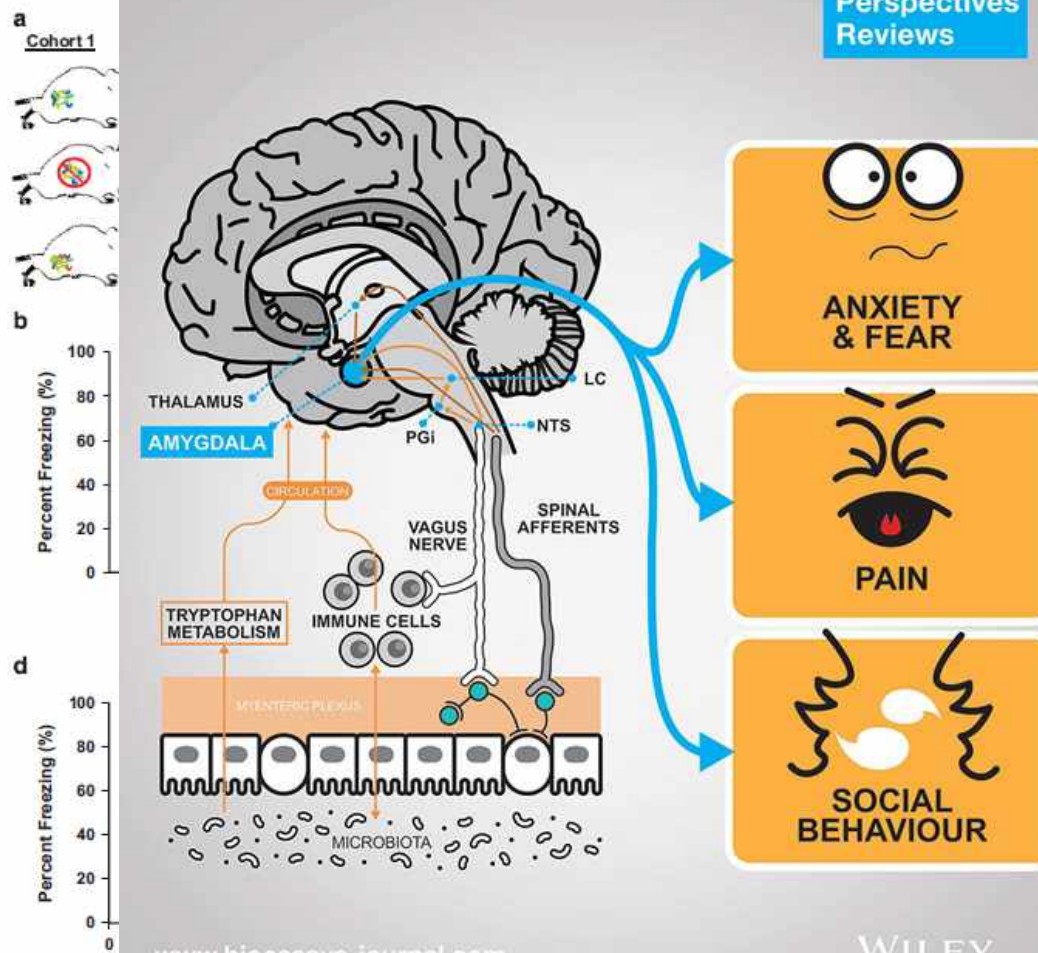
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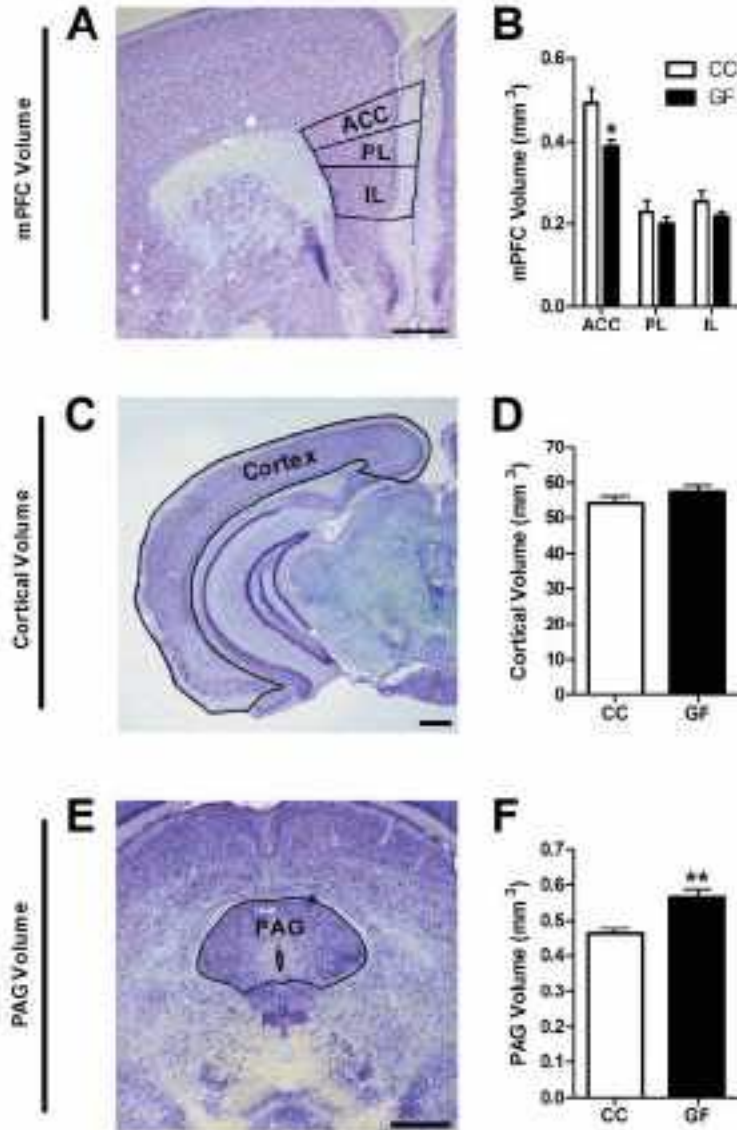
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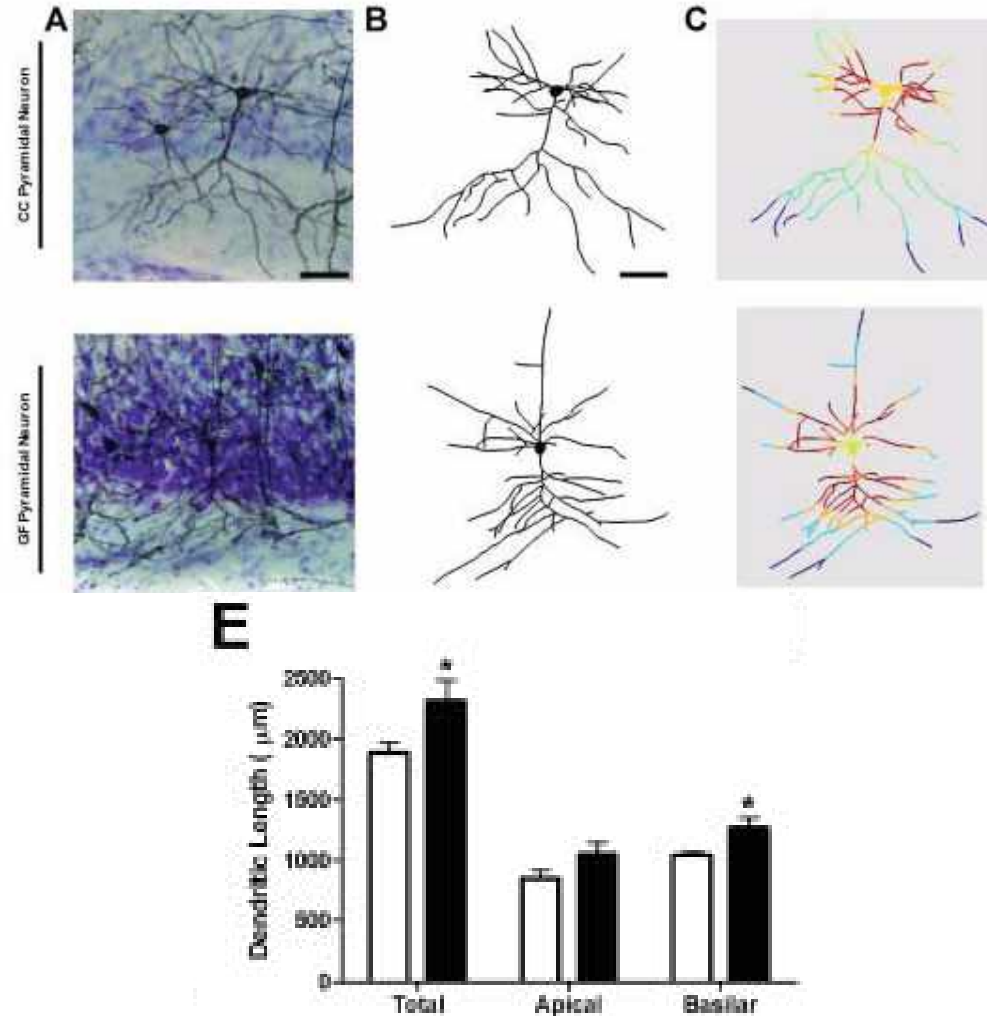
Anatomical correlates of abnormal fear and anxiety can be localised to the amygdala in germ-free animals using cued fear conditioning

# Morphological changes in pain-related brain areas of germ free mice

Reduction in ACC and increase in PAG volume in GF mice



Basilar dendritic elongation in ACC pyramidal neurons of GF mice





# Regulation of Prefrontal Cortex Myelination by the Microbiota

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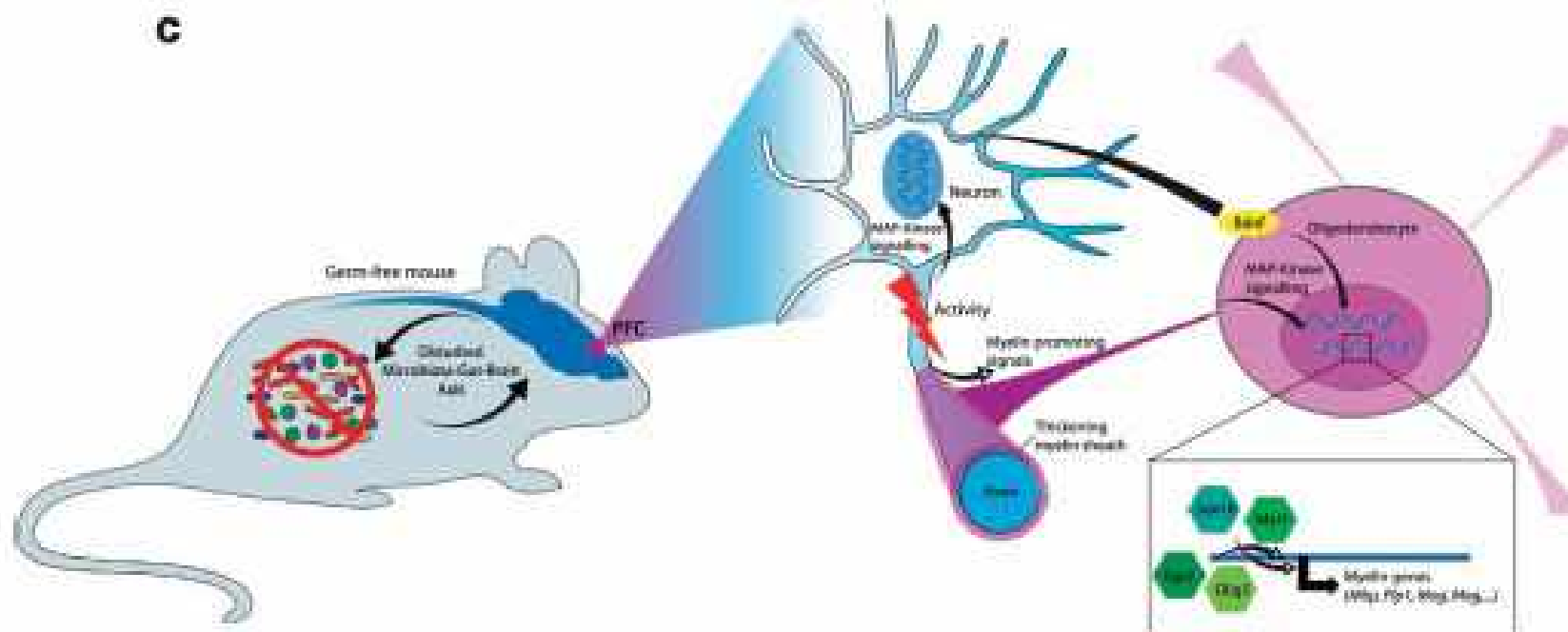
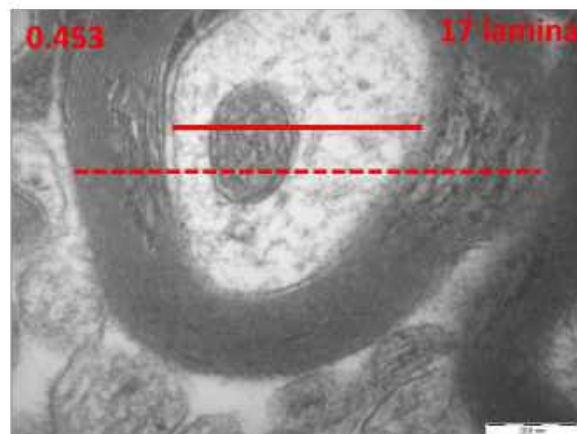
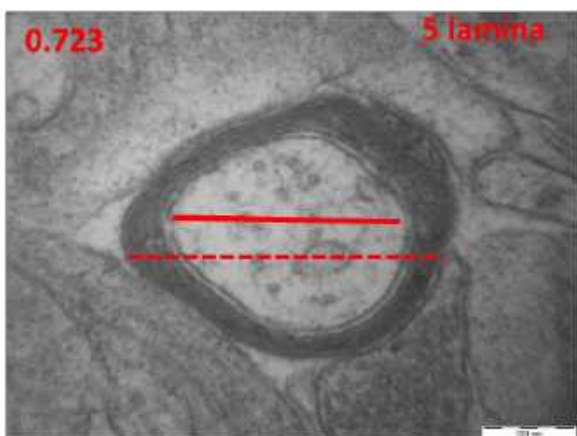


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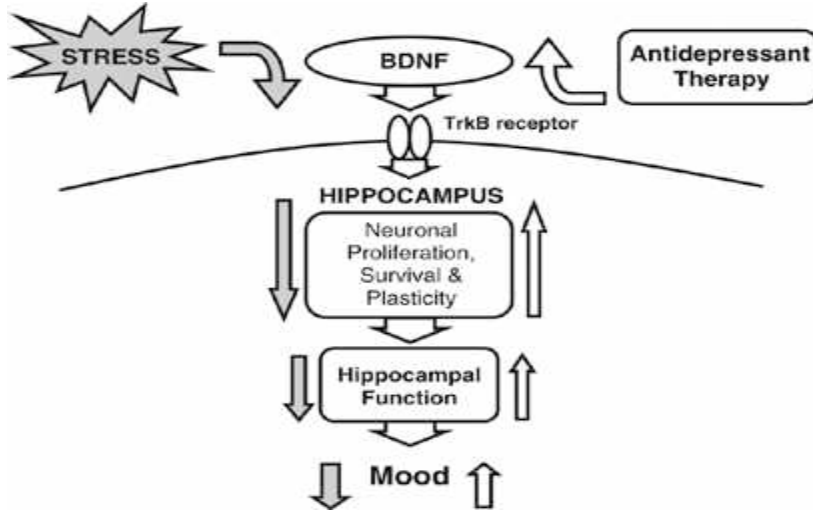
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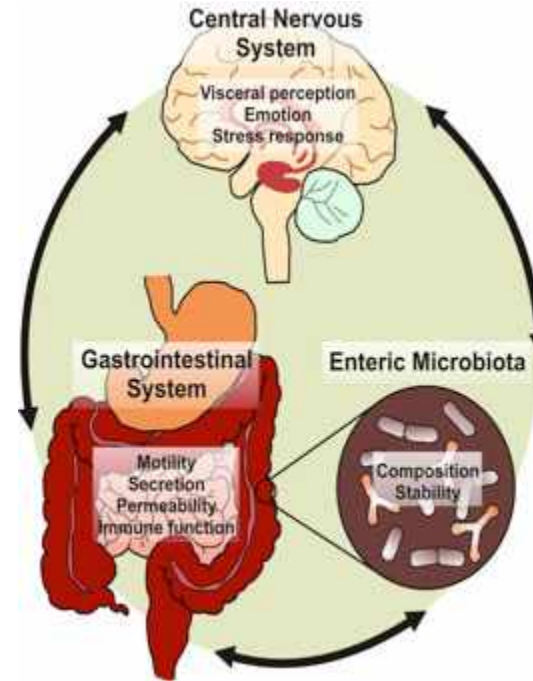
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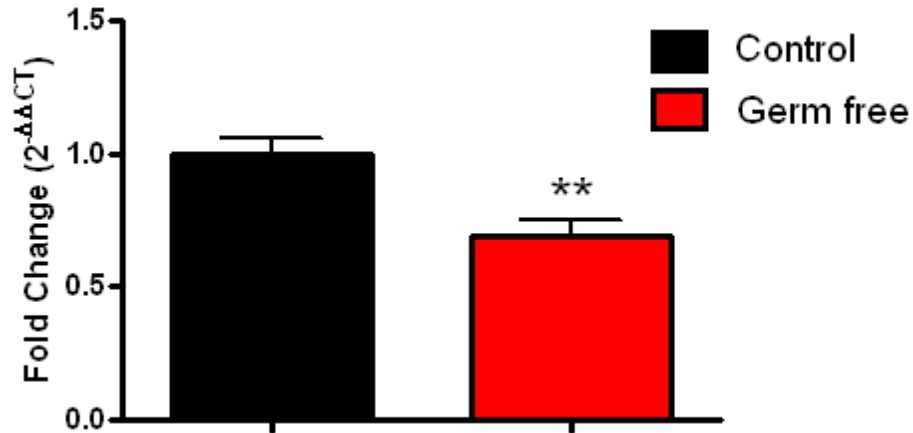
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Groves et al., Mol Psych 2007



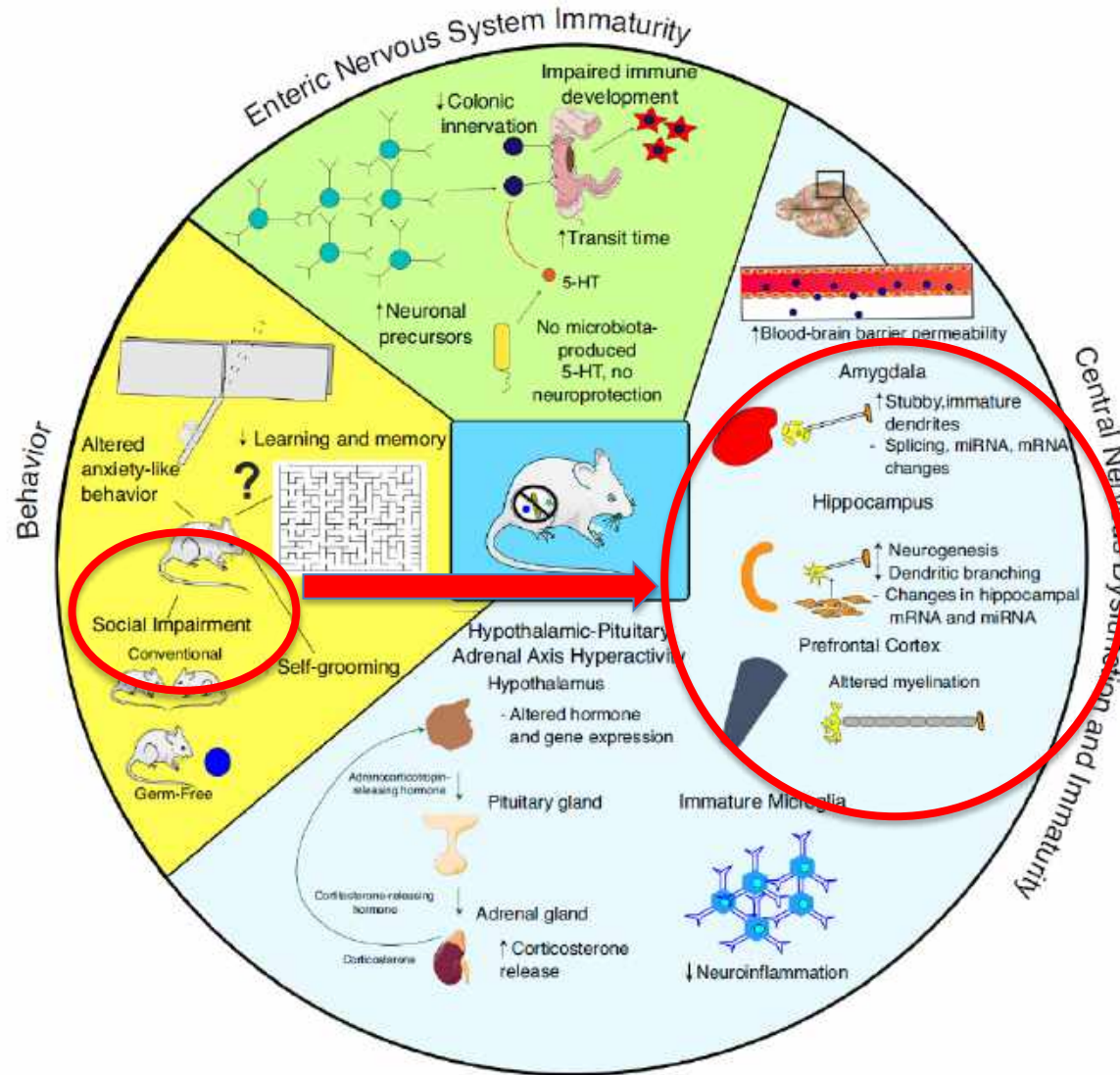
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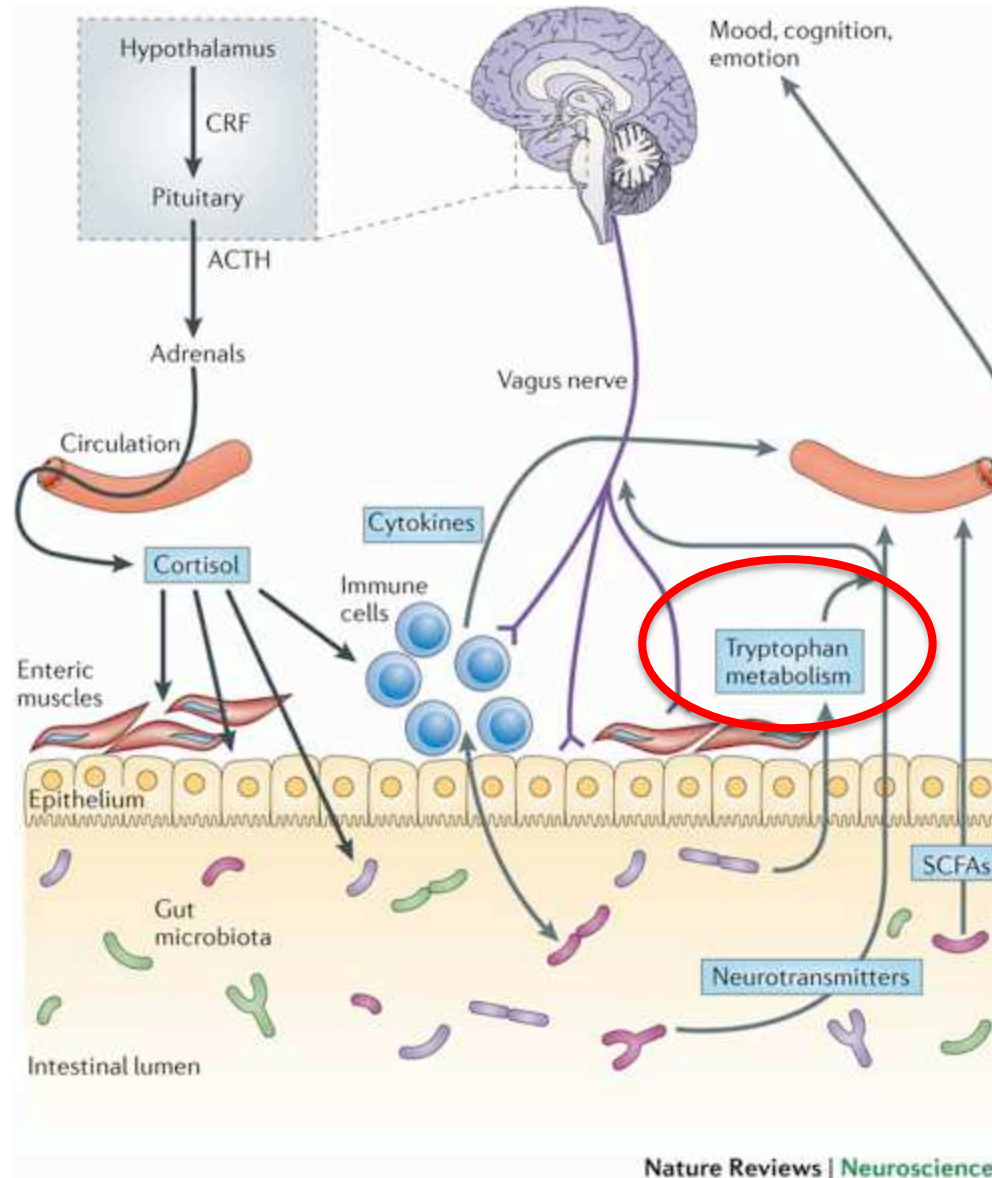
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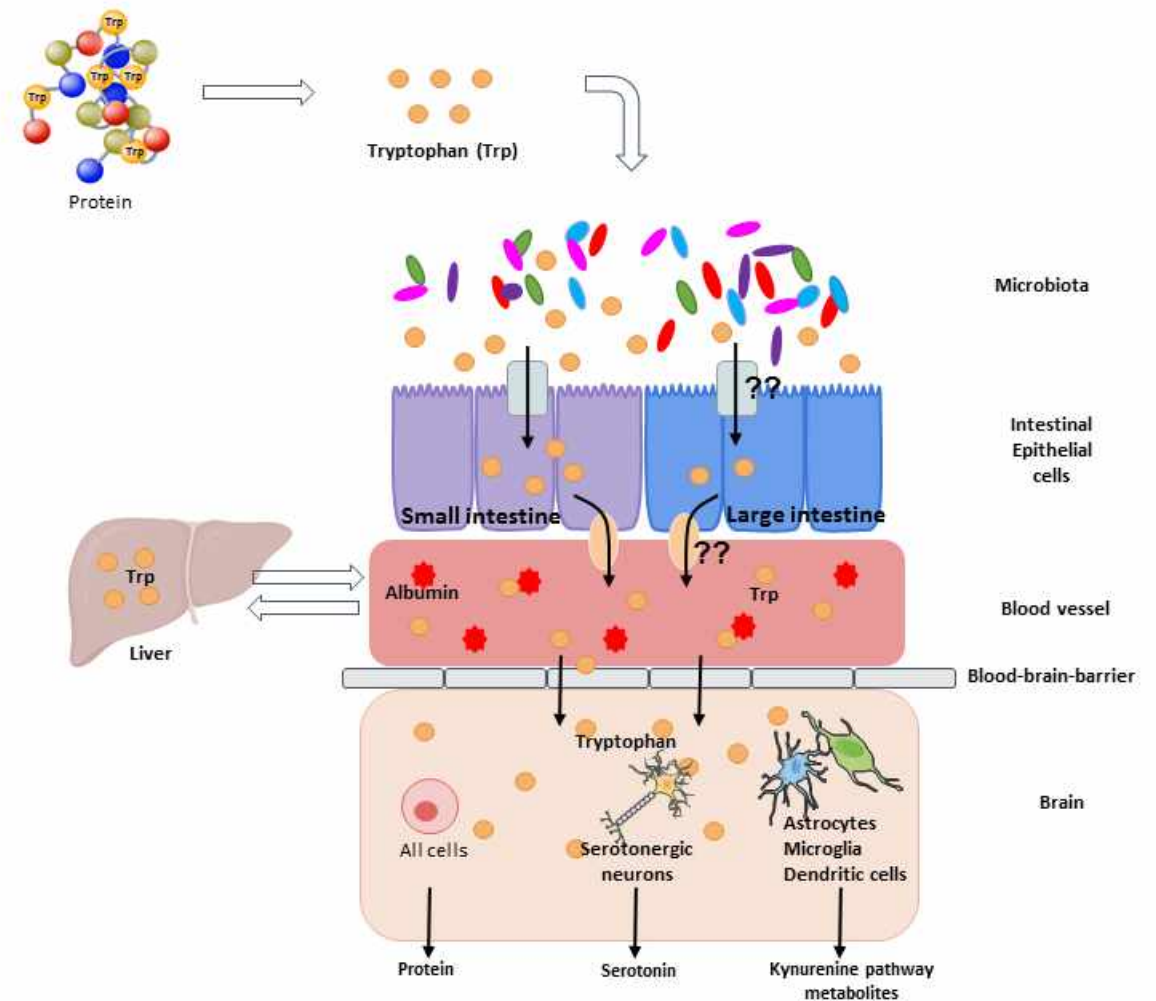
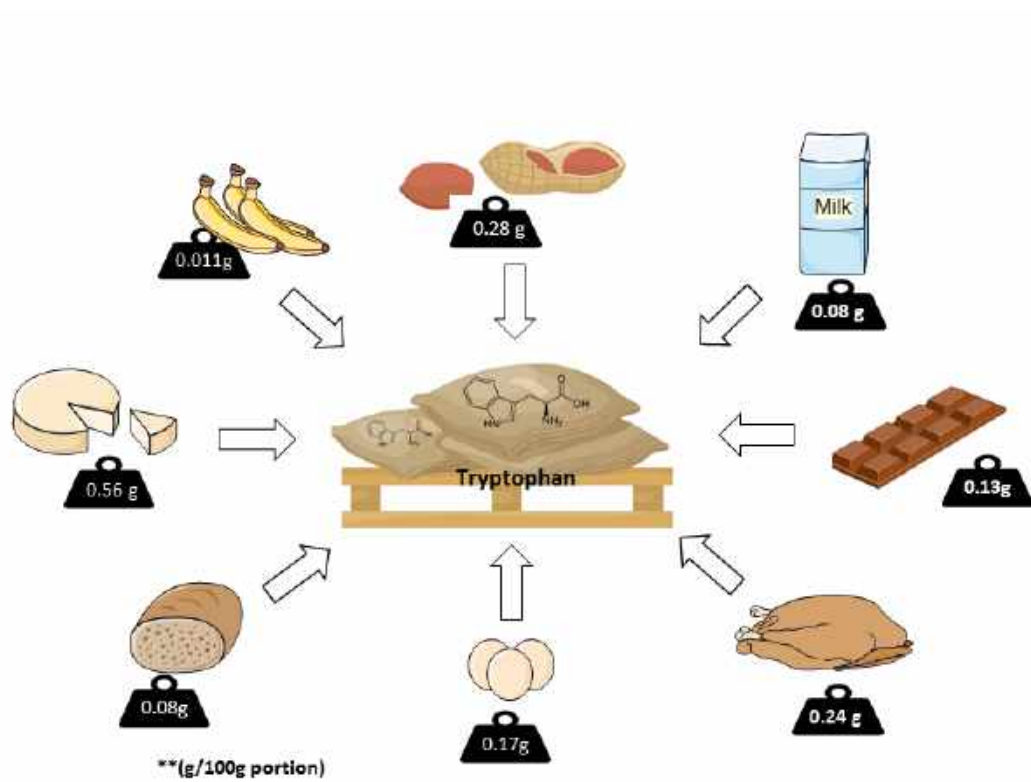


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# Tryptophan – A (microbial) Building Block





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Review

## Serotonin, tryptophan metabolism and the brain-gut-microbiome axis

S.M. O'Mahony<sup>a,b,1</sup>, G. Clarke<sup>a,c,\*</sup>, Y.E. Borre<sup>a</sup>, T.G. Dinan<sup>a,c</sup>, J.F. Cryan<sup>a,b</sup>

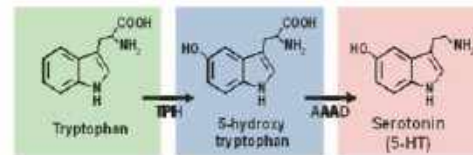
## Behavioural Effects

Visceral pain  
Emotion  
Stress response  
Appetite  
Addiction  
Sexuality



## CNS Effects

Motor control  
Circadian rhythm  
Cerebellar regulation  
Body temperature  
CNS vascular tone



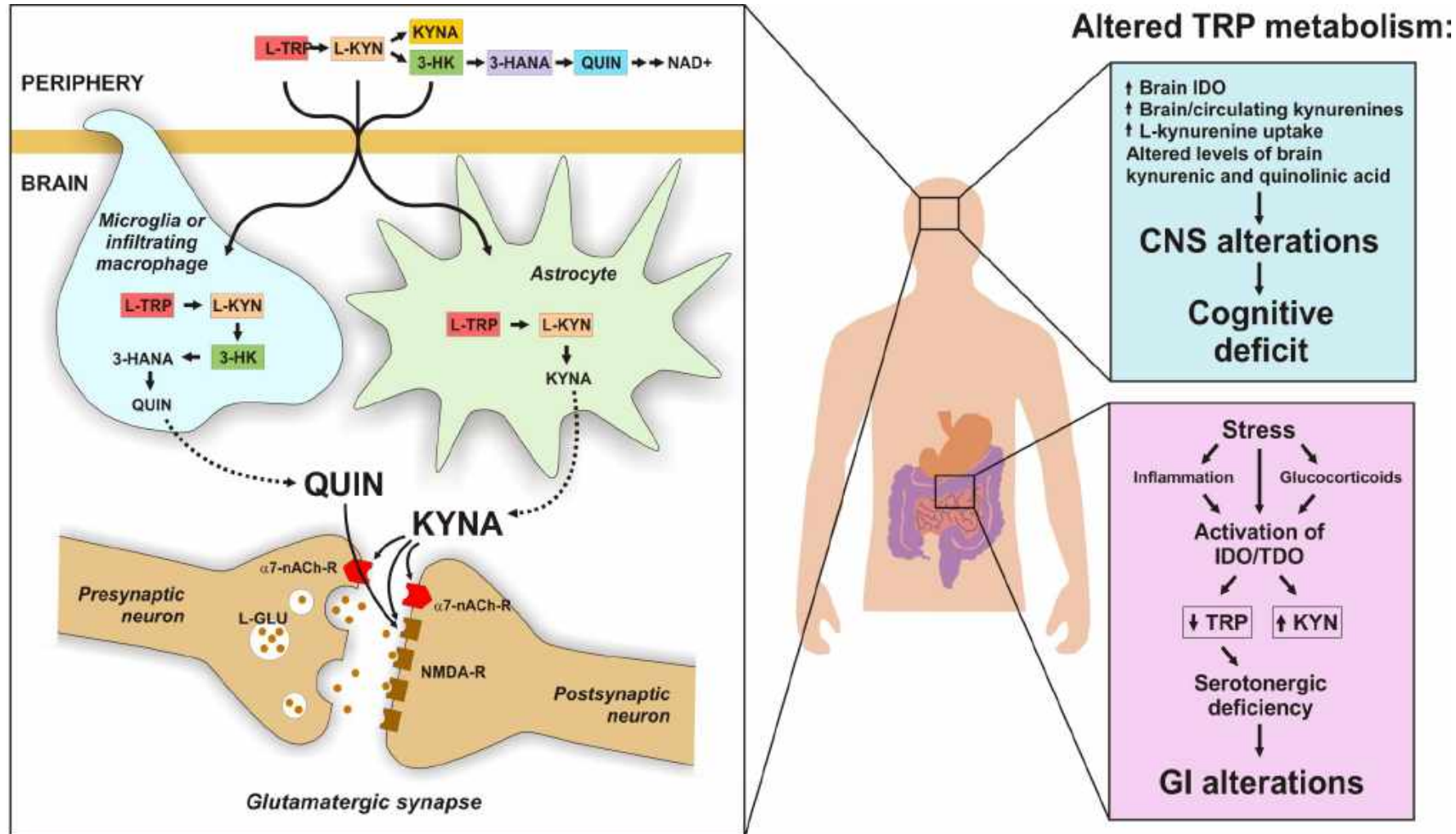
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Gastrointestinal motility  
Intestinal secretions  
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Pancreatic secretion



*"Of course you feel great. These things are loaded with antidepressants."*

# The Kynurenine Pathway





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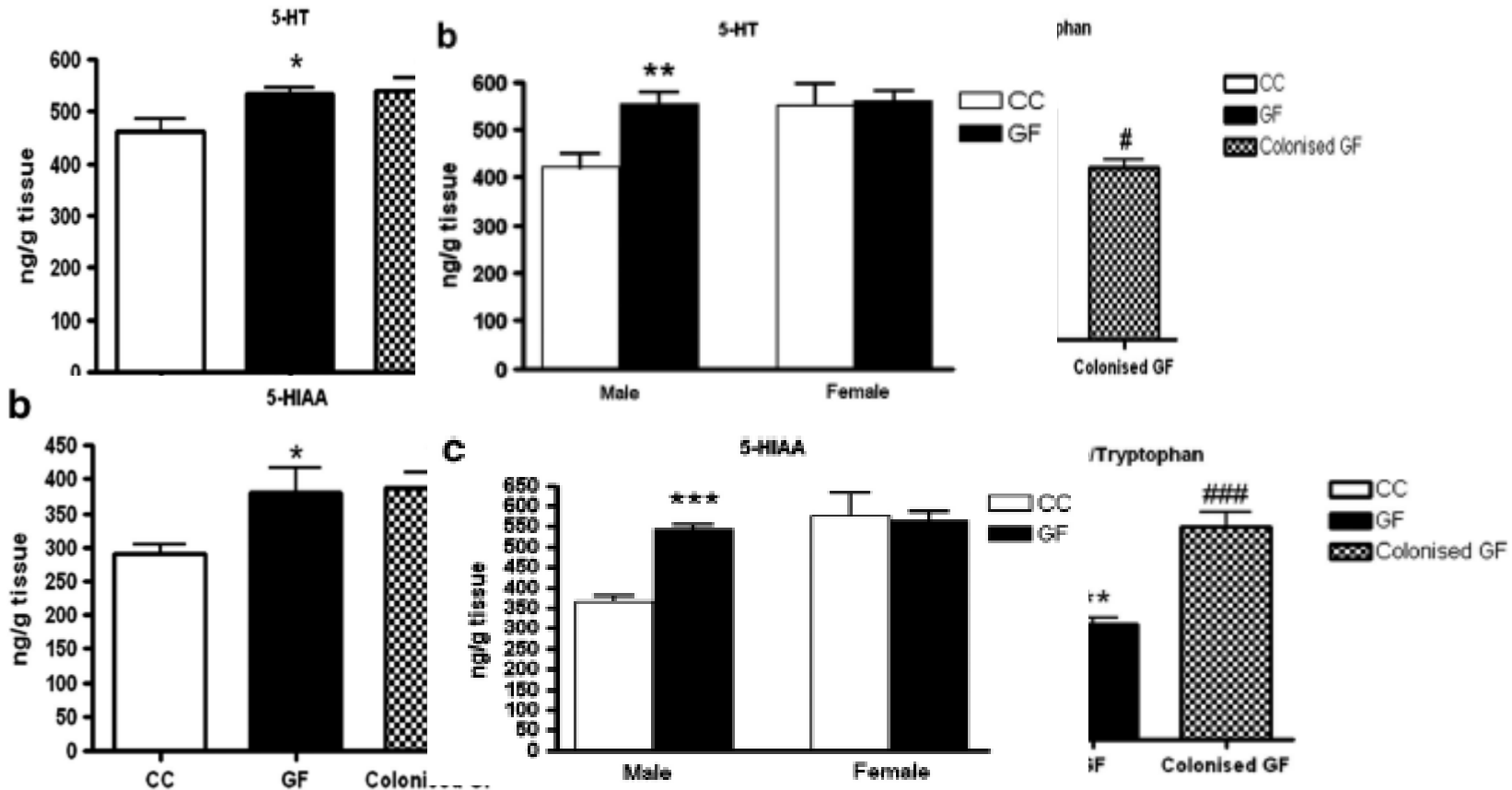
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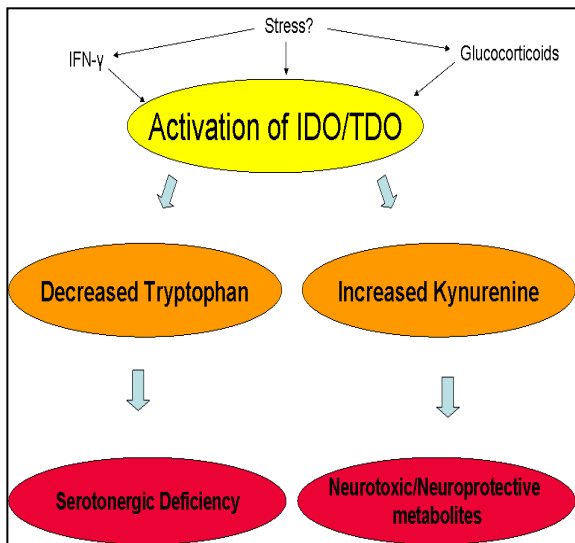
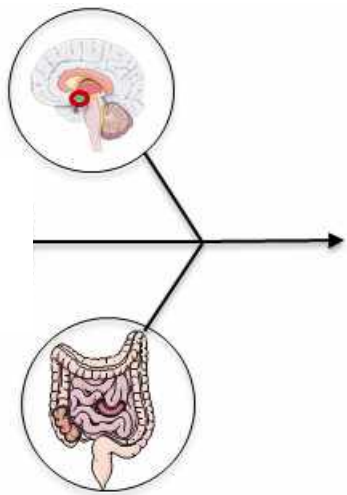
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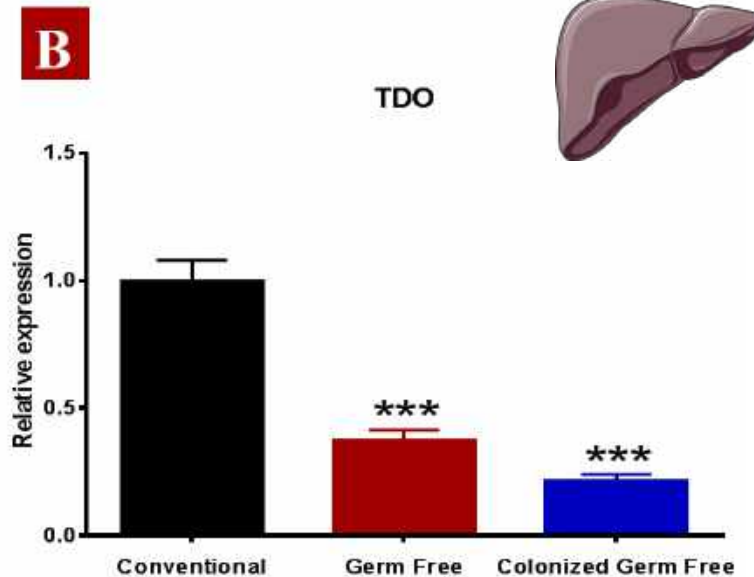




# Microbial Regulation of Hepatic Gene Expression



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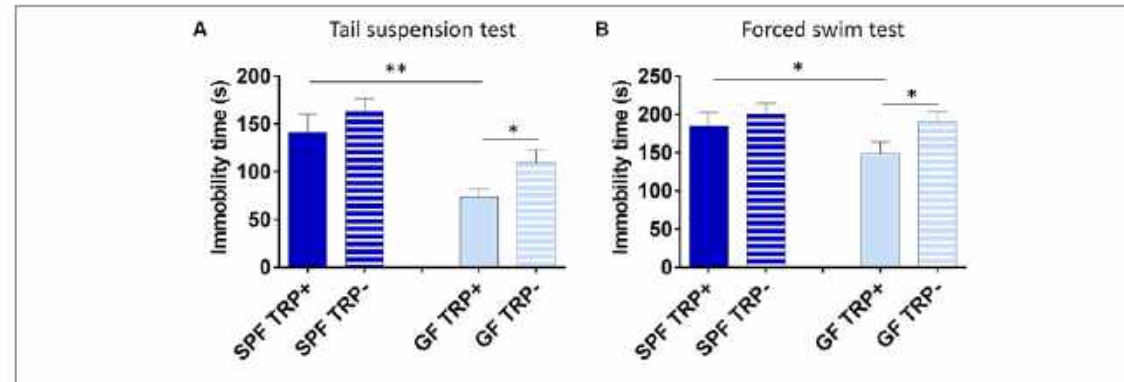


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# Role of Tryptophan in Microbiota-Induced Depressive-Like Behavior: Evidence From Tryptophan Depletion Study

Iva Lukić<sup>1</sup>, Dmitry Getselter<sup>1</sup>, Omry Koren<sup>2</sup> and Evan Elliott<sup>1\*</sup>



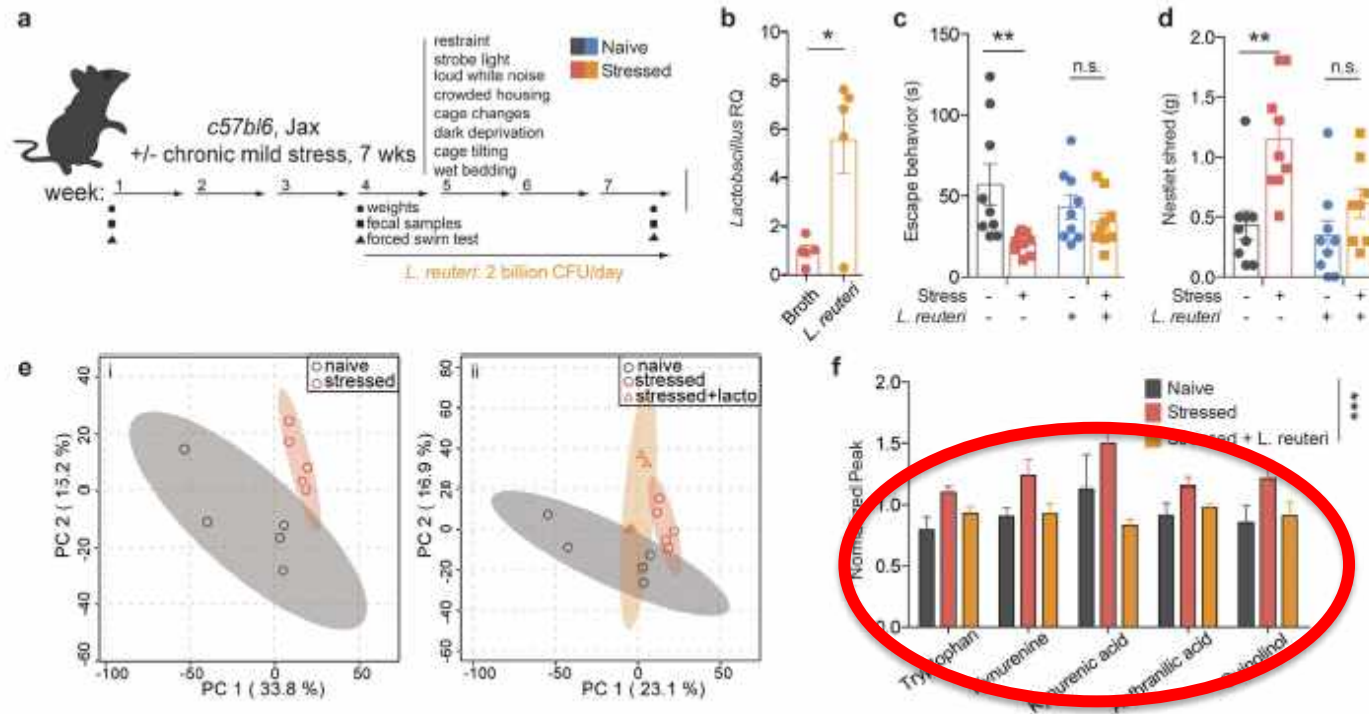
**Tryptophan depletion normalizes depression-like behavior of germ-free animals**

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## Microbiota alteration is associated with the development of stress-induced despair behavior

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Restoring intestinal *Lactobacillus* levels normalized stress-induced behavior and suppressed kynurenine production

Figure 3. Treatment with probiotic *L. reuteri* ameliorates the escape behavior induced by chronic stress.



# Indigenous Bacteria from the Gut Microbiota Regulate Host Serotonin Biosynthesis

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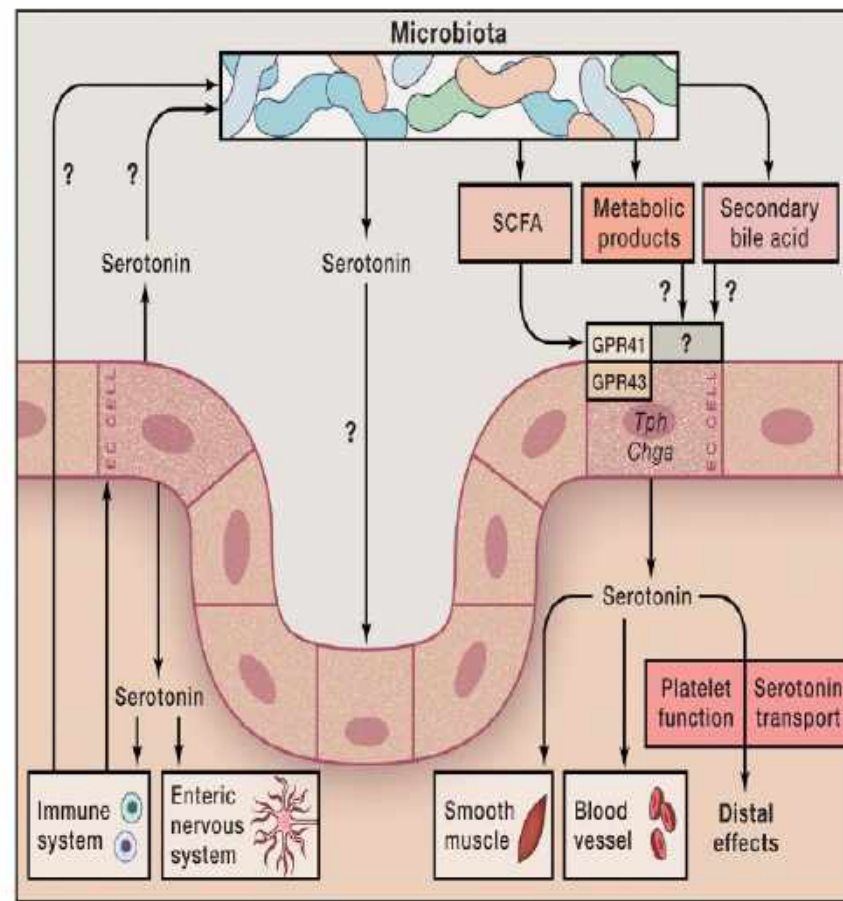
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## Gut Microbiota: The Link to Your Second Brain

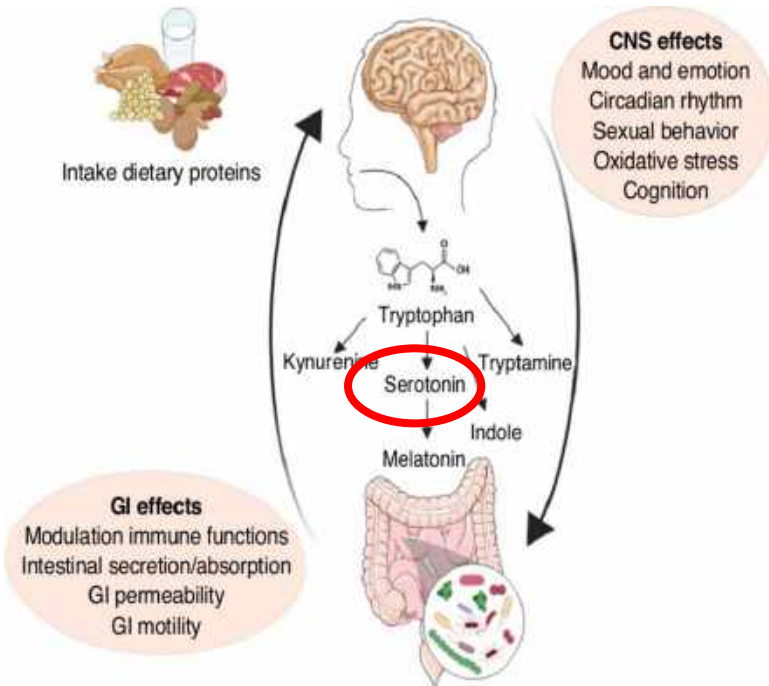
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# Stress alters Serotonergic Signalling in the Gut-Brain axis



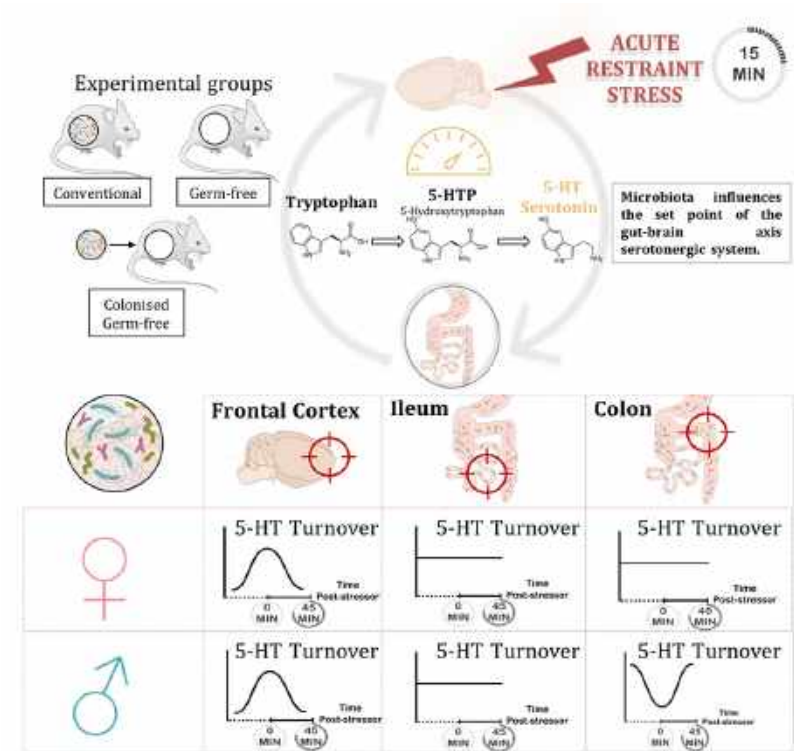
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## Gut-brain axis serotonergic responses to acute stress exposure are microbiome-dependent

Joshua M. Lyte<sup>1</sup> | Cassandra E. Gheorghe<sup>1</sup> | Michael S. Goodson<sup>2</sup> | Nancy Kelley-Loughnane<sup>2</sup> | Timothy G. Dinan<sup>1,3</sup> | John F. Cryan<sup>1,4</sup> | Gerard Clarke<sup>1,3</sup>



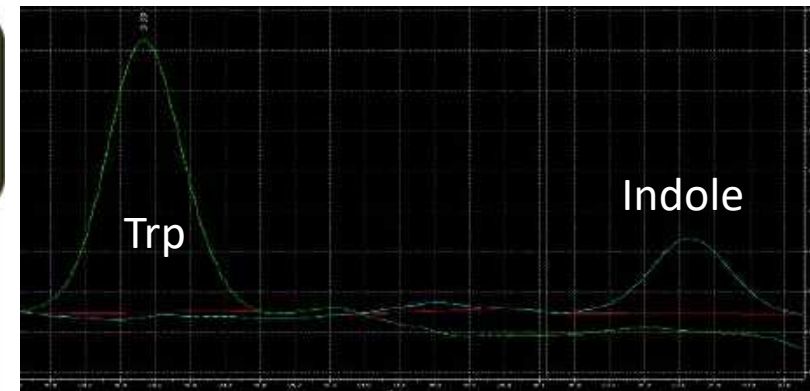
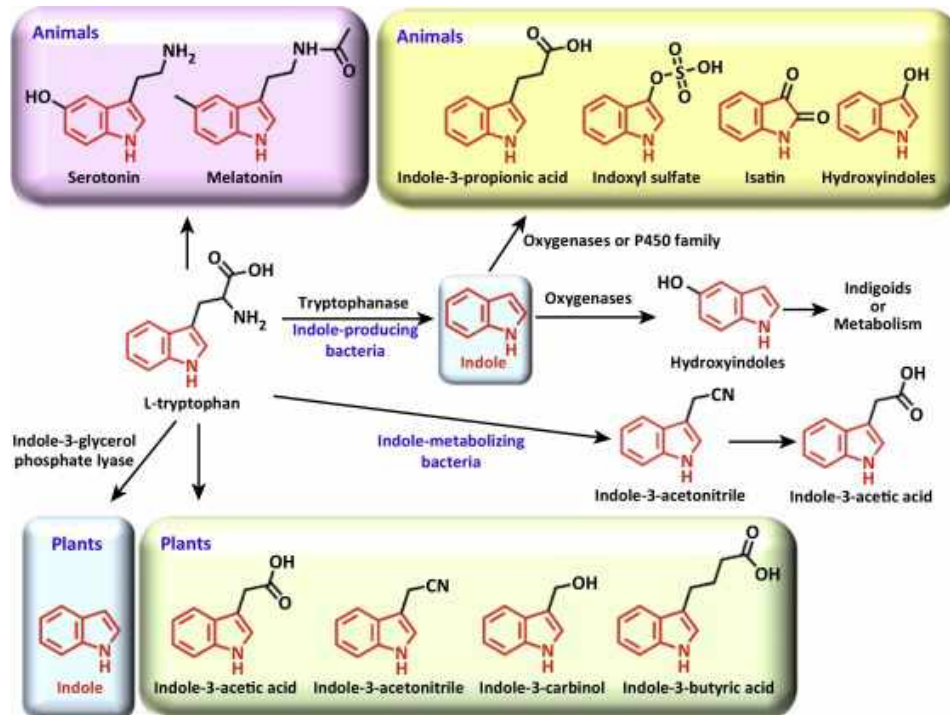
Microbiota influences acute stress response of the gut-brain axis serotonergic system in a region and sex-dependent manner.



## Review

# Roles of Indole as an Interspecies and Interkingdom Signaling Molecule

Jin-Hyung Lee,<sup>1</sup> Thomas K. Wood,<sup>2</sup> and Jintae Lee<sup>1,\*</sup>



Lyte et al., Unpublished data



# Microglial control of astrocytes in response to microbial metabolites

Veit Rothhammer<sup>1</sup>, Davis M. Borucki<sup>1</sup>, Emily C. Tjon<sup>1</sup>, Maisa C. Takenaka<sup>1</sup>, Chun-Cheih Chao<sup>1</sup>, Alberto Ardura-Fabregat<sup>2</sup>, Kalil Alves de Lima<sup>1</sup>, Cristina Gutiérrez-Vázquez<sup>1</sup>, Patrick Hewson<sup>1</sup>, Ori Staszewski<sup>2</sup>, Manon Blain<sup>3</sup>, Luke Healy<sup>3</sup>, Tradite Neziraj<sup>1</sup>, Matilde Borio<sup>1</sup>, Michael Wheeler<sup>1</sup>, Loic Lionel Dragin<sup>4</sup>, David A. Laplaud<sup>5</sup>, Jack Antel<sup>3</sup>, Jorge Ivan Alvarez<sup>4</sup>, Marco Prinz<sup>2,6</sup> & Francisco J. Quintana<sup>1,7\*</sup>

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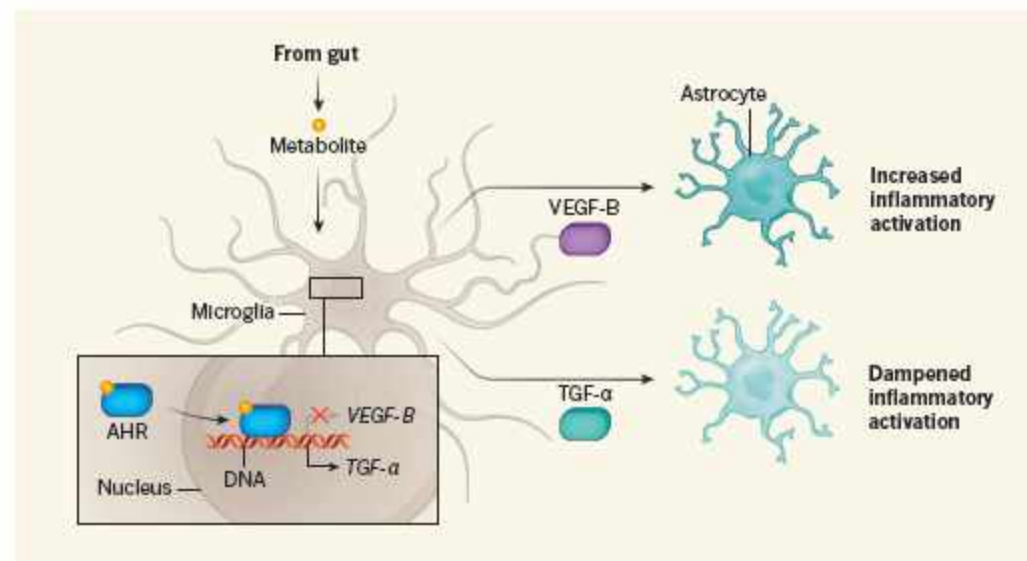
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## Gut molecules control brain inflammation

Metabolite molecules produced by the gut's microbes activate immune cells in the brain called microglia, which signal to astrocyte cells to mediate responses to inflammation in the central nervous system.

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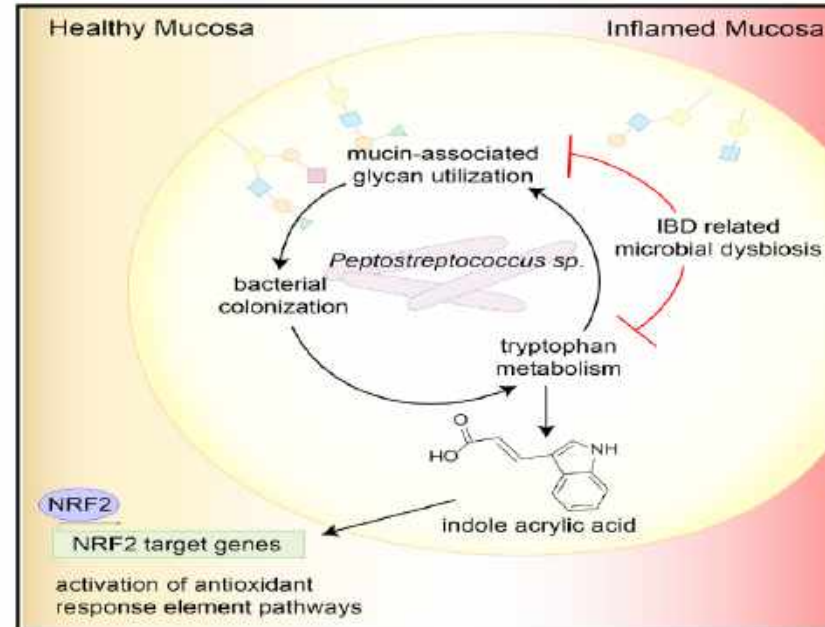
microglia inhibits inflammation in the CNS.



# Cell Host & Microbe

## Indoleacrylic Acid Produced by Commensal *Peptostreptococcus* Species Suppresses Inflammation

### Graphical Abstract



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### In Brief

Wlodarska et al. provide insight into intestinal mucin as an exemplar of a critical host-derived colonization factor that attracts bacteria that may promote intestinal health. One such mucin utilizer, *Peptostreptococcus russellii*, produces the tryptophan metabolite indoleacrylic acid, which has beneficial effects on intestinal epithelial barrier function and mitigates inflammatory responses.

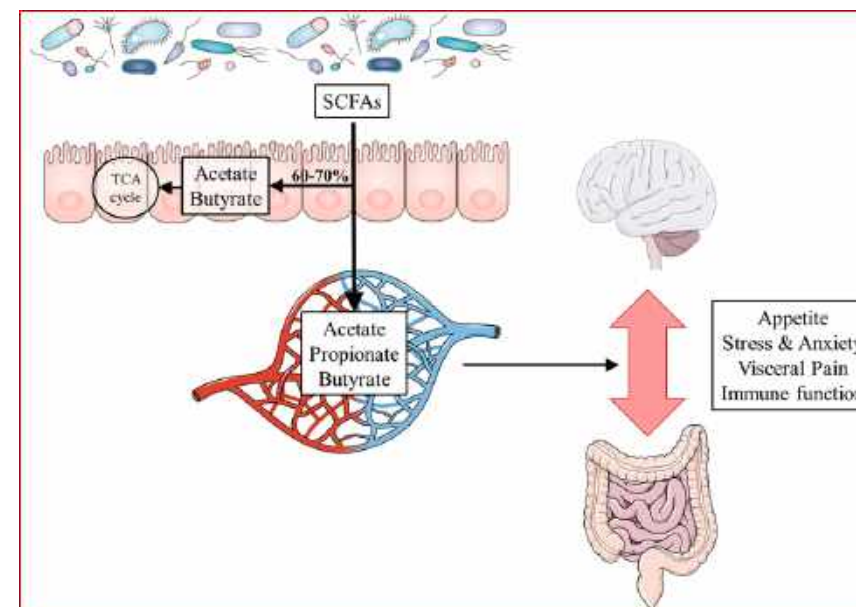
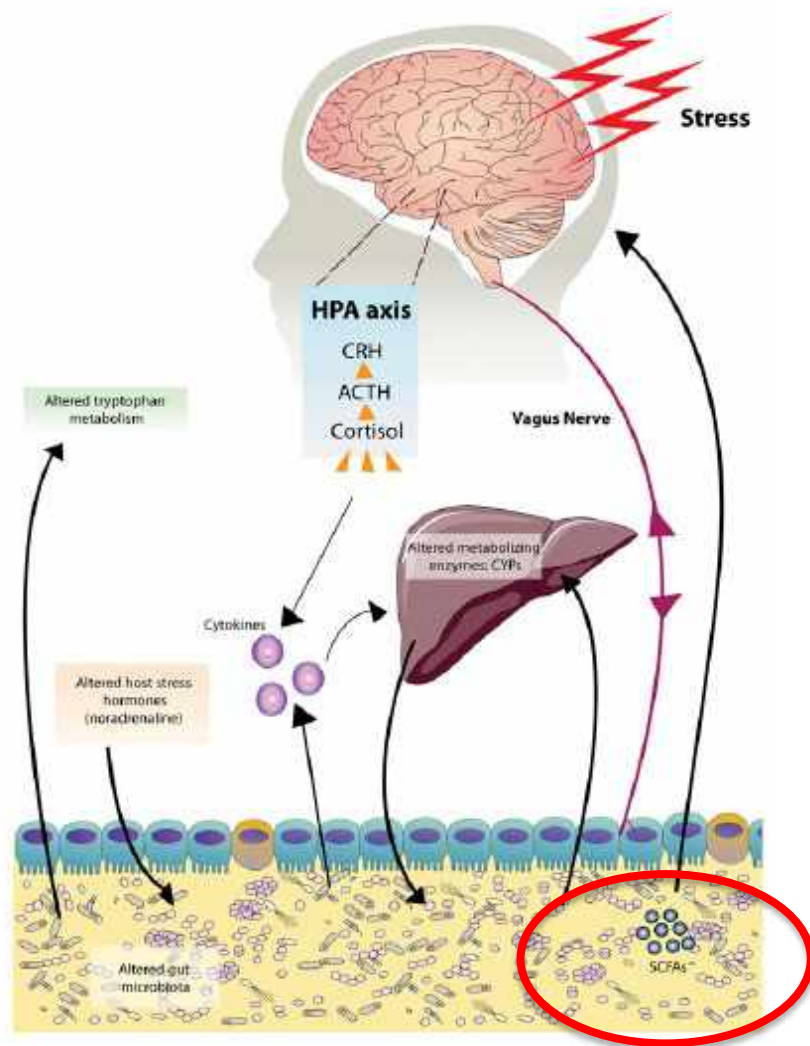
### Highlights

- Computational analysis identifies *Peptostreptococcus russellii* as a mucin utilizer
- *Peptostreptococcus* species produce the tryptophan metabolite indoleacrylic acid (IA)
- IA promotes intestinal epithelial barrier function and mitigates inflammatory responses
- Microbes of IBD patients have reduced ability to cleave mucins and metabolize tryptophan

# Summary

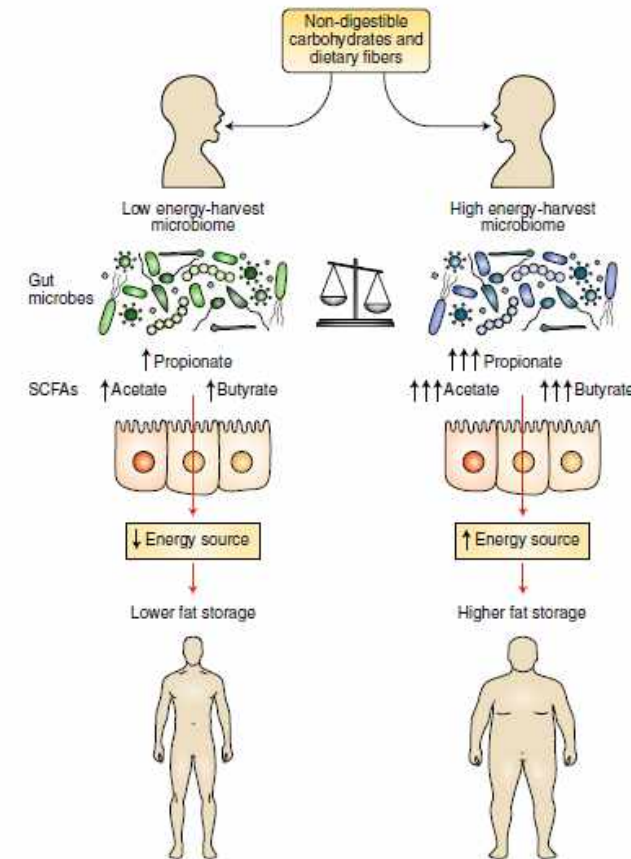
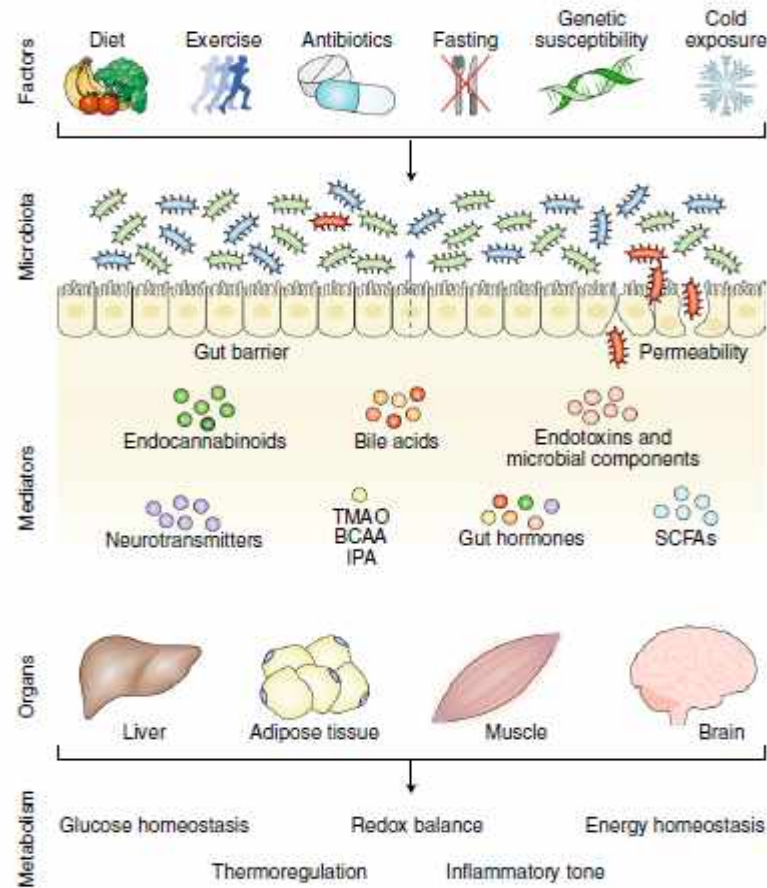
The image is a composite graphic illustrating the connection between the gut microbiome and brain health. At the top, a diagram of the Central Nervous System shows neurotransmitters L-GLU and NMDA, with labels for 'Prenatal' and 'Postnatal' stages. On the left, a cartoon green microbe with a face and arms is holding a smartphone. In the center, a tablet displays the 'Smart Microbe' app interface. The app shows a 'Psychobiotics' menu with options: Prebiotic, Probiotic, Diet, and Fecal microbiota transplant. Below the menu is a diagram titled 'Microbial Regulation of Tryptophan'. This diagram shows 'Host Metabolism' and 'Microbial Metabolism' leading to 'Serotonin', 'Kynurenine', and 'Indole'. At the bottom of the diagram is a pink slider bar. On the right, a partial illustration of a human brain is visible.

# Signalling Along the Brain-Gut-Microbiota axis





# Microbial regulation of organismal energy homeostasis

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# Short-chain fatty acids: microbial metabolites that alleviate stress-induced brain–gut axis alterations

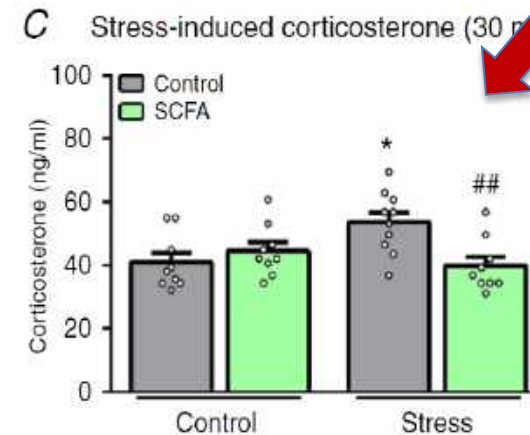
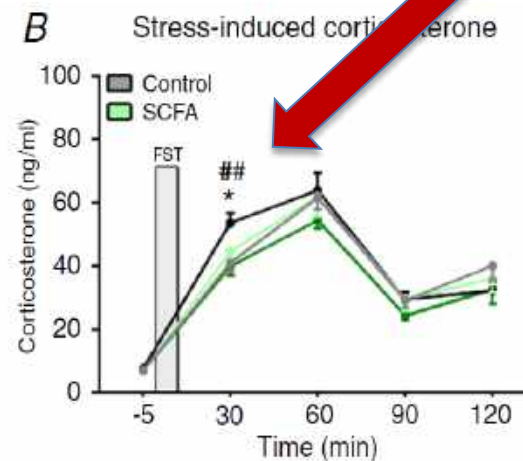
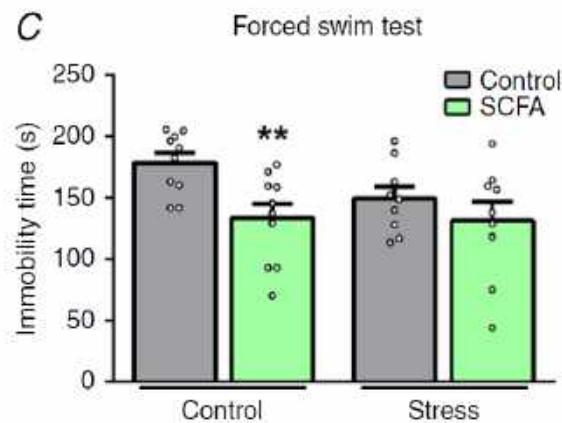
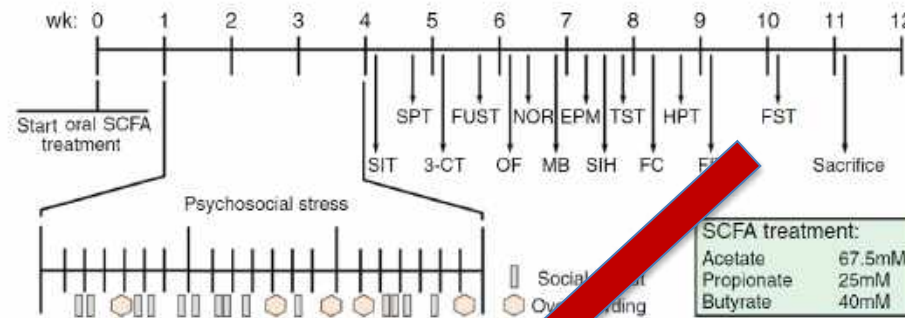
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## Dietary delivery of acetate to the colon using acylated starches as a carrier exerts anxiolytic effects in mice

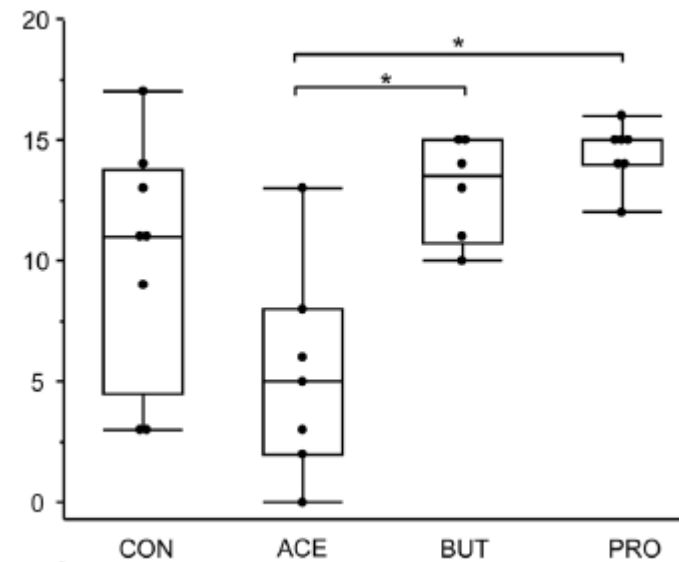
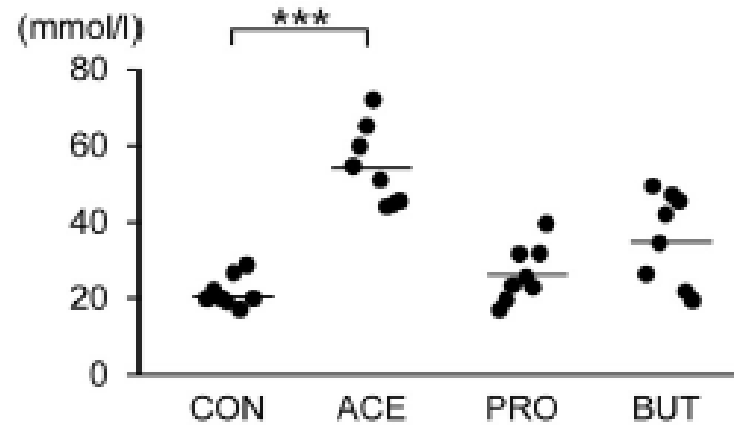


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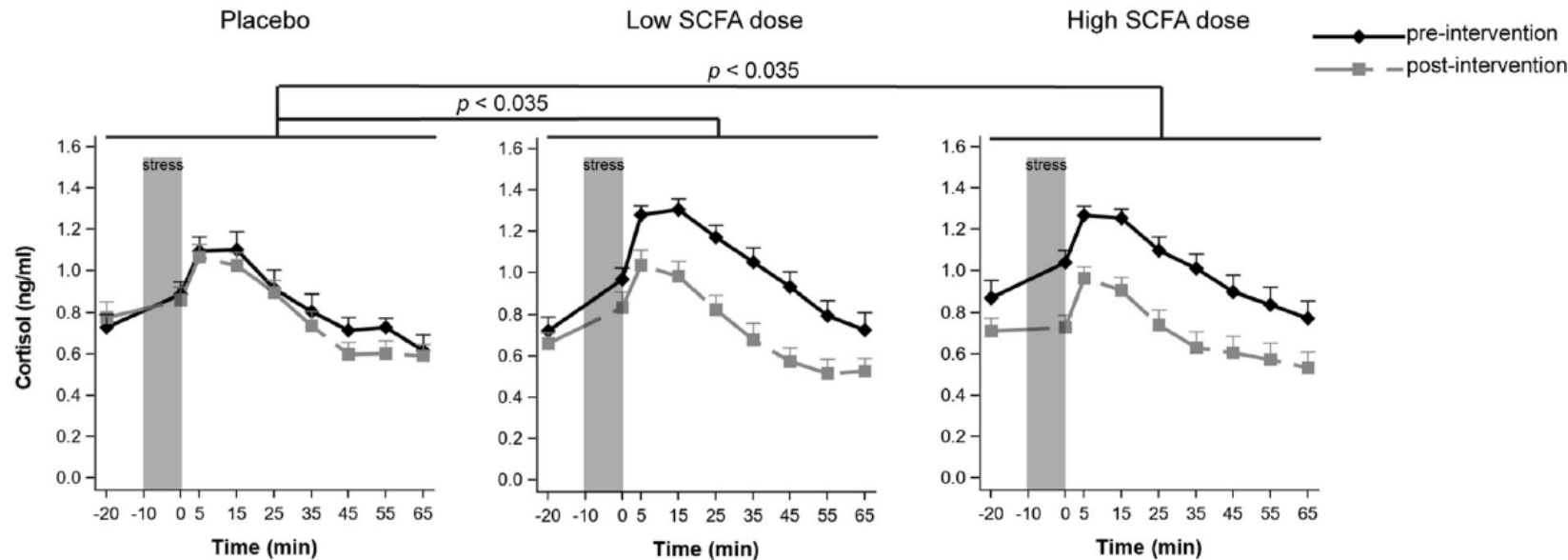
**Anxiety-like behaviours reduced by targeted increase of acetate in colon using acylated starch**



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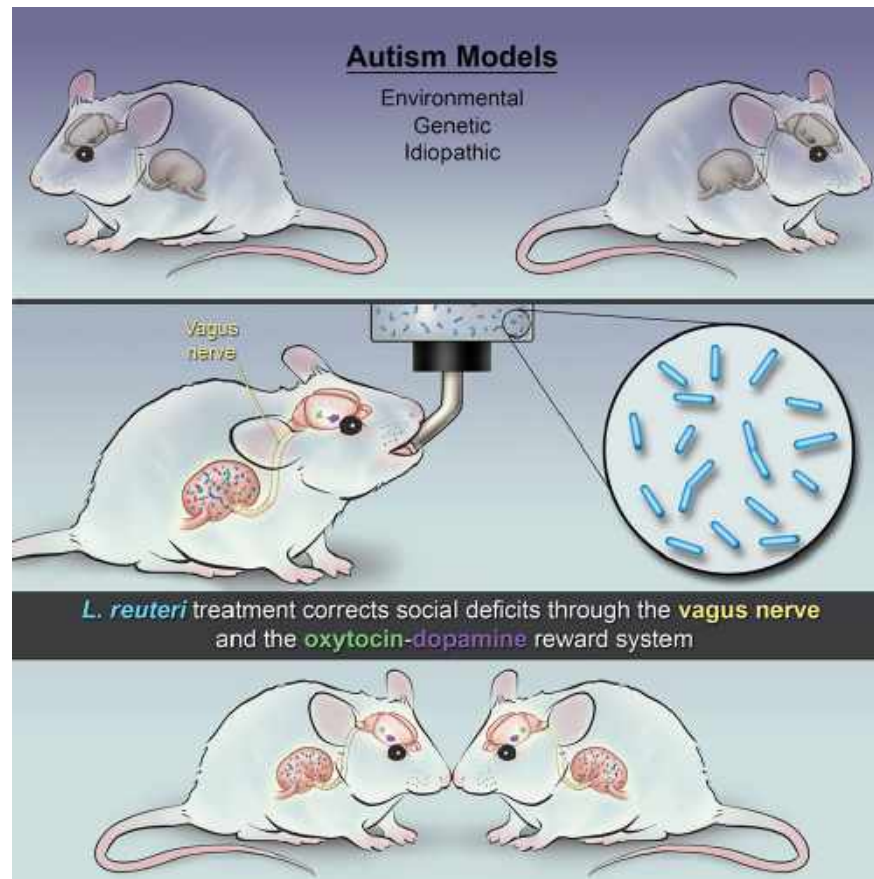
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## Mechanisms Underlying Microbial-Mediated Changes in Social Behavior in Mouse Models of Autism Spectrum Disorder

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**Treatment with *L. reuteri* rescues social deficits in several ASD mouse models and in germ-free mice via the vagus nerve.**



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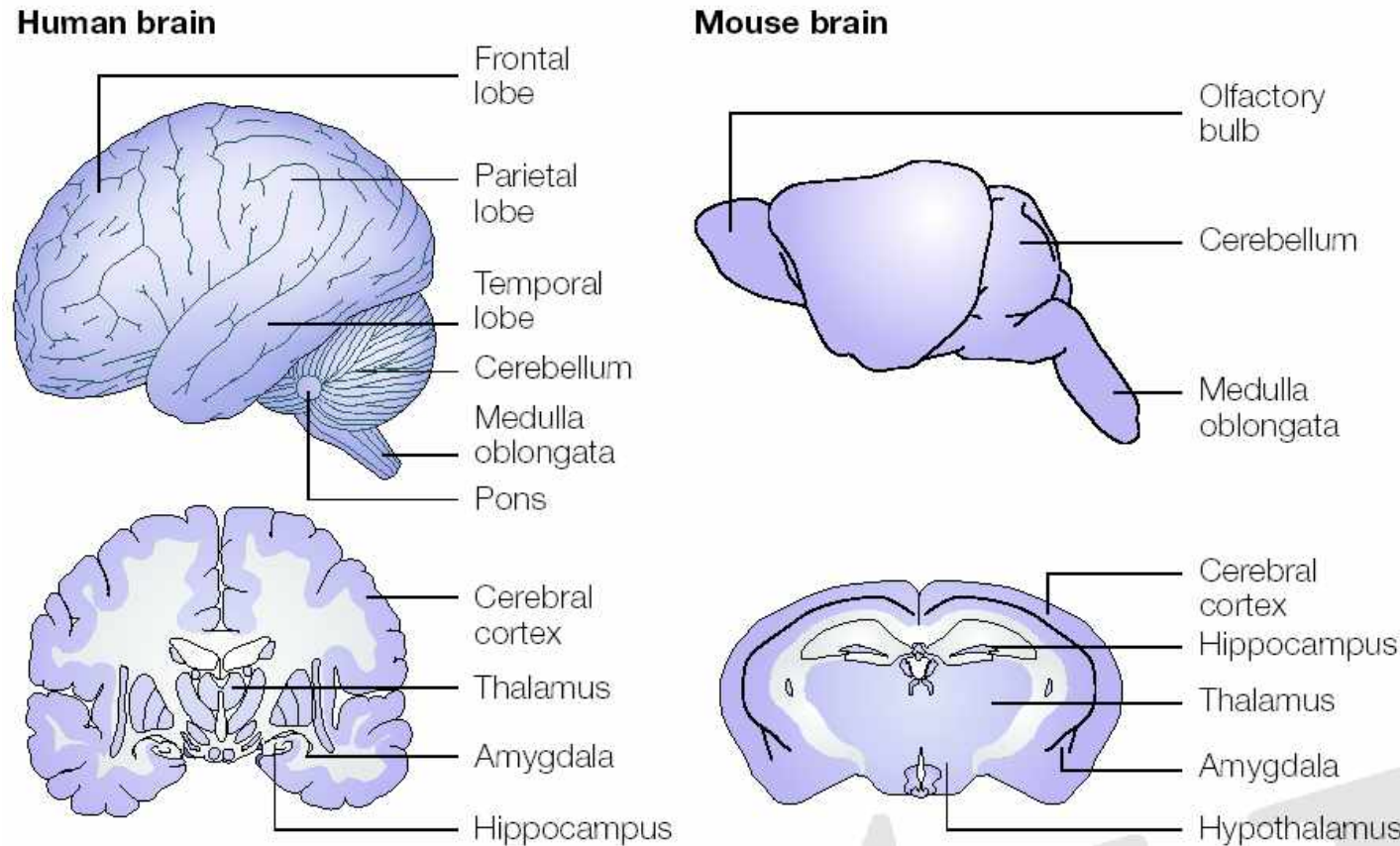
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How to recognize the moods of an Irish setter

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# Human vs Mouse Brain



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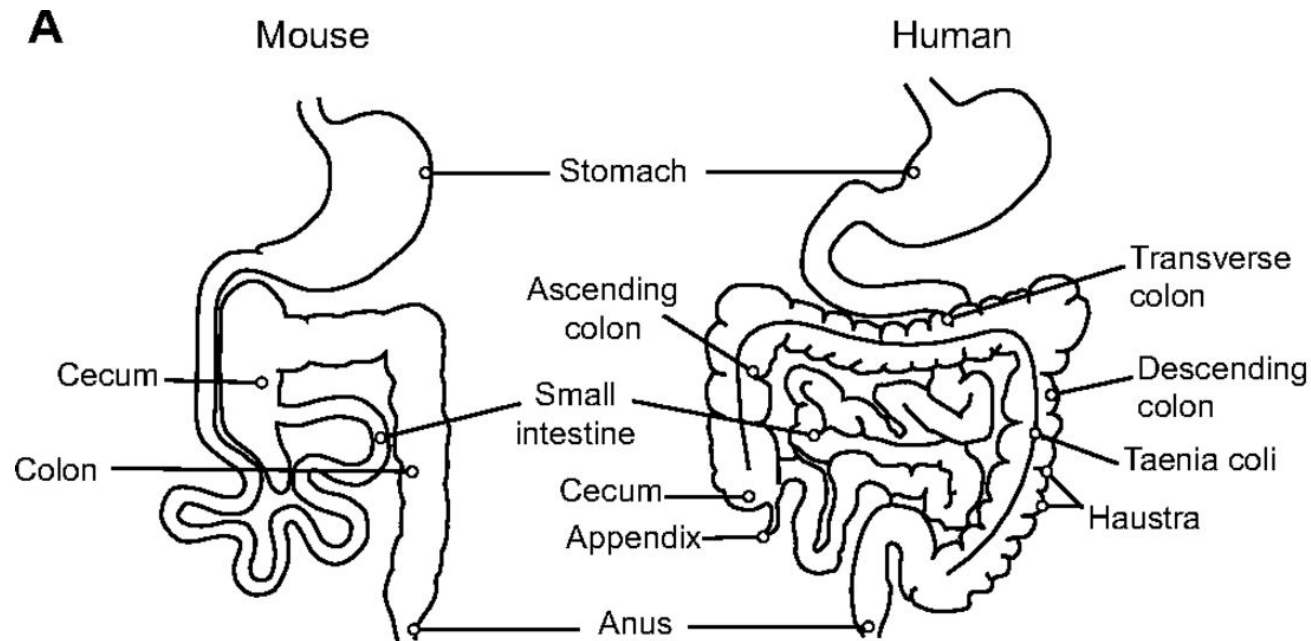
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## SPECIAL ARTICLE

### How informative is the mouse for human gut microbiota research?

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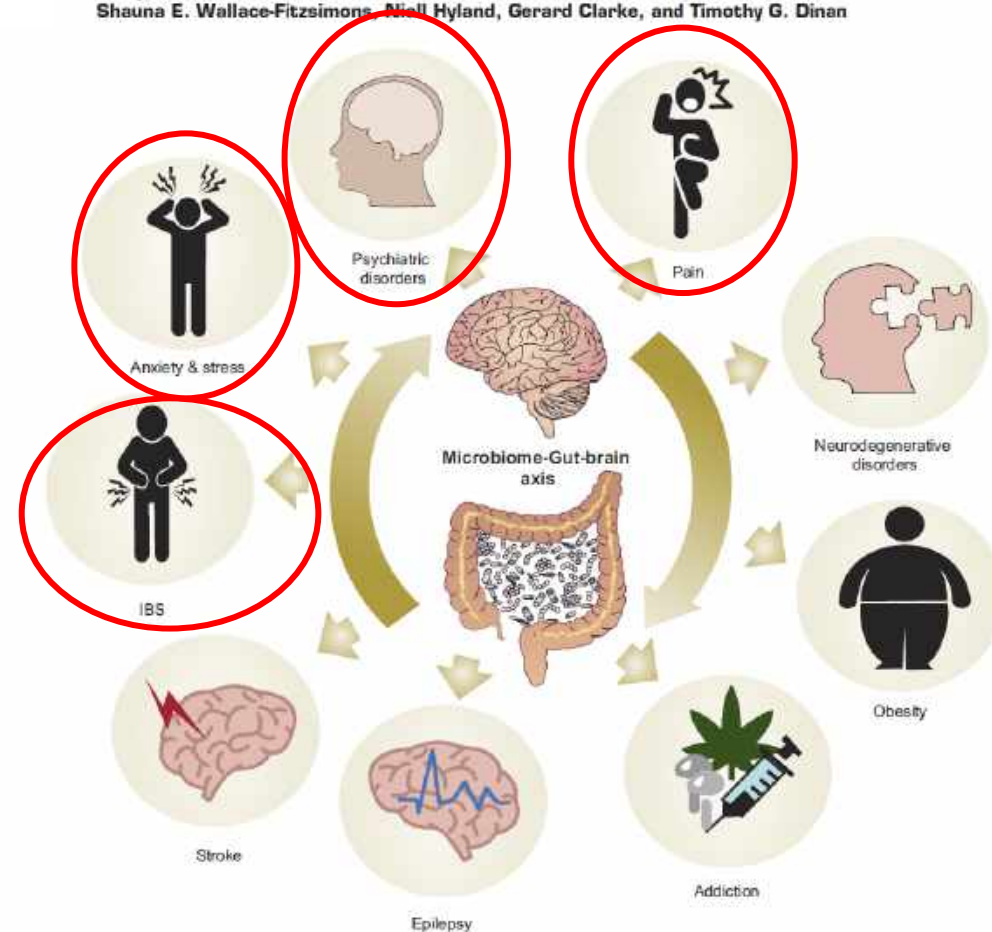
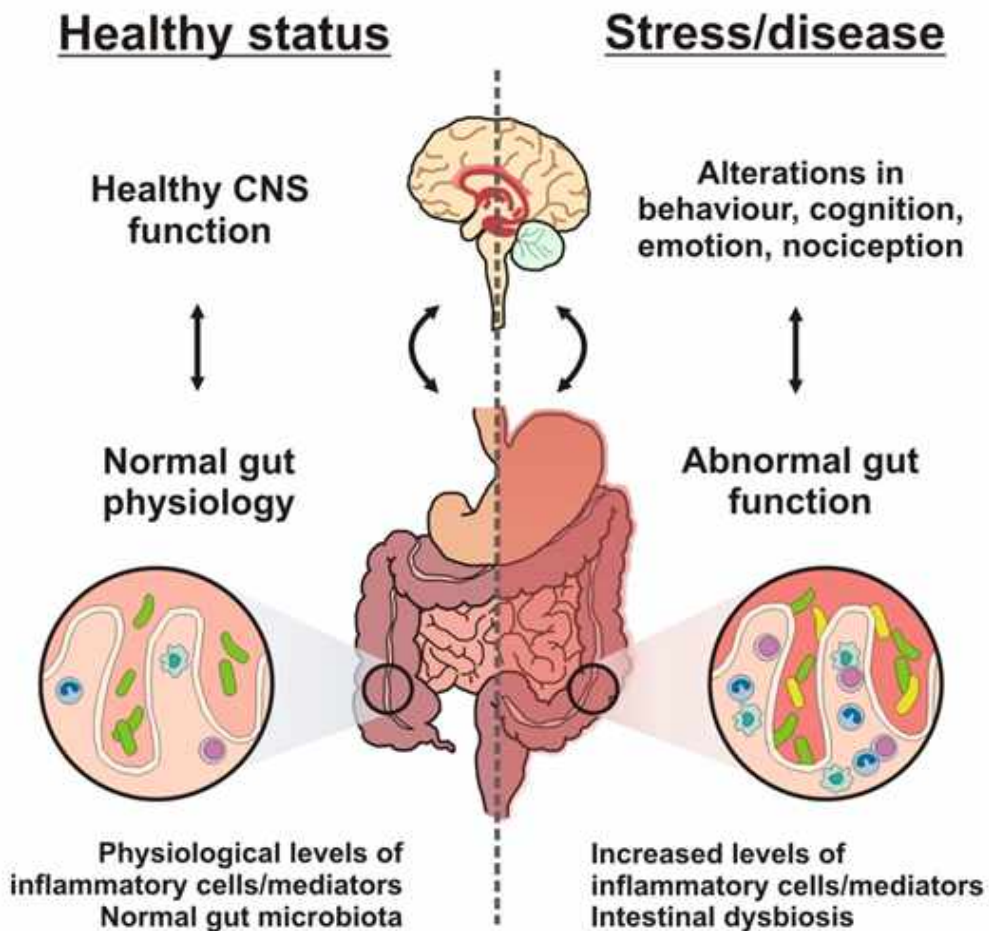


# Microbiota-Gut-Brain Axis

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## THE MICROBIOTA-GUT-BRAIN AXIS

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# MAJOR DEPRESSIVE DISORDER

➔ Major depressive disorder (MDD) is a psychiatric condition that is characterized by persistent depressed mood, diminished interests, impaired cognitive function and vegetative symptoms, such as disturbed sleep or appetite.

## MECHANISMS

No mechanism can explain all aspects of MDD, although several models are available that explain aspects of the disease and implicated pathways. For example, one explanation for MDD is that — against a backdrop of genetic vulnerability — stress, particularly in early life, results in persistent increases in the activity of the hypothalamic–pituitary–adrenal (HPA) axis, which produces cortisol and other hormones. Coupled with inflammation, overactivity of the HPA axis might alter brain structure and function; reduced neurogenesis and neuroplasticity are thought to precipitate depression-like symptoms by impairing the stress response. Other factors that might have a role in the development and pathophysiology of MDD include reduced synaptic neurotransmission (for example, of serotonin), reduced volumes of certain brain regions (such as the hippocampus, which is involved in emotional regulation), increased connectivity and activation of the amygdala (which amplifies negative thoughts) and hyperconnectivity of the default mode network (which contributes to self-focus and rumination).



Designed by Neil Smith and Laura Marshall

## DIAGNOSIS

MDD diagnosis requires the presence of at least five of the following symptoms in the same 2-week period

MDD is diagnosed when the symptoms cause considerable distress or impairment, cannot be attributed to another condition or substance use, and the individual has not had manic or hypomanic episodes

★ Depressed mood 	★ Diminished interest or pleasure 	★ Fatigue or loss of energy 
★ Sleep disturbance 	★ Psychomotor agitation or retardation 	★ Changes in weight or appetite 
★ Feelings of worthlessness or guilt 	★ Diminished ability to think or concentrate 	★ Suicidal ideation or attempt 

➔ Specifiers can also be applied to further characterize the type of MDD, for example, MDD with melancholic or psychotic features

★ Depressed mood and/or diminished interest or pleasure must be evident for a diagnosis

## EPIDEMIOLOGY

The 12-month prevalence of MDD has been estimated to be similar between high-income (5.5%) and low-income and middle-income (5.9%) countries, showing that MDD is a global health condition.

Women are more affected than men, with a median age of onset of approximately 25 years in both sexes. Individuals who experience childhood trauma not only have a more than twofold increased

risk of MDD later in life but also have higher symptom severity, a poorer disease course and a greater likelihood of treatment non-responsiveness than those without early-life trauma.

## MANAGEMENT

The treatment options for MDD centre on psychotherapy and pharmacotherapy. Psychotherapies available include cognitive, behavioural, psychodynamic, problem-solving, interpersonal and mindfulness-based approaches. All have been shown to be effective, although no differences between types are evident. Available pharmacotherapies largely target neurotransmitter receptors, reuptake transporters and oxidases that breakdown neurotransmitters once reabsorbed. Patients who are unresponsive to a given treatment can be given a different one or combinations of treatments (psychotherapies and pharmacotherapies).



## QUALITY OF LIFE

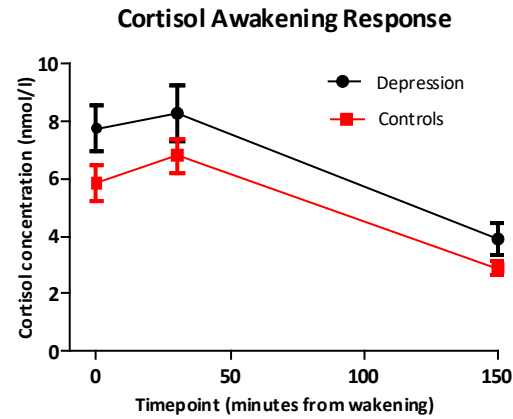
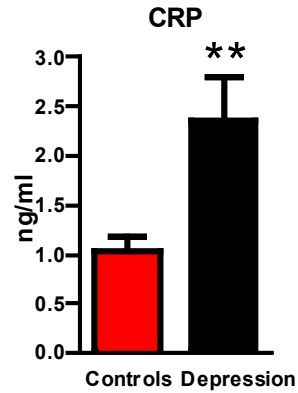
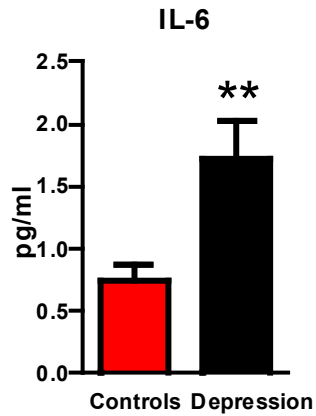
Although MDD negatively influences many domains of life, the most important concern for patients with MDD is suicide, the risk of which has been reported to be almost 20-fold higher than in the general population. Behavioural and psychosocial interventions to prevent suicide and suicide attempts have been shown to be effective. Furthermore, restricting access to and encouraging help-seeking at areas known to be 'suicide hotspots' (often used for suicides) might also be effective.

! One in six individuals will experience MDD in their lifetime

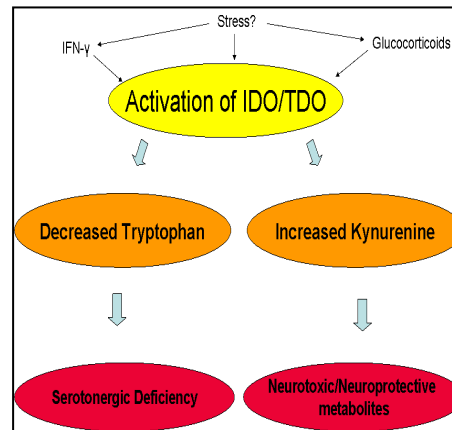
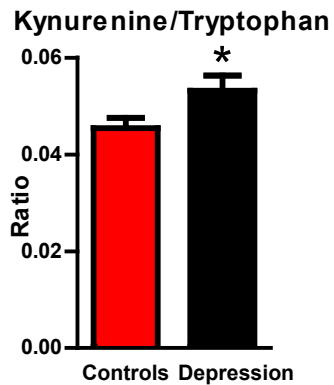




# Neurobiology of Depression



**Immune activation and hyperactive HPA Axis**



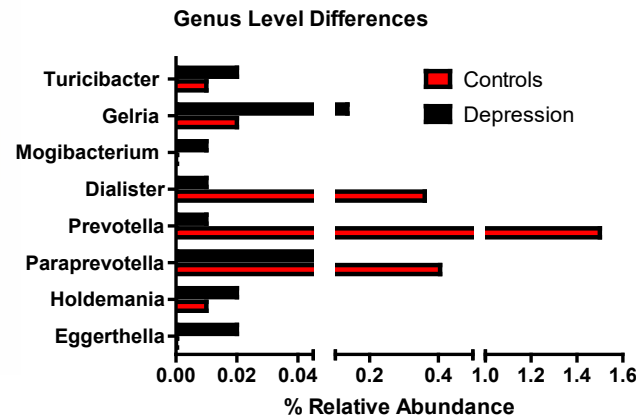
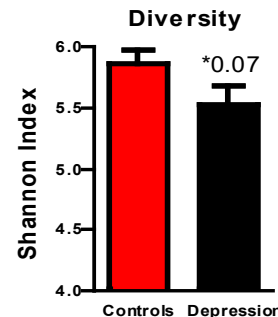
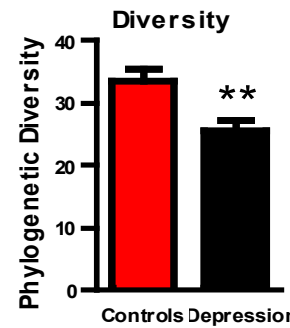
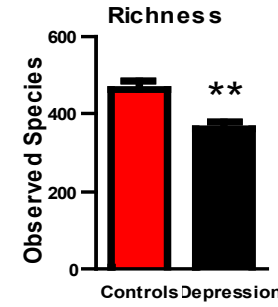
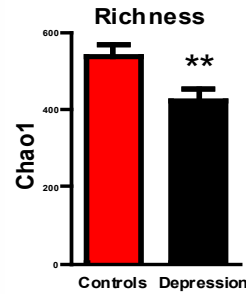
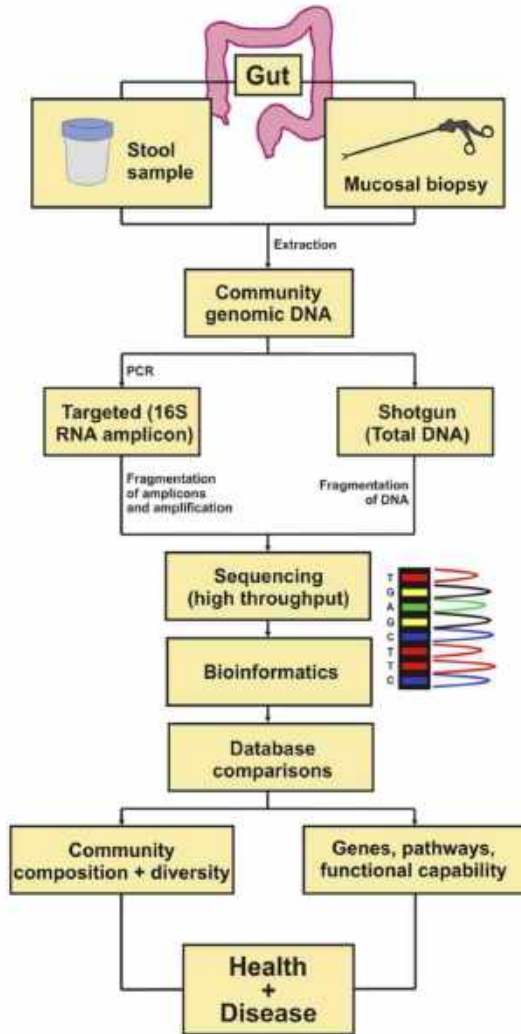
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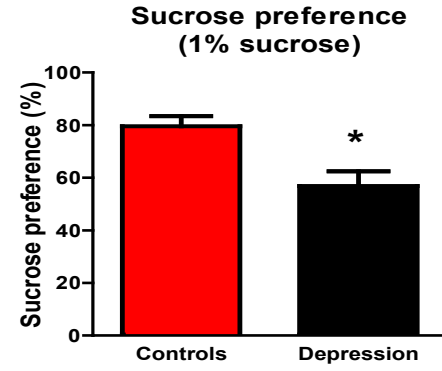
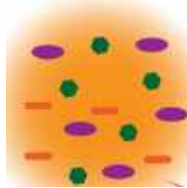
# Altered Microbiota in Depression



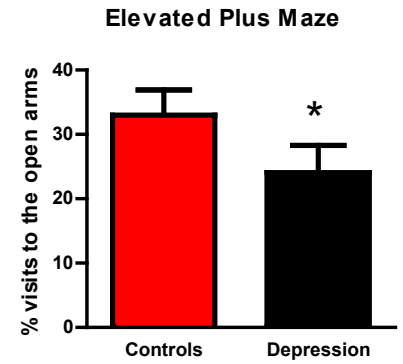
Reduced microbial diversity in depression

Prevotella, a genus of Gram-negative bacteria, is reduced in depression

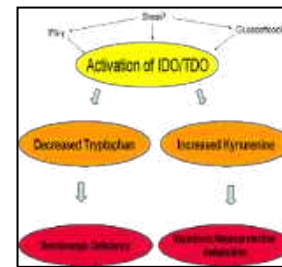
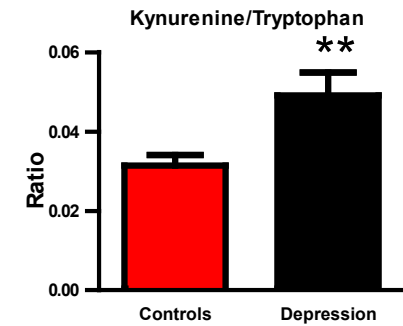
# Transfer of Depressive Phenotype



Anhedonia-like behaviours transferred via gut microbiota



Anxiety-like behaviours transferred via gut microbiota

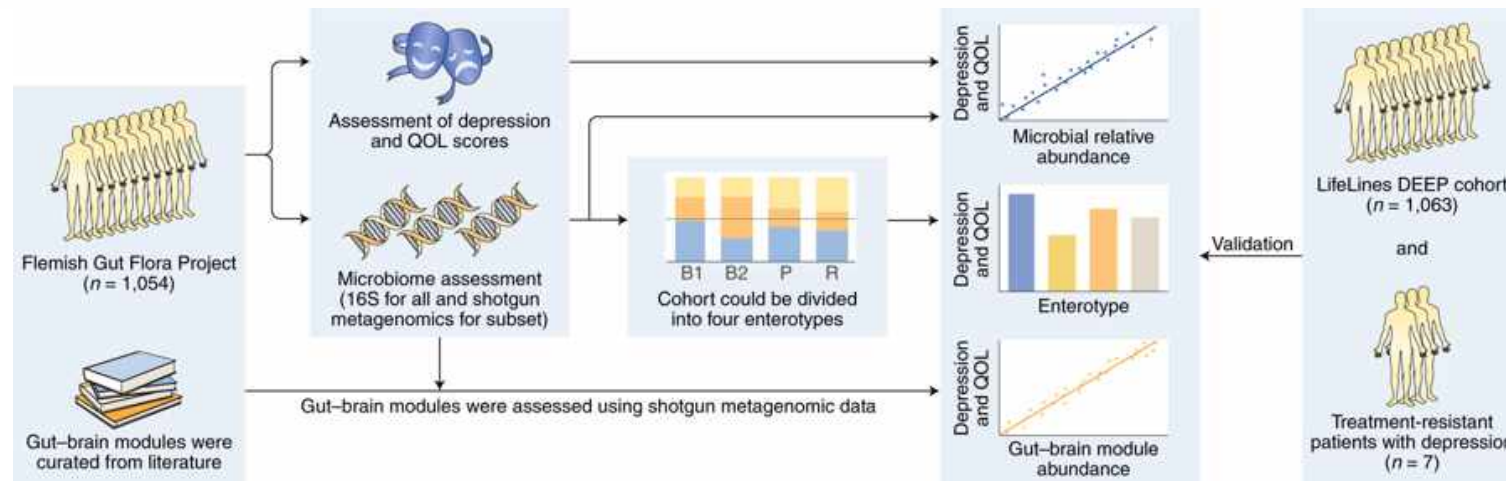


Tryptophan metabolism Profile transferred via gut microbiota



# The neuroactive potential of the human gut microbiota in quality of life and depression

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# Irritable Bowel Syndrome

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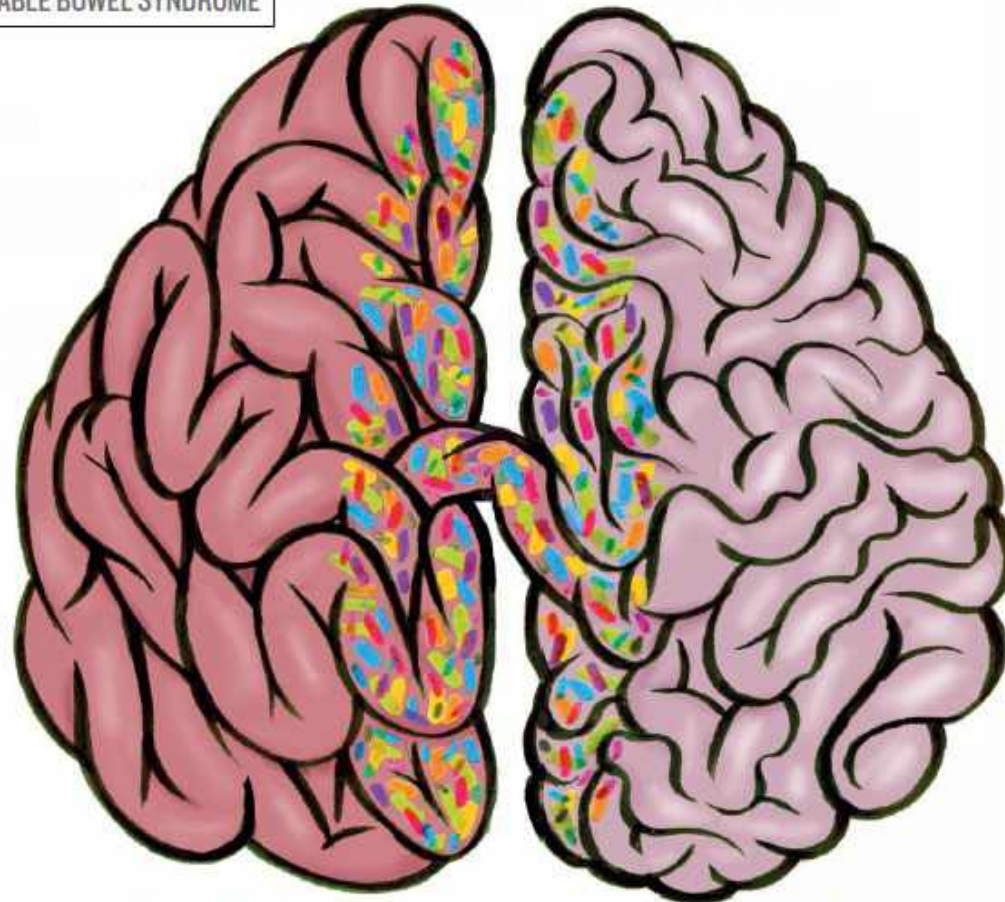
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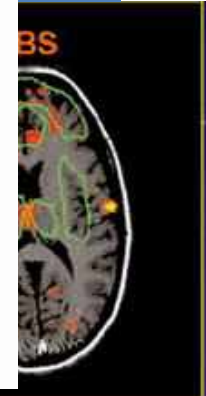
MICROBIOME

## Bacterial broadband

*The involvement of intestinal bacteria in gut-brain communication could help to explain the mysteries of irritable bowel syndrome, but the search continues for definitive evidence.*



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## GUT MICROBIOTA

# Transplantation of fecal microbiota from patients with irritable bowel syndrome alters gut function and behavior in recipient mice

## Neurogastroenterology & Motility

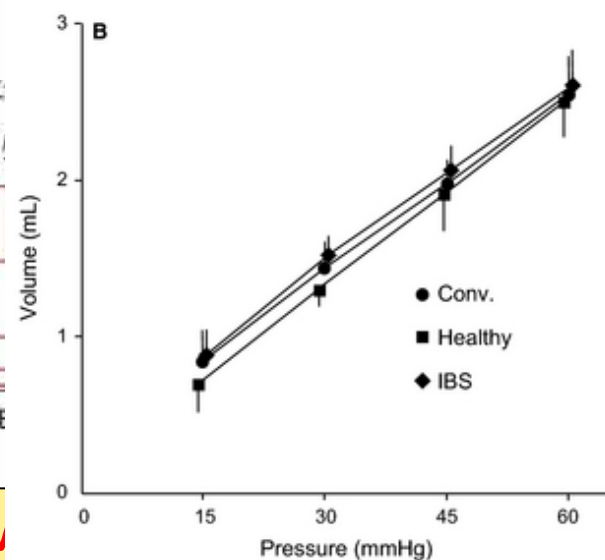
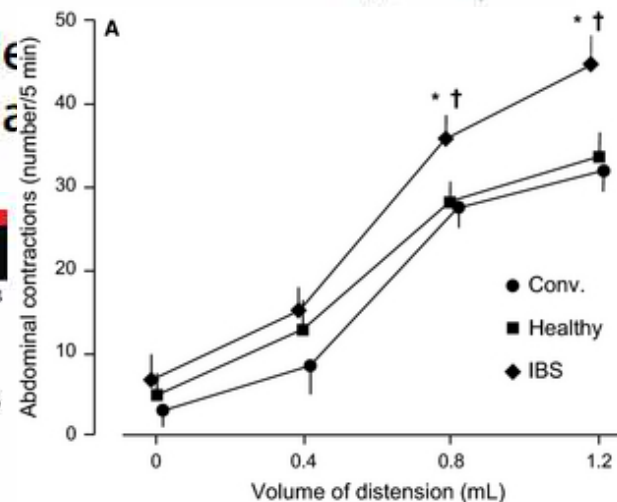
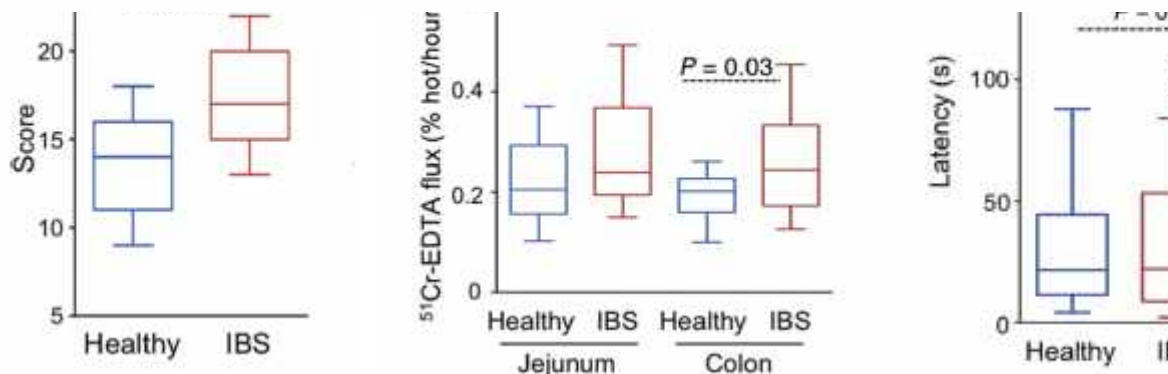
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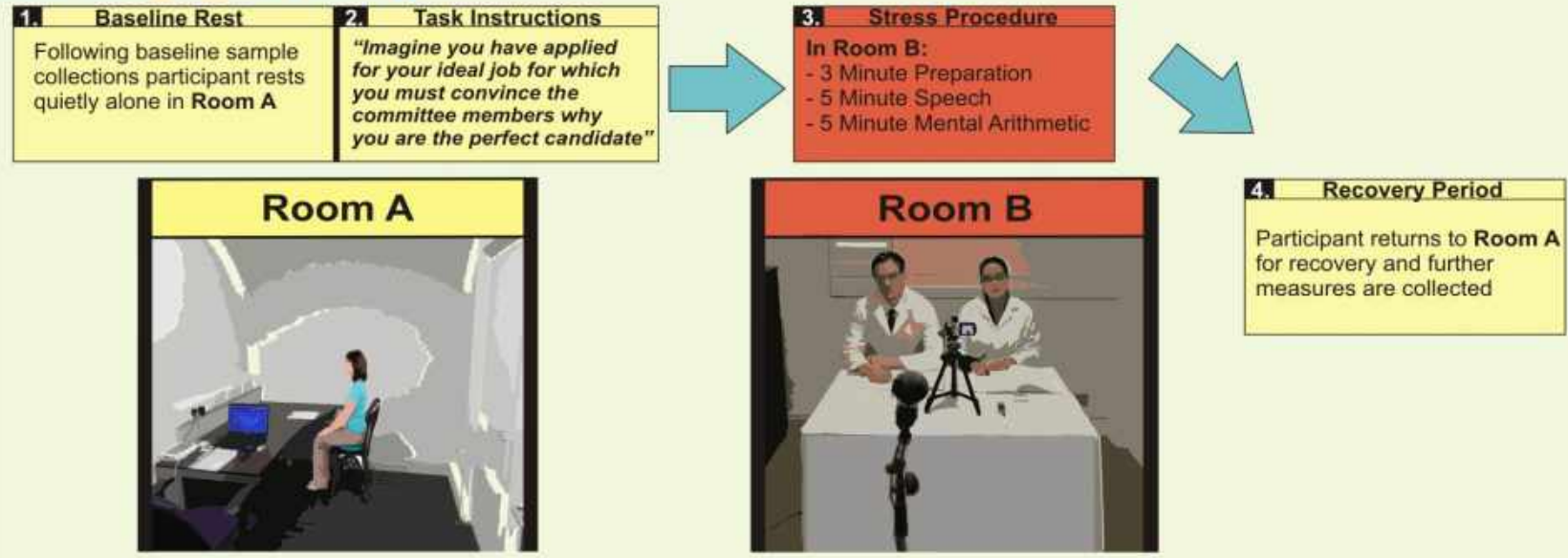
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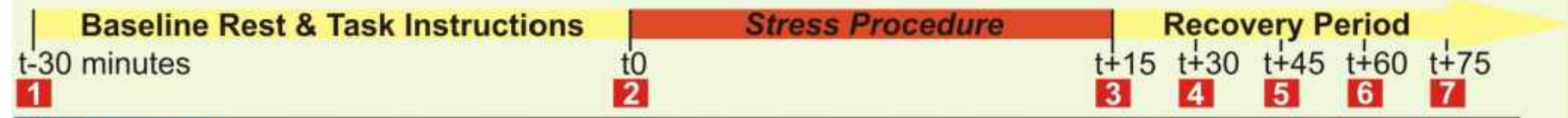
Only the microbiota from IBS subjects were able to induce anxiety-like behaviours in the recipient animals

# Acute Stress Challenges - TSST

## A) Key Procedural Stages:



## B) Example Sampling Schedule:



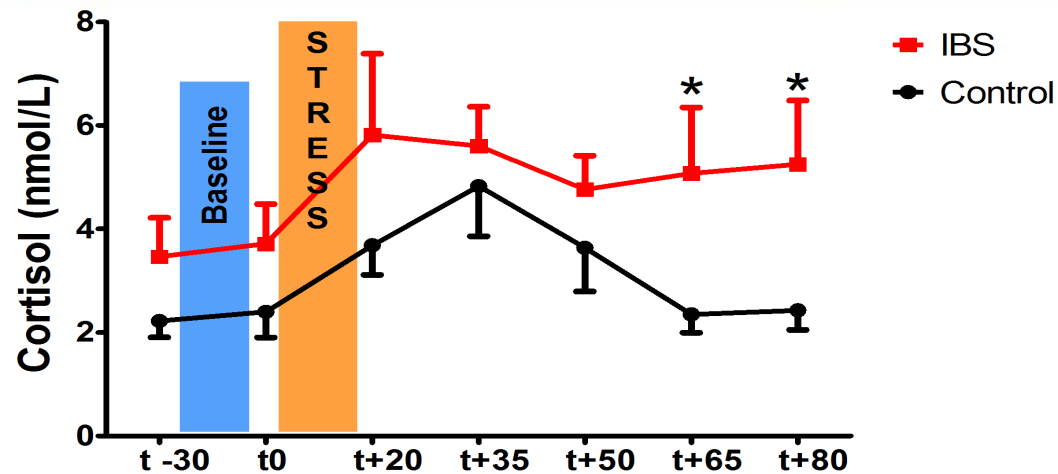
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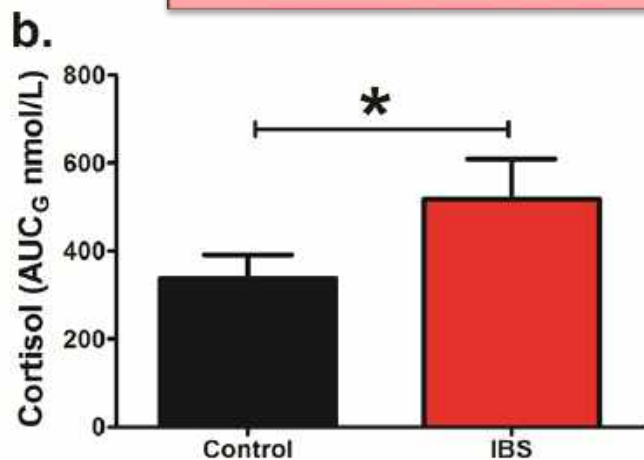


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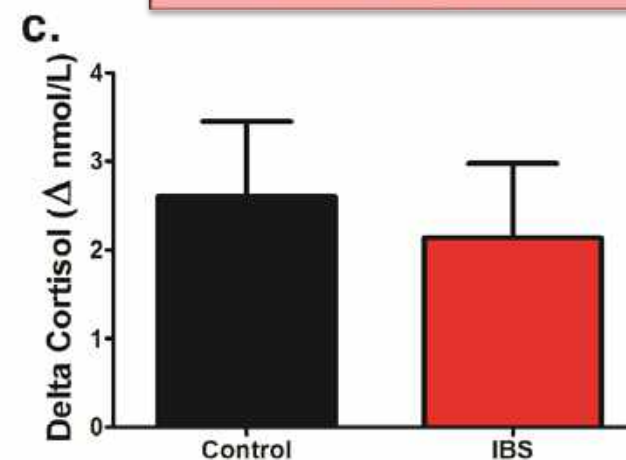
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Area under the curve



Delta response





# Cognitive Neurobiology of IBS



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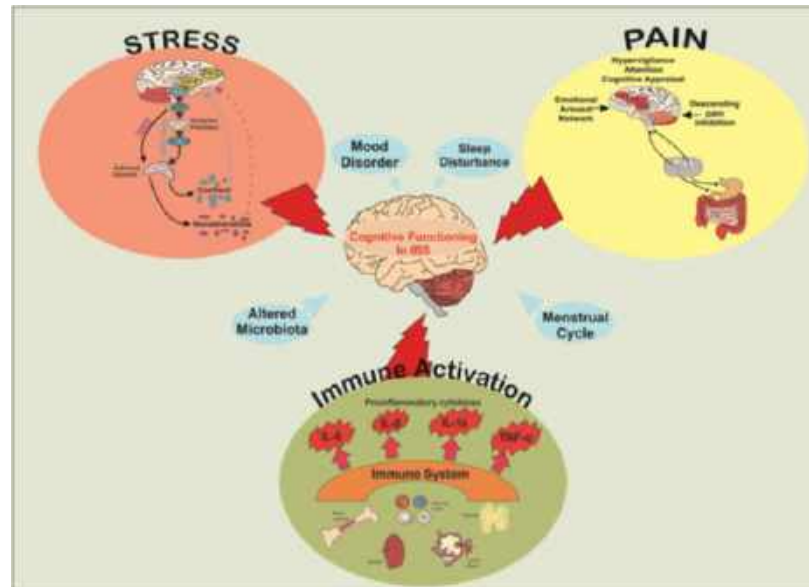


Review

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Can modulation of the gut microbiota affect cognitive performance in humans?

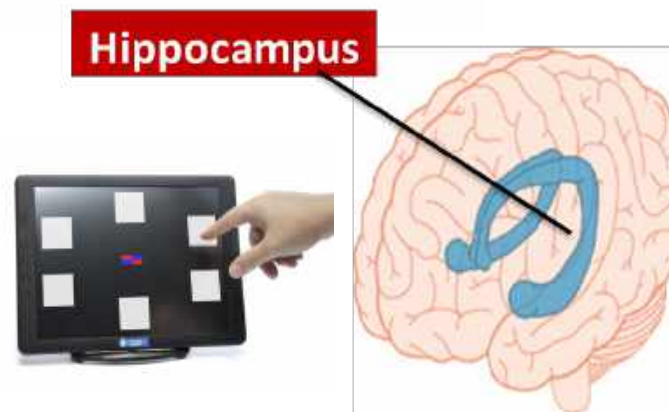
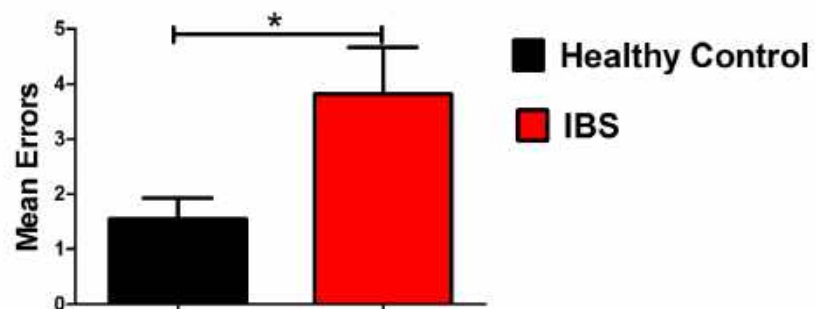




# Cognitive performance in irritable bowel syndrome: evidence of a stress-related impairment in visuospatial memory

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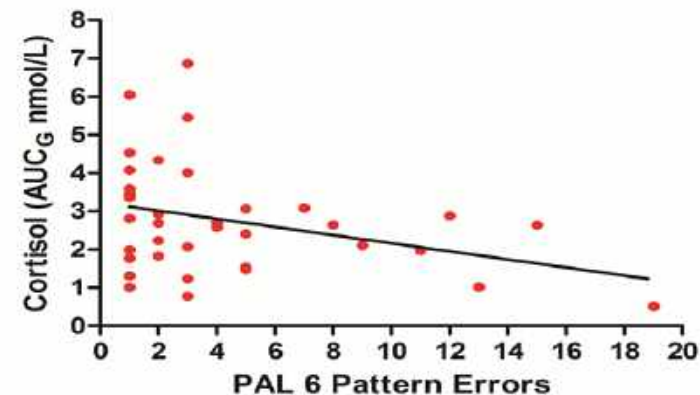
## Baseline: Visuospatial memory deficit



## 6 & 12 months: Consistent memory deficit



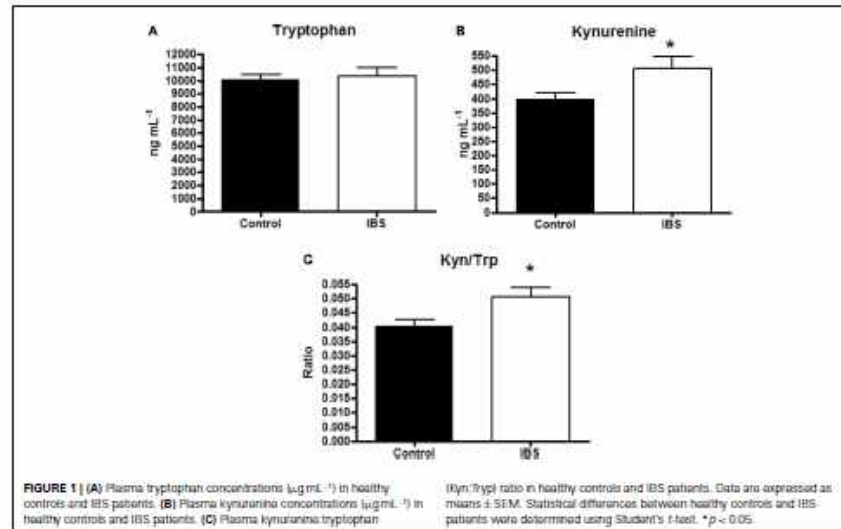
## Cortisol levels related to cognition





# A distinct profile of tryptophan metabolism along the kynurenine pathway downstream of toll-like receptor activation in irritable bowel syndrome

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### Tryptophan degradation in irritable bowel syndrome: evidence of indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase activation in a male cohort

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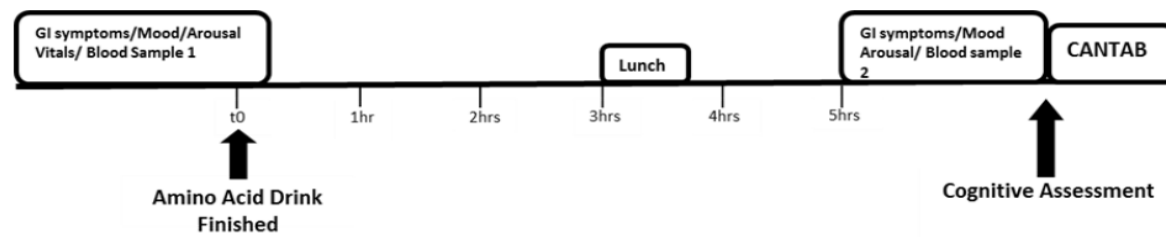
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### Tryptophan catabolism in females with irritable bowel syndrome: relationship to interferon-gamma, severity of symptoms and psychiatric co-morbidity

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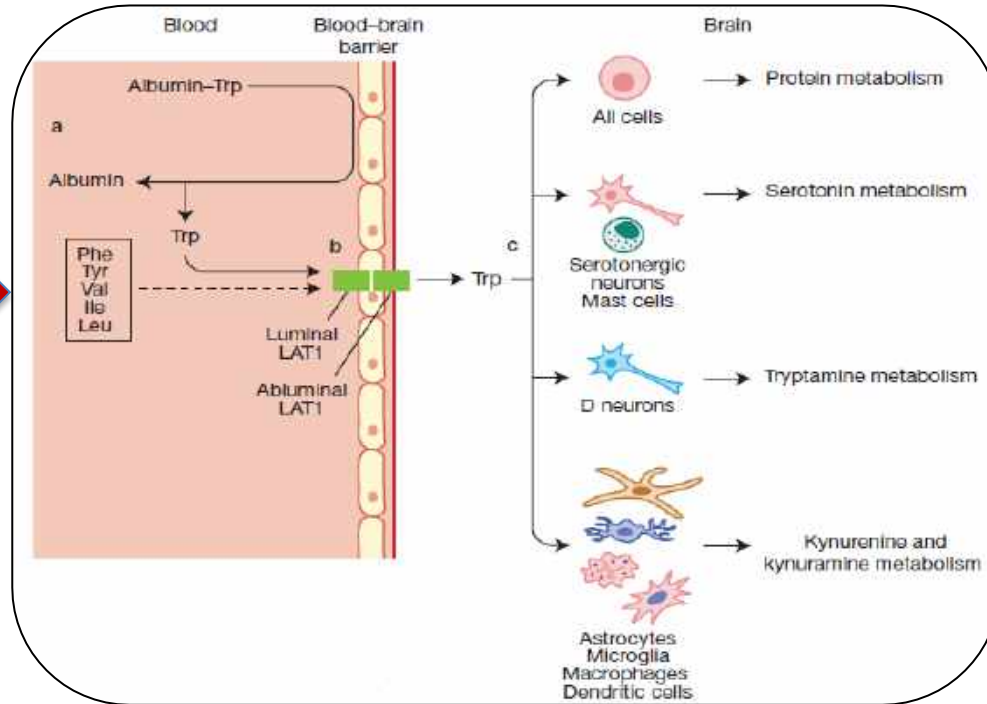
# Acute tryptophan depletion (ATD)



## Amino Acid Drink (no TRP)



- L-Alanine
- L-Argine
- L-Cysteine
- Glycine
- L-Histidine
- L-Isoleucine
- L-Leucine
- L Lysine
- L-Methionine
- L-Phenylalanine
- L-Proline
- L-Serine
- L-Threonine
- L-Thyrosine
- L-Valine



Brain levels: Kynurenine?

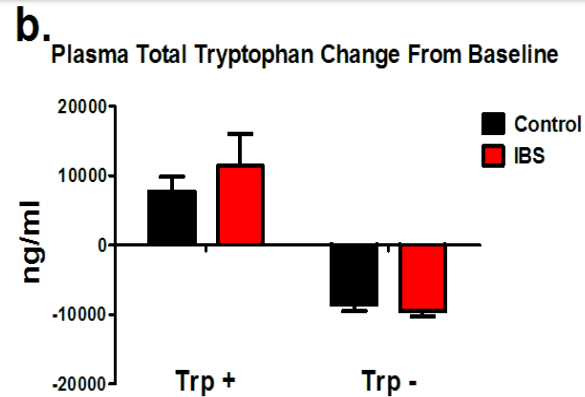
**Tryptophan competes with other LNAAs to cross blood brain barrier**

Ruddick et al., Expert Rev Mol Med (2006)

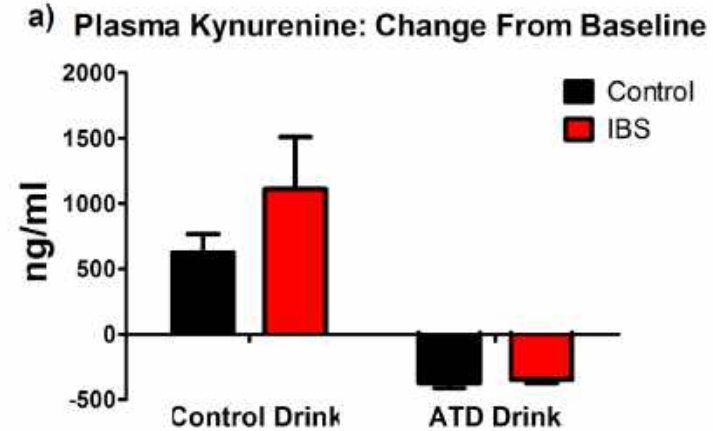


# Reducing Kynurenine Improves Performance?

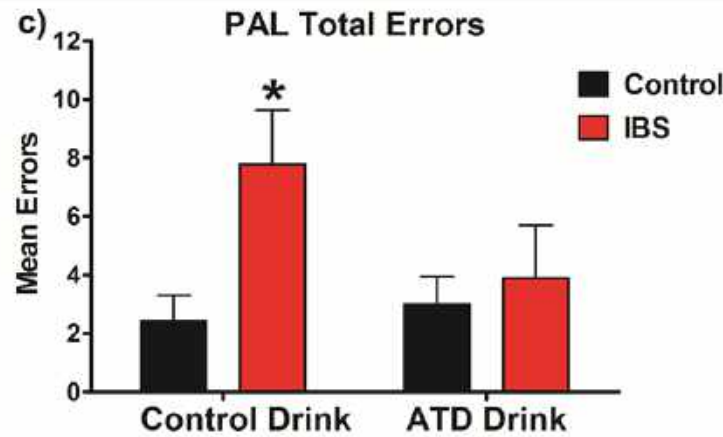
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Acute tryptophan depletion significantly depletes plasma kynurenine levels



Acute tryptophan depletion *improves* visuospatial memory performance in irritable bowel syndrome (IBS)



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ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION

Acute tryptophan depletion reduces kynurenine levels: implications for treatment of impaired visuospatial memory performance in irritable bowel syndrome

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## Review article: probiotics for the treatment of irritable bowel syndrome – focus on lactic acid bacteria

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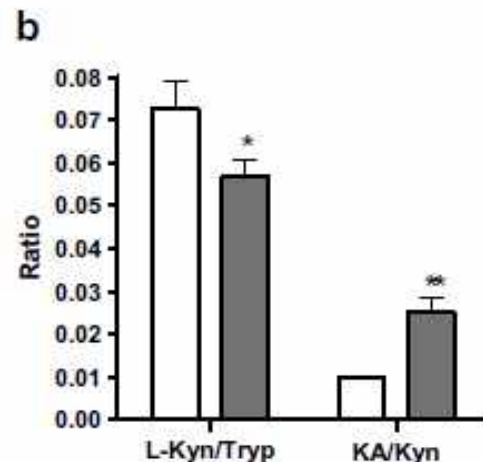
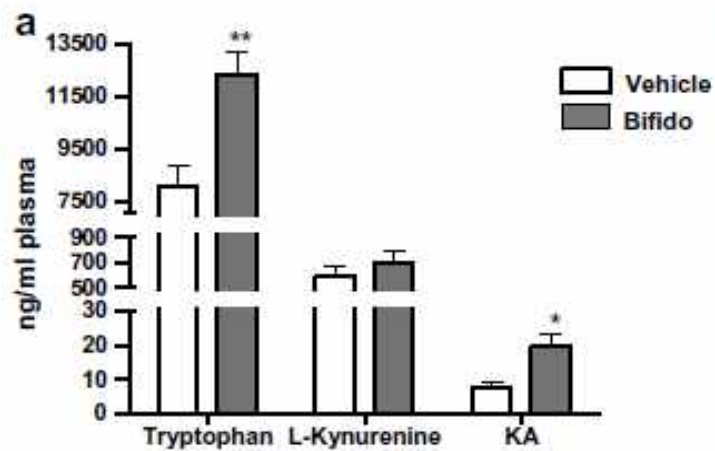
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### The probiotic *Bifidobacteria infantis*: An assessment of potential antidepressant properties in the rat

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# Dietary and pharmacological treatment of abdominal pain in IBS

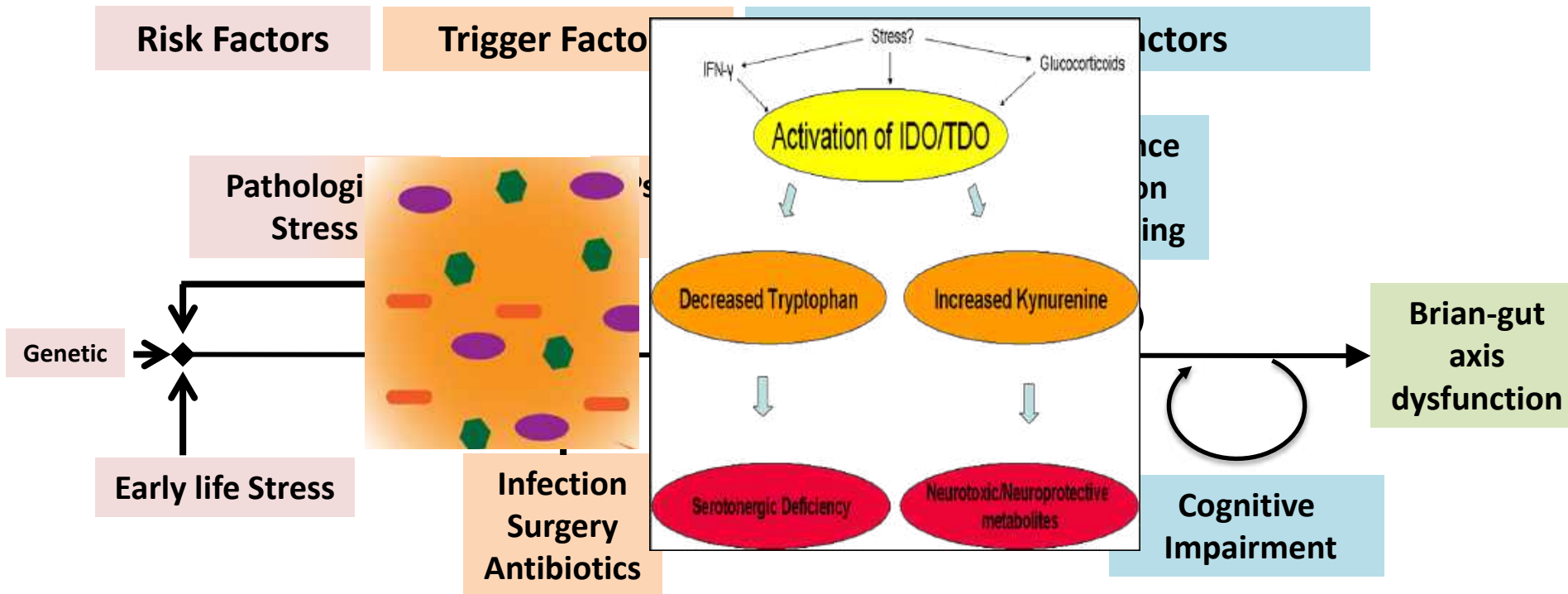
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**Table 1** Efficacy of interventions on the relief of symptoms in IBS: relative risk (RR) or OR and CI based on systematic reviews and meta-analyses

Intervention	Parameter	RR or OR	Ref. #
<b>Dietary or probiotics or antibiotics</b>			
Bran, ispaghula and unspecified fibre	Abdominal pain	RR 0.87 (0.76 to 1.00)	21
Low FODMAP diet	Abdominal pain	OR 1.81 (1.13 to 2.88)	24
Probiotics	Global improvement	SEM: -0.25 (-0.36 to -0.14)	40
Probiotics: combination of <i>Escherichia coli</i> and <i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> or <i>E. coli</i> alone	Abdominal pain	RR 1.96 (1.14 to 3.36)	42 43
Rifaximin	Global improvement	OR 1.57 (1.22 to 2.01)	48
Rifaximin	Bloating	OR 1.55 (1.23 to 1.96)	48
<b>Antispasmodics</b>			
Peppermint oil	Global improvement	RR 2.23 (1.78 to 2.81)	70
<b>Antidepressants</b>			
Antidepressant therapy	Global improvement	RR 0.66 (0.57 to 0.78)	72
	Abdominal pain	RR 0.62 (0.43 to 0.88)	72
Antidepressant therapy	Global improvement	RR 0.67 (0.58 to 0.77)	73 74
Antidepressant therapy	Abdominal pain	RR 0.62 (0.43 to 0.88)	73 74
<b>Drugs targeting specific GI receptors</b>			
Alosetron	Abdominal pain and discomfort	RR 1.30 (1.22 to 1.39)	81
	Overall risk difference	0.13 (0.1 to 0.16)	81
Alosetron	Abdominal pain and discomfort	RR 1.23 (1.15 to 1.32)	82
	Global improvement	RR 1.5 (1.40 to 1.72)	82
Ondansetron	Adequate relief response	RR 4.7 (2.6 to 8.5)	86
Linaclotide	Adequate relief response	RR 1.95 (1.3 to 2.9)	94
	Abdominal pain	RR 1.58 (1.02 to 2.46)	94

FODMAP, fermentable oligosaccharides, disaccharides, monosaccharides and polyol.

# An Updated Model of Brain-Gut Axis Dysfunction



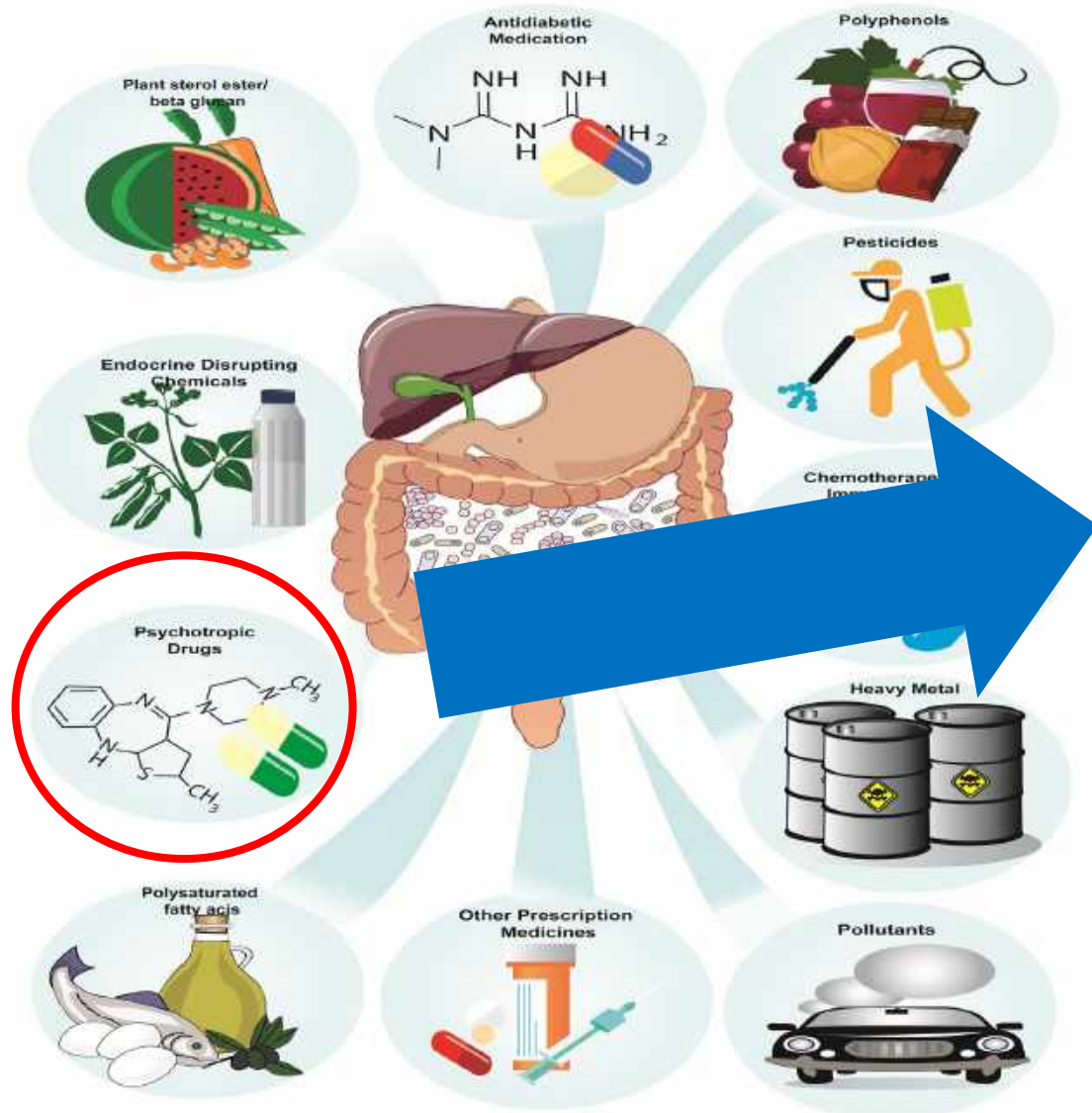
***A cognitive neurobiological model of brain-gut axis dysfunction: Focus on IBS.***

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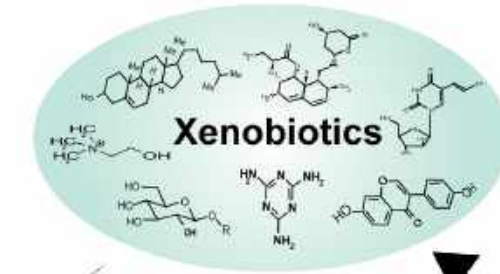




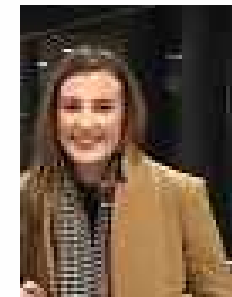
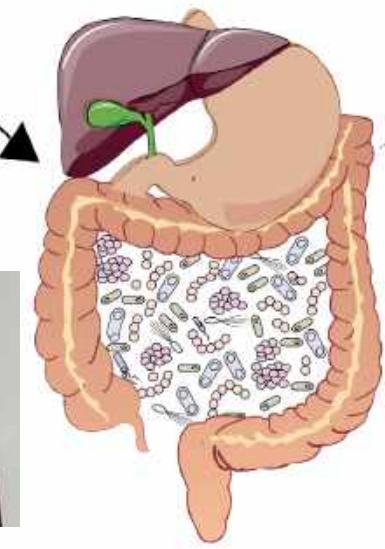
# Drug-Microbiome Interactions



Microbiota composition, structure and function



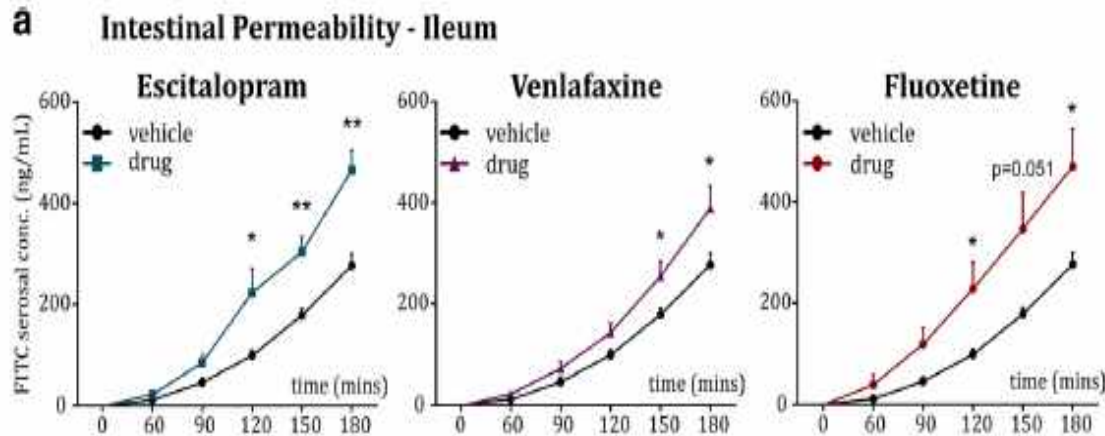
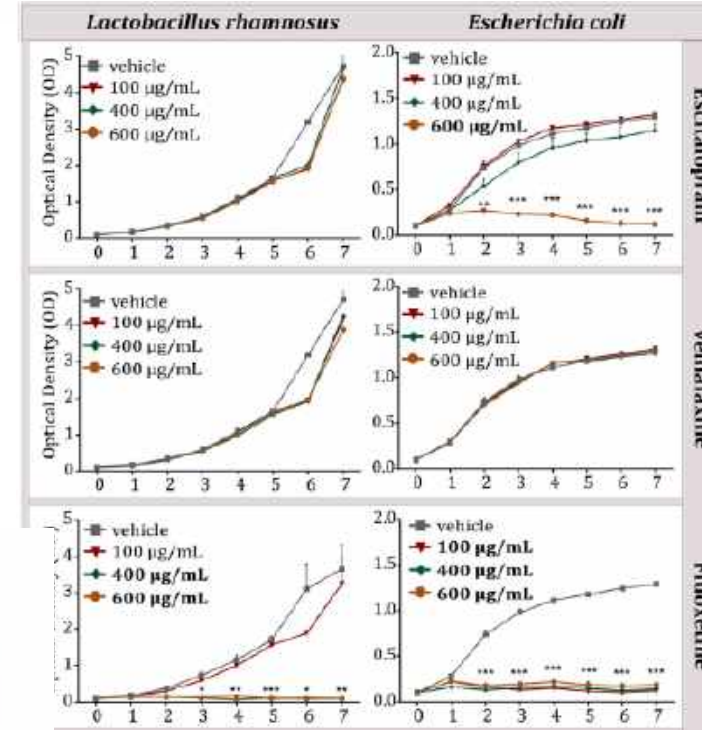
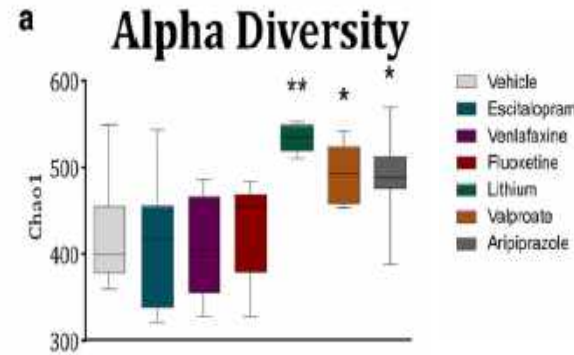
- Bioavailability
- Efficacy
- Toxicity
- Disease risk





## Differential effects of psychotropic drugs on microbiome composition and gastrointestinal function

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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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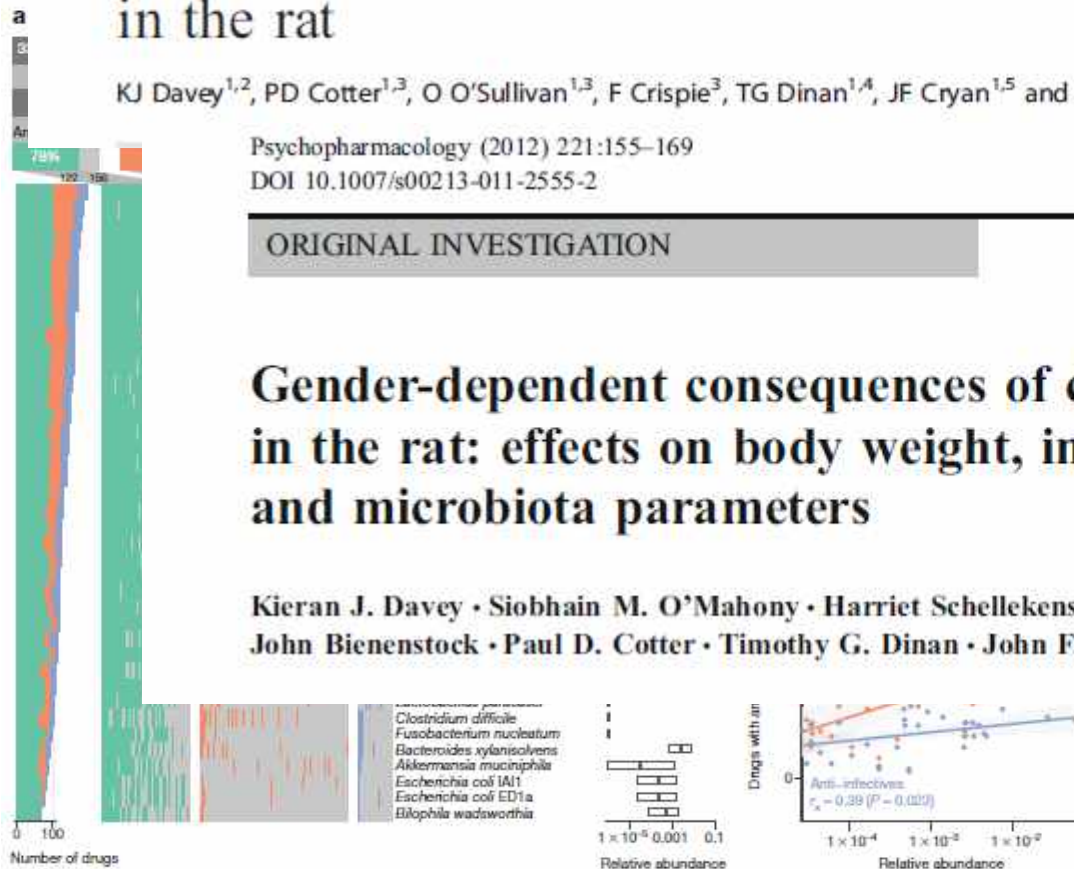
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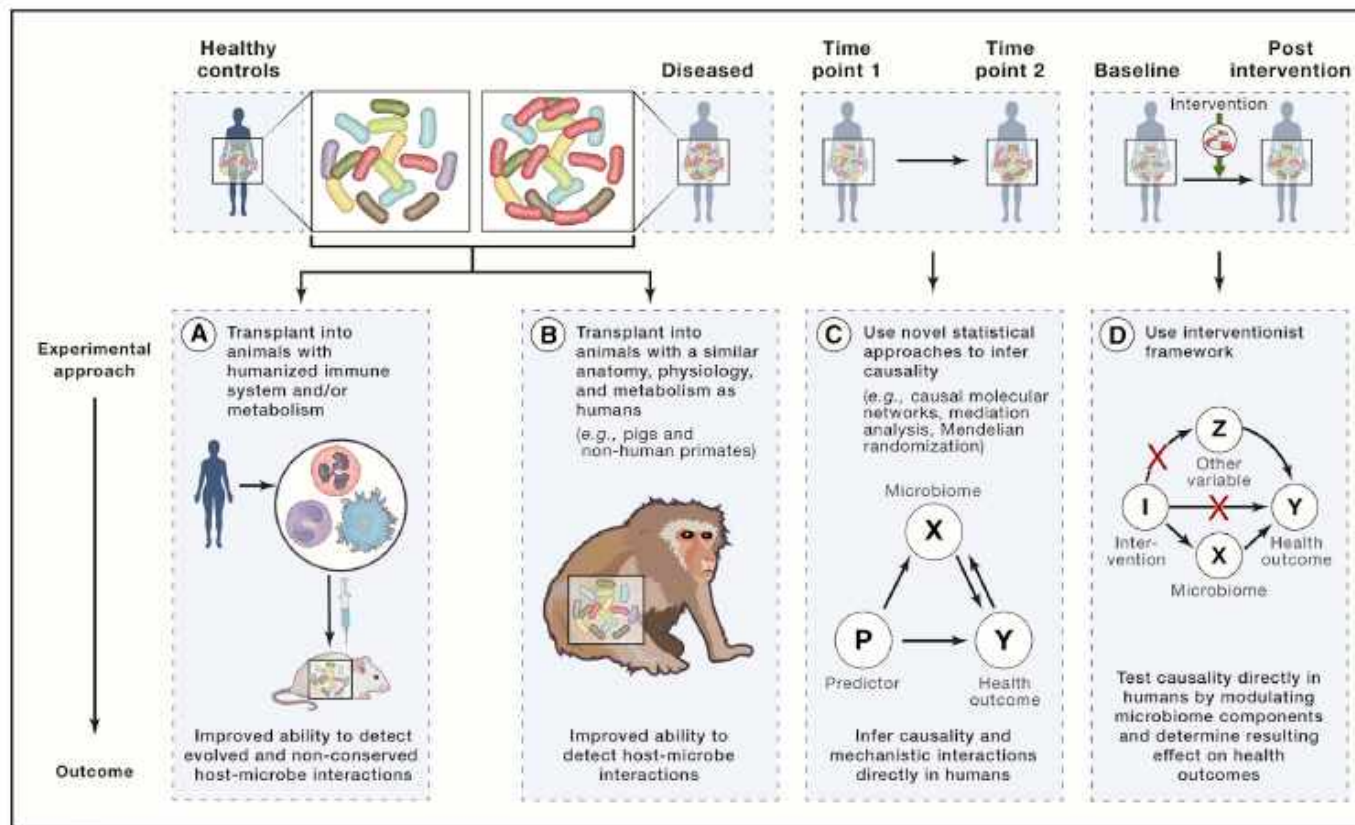
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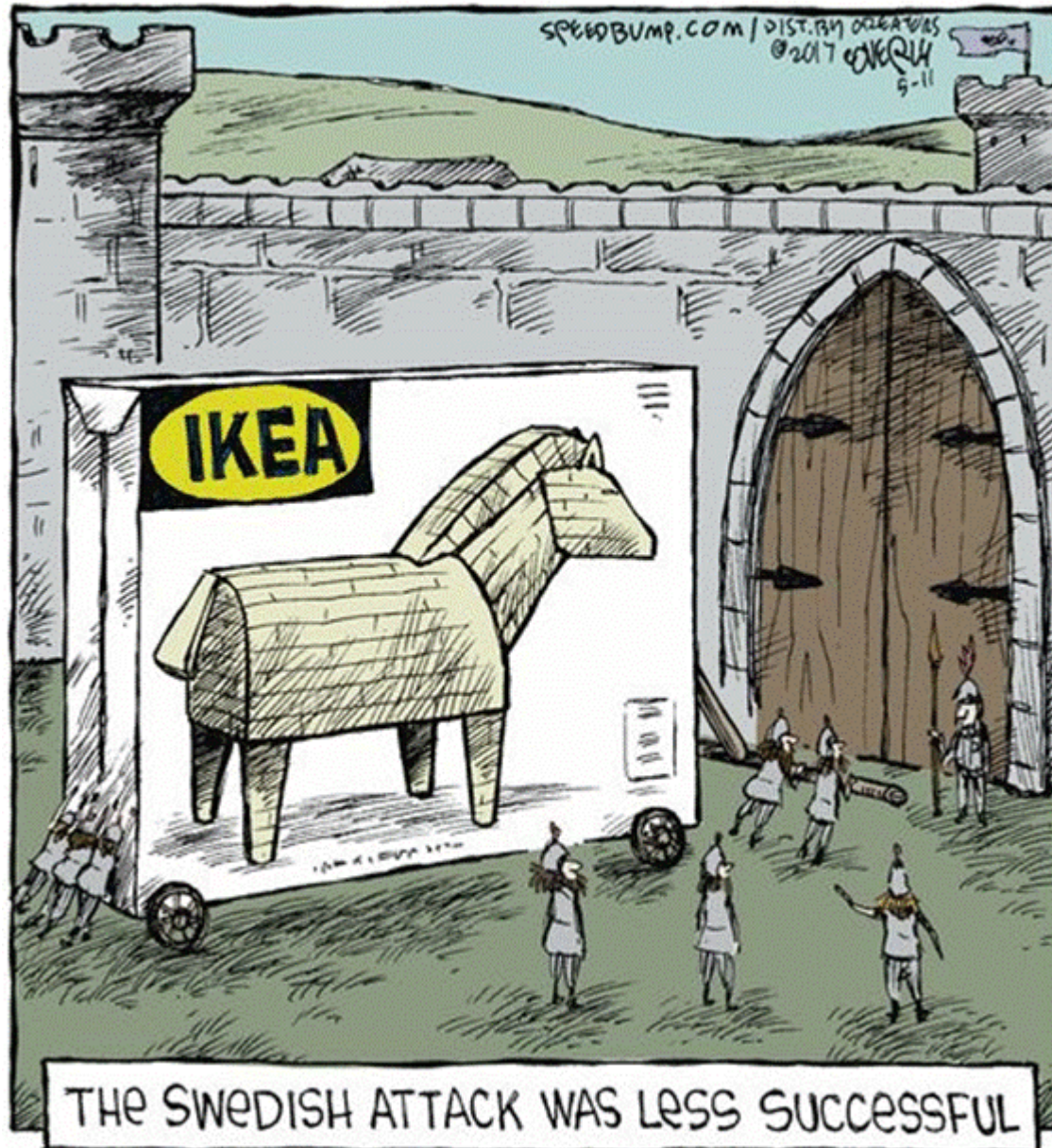


## Establishing or Exaggerating Causality for the Gut Microbiome: Lessons from Human Microbiota-Associated Rodents

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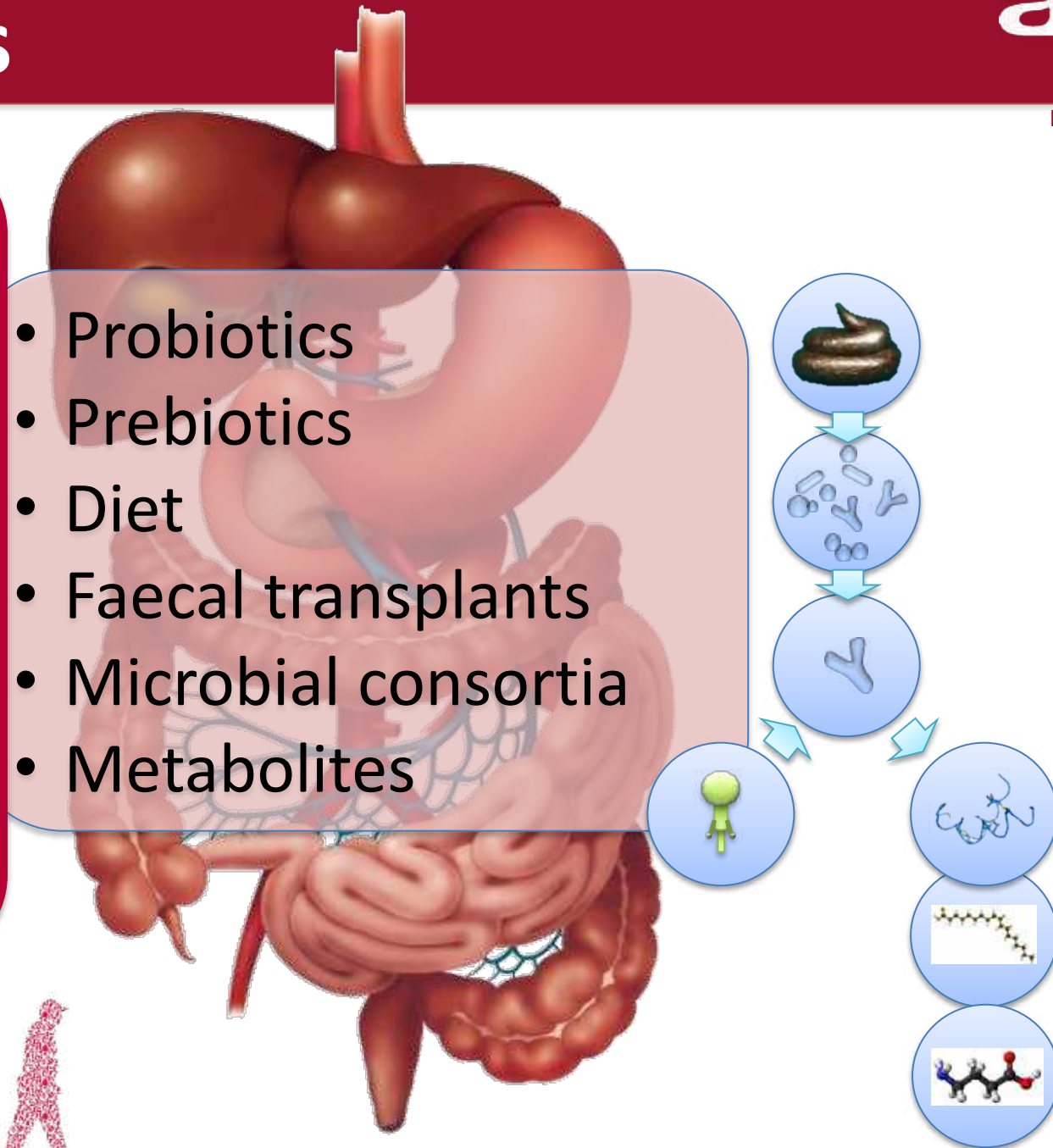


# Are Gut Feelings the Real Deal?



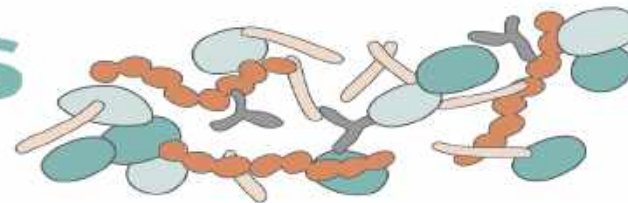
The gut microbiota plays a role in determining mental health - we can mine for, and target with, **psychobiotics**

- Probiotics
- Prebiotics
- Diet
- Faecal transplants
- Microbial consortia
- Metabolites





# Probiotics



## What are probiotics?

Scientists define probiotics as live microorganisms that, when administered in adequate amounts, confer a health benefit on the host. They can help support the bacteria that live with us, especially when our bacteria are challenged, for example by antibiotics, poor diet or traveling. Probiotics are present in numerous foods and dietary supplements.

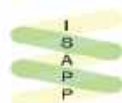
## What can probiotics do for you?

### Probiotics can support health in different ways

- Help your immune system function properly
- Aid digestion by breaking down some of the food we can't digest
- Keep harmful microorganisms in check
- Produce vitamins and aid in nutrient absorption

### Some probiotics may:

- Help reduce antibiotic-associated diarrhea
- Help manage digestive discomforts
- Help reduce colic symptoms and eczema in infants
- Help with the digestion of lactose
- Treat infectious diarrhea
- Decrease risk or duration of common infections, including respiratory tract, gut and vaginal tract



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## Choosing a probiotic

**Know your probiotic.** Probiotics are known by their genus, species and strain (for example, *Lactobacillus acidophilus* ABC). Products should display each strain's designation.

**Match the strain to the benefit you want.** Not all strains are the same. See [usprobioticguide.com](http://usprobioticguide.com) or [probioticchart.ca](http://probioticchart.ca).

**Amounts matter.** Be sure the product contains at least the level of probiotics that was used in the study. Higher counts are not necessarily better. Levels of live probiotics should be provided through the 'best by' date (not time of manufacture).

**Supplements or foods?** More important than supplement vs food is getting an effective probiotic strain at an effective dose. Some yogurts, fermented milks and some other foods may contain probiotics. Look for added probiotics listed on the label and for a food that fits within your healthy diet.

**Other fermented foods?** Traditional yogurts contain live bacteria that can help digestion of lactose, but not all fermented foods contain live cultures that meet the definition of probiotic. See [ISAPPscience.org/fermented-foods](http://ISAPPscience.org/fermented-foods)

**Safety.** Probiotics are safe for most people, but talk to your doctor if you suffer from an immune disorder, have a serious underlying illness, have short gut, or before giving to a young infant.

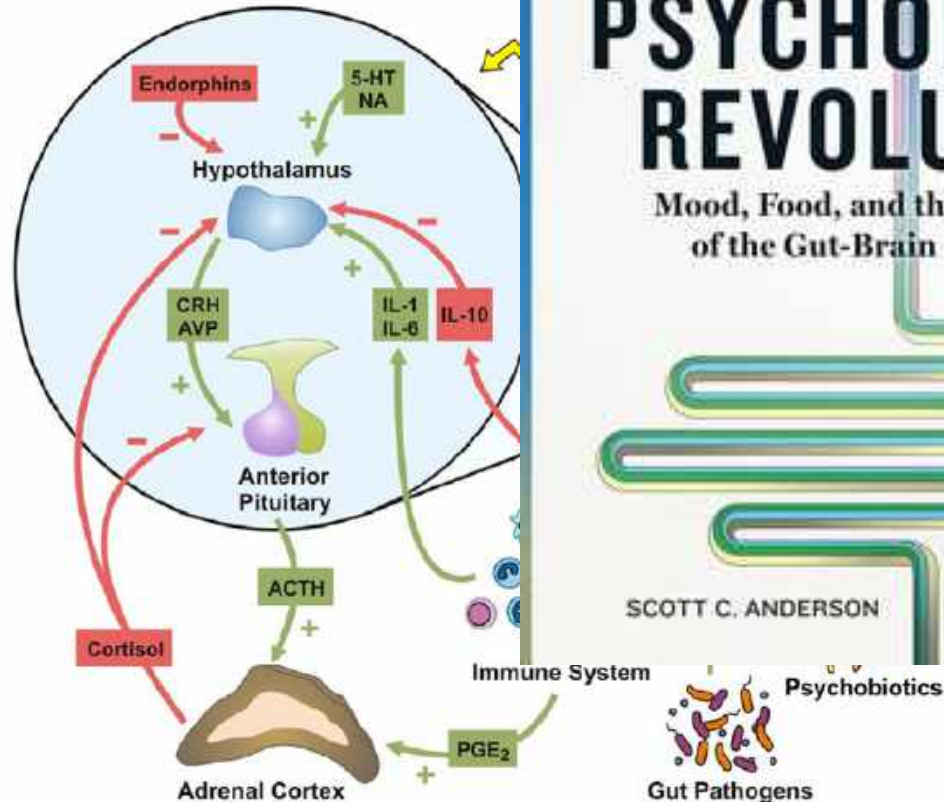


## REVIEW

# Psychobiotics:

Timothy G. Dinan, Catherine

Here, we define a psychobiotic as a probiotic that is shown to be effective in patients suffering from psychiatric illness. As such, substances such as gamma-aminobutyric acid and certain strains of probiotics possess antidepressant and anxiolytic properties. So far, psychobiotics have been shown to be effective in animal models of depression and anxiety, and in clinical studies in patients with major depressive disorder, anxiety disorders, and irritable bowel syndrome, where positive benefits have been observed. The emerging evidence of benefits in alleviating symptoms of depression and anxiety, and the anti-inflammatory actions of certain psychobiotics, suggest that large-scale placebo-controlled studies are warranted.



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—ROB KNIGHT, author of *Follow Your Gut*



# THE PSYCHOBBIOTIC REVOLUTION

Mood, Food, and the New Science of the Gut-Brain Connection

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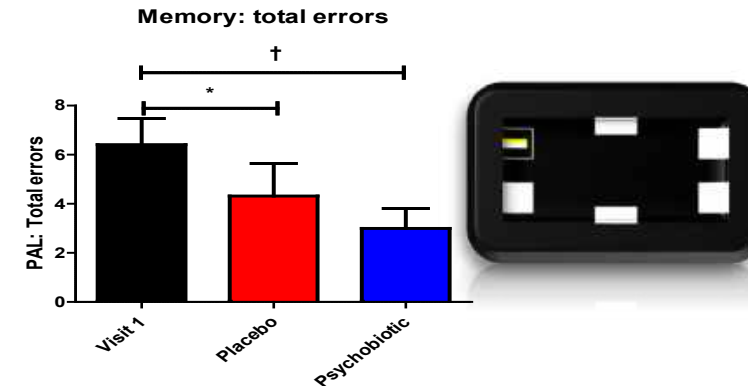
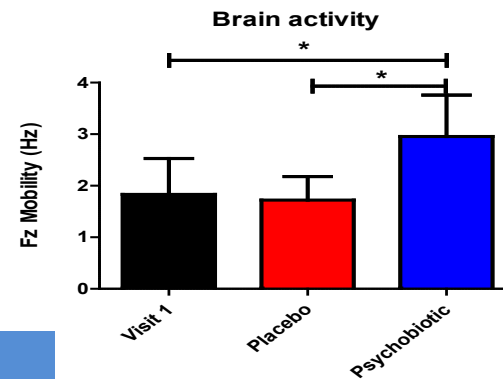
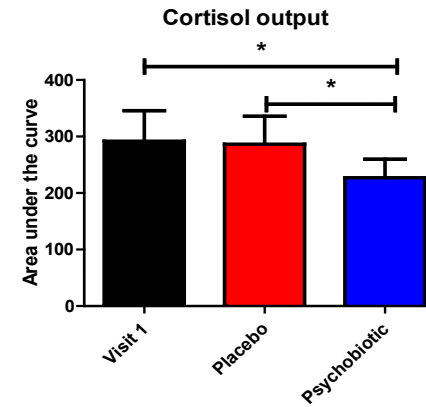
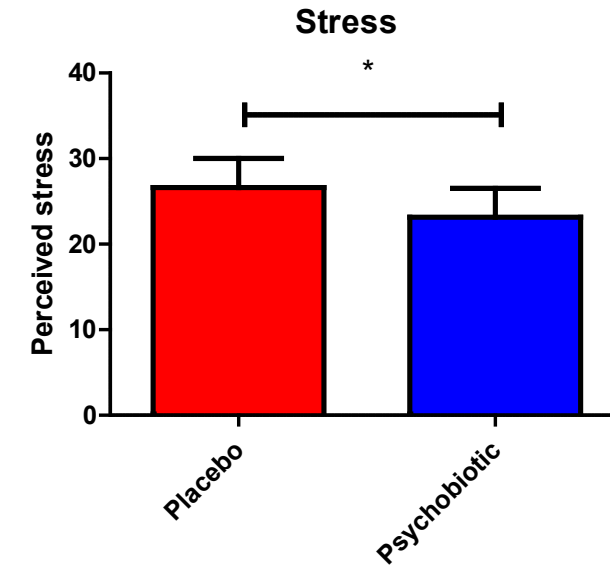
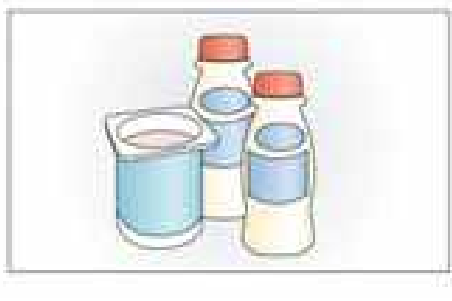
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# B. longum reduces stress response in healthy human volunteers





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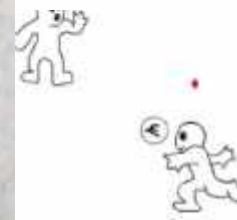
## Lost in translation? The potential psychobiotic *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* (JB-1) fails to modulate stress or cognitive performance in healthy male subjects



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## EXPERT CONSENSUS DOCUMENT

## The International Scientific Association for Probiotics and Prebiotics (ISAPP) consensus statement on the definition and scope of prebiotics

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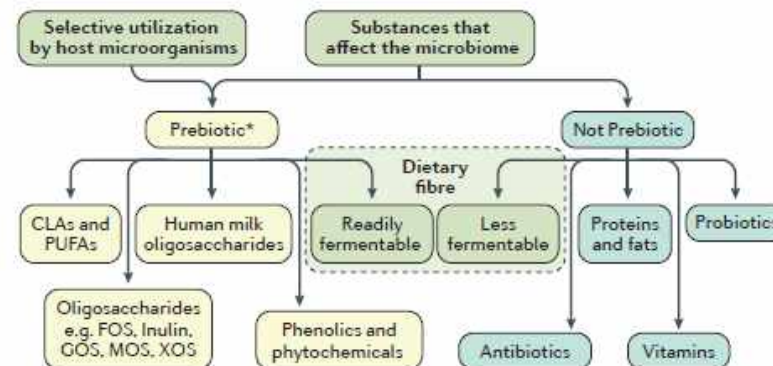


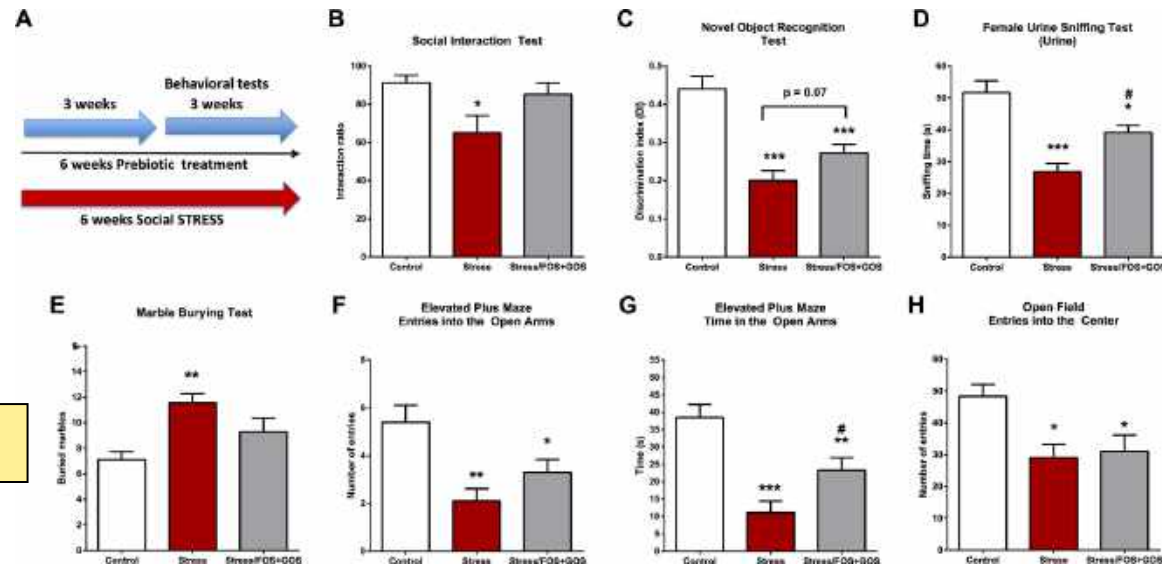
Figure 1 | Distinguishing what is considered a prebiotic with the proposed definition. Prebiotics must be selectively utilized and have adequate evidence of health benefit for the target host. Dietary prebiotics must not be degraded by the target host enzymes. \*The figure shows candidate as well as accepted prebiotics in that levels of evidence currently vary, with FOS and GOS being the most researched prebiotics. CLA, conjugated linoleic acid; PUFA, polyunsaturated fatty acid; FOS, fructooligosaccharides; GOS, galactooligosaccharides; MOS, mannanoligosaccharide; XOS, xylooligosaccharide.

# Archival Report

## Targeting the Microbiota-Gut-Brain Axis: Prebiotics Have Anxiolytic and Antidepressant-like Effects and Reverse the Impact of Chronic Stress in Mice

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**Prebiotic reverses consequences of chronic stress**



**Social behaviour and cognition**

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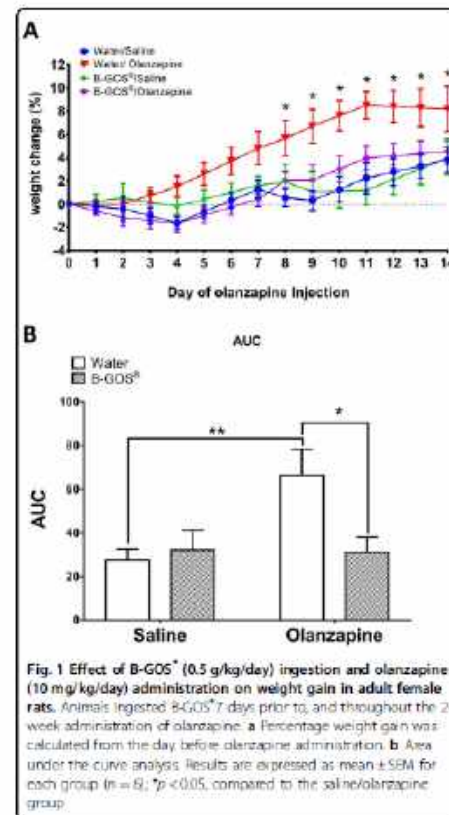


## ARTICLE

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# Prebiotic attenuation of olanzapine-induced weight gain in rats: analysis of central and peripheral biomarkers and gut microbiota

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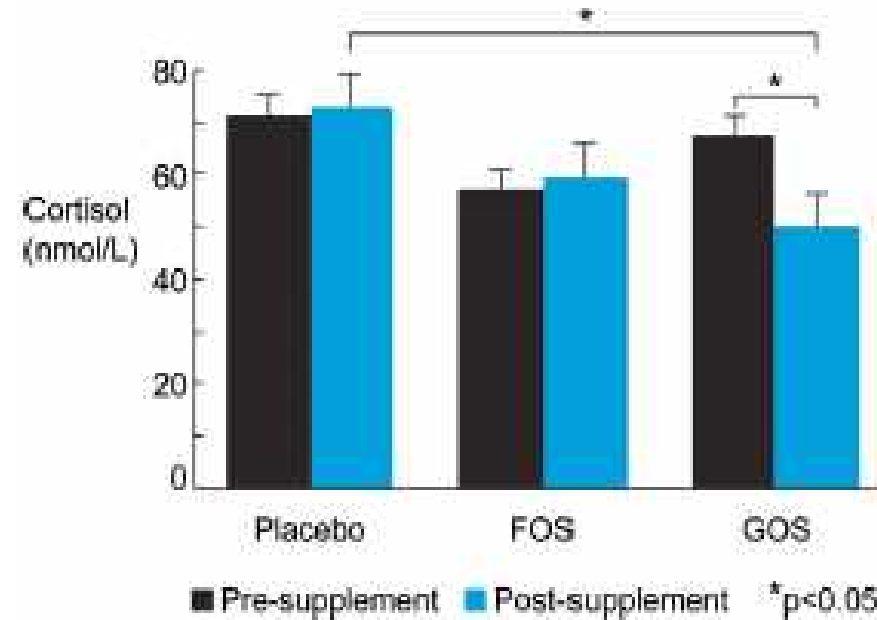


**Fig. 1** Effect of B-GOS<sup>+</sup> (0.5 g/kg/day) ingestion and olanzapine (10 mg/kg/day) administration on weight gain in adult female rats. Animals ingested B-GOS<sup>+</sup> 7 days prior to, and throughout the 2-week administration of olanzapine. **a** Percentage weight gain was calculated from the day before olanzapine administration. **b** Area under the curve analysis. Results are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM for each group ( $n = 8$ ). \* $p < 0.05$ , compared to the saline/olanzapine group.

ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION

## Prebiotic intake reduces the waking cortisol response and alters emotional bias in healthy volunteers

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# Let food be thy medicine

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## Feeding the microbiota-gut-brain axis: diet, microbiome, and neuropsychiatry



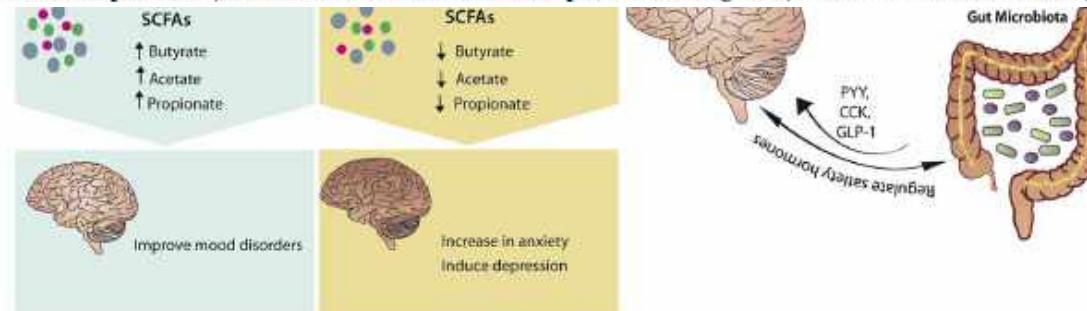
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## Nutritional medicine as mainstream in psychiatry



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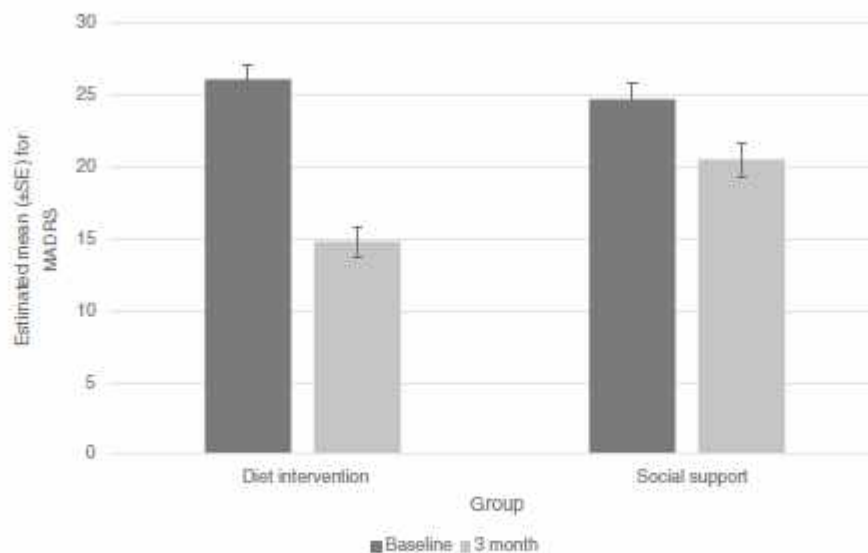
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# A randomised controlled trial of dietary improvement for adults with major depression (the 'SMILES' trial)

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**Fig. 2** MADRS scores for dietary support and social support control groups at baseline and endpoint. Effect size: Cohen's  $d = -1.16$  (95% CI  $-1.73, -0.59$ ). Baseline data  $n = 67$ ; 12 week data  $n = 56$





# Fermented foods



## What are fermented foods?

A fermented food or beverage is a type of food made by extensive microbial growth. These foods are nothing new. They've been around for thousands of years. To understand how fermented foods are made, let's look at yogurt.

Yogurt is a fermented food made from milk. During yogurt fermentations, lactic acid-producing bacteria grow on the sugars and other nutrients in milk. As they multiply, the bacteria produce compounds that change the flavor, texture, and nutrients in the milk to give us what we know as yogurt.



## The value of fermented foods

Source of live, active microbes

Improve food taste, texture, and food digestibility

Increase concentrations of vitamins and bioactive compounds in foods

Remove/reduce toxic or anti-nutrients in raw foods

Increase food safety and shelf-life

## The fermentation process



This same type of process happens in all fermented foods. Depending on the food, certain species of bacteria, yeasts and/or molds carry out the fermentation. Those microbes are still alive when we eat yogurt, kefir, cheeses, kimchi and some other fermented foods. But some foods that undergo fermentation are further processed (by pasteurization, baking, or filtering) so they are no longer sources of active microbes.

### Fermented foods retaining living cultures:

- fresh kimchi
- water or brine cured olives
- kefir
- traditional salami
- yogurt
- some cheeses
- fresh sauerkraut
- fresh sour dill pickles

### Fermented foods consumed without living cultures:

- tempeh
- most soy sauce
- most beer
- most wine
- sourdough bread
- chocolate



## Fermented foods and gut health

The human digestive tract contains 100 trillion bacterial cells. These bacteria, termed our intestinal microbiota, are important to our health.

Modern practices, such as sanitation, antibiotic use, caesarean birth, formula feeding and eating foods devoid of live cultures, may be leading to a poorly functioning intestinal microbiota.

Fermented foods containing living cultures add beneficial bacteria to the digestive tract.

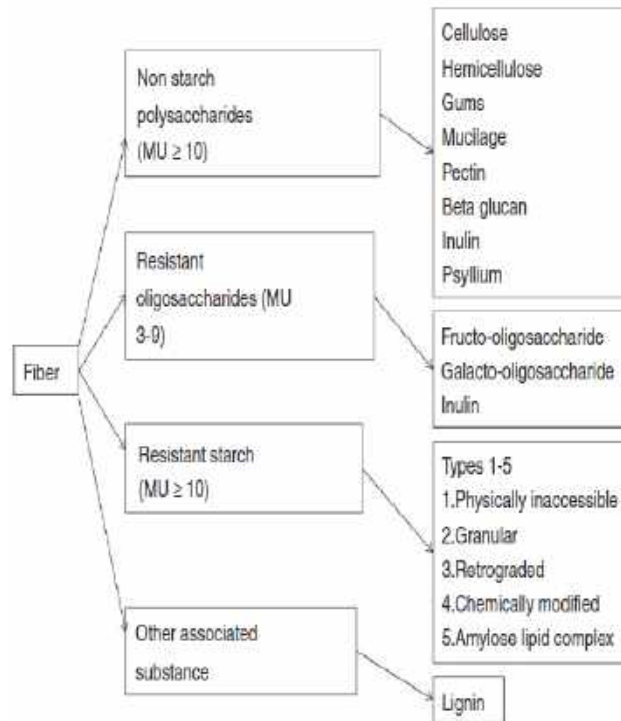
These fermented foods may benefit human health by reducing risk for some acute and chronic diseases and helping maintain a healthy intestinal microbiota.



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# Review article: dietary fibre in the era of microbiome science

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**TABLE 1** Fibre subtypes<sup>8,13,14,18</sup>

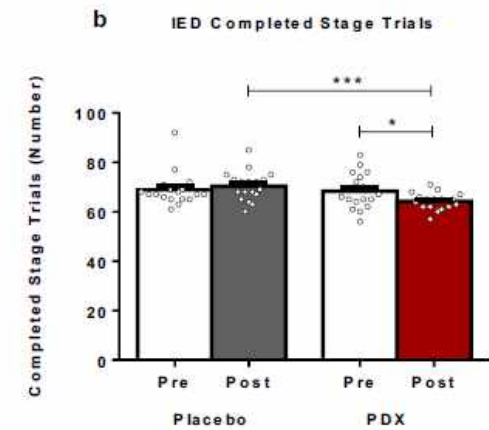
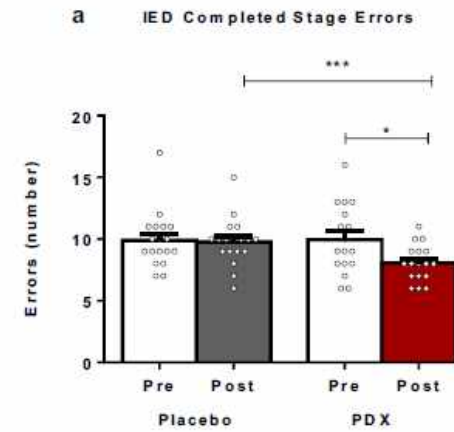
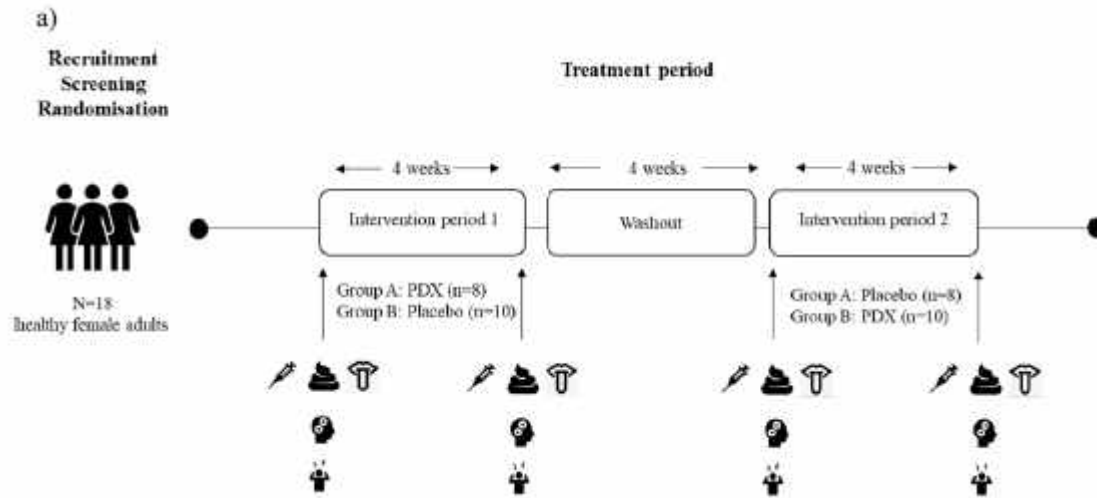
Fibre subtype	Structure	Source	Metabolic effect
Cellulose	Linear chains of glucose units with beta-1, 4 glucosidic linkage	Cereals, legumes, nuts	Increases stool bulk and stimulates peristalsis
Hemicellulose	As cellulose with xylose, galactose, mannose and arabinose sugar branches	Cereals, cell walls of fruits, vegetables	Varies with source; mix of insoluble, soluble and viscous properties
Lignan	Complex polymer of aromatic alcohols. Not a polysaccharide	Cereals, plant cell walls	Increases stool bulk and stimulates peristalsis
Gums	Mannose backbone with galactose side chains	Legumes, nuts	Cholesterol and glucose lowering effects, slow digestion and absorption. Fermentation by microbiota
Pectin	Polygalacturonic acid, D-galacturonic acid unit backbone, substituted with arabinans, galactin, arabinogalactin side chains	Fruit peel, legumes, beetroot	Cholesterol and glucose lowering effects, Slow digestion and absorption, Fermentation by microbiota
Beta glucan	Beta-D glucose linear backbone with 1-3 beta glycosidic linkage	Cereals and grains, yeasts, fungi and bacteria	Cholesterol and glucose lowering effects, Fermentation by microbiota
Inulin	Beta 1-2-fructan residue backbone, often glucosyl units as chain terminating moieties	Chicory root, onion, cereals	Lower triglyceride concentration, Fermentation by microbiota
Psyllium	Heteroxylan with 1:4, 1:3 linkage backbone, side chains of arabinose, xylose, galactose and rhamnose	<i>Plantago Ovata</i>	Cholesterol and glucose lowering, Stool forming effects
Oligosaccharides	Beta- fructo- oligosaccharides (FOS) Alpha and beta-galactooligosaccharides (GOS)	Polymers derived from polysaccharides by hydrolysis	Fermentation by microbiota
Resistant starch (RS1-5)	Alpha-1,4-D-glucan links	Cereals, legumes, fruits	Cholesterol and glucose lowering, Fermentation by microbiota

ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION



# A specific dietary fibre supplementation improves cognitive performance—an exploratory randomised, placebo-controlled, crossover study

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# Fecal microbiota transplantation in metabolic syndrome: History, present and future

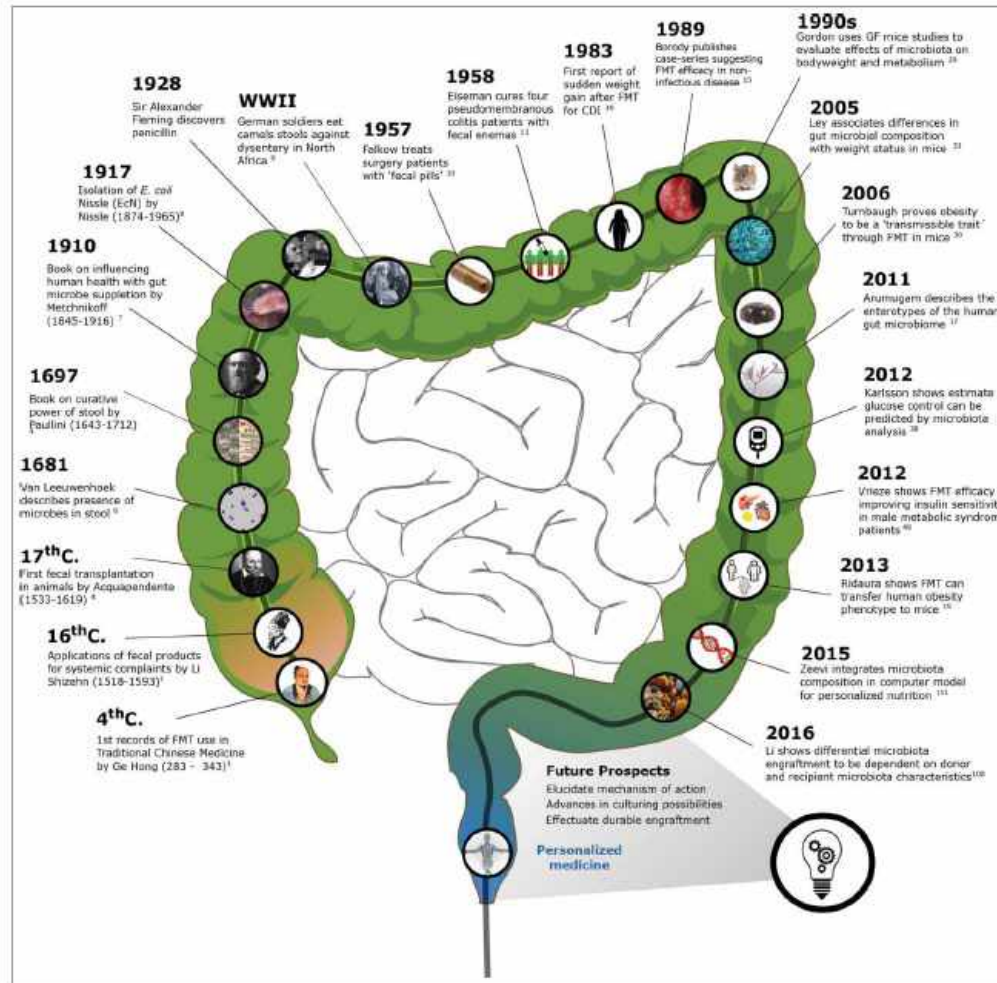
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## European consensus conference on faecal microbiota transplantation in clinical practice

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### Box 1 Key issues to select potential donors at the preliminary interview

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASES

- ▶ History of, or known exposure to, HIV, HBV or HCV, syphilis, human T-lymphotropic virus I and II, malaria, trypanosomiasis, tuberculosis
- ▶ Known systemic infection not controlled at the time of donation
- ▶ Use of illegal drugs
- ▶ Risky sexual behaviour (anonymous sexual contacts; sexual contacts with prostitutes, drug addicts, individuals with HIV, viral hepatitis, syphilis; work as prostitute; history of sexually transmittable disease)
- ▶ Previous reception of tissue/organ transplant
- ▶ Previous (<12 months) reception of blood products
- ▶ Recent (<6 months) needle stick accident
- ▶ Recent (<6 months) body tattoo, piercing, earring, acupuncture
- ▶ Recent medical treatment in poorly hygienic conditions
- ▶ Risk of transmission of diseases caused by prions
- ▶ Recent parasitosis or infection from rotavirus, *Giardia lamblia* and other microbes with GI involvement
- ▶ Recent (<6 months) travel in tropical countries, countries at high risk of communicable diseases or traveller's diarrhoea
- ▶ Recent (<6 months) history of vaccination with a live attenuated virus, if there is a possible risk of transmission
- ▶ Healthcare workers (to exclude the risk of transmission of multidrug-resistant organisms)
- ▶ Individual working with animals (to exclude the risk of transmission of zoonotic infections)

#### GI, METABOLIC AND NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

- ▶ History of IBS, IBD, functional chronic constipation, coeliac disease, other chronic GI disorders
- ▶ History of chronic, systemic autoimmune disorders with GI involvement
- ▶ History of, or high risk for, GI cancer or polyposis
- ▶ Recent appearance of diarrhoea, hematochezia
- ▶ History of neurological/neurodegenerative disorders
- ▶ History of psychiatric conditions
- ▶ Overweight and obesity (body mass index >30)

#### DRUGS THAT CAN IMPAIR GUT MICROBIOTA COMPOSITION

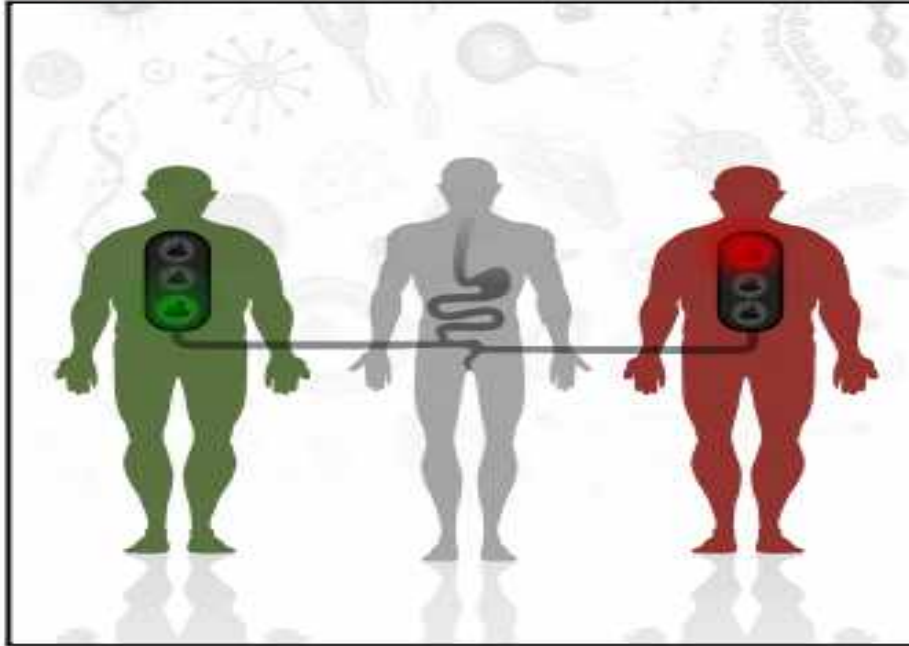
- ▶ Recent (<3 months) exposure to antibiotics, immunosuppressants, chemotherapy
- ▶ Chronic therapy with proton pump inhibitors



# Cell Metabolism

## Improvement of Insulin Sensitivity after Lean Donor Feces in Metabolic Syndrome Is Driven by Baseline Intestinal Microbiota Composition

### Graphical Abstract



### Highlights

- Lean donor FMT in obese metabolic syndrome patients improves insulin sensitivity
- Beneficial effects of lean donor FMT are transient
- Improvement in insulin sensitivity is linked to changes in plasma metabolites
- Response to lean donor FMT is driven by baseline fecal microbiota composition

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### In Brief

Kootte et al. show that fecal microbiota transplantation from lean donors to obese patients with metabolic syndrome improves insulin sensitivity, a transient effect associated with changes in microbiota composition and fasting plasma metabolites. Baseline fecal microbiota composition in recipients predicts the response to lean donor fecal microbiota transplantation.

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REVIEW ARTICLE

## Priming for health: gut microbiota acquired in early life regulates physiology, brain and behaviour

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**ABSTRACT**

The infant gut microbiome is dynamic, and radical shifts in composition occur during the first 3 years of life. Disruption of these developmental patterns, and the impact of the microbial composition of our gut on brain and behaviour, has attracted much recent attention. Integrating these observations is an important new research frontier.

**Conclusion:** Early-life perturbations of the developing gut microbiota can impact on the central nervous system and potentially lead to adverse mental health outcomes.



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# Maternal microbiota in pregnancy and early life

The maternal microbiota shape offspring development, including susceptibility to some illnesses

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remains the subject of debate. In support of this, a recent study found that the human pla-

## Effects of the maternal microbiota in pregnancy and early life

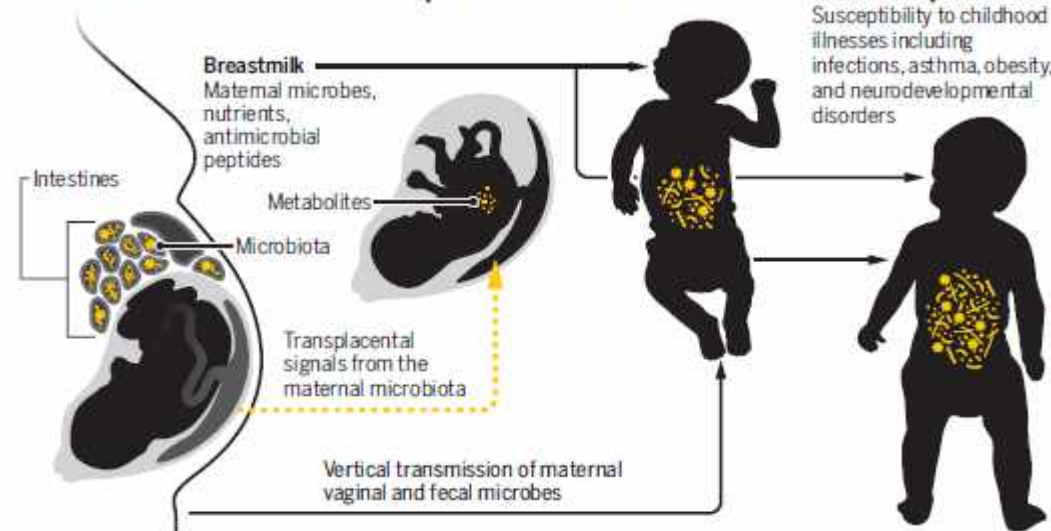
Through effects on early-life colonization, immune development, and neurodevelopment, the maternal microbiota regulates susceptibility to a number of childhood illnesses and can vertically transmit dysbiosis-mediated pathologies.

**Maternal microbiota**  
Vaginal, intestinal/fecal,  
breastmilk, skin microbes

**Fetal immune  
and gut mucosal  
development**

**Seeding  
early-life  
microbiota**

**Early-life immune  
development and  
neurodevelopment**  
Susceptibility to childhood  
illnesses including  
infections, asthma, obesity,  
and neurodevelopmental  
disorders







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# The infant microbiome development: mom matters

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**Table 1. Perturbations to the assembly of the neonatal microbiome, prevention strategies, and approaches for microbiome restoration**

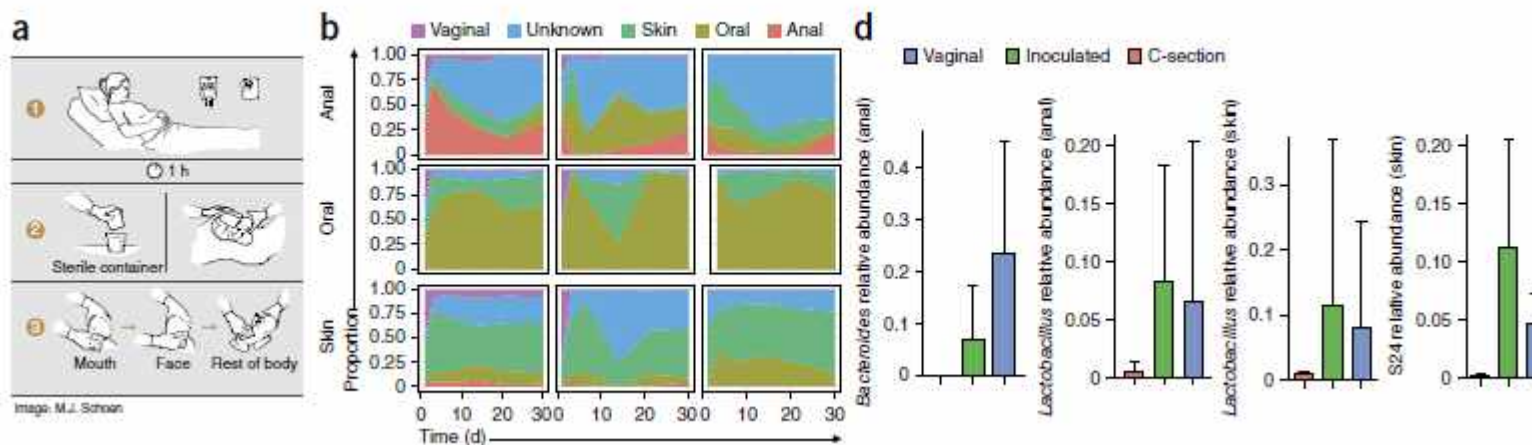
Perturbation to microbiome assembly	Prevention strategies	Restoration approaches
C-section delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support efforts to increase use of midwives</li> <li>Champion evidence-based labor management</li> <li>Optimize managing labor (reduce pain, increase maternal comfort)</li> <li>Educate women about the potential consequences of C-section delivery</li> <li>Change policies around physician incentives and malpractice insurance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inoculation of neonate with maternal vaginal flora immediately following C-section delivery</li> <li>Breastfeeding</li> <li>Pre- and probiotic supplementation of neonate</li> </ul>
Gestational, perinatal, or postnatal antibiotics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement robust antimicrobial stewardship programs (<a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/09/18/executive-order-combating-antibiotic-resistant-bacteria">http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/09/18/executive-order-combating-antibiotic-resistant-bacteria</a>)</li> <li>Develop safe strategies that limit use of antibiotics in women in labor (e.g., rapid PCR testing for group B <i>Streptococcus</i> at the time of admission to the delivery unit)</li> <li>During C-section delivery, give antibiotics after cord clamping to eliminate fetal exposure to antibiotics</li> <li>Use more prudence in antibiotic administration during pregnancy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breastfeeding</li> <li>Pre- and probiotic supplementation of mother during pregnancy and neonate after birth</li> </ul>
Formula feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopt WHO/UNICEF Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative</li> <li>Develop other policies that incentivize breastfeeding</li> <li>Do not offer formula to newborns without request or medical indication</li> <li>Promote use of donor breast milk rather than formula when maternal milk is not an option</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reintroduce breastfeeding</li> <li>Pre- and probiotic supplementation</li> </ul>

## Partial restoration of the microbiota of cesarean-born infants via vaginal microbial transfer

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estimated 15% of births that require C-section delivery to protect the health of the mother or baby<sup>11</sup>.

Here we exposed C-section-delivered infants to their maternal vaginal fluids at birth and longitudinally determined the composition of their microbiota to assess whether it developed more similarly to vaginally born babies than to unexposed C-section-delivered infants. We collected samples from 18 infants and their mothers, including 7 born vaginally and 11 delivered by scheduled C-section, of which four were exposed to the maternal vaginal fluids at birth (Supplementary Table 1). Briefly, the microbial restoration procedure, or vaginal microbial transfer, consists of incubating sterile gauze in the vagina of moth-



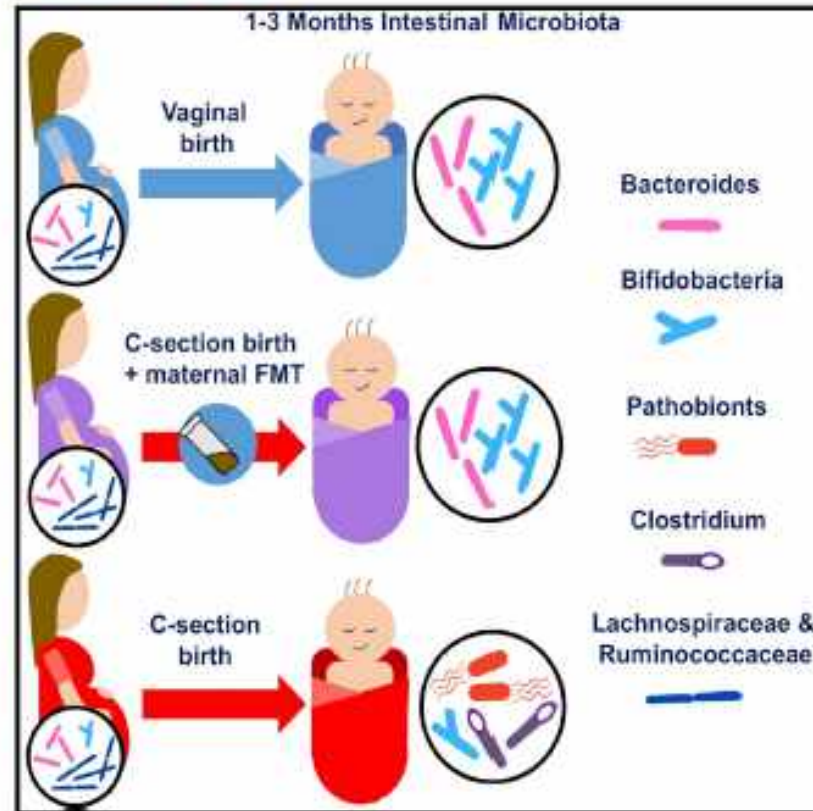


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# Maternal Fecal Microbiota Transplantation in Cesarean-Born Infants Rapidly Restores Normal Gut Microbial Development: A Proof-of-Concept Study

## Graphical Abstract



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## In Brief

A proof-of-concept safety study shows that oral fecal transplantation can shift the microbiome composition of infants who are born via cesarean section to a profile that is more similar to those born via vaginal delivery.

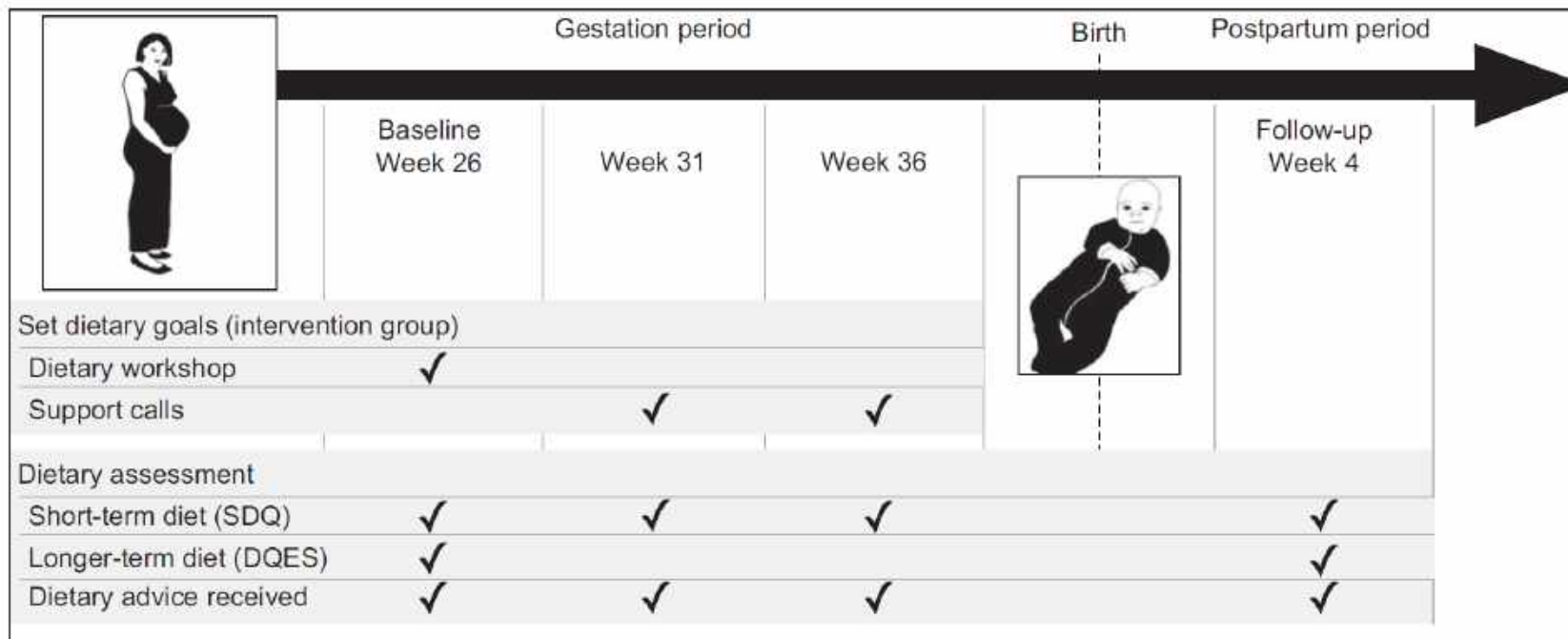


# Targeting the perinatal diet to modulate the gut microbiota increases dietary variety and prebiotic and probiotic food intakes: results from a randomised controlled trial

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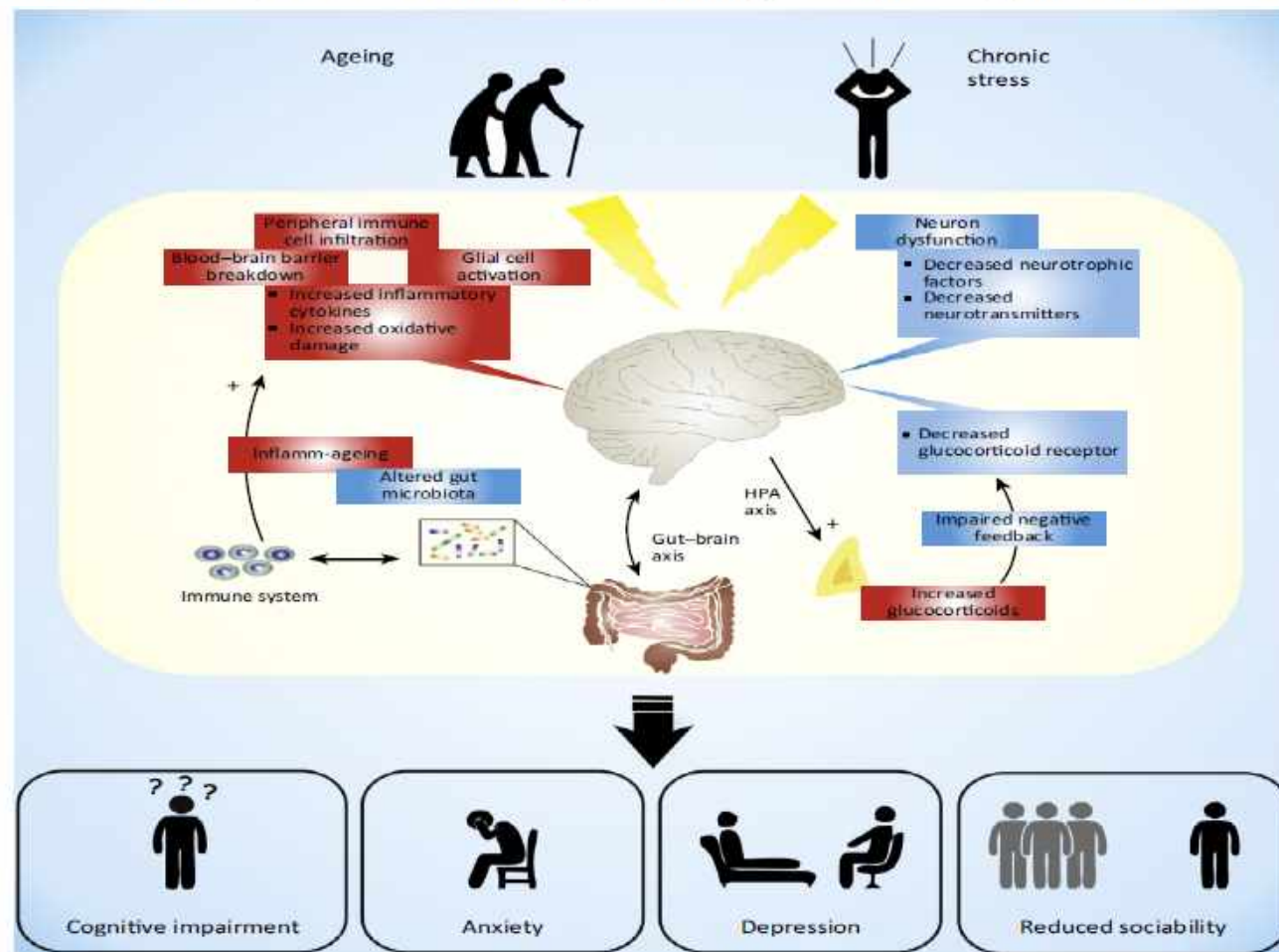
# Gut microbiota composition correlates with diet and health in the elderly

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Alterations in intestinal microbiota composition are associated with several chronic conditions, including obesity and inflammatory diseases. The microbiota of older people displays greater inter-individual variation than that of younger adults. Here we show that the faecal microbiota composition from 178 elderly subjects formed groups, correlating with residence location in the community, day-hospital, rehabilitation or in long-term residential care. However, clustering of subjects by diet separated them by the same residence location and microbiota groupings. The separation of microbiota composition significantly correlated with measures of frailty, co-morbidity, nutritional status, markers of inflammation and with metabolites in faecal water. The individual microbiota of people in long-stay care was significantly less diverse than that of community dwellers. Loss of community-associated microbiota correlated with increased frailty. Collectively, the data support a relationship between diet, microbiota and health status, and indicate a role for diet-driven microbiota alterations in varying rates of health decline upon ageing.

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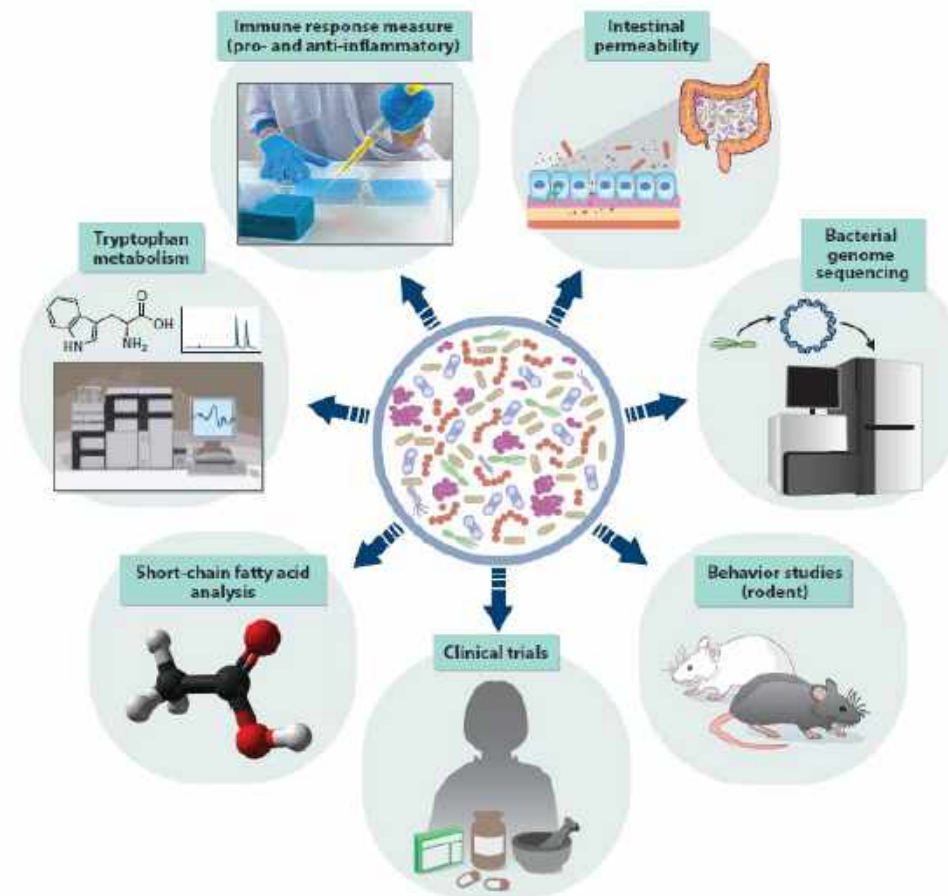
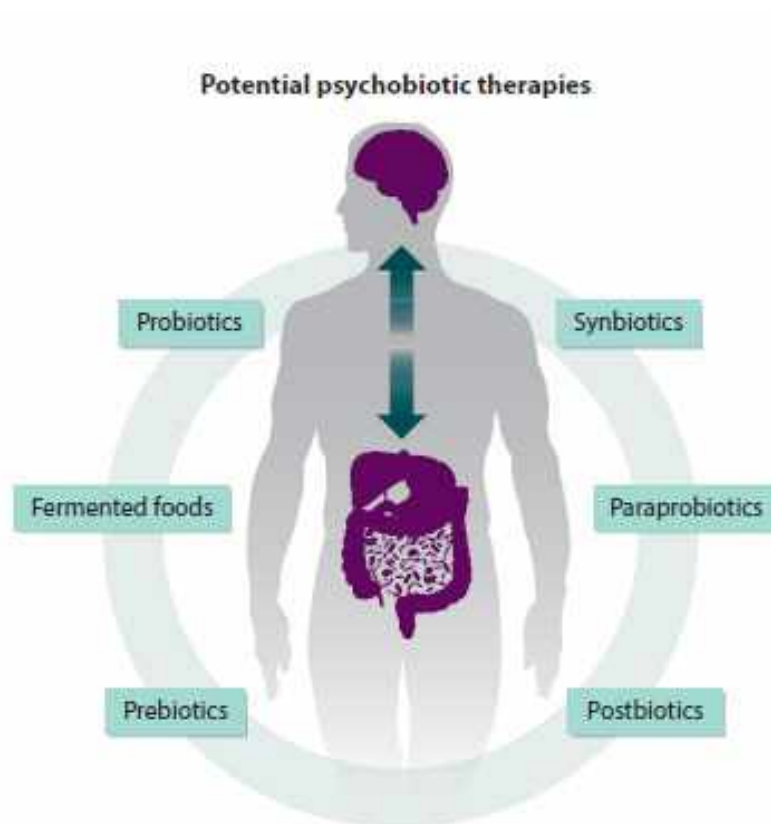
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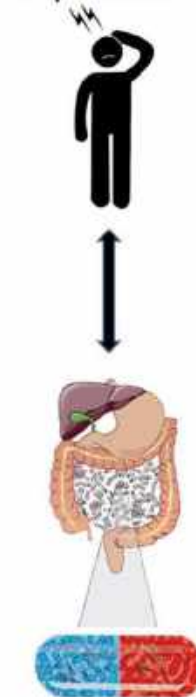
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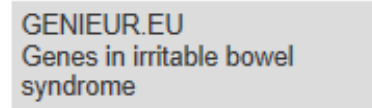




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