

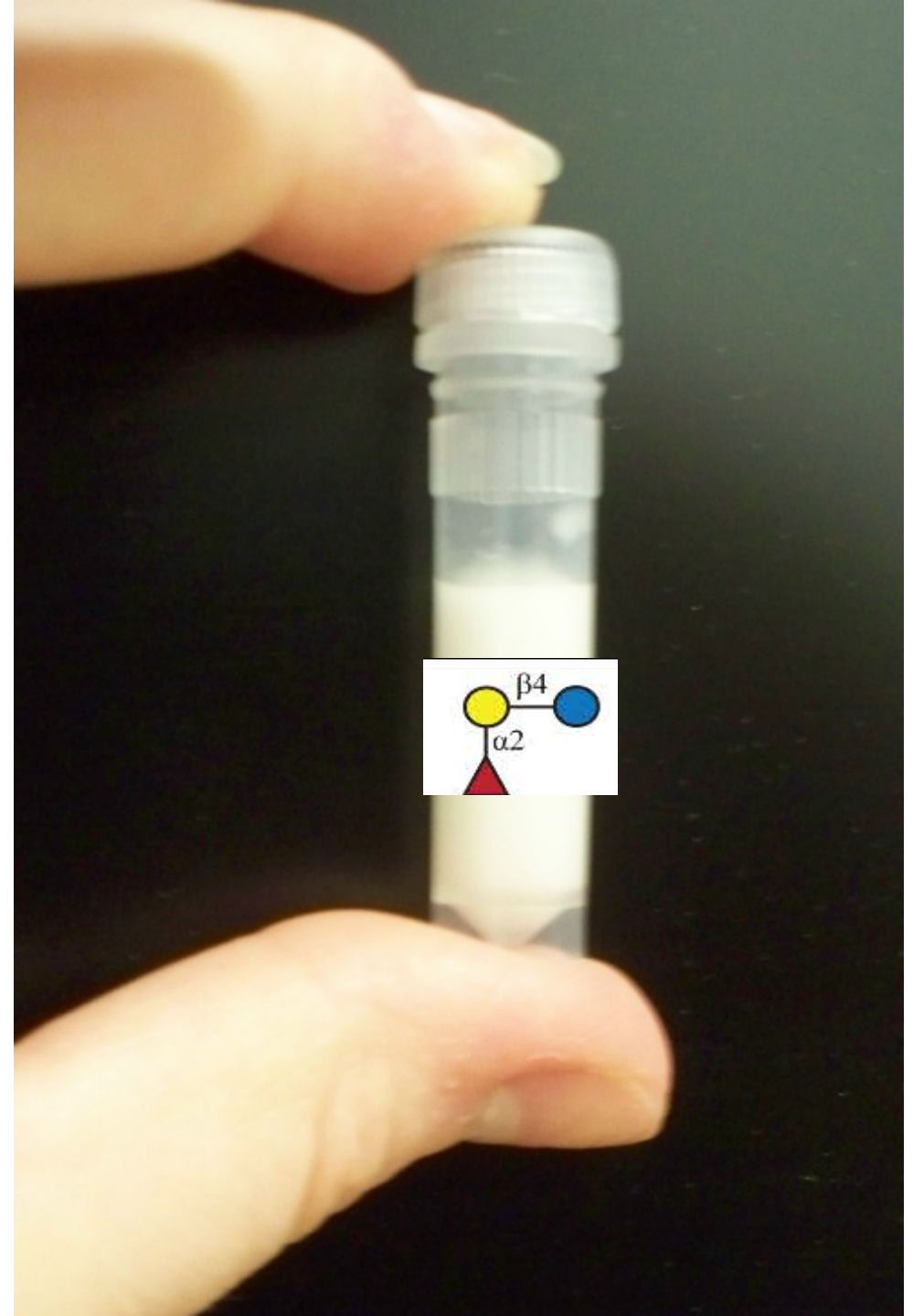
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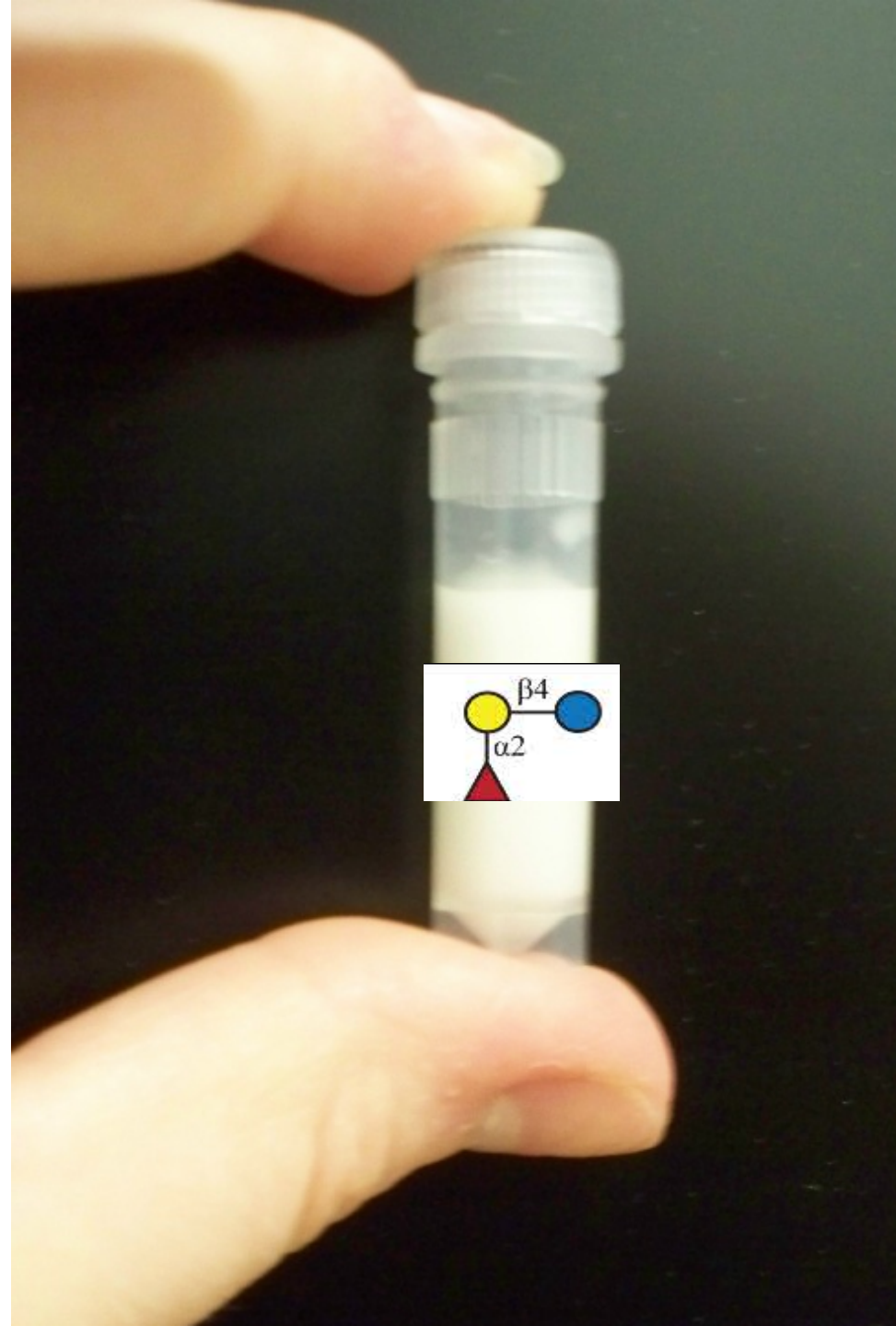


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# Human milk oligosaccharide *in infant nutrition* and ~~the rationale~~ for testing as a medical *food for health*



# **“Human milk is medicine” that protects against infectious & inflammatory conditions**

- Severe lower respiratory tract infections (LRTI)
- Acute gastroenteritis (AGE)
- Acute otitis media (AOM)
- Necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC)
- Sudden infant death syndrome
- Atopic dermatitis
- Childhood asthma
- Childhood leukemia
- Type 1 diabetes



(Ip, Chung et al, 2007; Bartick & Reinhold, Pediatrics, 2010)



# Life begins with a serious challenge



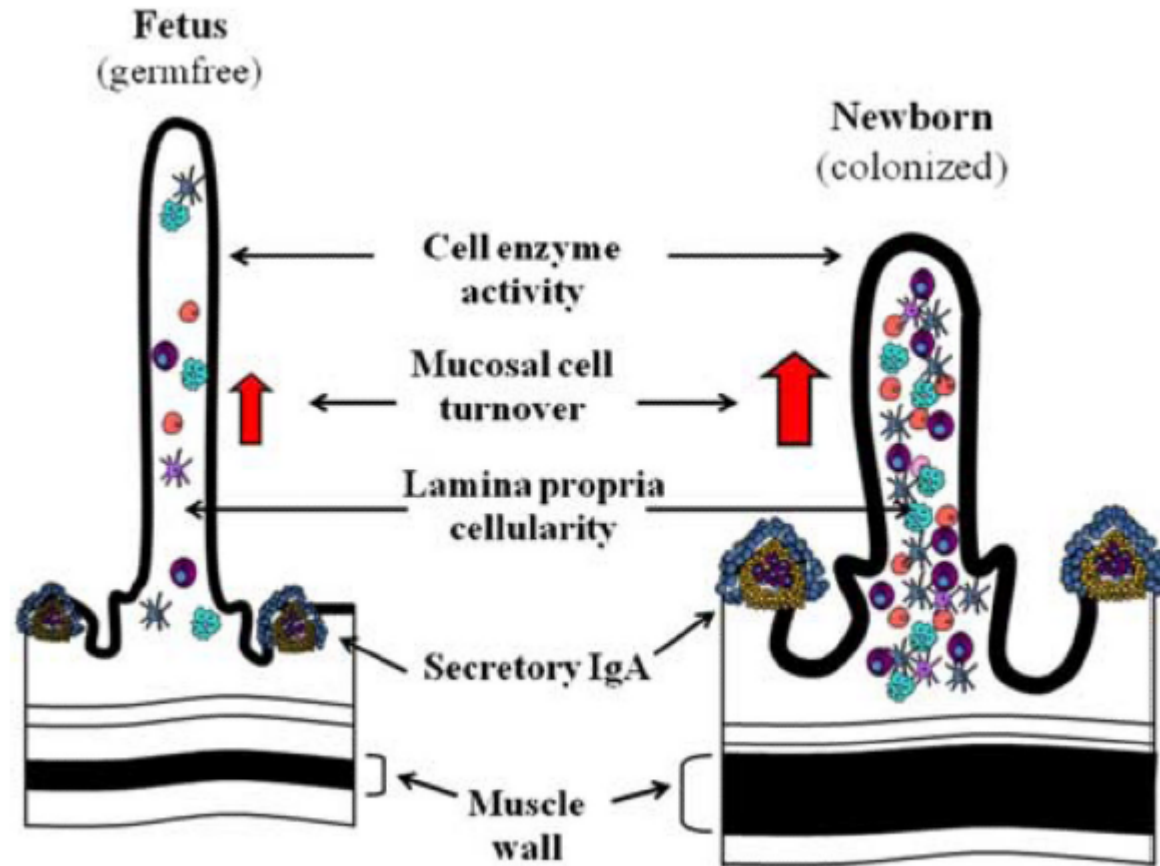
>1000 different bacterial species  
>100,000,000,000,000 organisms



# We need beneficial microbiota to develop

## In germ-free state:

- Deficient production of mucins, sIgA and antimicrobial peptides
- Slow cell turnover
- Mucosa not well differentiated.
- Certain nutrients missing
- Immune system not developed.



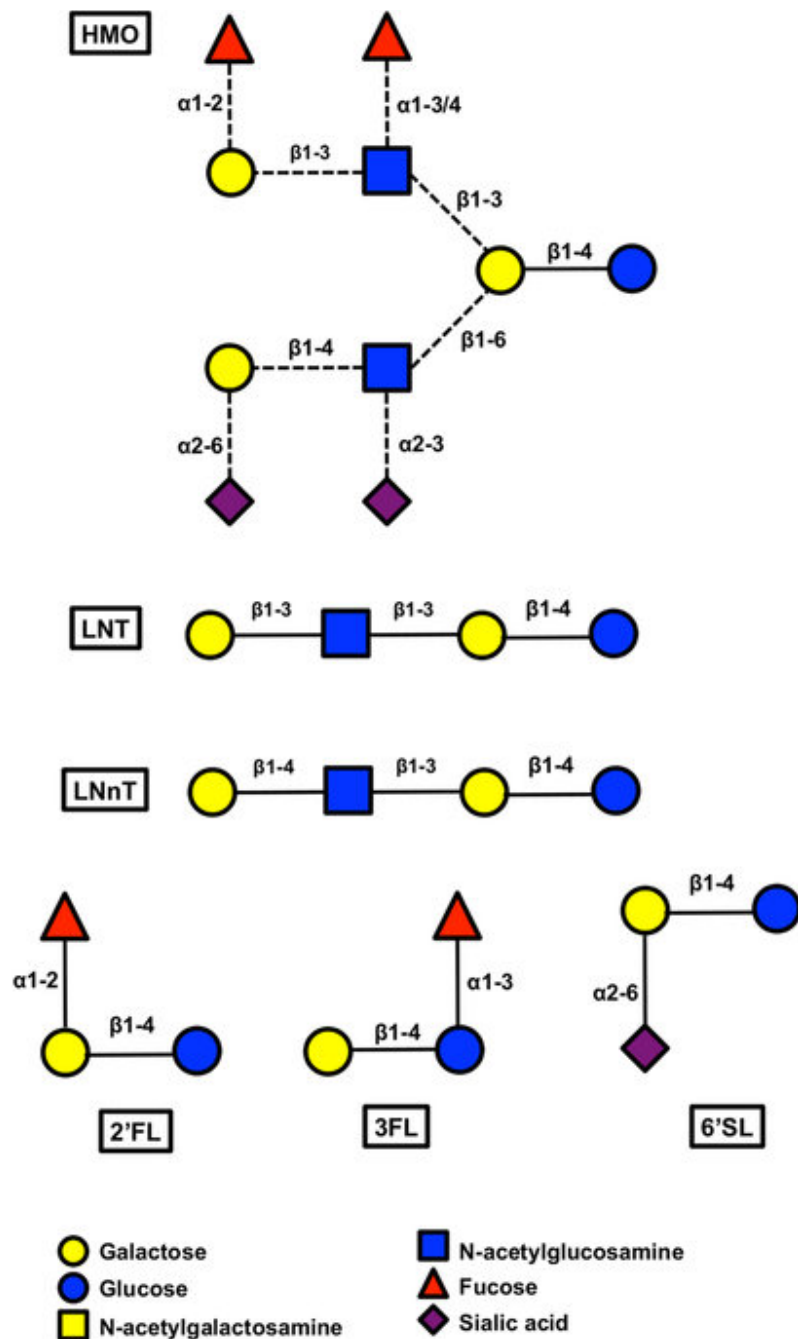
# hMOS: Most abundant bioactive fraction of human milk

- Oligosaccharide
- Glycoproteins and glycolipids
- Secretory antibody
- Antimicrobial peptides
- Free fatty acids
- Cells
- Cytokines and chemokines
- Hormones, growth factors, enzymes
- Anti-inflammatory agents
- Gut barrier maturation agents



# Human Milk Oligosaccharide (hMOS)

- Third most abundant constituent of human milk
- 3-32 sugars in length
- More than hundred individual hMOS
- Based on lactose to make more complex structures
- Most contain fucose or sialic acid

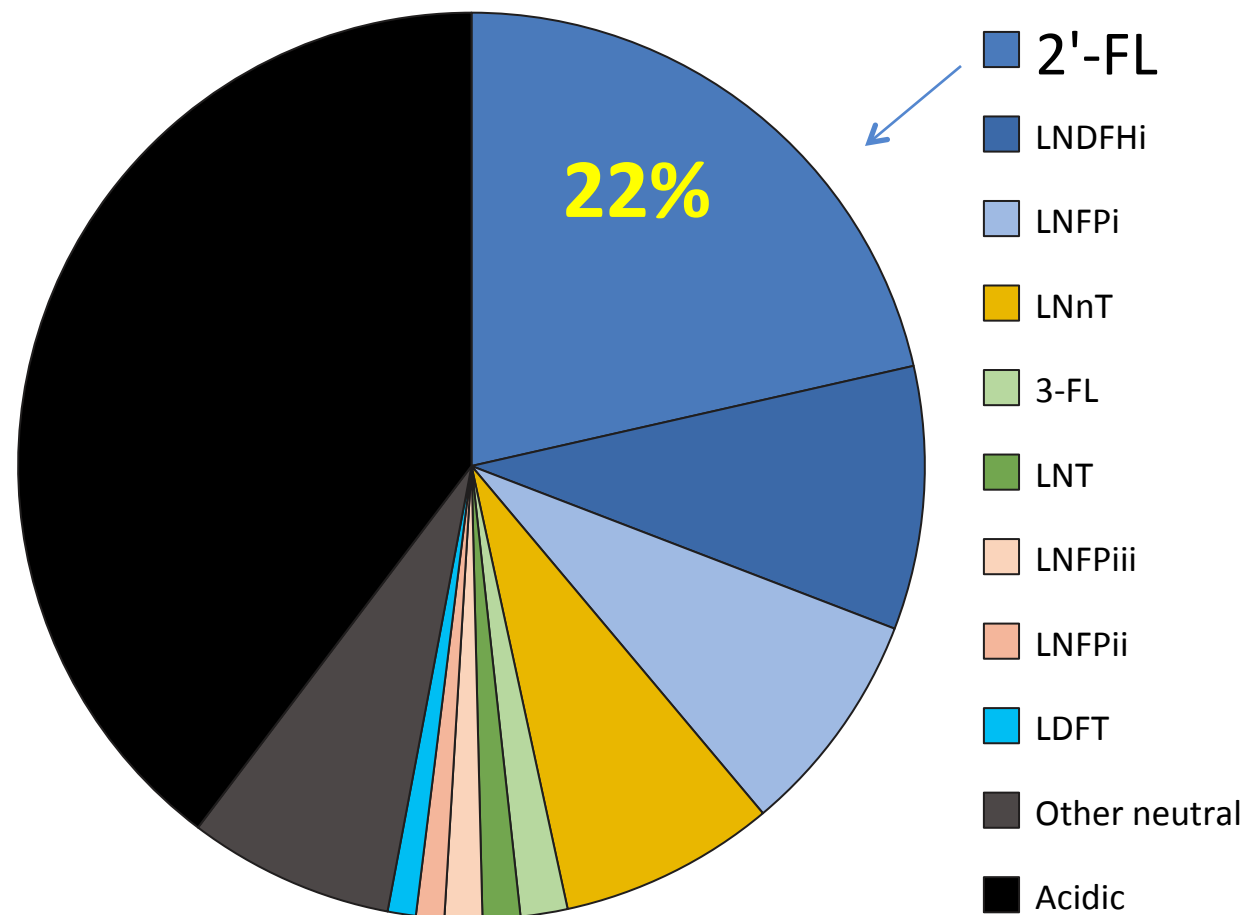
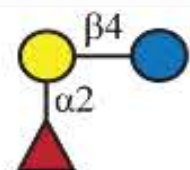


# Relative abundance at week 4 postpartum

(n=120, Mexico City)

~ 12 individual hMOS  
comprise ~75% of hMOS  
fraction

2'-FL





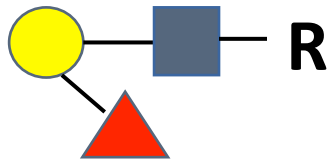
# *FUT2* gene expression

(Chromosome 19)

## Mucosa

## Secretions

H(O) antigen

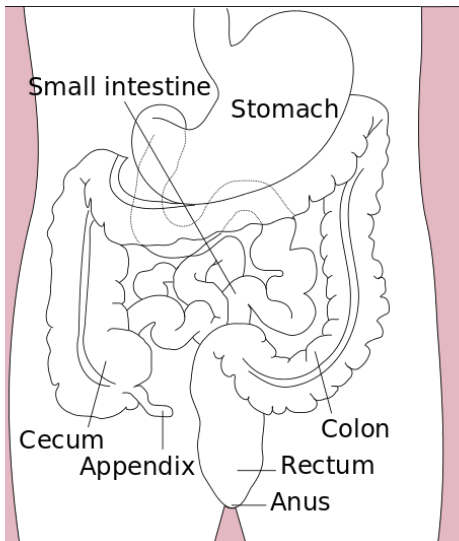
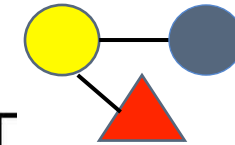


gut

saliva

milk

2'-FL



### Gut histo-blood group antigen

H-2	
H-1	

### Major HMOS<sup>a</sup>

2'-FL	
LNFP I	

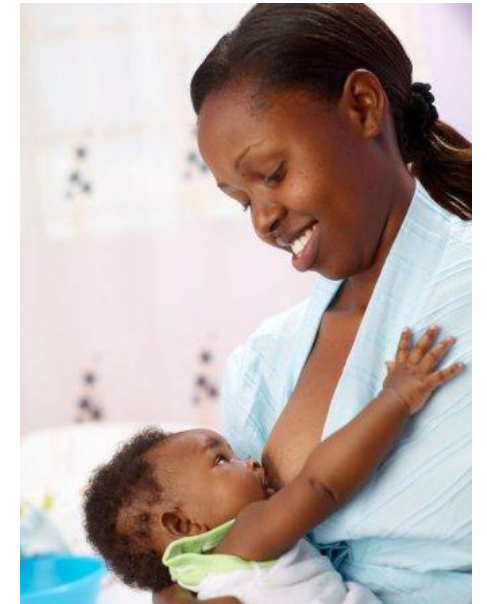
Fucose

Galactose

Glucose

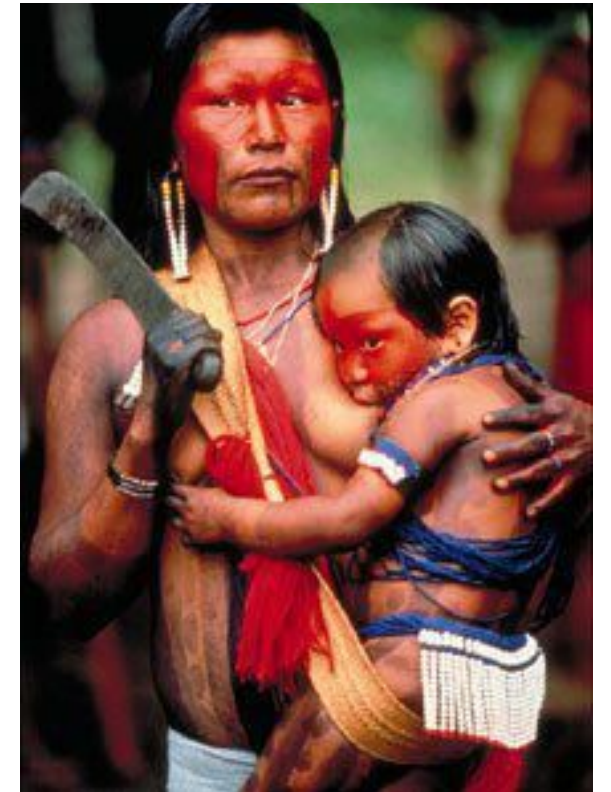
N-acetyl  
galactosamine

N-acetyl  
glucosamine



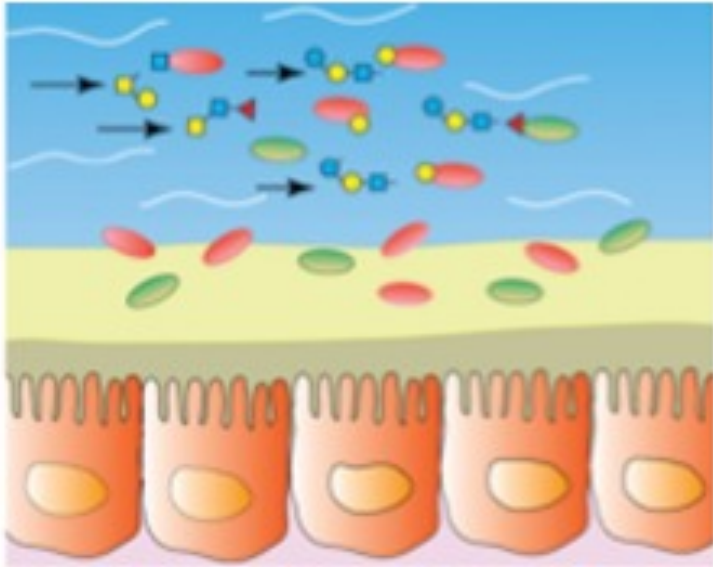
# hMOS mechanisms of action

- **Prebiotic effects (growth of beneficial bacteria)**
- **Soluble receptors for specific pathogens**  
that inhibit binding to enterocyte
- **Immune modulation**
- **Intestinal adaptation/  
restoration/ catch-up growth**



# Human milk oligosaccharide supports growth and metabolism of beneficial bacteria, discourages growth of pathogens

Marcobal A, et al, Glycobiology, 2013



**Human milk oligosaccharides (hMOS)** provide prebiotic carbohydrate substrate for nutritional support to a healthy community of microbes.

Yu Z et al. Glycobiology, 2013

## **PREBIOTIC EFFECT**

### Growth of beneficial bacteria

Bifidobacterium longum subsp. infantis  
Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron

2'-FL	3-FL	3'-SL	6'-SL
+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+

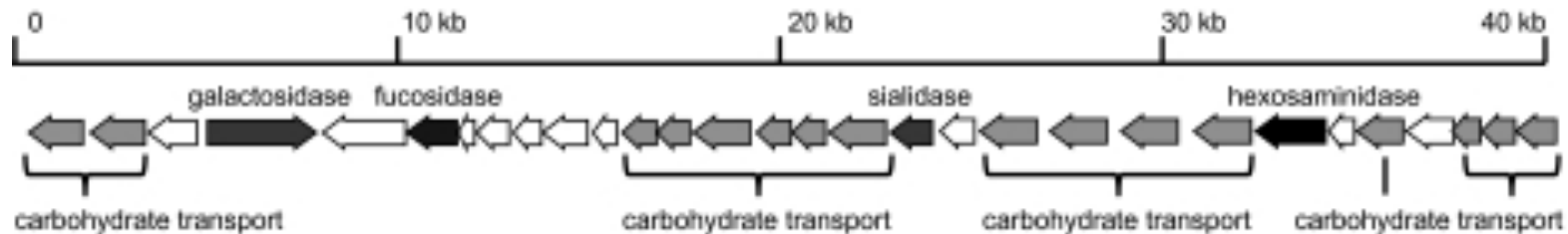
*Metabolism produces short chain fatty acids that change the gut pH, benefit gut and improve host immunity.*

# Bacterial growth on hMOS depends on their genetics

*Bifidobacteria more abundant in breastfed infants*

Human milk glycomiome and its impact on the infant gastrointestinal microbiota

[Angela M. Zivkovic](#), [J. Bruce German](#), [Carlito B. Lebrilla](#), and [David A. Mills](#)



HMO-related gene cluster 1 from *B. longum* subsp. *infantis* contains all of the necessary glycosidases and carbohydrate transporters necessary for importing and metabolizing HMOs. **PNAS, 2011**



# hMOS: Does not stimulate growth of pathogens

## Enterobacteriaceae

**Group 3 –**  
Cronobacter,  
Citrobacter,  
Enterobacter

**Group 2 –**  
Klebsiella spp.

**Group 1 –**  
E. coli and Shigella  
dysenteriae

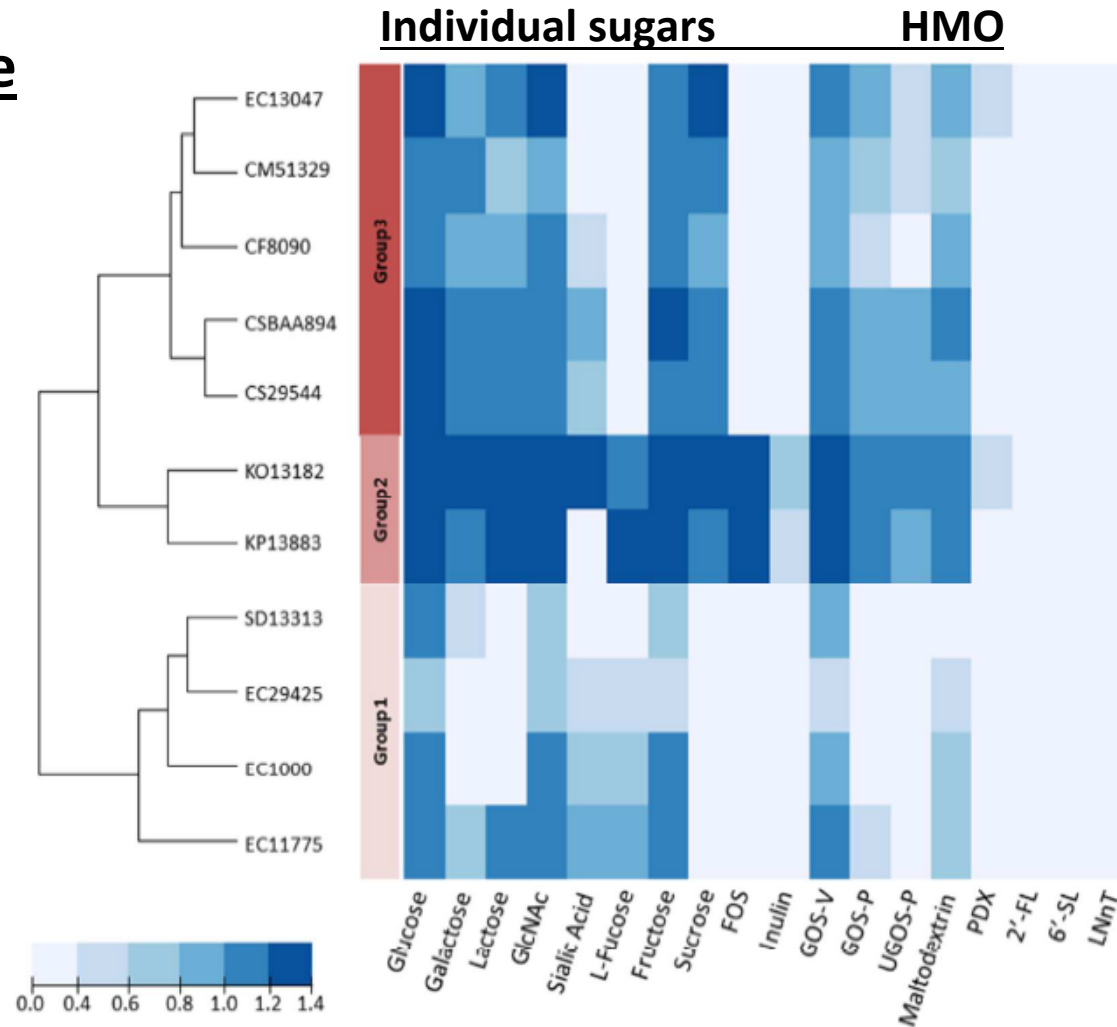
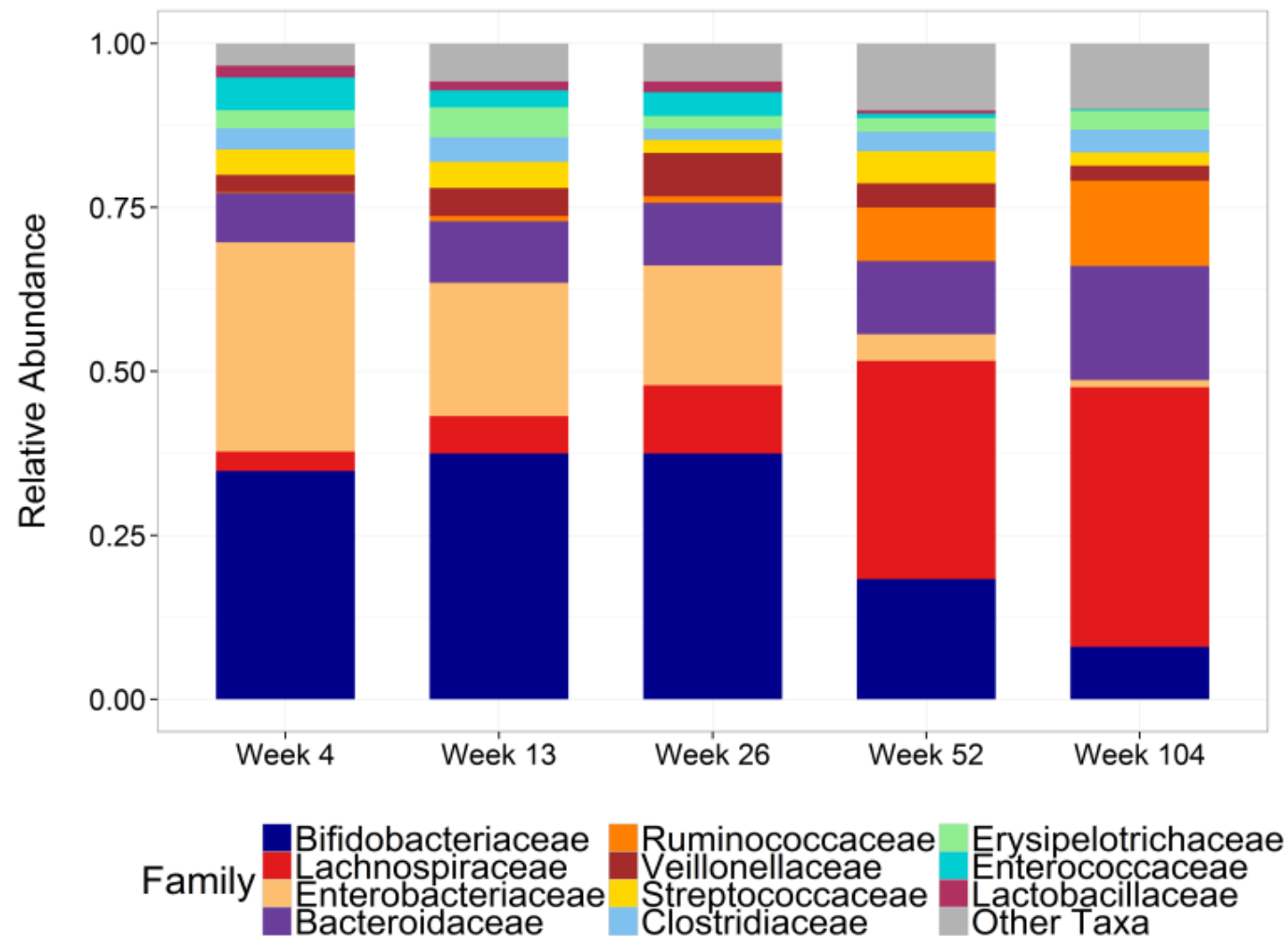


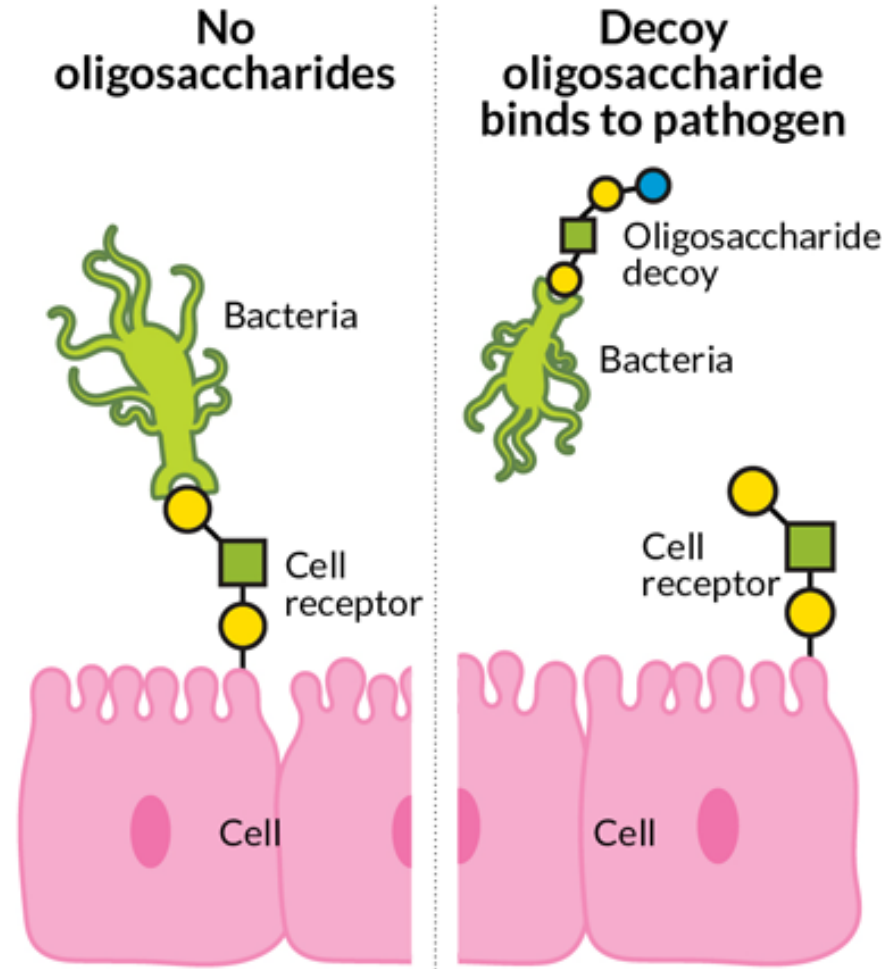
Figure 1. *In vitro* growth of carbohydrates by selected *Enterobacteriaceae*.

**Microbial  
succession in  
Cincinnati  
breastfed infants:  
GEHM Study  
(n=120 healthy &  
predominantly  
breastfed)**

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# hMOS can block pathogen attachment to gut oligosaccharide receptors



# Gut cell surface oligosaccharides influence pathogen-host cell interactions

**Pathogens that attach to cell surface oligosaccharides:**

- Noroviruses
- Rotaviruses
- Campylobacter
- Diarrheagenic E. coli
- V. cholerae
- H. pylori

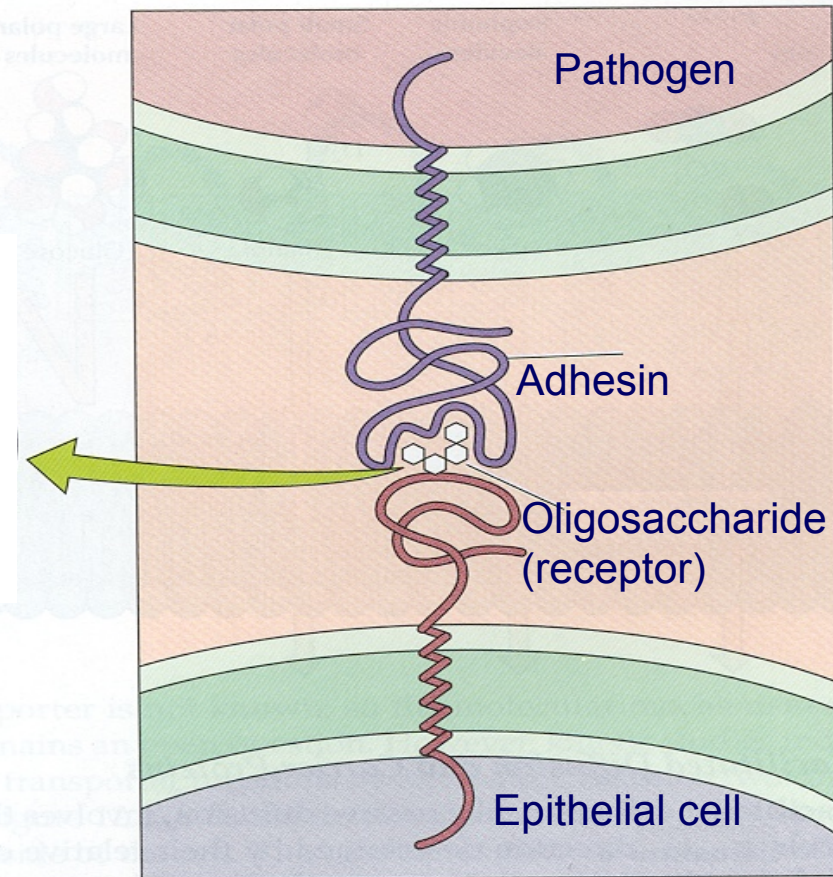
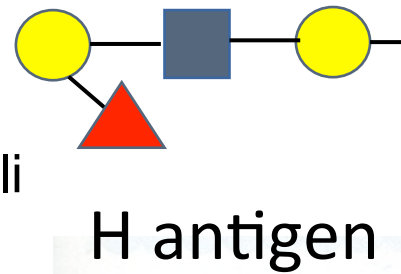


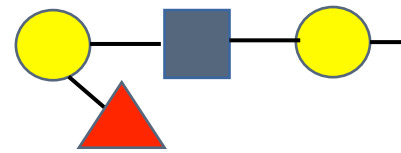
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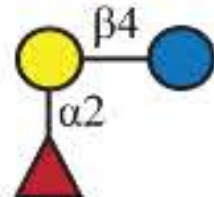
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H antigen



2'-FL

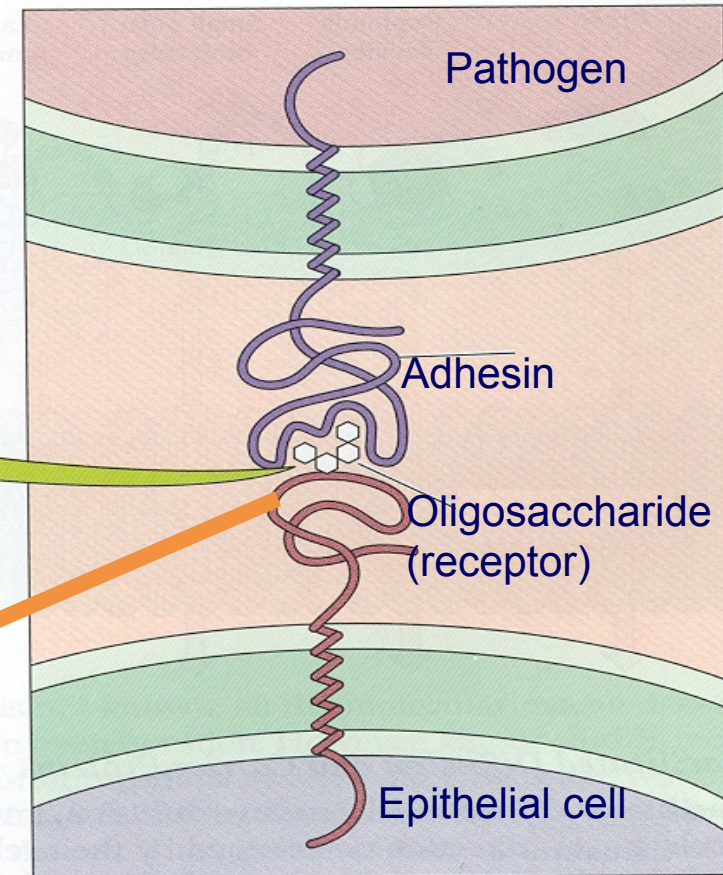


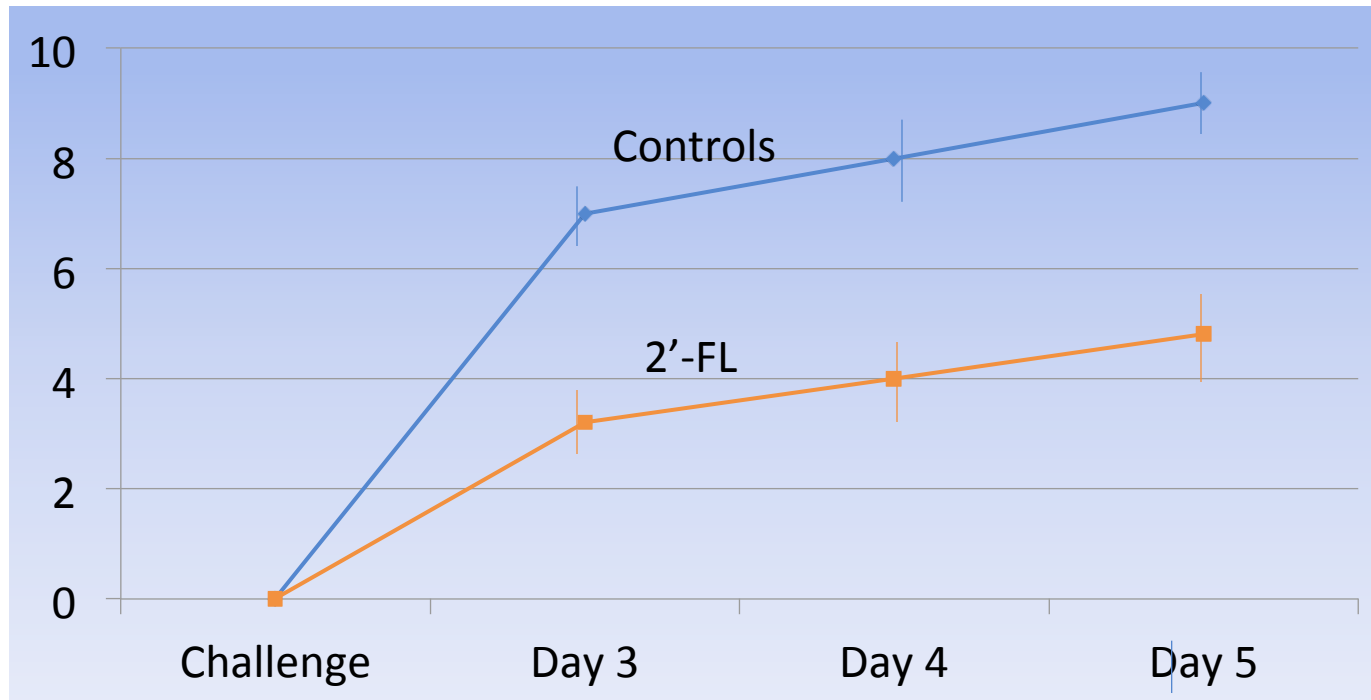
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## *Campylobacter jejuni* Binds Intestinal H(O) Antigen (Fuc $\alpha$ 1, 2Gal $\beta$ 1, 4GlcNAc), and Fucosyloligosaccharides of Human Milk Inhibit Its Binding and Infection\*

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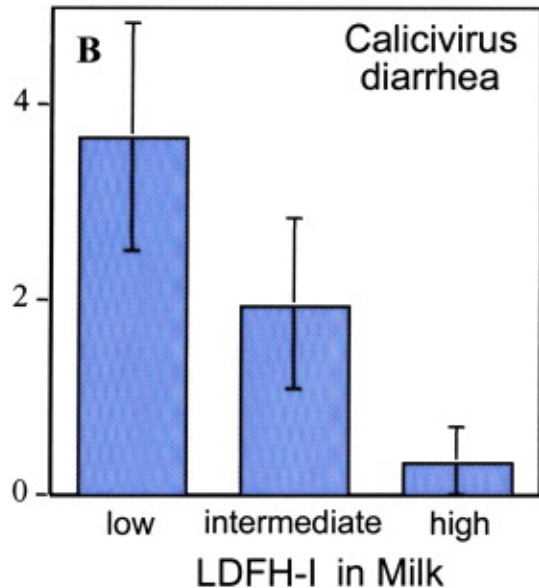
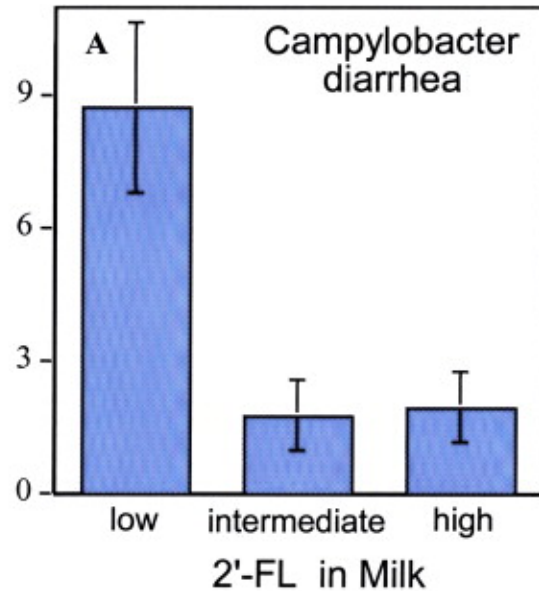
Log<sub>10</sub>  
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2-week old BALB/c mice were challenged with 10<sup>4</sup> CFU of invasive campylobacter strain 287ip. Half given oral 2'-FL by gavage.

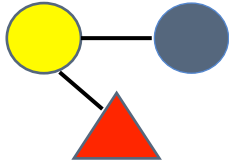
# hMOS in prevention of diarrhea (Morrow, J Nutr, 2005)

**Cohort study, n=93  
Mexican mother-infant pairs**



When 2'-FL and other "secretor" HMOs in higher abundance, lower risk of diarrhea in infancy

- Campylobacter-associated diarrhea
- Calicivirus (Norovirus-associated diarrhea)
- All causes of moderate to severe diarrhea



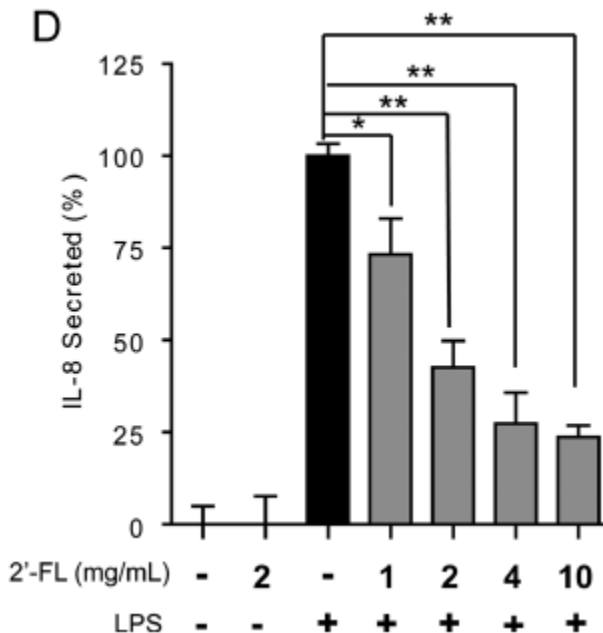
# 2'-FL human milk oligosaccharide: Anti-inflammatory effects

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

The human milk oligosaccharide 2'-fucosyllactose modulates CD14 expression in human enterocytes, thereby attenuating LPS-induced inflammation

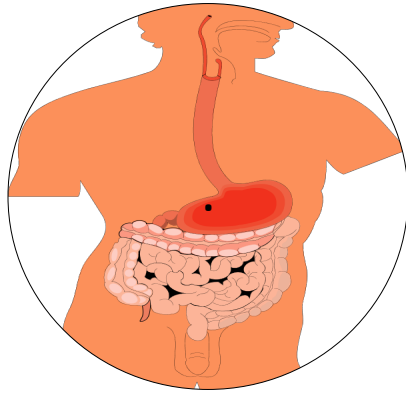
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Gut, 2014





# hMOS in gut repair/adaptation following injury

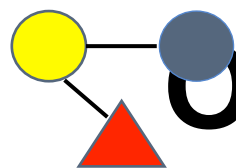


- 2'-FL restores intestinal perfusion by up-regulating nitric oxide synthase (eNOS), promoting vasodilation (Good M, 2016)
- 2'-FL reduces severity of necrotizing enterocolitis (Good M, 2016; Autran CA, 2016; Jantscher-Krenn, 2012)
- 2'-FL enables growth after gut injury (Mezoff, 2016; Weiss, 2015)



# Summary of hMOS (2'-FL) in infant nutrition

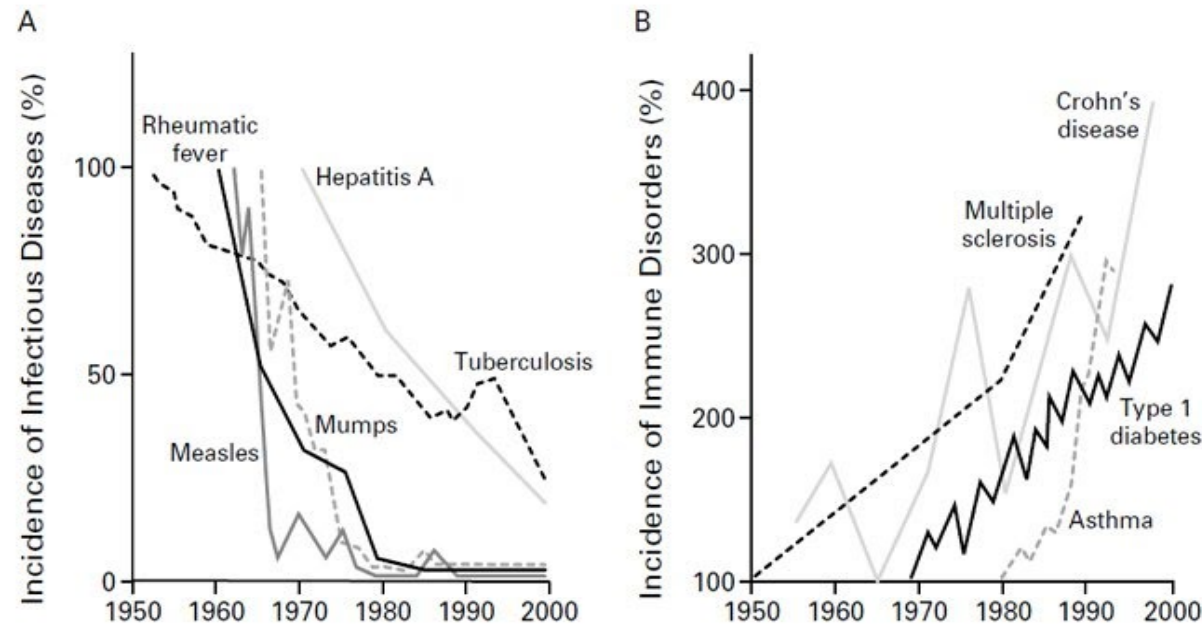
- Major human milk component;
- Just now being offered in infant formula by some companies
  - Safe
  - Shifts microbial metabolism
  - Reduces risk of infections
  - Has other important effects: repair, metabolic and immune



# Other potential health applications

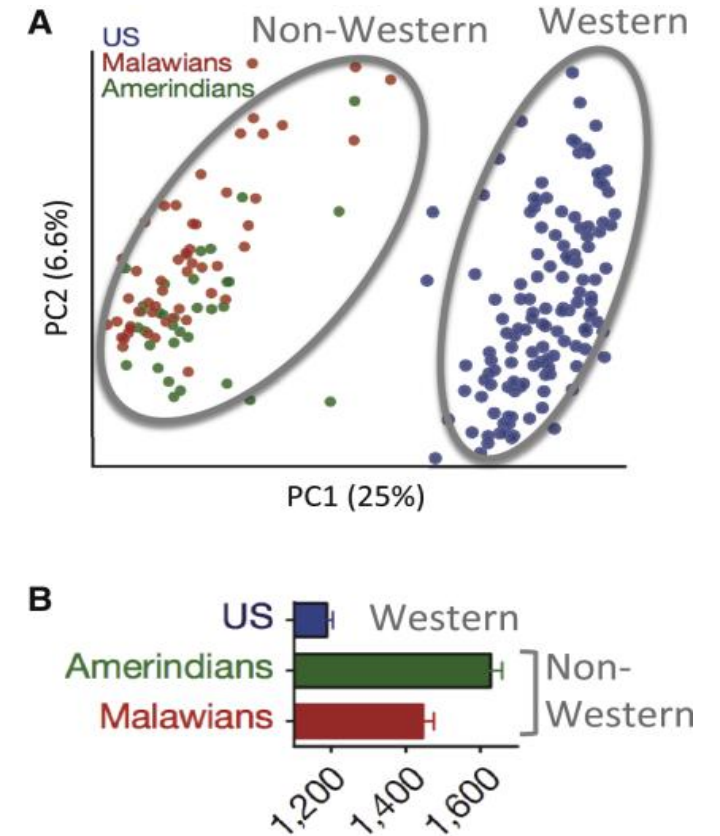


# Epidemiology of infectious & immune diseases

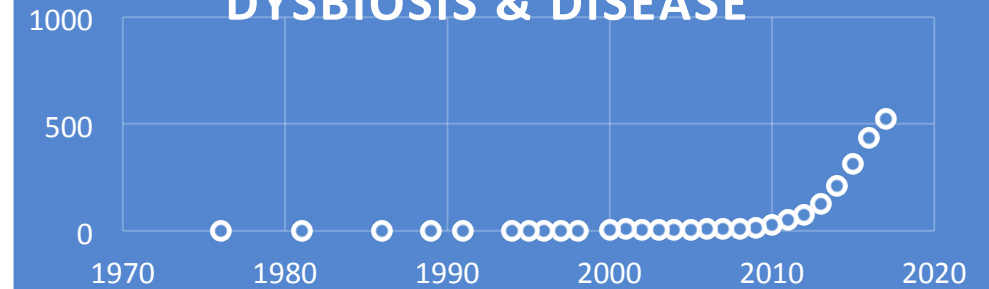


**Figure 1.** Inverse Relation between the Incidence of Prototypical Infectious Diseases (Panel A) and the Incidence of Immune Disorders (Panel B) from 1950 to 2000.

In Panel A, data concerning infectious diseases are derived from reports of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, except for the data on hepatitis A, which are derived from Joussemet et al.<sup>12</sup> In Panel B, data on immune disorders are derived from Swarbrick et al.,<sup>10</sup> Dubois et al.,<sup>13</sup> Tuomilehto et al.,<sup>14</sup> and Pugliatti et al.<sup>15</sup>



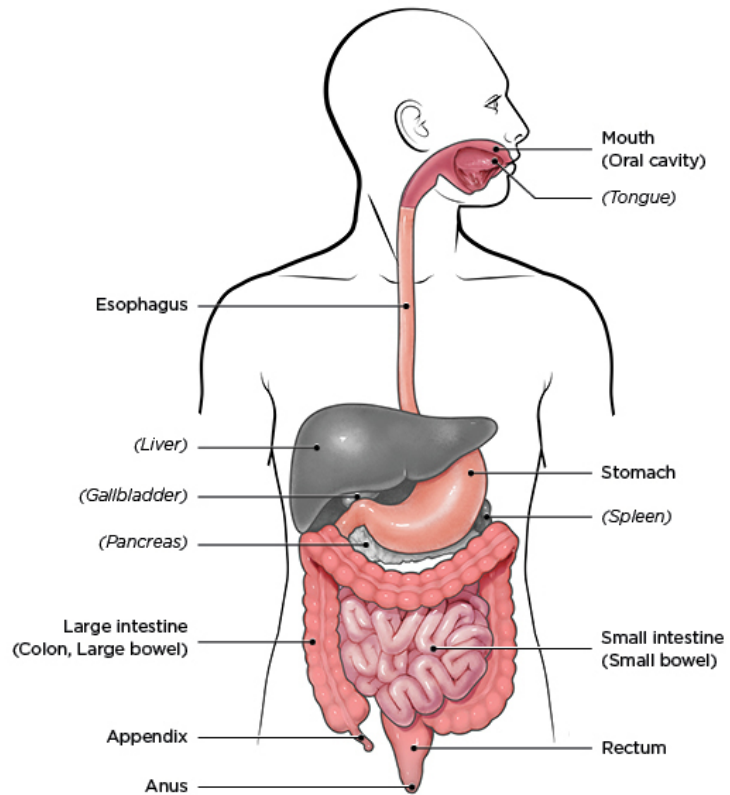
## INDEXED CITATIONS: DYSBIOSIS & DISEASE





# What is Inflammatory bowel disease?

- Chronic inflammatory disease(s) of the intestinal tract
- Characterized by dysbiosis



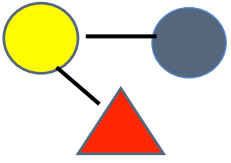
## Common symptoms

- Persistent diarrhea
- Abdominal pain
- Rectal bleeding/bloody stools
- Weight loss
- Fatigue

**Most cases diagnosed before 20 yrs**

**Flares are unpredictable**

**Two major types: Crohn's & Ulcerative colitis**



# Rationale for testing 2'-FL in IBD

2'-FL



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CCHMC

- Globally, estimate >5 million individuals suffer from IBD
- >3/1000 in most westernized countries, increasing elsewhere >11% per year (Ng SC, Lancet, 2017)
- Effective treatments (TNF- $\alpha$  inhibitors) for achieving control/remission
- But no effective treatment for sustaining remission

## ***Why test 2'-FL for IBD?***

# **Genetic signature from GWAS of Crohn's Disease**

*Human Molecular Genetics*, 2010, Vol. 19, No. 17 3468–3476  
doi:10.1093/hmg/ddq248  
Advance Access published on June 22, 2010

## ***Fucosyltransferase 2 (FUT2) non-secretor status is associated with Crohn's disease***

Dermot P.B. McGovern<sup>1,2,\*</sup>, Michelle R. Jones<sup>3</sup>, Kent D. Taylor<sup>2</sup>, Kristin Marciante<sup>4</sup>, Xiaofei Yan<sup>2</sup>, Marla Dubinsky<sup>1</sup>, Andy Ippoliti<sup>1</sup>, Eric Vasilias<sup>1</sup>, Dror Berel<sup>1</sup>, Carrie Derkowski<sup>1</sup>, Deb Dutridge<sup>2</sup>, International IBD Genetics Consortium, Phil Fleshner<sup>1</sup>, David Q. Shih<sup>1</sup>, Gil Melmed<sup>1</sup>, Emebet Mengesha<sup>2</sup>, Lily King<sup>2</sup>, Sheila Pressman<sup>2</sup>, Talin Haritunians<sup>2</sup>, Xiuqing Guo<sup>2</sup>, Stephan R. Targan<sup>1</sup> and Jerome I. Rotter<sup>2</sup>

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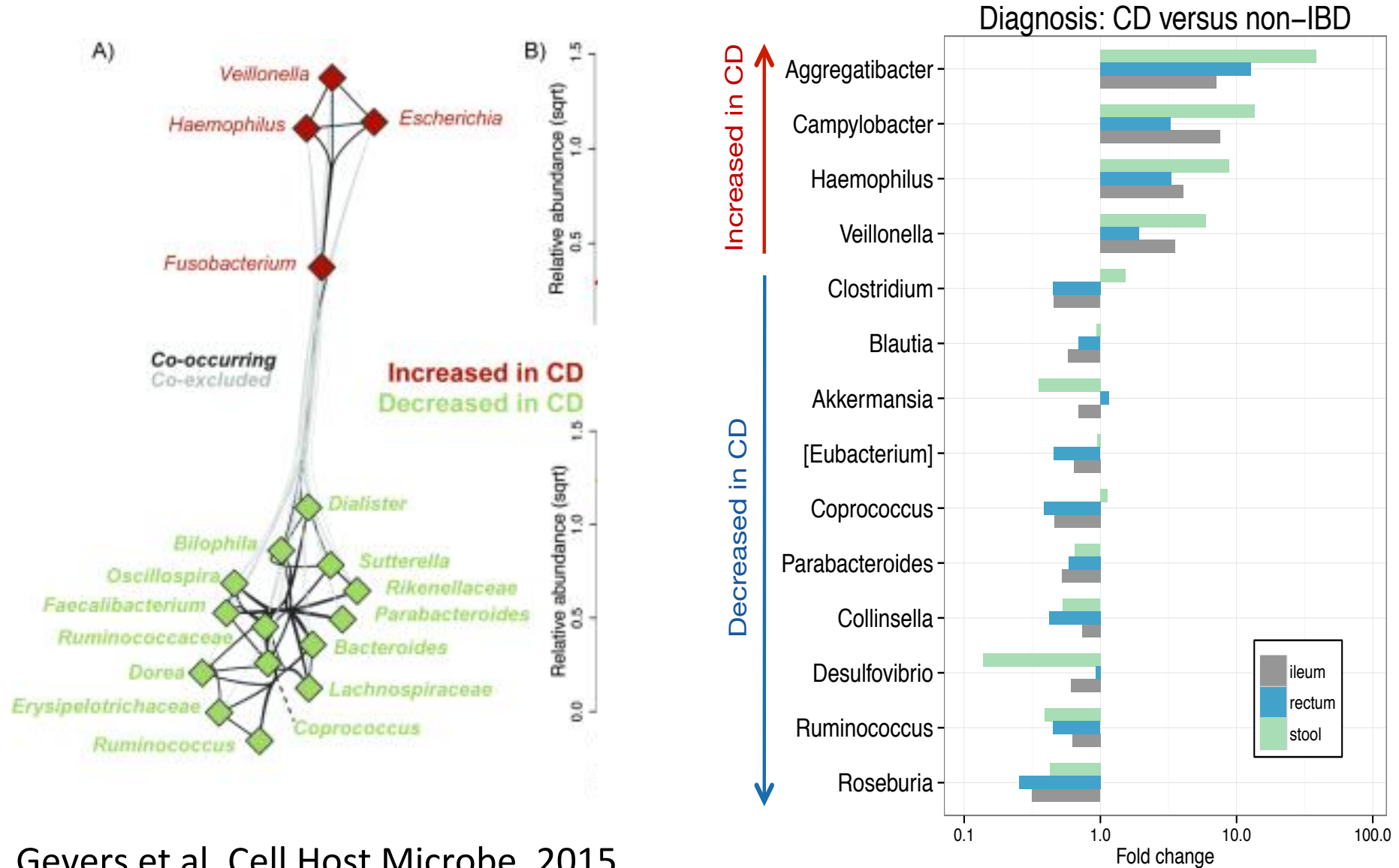
## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Reprogramming of gut microbiome energy metabolism by the *FUT2* Crohn's disease risk polymorphism

Maomeng Tong<sup>1</sup>, Ian McHardy<sup>2</sup>, Paul Ruegger<sup>3</sup>, Maryam Goudarzi<sup>4</sup>, Purna C Kashyap<sup>5</sup>, Talin Haritunians<sup>6</sup>, Xiaoxiao Li<sup>6</sup>, Thomas G Graeber<sup>1</sup>, Emma Schwager<sup>7</sup>, Curtis Huttenhower<sup>7</sup>, Albert J Fornace Jr<sup>4</sup>, Justin L Sonnenburg<sup>5</sup>, Dermot PB McGovern<sup>6</sup>, James Borneman<sup>3</sup> and Jonathan Braun<sup>1,2</sup>

- Profiled microbiome, meta-proteome and meta-metabolome of endoscopic lavage samples of 39 healthy adult subjects
- The microbial metabolism of (FUT2-) non-secretor hosts:
  - ➔ Perturbed energy metabolism pathways
  - ➔ Reduced amino-acid biosynthesis pathways

# IBD characterized by microbial dysbiosis



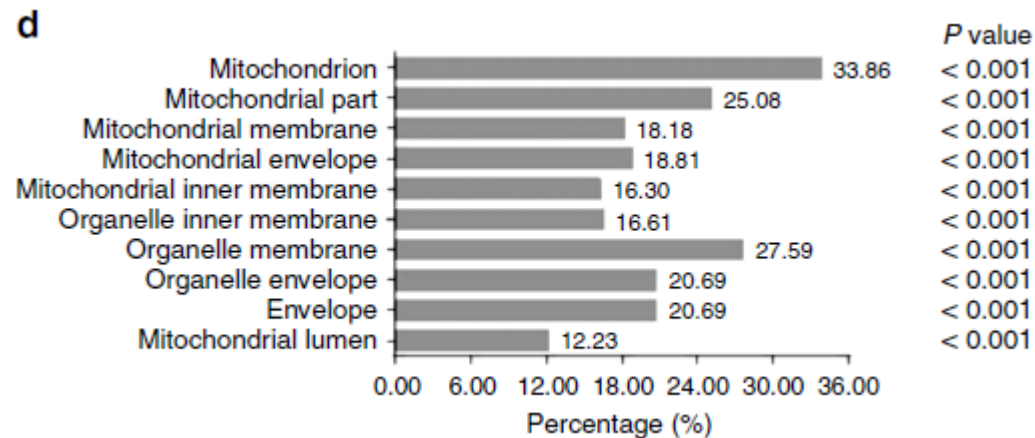
Gevers et al, Cell Host Microbe, 2015



# Altered intestinal microbiota–host mitochondria crosstalk in new onset Crohn’s disease

Walid Mottawea<sup>1,2,3,\*</sup>, Cheng-Kang Chiang<sup>1,2,\*</sup>, Marcus Mühlbauer<sup>4,\*</sup>, Amanda E. Starr<sup>1,2</sup>, James Butcher<sup>1,2</sup>, Turki Abujamel<sup>1,2</sup>, Shelley A. Deeke<sup>1,2</sup>, Annette Brandel<sup>1,2</sup>, Hu Zhou<sup>2,5</sup>, Shadi Shokralla<sup>6</sup>, Mehrdad Hajibabaei<sup>6</sup>, Ruth Singleton<sup>7</sup>, Eric I. Benchimol<sup>7,8,9</sup>, Christian Jobin<sup>10</sup>, David R. Mack<sup>7,8</sup>, Daniel Figeys<sup>1,2,11</sup> & Alain Stintzi<sup>1,2</sup>

Impaired in new onset Crohn’s Disease patients



Pediatric patients: 61 Crohn’s Disease, 42 Controls



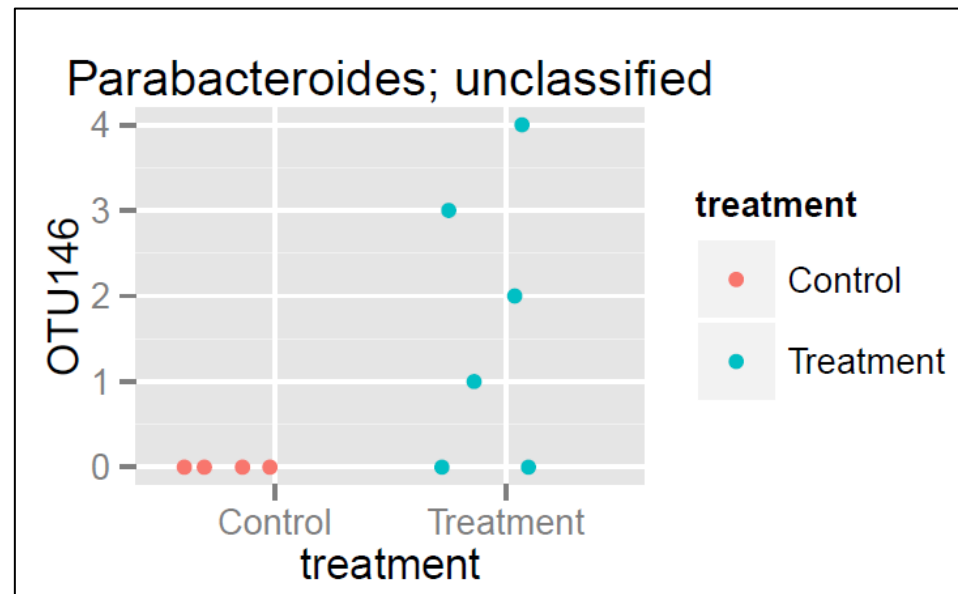
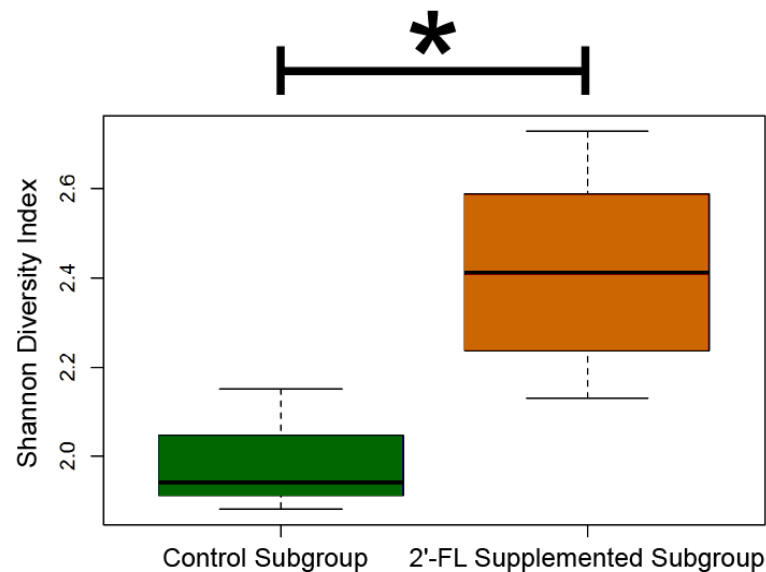
# 2'-FL induced microbiome changes in Ileo-Cecal Resection (ICR) Model

Mezoff et al, 2016



- Many necrotizing enterocolitis cases require ileo-cecal resection → “short gut”
- **Tested 2'-FL vs control after ICR to improve adaptive response (n=12 mice)**

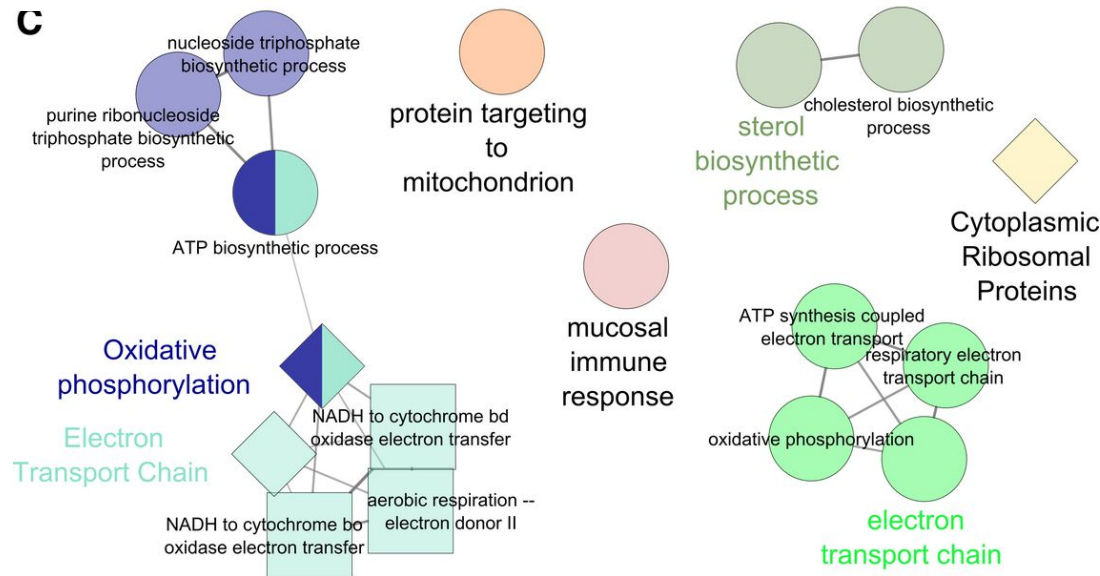
## Microbiome Analysis





# 2'-FL Induced Distal Small Bowel Gene Expression After Ileal-Cecal Resection

Relevant To Intestinal Adaptation



**Hundreds of genes increased expression with 2'-FL:**

**Energy processing:** electron transport, cellular respiration, **mitochondrial ATP synthesis coupled electron transport**, generation of precursor metabolites and energy, energy derivation by oxidation of organic compounds

**Host-microbial interaction:** multiorganism metabolic processing, symbiosis, mucosal immune response

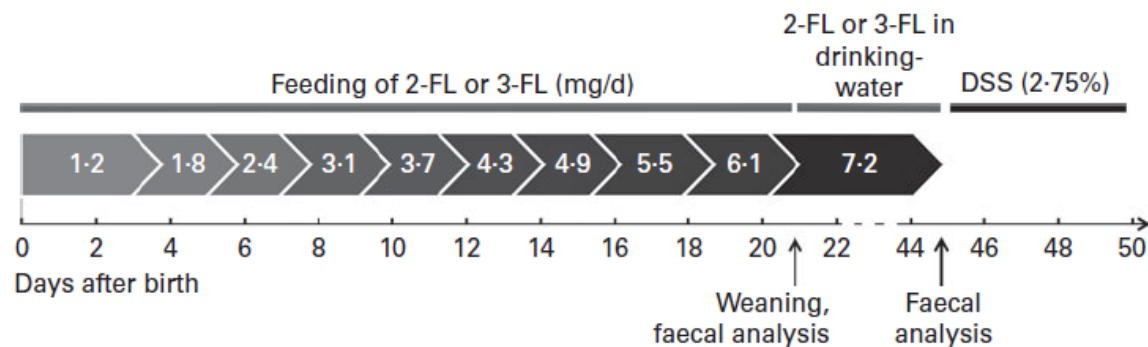
**Biosynthetic processes:** sterol, cholesterol and nucleosides



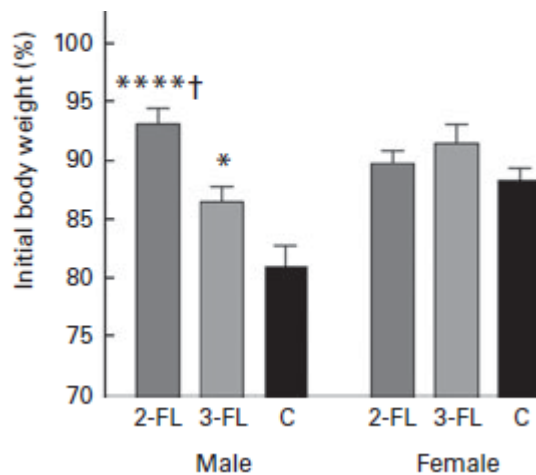
## Selective proliferation of intestinal *Barnesiella* under fucosyllactose supplementation in mice

Gisela A. Weiss<sup>1,2</sup>, Christophe Chassard<sup>3</sup> and Thierry Hennet<sup>1\*</sup>

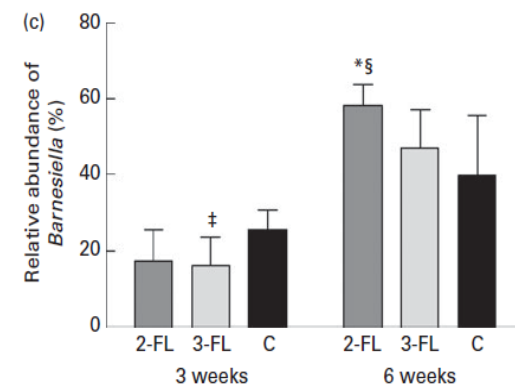
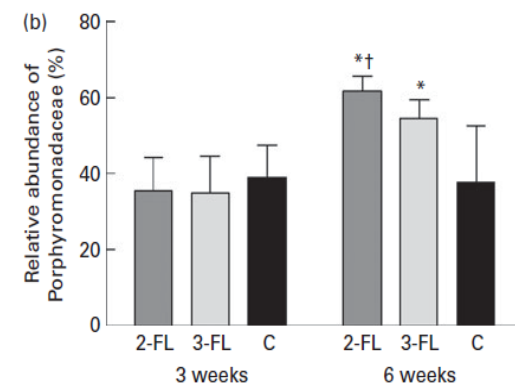
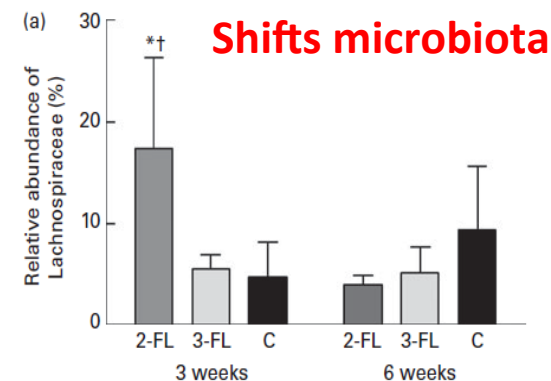
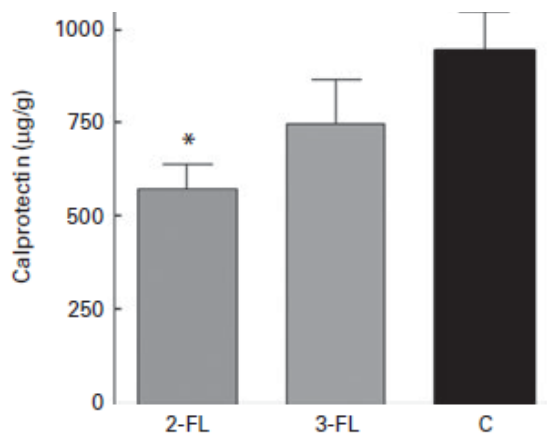
Br J Nutr, 2013



Improves catch-up growth after insult





Reduces gut inflammation



# Oral supplementation of healthy adults with 2'-FL

(Elison E , Br J Nutr, 2016)

- RCT of HMO-supplementation in 100 healthy, adult volunteers, consuming chemically produced 2'-FL and/or lacto-N-neotetraose (LNnT) at various daily doses and mixes or placebo for 2 weeks.
- Safe, well-tolerated
- Significant Bifidobacteria 
- Significant Firmicutes & Proteobacteria 



# CLINICAL GOAL of NIH 2'-FL trial: Dosing study to maintain remission in IBD

## Proposed mechanisms:

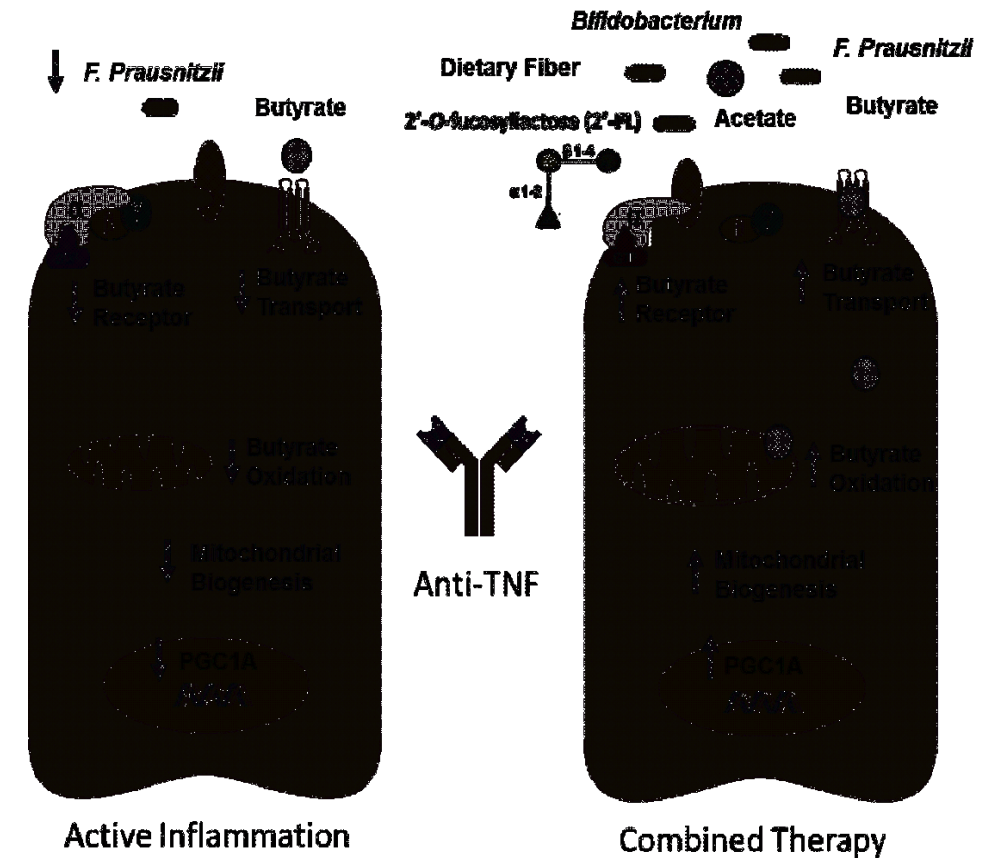
- ✓ Reduces dysbiosis: Increases beneficial microbes, decreases pathobionts/pathogens
- ✓ Stimulates bacterial SCFA production
- ✓ Modifies enterocyte mitochondrial energy production
- ✓ Minimizes gut inflammation



# In summary: 2'-FL is promising approach to maintaining remission in IBD

NIH-sponsored trial starting Summer, 2018

Dosing at 3 levels to optimal dose for tolerance, shift in microbiota, reduced fecal calprotectin



**Conceptual model of 2'-FL in IBD:** Increase Microbial Butyrate Production and Cellular Butyrate Responsiveness.

# Dank u wel!



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