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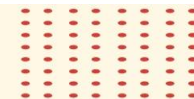


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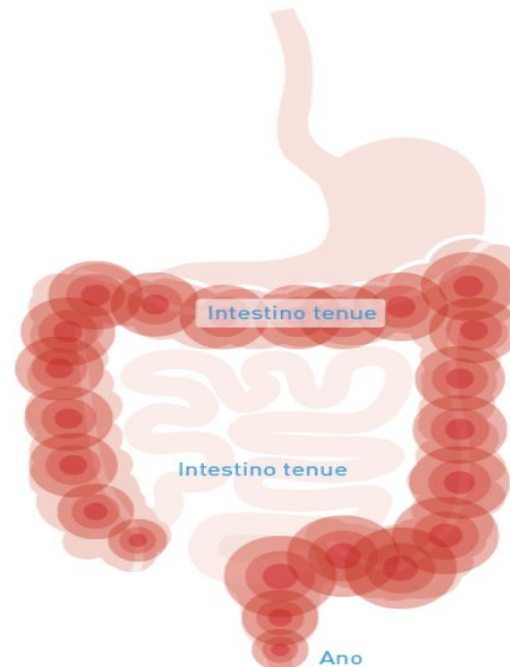
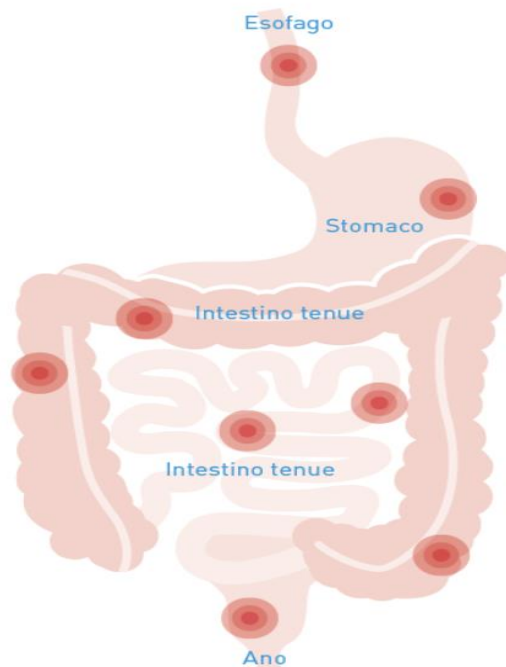


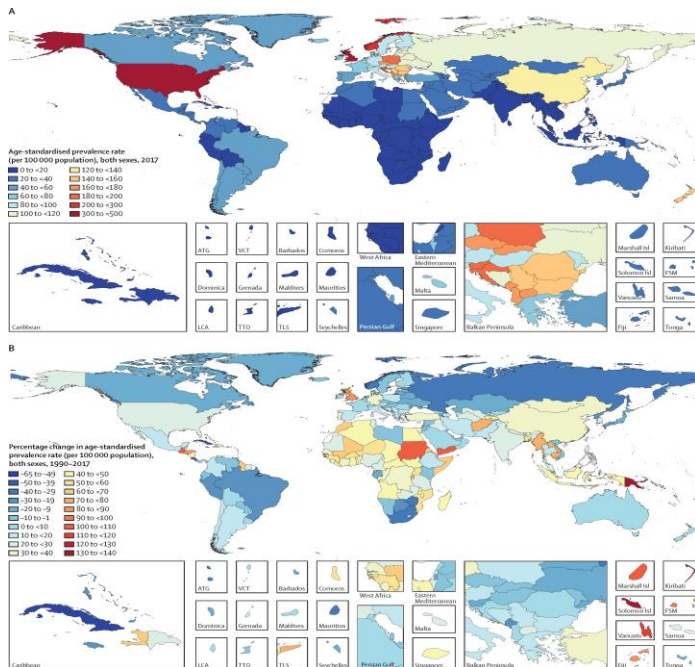


## Crohn's Disease

VS

## Ulcerative Colitis





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**Table 1** Evolving incidence of IBD over the past generation throughout the world. The average annual percentage change (AAPC) reflects the percent change in incidence across the study periods: 95% confidence

intervals (CI) that cross 0 are stable, below 0 are significantly decreasing, and above 0 are significantly increasing. Amalgamated data from Ng et al.'s systematic review, most recent study periods only [17\*]

Country (region)	Time period	Average annual percent change (95% CI)	
		Crohn's disease	Ulcerative colitis
Canada (Manitoba) [18]	1990-2001	-0.4 (-2.4, 1.7)	-2.1 (-4.5, 0.5)
Canada (Ontario) [8]	1999-2008	1.7 (0.4, 2.9)	1.8 (0.5, 3.2)
Canada (Québec) [19]	2001-2008	-1.2 (-1.7, -0.7)	-3.6 (-5.3, -1.8)
Canada (Nova Scotia) [20]	1996-2009	-3.0 (-4.1, -1.9)	-1.2 (-2.4, -0.1)
<b>Brazil (Piau) [21]</b>	<b>1988-2012</b>	<b>11.1 (4.8, 17.8)</b>	<b>14.9 (10.4, 19.6)</b>
Barbados (nationwide) [22]	2000-2004	-5.3 (-25.3, 20.1)	-2.6 (-21.5, 20.7)
China (Hong Kong) [23, 24]	1991-2006	4.4 (-0.7, 9.7)	1.8 (-10.0, 15.1)
Taiwan (nationwide) [25]	1998-2008	4.0 (1.0, 7.1)	4.8 (1.8, 8.0)
South Korea (Songpa) [26]	1991-2005	13.8 (8.7, 19.0)	9.5 (2.7, 16.7)
South Korea (nationwide) [27]	2006-2012	-2.4 (-4.7, 0.0)	-2.2 (-4.6, 0.2)
<b>Malaysia (Kinta Valley) [28]</b>	<b>1990-2013</b>	<b>12.0 (-31.9, 84.0)</b>	<b>8.5 (1.8, 15.7)</b>
Kuwait (nationwide) [29]	1990-1999	-	-1.7 (-8.9, 6.1)
Hungary (Veszprém) [30]	2002-2006	9.9 (-2.3, 23.6)	-6.2 (-20.2, 10.2)
Denmark (North Jutland) [31]	1988-2002	3.3 (-8.4, 16.6)	-
United Kingdom (Cardiff) [32]	2001-2005	1.1 (-0.8, 3.1)	-
Iceland (nationwide) [33]	1995-2009	-0.1 (-10.3, 11.3)	1.4 (-1.7, 4.6)
Sweden (Stockholm) [34]	1990-2001	2.2 (-2.2, 6.7)	-
Sweden (Uppsala) [35]	2005-2009	13.8 (2.4, 26.4)	5.3 (-1.5, 12.6)
Faroe Island (nationwide) [36]	2010-2014	2.3 (-9.5, 15.5)	2.0 (-15.8, 23.6)
Spain (Caceres) [37]	2000-2009	-3.8 (-18.7, 13.8)	2.4 (-10.0, 16.4)
Spain (Ciudad Real) [38]	2000-2012	7.2 (2.8, 11.8)	3.8 (-0.2, 7.9)
Croatia (Rijeka and Istria) [39]	1990-1994	7.8 (-1.4, 17.9)	-
Croatia (Zadar) [40]	2000-2010	13.5 (5.6, 21.9)	4.6 (-3.2, 13.1)
Croatia (Vukovarsko-Srijemska) [41]	1991-2010	4.5 (-0.3, 9.5)	12.3 (8.9, 15.8)
Malta (nationwide) [42]	1993-2005	0.8 (-6.5, 8.7)	4.6 (-0.8, 10.3)
Bosnia and Herzegovina (Tuzla) [43, 44]	1995-2006	34.4 (22.1, 47.9)	24.8 (11.0, 40.3)
France (Northern France) [45]	2006-2007	0.9 (-0.3, 2.2)	-1.3 (-2.8, 0.3)
Austria (Styria) [46]	1997-2007	2.7 (0.6, 4.8)	2.7 (0.0, 5.5)
Netherlands (South Limburg) [47]	1991-2002	-1.5 (-4.6, 1.6)	-5.4 (-8.1, -2.6)

IBD is stabilizing in the western countries and is accelerating in the westernized one.



**TABLE 1 |** Aminosalicylates.

Type of study	Patients	Treatment	Therapy period	Results/Conclusion	References
A review	UC patients	Oral 5-ASA	NA	5-ASA was more effective than placebo. There was no difference in clinical remission rates between once-daily dosing and conventional (twice or three times daily) dosing. Other 5-ASA formulations appeared to be as efficacious as SASP	(14)
A case-control study	UC patients	5-ASA	NA	Regular 5-ASA therapy reduced colorectal cancer risk by 75%	(15)
A meta-analysis	Patients with quiescent UC	5-ASA	6–24 months	Topical 5-ASA was effective in preventing relapse of UC in remission	(16)
A systematic review	CD patients	Oral 5-ASA	NA	No significant advantage was found in oral 5-ASA for the maintenance of medically-induced remission	(17)
A retrospective study	Adults with CD	5-ASA	NA	5-ASA was widely used as a long-term treatment for CD. The use of CD-related healthcare resources decreased significantly in the year following 5-ASA initiation	(18)
An updated cochrane review	CD patients in remission after surgery	Oral 5-ASA	NA	5-ASA drugs were superior to placebo for maintaining surgically-induced remission of CD. 5-ASA formulations appeared to be safe when compared with placebo, no treatment or biologics	(19)
A bayesian network meta-analysis	Mild-to-Moderate CD patients	Mesalamine, SASP, CSs, and budesonide	8–17 weeks	CSs and high-dose budesonide were effective treatments for inducing remission in mild-to-moderate CD. CSs were more effective than high-dose mesalamine, but high-dose mesalamine was an option among patients preferring to avoid steroids	(20)
A systematic review and meta-analysis	Adults with luminal CD in remission after a surgical resection	5-ASA	NA	5-ASA was of modest benefit in preventing relapse of quiescent CD after a surgical resection	(21)
A systematic review	Patients with mildly to moderately active CD	Aminosalicylates	NA	For induction therapy of mild to moderate CD, SASP had modest efficacy and high dose mesalamine (3–4.5 g/day) was not superior to placebo.	(22)

UC, ulcerative colitis; 5-ASA, 5-aminosalicylic acid; NA, not applicable; SASP, sulfasalazine; CD, Crohn's disease; CSs, corticosteroids.



**TABLE 2 |** Corticosteroids.

Type of study	Patients	Treatment	Results/Conclusion	Adverse events	References
A review	IBD patients	CSs and aminosalicylates	There were numerous adverse events of CSs, particularly at high doses and prolonged treatment. Therapy with budesonide may result in a better safety profile. 5-ASA treatment is usually well-tolerated, but with regard to the rare nephrotoxic events	CSs: opportunistic infections, diabetes mellitus, hypertension, ocular effects (glaucoma and cataracts), psychiatric complications, hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis suppression and increased fracture risk	(29)
A systematic review	UC patients	Second-Generation oral CSs	Beclothemasona dipropionate and budesonide MMX have better efficacy in the induction of remission in UC than placebo or mesalazine. Second-generation CSs have a more favorable safety and tolerability than systemic CSs	Altered glucose concentration, constipation, menorrhagia, UC exacerbation, headache, nausea	(30)
A multi-center audit	IBD patients	CSs	14.9% of British patients with IBD experienced steroid dependency or excess	NA	(31)
A systematic review and meta-analysis	IBD patients	CSs	CSs were beneficial for inducing remission in UC, and might be effective in CD. Standard CSs were more effective than budesonide	NA	(33)
A prospective observational study	Adult outpatients with UC or CD	Oral prednisone (40 mg/day for 2 weeks, followed by a tapering course of 5 mg/day reduction every week)	CSs was associated with high rate of mood change in IBD patients when disease flares	Frequent mood changes	(34)
A systematic review and meta-analysis	IBD patients with CMV	CSs, TNFs, TNF antagonists	Exposure to CSs or TNFs, but not anti-TNF drugs, was associated with an increased risk of CMV reactivation in IBD patients	CMV reactivation	(35)
A retrospective review	IBD patients	CSs	Prolonged use of CSs was associated with significant harm to IBD patients	VTE, fragility fracture, infections	(36)
A retrospective survey	UC patients	Oral or intravenous CSs	The majority of UC patients primarily responded to CSs. But after 1 year of treatment, nearly half of patients were assessed as CS dependence	NA	(37)
A retrospective study	Adults with IBD	CSs	The use of CSs significantly increased the risk of VTE	VTE	(38)
A population-based cohort study with a nested case-control analysis	Incident IBD patients aged $\geq 66$ years	Systemic oral CSs	Oral CSs were associated the increase risk of serious infections in elderly-onset IBD patients	Diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, chronic kidney diseases, cancer	(39)
A retrospective cohort study	UC patients	CSs	About half of newly-diagnosed patients with UC required CSs. Among CS users, one third of the patients had a sustained response after the initial CSs course while two-thirds required further CSs therapy	NA	(40)
Two randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 studies	Patients with mild-to-moderate active UC	Budesonide MMX (9 or 6 mg once daily)	Budesonide MMX 9 mg resulted in significantly higher combined clinical and colonoscopic remission rates ( $P = 0.0002$ )	Headache, nausea, abdominal pain, nasopharyngitis	(41)
A phase III, randomized, double-blind, double-dummy, placebo-controlled, parallel-group trial	Patients with active, mild-to-moderate UC	Budesonide MMX (9 mg/day)	Budesonide MMX 9 mg appeared to be safe and more effective than placebo at inducing combined clinical and endoscopic remission in patients with active, mild-to-moderate UC	Headache, flatulence, nausea, blood cortisol decrease	(42)

IBD, inflammatory bowel disease; CSs, corticosteroids; 5-ASA, 5-aminosalicylic acid; UC, ulcerative colitis; MMX, Multi Matrix; NA, not applicable; CD, Crohn's disease; CMV, cytomegalovirus; TNF, tumor necrosis factor; VTE, venous thromboembolism.



**TABLE 3 |** Small molecules.

Type of study	Patients	Treatment	Median Treatment duration	Median follow-up duration	Results/Conclusion	Adverse events	References
Three phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trials	Adults with UC	Tofacitinib (induction therapy: 10 mg twice daily for 8 weeks; maintenance therapy: either 5 or 10 mg twice daily for 52 weeks)	8, 8, 52 weeks	8, 8, 52 weeks	Tofacitinib appeared more effective in inducing and maintaining remission in patients with active CD compared with placebo	Increased lipid levels, infections, cardiovascular events	(105)
A phase 2, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled trial	Patients with moderate-to-severe CD	Filgotinib (GLP30634, GS-6034) (200 mg once daily)	10 weeks	20 weeks	Filgotinib was more effective for inducing remission than placebo, and it had an acceptable safety profile	Infections	(106)
A multicenter, double-blind, phase 2b study	Adults with moderately to severely active UC and an inadequate response, loss of response, or intolerance to CSs, immunosuppressors, and/or biologics	Upadacitinib (7.5, 15, 30, or 45 mg once daily)	8 weeks	8 weeks	Upadacitinib (45 mg) was more efficacious as induction therapy than placebo	Increased serum lipid levels and creatine phosphokinase, herpes zoster, pulmonary embolism, deep venous thrombosis	(107)
A double-blind, placebo-controlled phase 2 trial	Adults with moderate-to-severe UC	Ozanimod (RPFC1063) (0.5 or 1 mg daily)	32 weeks	32 weeks	Ozanimod at a daily dose of 1 mg resulted in a slightly higher rate of clinical remission of UC than placebo	Pyrexia, arthralgia, alanine aminotransferase increased, rash, vomiting, orthostatic hypotension, aspartate aminotransferase increased, hyperbilirubinemia, insomnia, nasopharyngitis, proctalgia	(108)
A phase 3, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial	Patients with moderately to severely active	Oral ozanimod hydrochloride (1 mg once daily) for induction therapy	10, 10, 52 weeks	10, 10, 52 weeks	Ozanimod resulted in significantly increased incidences of clinical response and clinical remission for both induction and maintenance period	Elevated liver aminotransferase levels, nasopharyngitis, headache, arthralgia	(109)
A single-arm, phase 2, prospective observer-blinded endpoint study	Adults with moderately to severely active CD	Ozanimod (0.25 mg daily for 4 days, followed by 3 days at 0.5 mg daily, then 1.0 mg daily for a further 11 weeks, followed by a 100-week extension)	12 weeks	112 weeks	Endoscopic, histological, and clinical improvements were seen within 12 weeks of initiating ozanimod therapy in patients with moderately to severely active CD	CD(flare), abdominal pain, lymphopenia, arthralgia, nausea	(110)
A phase 2, proof of concept, double-blind, parallel-group study	Patients with moderately to severely active UC	Etrasimod (APD334) (1 or 2 mg once daily)	12 weeks	12 weeks	Etrasimod 2 mg was more effective than placebo in producing clinical and endoscopic improvements	Anemia, urinary tract infection, headache, blood creatine phosphokinase increased, sinusitis, fever, hyperlipasemia	(111)

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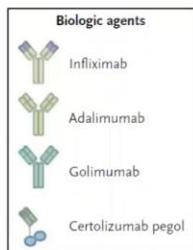
## Immunomodulators

Immunomodulators are important for patients with IBD and mainly include thiopurines (TPs), methotrexate (MTX), calcineurin inhibitors, and Janus Kinase (JAK) inhibitors. The studies on the efficacy and safety of immunomodulators in IBD are summarized in **Supplementary Table 1**.

## Biologics

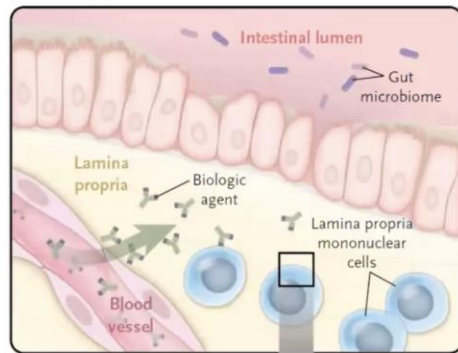
Biologics mainly include pro-inflammatory cytokine inhibitors and integrin antagonists. The pro-inflammatory cytokines, TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-12/23, play an important role in the pathogenesis of IBD. Studies on the efficacy and safety of biologics in IBD treatment are summarized in **Supplementary Table 2**.



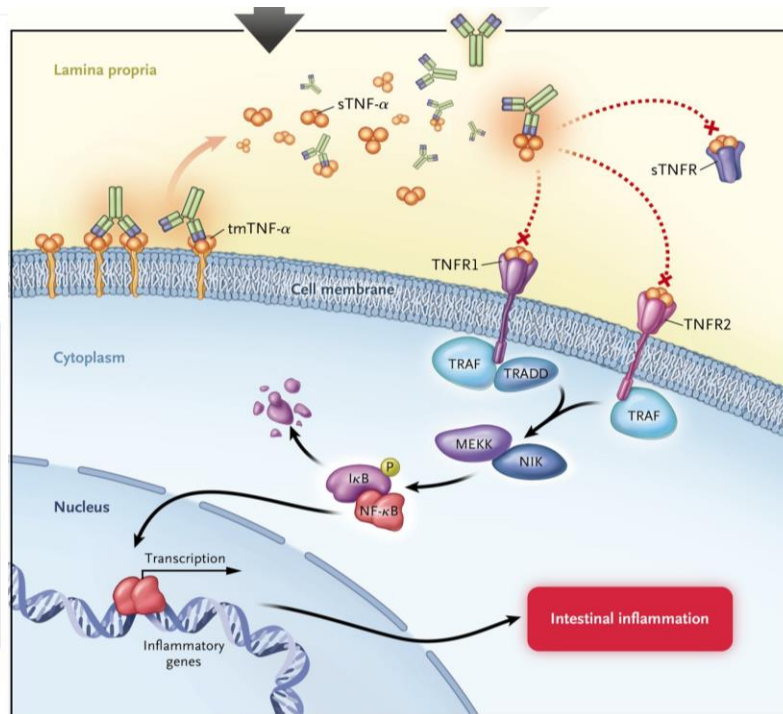


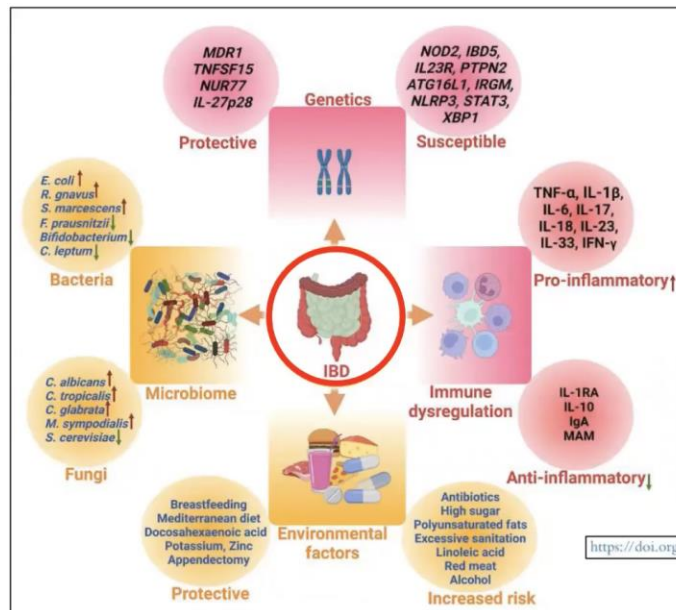
Non risposta:  
fino al 40%

Perdita di efficacia:  
23-46% dopo 1 anno



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The exact cause of IBD remains indistinct, but it is generally accepted that its etiopathology is multifactorial, involving genetic predisposition, mucosal barrier dysfunction, disturbances in the gastrointestinal microbiota, dysregulated immune responses, environmental, and lifestyle factors



## Why microbiota and IBD?

Gut microbiota composition is altered in IBD vs controls

Gut microbiota composition is altered in active vs non-active IBD

Gut microbiota can influence the development of IBD

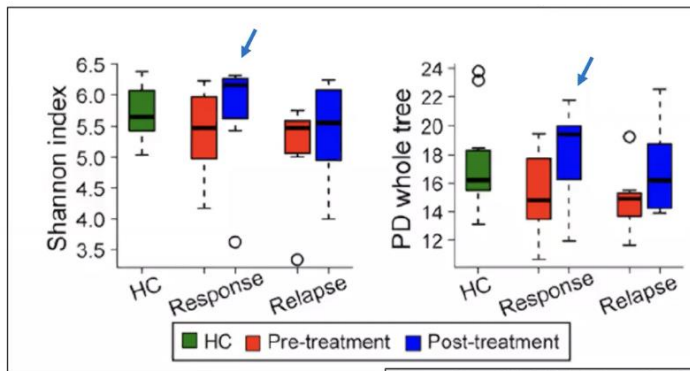
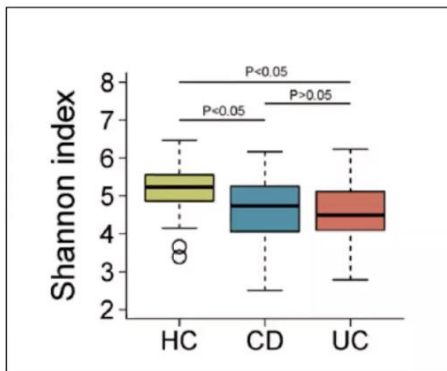
**Association**



**Causal relationship**



### Stool gut $\alpha$ -biodiversity in IBD

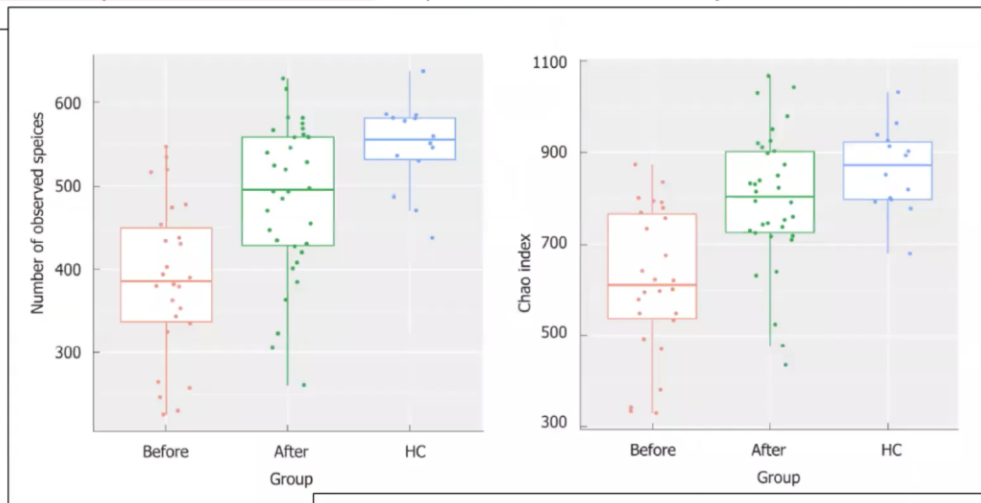


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## Mucosal gut $\alpha$ -biodiversity in IBD

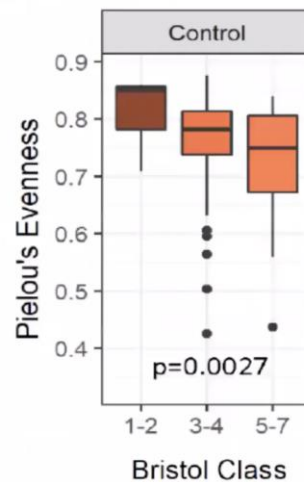
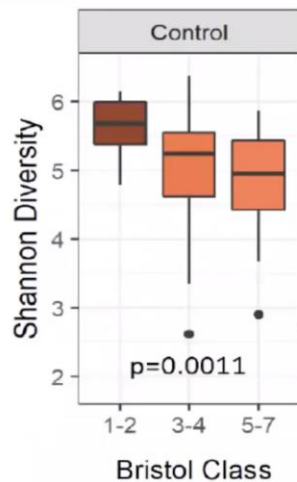
Figure 1 Richness and diversity in the mucosa-associated microbiota of the patients with Crohn's disease and healthy controls before and after induction of remission.



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## Microbiota alpha diversity





**Table 1** Bacterial and fungal dysbiosis in the gastrointestinal tract of IBD patients.

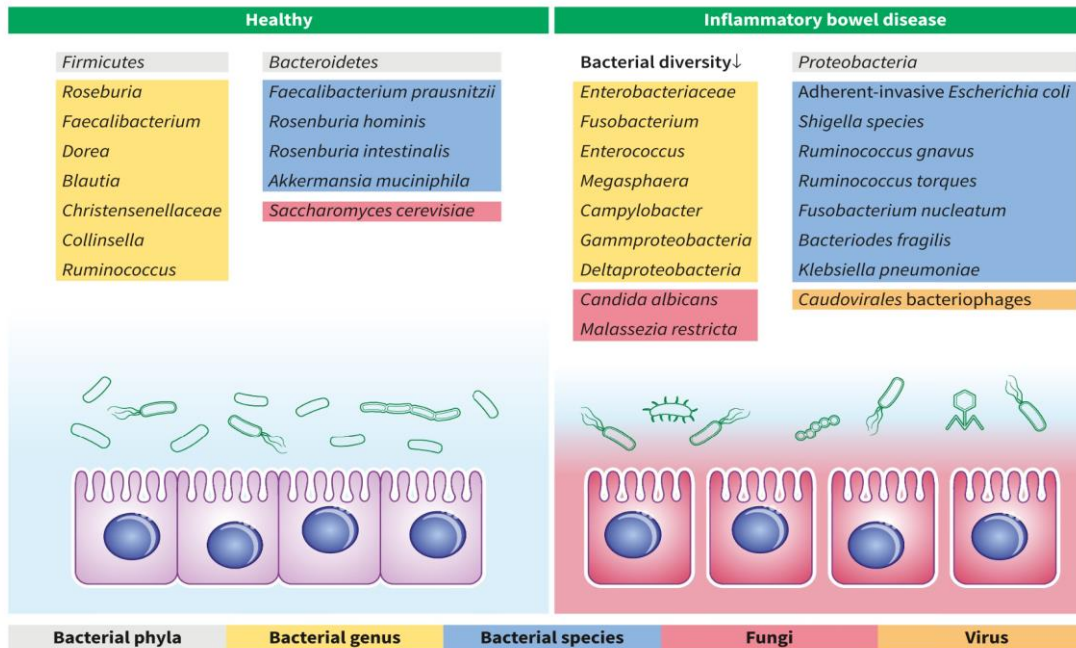
Name of the microbes	Relative abundance in IBD	Important molecules/functions	Reference
<i>Faecalibacterium prausnitzii</i>	Decreased	Short-chain fatty acids, Microbial anti-inflammatory molecule	17
<i>Prevotella copri</i>	Decreased	Butyrate and propionate	17
<i>Ruminococcus</i> , <i>Roseburia</i> , <i>Coprococcus</i> , <i>Blautia</i> , <i>Eubacterium</i> and <i>Dorea</i>	Decreased	Short-chain fatty acids	17
<i>Bifidobacterium adolescentis</i>	Decreased	Tryptophan production	18
<i>Ruminococcus gnavus</i>	Increased	Production of mucolytic enzymes	19
<i>Alistipes massiliensis</i>	Increased	Inflammation	17
<i>Alistipes putredinis</i>	Increased	Hydrolyze tryptophan to Indole	20
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Increased	Lipopolysaccharides	18
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	Increased	Lipopolysaccharides	19
<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i>	Increased	Polysaccharide A	21
<i>Bacteroides vulgatus</i>	Increased	Succinate	22
<i>Streptococcus anginosus</i>	Increased	Group G antigens	23
<i>Aggregatibacter segnis</i>	Increased	Short-chain fatty acids	24
<i>Clostridium difficile</i>	Increased	Exotoxins (toxin A and toxin B)	25
<i>Helicobacter hepaticus</i>	Increased	Through recruitment of neutrophils	26
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	Increased	Haemolysin co-regulated protein	27

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<i>Candida albicans</i>	Increased	Candidalysin
<i>Candida tropicalis</i>	Increased	Associated with anti- <i>S. cerevisiae</i> antibodies



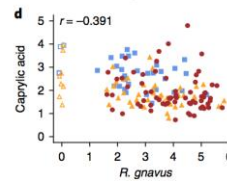
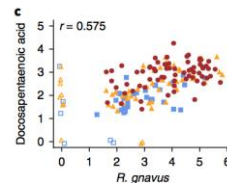
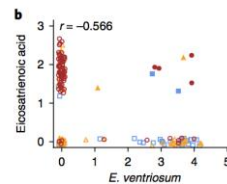
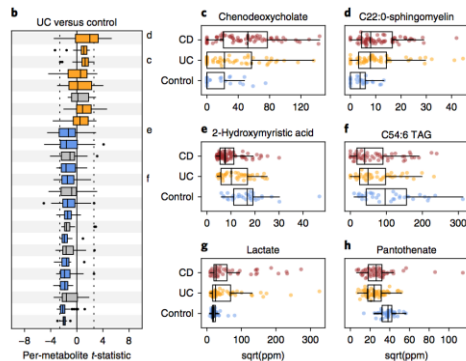
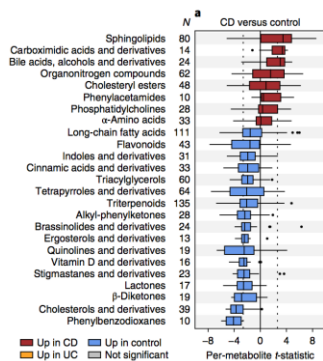
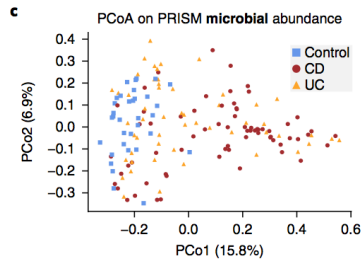
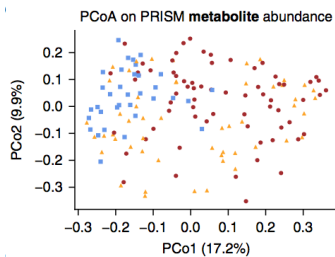
## Microbial alterations in IBD







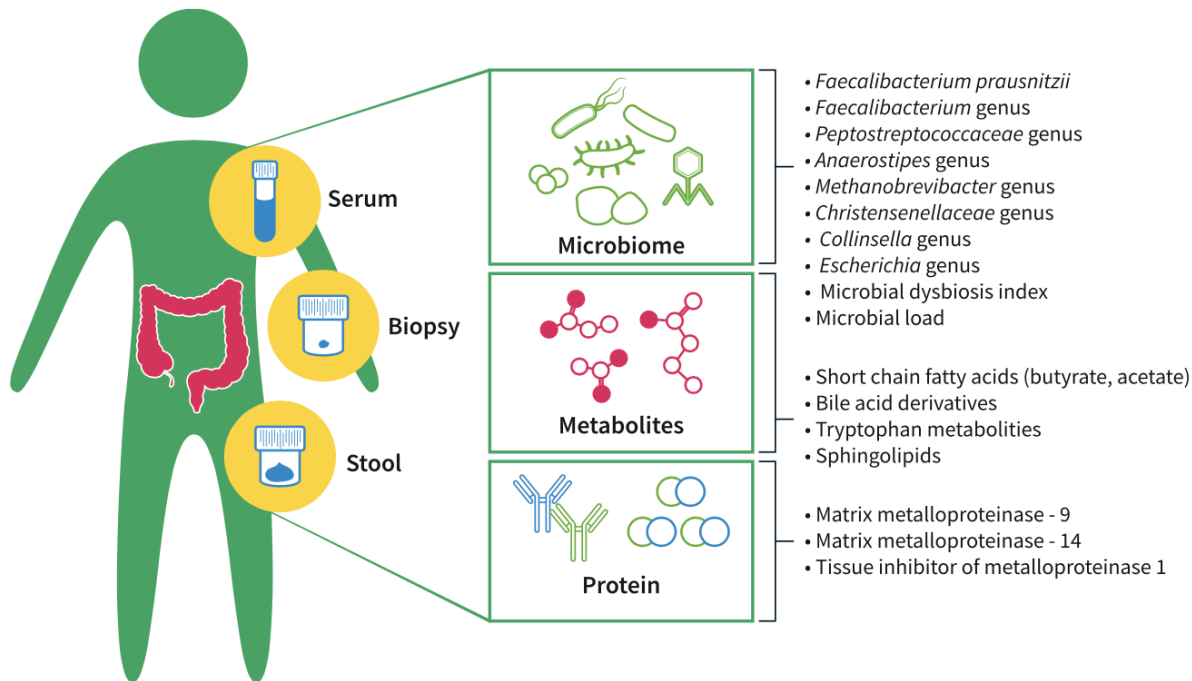
# Metabolomic alterations in IBD



Short-chain fatty acids  
 Medium-chain fatty acids  
 Tryptophan  
 Bile acids  
 Sphingolipids

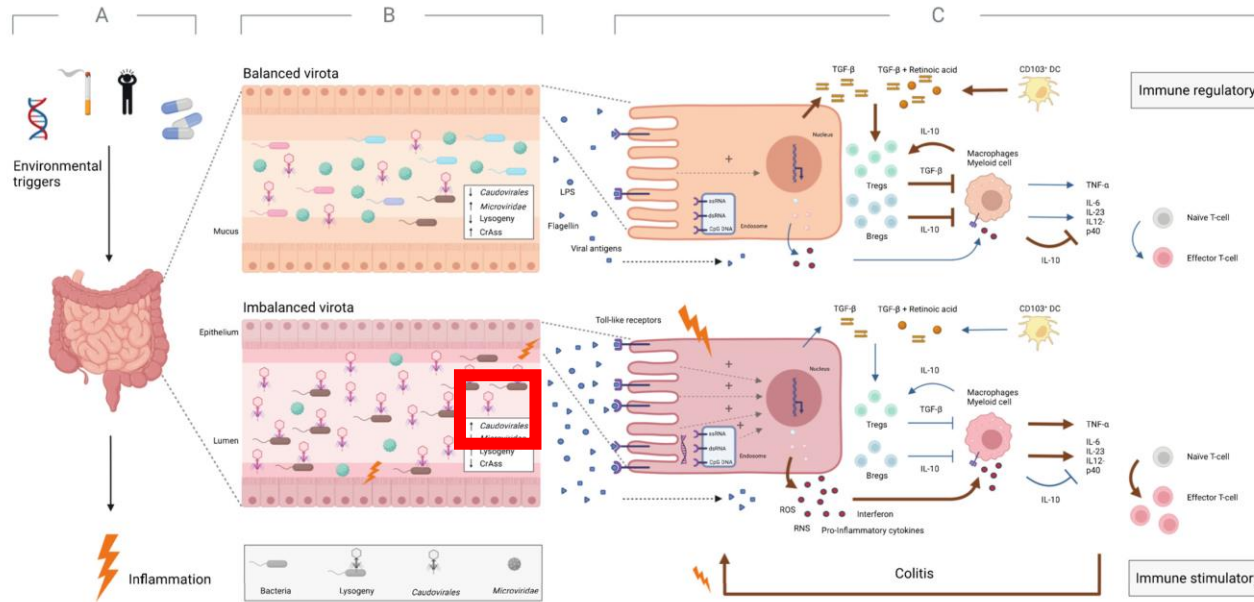


## Metaproteomic alterations in IBD





## IBD patients possess an imbalanced intestinal Virome and a dysregulated immune system





## I butirrato-produttori

### Produttori principali

*Faecalibacterium* (6-7%)

*Roseburia* (2%)

*Agathobacter* (2%)

I primi due sono riforniti da acetogeni, l'ultimo da *Ruminococcus* (*R. bromii* e/o *R. obei*) che funge da primo fermentatore.

### Produttori minori

*Coprococcus*

*Subdoligranulum*

*Butyricicoccus*

*Butyrivibrio*

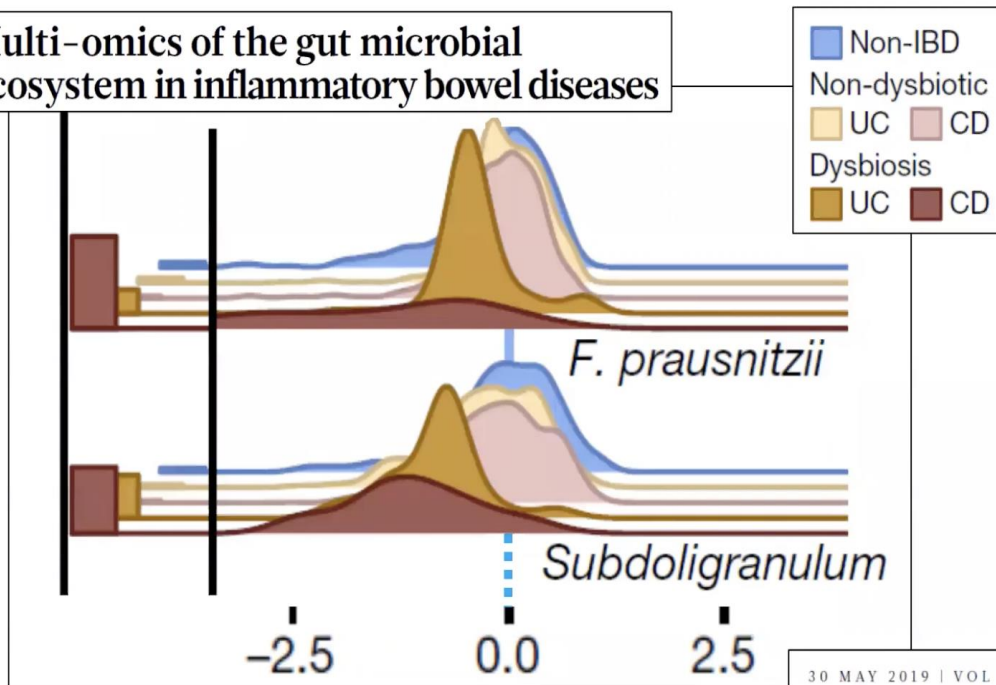
*Holdemanella*

*C. butyricum*

Eubiotici, protettori verso IBD, adenomi, CCR, depressione.  
In eccesso: meteorismo, tendenza al sovrappeso.

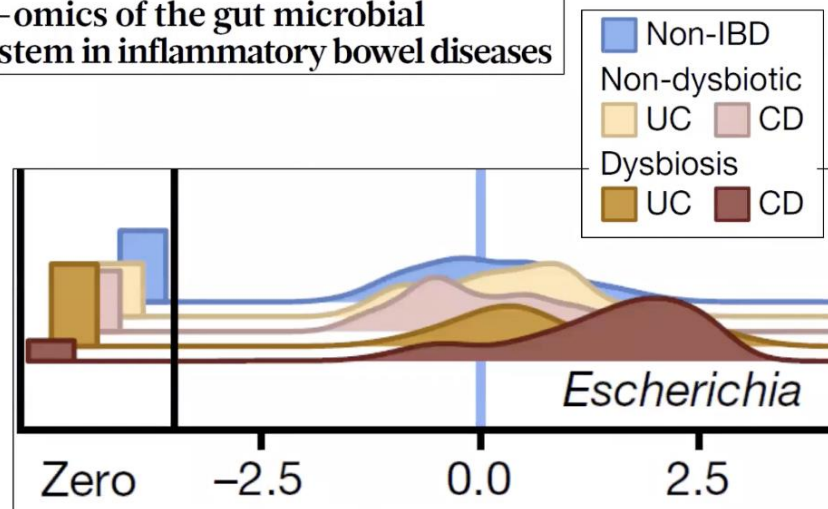


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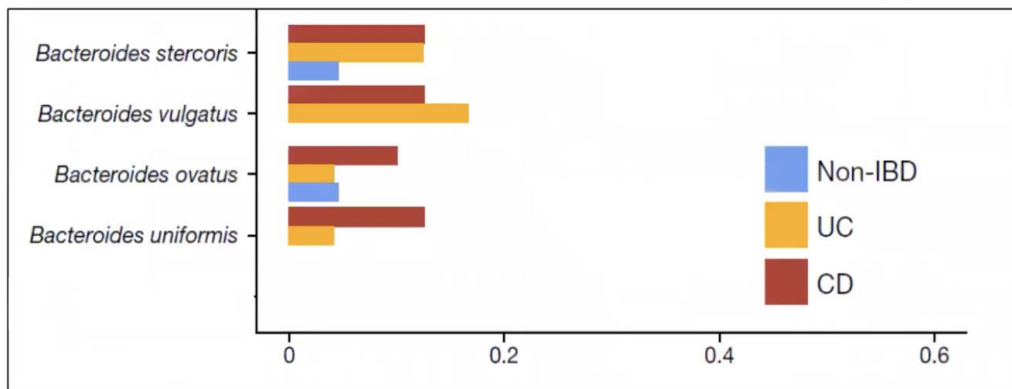


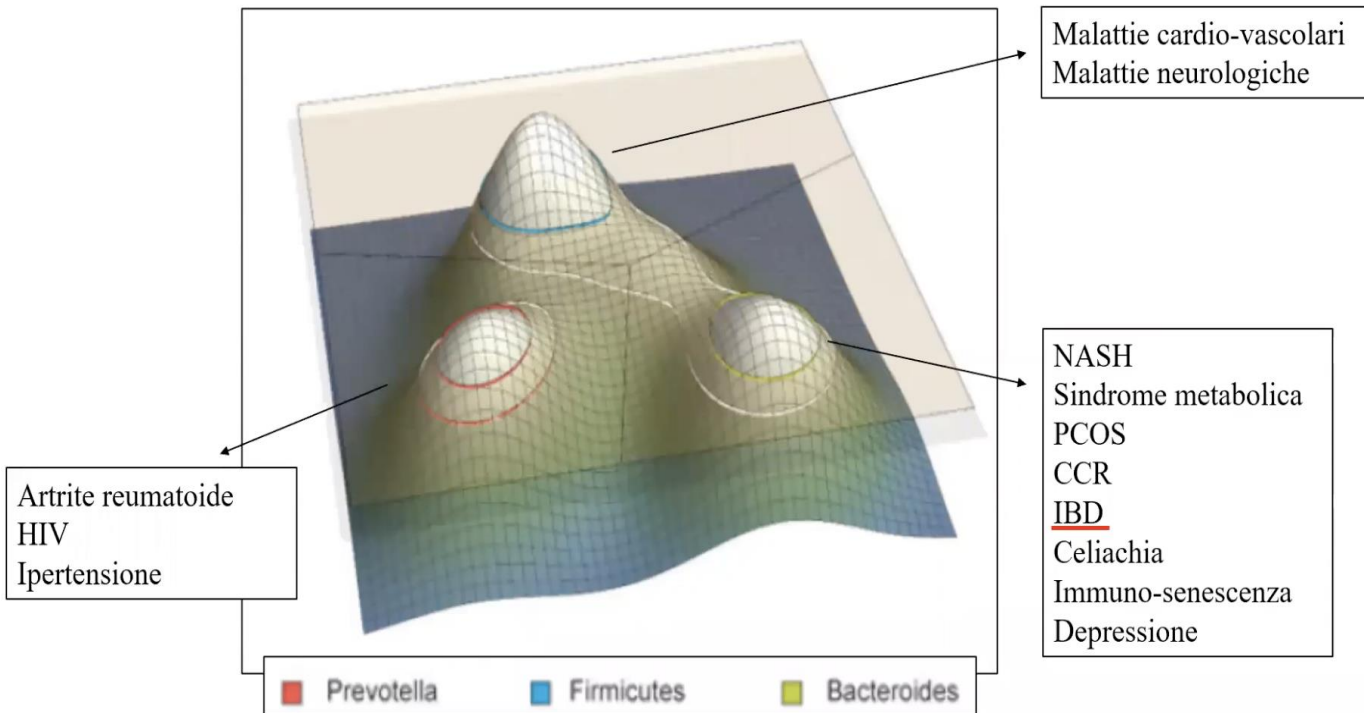
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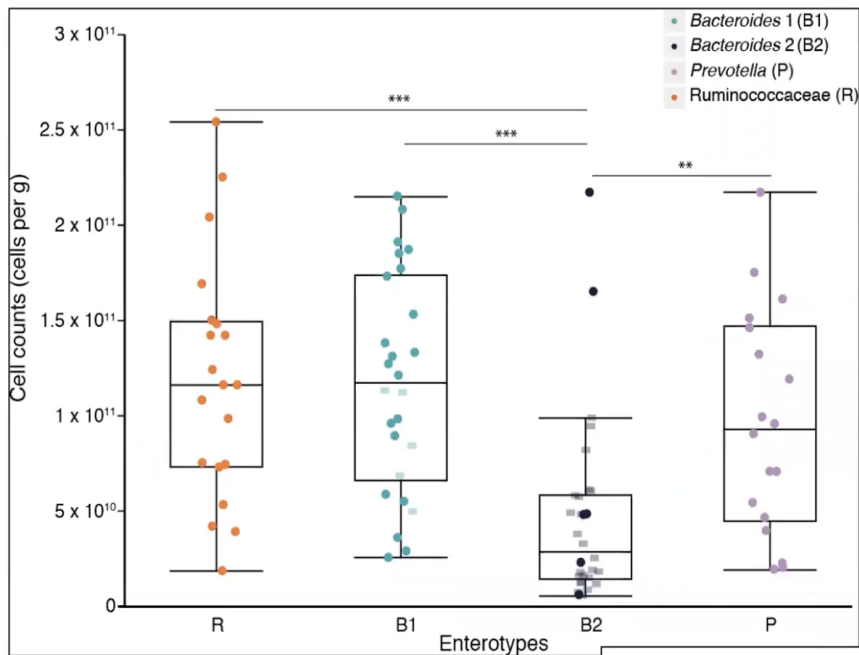






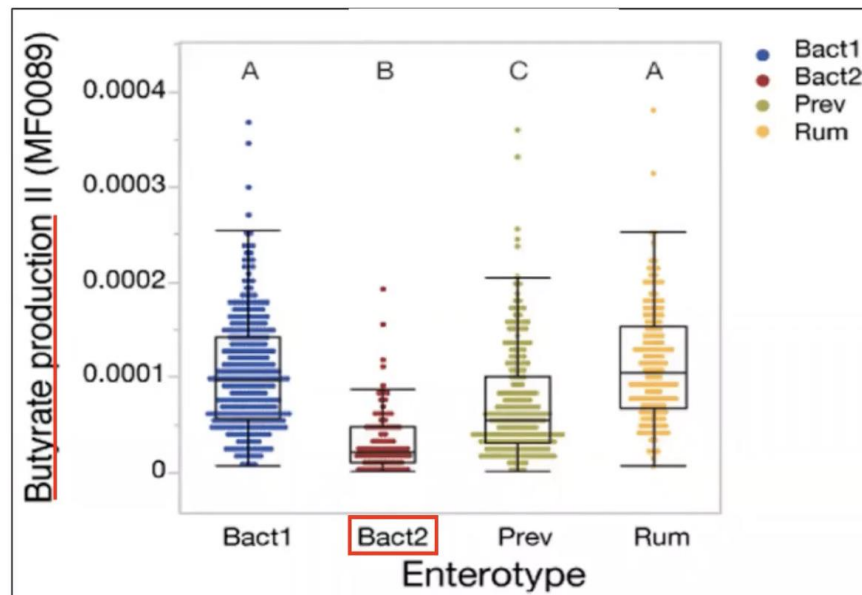


## Faecal microbial loads vary across enterotypes.



La *bacterial load*  
(per grammo di feci coloniche)  
tra B1 e B2,  
può variare anche di 10 volte!

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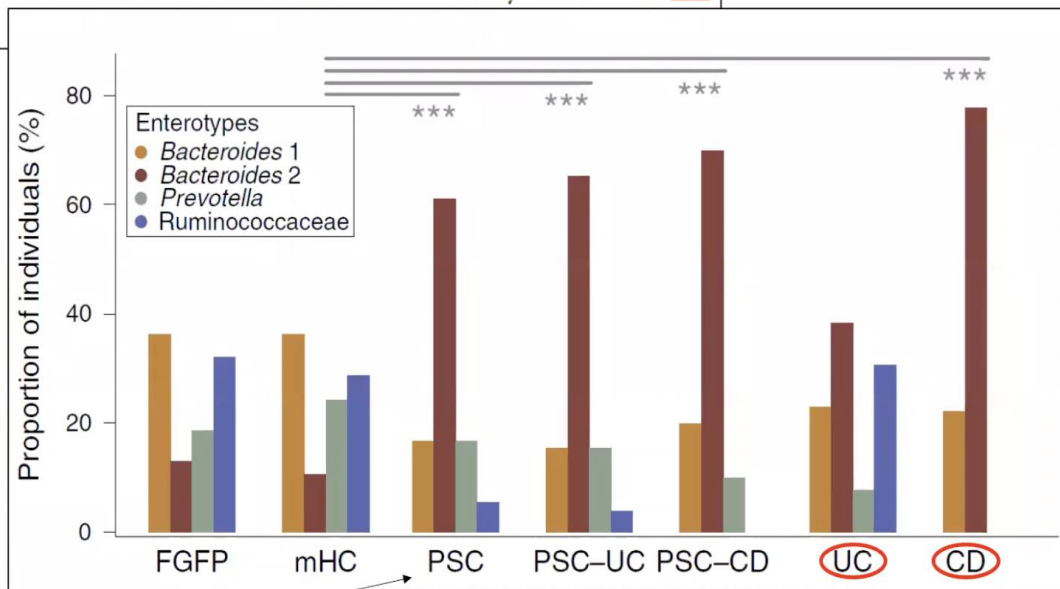


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We showed how stool moisture, faecal calprotectin levels and CRP concentrations were closely associated with faecal cell counts and the recently described B2 enterotype.

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primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC)



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## **Mucolytic bacteria with increased prevalence in IBD mucosa augment in vitro utilization of mucin by other bacteria**

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### **Abstract**

**Objectives:** Mucosa-associated bacteria are increased in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), which suggests the possibility of an increased source of digestible endogenous mucus substrate. We hypothesized that mucolytic bacteria are increased in IBD, providing increased substrate to sustain nonmucolytic mucosa-associated bacteria.

**Methods:** Mucolytic bacteria were characterized by the ability to degrade human secretory mucin (MUC2) in pure and mixed anaerobic cultures. Real-time PCR was used to enumerate mucosa-associated mucolytic bacteria in 46 IBD and 20 control patients. Bacterial mucolytic activity was tested in vitro using purified human MUC2.

**Results:** We confirm increased total mucosa-associated bacteria 16S rRNA gene in macroscopically and histologically normal intestinal epithelium of both Crohn's disease (CD) (mean 1.9-fold) and ulcerative colitis (UC) (mean 1.3-fold). We found a disproportionate increase in some mucolytic bacteria. Mean *Ruminococcus gnavus* were increased >4-fold and *Ruminococcus torques* ~100-fold in macroscopically and histologically normal intestinal epithelium of both CD and UC. The most abundantly detected mucolytic bacterium in controls, *Akkermansia muciniphila*, was reduced many fold in CD and in UC. Coculture of *A. muciniphila* with MUC2 as the sole carbon source led to reduction in its abundance while it augmented growth of other bacteria.

**Conclusions:** Mucolytic bacteria are present in healthy humans, where they are an integral part of the mucosa-associated bacterial consortium. The disproportionate increase in *R. gnavus* and *R. torques* could explain increased total mucosa-associated bacteria in IBD.

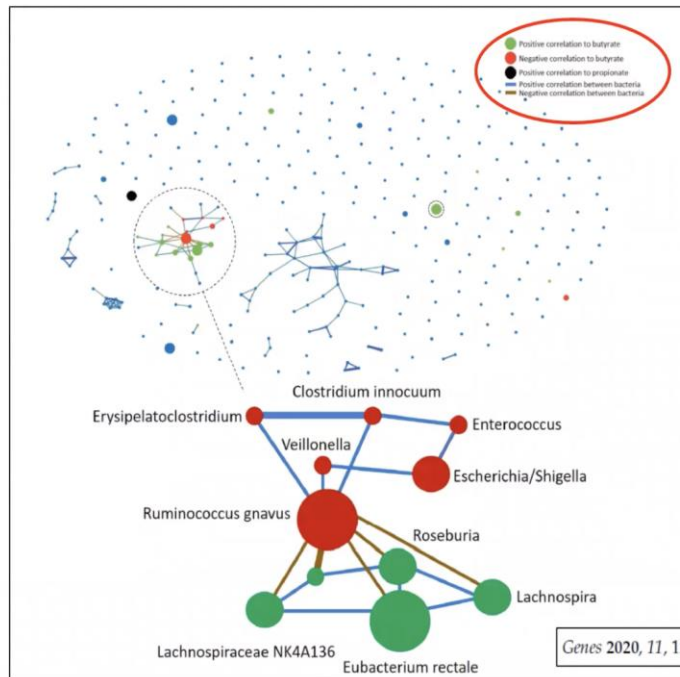


Study	Subject	Samples	Method	Major findings	Country
<b><u>Mucosa-associated microbiota in IBD patients</u></b>					
Walker AW, 2011 [12]	CD (n = 12), UC (n = 12), C (n = 6)	Mucosal biopsies of inflamed and non-inflamed tissue	Sequencing of nearly full-length 16S rRNA (n = 10.000) qPCR	Mucosal-microbial diversity is reduced (predominantly CD)  Significant difference between inflamed and non-inflamed ↓ Firmicutes ↑ Bacteroides ↑ Enterobacteriaceae (only CD)	UK
Png CW, 2010 [1]	CD (n = 26), UC (n = 2), C (n = 20)	Mucosal biopsies of inflamed and non-inflamed tissue	RT-PCR	Total bacteria were increased in non-inflamed biopsies of IBD patients <u>Mucolytic bacteria are increased in IBD patients</u> ↓ <i>Akkermansia muciniphila</i> in IBD patients ↑ <i>R. gnavus</i> and <i>R. torques</i>	Australia
Swidsinski A, 2005 [107]	IBD (n = 20), IBS (n = 20), C (n = 20)	Mucosal biopsy	FISH	Biofilm formation of <i>B. fragilis</i> in IBD patients Density of the biofilm is increased in IBD patients	Germany
Willing BP, 2010 [11]	Concordant and discordant twin pairs (n = 9)	Mucosal samples	454- Pyrosequencing	Similar microbial composition throughout the colon in IBD patients ↑ <i>R. gnavus</i> in CD patients	Sweden
Frank DN, 2007 [104]	CD, UC, C (total n = 190)	Resected tissues	Sequencing of nearly full-length 16S rRNA (n = 15.172) qPCR	↓ Bacteroidales and Lachnospiraceae ↑ Alpha, Beta and Gammaproteobacteria, Actinobacteria	USA

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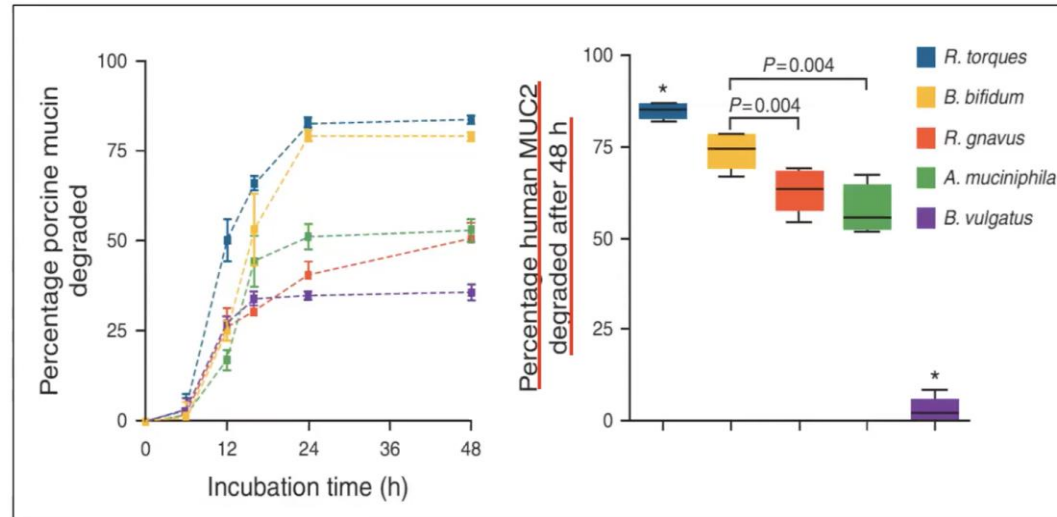
## Covariance Systems





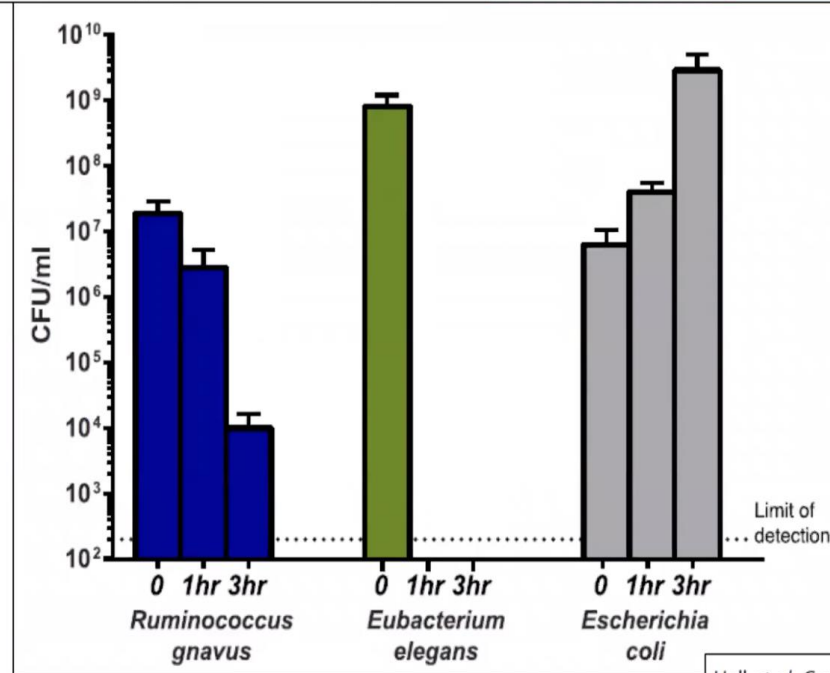
Harmful is to be firmicutes, because the F. work at low pH

Previously identified mucolytic bacteria, with the exception of *B. vulgatus*, degrade human MUC2 in vitro





*R. gnavus*, *Eubacterium elegans*, and *E. coli* at 0, 1, and 3 h post-transfer to atmospheric oxygen conditions

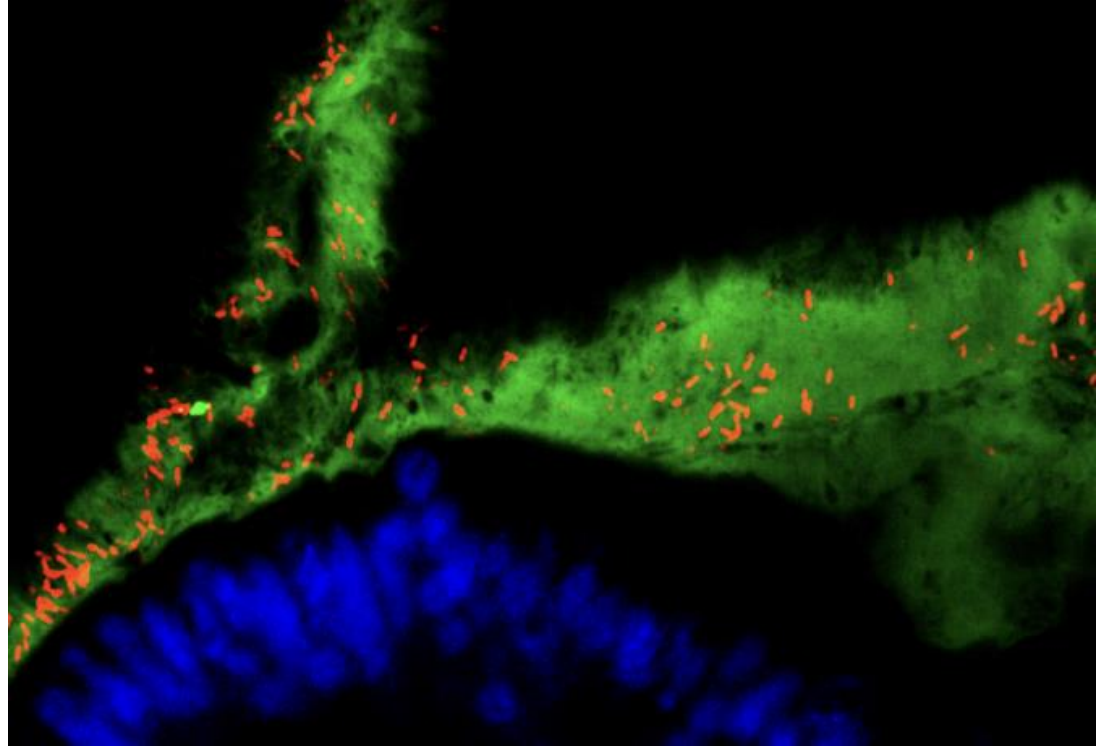


Hall et al. *Genome Medicine* (2017) 9:103  
DOI 10.1186/s13073-017-0490-5



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What turns on the R. Gnavus e Torques? Not eating or eating little fiber means not nourishing the microbiota and imposing the 'increase of the mucus-eating bacteria, so under pathological conditions, the selection of R.Gnavus and R. Torques is turned on, which by resisting O<sub>2</sub> perforate the enteric mucosa





B. thetaiotaomicron, commensale non patogeno...



È un Bacteroides: esige un pH vicino alla neutralità

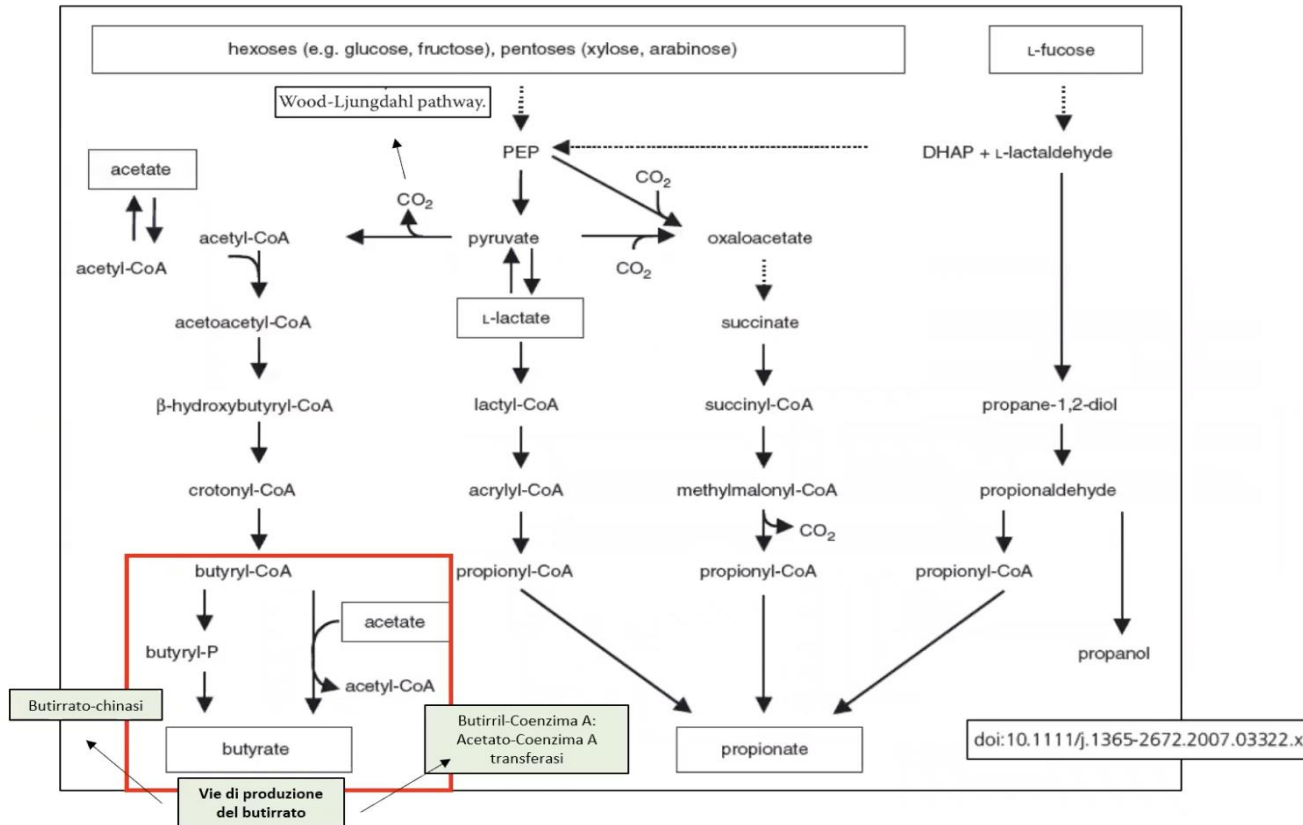
R. gnavus e R. torques sono Firmicutes e quindi operano a pH sia acido che neutro



Ma a pH neutro è più performante Bacteroides



In condizioni di patologia il pH è più acido e questo favorisce R. gnavus e R. torques.





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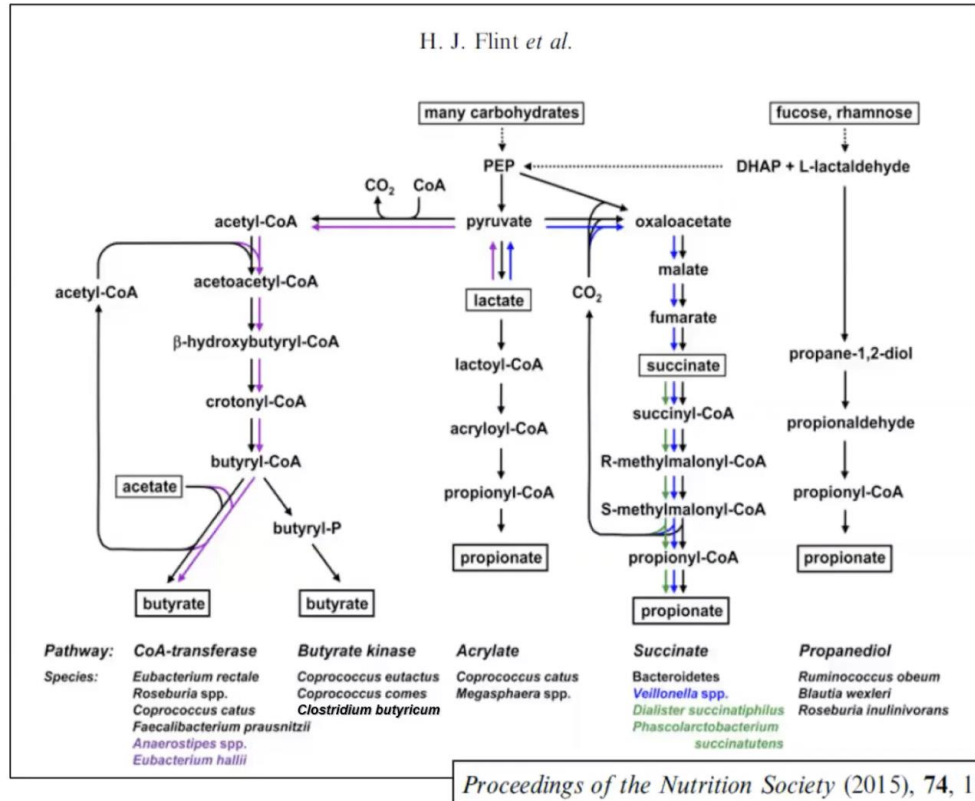
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Dal lattato

L'acetil-Coenzima A utilizzato da questi batteri deriva dal lattato (via dell'acrilato)





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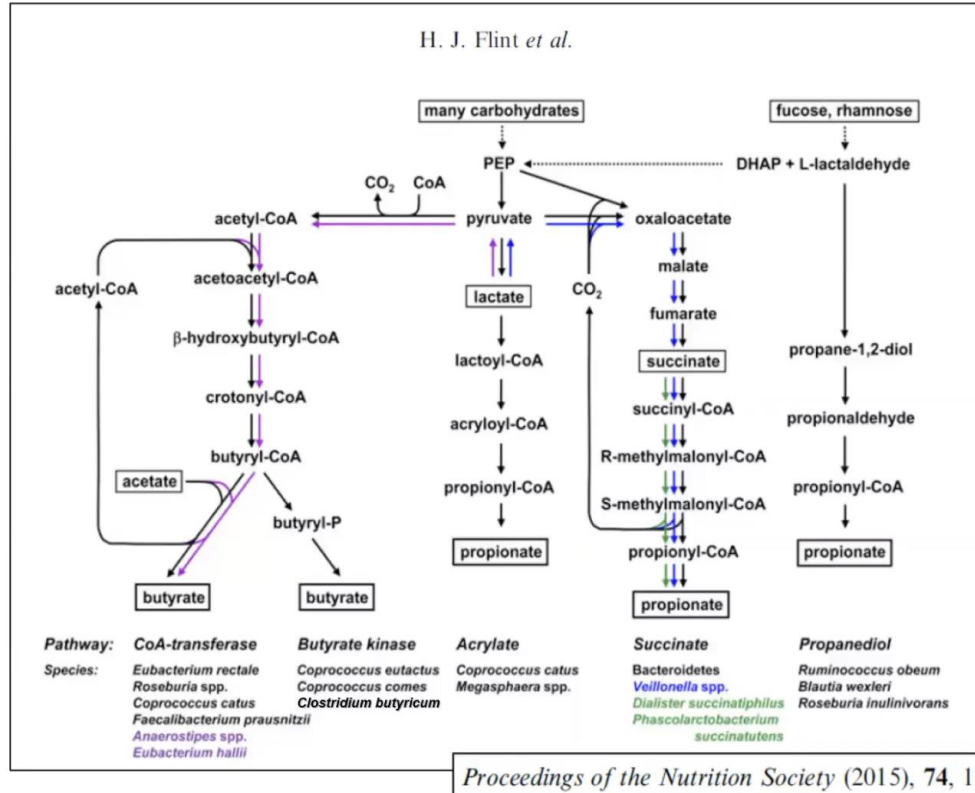
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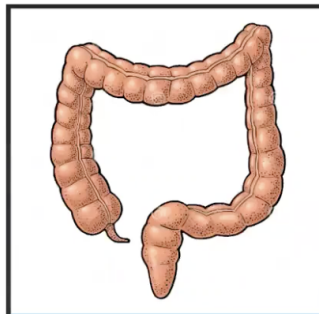
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IBD

↓  
Biodiversità  
Butirrato-produttori  
Butirrato (B2)  
↓ *B. adolescentis*

↑  
Proteobacteria  
Gram-negatività  
*Bacteroides/Alistipes*  
*Streptococcus*  
*R. gnavus/R. torques*  
*Akkermansia*  
Lattato

Butirrato-produttori





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# WHICH APPLICATIONS IN IBD?



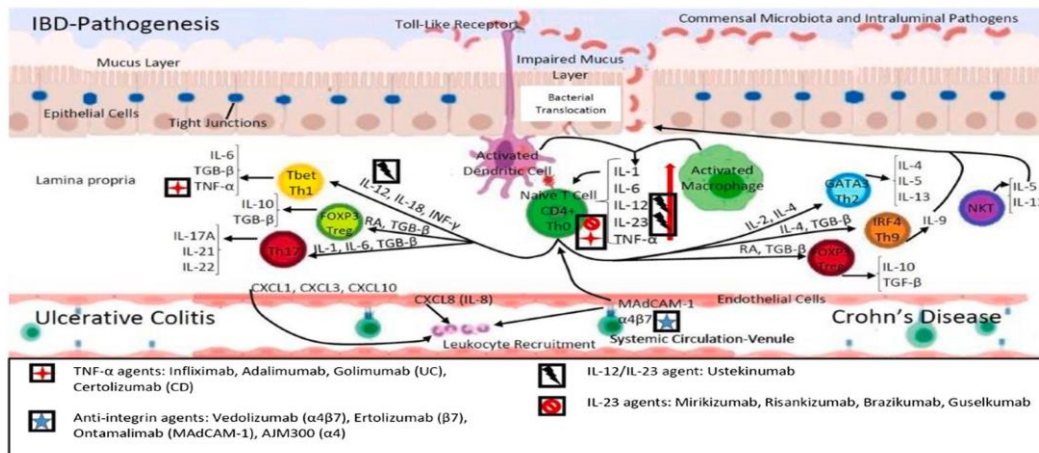
Gut microbiota analysis  
for prediction of clinical relapse  
in Crohn's disease

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Focusing on the 103 consecutive samples from 41 CD patients, we showed that the patients microbiota profiles were remarkably stable over time and associated with increasing symptom severity. Investigating further this microbiota/severity association revealed that the first signs of aggravation are (1) a loss of the main anti-inflammatory Short-Chain Fatty Acids (SCFAs) *Roseburia*, *Eubacterium*, *Subdoligranulum*, *Ruminococcus* ( $P < 0.05$ ), (2) an increase in pro-inflammatory pathogens *Proteus*, *Finegoldia* ( $P < 0.05$ ) while (3) an increase of other minor SCFA producers such as *Ezakiella*, *Anaerococcus*, *Megasphaera*, *Anaeroglobus*, *Fenollaria* ( $P < 0.05$ ). Further aggravation of clinical signs is significantly linked to the subsequent loss of these minor SCFAs species and to an increase in other proinflammatory Proteobacteria such as *Klebsiella*, *Pseudomonas*, *Salmonella*, *Acinetobacter*, *Hafnia* and proinflammatory Firmicutes such as *Staphylococcus*, *Enterococcus*, *Streptococcus*. ( $P < 0.05$ ). To our knowledge, this is the first study (1) specifically identifying subgroups of microbiota profiles in CD patients, (2) relating these groups to the evolution of symptoms over time and (3) showing a two-step process in CD symptoms' worsening. This paves the way towards a better understanding of patient-to-patient heterogeneity, as well as providing early warning signals of future aggravation of the symptoms and eventually adapting empirically treatments.



## TOWARDS A PERSONALIZED IBD THERAPY



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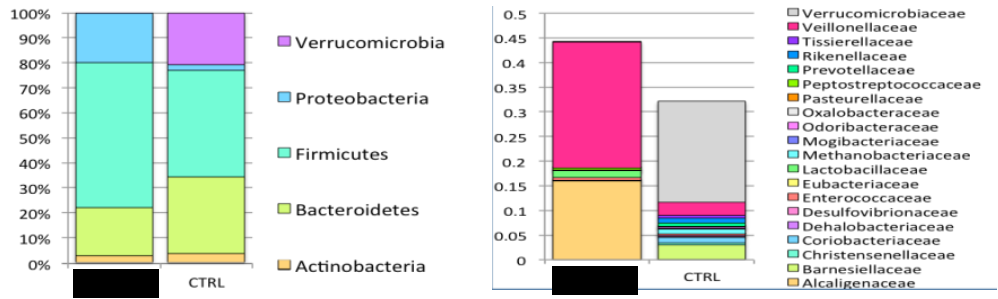


Minimize side-effects  
and costs

**Moving toward a *Microbiota signature* for IBD patients**



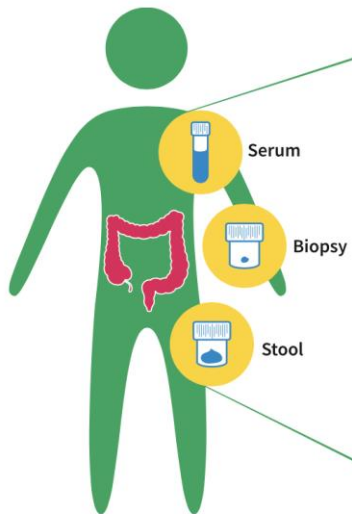
## MICROBIOTA SIGNATURE: the inflammatory microbiome of a patient with an active UC disease



Unità tassonomica	Unità tassonomica		CTRL	ANDAMENTO <sup>2</sup>
Actinobacteria	<i>Bifidobacterium</i>	0.03550	0.00621	+
Actinobacteria	<i>Bifidobacterium adolescentis</i>	0.02567	0.00027	+
Actinobacteria	<i>Bifidobacterium longum</i>	0.01599	0.00205	+
Actinobacteria	<i>Collinsella</i>	0.00092	0.00008	+
Euryarchaeota	<i>Methanobrevibacter</i>	0.00000	0.00912	-
Firmicutes	<i>Clostridium hiranonis</i>	0.00006	0.00000	+
Firmicutes	<i>Dorea formicigenerans</i>	0.00011	0.00000	+
Firmicutes	<i>Oscillospira</i>	0.00134	0.00753	-
Firmicutes	<i>Ruminococcus bromii</i>	0.00347	0.00005	+
Firmicutes	<i>Streptococcus</i>	0.00097	0.01670	-
Proteobacteria	<i>Acinetobacter</i>	0.00006	0.00001	+
Verrucomicrobia	<i>Akkermansia muciniphila</i>	0.00039	0.22569	-



## MICROBIOME-ASSOCIATED BIOMARKERS IN IBD MANAGEMENT



**Diagnosis**

- Diagnosis
- Disease classification
- Disease activity assessment

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**Prognosis**

- Disease recurrence prediction
- Therapeutic response

### Fecal and mucosal microbiome

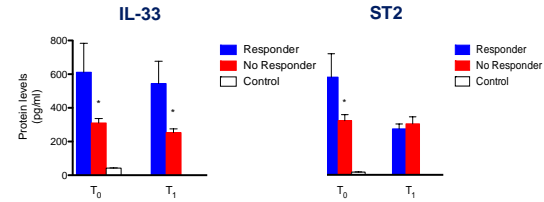
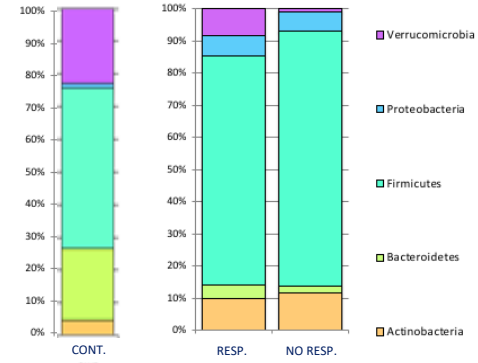
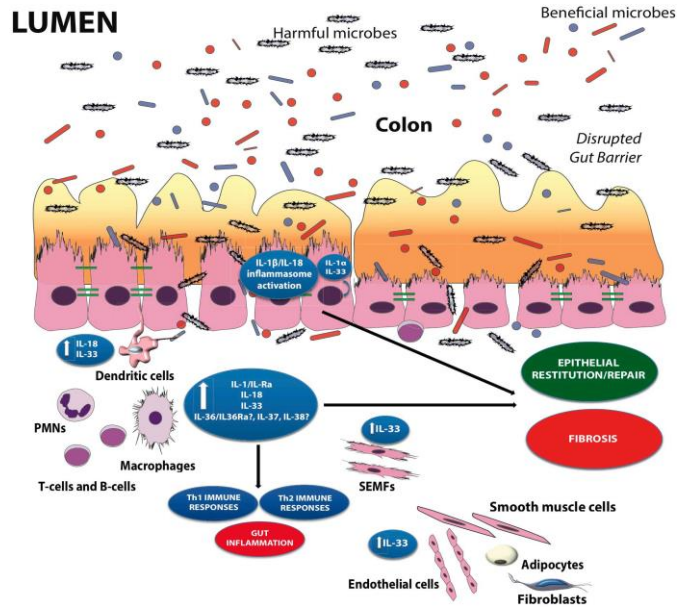
- Diagnosis**
- Classification**
- Disease activity**
- Disease course**
- Recurrence after surgery**
- Responses to therapeutics**

**Bacteria derived metabolites,  
serum and fecal microbe-associated proteins**

### IBD determination and classification



## Microbiota-IL-33/ST2 profiling can predict mucosal response to anti-TNF in UC



Lopetuso et al, PNAS 2018  
Lopetuso et al, unpublished data



## Microbiota and IBD

Gut microbiota composition is altered in IBD vs controls

Gut microbiota composition is altered in active vs non-active IBD

Gut microbiota can influence the development of IBD

**IBD changes when targeting microbiota**





## Therapeutic microbiota modulation

### Diet & nutritional support

- Caloric amount, minerals, vitamins
- Diet composition (fibers/high glyceic index/saturated fatty acids...)

### Removal of predisposing conditions

- Treat diabetes, endocrine, other motility disorders..
- Surgery or prokinetics when indicated

### Therapeutic interventions


- Antibiotics
- Prebiotics, probiotics, postbiotics, symbiotics
- Fecal Microbiota Transplantation




# Designing strategies for reconfiguring homeostasis

**Under construction: More work needed in these areas:**

Preventions




Effects of pre-conception and prenatal stress on the developing microbiome



How do living conditions, e.g. geography, density, and poverty influence the developing microbiome in ways that influence cognitive and affective health?

Interventions



Testing for nutritional and probiotic/prebiotic/antibiotic interventions for neurocognitive development, mental health, and early life stress

Vogel et al 2020  
Tamburini et al 2016

