



### Disbiosi

Cosa c'è di nuovo?

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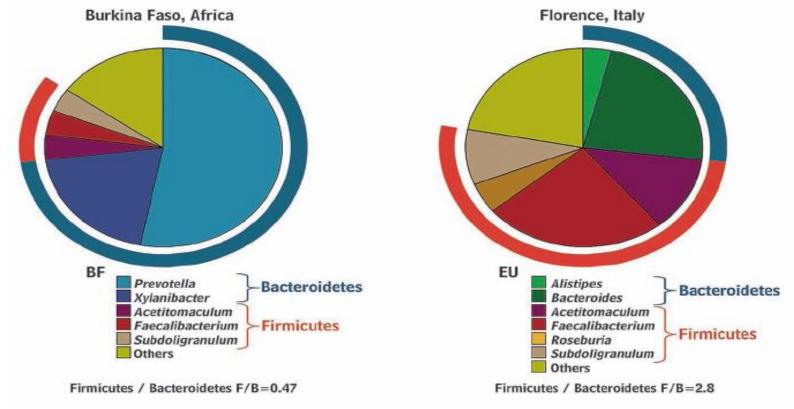




 Dysbiosis is a term for a microbial imbalance or maladaptation on or inside the body



## Differente composizione del microbiota intestinale in bambini con diete diverse



	kcal	Prot. (g)	Grassi (g)	Totale Carb.	Fibre solubili
BF	996	40	31	149	14
EU	1512	67	74	290	8

De Filippo et al, *PNAS* 2010;107:14691



Papua New Guinea has extremely high biodiversity. The total number of different plants and animals in Papua New Guinea is not accurately known but almost certainly exceeds 200,000 species.

Scientists estimate that more than half the plants and animals found in Papua New Guinea have yet to be scientifically named.

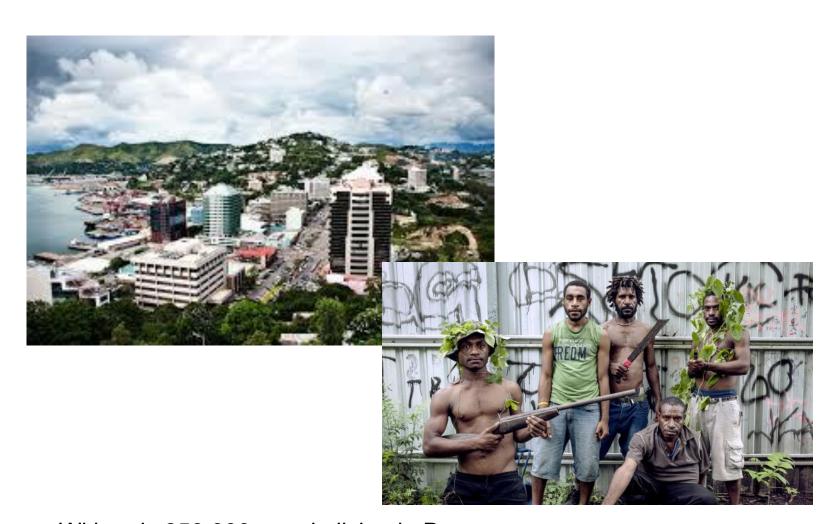
PNG's forests provide habitat for around 250 species of mammals, 20,000 species of plants, 1,500 species of trees and 750 species of birds, half of which are unique to the island. The world's largest butterfly (10.4-inch wingspan) and the world's largest mangrove expanses can be found in PNG.

Saving Papua New Guinea's rainforest will protect its biodiversity for many generations to come.









With only 350,000 people living in Port Moresby, this city still gets to enter the top 10 dangerous cities in the world. Theft, rape, murders and auto theft happen on a daily basis, and it is recommended not to use public transportation.

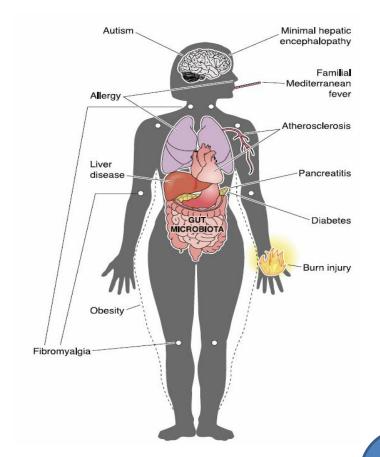




## Cosa è "eubiosi" ?



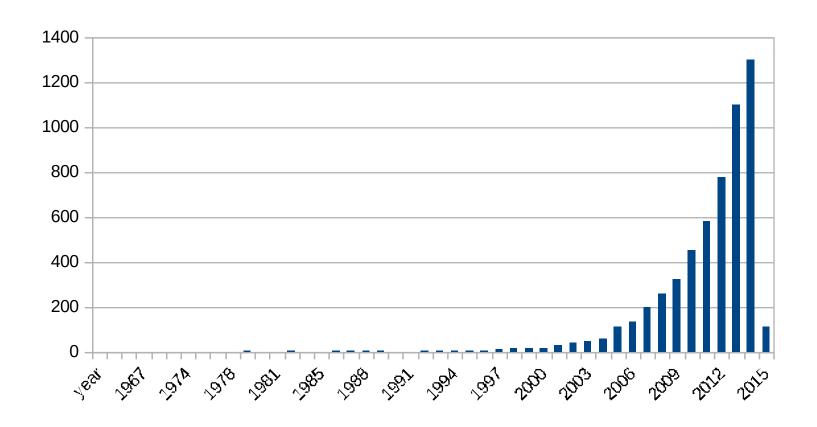




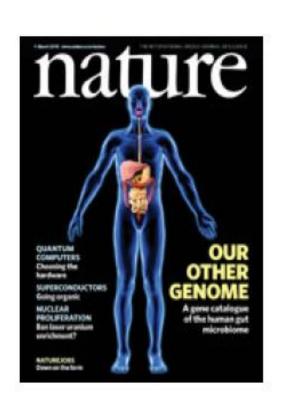


...the gut microbiome is a virtual Rosetta Stone of human health, playing a potentially meaningful role in the development of illnesses as seemingly disparate as autism and colorectal cancer, along with dozens of other conditions...

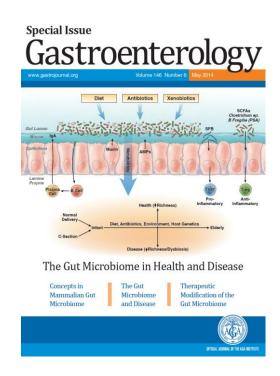
## N° di pubblicazioni/anno su Microbiota intestinale, 1965 → 2015



# Il microbiota intestinale: alcune recenti monografie







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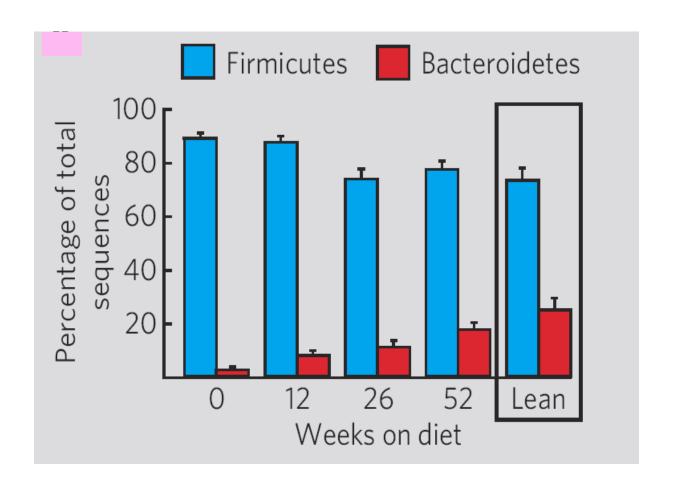
A scanning electron micrograph of bacteria in human faeces, in which 50% of species originate from the gut.

# Microbiome science needs a healthy dose of scepticism

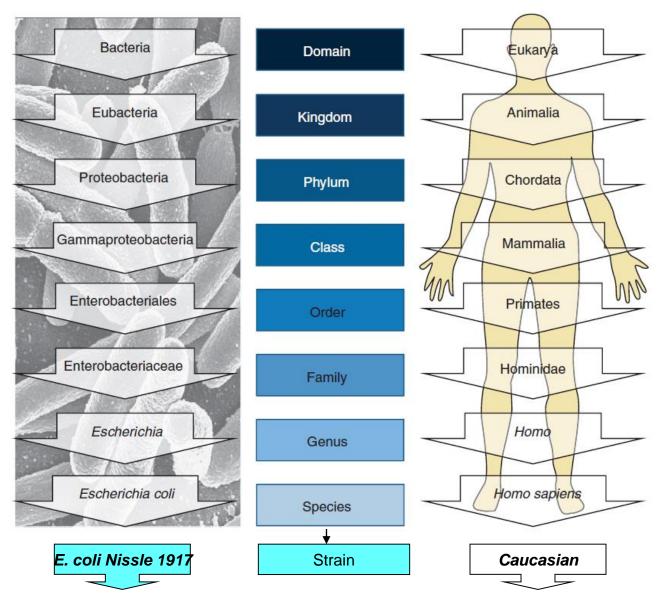
To guard against hype, those interpreting research on the body's microscopic communities should ask five questions, says William P. Hanage.

- Can experiments detect differences that matter?
- Does the study show causation or just correlation?
- What is the mechanism?
- How much do experiments reflect reality?
- Can anything else explain the results?

# Effetti della dieta in soggetti obesi sul rapporto Firmicutes/Bacteroidetes



### Tassonomia: E. coli vs Homo sapiens



Tyler et al Am J Gastroenterol 2014; 109:983

For example, microbiomes associated with obesity have been distinguished by different ratios of bacterial phyla, which encompass a staggering range of diversity. If this criterion were used to characterize animal communities, an aviary of 100 birds and 25 snails would be considered identical to an aquarium with 8 fish and 2 squid, because each has four times as many vertebrates as molluscs.



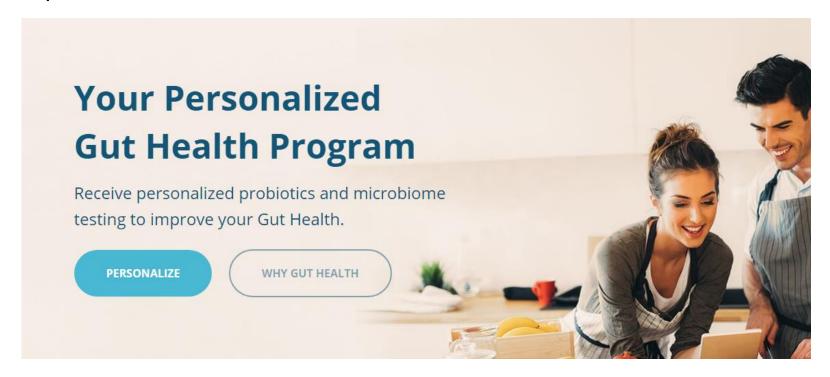
- "The hype surrounding microbiome research is dangerous, for individuals who might make ill-informed decisions, and for the scientific enterprise, which needs to develop better experimental methods to generate hypotheses and evaluate conclusions."
- As people's awareness of the pivotal role that their microbiomes play in their health and well-being increased, so too, understandably, did their desire to actively monitor and positively intervene in it.
  - Biohackers
  - Madri preoccupate per la salute dei loro bambini
  - Pazienti con patologie gastrointestinali

Microbiome Profiling: Big Business, but What About the Data?

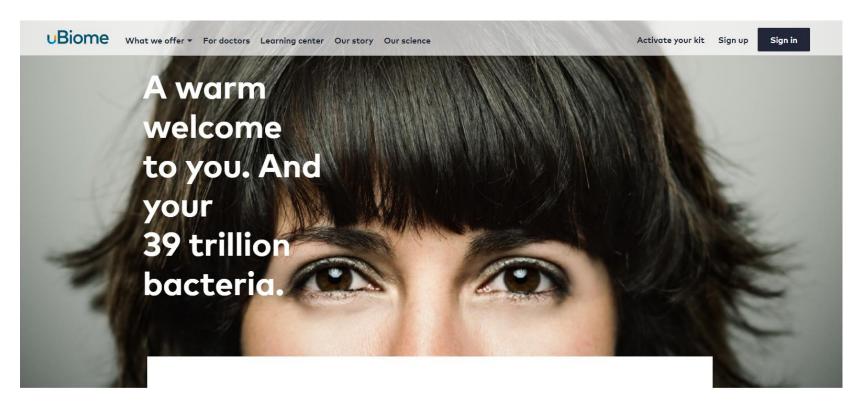
 The question is, has the science progressed enough to make these tests something more than high-end novelties?

#### Microbiome Profiling: Big Business, but What About the Data?

 Thryve offers a monthly subscription service whereby its customers send in fecal samples obtained on pieces of toilet paper and in return receive reports summarizing the sequencing results. Thryve's user-friendly end product summarizes each subscriber's overall "Gut Wellness Score," and along with general lifestyle advice, the company offers its own line of probiotics.



 uBiome offers the similar Explorer<sup>™</sup>, a tool that tracks your gut microbiome over time and allows you to compare against averages.



Your microbiome is the unique collection of



#### DYSBIO CHECK



#### Cos'è e a cosa serve?

La disbiosi intestinale è un'alterazione degli equilibri e della composizione della flora batterica intestinale, che comporta un insieme di sintomi e disturbi dell'apparato gastrointestinale, in grado di avere conseguenze anche su organi ed apparati distanti dall'intestino.



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- "I'd give you a 100% guarantee that if you took one of these reports to a doctor,
  they'd say that they wouldn't know how to interpret it. And if the doctor did order
  it—and there are some out there who are doing this—I bet they have a diet or a
  probiotic that they want to sell you right behind it."
- Collection methods are carefully validated and replicated, we simply cannot rely on the diagnostic accuracy of at-home kits.
- Natural fluctuations within patients' microbiomes, which can occur during times of sickness, insomnia, or dietary changes, represent another challenge.
- Lack of substantive science backing up the utility of probiotics as an effective intervention for specific conditions.

According to experts, we're simply too early in our understanding of it to say what will or won't work when it comes to affecting, much less improving, our gut profile.





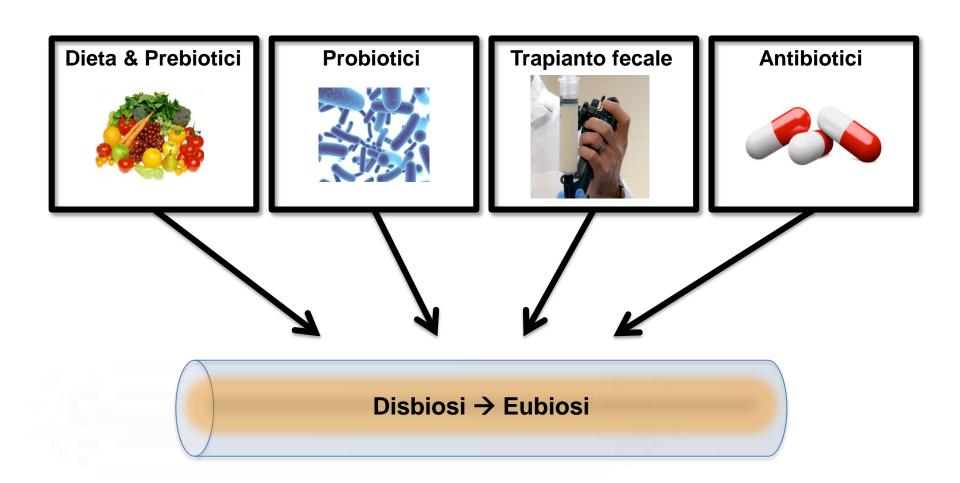
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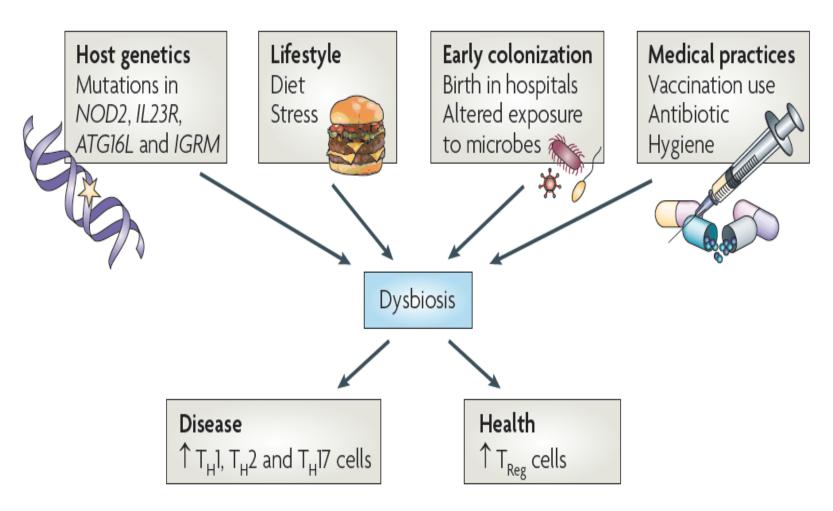
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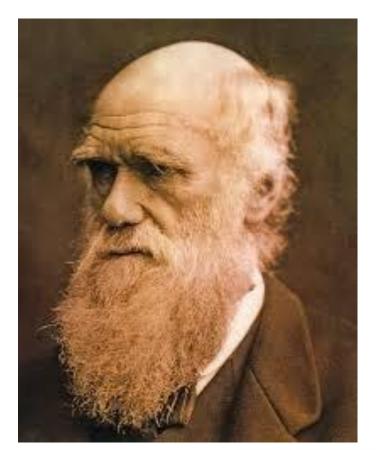
### Come possiamo modificare il microbiota?



## Cause di disbiosi intestinale e sue conseguenze

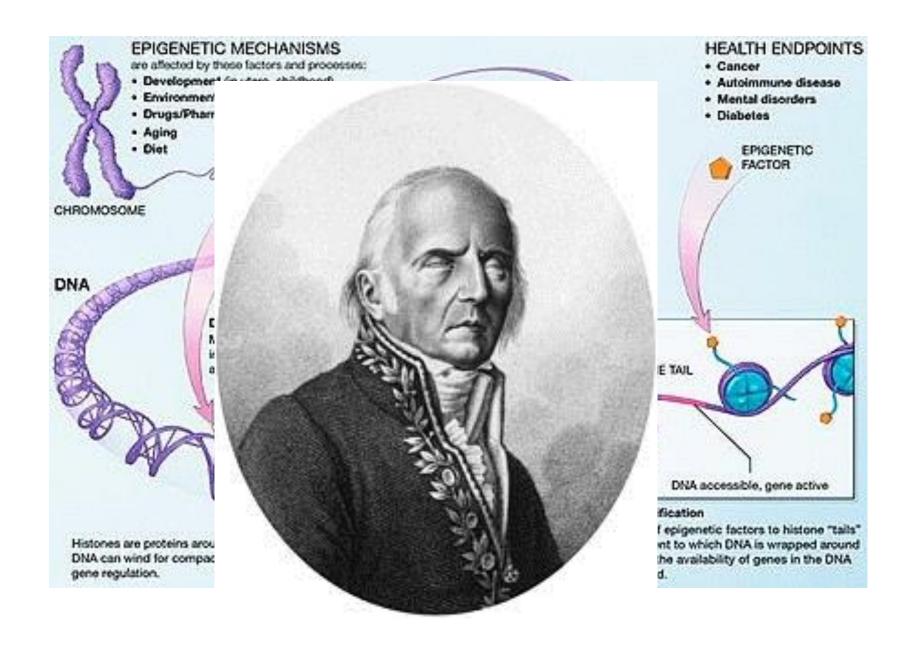


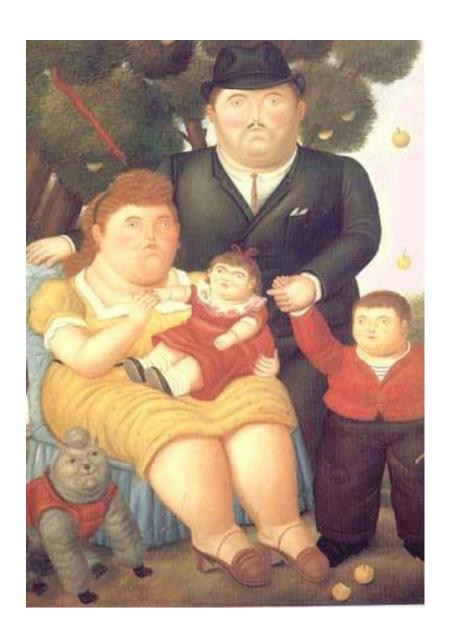
Round et al, Nat Rev Immun 2009;9:313











Improving adherence to healthy dietary patterns, genetic risk, and long term weight gain: gene-diet interaction analysis in two prospective cohort studies

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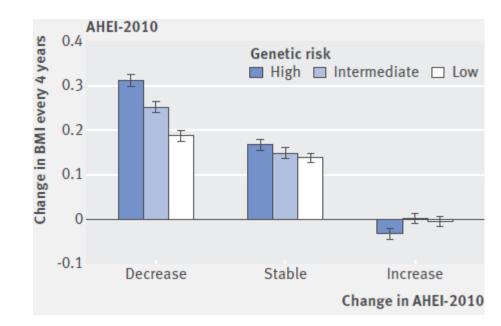
8828 women from the Nurses' Health Study and 5218 men from the Health Professionals Follow-up Study.

#### **EXPOSURE**

Genetic predisposition score was calculated on the basis of 77 variants associated with body mass index. Dietary patterns were assessed by the Alternate Healthy Eating Index 2010 (AHEI-2010), Dietary Approach to Stop Hypertension (DASH), and Alternate Mediterranean Diet (AMED).

#### CONCLUSIONS

These data indicate that improving adherence to healthy dietary patterns could attenuate the genetic association with weight gain. Moreover, the beneficial effect of improved diet quality on weight management was particularly pronounced in people at high genetic risk for obesity.



#### Diet, genes, and obesity

Genetic predisposition to obesity is no barrier to successful weight management

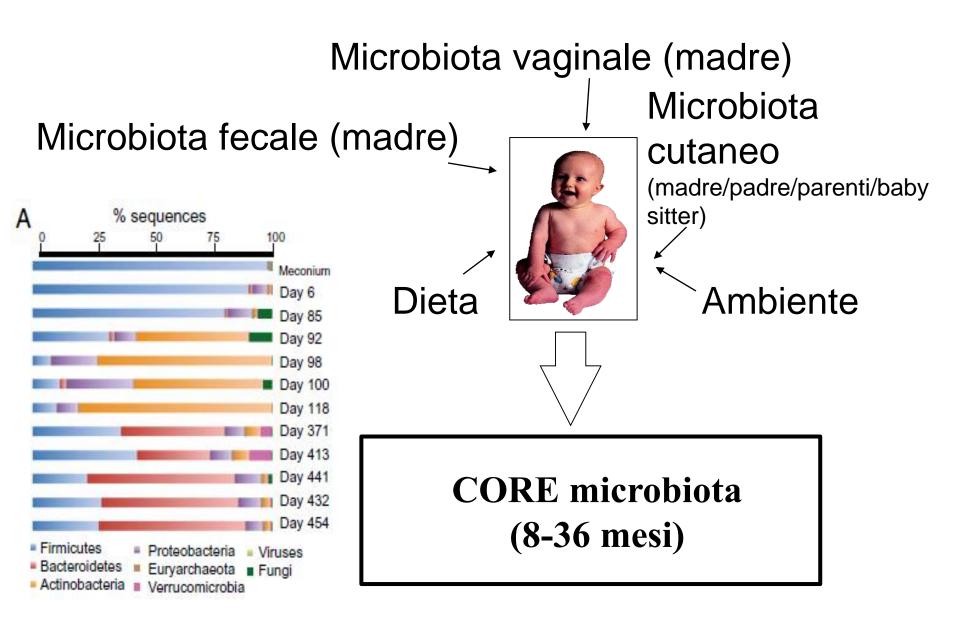
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However, the best opportunity to reduce risk in genetically susceptible people for the foreseeable future will not be to re-engineer their genes, but to modify their environment. We need to understand how genetic factors and environmental exposures interact in individuals to alter normal biological function and to affect the risk of disease development (464).

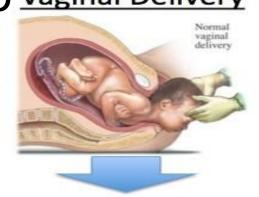
Schwartz D, Collins F. Medicine. Environmental biology and human disease. Science. 2007; 316:695–696. [PubMed: 17478705]

### Alla nascita il corpo umano è sterile



### Conseguenze sul microbiota del tipo di **Parto** Vaginal Delivery

VS.



Introduced to Vaginal Microbes: Lactobacillus



Normal Introduction of Gut Microbes

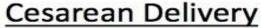


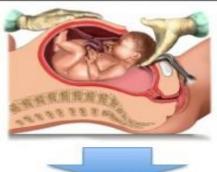
Normal Development of the Immune System Production of specific cytokines for proper immune system development



Le prime specie batteriche del neonato sono anaerobi facoltativi, come Staphilococcus, Streptococcus, Enterococcus e Enterobacter.

Queste specie creano un ambiente anaerobico che promuove la crescita di anaerobi obbligati, come Bifidobatteri, Bacteroides, Clostridium e Eubacterium





Introduced to Skin Flora: Staphylococcus



Abnormal Microbial Introduction



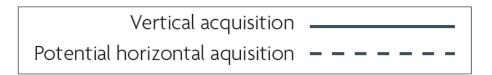
Disrupted Intestinal Microbial Colonization Increase risk for Atopic Diseases, Asthma, Allergic Rhinitis, and Celiac Disease Association: Delayed Onset of Lactation Lack Breast Milk Support for Gut Flora

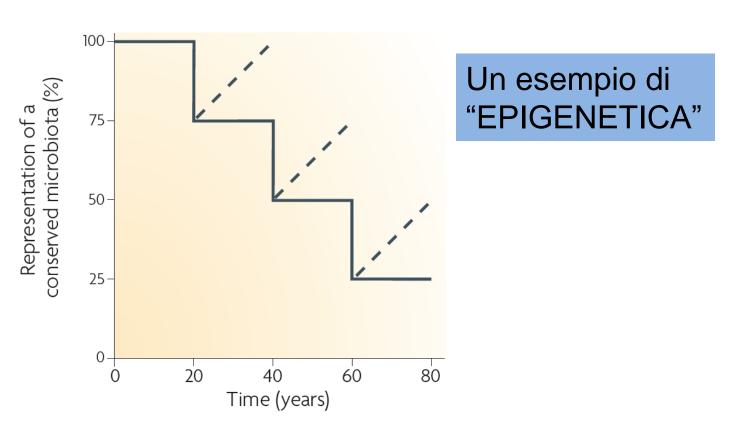


Ridotta diversità e ritardata colonizzazione da parte dei Bifidobatteri

Richardson, 2013

## Effetto dello stato materno sul microbiota residente nella generazione successiva





Blaser. Nat Rev Microbiol 2009;7:887







## Association Between Cesarean Birth and Risk of Obesity in Offspring in Childhood, Adolescence, and Early Adulthood

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#### Table 4. Within-Family Odds Ratios for Obesity in Offspring Associated With Cesarean vs Vaginal Delivery

Variable	Obese Offspring/ Total Offspring, No./No. (%)	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Overall			
Vaginal delivery	1091/10155 (10.7)	1 [Reference]	
Cesarean delivery, model 1 <sup>a</sup>	417/2748 (15.2)	1.64 (1.08-2.48)	.02
9-18 y			
Vaginal delivery	719/10 113 (7.1)	1 [Reference]	
Cesarean delivery, model 1 <sup>a</sup>	301/2739 (11.0)	1.67 (1.01-2.76)	.04
19-28 y			
Vaginal delivery	677/6714 (10.1)	1 [Reference]	
Cesarean delivery, model 1 <sup>a</sup>	233/1772 (13.1)	1.72 (0.89-3.32)	.11

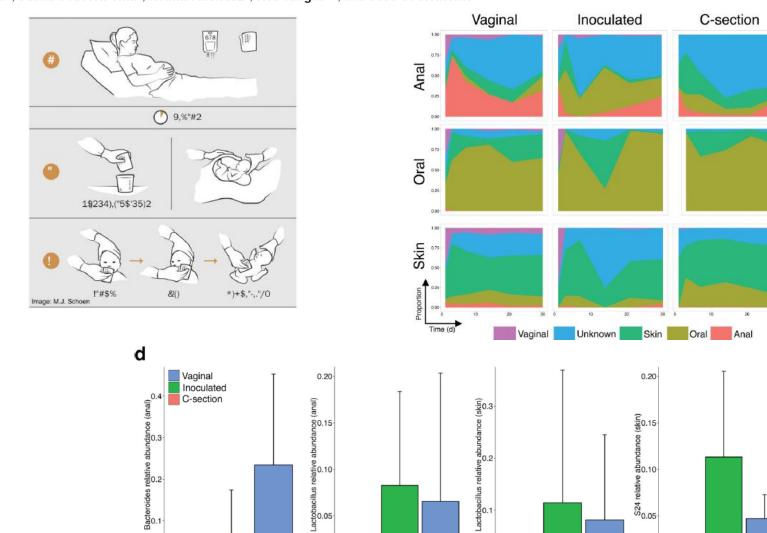
**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** Cesarean birth was associated with offspring obesity after accounting for major confounding factors. Although additional research is needed to clarify the mechanisms underlying this association, clinicians and patients should weigh this risk when considering cesarean delivery in the absence of a clear indication.

#### Partial restoration of the microbiota of cesarean-born infants via

#### vaginal microbial transfer

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## Vaginal seeding or vaginal microbial transfer from the mother to the caesarean-born neonate: a commentary regarding clinical management

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**Table 1.** National recommendations for the clinical management of couples who are considering VS (agreed to by the vast majority of obstetrician members of the Danish Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the national meeting on 19 January 2017)

#### We do not recommend vaginal seeding in relation to cesarean delivery

We recommend that maternity wards NOT participate

- · in guidance on how to perform vaginal seeding
- · in screening of the women prior to vaginal seeding
- · actively in the procedure for vaginal seeding

We are strongly against vaginal seeding in the following situations:

- Mothers who meet national criteria for GBS prophylaxis during delivery
- Gestational age <37<sup>+0</sup> weeks at delivery
- Clinical situations where we recommend caesarean delivery to prevent infection of the child during vaginal delivery—primary vaginal herpes infection, HIV infection with HIV-RNA >50 copies/ml
- Other clinical situations where vaginal seeding is considered to be potentially harmful to the neonate, i.e. certain fetal malformations

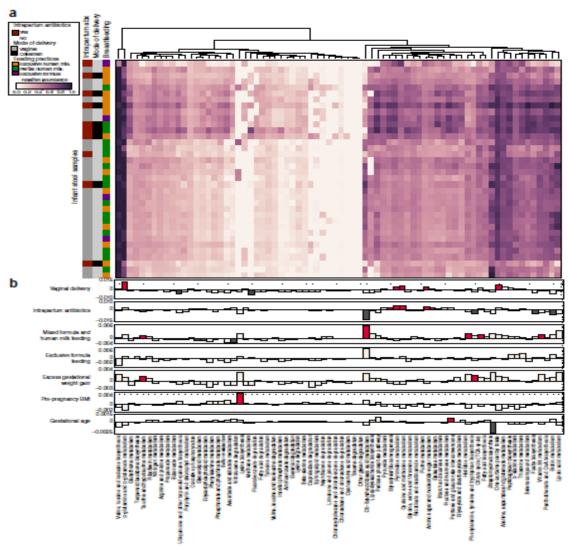
Parents who personally wish to undertake vaginal seeding

- Can perform the procedure provided it does not interfere with or delay other procedures
- Should be informed about the lack of evidence and the potential risk by a/their physician. Moreover, they could be provided with the patient information provided in Appendix S1
- Must be advised to be aware of signs of disease in their neonate and to indicate that they have performed vaginal seeding if the neonate requires medical assistance

The following recommendations are for clinical management and do not exclude the performance of vaginal seeding as part of a clinical trial with proper research board supervision.

#### Maturation of the infant microbiome community structure and function across multiple body sites and in relation to mode of delivery

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# Administration of Antibiotics to Children Before Age 2 Years Increases Risk for Childhood Obesity





6 Exposure	Exposed, n	Obese, n (% of exposed)	Univariable analysis, OR (95% CI)	Adjusted model assessing no. of prescriptions, OR (95% CI)	Adjusted model assessing age at first prescribed antibiotic, OR (95% CI)
No. of antibiotic prescriptions					
0 (ref)	6844	355 (5.2)	1.00	1.00	_
1–2	8761	492 (5.6)	1.09 (0.95-1.25)	1.07 (0.93-1.23)	_
3–5	4481	332 (7.4)	1.46 (1.25-1.71)	1.41 (1.20-1.65)	_
>5	1628	127 (7.8)	1.55 (1.25-1.91)	1.47 (1.19-1.82)	_
Age at first prescription					
None (ref)	6489	355 (5.2)	1.00	_	1.00
0–6 mo	3837	267 (7.0)	1.37 (1.16-1.61)	_	1.33 (1.13-1.57)
6–12 mo	5851	390 (6.7)	1.31 (1.13-1.51)	_	1.27 (1.09-1.47)
12–24 mo	5182	294 (5.7)	1.10 (0.94–1.29)	_	1.07 (0.91–1.26)

**Table 4.** Multivariable Model Assessing Interaction Variable of Time of First Antibiotic and Number of Antibiotic Prescriptions With Obesity

	Multivariable analysis		
Exposure	n/N (%)	OR (95% CI)	
No antibiotic exposures	345/6590 (5.2)	1.00	
1–2 prescriptions with first exposure between 0–12 mo	259/4279 (6.1)	1.18 (0.995–1.39)	
3 or more prescriptions with first exposure between 0–12 mo	377/4989 (7.6)	1.48 (1.27–1.72)	
1–2 prescriptions with first exposure between 12–24 mo	210/4141 (5.1)	0.96 (0.81–1.15)	
3 or more prescriptions with first exposure between 12–24 mo	67/828 (8.1)	1.60 (1.22–2.10)	

# Is It Useful to Administer Probiotics Together With Proton Pump Inhibitors in Children With Gastroesophageal Reflux?



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Table. The Characteristics of the Study Groups

Parameters	Control group $(n = 120)$	Placebo group (n = 64)	Probiotics group (n = 64)
Mean age $\pm$ SD (yr)	$8.3 \pm 2.7$	$8.5 \pm 2.4$	$7.6 \pm 2.1$
Gender (girls/boys)	41/79	29/35	21/43
$BMI (kg/m^2)$	$16.1 \pm 2.1$	$15.7 \pm 3.0$	$14.3 \pm 3.1$
Comorbidities (%)	0	0	0
Other drugs intake besides those from study protocol (yes/no)	no	no	no

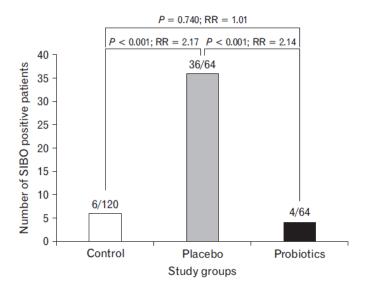
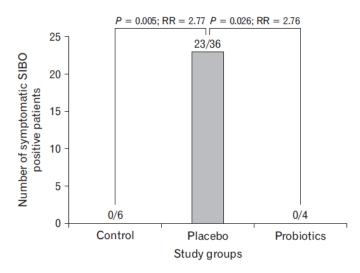


Figure 2. Comparison of small intestinal bacterial overgrowth (SIBO) prevalence as assessed by glucose hydrogen breath test among the study groups. RR, risk ratio.



**Figure 3.** The presence of intestinal symptoms among different groups of children with positive glucose hydrogen breath test. SIBO, small intestinal bacterial overgrowth. RR, risk ratio.







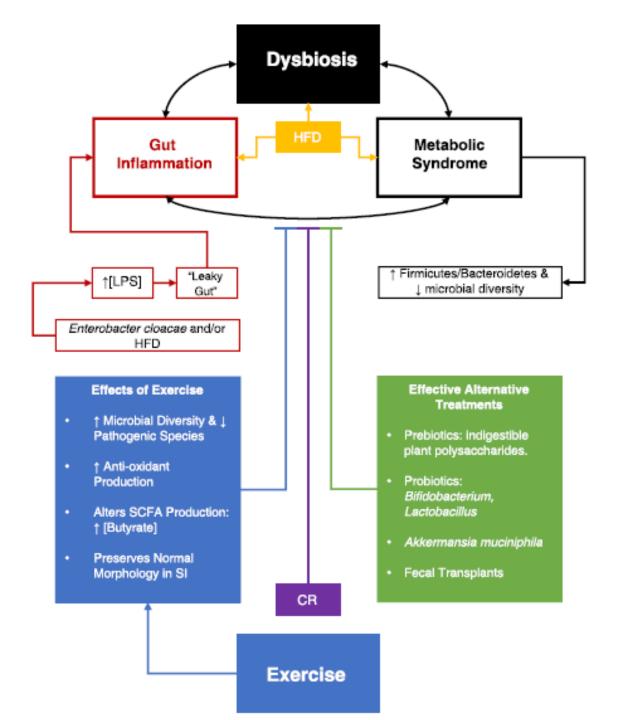
# Exercise is a Novel Promoter of Intestinal Health and Microbial Diversity

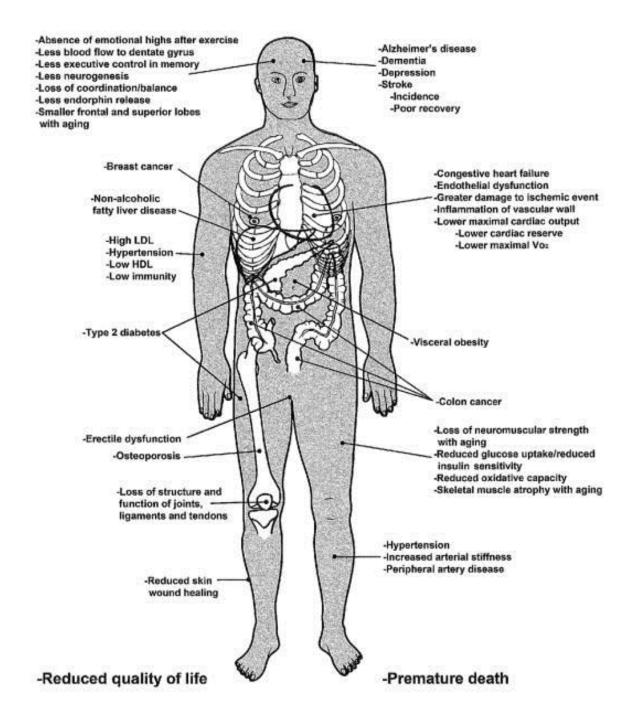
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## **Key Points**

- Exercise increases microbial diversity independent of diet; the microbiota of athletes may be related to dietary protein content.
- Microbiota alterations as a result of exercise are more substantial in earlier life compared with later life.
- Exercise capacity may be influenced by the presence of a diverse microbiota.
- High-fat diets increase intestinal inflammation; exercise reduces this inflammation and may improve gut epithelial integrity.





## Estimated historical reductions in daily steps by humans.

Population	Year	Steps per day		References
Paleolithic	(~20,000 BC)	~13,200–21,120 (men)	~10,560 (women)	(385)
Amish	(2002)	18,425 (men)	14,196 (women)	(27)
Mean of 26 studies	(1966–2007)		7,473 (mainly women)	(63)
Colorado	(2002)	6,733 (men)	6,384 (women)	(573)
US adults	(2010)	5,340 (men)	4,912 (women)	(26)

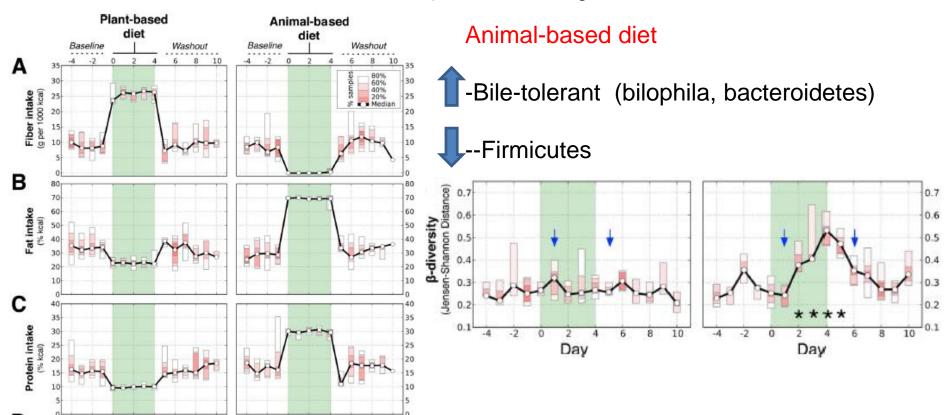






### Diet rapidly and reproducibly alters the human gut microbiome

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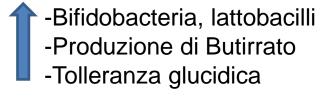


# Prebiotics and synbiotics: Dietary strategies for improving gut health

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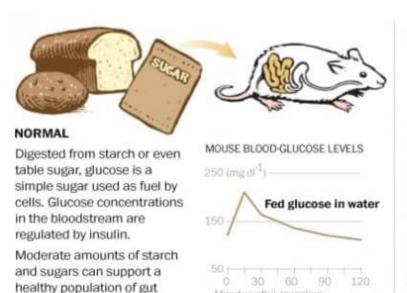
**Table 1.** Simple and complex prebiotics

Simple	Complex
Inulin	Pectins
Fructooligosaccharide	Human milk oligosaccharide
Galactooligosaccharide	Resistant starch
Isomaltooligosaccharide	Arabinoxylan
Mannan oligosaccharide	



# Artificial sweeteners induce glucose intolerance by altering the gut microbiota

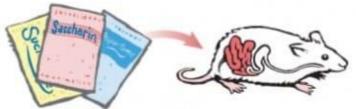
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microorganisms, which affect

the body in myriad ways.

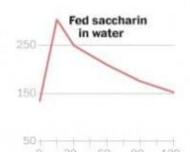
Minutes after ingestion



#### ARTIFICIAL

Sugar substitutes are designed to satisfy the sweet tooth while avoiding tooth decay, obesity and other problems, including high blood-sugar levels.

However, some artificial sweeteners can alter the composition of gut organisms, leading to imbalances that induce high levels of glucose in the bloodstream, according to the study.



#### **TESTING THE FINDINGS**

- Mice fed normal diets suffered high bloodglucose levels after receiving fecal transplants from mice fed artificial sweeteners.
- Antibiotics were used to eliminate gut flora in mice fed artificial sweeteners.
   Blood- glucose levels returned to normal.
- Artificial sweeteners may affect people in the same way. Blood-glucose levels rose in four of seven people whose normal diets were supple- mented with commercial saccharin.

### Probiotics for Gastrointestinal Conditions: A Summary of the Evidence

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## Homemade Yogurt Resolves Irritable Bowel Symptoms

We were surprised by the response. We had 189 patients in the study, and 169 had remission within 6 months," said Manju Girish Chandran, MBBS, from the Mary Breckinridge ARH Hospital in Hyden, Kentucky.

And some of the participants had lived with symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome for 9 or 10 years, she reported here at the World Congress of Gastroenterology.





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## Dove dobbiamo andare da qui in poi?

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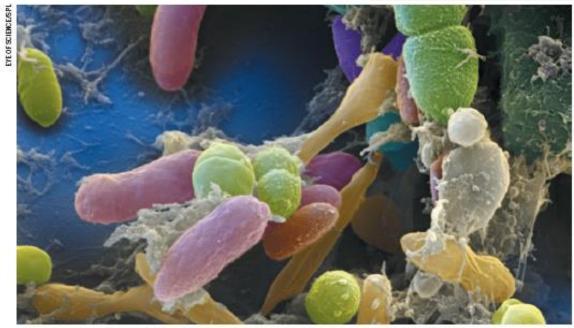






 Dysbiosis is a term for a microbial imbalance or maladaptation on or inside the body





A scanning electron micrograph of bacteria in human faeces, in which 50% of species originate from the gut.

# Microbiome science needs a healthy dose of scepticism

To guard against hype, those interpreting research on the body's microscopic communities should ask five questions, says William P. Hanage.





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Improving adherence to healthy dietary patterns, genetic risk, and long term weight gain: gene-diet interaction analysis in two prospective cohort studies

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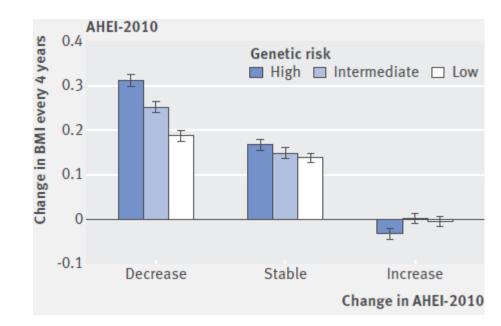
8828 women from the Nurses' Health Study and 5218 men from the Health Professionals Follow-up Study.

### **EXPOSURE**

Genetic predisposition score was calculated on the basis of 77 variants associated with body mass index. Dietary patterns were assessed by the Alternate Healthy Eating Index 2010 (AHEI-2010), Dietary Approach to Stop Hypertension (DASH), and Alternate Mediterranean Diet (AMED).

### CONCLUSIONS

These data indicate that improving adherence to healthy dietary patterns could attenuate the genetic association with weight gain. Moreover, the beneficial effect of improved diet quality on weight management was particularly pronounced in people at high genetic risk for obesity.









# Association Between Cesarean Birth and Risk of Obesity in Offspring in Childhood, Adolescence, and Early Adulthood

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### Table 4. Within-Family Odds Ratios for Obesity in Offspring Associated With Cesarean vs Vaginal Delivery

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Variable	Obese Offspring/ Total Offspring, No./No. (%)	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Overall			
Vaginal delivery	1091/10155 (10.7)	1 [Reference]	
Cesarean delivery, model 1 <sup>a</sup>	417/2748 (15.2)	1.64 (1.08-2.48)	.02
9-18 y			
Vaginal delivery	719/10 113 (7.1)	1 [Reference]	
Cesarean delivery, model 1 <sup>a</sup>	301/2739 (11.0)	1.67 (1.01-2.76)	.04
19-28 y			
Vaginal delivery	677/6714 (10.1)	1 [Reference]	
Cesarean delivery, model 1 <sup>a</sup>	233/1772 (13.1)	1.72 (0.89-3.32)	.11

conclusions and relevance Cesarean birth was associated with offspring obesity after accounting for major confounding factors. Although additional research is needed to clarify the mechanisms underlying this association, clinicians and patients should weigh this risk when considering cesarean delivery in the absence of a clear indication.

# Administration of Antibiotics to Children Before Age 2 Years Increases Risk for Childhood Obesity





6 Exposure	Exposed, n	Obese, n (% of exposed)	Univariable analysis, OR (95% CI)	Adjusted model assessing no. of prescriptions, OR (95% CI)	Adjusted model assessing age at first prescribed antibiotic, OR (95% CI)
No. of antibiotic prescriptions					_
0 (ref)	6844	355 (5.2)	1.00	1.00	_
1–2	8761	492 (5.6)	1.09 (0.95-1.25)	1.07 (0.93-1.23)	_
3–5	4481	332 (7.4)	1.46 (1.25-1.71)	1.41 (1.20-1.65)	_
>5	1628	127 (7.8)	1.55 (1.25-1.91)	1.47 (1.19-1.82)	_
Age at first prescription					
None (ref)	6489	355 (5.2)	1.00	_	1.00
0–6 mo	3837	267 (7.0)	1.37 (1.16-1.61)	_	1.33 (1.13-1.57)
6–12 mo	5851	390 (6.7)	1.31 (1.13-1.51)	_	1.27 (1.09-1.47)
12–24 mo	5182	294 (5.7)	1.10 (0.94–1.29)	_	1.07 (0.91–1.26)

**Table 4.** Multivariable Model Assessing Interaction Variable of Time of First Antibiotic and Number of Antibiotic Prescriptions With Obesity

	Multivariable analysis		
Exposure	n/N (%)	OR (95% CI)	
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1–2 prescriptions with first exposure between 12–24 mo	210/4141 (5.1)	0.96 (0.81–1.15)	
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# Exercise is a Novel Promoter of Intestinal Health and Microbial Diversity

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## **Key Points**

- Exercise increases microbial diversity independent of diet; the microbiota of athletes may be related to dietary protein content.
- Microbiota alterations as a result of exercise are more substantial in earlier life compared with later life.
- Exercise capacity may be influenced by the presence of a diverse microbiota.
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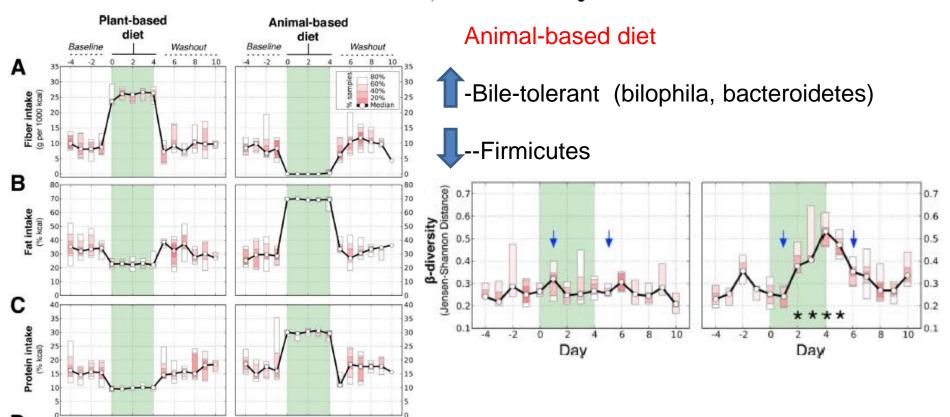






### Diet rapidly and reproducibly alters the human gut microbiome

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