

# Probiotici e Immunomodulazione

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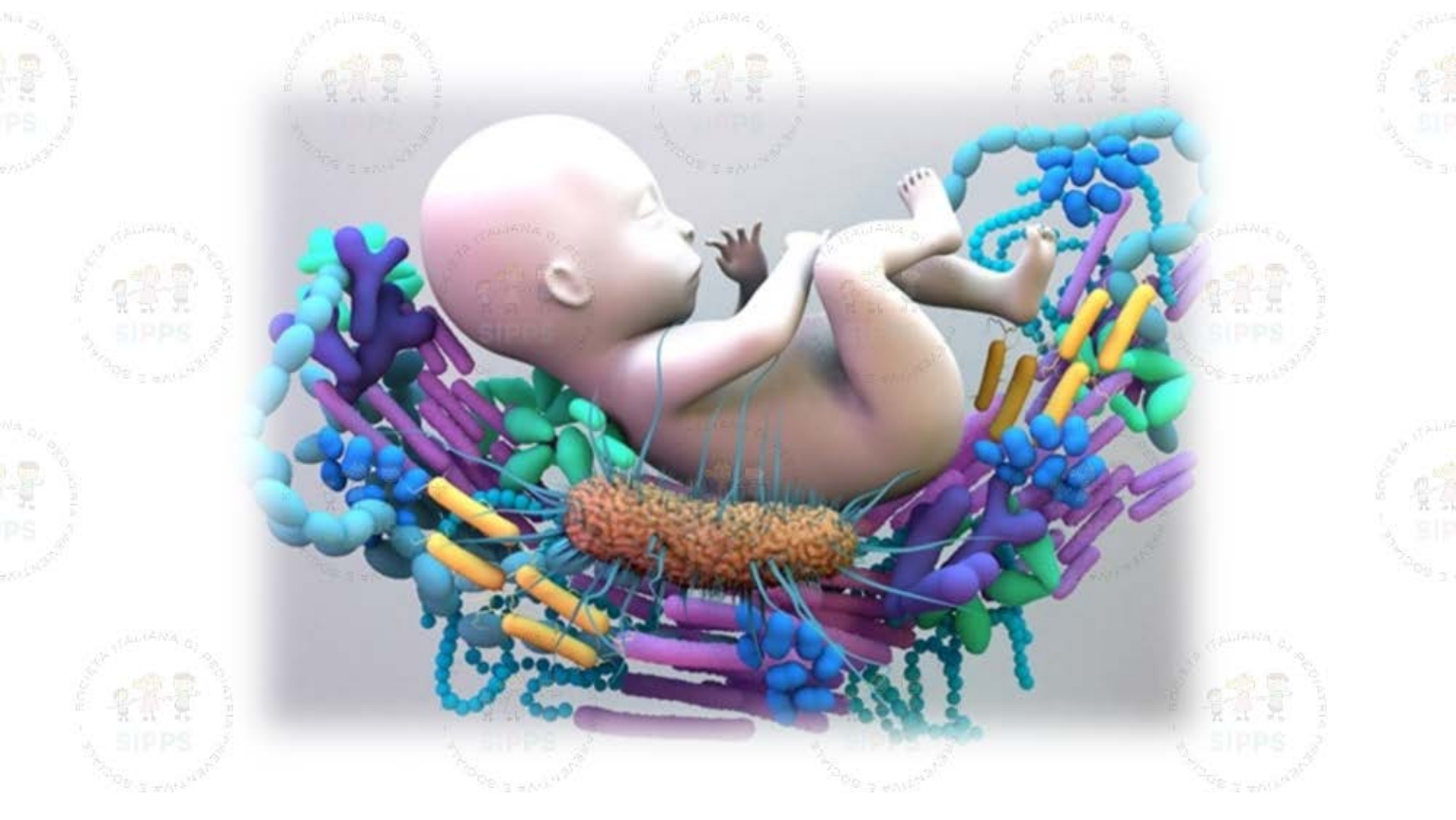
*Napule è...*

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Oral cavity



Stomach and distal esophagus



Large intestine



Lung and respiratory tract



Skin



Vagina

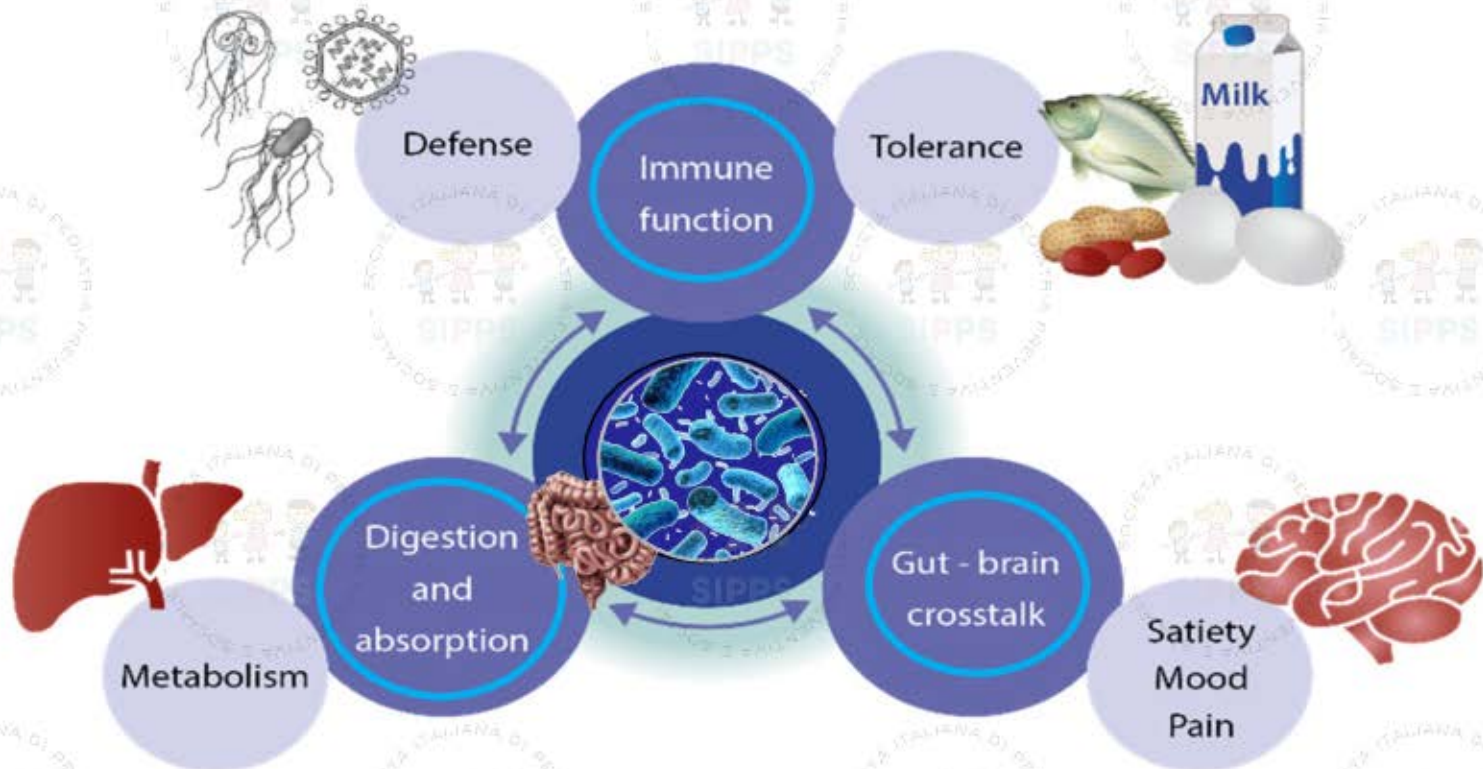
microbiota

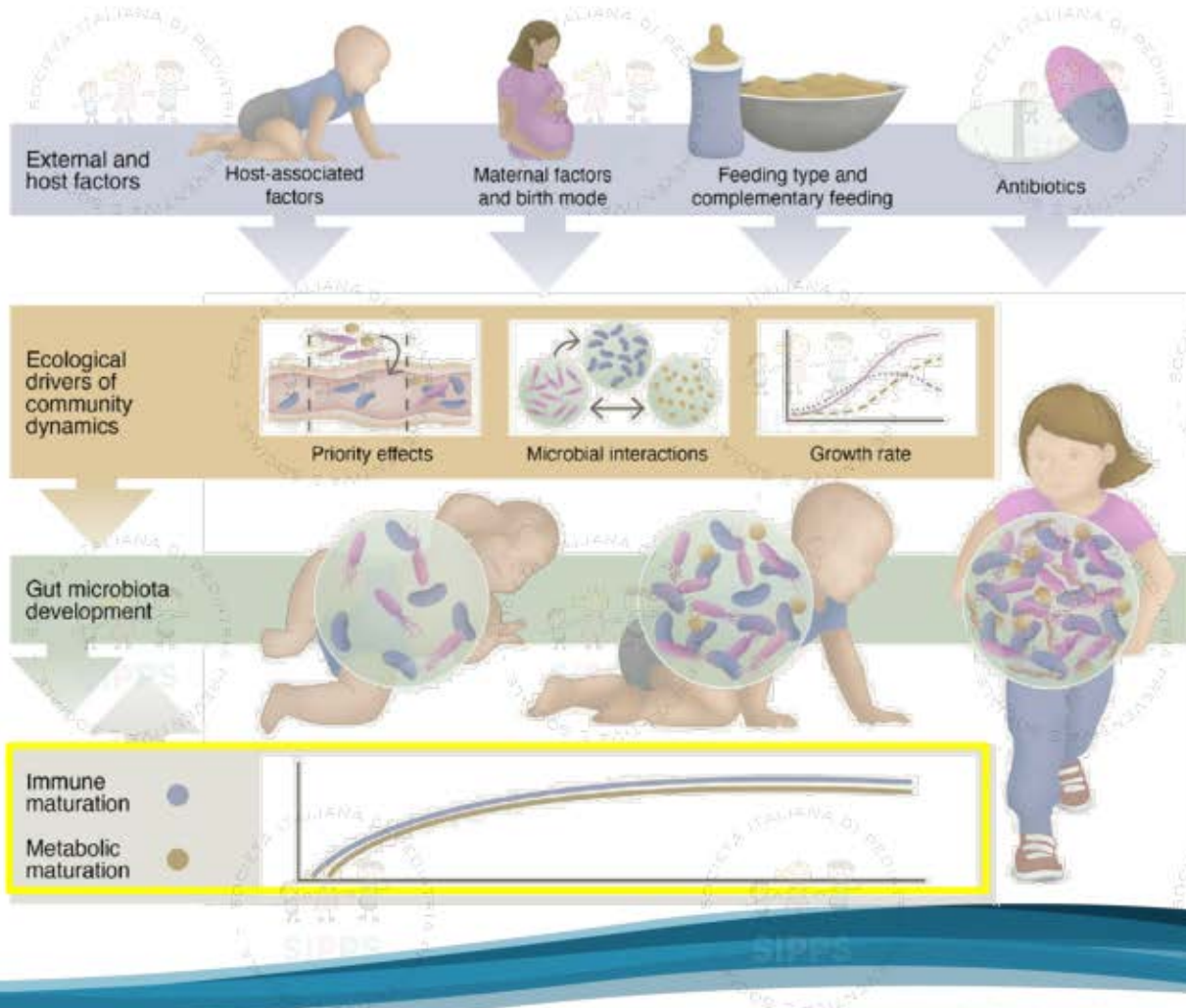


The collection of bacteria, archaea, viruses, fungi, and eukarya

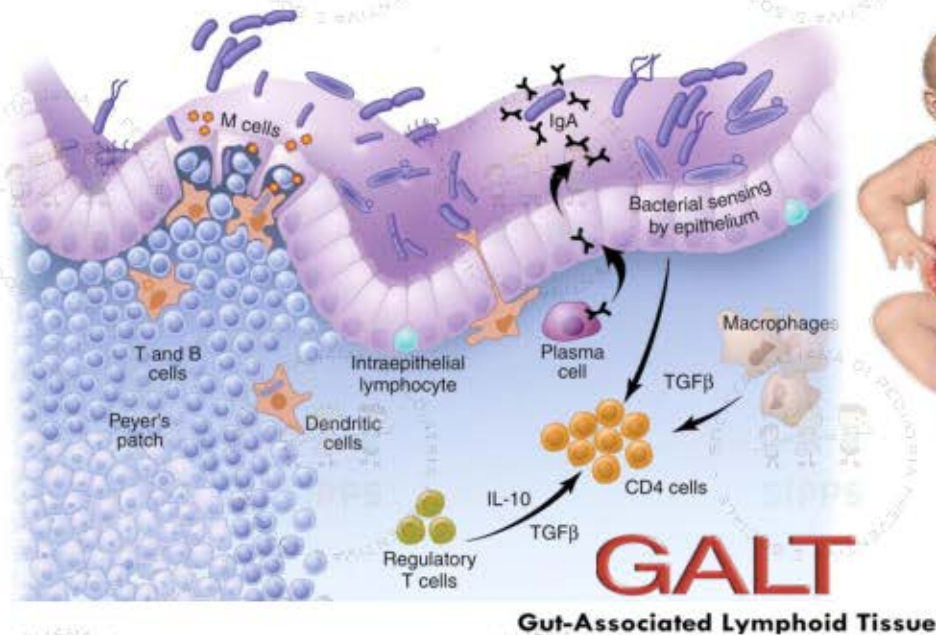


# microbiota intestinale





West CE, Jenmalm MC, Prescott SL. The gut microbiota and its role in the development of allergic disease: a wider perspective. Clin Exp Allergy 2014

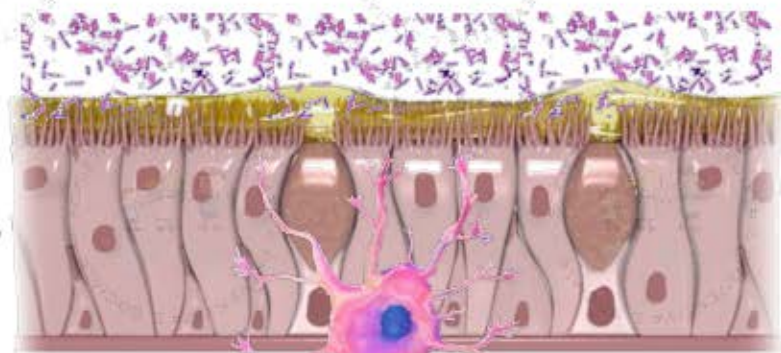


**70%**

**della componente cellulare  
del sistema immunitario  
si trova nell'intestino**



# Il microbiota intestinale è un *organo batterico* immuno-modulante



IL-10

TCR  
Peptide  
MHC-II

TGF  $\beta$



linfociti T regolatori (Treg)

~~Malattie~~  
autoimmunitarie



Th1

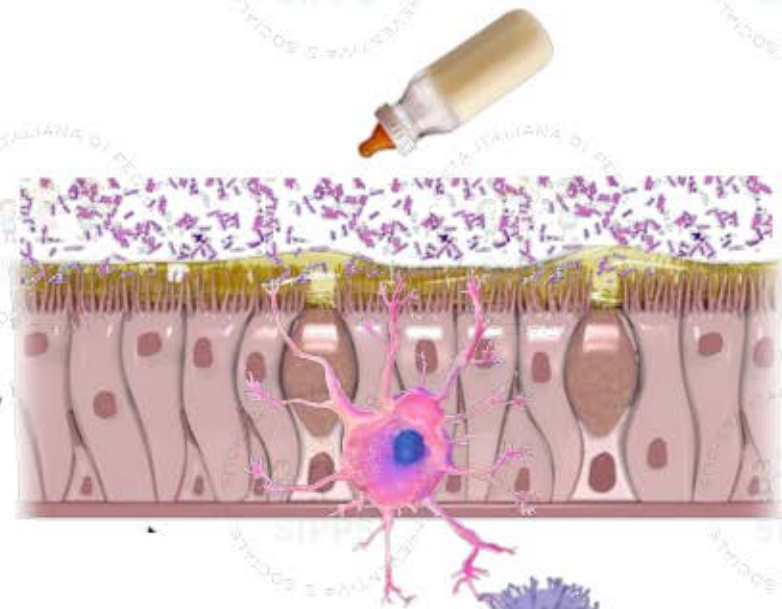


Th2

~~Alleanze~~

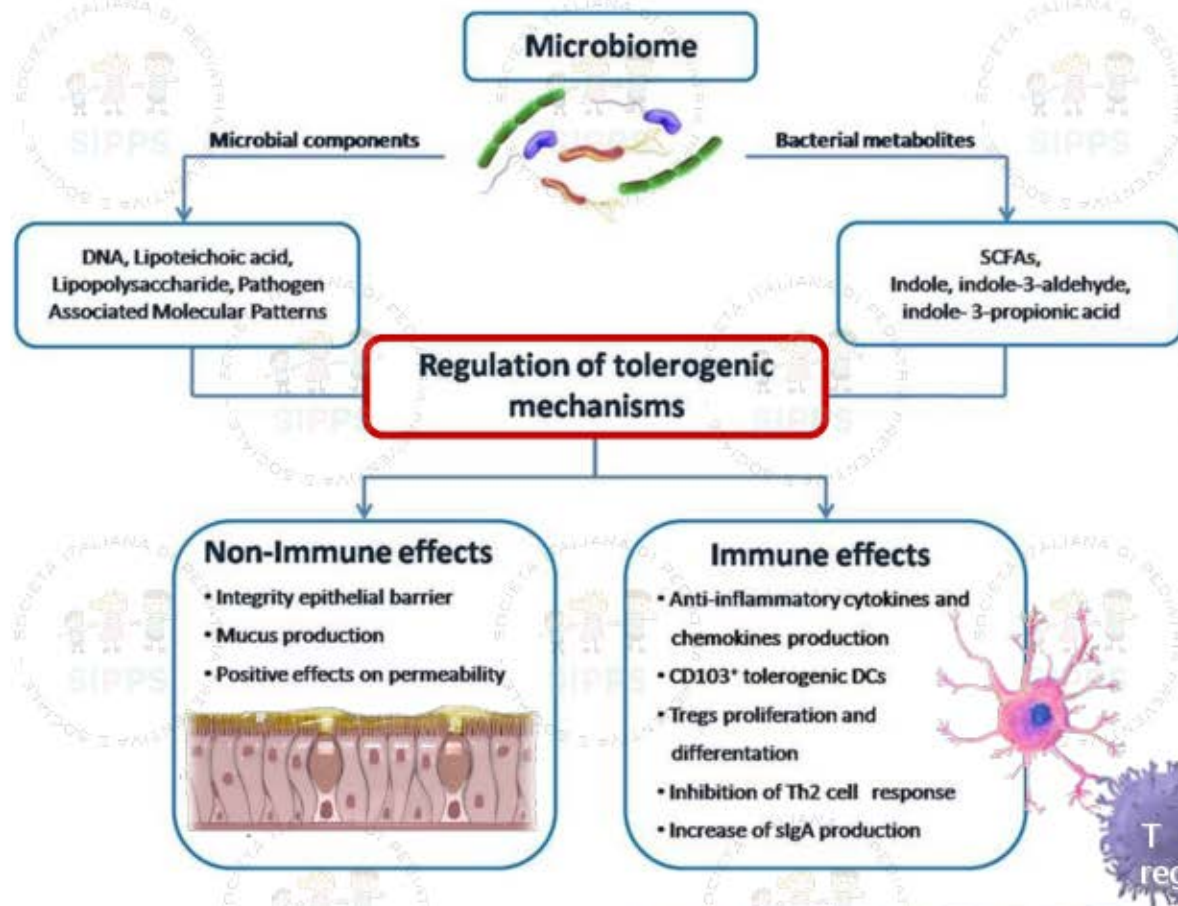


# Il microbiota intestinale è un *organo batterico* con *funzione tollerogena*



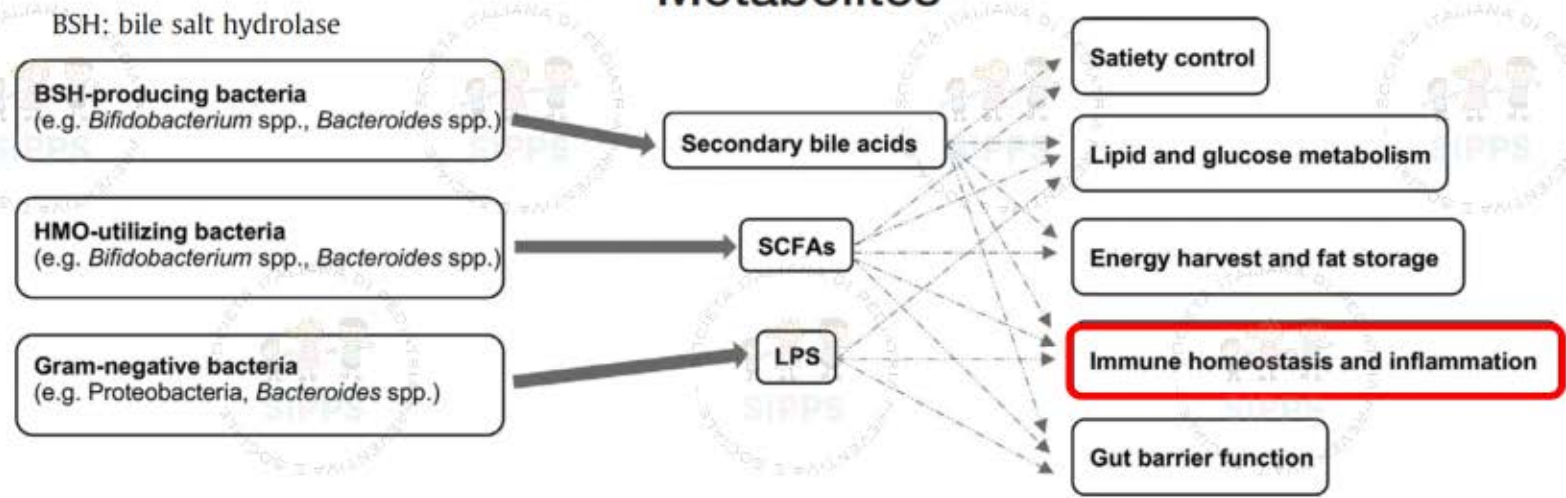
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# Metabolites



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# L'organo fragile



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# Journal of Probiotics & Health

**Review Article**

## The Importance of Being Eubiotic 2017

Vito Leonardo Miniello<sup>1</sup>, Lucia Diaferio<sup>1</sup>, Carlotta Lassandro<sup>2</sup> and Elvira Verduci<sup>2\*</sup>

**Modalità  
del parto**



**Modalità  
allattamento**

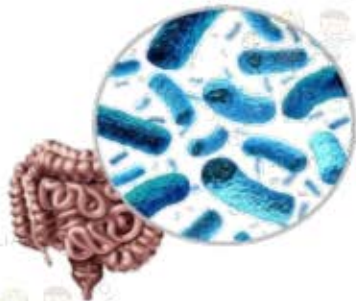


**Antibiotici  
Ferro PPI**




**Apgar score  
LGA**





## Complementary Feeding and Iron Status: *"The Unbearable Lightness of Being"* Infants

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*Nutrients* 2021

# BIOMODULATORI DEL MICROBIOTA INTESTINALE: tra realtà e futuro



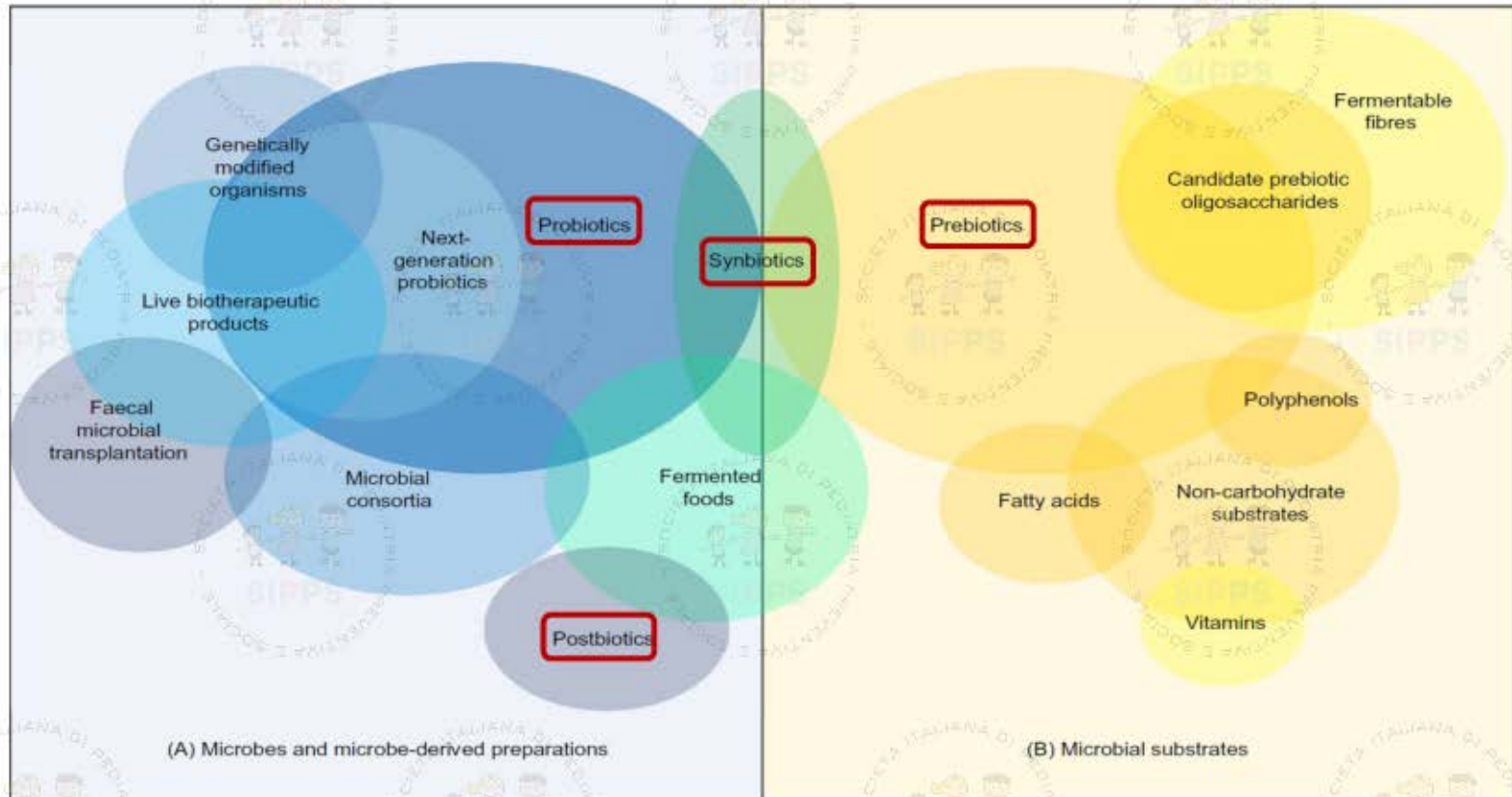
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## Biomodulatori del microbiota intestinale

<b>PROBIOTICI</b>	Microrganismi vivi che, assunti in quantità adeguata, conferiscono all'organismo ospite effetti benefici sulla salute
<b>PREBIOTICI</b>	Substrati selettivamente utilizzati dai microrganismi indigeni in grado di indurre effetti benefici sulla salute
<b>SIMBIOTICI</b>	Associazione di prebiotici e probiotici
<b>POSTBIOTICI</b>	Prodotti batterici o derivati metabolici di microrganismi probiotici con attività biologica per l'ospite

# Shaping the Future of Probiotics and Prebiotics



# Shaping the Future of Probiotics and Prebiotics

## Trends in Microbiology



### Generally recognised as safe

**(GRAS):** a notification to the FDA stating that a substance is generally recognised, among qualified experts, as having been adequately shown to be safe under the conditions of its intended use.

### Qualified presumption of safety

**(QPS):** a status granted to genera, species, or subspecies of microorganisms by the EFSA after an application is received and an assessment of available evidence on characterisation, safety, and intended use is conducted.





# novel regulatory frameworks are emerging

The logo for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), featuring the letters 'FDA' in a bold, stylized, black font.

The Food and Drug Administration

The logo for the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare (edqm), featuring the lowercase letters 'edqm' in a blue and yellow script font.

European Directorate for the  
Quality of Medicines & HealthCare

## **Live biotherapeutic products:**

biological products that contains live organisms and are applicable to the prevention, treatment, or cure of a disease.

European Pharmacopoeia Commission (2019) 3053E General monograph on live biotherapeutic products. *Eur. Pharmacopoeia*

# Probiotics for human use

Nutrition Bulletin 2018

M. E. Sanders\*, D. Merenstein<sup>†</sup>, C. A. Merrifield<sup>‡</sup> and R. Hutkins<sup>§</sup>



‘Probiotics’ comprise many different types of microbes. It is important, therefore, to remember that they are described by their genus, species and strain designations. Using the example of one well-studied probiotic, *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* GG – *Lactobacillus* is the genus, *rhamnosus* is the species and GG is the strain designation. All three components are necessary to identify a probiotic.



**Production of antimicrobials**

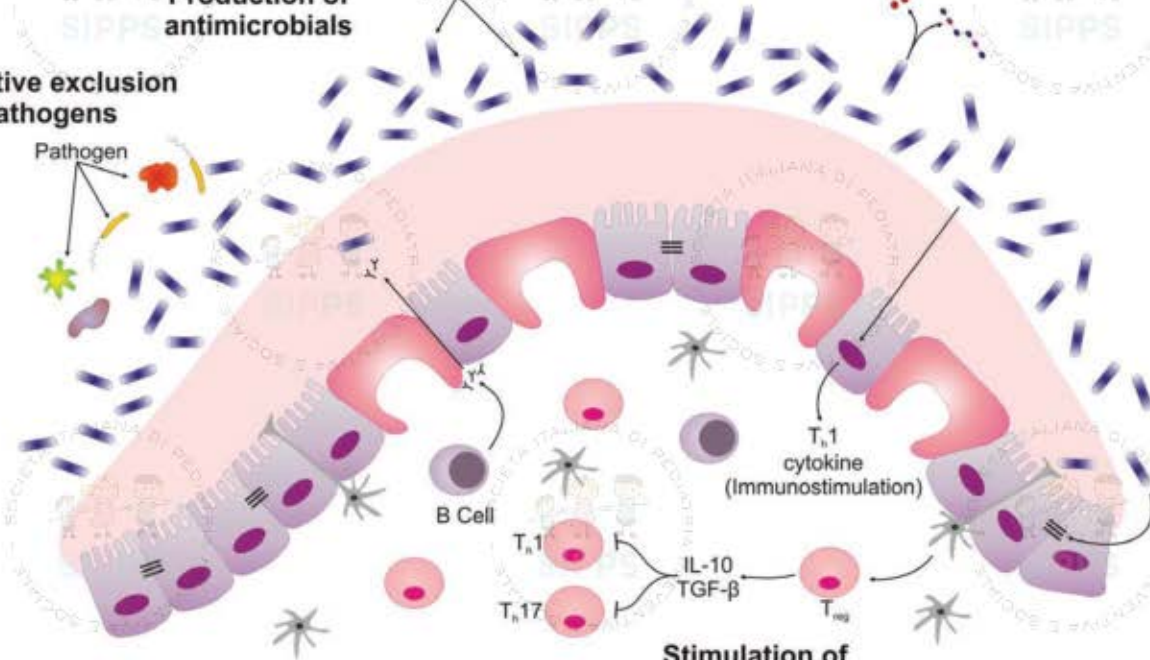
**Production of Important metabolites and molecules**

Vitamins

**Competitive exclusion of pathogens**

Pathogen

Lactic Acid Bacteria



**Regulation of tight junctions**

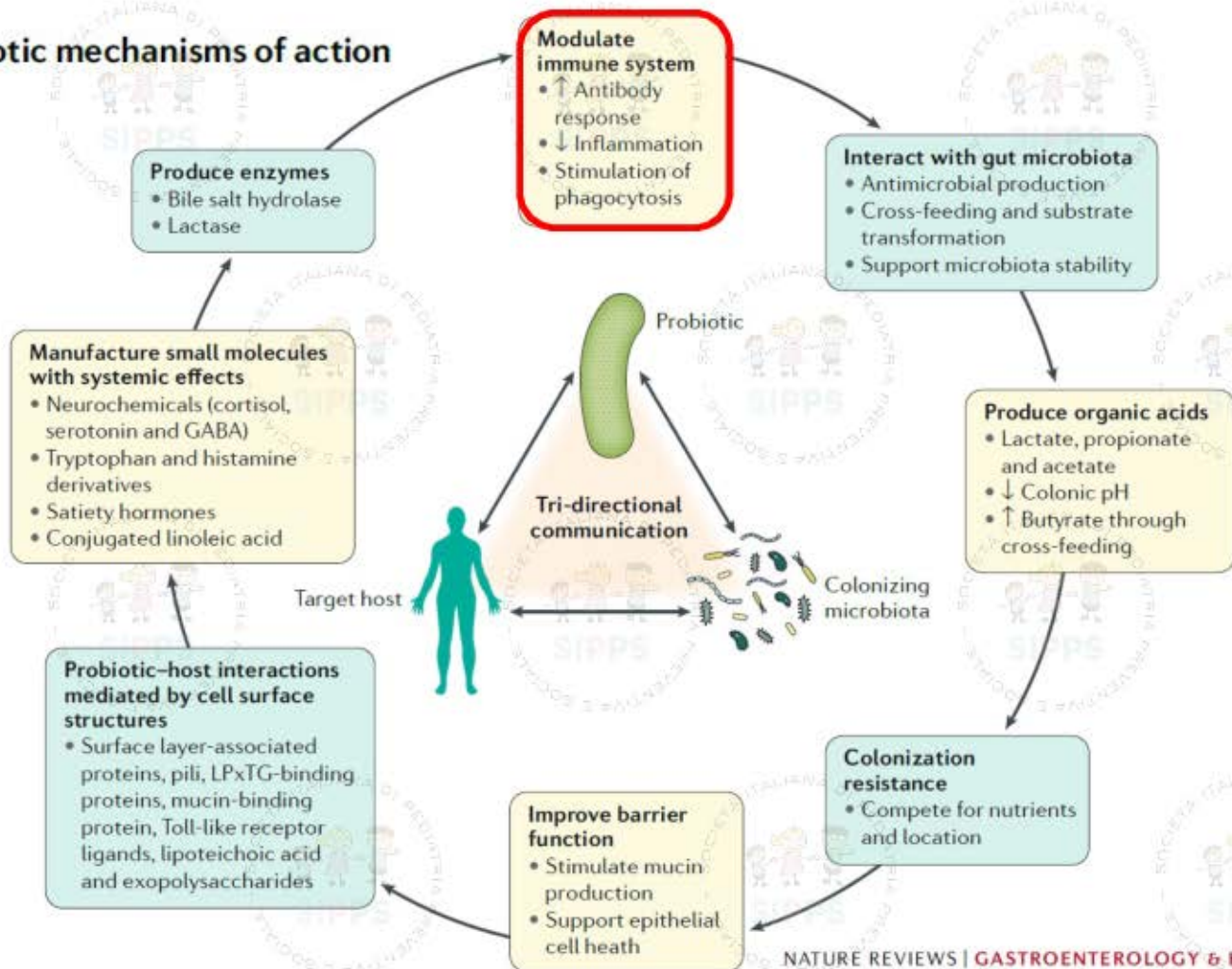
**Stimulation of immune cells**

cytokines  
interleukins  
chemokines

immunomodulatory effect of probiotics



# Probiotic mechanisms of action





### Rare Strain-specific effects

- Neurological effects
- Immunological effects
- Endocrinological effects
- Production of specific bioactives

### Frequent Species-level effects

- Vitamin synthesis
- Direct antagonism
- Gut barrier reinforcement
- Bile salt metabolism
- Enzymatic activity
- Neutralization of carcinogens

### Widespread Among studied probiotics

- Colonization resistance
- Acid and SCFA production
- Regulation of intestinal transit
- Normalization of perturbed microbiota
- Increased turnover of enterocytes
- Competitive exclusion of pathogens

### Rare Strain-specific effects

- Neurological effects
- Immunological effects
- Endocrinological effects
- Production of specific bioactives



D. Haller, C. Bode, W. P. Hammes, A. M. A. Pfeifer, E. J. Schiffrin, and S. Blum, "Non-pathogenic bacteria elicit a differential cytokine response by intestinal epithelial cell/leucocyte co-cultures," *Gut*, vol. 47, no. 1, pp. 79–87, 2000.

In an *in vitro* study with Caco-2 cells, proinflammatory cytokines (IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-8, and TNF- $\alpha$ ) were induced by *Lactobacillus sakei*, whereas *Lactobacillus johnsonii* influenced the production of TGF- $\beta$  (anti-inflammatory).



# Probiotics in Autoimmune and Inflammatory Disorders

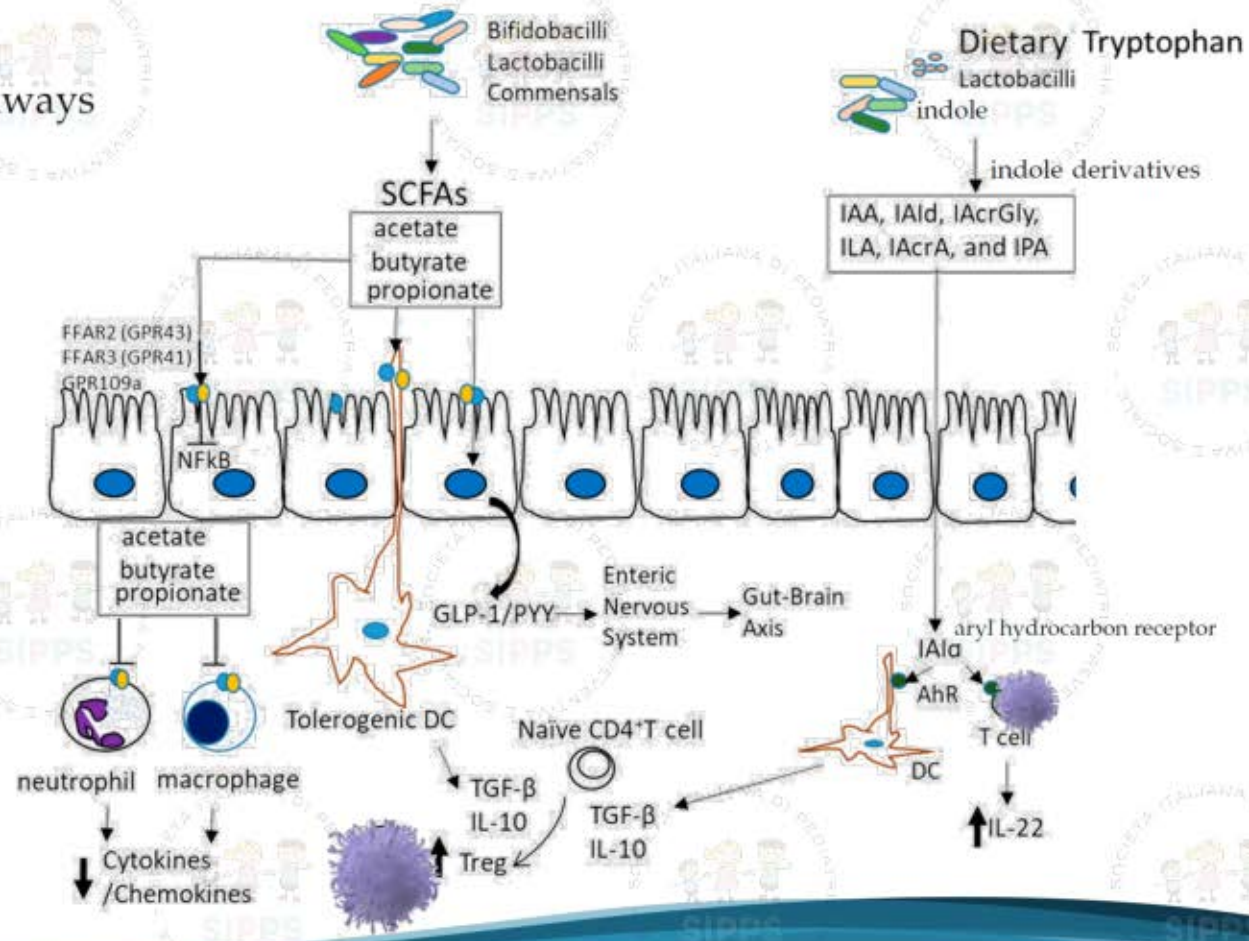
Critical metabolites produced by probiotics  
which have anti-inflammatory functions.

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metabolic pathways

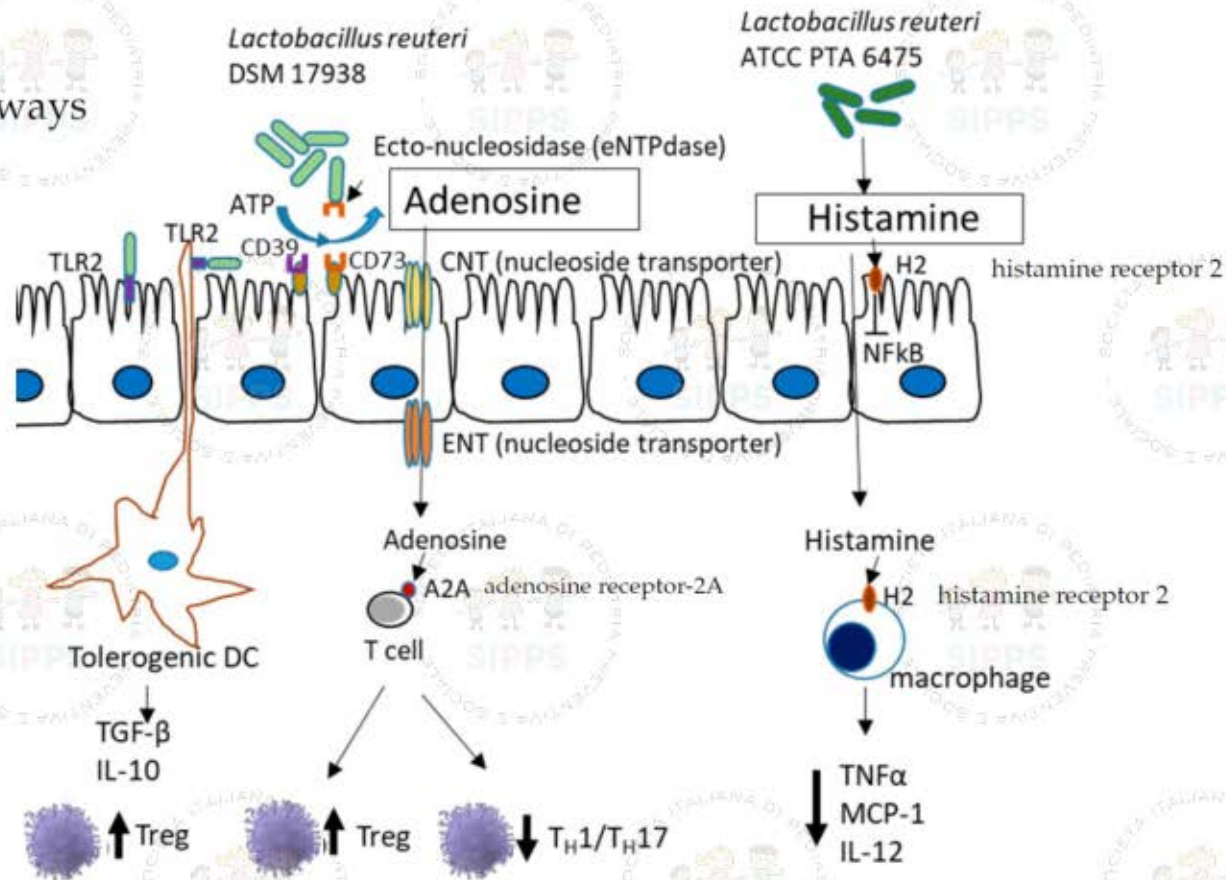
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## metabolic pathways



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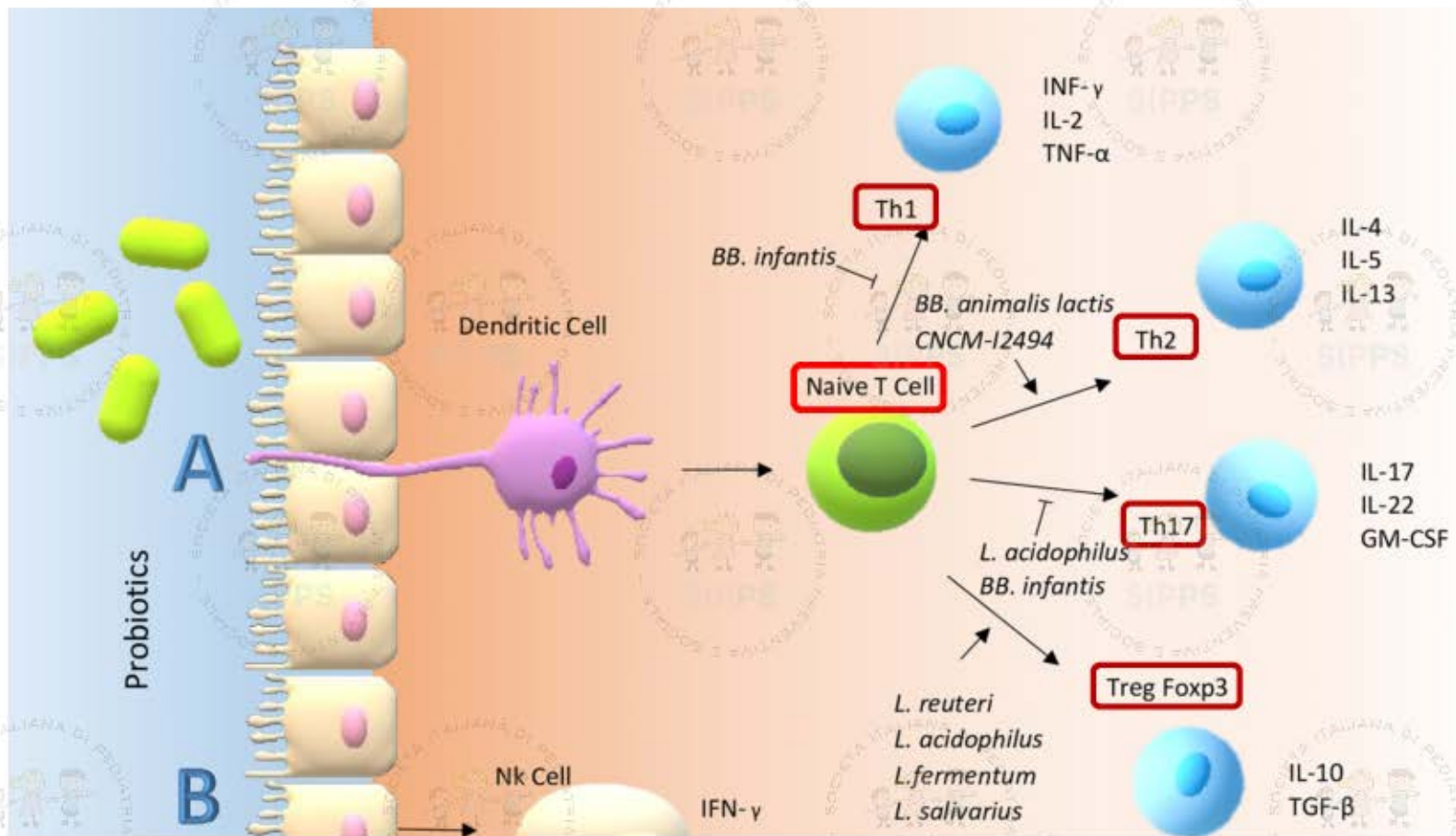




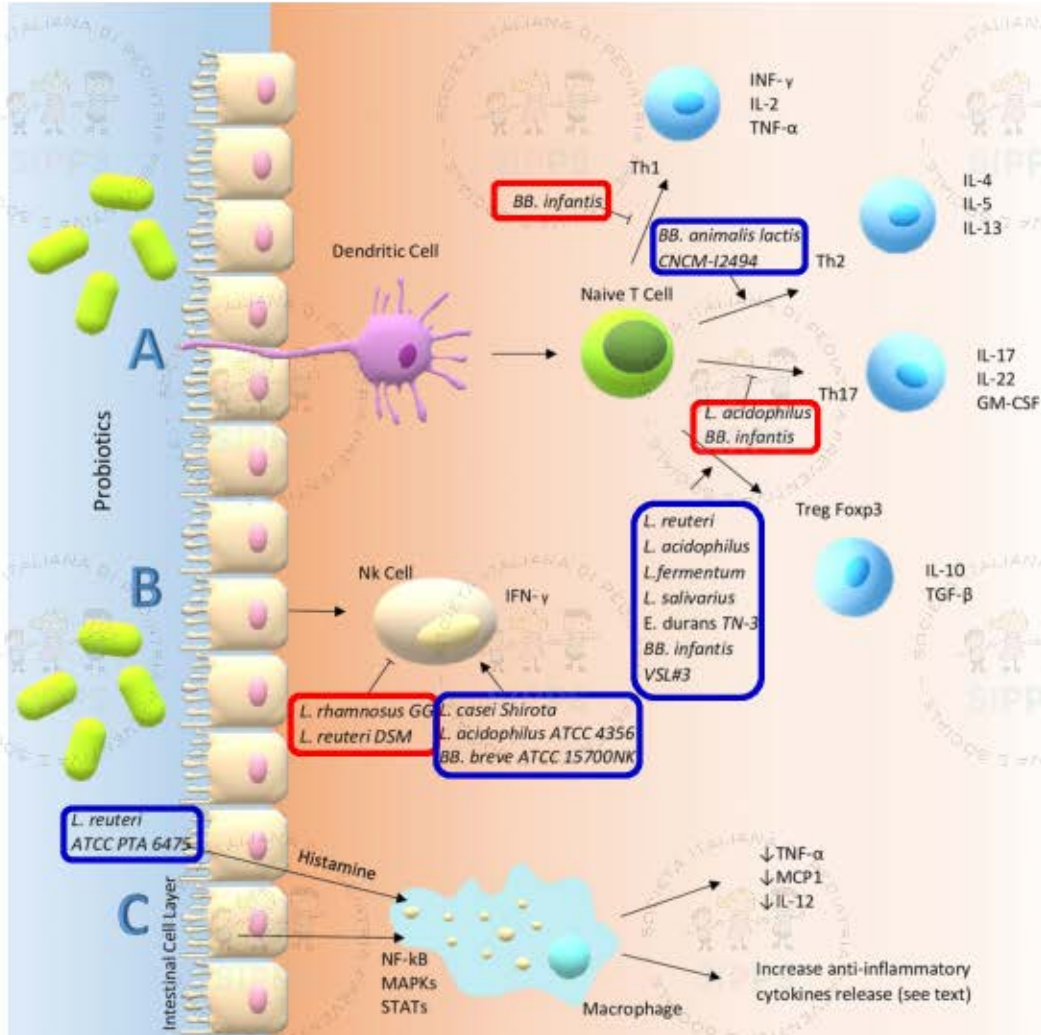
# Anti-Inflammatory and Immunomodulatory Effects of Probiotics in Gut Inflammation: A Door to the Body

 **frontiers**  
in Immunology 2021

*Fernanda Cristofori<sup>1</sup>, Vanessa Nadia Dargenio<sup>1</sup>, Costantino Dargenio<sup>1</sup>, Vito Leonardo Miniello<sup>1</sup>, Michele Barone<sup>2</sup> and Ruggiero Francavilla<sup>1\*</sup>*







## Probiotics in Preventing Acute Upper Respiratory Tract Infections



13 RCTs      3,720 participants in RCTs



Probiotics were found to be more effective than placebo—reducing the number of participants who experienced episodes of acute URTI by about 47% and the duration of an episode by about 1.89 days.

Probiotics are likely more effective than placebo in reducing the number of episodes of acute URTI, the average duration of these episodes, antibiotic use, and URTI-related school absences.

However, the quality of the evidence was low or very low.

# Prevention of recurrent respiratory infections

Chiappini *et al. Italian Journal of Pediatrics* 2021



## Inter-society Consensus

Elena Chiappini<sup>1\*</sup>, Francesca Santamaria<sup>2</sup>, Gian Luigi Marseglia<sup>3</sup>, Paola Marchisio<sup>4</sup>, Luisa Galli<sup>1</sup>, Renato Cutrera<sup>5</sup>, Maurizio de Martino<sup>1</sup>, Sara Antonini<sup>1</sup>, Paolo Becherucci<sup>6</sup>, Paolo Biasci<sup>7</sup>, Barbara Bortone<sup>1</sup>, Sergio Bottero<sup>8</sup>, Valeria Caldarelli<sup>9</sup>, Fabio Cardinale<sup>10</sup>, Guido Castelli Gattinara<sup>11</sup>, Martina Ciarcia<sup>1</sup>, Daniele Ciofi<sup>1</sup>, Sofia D'Elis<sup>12</sup>, Giuseppe Di Mauro<sup>13</sup>, Mattia Doria<sup>14</sup>, Luciana Indinnimeo<sup>15</sup>, Andrea Lo Vecchio<sup>2</sup>, Francesco Macrì<sup>16</sup>, Roberto Mattina<sup>17</sup>, Vito Leonardo Miniello<sup>18</sup>, Michele Miraglia del Giudice<sup>19</sup>, Guido Morbin<sup>20</sup>, Marco Antonio Motisi<sup>1</sup>, Andrea Novelli<sup>1</sup>, Anna Teresa Palamara<sup>21</sup>, Maria Laura Panatta<sup>22</sup>, Angela Pasinato<sup>23</sup>, Diego Peroni<sup>12</sup>, Katia Perruccio<sup>24</sup>, Giorgio Piacentini<sup>25</sup>, Massimo Pifferi<sup>26</sup>, Lorenzo Pignataro<sup>4</sup>, Emanuela Sitzia<sup>22</sup>, Chiara Tersigni<sup>1</sup>, Sara Torretta<sup>4</sup>, Irene Trambusti<sup>12</sup>, Giulia Trippella<sup>1</sup>, Diletta Valentini<sup>27</sup>, Sandro Valentini<sup>28</sup>, Attilio Varricchio<sup>29</sup>, Maria Carmen Verga<sup>30</sup>, Claudio Vicini<sup>31</sup>, Marco Zecca<sup>32</sup> and Alberto Villani<sup>27</sup>



# Prevention of recurrent respiratory infections



## Inter-society Consensus

**Società Scientifiche, Federazioni ed Associazioni rappresentate:**

Società Italiana di Pediatria (SIP)

Federazione Italiana Medici Pediatri (FIMP)

Società Italiana di Malattie Respiratorie Infantili (SIMRI)

Società di Malattie Infettive Pediatriche (SITIP)

Società Italiana di Pediatria Preventiva e Sociale (SIPPS)

Società Italiana di Allergologia e Immunologia Pediatrica (SIAIP)

Società Italiana di Otorinolaringoiatria Pediatrica (SIOP)

Associazione Italiana di Ematologia e Oncologia Pediatrica (AIEOP)

Società Italiana delle Cure Primarie Pediatriche (SICuPP)

Società Italiana di Otorinolaringoiatria e Chirurgia Cervico-facciale (SIO e ChCF)

Società Italiana di Microbiologia (SIM)

Società Italiana di Chemioterapia (SIC)

Società Italiana di Pediatria Infermieristica (SIPINF)

# Prevention of recurrent respiratory infections



## Probiotics, Prebiotics, Symbiotics, Postbiotics

In the absence of proof of efficacy, the use of oral probiotic formulations should not be recommended for the prevention of RRI ( **weak negative recommendation** ).

Given the scarcity of supporting evidence, the use of nasal spray formulations containing *Streptococcus salivarius* 24SMB should not be recommended for the prevention of RRI ( **weak negative recommendation** ).

In the absence of proof of efficacy and safety, the use of prebiotics and symbiotics should not be recommended for the prevention of RRI ( **weak negative recommendation** ).

In the absence of proof of efficacy and safety, the use of postbiotics should not be recommended for the prevention of RRI ( **weak negative recommendation** ).



**in infancy**

**atopic dermatitis**

**food allergy**



**in childhood**

**allergic asthma**

**allergic rhinitis**

**atopic march**

**skin barrier damage:**  
TSLP, IL-33, IL-25 ↑  
filaggrin ↓

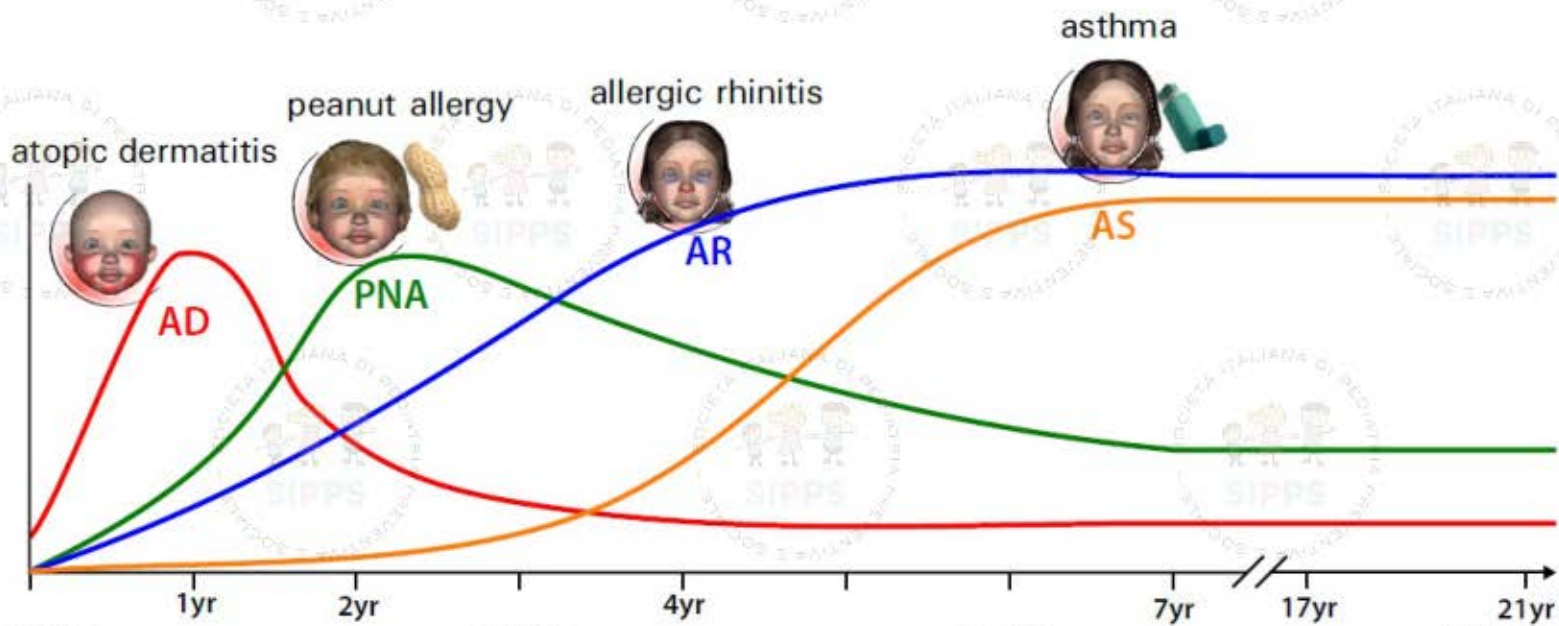
**microbiome alteration**

**interference of predicted genes**

**"social" dysfunction of cells and molecules**

**epigenetic factors**





Cow's milk allergy

asthma

allergic rhinitis

atopic dermatitis

CMA

AD

AS

AR

1yr

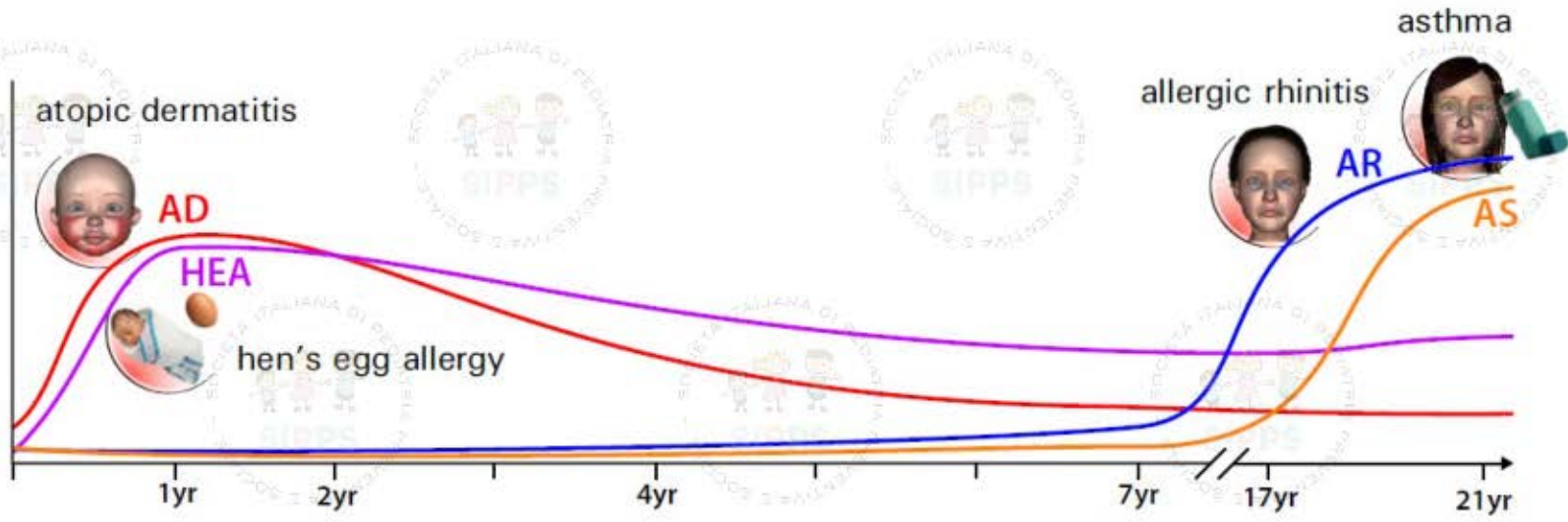
2yr

4yr

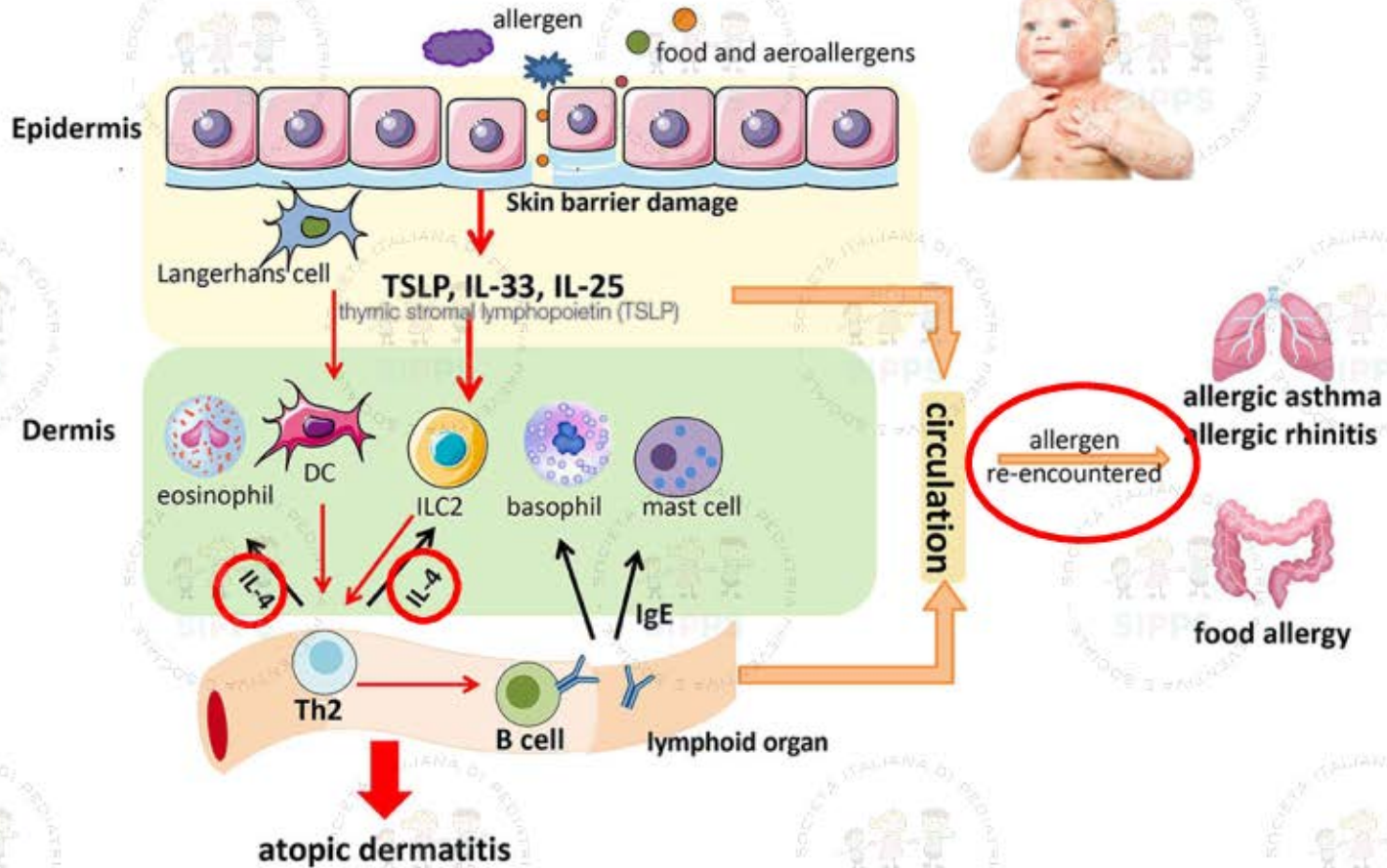
7yr

17yr

21yr







# microbiota



# *Lactobacillus reuteri* Modulates Cytokines Production in Exhaled Breath Condensate of Children With Atopic Dermatitis

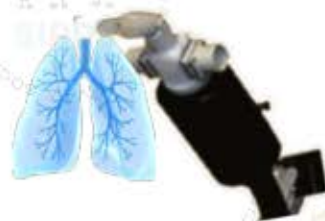
*Vito Leonardo Miniello, Luigia Brunetti, Riccardina Tesse, Miria Natile, Lucio Armenio, and Ruggiero Francavilla*

*JPGN 2010*



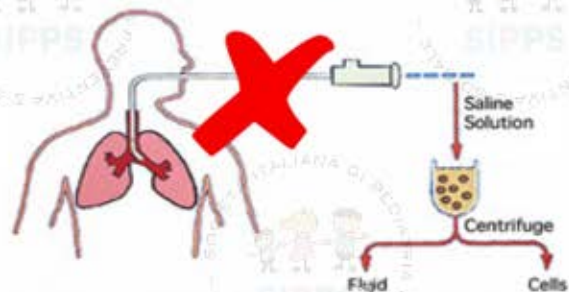
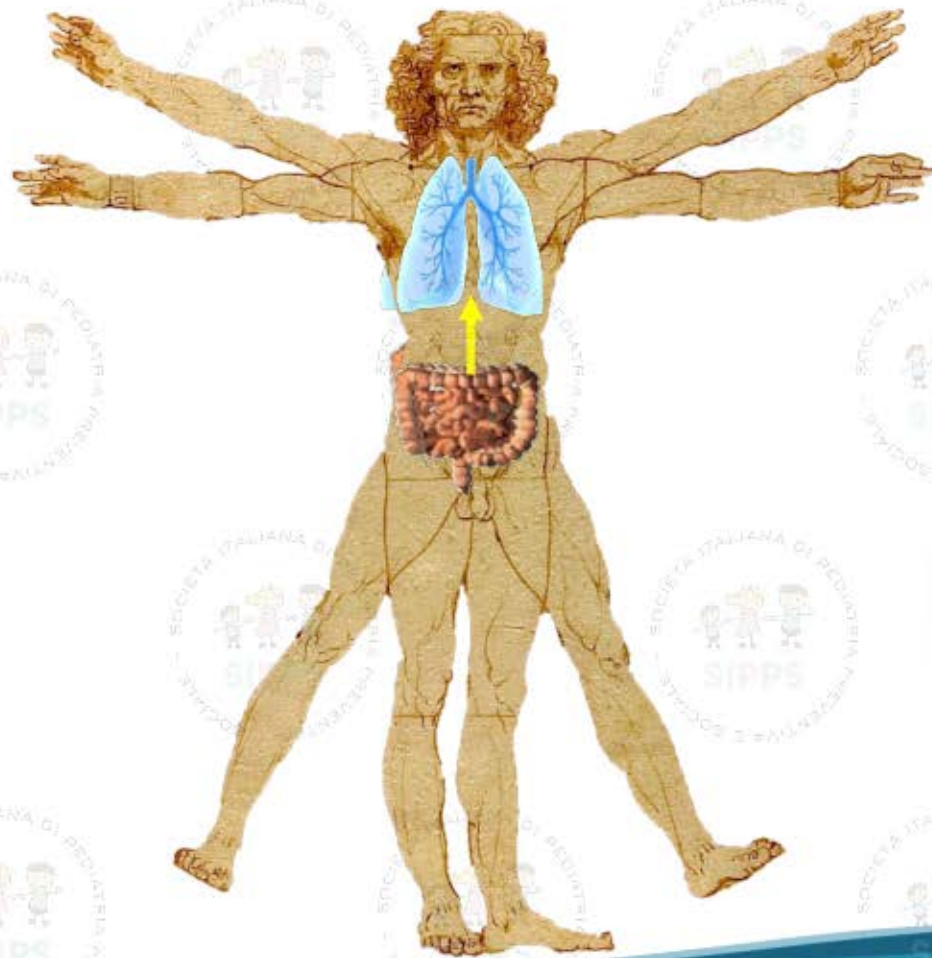
**Dermatite ATOPICA**  
**Eczema NON atopico**

**SCORAD**



**IFN- $\gamma$  IL-4**  
**(nell'esalato condensato)**







*Lactobacillus reuteri* ATCC 55730



Patients with  
AD receiving  
*Lactobacillus reuteri*

Patients with  
AD receiving  
placebo

Patients with nonatopic  
eczema receiving  
*Lactobacillus reuteri*

Patients with  
nonatopic eczema  
receiving placebo

## SCORAD Calculator - SCORing Atopic Dermatitis



SCORAD index at inclusion (range)

SCORAD index after intervention (range)

Patients with  
AD receiving  
*Lactobacillus reuteri*

27 (21–44)

25 (21–42)

Patients with  
AD receiving  
placebo

31 (23–50)

27 (22–47)

Patients with nonatopic  
eczema receiving  
*Lactobacillus reuteri*

35 (23–47)

31 (21–43)

Patients with  
nonatopic eczema  
receiving placebo

33 (27–50)

34 (25–49)

After 8 weeks of treatment, no significant changes in the Severity Scoring Index Atopic Dermatitis Index mean values were observed in patients who received the probiotic supplementation compared with children who received placebo

We measured the concentration of **interferon- $\gamma$**  and **interleukin-4** in the exhaled breath condensate of children with atopic and nonallergic dermatitis receiving a probiotic supplementation (*Lactobacillus reuteri* ATCC 55730) or placebo for 8 weeks.





INF- $\gamma$

IL-2

TNF- $\alpha$



IL-4

IL-5

IL-13



IL-17

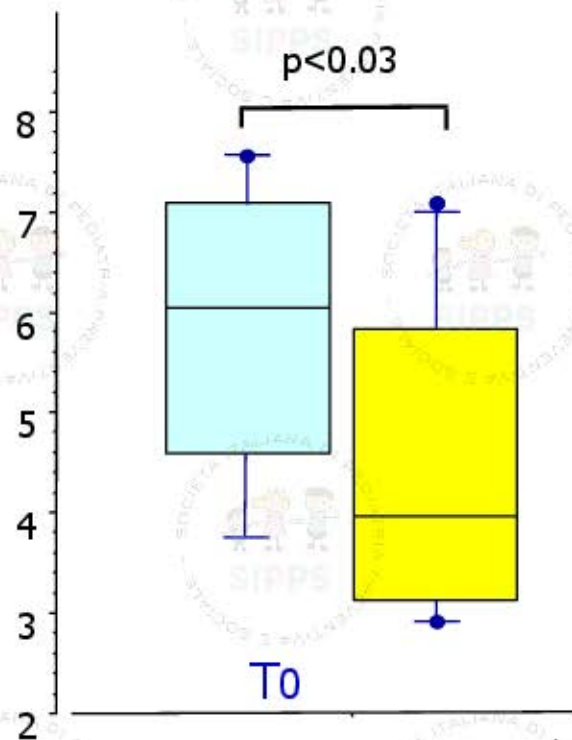
IL-22

GM-CSF

# IFN- $\gamma$ nell'esalato condensato



IFN- $\gamma$   
(pg/ml)



NON atopici  
ATOPICI

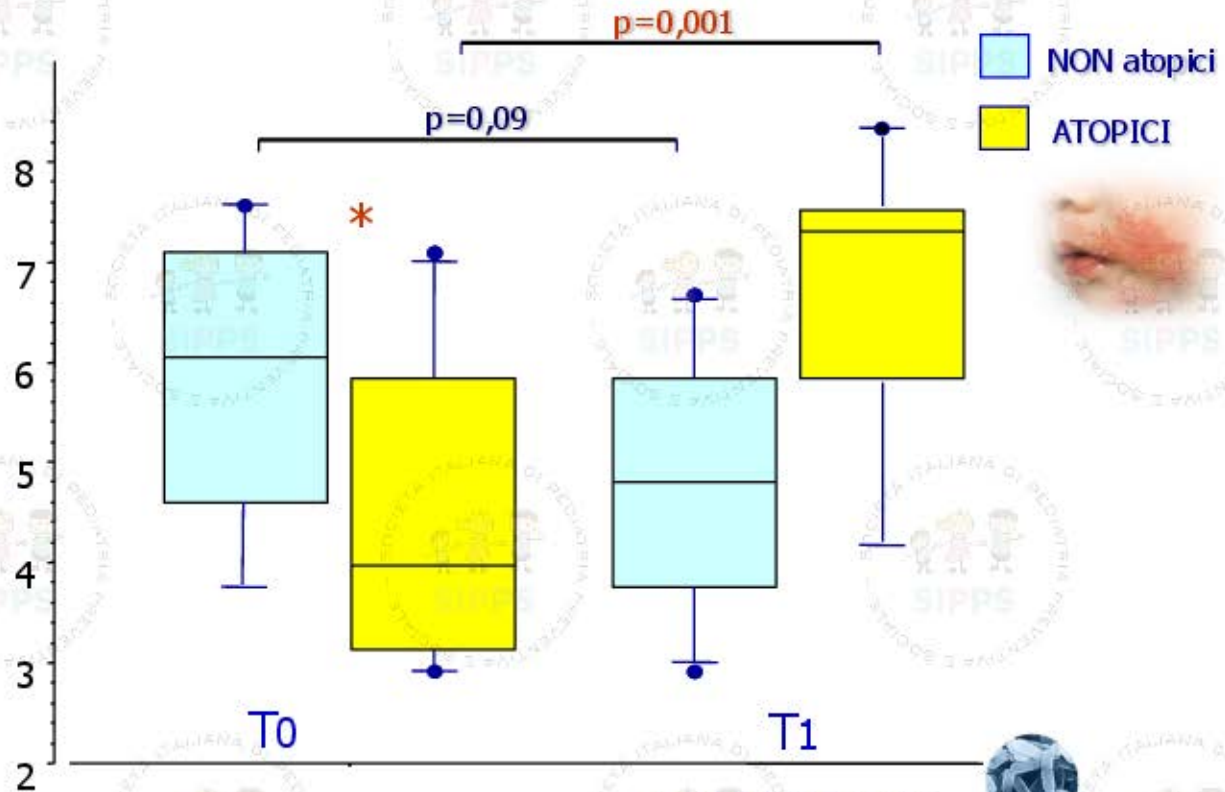


# IFN- $\gamma$ nell'esalato condensato



IFN- $\gamma$   
(pg/ml)

\*  $p < 0.03$



*Lactobacillus reuteri*

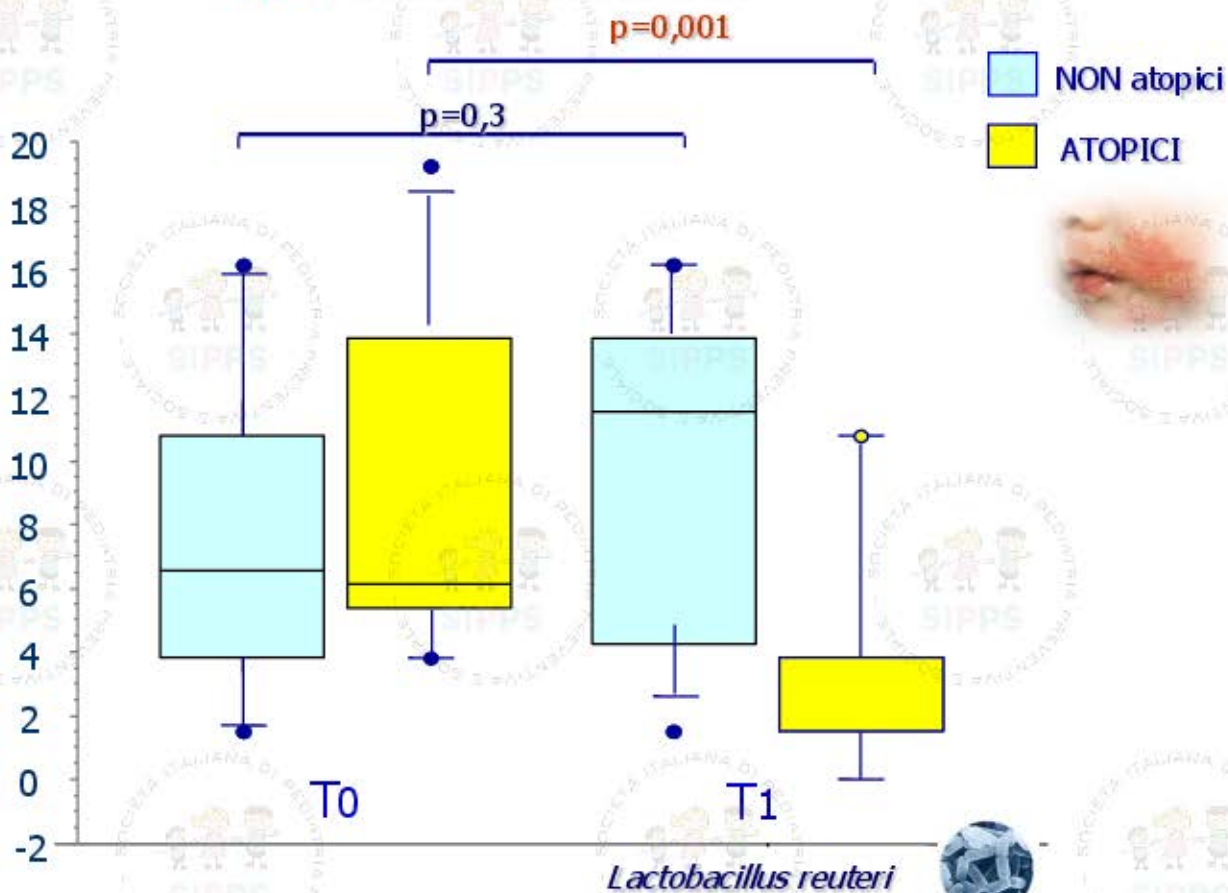






## IL-4 nell'esalato condensato

IL-4  
(pg/ml)



*Lactobacillus reuteri*



Miniello et al

# The Role of Probiotics in the Prevention and Treatment of Atopic Dermatitis in Children: An Updated Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials

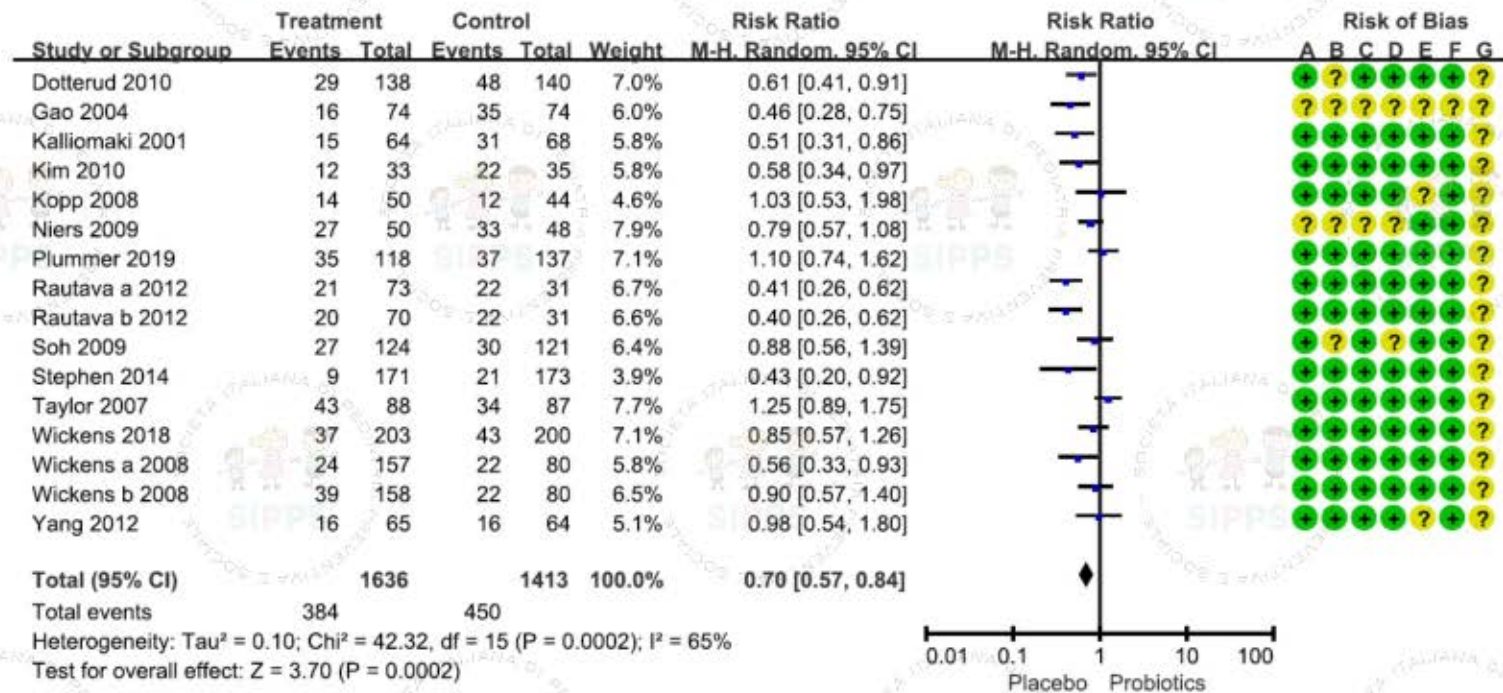


## Probiotics in Atopic Dermatitis in Children



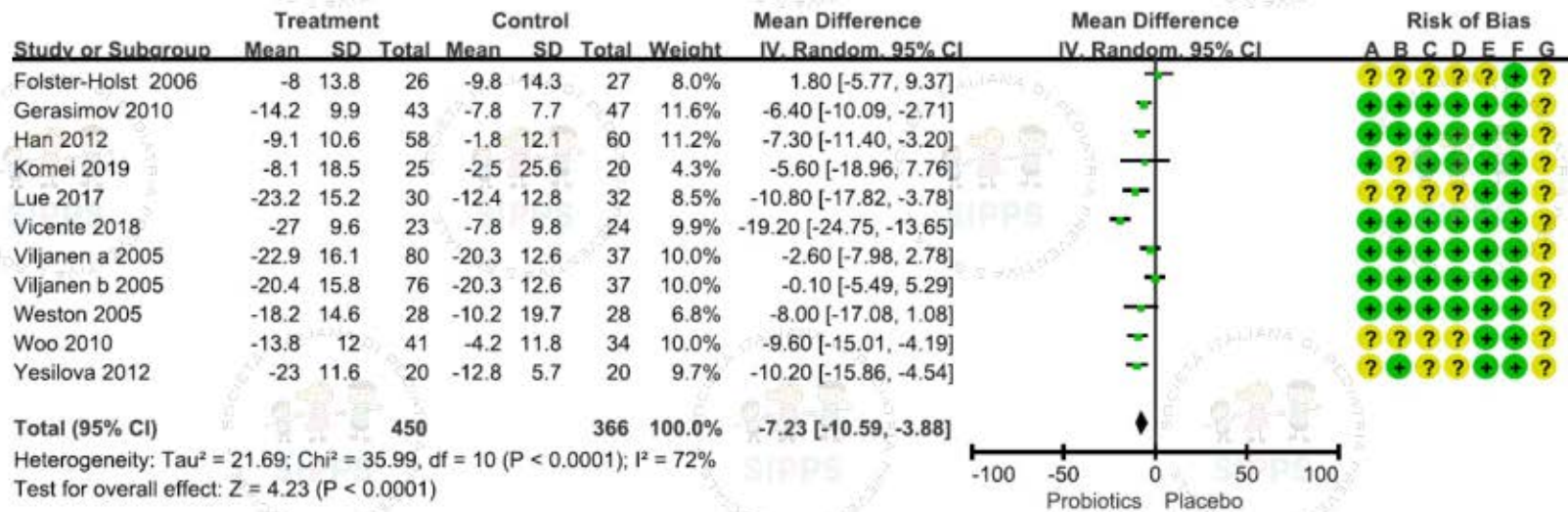
Our updated meta-analysis demonstrates that intervention with probiotics potentially lowers the incidence of AD and relieve AD symptoms in children, particularly in infants and children aged  $\geq 1$  year. Interventions using mixed-strain probiotics tended to show better preventive and curative effects.

## Forest plot for pooled relative risk ratio of AD in those treated with probiotics





## Forest plot for WMD in **change in SCORAD values** in those treated with probiotics



Comparative effectiveness of probiotic strains for the treatment of pediatric atopic dermatitis: A systematic review and network meta-analysis TAN-LIM ET AL. *Pediatr Allergy Immunol.* 2020



Efficacy Outcome vs Placebo



CoE Assessment

Mix1

High quality

*Bifidobacterium* Among the six mixed probiotic preparations, three (Mix1, Mix4, and Mix6) showed benefit in reducing atopic dermatitis symptoms compared with placebo. This is suggestive of the synergistic effects of certain probiotic strains. The therapeutic benefits of these mixed preparations may be due to better simulation of the normal diversity of the human microbiome.

Mix2

Moderate quality

*Bifidobacterium* of certain probiotic strains. The therapeutic benefits of these mixed preparations may be due to better simulation of the normal diversity of the human microbiome.

Mix3

Moderate quality

*Lactobacillus fermentum* GM090 + *Lactobacillus paracasei* GMNL-133i

*Lactobacillus casei* DN-114001

Moderate quality







# Lactobacillus rhamnosus GG for Cow's Milk Allergy in Children: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis



**Risk of bias legend**

- (A) Random sequence generation (selection bias)
- (B) Allocation concealment (selection bias)
- (C) Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)
- (D) Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)
- (E) Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)
- (F) Selective reporting (reporting bias)
- (G) Other bias

Significant differences between the tolerance rate of the LGG and control groups were observed overall, and the results showed that LGG was more able to gain immune tolerance (RR, 2.22; 95% CI, 1.86–2.66). Meanwhile, no obvious heterogeneity was found in these five trials ( $I^2 = 0.0\%$ ,  $p < 0.00001$ ).

## CONCLUSION

Our results indicated that LGG may have moderate-quality evidence to promote oral tolerance in children with CMA, and it may have a role in promoting the recovery of intestinal symptoms. However, this conclusion must be treated with caution due to the small number of included studies. Although this result shows that the management of children with CMA has a positive trend, more powerful RCTs with standardized measurements are needed to evaluate the most effective dose and treatment time for children with CMA and fully understand its potential adverse reactions.

## Gut microbiota biomodulators, when the stork comes by the scalpel

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**Modalità del  
parto**



**Modalità  
allattamento**



**Antibiotici  
Ferro PPI**





*"Prega per noi adesso  
e nell'ora della nostra nascita"  
Thomas Stearns Eliot*

