

# CONSENSUS HELP

## Human Early Life Prevention

### MICROBIOTA E IMMUNITÀ

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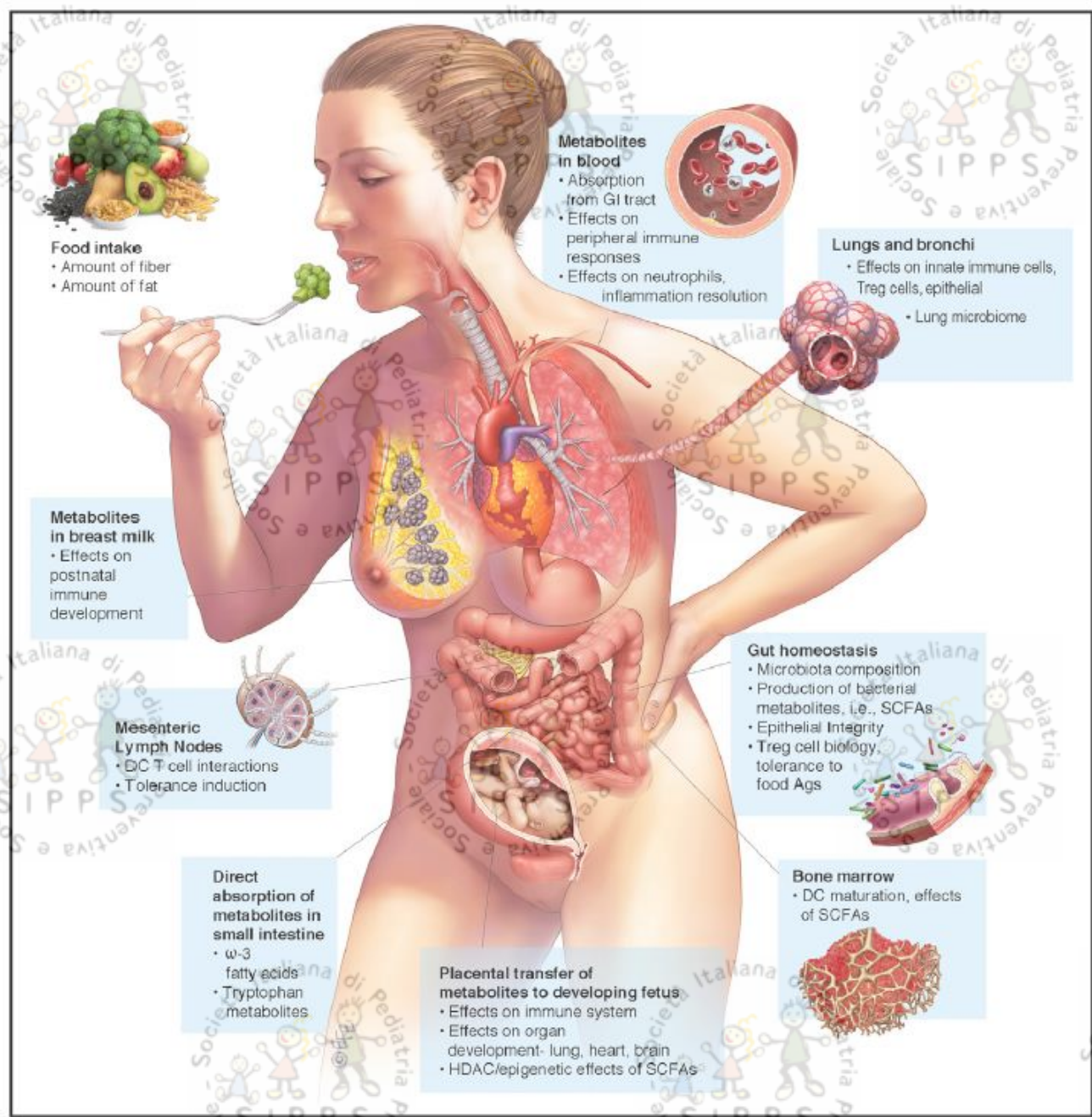
**450 mL/die di liquido amniotico**

**Carboidrati, proteine, lipidi  
(20Kcal/Kg/die)**

**Fattori di Crescita (EGF, IGF-1)**

**DNA batterico**

**miRNA**



**Food intake**

- Amount of fiber
- Amount of fat

**Metabolites in blood**

- Absorption from GI tract
- Effects on peripheral immune responses
- Effects on neutrophils, inflammation resolution



**Lungs and bronchi**

- Effects on innate immune cells, Treg cells, epithelial
- Lung microbiome



**Metabolites in breast milk**

- Effects on postnatal immune development

**Mesenteric Lymph Nodes**

- DC T cell interactions
- Tolerance induction



**Gut homeostasis**

- Microbiota composition
- Production of bacterial metabolites, i.e., SCFAs
- Epithelial Integrity
- Treg cell biology, tolerance to food Ags



**Direct absorption of metabolites in small intestine**

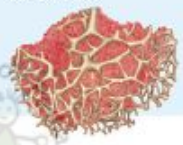
- $\omega$ -3 fatty acids
- Tryptophan metabolites

**Placental transfer of metabolites to developing fetus**

- Effects on immune system
- Effects on organ development- lung, heart, brain
- HDAC/epigenetic effects of SCFAs

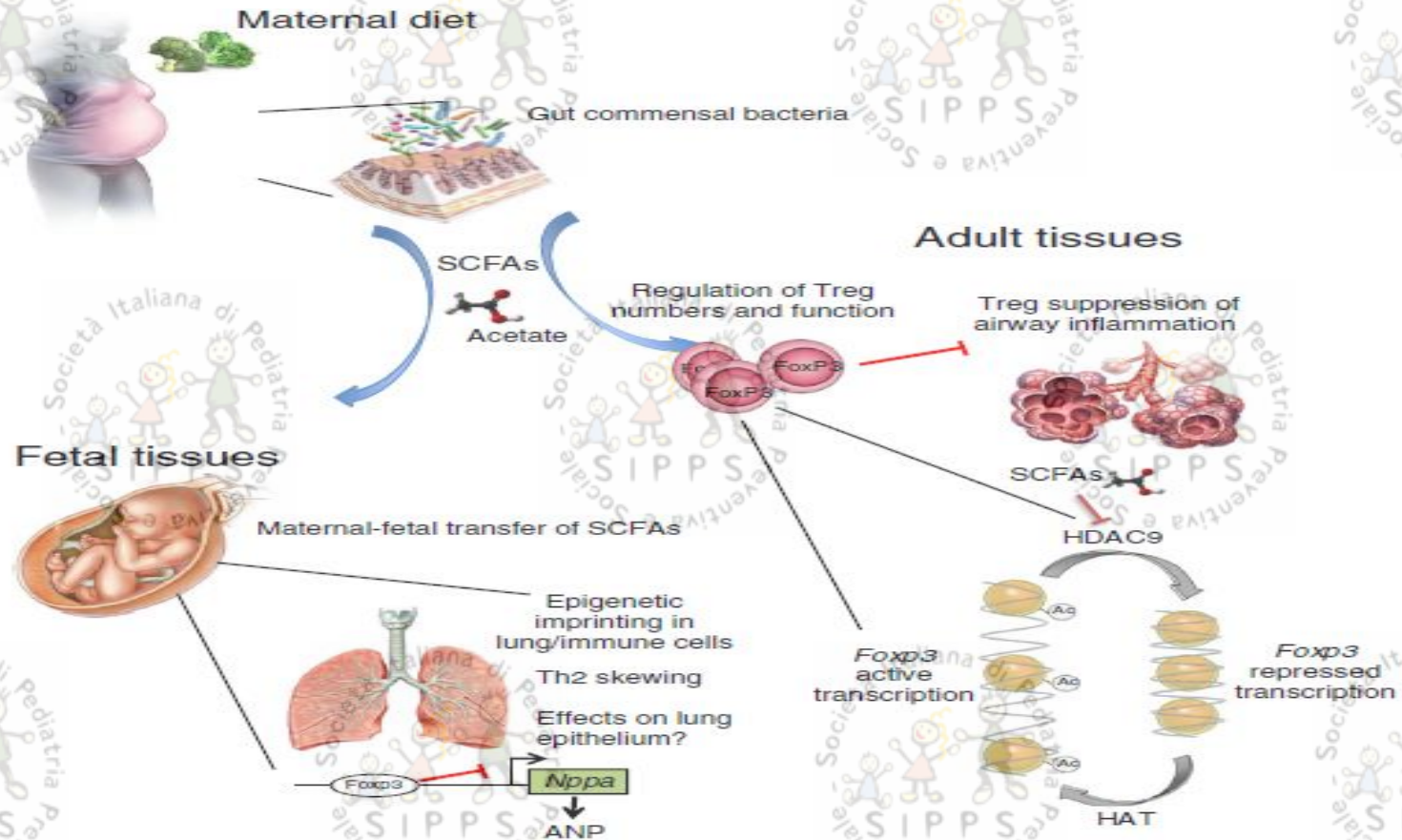
**Bone marrow**

- DC maturation, effects of SCFAs



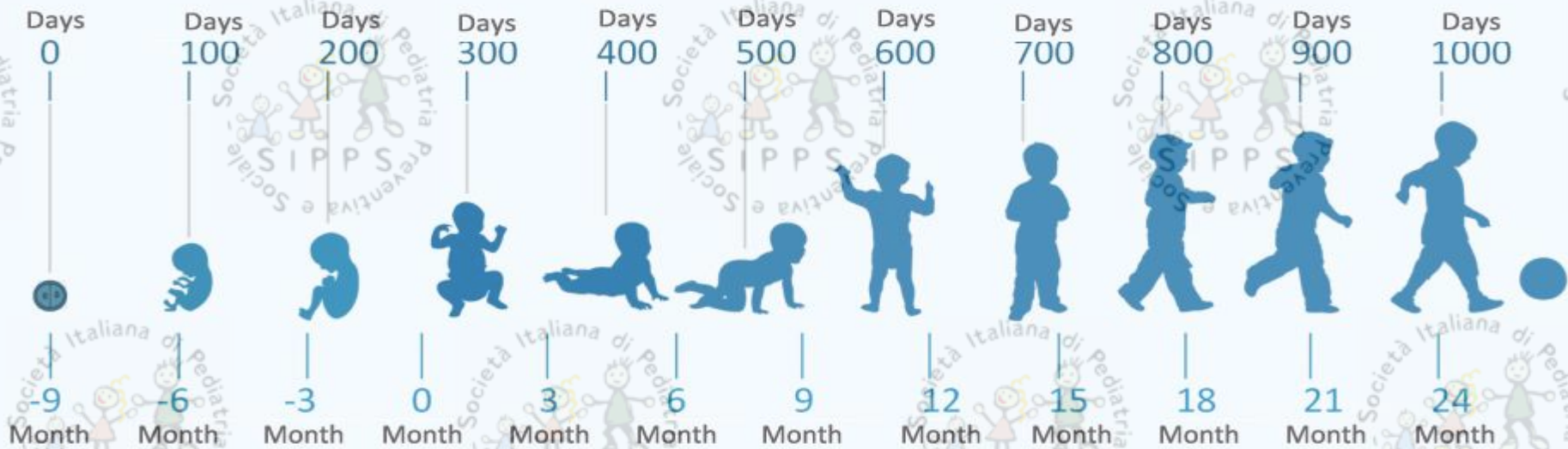
# Evidence that asthma is a developmental origin disease influenced by maternal diet and bacterial metabolites

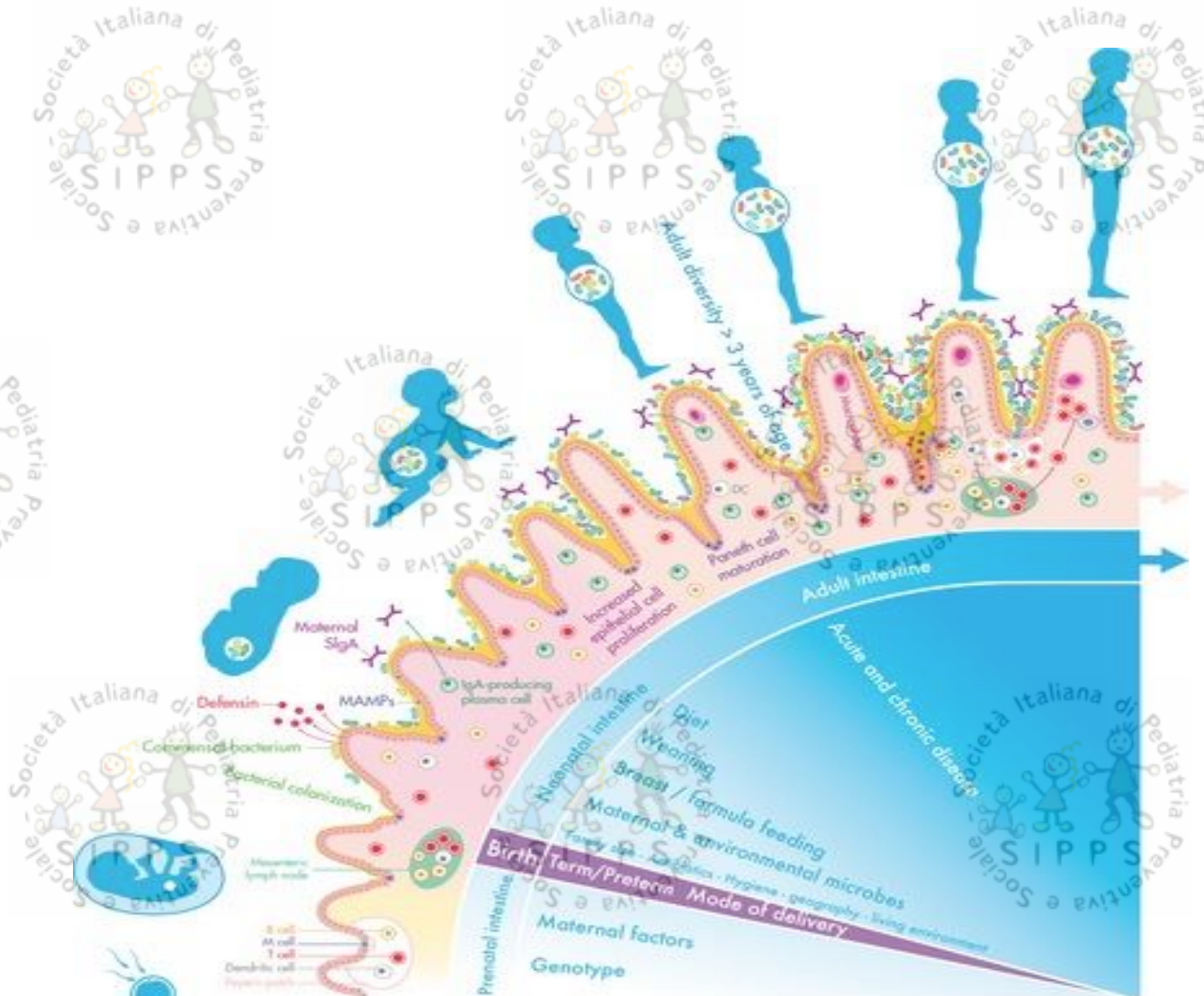
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WHAT YOU DO AND EAT IN THE FIRST 1000 DAYS, MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE





Growth

Mucosal barrier  
Immune system

Early life factors

## Early life, gut microbiota & immune development

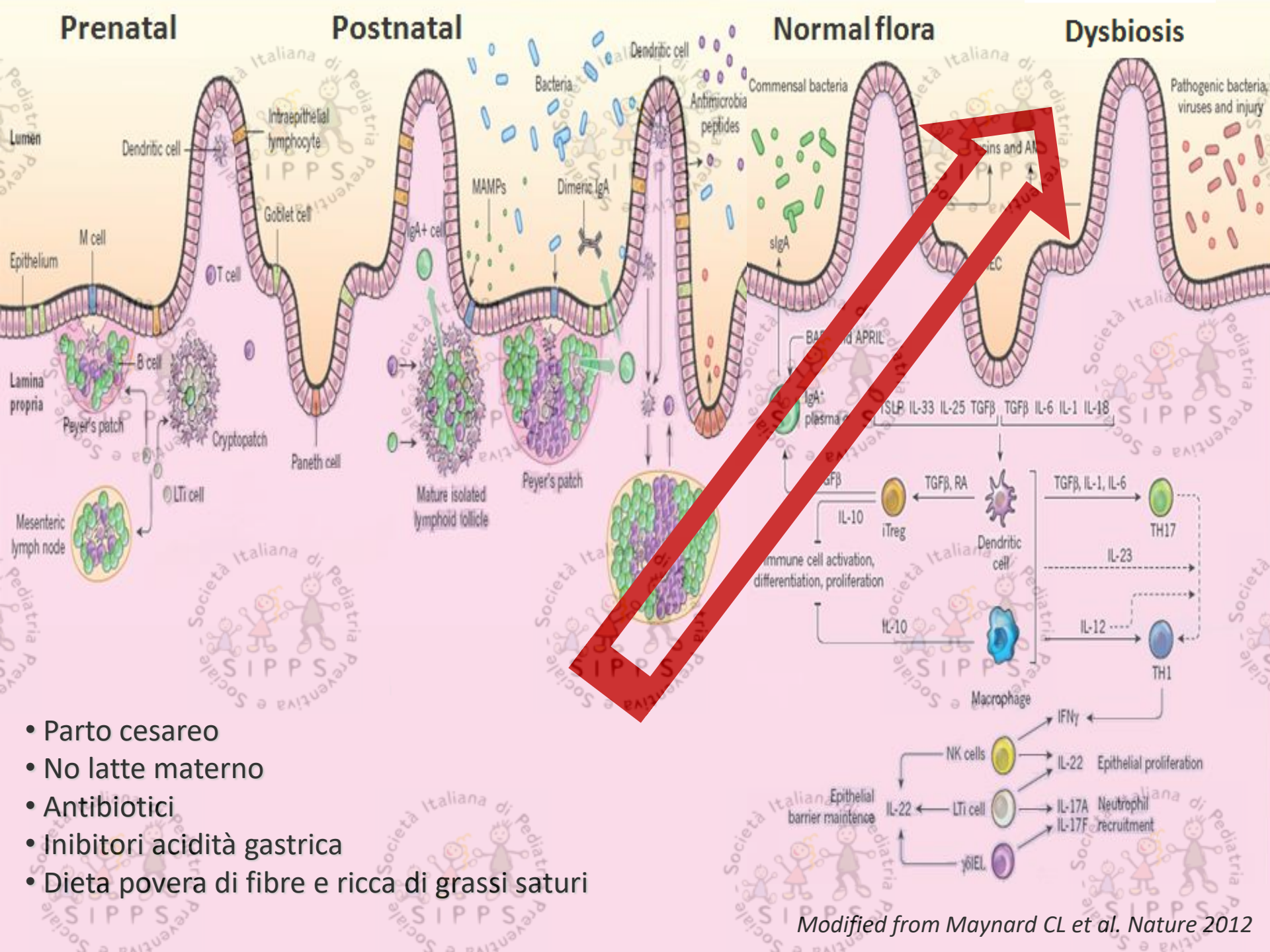


# Prenatal

# Postnatal

# Normal flora

# Dysbiosis



- Parto cesareo
- No latte materno
- Antibiotici
- Inibitori acidità gastrica
- Dieta povera di fibre e ricca di grassi saturi

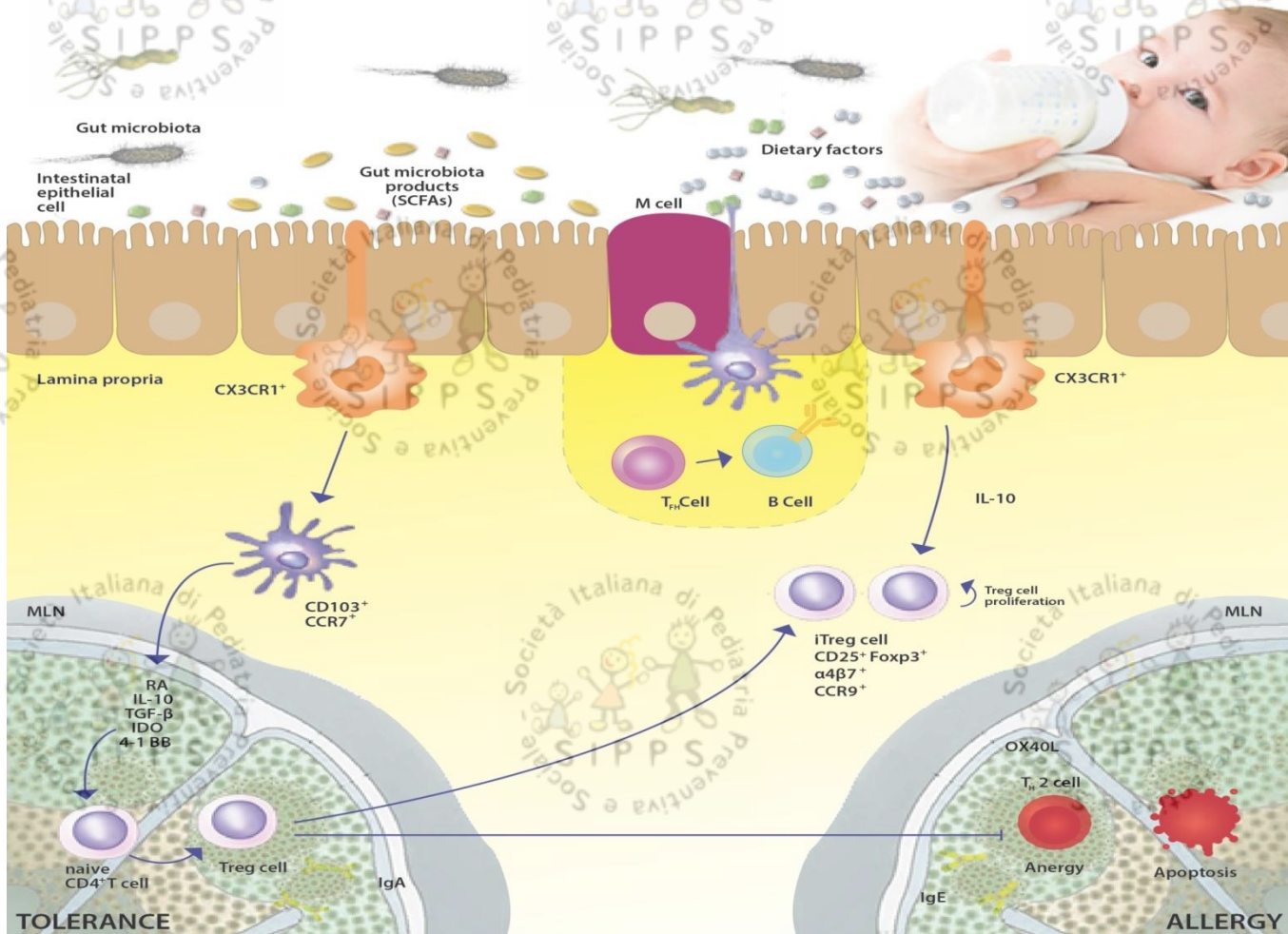
## ALLERGY STATISTICS

Worldwide, the rise in prevalence of allergic diseases has continued in the industrialized world for more than 50 years.

Worldwide, allergy rates to one or more common allergens among school children are currently approaching 40%-50%.



# Immune tolerance: suppression of immune response to dietary antigens mediated by Ag-specific regulatory T cells

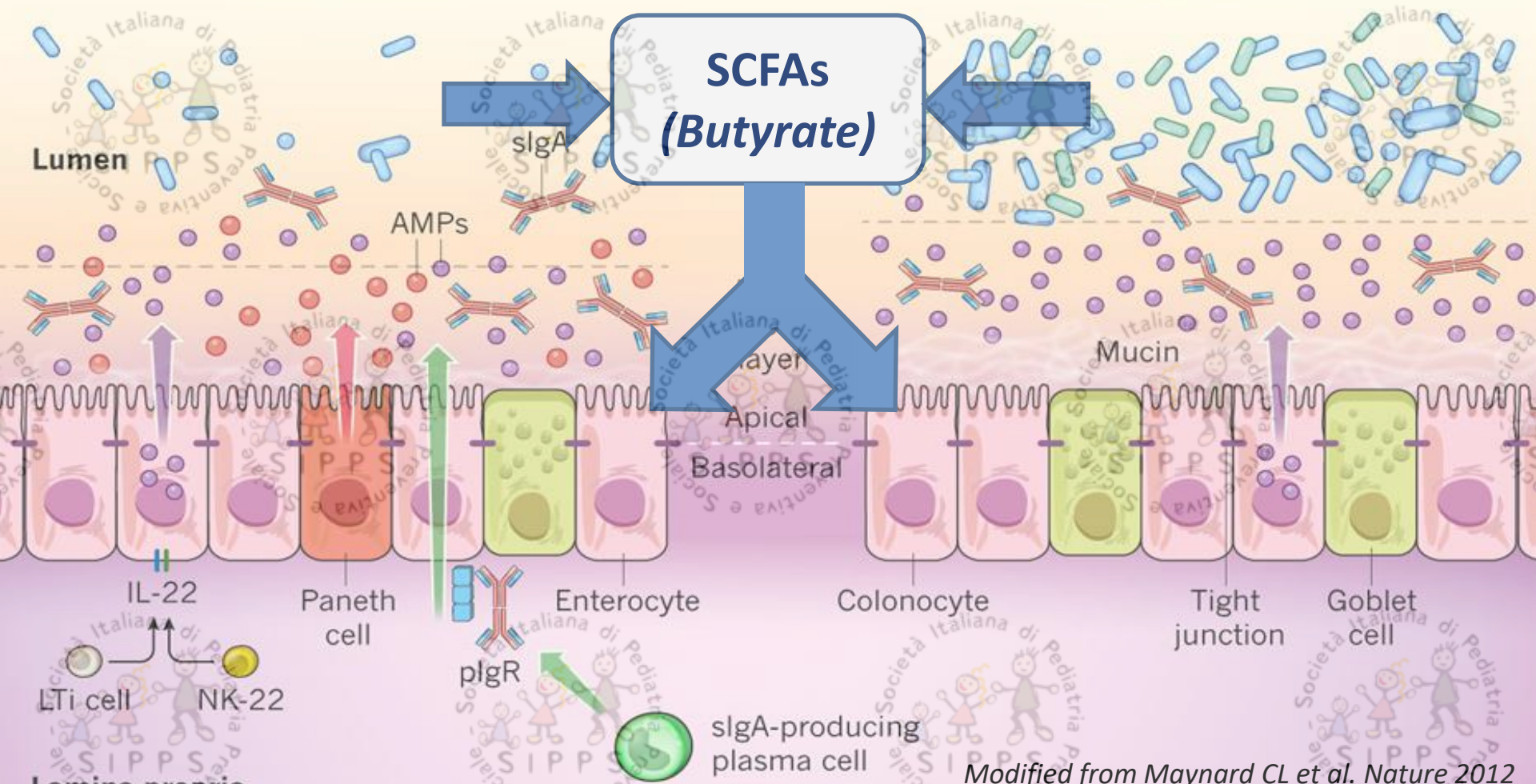


Dynamic network modulated from birth by exposure to dietary factors and acquisition of gut microbiota



**Small intestine**

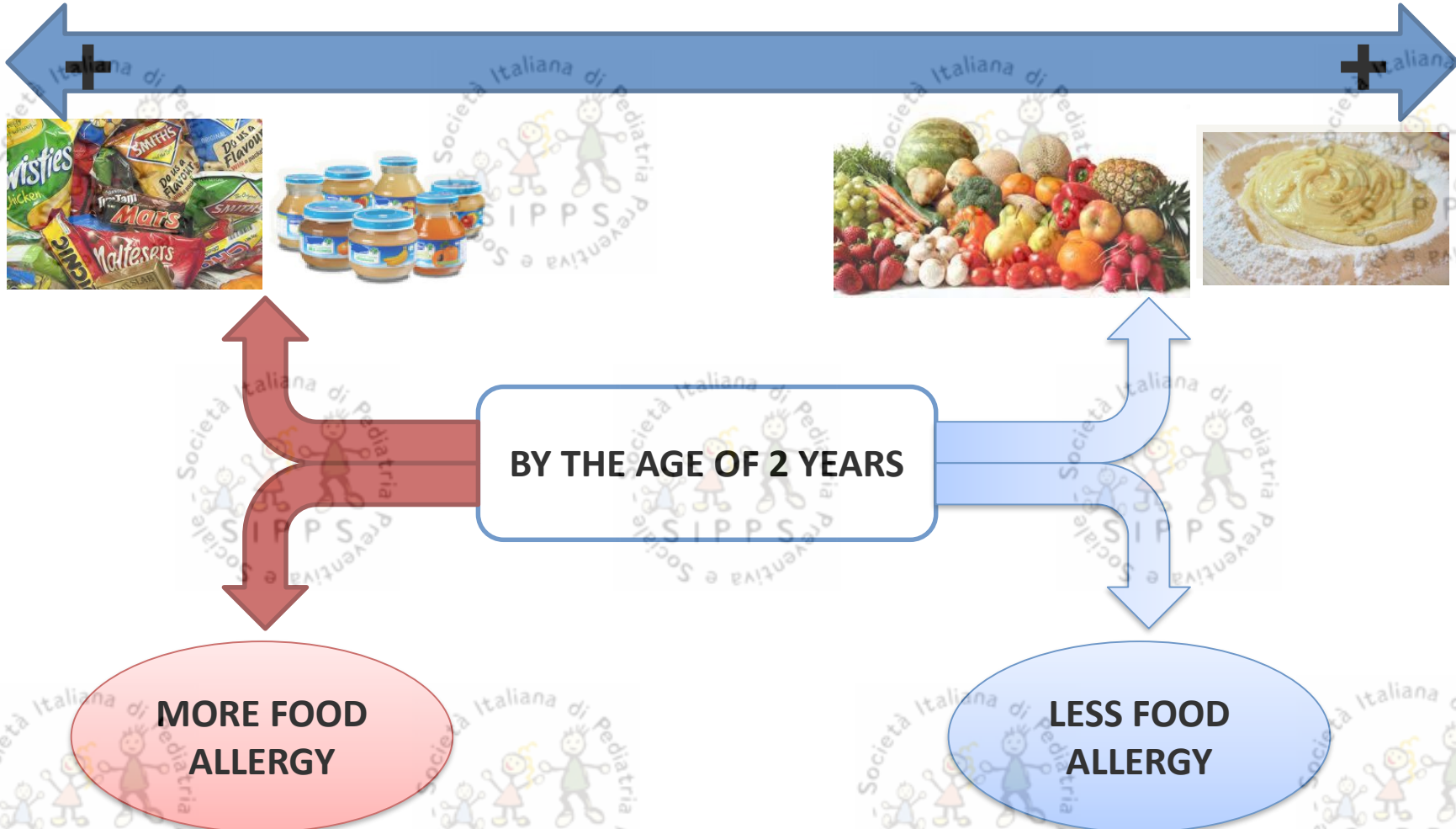
**Large intestine**



Modified from Maynard CL et al. Nature 2012

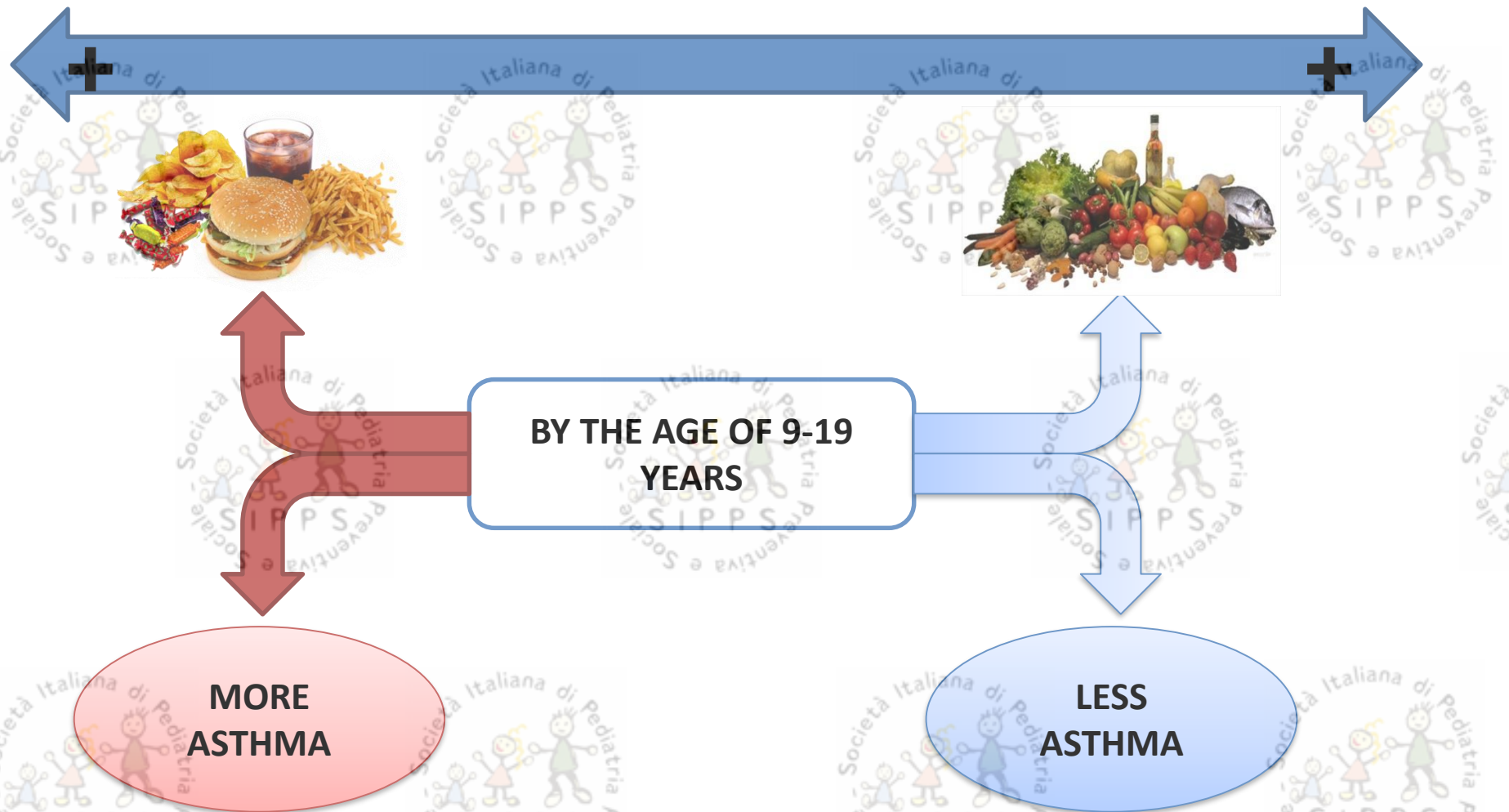
# Diet and food allergy development during infancy: Birth cohort study findings using prospective food diary data

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# Association Between Adherence to the Mediterranean Diet and Asthma in Peruvian Children

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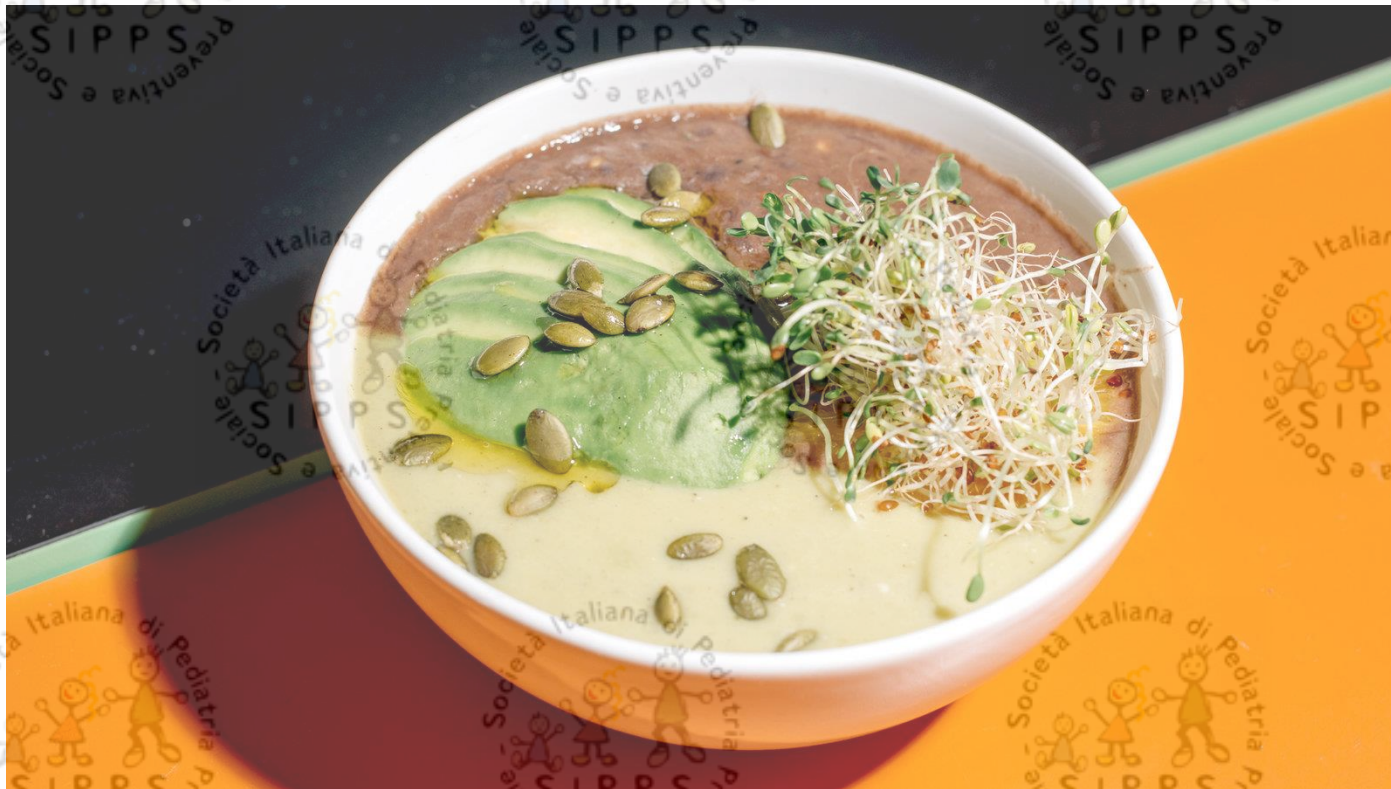


# The New York Times

FOOD

## The Hippies Have Won

By CHRISTINE MUHLKE APRIL 4, 2017





Dopo 10 giorni:

- ✓ Perdita di  $>1300$  specie batteriche
- ✓ Aumento Bacteroidetes / Riduzione Firmicutes

Tre giorni consecutivi sono sufficienti per indurre effetti simili

*Spector TD et al. Cell 2015*

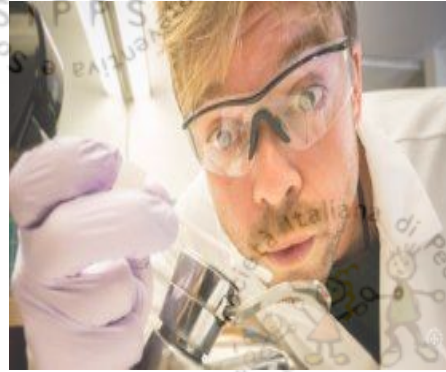
*Vanamala JKP Cell 2015*

*Nadeem O et al. Mol Nutr Food Res 2016*



Argonne National Laboratory campus

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*Bacteroidetes*



*Firmicutes*

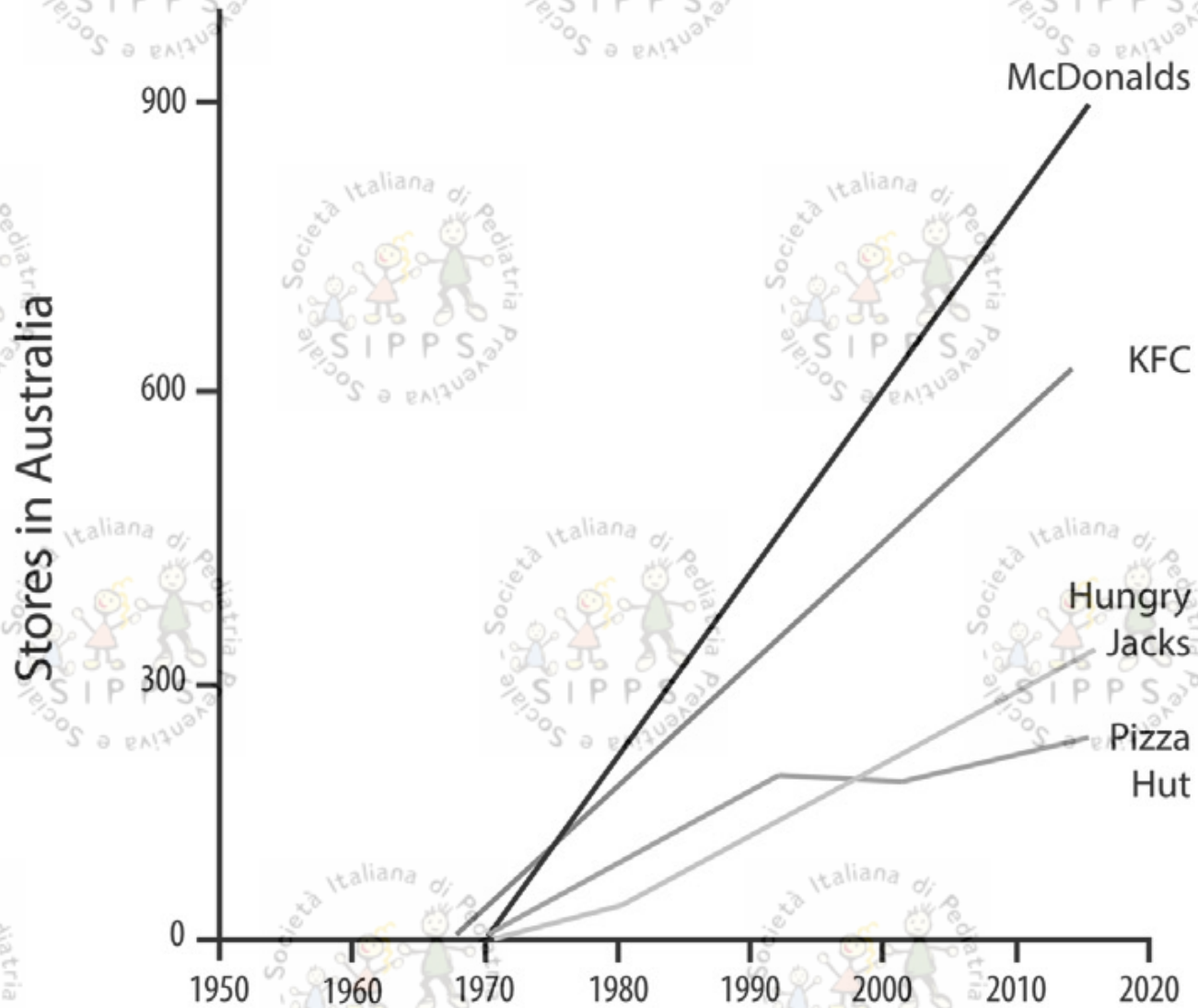
**Healthy babies**

**Non-IgE-mediated**

**IgE-mediated**

*Modified from Berni Canani R et al ISME J 2015 and 2017 submitted*

# AA IN UN PAESE INDUSTRIALIZZATO

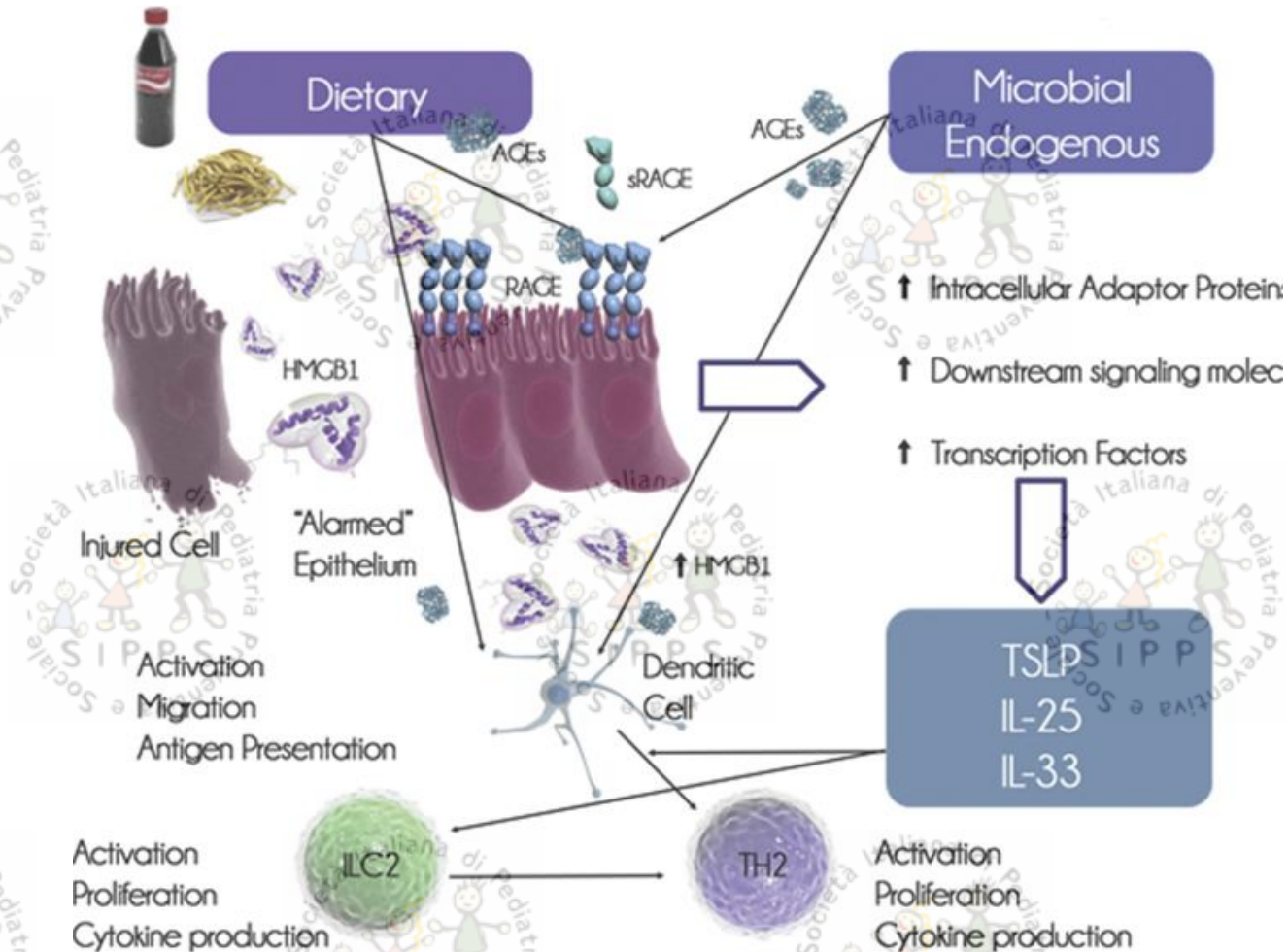




# AGEs (Advanced Glycation End Products)

COMPOSTI CHIMICI PRODOTTI DALLA COMBINAZIONE DI ZUCCHERI CON PROTEINE O GRASSI  
(GLICAZIONE AVANZATA)

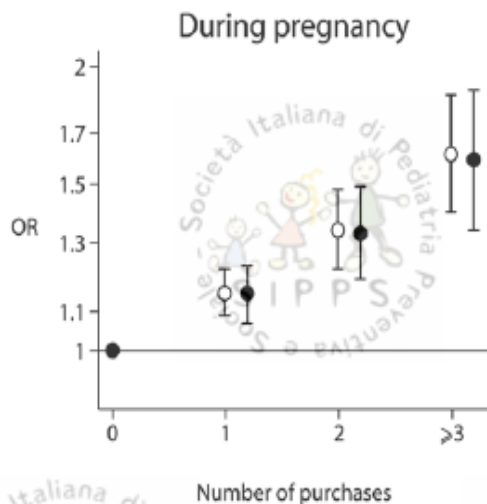
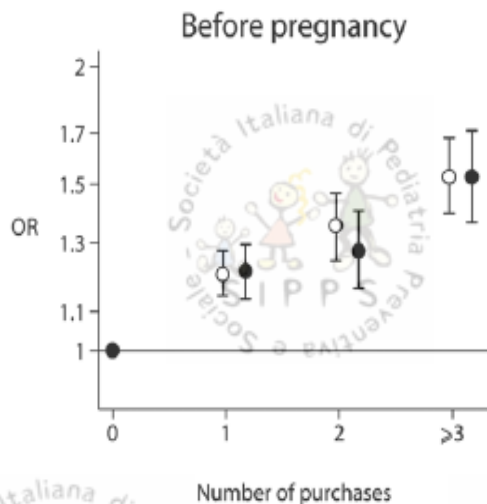
*Superfici dorate o abbrustolite di cibi fritti o grigliati, pane tostato, ecc.*



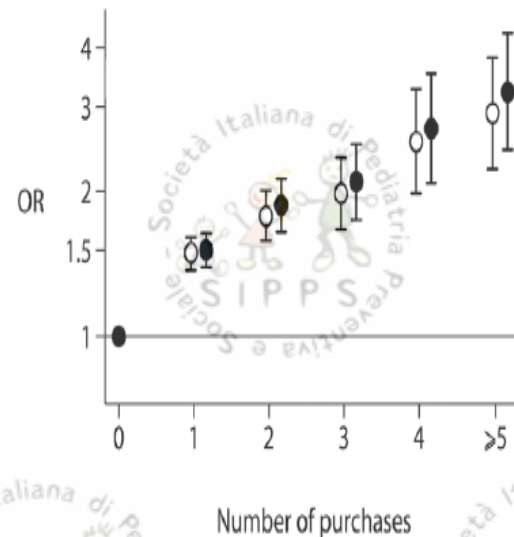
# Mother's and Offspring's Use of Antibiotics and Infant Allergy to Cow's Milk

Johanna Metsälä,<sup>a,b</sup> Annamari Lundqvist,<sup>c</sup> Lauri J. Virta,<sup>d</sup> Minna Kaila,<sup>e</sup> Mika Gissler,<sup>f,g</sup> and Suvi M. Virtanen<sup>a,b,h</sup>

## Antibiotic use by the mother



## Antibiotic use by the child

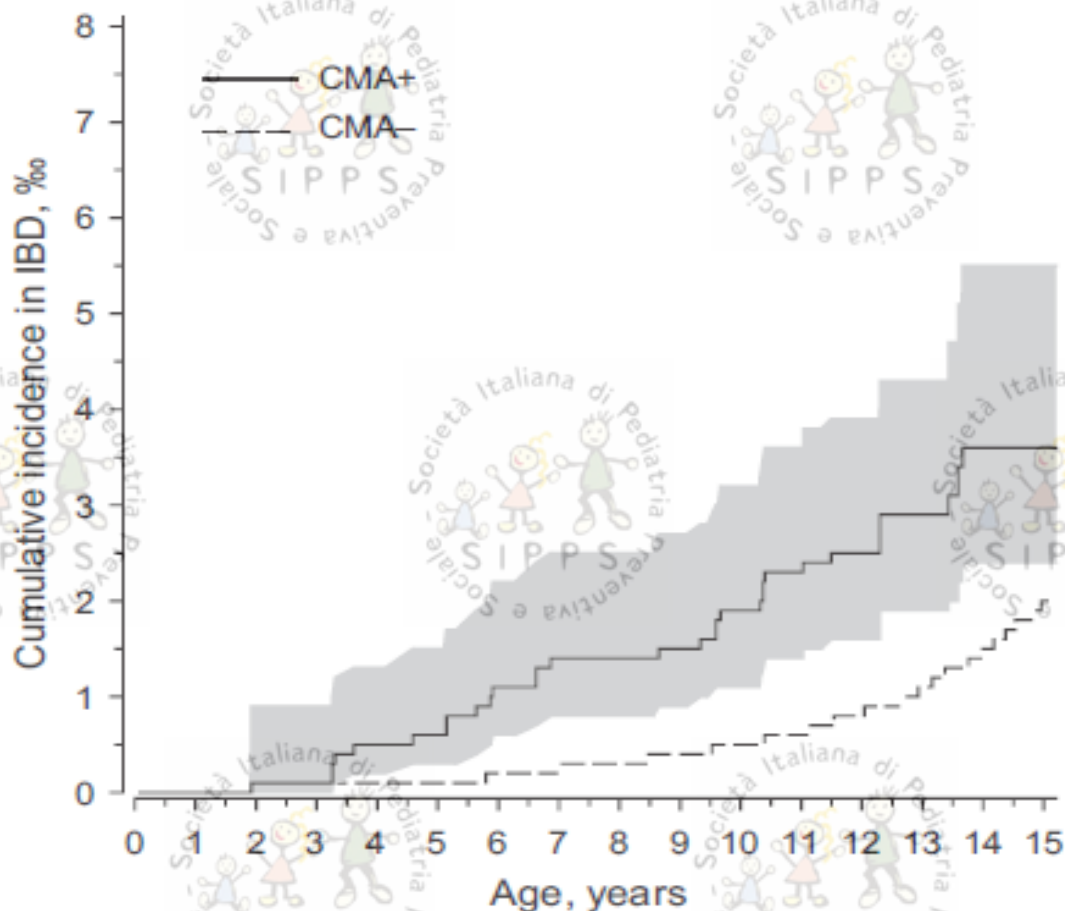


# Symptoms suggestive of cow's milk allergy in infancy and pediatric inflammatory bowel disease

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225.041 children born from Jan 1999 and Dec 2002: 7910 developed CMA



# Therapy With Gastric Acidity Inhibitors Increases the Risk of Acute Gastroenteritis and Community-Acquired Pneumonia in Children

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Characteristics	Controls (n = 95)	GA Inhibitors (n = 91)
Age, median, mo (IQR)	10 (8–15)	10 (8–16)
Male, n (%)	50 (53)	48 (53)
Weight, median, kg (IQR)	9.3 (8–10)	9.1 (8–15)
Length, median, cm (IQR)	74 (70–78)	74 (70–80)
Patients presenting with		
Acute gastroenteritis in the previous 4 mo, n (%)	17 (18)	18 (20)
Acute gastroenteritis in the follow-up period, n (%)	19 (20)	43 (47) <sup>a,b</sup>
Pneumonia in the previous 4 mo, n (%)	1 (1)	3 (3)
Pneumonia in the follow-up period, n (%)	2 (2)	11 (12) <sup>a,b</sup>

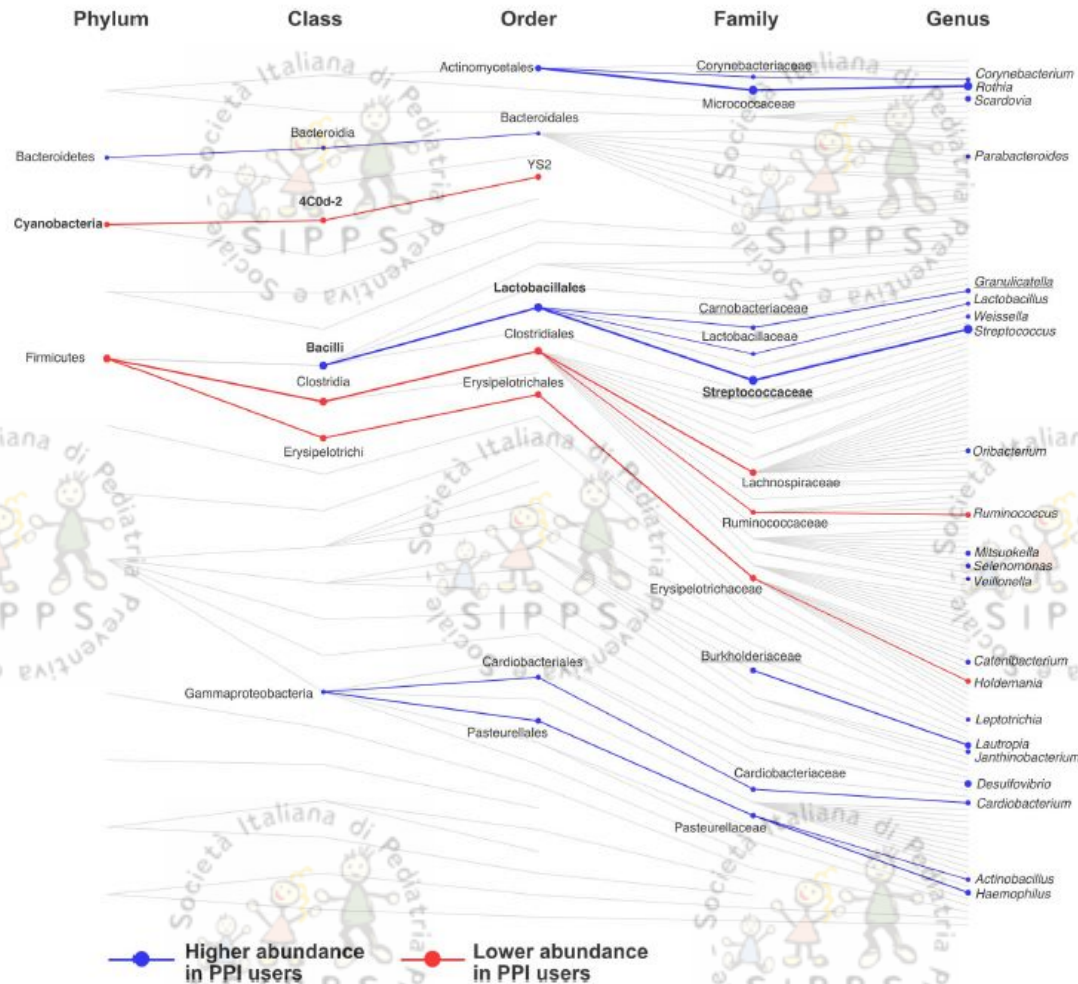
<sup>a</sup>  $p < .05$ , GA inhibitor users versus control children.

<sup>b</sup>  $p < .05$ , 4 months before versus 4 months after the enrollment.

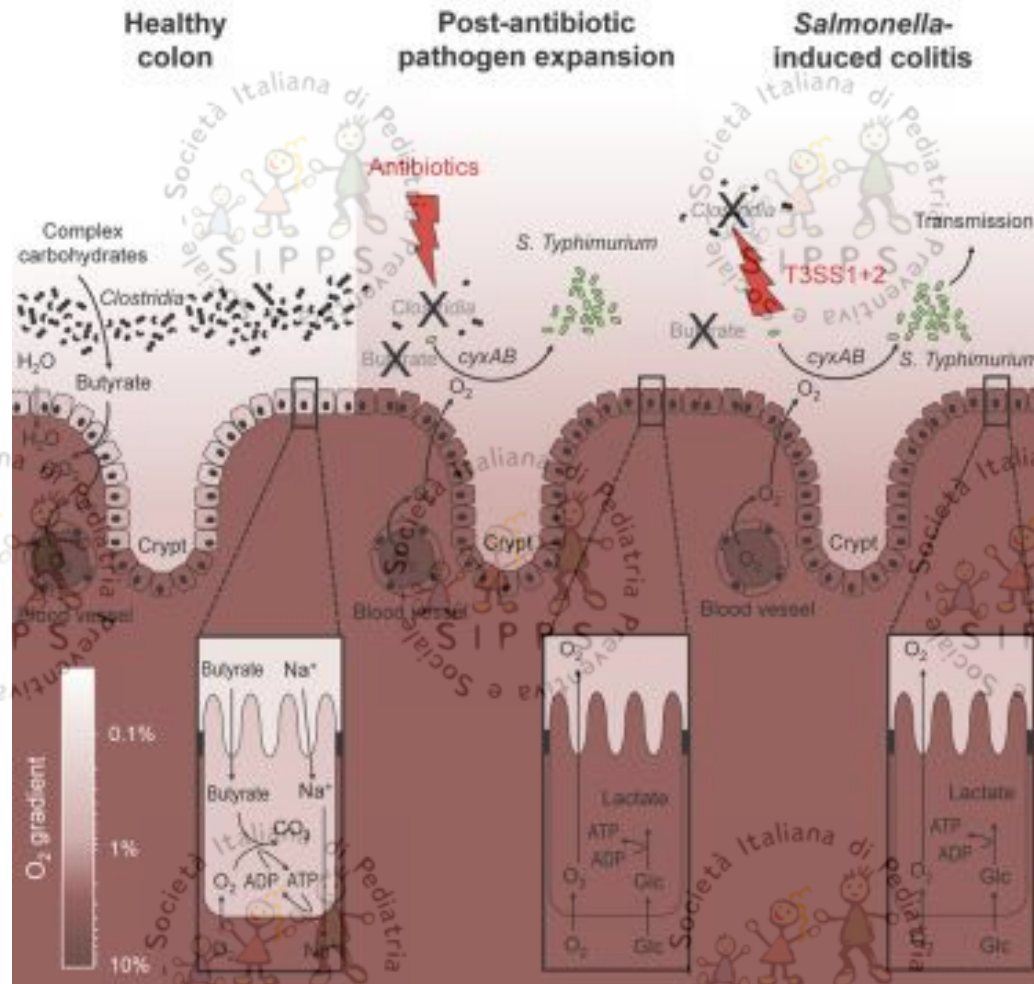
IQR indicates interquartile range.

# Proton pump inhibitors alter the composition of the gut microbiota

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# Depletion of butyrate-producing *Clostridia* from the Gut Microbiota Drives an Aerobic Luminal Expansion of *Salmonella*





# Gut microbiota: Neonatal gut microbiota induces lung immunity against pneumonia

[Sabrina Tamburini](#) & [Jose C. Clemente](#) *Nat Rev Gastro Feb 2017*

Neonatal intestine

Commensal bacteria

ILC3

CD103<sup>+</sup>  
CD11b<sup>-</sup>  
DC

CCL17

CCR4 receptor

Lung-selective trafficking

Neonatal lung

*Streptococcus pneumoniae* proliferation

IL-22 receptor

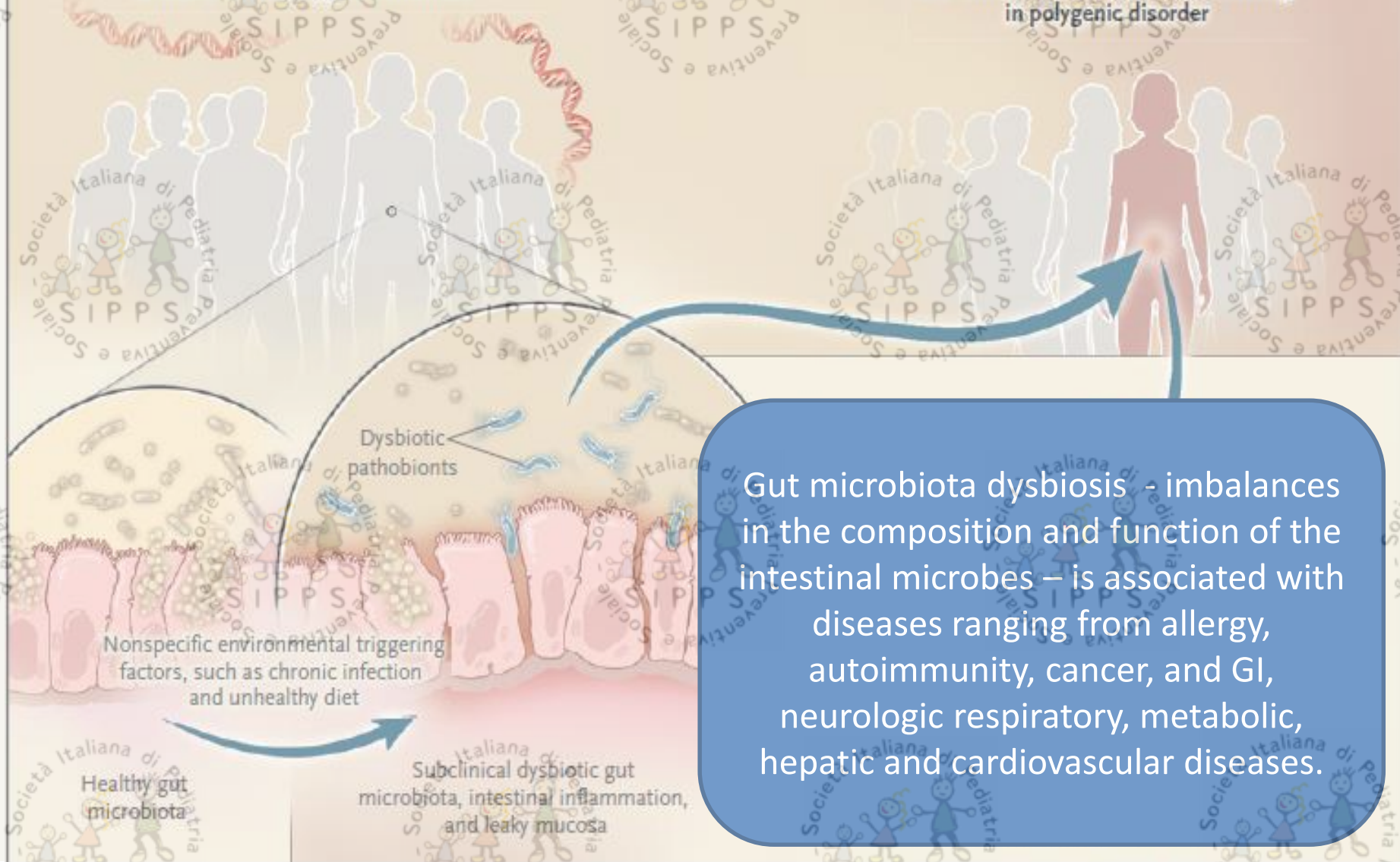
IL-22

High ILC3 concentration

ILC3=Innate lymphoid cells 3

Healthy persons, each with genetic susceptibility to one or more polygenic disorders

Combination of genetic susceptibility and environmental exposure, resulting in polygenic disorder



Gut microbiota dysbiosis - imbalances in the composition and function of the intestinal microbes - is associated with diseases ranging from allergy, autoimmunity, cancer, and GI, neurologic respiratory, metabolic, hepatic and cardiovascular diseases.



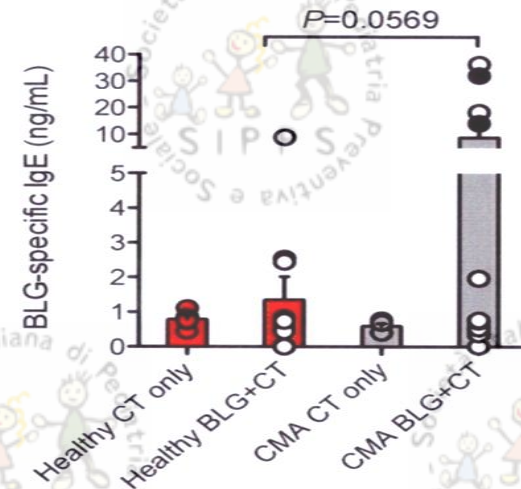
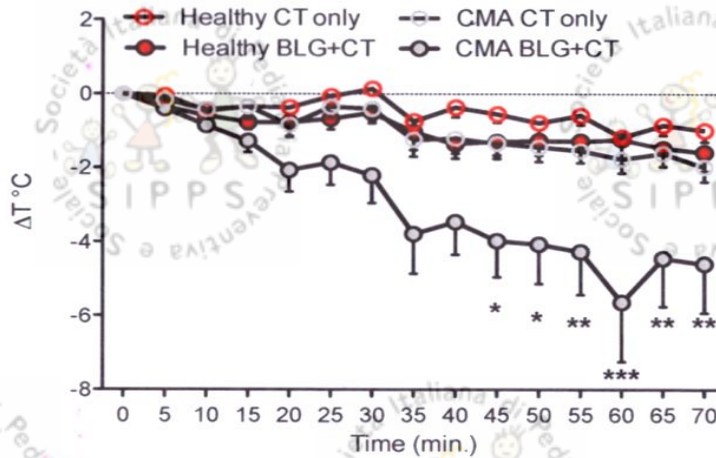
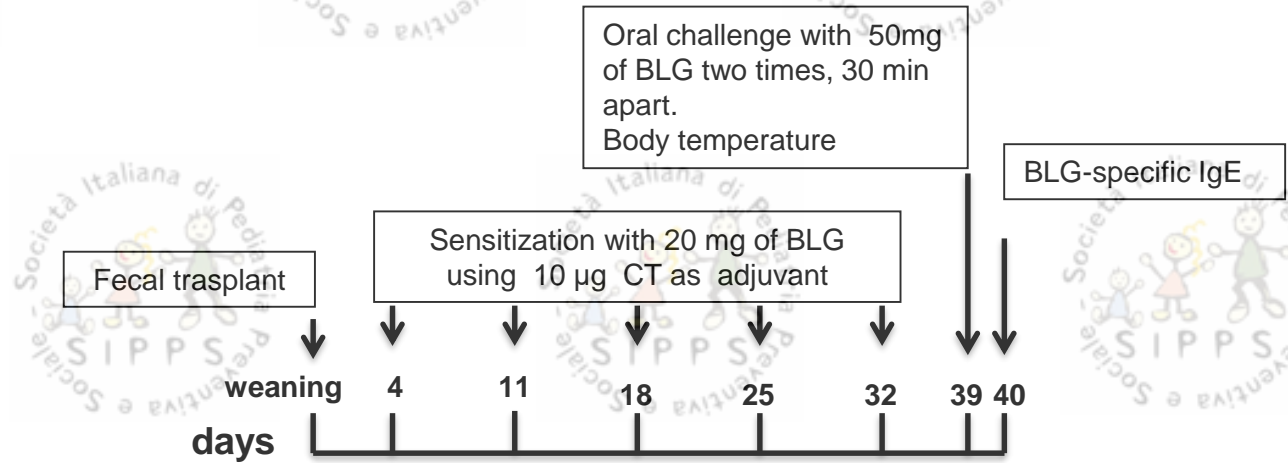
# Humanized mice model of FA



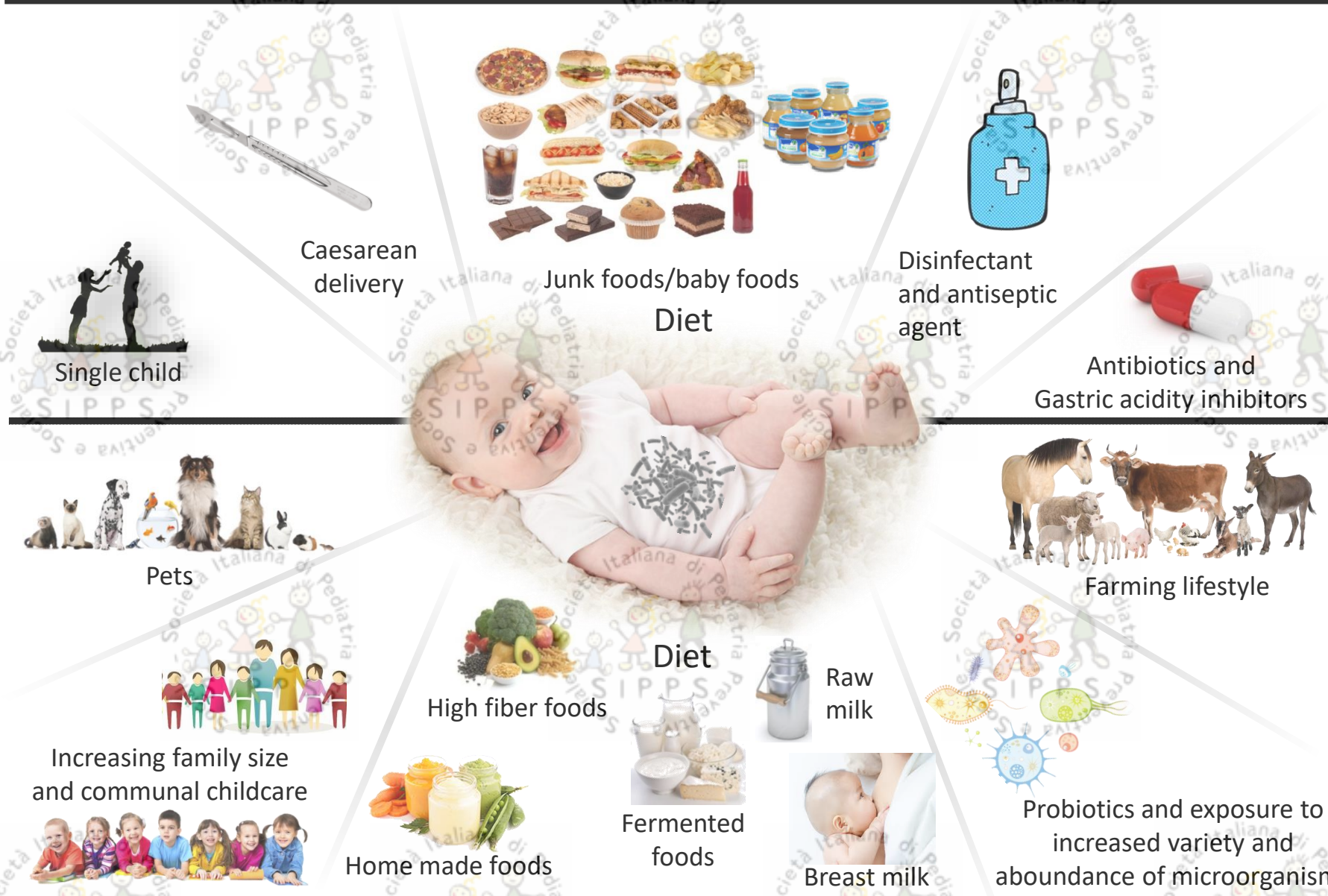
# Gut microbiota from healthy infant but not from CMA infant protects against FA



GF C3H/HeN 3-4 weeks old

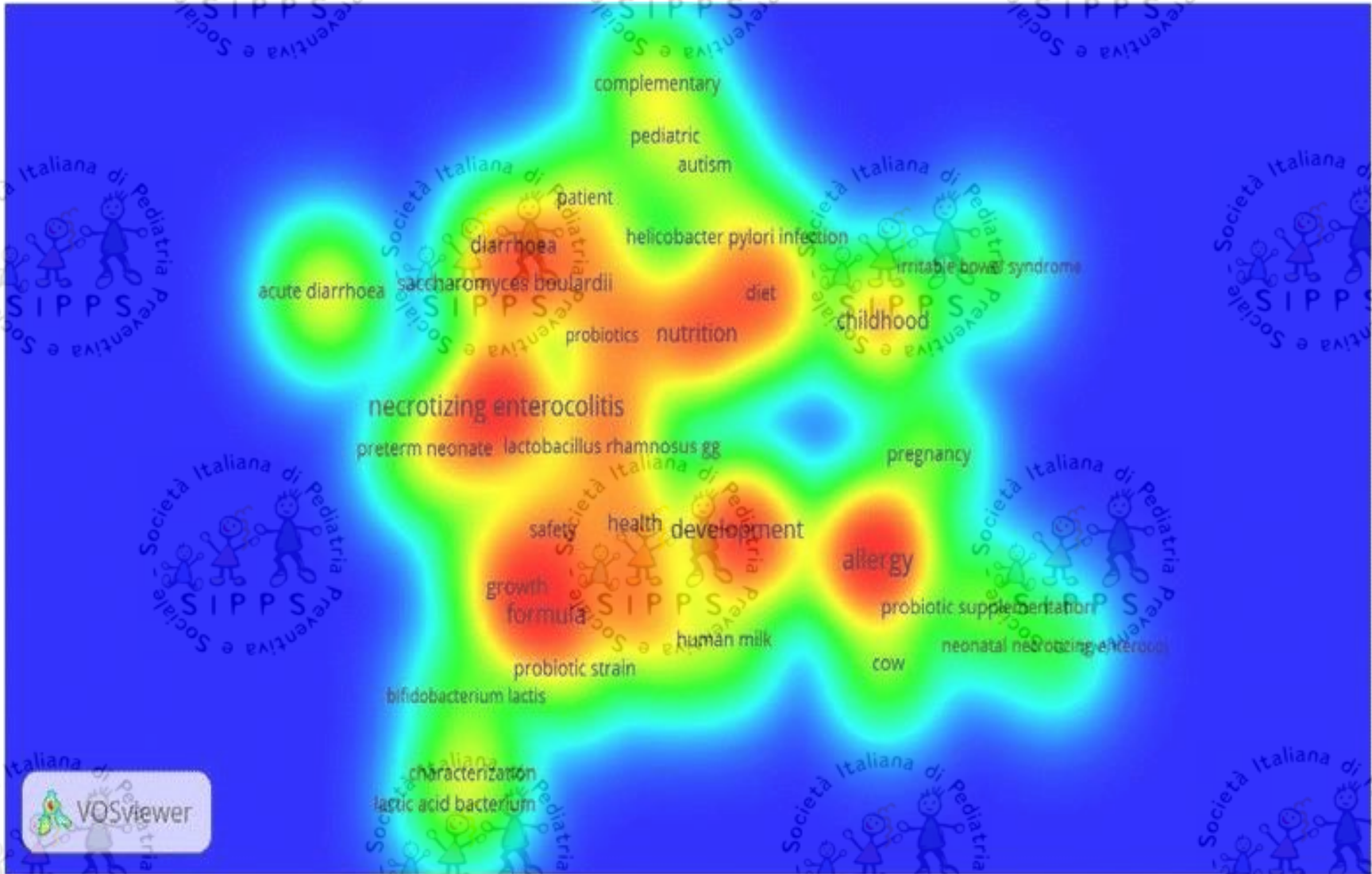


# MICROBIAL RELATED FACTORS INCREASING RISK OF FOOD ALLERGY



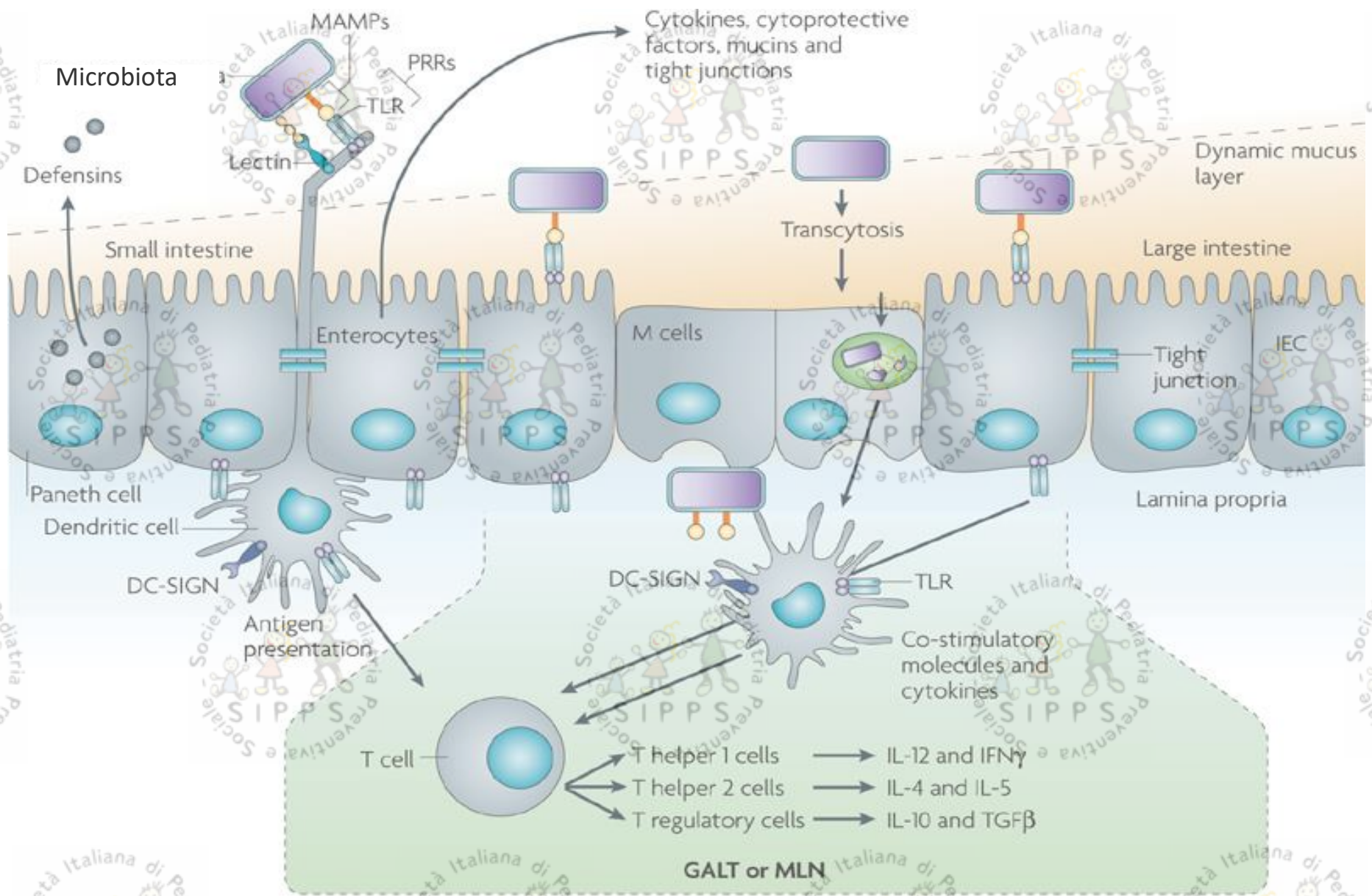
# MICROBIAL RELATED FACTORS REDUCING RISK OF FOOD ALLERGY

# Map of the most frequent terms in the title of papers on Probiotics in Pediatrics



# Top 10 list of institutions that published research articles on probiotics in pediatrics (1994-2015)

SCR <sup>a</sup>	Institution	Number of documents N=2817 (%)	Total citation (Rank)	Citations/article (Rank)	H-index (Rank)	Affiliation country
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Turun yliopisto</i>	82 (2.91)	8095 (1)	98.72 (2)	34 (1)	Finland
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Medical University Warsaw</i>	72 (2.56)	3234 (3)	44.92 (5)	27 (2)	Poland
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Universita degli Studi di Napoli Federico II</i>	45 (1.60)	1805 (6)	40.11 (8)	23 (3)	Italy
4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Universita degli Studi di Milano</i>	44 (1.56)	1864 (5)	42.36 (7)	19 (6)	Italy
5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Massachusetts General Hospital</i>	37 (1.31)	2105 (4)	56.89 (3)	22 (4)	USA
6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Turun Yliopistollinen Keskussairaala</i>	36 (1.28)	5103 (2)	141.75 (1)	21 (5)	Finland
7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Universite Paris Descartes</i>	35 (1.24)	1553 (7)	44.37 (6)	18 (7)	France
8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Nestle</i>	32 (1.14)	1072 (9)	33.50 (9)	17 (8)	Switzerland
9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>University of Florida</i>	29 (1.03)	1410 (8)	48.62 (4)	16 (9)	USA
9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Universitair Ziekenhuis Brussel</i>	29 (1.03)	567 (10)	19.55 (10)	14 (10)	Belgium



# PROBIOTICS

OK, WHO WANTS TO COLONIZE MY INTESTINES?!



# Quality of probiotic products. A Comment by the ESPGHAN Working Group on Prebiotics and Probiotics

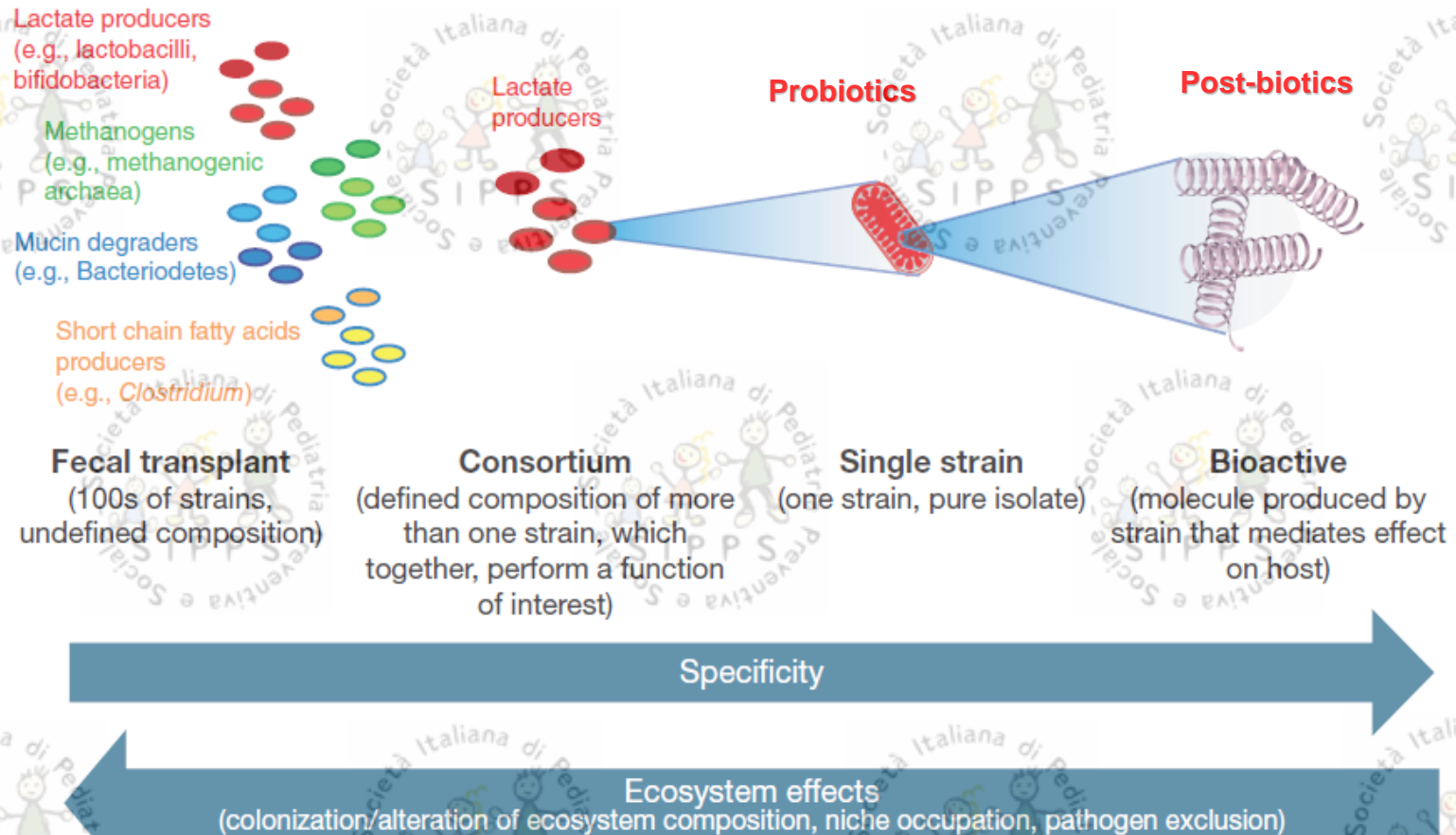
*Kolaček S, Hojsak I, Berni Canani R, Guarino A, Indrio F, Orel R, Pot B, Shamir R, Szajewska H, Vandenplas Y, van Goudouwer H, Weizmann Z*

- Precisa identificazione di ceppo e dosi
- Controlli di qualità effettuati in Laboratori Certificati con metodiche standardizzate. Risultati resi pubblici.
- Utilizzo clinico legato a particolari ceppi e dosi
- Eventuali avversi riportati in apposito registro internazionale tenuto da Autorità Competenti



# Medicines from microbiota

Bernat Olle



**PROCESSI PRODUTTIVI**

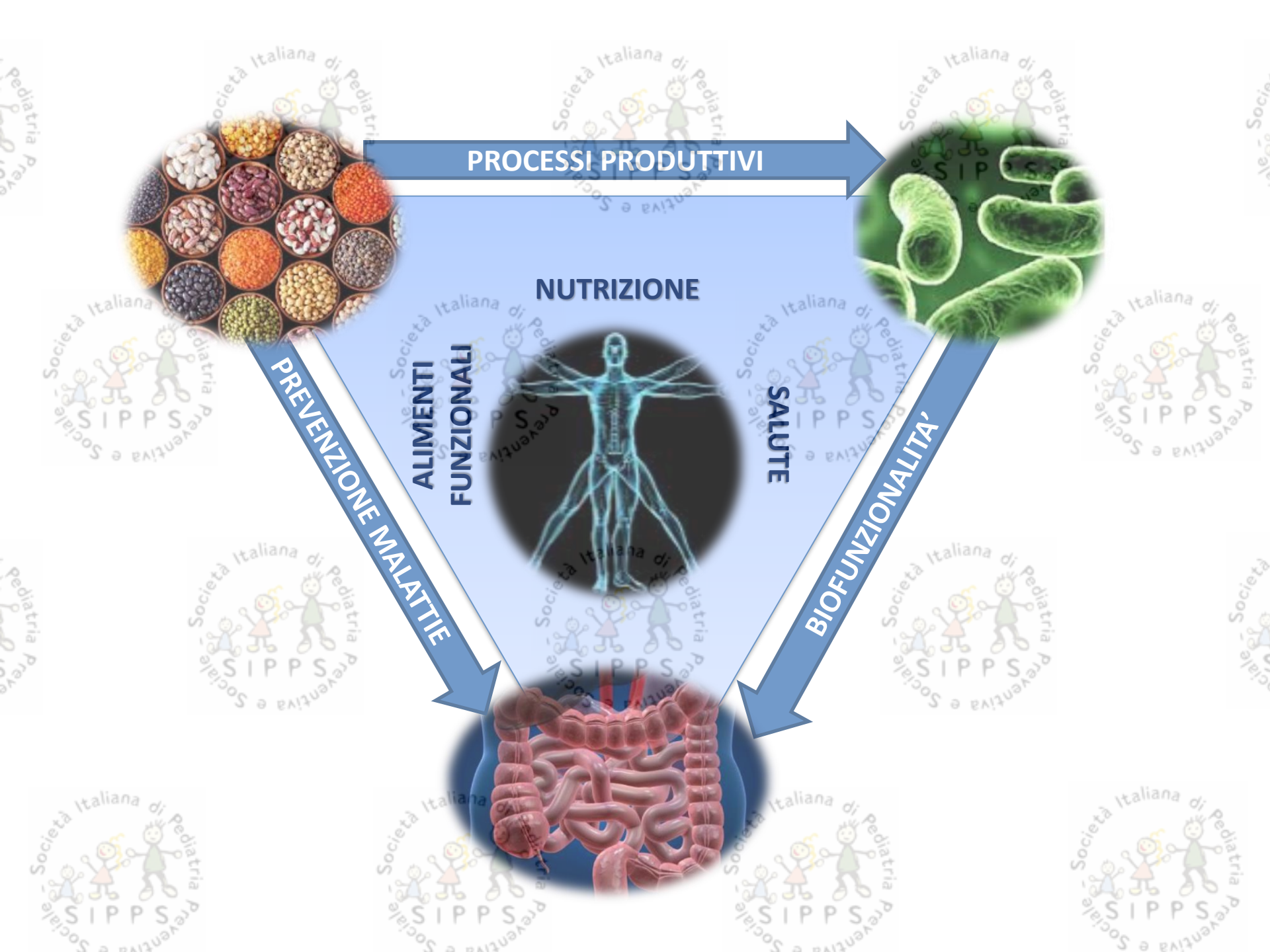
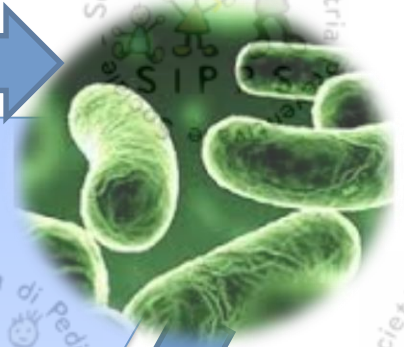
**NUTRIZIONE**

**ALIMENTI  
FUNZIONALI**

**SALUTE**

**PREVENZIONE  
MALATTIE**

**BIOFUNZIONALITA'**

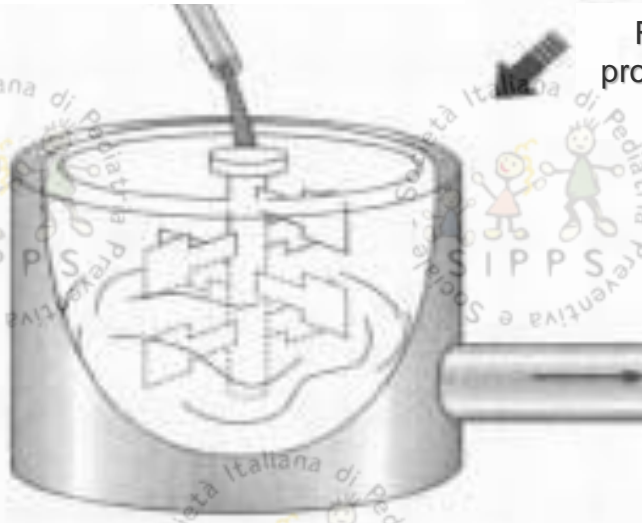


# Approccio con “postbiotici”

Trattamento termico per inattivare il batterio dopo la fermentazione a 85°C per 20 sec



Fermentazione di latte vaccino o riso con il probiotico *L.paracasei* CBA L74  $5.9 \times 10^9$  CFU/g (BCCM/LMG LMG S-24480) 15 h a 37°C



Prodotto del processo di fermentazione altamente riproducibile



# Cow's milk and rice fermented with *Lactobacillus paracasei* CBA L74 prevent infectious diseases in children: A randomized controlled trial

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**Numero totale di infezioni: riduzione del 60%**

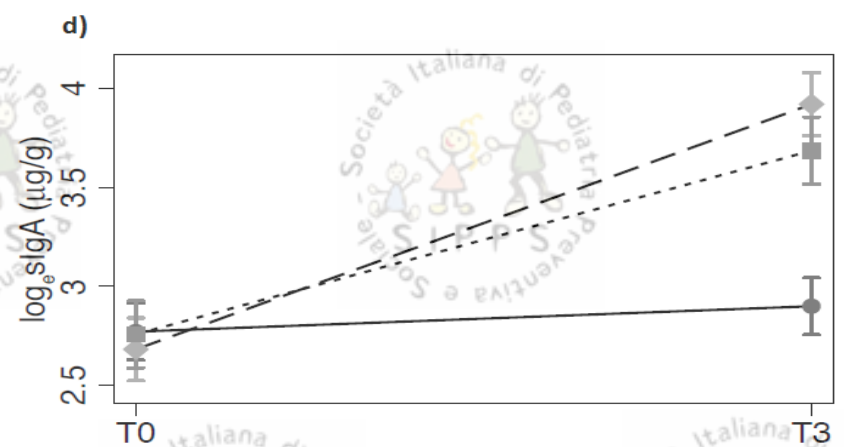
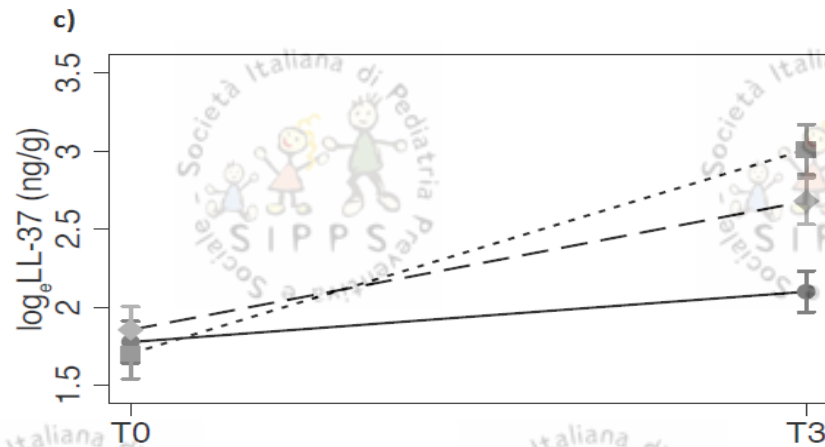
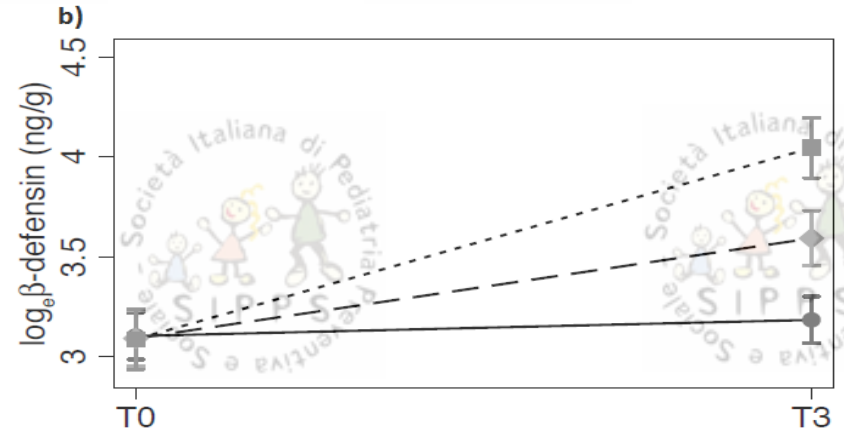
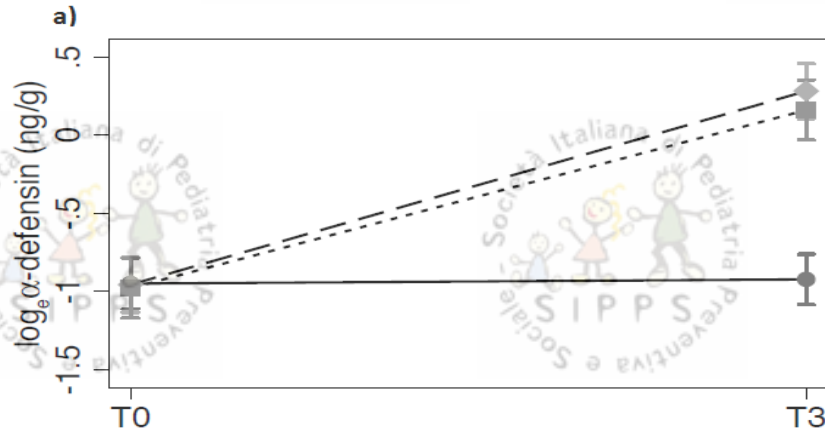
**Numero di episodi di diarrea acuta: riduzione del 55%**

**Numero di episodi di infezioni a carico delle alte vie del respiro: riduzione del 60%**

**Utilizzo di antibiotici: riduzione del 75%**



# Latte fermentato e riso fermentato con *L.paracasei* CBA L74 esercitano una significativa immunomodulazione



---◆--- LF  
---■--- RF  
---●--- P

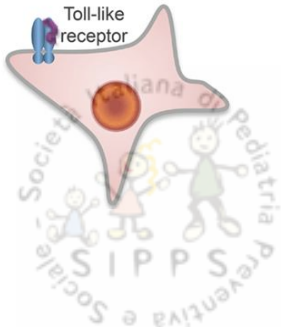
# Peptidi dell'immunità innata



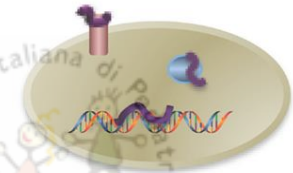
Inibizione legame  
patogeno  
cellule bersaglio



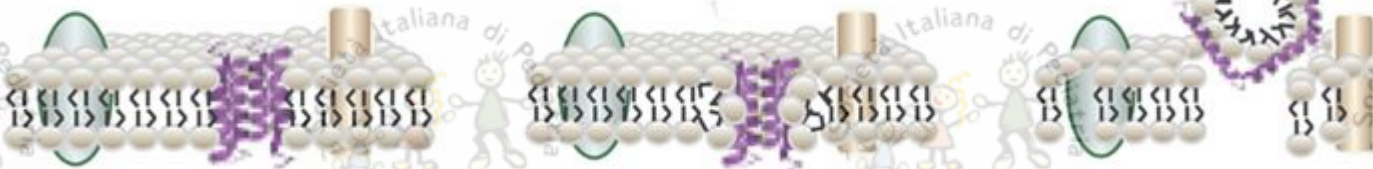
Attivazione sistema  
immunitario



Interazione diretta con  
espressione dei geni del  
patogeno



Alterazione membrana cellulare



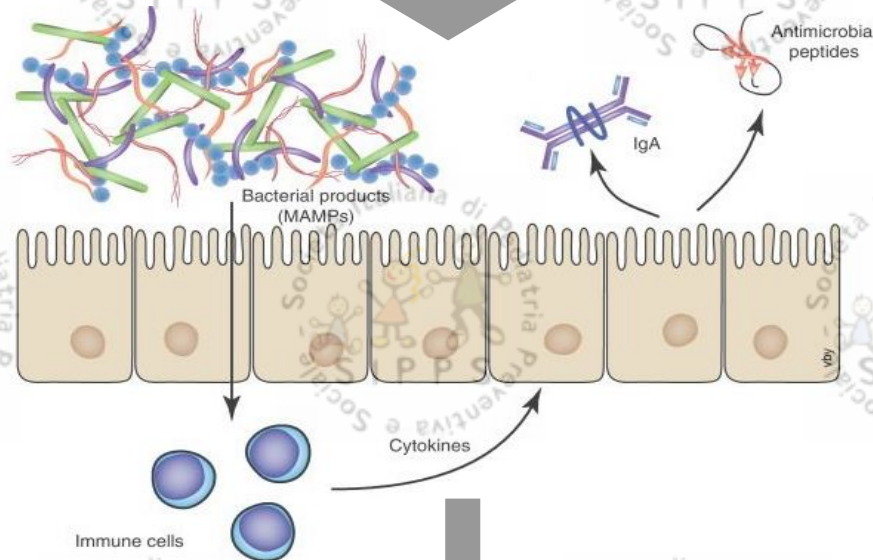
**Latte fermentato e riso fermentato  
con CBA-L74**

**Peptidi**

**Microbiota intestinale**

**Prodotti  
batterici**

**Butirrato**



**Stimolazione dei meccanismi di difesa  
immunologici e non-immunologici**





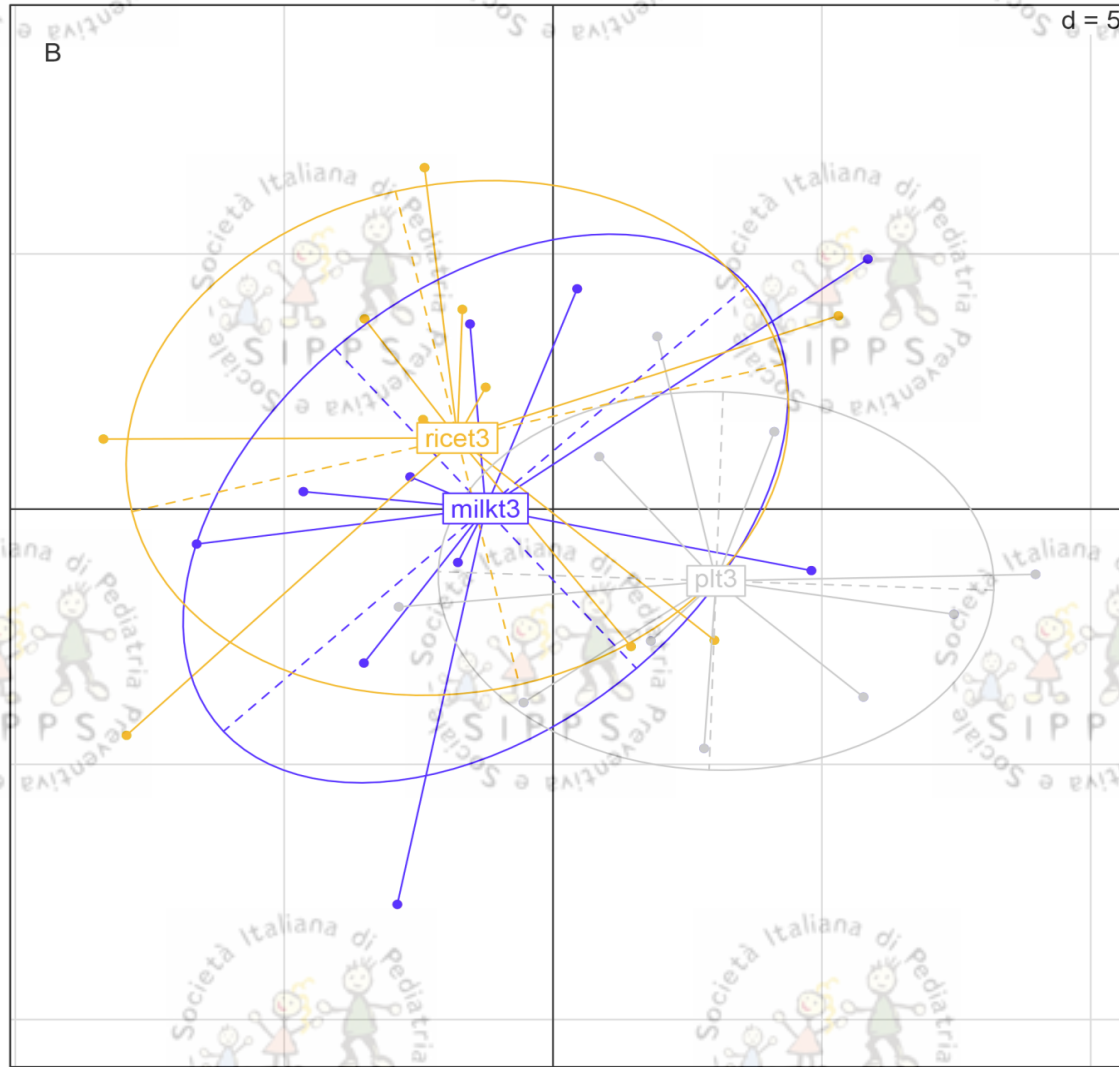
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- No significant effect on OTUs count, Shannon diversity Index, Bacterial load (16s RNA copies/gr of stool)
- Significant increase in *Ruminococcaceae* in FM-treated subjects
- Significant increase in *Lachnospiraceae* in FM-treated subjects

# Cow's milk fermented with *L.paracasei* CBA L74 shapes gut microbiota composition



# Famiglie batteriche con abbondanza significativamente diversa

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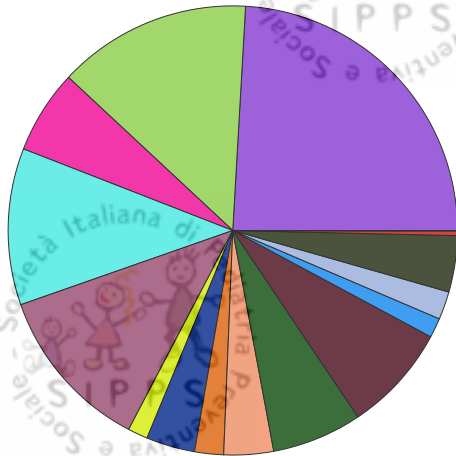


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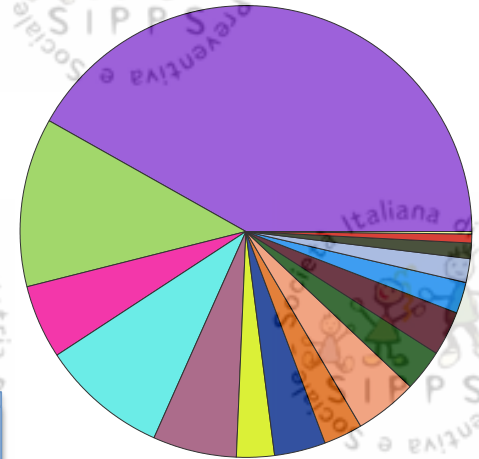
# Roseburia Oligotypes

16sRNA Next-generation sequencing

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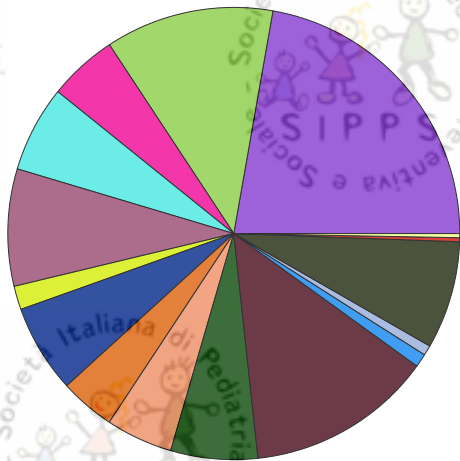


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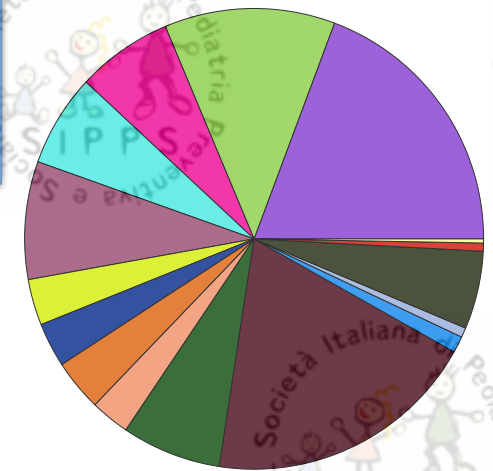


FM CBA L74 T3

Specific *Roseburia* oligotype is promoted by FM CBA L74 (*Roseburia* oligotype 1) and shows positive correlation with sIgA ( $\rho=0.63$ ,  $P=0.038$ )



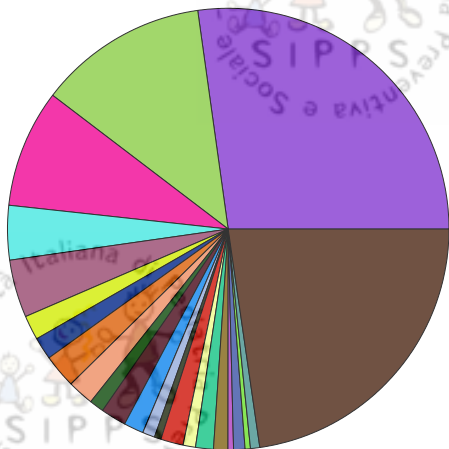
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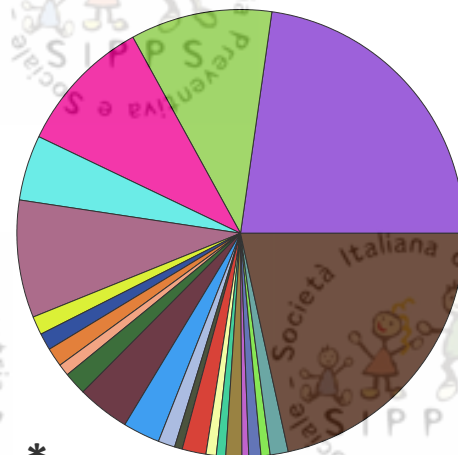
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# Blautia Oligotypes

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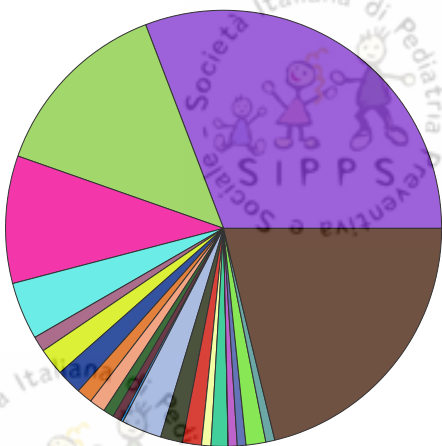


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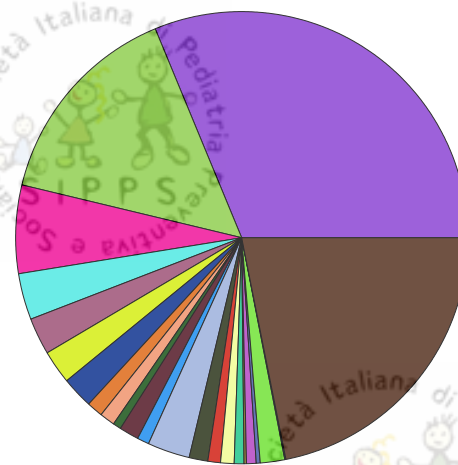


FMCBA L74 T3

**FM CBAL74 promotes an increase in oligotypes 5 and 13, that were positively correlated with alpha-defensin ( $\rho=0.84$ ,  $P=0.007$ ;  $\rho=0.58$ ,  $P=0.040$ )**

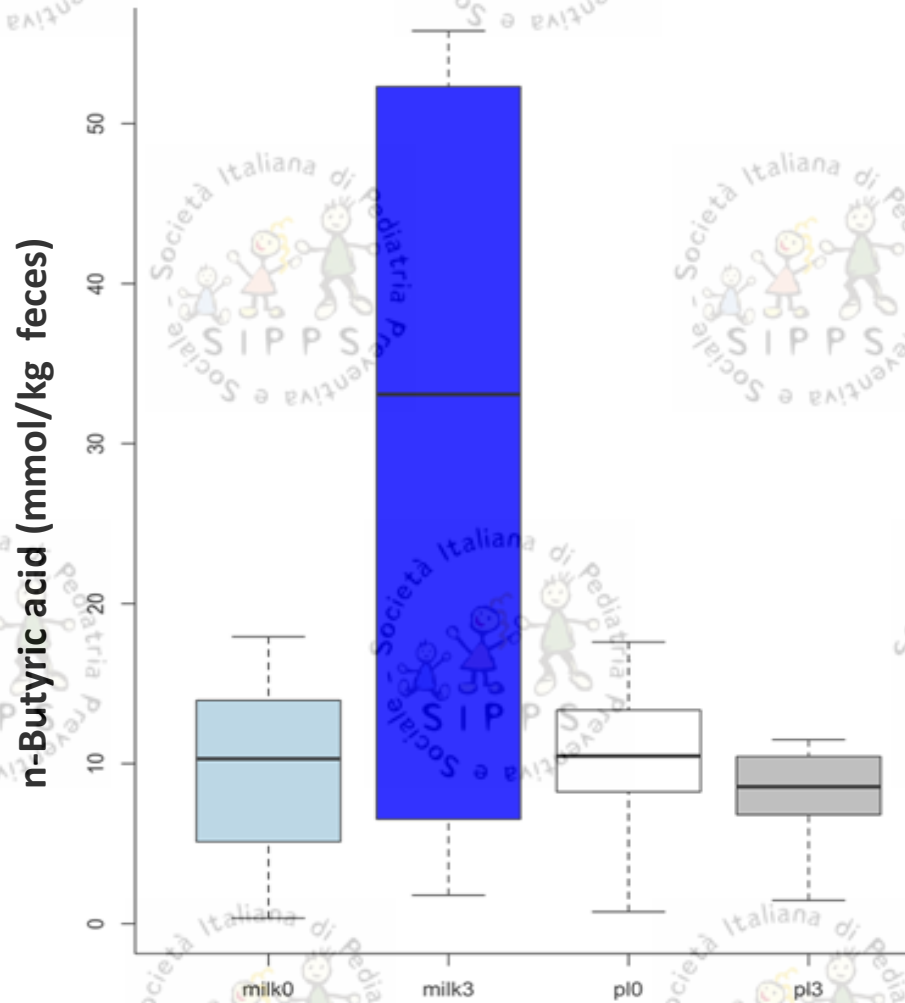


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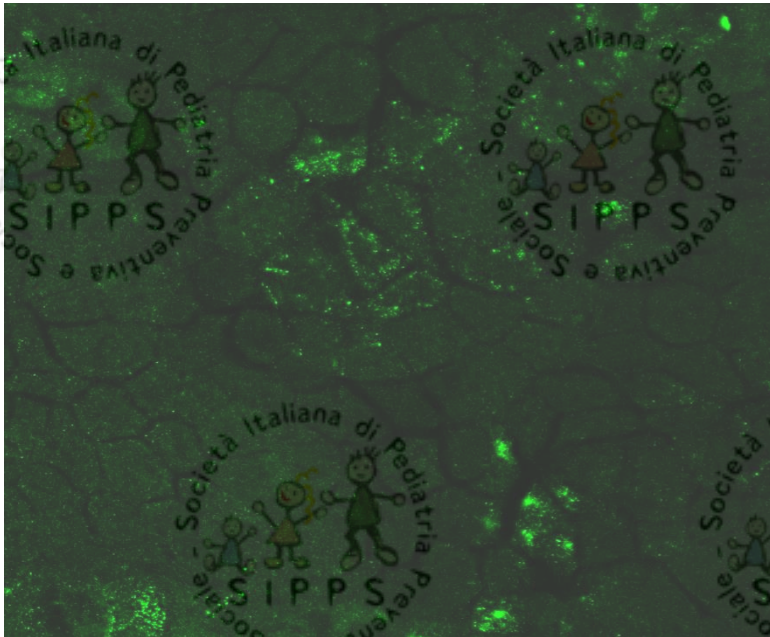


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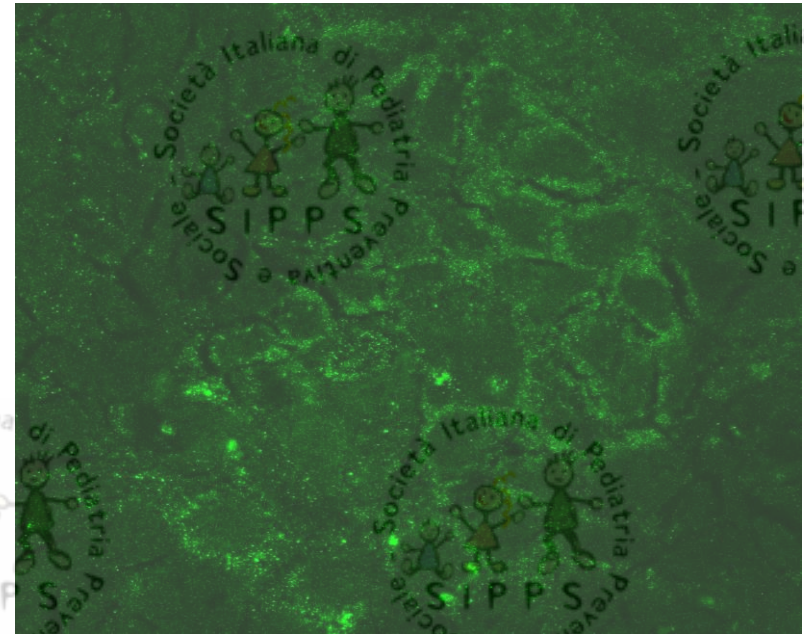
# Stimolazione della produzione di butirrato a livello intestinale



# Effect of butyrate on LL-37 production by human enterocytes

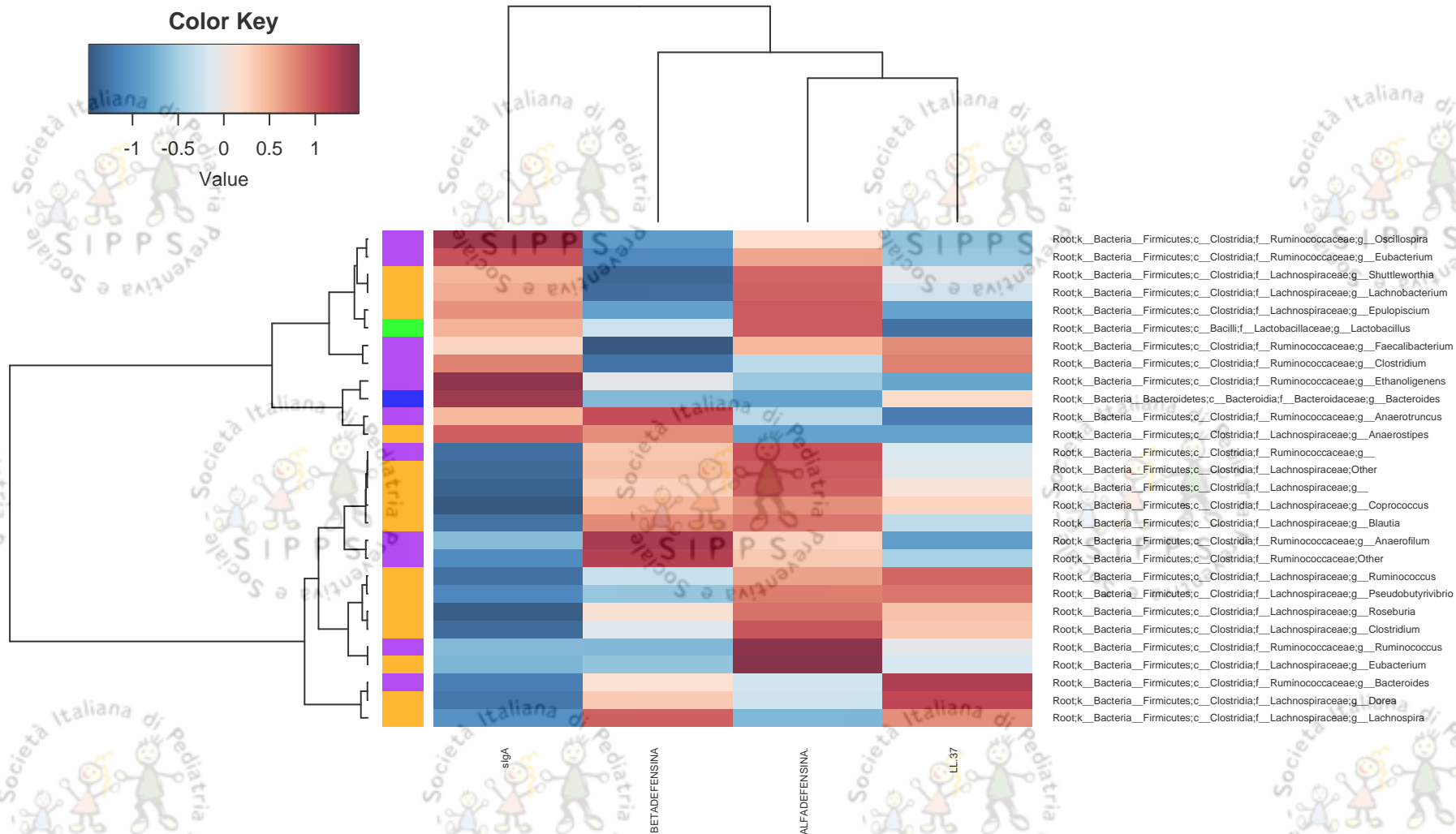


Control



Butyrate

# Correlazione tra modifiche della composizione del microbiota intestinale e attivazione dell'immunità innata ed acquisita





# Conclusioni

- + Il microbiota svolge un ruolo fondamentale nel regolare sviluppo e funzioni del sistema immunitario
- + Alterazioni di composizione e funzioni del microbiota sono associati a diverse patologie croniche non trasmissibili
- + Fattori ambientali (*in primis* dieta e farmaci) svolgono un ruolo cruciale nel regolare sviluppo e funzioni del microbiota intestinale
- + La conoscenza di questi meccanismi sta offrendo nuove prospettive di intervento nella prevenzione e trattamento di molte patologie del bambino



# Comparative relative abundance (% of total reads) for the genera identified as significantly different

Phyla	Family	Species	Strain
<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i>	<i>Lachnospiraceae</i>	<i>Blautia/Roseburia</i>
<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i>	<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	<i>Faecalibacterium</i>
<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i>	<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	<i>Eubacterium</i>
<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i>	<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	<i>Oscillospira</i>

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# Metagenome prediction using PICRUSt : focus on butyrate

KEGG pathways → Metabolism → Butanoate metabolism (Butyrate)

## KEGG Butanoate metabolism - Reference pathway

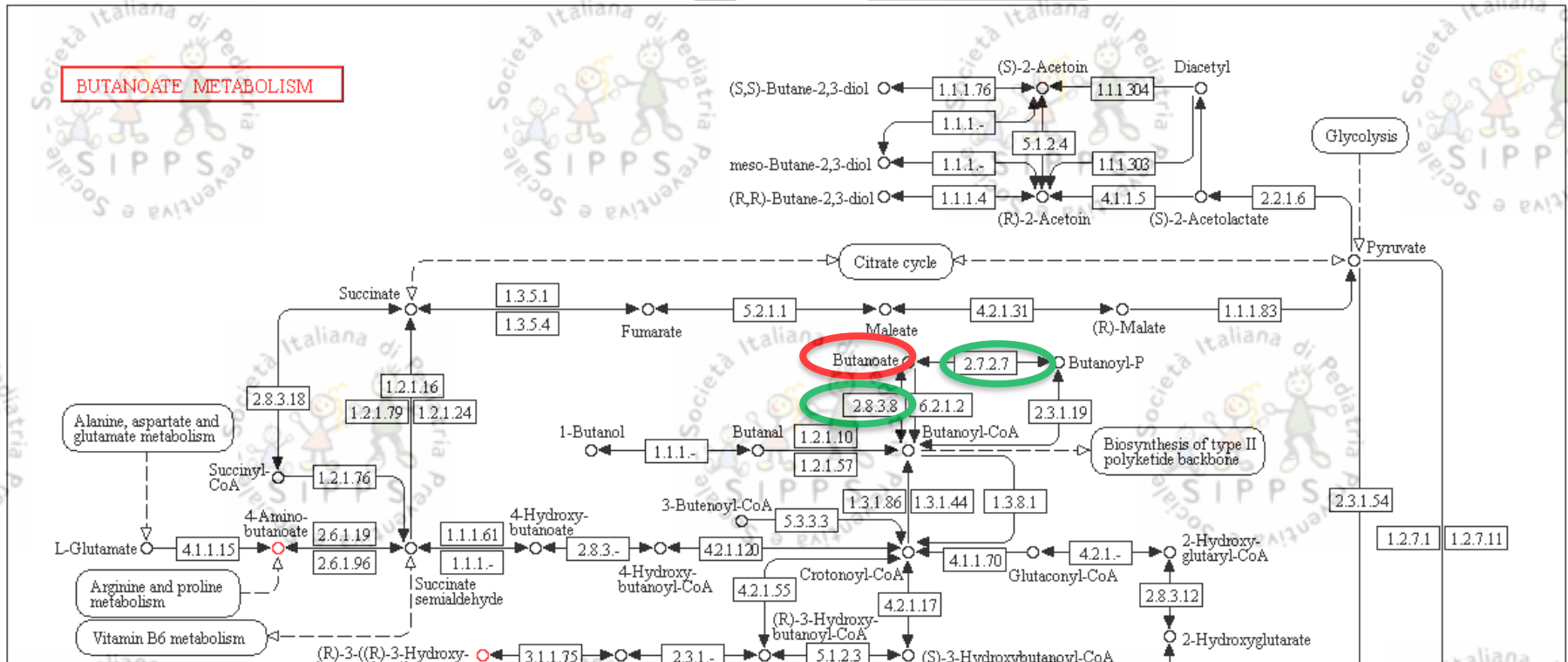
[ Pathway menu | Organism menu | Pathway entry | User data mapping ]

Reference pathway

Go

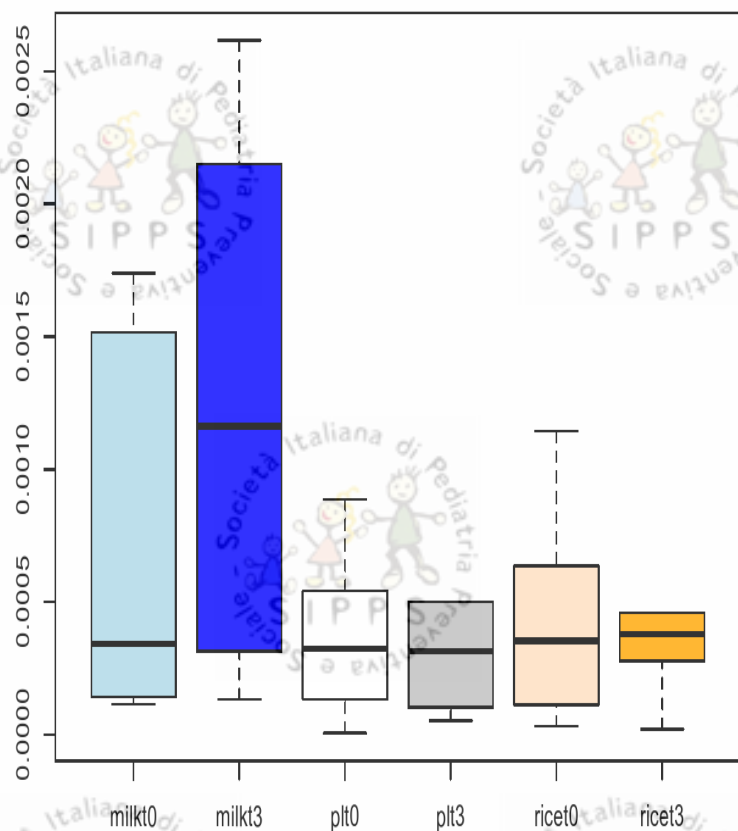
100%

butanoate

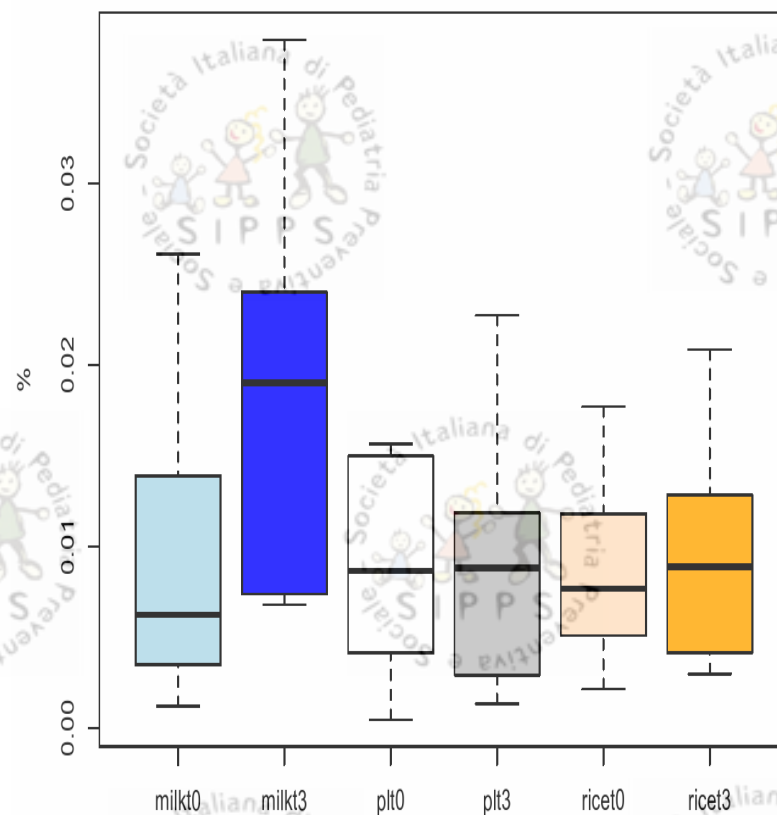


[http://www.genome.jp/kegg-bin/show\\_pathway?map=map00650&show\\_description=show](http://www.genome.jp/kegg-bin/show_pathway?map=map00650&show_description=show)

# The predicted abundance of key enzymes in butyrate production pathways such as butyryl coA transferase (E.C 2.8.3.8) and butyrate kinase (E.C. 2.7.2.7) increased upon FM CBAL74 treatment

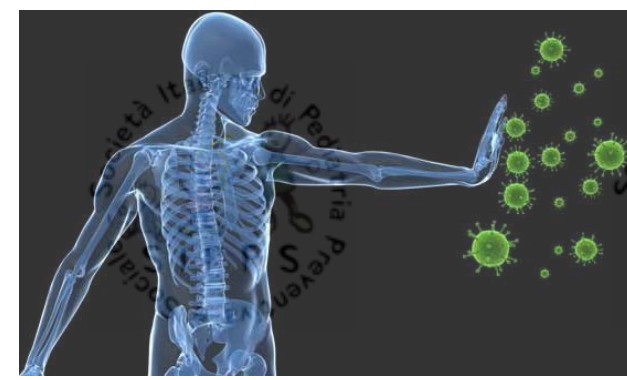


**butyryl coA transferase (E.C. 2.8.3.8)**



**butyrate kinase (E.C. 2.7.2.7)**

# Effect of cow's milk fermented with *Lactobacillus paracasei* CBA L74 on common infectious diseases in children: a multicenter randomized controlled trial



Giovanni Corsello, Maurizio Carta, Roberto Marinello, Marina Picca, Giulio De Marco, Maria Micillo, Dante Ferrara, Patrizia Vigneri, Gaetano Cecere, Pasqualina Ferri, Paola Roggero, Giorgio Bedogni, Fabio Mosca, Lorella Paparo, Rita Nocerino, and Roberto Berni Canani

**Numero totale di infezioni: riduzione del 30%**

**Numero di episodi di diarrea acuta: riduzione del 32%**

**Numero di episodi di infezioni a carico delle alte vie del respiro: riduzione del 29%**

**Numero di terapie antibiotiche: riduzione del 31%**

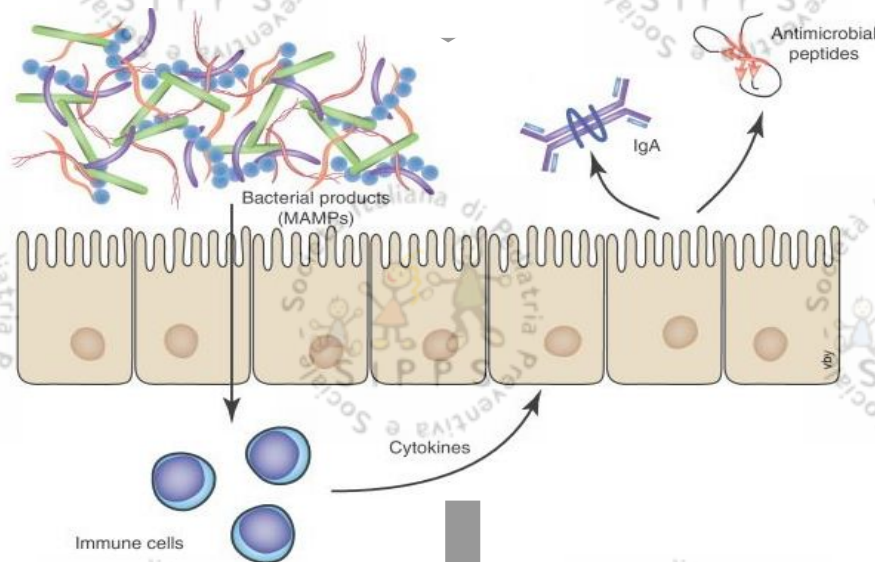
**Giorni di assenza da scuola: riduzione del 75%**

**Giorni di assenza da lavoro: riduzione dell' 80%**

**Approccio post-biotico con  
latte fermentato e riso fermentato  
con CBA-L74**

**Peptidi**

**Prodotti  
batterici**



**Stimolazione dei meccanismi di difesa  
immunologici e non-immunologici**



# Punti di forza dell'approccio “post-biotico” con FM CBA L74

- + Probiotico di origine umana, ben caratterizzato
  - + Probiotico inattivato = No traslocazione batterica/sepsi
  - + Elevata facilità di conservazione e utilizzo
  - + Monitoraggio preciso del processo tecnologico e identificazione precisa della dose da somministrare = Elevata riproducibilità degli effetti
  - + Positiva modulazione del sistema immunitario e del microbiota intestinale
- = Dimostrata efficacia clinica nella prevenzione delle infezioni del bambino**

# L'attività di ricerca continua.....

- Attività biologiche/meccanismi di azione
- Caratterizzazione molecolare (lipidi, nucleotidi, piccoli peptidi termostabili derivanti dalle PLV e dal batterio, ecc)
- Nuove applicazioni cliniche
- Trial clinici randomizzati controllati



# Subjects with $\geq 1$ CID

3<sup>rd</sup> month

Fermented milk

Placebo

 CID  
 NO CID

56%

81%

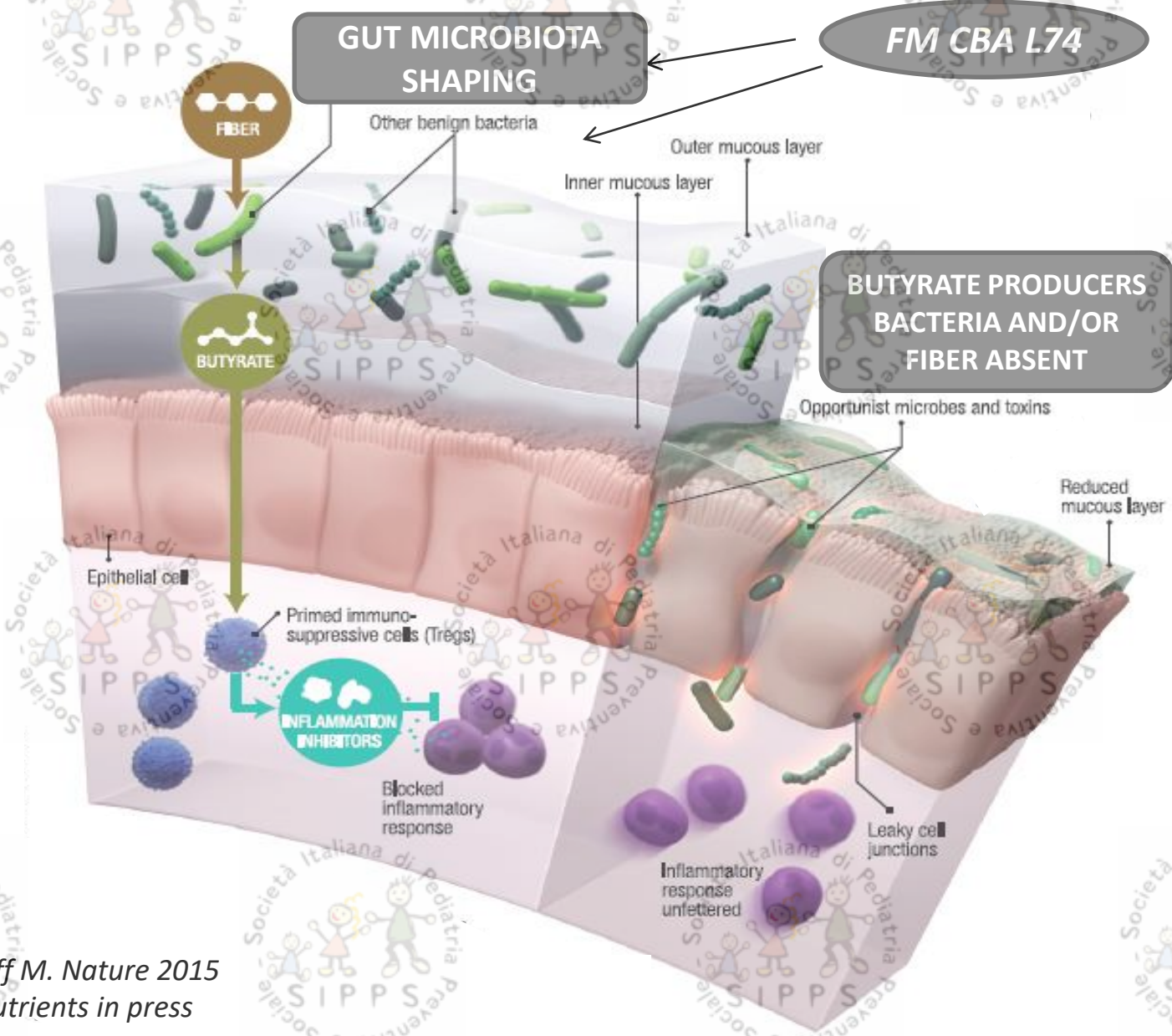
ITT analysis,  $p=0.002$

Total number CIDs

Fermented milk vs Placebo: 119 vs 169,  $p<0.05$

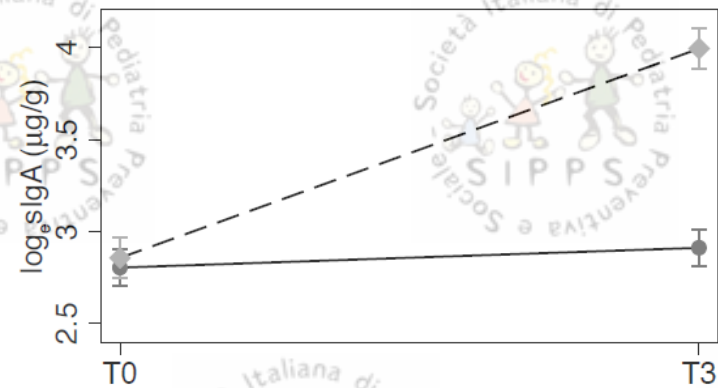
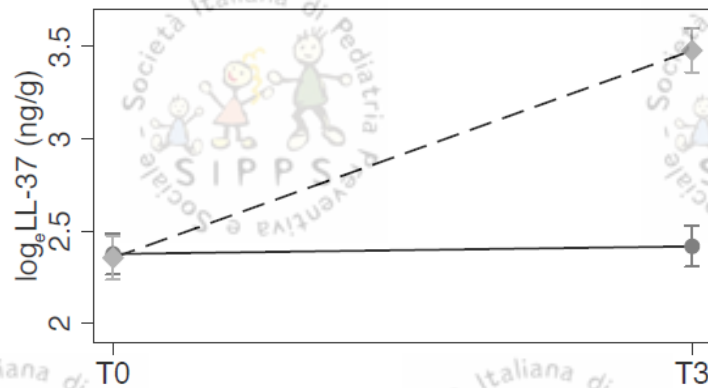
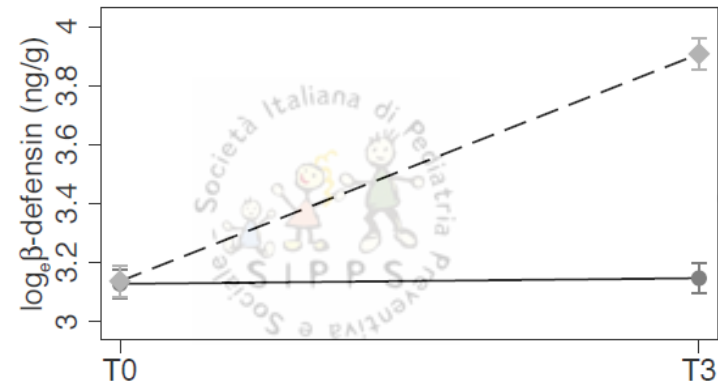
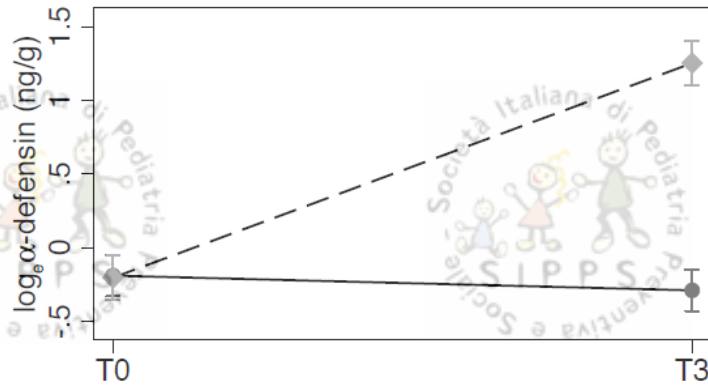
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# FM CBA L74: The Peace-keeper for GI tract



Modified from  
Velasquez-Manoff M. Nature 2015  
Paparo L et al. Nutrients in press

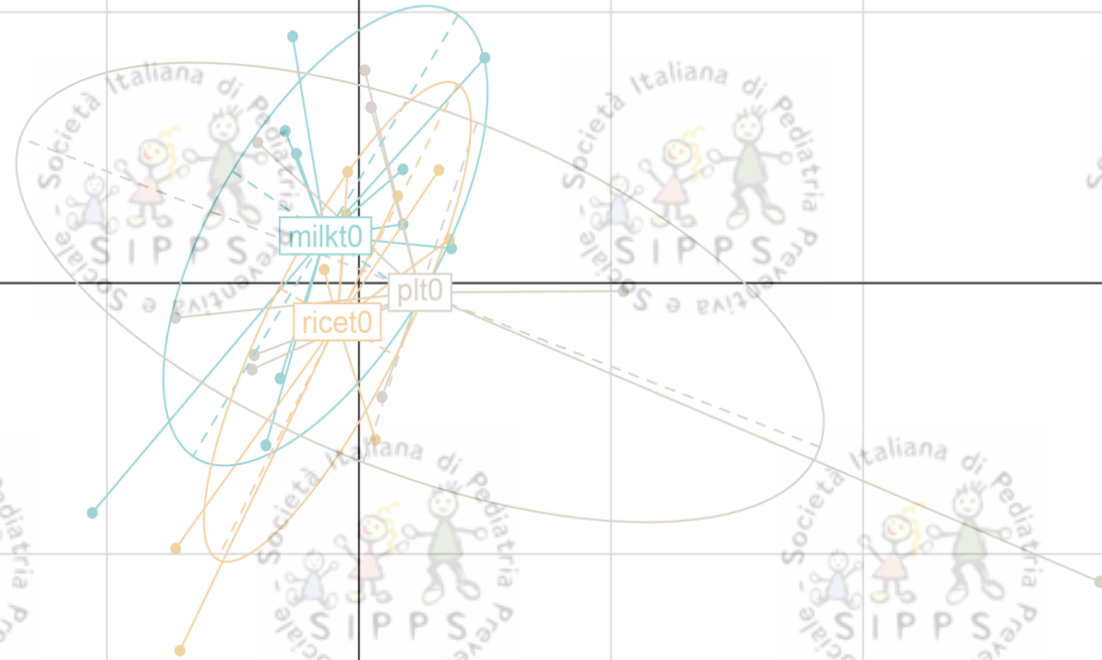
# Stimolazione dell'immunità innata ed acquisita dopo 3 mesi di trattamento



---◆--- LF  
—●— P

A

d = 10

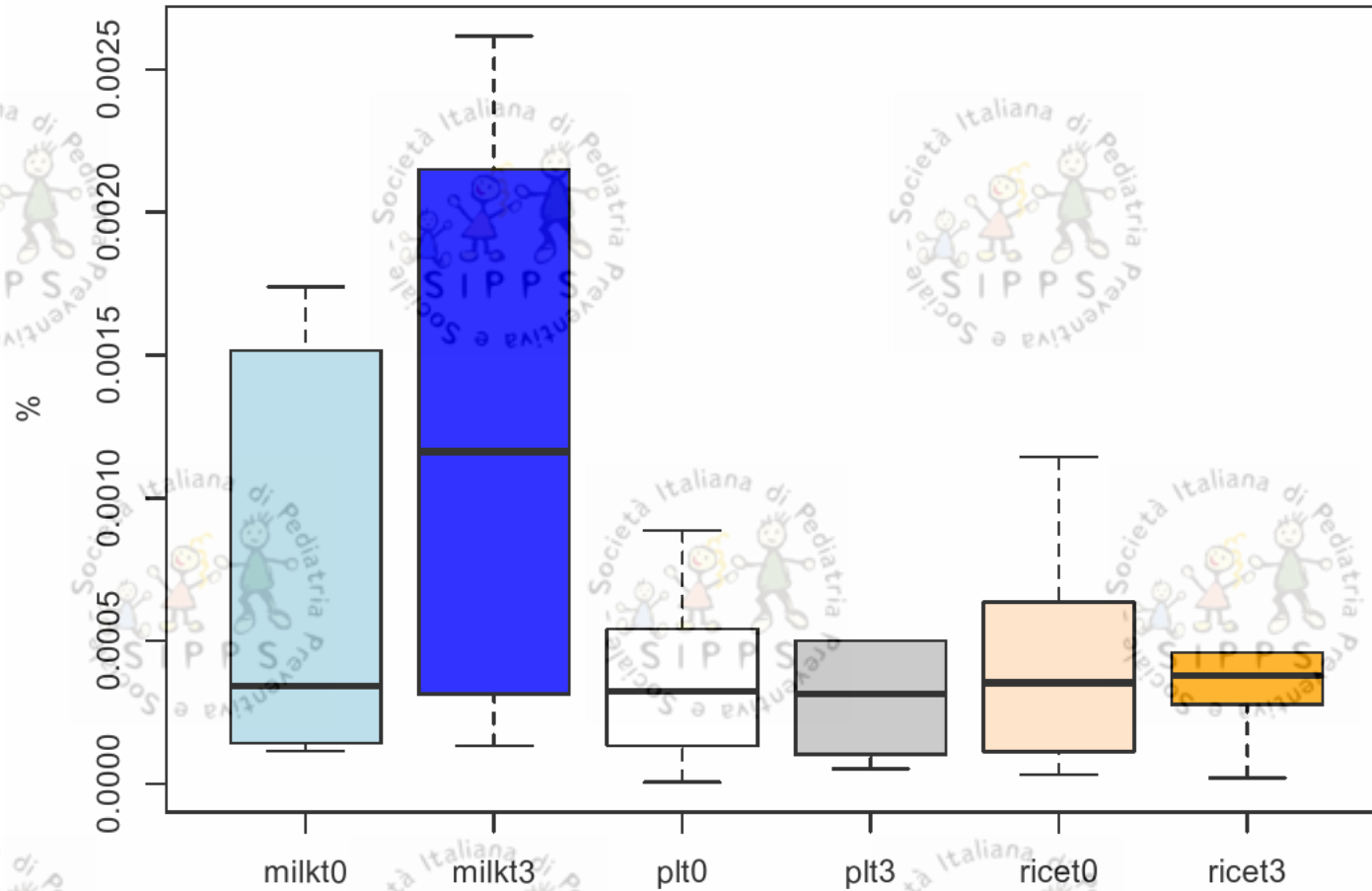


Although a great variability was observed, the gut microbiota composition of treated children was different from that of the placebo group.

Significant differences between PL and rice/milk treated children ( $P < 0.05$ )

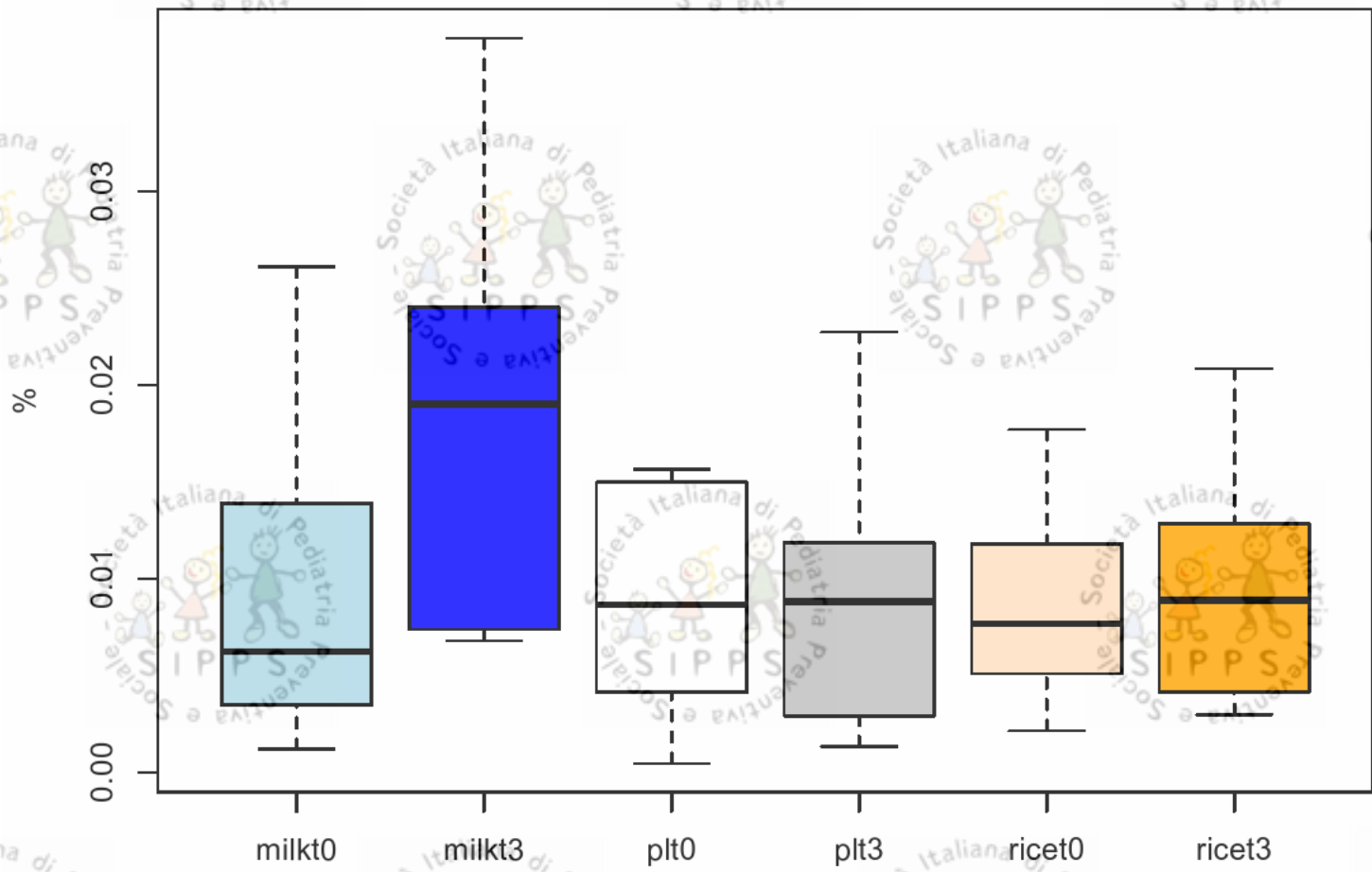
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- a) **K01034** : acetate CoA/acetoacetate CoA-transferase alpha subunit
- b) **K01035** : acetate CoA/acetoacetate CoA-transferase beta subunit



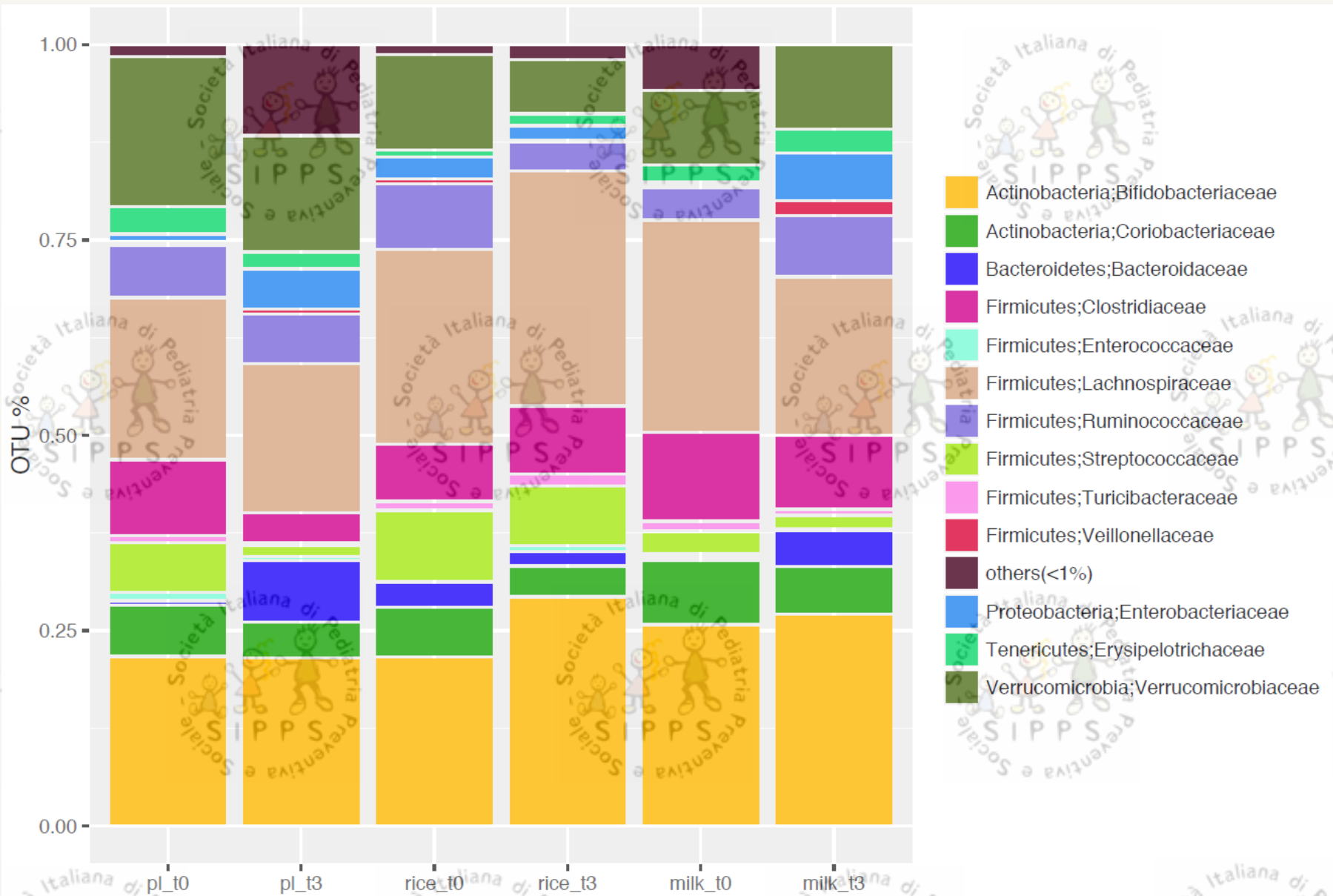
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# EC 2.7.2.7 : butyrate kinase (K00929)



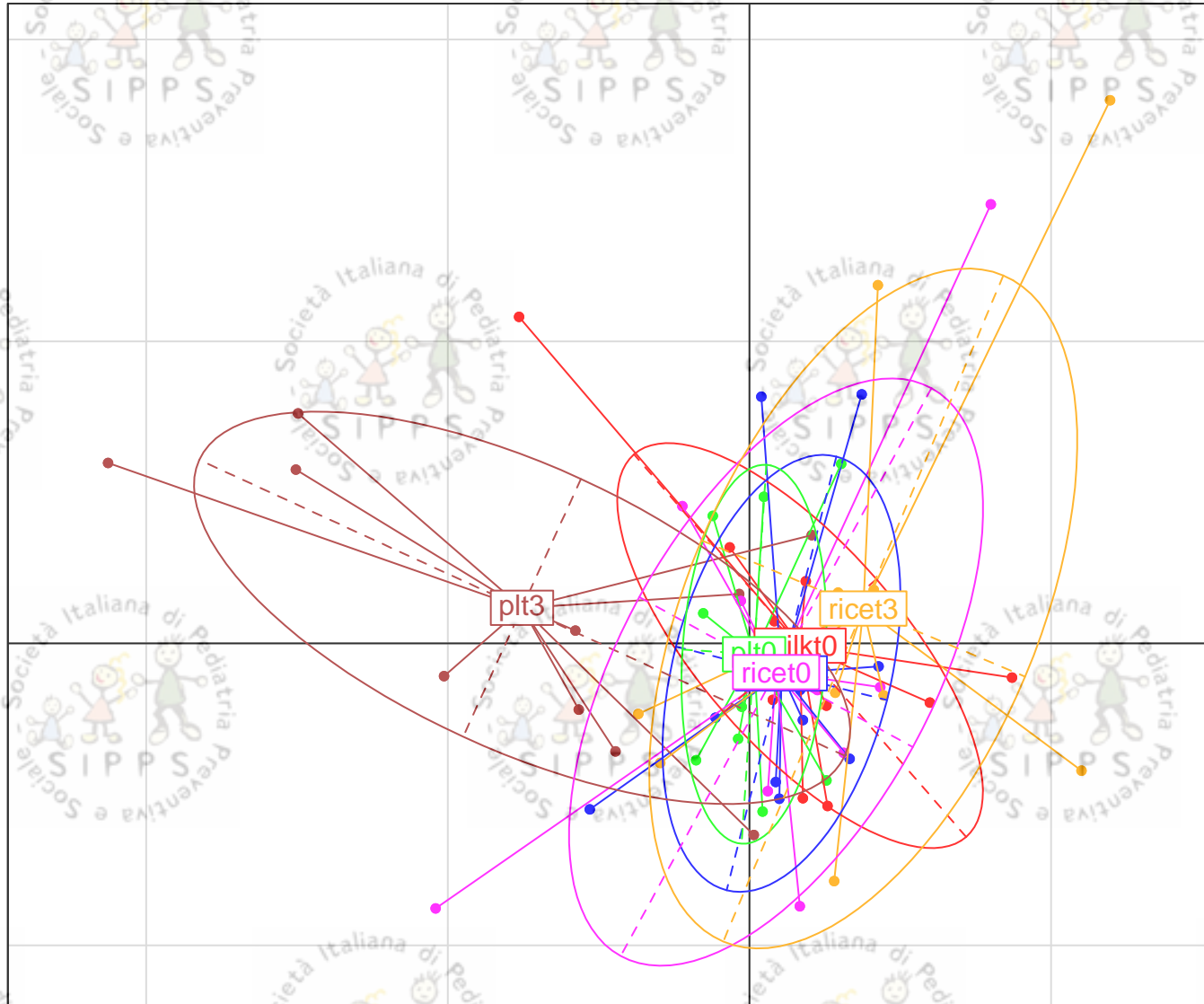
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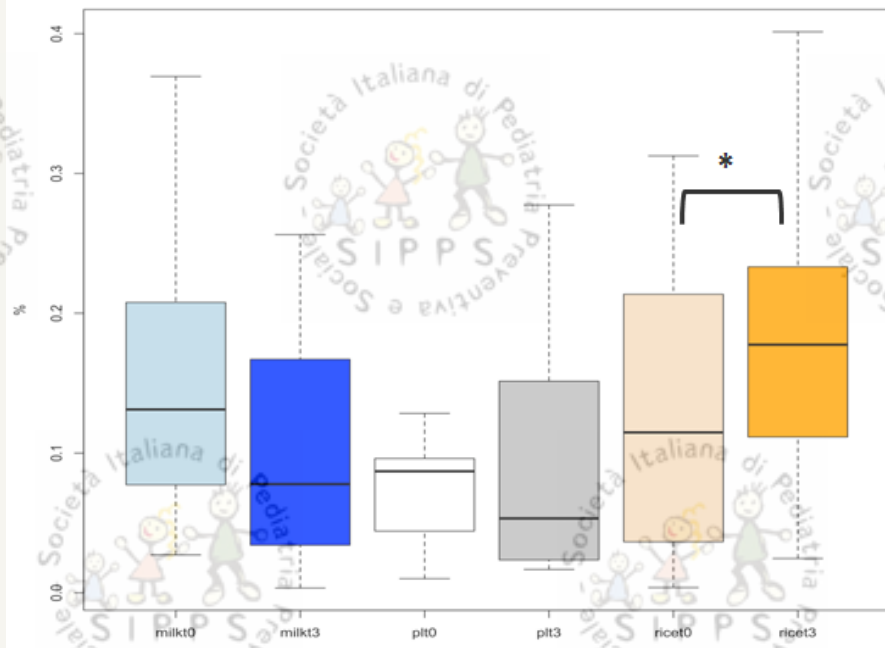




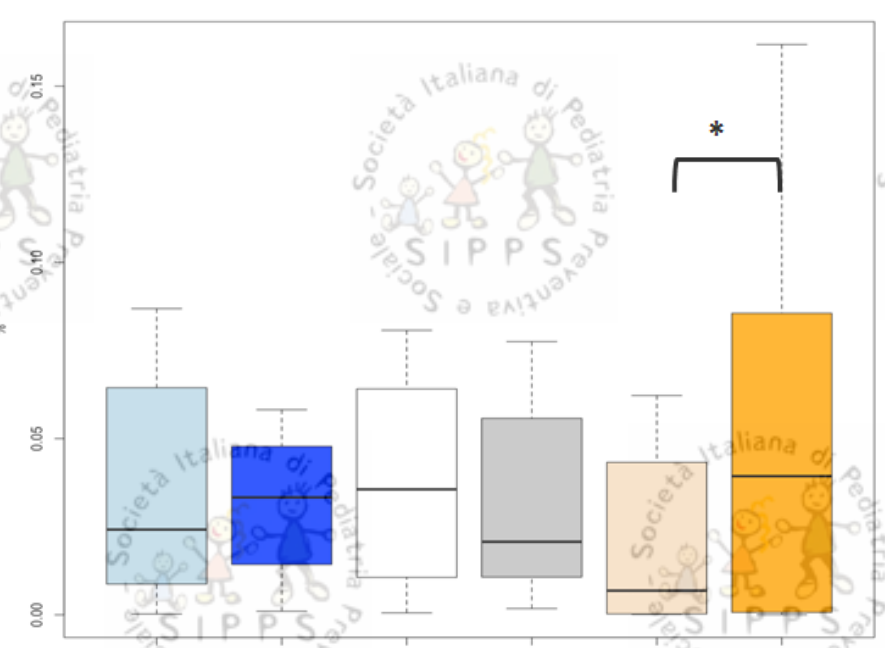
- *Lachnospiraceae* increased after 3-months treatment with fermented rice
- *Ruminococcaceae* were boosted by fermented milk ( $P < 0.05$ )

# PCA

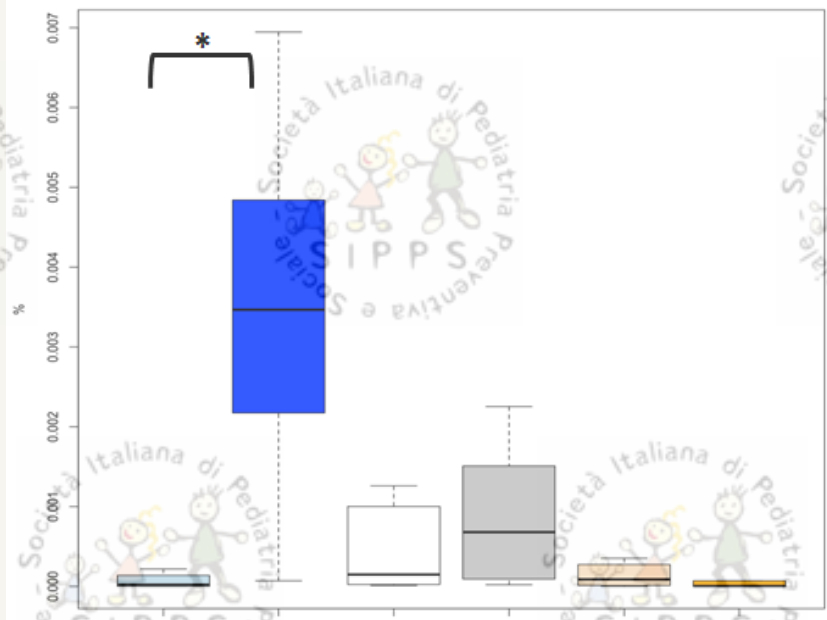




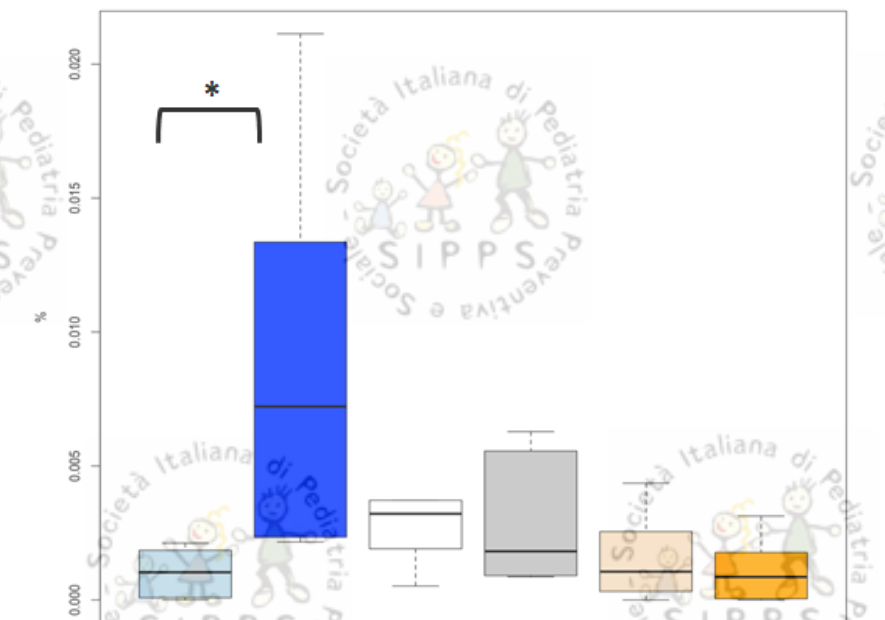
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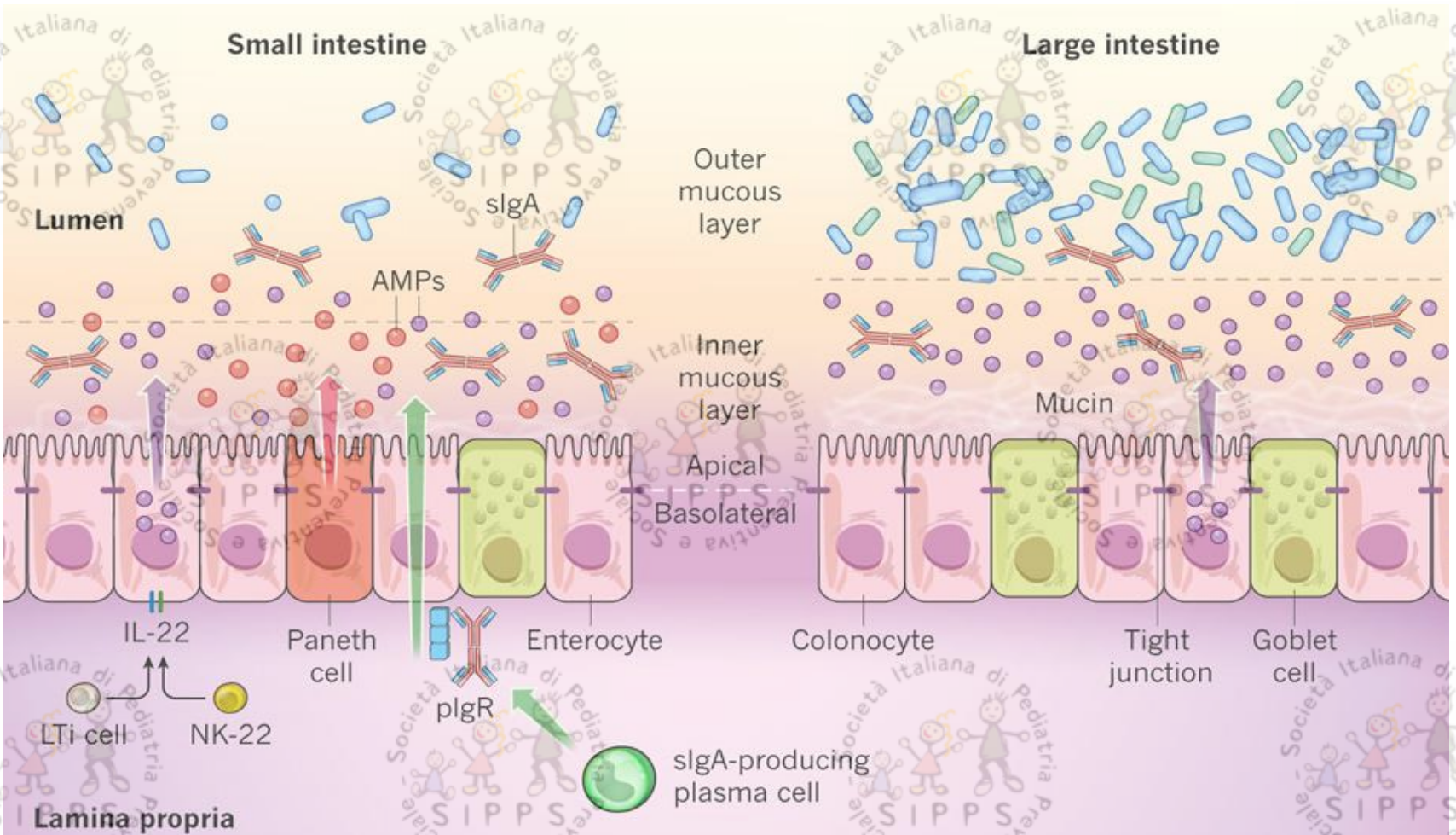
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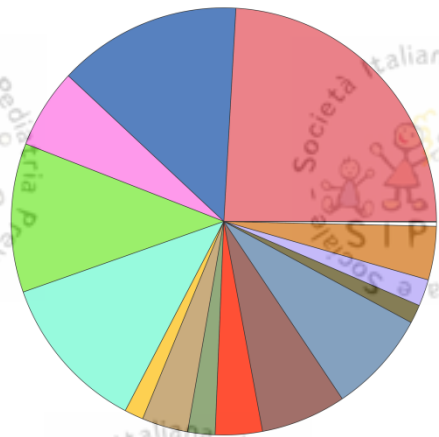
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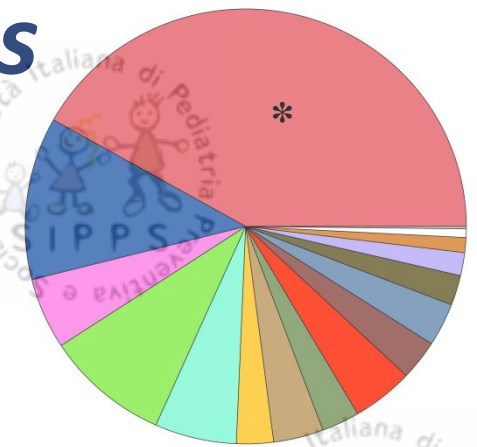
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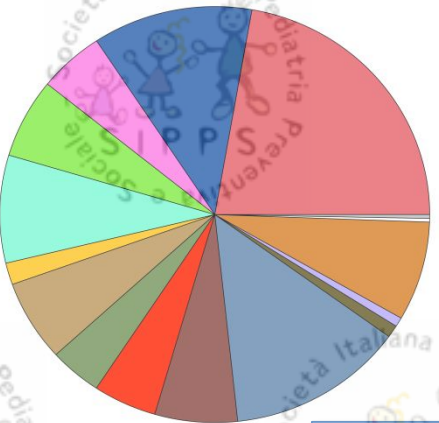
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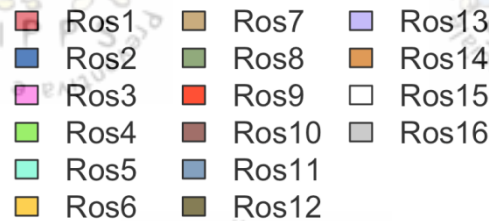
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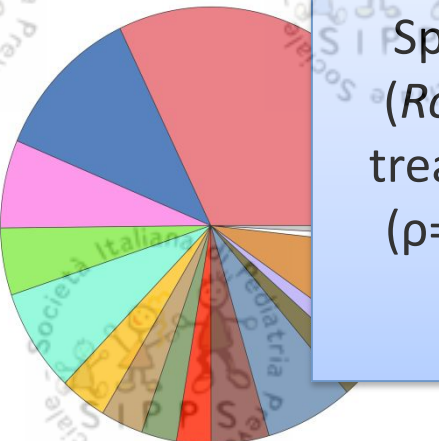
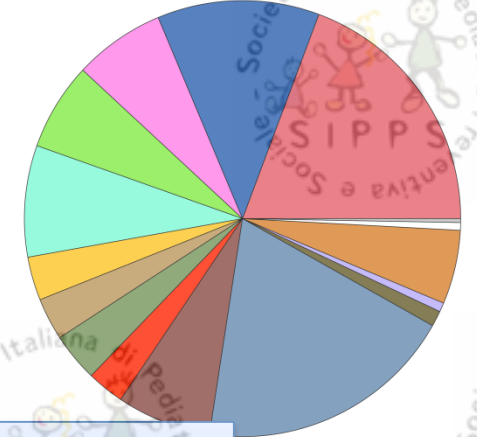
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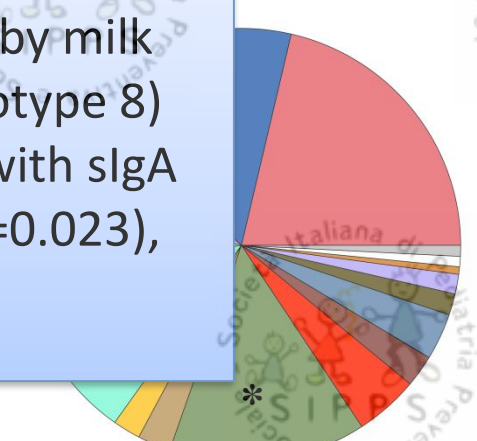
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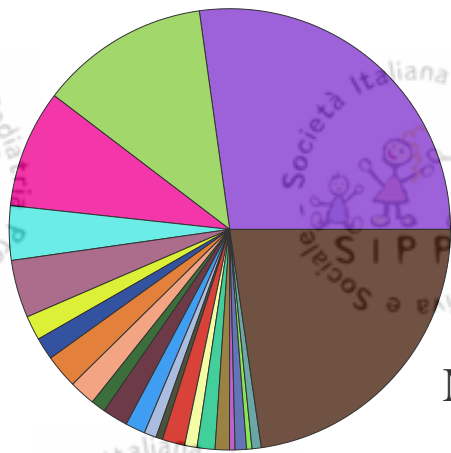
Rice t0

Specific *Roseburia* oligotypes were promoted by milk (*Roseburia* oligotype 1) or rice (*Roseburia* oligotype 8) treatments and showed positive correlations with sIgA ( $\rho=0.63$ ,  $P=0.038$ ) or beta-defensin ( $\rho=0.87$ ,  $P=0.023$ ), respectively.

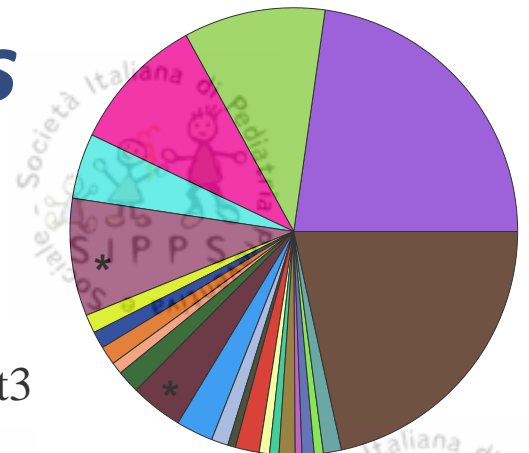
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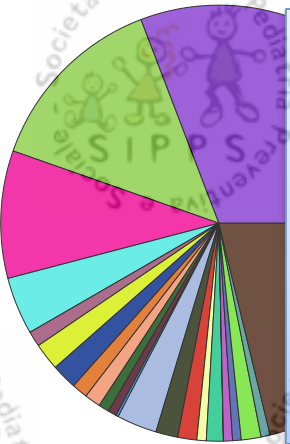
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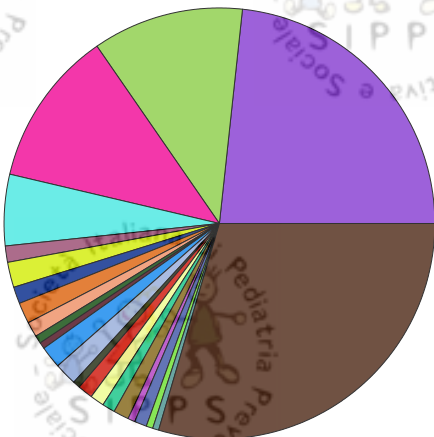
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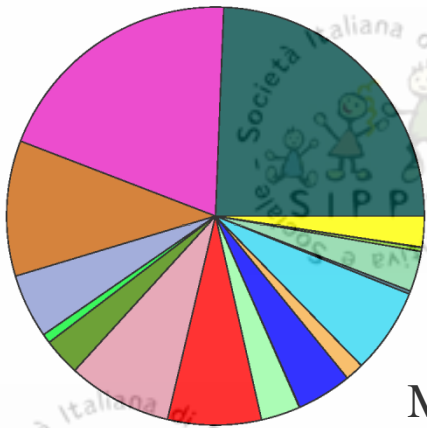


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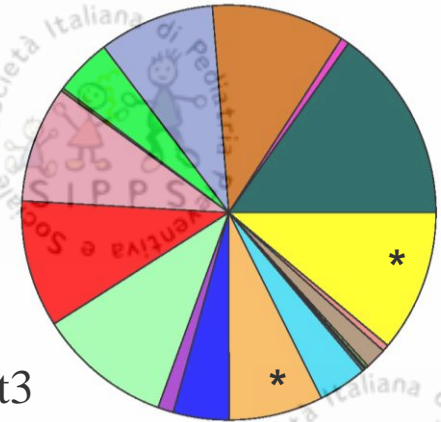
*Blautia* oligotype pattern was affected only by milk treatment, that promoted an increase in oligotype 5 and 13, that were also positively correlated with alpha-defensin ( $\rho=0.84$ ,  $P=0.007$ ;  $\rho=0.58$ ,  $P=0.040$ )

■ Bla1    ■ Bla9    ■ Bla27

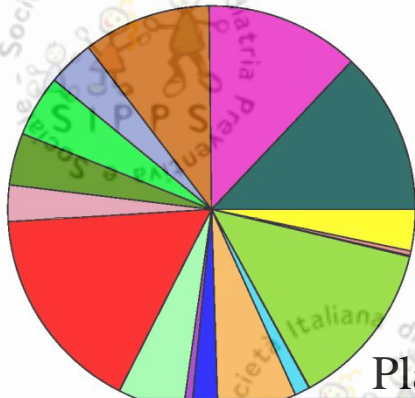
# Bacteroides oligotypes



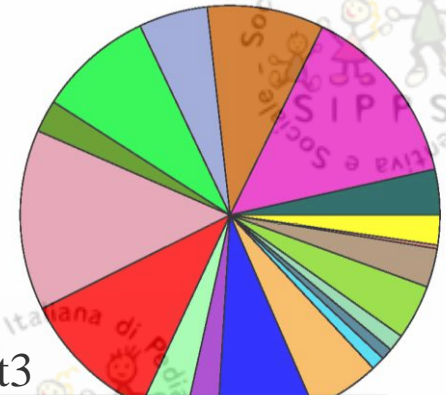
Milk t0



Milk t3



Placebo t0

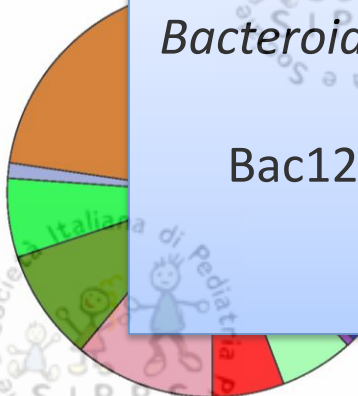


Placebo t3

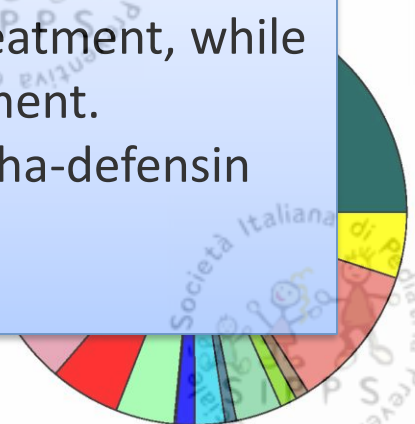


*Bacteroides* oligotypes 12 and 19 increased after milk treatment, while Bac18 was apparently stimulated by rice treatment.

Bac12 and 19 were also positively correlated with alpha-defensin levels, while Bac18 correlated with LL37

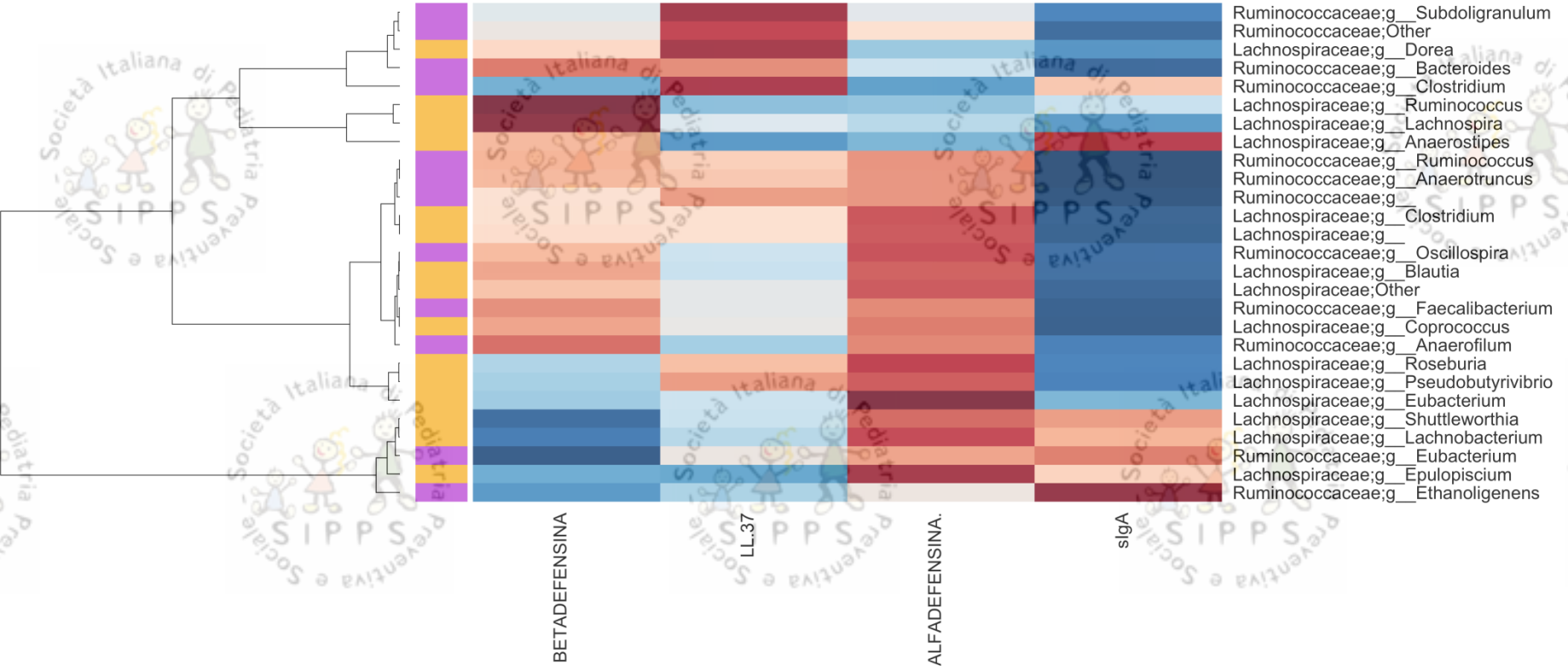
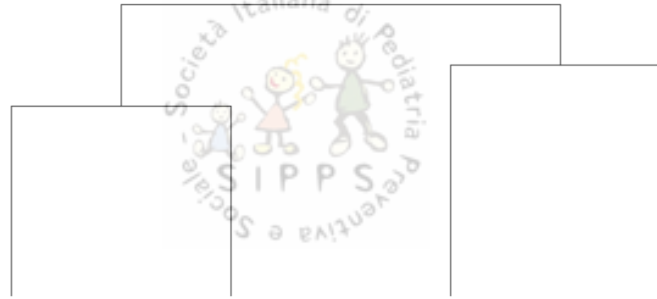
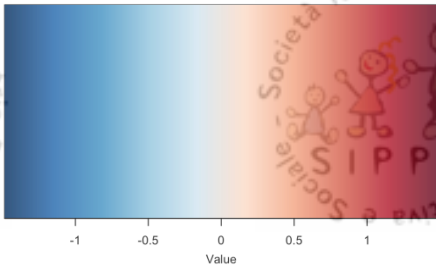


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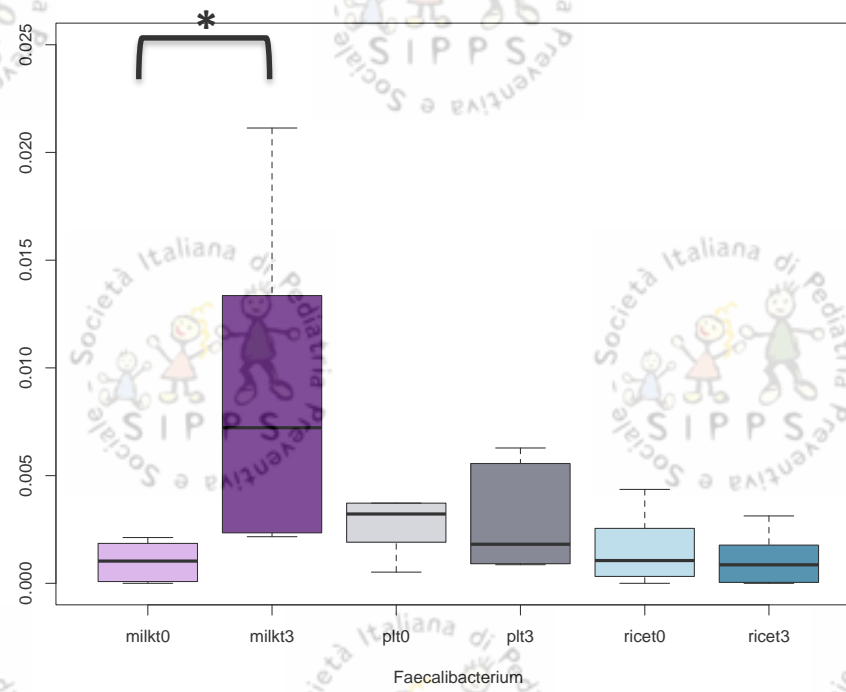
Color Key



- Positive correlations between *Lachnospiraceae* and alpha-defensin
- *Ruminococcaceae* correlated to LL-37
- *Lachnospira* and *Ruminococcus* correlated with beta-defensin levels

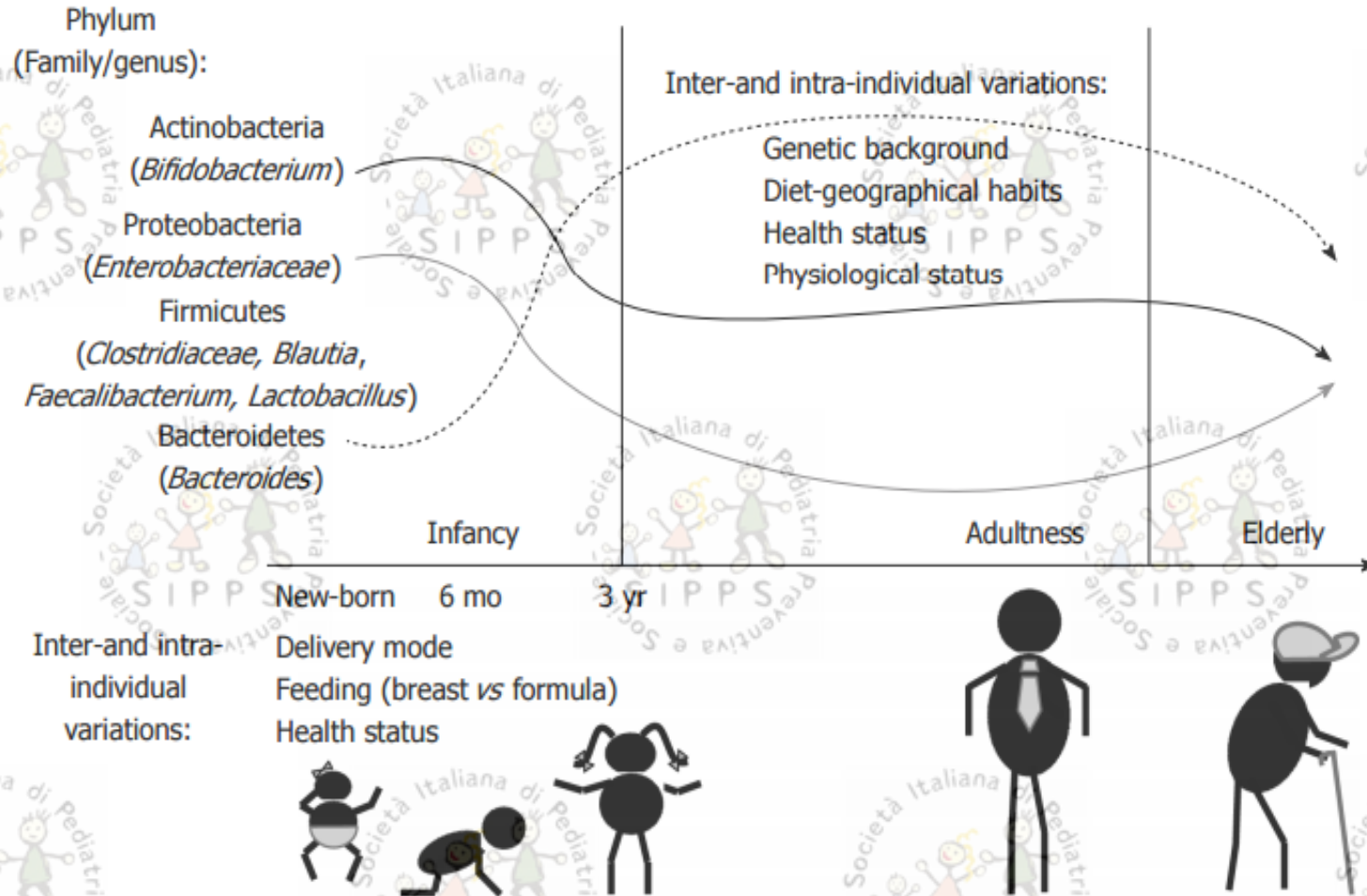


# Ruminococcaceae family increased by fermented milk matrix



\*(P<0.05)

# Development of gut microbiota

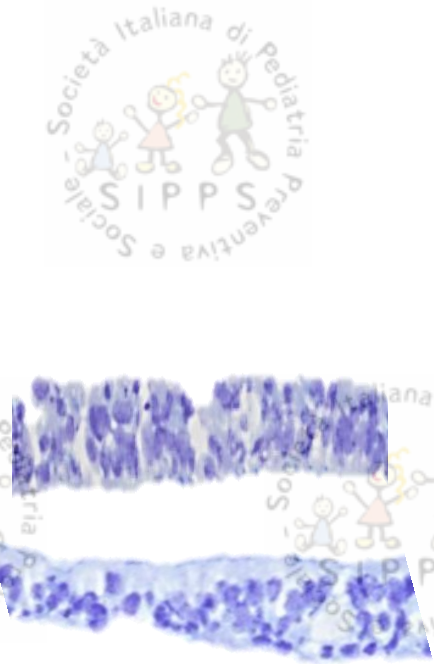
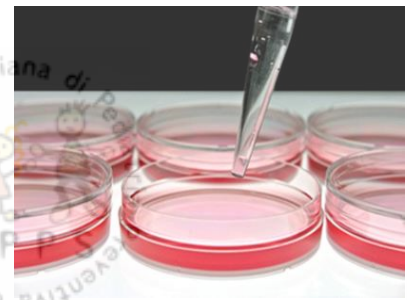


# Towards a more comprehensive concept for prebiotics

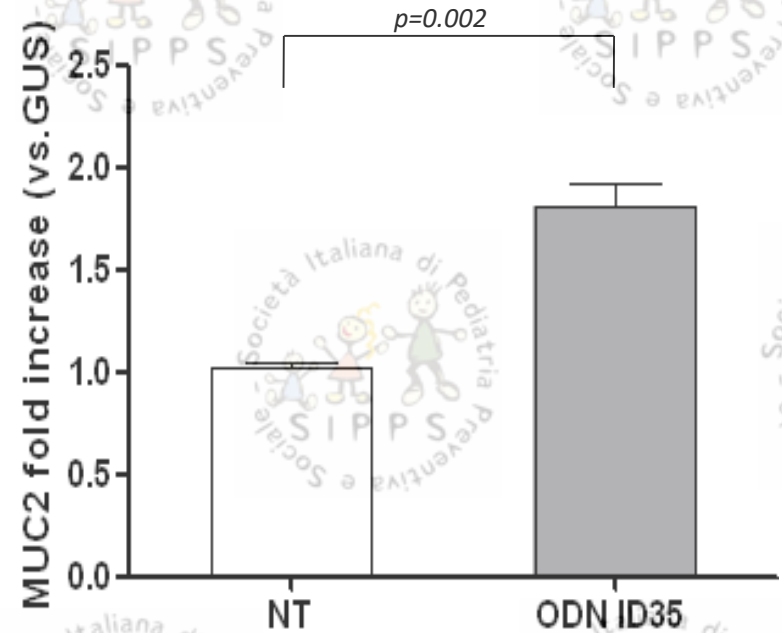
Laure B. Bindels, Nathalie M. Delzenne, Patrice D. Cani and Jens Walter

	Definition	Substantiation of prebiotic effect	Compounds
2010	A selectively* fermented ingredient that results in specific changes in the composition and/or activity of the gastrointestinal microbiota, thus conferring benefit(s) upon host health <sup>52</sup>	Selectivity of effect on gut microbiota should be established <i>in vivo</i> using most up-to-date technology Health effects, or at least physiological effects, should be established in controlled trials and correlated with selective changes in gut microbiota composition or activity	Inulin FOS tGOS Lactulose
2015	A nondigestible compound that, through its metabolism by microorganisms in the gut, modulates composition and/or activity of the gut microbiota, thus conferring a beneficial physiological effect on the host	The degree to which the effect of the prebiotic on composition and/or activity is "selective" is not a criterion The burden of proof for health claims does not change Definition places more focus on the causal link between the microbial metabolism of the compound, the resulting modulation of the gut microbiota, and the beneficial physiological effects	Inulin FOS tGOS Human milk oligosaccharides <b>Candidate prebiotics?#</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Resistant starch</li> <li>▪ Pectin</li> <li>▪ Arabinoxylan</li> <li>▪ Whole grains</li> <li>▪ Various dietary fibres</li> <li>▪ Noncarbohydrates that exert their action through a modulation of the gut microbiota</li> </ul>

# LGG ODN ID35 stimulates mucus production in human enterocytes: non-immune protective mechanism



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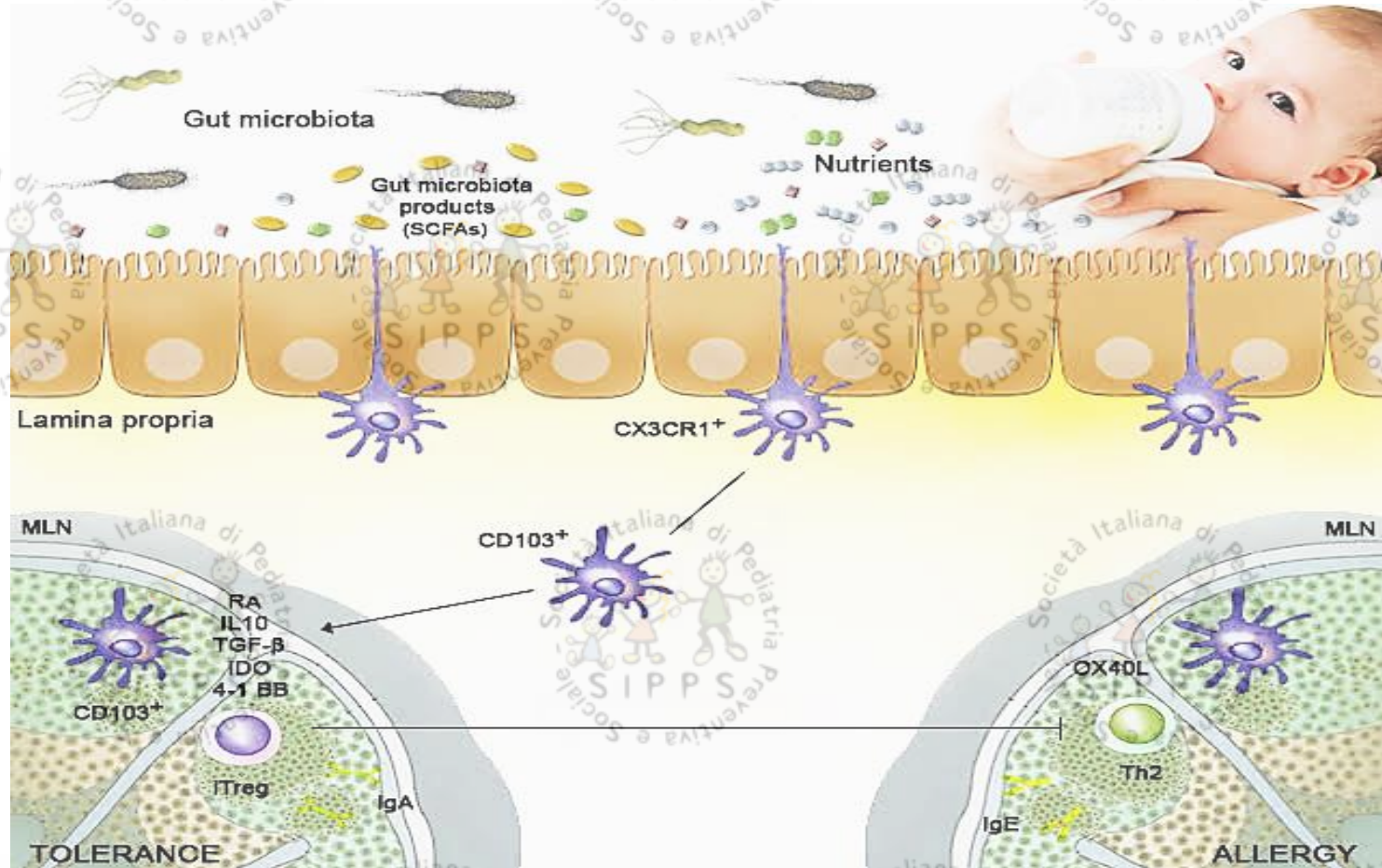


**Rare**  
*Strain-specific effects*  
Neurological effects  
Immunological effects  
Endocrinological effects  
Production of specific bioactives

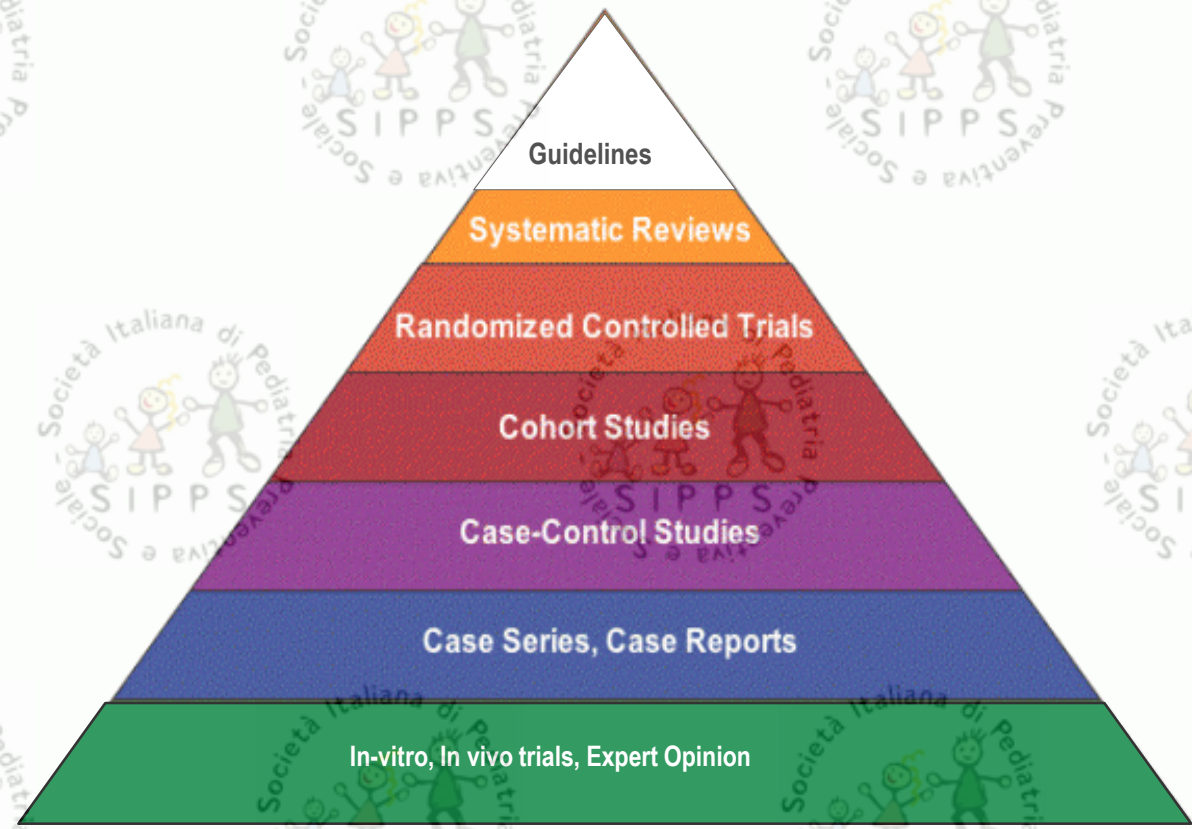
**Frequent**  
*Observed at species level*  
Vitamin synthesis  
Direct antagonism  
Gut barrier reinforcement  
Bile salt metabolism  
Enzymatic activity  
Neutralization of carcinogens

**Widespread**  
*Among studied probiotics*  
Colonisation resistance  
Enterocytes growth  
Regulation of intestinal transit  
Normalization of perturbed microbiota  
Competitive exclusion of pathogens

# Tolleranza orale: soppressione risposta immunitaria ad Ag della dieta mediata da cellule T regolatorie Ag-specifiche



Modulazione dinamica indotta sin dalle prime epoche della vita dalla esposizione a fattori ambientali (dieta) e dallo sviluppo del microbiota intestinale



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# Immunonutrizione

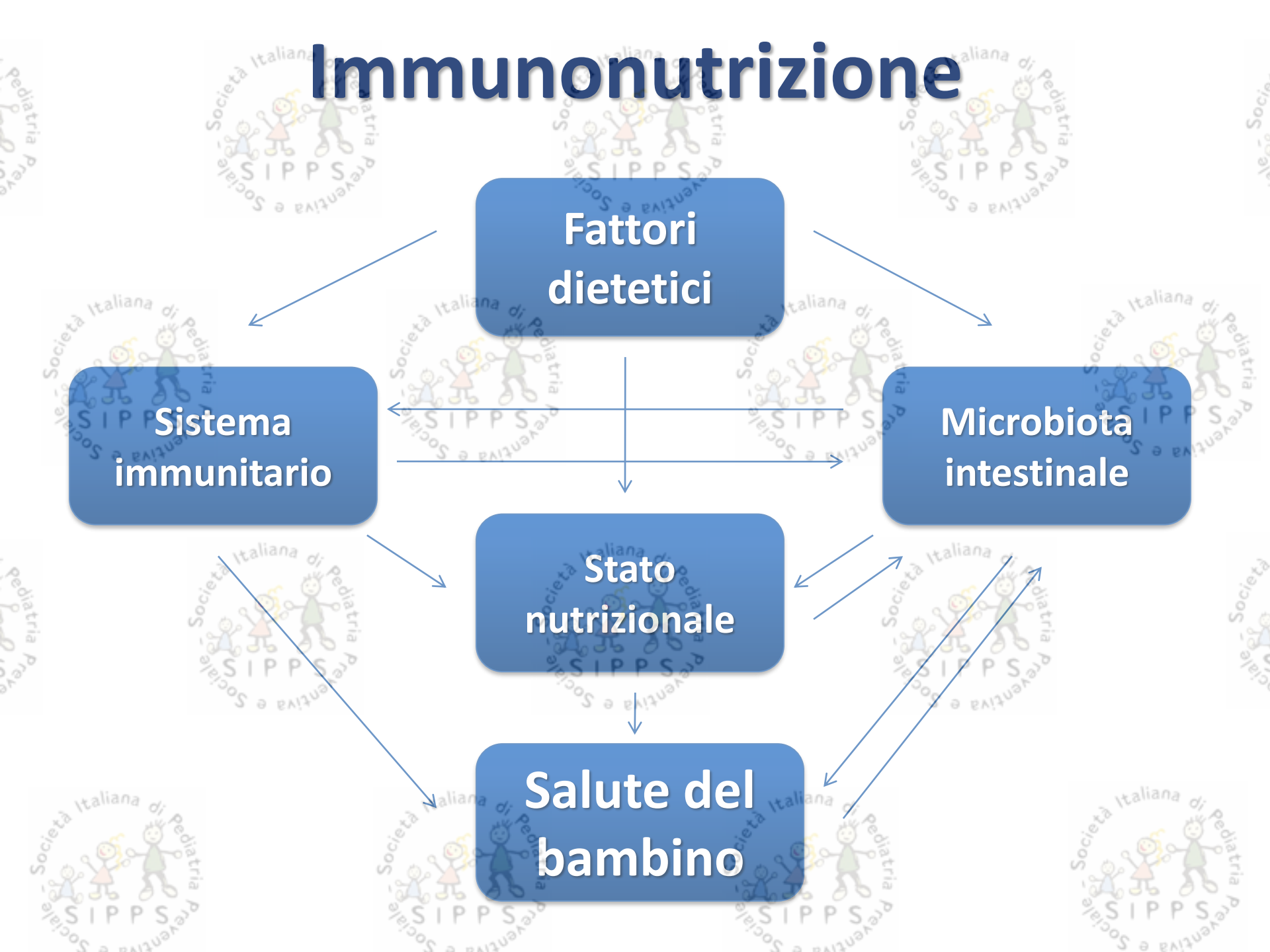
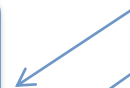
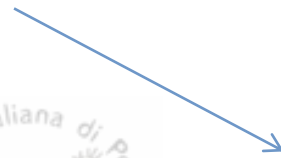
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**Sistema immunitario**

**Microbiota intestinale**

**Stato nutrizionale**

**Salute del bambino**





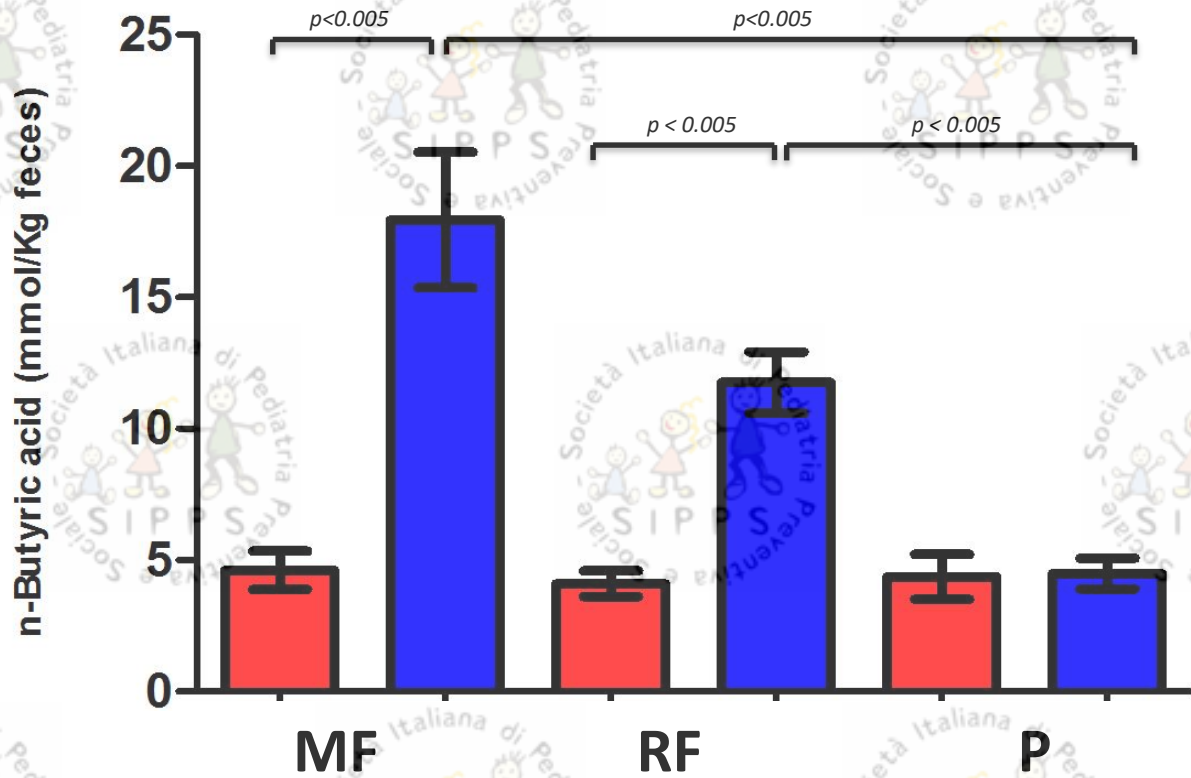


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# Indications to probiotics in pediatric gastroenterology

- **Acute gastroenteritis**
- **Nosocomial diarrhea**
- **Antibiotic-associated diarrhea**
- ***C.difficile* infection**
- ***H.pylori* infection**
- **FGIDs**
- **IBD**
- **NEC**

# Stimolazione della produzione di butirrato a livello intestinale



# Conclusioni

- Scarse evidenze su utilizzo “clinico” di prebiotici
- Uso raccomandato di particolari ceppi di probiotici a determinate dosi per alcune condizioni patologiche (GEA, AAD, CDD)
- Per altre indicazioni utilizzare ceppi, dosi e modalità di somministrazione riportate nei RCTs
- Autoprescrizione
- Ben tollerati e sicuri
- Controllo di qualità/efficacia
- Approccio “post-biotico” promettente

# *Lactobacillus paracasei* CBA L74 Metabolic Products and Fermented Milk for Infant Formula Have Anti-Inflammatory Activity on Dendritic Cells *In Vitro* and Protective Effects against Colitis and an Enteric Pathogen *In Vivo*

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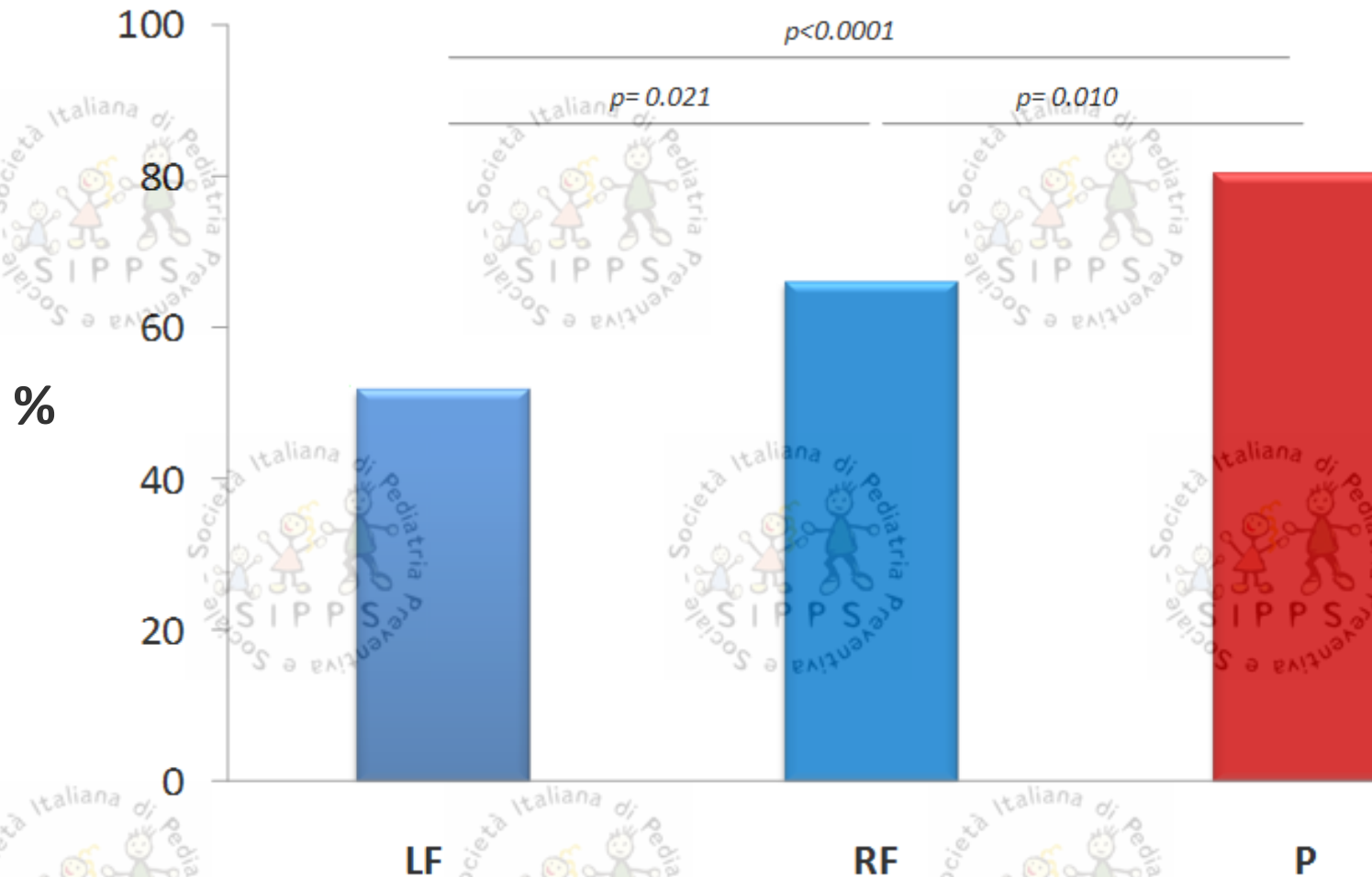
## Abstract

The rapid expansion of commercially available fermented food products raises important safety issues particularly when infant food is concerned. In many cases, the activity of the microorganisms used for fermentation as well as what will be the immunological outcome of fermented food intake is not known. In this manuscript we used complex *in vitro*, *ex-vivo* and *in vivo* systems to study the immunomodulatory properties of probiotic-fermented products (culture supernatant and fermented milk without live bacteria to be used in infant formula). We found *in vitro* and *ex vivo* that fermented products of *Lactobacillus paracasei* CBA L74 act via the inhibition of proinflammatory cytokine release leaving anti-inflammatory cytokines either unaffected or even increased in response to *Salmonella* typhimurium. These activities are not dependent on the inactivated bacteria but to metabolic products released during the fermentation process. We also show that our *in vitro* systems are predictive of an *in vivo* efficacy by the fermented products. Indeed CBA L74 fermented products (both culture medium and fermented milk) could protect against colitis and against an enteric pathogen infection (*Salmonella* typhimurium). Hence we found that fermented products can act via the inhibition of immune cell inflammation and can protect the host from pathobionts and enteric pathogens. These results open new perspectives in infant nutrition and suggest that *L. paracasei* CBA L74 fermented formula can provide immune benefits to formula-fed infants, without carrying live bacteria that may be potentially dangerous to an immature infant immune system.

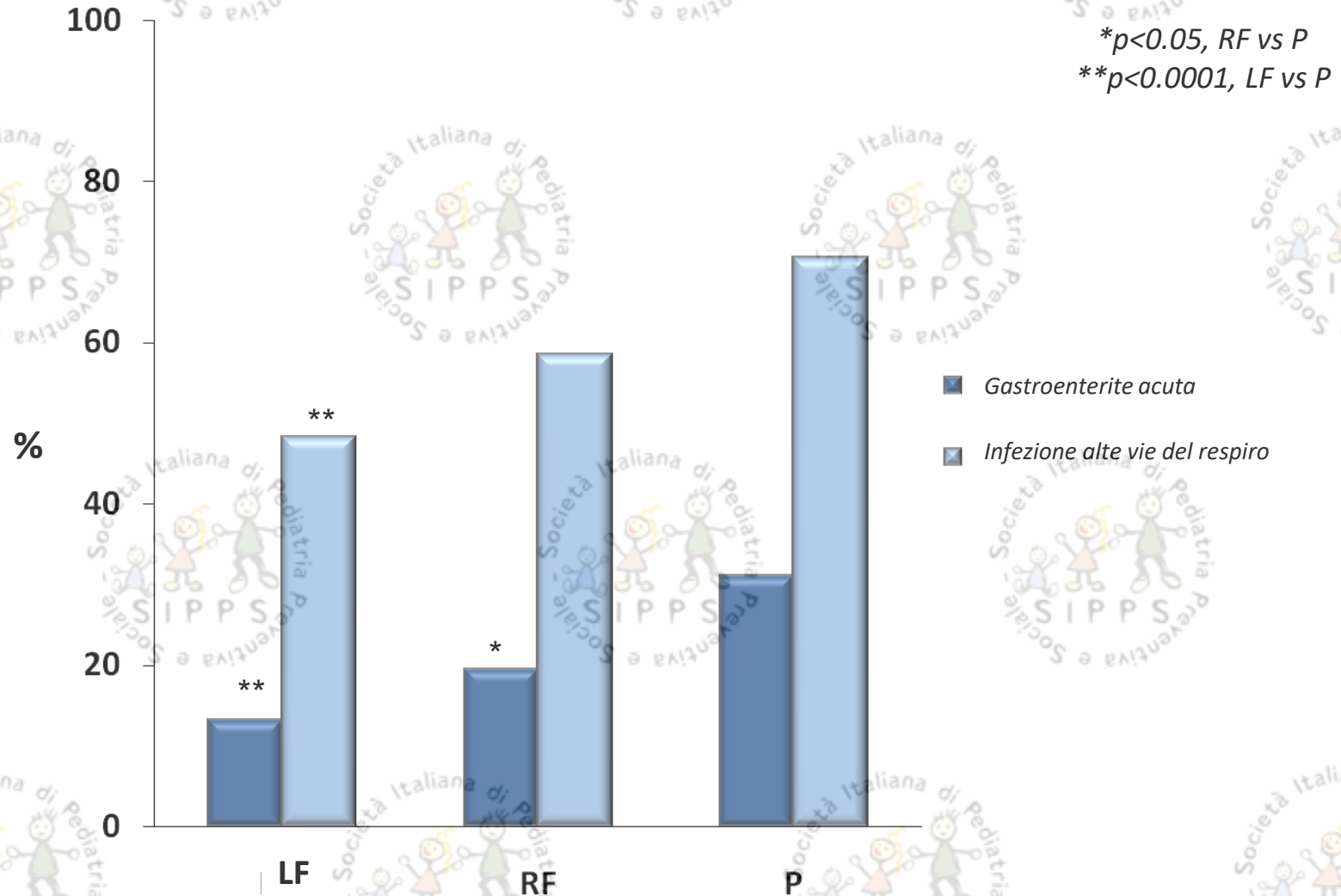
# Caratteristiche della popolazione di studio

	LF	RF	P
	<i>n=141</i>	<i>n=123</i>	<i>n=127</i>
<b>Maschi, n (%)</b>	72 (51.1)	64 (52)	65 (51.2)
<b>Età, mesi (<math>\pm</math>DS)</b>	32 (10)	31 (11)	34 (9)
<b>Peso, kg (<math>\pm</math>DS)</b>	14.6 (2.8)	14.5 (2.7)	14.8 (2.9)
<b>Altezza, cm (<math>\pm</math>DS)</b>	93.3 (9)	92.7 (9)	94.3 (7.2)
<b>Allattamento materno, n (%)</b>	99 (70.2)	88 (71.5)	97 (76.4)
<i>Durata dell'allattamento, mesi (<math>\pm</math>DS)</i>	7.6 (6.1)	6.2 (4)	6.4 (5.1)
<b>Età alla scolarizzazione, mesi (<math>\pm</math>DS)</b>	13.4 (2.4)	12.9 (2.2)	12.8 (2.3)
<b>Fratelli, n (%)</b>	108 (76.6)	96 (78)	100 (78.7)
<i>N. di fratelli, (<math>\pm</math>DS)</i>	1.30 (0.6)	1.4 (0.6)	1.4 (0.6)
<b>Fumo passivo, n (%)</b>	65 (46.1)	56 (45.5)	59 (46.5)

# Soggetti che hanno presentato $\geq 1$ episodio infettivo



# Soggetti che hanno presentato $\geq 1$ episodio di gastroenterite acuta o infezione alte vie del respiro





# I bambini che hanno assunto latte o riso fermentato hanno presentato meno episodi infettivi

## **Numero totale di infezioni**

Riduzione del 60% nei bambini che assumevano latte fermentato e del 40% nei bambini che assumevano riso fermentato

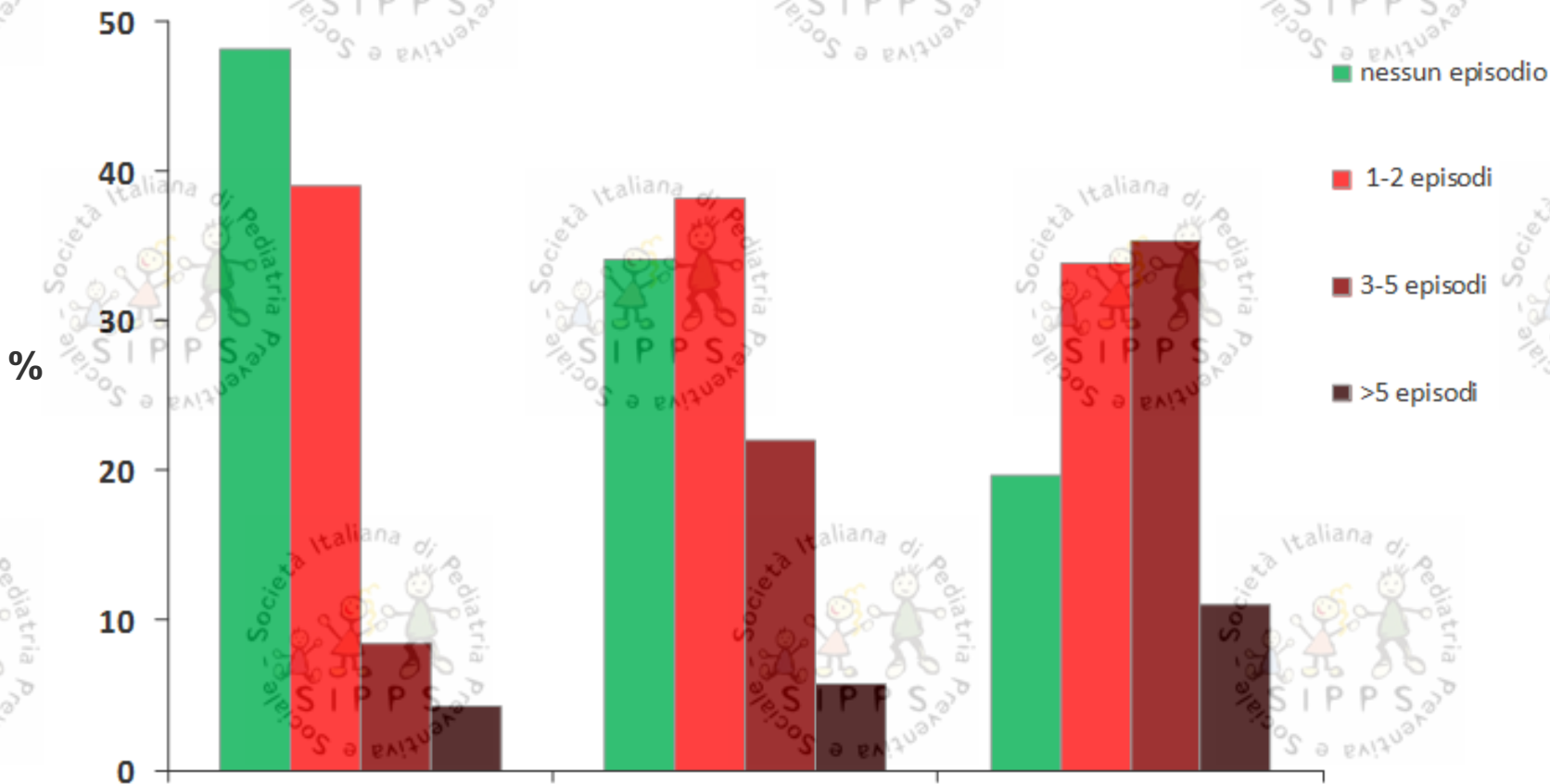
## **Numero di episodi di diarrea acuta**

Riduzione del 55% nei bambini che assumevano latte fermentato e del 45% nei bambini che assumevano riso fermentato

## **Numero di episodi di infezioni a carico delle alte vie del respiro**

Riduzione del 60% nei bambini che assumevano latte fermentato e del 40% nei bambini che assumevano riso fermentato

# Soggetti che hanno presentato episodi infettivi ricorrenti



LF

RF

P

LF vs RF

*p*

0.010

LF vs P

*P*

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*p*

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# Utilizzo di farmaci

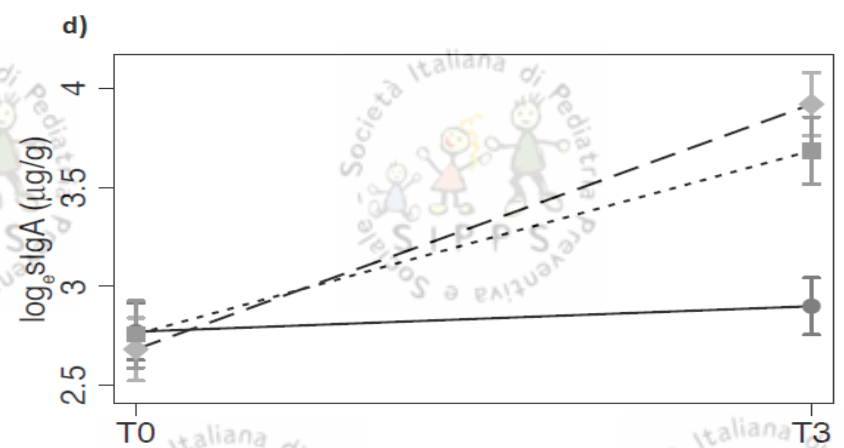
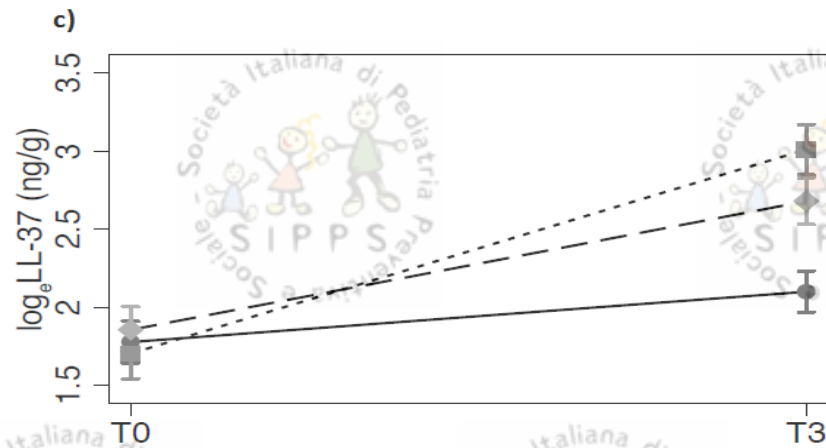
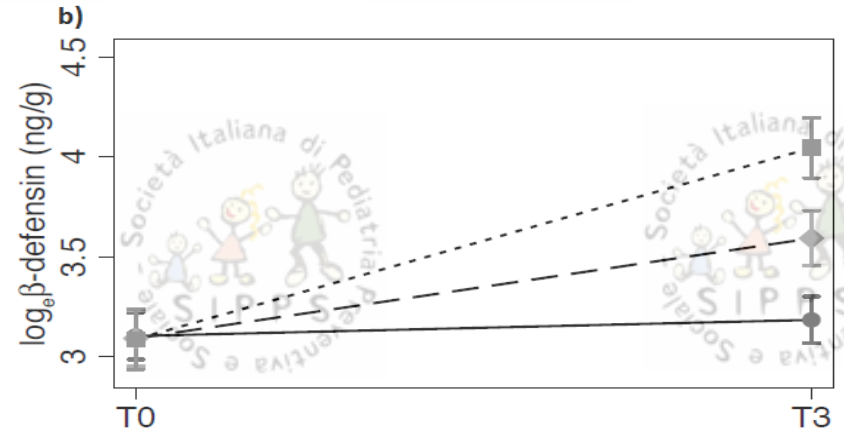
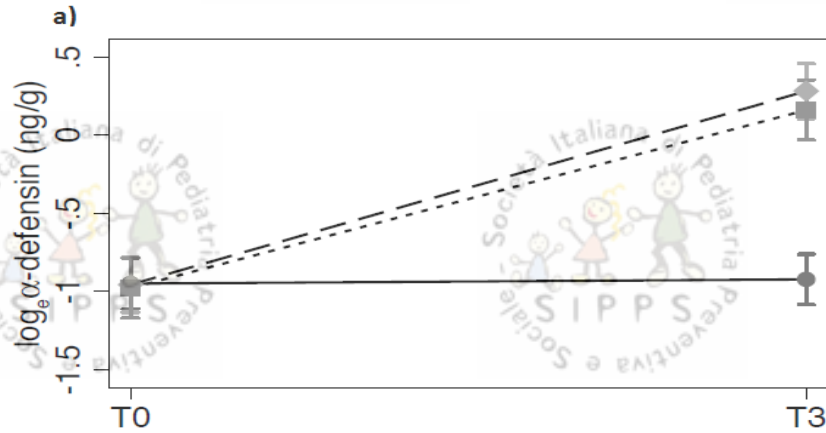
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Riduzione dell'utilizzo di antibiotici del 75% nei bambini che assumevano latte fermentato e del 58% nei bambini che assumevano riso fermentato

	LF	RF	P
	LF vs RF <i>p</i>	LF vs P <i>p</i>	RF vs P <i>p</i>
<b>Almeno 1 farmaco</b>	0.004*	<0.0001*	0.021
<b>Antibiotici</b>	0.003*	<0.0001*	0.001*
<b>Antipiretici</b>	0.163	0.001*	0.058
<b>Steroidi</b>	0.141	0.001*	0.070

\*I valori di *p* restano significativi dopo la correzione di Bonferroni

# Latte fermentato e riso fermentato con *L.paracasei* CBA L74 esercitano una significativa immunomodulazione



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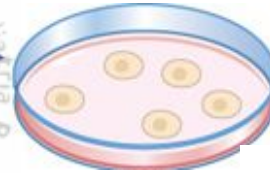


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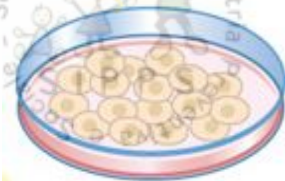


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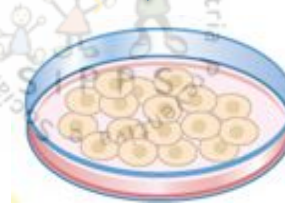
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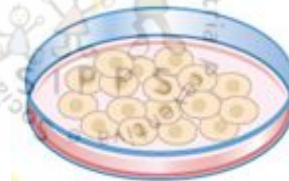
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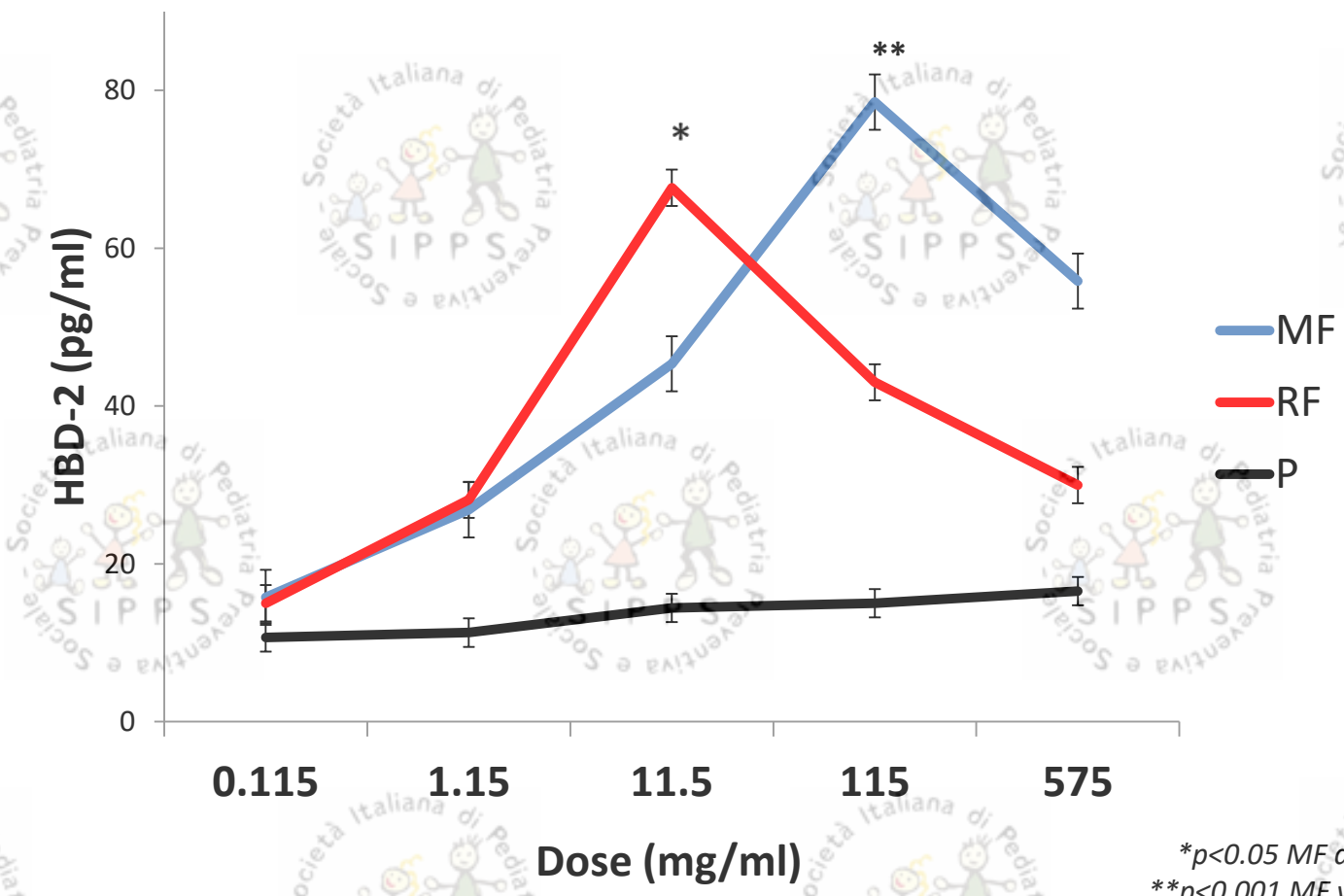
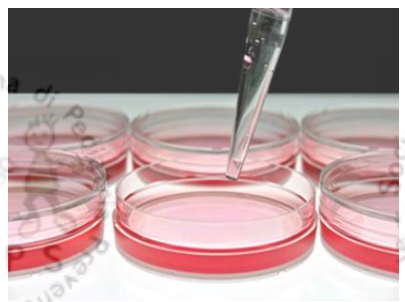


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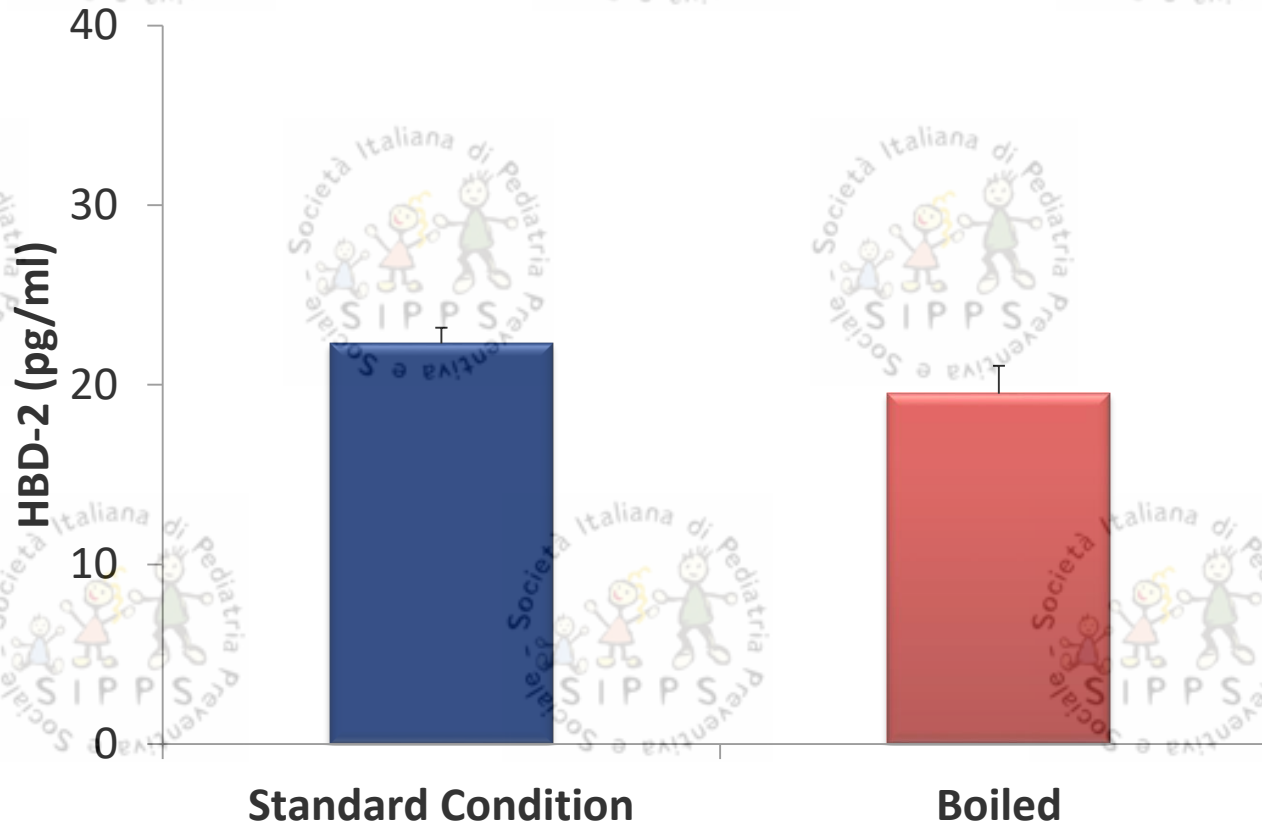
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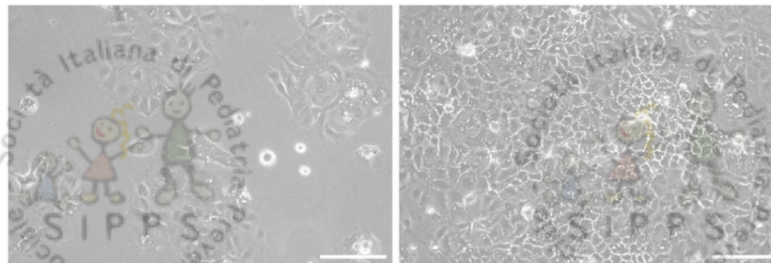
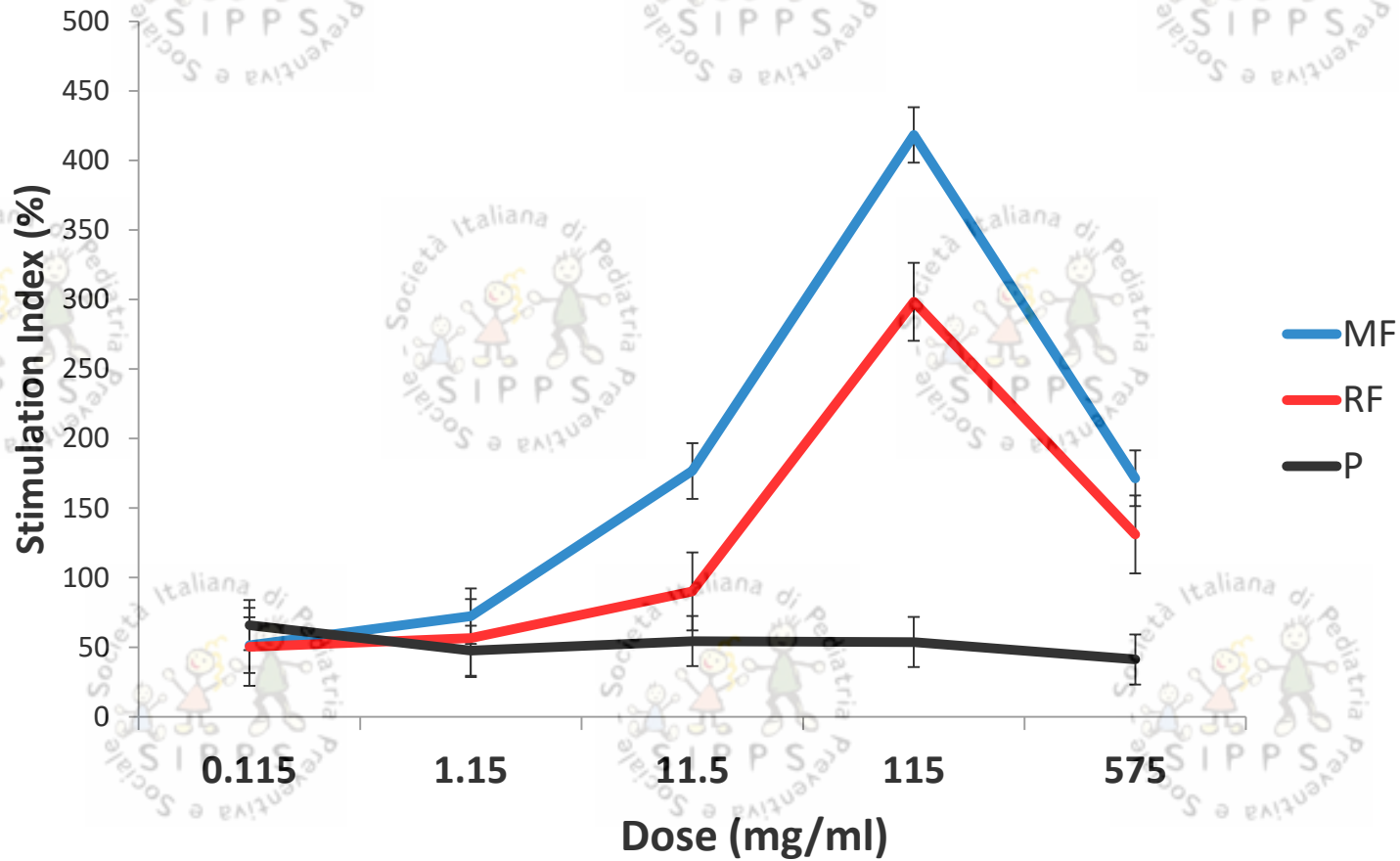
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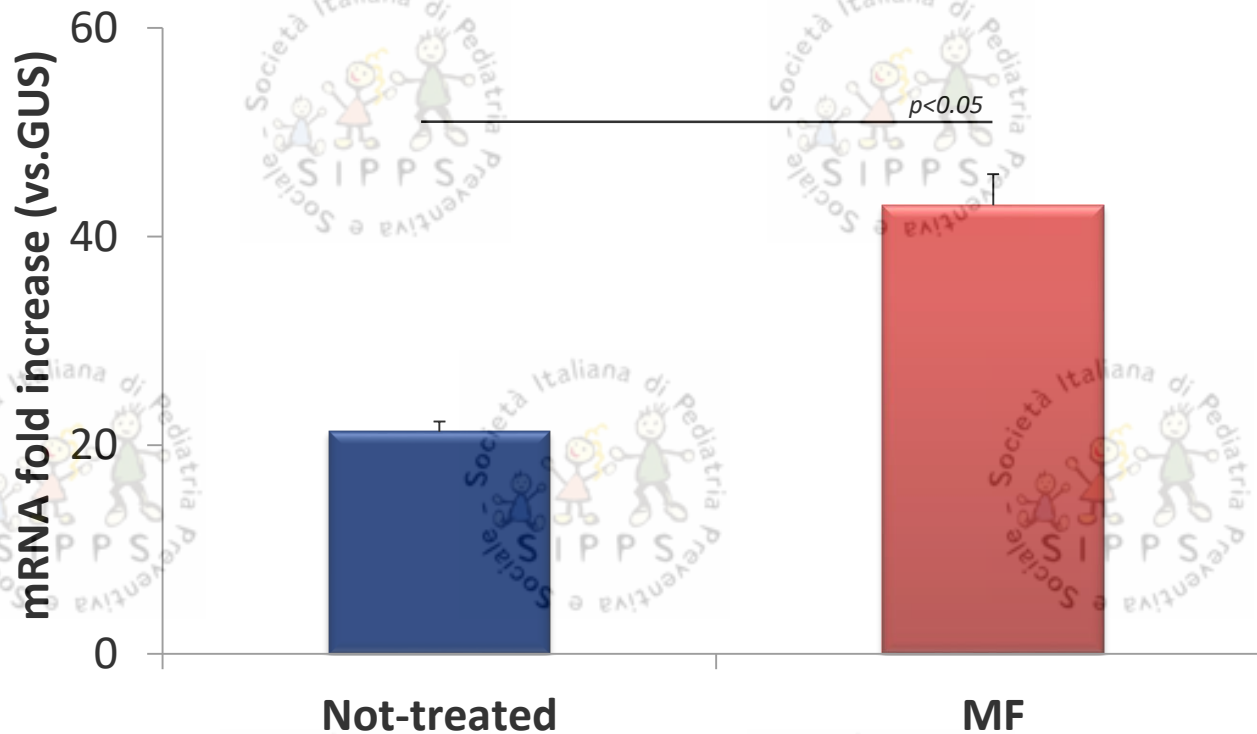
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## Effect on cell proliferation



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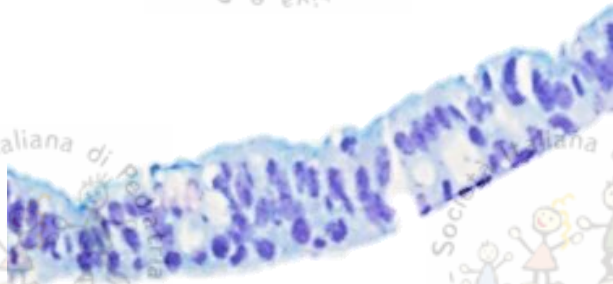
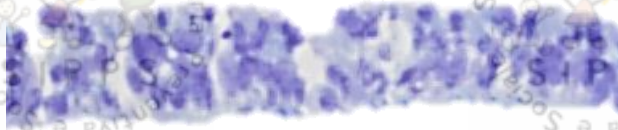
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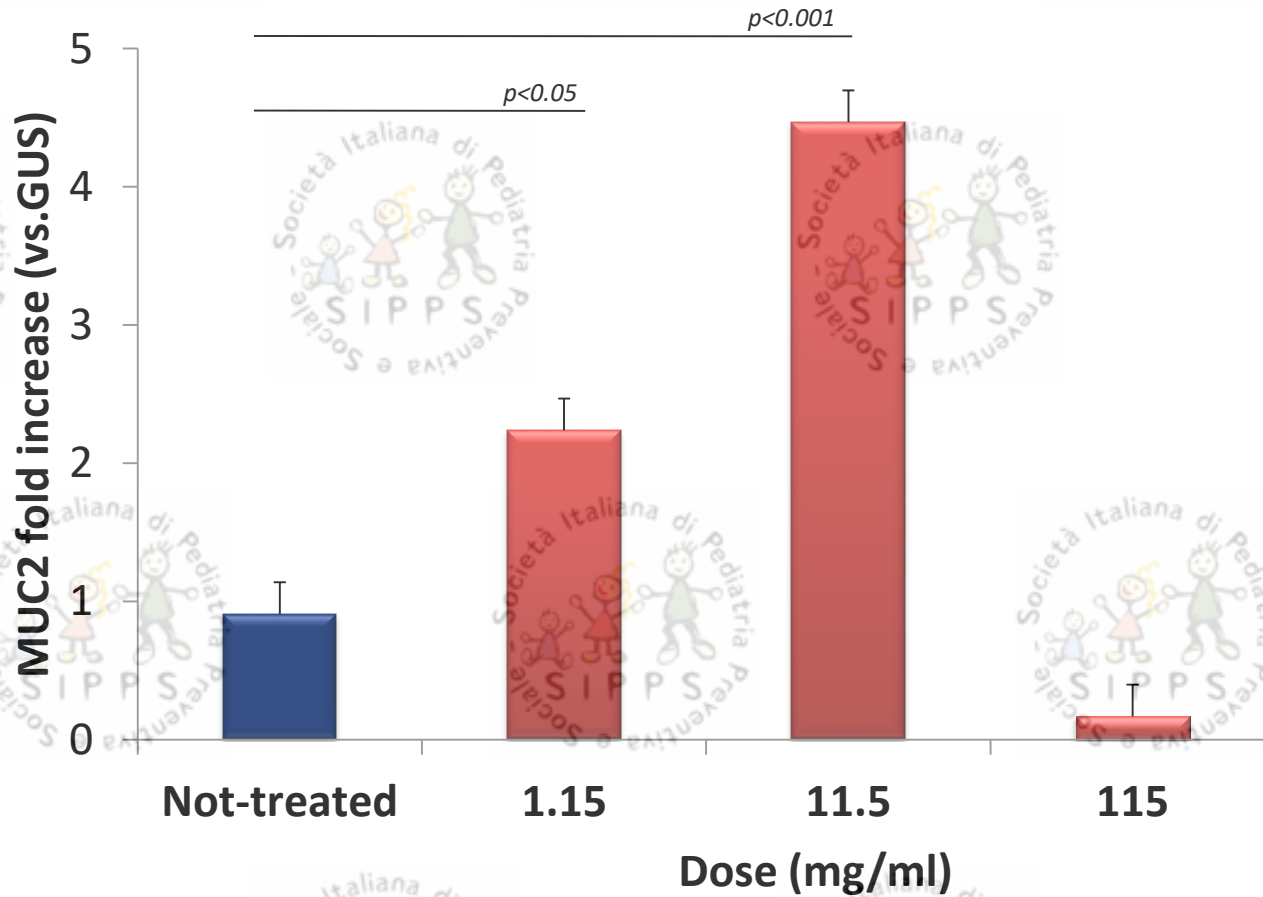
# Effect on mucus production

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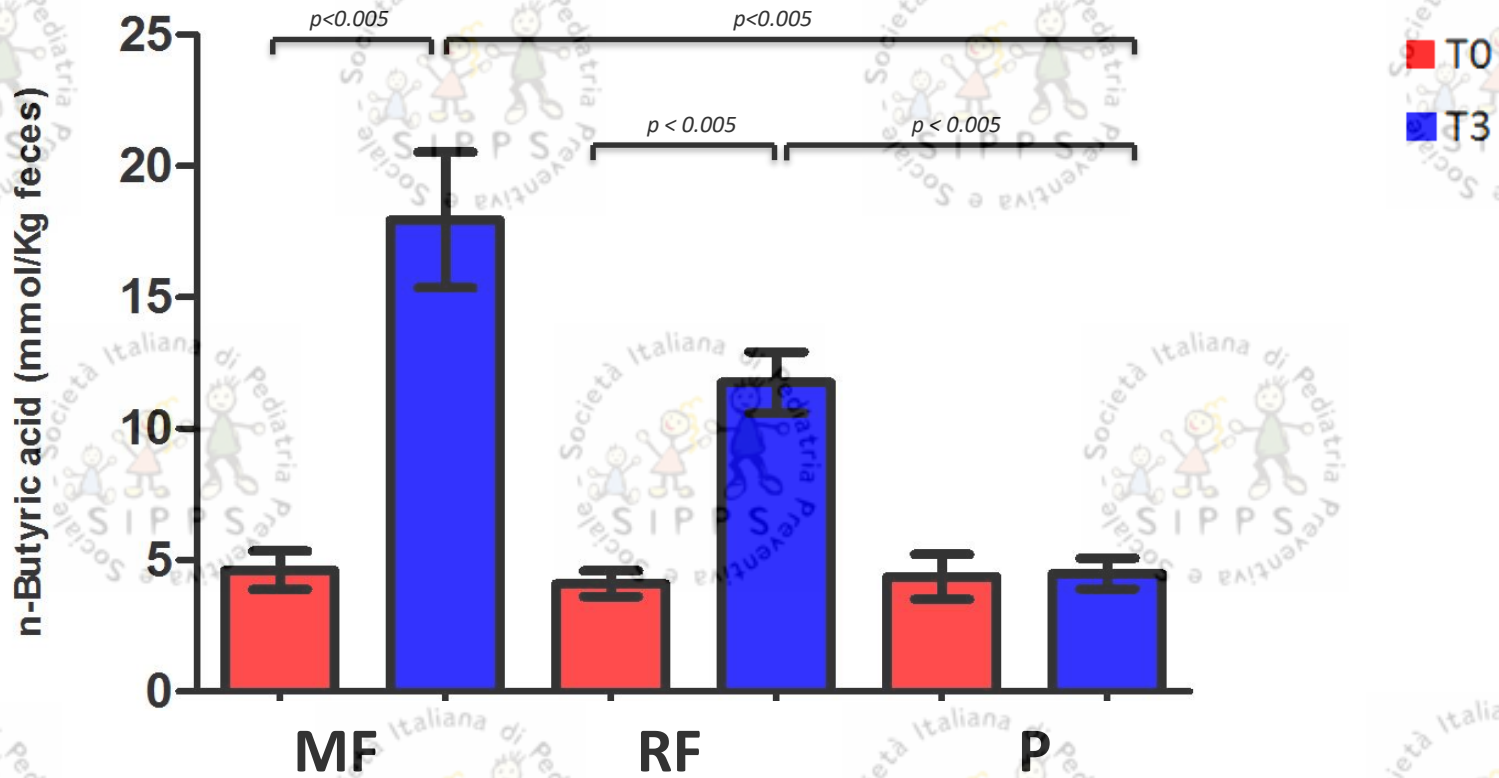


Dose (mg/ml)	Layer ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
Not-treated	-
1.15	$3 \pm 2$
11.5	$6 \pm 2$

# Effect on Mucin 2 expression

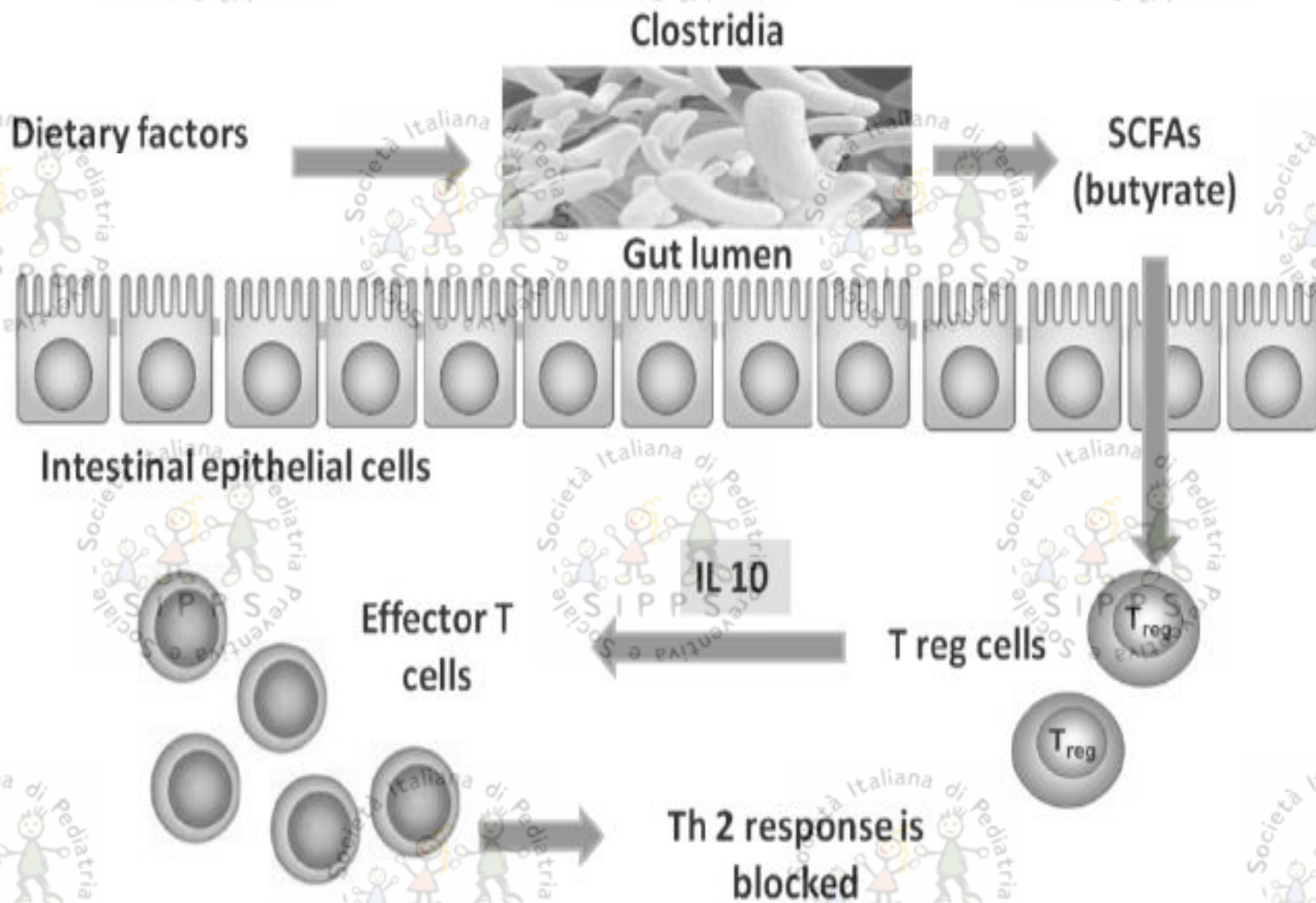


# FM and FR stimulate butyrate production in human gut



# POTENTIAL BENEFICIAL EFFECTS OF BUTYRATE

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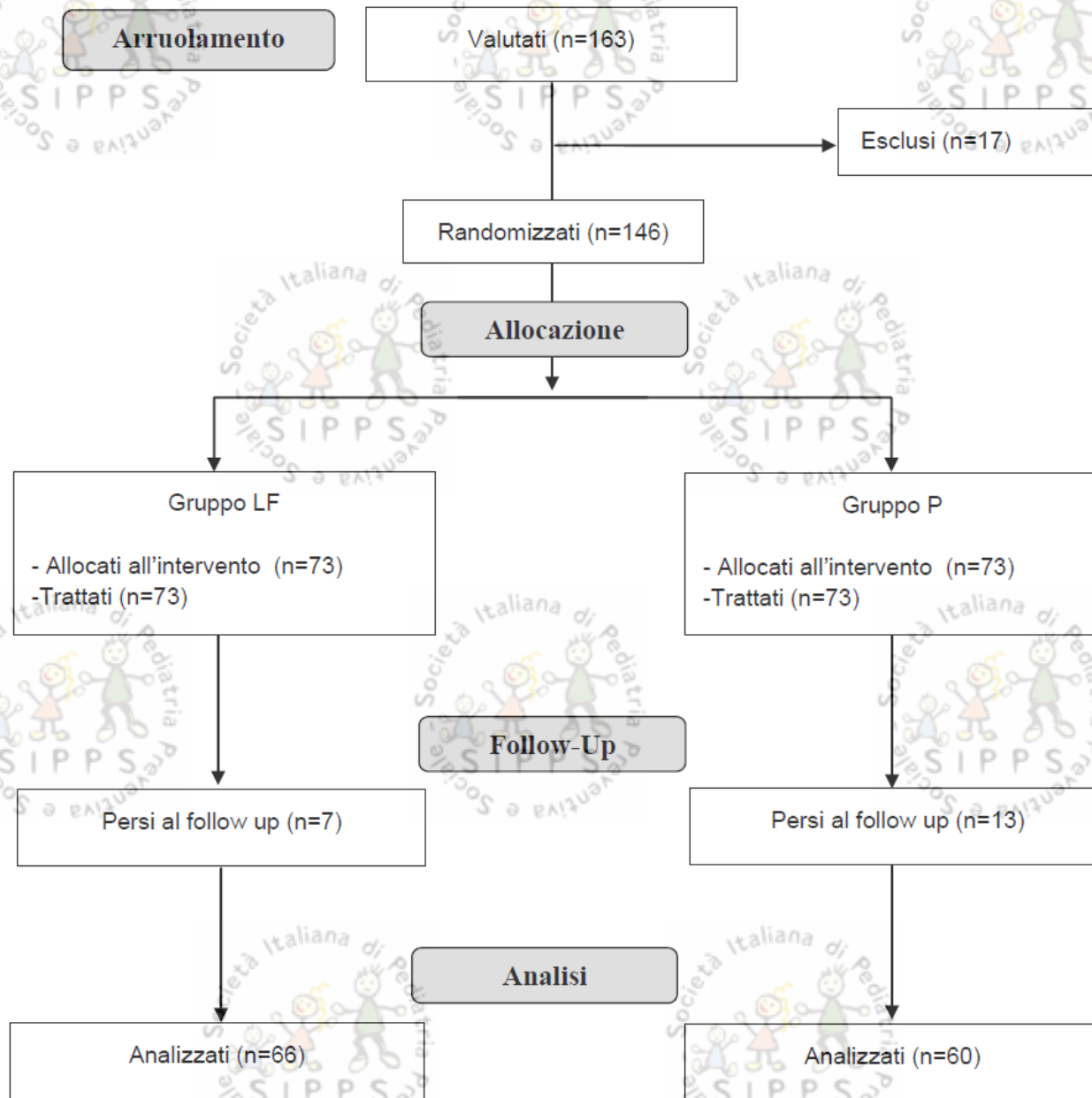


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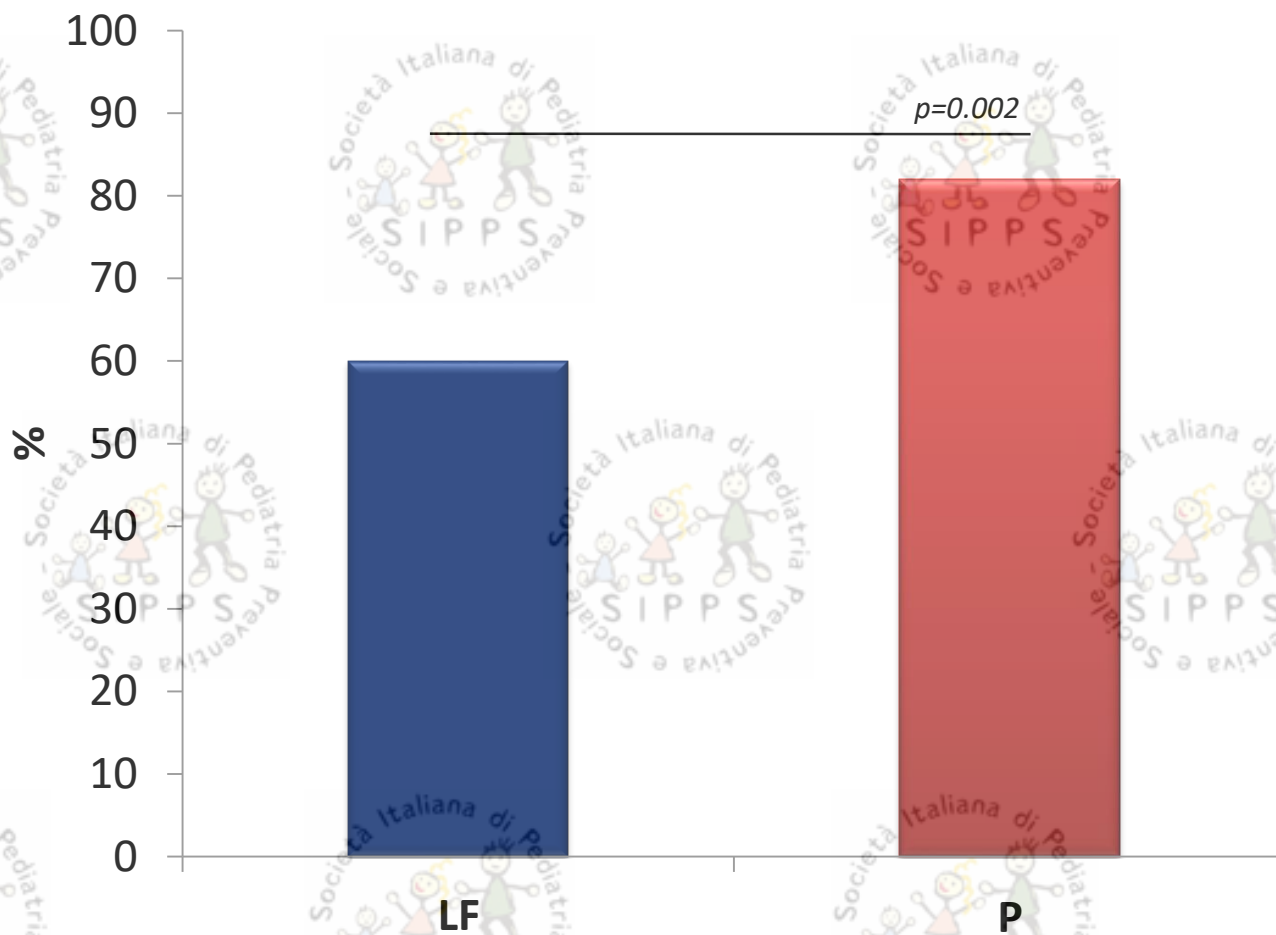
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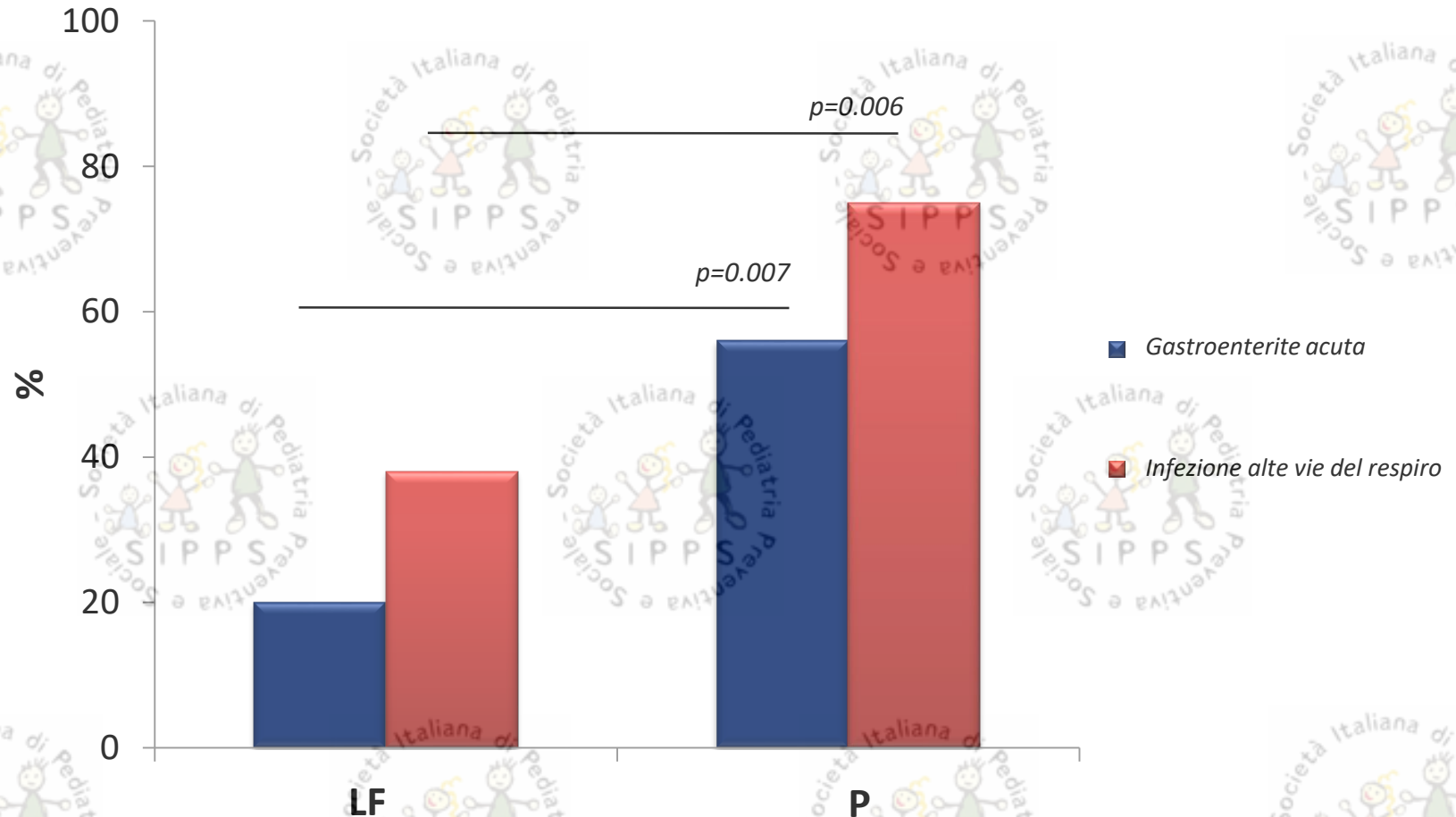
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	LF	P
	<i>n=73</i>	<i>n=73</i>
<b>Maschi, n (%)</b>	39 (53.4)	45 (61.6)
<b>Età, mesi (<math>\pm</math>DS)</b>	32.5 (9.7)	33.7 (8.6)
<b>Peso, kg (<math>\pm</math>DS)</b>	14.8 (3.2)	15 (3)
<b>Altezza, cm (<math>\pm</math>DS)</b>	92 (8.1)	94 (7.6)
<b>Allattamento materno, n (%)</b>	50 (68.5)	41 (56.2)
<b><i>Durata dell'allattamento, mesi (<math>\pm</math>DS)</i></b>	7.1 (6)	7 (8.5)
<b>Età alla scolarizzazione, mesi (<math>\pm</math>DS)</b>	23.2 (9)	25.9 (8.5)
<b>Fratelli, n (%)</b>	60 (82.2)	52 (71.2)
<b><i>N. di fratelli, (<math>\pm</math>DS)</i></b>	1.4 (0.6)	1.4 (0.6)
<b>Fumo passivo, n (%)</b>	28 (38.4)	30 (41.1)

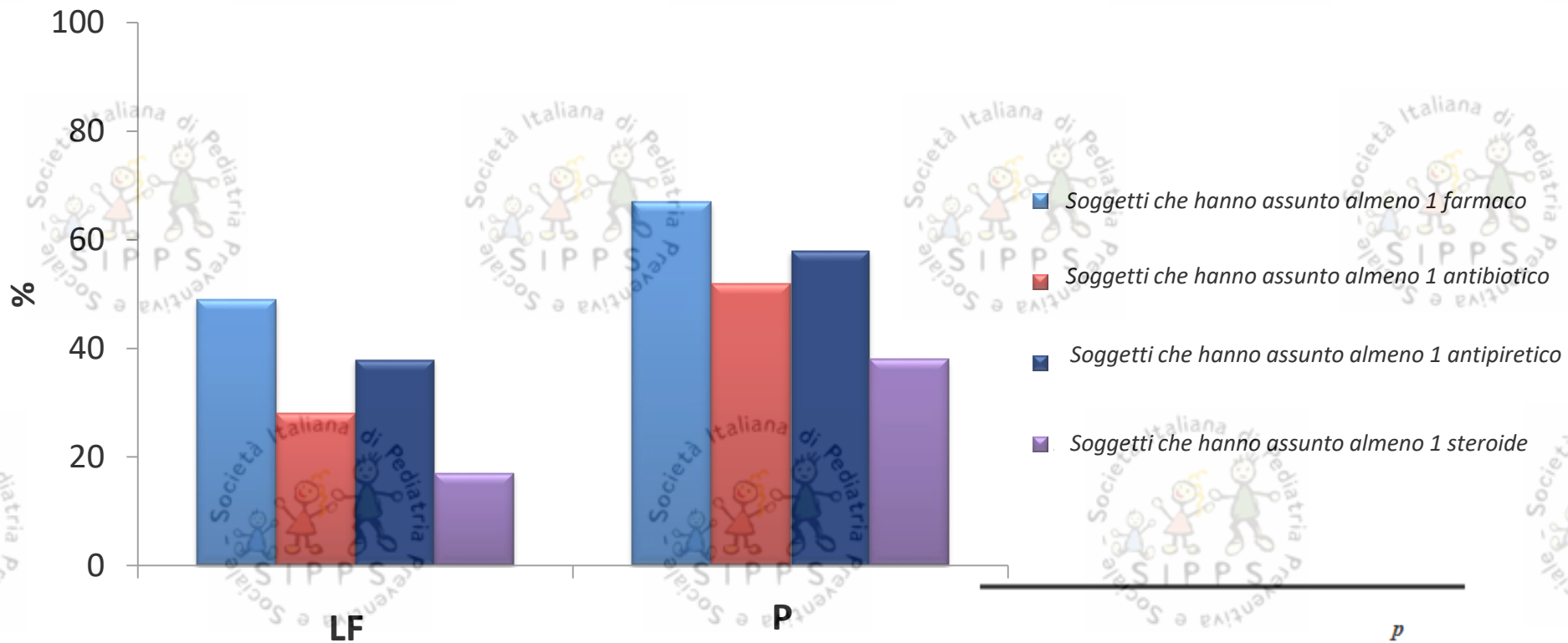
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# Utilizzo di farmaci



**Almeno 1 farmaco** 0.019

**Antibiotici** 0.03

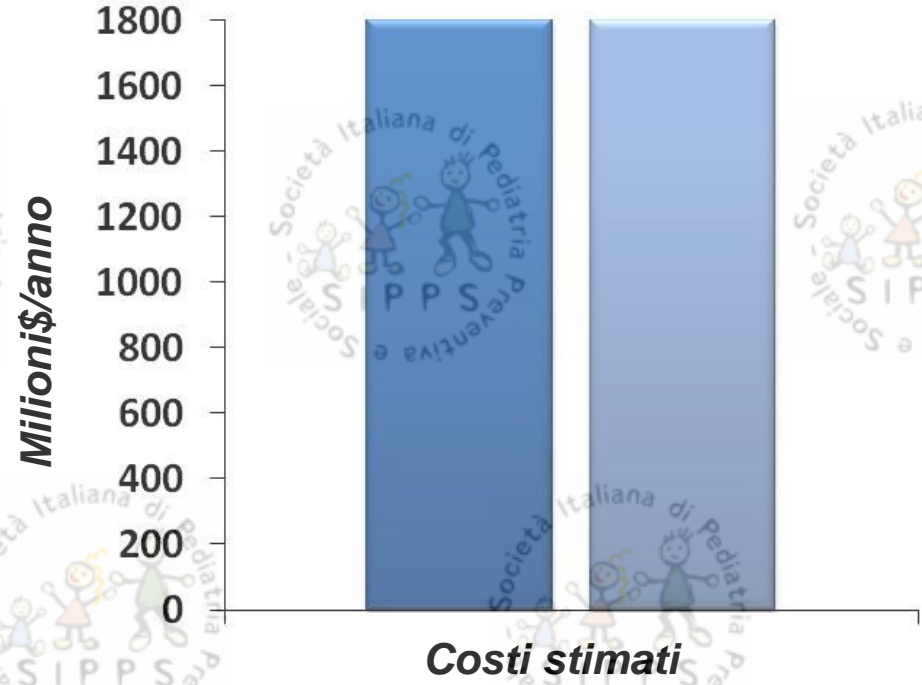
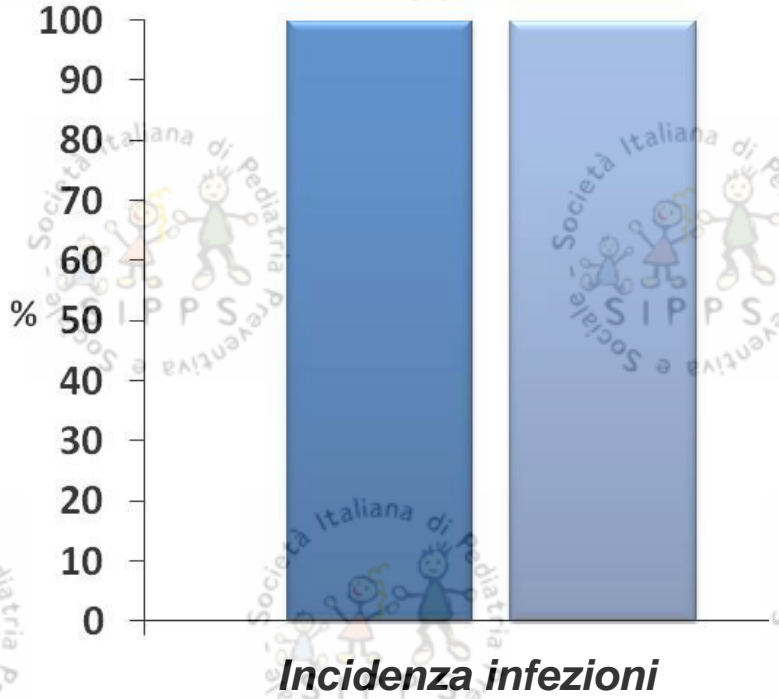
**Antipiretici** 0.044

**Steroidi** 0.027

# Punti di forza degli alimenti funzionali fermentati

- Contengono probiotici di origine umana
- Contengono probiotici inattivati
- Nessun rischio di traslocazione batterica
- Elevata facilità di conservazione e trasporto
- Elevata riproducibilità (monitoraggio preciso del processo tecnologico)

# L'impatto



- LF
- RF





- Spesa sanitaria per consumo antibiotici in Italia nel 2015 in età : **15.661.863 €**
- Utilizzo di latte fermentato con CBA-L74 riduce del 75% l'utilizzo di antibiotici

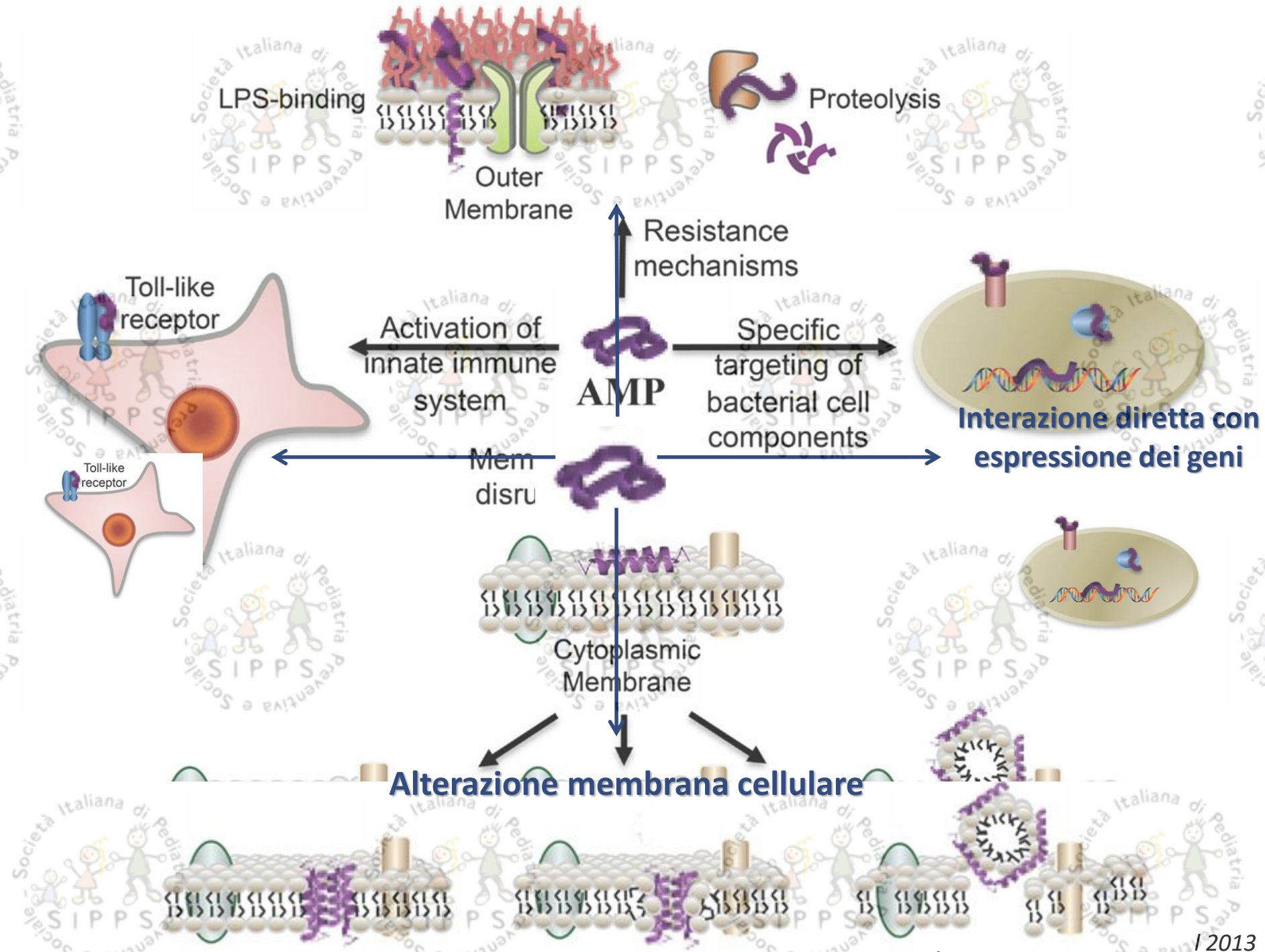
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**Risparmio di € 11.746.397**





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2. Vivi in una dimensione internazionale
3. Sii sempre utile e collaborativo
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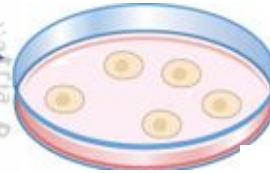


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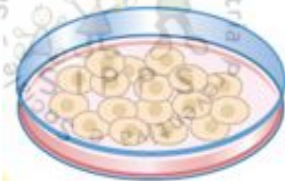


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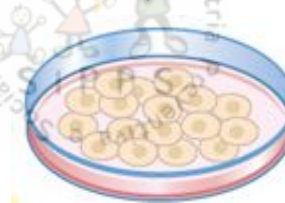
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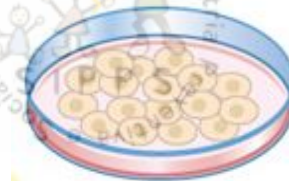
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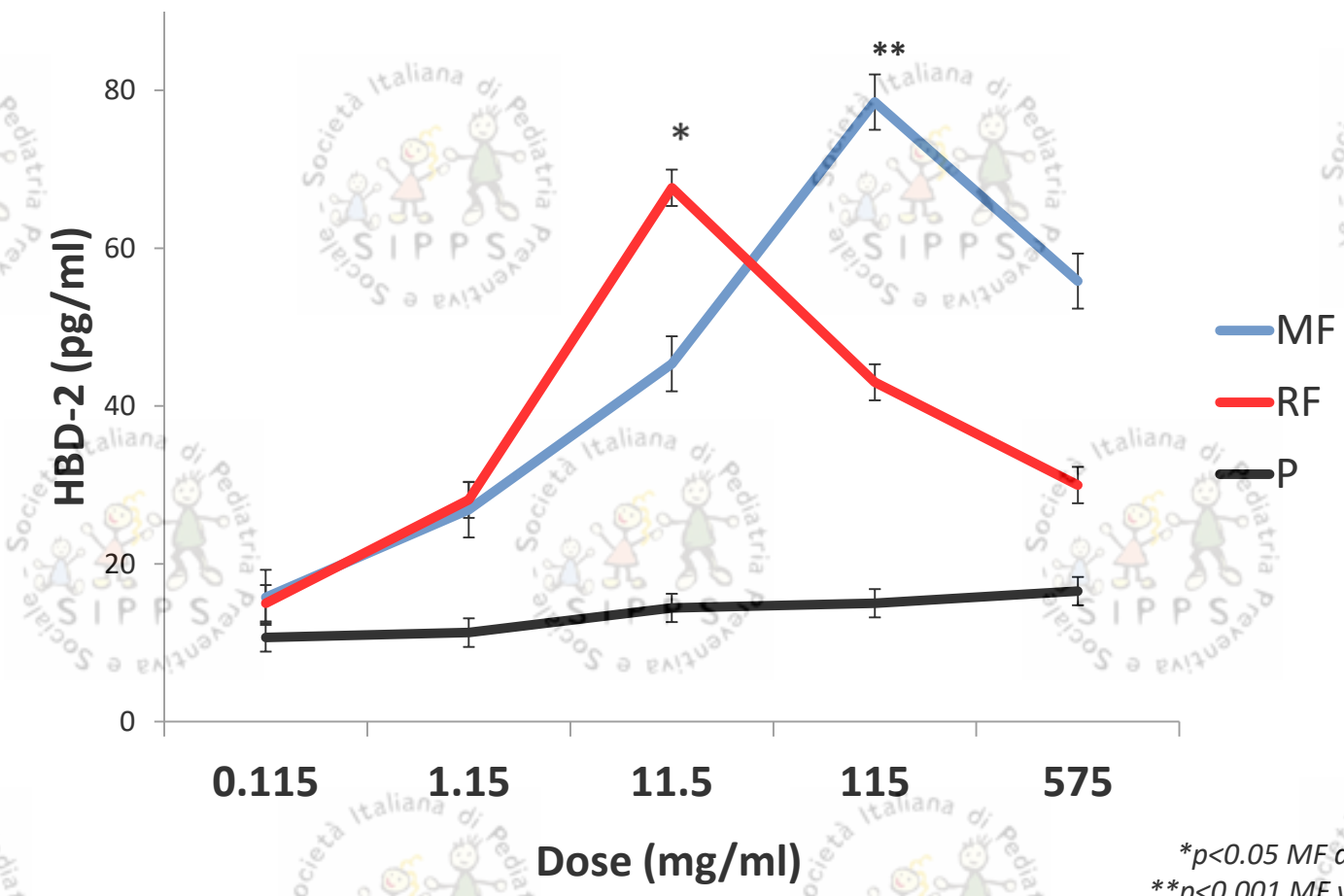
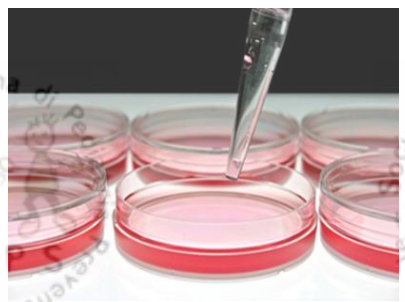


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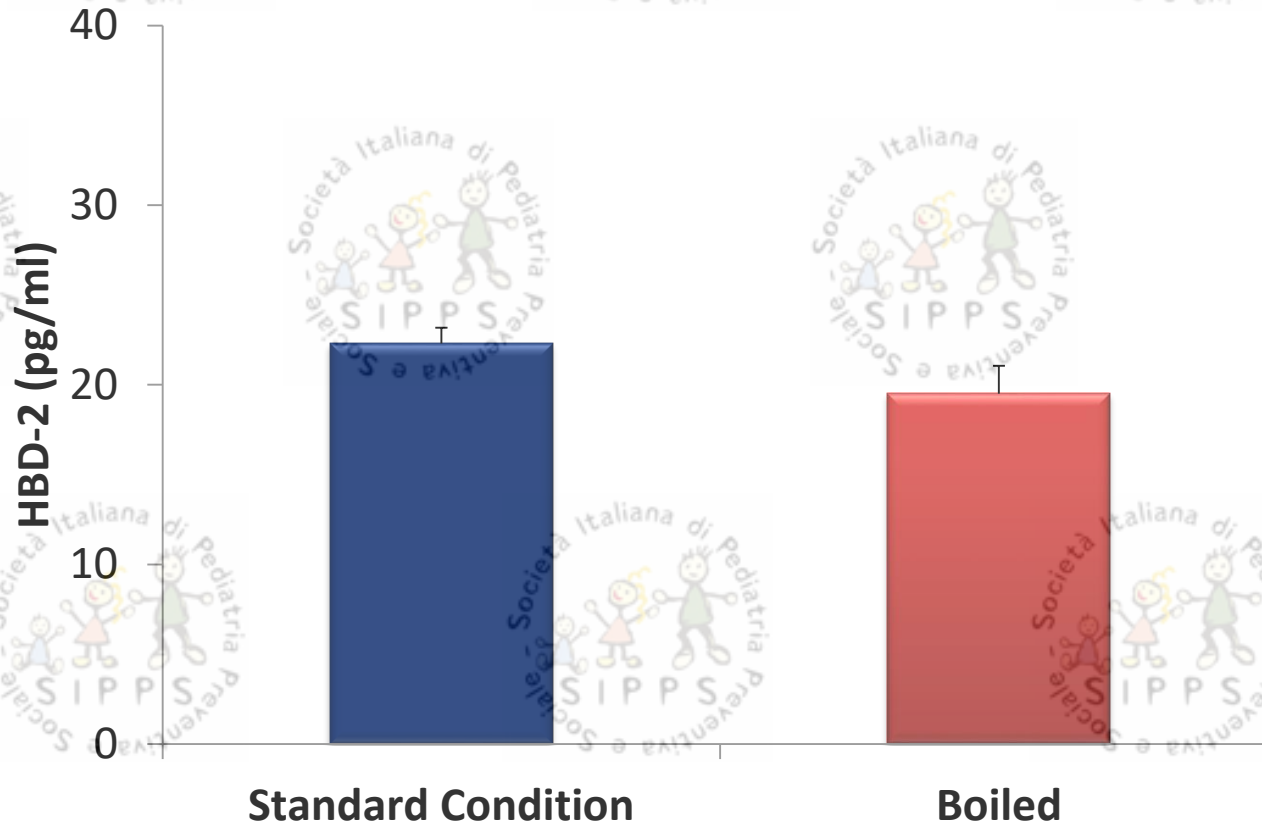
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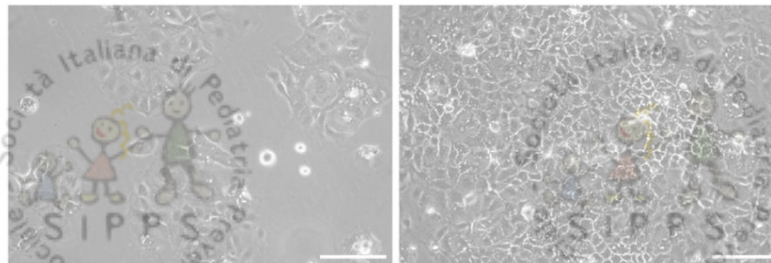
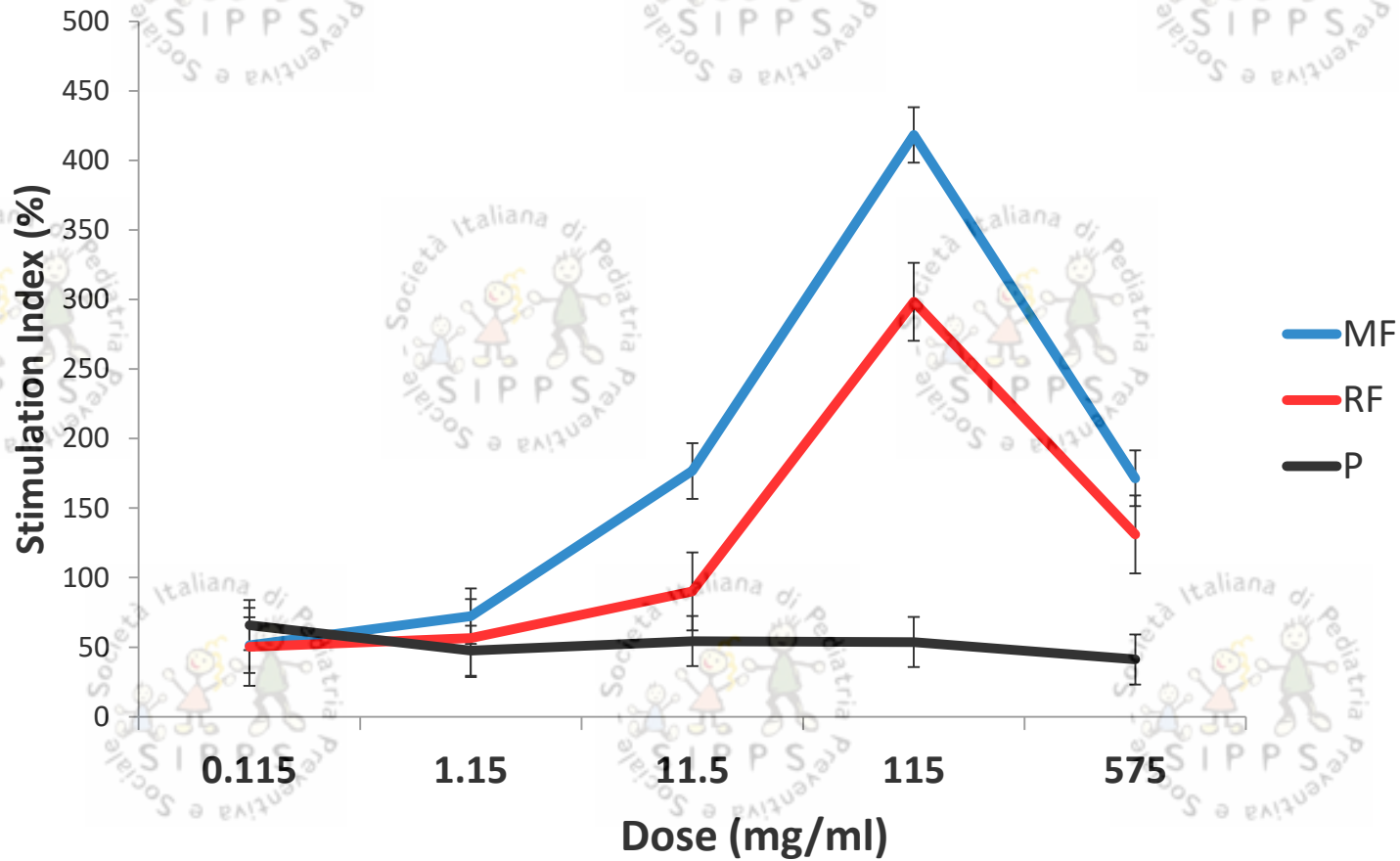
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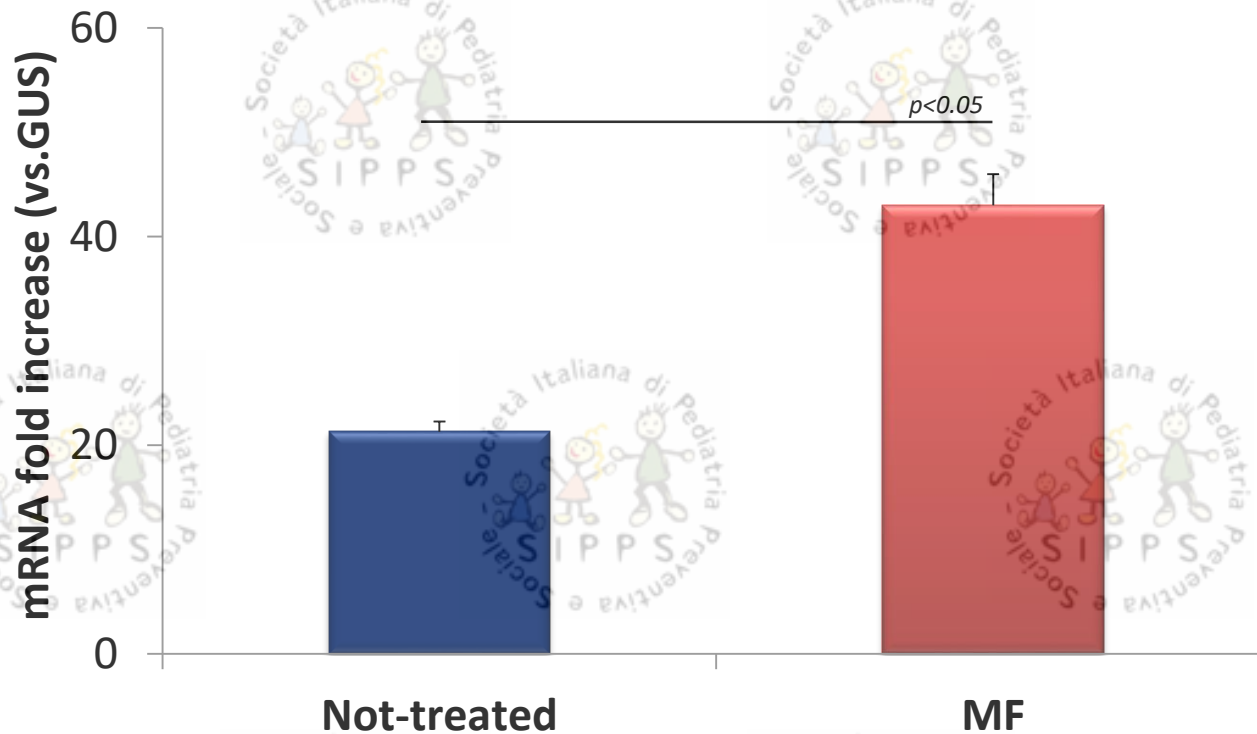
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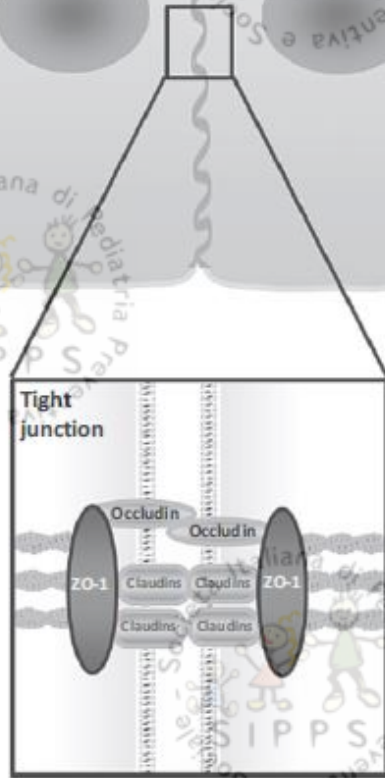
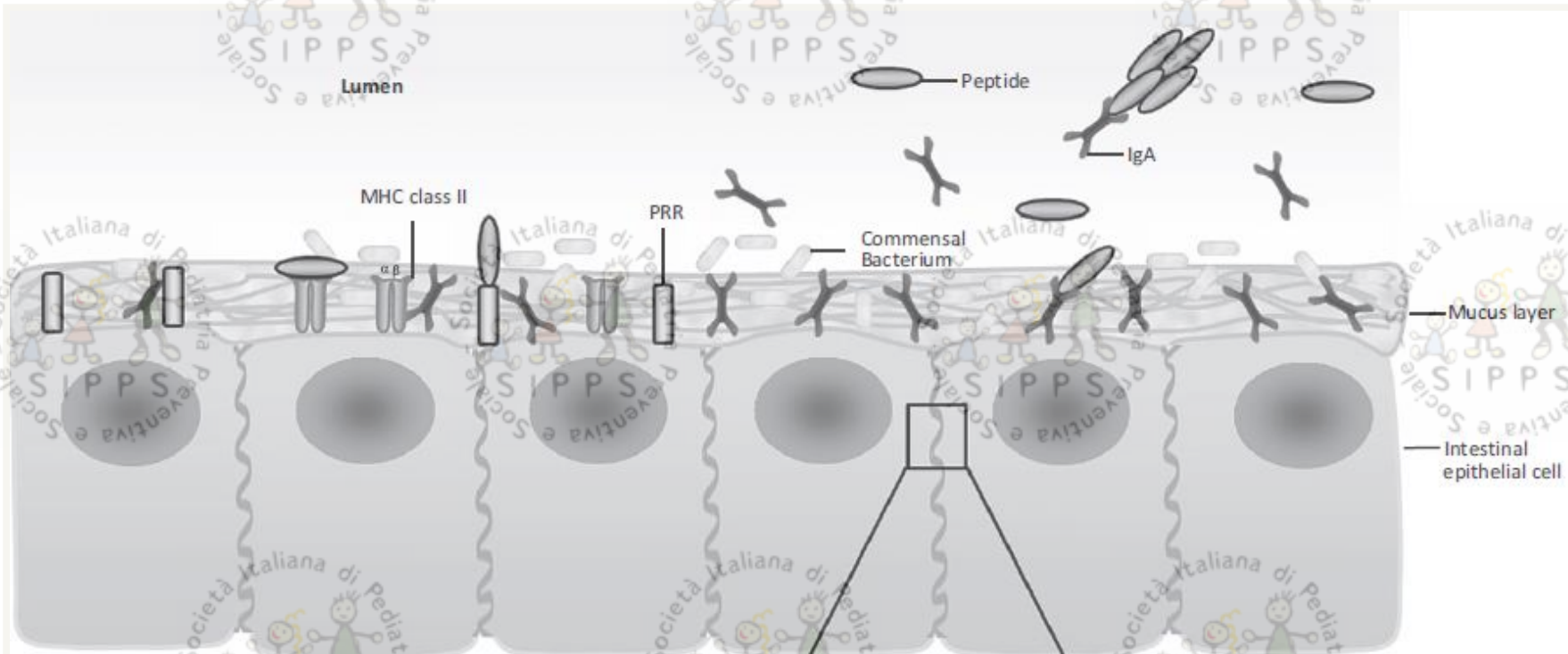
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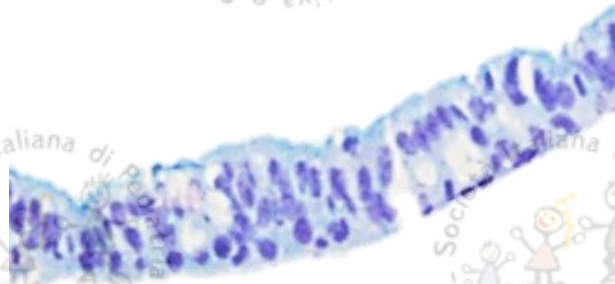
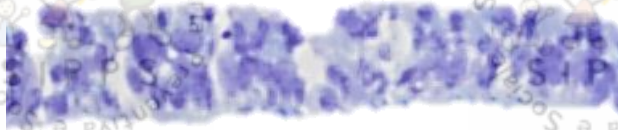


# Effects on gut permeability



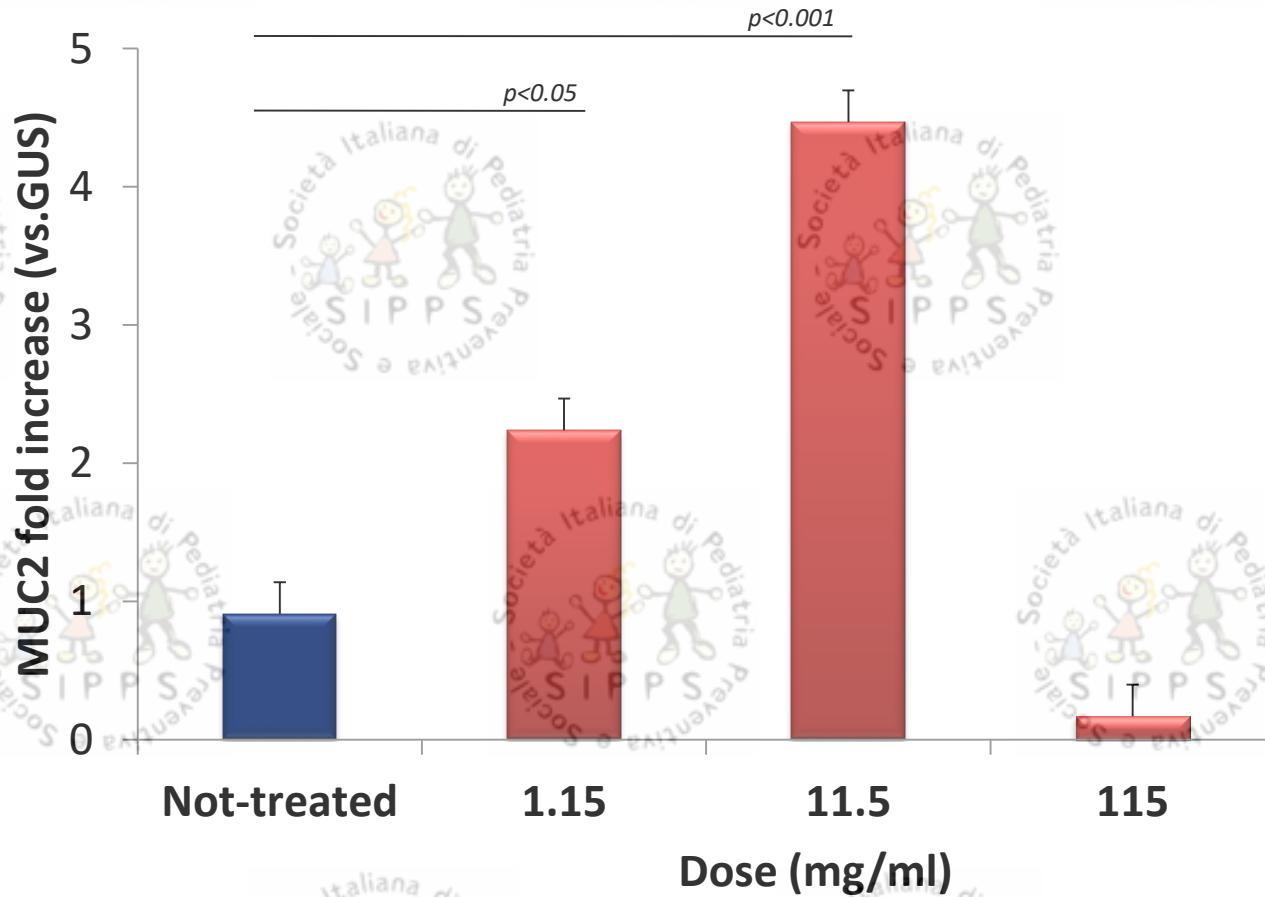
# Effect on mucus production

48h incubation



Dose (mg/ml)	Layer ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
Not-treated	-
1.15	$3 \pm 2$
11.5	$6 \pm 2$

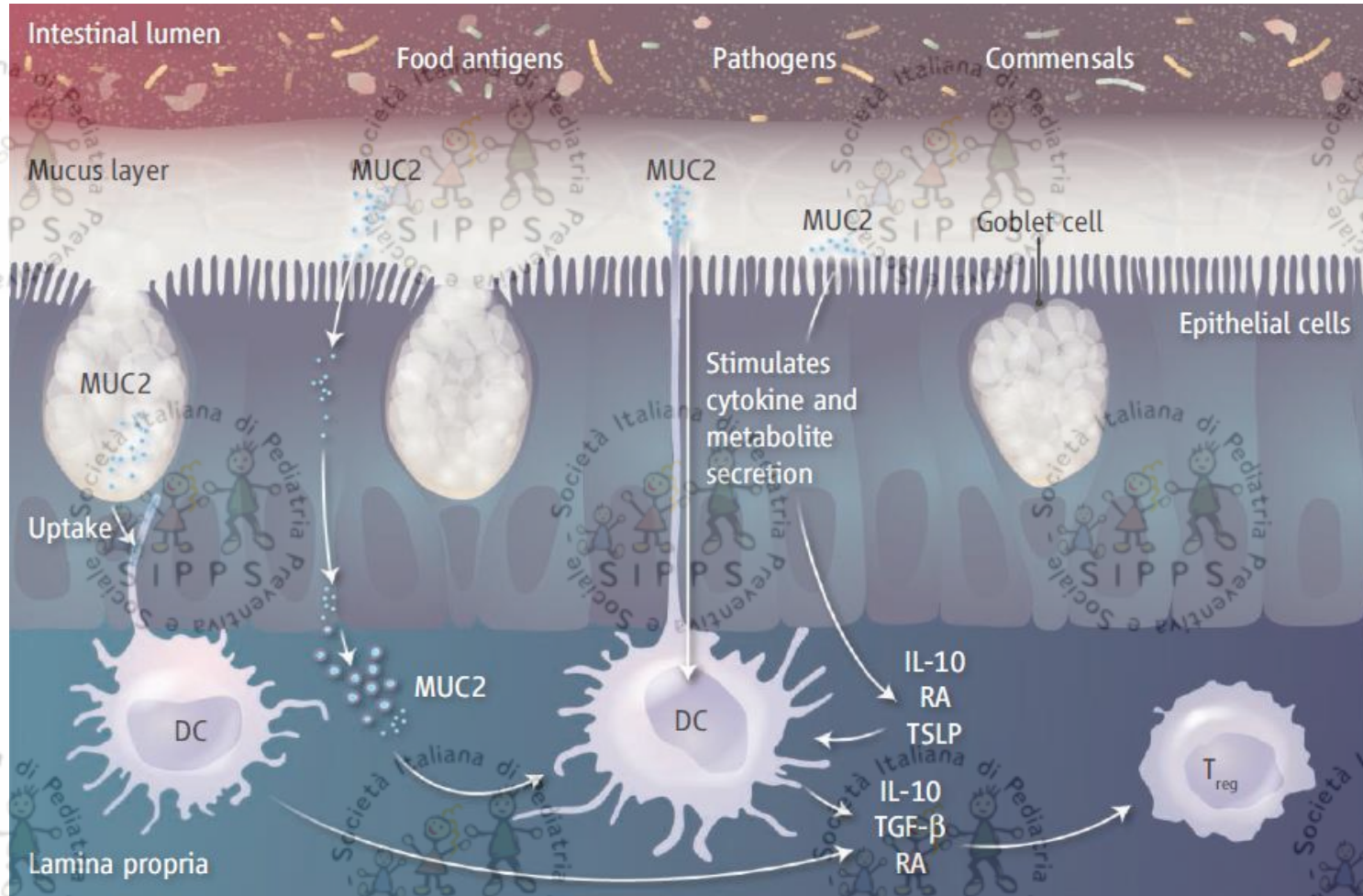
# Effect on Mucin 2 expression



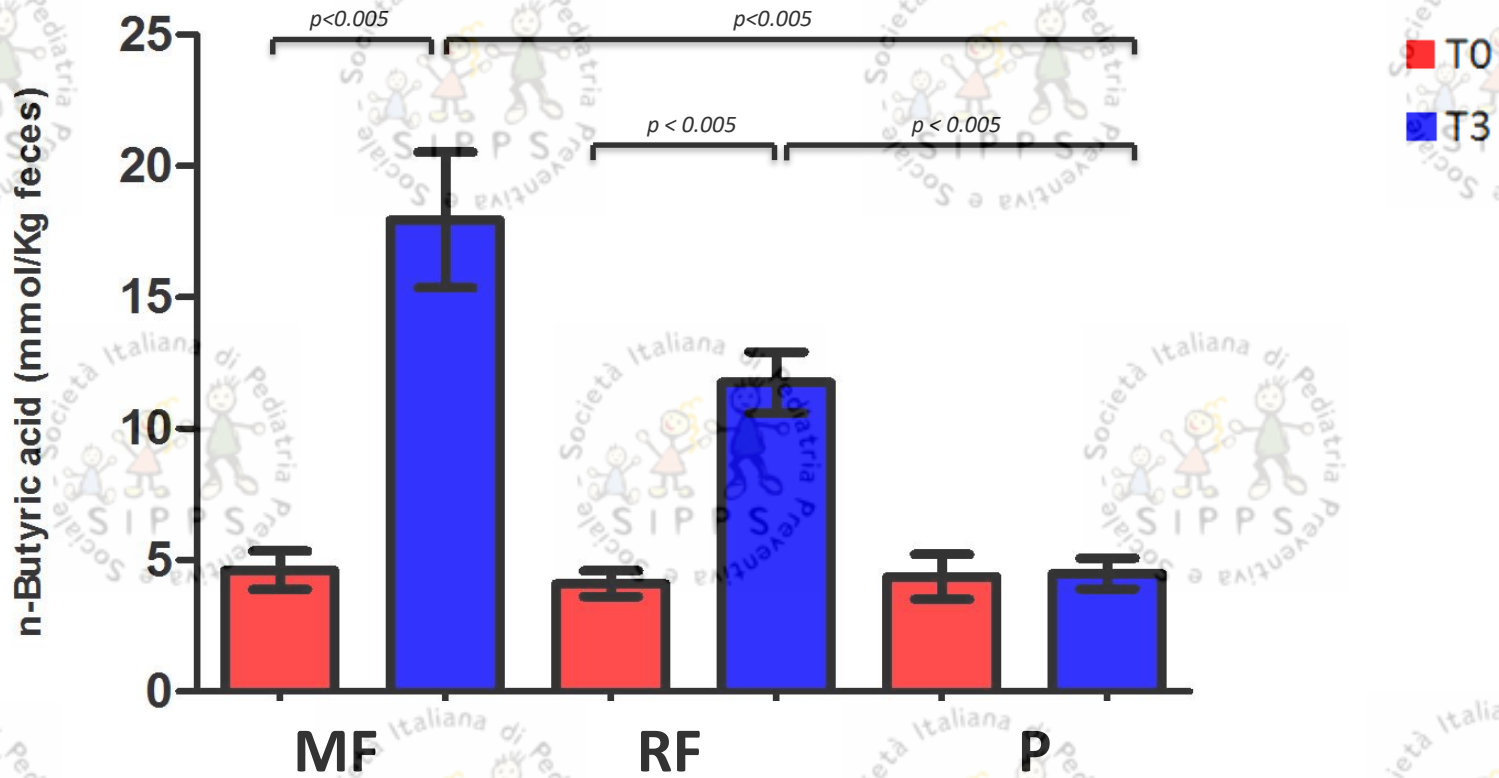
# Mucus Coat, a Dress Code for Tolerance

Mucus is a determinant of gut immune specification and immune tolerance.

Yasmine Belkaid and John Grainger

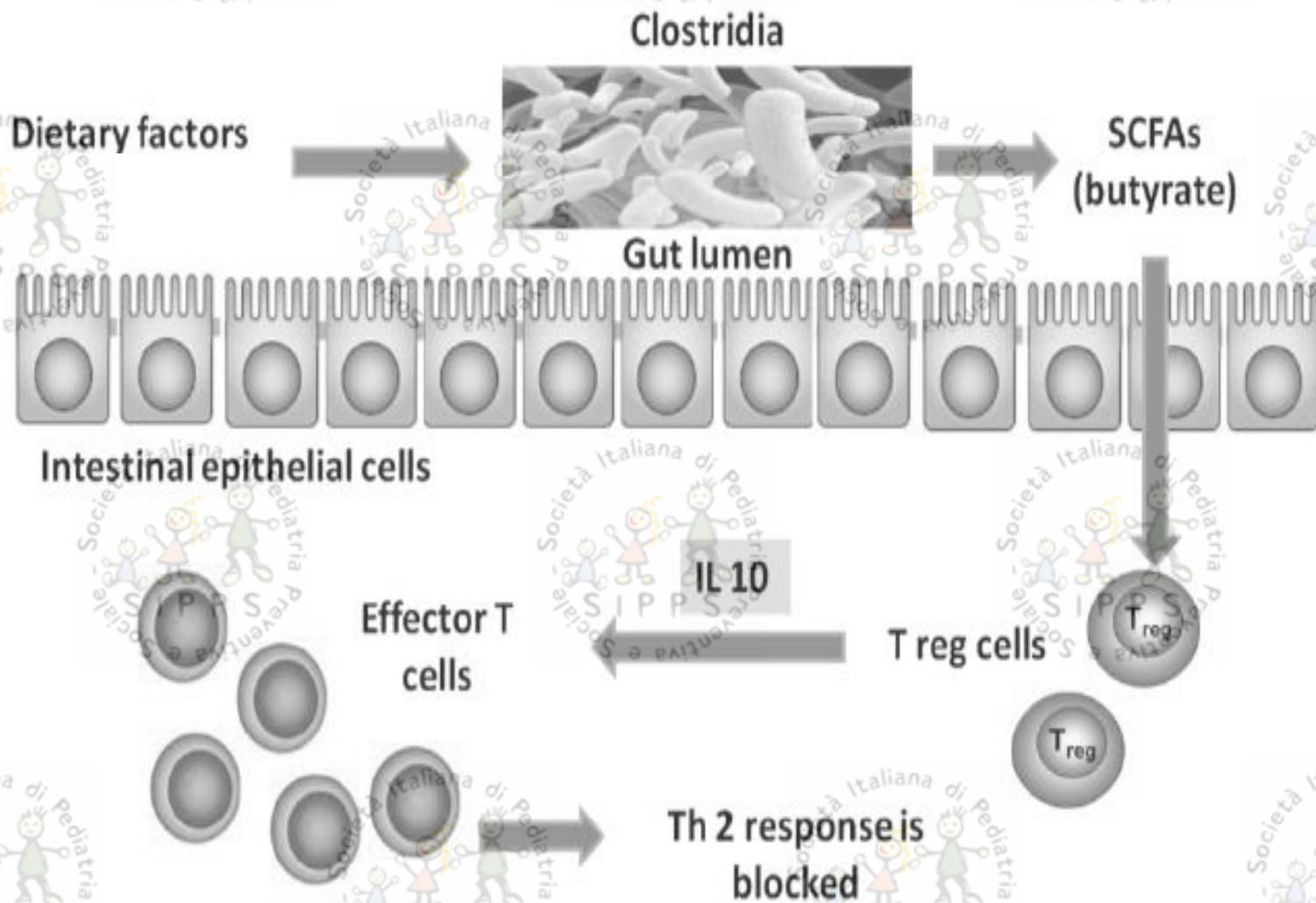


# FM and FR stimulate butyrate production in human gut



# POTENTIAL BENEFICIAL EFFECTS OF BUTYRATE

Margherita Di Costanzo<sup>1</sup>, Lorella Paparo<sup>1</sup>, Rosita Aitoro<sup>1</sup>,  
Linda Cosenza<sup>1</sup>, Rita Nocerino<sup>1</sup>, Tommaso Cozzolino<sup>1</sup>,  
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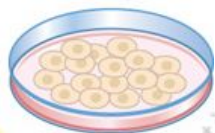




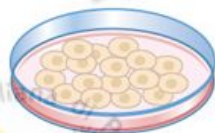
IgE-mediated CMA children (1-4 yrs) all positive for SPT and specific IgE against  $\beta$ -lactoglobulin (BLG)



PBMCs



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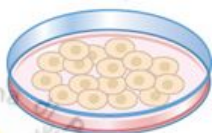


BLG

100  $\mu$ g/ml

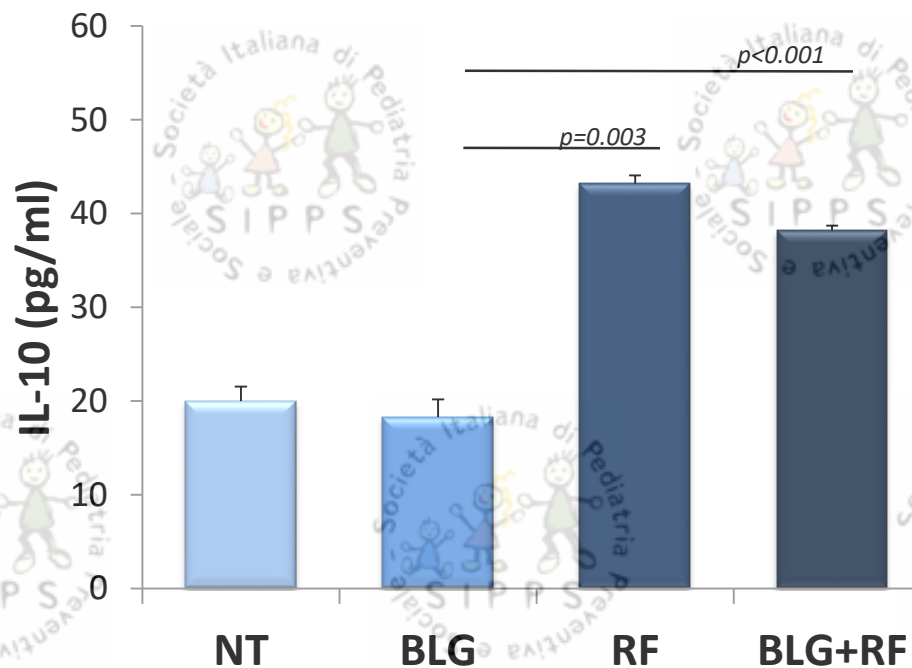
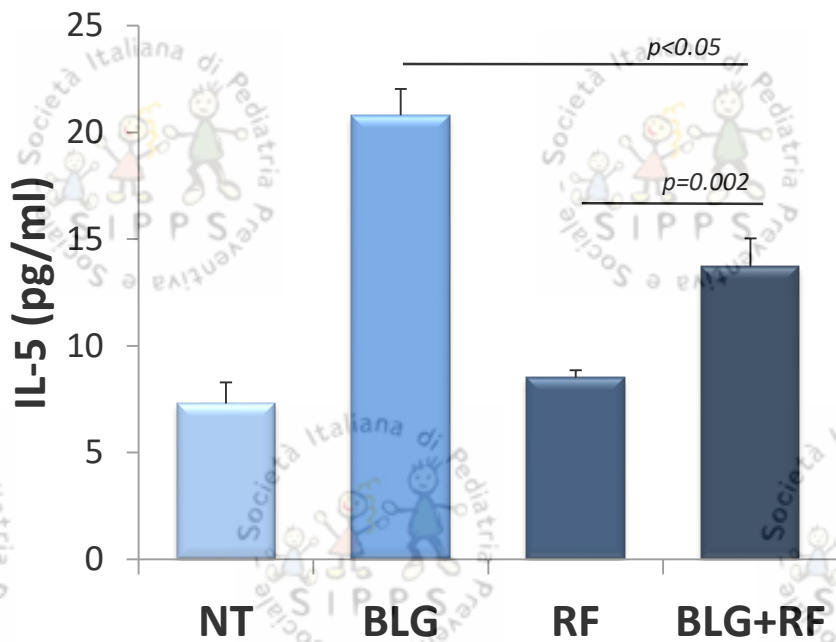


RF



BLG + RF

# ...after 48h of incubation...

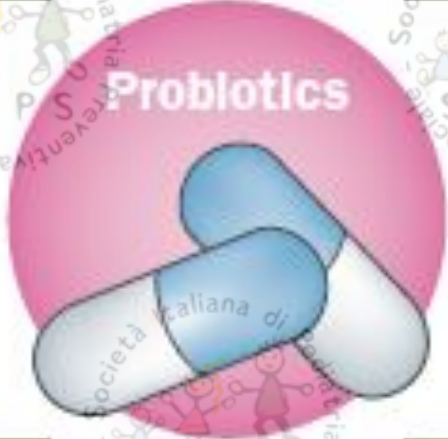


\*RF dose: 11.5 mg/ml



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...want to generate high-quality science that has a positive impact on society

**Industry...**  
...want high-quality, profitable products, with validated and understandable claims



**Consumers...**  
...want reliable information to make informed decisions

**Regulators...**  
...want to protect consumers from misinformation



**Rare**  
*Strain-specific effects*  
Neurological effects  
Immunological effects  
Endocrinological effects  
Production of specific bioactives

**Frequent**  
*Observed at species level*  
Vitamin synthesis  
Direct antagonism  
Gut barrier reinforcement  
Bile salt metabolism  
Enzymatic activity  
Neutralization of carcinogens

**Widespread**  
*Among studied probiotics*  
Colonisation resistance  
Enterocytes growth  
Regulation of intestinal transit  
Normalization of perturbed microbiota  
Competitive exclusion of pathogens



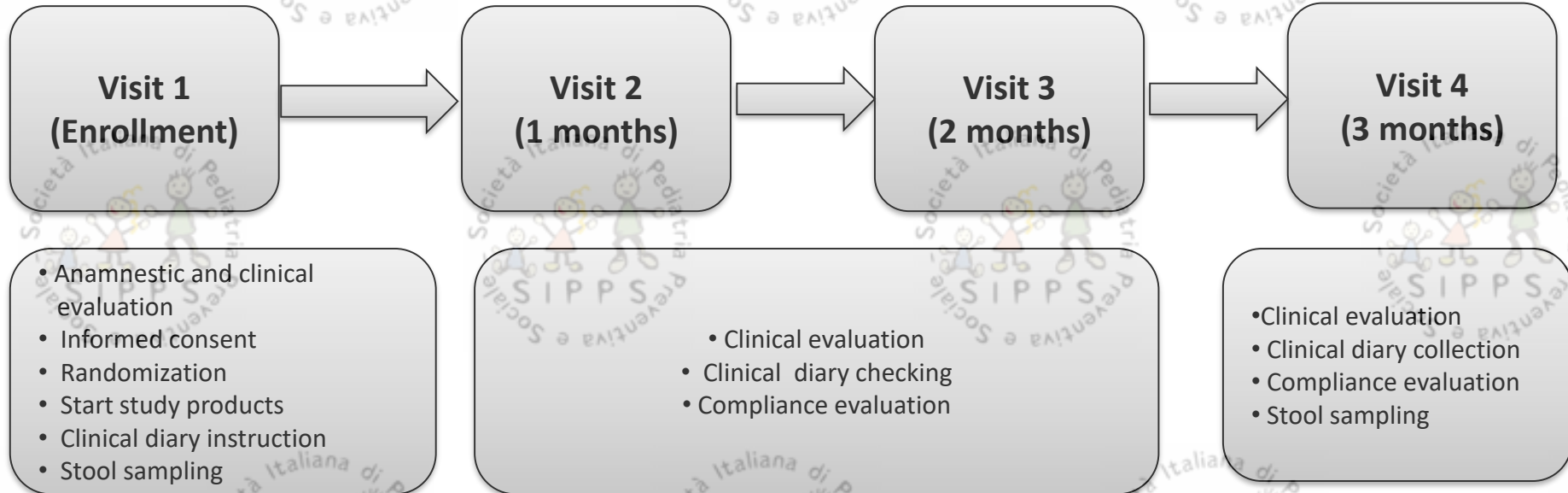
# Common infectious diseases observed during the study period

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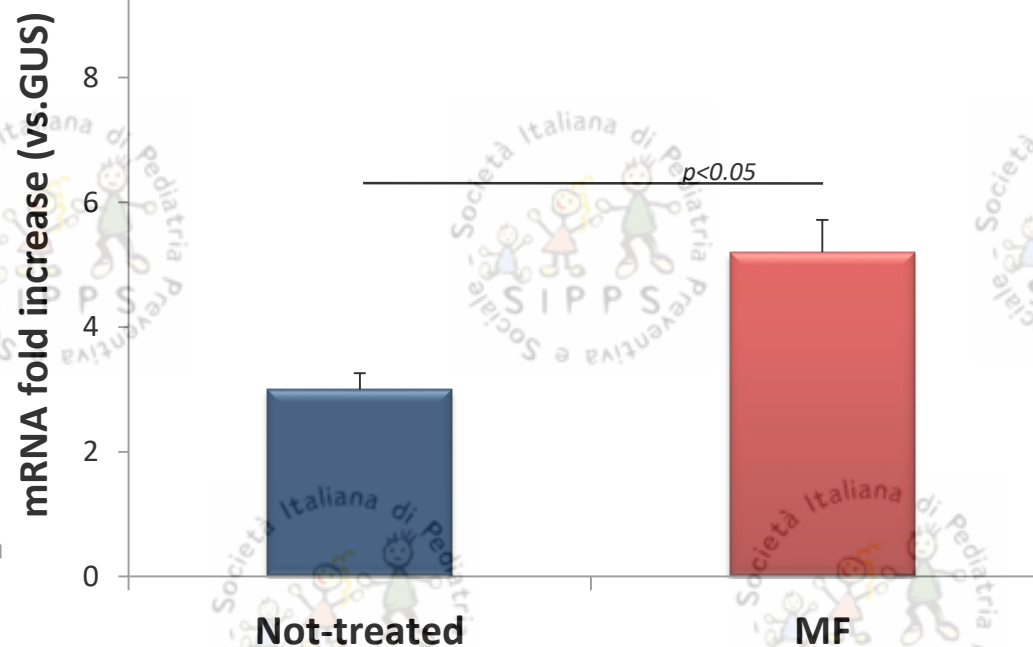
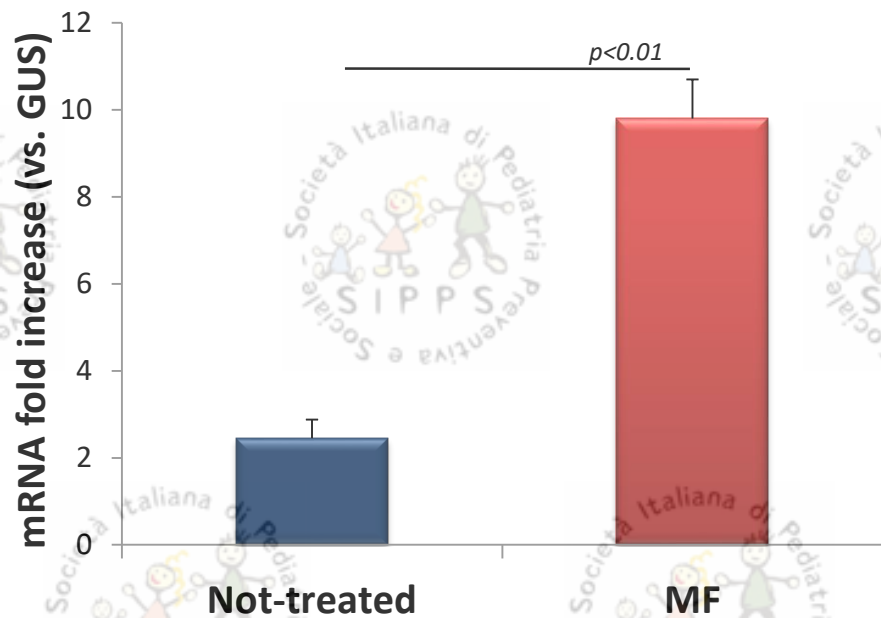
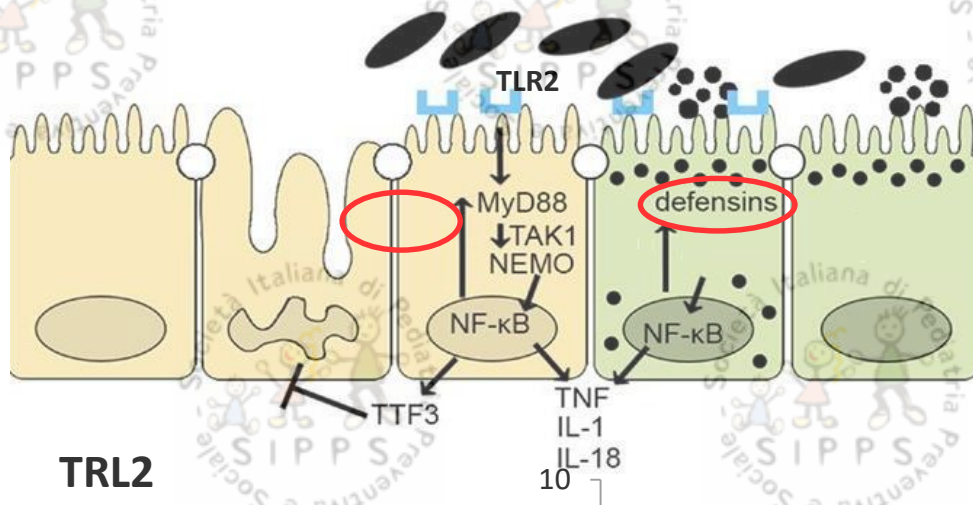
# Study design



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# Beta-defensins pathway

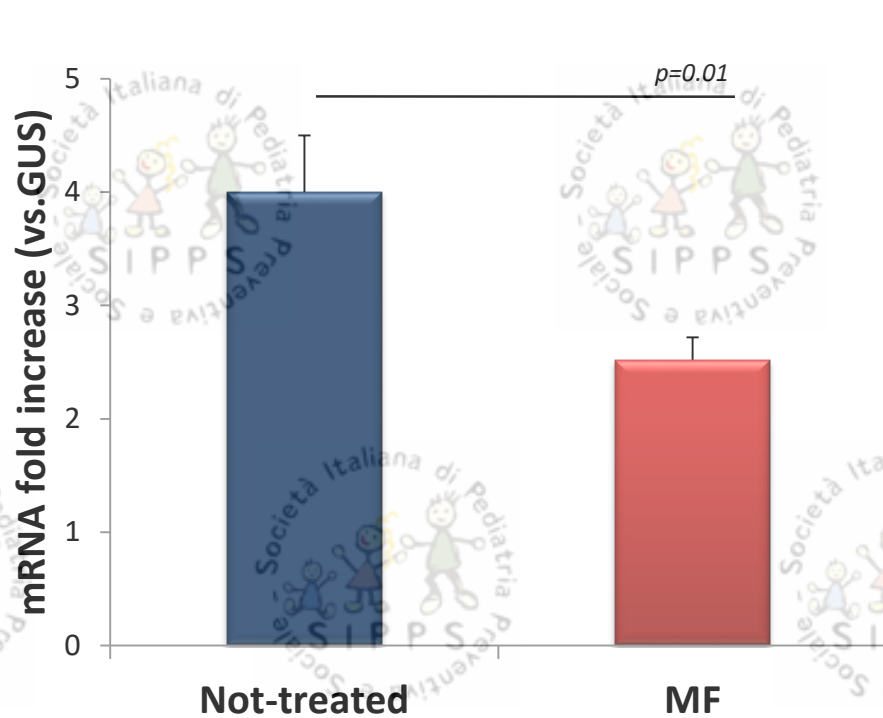
Lipoteichoic acid (Gram + bacteria)



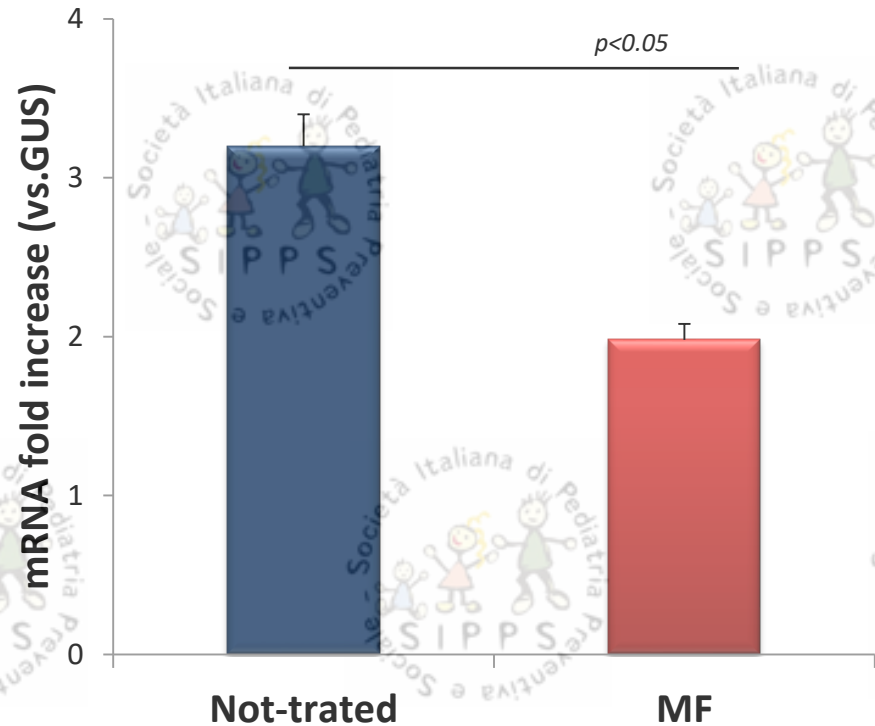
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# Anti-inflammatory effects

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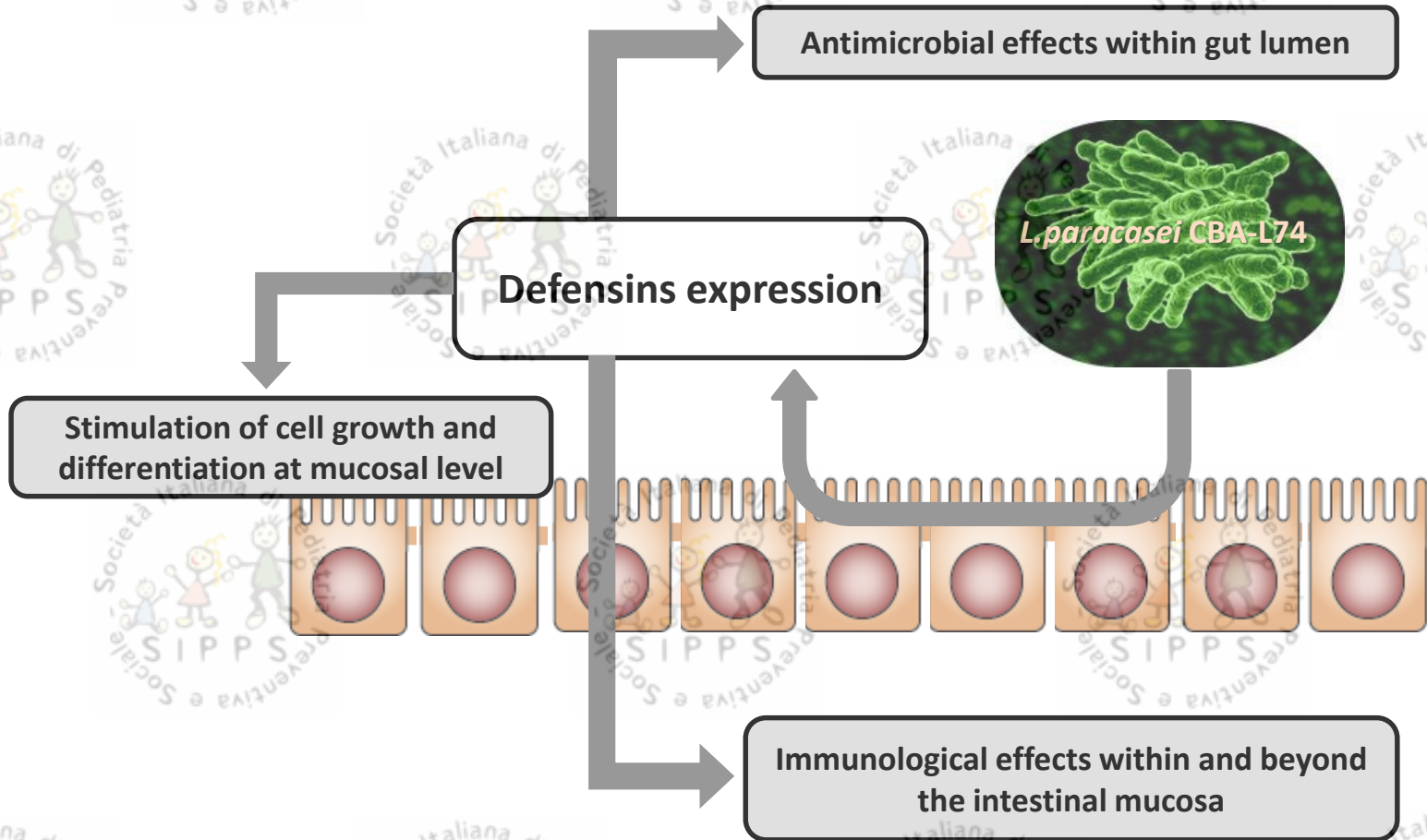


COX2



\*MF dose:11.5 mg/ml

# Mechanisms of action







Argonne National Laboratory campus

Prof. C.Nagler – U.Chicago, IL  
Dr. D.Antonopoulos – ANL, IL  
Prof. Jack Gilbert – ANL, IL and U.Chicago



- No significant effect on OTUs count, Shannon diversity Index, Bacterial load (16s RNA copies/gr of stool)
- Significant increase in Firmicutes phyla in FM-treated subjects
- Significant increase of a particular OTU falling in Bifidobacterium species in FM>FR-treated subjects
- Significant increase in Lachnospiraceae in FM>FR-treated subjects
- Eubacterium increase in FR-treated children

# Fermented Functional Foods

- Positive influence on gut microbiota
- Intestinal discomfort/GER
- Immune response to vaccinations
- Intestinal sIgA production
- Thymus size
- Acute gastroenteritis prevention
- CMP sensitization
- Allergy prevention

*Mullie C, et al. Pediatr Res 2004*

*Roy P et al. Arch Ped 2004*

*Thibault H, et al. JPGN 2004*

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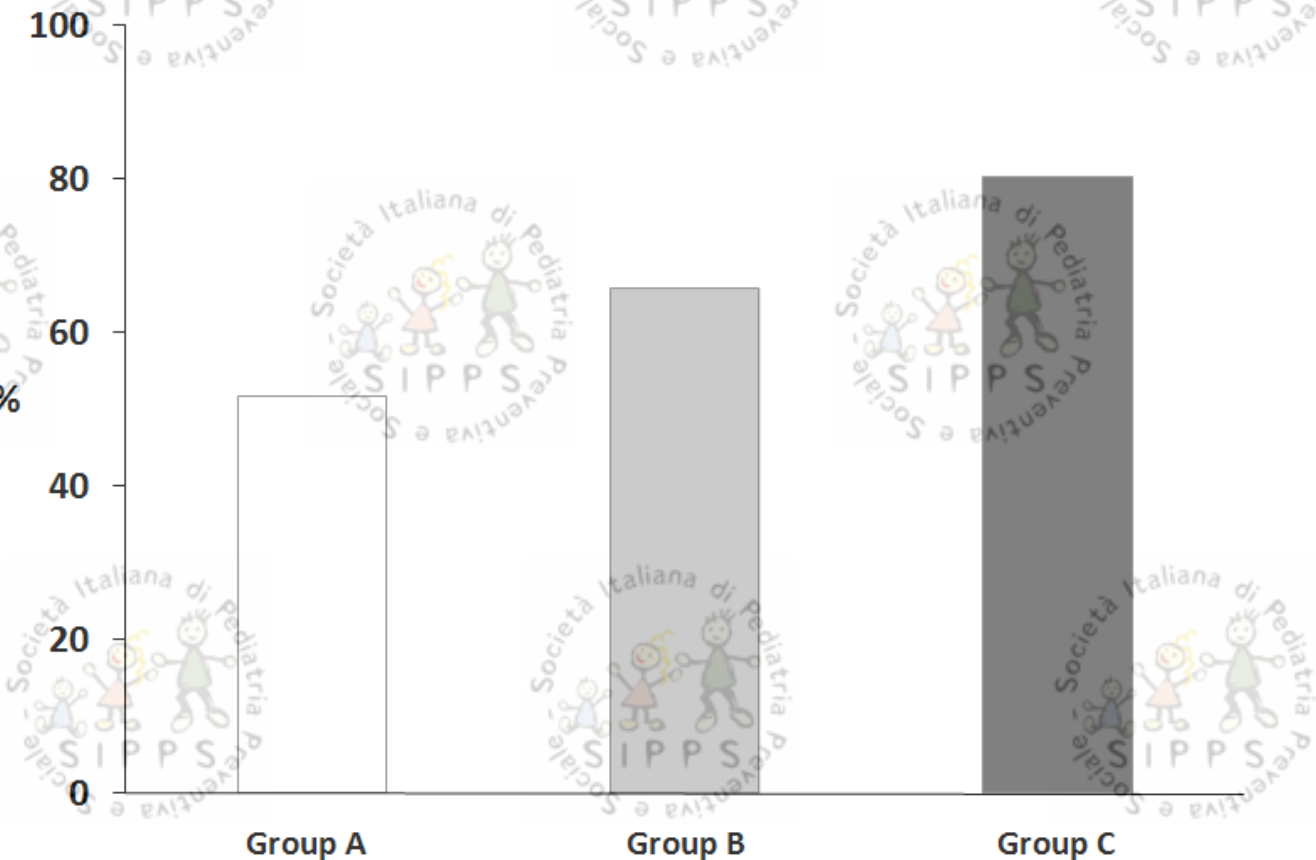
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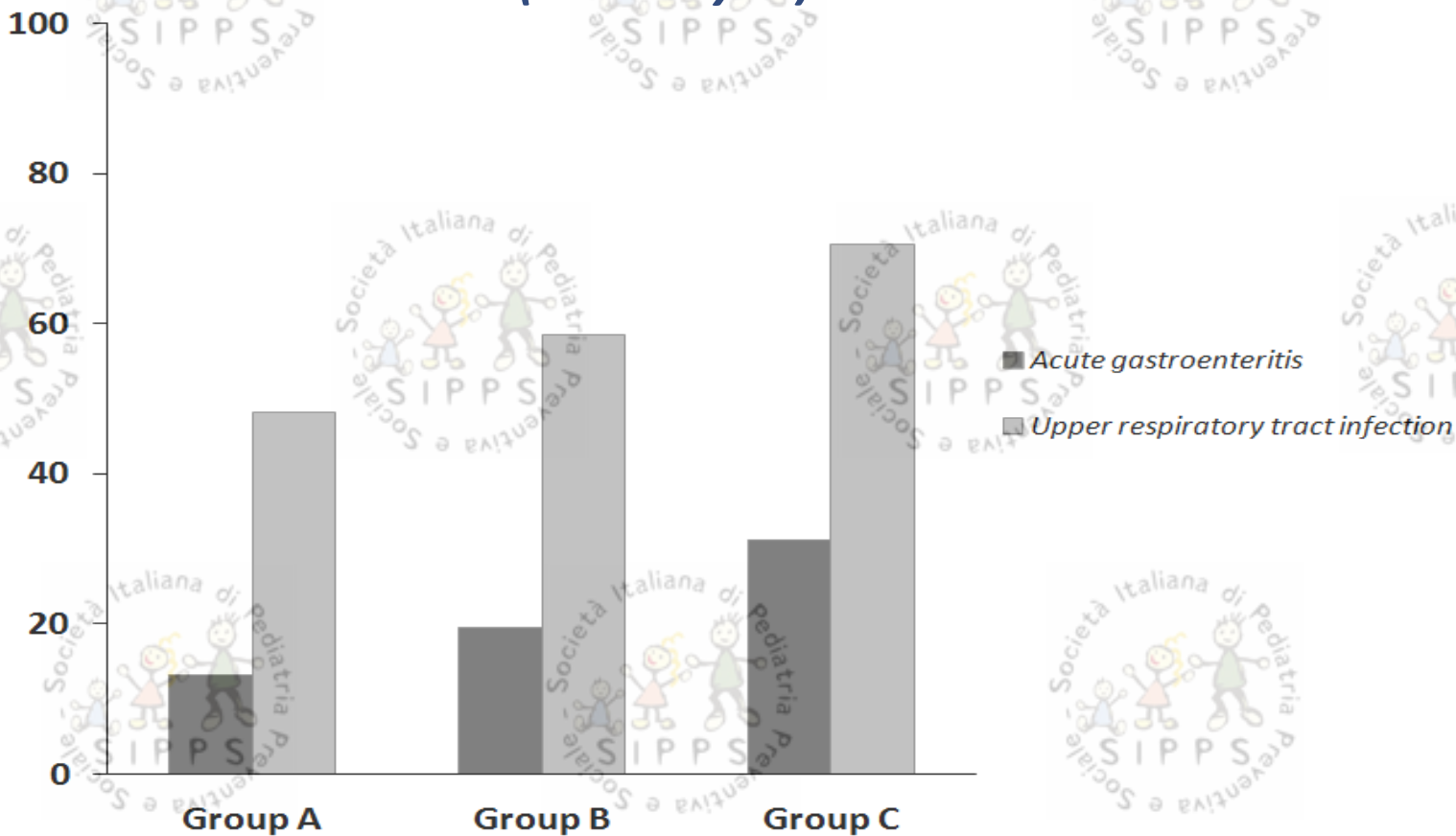
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# Proportion of children presenting at least one common infectious disease (ITT analysis)



Disease	Group A vs Group B <i>p</i>	Group A vs Group C <i>p</i>	Group B vs Group C <i>p</i>
CID, n (%)	0.021	<0.0001	0.010

# Proportion of children presenting at least one episode of acute gastroenteritis or at least one episode of upper respiratory tract infection (PP analysis)



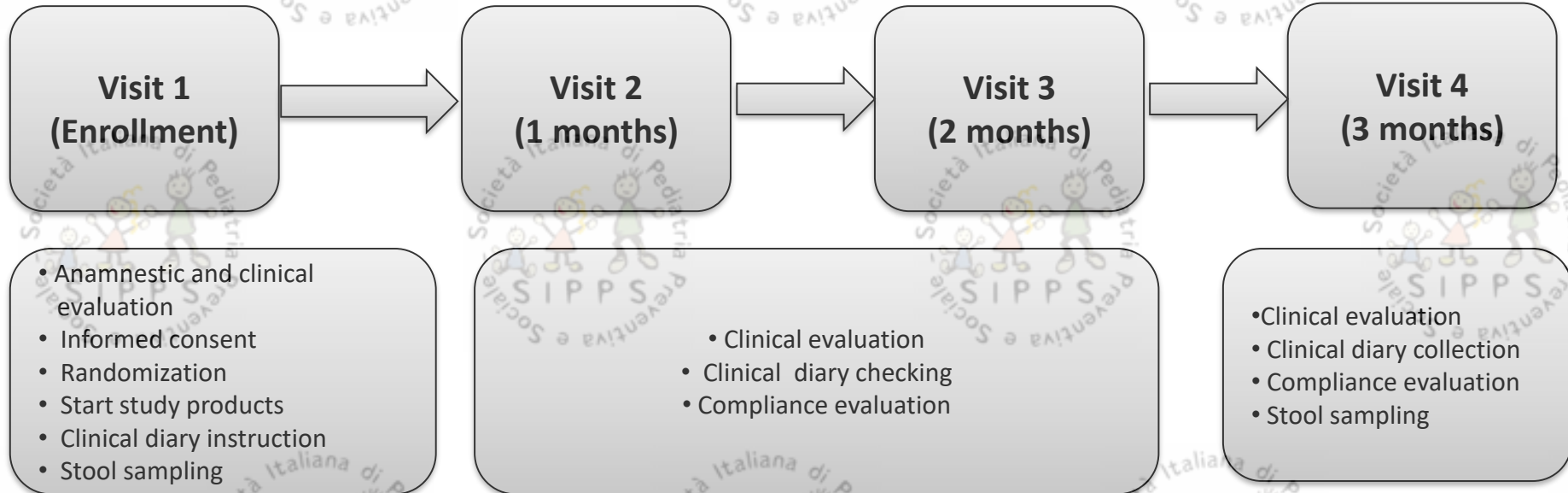
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Acute gastroenteritis, n (%)	0.169	<0.0001	0.038
Upper respiratory tract infection, n (%)	0.100	<0.0001	0.052

# Common infectious diseases observed during the study period

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Otitis, n (%) [number of episodes]	3 (2.2) [3]	5 (4.2) [5]	18 (14.8) [31]	0.477	<0.0001*	0.006*
Pharyngitis, n (%) [number of episodes]	21 (15.3) [28]	41 (34.7) [57]	53 (43.4) [84]	<0.0001*	<0.0001*	0.168
Laringitis, n (%) [number of episodes]	9 (6.6) [10]	11 (9.3) [13]	22 (18) [40]	0.415	0.005*	0.05
Tracheitis, n (%) [number of episodes]	36 (26.3) [44]	32 (27.1) [41]	49 (40.2) [76]	0.880	0.018	0.033

\*the *p*-values remain significant after Bonferroni correction

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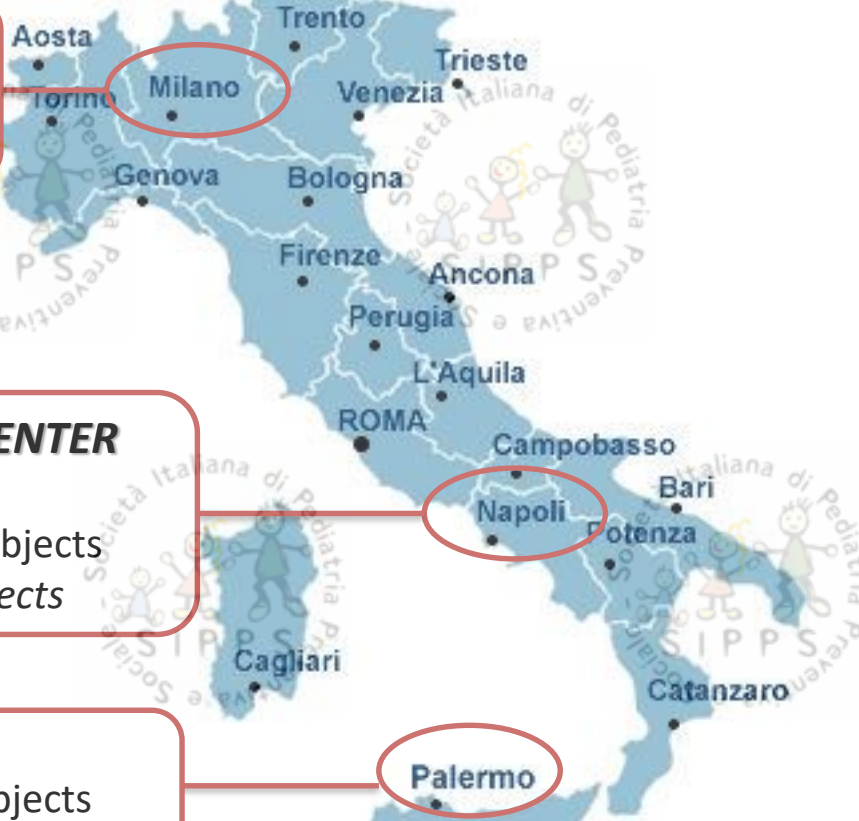
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17 randomized subjects  
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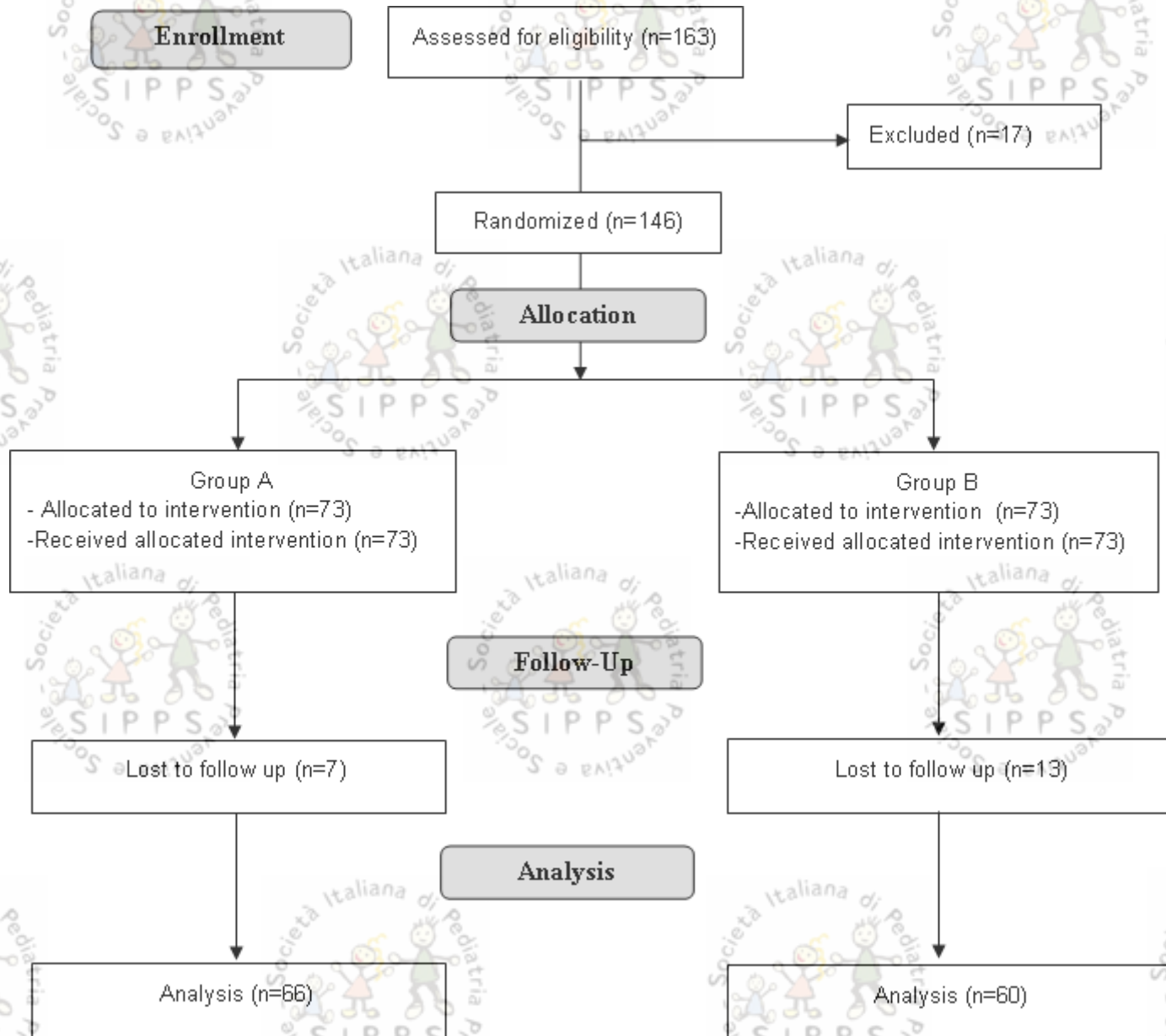
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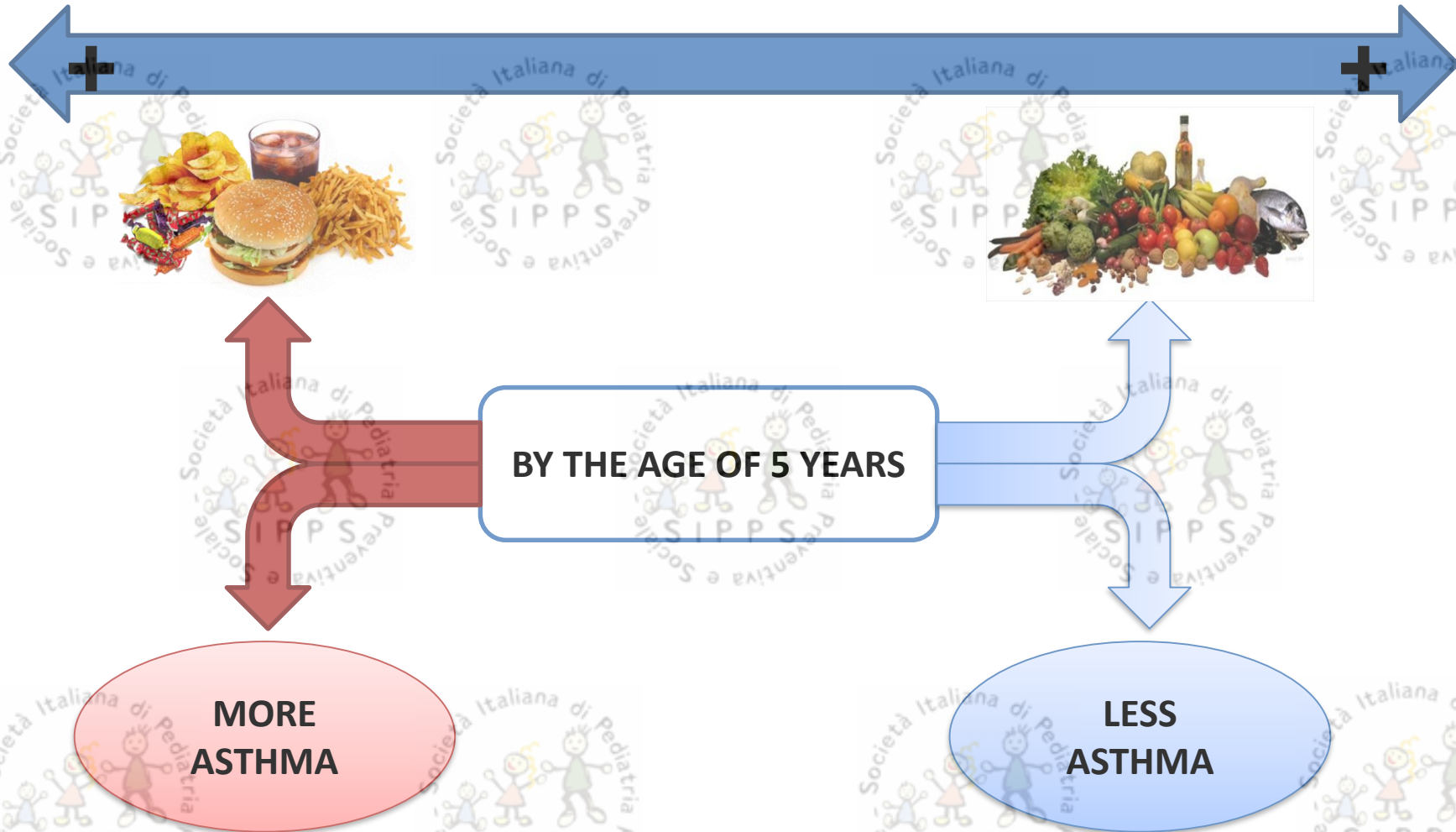
# Flow of children through the study





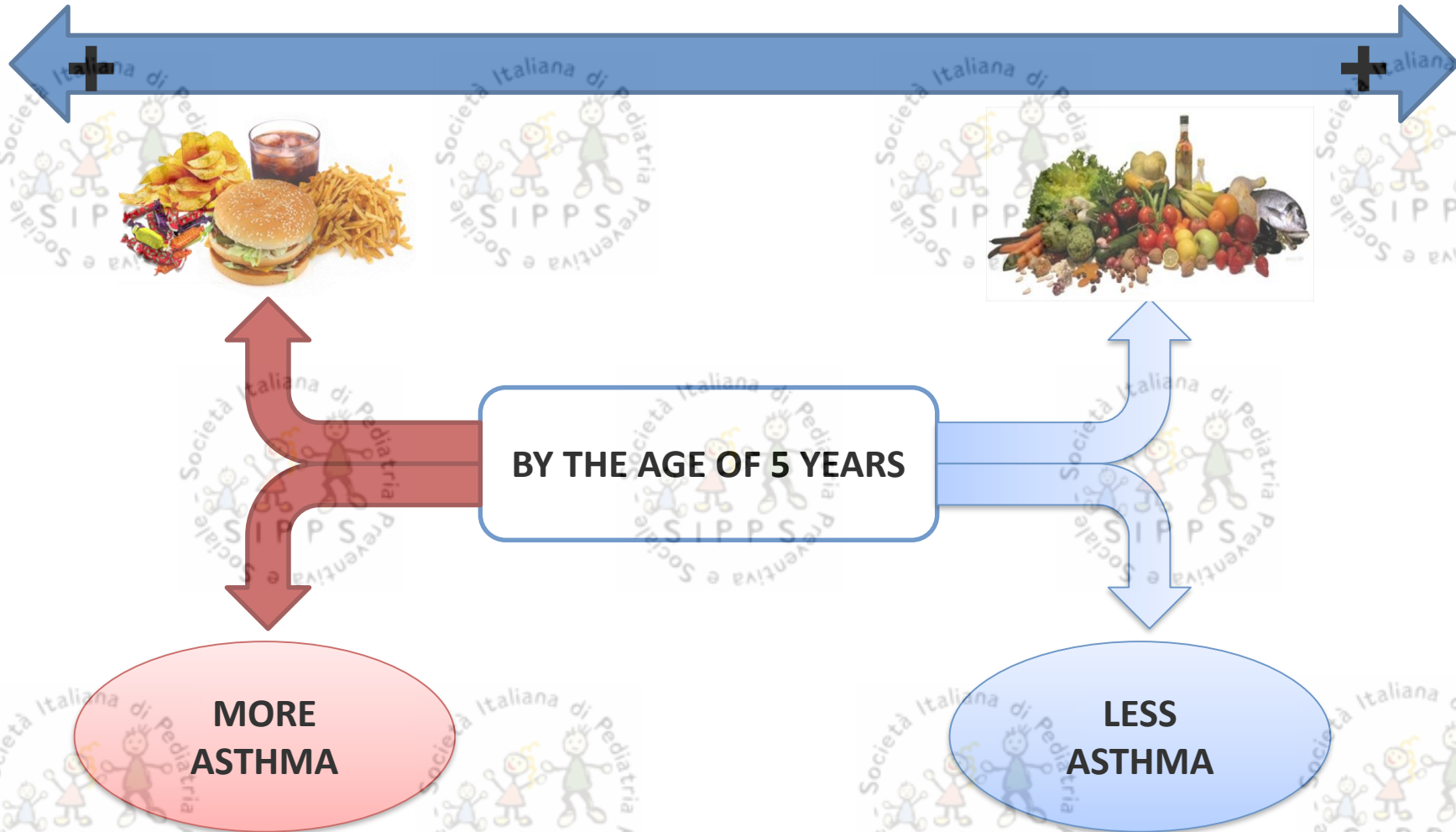
# Prenatal and childhood Mediterranean diet and the development of asthma and allergies in children

Leda Chatzi<sup>1,\*</sup> and Manolis Kogevinas<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>



# Risk of asthma and allergic outcomes in the offspring in relation to maternal food consumption during pregnancy: A Finnish birth cohort study

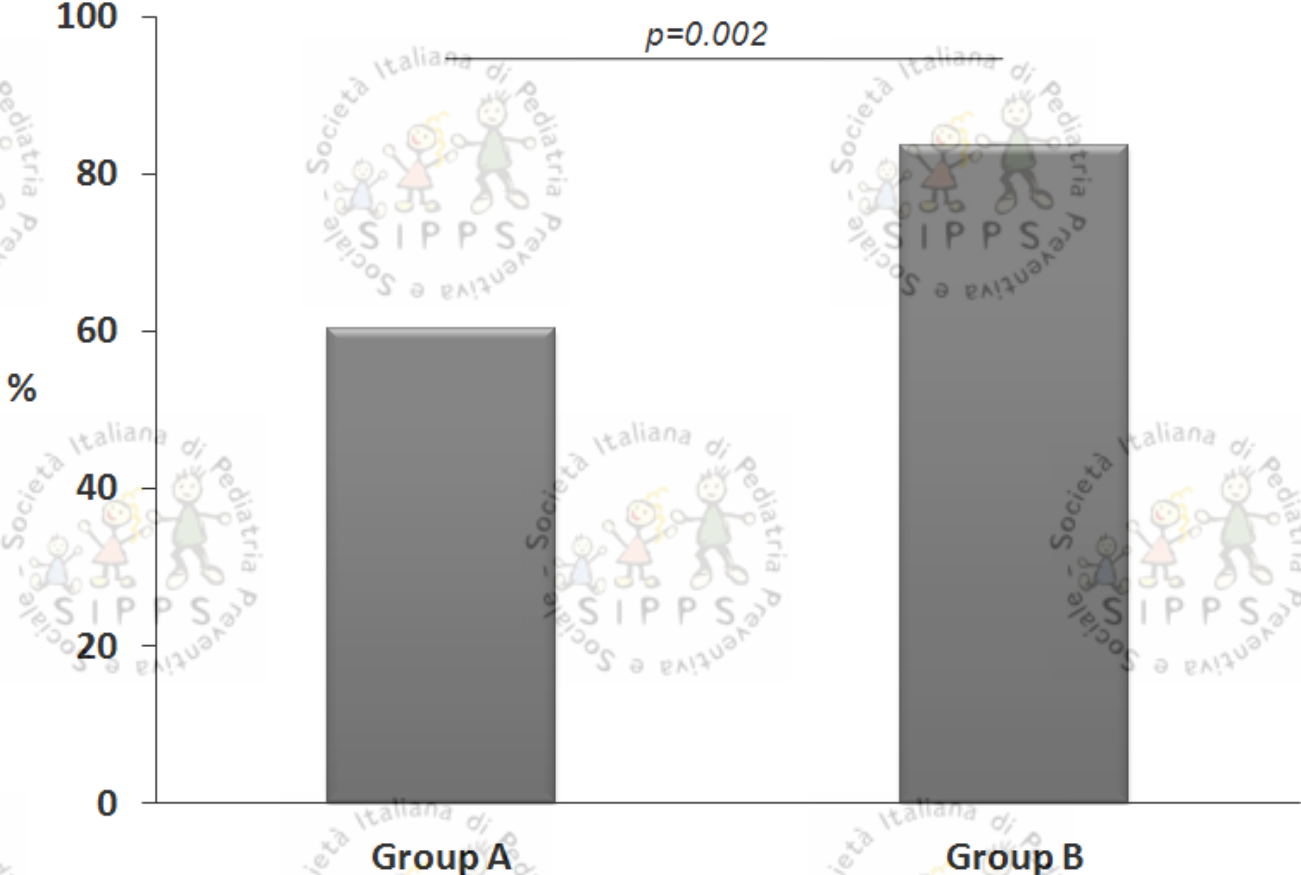
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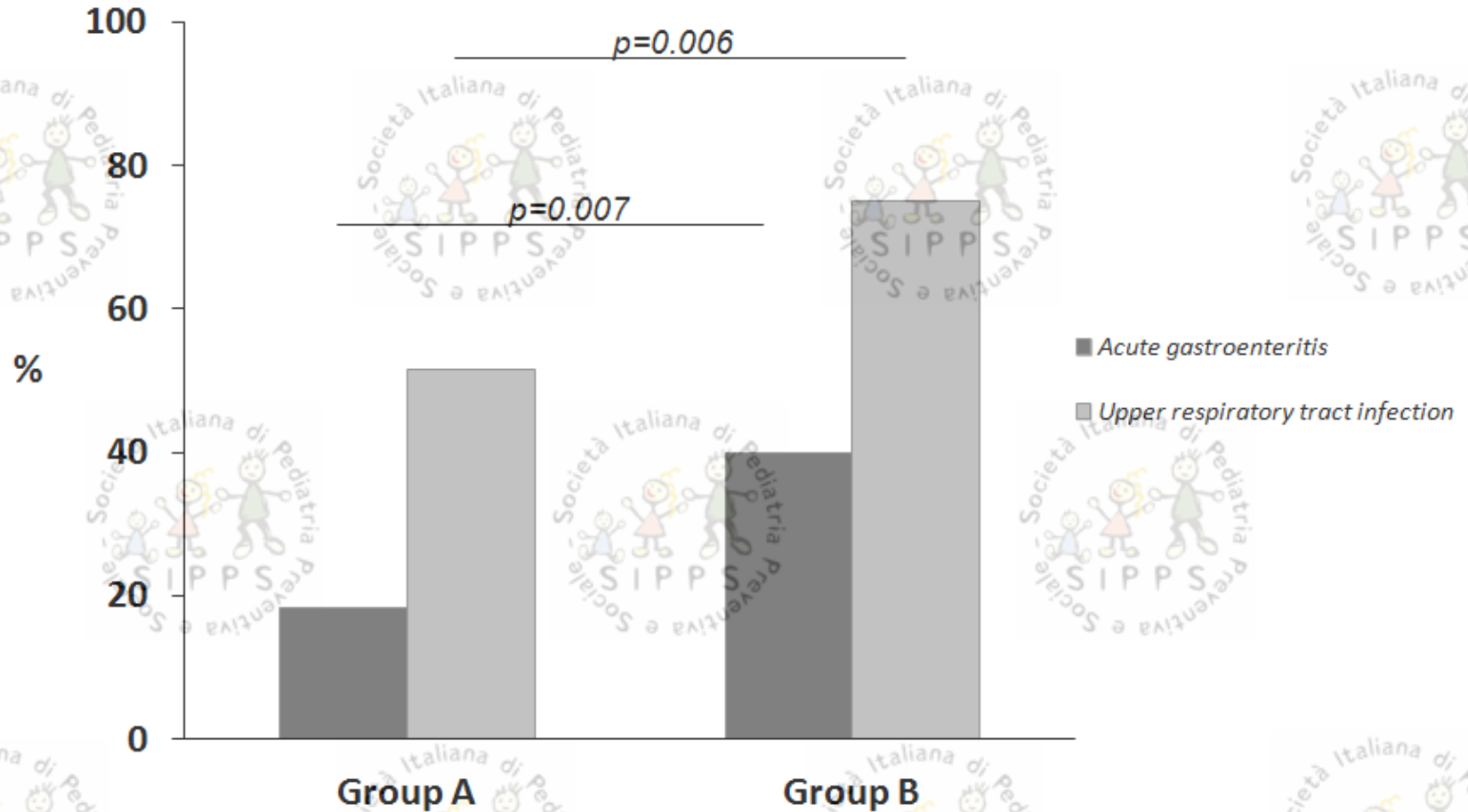
# Mean features of the study population at enrollment

	Group A	Group B
	<i>n=73</i>	<i>n=73</i>
<b>Male, n (%)</b>	39 (53.4)	45 (61.6)
<b>Age, months (<math>\pm</math>SD)</b>	32.5 (9.7)	33.7 (8.6)
<b>Weight, kg (<math>\pm</math>SD)</b>	14.8 (3.2)	15 (3)
<b>Height, cm (<math>\pm</math>SD)</b>	92 (8.1)	94 (7.6)
<b>Breastfeeding, n (%)</b>	50 (68.5)	41 (56.2)
<b><i>Duration of breastfeeding, months</i></b>		
<b><i>(<math>\pm</math>SD)</i></b>	7.1 (6)	7 (8.5)
<b>Age at schooling, months (<math>\pm</math>SD)</b>	23.2 (9)	25.9 (8.5)
<b>Siblings, n (%)</b>	60 (82.2)	52 (71.2)
<b><i>N. of siblings, (<math>\pm</math>SD)</i></b>	1.4 (0.6)	1.4 (0.6)
<b>Passive smoking, n (%)</b>	28 (38.4)	30 (41.1)

# Proportion of children presenting at least one common infectious disease (ITT analysis)



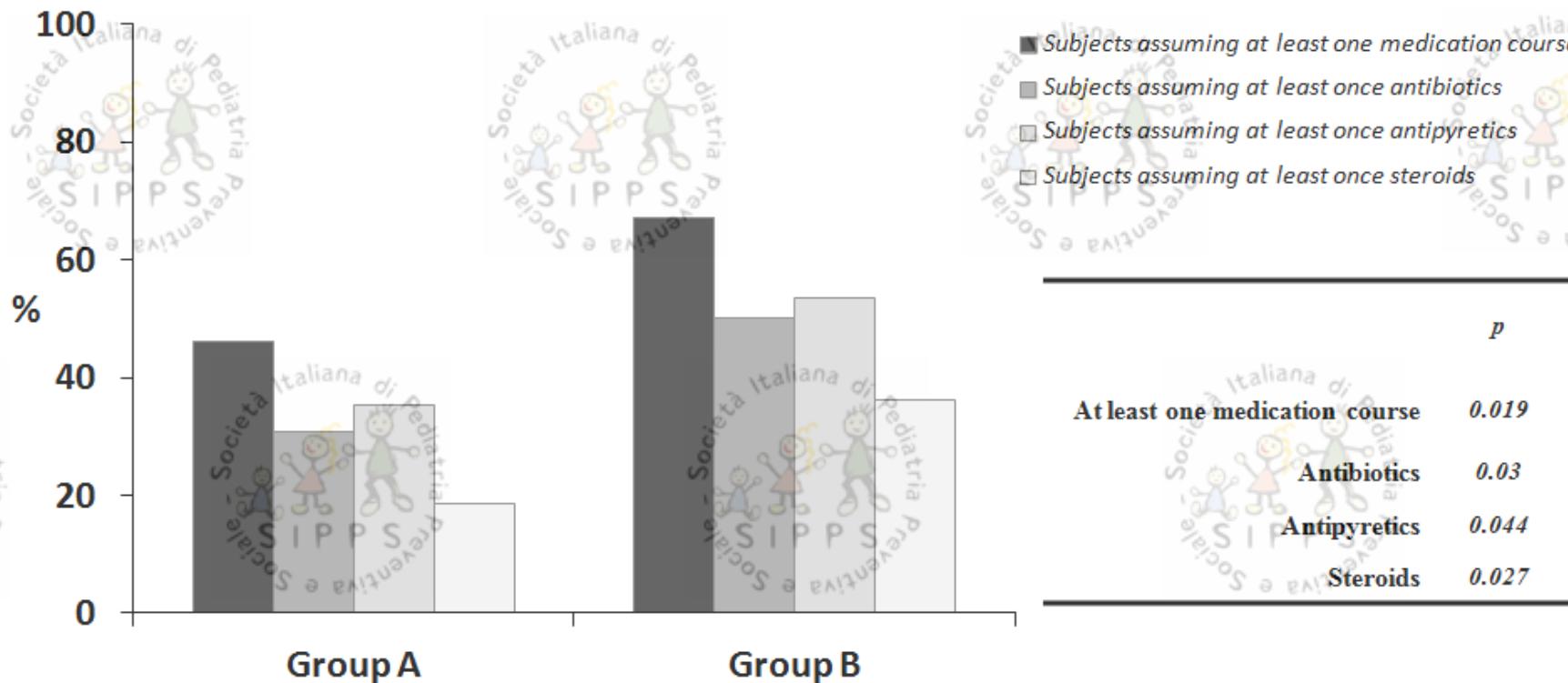
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# Common infectious diseases observed during the study period

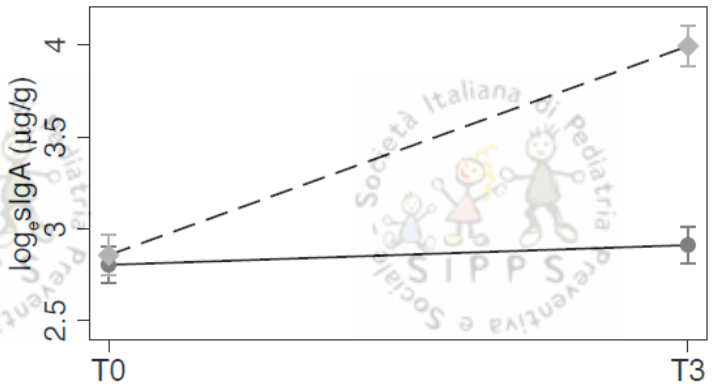
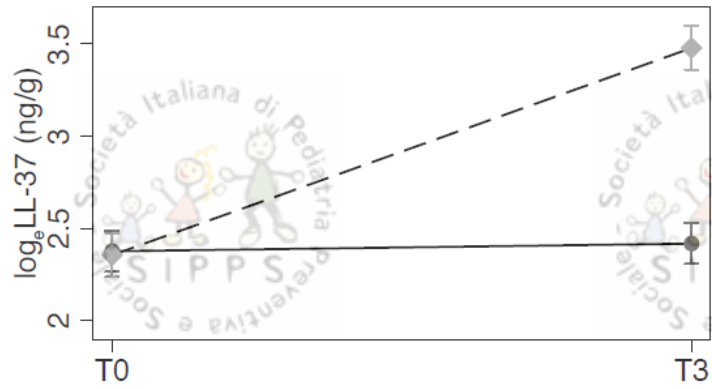
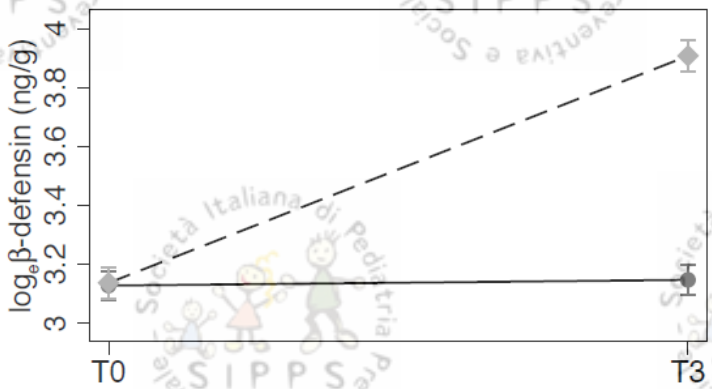
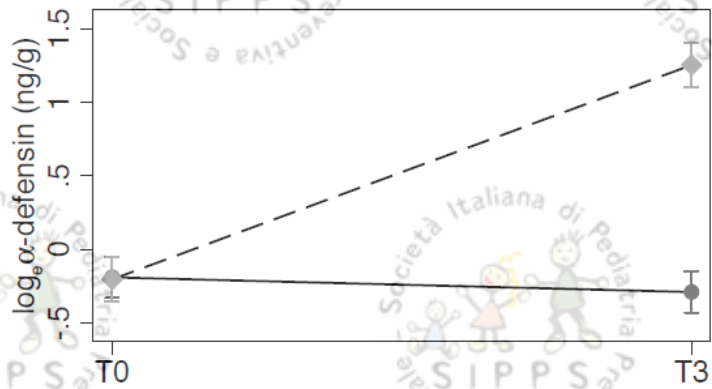
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# Rate of subjects requiring medication use during the study period\* (PP analysis)



\*the analysis has been made only on 123 out 126 subjects for incomplete data for 3 subjects

# Determination of innate and acquired immunity biomarkers at enrollment and after 3-month treatment in children evaluated in the two study groups



---◆--- Group A  
—●— Group B

Values are means and 95% confidence intervals from random effect linear regression with correction for baseline



# Road Map

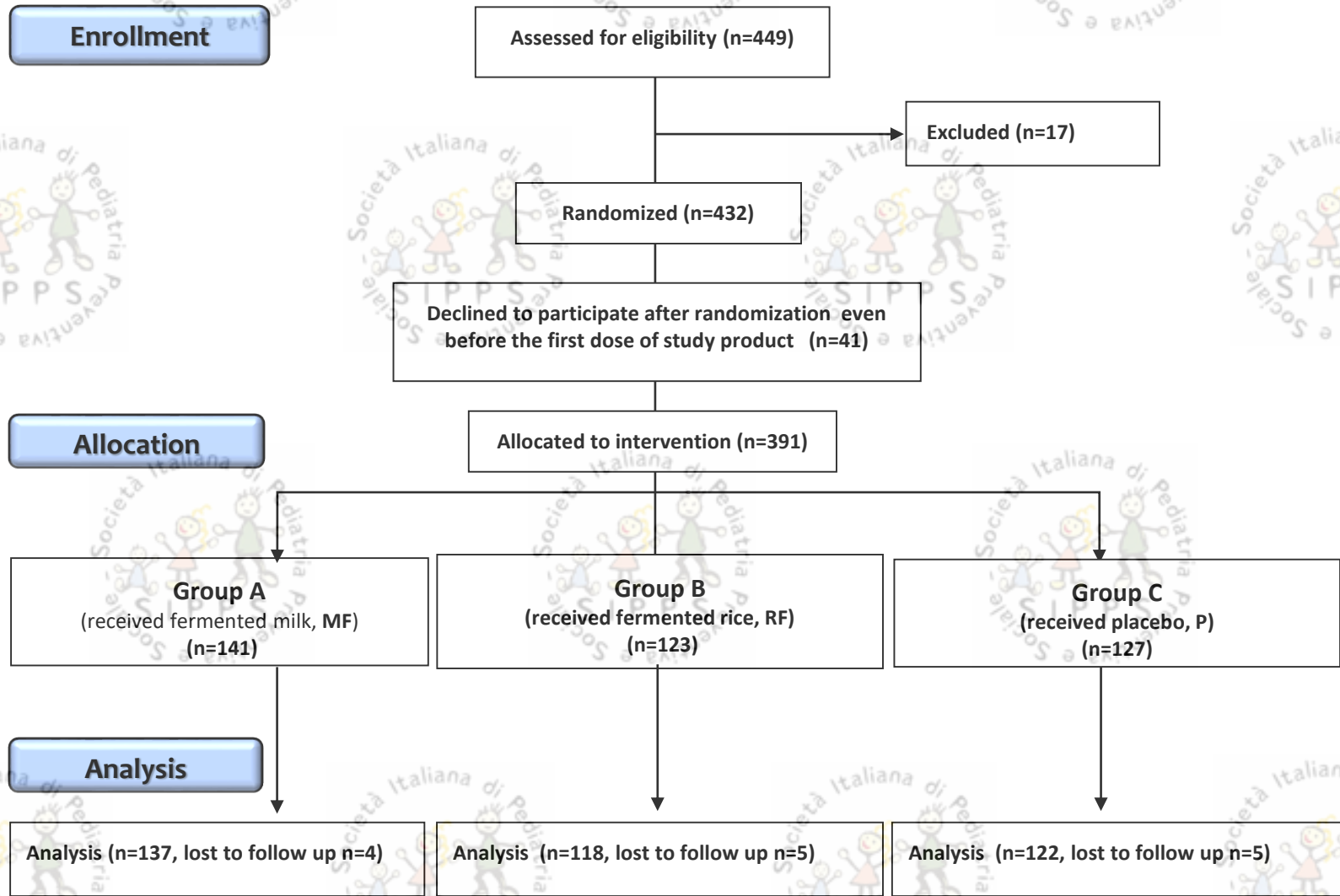
- Biological activities/mechanisms of action characterization
- Molecular characterization (lipids, nucleotides, small heat-stable peptides, etc.)
- New clinical applications
- Well designed RCTs

# Cow's milk and fermented rice with *L.paracasei* CBA L74 prevent common winter infectious diseases in children

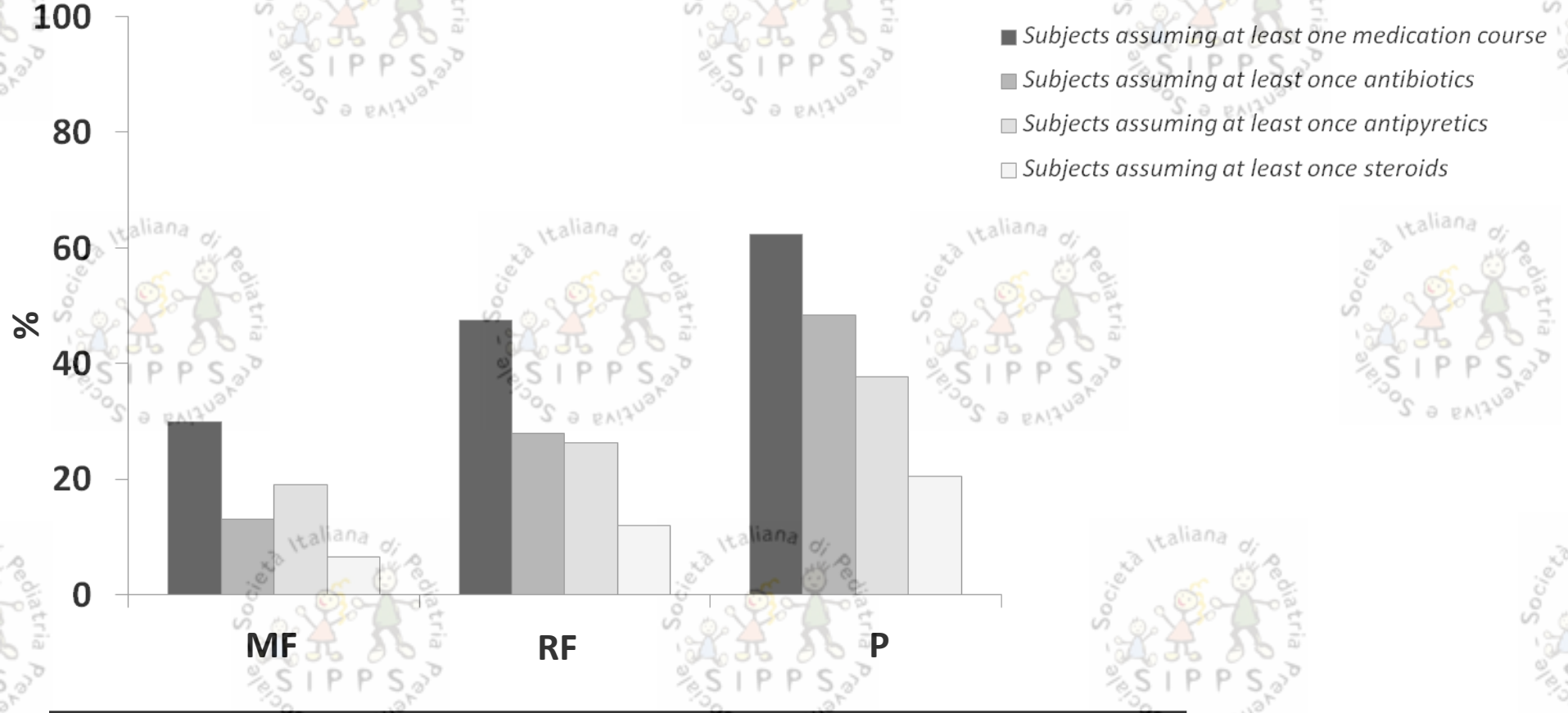
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# Flow of children through the study



# Rate of subjects requiring medication use



MF vs RF  
*p*

RF vs P  
*p*

MF vs P  
*p*

At least one medication course

0.004\*

<0.0001\*

0.021

Antibiotics

0.003\*

<0.0001\*

0.001\*

Antipyretics

0.163

0.001\*

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Steroids

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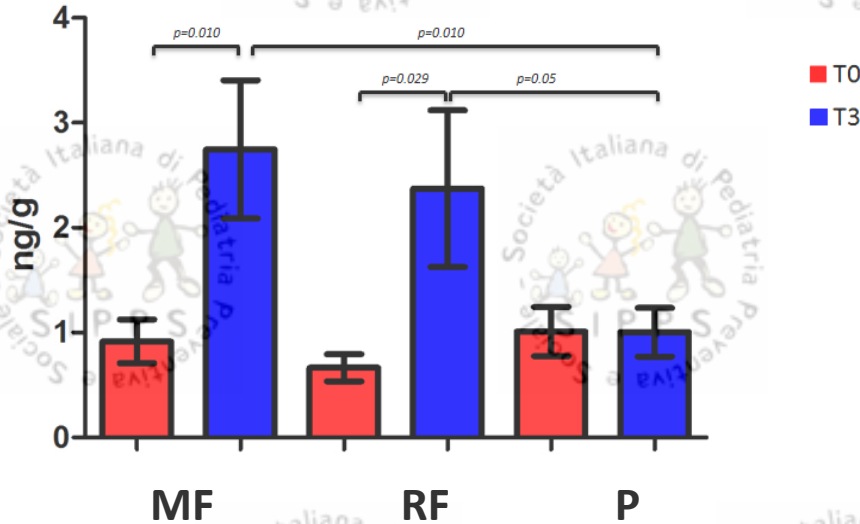
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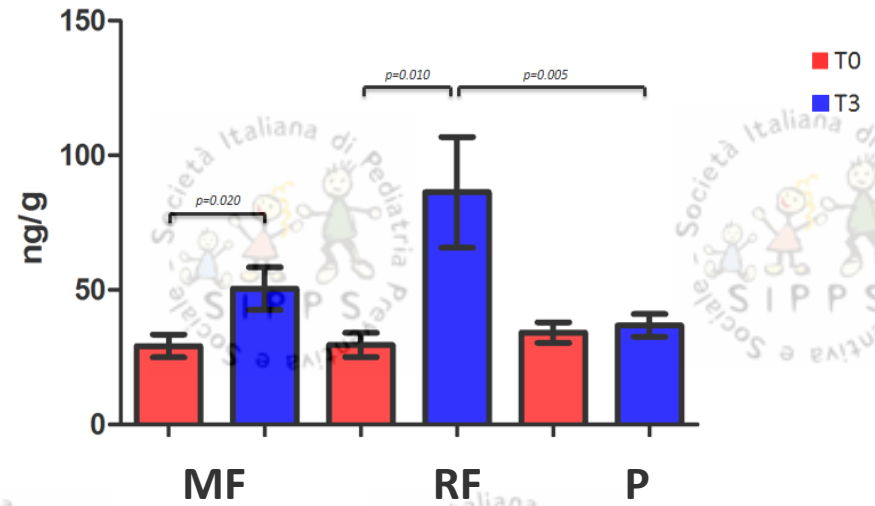
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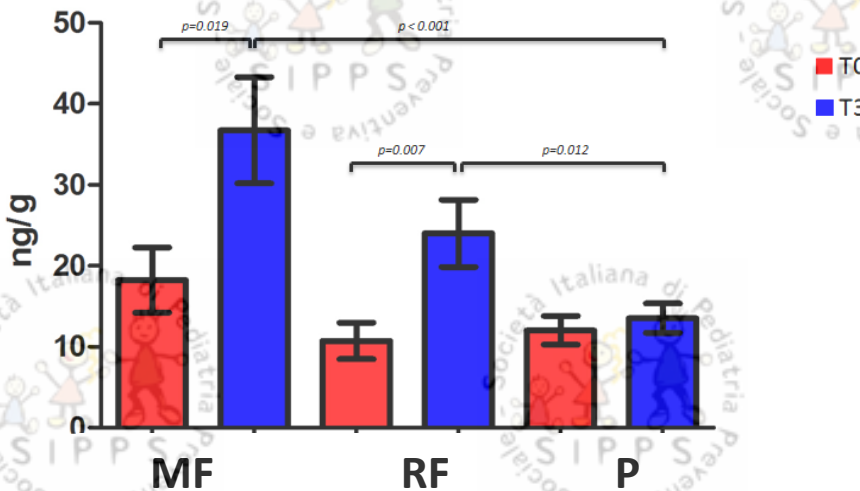
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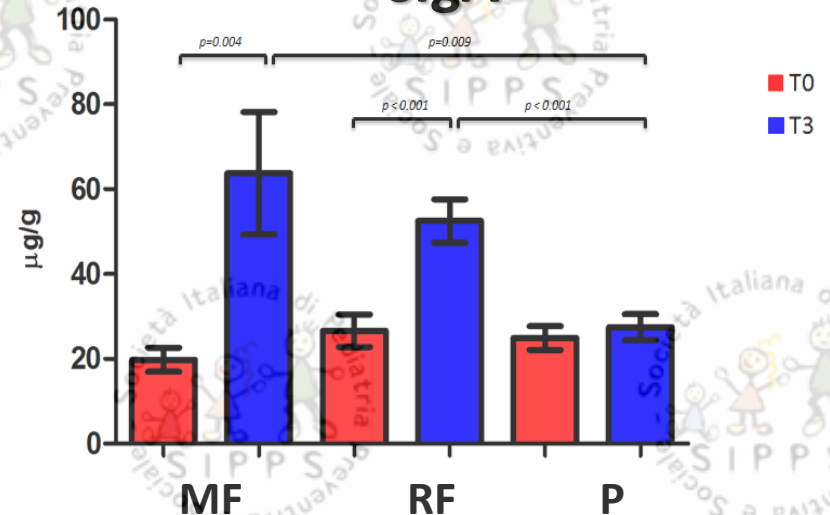
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## sIgA



# Nutritional Immunology

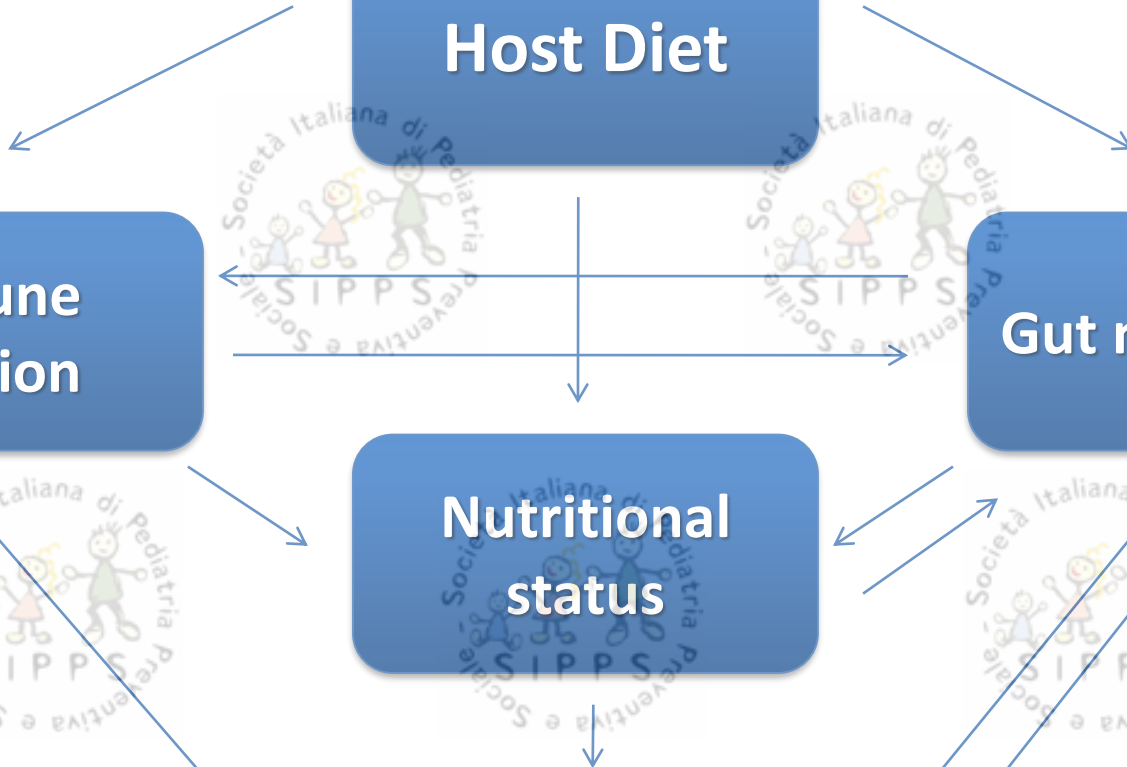
Host Diet

Immune function

Gut microbiota

Nutritional status

Child's Health



# Strengths of Fermented Functional Foods

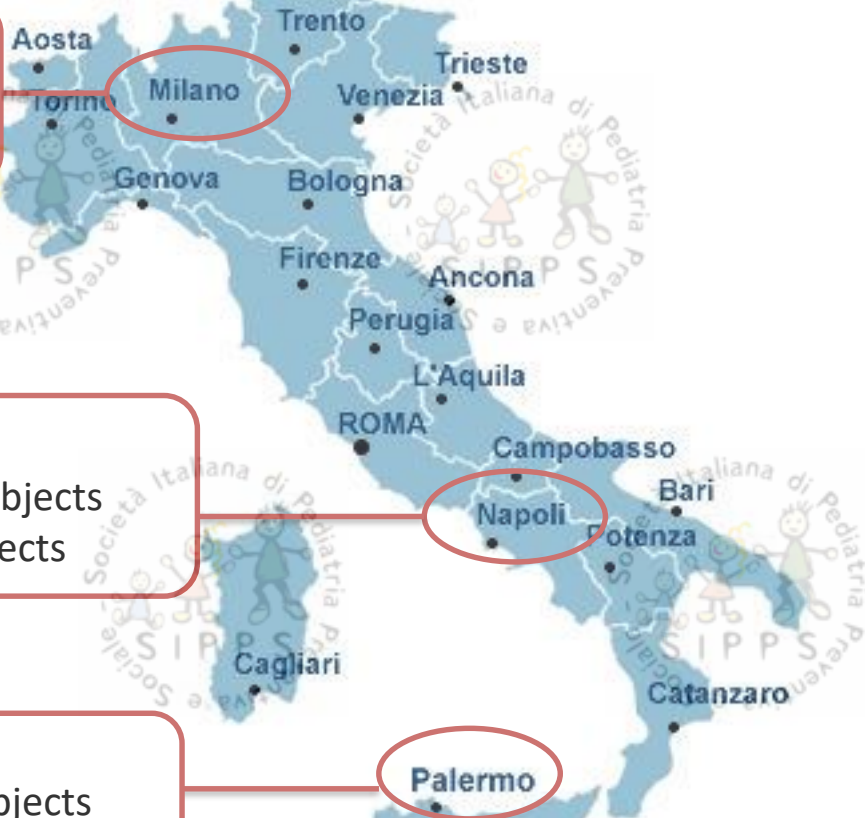
- Preparations contain safe probiotic
- No living organisms
- No risk of bacterial translocation
- Easy storage
- Reproducibility (precise monitoring of the technological process)

# Centers

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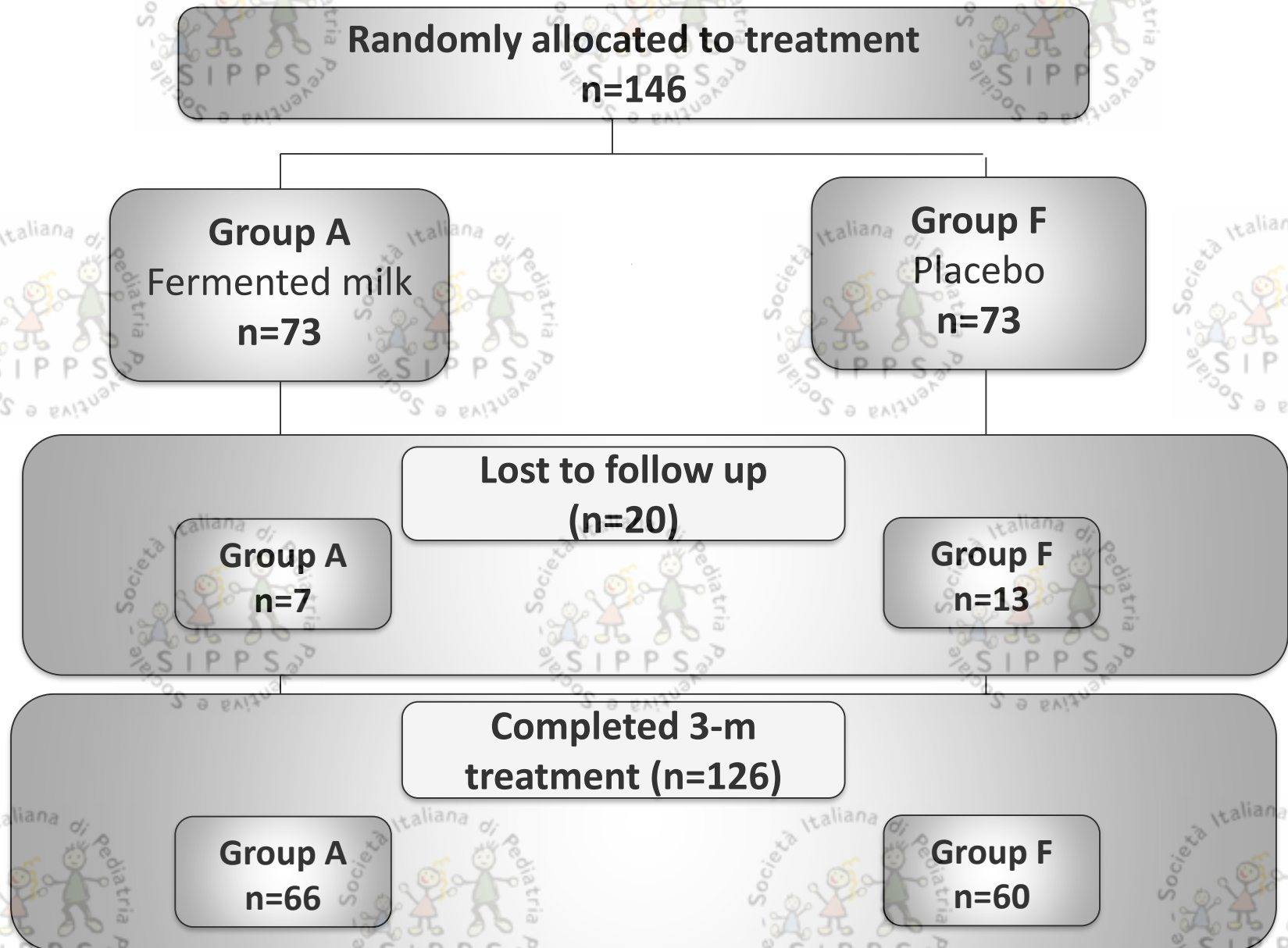
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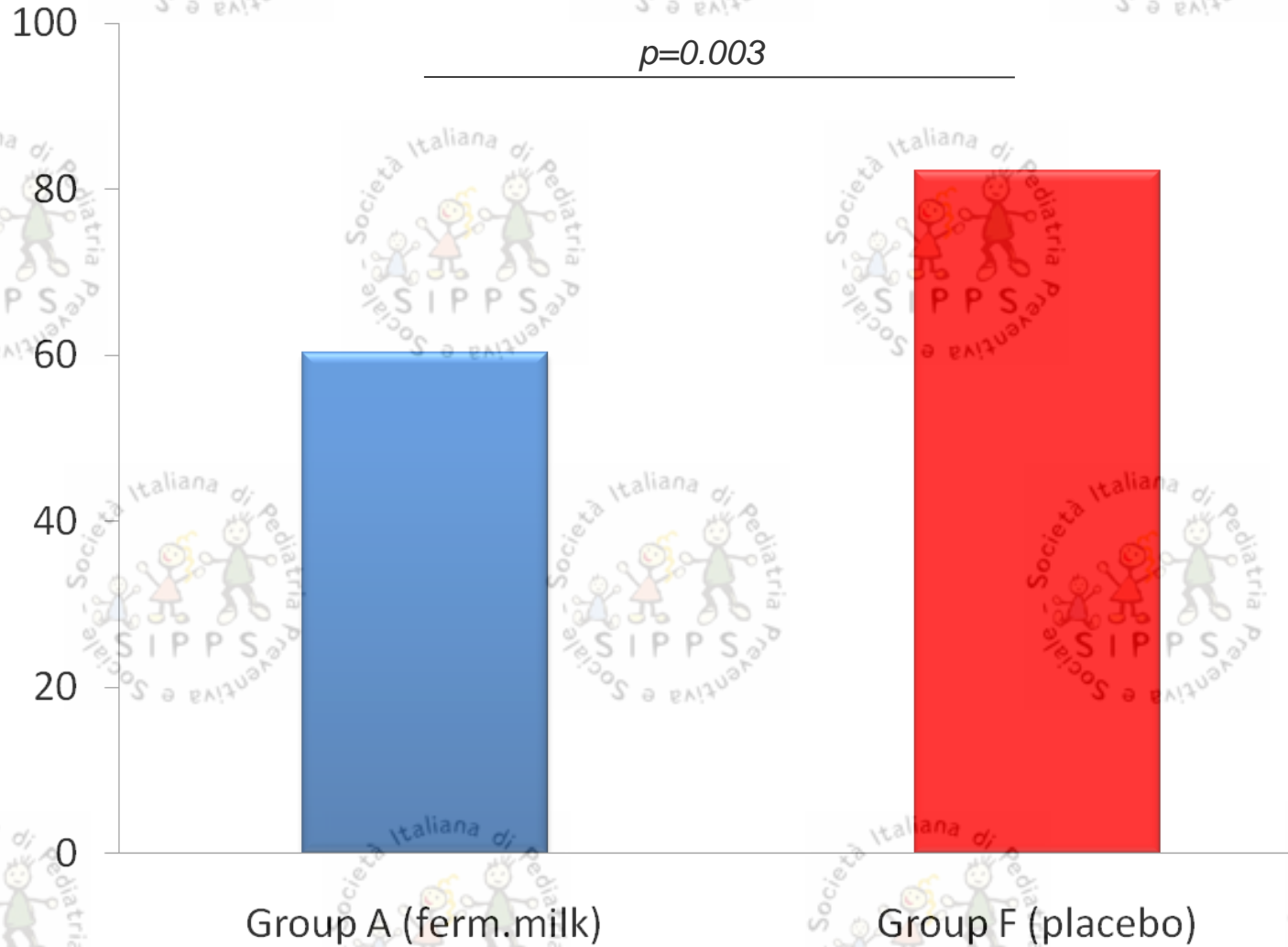
# Flow of participants throughout the study



# Main features of the study population

	Group A	Group F
<b>Male, n (%)</b>	37 (53.6)	32 (46.4)
<b>Age, months (<math>\pm</math>SD)</b>	32.89 (9.66)	33.6 (8.53)
<b>Weight, kg (<math>\pm</math>SD)</b>	14.85 (3.21)	14.9 (3)
<b>Height, cm (<math>\pm</math>SD)</b>	92.35 (8.17)	93.42 (7.7)
<b>Breastfeeding, n (%)</b>	48 (69.6)	38 (54.3)
<b><i>Duration of breastfeeding, months (<math>\pm</math>SD)</i></b>	7.14 (6)	6.6 (8.38)
<b>Age at schooling, months (<math>\pm</math>SD)</b>	23.49 (9.05)	25.87 (8.49)
<b>Siblings, n (%)</b>	56 (81.2)	50 (71.4)
<b><i>N. of siblings, (<math>\pm</math>SD)</i></b>	1.37 (0.61)	1.34 (0.55)
<b>Passive smoking, n (%)</b>	26 (41.4)	29 (37.7)

# Rate of children presenting at least one infectious disease (ITT analysis)



# Main features of the study population

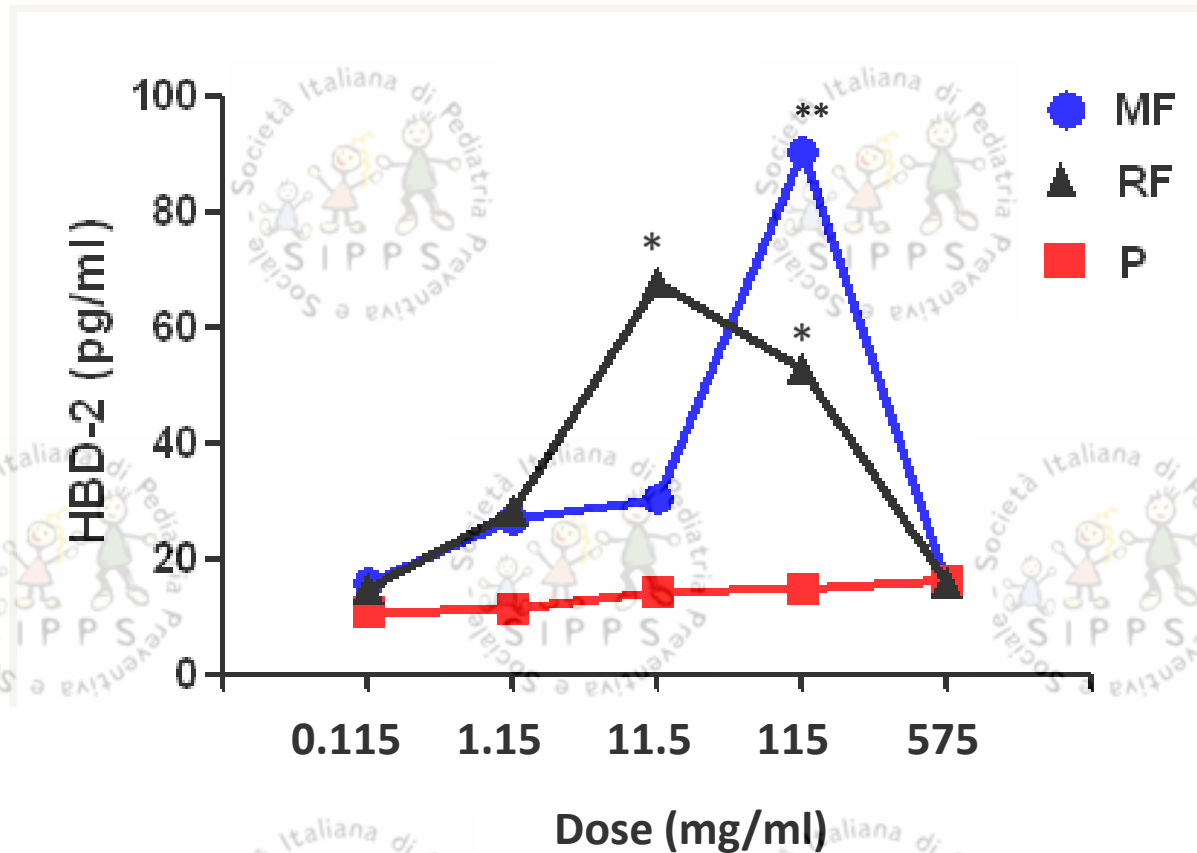
	MF <i>n=137</i>	RF <i>n=118</i>	P <i>n=122</i>
Male, n (%)	70 (51.1)	61 (51.7)	62 (50.8)
Age, months ( $\pm$ SD)	32.32 (10.23)	31.28 (10.95)	33.79 (9.17)
Weight, kg ( $\pm$ SD)	14.55 (2.75)	14.53 (2.74)	14.88 (2.93)
Height, cm ( $\pm$ SD)	93.48 (8.99)	92.92 (9.04)	94.47 (7.22)
Breastfeeding, n (%)	97 (70.8)	86 (72.9)	94 (77)
<i>Duration of breastfeeding, months (<math>\pm</math>SD)</i>	7.33 (5.63)	6.38 (3.98)	6.51 (5.03)
Age at schooling, months ( $\pm$ SD)	12.90 (2.56)	12.55 (2.32)	12.79 (2.34)
Siblings, n (%)	106 (77.4)	92 (78)	96 (78.7)
<i>N. of siblings, (<math>\pm</math>SD)</i>	1.30 (0.57)	1.33 (0.58)	1.40 (0.57)
Passive smoking, n (%)	64 (46.7)	56 (47.5)	56 (45.9)

# Number of children experienced at least one CWID during the study period and total number of episodes

Disease	MF	RF	P	MF vs RF <i>p</i>	MF vs P <i>p</i>	RF vs P <i>p</i>
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Rhinitis, n (%) [n. episodes]	19 (13.9) [23]	31 (26.3) [47]	35 (28.7) [46]	0.013	0.003*	0.675
Otitis, n (%) [n. episodes]	3 (2.2) [3]	5 (4.2) [5]	18 (14.8) [31]	0.477	<0.0001*	0.006*
Pharyngitis, n (%) [n. episodes]	21 (15.3) [28]	41 (34.7) [57]	53 (43.4) [84]	<0.0001*	<0.0001*	0.168
Laryngitis, n (%) [n. episodes]	9 (6.6) [10]	11 (9.3) [13]	22 (18) [40]	0.415	0.005*	0.05
Tracheitis, n (%) [n. episodes]	36 (26.3) [44]	32 (27.1) [41]	49 (40.2) [76]	0.880	0.018	0.033

\*the *p*-values remain significant after Bonferroni correction

# Dose-dependency of the effect on HBD-2 synthesis in human enterocytes

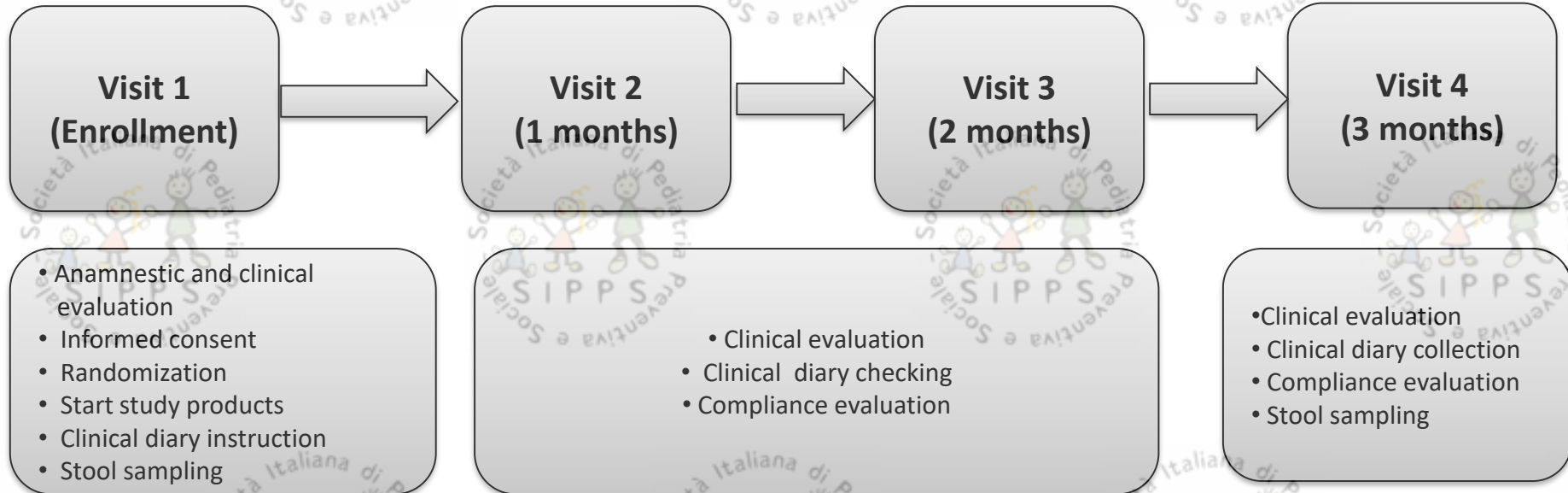


\* $p < 0.05$ , MF and RF vs P

\*\* $p < 0.001$  MF vs P



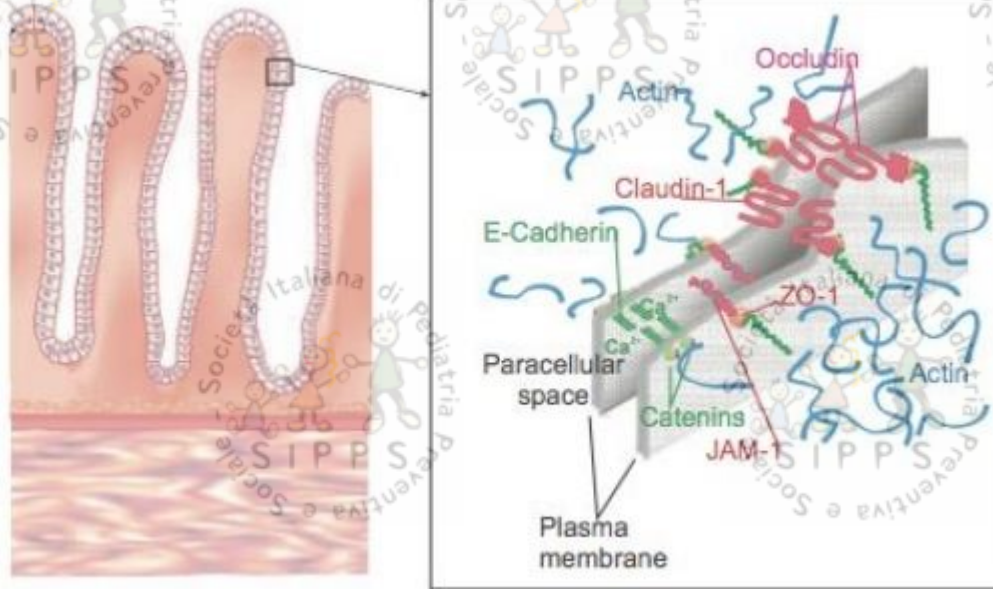
# Study design



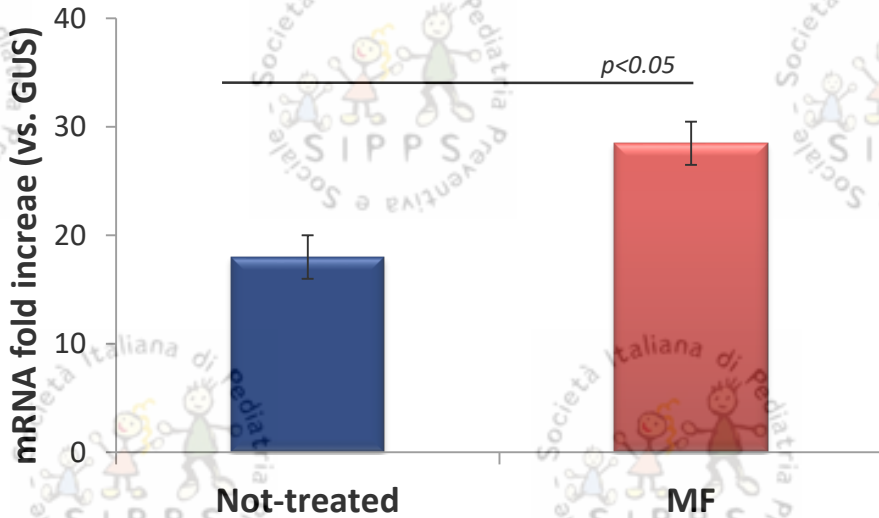
*A visit by the FP was planned whenever it was necessary because infectious diseases or other morbidities*



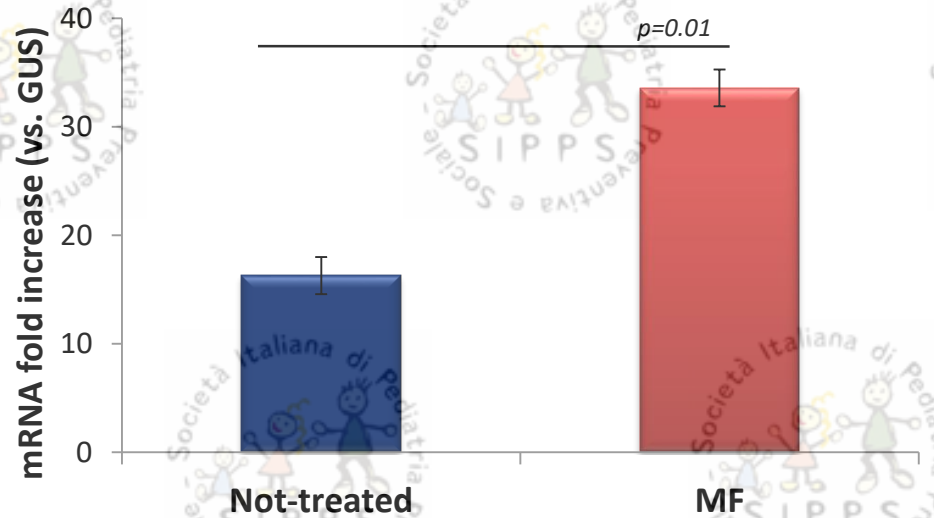
# Effect on TJ expression



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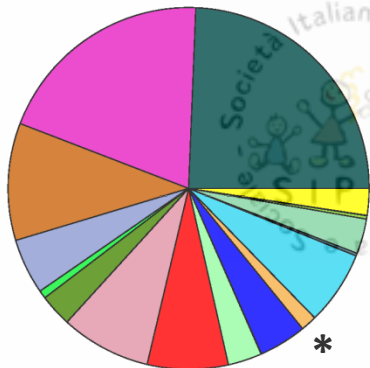
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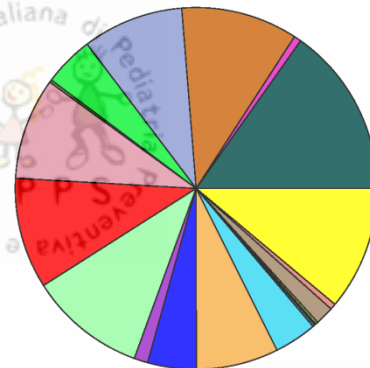
Bacteroides Milk T0

# Bacteroides Oligotypes \*

Bacteroides Milk T3

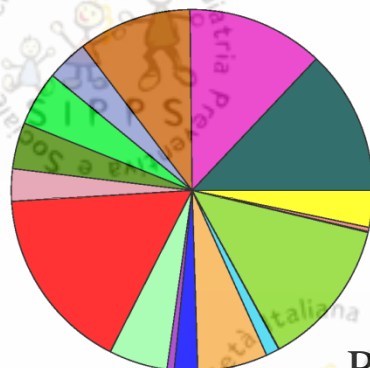


Milk t0



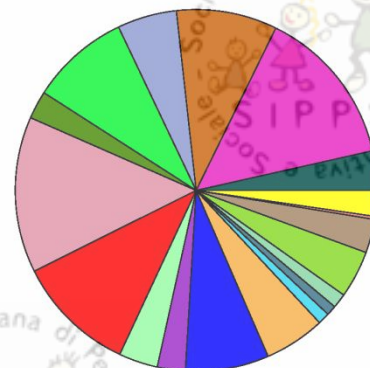
Milk t3

Bacteroides Placebo T0



Placebo t0

Bacteroides Placebo T3



Placebo t3



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|------|-------|-------|
| Bac1 | Bac8  | Bac15 |
| Bac2 | Bac9  | Bac16 |
| Bac3 | Bac10 | Bac17 |
| Bac4 | Bac11 | Bac18 |
| Bac5 | Bac12 | Bac19 |
| Bac6 | Bac13 |       |
| Bac7 | Bac14 |       |

**Bac 12** ↑ **in milk t3**

**Bac 19** ↑ **in milk t3**

**Bac 18** ↑ **in rice t3**

## *Bacteroides* Oligotypes \*

1_ <i>Bacteroides</i> dorei	(419/420)	
2_ <i>Bacteroides</i> fragilis strain NCTC 9343	(419/420)	
3_ <i>Bacteroides</i> fragilis strain JMC 11019	(418/420)	
4_ <i>Bacteroides</i> dorei strain 175	(420/420)	
5_ <i>Bacteroides</i> fragilis ATCC 25285	(420/420)	
6_ <i>Bacteroides</i> fragilis strain NCTC, ATCC, JMC	(419/420)	
7_ <i>Bacteroides</i> uniformis strain JCM 5828	(417/420)	
8_ <i>Bacteroides</i> vulgatus strain ATCC 8482	(419/420)	
9_ <i>Bacteroides</i> caccae strain JCM 9498	(418/420)	
10_ <i>Bacteroides</i> vulgatus strain ATCC 8482	(402/420)	
11_ <i>Bacteroides</i> uniformis strain JCM 5828	(418/420)	
12_ <b><i>Bacteroides</i> vulgatus strain ATCC 8482</b>	<b>(420/420)</b>	 Milk treatment
13_ <i>Bacteroides</i> caccae strain ATCC 43185	(419/420)	
14_ <i>Bacteroides</i> dorei strain 175	(405/420)	
15_ <i>Bacteroides</i> uniformis strain JCM 5828	(404/420)	
16_ <i>Bacteroides</i> xylanisolvens strain XB1A	(419/420)	
17_ <i>Bacteroides</i> vulgatus strain JCM 5826	(418/420)	
18_ <i>Bacteroides</i> faecis strain MAJ27	(419/420)	
19_ <b><i>Bacteroides</i> vulgatus strain JCM 5826</b>	<b>(417/420)</b>	 Milk treatment

## *Faecalibacterium* Oligotypes

1. **Faecalibacterium prausnitzii strain ATCC 27768 (416/422)**
2. Faecalibacterium prausnitzii strain ATCC 27768 (422/430)
3. Faecalibacterium prausnitzii strain ATCC 27768 (422/430)
4. **Faecalibacterium prausnitzii strain ATCC 27768 (416/420)**
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8. Faecalibacterium prausnitzii strain ATCC 27768 (416/422)
9. Faecalibacterium prausnitzii strain ATCC 27768 (395/430)
10. Faecalibacterium prausnitzii strain ATCC 27768 (389/422)
11. **Faecalibacterium prausnitzii strain ATCC 27768 (422/430)**
12. Faecalibacterium prausnitzii strain ATCC 27768 (389/422)

# Progetto#5

## Analisi del microbiota intestinale in bambini trattati con matrici fermentate di latte e riso con *L. paracasei* CBA L74

- Valutazione della modificazione della composizione del microbiota intestinale
- Correlazione con livelli di butirrato fecale
- Correlazione con stimolazione peptidi dell'immunità innata e acquisita
- Correlazione con insorgenza episodi infettivi



Analisi del microbiota

Livelli di butirrato

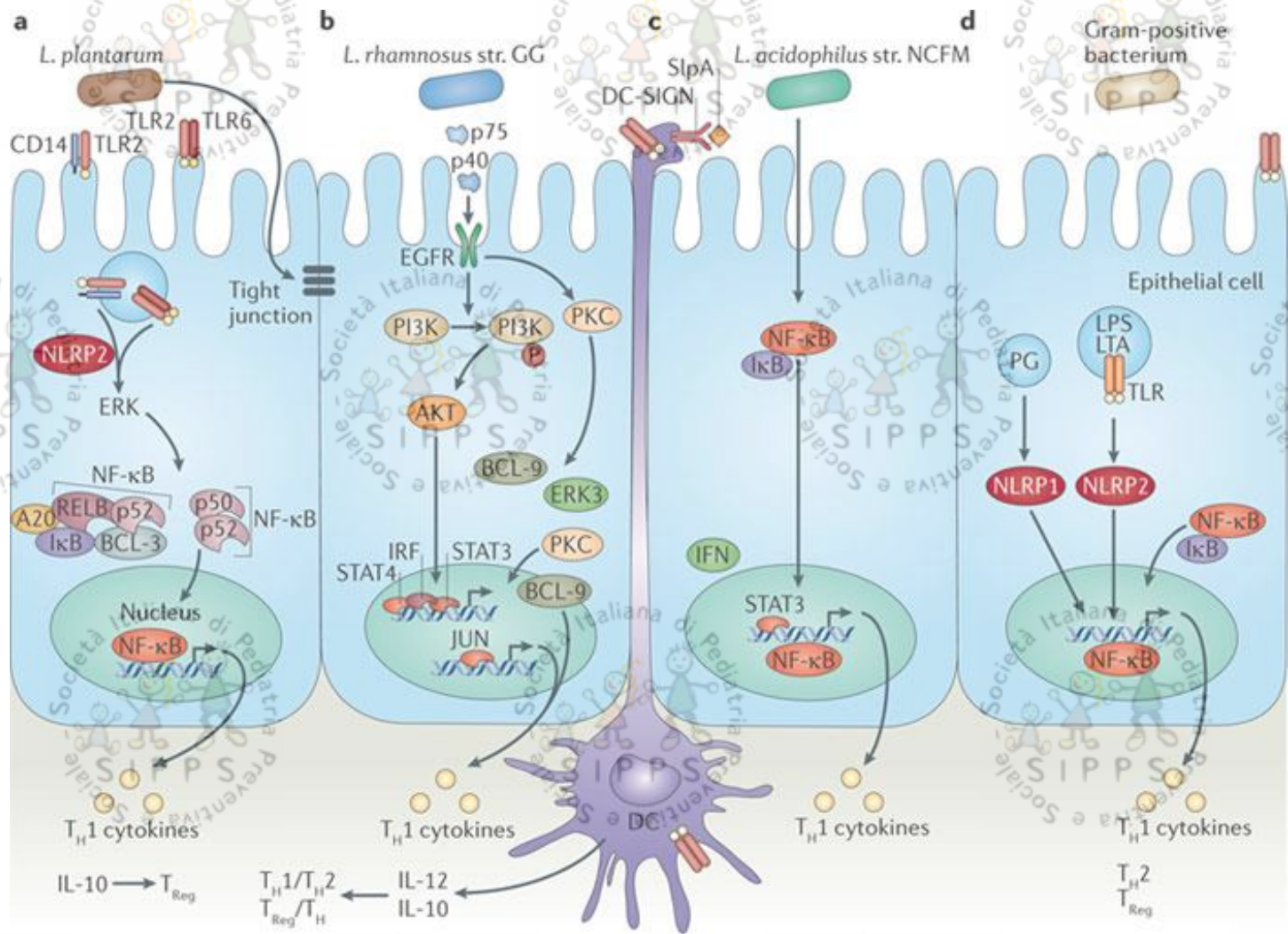
Analisi dei peptidi dell'immunità  
innata e acquisita

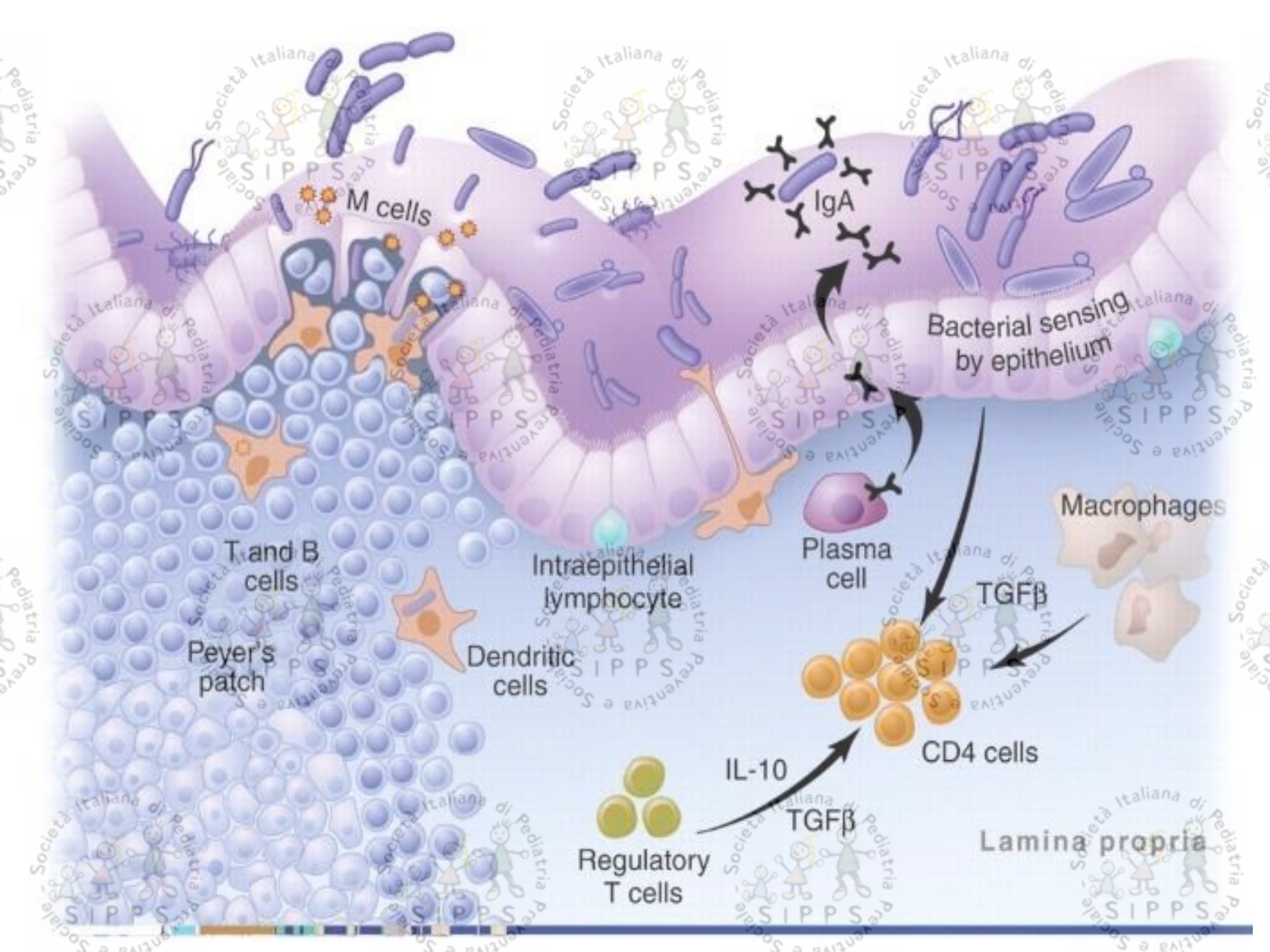
Sequenziamento del 16S RNA

Gas -cromatografia

ELISA



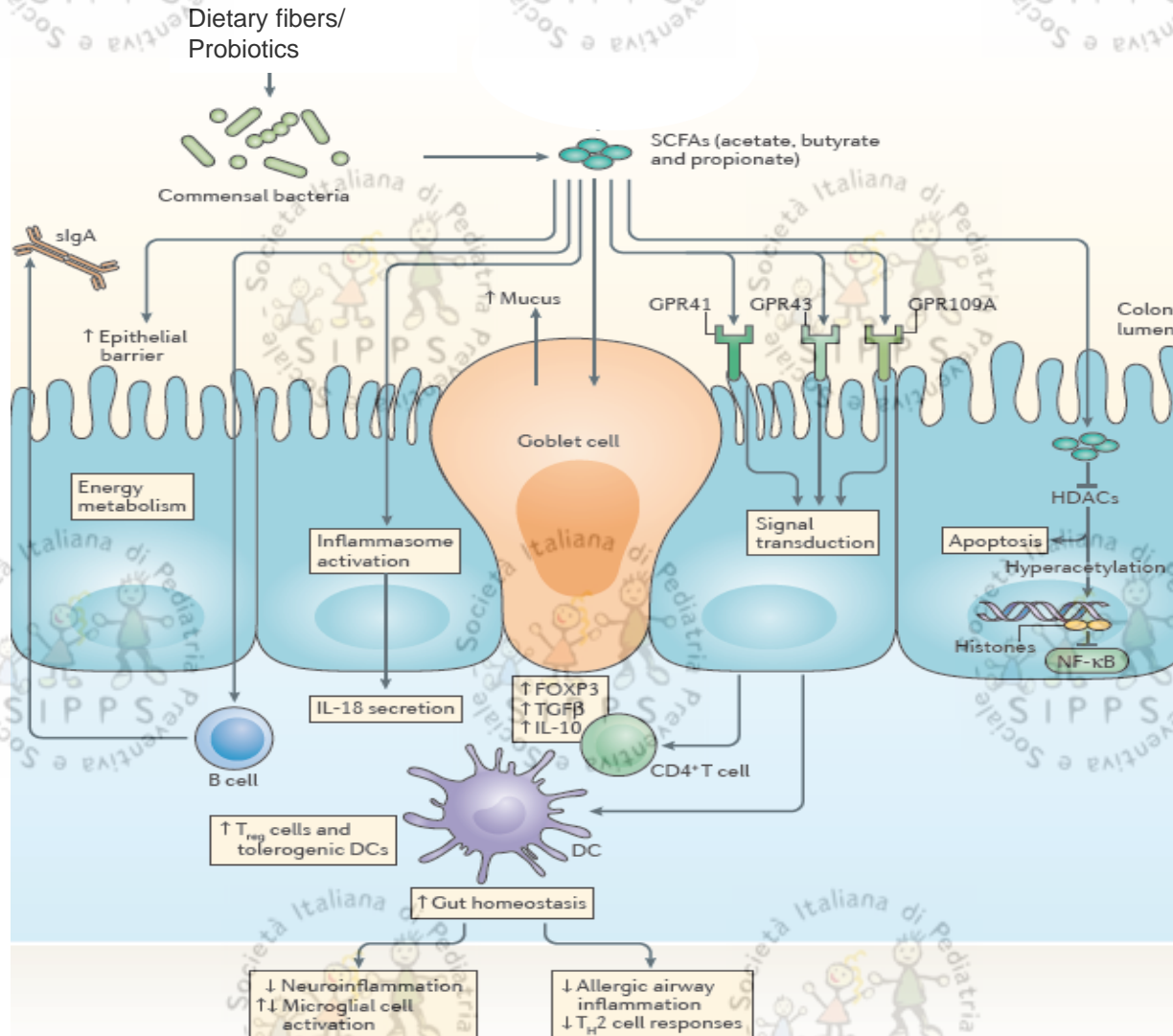






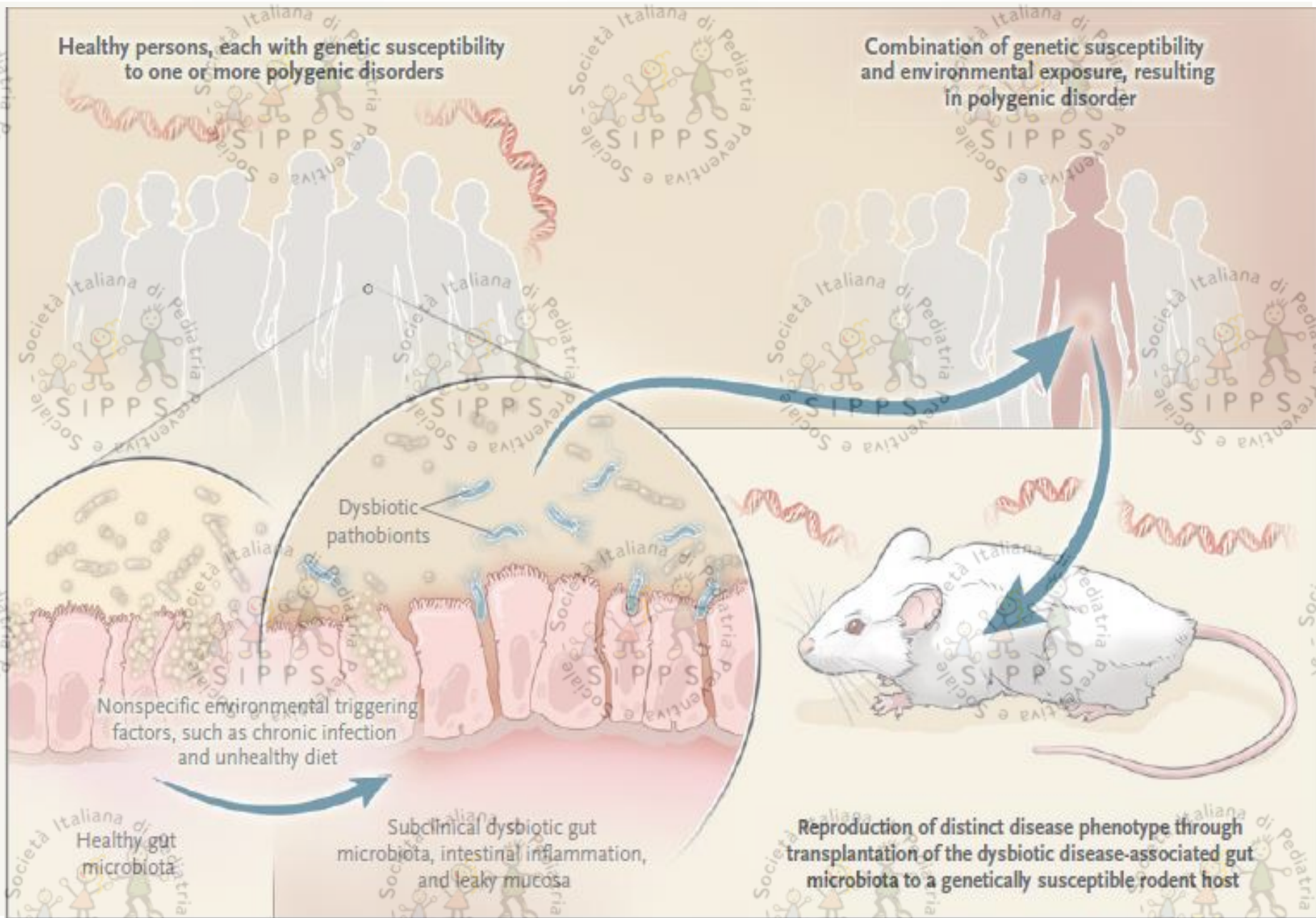
# Gut microbiota, metabolites and host immunity

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Healthy persons, each with genetic susceptibility to one or more polygenic disorders

Combination of genetic susceptibility and environmental exposure, resulting in polygenic disorder



**Rare Cretaceous Stingray Fossil Cyclobatis major  
from the sublithographic limestone deposits of Haqel, Lebanon  
*Cretaceous (146 to 65 mya)***

**Gastric acid secretion is a phylogenetically  
old function**

**The preservation of this highly energy  
consuming and at times hazardous function  
reflects its biological importance**



Refined Carbohydrates  
Low Polyphenols

Complex Carbohydrates  
High Phytonutrients

Beneficial Bacteria  
Pathogenic Bacteria

Beneficial Bacteria  
Pathogenic Bacteria

Gut Bacterial  
Diversity

Post Prandial  
Glucose  
Response

Risk for Type 2  
Diabetes