

# **Microbiota, Epigenetica e Allergia alle Proteine del Latte Vaccino**

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# LO SCENARIO DELL'AA E' MUTATO

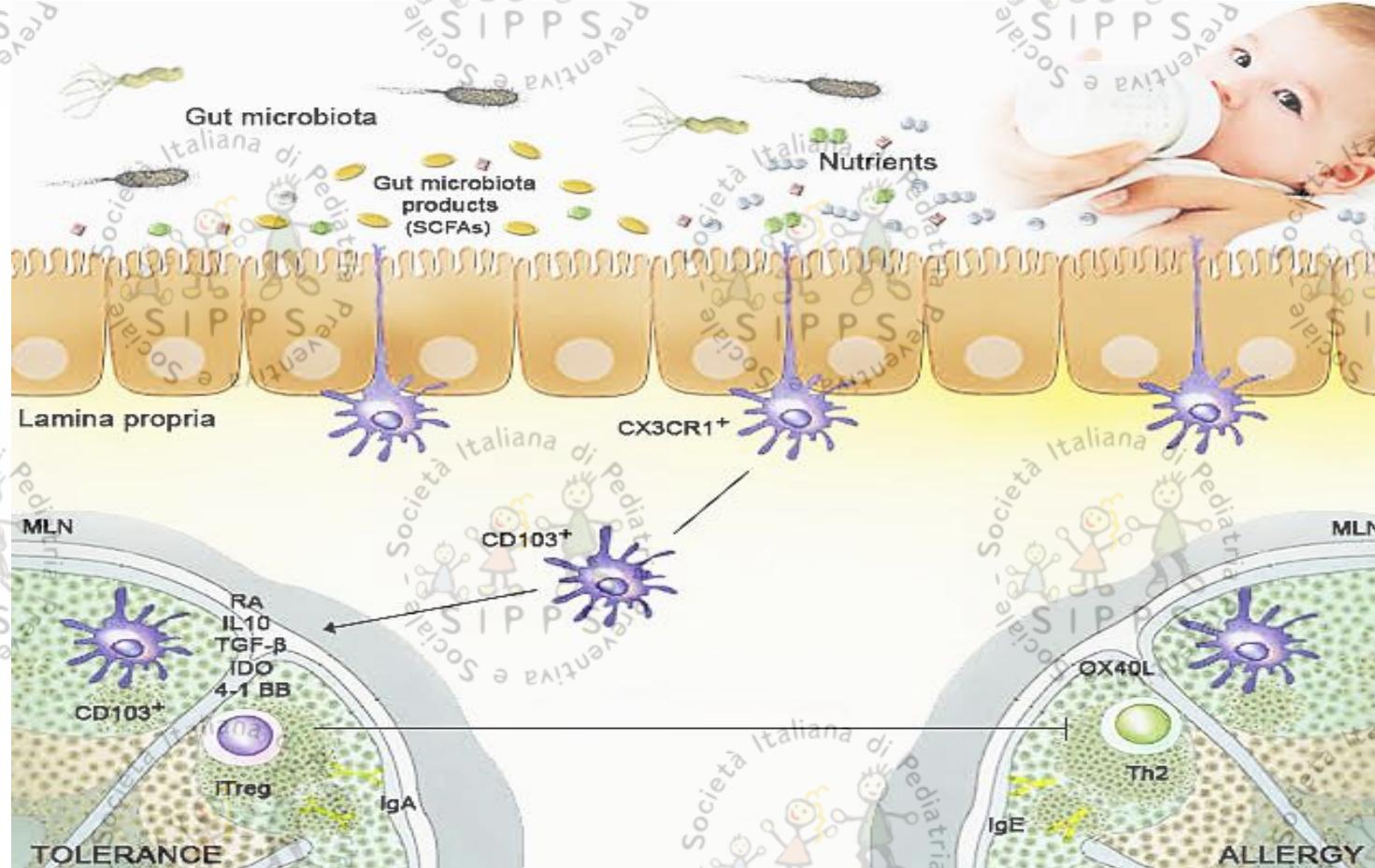
- ↑ Rischio di persistenza e severità delle manifestazioni cliniche
- ↑ Necessità di ospedalizzazione
- ↑ Impatto economico
- ↑ Rischio di sviluppare altre malattie atopiche (*>50% asma, eczema, orticaria, oculorinite*)



Favorire sviluppo e mantenimento della tolleranza orale

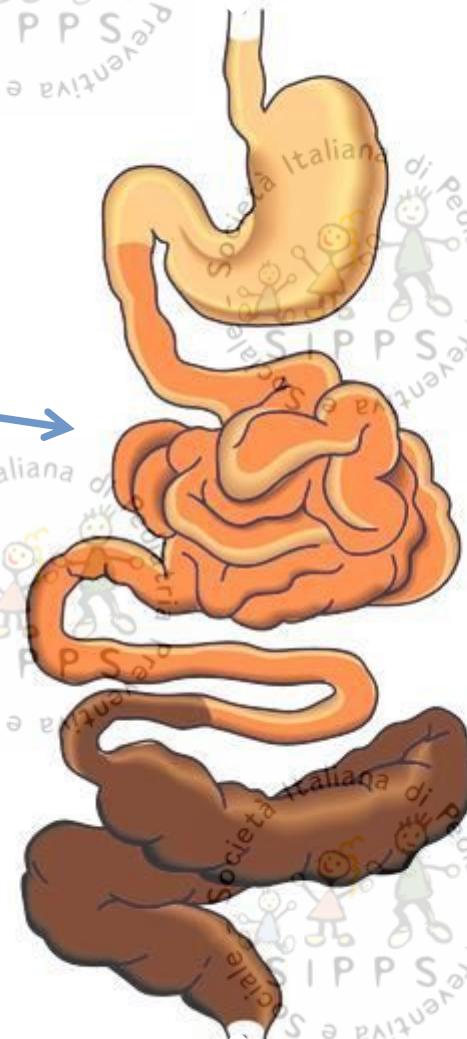
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Berni Canani R et al. Clin Exp Allergy 2013  
Nocerino R et al. JACI 2015

# 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

# Principali fattori coinvolti nell'acquisizione della tolleranza orale: fattori dietetici e microbiota



Kim KS et al. Science, 2016

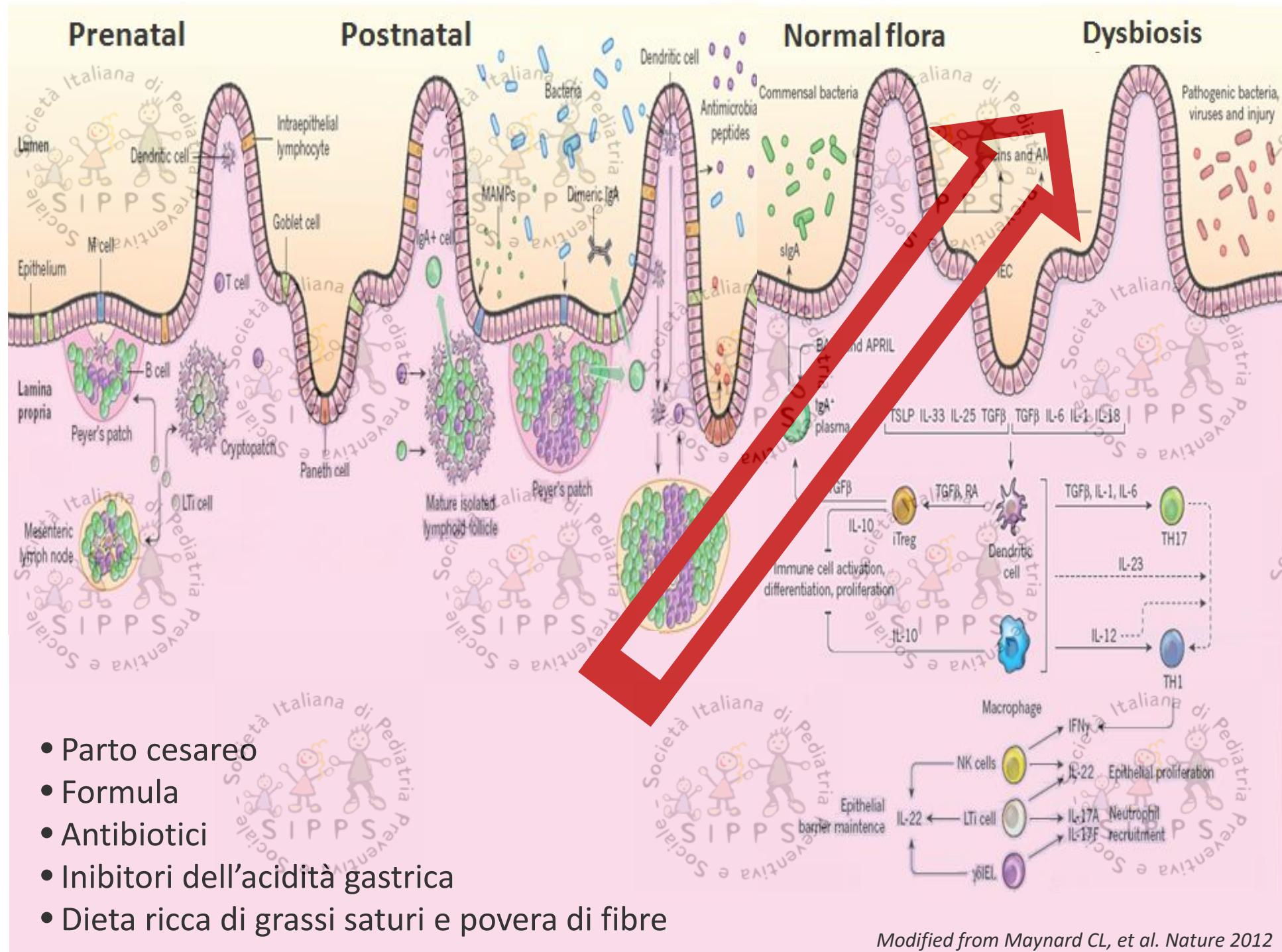
# L'assenza di peptidi nella dieta inibisce l'acquisizione di tolleranza: effetti della dieta elementare

- Ridotti livelli di Ig sieriche
- Ridotto numero linfociti nella lamina propria del piccolo intestino
- Ridotte dimensioni delle placche del Payer
- Ridotto numero di FoxP3+ CD4+ Treg
- Aumentata produzione di IgE specifiche
- Aumentare severità della risposta allergica

Pereira P, et al. Eur J Immunol 1986

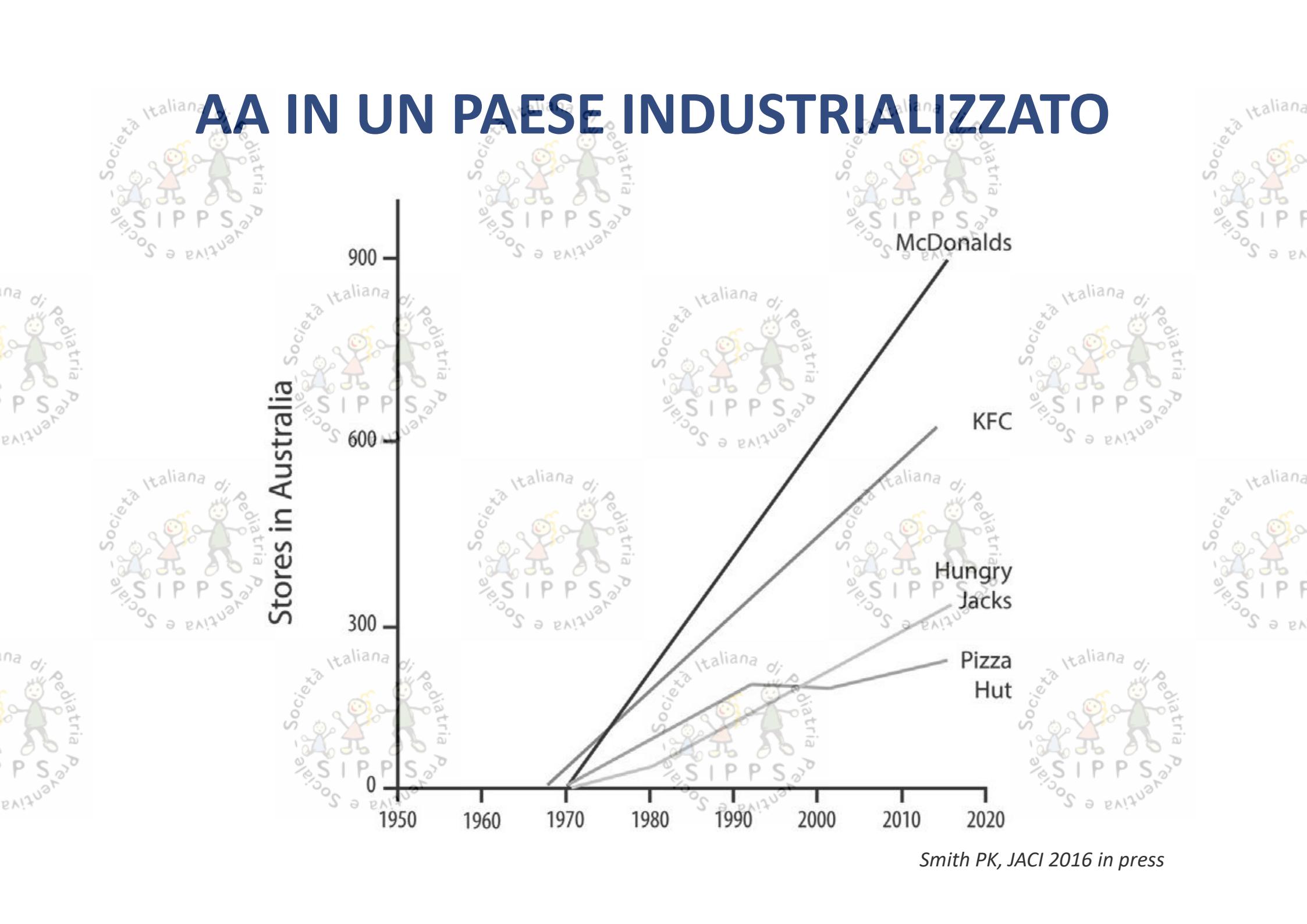
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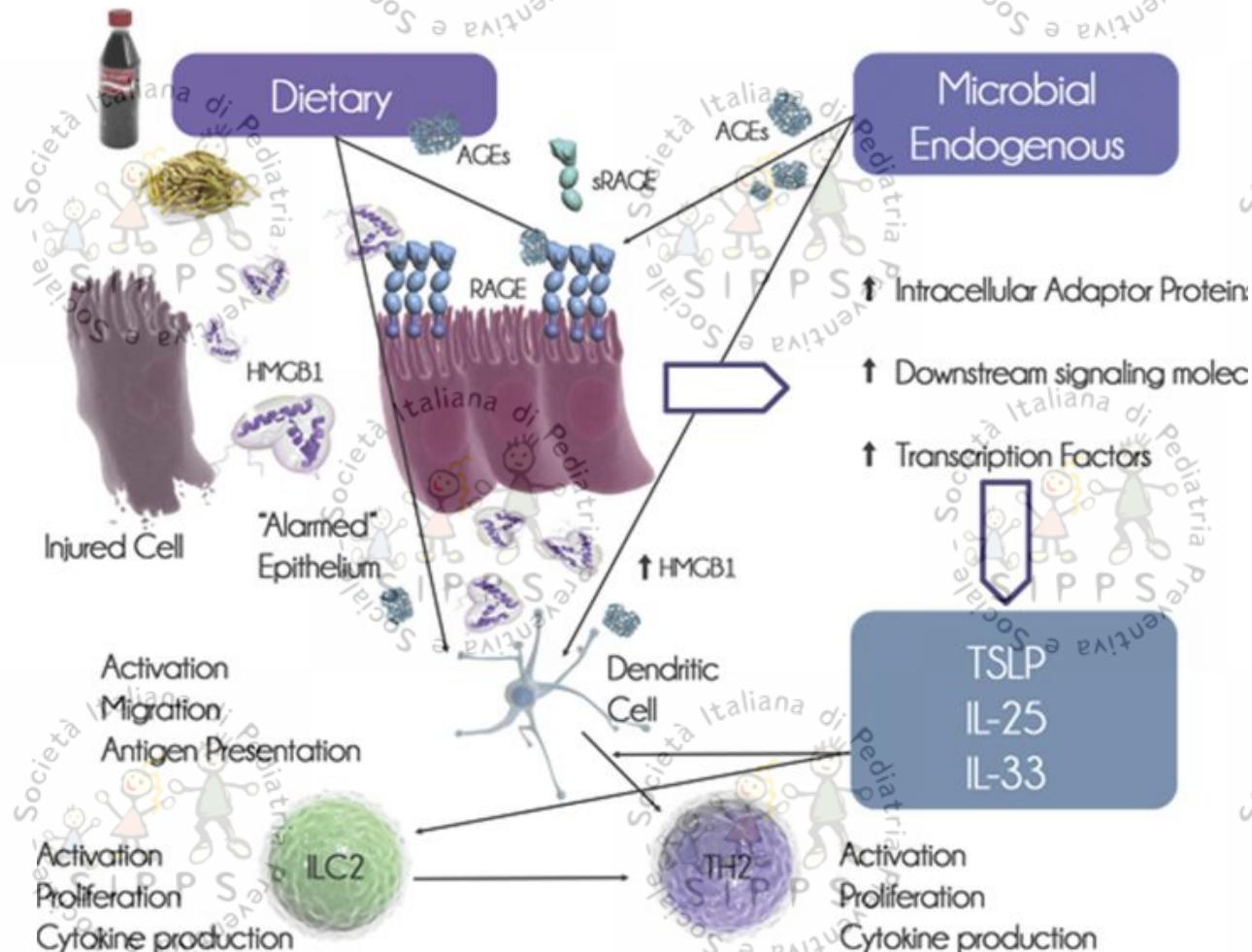
# AA IN UN PAESE INDUSTRIALIZZATO



# AGEs (Advanced Glycation End Products)

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(GLICAZIONE AVANZATA)

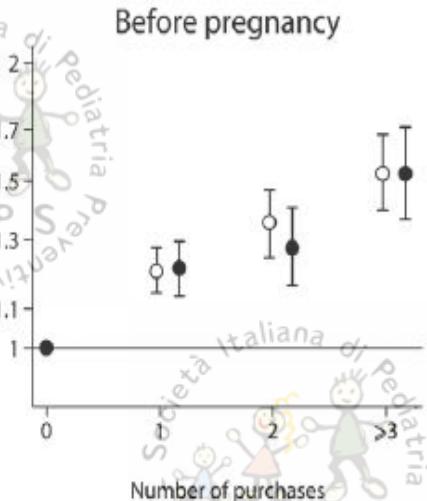
*Superfici dorate o abbrustolate di cibi fritti o grigliati, pane tostato, ecc.*



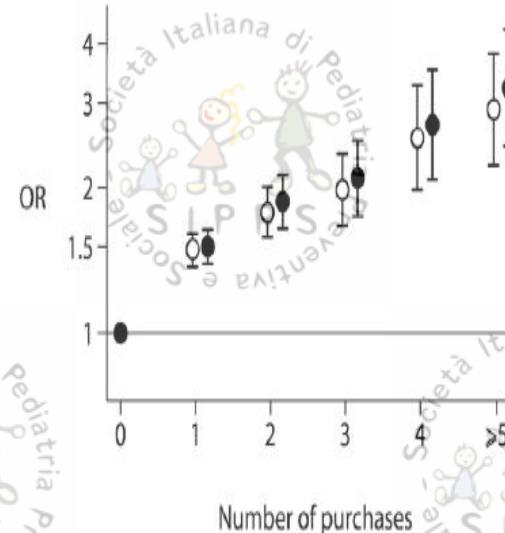
# Mother's and Offspring's Use of Antibiotics and Infant Allergy to Cow's Milk

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

Antibiotic use by the mother

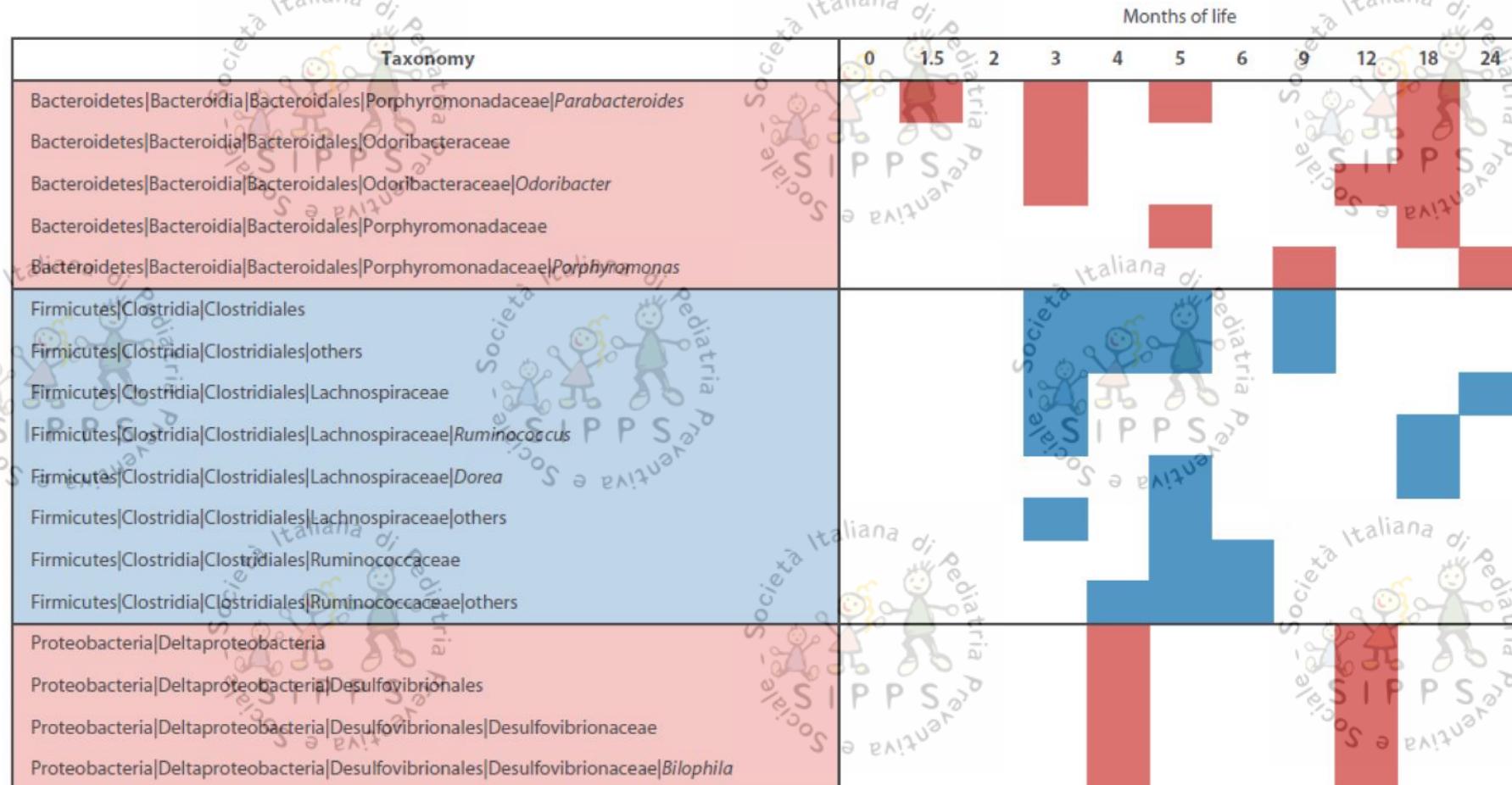


Antibiotic use by the child

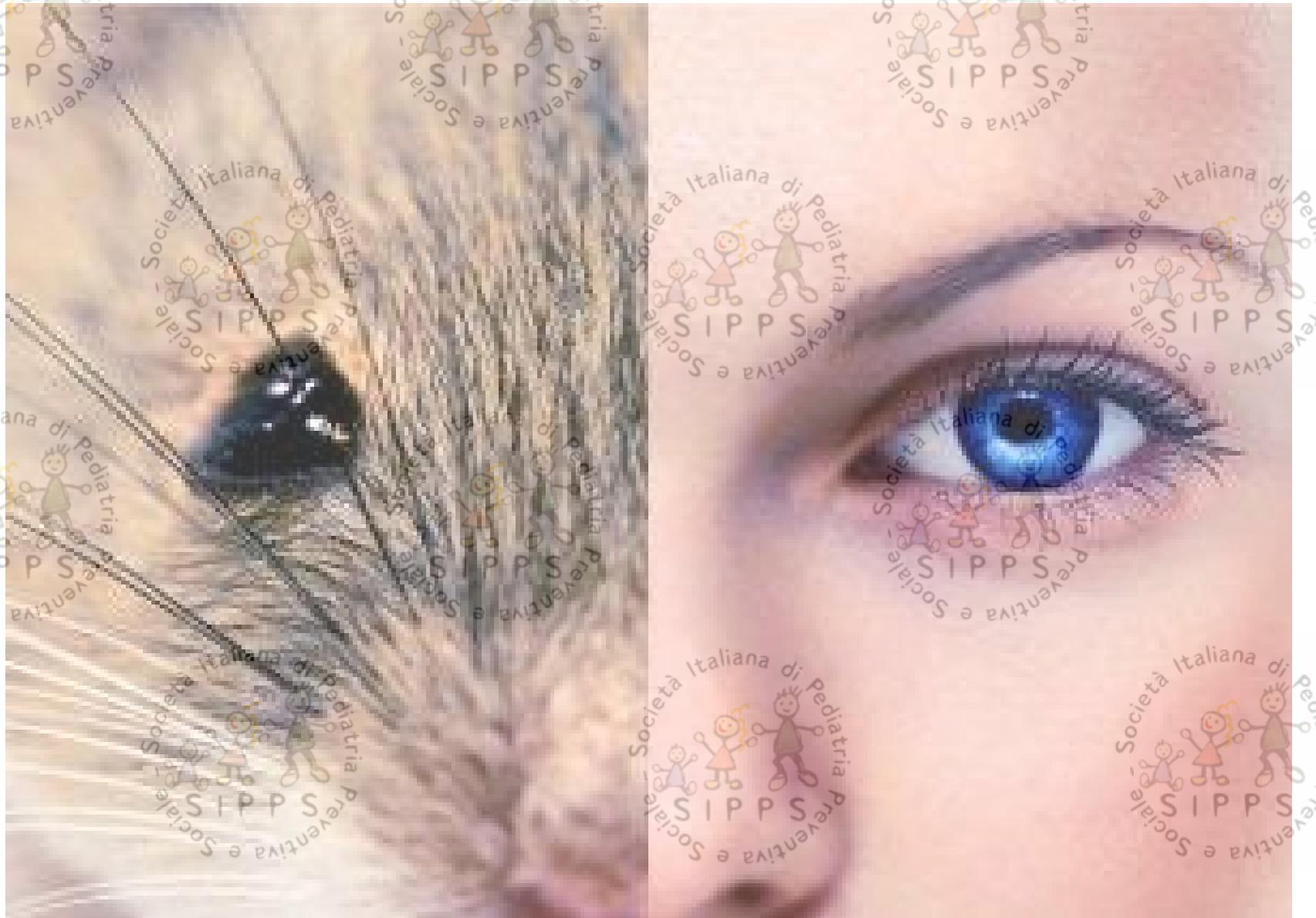


# Antibiotics, birth mode, and diet shape microbiome maturation during early life

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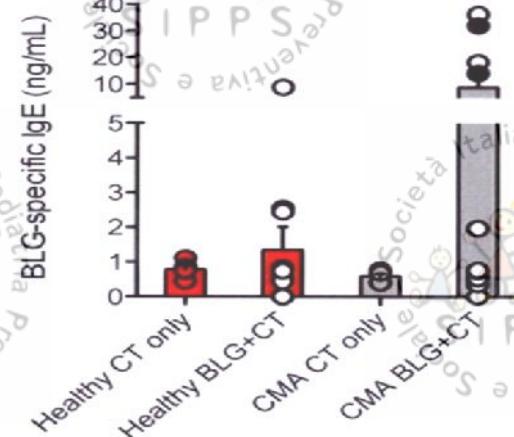
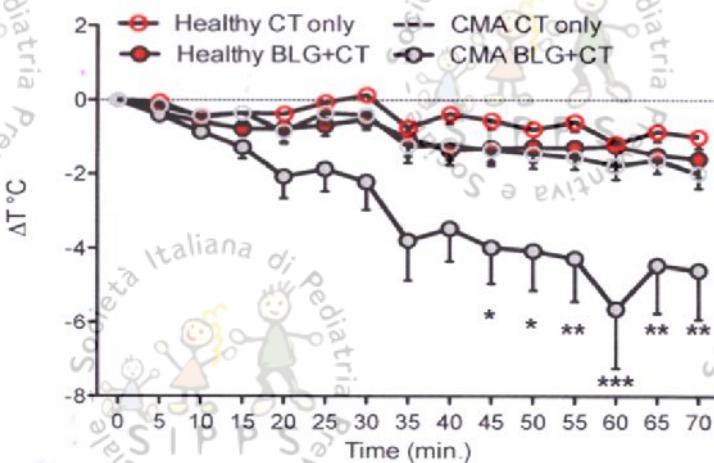
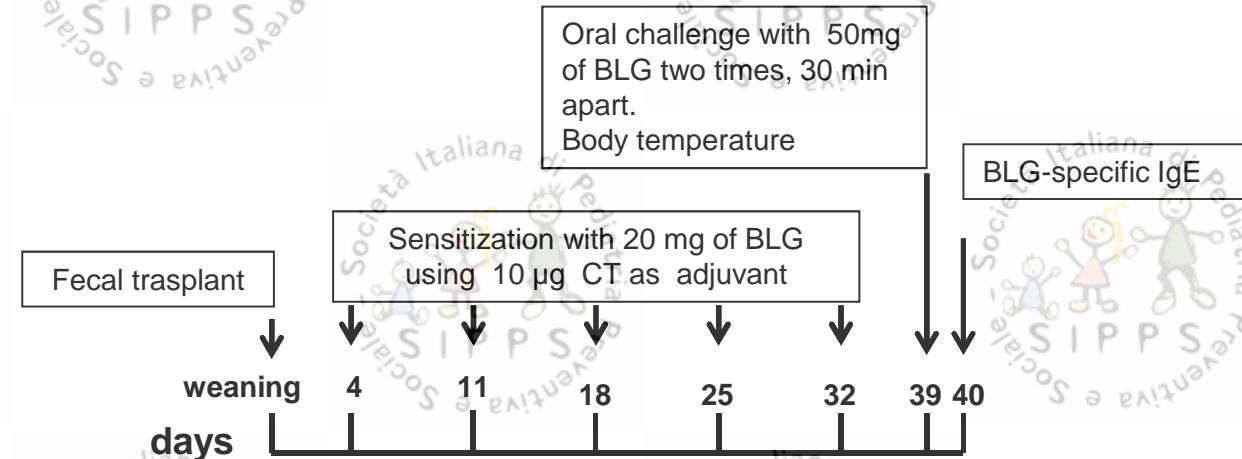
# Modello di topo “umanizzato”



# La colonizzazione del tratto GI con feci di lattante sano protegge dall'AA



GF C3H/HeN 3-4 weeks old



Berni Canani R and Nagler C, submitted

## MICROBIAL RELATED FACTORS INCREASING RISK OF FOOD ALLERGY



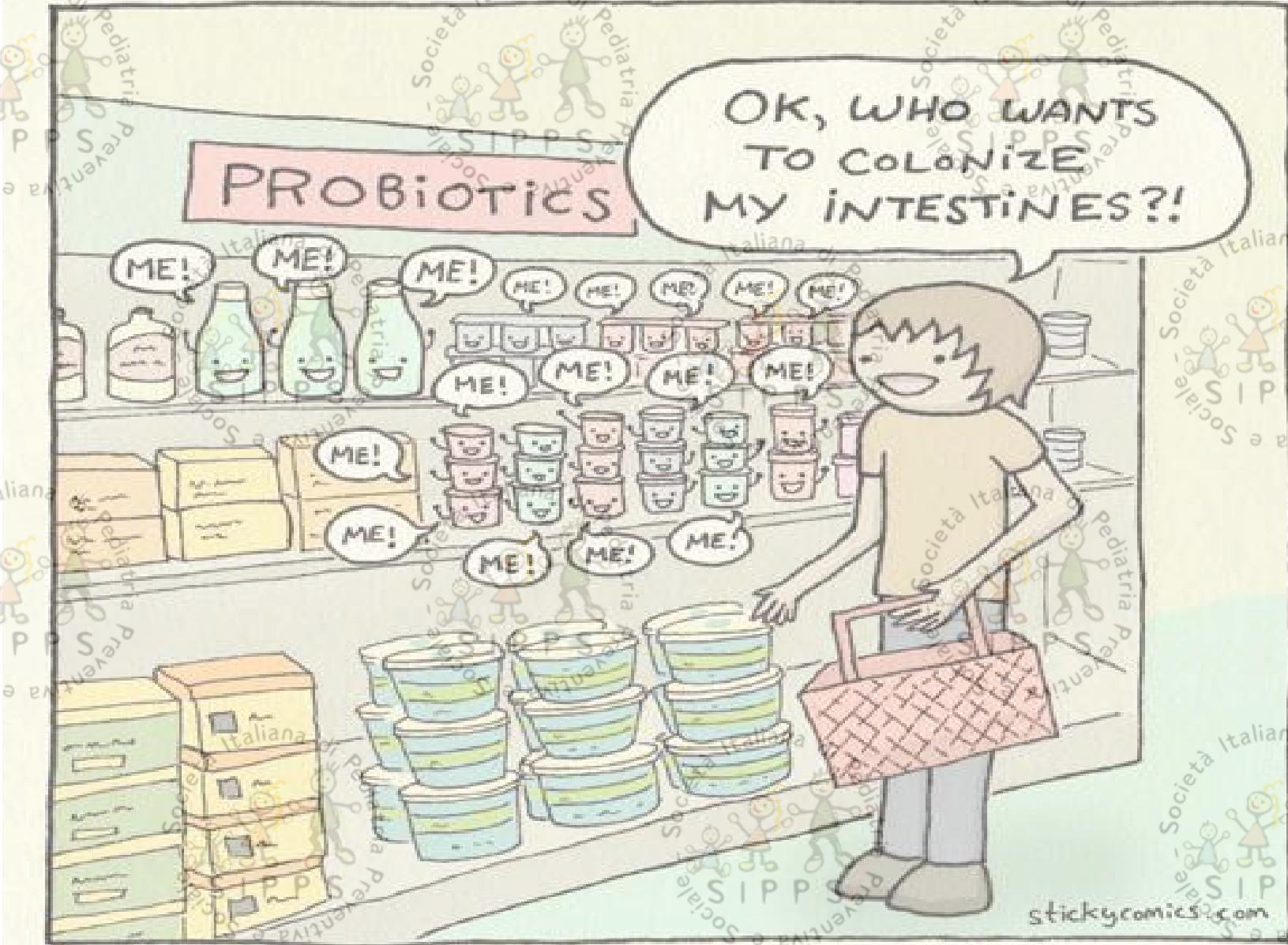
## MICROBIAL RELATED FACTORS REDUCING RISK OF FOOD ALLERGY

Berni Canani R et al. *Biotascope* in press



# **MICROBIOTA e APLV**

- ✓ Disbiosi caratterizzata da ridotta presenza di batteri produttori di butirrato
- ✓ Disbiosi precede la comparsa di APLV
- ✓ Alcuni ceppi di probiotici possono modificare composizione e funzioni del microbiota intestinale del bambino affetto da APLV



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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         | Bile salt metabolism          |
| Direct antagonism         | Enzymatic activity            |
| Gut barrier reinforcement | Neutralization of carcinogens |

## Widespread

### *Among studied probiotics*

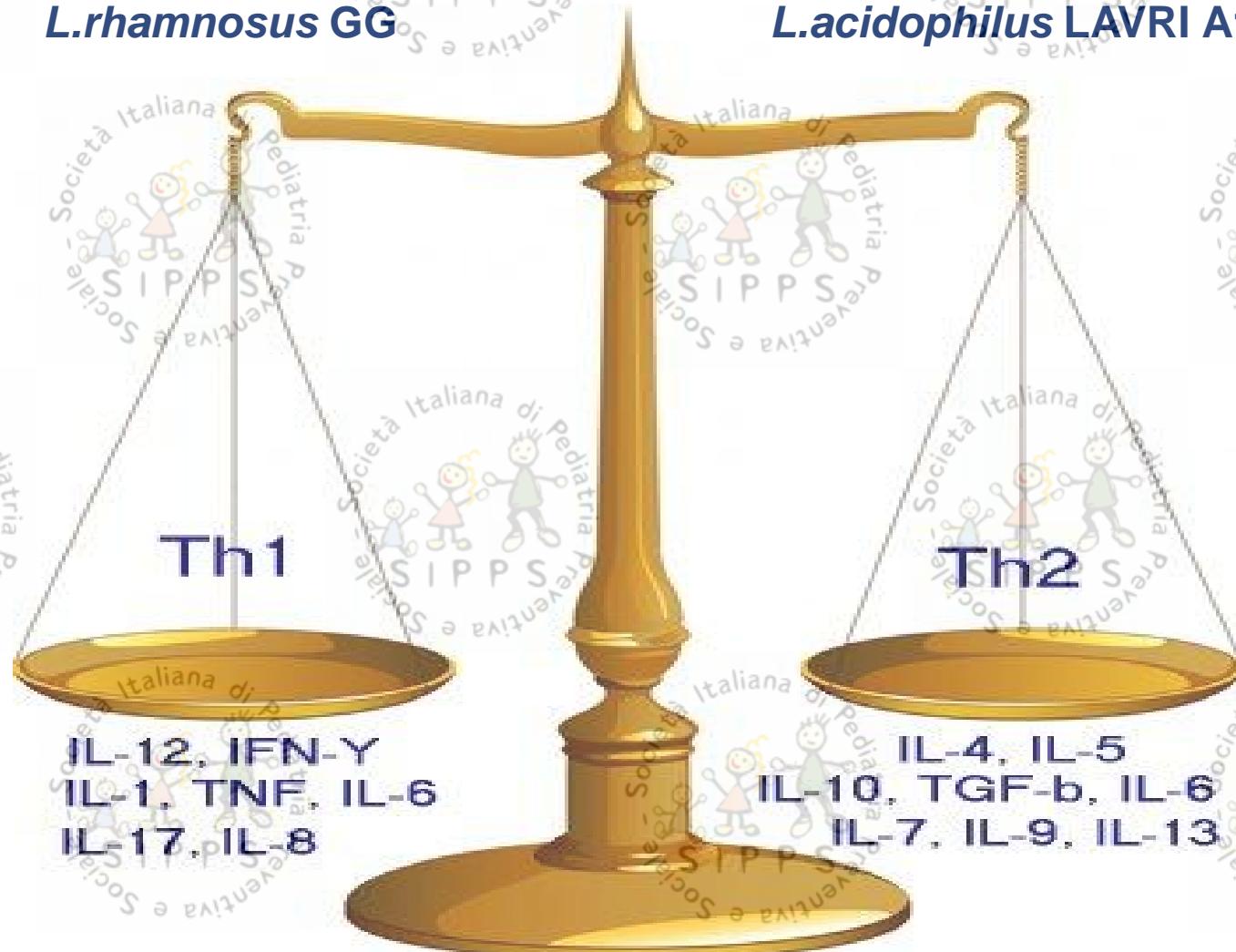
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| Colonisation resistance          | Normalization of perturbed microbiota |
| Enterocytes growth               | Competitive exclusion of pathogens    |
| Regulation of intestinal transit |                                       |

# “Curare” la disbiosi del bambino con APLV?

*L.casei CRL431/B. lactis Bb12*

*L.rhamnosus GG*

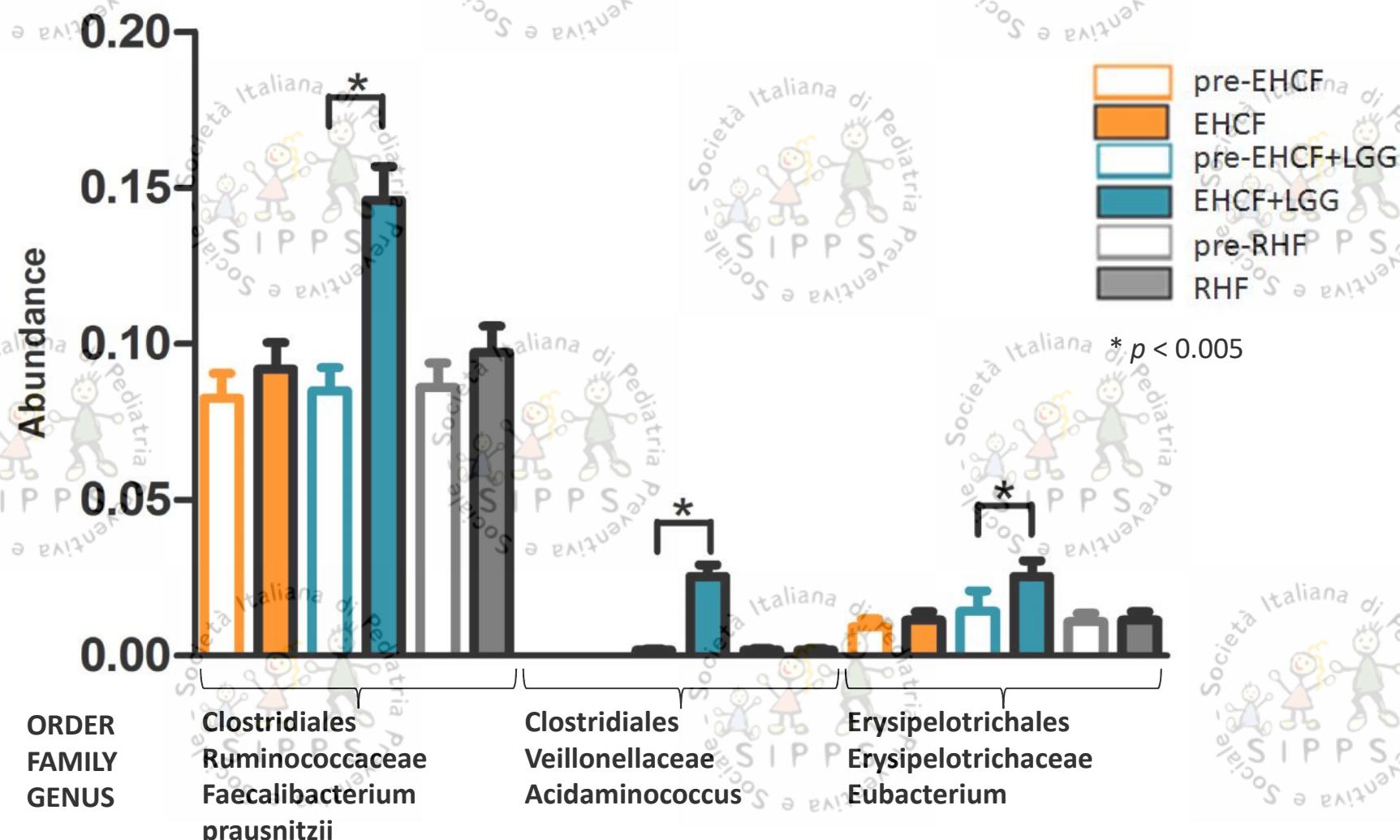
*L.acidophilus LAVRI A1*



# LGG expands protective bacteria in the gut lumen of CMA infants



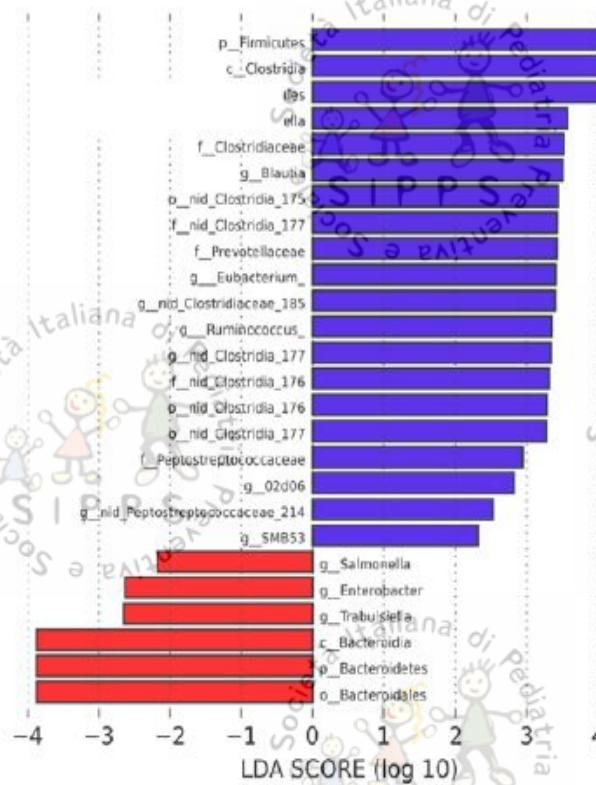
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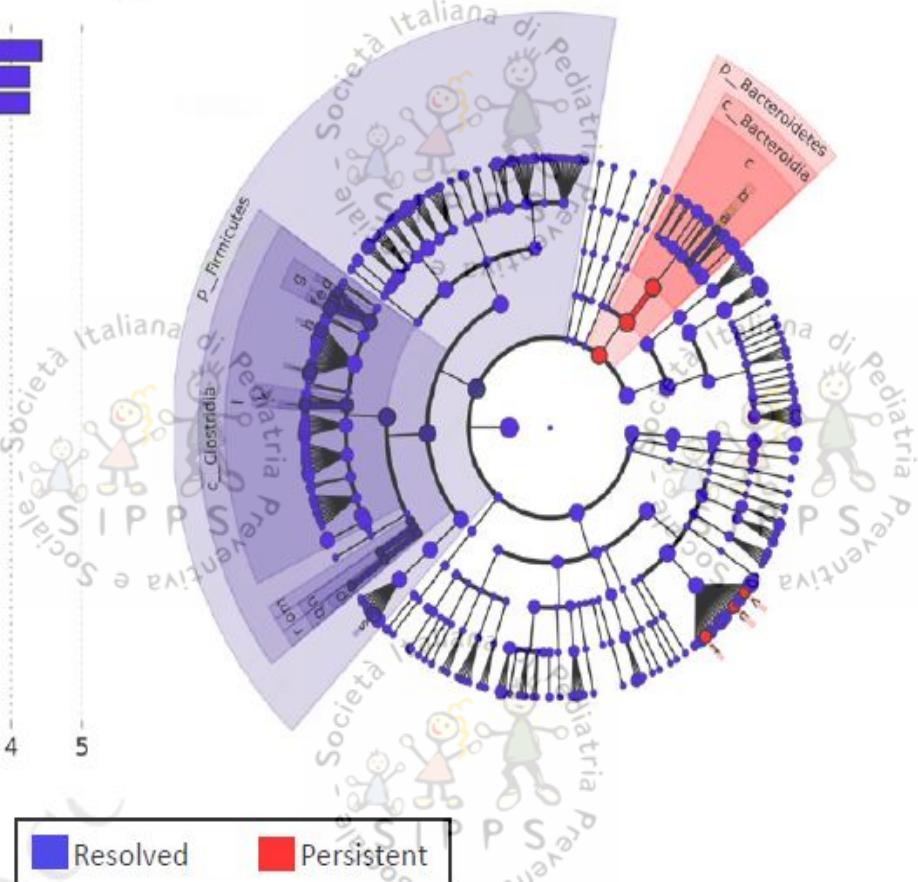
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# Early-life gut microbiome composition and milk allergy resolution

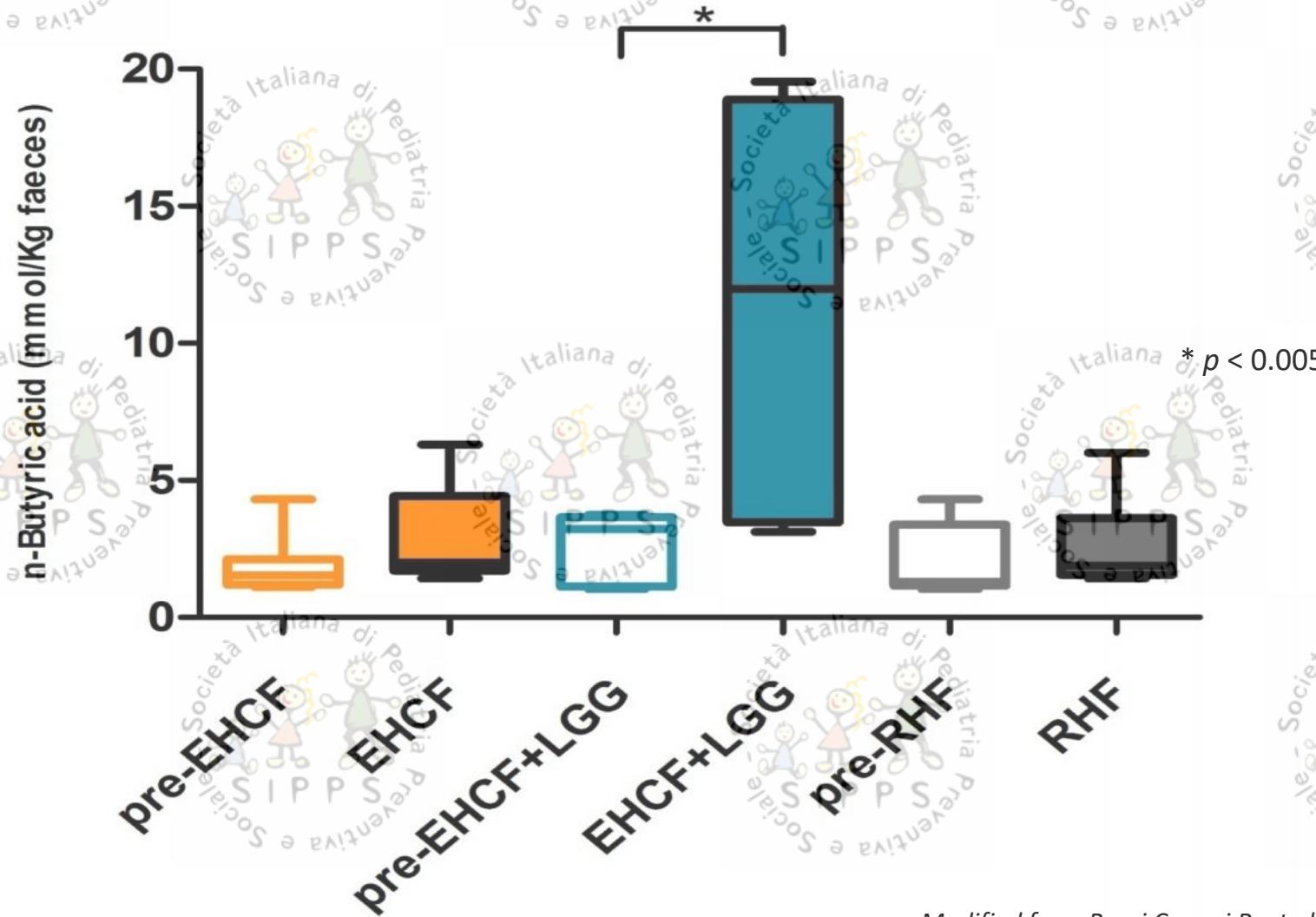
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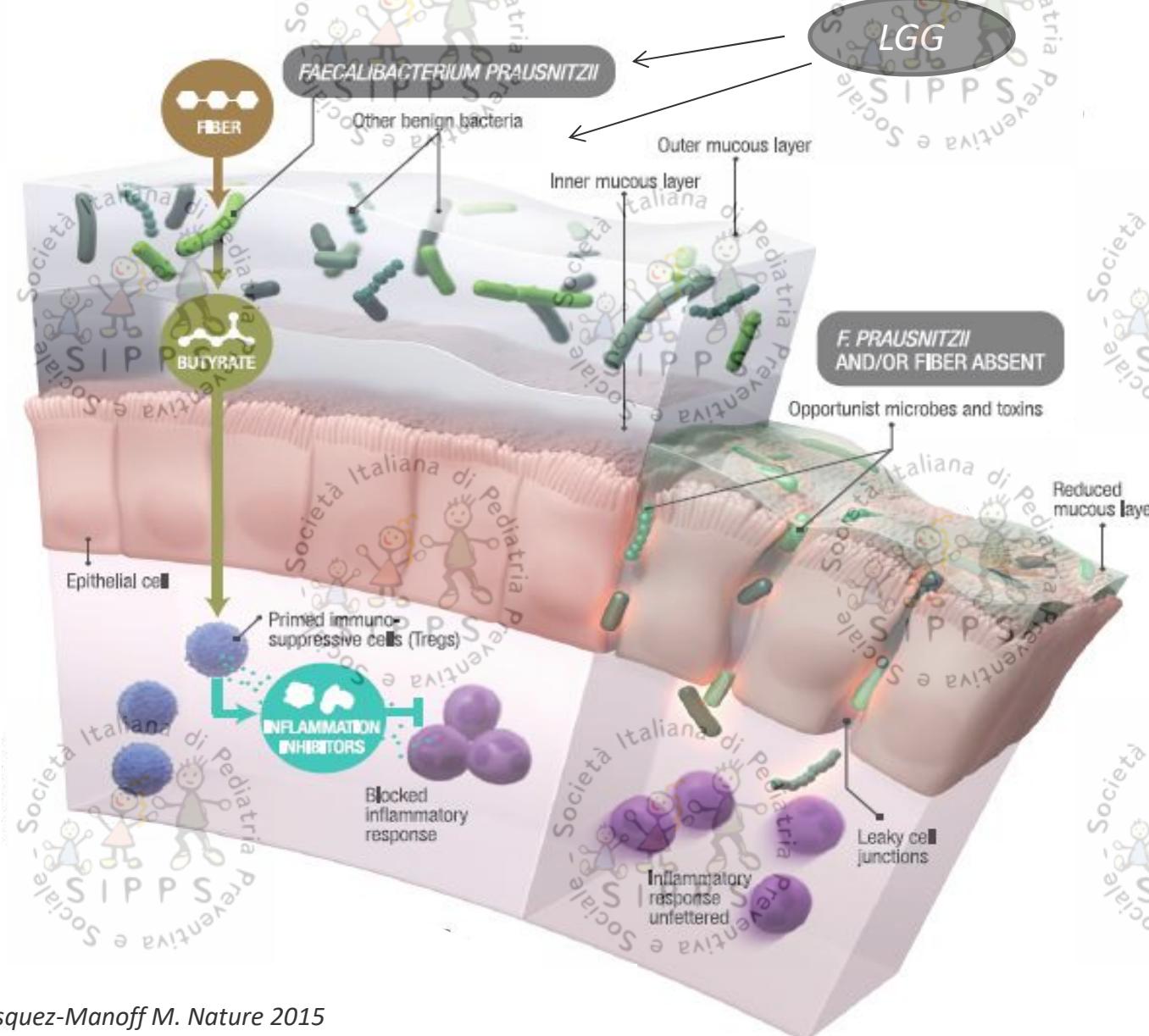


# LGG expands butyrate-producing bacteria in CMA infants



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# LGG: The Peace-keeper for CMA

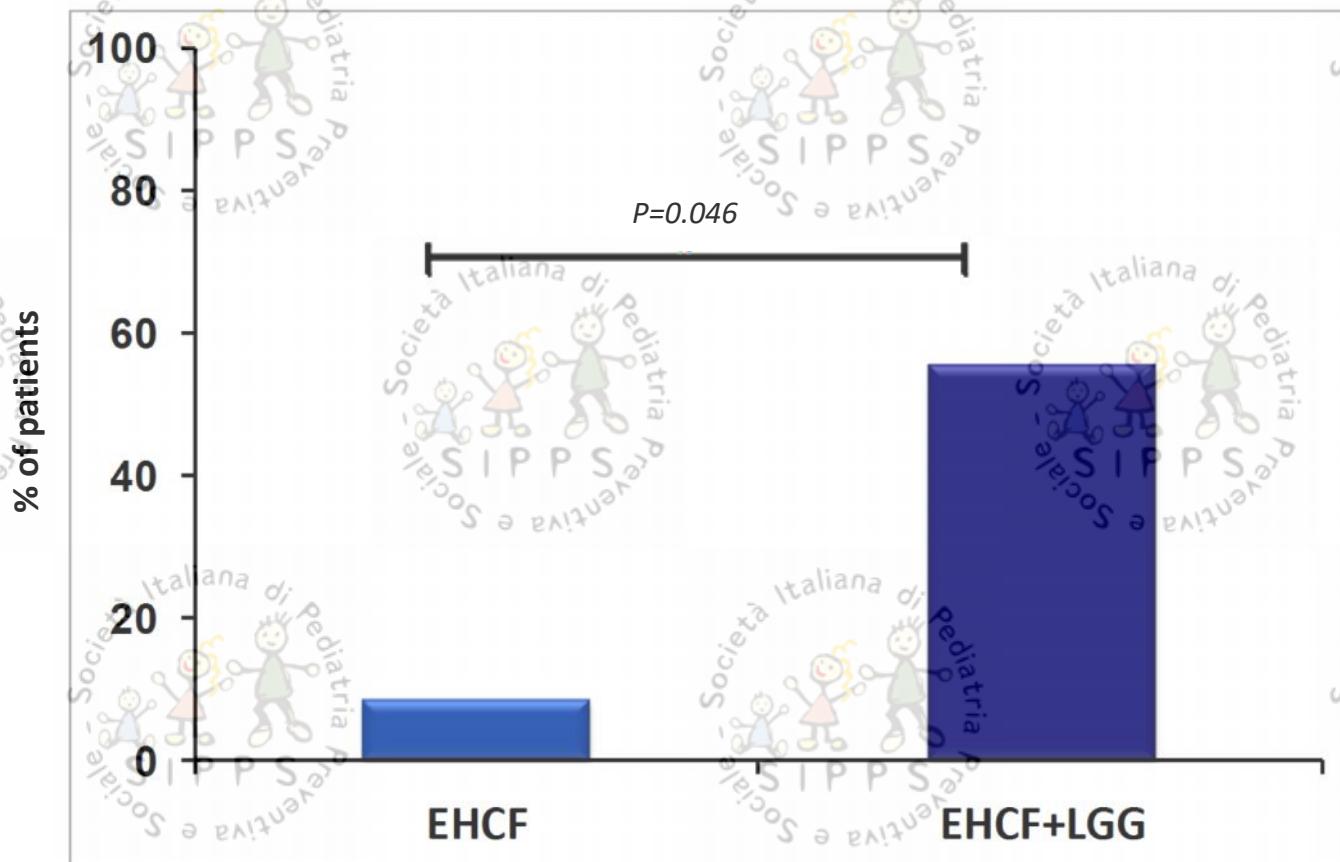


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# LGG accelerates cow's milk protein tolerance acquisition



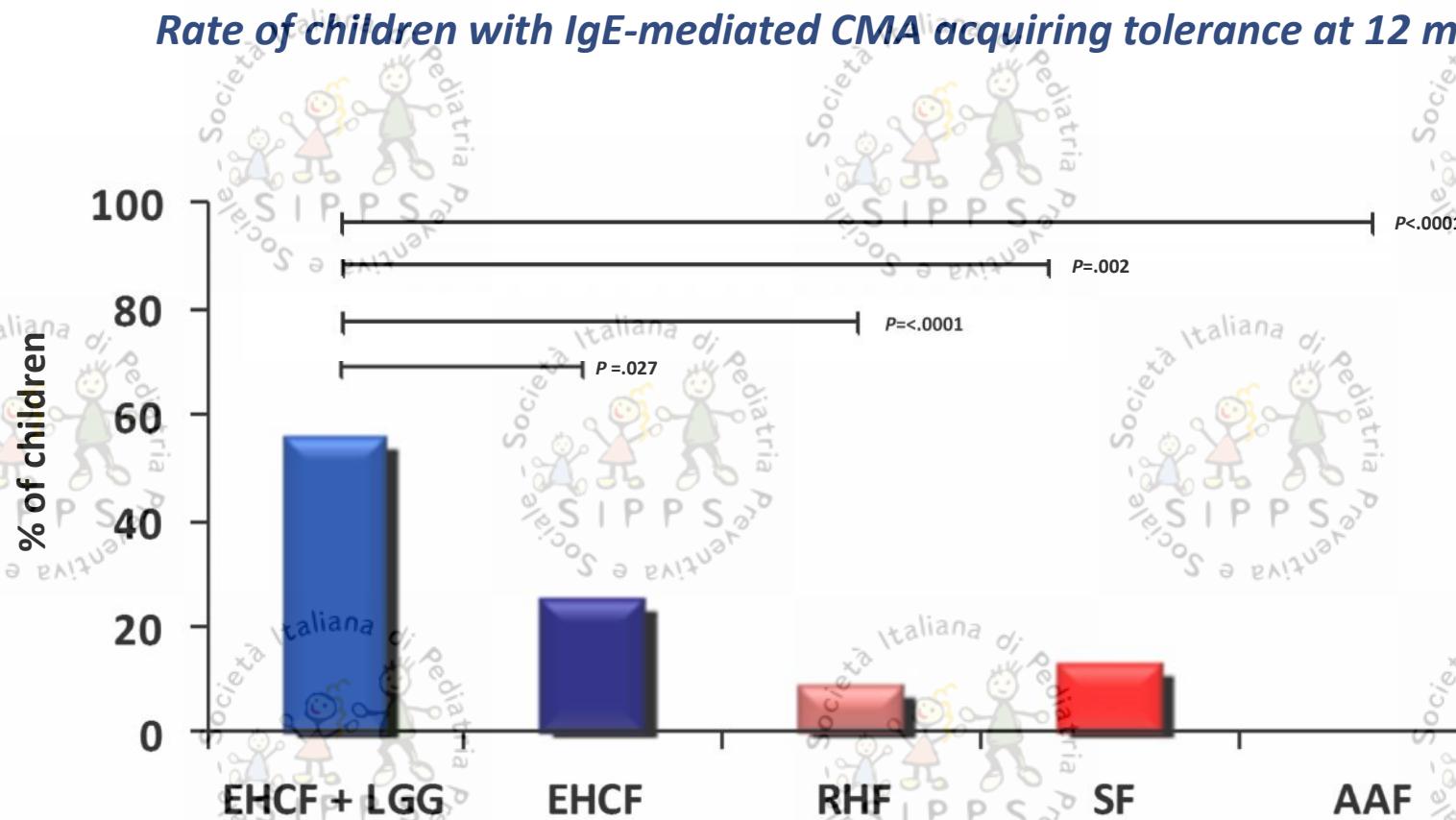
Rate of children with IgE-mediated CMA acquiring tolerance at 12 m



Berni Canani R, et al. 2012

# EHCF+LGG leads to tolerance at an earlier age than other formulae

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# Cost-effectiveness of using an extensively hydrolyzed casein formula plus the probiotic *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* GG compared to an extensively hydrolyzed formula alone or an amino acid formula as first-line dietary management for cow's milk allergy in the US

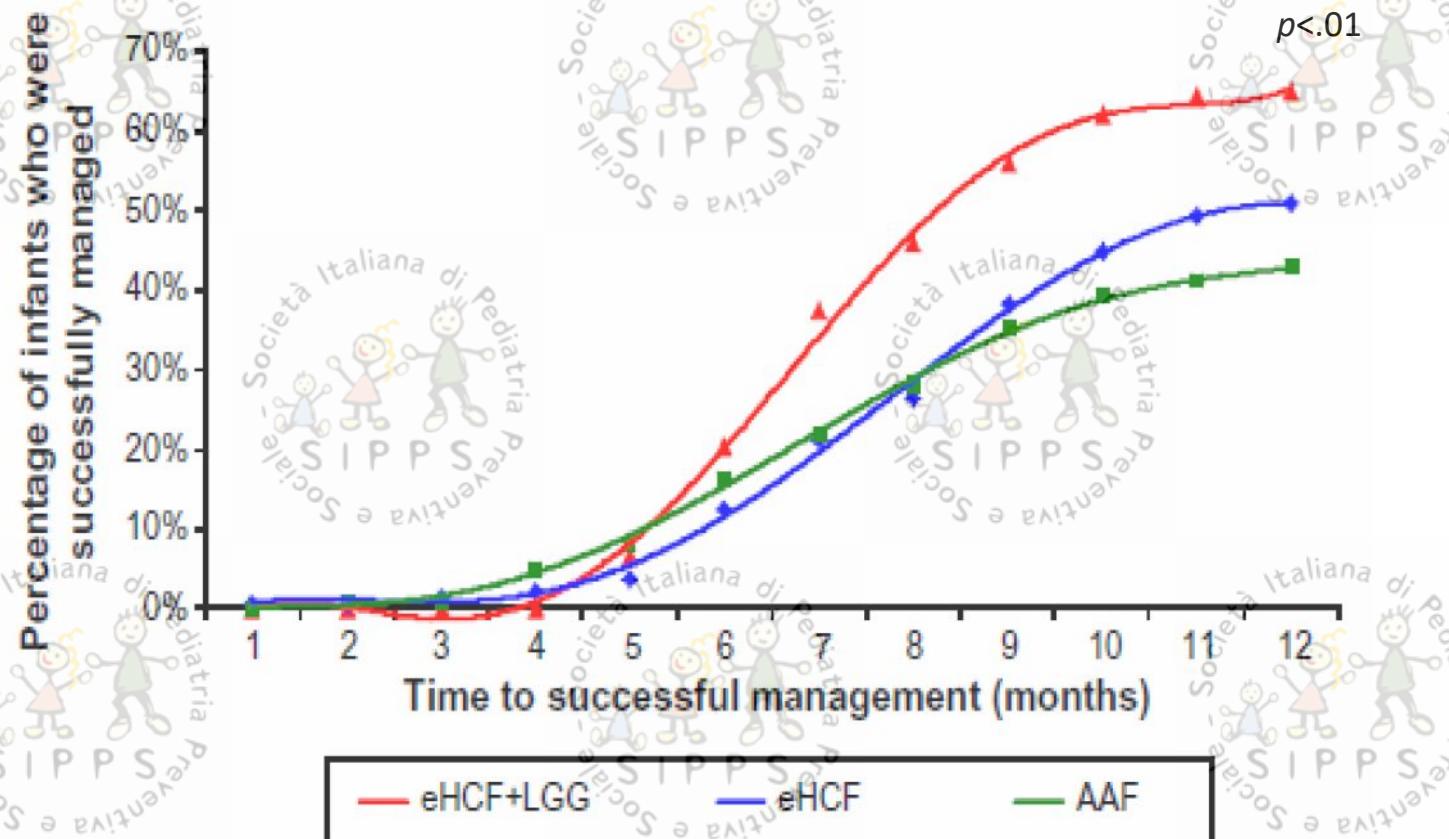
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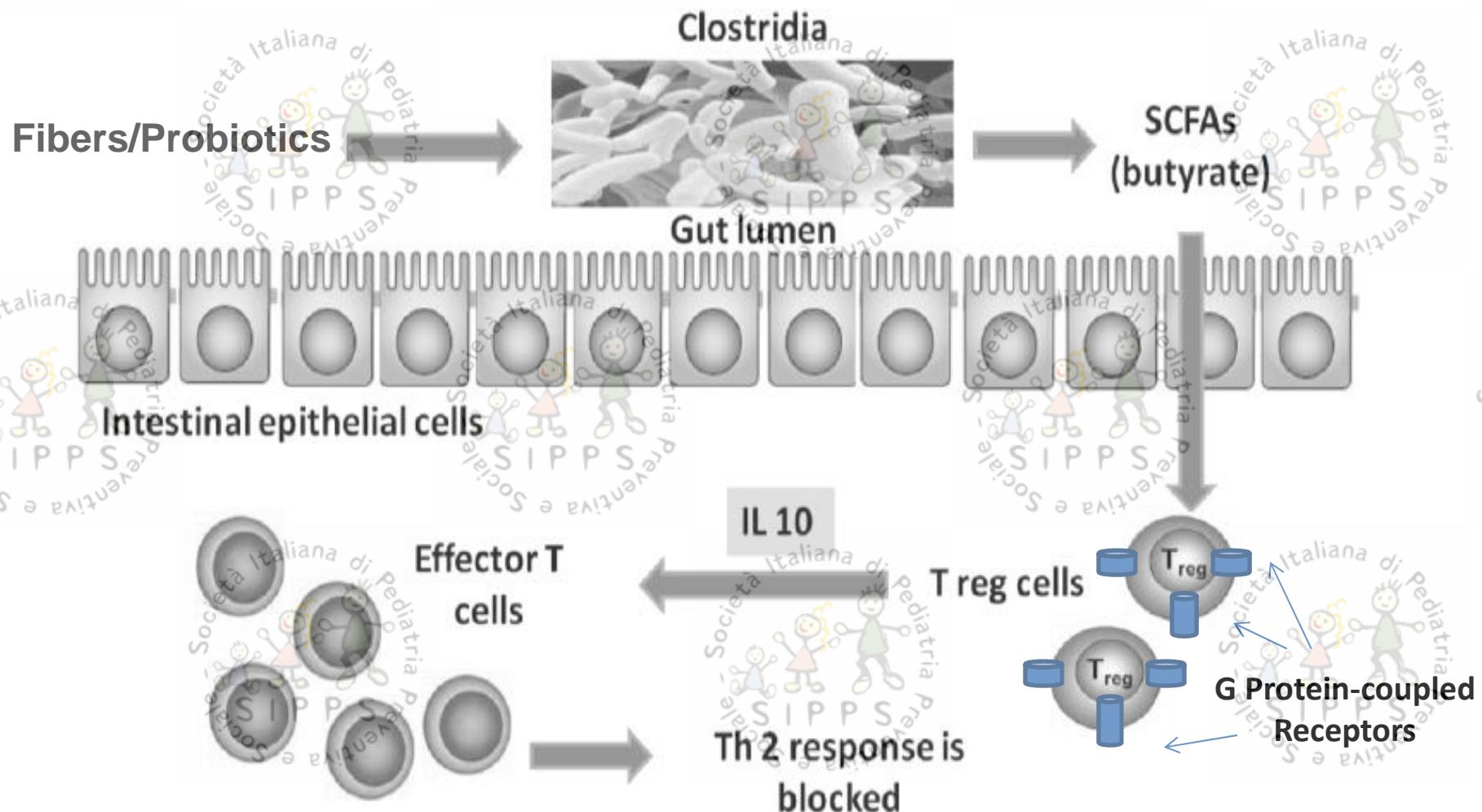
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# POTENTIAL BENEFICIAL EFFECTS OF BUTYRATE AGAINST FOOD ALLERGY

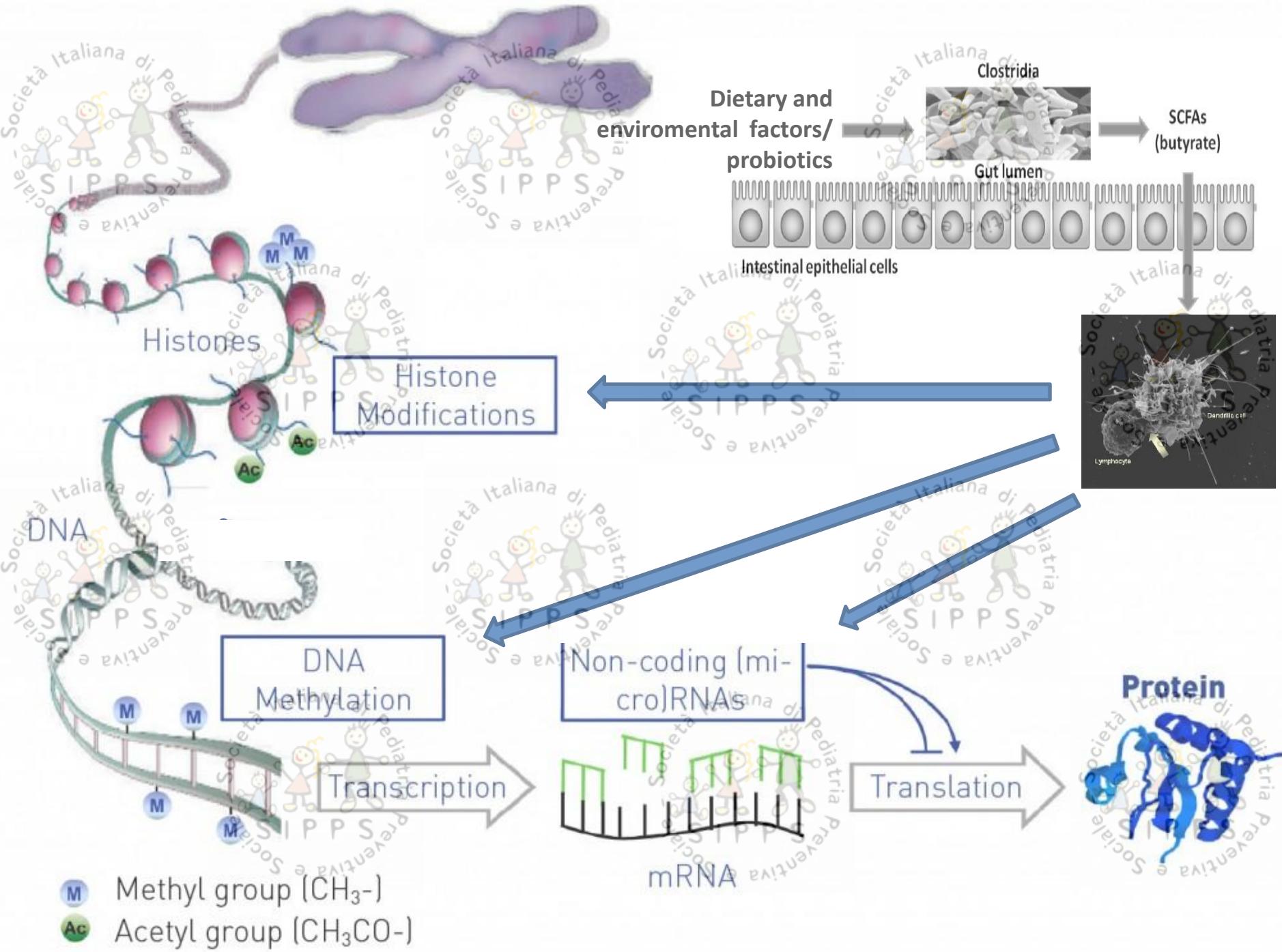
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Epigenetics mechanisms:  
heritable changes in gene  
expression not involving  
changes in DNA primary  
sequence

Berni Canani R et al. Nutr Res Rev 2011  
Berni Canani R et al. Clin Epigenet 2015





# LGG aumenta il numero di batteri produttori di butirrato: attivazione di meccanismi epigenetici

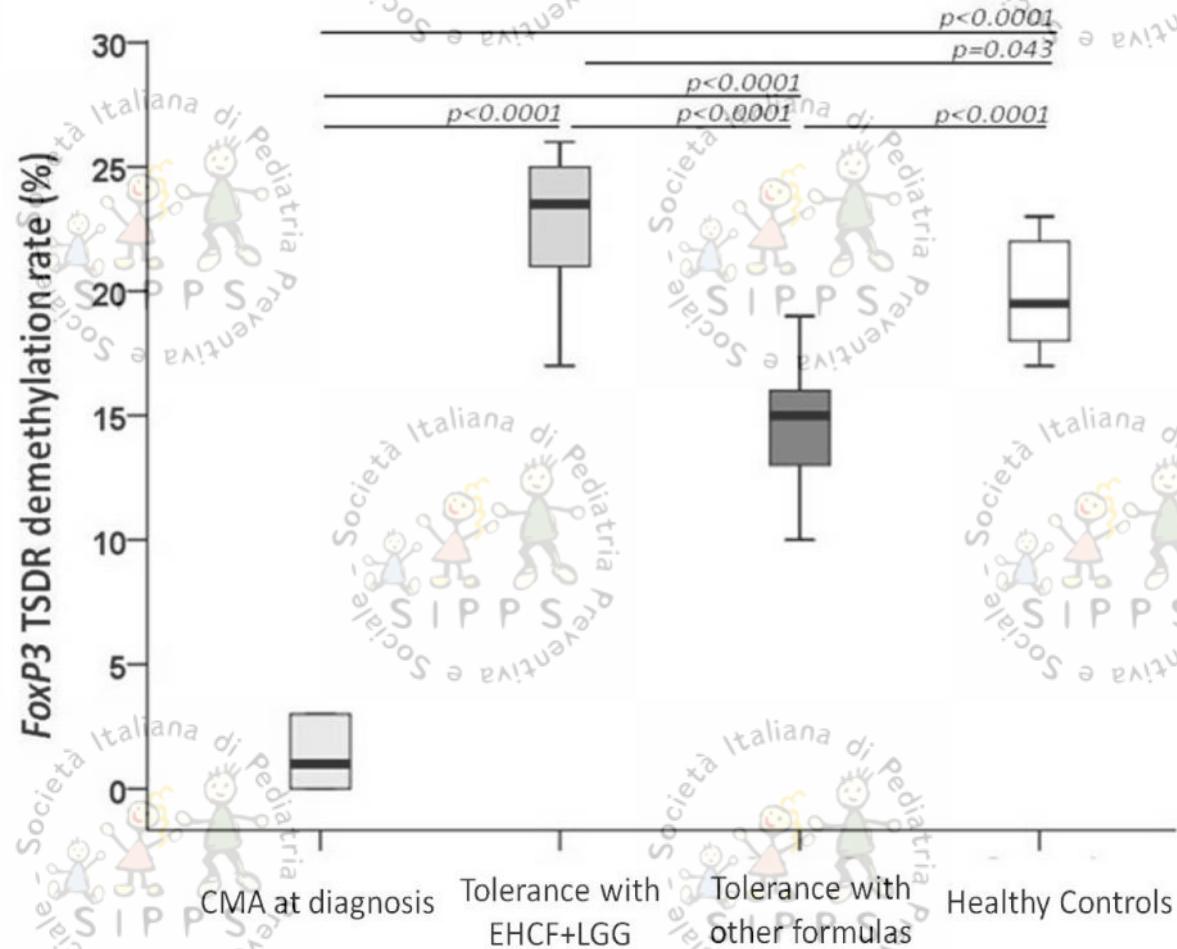
- Modulation of histone deacetylases 6 and 9
- Th1 cytokine genes demethylation
- Treg activation through DNA demethylation
- Selective miRNAs modulation

Up-regulation of Th1 response

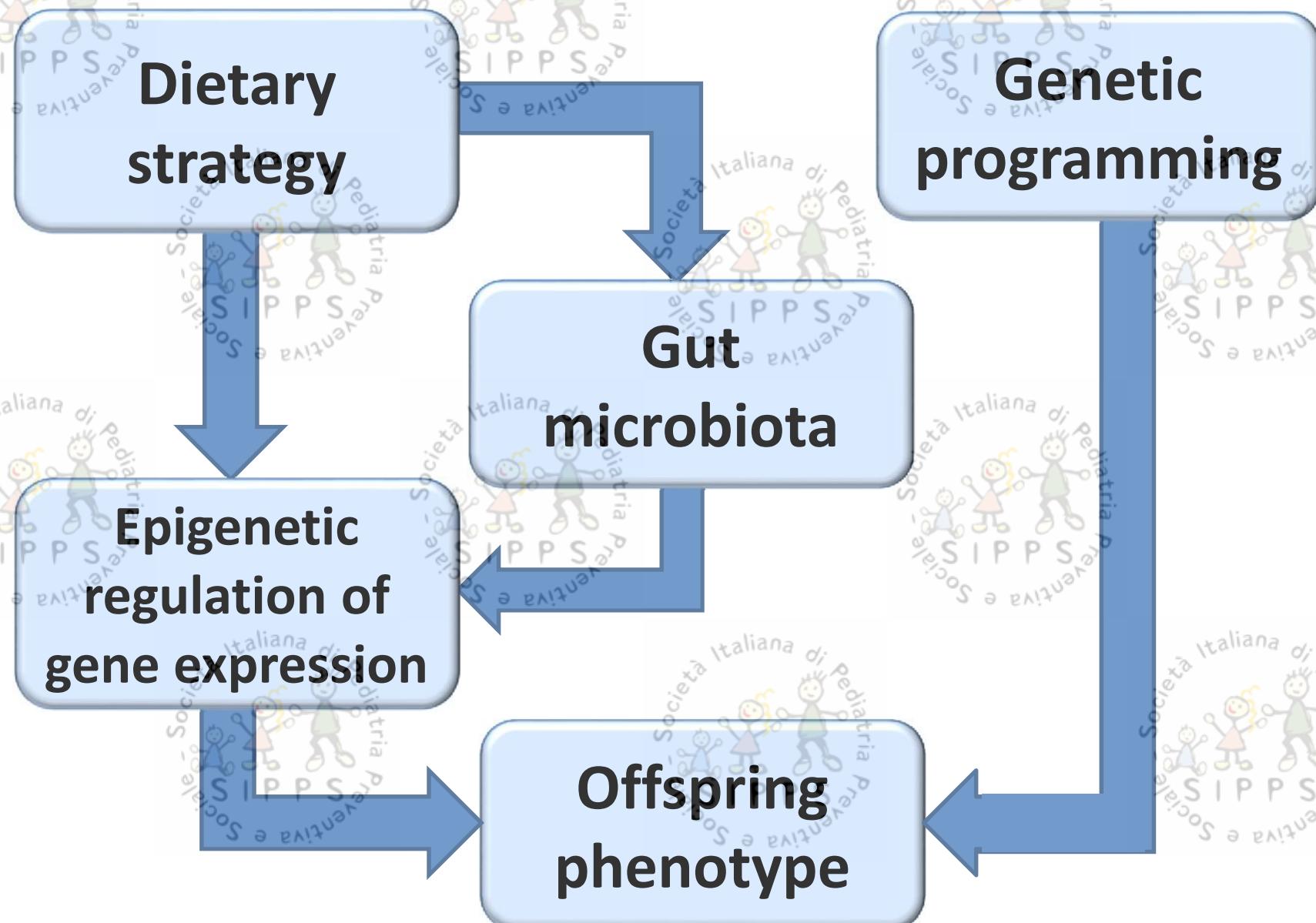
Down-regulation of Th2 response

# Modulation of TSDR FoxP3 demethylation CMA disease course

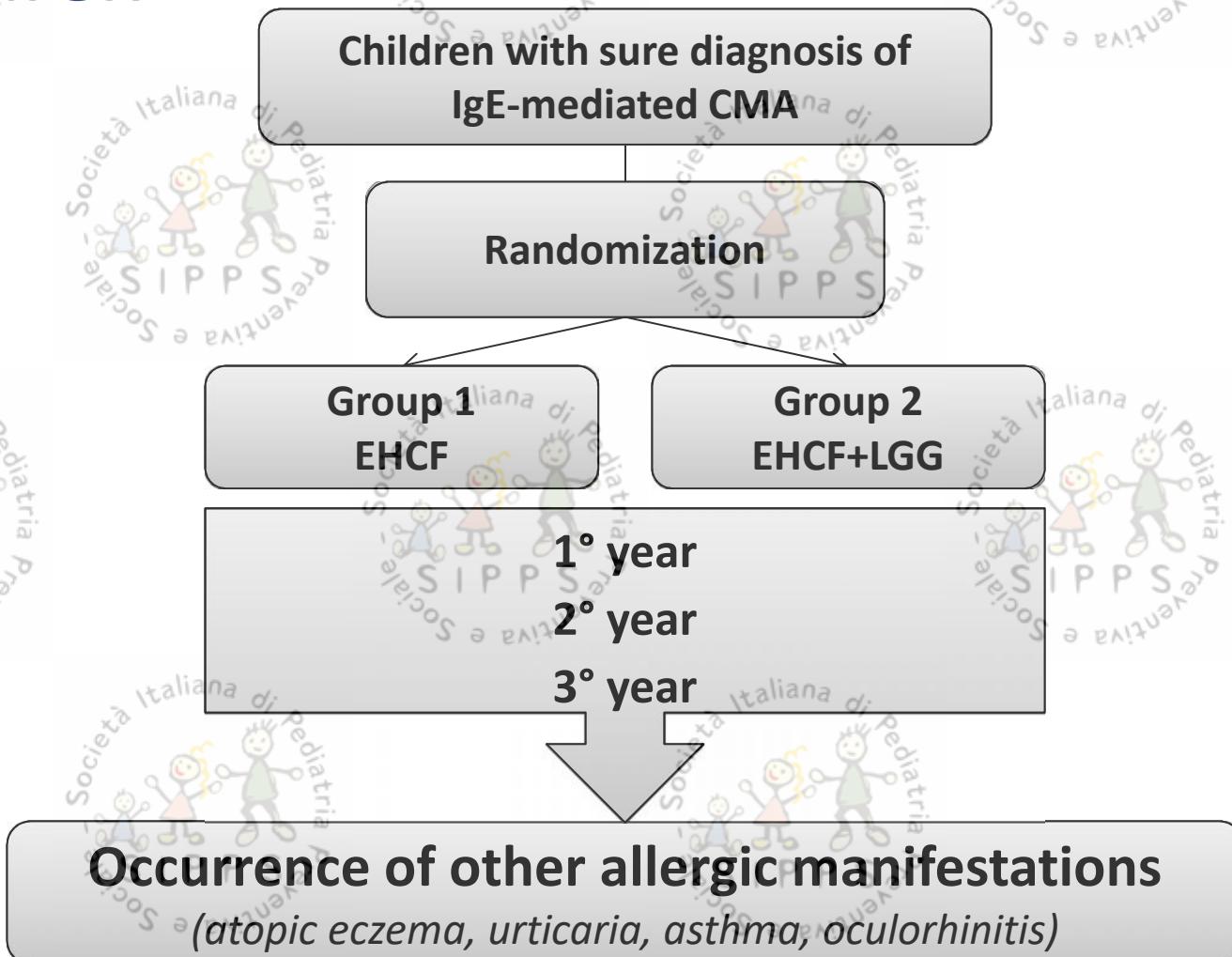
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# New Targets: New Strategies of Intervention

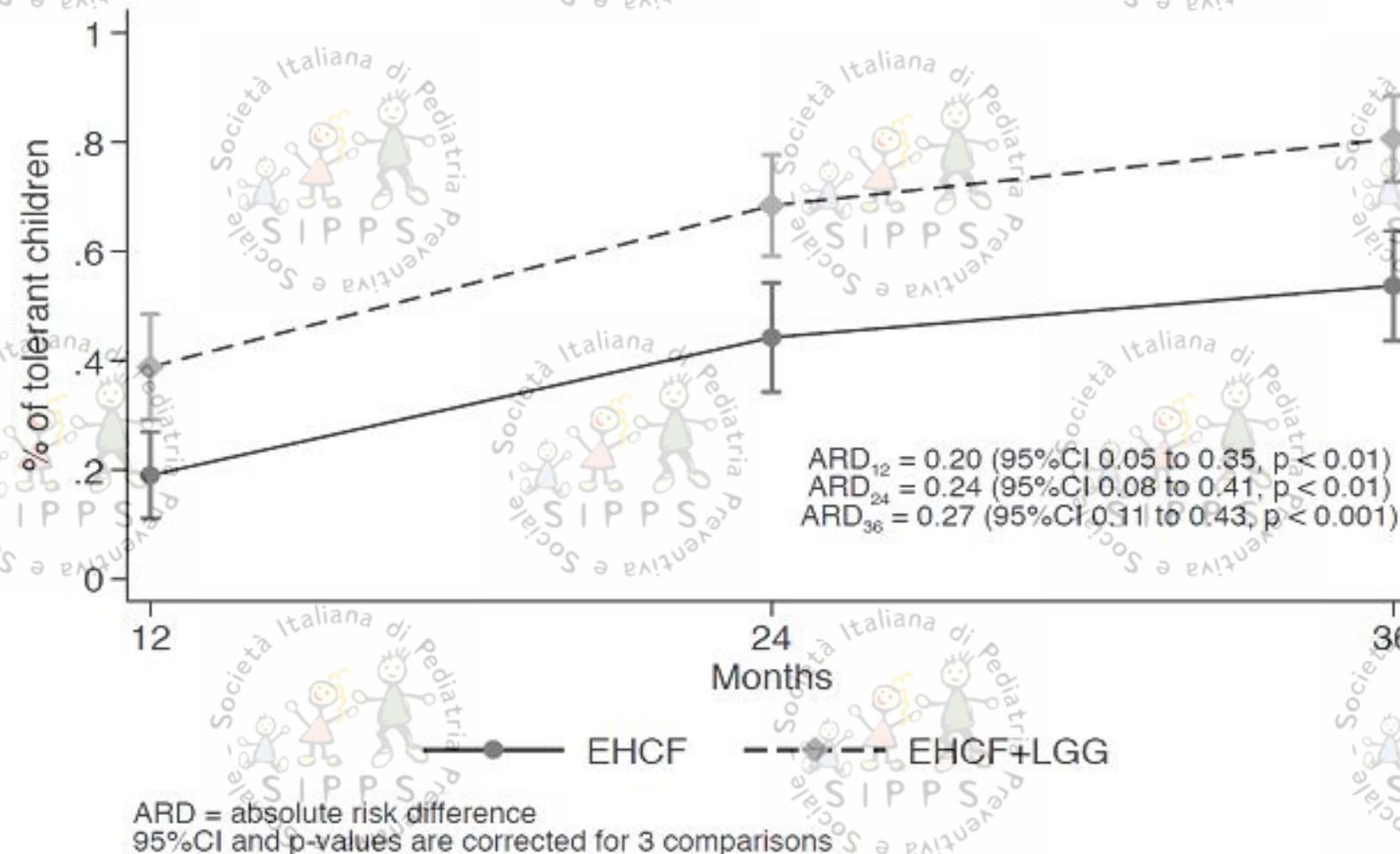


# Prospective study: Preventive effect elicited by LGG on atopic manifestations in CMA children

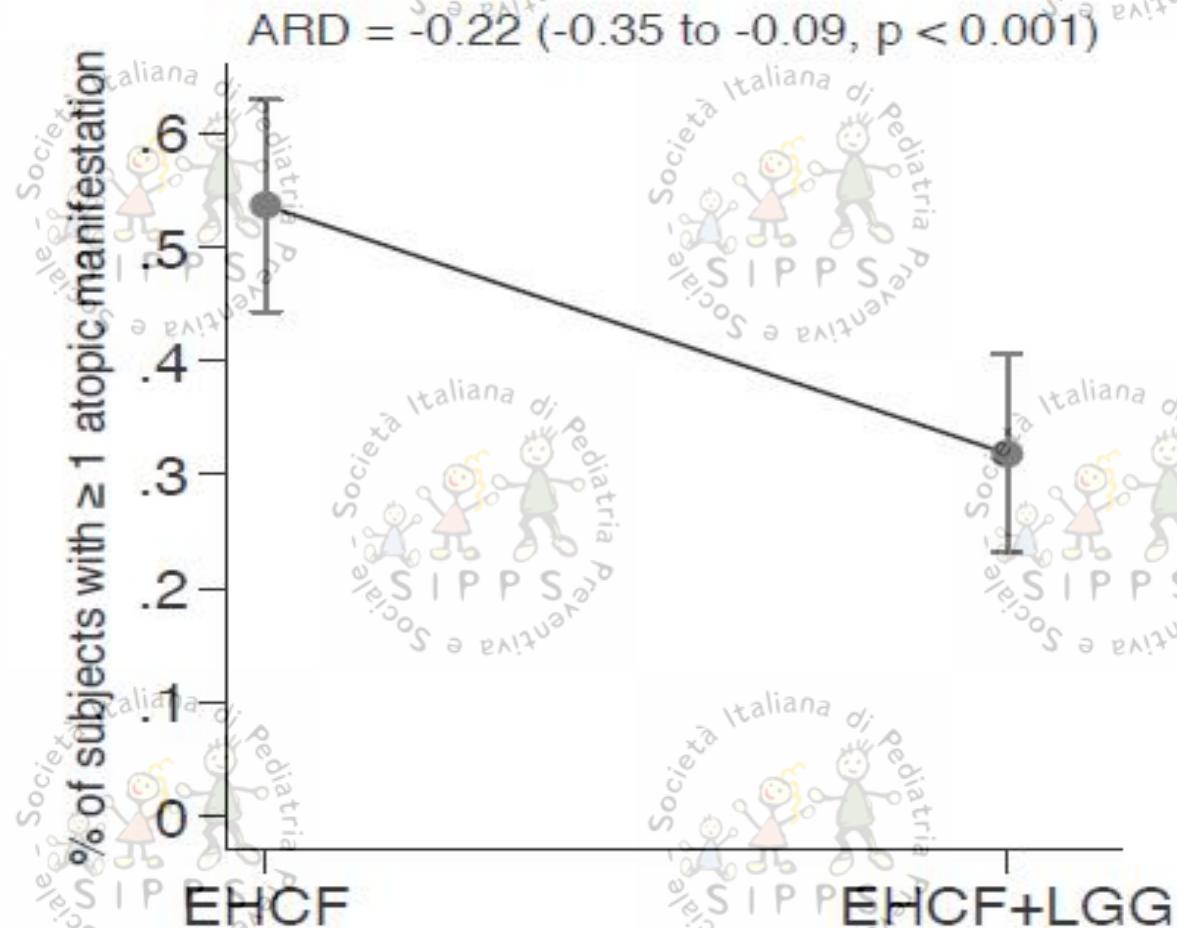


Berni Canani R, et al. 2016 submitted

# Oral Tolerance Acquisition



# Rate of subjects experienced $\geq 1$ atopic manifestation ITT, n=110/group



# Conclusioni

- Persistenza e severità dell'AA sono sensibilmente aumentate nelle ultime 2 decadi
- Ruolo rilevante di fattori ambientali che agiscono direttamente o indirettamente (“disbiosi”) sul sistema immunitario attraverso meccanismi epigenetici
- La conoscenza di questi meccanismi ha reso possibile l'individuazione di nuove strategie di intervento
- Modulando positivamente questi meccanismi è possibile favorire l'acquisizione della tolleranza e proteggere dalla marcia atopica il bambino con APLV

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# Dati da modelli animali

- Animali Germ-free
- Trattamento con antibiotici
- Assenza di TLR4

Maggiore suscettibilità  
per lo sviluppo di AA

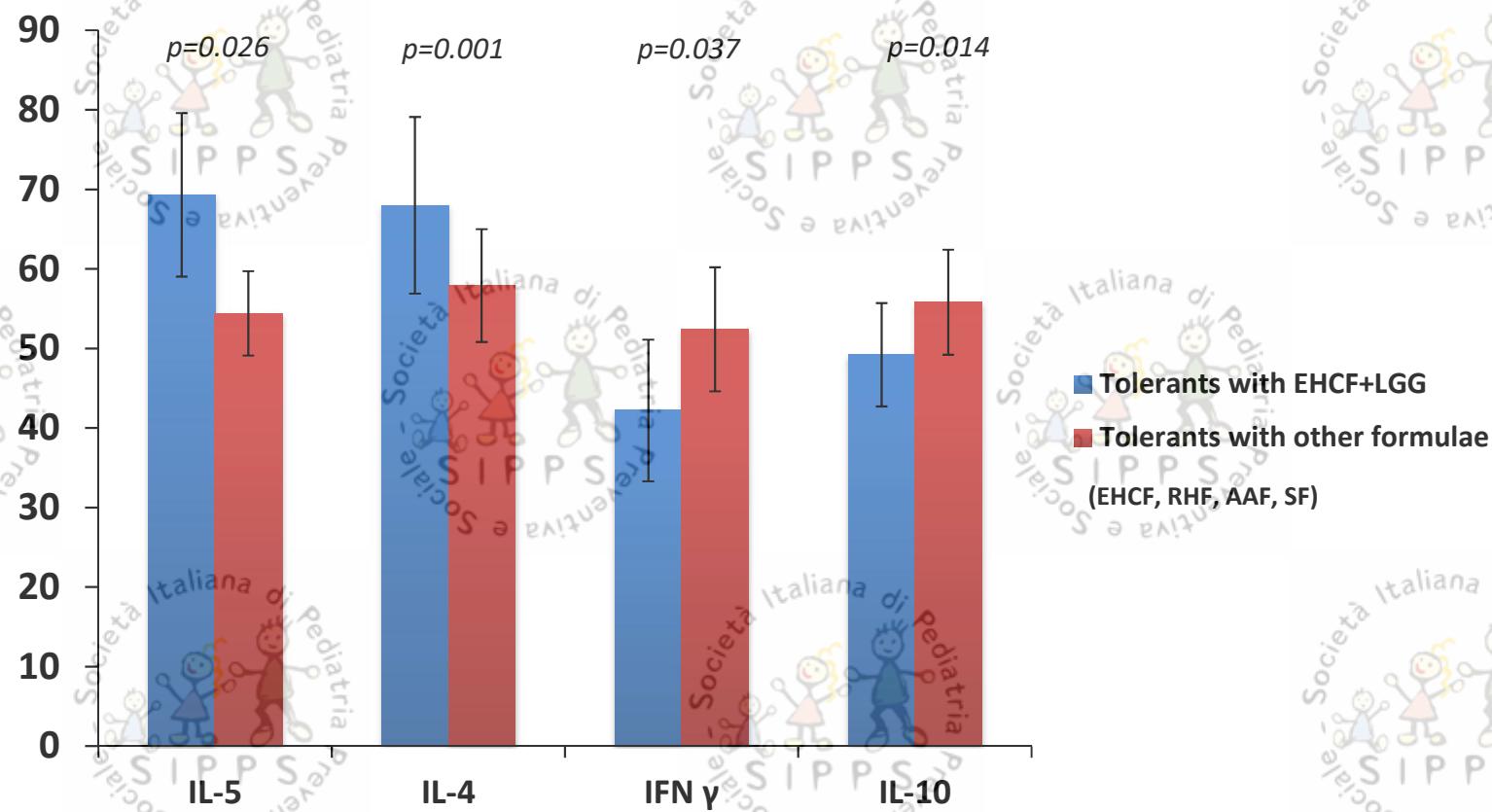
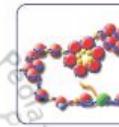


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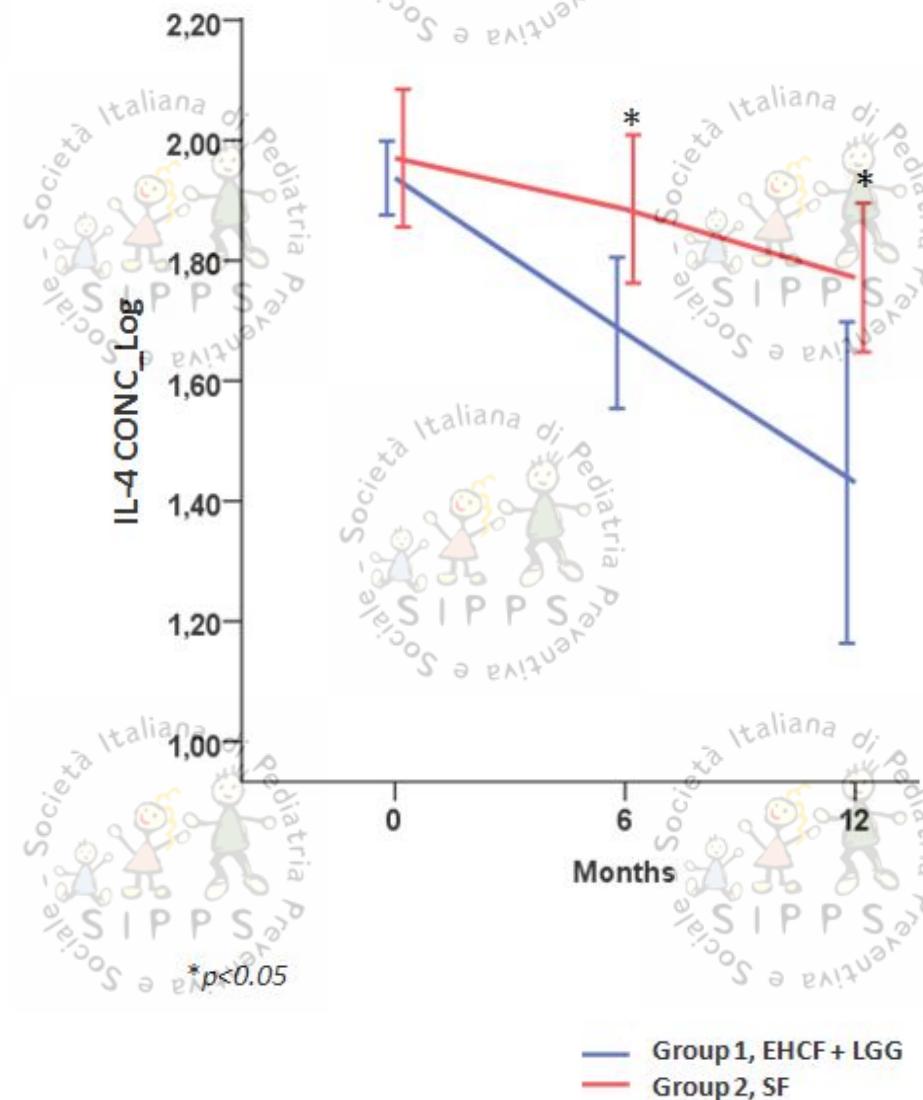
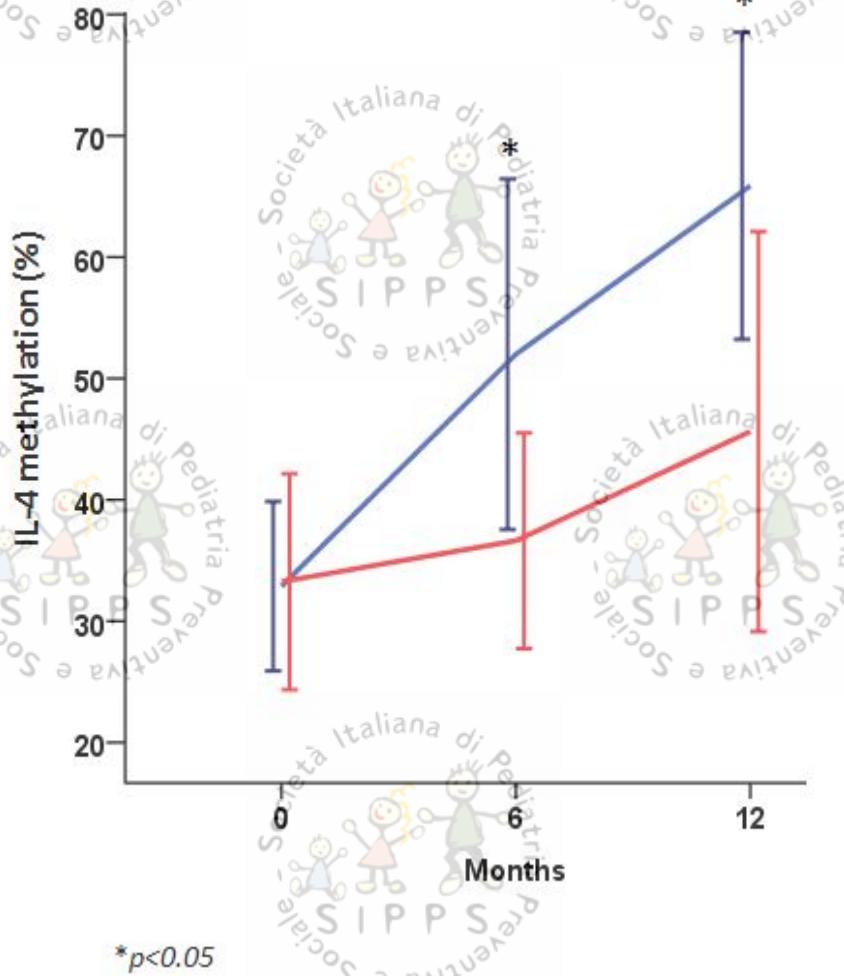
# Different DNA methylation rate of IL-4, IL-5, IL-10, INF- $\gamma$ genes observed in children who outgrew CMA receiving different formulae

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# Dietary influence on epigenetic mechanisms in children with IgE-mediated cow's milk allergy

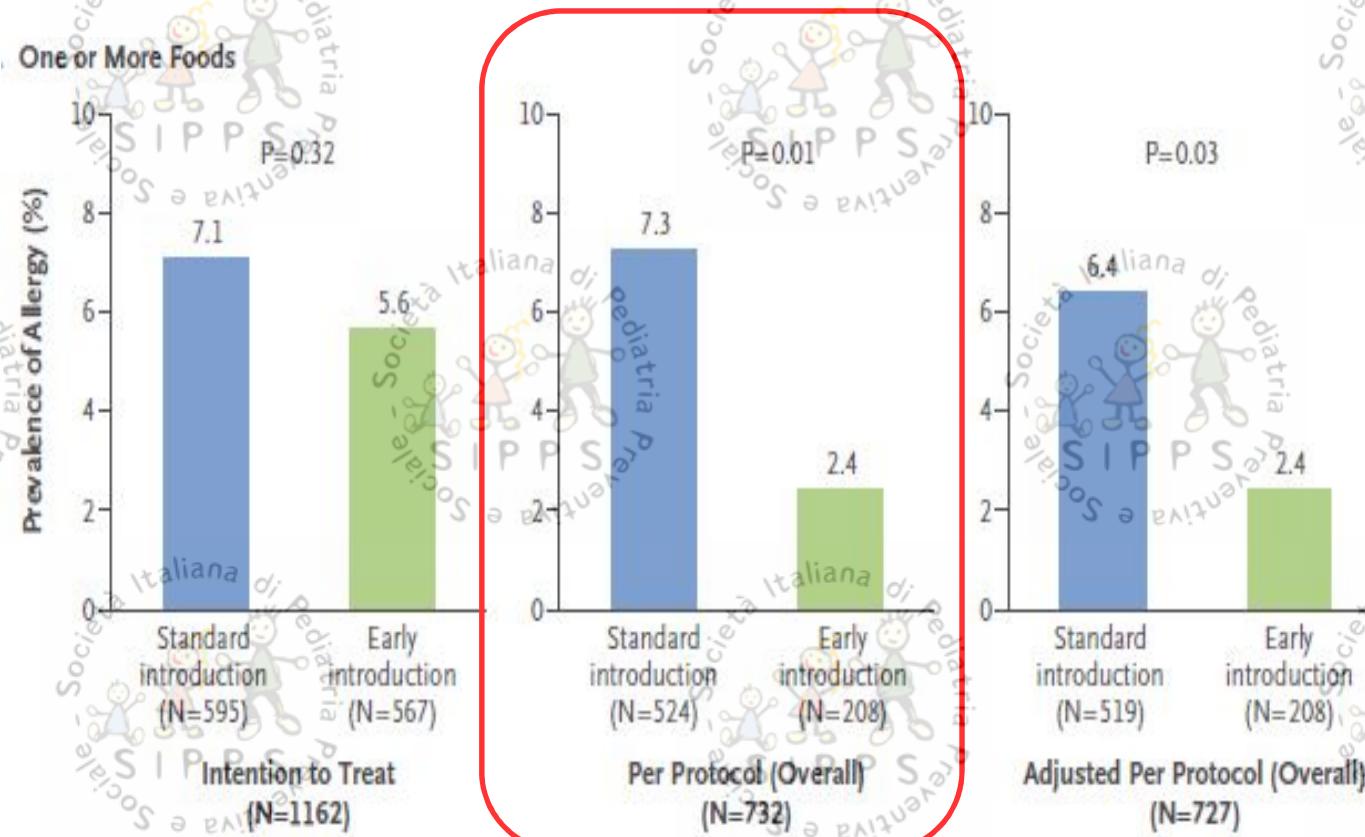
## *IL-4 gene DNA methylation rate*



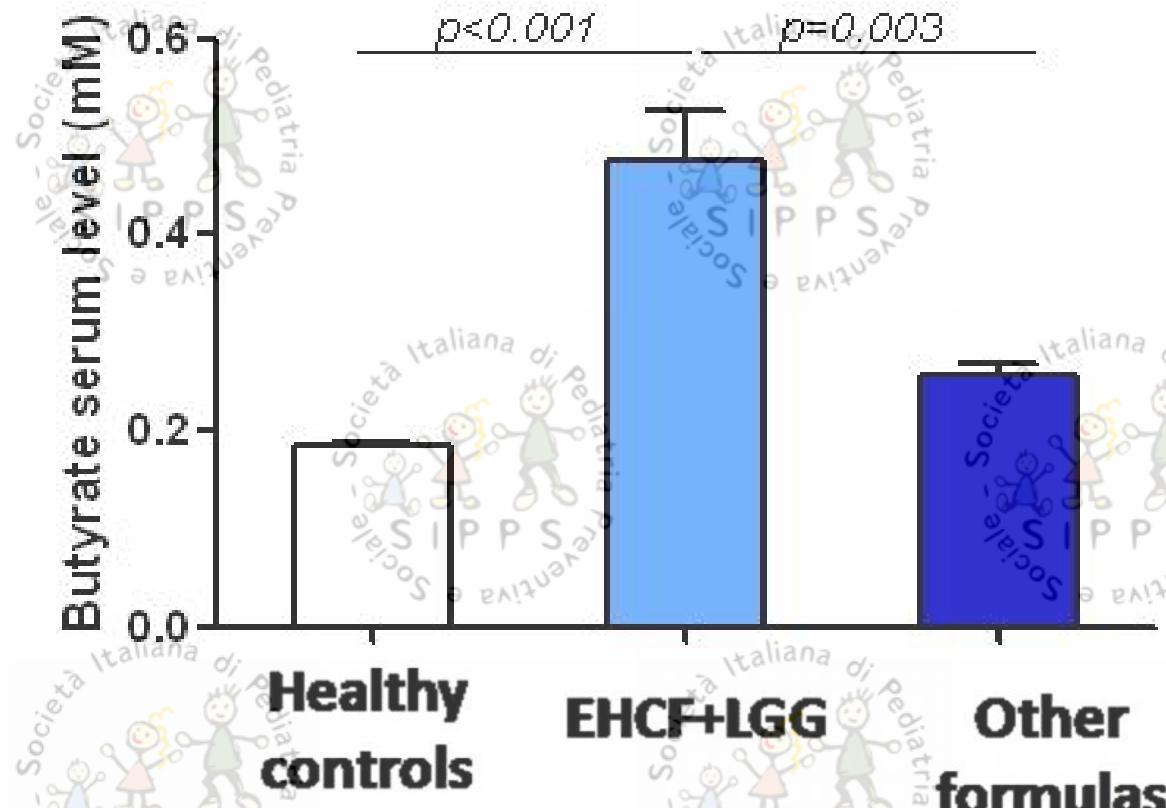
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## Randomized Trial of Introduction of Allergenic Foods in Breast-Fed Infants

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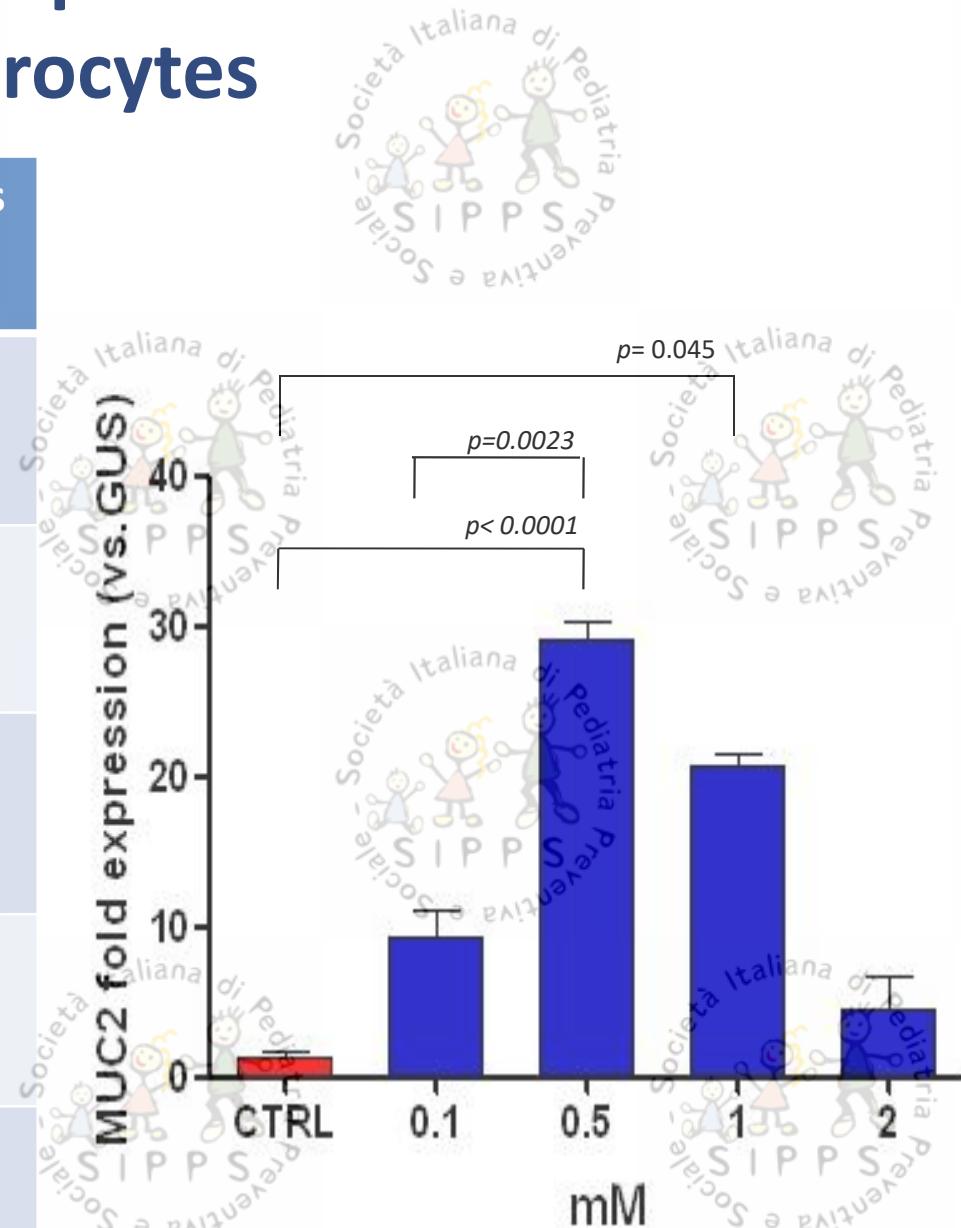
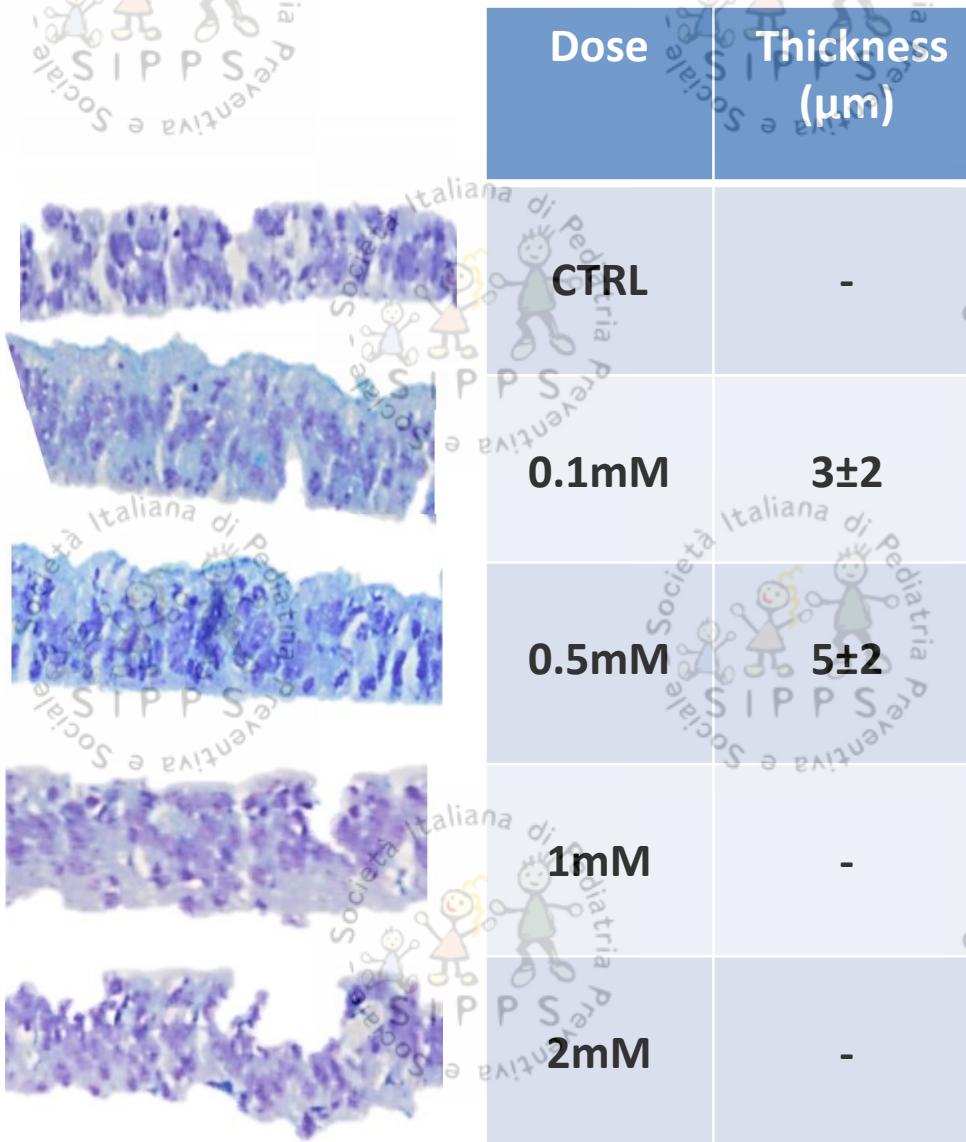
# IgE-mediated CMA children treated with EHCF+LGG show higher butyrate serum levels



Butyrate concentration in systemic circulation = 0.1 to 1.2 mM  
(Cummings JH et al. Gut 1987)

Berni Canani R data on file

# Butyrate stimulates mucus production and MUC2 expression in human enterocytes

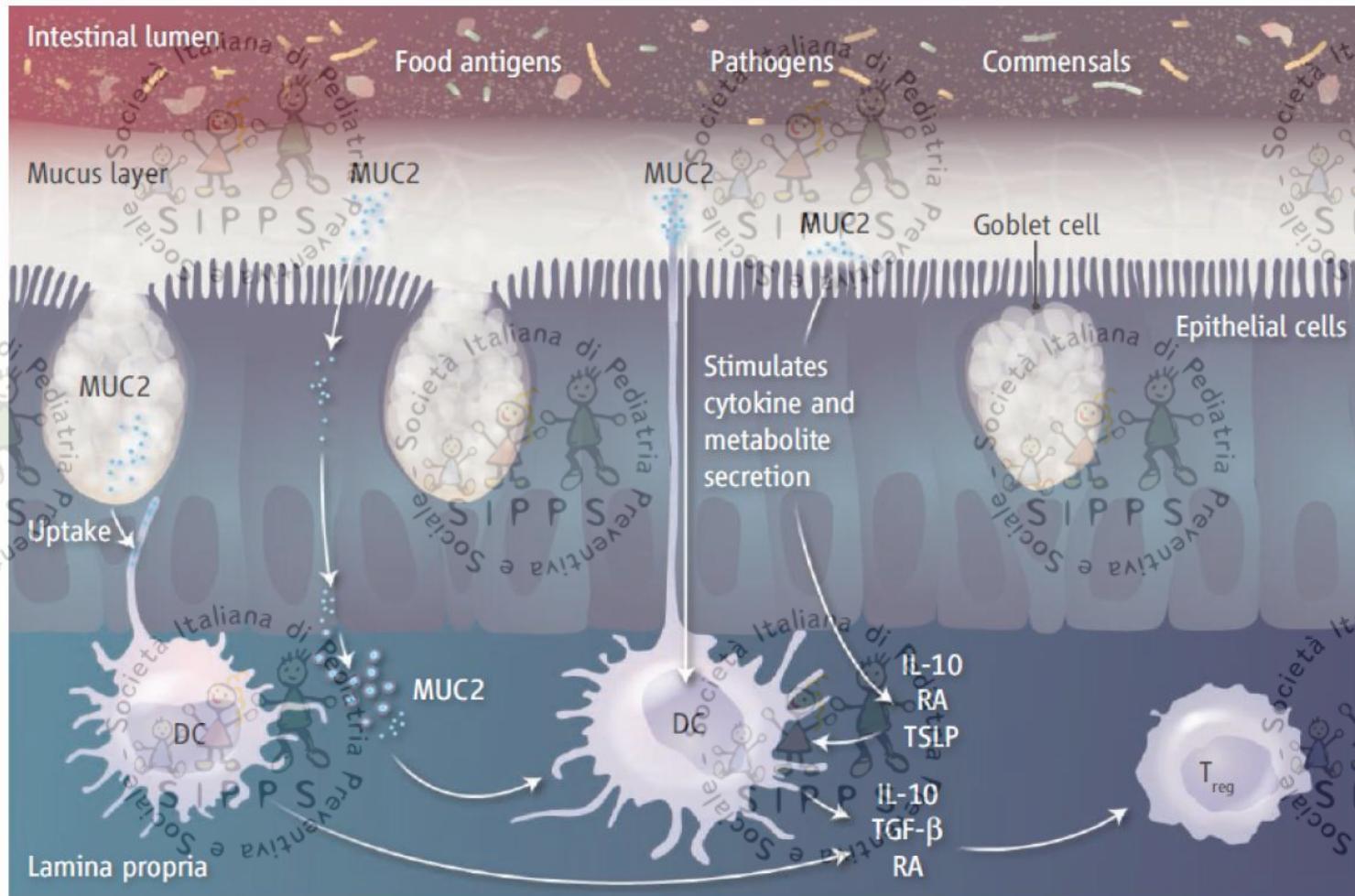


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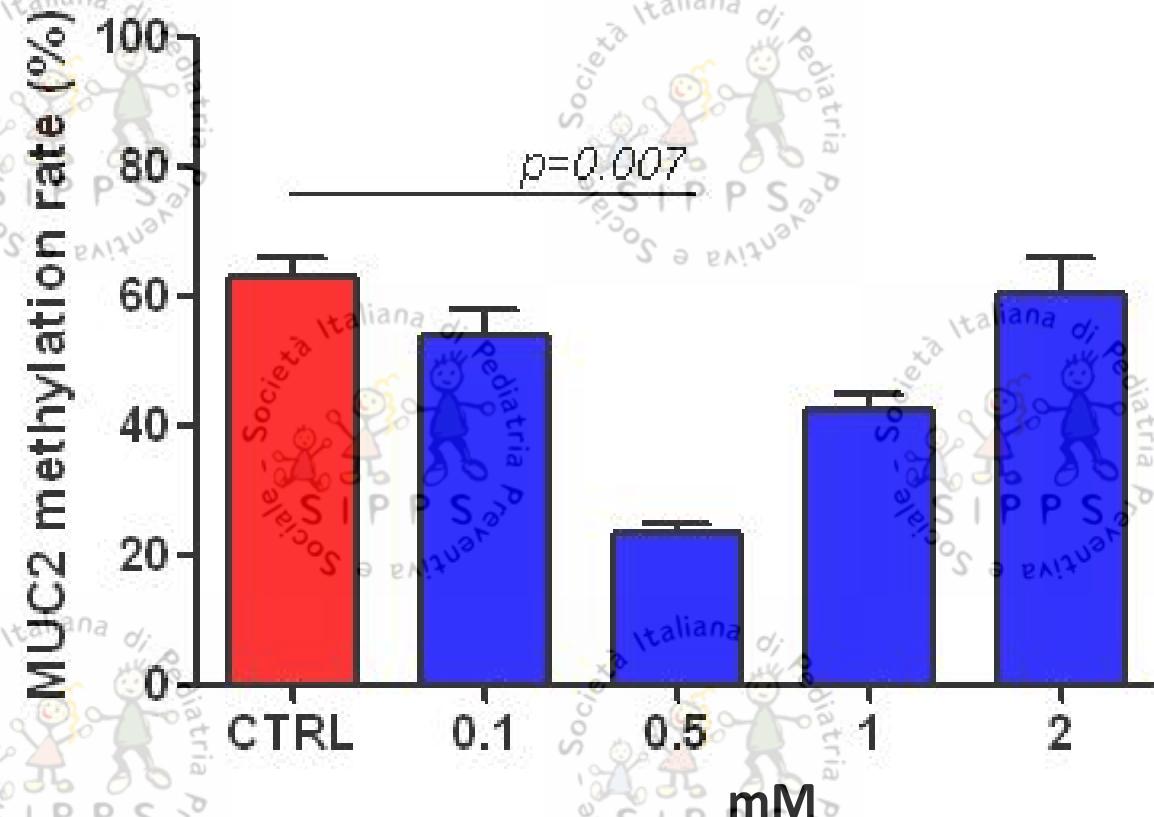
# Mucus Coat, a Dress Code for Tolerance

Yasmine Belkaid and John Grainger

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



# Butyrate induces MUC2-DNA demethylation in human enterocytes

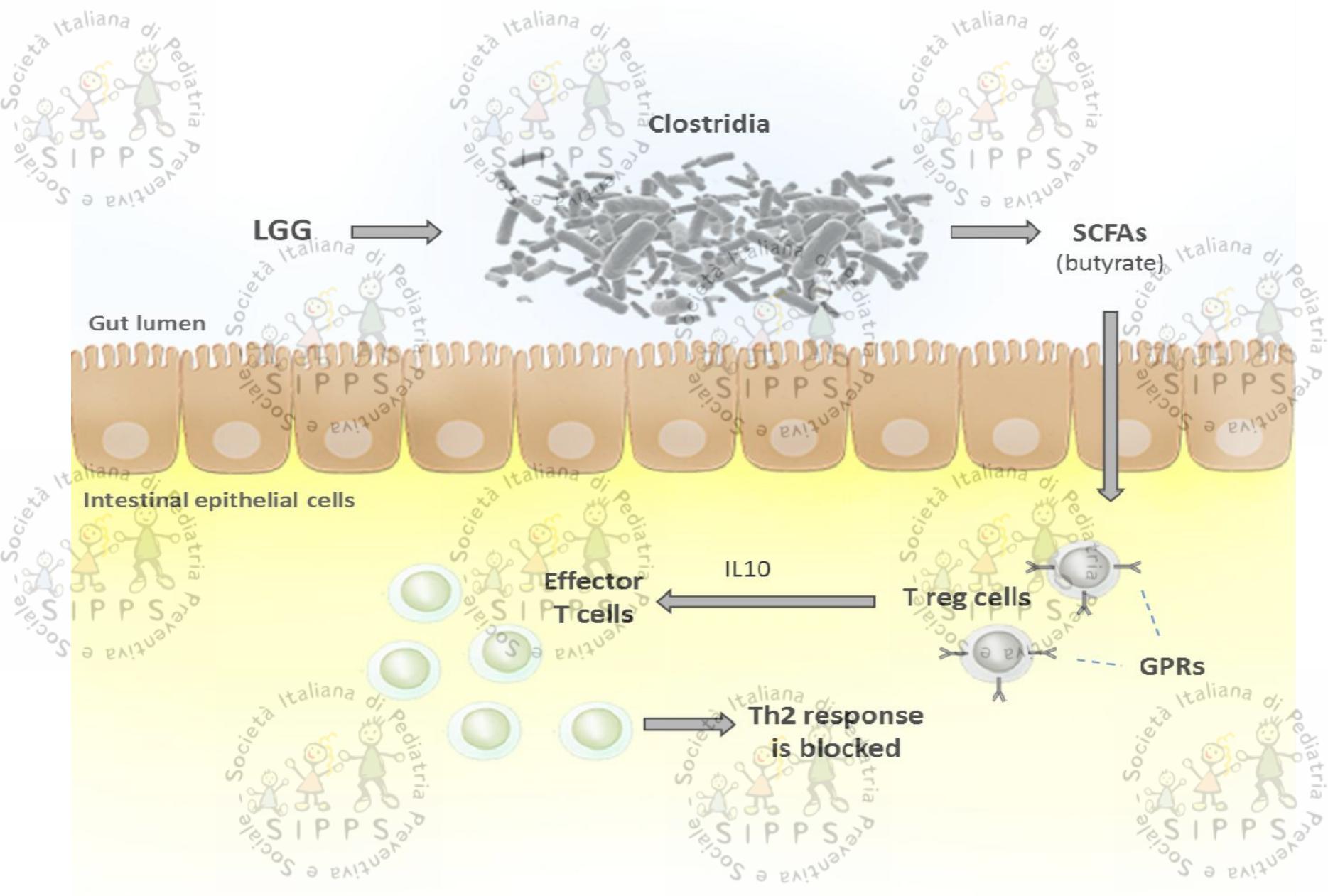


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# The Changing Pattern of CMA

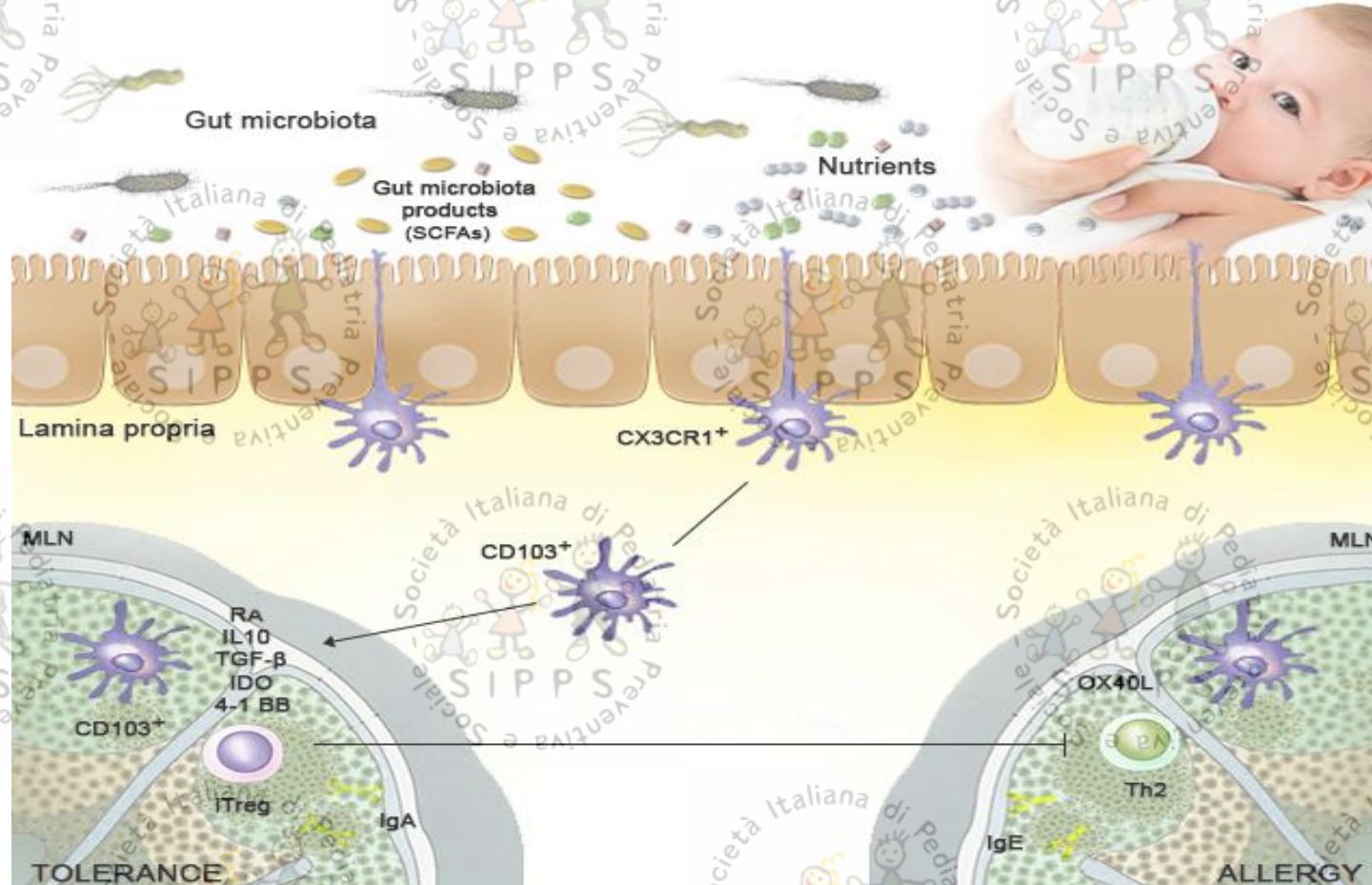
- + Increased risk of persistence until later ages
  - + Increased severity of clinical manifestations
  - + Increased need of hospitalization
  - + Increased economic impact
  - + Increased risk of atopic march (*>50% asthma, atopic eczema, allergic rhinitis*)
- = Strong need to develop effective strategies to stimulate oral tolerance acquisition

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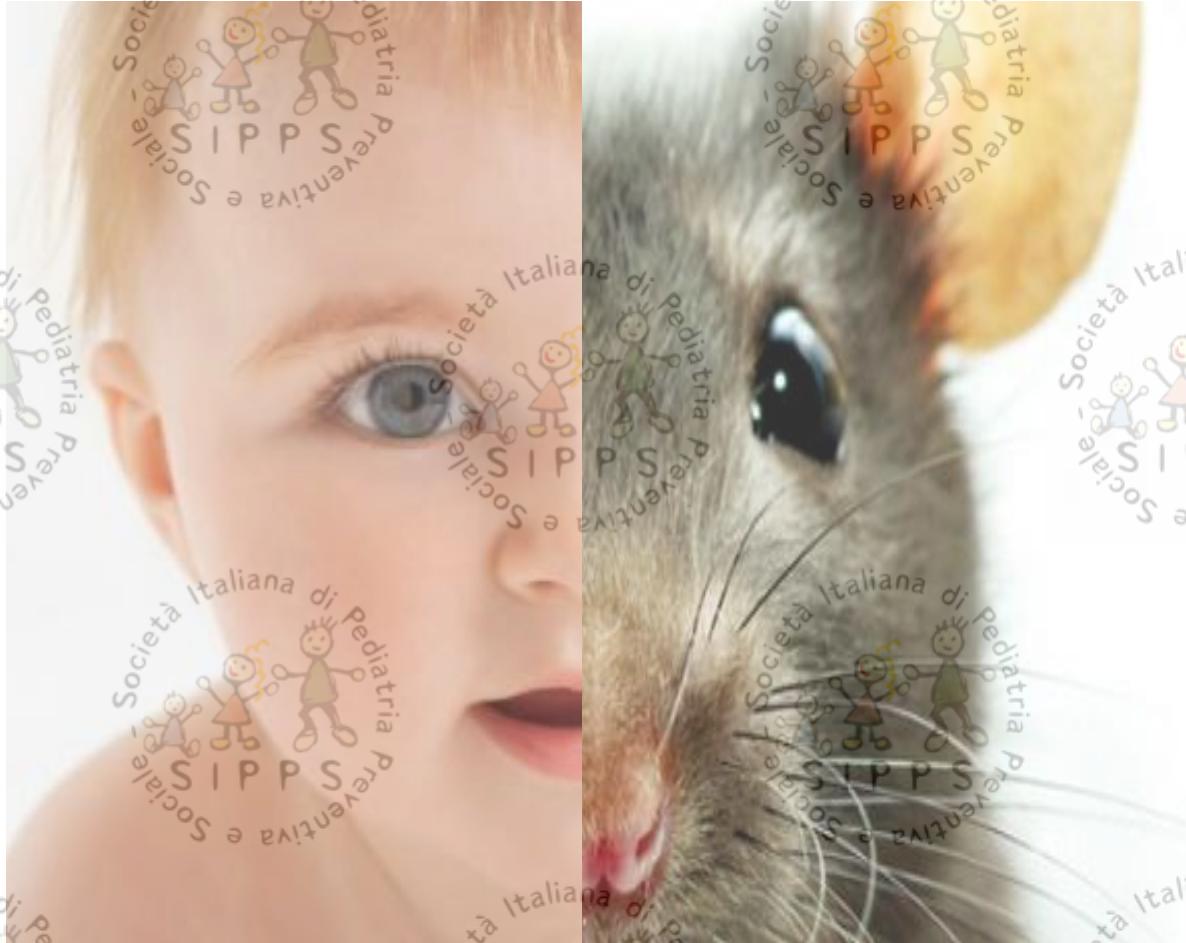
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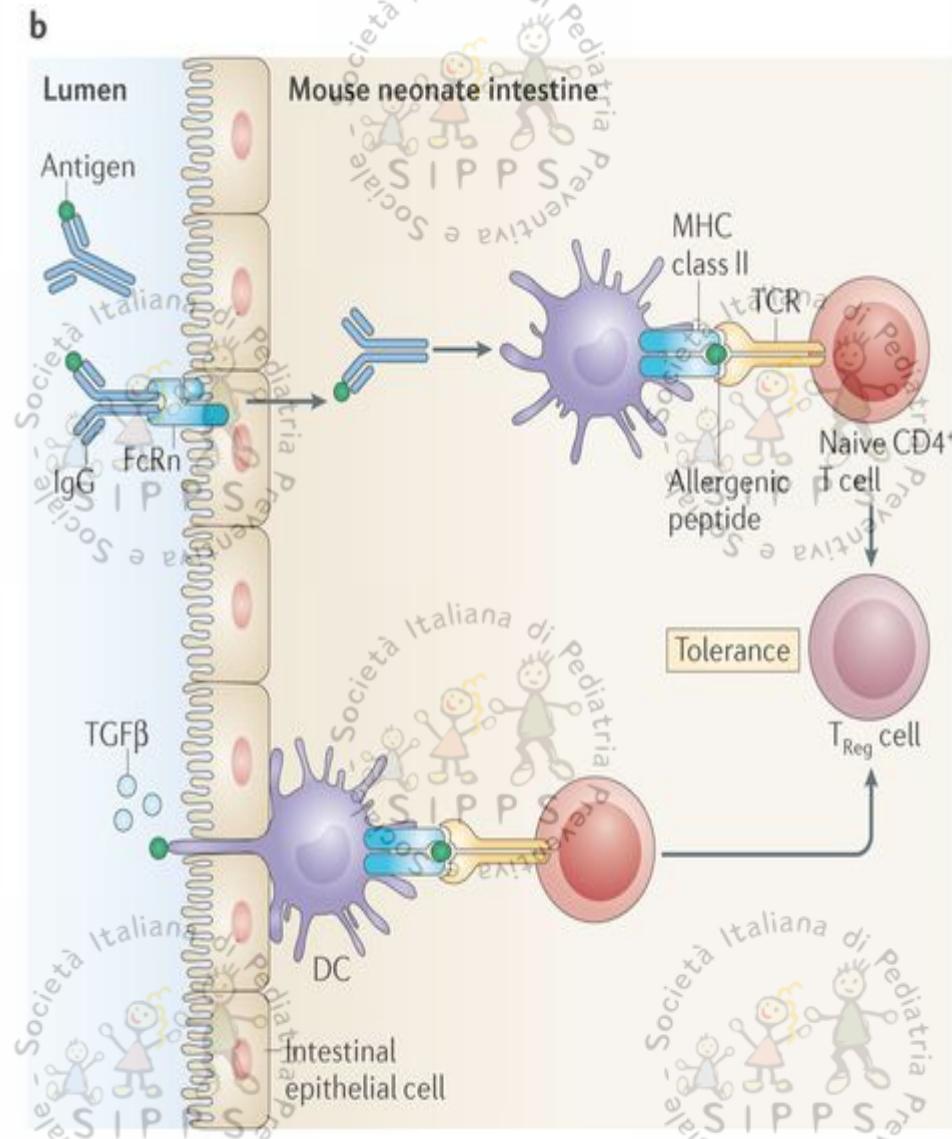
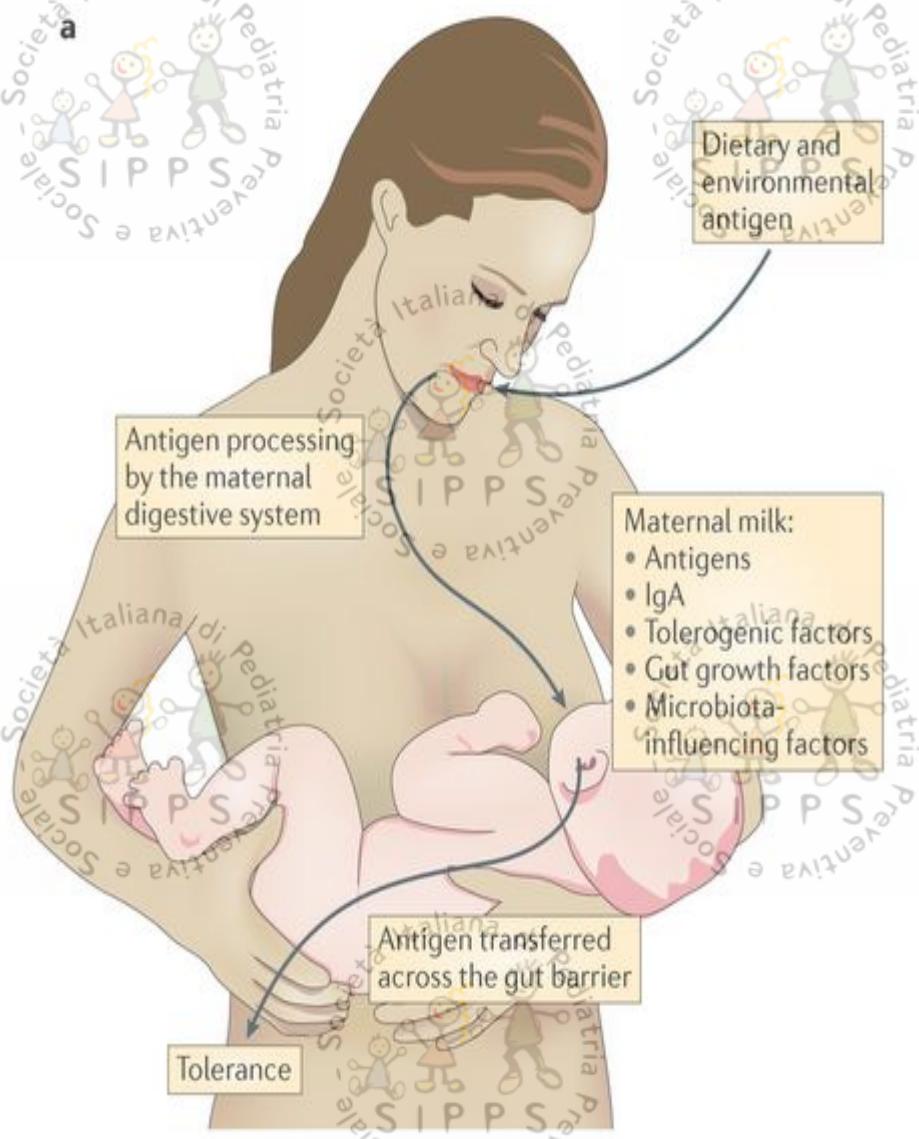


A dynamic modulation of this network is introduced at birth by exposure to environmental factors and by acquisition of gut microbiota

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# Administration of a probiotic with peanut oral immunotherapy: A randomized trial

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TABLE III. Clinical outcomes

	PPOIT group	Placebo group	RR,* NNT,† or mean difference‡
2-wk Sustained unresponsiveness n (%)	23/28 (82.1)	1/28 (3.6)	23 (3.33-158.84)*§ 1.27 (1.06-1.59)†
2-wk Sustained unresponsiveness, sensitivity 1 n (%)	23/31 (74.2)	1/31 (3.2)	23 (3.31-159.93)*§ 1.41 (1.14-1.84)†
2-wk Sustained unresponsiveness, sensitivity 2 n (%)	23/31 (74.2)	4/31 (12.9)	5.75 (2.25-14.69)*§ 1.63 (1.24-2.39)†
Desensitization n (%)	26/29 (89.7)	2/28 (7.1)	12.55 (3.28-47.99)*§ 1.21 (1.03-1.47)†
Peanut SPT at T1 Mean (SD), n	4.83 (3.98), 29	14.54 (5.63), 27	-9.71 (-12.31 to -7.11)†§
Peanut SPT at T3 Mean (SD), n	4.46 (4.44), 28	14.75 (6.09), 28	-10.29 (-13.14 to -7.43)†

T1 refers to the last day of treatment, and T3 refers to 3 months after the end of treatment.

\*RR (95% CI).

†NNT (95% CI).

‡Mean difference (95% CI).

§ $P < .001$ .