

The background of the slide is a microscopic image showing various rod-shaped bacteria. Some bacteria are highlighted in a bright yellow color, while others are in shades of blue and cyan. The bacteria are scattered across the frame, with some appearing in sharp focus and others blurred in the background.

Proeldoper bacteriophage

MEDICAL TRAINING SLIDES

Introduction

- ▶ Diarrhea refers to the abrupt onset of three or more loose or liquid stools per day.
- ▶ Acute diarrhea is defined as an abnormally frequent discharge of semi-solid or fluid fecal matter from the bowel, lasting less than 14 days.
- ▶ Although preventable, acute diarrhea remains a major cause of morbidity and mortality in children worldwide,
- ▶ Resulting in 525,000 deaths per year among those younger than five years.
- ▶ Most of these mortalities occur in developing countries.

Introduction

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- ▶ Other direct consequences of diarrhea in children include Impaired growth, malnutrition, and impaired cognitive development.
- ▶ Acute diarrhea in children is caused by a wide range of pathogens:
 - ▶ Viral,
 - ▶ Bacterial,
 - ▶ Protozoal Pathogens
- ▶ which makes overcoming the high disease burden a large challenge.

Treatment guideline..

- ▶ Currently, the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends:

Oral rehydration salts (ORS) and continued feeding for the prevention and treatment of dehydration, as well as zinc supplementation to shorten the duration and severity of the diarrheal episode.

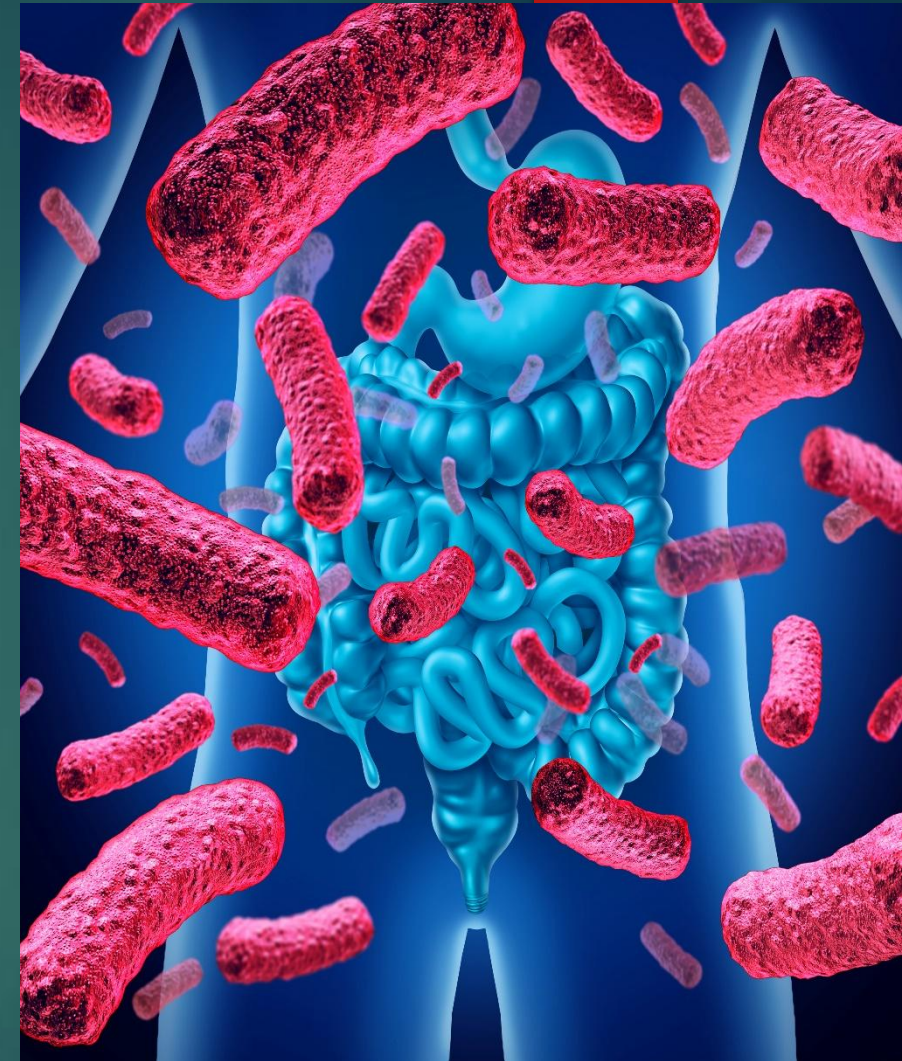
Probiotics

- ▶ “Probiotic” is derived from Latin word ‘**pro**’ –**for** and **Greek word “biotic” – life.**
- ▶ Probiotics are living micro-organisms that, upon ingestion in certain numbers, exert health benefits beyond inherent general nutrition.



Probiotics

- ▶ Probiotics can play an important role in immunological, digestive and respiratory functions and could have a significant effect in alleviating infectious disease in children and adults.
- ▶ It has been suggested that probiotics
 - ▶ Modulate the immune response,
 - ▶ Produce antimicrobial agents, and
 - ▶ Compete in nutrient uptake and adhesion sites with pathogens.



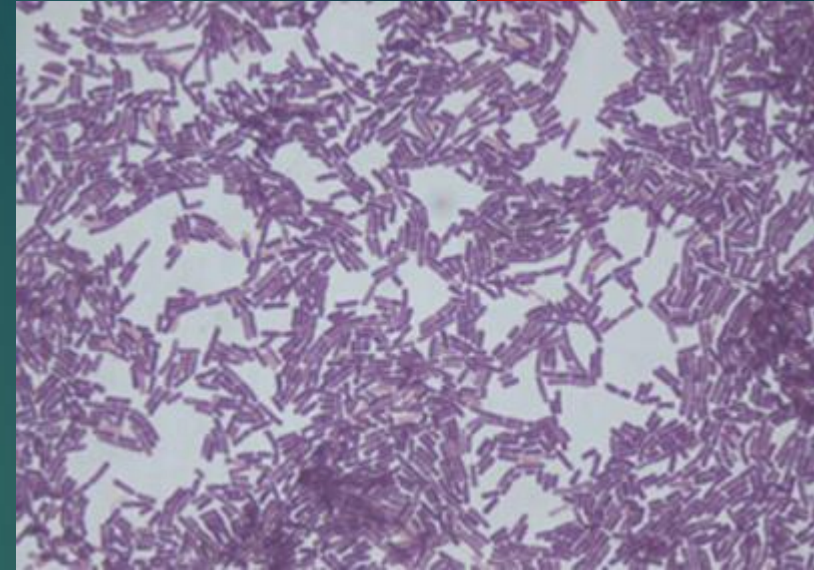
Classification of Probiotics

<i>Lactobacillus Spp.</i>	<i>Acidophilus</i> <i>Plantarum</i> <i>Rhamnosus</i> <i>Paracasei</i> <i>Fermentum</i>	Reuteri Johnsonii Brevis Casei Lactis Delbrueckii Gasseri
<i>Bifidobacterium Spp.</i>	<i>Breve</i> <i>Infantis</i> <i>Longum</i> <i>Bifidum</i> <i>Thermophilum</i> <i>Adolescentis</i> <i>Animalis</i> <i>Lactis</i>	
<i>Bacillus Spp.</i>	<i>Coagulans</i> <i>Clausii</i>	
<i>Streptococcus Spp.</i>	<i>Thermophilus</i>	
<i>Enterococcus Spp.</i>	<i>Faecium</i>	
<i>Saccharomyces Spp.</i>	<i>Cerevisiae</i>	

Bacillus clausii

Characteristics

- ▶ *Bacillus clausii* is a
 - ▶ Rod-shaped,
 - ▶ Non-pathogenic,
 - ▶ Spore-forming,
 - ▶ Aerobic,
 - ▶ Gram-positive Bacterium
- ▶ Able to survive transit through the acidic environment of the stomach and colonize the intestine even in the presence of antibiotics.

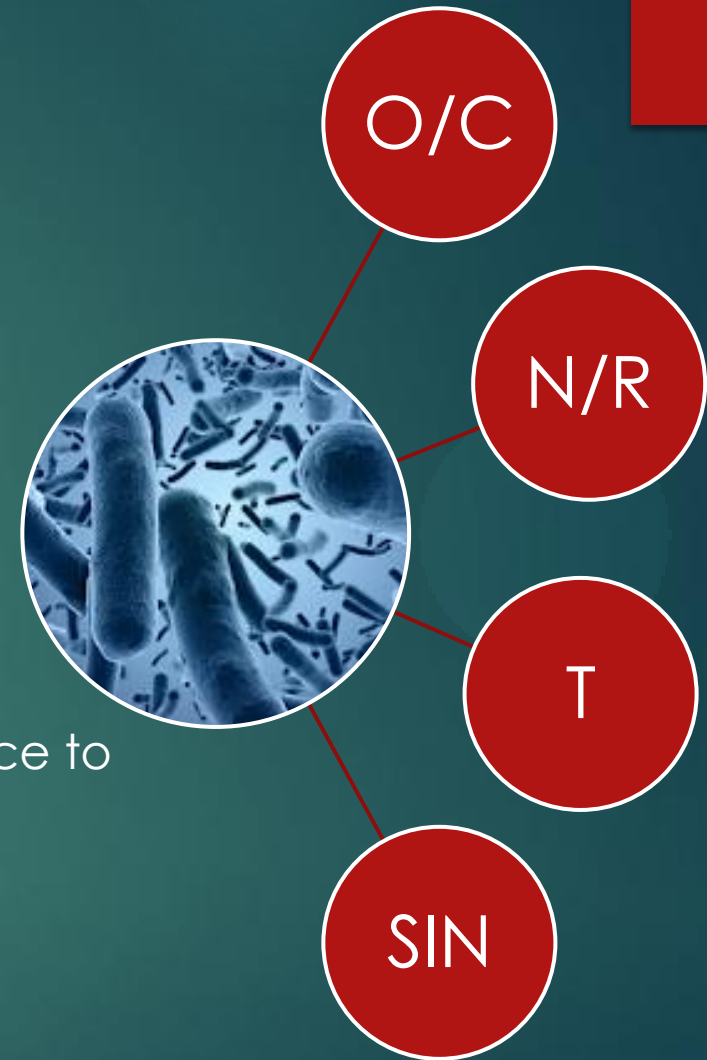


Bacillus clausii strains

There are 4 commonly used strains:

The designations of these strains are derived from their resistance to diverse antibiotics:

- O/C is resistant to chloramphenicol,
- N/R is resistant to Novobiocin and Rifampin,
- T is resistant to Tetracycline, and
- SIN is resistant to neomycin and streptomycin



Mechanism of action of Probiotics

1. Production of growth substrates for the growth of good bacteria
2. Competition for binding sites with pathogenic bacteria
3. Improved barrier function
4. Reduction of inflammation, thus altering intestinal properties for colonization
5. Stimulation of innate immune response (by unknown mechanisms)

Antimicrobial and Immunomodulatory activities of the *B. clausii* probiotic strains.

- ▶ In vitro each of the four *B. clausii* probiotic strains **stimulated the production of IFN- γ** by murine spleen cells.

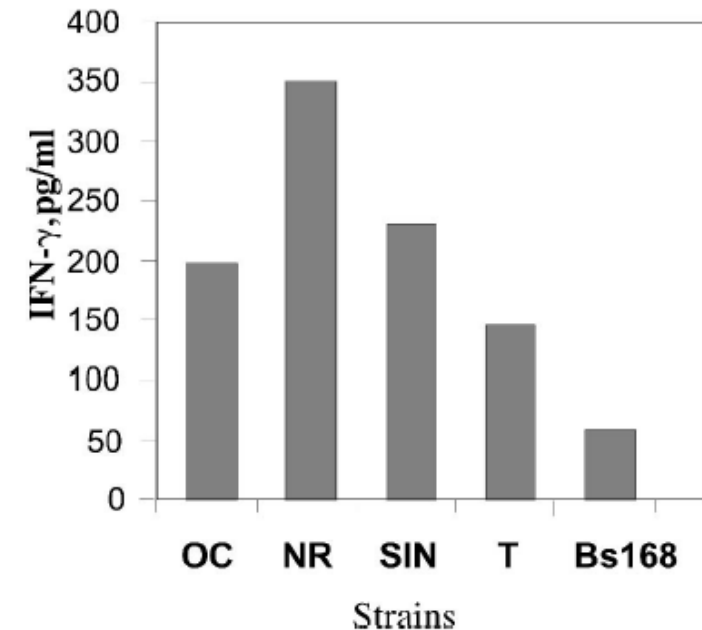


FIGURE 2. Stimulation of IFN- γ production by murine spleen cells induced with *B. clausii* probiotic strains. Spleen cells were isolated from C57BL/6j mice and cocultured with probiotic strain *B. clausii* OC (O/C), *B. clausii* NR (N/R), *B. clausii* SIN (SIN), *B. clausii* T (T), or reference strain *B. subtilis* 168 (Bs168). Analysis of IFN- γ production by murine spleen cells was realized 72 hours later using ELISA.

Antimicrobial and Immunomodulatory activities of the *B. clausii* probiotic strains.

- ▶ Moreover, all these strains induced the **proliferation of murine CD4+ T cells** in the presence of Antigen Presenting Cells.

TABLE 2. *B. clausii* Probiotic Strains Stimulate Proliferation of Murine CD4⁺ T Cells

Strain/Immunostimulator	Stimulation of Murine CD4 ⁺ T Cell* Proliferation, Index of Stimulation
<i>B. clausii</i> OC	2.5
<i>B. clausii</i> NR	3.8
<i>B. clausii</i> SIN	2.7
<i>B. clausii</i> T	2.9
<i>B. subtilis</i> 168	1.9
Con A, 2 µg/mL†	3.4

*A total of 5×10^5 CFU bacteria was used for stimulation of 2×10^5 CD4⁺ T cells in the presence of irradiated (3300 rad) naive murine spleen cells (5×10^5 cells). Spleen and CD4⁺ T cells were isolated from C57Bl/6j mice.

†Concanavalin A was used as a positive control for CD4⁺ T-cell stimulation.

Antimicrobial and Immunomodulatory activities of the *B. clausii* probiotic strains.

- The exact mechanisms are not fully understood but the **above changes seem to have an antibacterial effect**

TABLE 1. Inhibitory Activity Produced by *B. clausii* OC Supernatant for Different Pathogenic and Nonpathogenic Intestinal Bacteria and Other Microorganisms

Strain Tested	Activity*
<i>S. aureus</i> CIP† 350 53 156	++
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i> LMBA‡ 27323	+
<i>E. faecium</i> LMBA 27323	+
<i>Micrococcus</i> sp LMBA 26	++
<i>Lactococcus lactis</i> ATCC§ 11454	+
<i>L. lactis</i> LMBA 374	+
<i>Clostridium difficile</i> 514¶	++
<i>Escherichia coli</i> LMBA 20684	—
<i>Salmonella enterica</i> serovar; <i>S. typhimurium</i> ATCC 29629	—
<i>S. flexneri</i> LMBA 12225	—
<i>Vibrio cholerae</i> NCTC** 8021	—
<i>V. parahaemolyticus</i> ATCC 17802	—
<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> LMBA BE1	—
<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> ox52††	—

*Antimicrobial activity determined by agar diffusion test.

Table 2. Graded recommendations for probiotic formulations for the prevention or treatment of 19 different types of diseases.

Type of disease	No. of study arms	Strong evidence* (no. + RCTs/no. negative RCTs)	Moderate evidence* (no. + RCTs/no. negative RCTs)	Weak to not effective* (no. + RCTs/no. negative RCTs)
Prevention				
Pediatric acute diarrhea	61	<i>S. boulardii</i> I-745 (25+/4-) <i>L. rhamnosus</i> GG (10+/3-) <i>L. reuteri</i> 17938 (3+/0-) <i>L. acidophilus</i> LB (3+/1-) <i>L. casei</i> DN114001 (3+/0-) <i>Bac. clausii</i> mix (O/C, N/R84, T84, Sin8 (3+/1-) 8-strain mix (2+/0-)	LhLr (2+/1-)	None

LhLr mix, *L. helveticus* R52 (CNCM I-1722) + *L. rhamnosus* R11 (CNCM I-1720),



Proeldoper

Proeldoper

Composition

- ▶ Each 5 ml oral suspension contains:
- ▶ *Bacillus clausii* spores 2×10^9 spores

Dosage

- ▶ Adults 2-3 mini bottles a day
- ▶ Childre 1-2 mini bottles a day

Proeldoper

Therapeutic indications

- ▶ For the treatment of alterations in the intestinal bacterial flora.
- ▶ **DCGI Date of approval:** 28-01-2005

Proeldoper

- ▶ Proeldoper is a preparation of **Bacillus clausii spores**, normal inhabitants of the intestine, with no pathogenic properties.
- ▶ Administered orally, Bacillus clausii spores, due to their **high resistance to both chemical and physical agents**, cross the barrier of the acid gastric juices and reach the intestinal tract.
- ▶ In the intestinal tract they are **transformed from spores into metabolically active organisms**.

Proeldoper

- ▶ The administration of Proeldoper contributes to the **recovery of the intestinal microbial flora** altered during the course of intestinal microbial imbalance of diverse origin.
- ▶ Furthermore, since the *Bacillus clausii* is **capable of producing various vitamins**, in particular group B vitamins, it contributes to correcting the dysvitaminosis caused by antibiotics and chemotherapeutic agents in general.

Proeldoper

- ▶ Proeldoper can be administered in the interval between two doses of antibiotic.
- ▶ The antibiotic-resistance refers to:
 - Penicillin,
 - the Cephalosporins,
 - Tetracyclines,
 - Macrolides,
 - Aminoglycosides,
 - Novobiocin,
 - Chloramphenicol,
 - Thiamphenicol,
 - Lincomycin,
 - Isoniazid,
 - Cycloserine,
 - Rifampicin,
 - Nalidixic acid
 - Pipemidic acid.

Side effects

- Hypersensitivity reactions, including rash urticaria and angioedema have been reported

Precautions for use

- During antibiotic therapy, the product should be administered in the interval between one dose of antibiotic and the next.

Pregnancy and lactation

- There are no contraindications regarding the use of the product during pregnancy and lactation.

Clinical studies

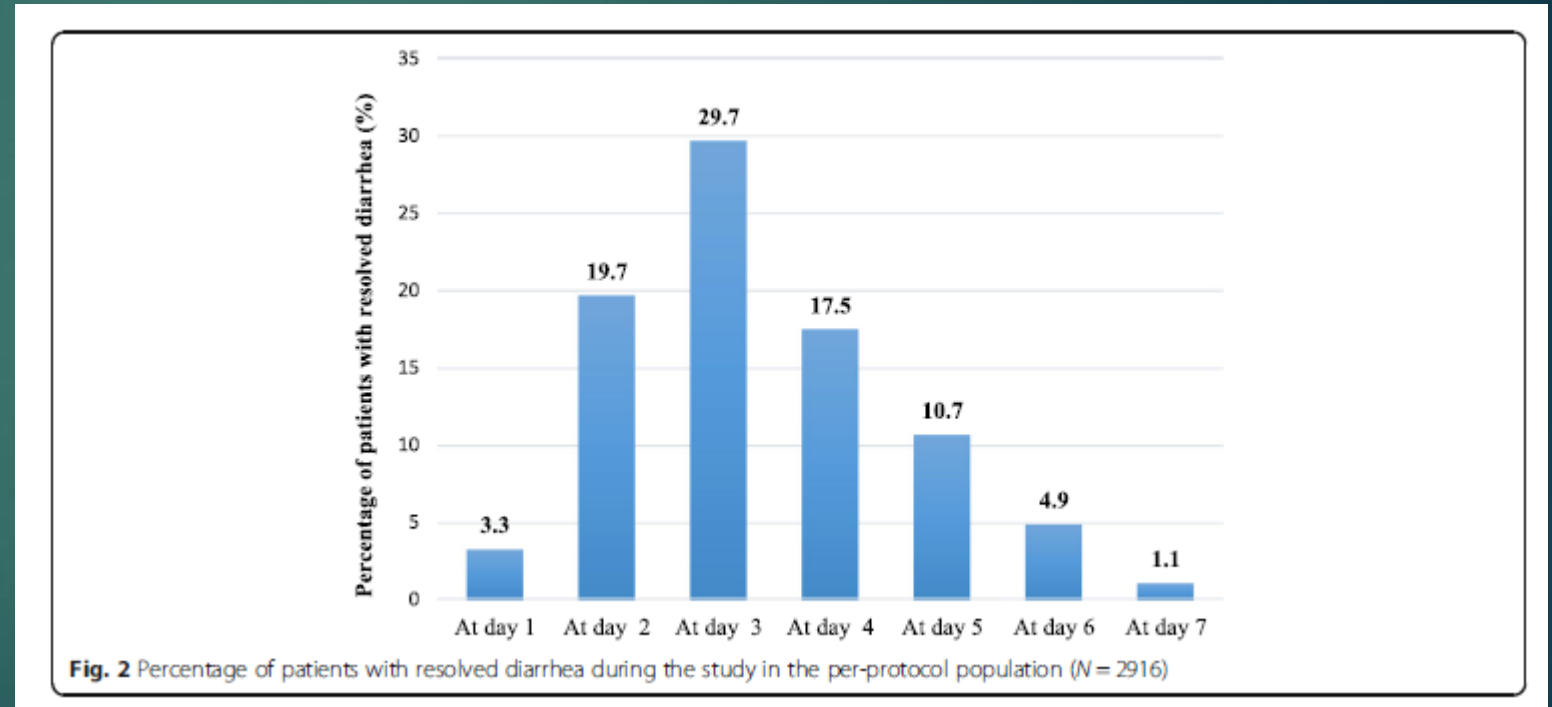
***Bacillus clausii* as adjunctive treatment for acute community-acquired diarrhea among Filipino children: a large-scale, multicenter, open-label study (CDDLE)**

Methods:

- A total of 3178 patients (median age of 2 years) were enrolled
- Treated with one to two vials of *Bacillus clausii* in the following bacterial stains: O/C, SIN, N/R, and T (oral suspension of 2 billion spores per 5-mL vial)
- Duration: 5 to 7 days.

Bacillus clausii as adjunctive treatment for acute community-acquired diarrhea among Filipino children: a large-scale, multicenter, open-label study (CDDLE)

In more than half of the per-protocol population (1535/2916; 52.6%), **diarrhea was resolved within the first 3 days** of treatment with *Bacillus clausii*.



Bacillus clausii as adjunctive treatment for acute community-acquired diarrhea among Filipino children: a large-scale, multicenter, open-label study (Coddle)

There was no significant difference ($p = 0.297$) in mean **diarrhea duration** between patients with either antibiotic-associated (3.3 ± 1.3 days) or viral diarrhea (3.4 ± 1.3 days).

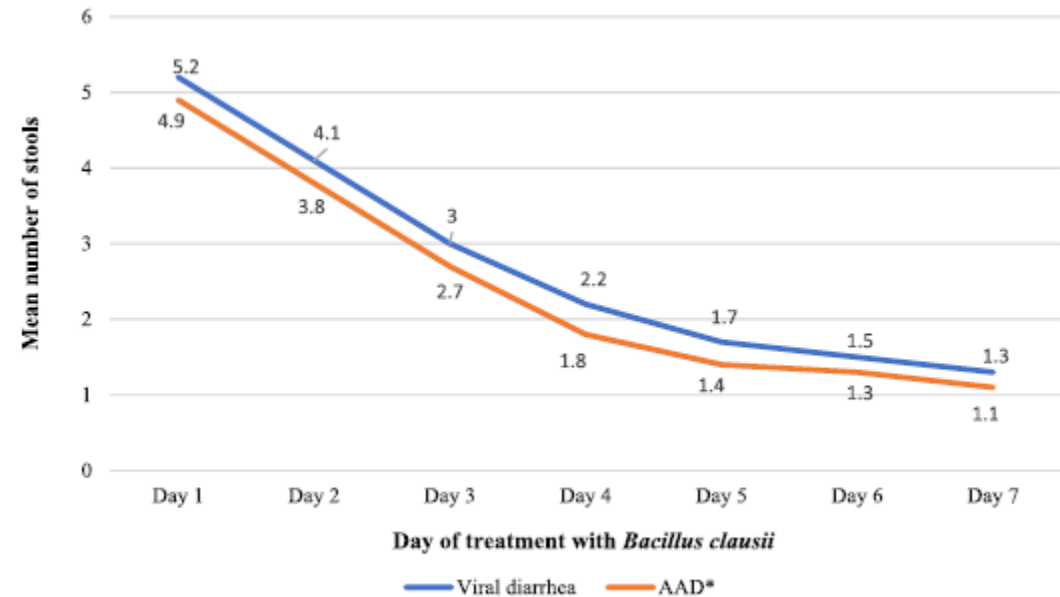
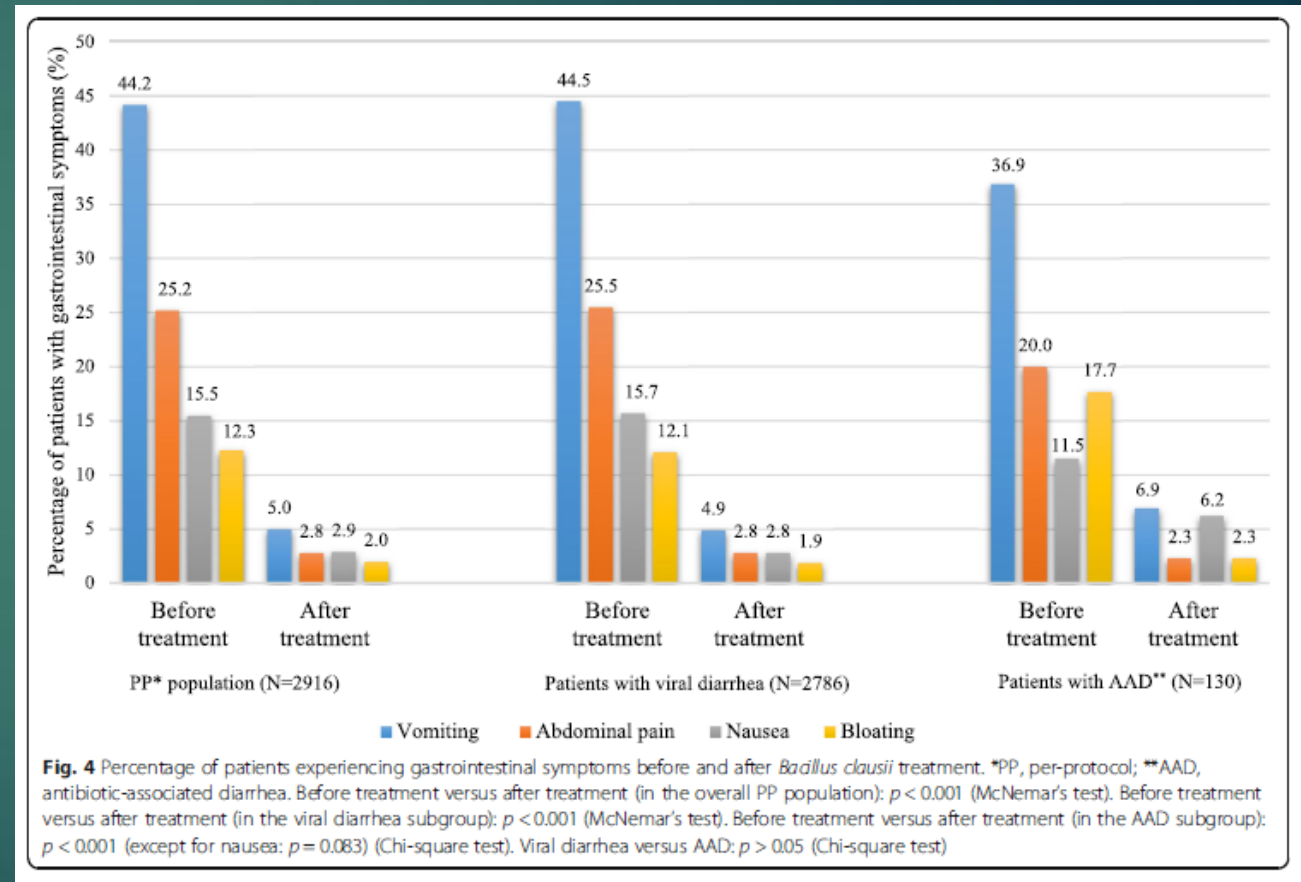


Fig. 3 Mean number of stools per day of treatment, according to the cause of diarrhea. *AAD, antibiotic-associated diarrhea. Repeated measures analysis of variance: viral diarrhea versus AAD: $p = 0.938$

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GI symptoms before and after *B.clausii* administration showed significant decrease



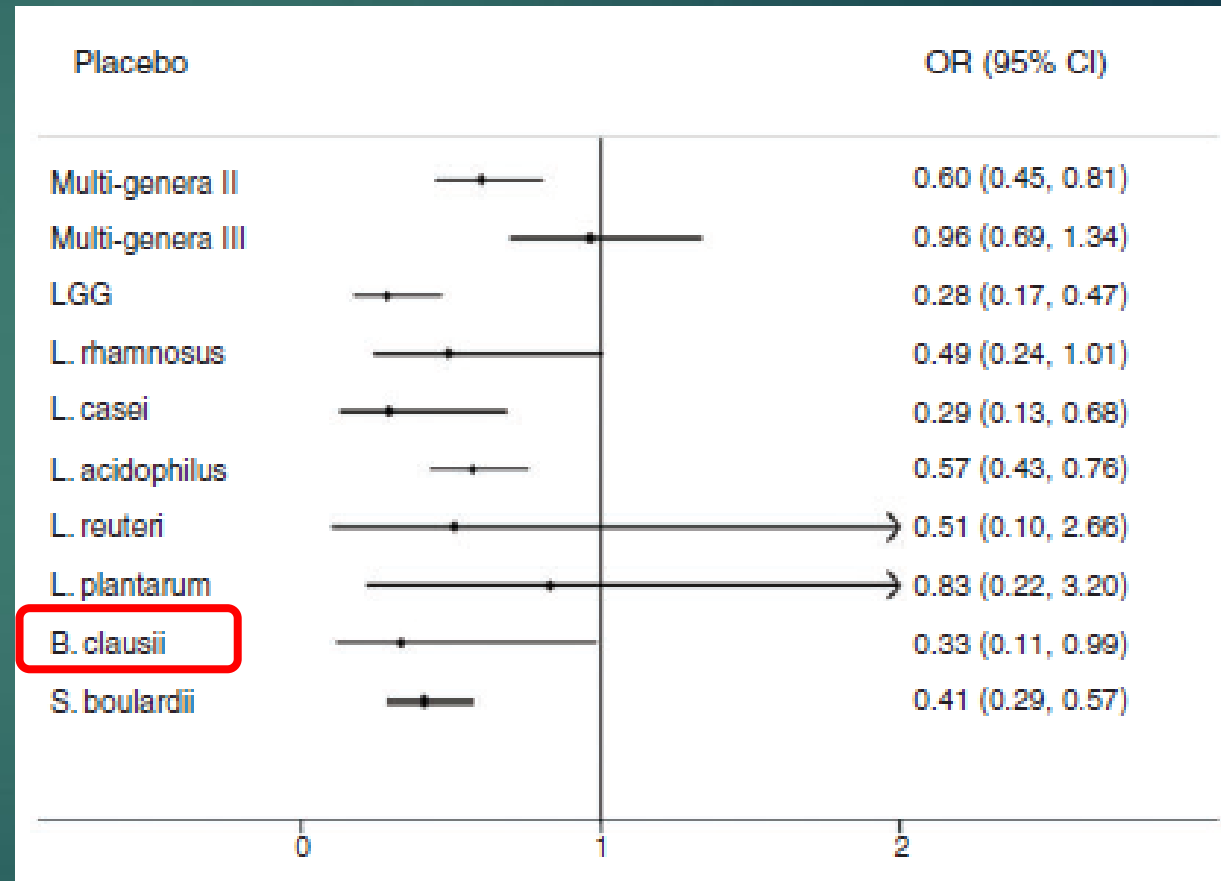
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Outcomes:

- ▶ Therapy with *Bacillus clausii* was **well-tolerated**, and the adverse event rate was very low (0.09%).
- ▶ *Bacillus clausii* significantly **reduced the mean number of stools per day**, from 5.2 ± 2.0 stools at baseline to 1.2 ± 0.6 stools at study end ($p < 0.001$).
- ▶ Similarly, the proportion of patients with loose stools decreased from 81.6% at baseline to 9.2% at end of treatment period.
- ▶ **Acceptability** of *Bacillus clausii* therapy was high.

Meta-analysis: Comparative efficacy and tolerability of probiotics for antibiotic-associated diarrhea

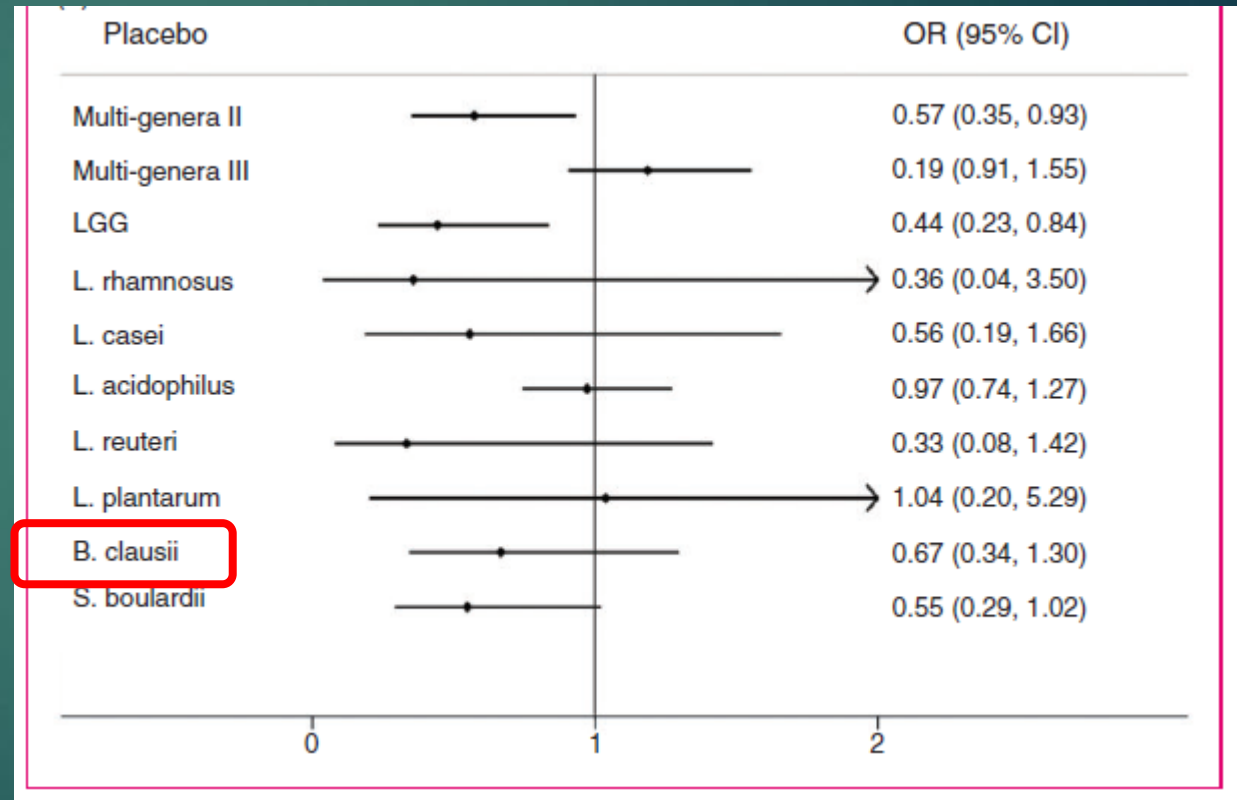
Incidence of
diarrhea was less
with *B.Clausii*



Forest plot of network meta-analysis for the incidence of diarrhea compared with placebo arm.

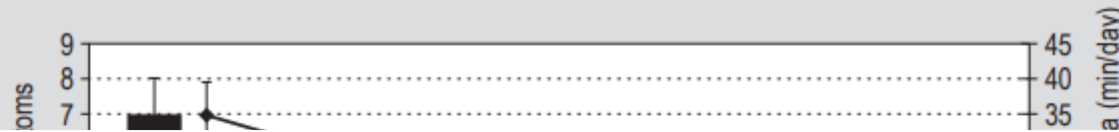
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B. Clausii had less adverse events and was well tolerated



Forest plot of network meta-analysis for total occurrence of adverse events compared with placebo arm.

Efficacy of *Bacillus clausii* in the treatment of patients suffering from acute diarrhoea



Duration of diarrhea decreased from 34.81 ± 4.69 min at baseline to 9.26 ± 3.05 ($p < 0.0001$) minutes per day after 10 days of *Bacillus clausii* therapy.

The **frequency of defecation also decreased** from 6.96 to 1.78 ($p < 0.0001$) times per day,

Abdominal pain decreased from 3.22 (severe) to 0.74 (absent) ($p < 0.0001$).

Stool consistency improved from 3.93 (watery) to 1.22 (soft) ($p < 0.0001$).

Bacillus Clausii As An Adjuvant Therapy In Acute Childhood Diarrhoea

- ▶ **Study design:** Open-label, prospective, randomized, controlled
- ▶ **Intervention/Control sample size:** 69/62
- ▶ **Median Age:** 6 months to 12 years
- ▶ **Treatment regimen:** 2×10^9 CFU of *Bacillus clausii* bid + ORS + zinc, for 5 days vs. ORS + zinc for 5 days
- ▶ **Follow up:** At 6, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, and 72 h
- ▶ **Outcome:**
 - ▶ **Mean duration of diarrhea 22.64 h and mean duration of hospital stay 2.78 days** in the *Bacillus clausii* group vs. 47.05 h and 4.30 days, respectively, in the control group ($p < 0.01$ for diarrhea duration).
 - ▶ Treatment with *Bacillus clausii* **reduced total treatment costs by 472 Indian rupees** compared to ORS alone.

Beneficial Role of Probiotic in Acute Childhood Diarrhea

- ▶ **Study design:** Open-label, prospective, randomized, controlled
- ▶ **Intervention/Control sample size:** 80/80
- ▶ **Median Age:** Up to 6 Years
- ▶ **Treatment regimen:** 2×10^9 CFU of *Bacillus clausii* bid + ORS + zinc, for 5 days vs. ORS + zinc for 5 days
- ▶ **Follow up:** At 6, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, and 72 h
- ▶ **Outcome:** Mean (SD) **duration of diarrhea 22.26 h and mean stool frequency 1.15** in the *Bacillus clausii* group was significantly less compared to control group (34.16 h and 1.70, respectively)

Bacillus clausii in Reducing Duration Acute Diarrhoea in Children 6–59 Months of Age with Severe Dehydration.

- ▶ **Study design:** Randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled.
- ▶ **Intervention/Control sample size:** 51/51
- ▶ **Median Age:** Mean (SD): *Bacillus clausii* group: 11.3 (5.3) and control group: 11.9 (6.4) months
- ▶ **Treatment regimen:** 2×10^9 CFU of *Bacillus clausii* bid + ORS + zinc sulfate, for 5 days vs. zinc sulfate + ORS + 1 vial bid of a placebo packaged in identical looking vials containing sterile water, for 5 days
- ▶ **Follow up:** Day 1 to day 7

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Outcome:

- ▶ Mean (SD) **duration of diarrhea in *Bacillus clausii* group was shorter** (77.59 (34.10) h) than placebo group (86.74 (40.16) h)
- ▶ **Significant decrease in mean number of diarrheal motions** on day 3 and day 4 between *Bacillus clausii* group vs. placebo group ($p = 0.018$)

Bacillus clausii an Adjunct Treatment for Pediatric Patients with Acute Non-Bloody Diarrhea: An RCT

- ▶ **Study design:** Monocentric, randomized, controlled.
- ▶ **Intervention/Control sample size:** 35/35
- ▶ **Median Age:** 18 months
- ▶ **Treatment regimen:** 2×10^9 or 4×10^9 CFU of *Bacillus clausii* per day + ORS, for 3 days vs. ORS for 3 days
- ▶ **Follow up:** After day 3 of therapy, and upon discharge
- ▶ **Outcome:**
 - ▶ Mean (SD) **duration of diarrhea significantly shorter in the *Bacillus clausii*** group (69.84 (16.84) h) than in control group (83.76 (22.05) h) ($p = 0.005$)
 - ▶ **Mean duration of hospital stay was also shorter favoring *Bacillus clausii*** group (59.0 h vs. 76.8 h) ($p = 0.063$).

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- ▶ **Outcome:** Mean (SD) duration of diarrhea in *Bacillus clausii* group was shorter (77.59 (34.10) h) than placebo group (86.74 (40.16) h). **Significant decrease in mean number of diarrhea episodes** on day 3 and day 4 (p<0.05) in the *Bacillus clausii* group vs. placebo group.

Probiotics for treatment of acute diarrhoea in children: Randomised clinical trial

- ▶ **Study design:** Prospective, multicenter, single-blind, randomized, controlled.
- ▶ **Intervention/Control sample size:** 100/92
- ▶ **Median Age:** 18 months
- ▶ **Treatment regimen:** 1×10^9 CFU of *Bacillus clausii* bid for 5 days + ORS for 3 to 6 h vs. ORS for 3 to 6 h (followed by full strength formula of lactose or cows' milk, in both groups)
- ▶ **Follow up:** Day 1 to day 7
- ▶ **Outcome:** Median duration of diarrhea in patients receiving *Bacillus clausii* (118 h) similar to control group (115 h), with an estimated difference of 1 h between both groups ($p = 0.76$). All other outcomes were also similar in both groups. *Bacillus clausii* was well tolerated, with no observed adverse events.



Summary of RCTs

Comparative efficacy and tolerability of probiotics for antibiotic-associated diarrhea

- Reduced the duration of diarrhea

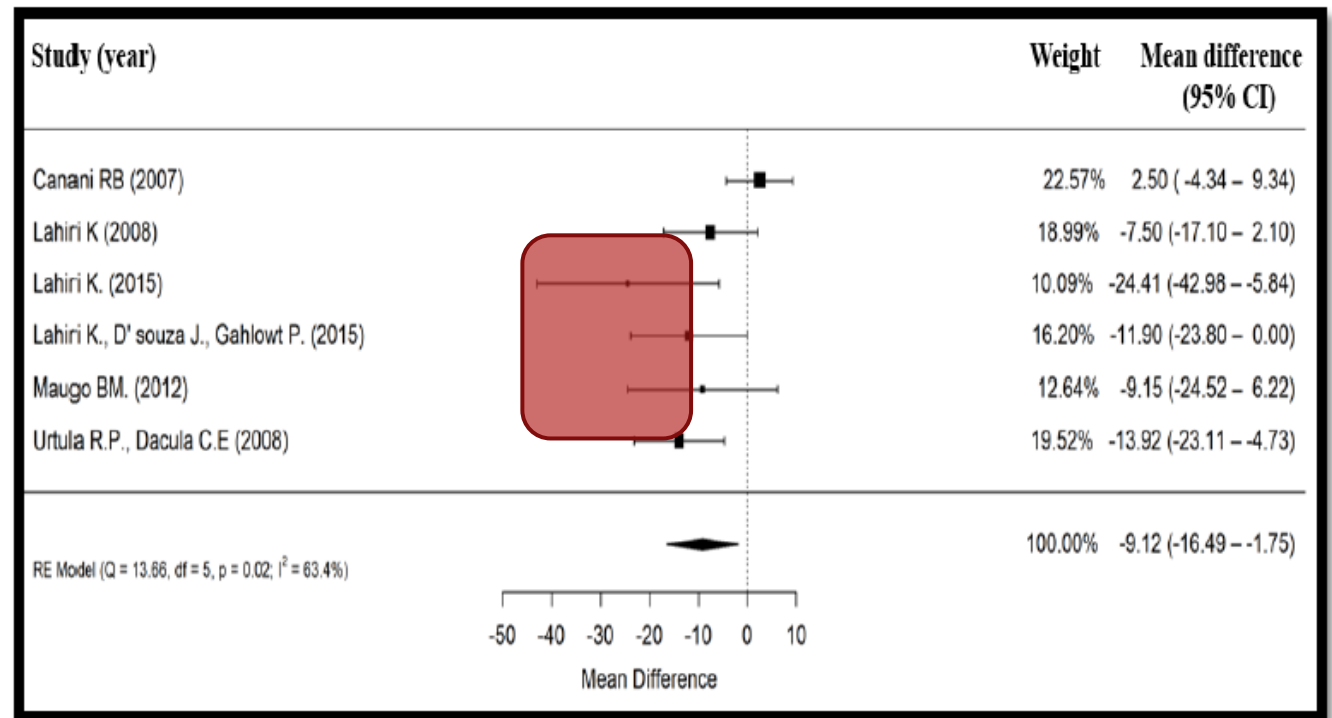


Figure 2. Forest plot showing effect of *Bacillus clausii* on mean duration of diarrhea. CI, confidence interval, RE, random effects.

Comparative efficacy and tolerability of probiotics for antibiotic-associated diarrhea

- Reduced stool frequency

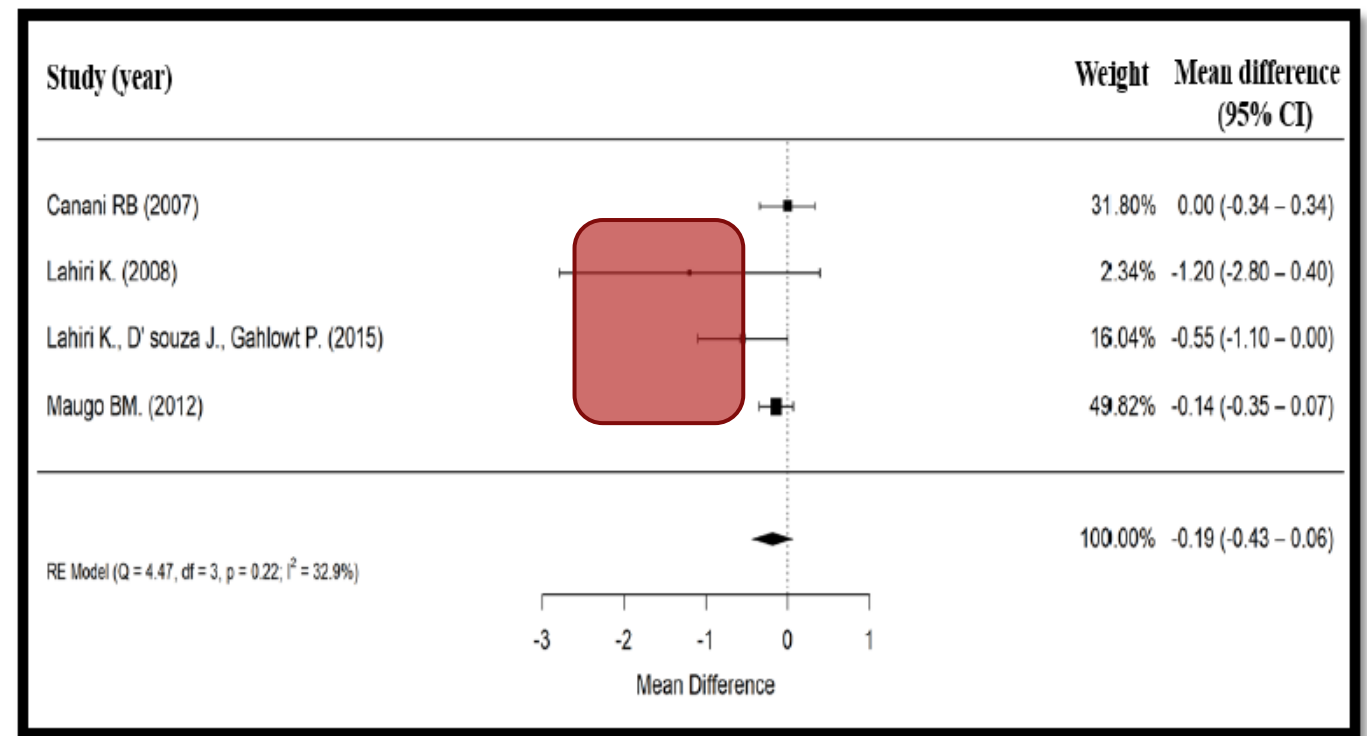


Figure 3. Forest plot showing effect of *Bacillus clausii* on mean stool frequency. CI, confidence interval, RE, random effects.

Comparative efficacy and tolerability of probiotics for antibiotic-associated diarrhea

- Reduced duration of Hospitalization

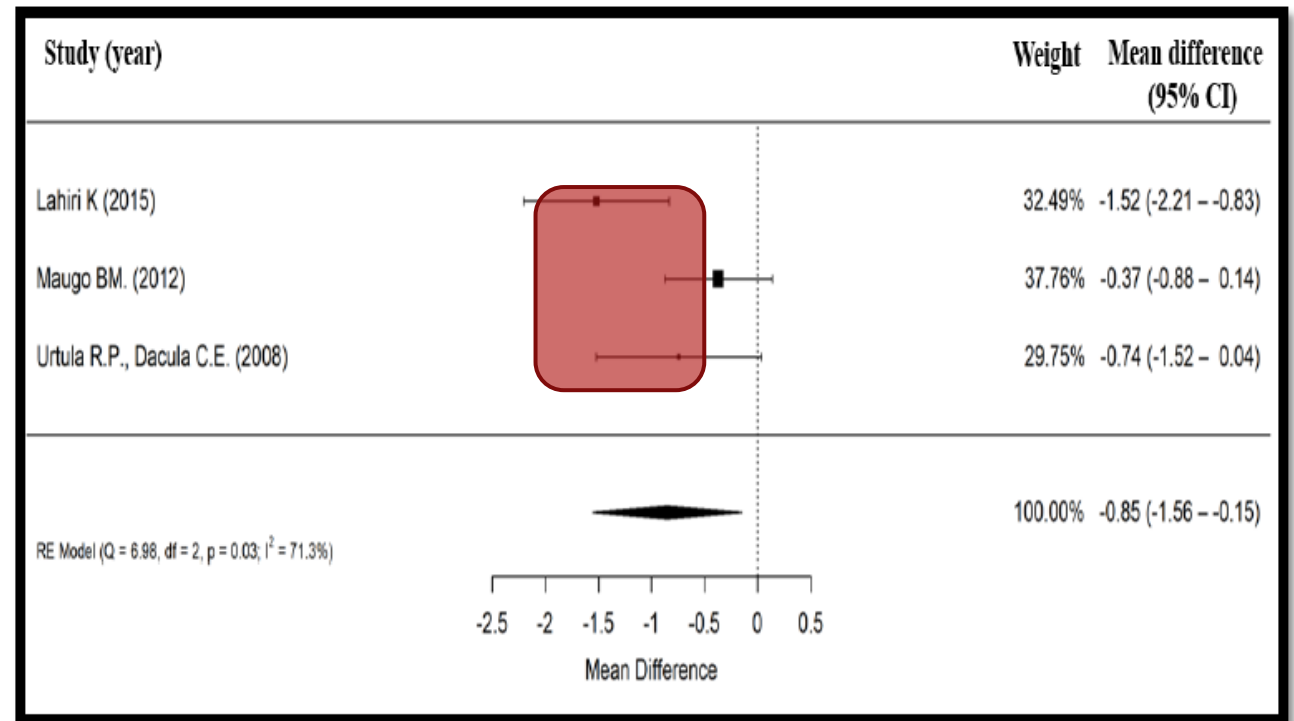


Figure 4. Forest plot showing effect of *Bacillus clausii* on mean duration of hospitalization. CI, confidence interval, RE, random effects.

Bacillus clausii therapy to reduce side-effects of anti- *Helicobacter pylori* treatment: An RCT

- ▶ **Aim:** To evaluate the effect of *Bacillus clausii*, a probiotic, on incidence (primary variable) and severity of antibiotic-associated side-effects during anti-*H. pylori* therapy.
- ▶ **Results: Incidence and Intensity of nausea and diarrhoea in patients treated with *B. clausii* was significantly lower** than in placebo group. There were no differences in adherence to treatment and *H. pylori* eradication rates between groups.
- ▶ **Conclusion:** In symptom-free, *H. pylori*-positive subjects ***B. clausii* bacterio-therapy reduces the incidence of the most common side-effects related to anti-*H. pylori* antibiotic therapy** compared with placebo

Salient features

- ▶ Many strains of *B. clausii* are **considered antibiotic resistant** and hence they are **recommended for use along with antibiotics**.
- ▶ Antibiotic resistance genes are present in chromosomal DNA which is intrinsic and not transfer-able. Hence ***B. clausii* cannot transfer its resistance to any other organism**.
- ▶ **Safety** of *B. Clausii* has been very good
- ▶ *Bacillus clausii* to **possess antimicrobial and immunomodulatory activities** which may explain the effect of *Bacillus clausii* against acute childhood diarrhea.

Salient features

- ▶ Moreover, *Bacillus clausii* strains were found to **release antimicrobial substances** in the medium, these substances are active against Gram-positive bacteria, in particular against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Enterococcus faecium*, and *Clostridium difficile*.
- ▶ *Bacillus clausii* spores **can germinate** during gastrointestinal transit and grow as vegetative cells both in the **presence of bile and under limited oxygen** availability

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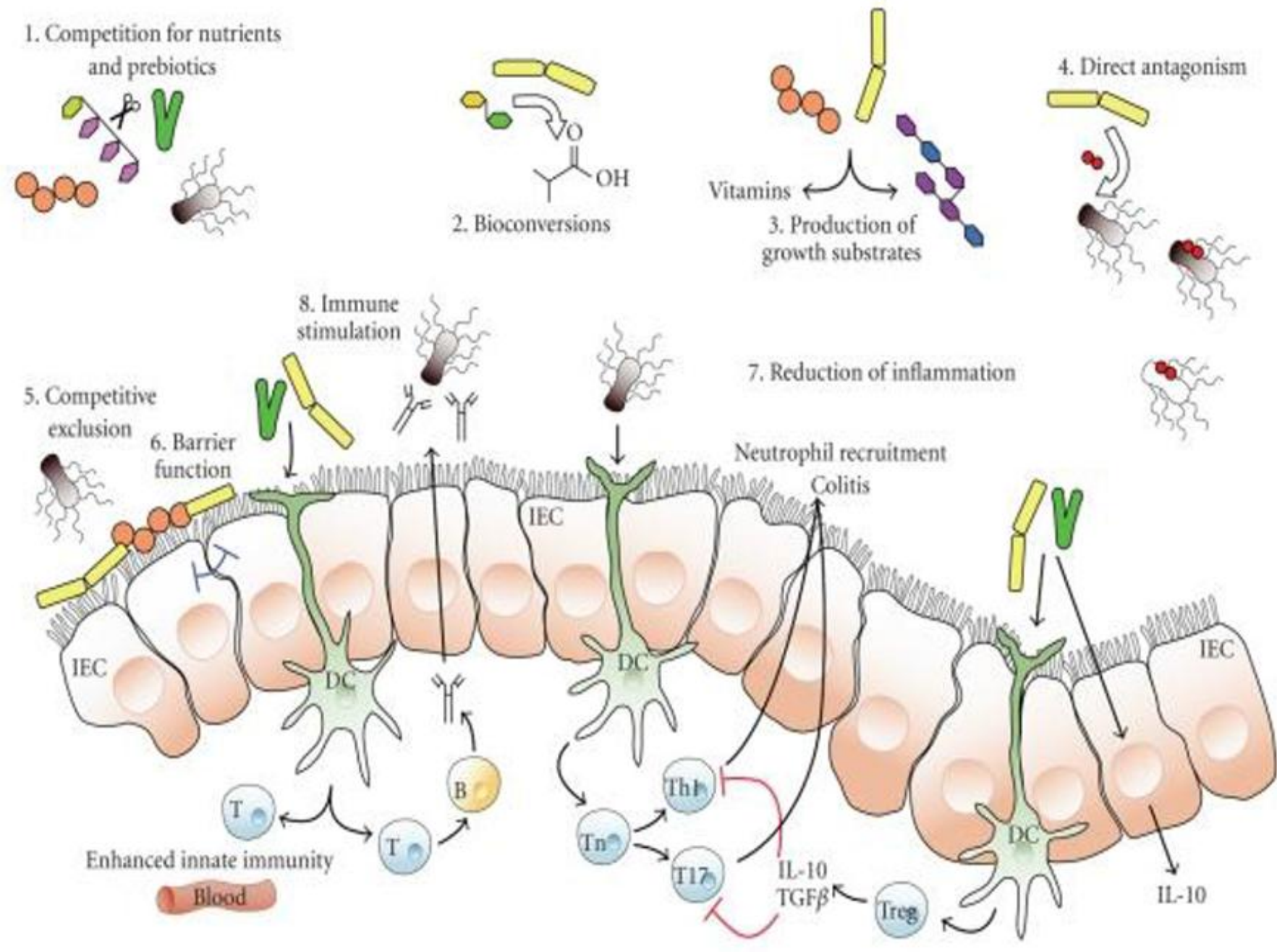


Dysbiosis

- ▶ Dysbiosis can be defined through the loss or gain of bacteria that either promote health or disease, respectively.

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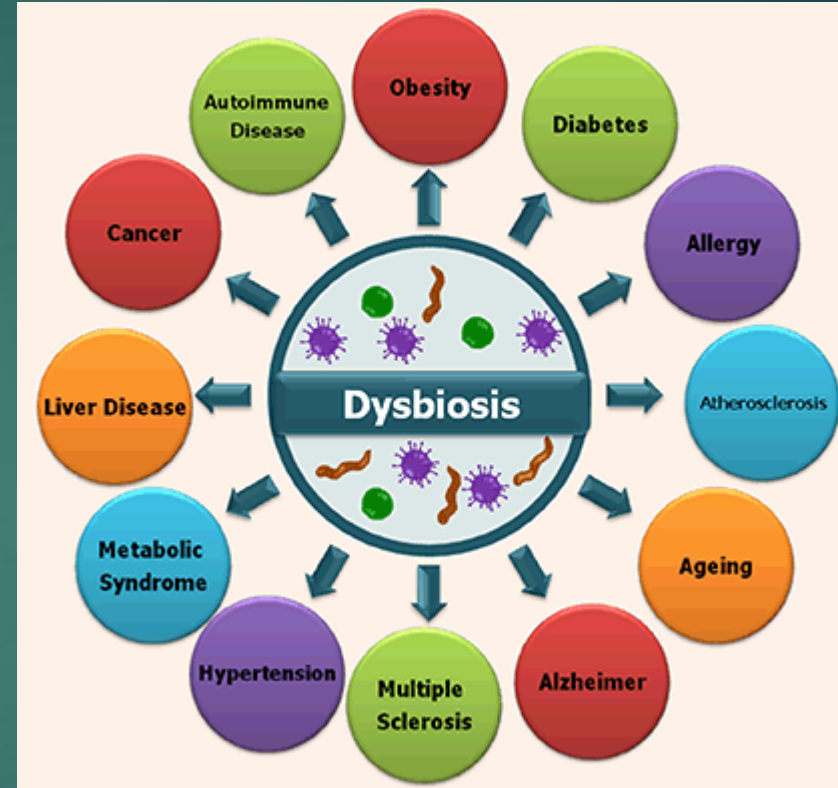
- ▶ Loss of bacteria that promote health or gain of bacteria that promote disease



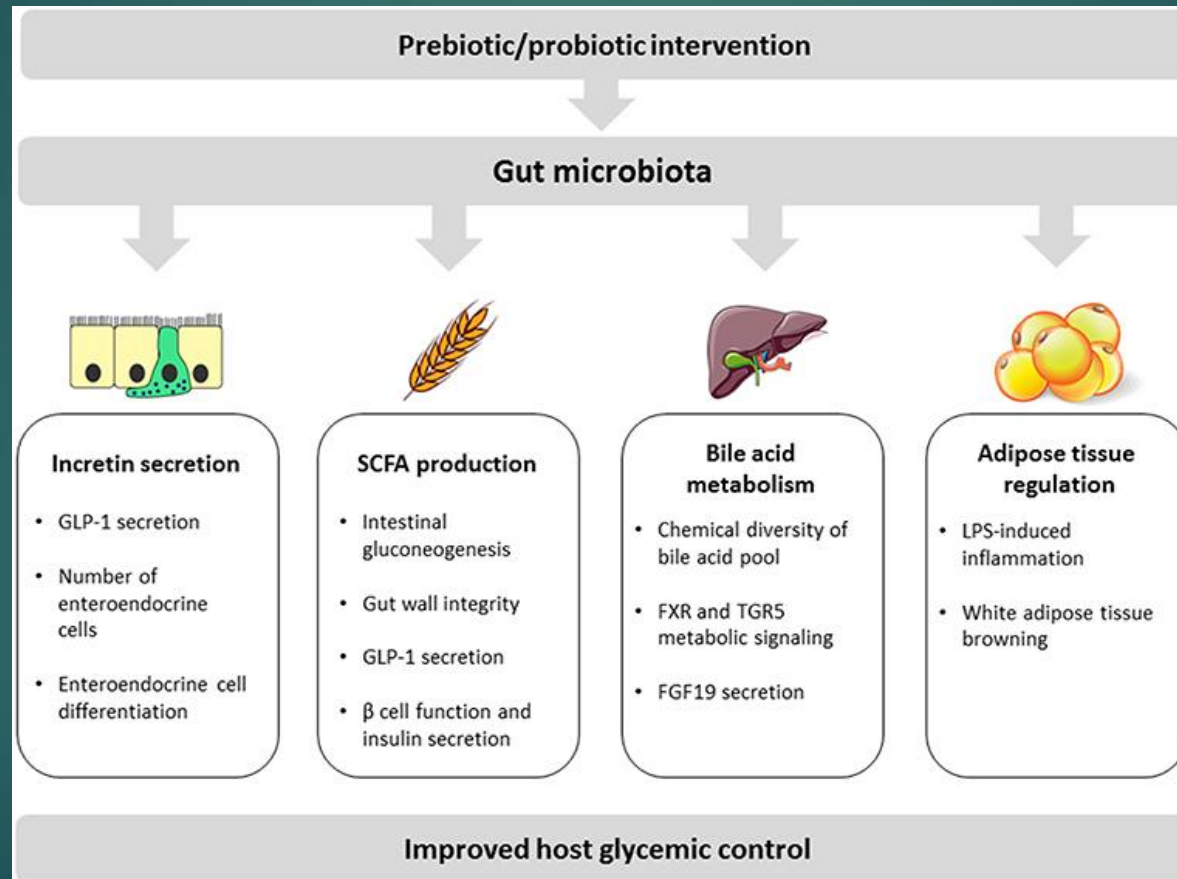
Causes of Dysbiosis

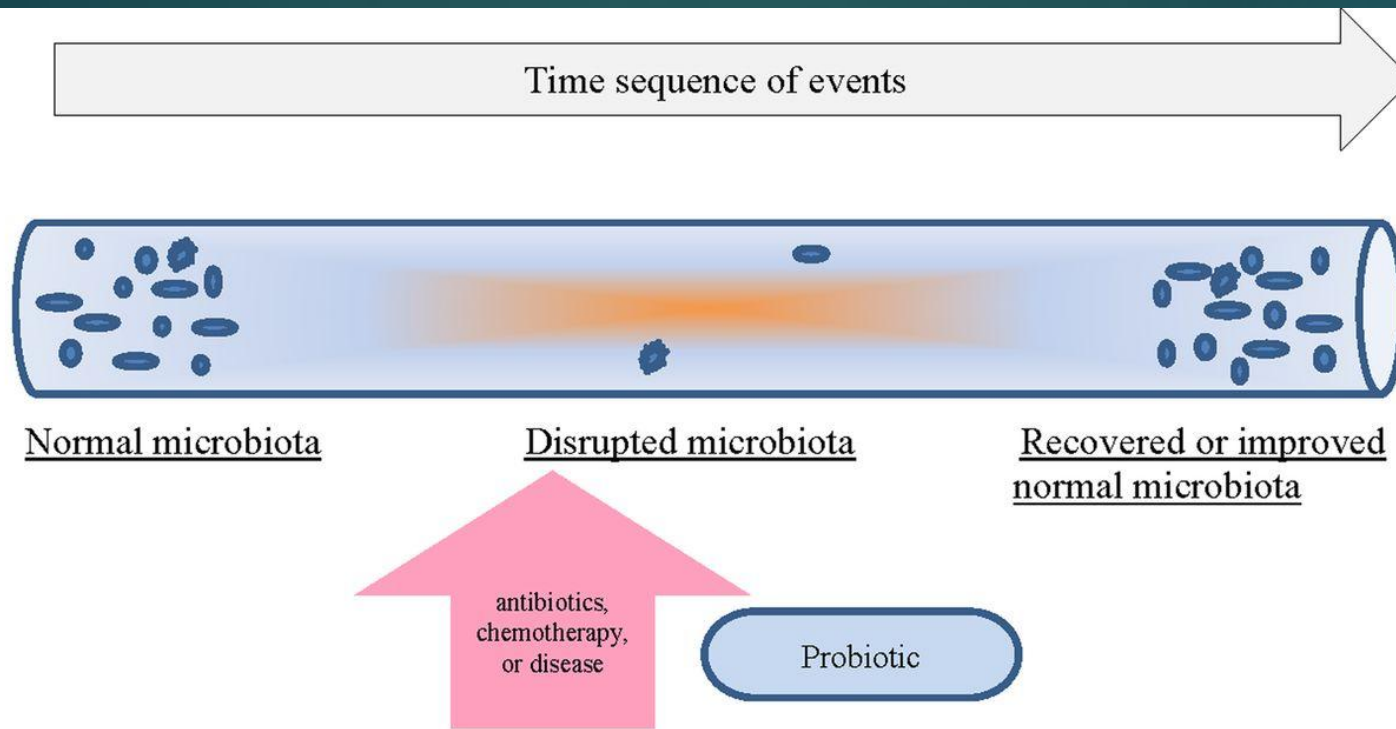


Complications of Dysbiosis



Health of gut microbiota

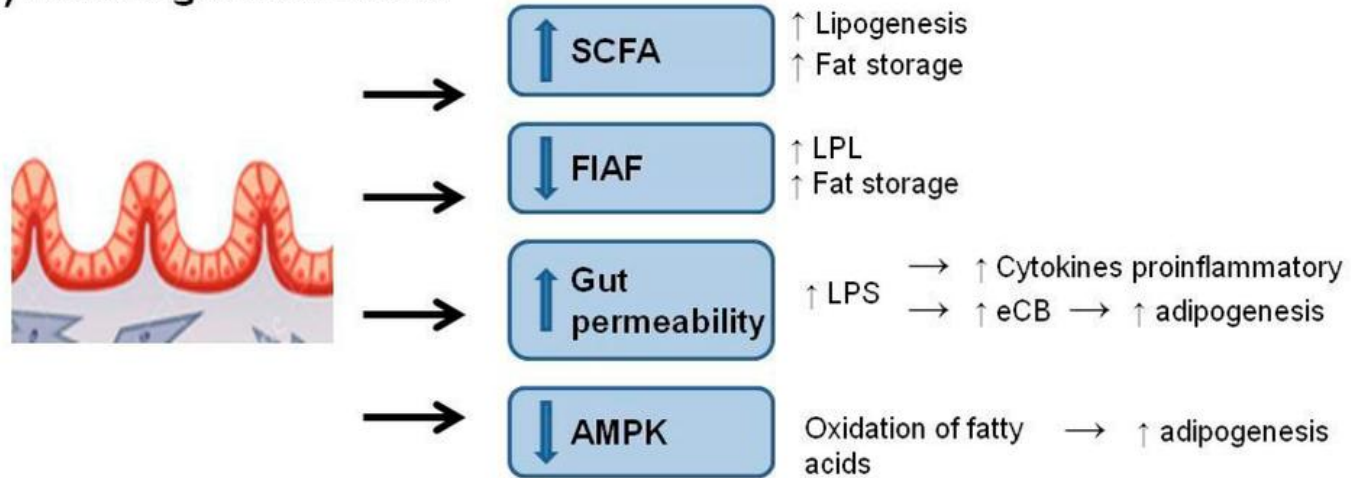




Model	Type of population enrolled	Dysbiosis at baseline	Time microbiota disrupted	Probiotic or control intervention	Potential outcomes
A	Healthy volunteers or at-risk patients	no	post-baseline	preventive	restoration
B	Patients with active disease at enrollment	yes	pre-baseline	treatment	altered or improved
C	Healthy volunteers	no	not disrupted	preventive	altered

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A) Altered gut microbiota



B) Restored gut microbiota

