The microbiome in inflammatory bowel disease

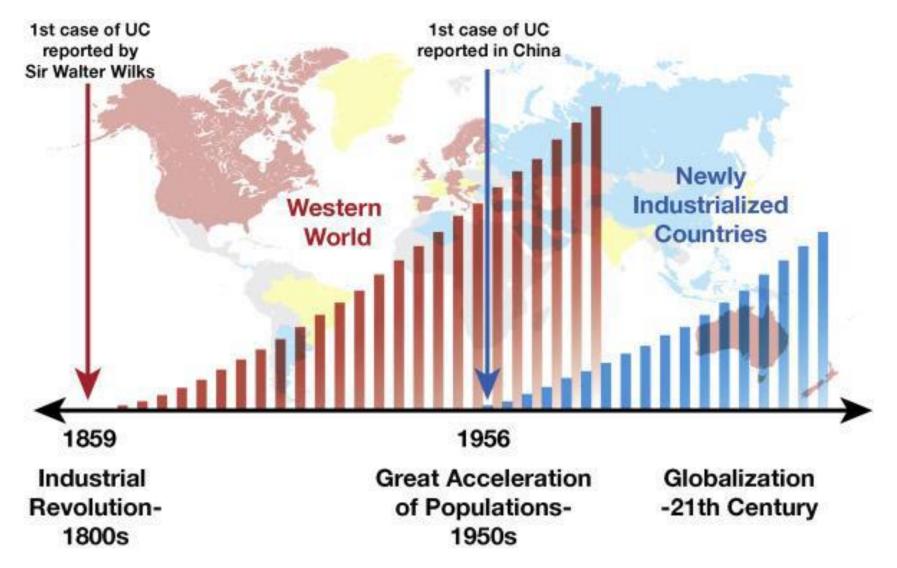


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Objectives today

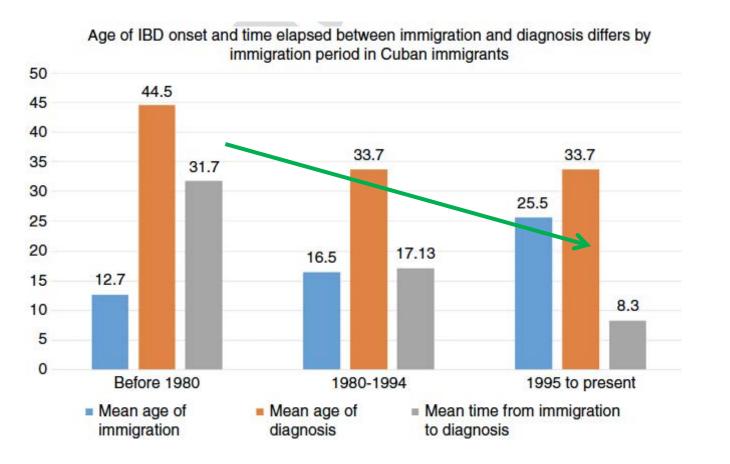
- Genetics vs environment: which one is more important?
- □ The role of the microbiome in IBD development
- Diet-microbiome relationships and their contribution to IBD risk
- □ What is the future of microbiome-based therapeutics in IBD

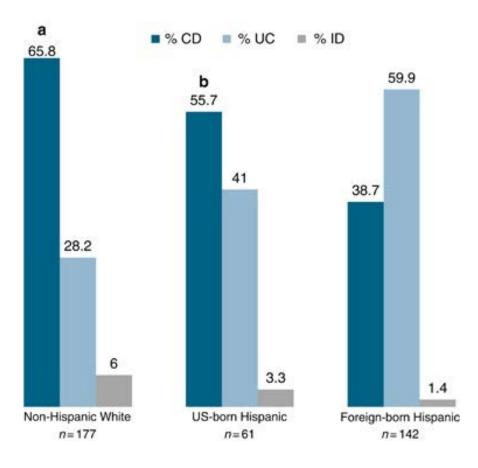


Kaplan et al. 2016



The environment plays a role in disease onset and disease phenotype among immigrant Hispanic patients with IBD





Damas, et al. APT. 2017, Damas O et al. AJG. 2013



Hot off the press: Cumulative environment factors, more than genetic risk, impact age of IBD diagnosis

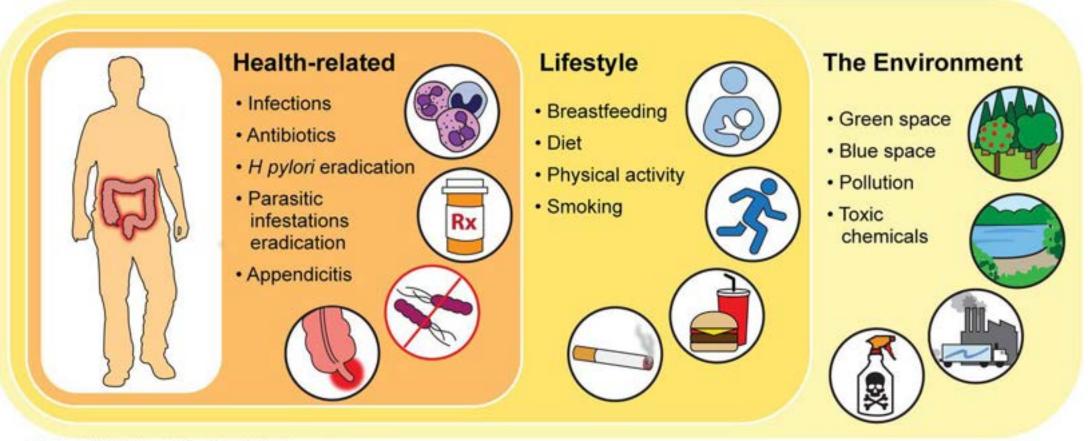
		Non-Hispanic White (n=280)			Hispanic (n=265)		
	Ulcerative	ß	p-value	Standard	ß	p-value	Standard Error
	colitis			Error			
Q	GRS	-2.87032	0.1712	2.093352	0.253158	0.9014	2.040721
	AFR	-2.918479	0.5044	4.365642	0.684847	0.3253	0.694986
	NAM	-14.9002	0.071	8.220544	-0.426184	0.425	0.533431
\langle	Weighted Environmental Score						
		-9.462907	<0.0001*	1.132007	-7.62588	<0.0001*	0.690408

		Non-Hispanic White (n=404)			Hispanic (n=402)		
	Crohn's disease	ß	p-value	Standard Error	ß	p-value	Standard Error
\langle	GRS	-3.025985	0.0242*	1.337178	-1.491706	0.2208	1.216512
	AFR	-0.95961	0.7841	3.500131	-0.034395	0.939	0.449407
	NAM	-6.240373	0.3366	6.486434	0.806365	0.1422	0.548392
(Weighted Environmental Score						
		-7.169282	<0.0001*	1.065526	-9.569482	<0.0001*	0.948445

- Environmental exposures influenced age of IBD diagnosis in both UC and CD and in both Hispanic and non-Hispanic individuals.
- Genetic predisposition influenced age of IBD diagnosis only in non-Hispanic individuals with IBD.

Khakoo N., .. Damas O. Early life and childhood environmental exposures, more than genetic predisposition, influence age of diagnosis in a diverse cohort of 2952 patients with IBD. Clin Gastro and Hep. Accepted 2024.

Environmental culprits implicated in IBD development



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Preclinical stages and development of inflammatory bowel disease

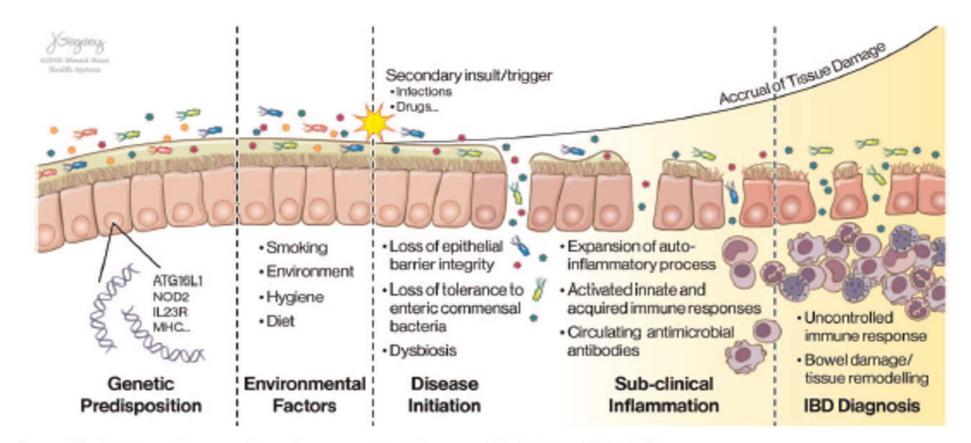
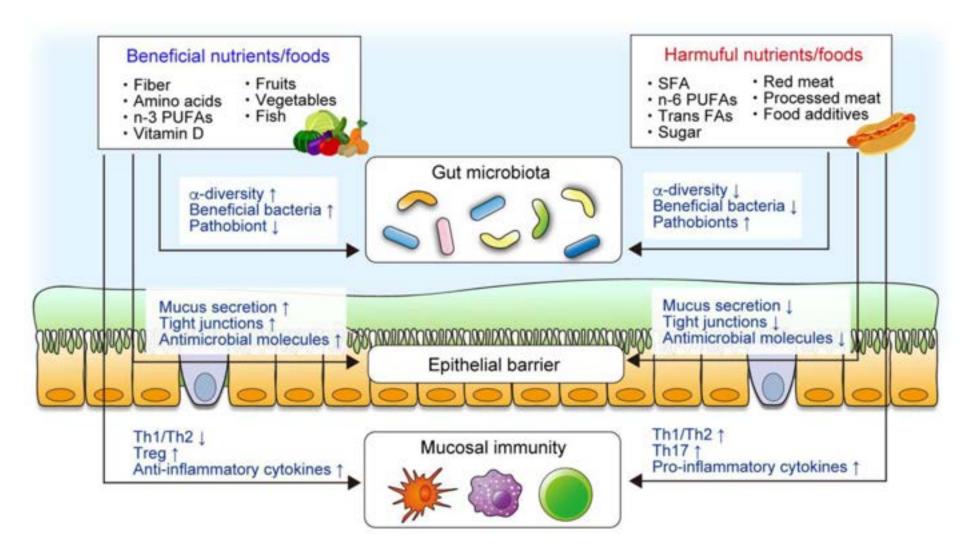


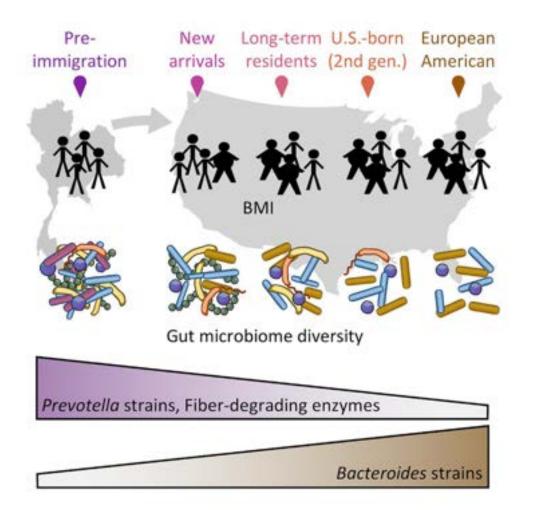
Figure 1 Proposed model of IBD pathogenesis and progression from preclinical to clinical disease.

Diet-Induced Microbial Changes in IBD



Sugihara K, et al. *Nutrients*. 2021;13(5):1533.

Thai immigrants change their microbiome after living in US

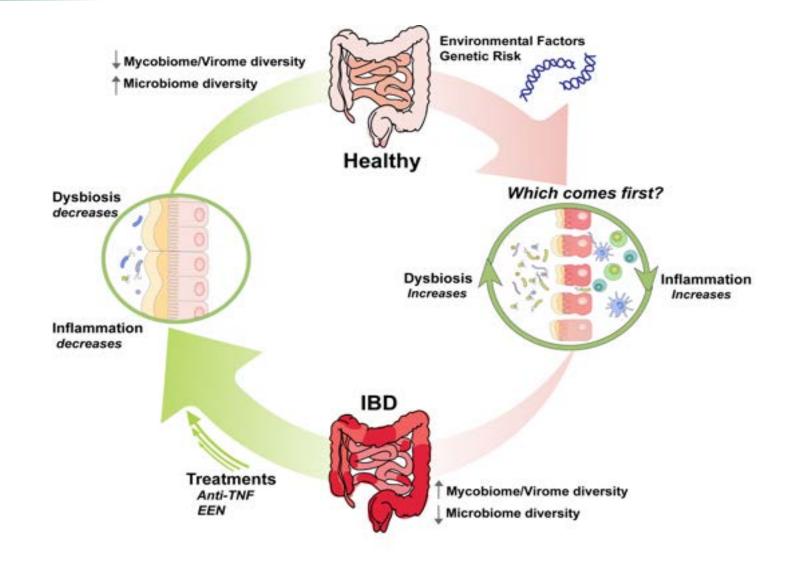


Bacterial diversity with Western immigration→ eating less fiber

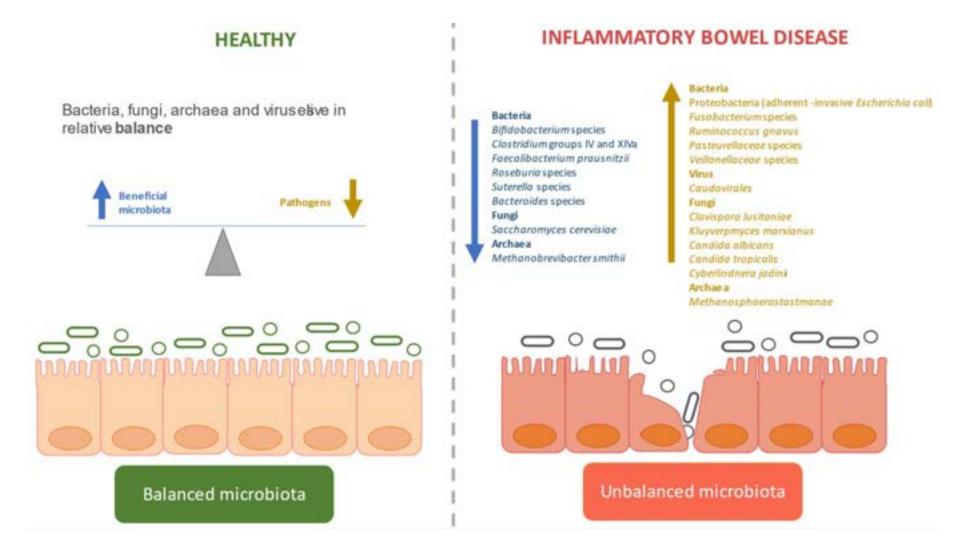
We lose fiber-degrading bacteria when we change our lifestyle to Westernized diets: "the loss of bacteria in generations of immigrants"

Arrow Studies show that lower bacterial diversity → more disease and less resilient.

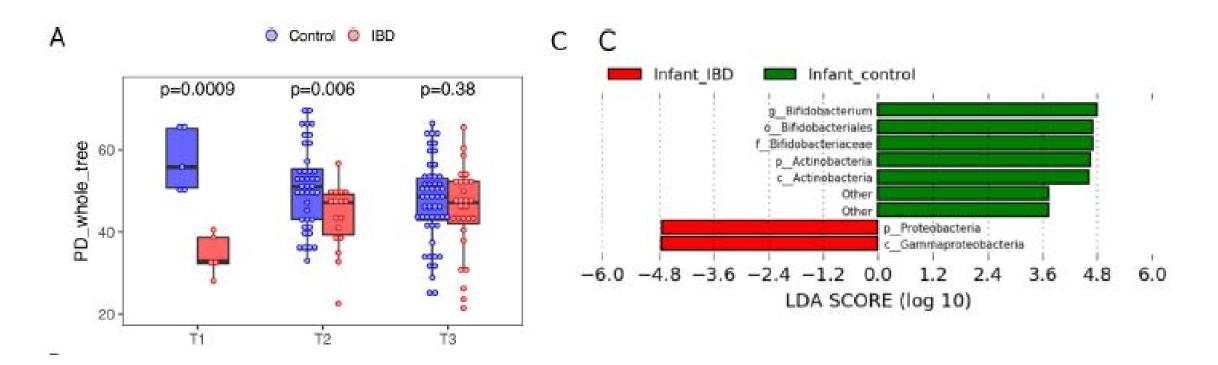
The vicious cycle of the microbiome in IBD



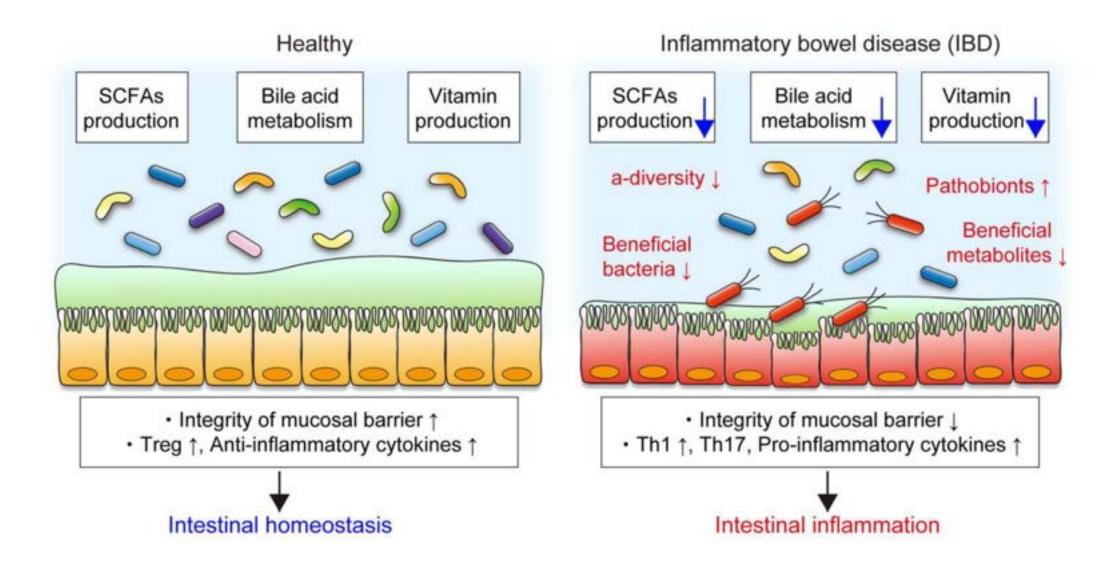
Microbiota Alterations in IBD



Infants born to mothers with IBD present with altered gut microbiome that transfers abnormalities of the adaptive immune system to germ-free mice



Functional changes of the gut microbiota in IBD



Sugihara and Kamada. Nutrients 2021

Can we identify microbiome signatures that predict development of IBD?

Pre-disease cohorts

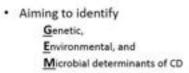
- The GEM Project
- Meconium study
- Tooth Fairy Study
- PREDICT
- Predicts Cohort





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The CCC GEM Project



 5,122 Healthy first-degree relatives (FDR) of CD-affected individuals



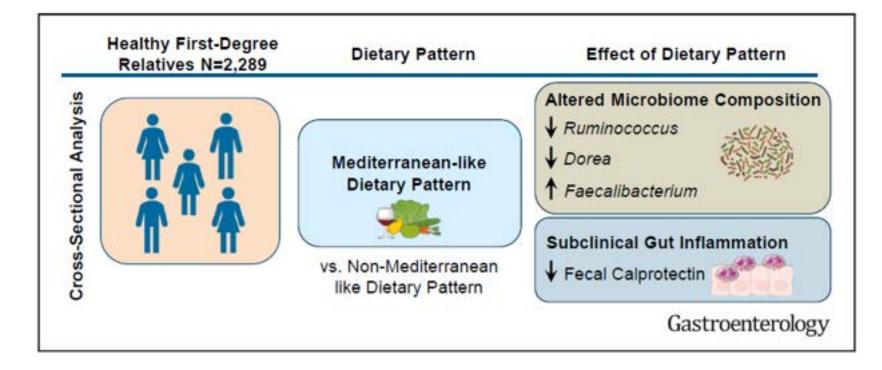


The MECONIUM Study



Exploring MEChanisms Of disease traNsmission In Utero through the Microbiome

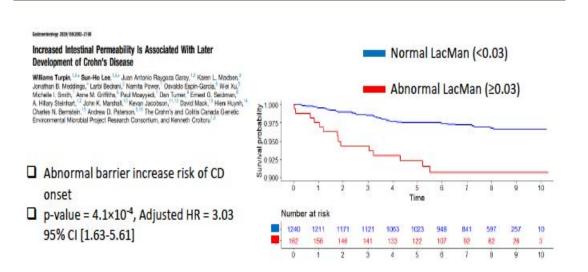
Diet, intestinal inflammation and microbiome in high-risk individuals



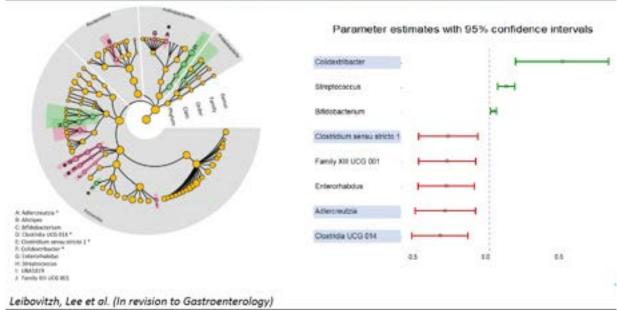
- Part of GEM study
- 2289 healthy FDRs of CD patients
- Stool samples
- Food frequency questionnaire
- Importance of dietary patterns over individual food items

Gut barrier function predicts disease onset and an abnormal gut barrier function is associated with an abnormal microbiome composition

Abnormal Gut Barrier Function is a Predictor of Disease Onset



Gut Barrier Function is Associated with Microbiome Composition



Turpin et al. Gastro 2019.

Are we ready to modulate the gut microbiome in IBD?

Conclusion Remarks

- Environmental factors play a crucial role in the rise and development of IBD
- Pre-disease cohorts yield important information on disease evolution and biologic pathways for disease
- Future goals of predicting disease development are near. A way to "Predict" and "Prevent" IBD?
 - Microbiome score
 - Serologic and proteomic markers
 - Intestinal permeability
 - Fecal calprotectin
- Still unclear is the 'internal dose' necessary to trigger pre-disease states and in whom?

Thank you!





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