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# The Targets for Prebiotic Therapy



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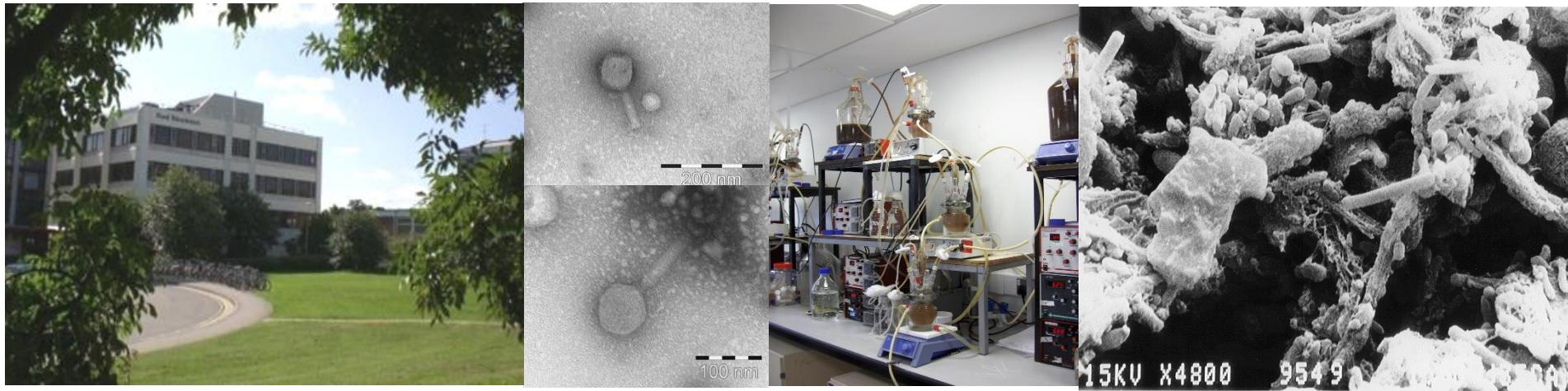


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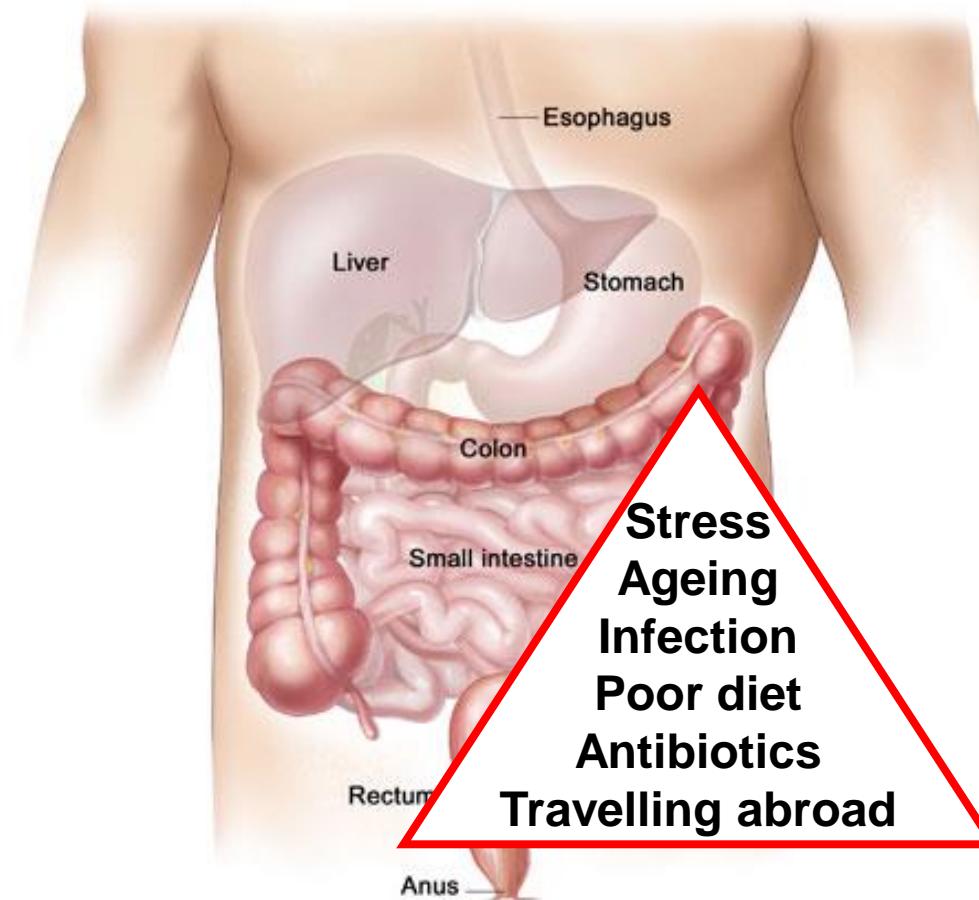
# The emergence of prebiotics

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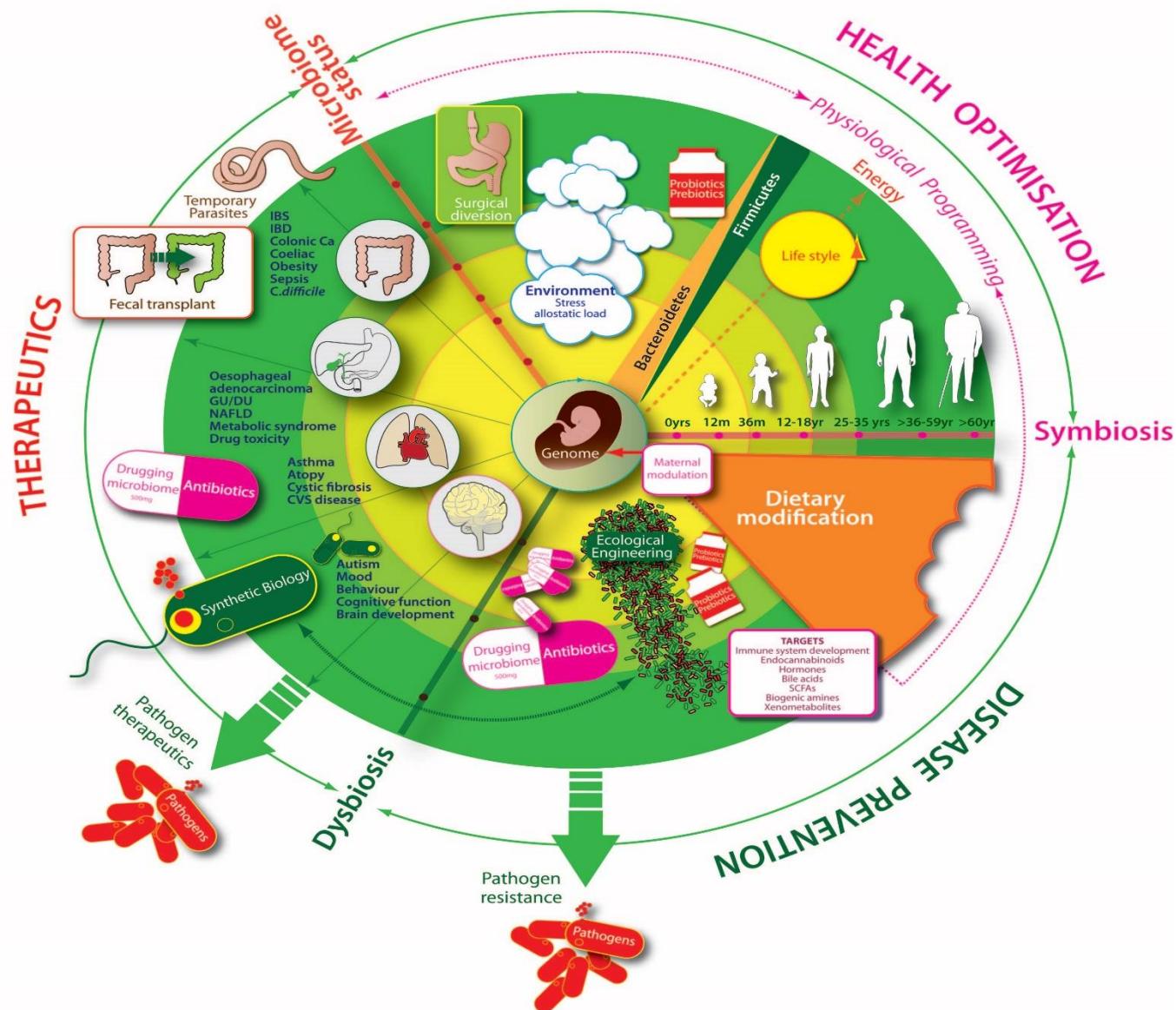
# Past

# Gut bacteria can be compromised

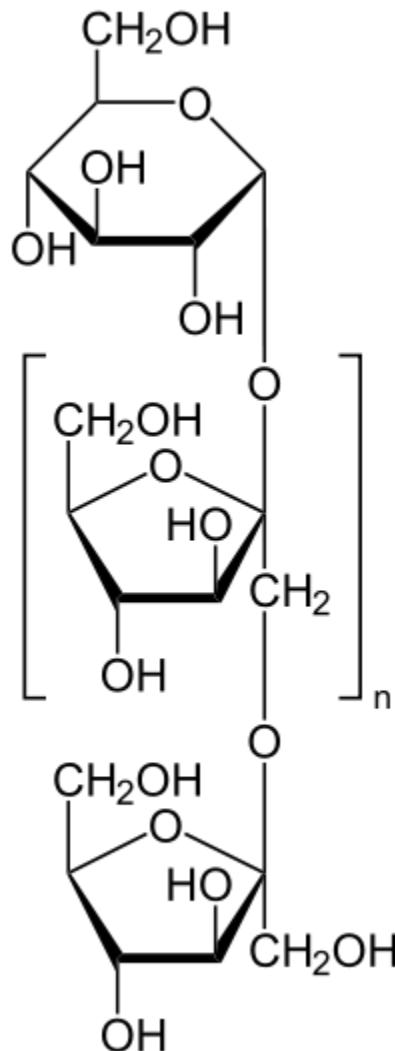
## Compromised gut health & immunity



# Therapeutic modulation



# Inulin-derived fructans



Inulin

[Fru $\beta$ 2 $\rightarrow$ 1]<sub>n</sub>Fru $\beta$ 2 $\leftrightarrow$ 1 $\alpha$ Gl

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n = 1 – 50

Inulinase

Oligofructose

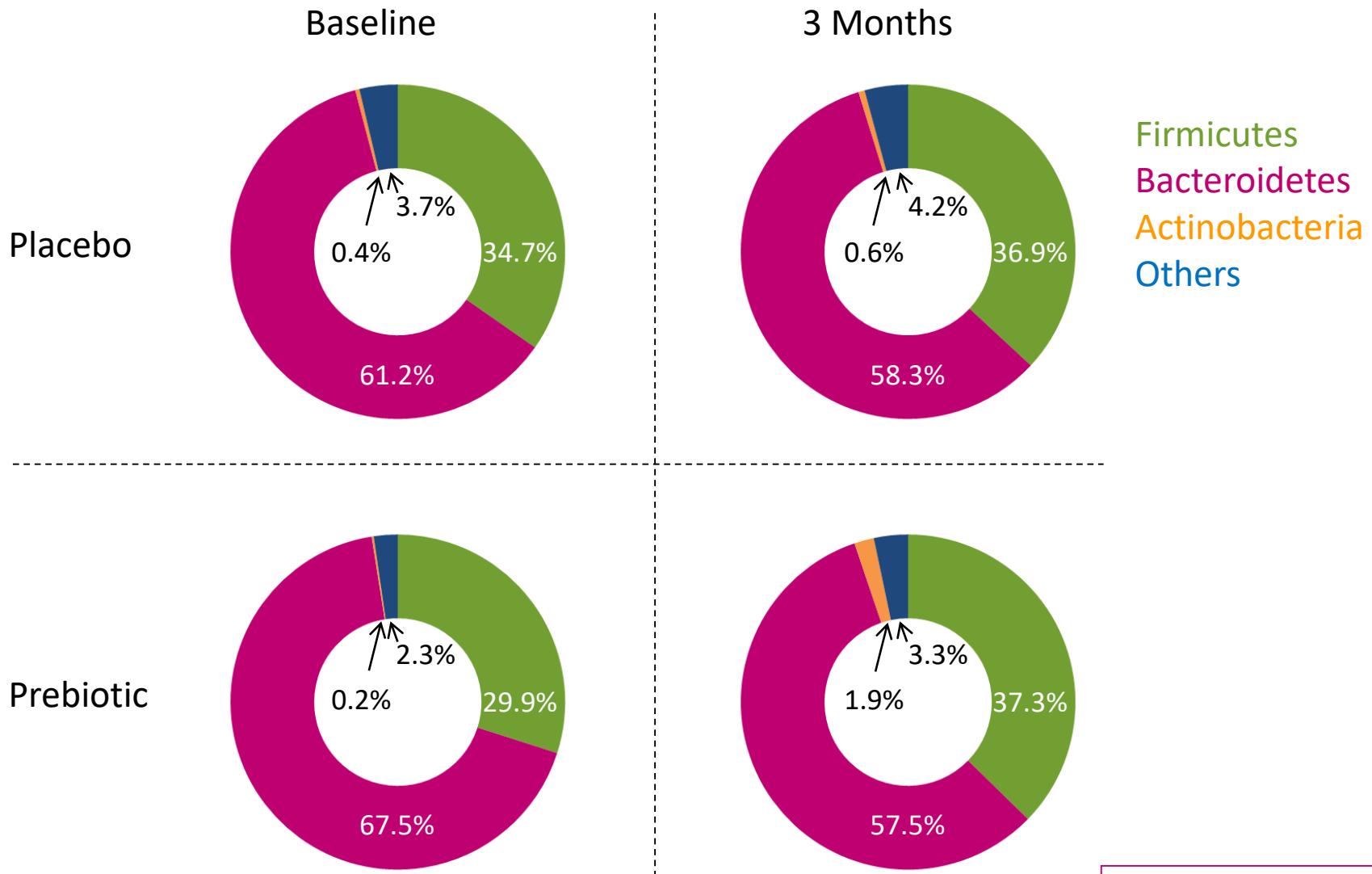
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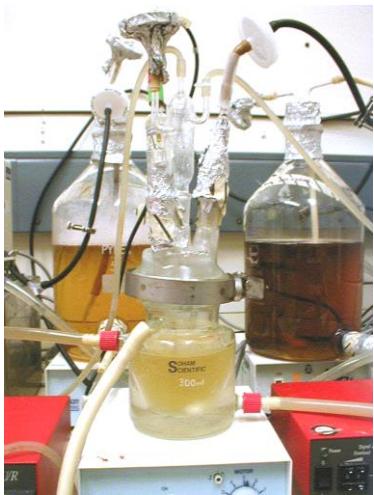
n = 1-5

# HITChip analysis – phylum level

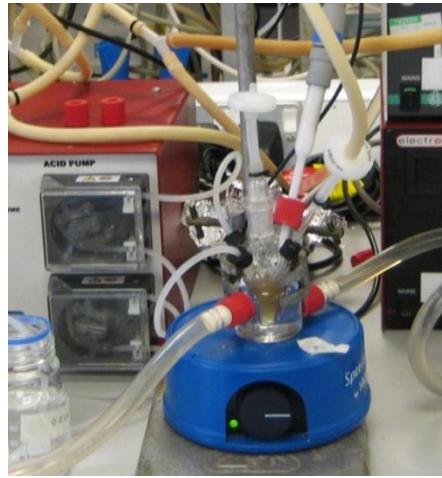


# Present

# Bioactivity testing



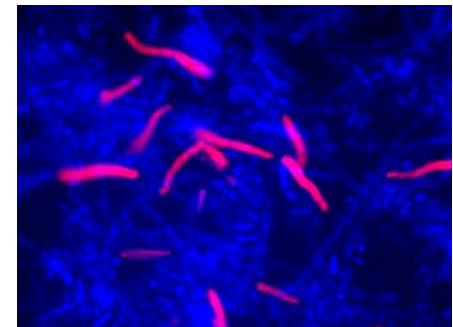
Batch cultures



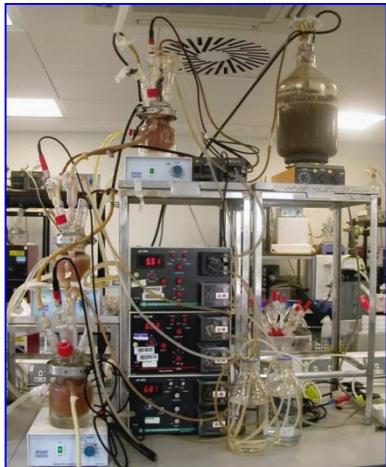
Micro  
batch cultures



Metabolite  
analysis



Molecular  
microbiology  
methods



Gut models



Human studies



Metabonomics

# Reported prebiotic oligosaccharides

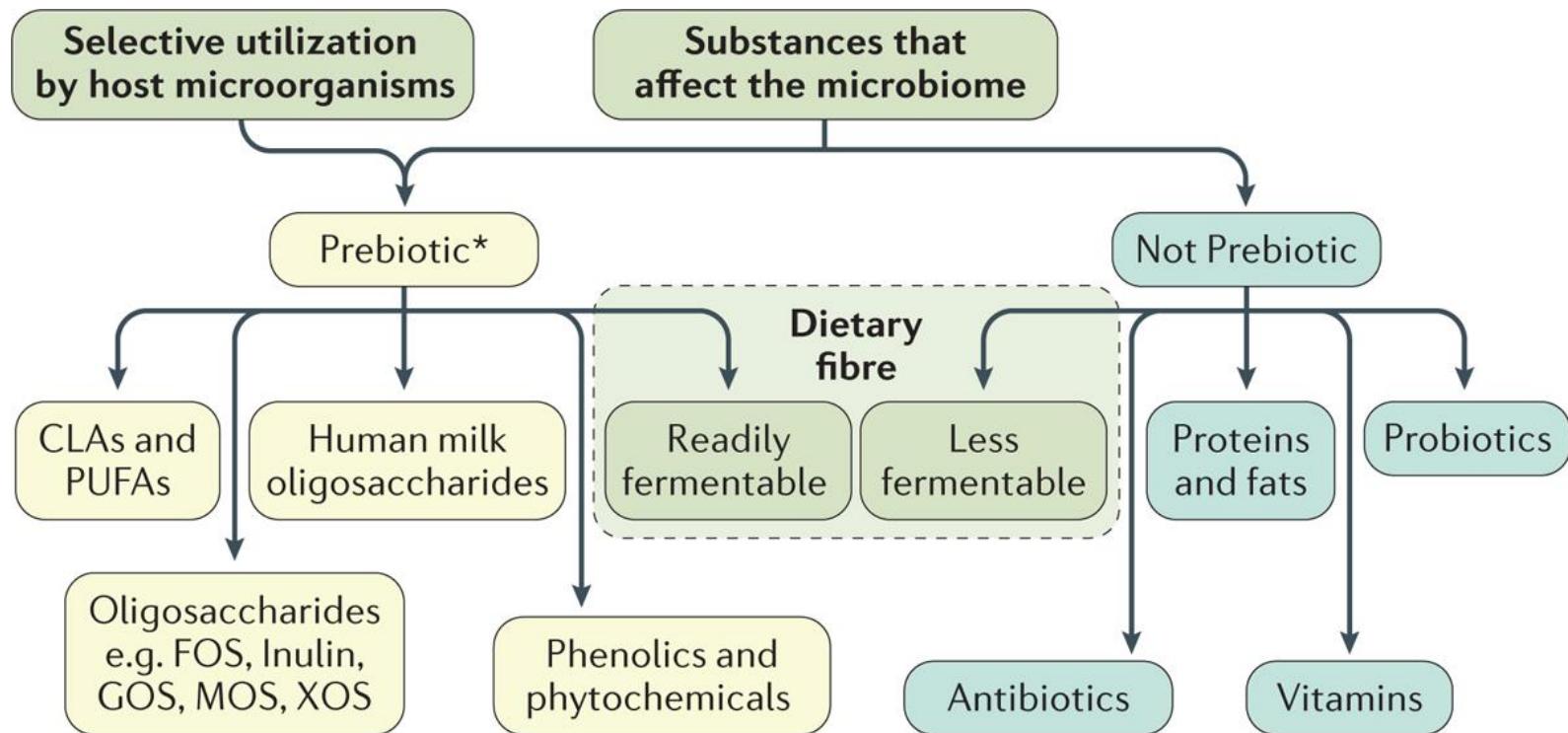
	In vitro		In vivo		
	Digestibility	Batch culture	Gut models	Animals	Humans
Inulin	●	●	●	●	●
Fructo-oligosaccharides	●	●	●	●	●
Galacto-oligosaccharides	●	●	●	●	●
Lactulose	●	●	●	●	●
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Isomalto-oligosaccharides	●	●	●	●	●
Soybean oligosaccharides	●	●	●	●	●
Lactosucrose	●	●	●	●	●
Gentio-oligosaccharides	●	●	●	●	●
Xylo-oligosaccharides	●	●	●	●	●
Resistant starch	●	●	●	●	●
Polydextrose	●	●	●	●	●

● Good data

● Data inconsistent

● Some data

# Distinguishing what is considered a prebiotic within the proposed definition



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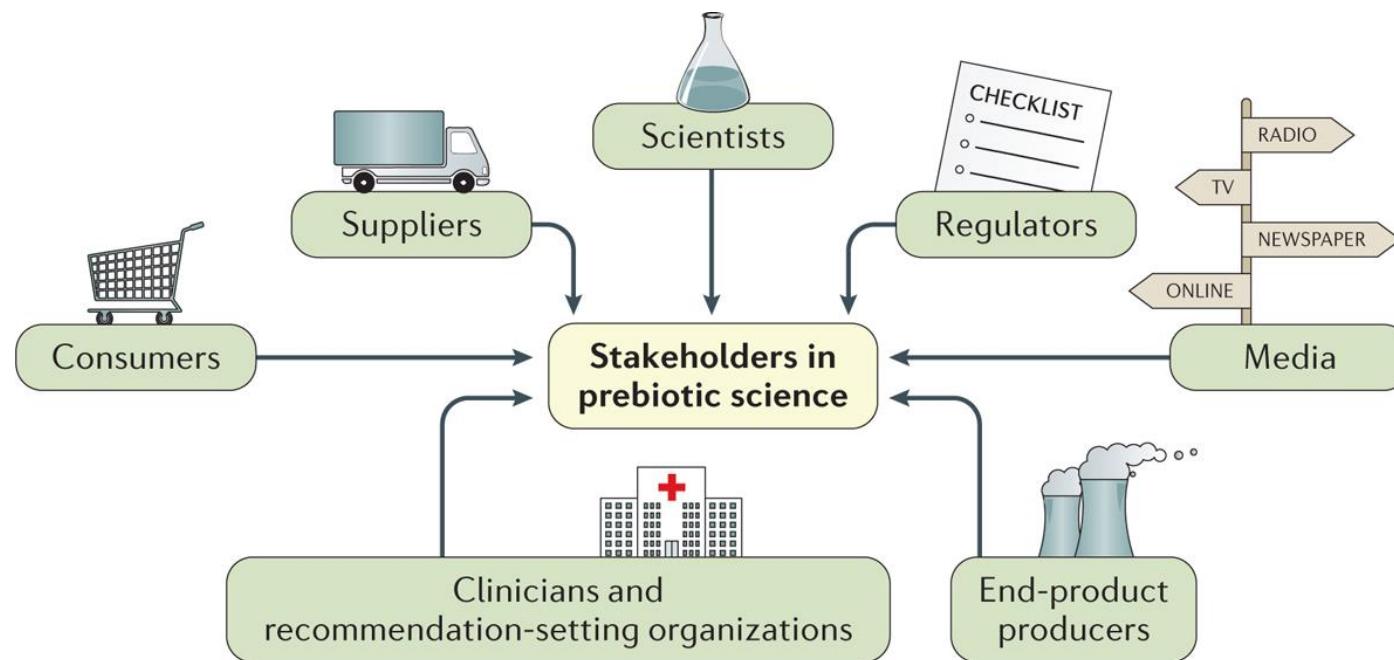
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**Table 1 | Health end points targeted in human trials of orally administered prebiotics**

<b>Health end point</b>	<b>Prebiotic used</b>
Metabolic health: overweight and obesity; type 2 diabetes mellitus; metabolic syndrome and dyslipidaemia; inflammation	Inulin, GOS, FOS
Satiety	FOS
Stimulation of neurochemical-producing bacteria in the gut	GOS
Improved absorption of calcium and other minerals, bone health	Inulin, FOS
Skin health, improved water retention and reduced erythema	GOS
Allergy	FOS, GOS
IBD	Inulin, lactulose
Urogenital health	GOS
Bowel habit and general gut health in infants	GOS, FOS,
Infections and vaccine response	FOS, GOS, polydextrose
Necrotizing enterocolitis in preterm infants	GOS, FOS
IBS	GOS
Traveller's diarrhoea	GOS
Constipation	Inulin
Immune function in elderly individuals	GOS

FOS, fructooligosaccharides; GOS, galactooligosaccharides.

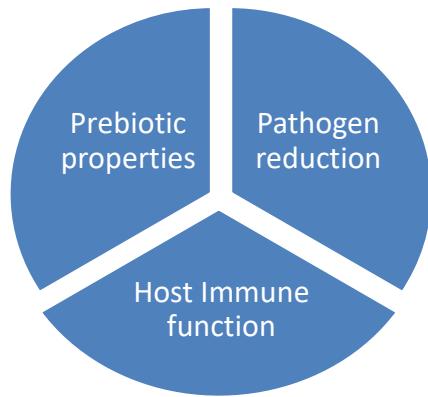
# Stakeholders with an interest in prebiotic science



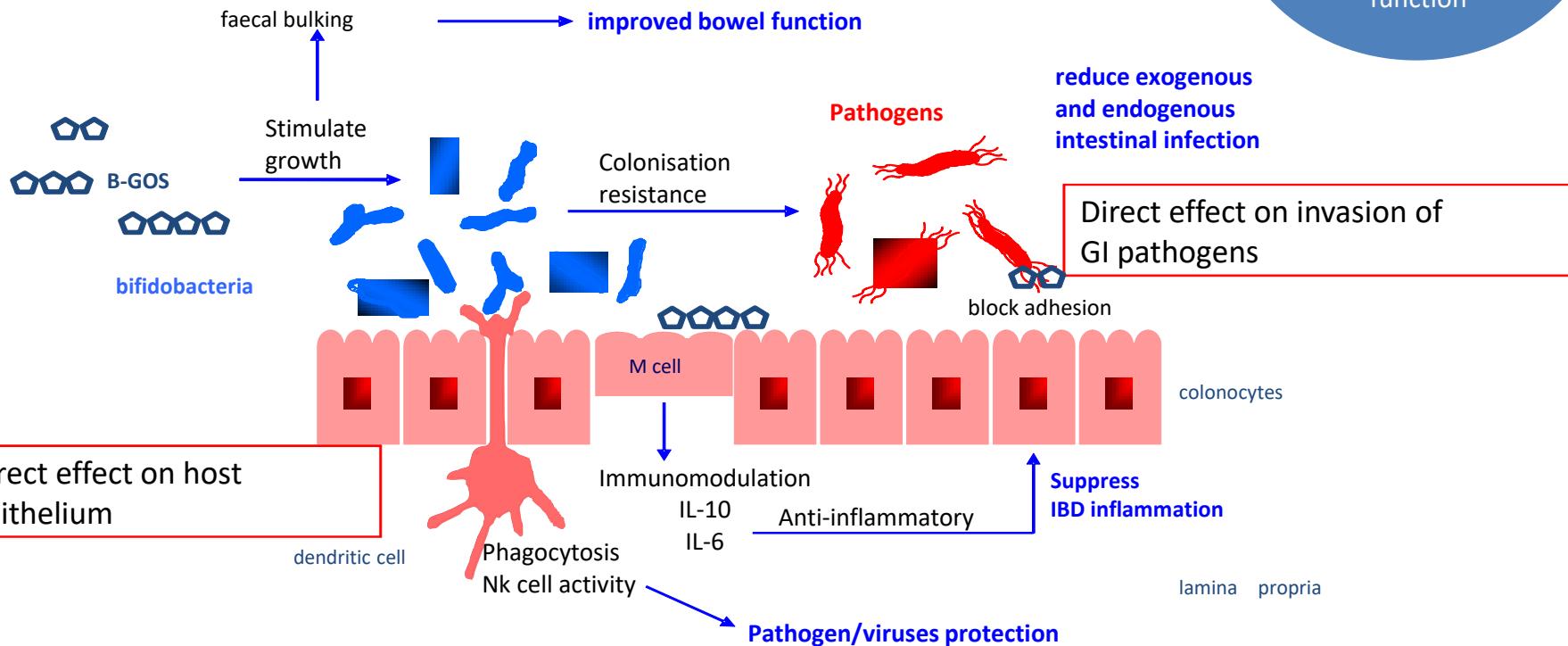
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# How may prebiotics work?



Selective proliferation of beneficial bacteria

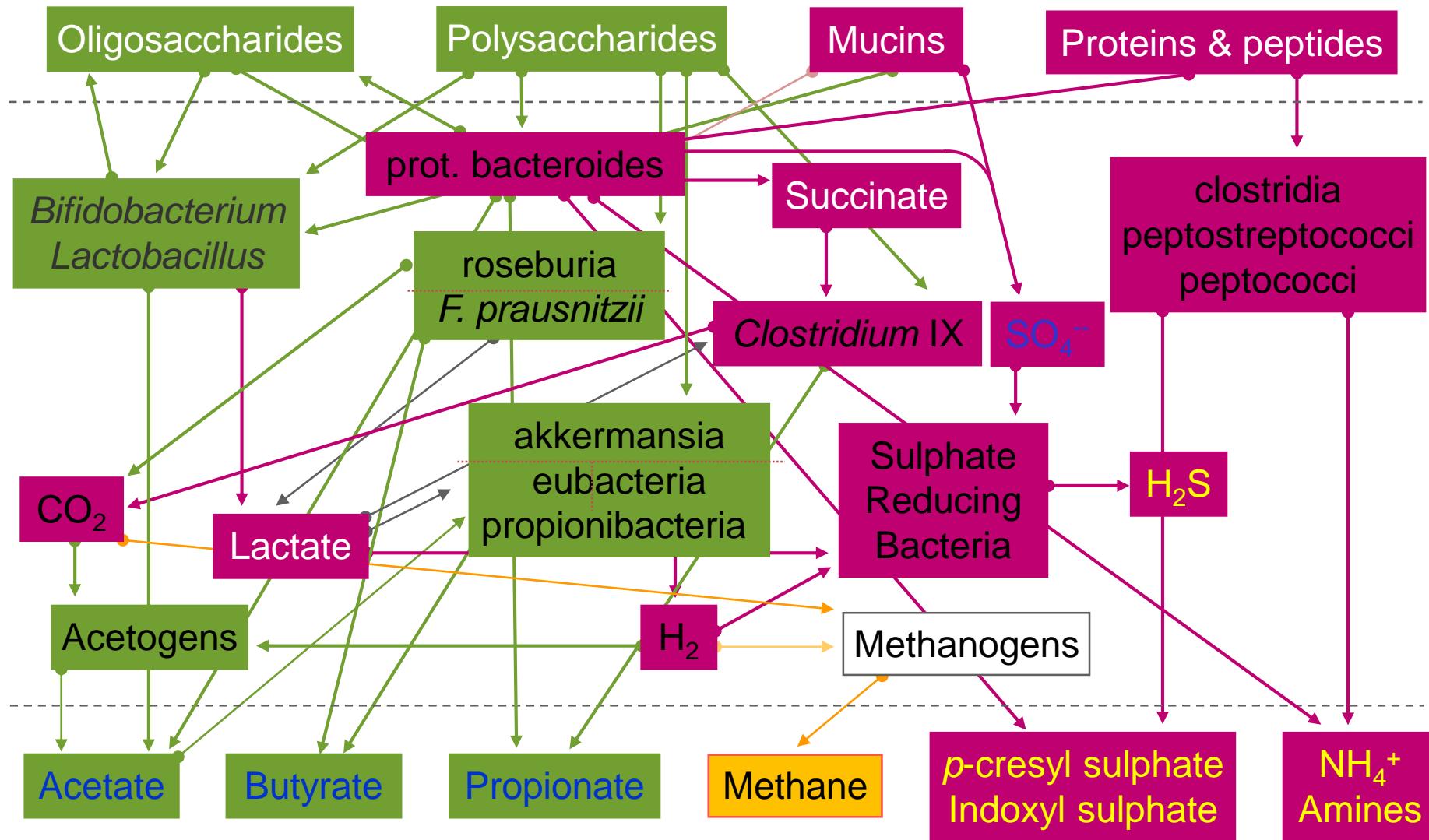


# Possible future

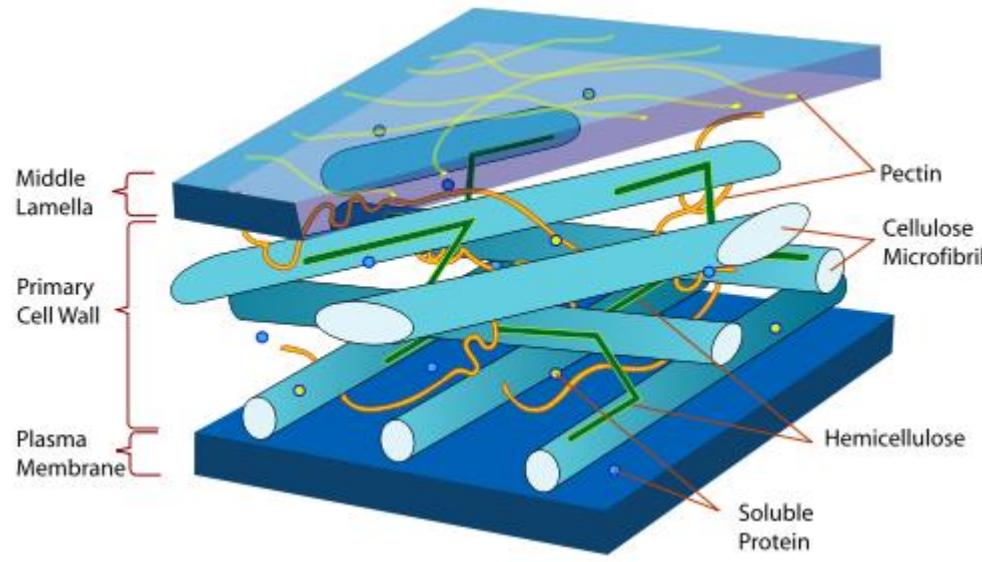
# Beyond usual prebiotic effects

- Virulence attenuation
- Distal colon
- Encapsulation
- Anti-adhesive influences
- New targets
- Waste-stream use
- Synbiotics, including species changes
- Food quality aspects and functionality

# Prebiotics – expanded diversity



# Potential prebiotics from biomass



## $\beta$ -glucans

- Oat
- Barley

## $\beta$ -mannans

- Coffee

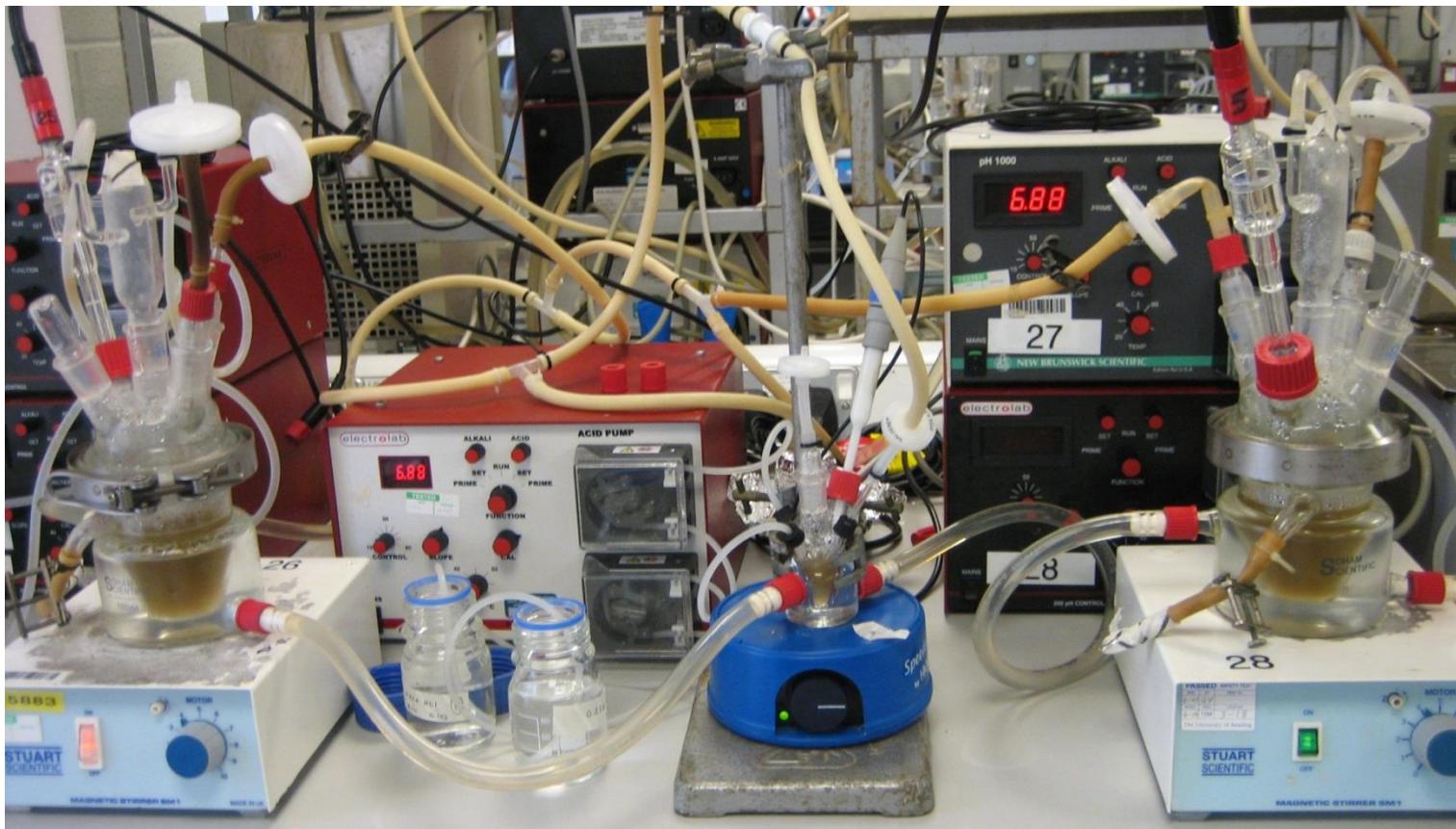
## Pectins

- Citrus
- Apple
- Potato

## Xylans

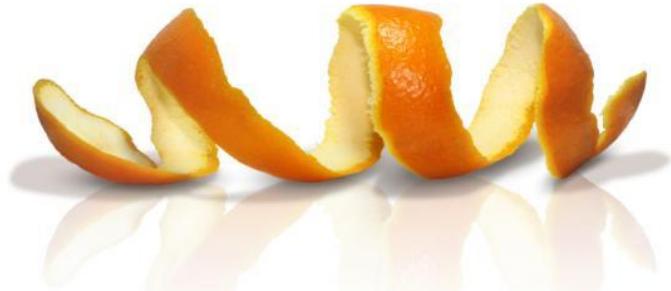
- Corn cob
- Wheat
- Oil palm

# Microscale fermenter

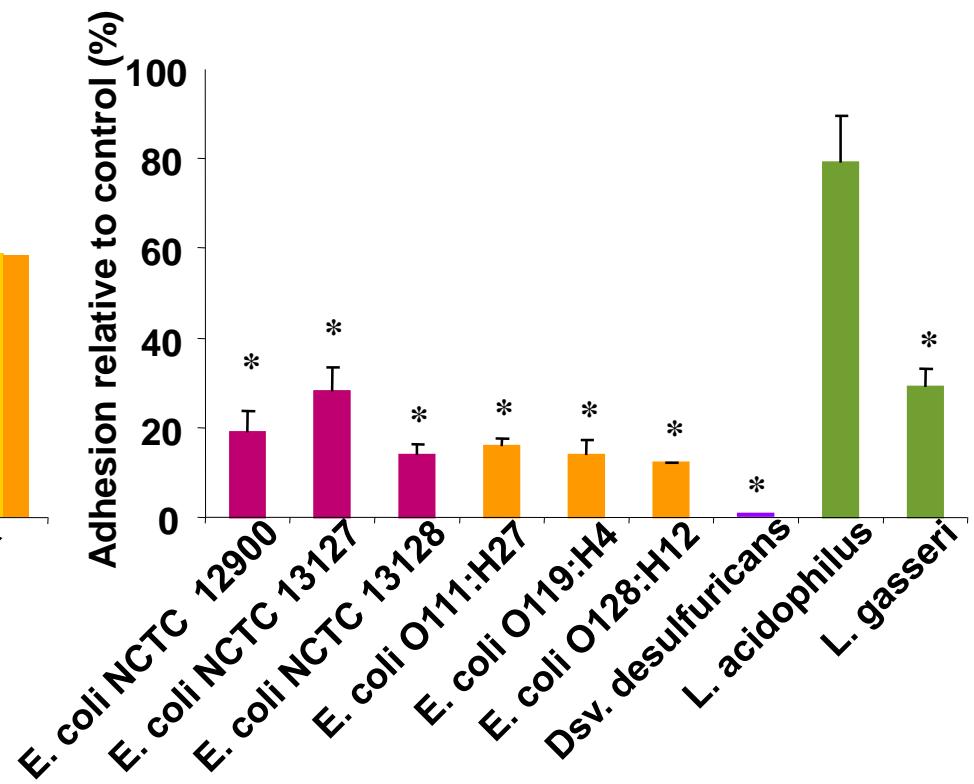
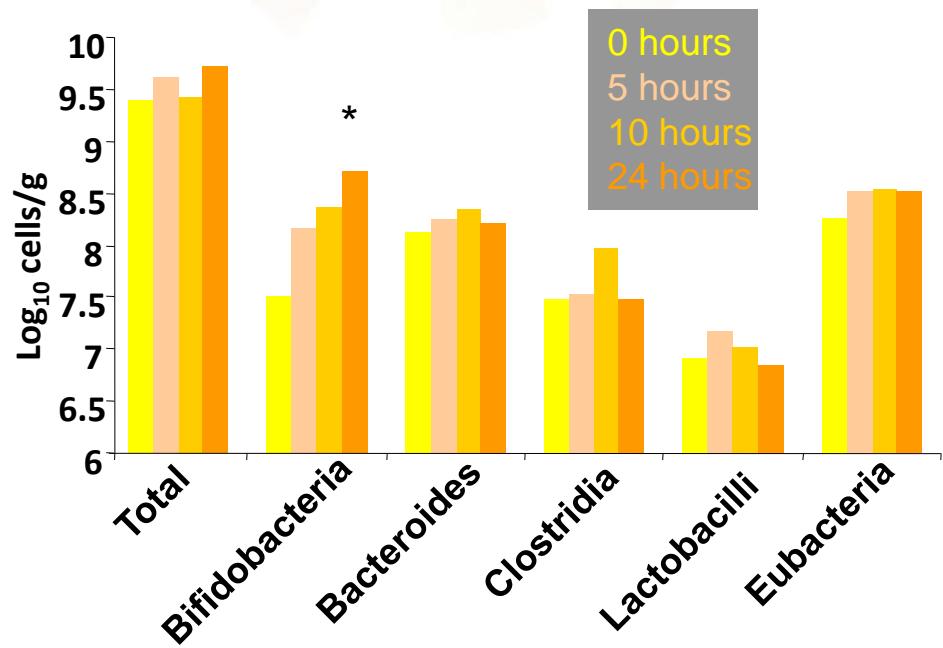


- 5ml working volume
- Stirred, anaerobic, pH-& temperature-controlled
- 50 mg test carbohydrate
- Bacteriology

# Prebiotics from pectins



Pectin-derived oligosaccharides from  
orange peel wastes

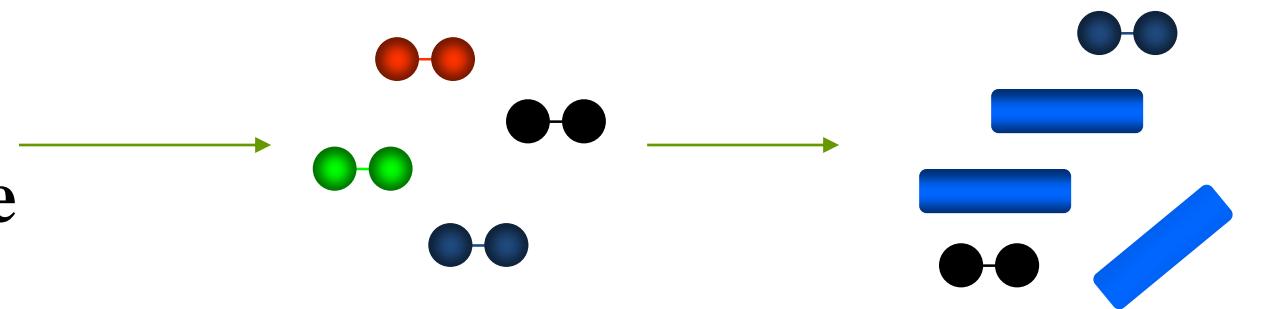


# Species-targeted prebiotics

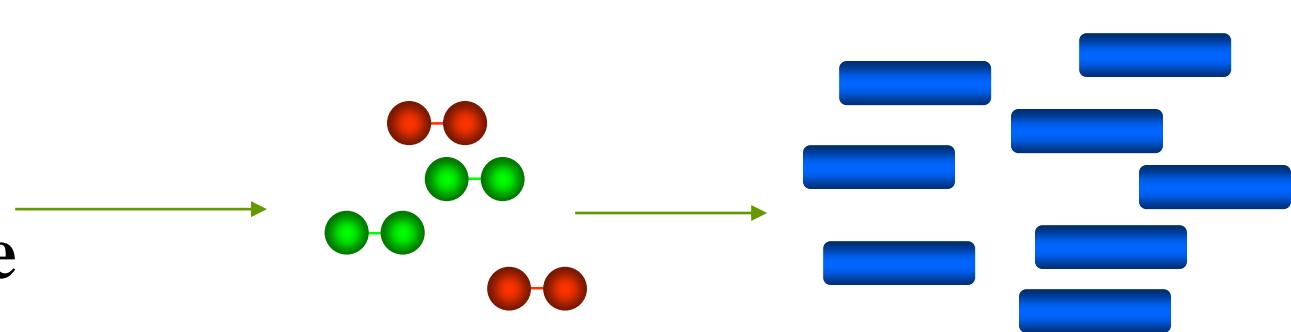
- Existing prebiotics act at the genus level
- It may be desirable to stimulate individual species
- For example, *B. infantis* has more powerful anti-microbial activity than *B. breve*: same for certain lactobacilli
- In theory, any lac or bif can be used to manufacture a prebiotic

# Novel GOS - synthesis

Industrial  
 $\beta$ -galactosidase



Probiotic  
 $\beta$ -galactosidase



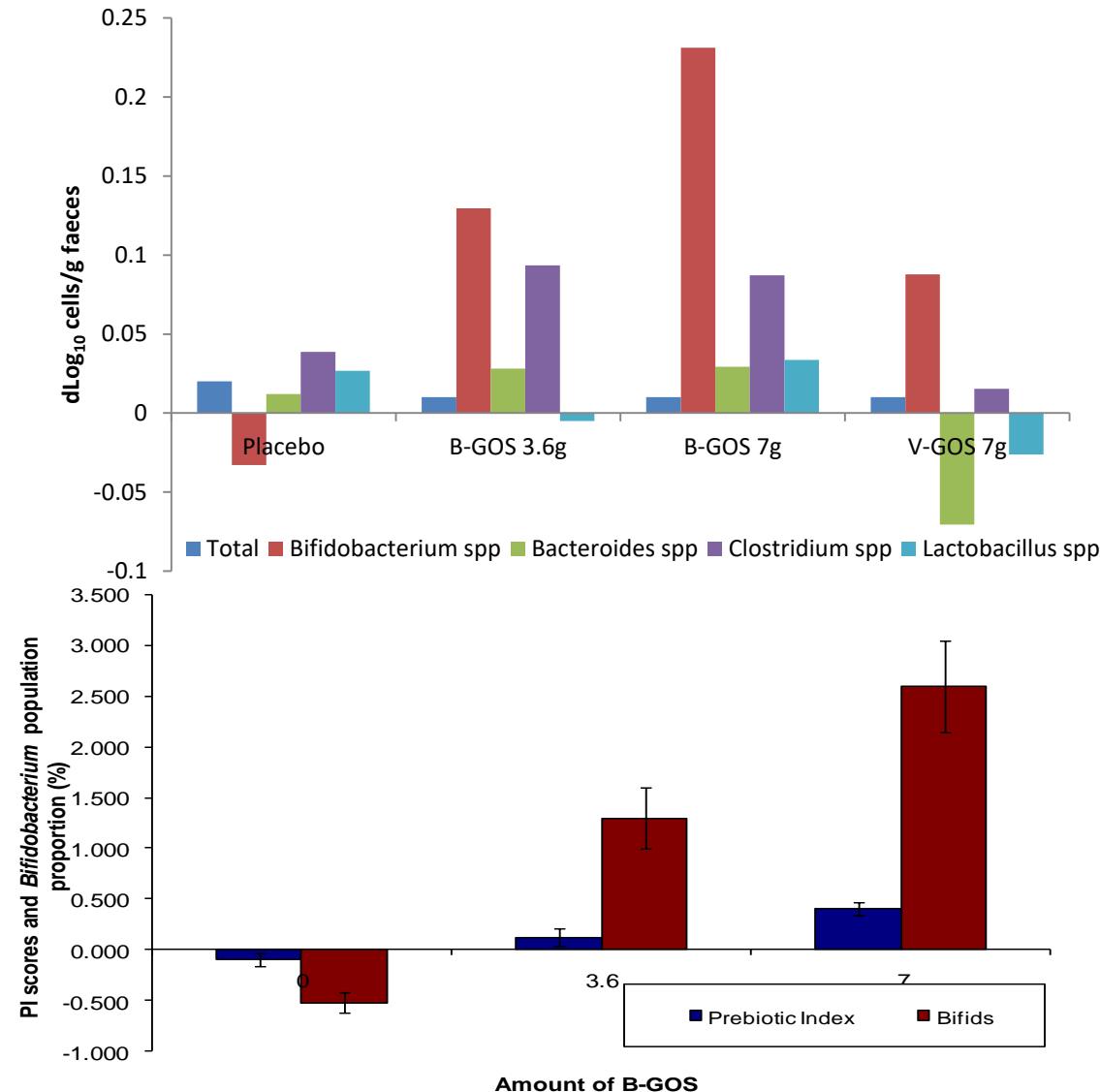
# Probiotic-targeted GOS

Probiotic	1	2	3	4	5
<i>B. bifidum</i>	1.05	0.76	0.79	0.73	1.05
<i>B. pseudolongum</i>	0.69	0.66	0.99	0.64	0.69
<i>B. angulatum</i>	0.89	0.96	0.71	0.91	1.27
<i>B. infantis</i>	0.98	1.20	0.73	0.99	0.95
<i>B. adolescentis</i>	0.48	0.48	0.81	0.83	1.01

- 1: *B. bifidum* GOS
- 2: *B. infantis* GOS
- 3: *B. pseudolongum* GOS
- 4: *B. adolescentis* GOS
- 5: *B. angulatum* GOS

# Healthy human volunteer study

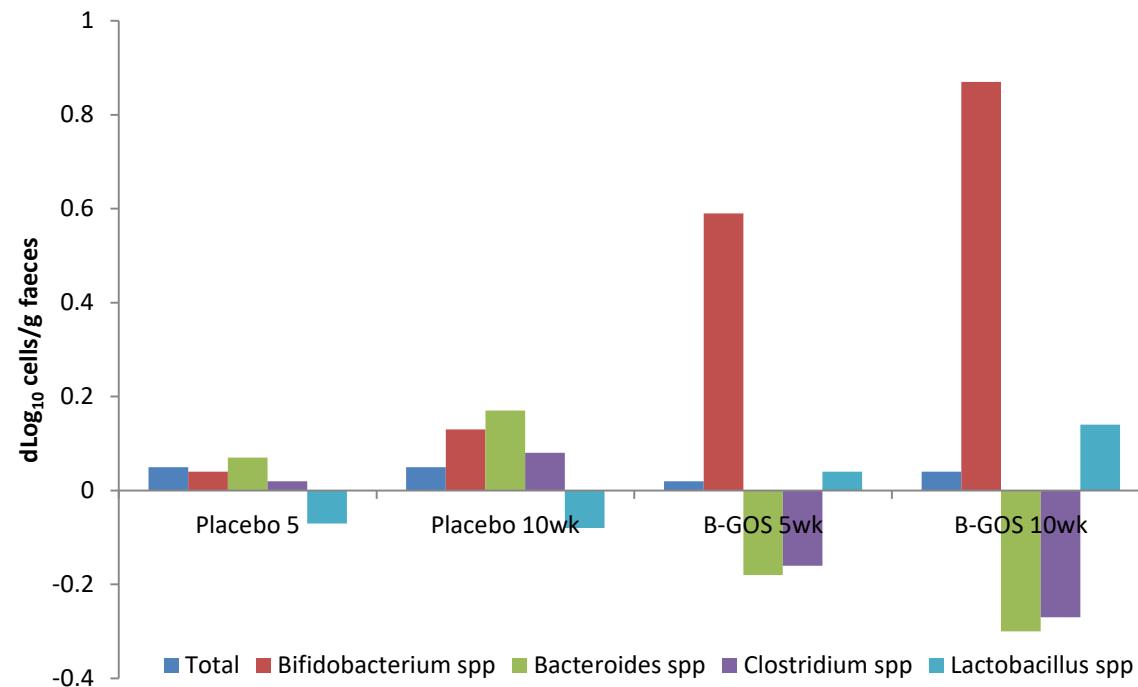
- Double blinded, placebo controlled study of cross over design, with 30 healthy adult volunteers
- GOS was bifidogenic at a daily intake of 1.37g of active ingredient
- The bifidogenicity and prebiotic effect of GOS follows a dose response relationship
- The prebiotic value of GOS was attributed solely to bifidogenicity



# Effect of GOS on the colonic microbiota of the elderly

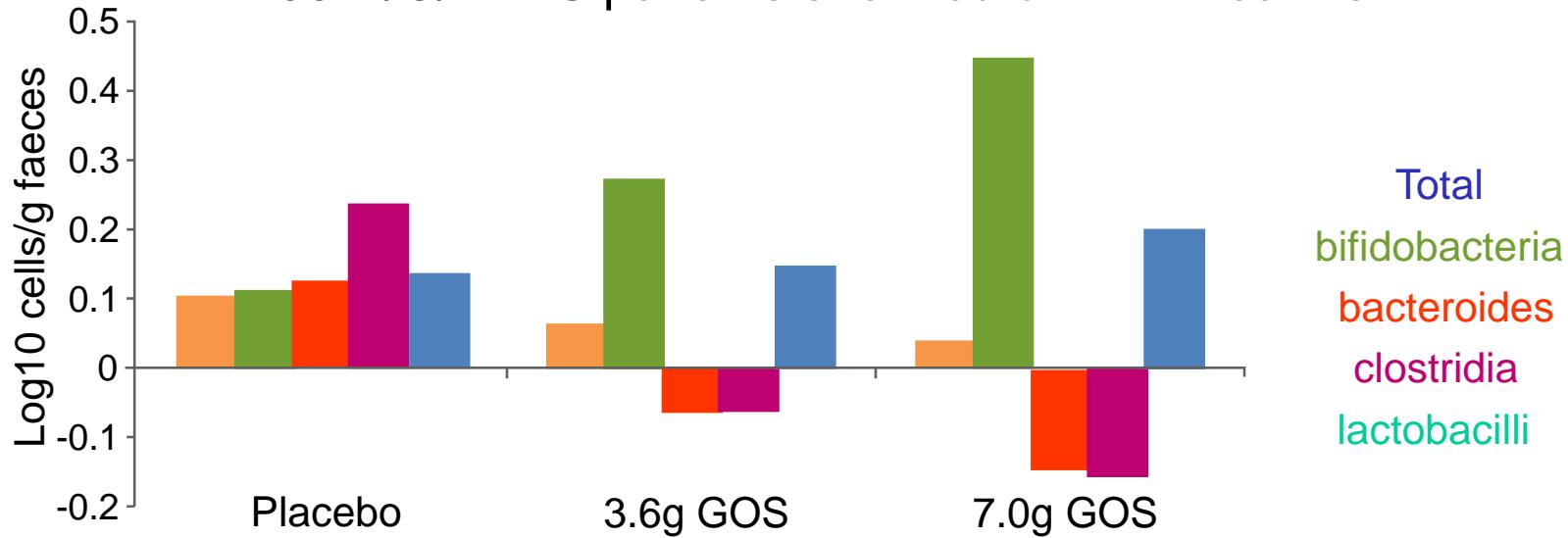
- Double blinded randomised, cross-over placebo controlled study
- 60 volunteers over 60 years old
- Two treatments (Placebo vs GOS) for 5 months to assess the effects on the colonic microflora by FISH

- Significant increase in the bifidobacterial numbers after 5 wks of intake followed by a further significant increase after another 5 wks.
- At the end of the 10 wks treatment, the bifidobacterial ratio of the elderly subjects was similar to that of healthy adults



# Irritable bowel syndrome

Single blinded randomised placebo controlled study  
66 D/C/A-IBS patients stratified on 4wk treatment

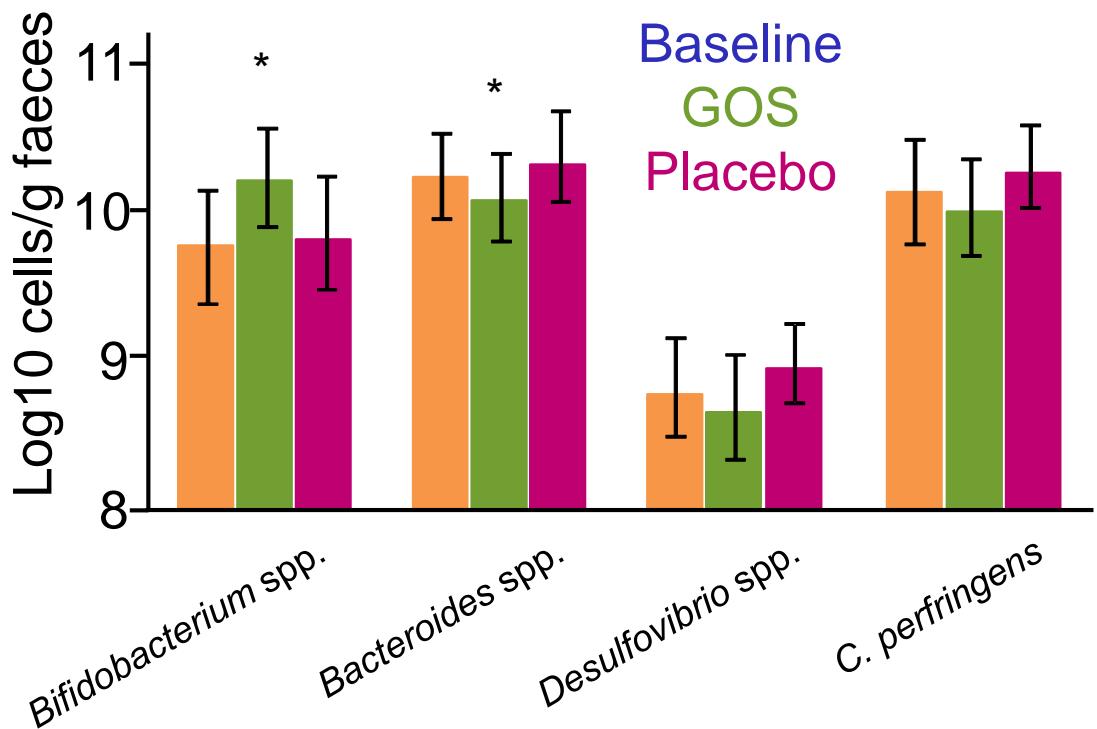


Significant improvements seen in:

- stool consistency
- flatulence
- bloating
- subjective global assessment
- composite score of symptoms
- anxiety

# Metabolic syndrome

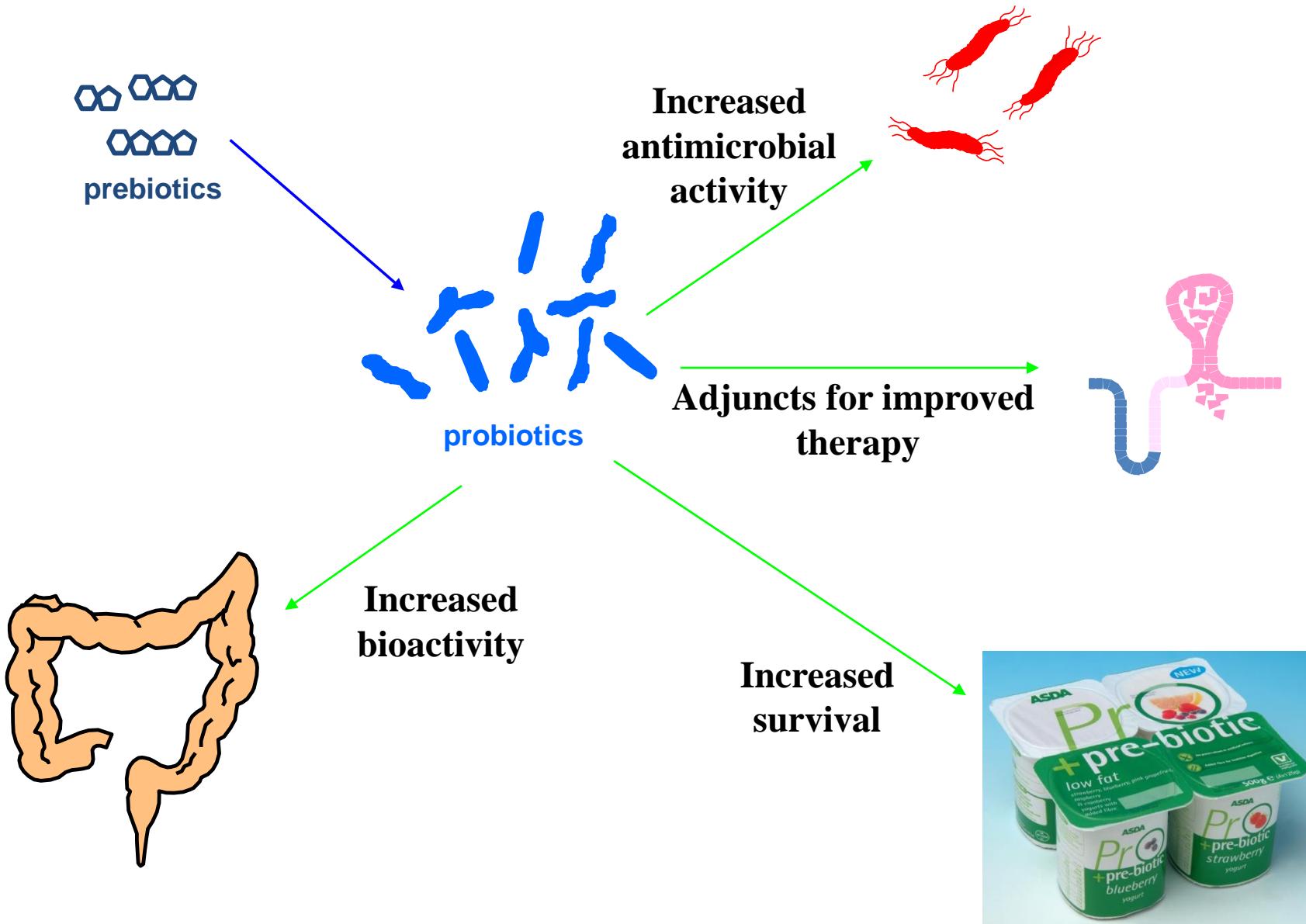
- 45 overweight adults with  $\geq 3$  metabolic syndrome risk factors
- 12 week cross over study feeding GOS or placebo



No significant changes in:

*Atopobium* spp  
*Lactobacillus* spp  
*Clostridium coccoides/E. rectale*  
*E. cylindroides*  
*E. hallii*  
*Clostridium cluster IX*  
*Faecalibacterium prausnitzii*  
beta-proteobacteria

# Synbiotics



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