

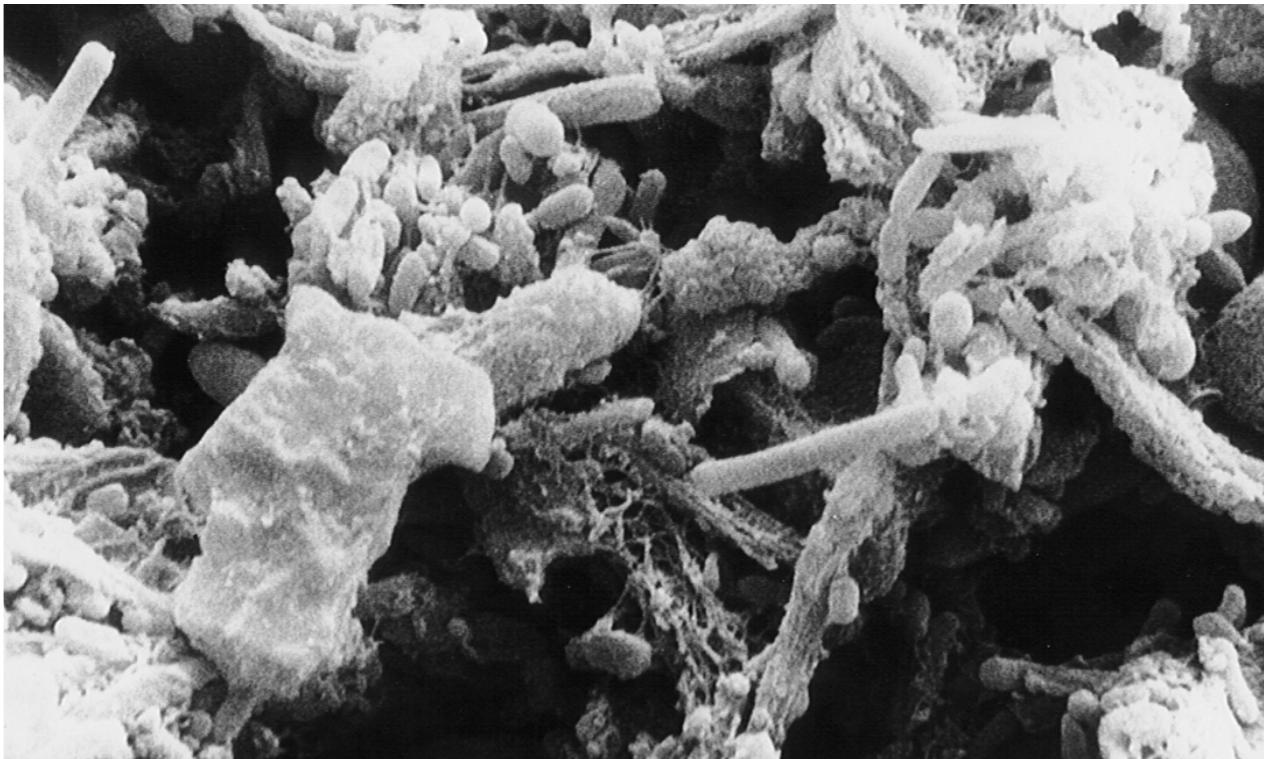
## Pro- (and pre) biotics in relation to allergy and obesity

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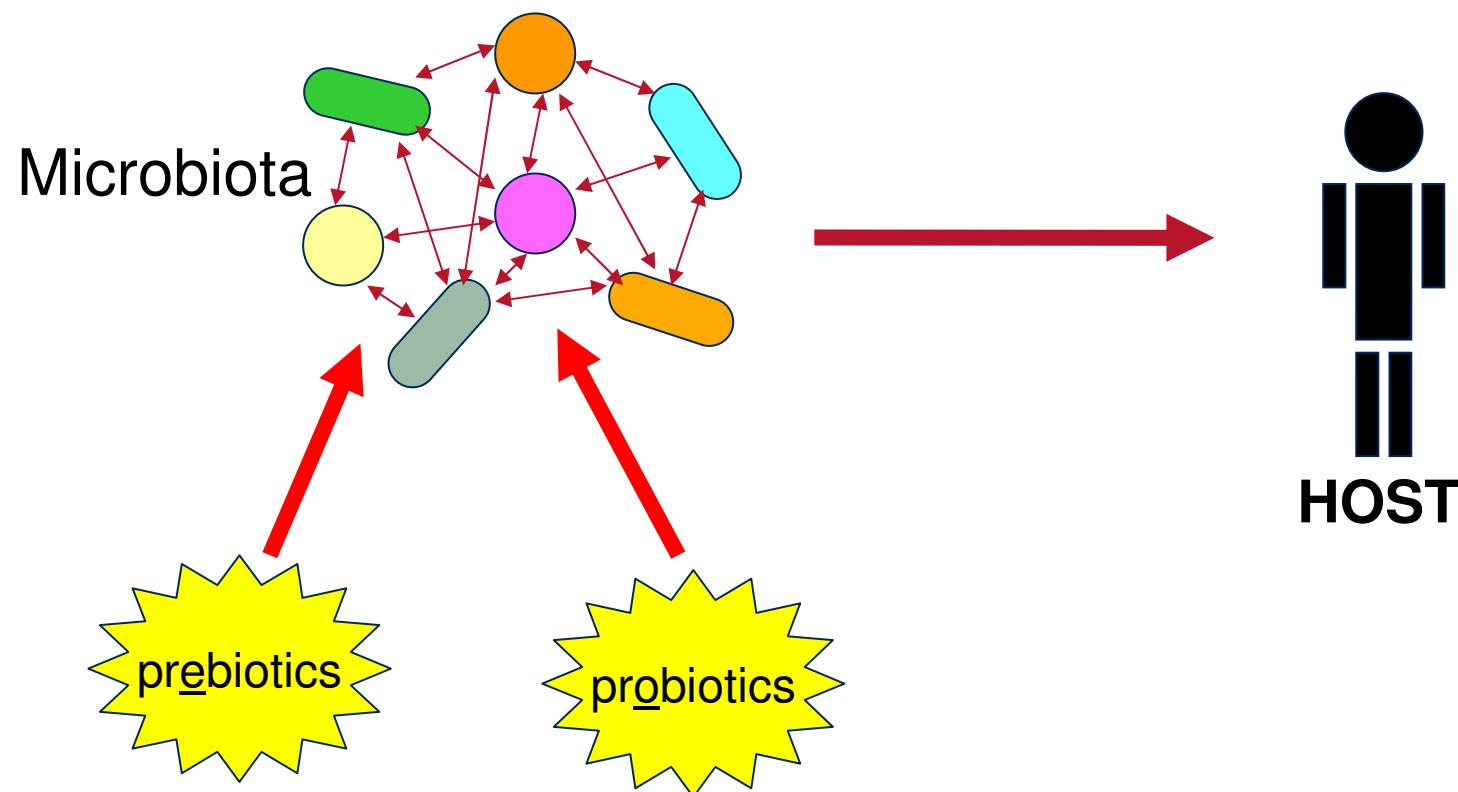


# Human intestinal microbiota

- ☺ Colon contains approx. 1-1½ kg bacteria
- ☺ Estimated over 1000 different bacterial species in the intestine
- ☺ Bacteria outnumber human cells in the body by 10:1
- ☺ Many have no known function,  
some are potentially detrimental others are beneficial



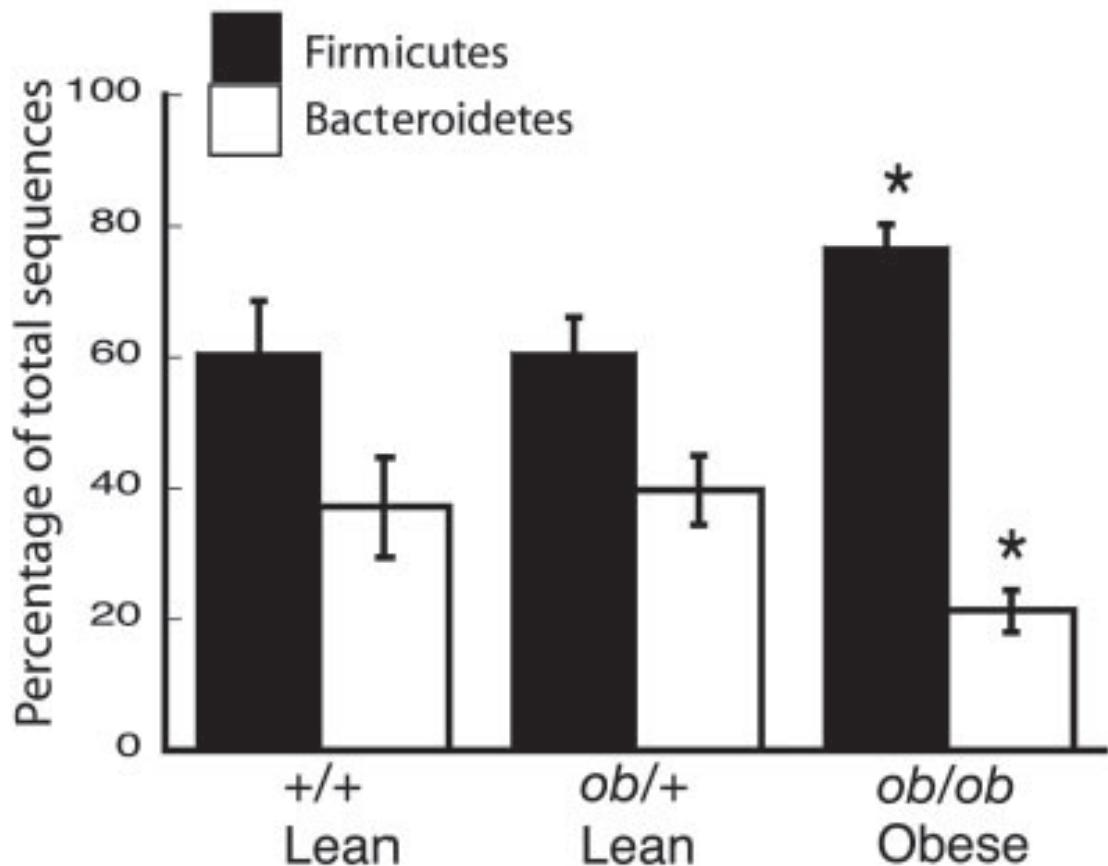
# How to influence the (intestinal) microbiota



## Weight management



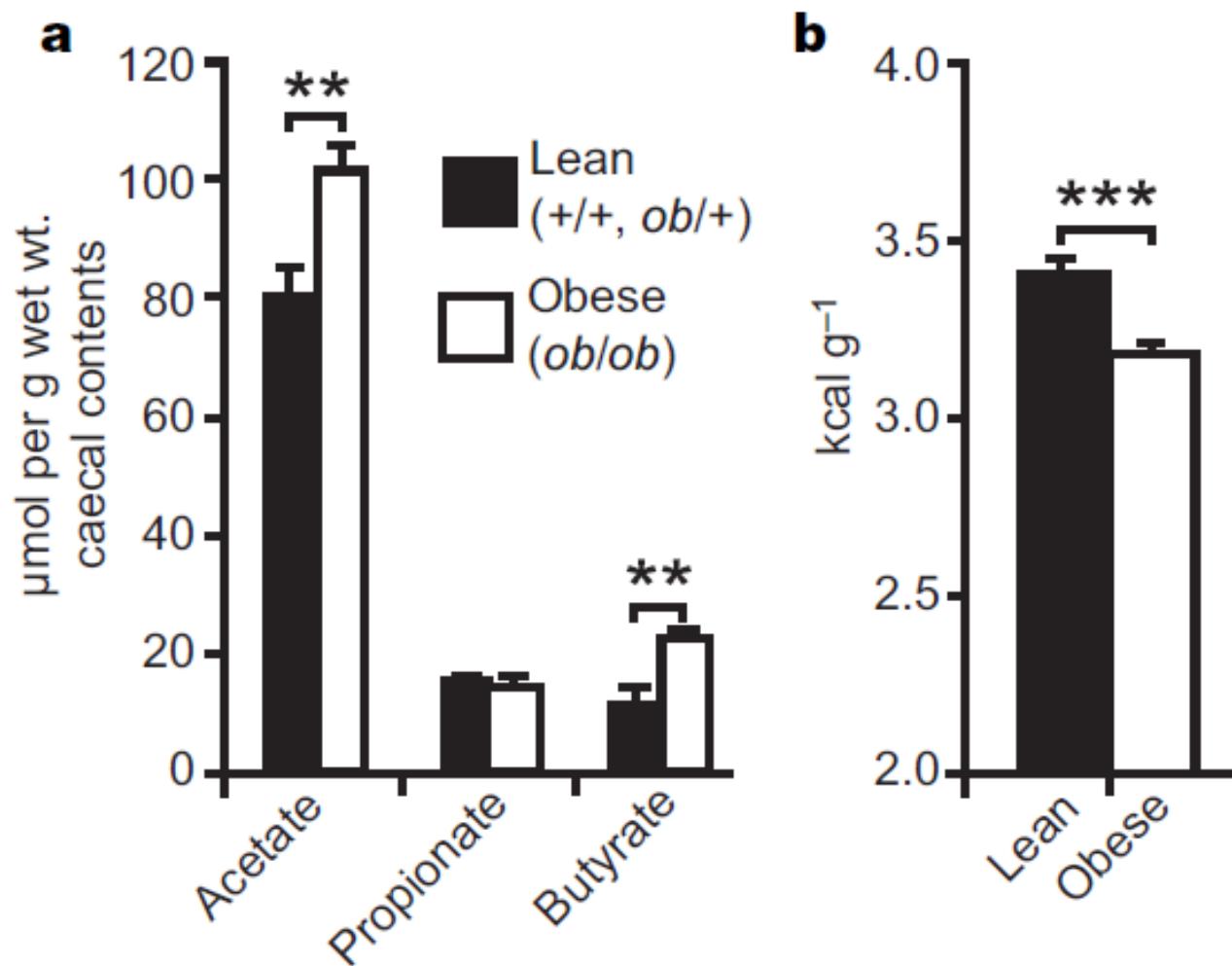
## Differences in microbiota composition in lean and genetically obese mice



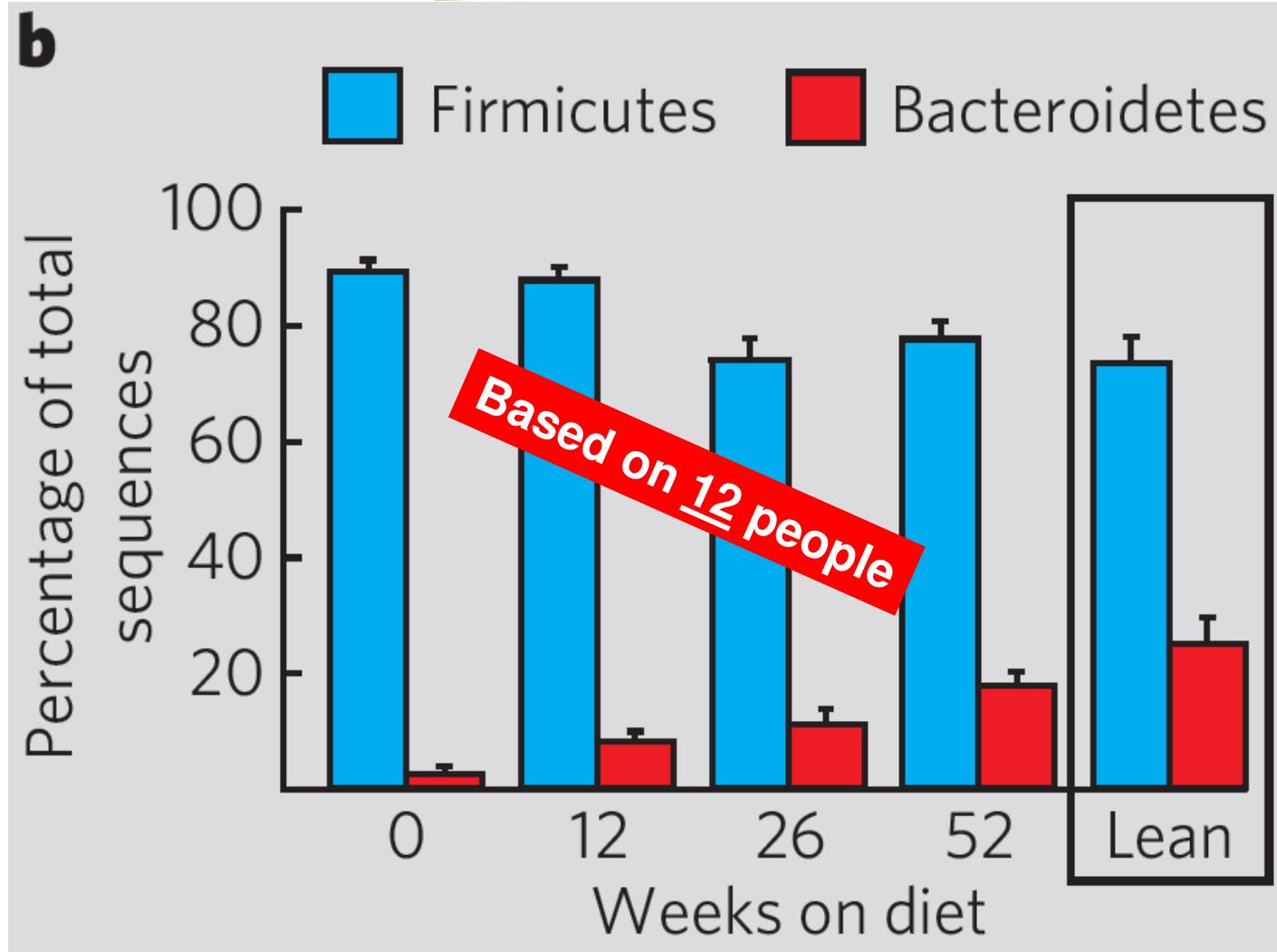
Phyla	Representative genera
Bacteria	
Firmicutes	<i>Ruminococcus</i> <i>Clostridium</i> <i>Peptostreptococcus</i> <i>Lactobacillus</i> <i>Enterococcus</i>
Bacteroidetes	<i>Bacteroides</i> <i>Desulfovibrio</i> <i>Escherichia</i> <i>Helicobacter</i>
Proteobacteria	<i>Verrucomicrobia</i> <sup>b</sup> <i>Actinobacteria</i> <sup>b</sup> <i>Cyanobacteria</i> <sup>b</sup> <i>Synergistes</i> <sup>b</sup>
Archaea	<i>Euryarchaeota</i> <i>Methanobrevibacter</i>

# Production of VFA, Residual energy in faeces

## A more energy efficient microbiota

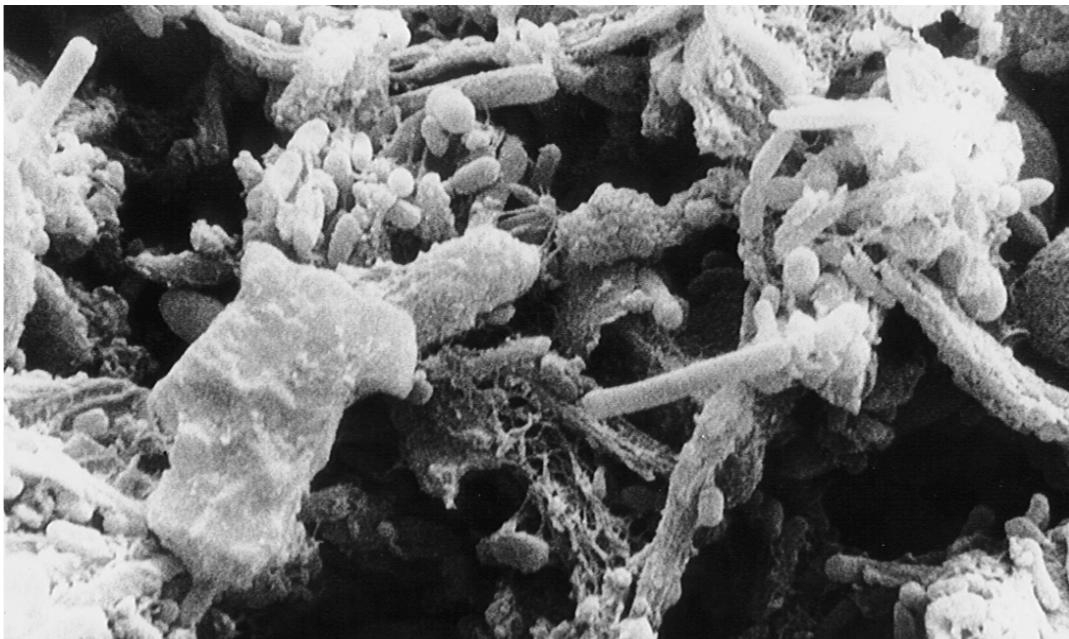


## Change in microbiota in response to dieting

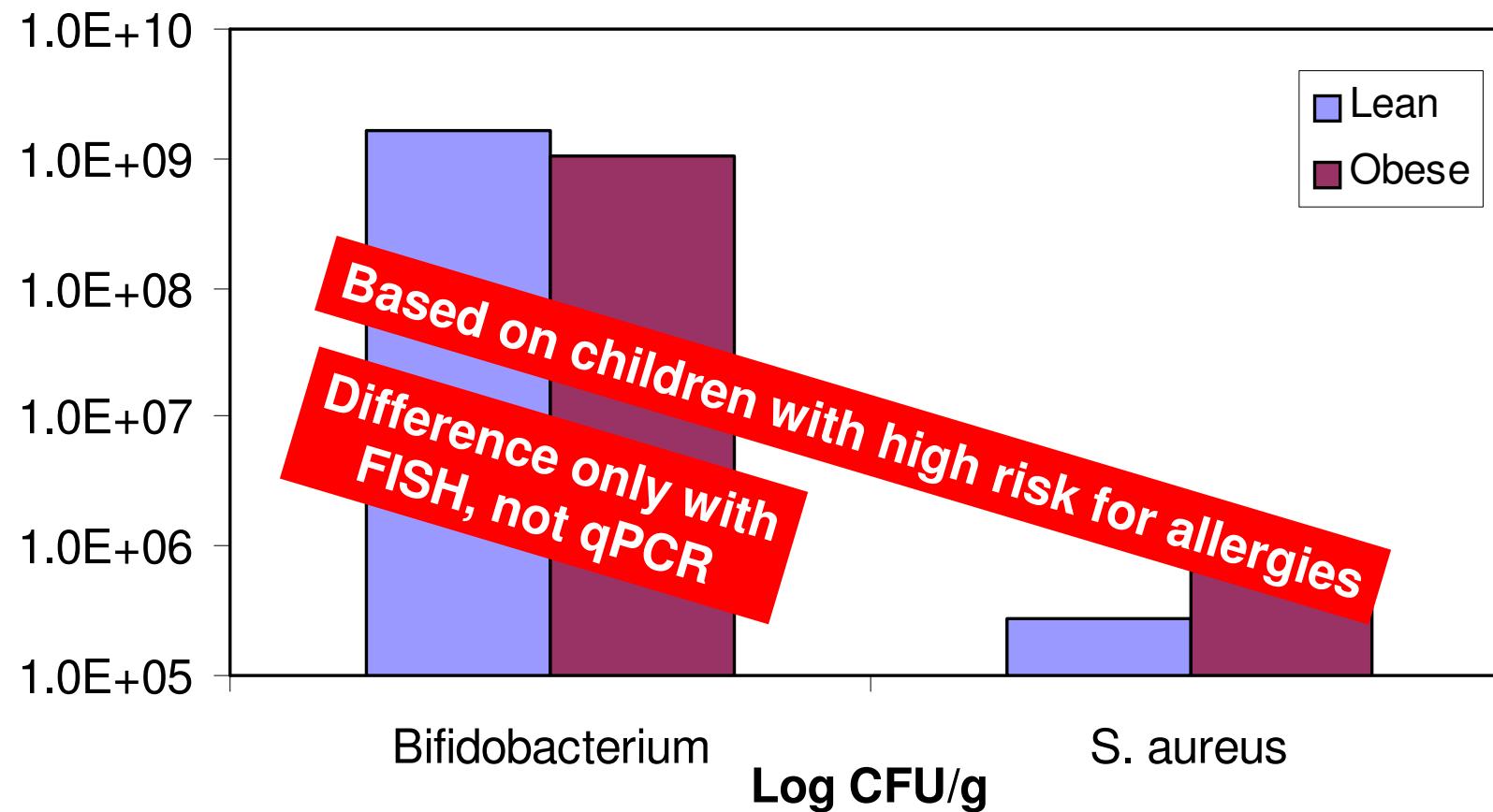


## Mechanism remains to be explained!

- Firmicutes                      Lean<Obese
- Bacteroidetes                  Lean>Obese
- Energy harvesting            Lean<Obese (more efficient)
- Dieting (energy restriction)
  - Obese microbiota → Lean microbiota
  - Efficient microbiota → less efficient microbiota



## Microbiota of children whom are lean or obese in later life

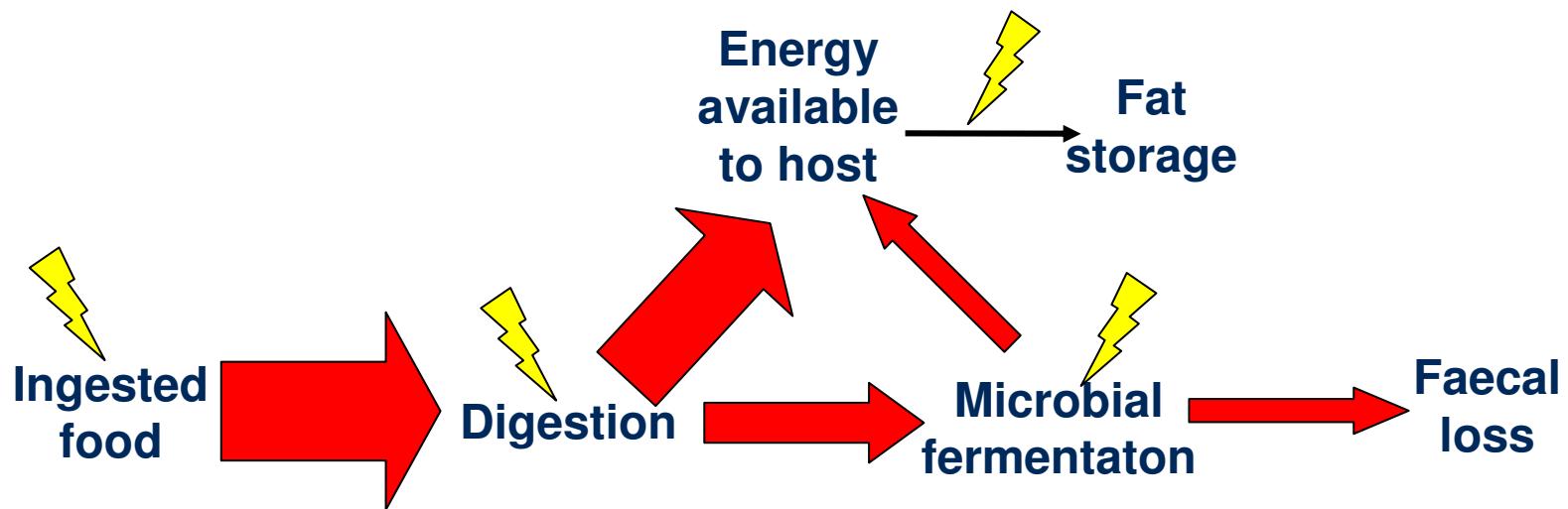


## *Helicobacter pylori* and obesity

Age (years)	Obese subjects (fraction Hp positive)	Control subjects (fraction Hp positive)
10-19	4/22	63/154
20-29	71/193	77/111
30-39	56/118	89/140
>40	91/151	201/278
All	181/414	410/683

*H. pylori colonisation is also associated with reduced risk for allergy*

## Weight management; Potential targets for probiotics

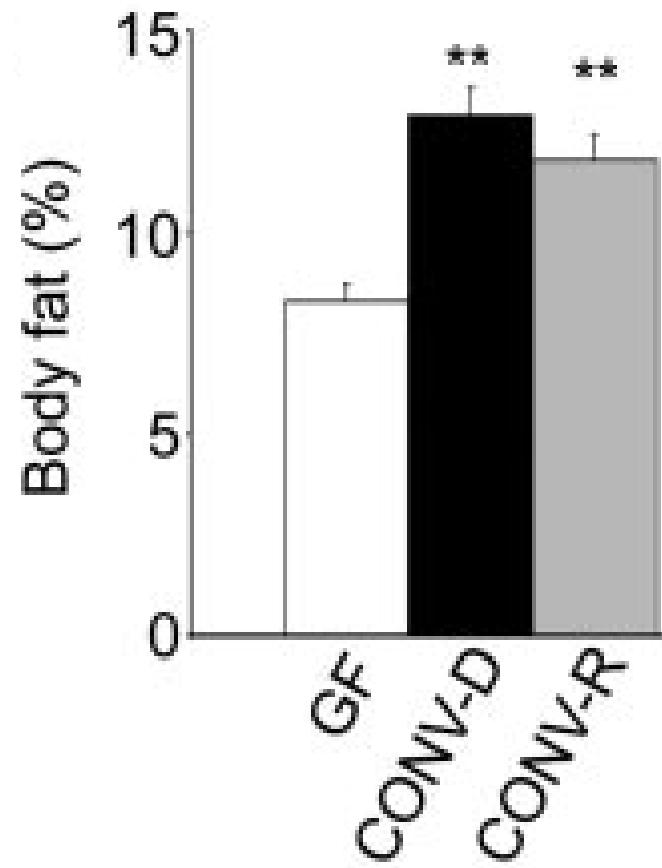
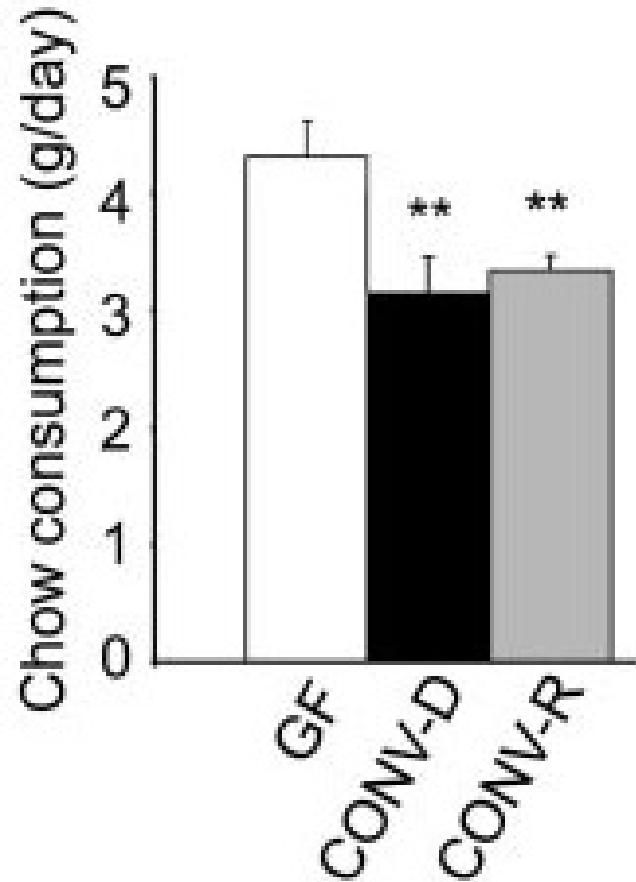


# THE PROBIOTIC SOLUTION

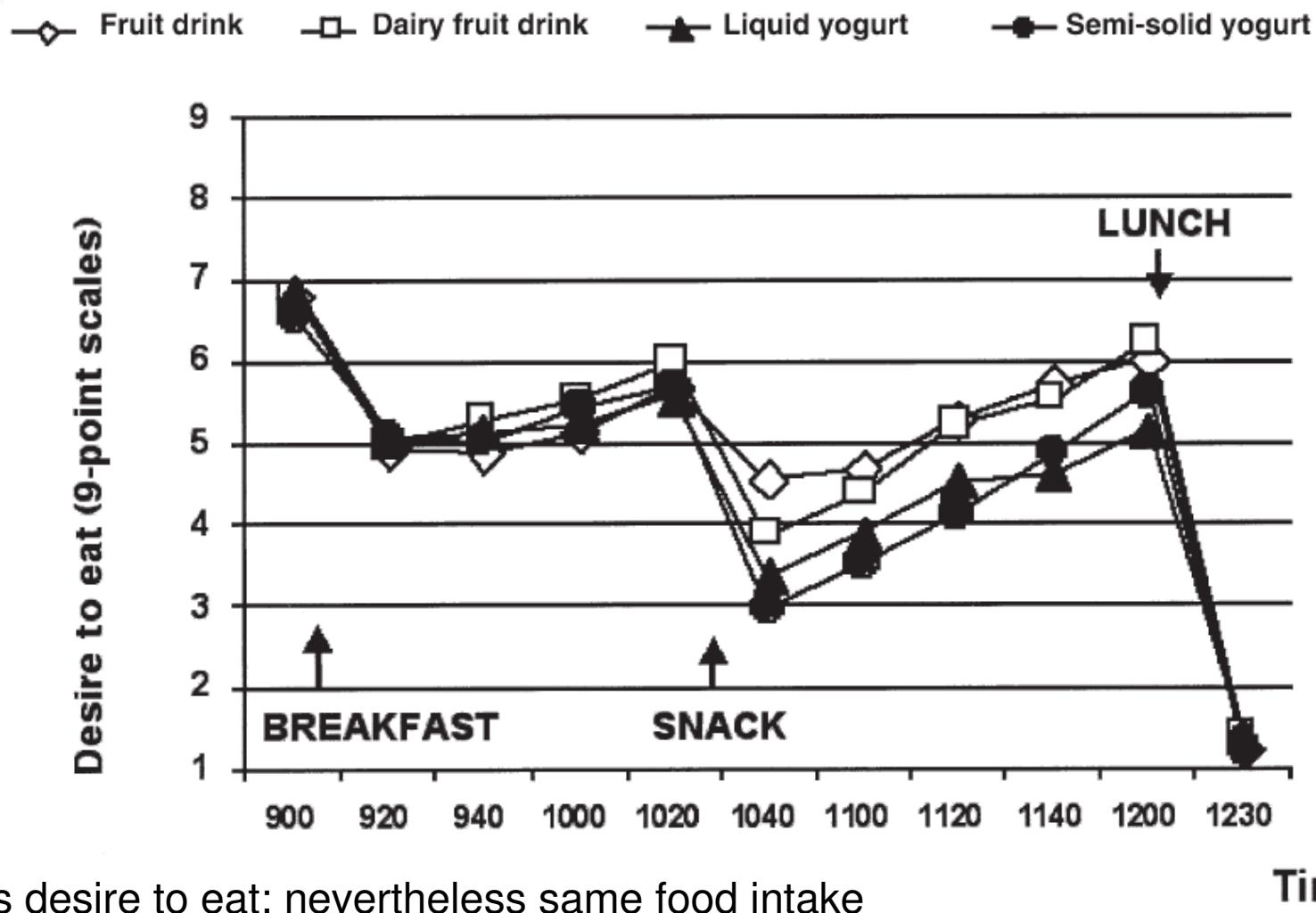
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In this treatment strategy, the goal is to use a very high dose of probiotics in order to prevent the food from being digested by the body and turned into fat. Put differently, the food that would ordinarily be absorbed will be consumed by the probiotics. So, you can have your cake and the probiotics will eat it, too! One particularly interesting

## More 'mouths' to feed, more energy available



# Yogurt and satiety



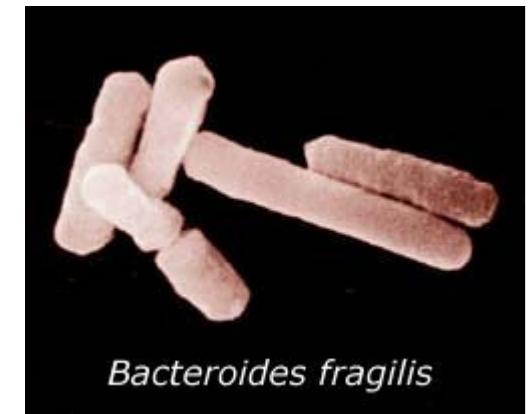
Less desire to eat; nevertheless same food intake  
Would they have eaten their lunch later?

## Change microbiota composition Influence energy harvesting

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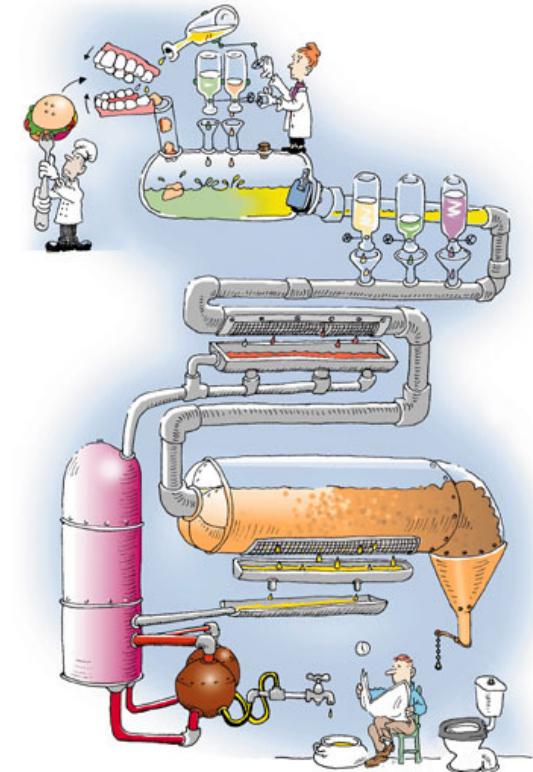
### → Increase Bacteroidetes

- *Bacteroides* probiotics?
- Novel food



### → Interfere with digestion

- Reduce effectiveness of digestion
- Reduce absorption of digesta
  - Risk for deficiencies



## Allergic disease



# Intestinal microbiota and allergic disease

Microorganisms	Prevalence (%)									
	1 week		1 mo		3 mo		6 mo		12 mo	
	Healthy	Allergic	Healthy	Allergic	Healthy	Allergic	Healthy	Allergic	Healthy	Allergic
<i>S aureus</i>	62	56	65	56	50¶	50	23*¶	61*	27	39
Enterococci	96*	67*	96†	72†	96	89	96	100	96	89
Lactobacilli	8*	39*	46	56	34	56	38	39	38	44
Bifidobacteria	50†	17†	69	39	62‡	28‡	42	28	69§	22§
<i>Bacteroides</i>	46	61	62	72	65	83	81	94	96	89
Clostridia	27	50	27	28	46	28	65	50	54	67

↖Colonisation level

<i>Bifidobacterium</i> species	Percentage of isolates (frequency of isolation)		<i>P</i> value*: healthy vs allergic
	Allergic	Healthy	
<i>B adolescentis</i>	50 (6/7)	0 (0/6)	.005
<i>B bifidum</i>	2 (1/7)	58 (5/6)	.029
<i>B breve</i>	15 (1/7)	27 (2/6)	>.05
<i>B infantis</i>	21 (4/7)	15 (1/6)	>.05
<i>B longum</i>	12 (1/7)	0 (0/6)	>.05

## Bifidobacteria and allergic disease (2)

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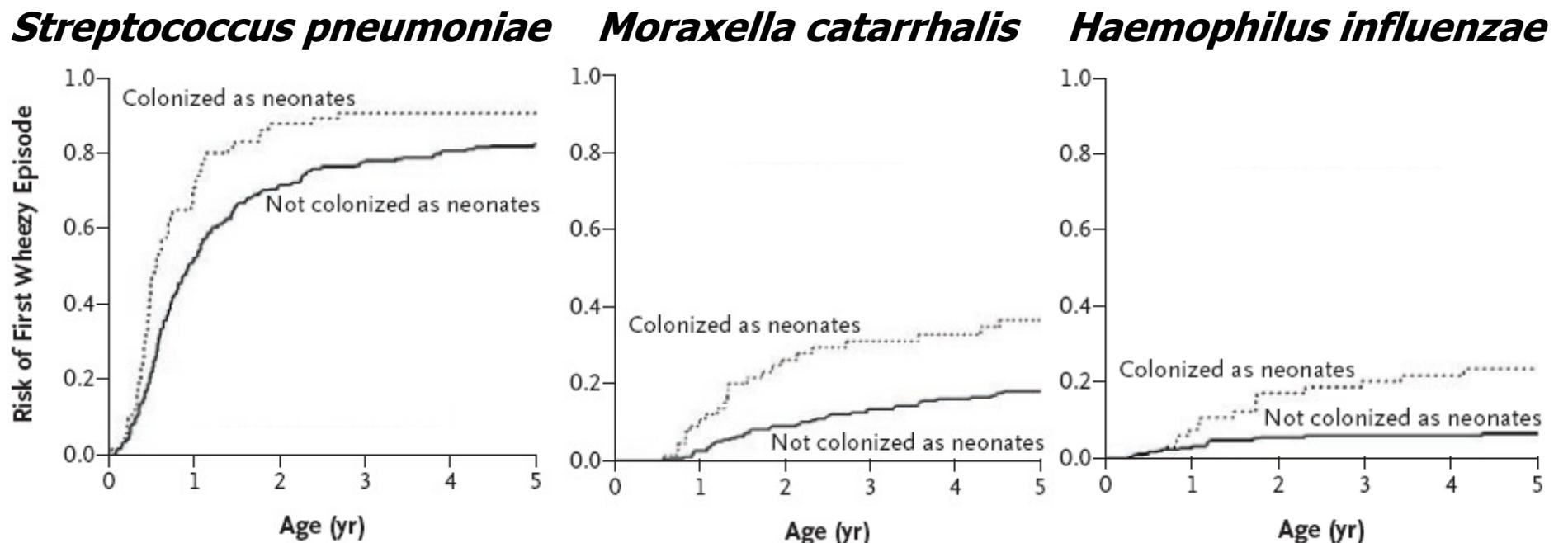
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Child Species	Allergic								Nonallergic							
	<i>B. adolescentis</i>	<i>B. catenulatum/</i> <i>pseudocatenulatum</i>	<i>B. longum</i>	<i>B. bifidum</i>	<i>B. breve</i>	<i>B. angulatum</i>	<i>B. dentium</i>	Total	<i>B. adolescentis</i>	<i>B. catenulatum/</i> <i>pseudocatenulatum</i>	<i>B. longum</i>	<i>B. bifidum</i>	<i>B. breve</i>	<i>B. angulatum</i>	<i>B. dentium</i>	Total
1	•		•	•						•				•		
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4	•	•	•						•	•			•			•
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17	••	•	••		•					••		••	•	•	•	
18	•		•		•				•	•		••				
19			•								••	•	•	•		
20	•		•							••		••		•		
Sum of positive subjects/total clones	14 <sup>†</sup> /18*	5/5	16/24	2/3	2/2	3/3	0/0	20/55	5/5	14 <sup>‡</sup> /23 <sup>#</sup>	20/29	1/1	5/5	9/9	1/1	20/73

# Serum status of Russian and Finnish Karelian children; correlation to atopy

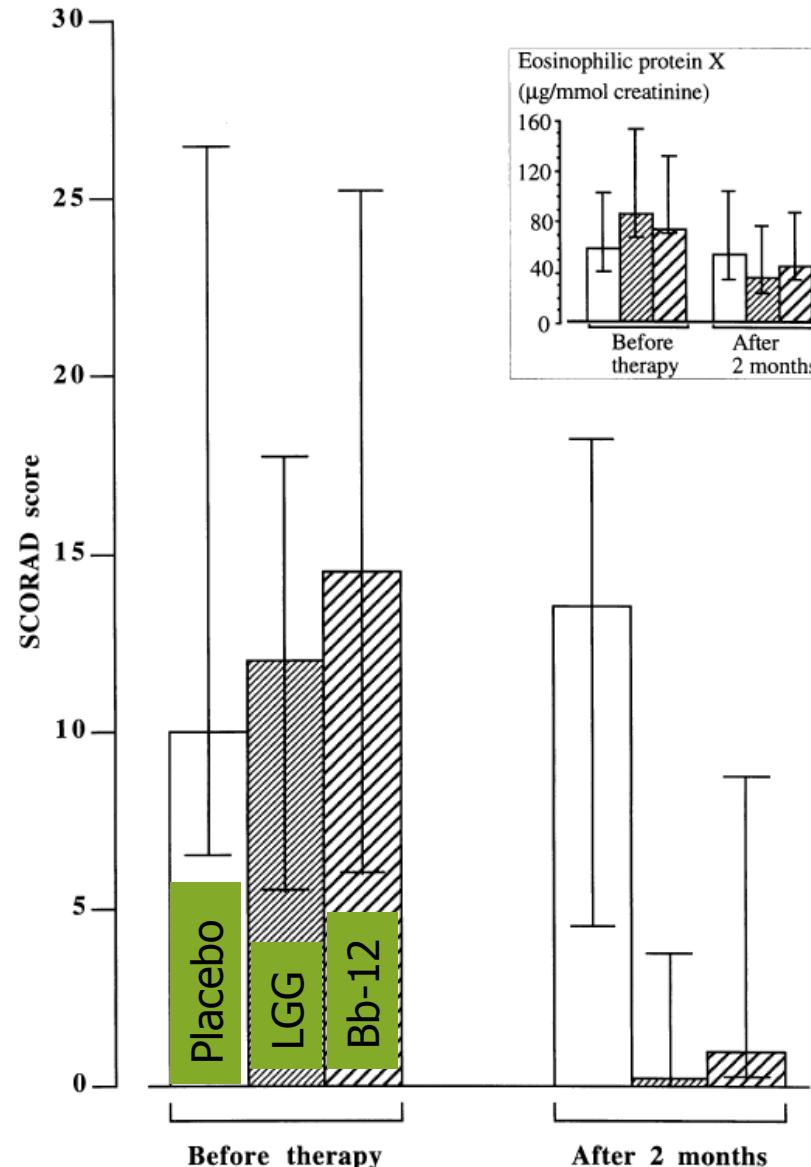
	OR	95% CI	Change in OR, %
No antibodies in the model (only country)	1.78	1.34–2.35	100
Stepwise addition of seropositivities			
<i>H. pylori</i>	1.53	1.07–2.21	-32
<i>A. actinomycetemcomitans</i>	1.47	1.01–2.13	-40
<i>T. gondii</i>	1.41	0.97–2.05	-47
HSV	1.40	0.96–2.06	-49
<i>C. pneumoniae</i>	1.37	0.92–2.02	-53
<i>P. gingivalis</i>	1.39	0.93–2.07	-50
HAV	1.43	0.87–2.37	-44

## Colonisation with:

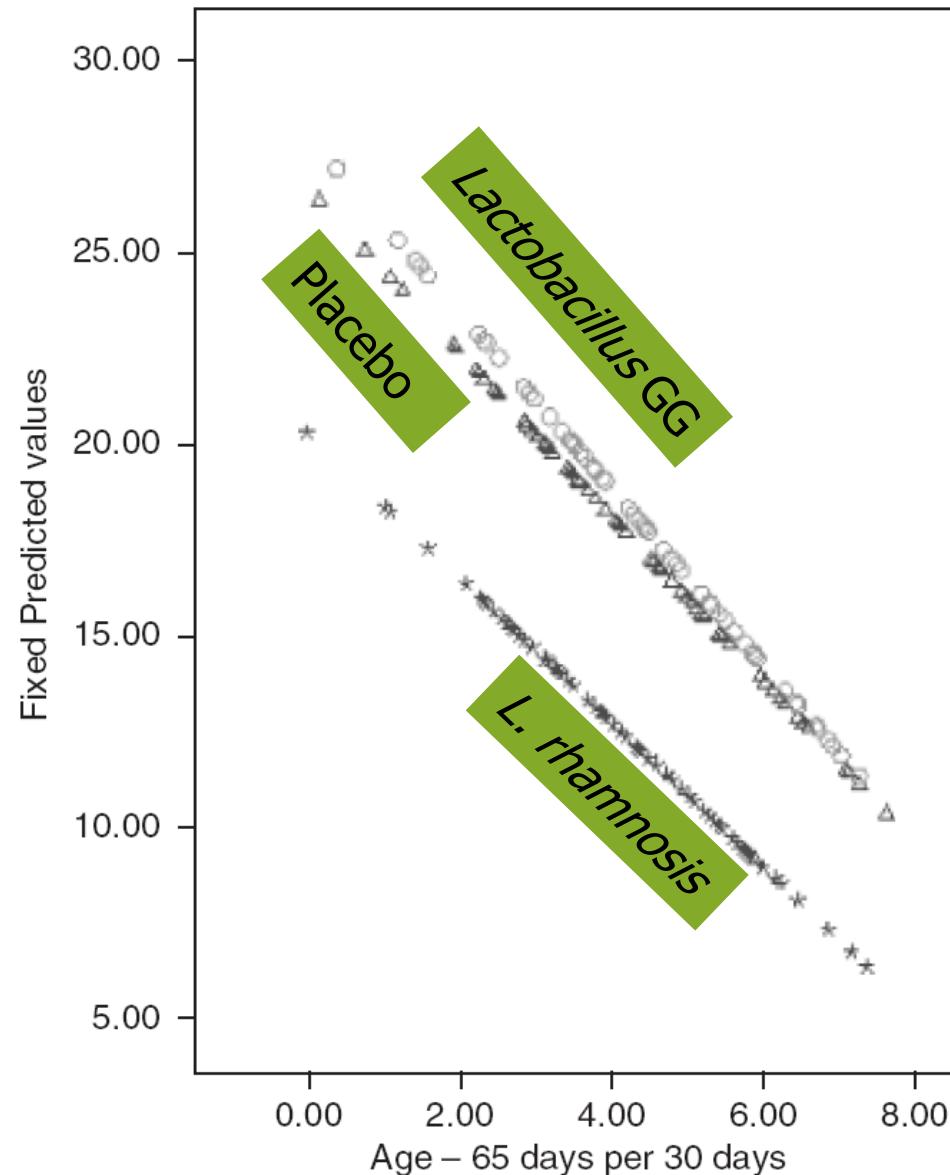


# *Lactobacillus GG or B. lactis Bb-12 in the treatment of atopic eczema*

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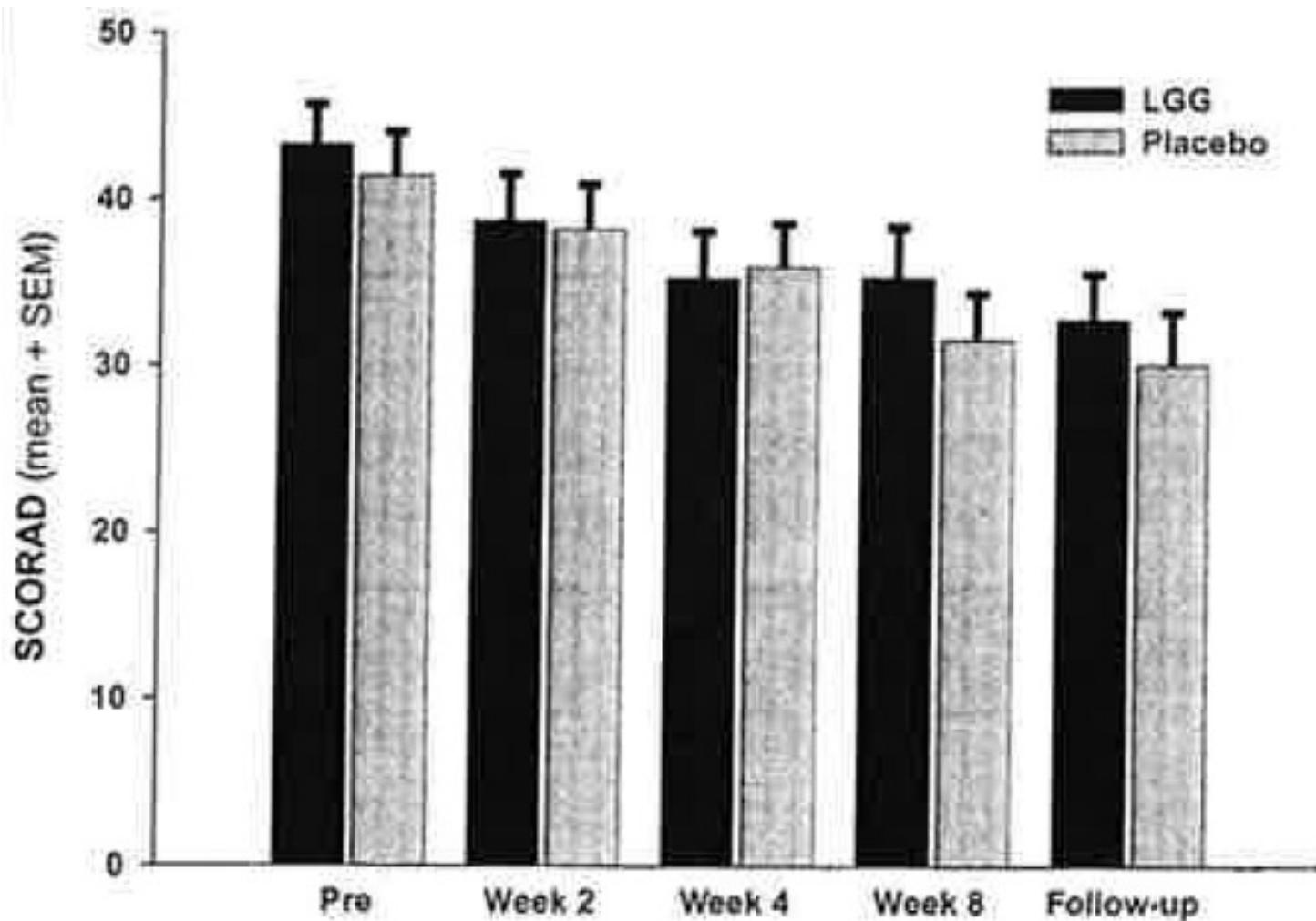


## *Lactobacillus GG or L. rhamnosa* in the treatment of atopic eczema



## *Lactobacillus GG* in the treatment of atopic eczema

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# Probiotics in treatment of atopic eczema

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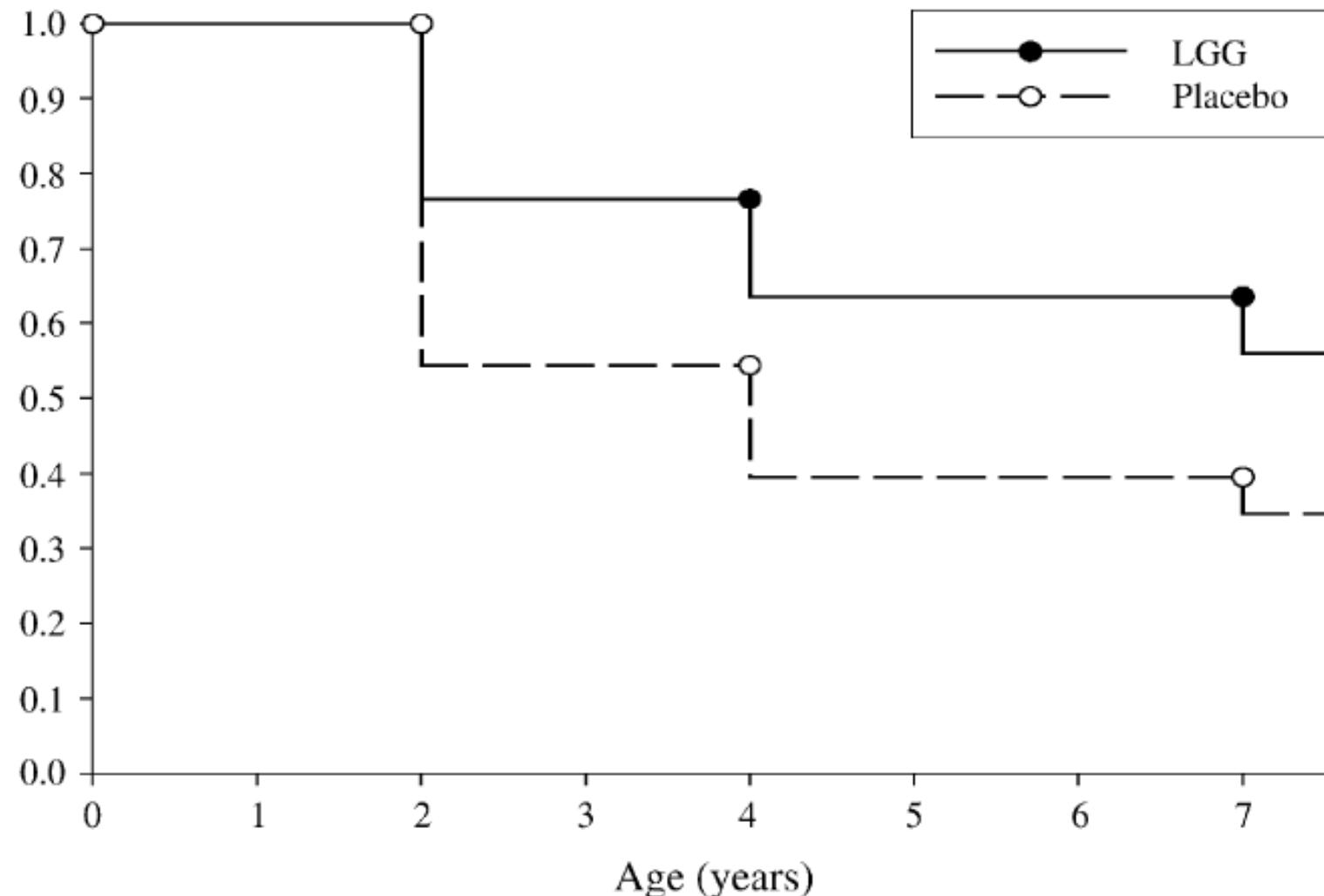
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	Strain	Dose	'Diet'	Antihista mins etc.	Age (mo.)	Out come
Isolauri et al. 2000	<i>B. lactis</i> Bb-12 or <i>L. rhamnosus</i> GG	$3\text{-}8 \times 10^{10}$ CFU	No prior formula	?	4.6	+
Brouwer et al 2006	<i>L. rhamnensis</i> or <i>L. rhamnosus</i> GG	$3 \times 10^8$ CFU/g formula	Cows milk allergy	+	3.8	-
Fölster-Holst et al. 2006	<i>L. rhamnosus</i> GG	$10^{10}$ CFU	?	+	19	-

## *Lactobacillus GG* to reduce risk for atopic eczema

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# *Lactobacillus GG et al. + GOS to reduce risk for atopic eczema*

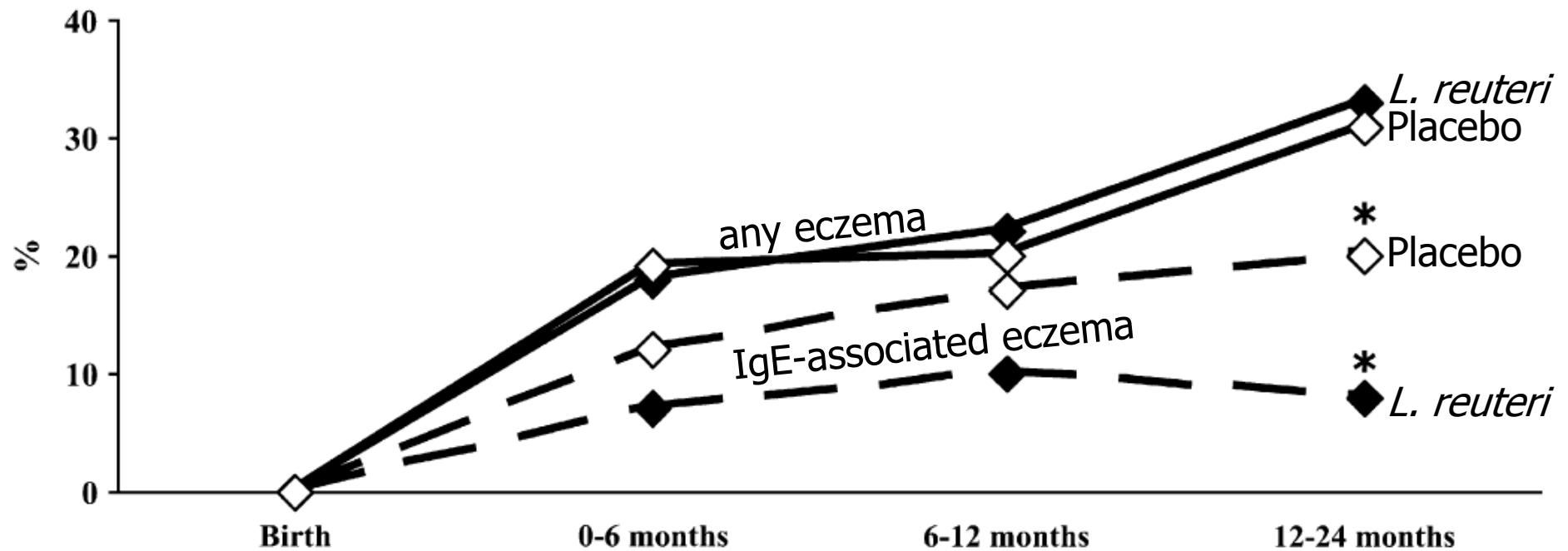
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	Probiotic		Placebo		Unadjusted		Adjusted*	
	n	%	n	%	OR (95% CI)	P value†	OR (95% CI)	P value†
<b>Primary outcome</b>								
Allergic disease‡	145/461	31.5	163/464	35.1	0.85 (0.64-1.12)	.236	0.82 (0.61-1.08)	.159
IgE-associated allergic disease§	64/456	14.0	87/463	18.8	0.71 (0.50-1.00)	.052	0.65 (0.45-0.94)	.022
<b>Secondary outcome</b>								
Eczema	120/461	26.0	150/464	32.3	0.74 (0.55-0.98)	.035	0.69 (0.52-0.93)	.015
Atopic eczema	57/459	12.4	82/463	17.7	0.66 (0.46-0.95)	.025	0.61 (0.42-0.90)	.012
Sensitization¶	127/454	28.0	144/462	31.2	0.86 (0.65-1.14)	.289	0.82 (0.61-1.10)	.184

## *L. reuteri* 55730 to reduce risk for atopic eczema

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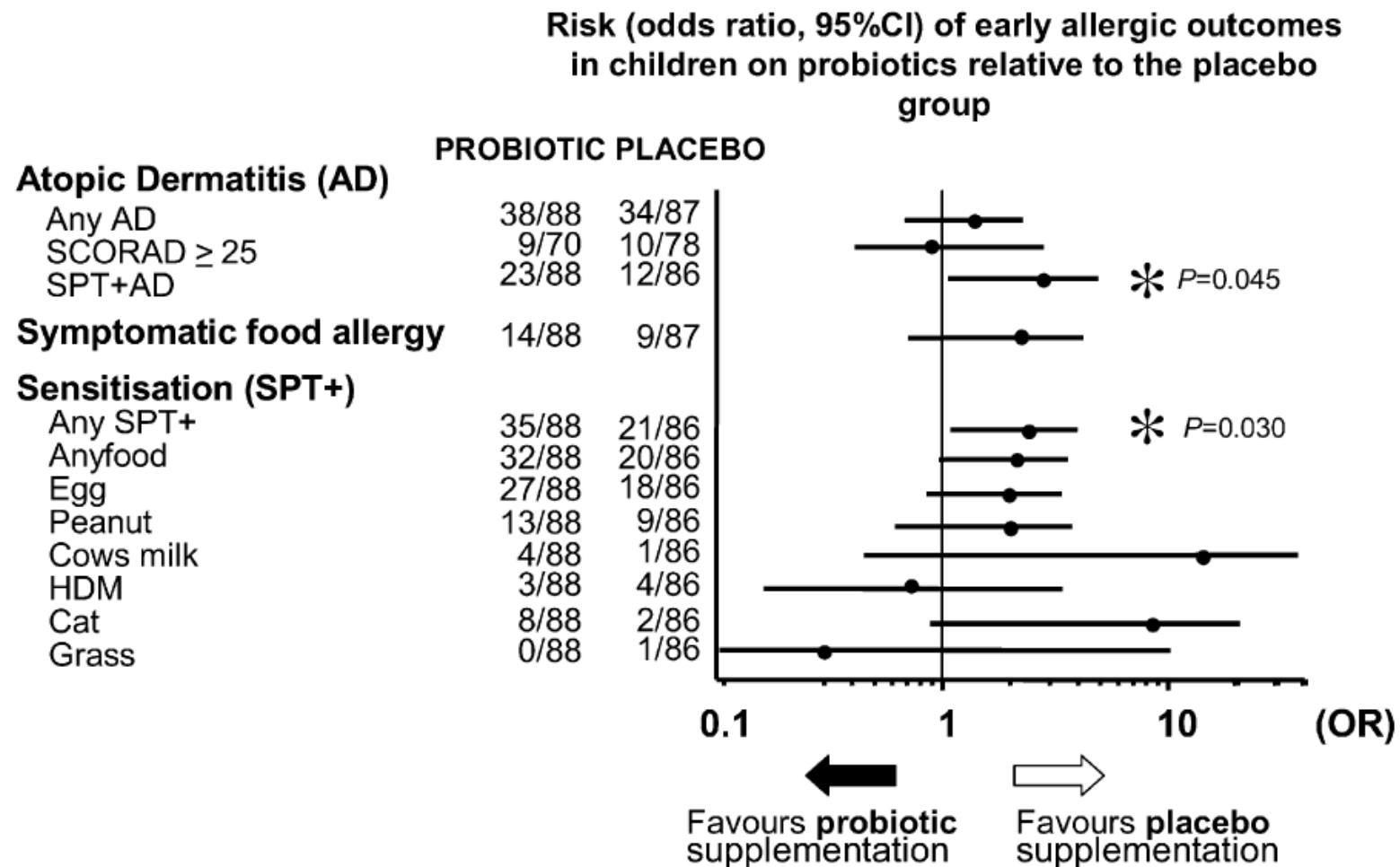
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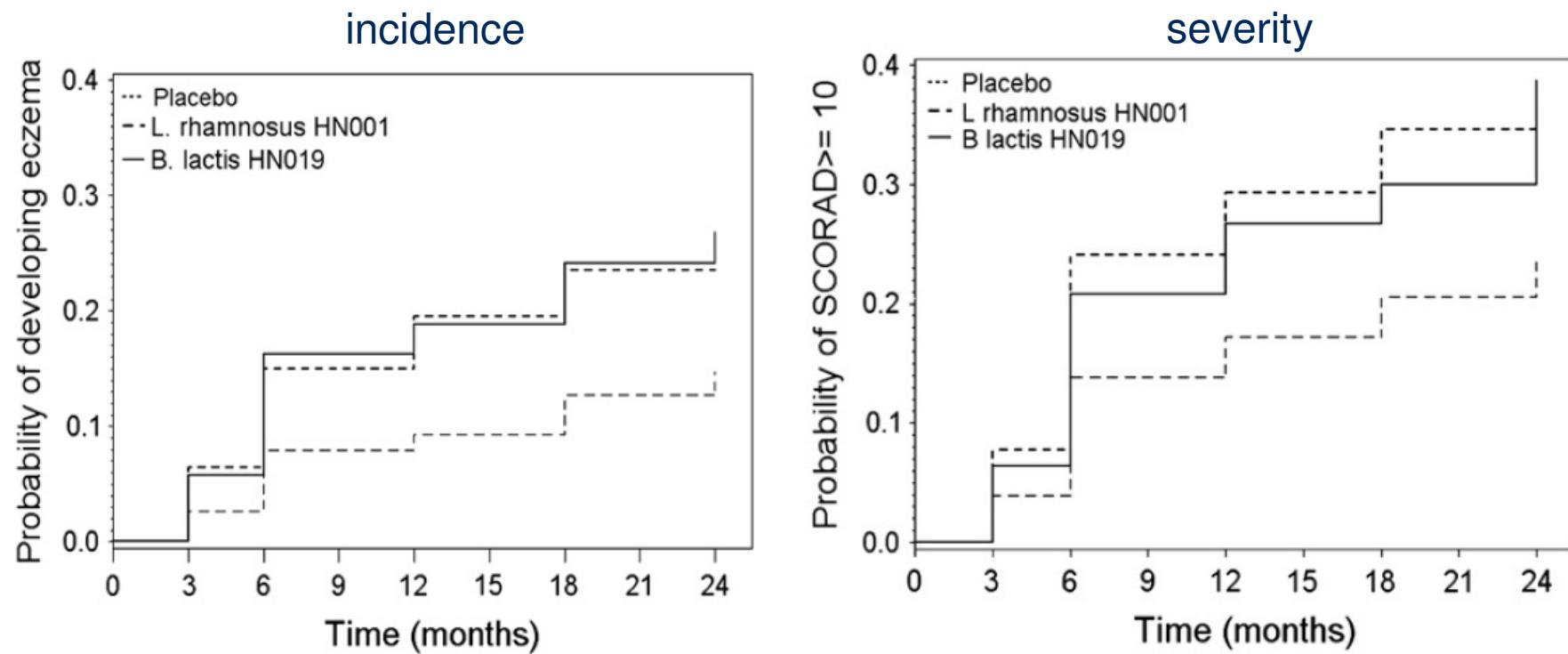
# *L. acidophilus* LAFTI-L10 to reduce risk for atopic eczema

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# *L. rhamnosus* HN001 and *B. lactis* HN019 to reduce risk for atopic eczema



## Probiotics to reduce risk for atopic eczema

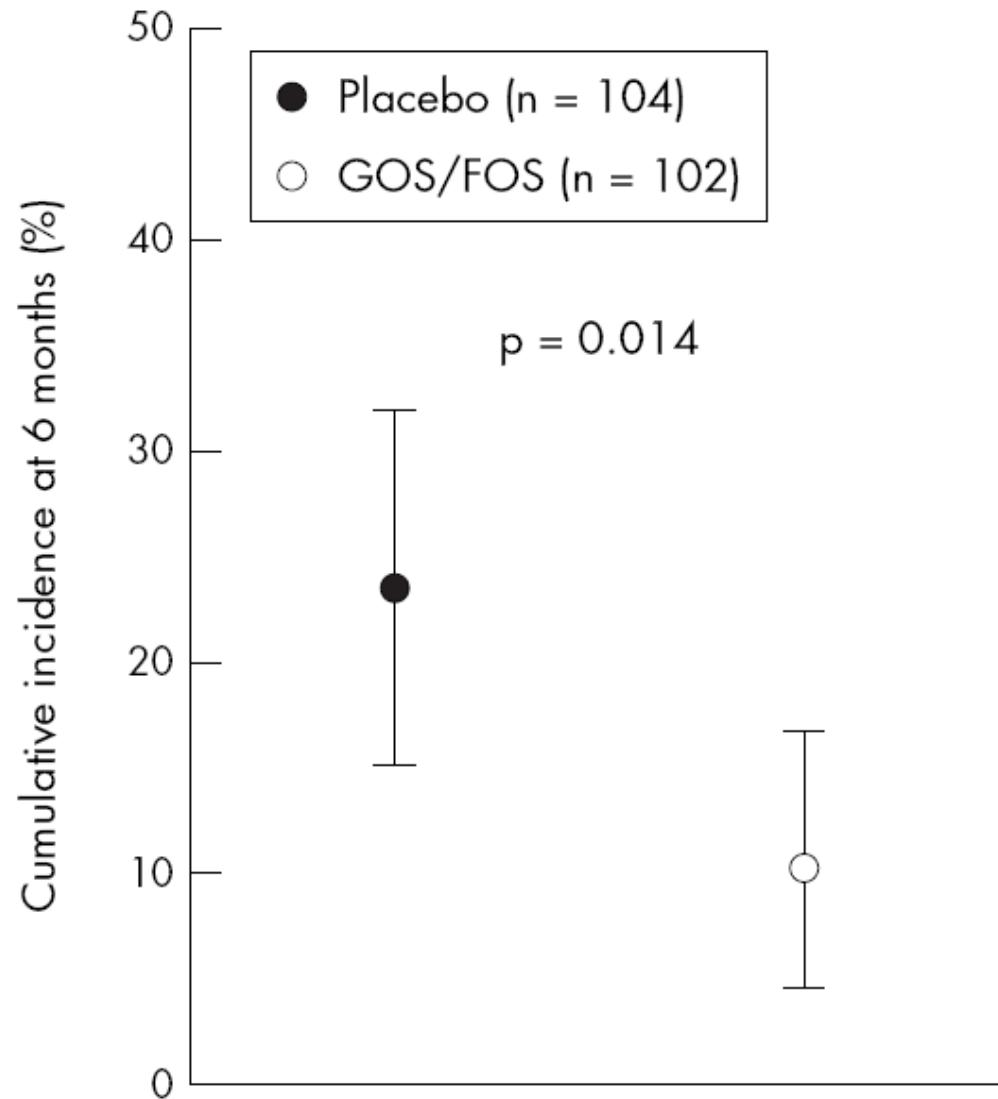
	Strain	Dose (CFU)	Age at start	Duration	'Out come'
Kalliomäki et al. 2001	<i>L. rhamnosus</i> GG	1x10 <sup>10</sup>	-28 days	6 months	+ (wheezing)
Kopp et al. 2008	<i>L. rhamnosus</i> GG	6x10 <sup>9</sup>	-28 days	6 months	wheezing
Kukkonen et al. 2007	<i>L. rhamnosus</i> GG+ <i>Lc705+B. breve</i> <i>Bb99 +P.</i> <i>freudenreichii JS</i>	1.2x10 <sup>1</sup> 0	-14/28 days	6 months	+
Abrahamsson et al. 2007	<i>L. reuteri</i> ATCC 55730	1x10 <sup>8</sup>	-28 days	12 months	+'
Taylor et al. 2007	<i>L. acidophilus</i> LAFTI L10	3x10 <sup>9</sup>	0-2 days	6 months	AD
Wickens et al. 2008	<i>L. rhamnosus</i> HN001	6x10 <sup>9</sup>	-28/35 days	24 months	+
	<i>B. lactis</i> HN019	9x10 <sup>9</sup>	-28/35 days	24 months	0

## **Should long-term prophylactic use of probiotics for infants and young children give cause for concern?<sup>1</sup>**

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Some studies even indicate that early inclusion of LGG into the diet may provoke allergic sensitization. Long-term effects on immune function in general, or on the gut in particular, when LGG is consumed on a daily basis are not known and warrant caution.

## Prebiotics (GOS+FOS) to reduce risk for atopic eczema



## Weight management

- ➔ Current data on the relation between microbiota and weight management is based on:
  - Animal studies (with genetically obese animals)
  - Small human populations
  - Particular sub-populations
- ➔ Will probiotics work? If they work, they probably have a limited influence

## Allergy

- ➔ Current information suggests a causal relation between microbiota composition and allergy
- ➔ Probiotics do not seem to treat atopic dermatitis (pollen allergy?)
- ➔ Selected probiotic strains may contribute to primary prevention of atopic dermatitis (increased risk for wheezing?)

