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# Diet, Microbiome and Health

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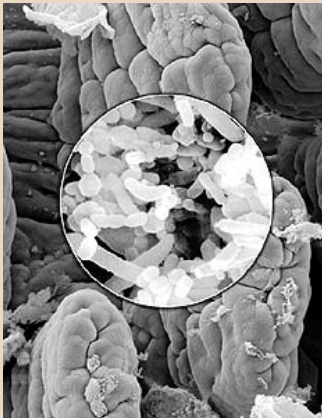


# Outline

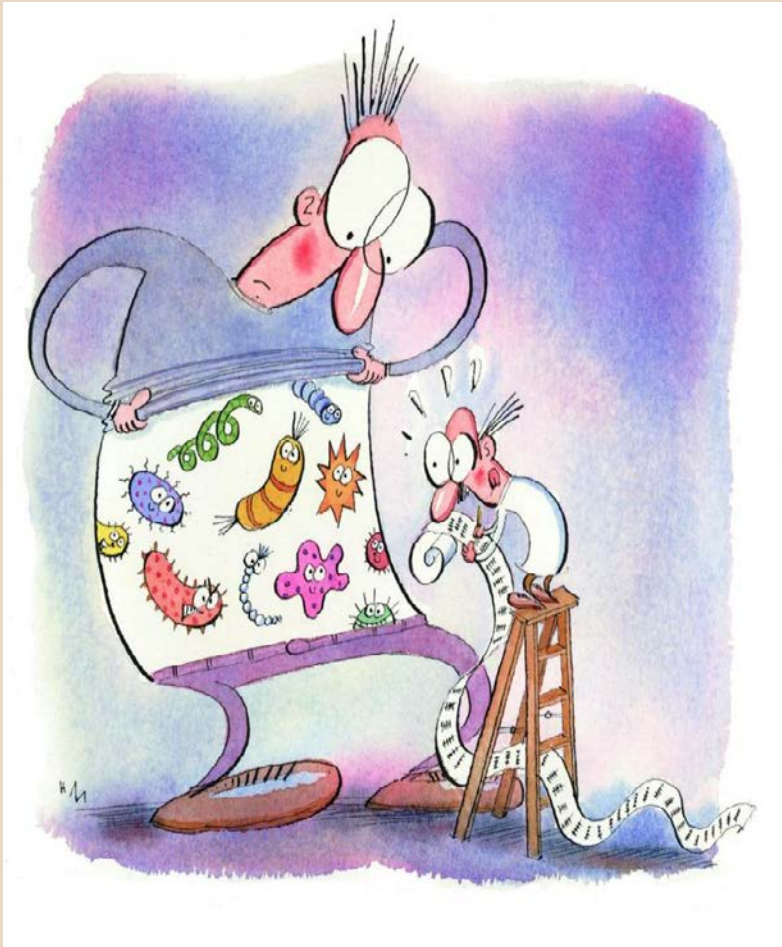
- 1. What is the microbiome?**
- 2. How does it vary over the lifespan?**
- 3. What is the evidence that diet can influence the microbiome?**
- 4. How can the microbiome influence the response to dietary components?**
- 5. What is the relationship between diet, the microbiome and disease risk?**

# The Human Microbiome

- We are a composite of species: human, bacterial, viral- up to 10x more microbial cells than human
- Gut **Microbiota**= microbes in our GI tract, ~100 trillion organisms
- **Microbiome**= their collective genome, >100 times as many genes as human genome

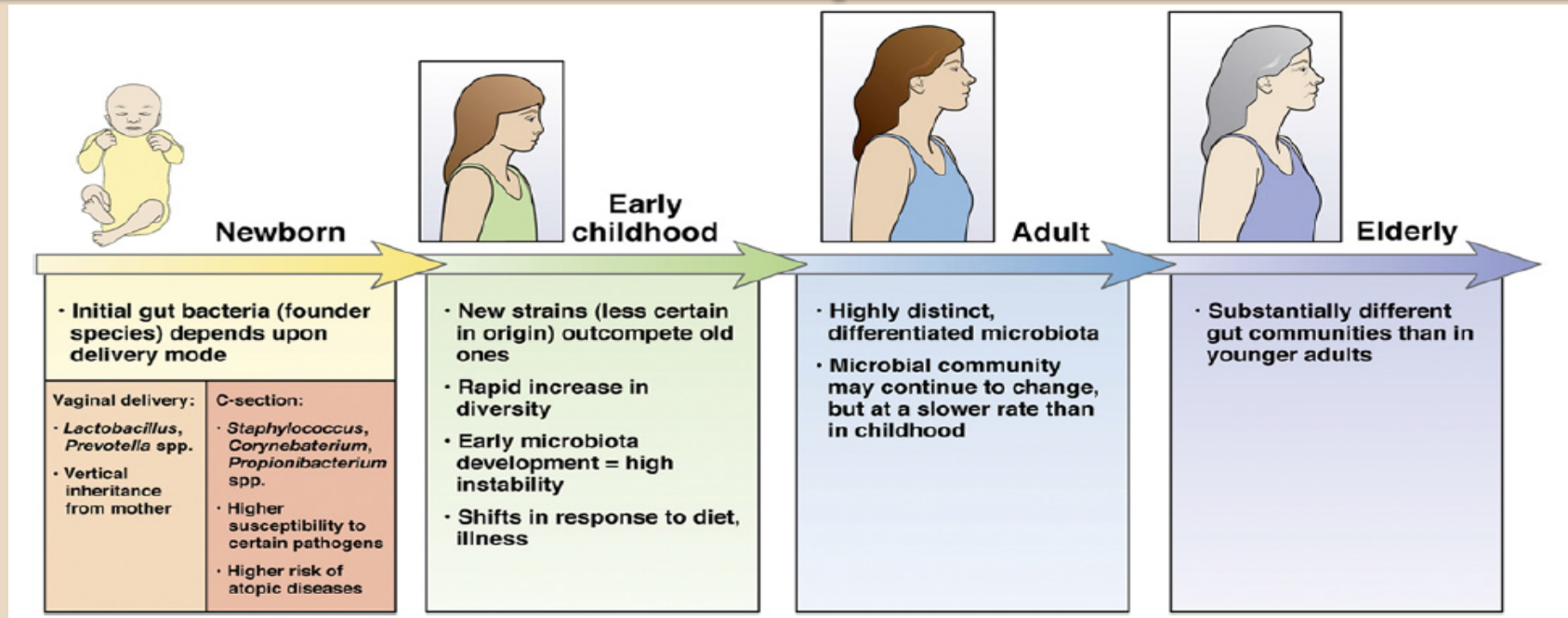


# What Do Microbes Do For Us?



- Provide ability to harvest nutrients
- Produce additional energy otherwise inaccessible to the host
- Produce vitamins
- Metabolize carcinogens
- Prevent colonization by pathogens
- Assist in the development of a mature immune system

# Human Intestinal Microbiota over the Lifespan



Dominguez-Bello M.G. et al. *Gastroenterology* 14: 1713-1719, 2011

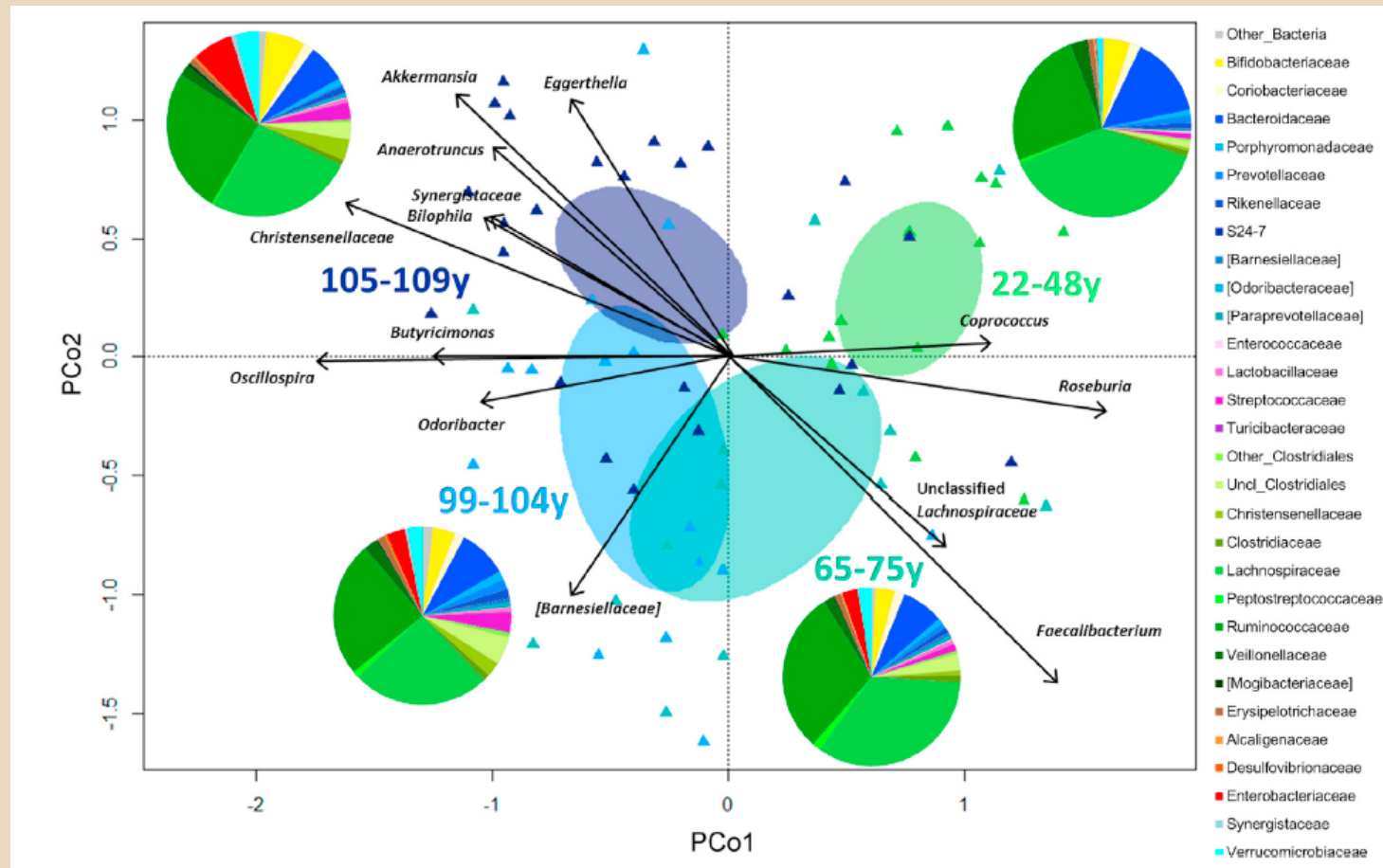


Kostic et al. *Genes and Development* 27:701-718, 2013



# Gut Microbiota and Extreme Longevity

Longevity is associated with enrichment of subdominant taxa that appear to be associated with health- *Akkermansia*, *Bifidobacterium* and *Christensenellaceae* (n=24 for 105-109 years and n=15 for other age groups)

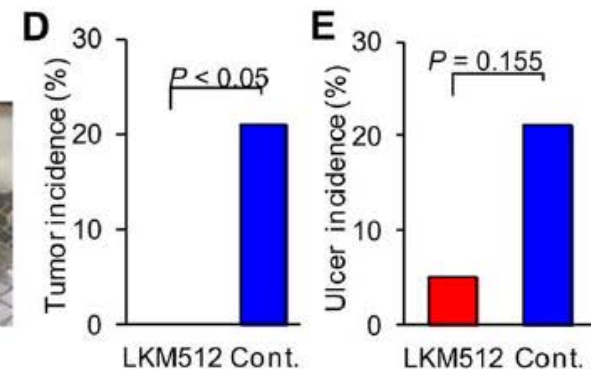
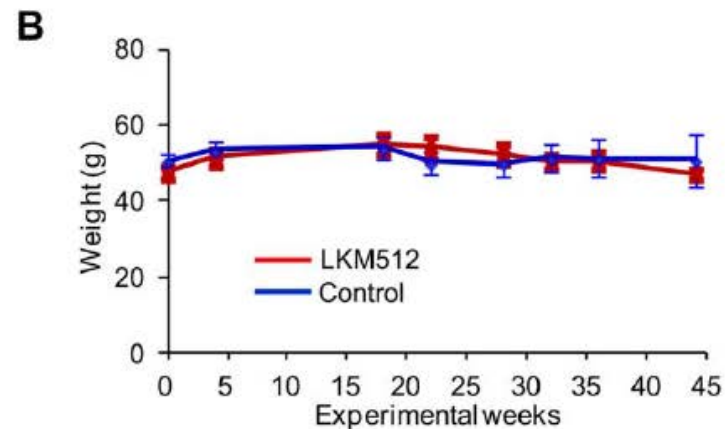
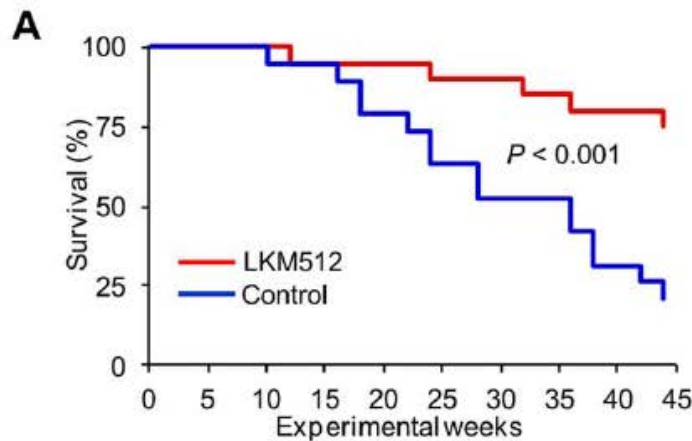


# Dietary Modulation of Gut Microbiota

- **Probiotics:** foods or dietary supplements that contain live bacteria
- **Prebiotics:** nondigestible food ingredient, which selectively stimulates the growth of gut bacteria
- **Synbiotics:** combination of a probiotic with a prebiotic
- **Other factors:** tea, cocoa, wine polyphenols, spices

# Continuous Probiotic Exposure Increases Longevity in Mice

10 month female ICR mice fed a chow diet and gavaged with *Bifidobacterium animalis* subsp. *lactis* LKM512 or vehicle daily for 11 months





# The Prebiotic High-Amylose Starch (HAS) Might Increase Longevity

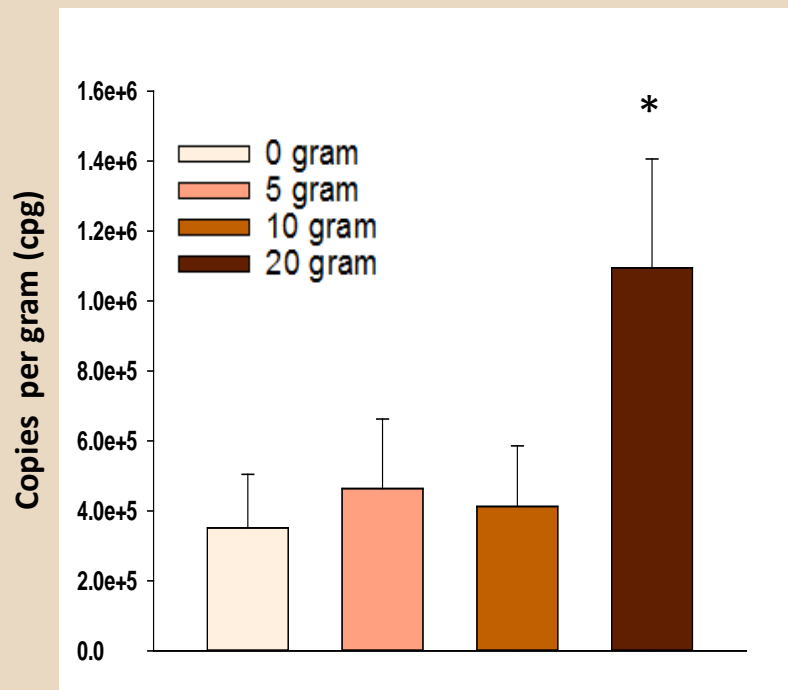
**Table 2** Summary of the effects of diet restriction and high-amylose starch

	Diet restriction	High-amylose starch	HAS references
Longevity	↑	?	
Inflammation	↓	↓	Zhou et al. 2012; Le Leu et al. 2013
Glucose clearance	Improved	Improved	Zhou et al. 2008; Shen et al. 2011
Insulin sensitivity	Improved	Improved	Robertson et al. 2005; Johnston et al. 2010; Robertson 2012
Blood lipids	↓	↓	Keenan et al. 2006, 2013; DeJonge et al. 2009
Oxidation of fatty acids	↑	↑	Higgins et al. 2004; Zhou et al. 2009
Lipogenesis	↓	↓	Higgins et al. 2006; Higgins and Brown 2013
Body fat	Reduced	Reduced	Keenan et al. 2006, 2013; Charrier et al. 2014
Cancer risk	↓	↓	Toden et al. 2007; Clarke et al. 2008
Oxidative Stress	↓	↓	Kwak et al. 2012

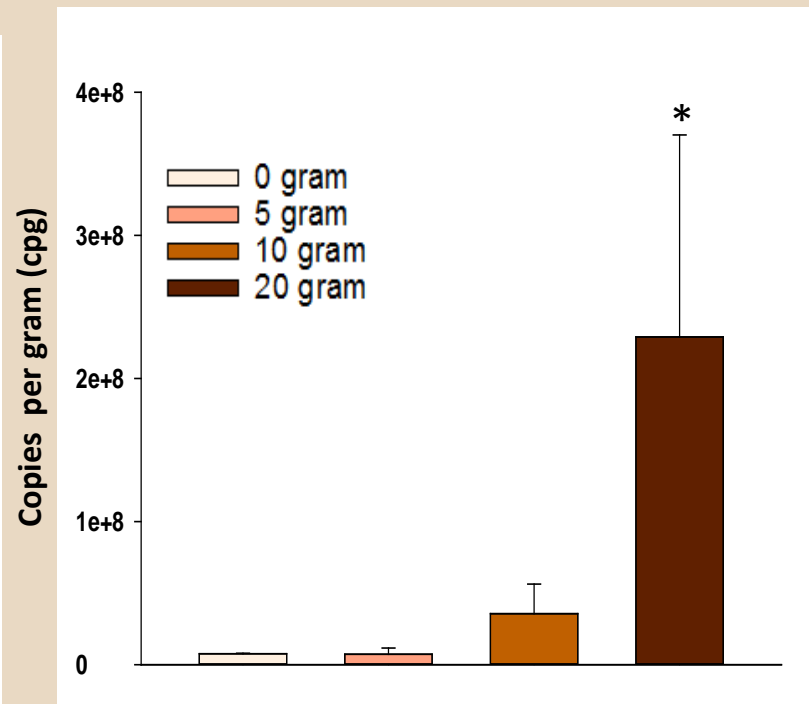
# Change in Bacterial Abundance After Consumption of Cocoa-Derived Flavanols



*Bifidobacterium spp*  
(Feces)



*Lactobacillus (casei group)*  
(Distal colon contents)



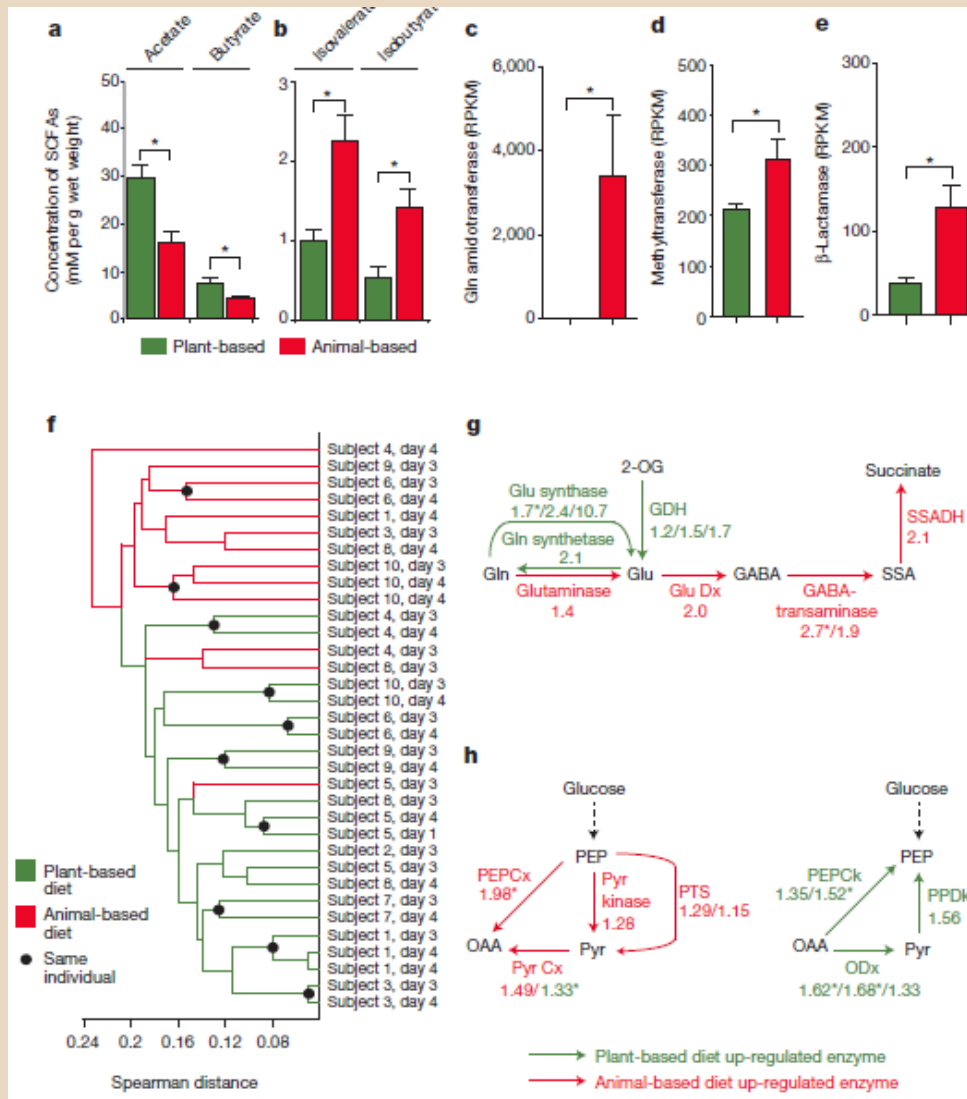
Cocoa powder consumption decreased TNF- $\alpha$  and TLR-2, -4 and -9 gene expression in intestinal tissues

Jang, S. et al., J. Nutr., 2016

# Diet Alters Microbial Activity and Gene Expression

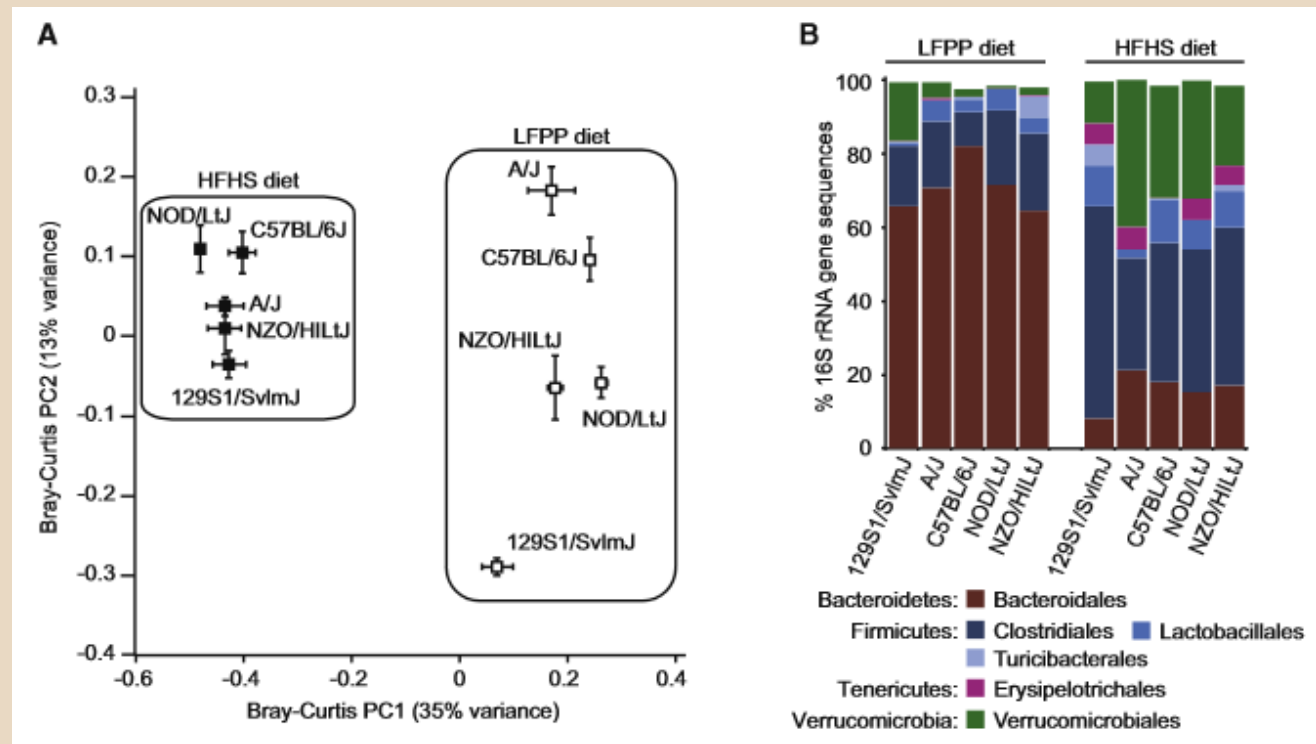
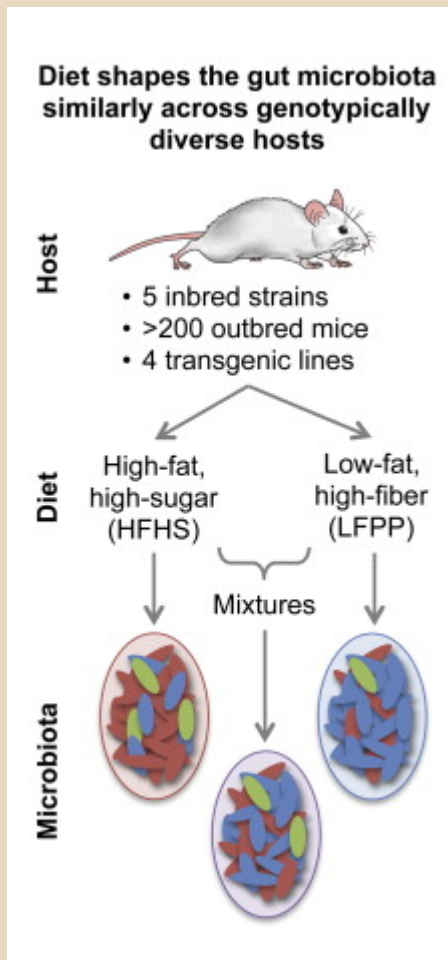
Short- term consumption of diets composed entirely of animal or plant products:

- Alters microbial community structure
- Overwhelms inter-individual differences in gene expression
- Modifies metabolic pathways

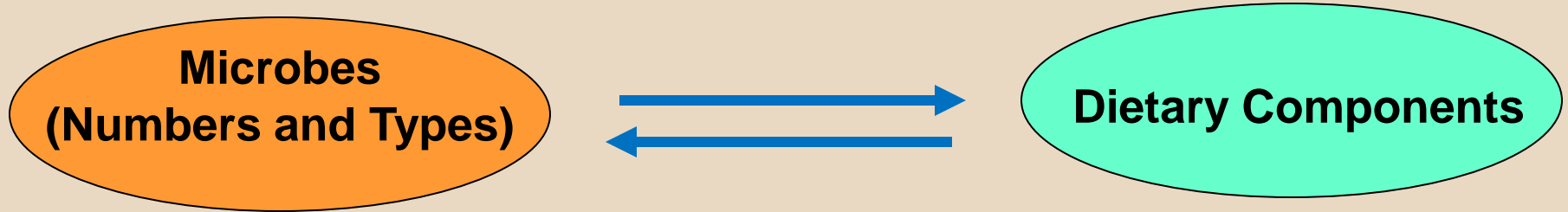


# Diet Dominates Host Genotype in Shaping the Mouse Gut Microbiota

5 Inbred and >200 outbred mouse strains were fed a low fat, high-plant polysaccharide diet (LFPP:22.2%KCAL protein, 16% fat, 61% CHO) and a high fat, high-sugar diet (HFHS: 14.8% KCAL protein, 40.6% CHO, 44.6% fat)



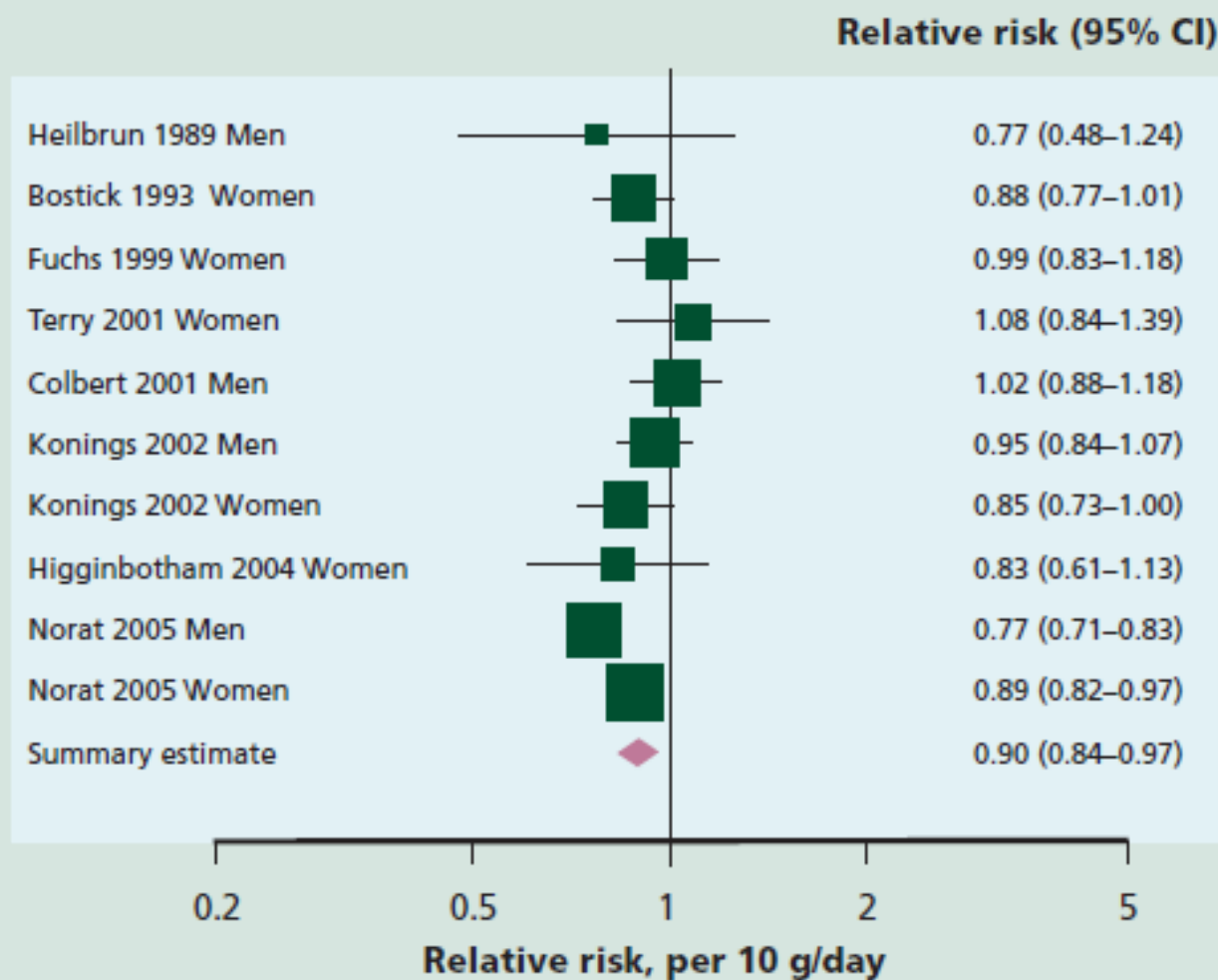
# Diet and the Microbiome: A Two-Sided Relationship



# Bacteria Can Generate New **Metabolites** from Dietary Components

Food Component	Bacterial Metabolite
Soy	Equol
Fiber	Butyrate
Plant Lignans	Enterodiol, Enterolactone
Ellagic Acid	Urolithins A and B
Hops	8-Prenylnaringenin
Linoleic Acid	Conjugated Linoleic Acid

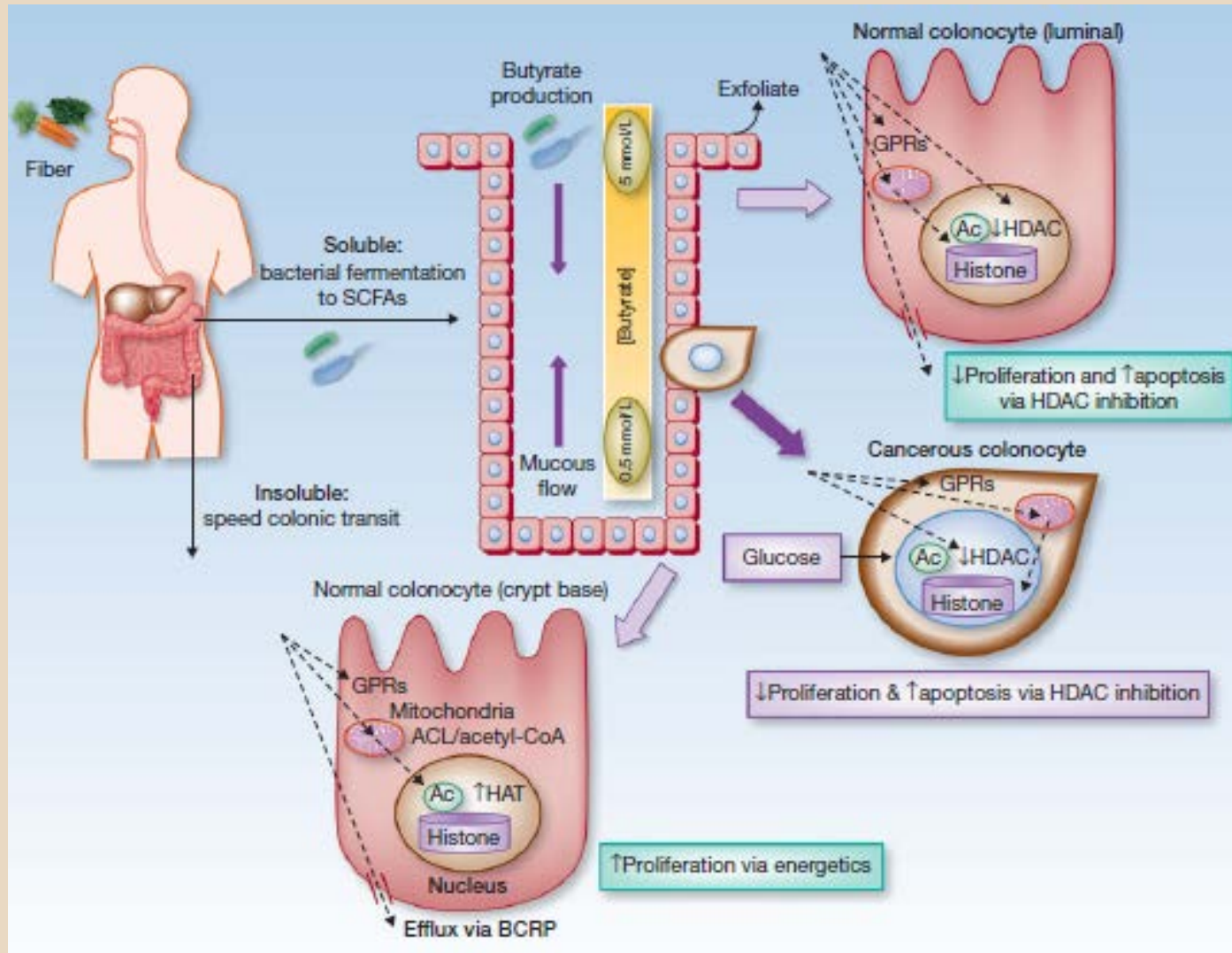


**Figure 4.1.2****Dietary fibre and colorectal cancer;  
cohort studies**

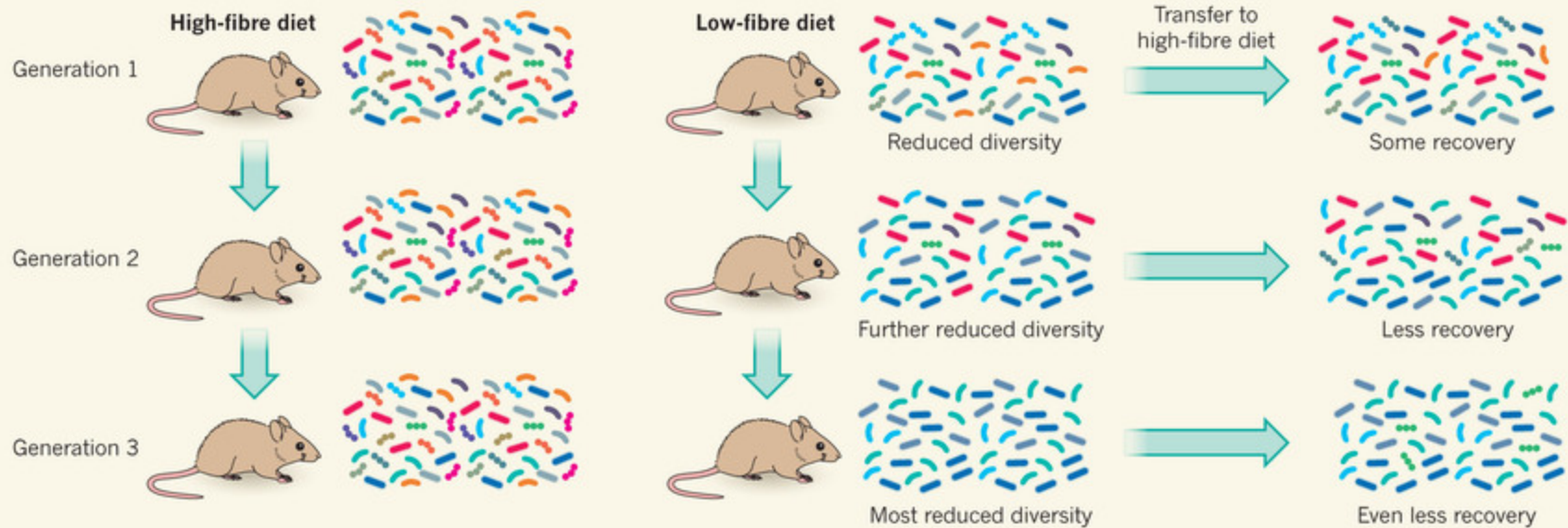
# Dietary Fiber and Cancer

- Dietary fibers are fermented by colonic bacteria to form short chain fatty acids
- Butyrate is the most widely studied and the preferred energy source of colonocytes
- Butyrate has differential effects in normal versus cancer cells
- Human and animal studies of butyrate production and cancer risk are difficult to perform

# Dietary Fiber and Colon Cancer



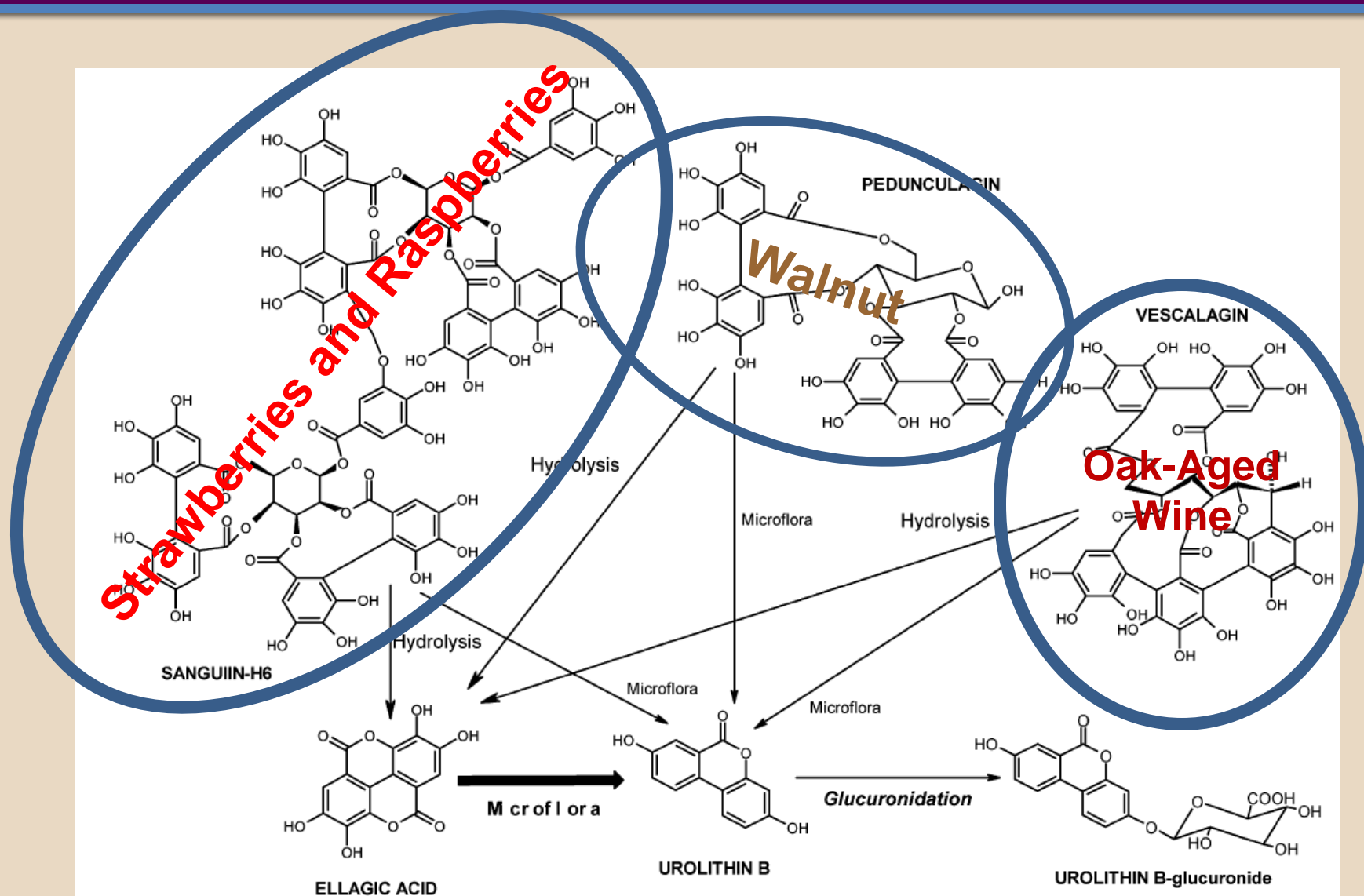
# Dietary Fiber and Bacterial Diversity



Martens E. Nature 529:158-159, 2016

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# Metabolism of Ellagitannins



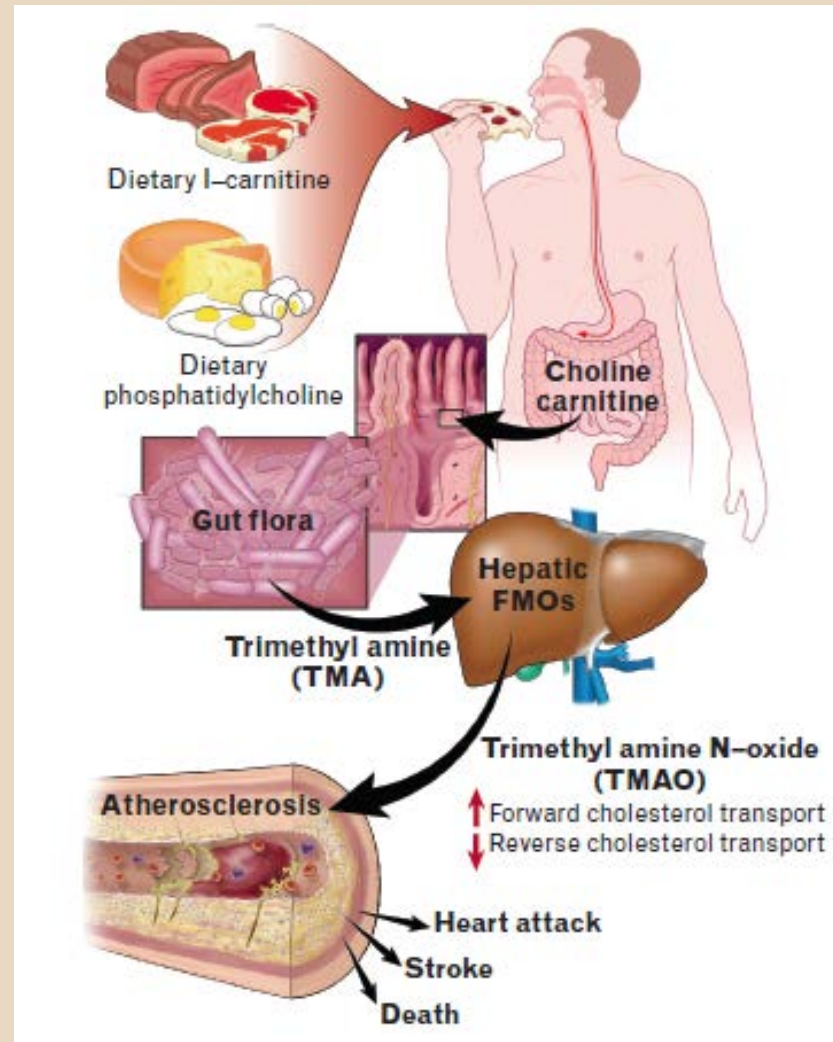
# Urolithin Excretion After Intake of Different Ellagic Acid Containing Foods

Food	Excretion (%)
Strawberry (250 g)	0.06-6.3
Raspberry (225 g)	0.21-7.6
Red wine (300 ml)	1.8-7.4
Walnut (35 g)	1.2-81.0

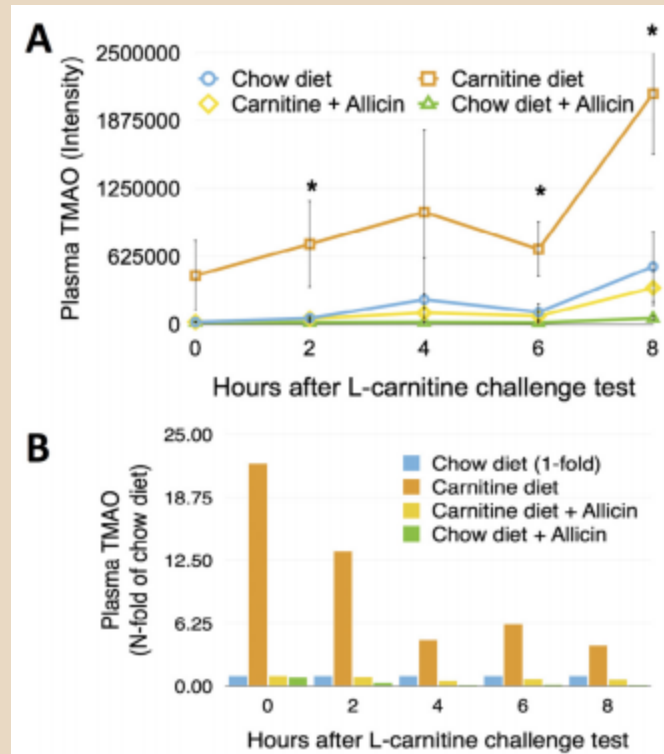
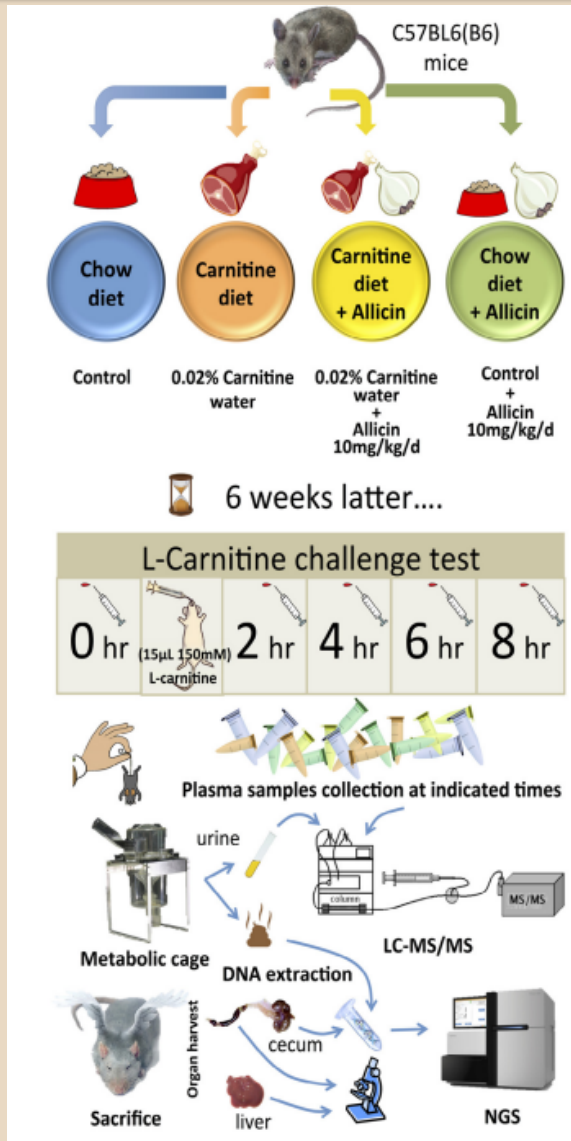
**N=10 volunteers**



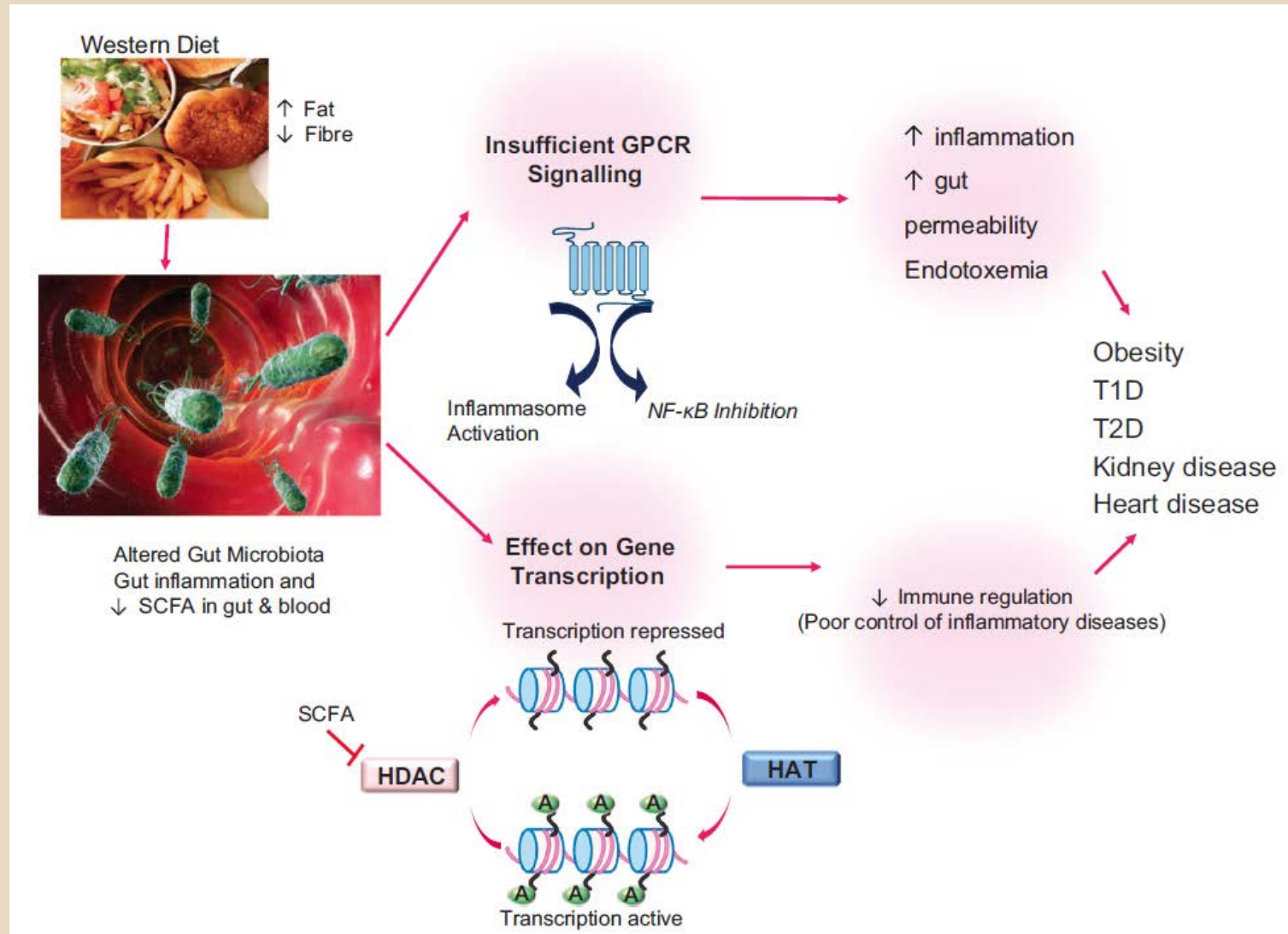
# Diet, Microbial Metabolism and Cardiovascular Disease

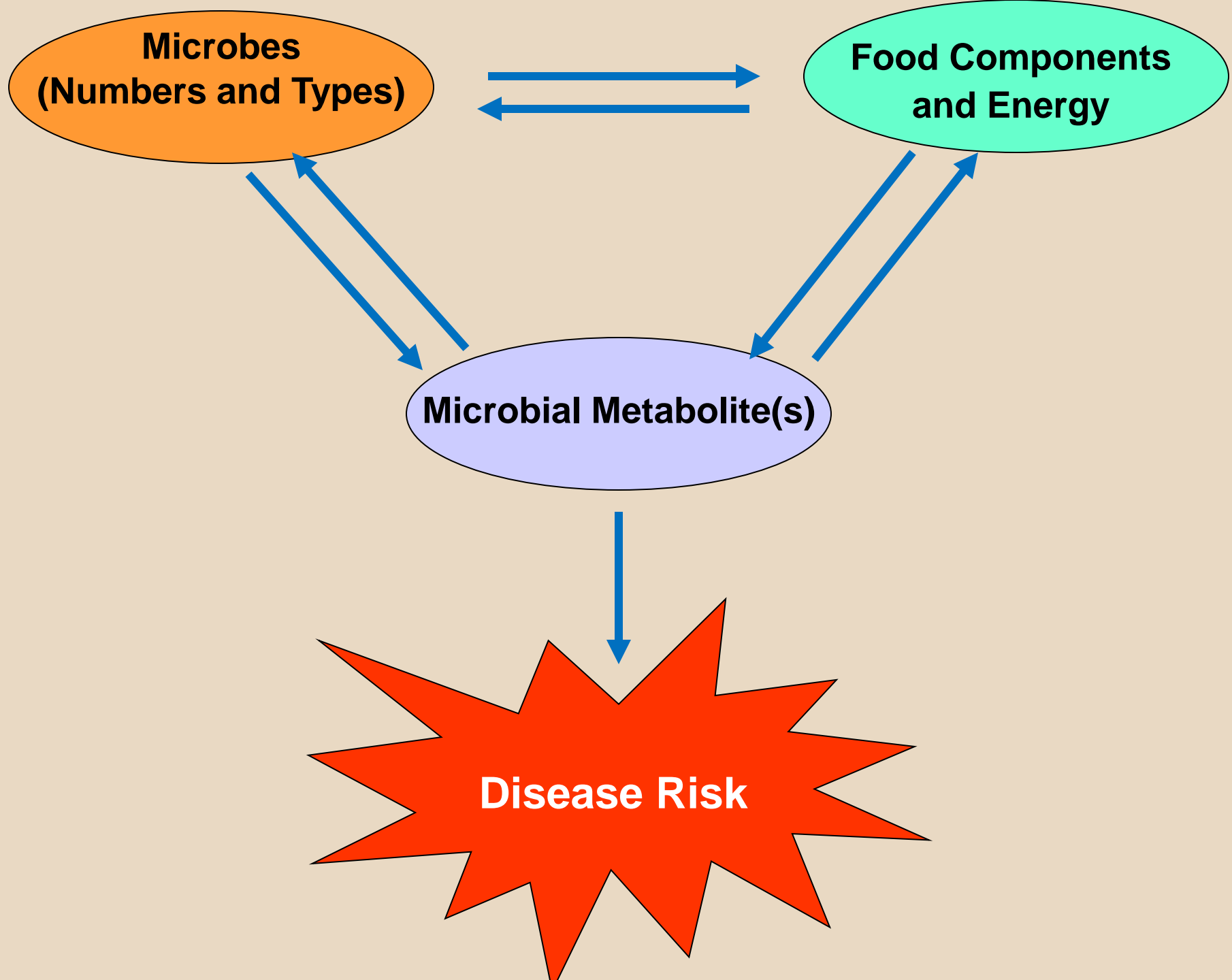


# Dietary Allicin Reduces Metabolism of L-Carnitine to TMAO

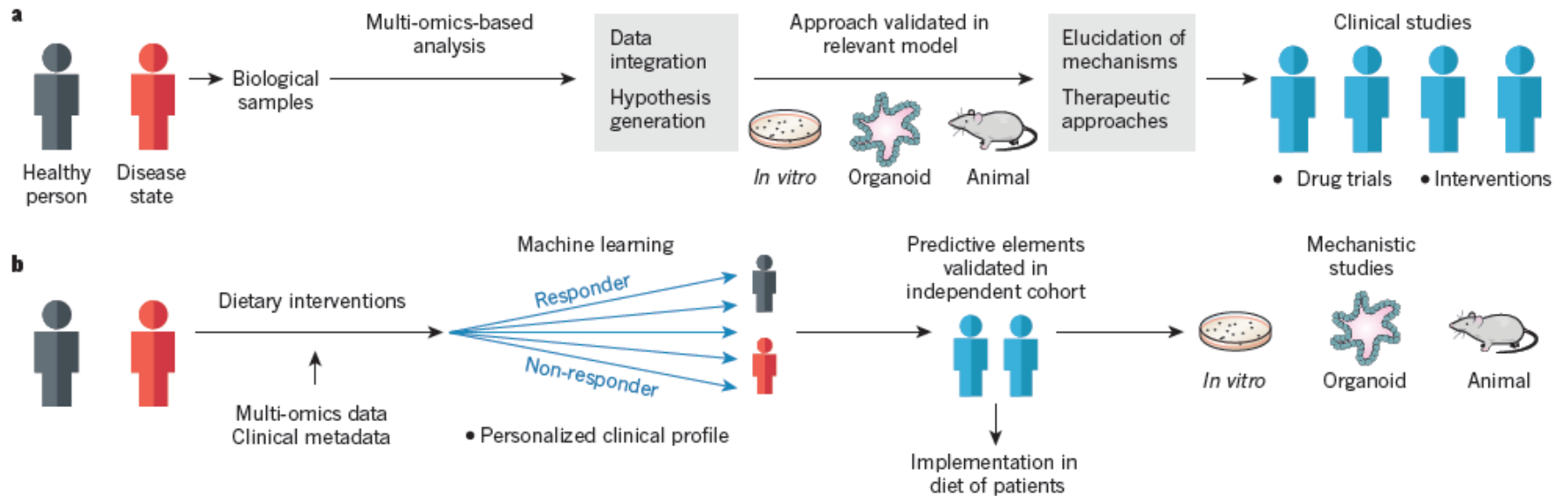


# How Diet May Be Contributing to Human Inflammatory Diseases

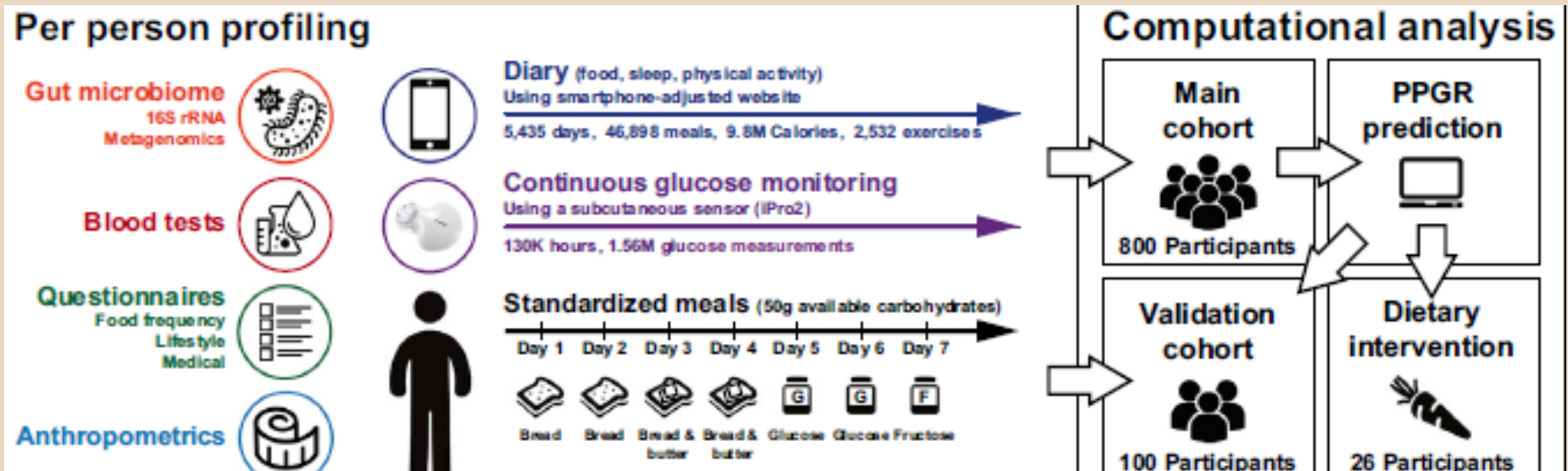




# Strategies for Modulating the Gut Microbiota to Improve Human Health



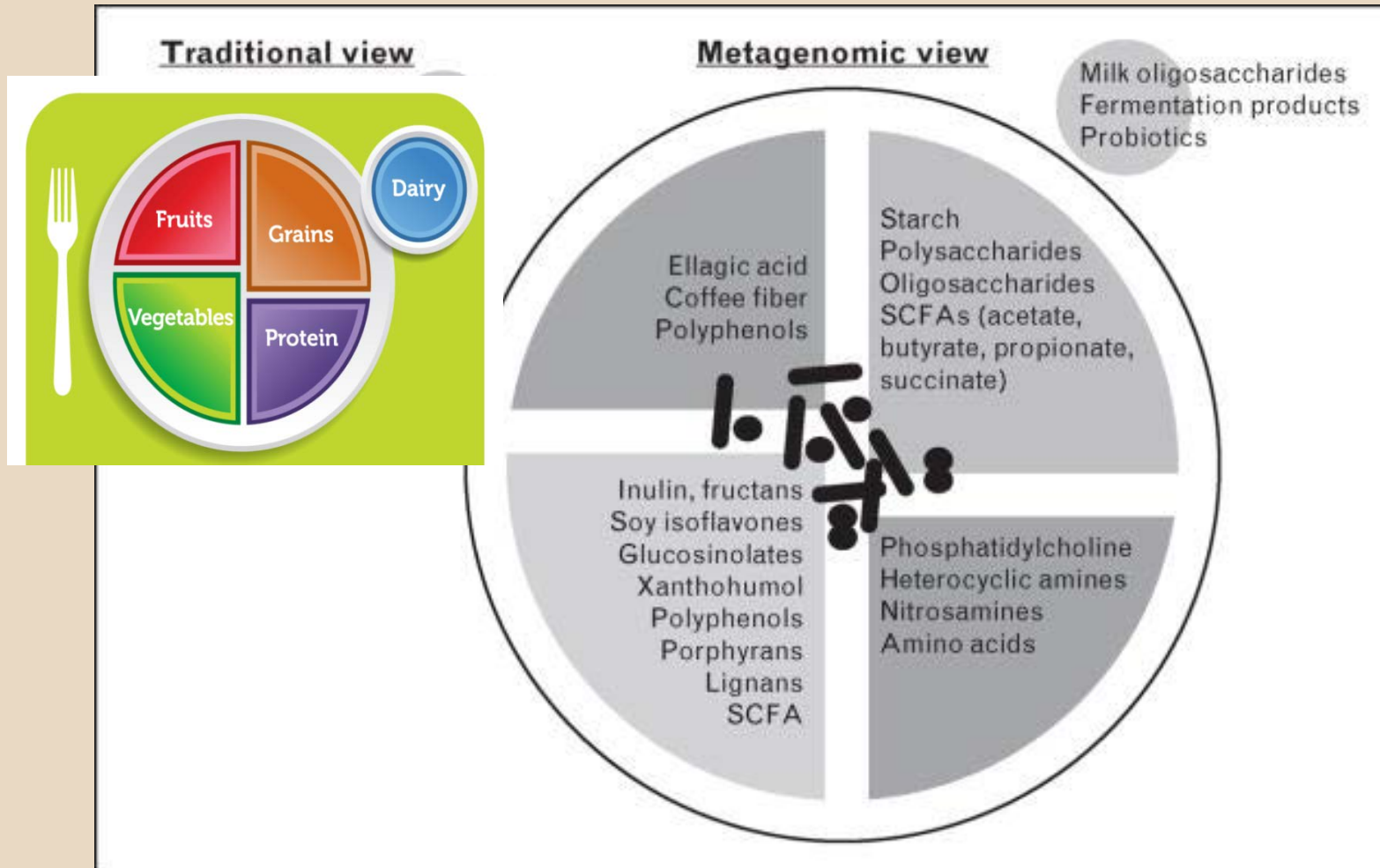
# Can Your Microbiome Tell You What to Eat?

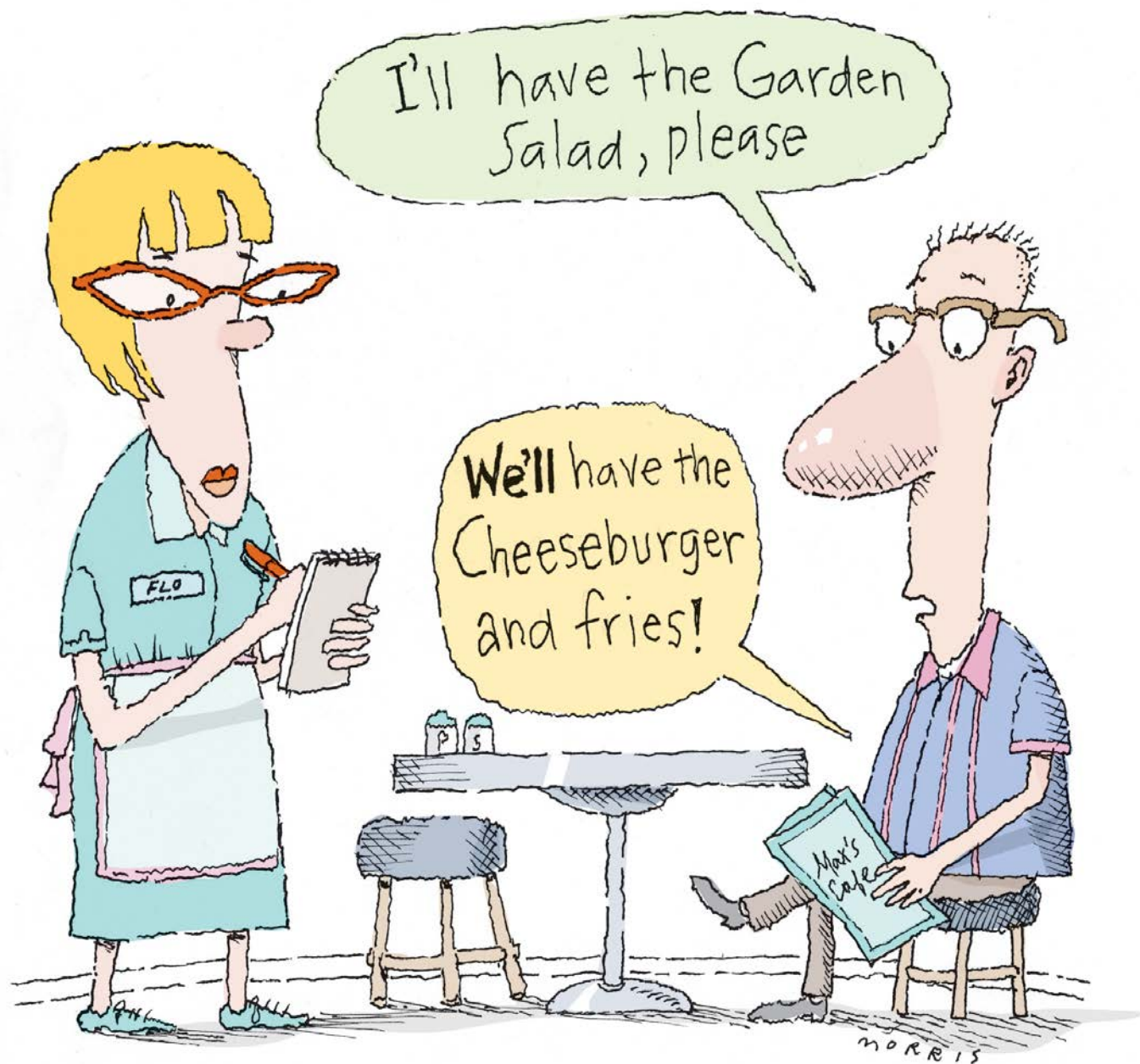


- High interpersonal variability in post-meal glucose observed in an 800-person cohort
- Using personal and microbiome features enables accurate glucose response prediction
- Prediction is accurate and superior to common practice in an independent cohort
- Short-term personalized dietary interventions successfully lower post-meal glucose

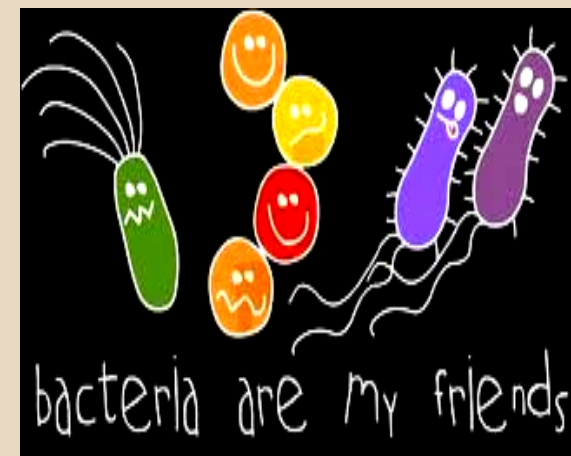


# A Metagenomic View of our Dinner Plate





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