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Probiotics and Prebiotics: the New Therapeutic Options

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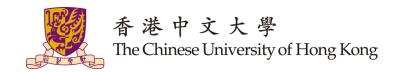
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Background

Probiotic

Probiotics in Dairy

Dairy products like yogurt, kefir, and certain cheeses contain probiotics, beneficial for gut health.





Nutrient-Rich Dairy

Dairy is rich in calcium, protein, and vitamins essential for bone health and overall well-being.

Probiotic Dairy Options

Yogurt, kefir, and some cheeses provide probiotics, supporting digestion and immune function.





Incorporating Probiotic Dairy

Add yogurt or kefir to smoothies, use yogurt in breakfast bowls, and include cheese in snacks and meals. Soy beverages and yogurt are recommended for those with lactose intolerance...





Probiotic benefits

- Reducing the incidence of antibiotic-associated diarrhea
- Managing digestive discomfort
- Reducing colic symptoms in infants
- Reducing necrotizing enterocolitis in infants
- Reducing symptoms of lactose maldigestion
- Treating acute pediatric infectious diarrhea
- Reducing upper respiratory tract or gut infections







Probiotic therapy

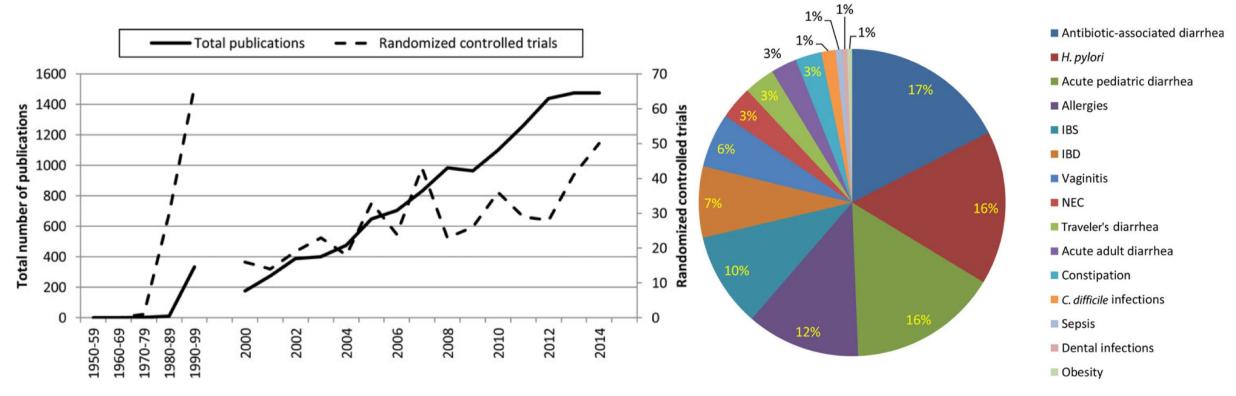


Figure 1. Number of publications and randomized controlled trials on probiotics from PubMed search

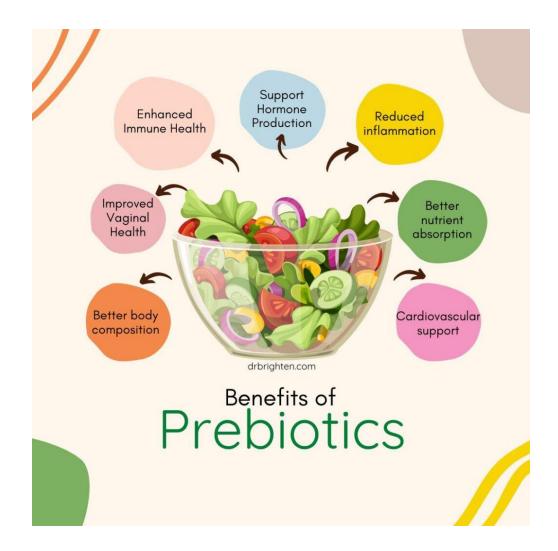
Figure 2. The 15 most commonly studied indications for probiotic therapy from 420 randomized controlled trials





Prebiotic









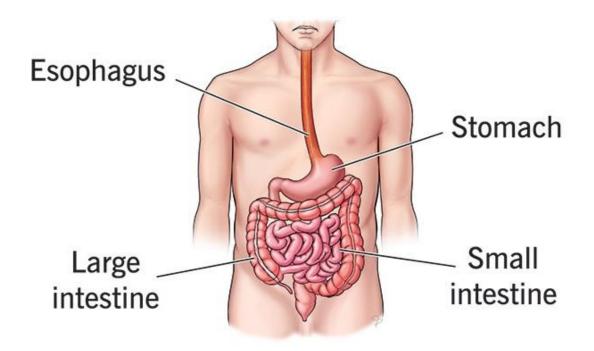


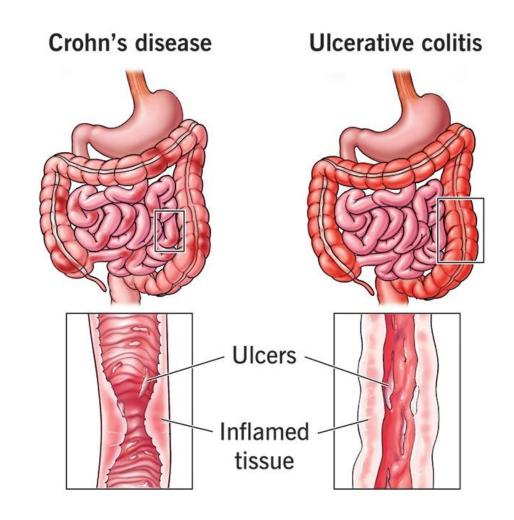


Probiotic & Prebiotic in Disease Treatment

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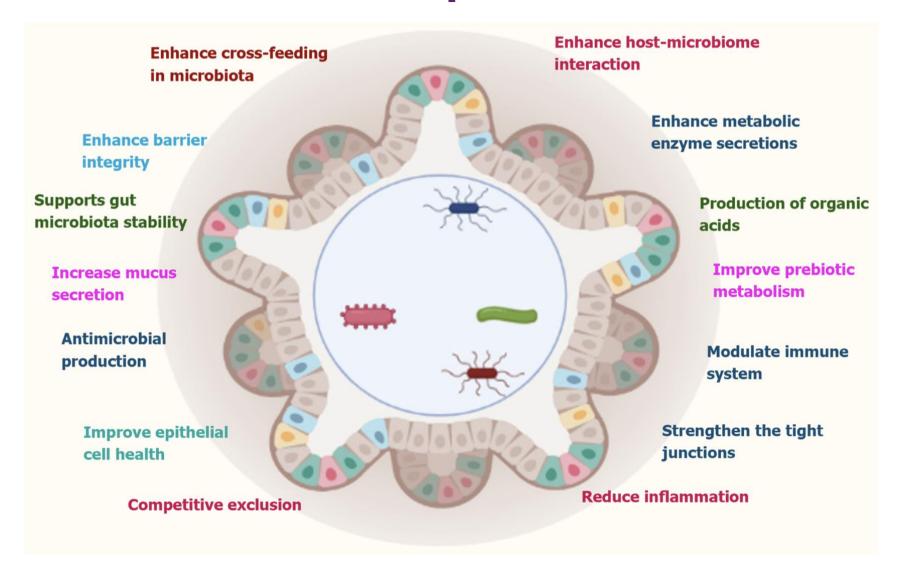






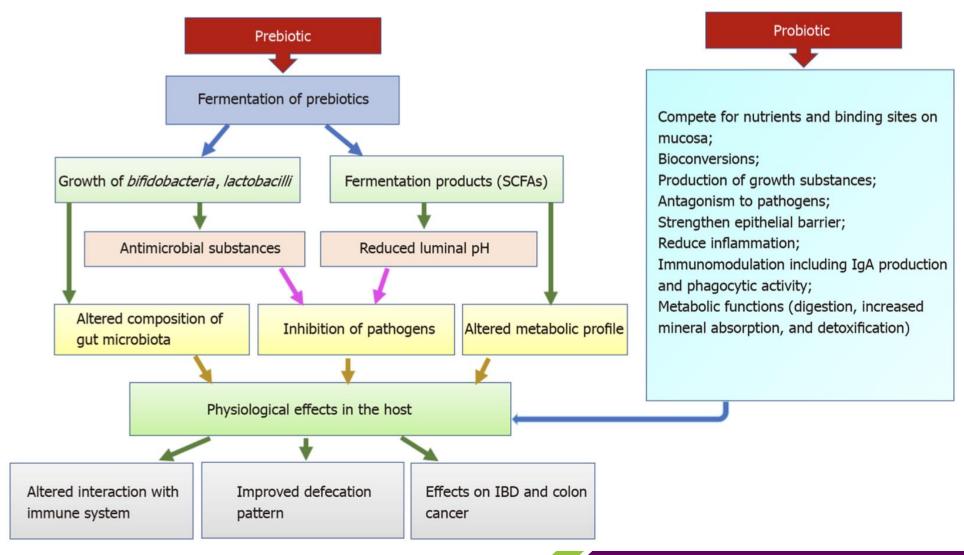


Mechanisms of action of probiotics in IBD





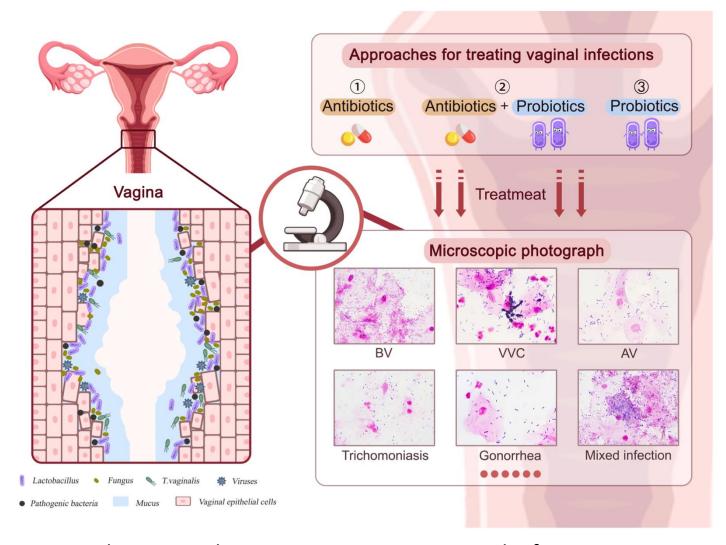
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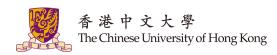


Vaginal infections



- BV: Bacterial vaginosis
- VVC: Vulvovaginal Candidiasis
- AV: Aerobic Vaginitis
- Epithelial cell and mucosal damage

The approaches to treating various vaginal infections





Lactobacilli exhibit antibacterial activity in BV

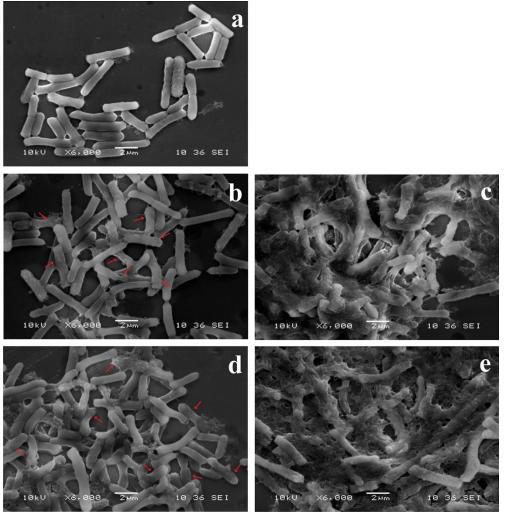


Figure 1. SEM images of *G. vaginalis* treated with acetic acid or lactic acid for 2 h

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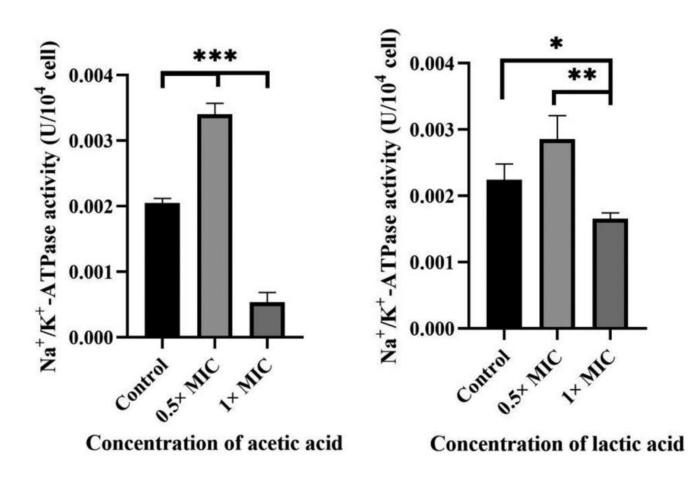


Figure 2. The effects of acetic acid and lactic acid on ATP concentration in *G. vaginalis*

Huang et al., Probiotics and Antimicrobial Proteins, 2023

Prebiotics promote vaginal lactobacilli growth

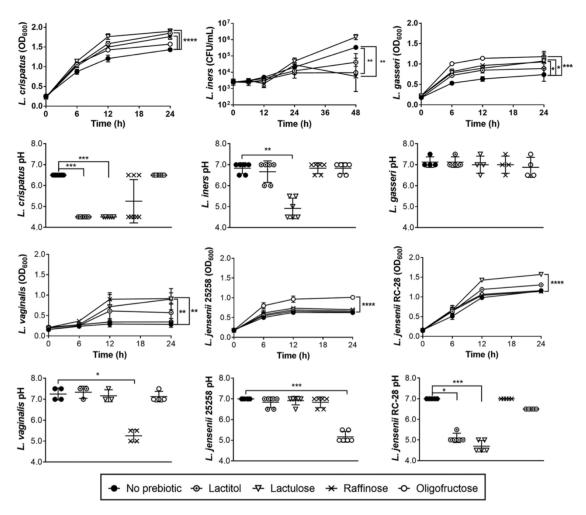


Figure 1. Growth and pH of vaginal lactobacilli cultured in prebiotics (lactitol, lactulose, raffinose, and oligofructose)





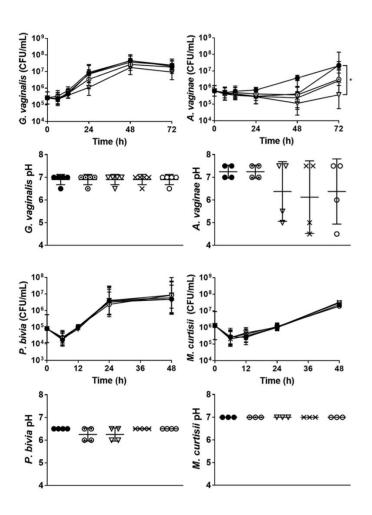


Figure 2. Growth and pH of *C. albicans* and BV organisms cultured in prebiotics

Gut microbiota is important in the immune response to cancer treatment

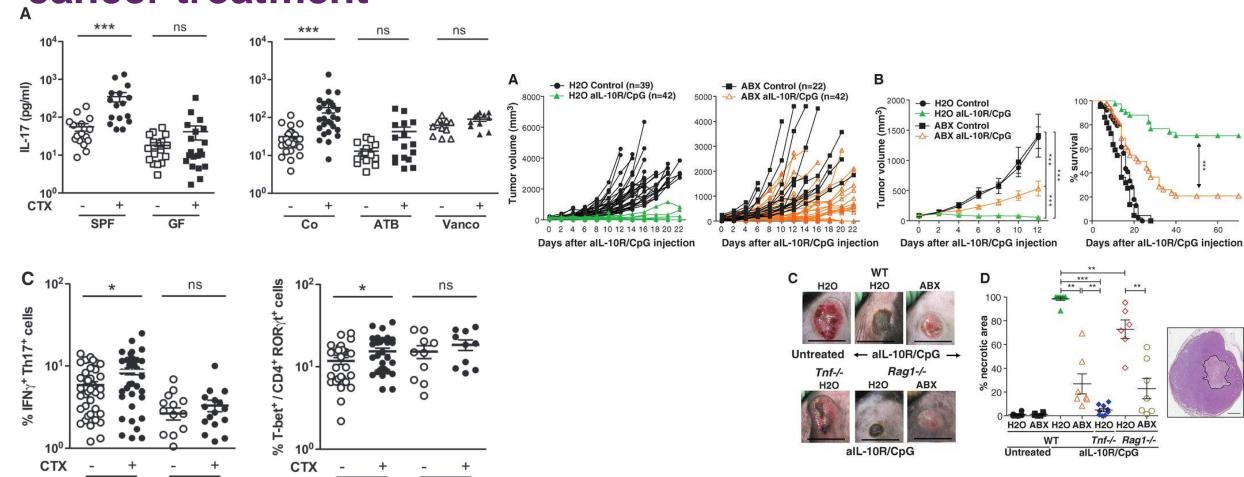


Figure 1. CTX-induced pTH17 effectors and memory TH1 responses depend on gut microbiota



Figure 2. Oral administration of antibiotics impairs CpGODN-based immunotherapy

B.infantis attenuate CRC chemotherapy mucositis

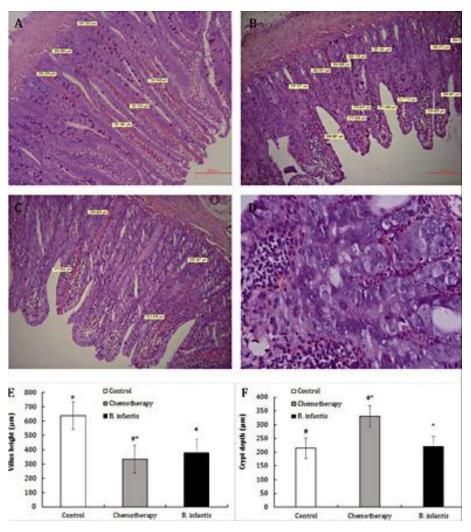
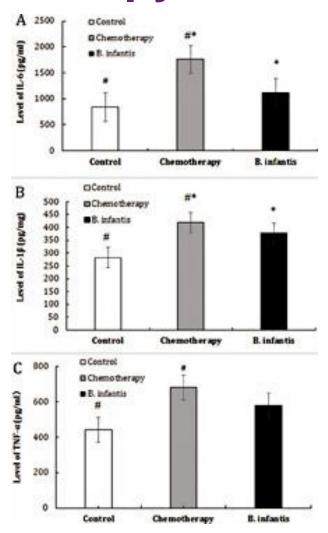
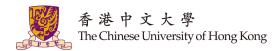


Figure 1.The microscope specimen of intestinal tissue that Figure 2. The level of IL-6, IL-1 β and TNF- α determined were collected from the rats



by ELISA





L. Gallinarum boost anti-PD1 efficacy in CRC

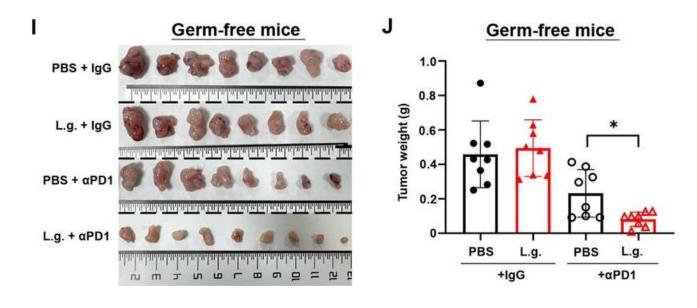


Figure 1. *Lactobacillus gallinarum* improved anti-PD1 efficacy in CRC mouse models

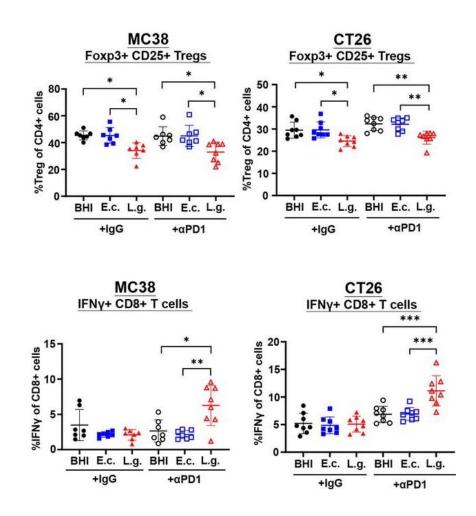
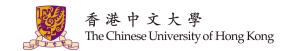
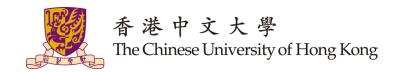


Figure 2. L. gallinarum reduced Foxp3+CD25+ Treg infiltration and increased IFNγ+CD8+ T cells in the tumour microenvironment





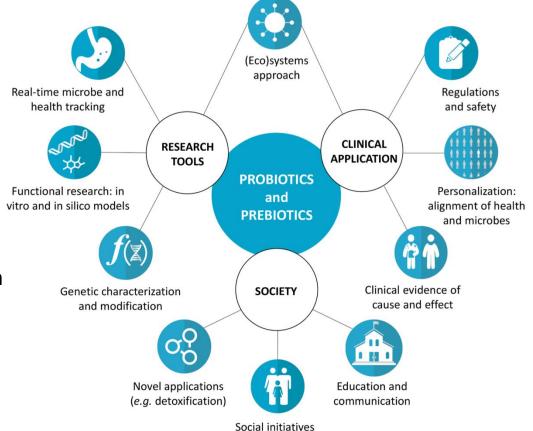




Future Perspective

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- Regulatory hurdles
- Strain-specific efficacy
- Large-scale clinical validation



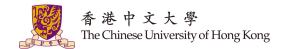
- The real-time interactions with the host
- The microbial functionality
- The individual factors
- The regulation and safety aspects
- The environmental and social needs



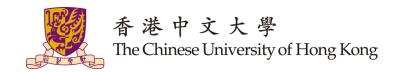


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