

GETTING TO KNOW OUR GUT MICROBIOTA

'Gut microbiome' and 'gut microbiota' describe either the collective genomes of the microorganisms that reside in the gut, or the microorganisms themselves

BIG facts about TINY microbes in the gut

The gut contains more than

3 million microbial genes

(150 times more than human genes)¹



Gut microbiota weighs up to

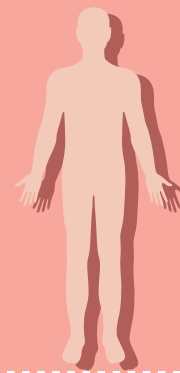


Human's gastrointestinal tract is home to **100 trillion of microorganisms**¹

Host-microbe interactions can occur on a surface area of about

30-40m²

(20 times of the skin surface area)⁴



Skin surface area = 1.5-2.0m²

Just like our fingerprints, the composition of gut microbiota is unique to each individual (although we share some similar features). It is influenced by genetics, age, lifestyle, environmental microbial exposure, diet and health factors^{1,2,3}

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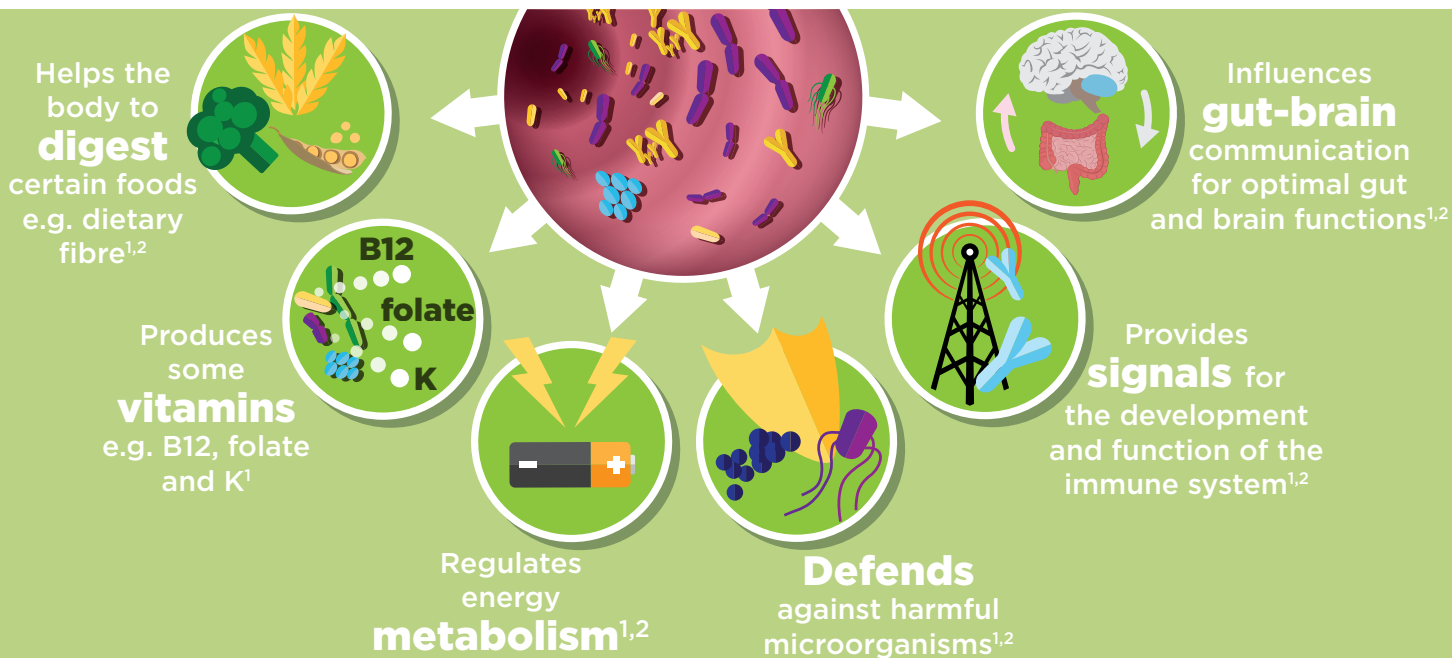
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WHY IS GUT MICROBIOTA IMPORTANT?

A healthy gut microbiota contains a balanced composition of many classes of bacteria that have health-promoting functions



Imbalances in gut microbiota have been linked to:



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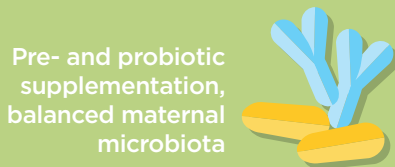
THE FIRST 1000 DAYS

offers a unique window of opportunity in which different factors may have an impact on the gut microbiota composition and its development^{1,2,3}

Factors that have **DESIRABLE IMPACT** on microbiome



Healthy diet, good health status of mother



Pre- and probiotic supplementation, balanced maternal microbiota



Term birth



Vaginal delivery



Breastfeeding

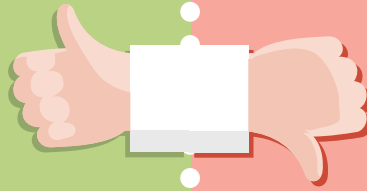


Healthy complementary foods



Interaction with nature (biodiversity)

High dietary fibre or pre- and probiotic supplementation



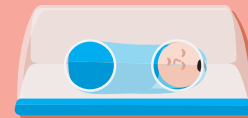
Factors that have **UNDESIRABLE IMPACT** on microbiome



Unhealthy diet, poor health status of mother



Maternal antibiotic



Pre-term birth



C-section delivery



infant



Antibiotic use

Formula feeding without pre- or probiotics



Excessive sanitation



toddler



Unhealthy diet

Different factors such as **GOOD NUTRITION** during the first 1000 days can have benefits that last a lifetime

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DIET AND GUT MICROBIOTA

The composition and functionality of gut microbiota can be influenced by the consumption of diet that includes **PREBIOTICS, PROBIOTICS, or both (SYNBIOTICS)**

PREBIOTICS

Non-digestible dietary carbohydrates, that travel to the colon intact and are able to selectively stimulate the growth and activity of beneficial bacteria in the colon¹

Naturally present in:



human milk (known as human milk oligosaccharides)



chicory root



artichokes



garlic



onions



leeks

asparagus



PROBIOTICS

Live microorganisms, which when administered in adequate amounts, confer a health benefit on the host¹

Can be found in:



fermented milk



yoghurts

fermented vegetables (e.g. Sauerkraut, Kimchi)



SYNBIOTICS

Combination of prebiotics and probiotics¹



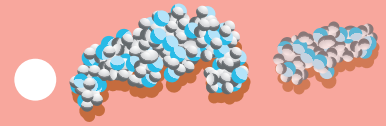
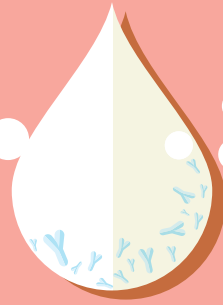
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NUTRITIONAL INNOVATIONS FOR A HEALTHY GUT

For Healthcare Professionals only

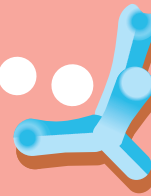


Inspired by HUMAN MILK



Oligosaccharides are the third largest component (after lactose and lipids) of human milk¹

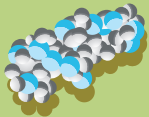
Human milk contains live bacteria such as *Bifidobacterium breve*, *B. adolescentis*, and *B. bifidum*²



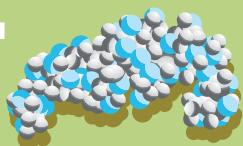
INNOVATIONS

Prebiotics mixture of:

short-chain galacto-oligosaccharides (scGOS)

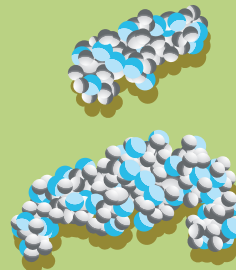


long-chain fructo-oligosaccharides (lcFOS)



Synbiotics mixture of:

scGOS/lcFOS



Bifidobacterium breve M-16V



BENEFITS



Promotes the growth of beneficial bacteria for healthy gut³



Creates a favorable milieu for defense against pathogens³



Supports immunity through positive modulation of gut microbiota³



Reduces the incidence of atopic dermatitis and other allergic symptoms^{3,4,5}



Reduces the risks of infections³

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40 years of research in gastrointestinal functions in early life



40 years of research inspired by human milk

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Breastfeeding is best for babies

Breastfeeding is best for babies and provides many benefits. It is important that, in preparation for and during breastfeeding, mother eats a healthy, balanced diet. Combined breast and bottle feeding in the first weeks of life may reduce the supply of mother's own breast milk, and reversing the decision not to breastfeed is difficult. Always consult healthcare professional for advice about feeding your baby. If infant formula is used, manufacturer's instructions for use should be followed carefully.

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