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Radioterapia Oncologica: l'evoluzione al servizio dei pazienti

Microbiota e Radioterapia nelle Neoplasie Ginecologiche

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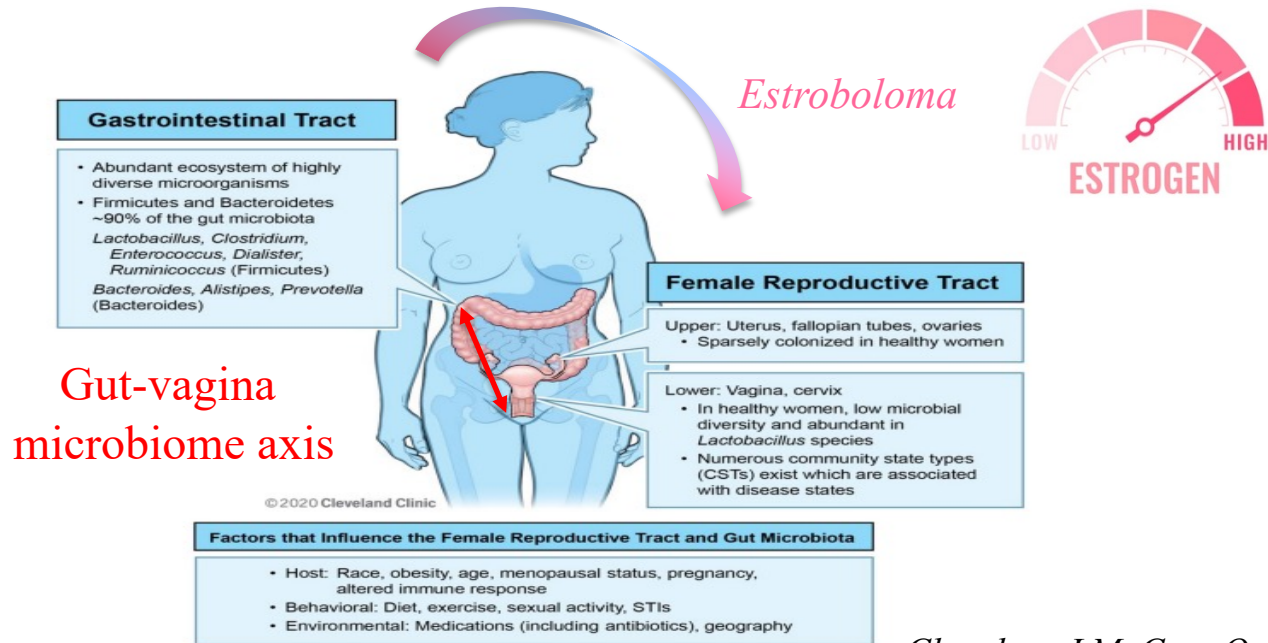
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Come da nuova regolamentazione della Commissione Nazionale per la Formazione Continua del Ministero della Salute, è richiesta la trasparenza delle fonti di finanziamento e dei rapporti con soggetti portatori di interessi commerciali in campo sanitario.

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The unique case of gynecological cancers



Chambers LM, Curr Oncol Rep 2021

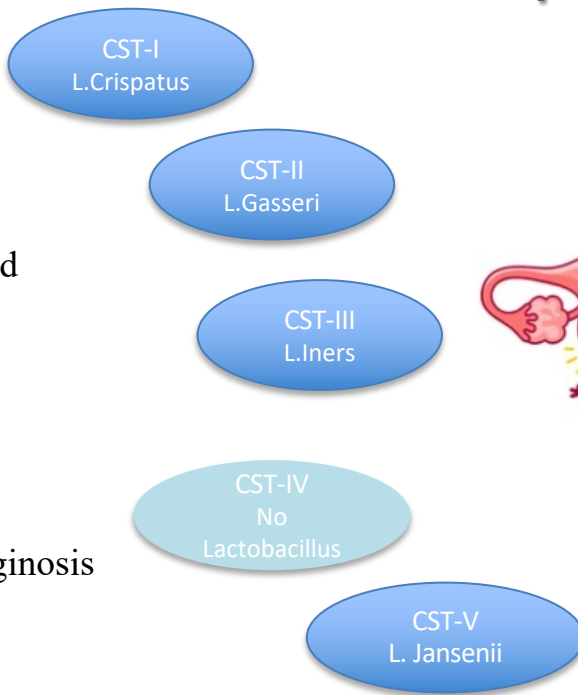
Microbioma of female reproductive tract

Vagino-cervical M

Lactobacillus spp. → Low pH
> Lactic Acid
< Pathogens

Gardnerella
Atopobium
Prevotella
Megashera
Sneathia

→ Bacterial Vaginosis



Uterine

- ✓ Not sterile
- ✓ Limited in healthy women
- ✓ Colonization through vaginal ascension and/or hematogenous spread
- ✓ Acinetobacter, Pseudomonas, Cloacibacterium more frequent

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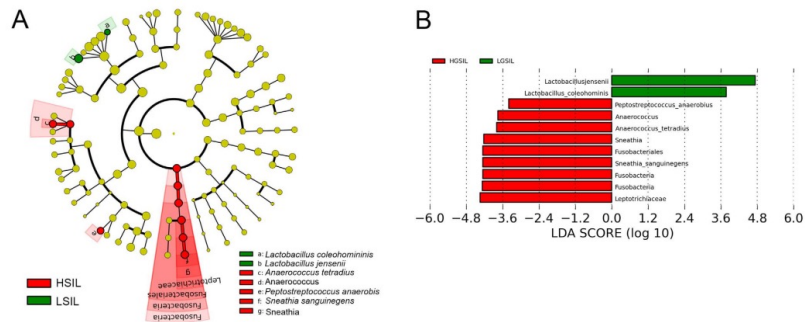


«Onco»bioma: microbiota and carcinogenesis Mechanisms

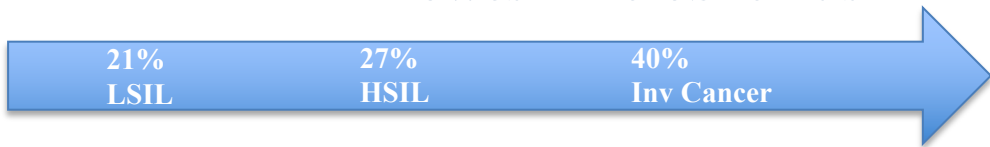
Pro-carcinogenic state through:

- altered host immune response
- changes in hormone metabolism
- modulation of the cell cycle and apoptosis (elicit DNA damage directly and not)
- upregulation of oncogenic pathways

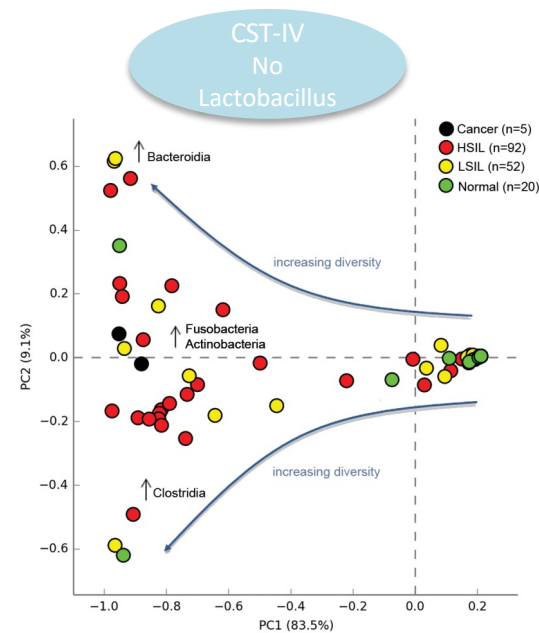
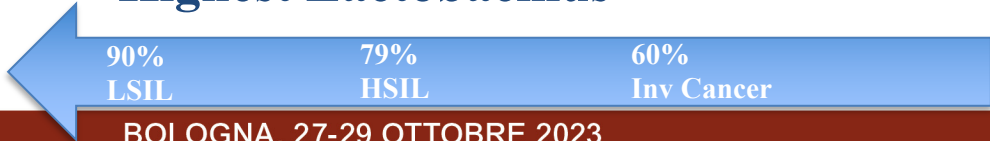
Intraepithelial cervical neoplasia and Vaginal Microbioma



Lowest Lactobacillus



Highest Lactobacillus



Mitra A, *Scient Rep* 2015

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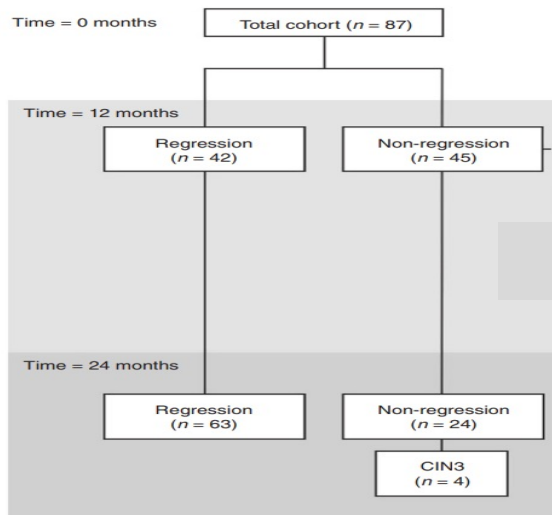
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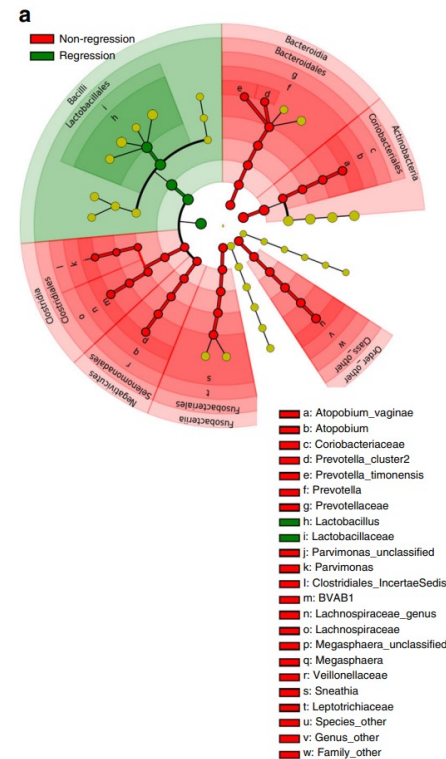
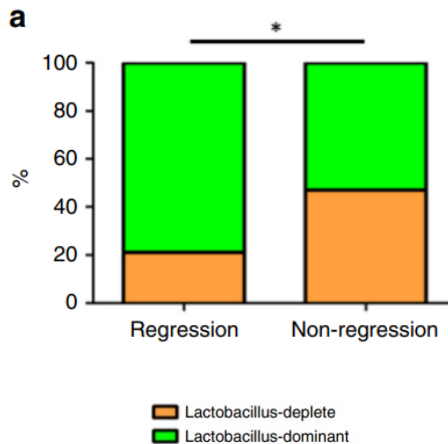
The vaginal microbiota associates with the regression of untreated cervical intraepithelial neoplasia 2 lesions

Anita Mitra^{1,2}, David A. MacIntyre^{1,3}, George Ntritsos⁴, Ann Smith⁵, Konstantinos K. Tsilidis^{4,6}, Julian R. Marchesi^{3,7,8}, Phillip R. Bennett^{1,2,3}, Anna-Barbara Moscicki^{9,10} & Maria Kyrgiou^{1,2,10}

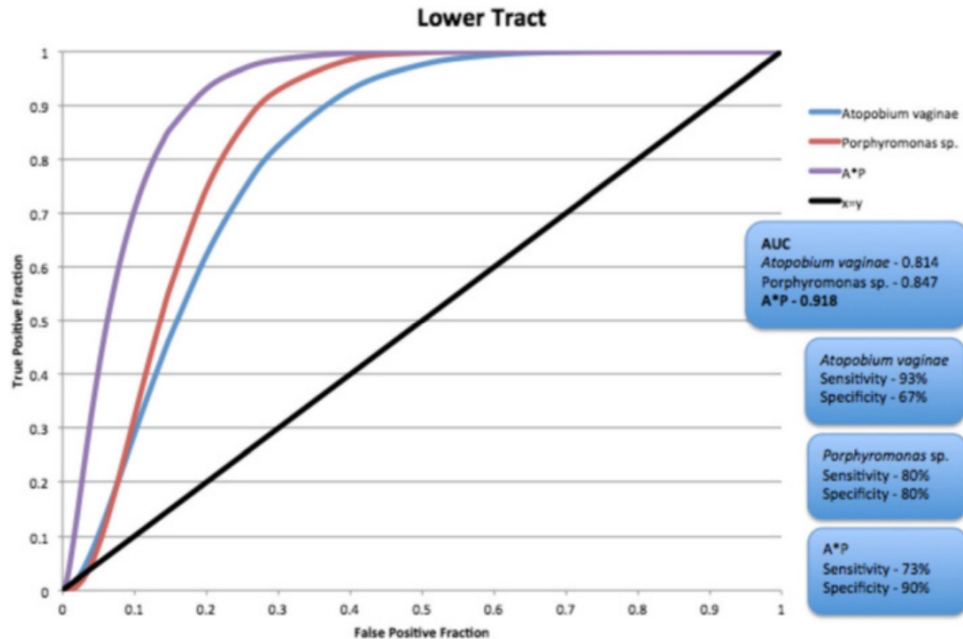


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CIN3



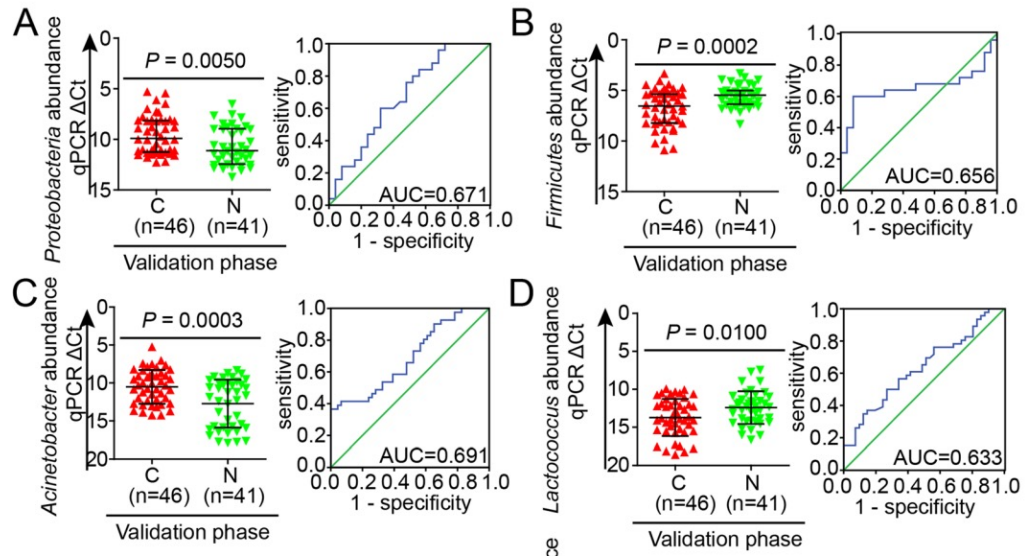
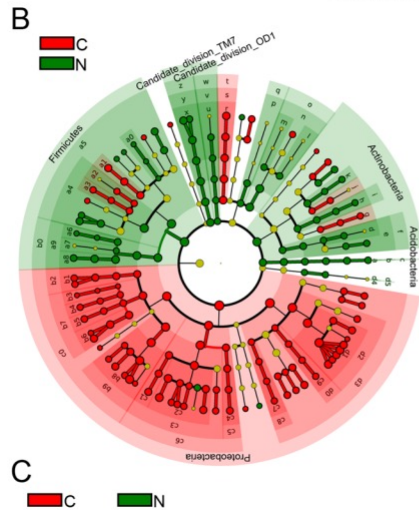
Endometrial Cancer and GU Microbioma



Risk of endometrial cancer > 4.5, especially if associated with low vagina PH

Hokenstad A, Genom Med 2016

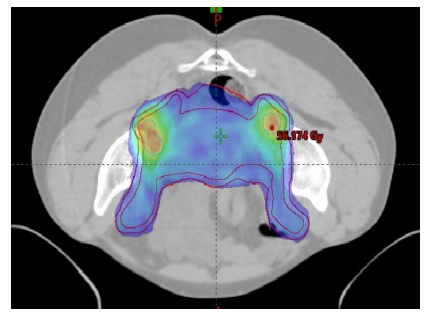
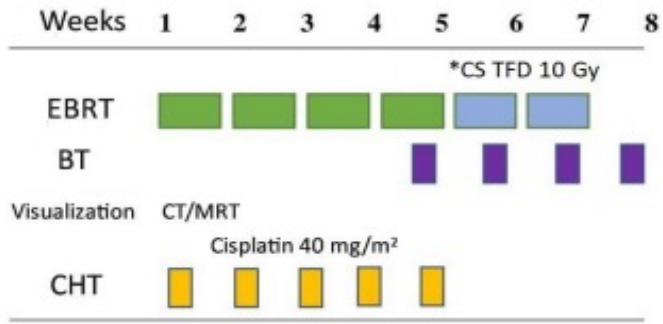
Ovarian Cancer and Upper GU Microbioma

Increased proteobacteria and
firmicutes phylaZhou B, *Sci Rep* 2019

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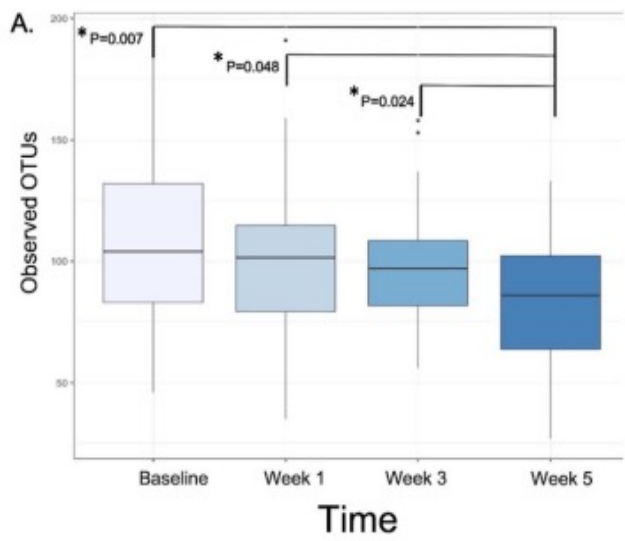
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LA cervical cancer standard treatment

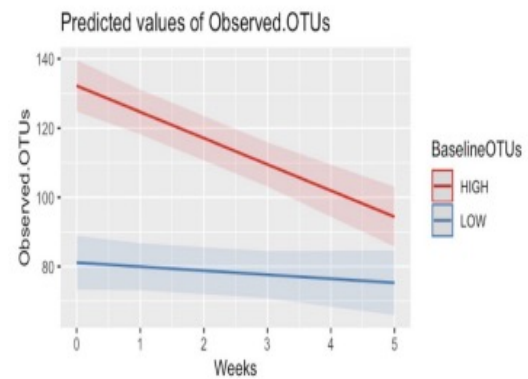
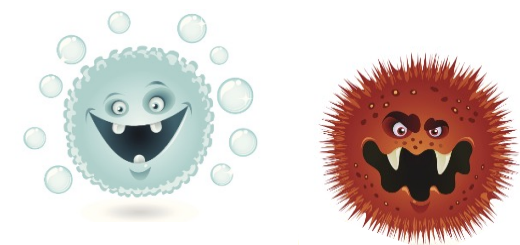


Chemoradiation changes individual microbioma

DURING RT-CT Gut microbioma



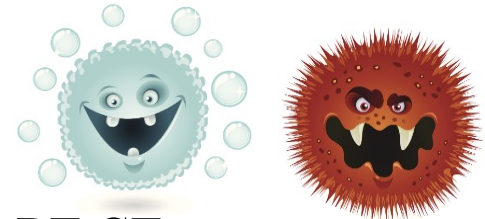
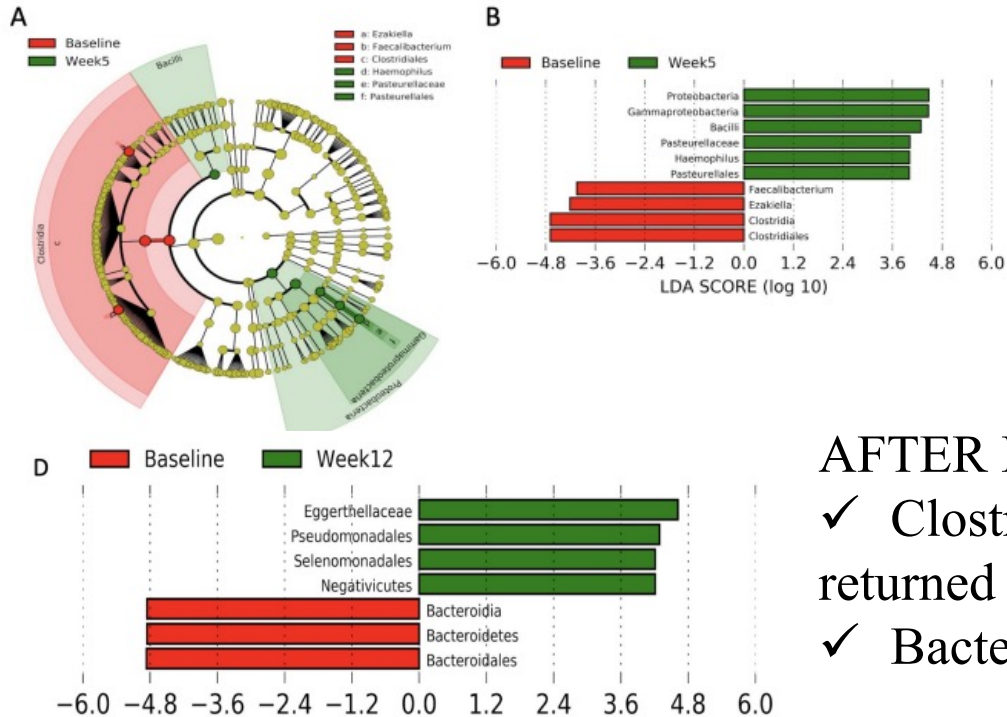
Time
 << Diversity



Greater reduction in patients with higher baseline diversity

El Alam M, Plos One 2021

Chemoradiation changes individual microbioma



DURING RT-CT
 >> Proteobacteria
 << Clostridiales

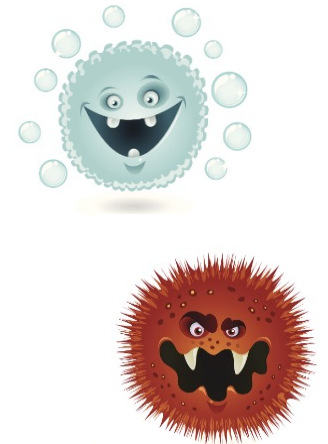
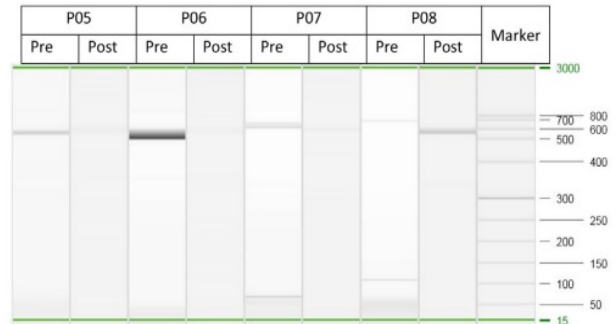
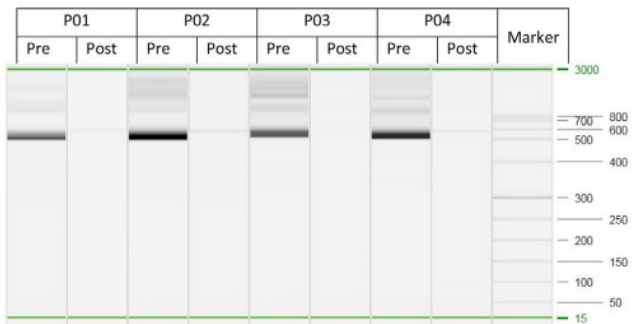
AFTER RT-CT

- ✓ Clostridiales and Bacteroides returned normal
- ✓ Bacteroides increased

El Alam M, Plos One 2021

Chemoradiation changes individual microbioma

DURING RT-CT Cervical microbioma

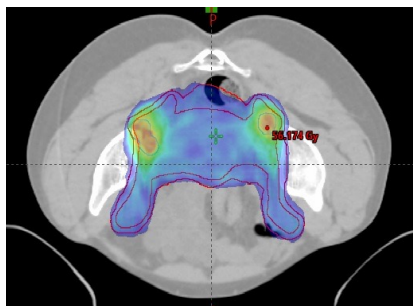
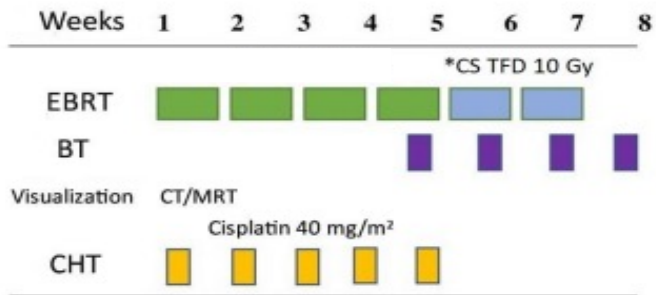


<< Bacterial load

No changes in diversity (alpha and beta)

Tsakmaklis A, Int J Gynecol Cancer 2019

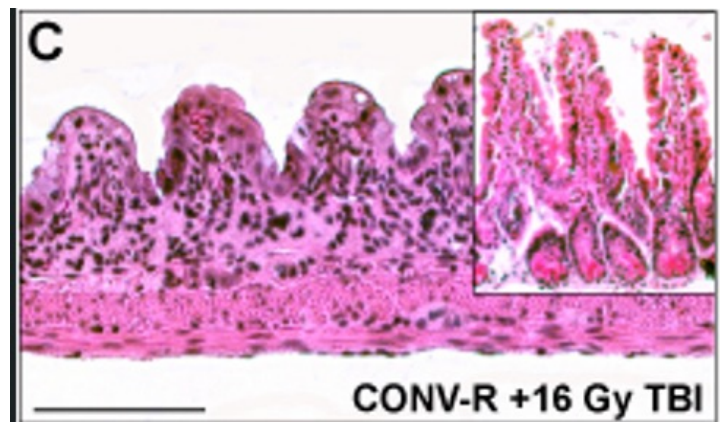
LA cervical cancer standard treatment



Toxicity

Outcome

Microbiota associated endothelial radiosensitivity

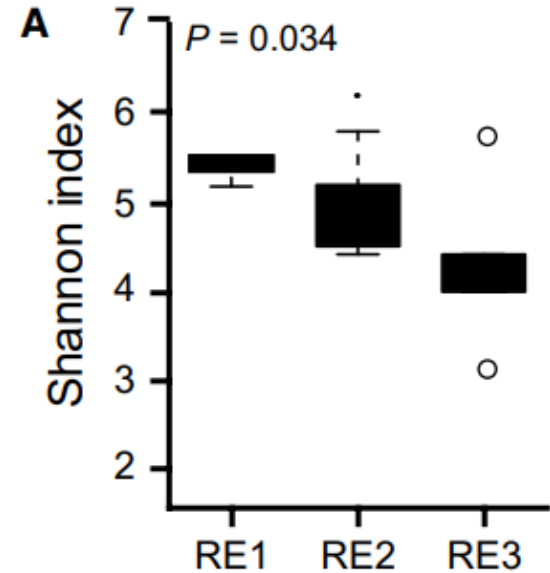
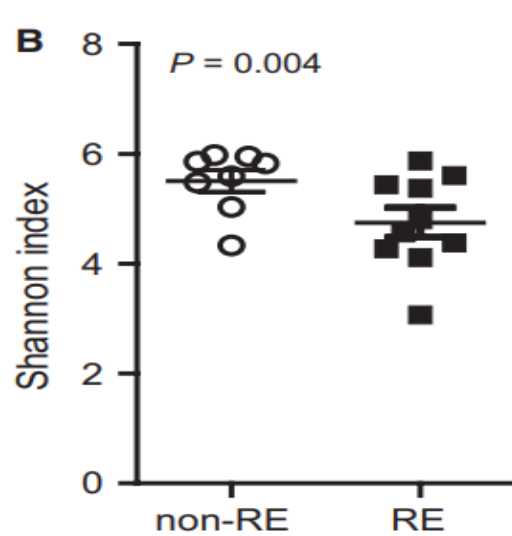


Crawford PA, 2005

Microbioma and toxicity

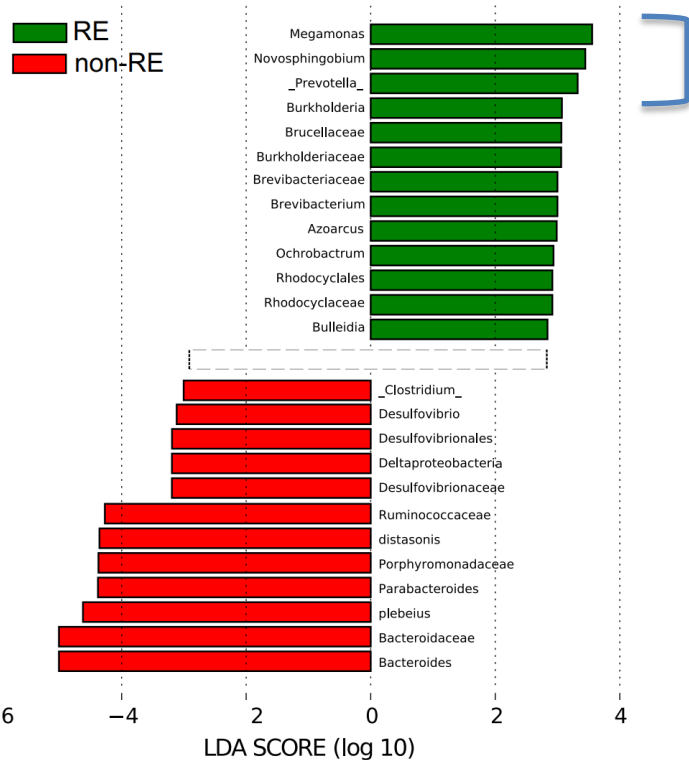
Radiation Enteritis (RE)

Lower
alpha-diversity

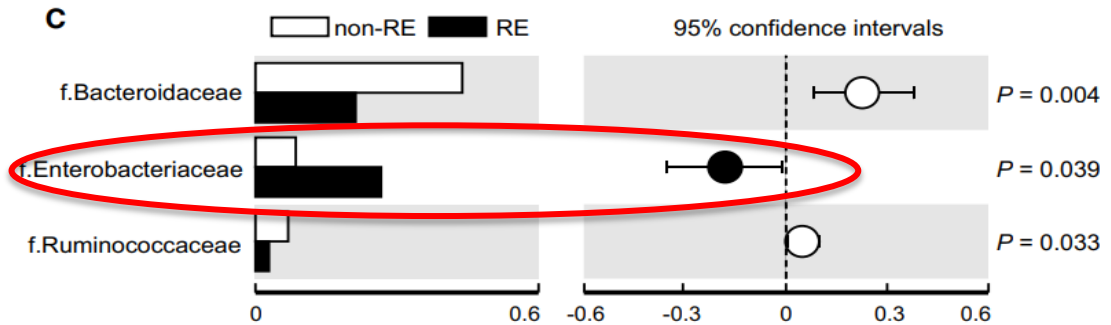


Microbiome and toxicity

Radiation Enteritis (RE)

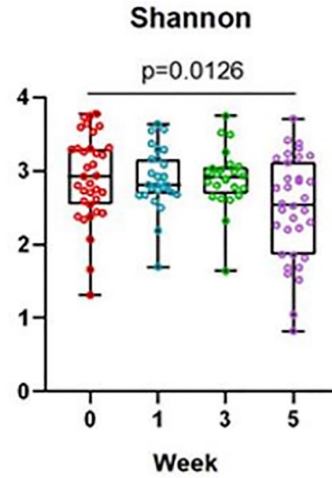
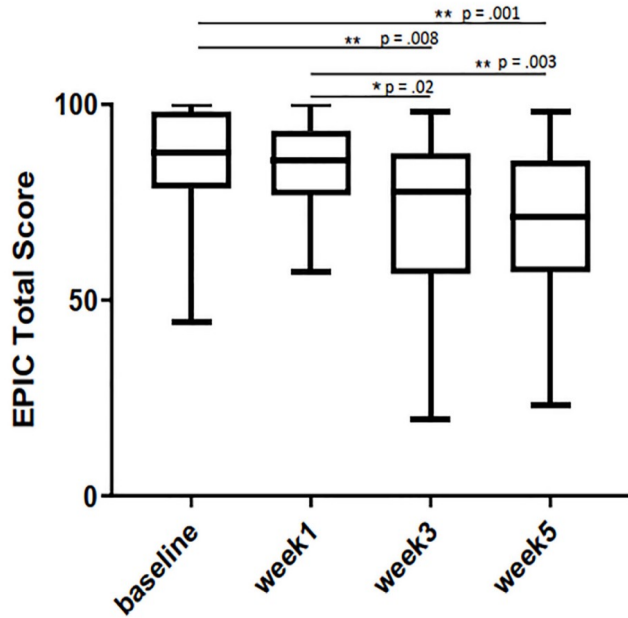


More at risk of developing RE

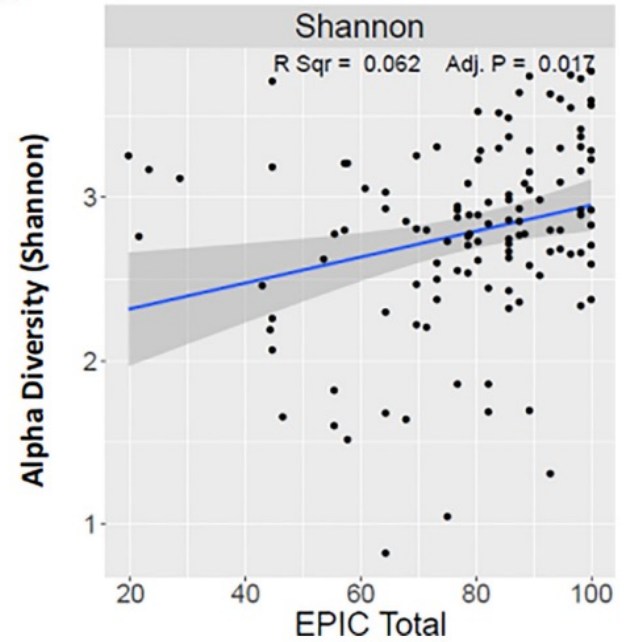


Wang J Cell Mol Med 2019

Microbioma and toxicity

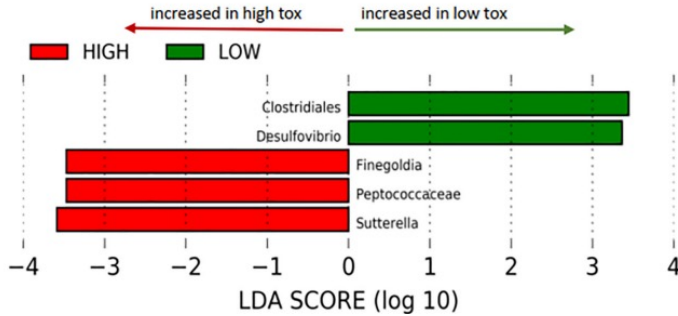


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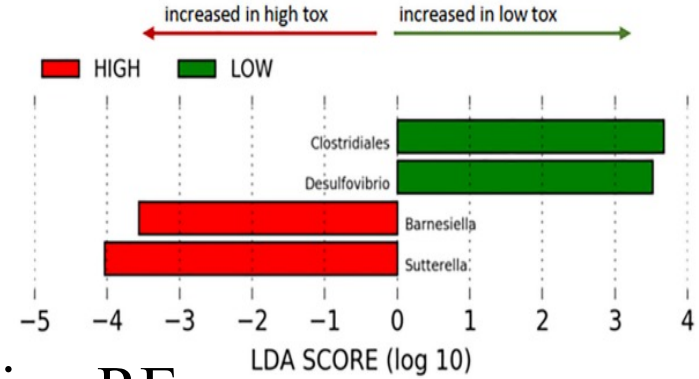


Microbioma and toxicity

A. Baseline



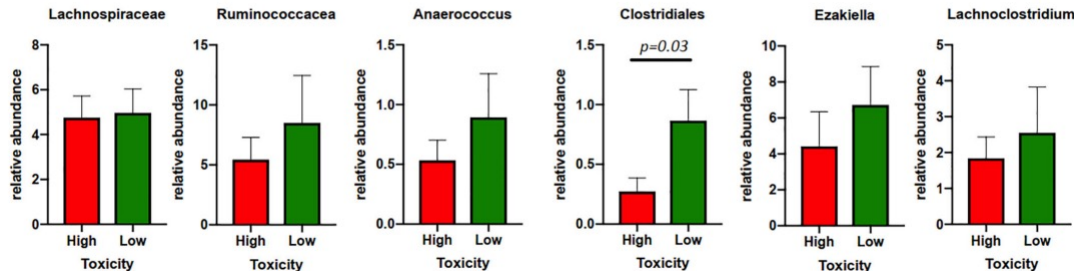
B. Week5



Less at risk of developing RE

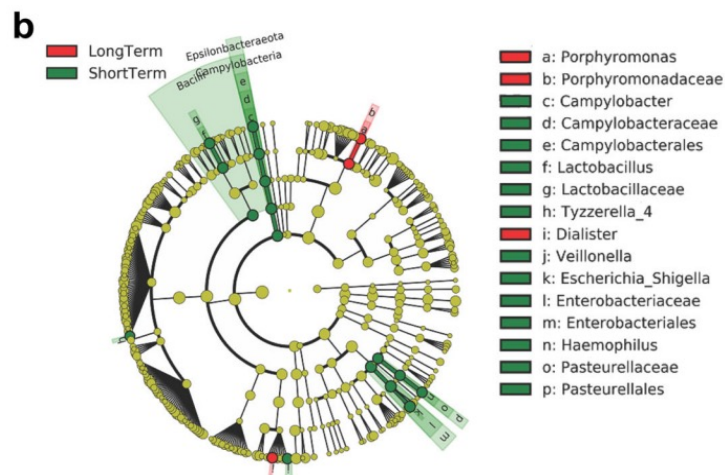
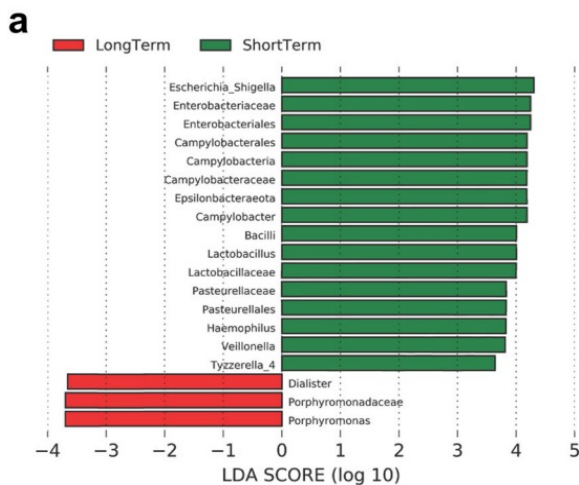


C.



Gut microbiome diversity is an independent predictor of survival in cervical cancer patients receiving chemoradiation

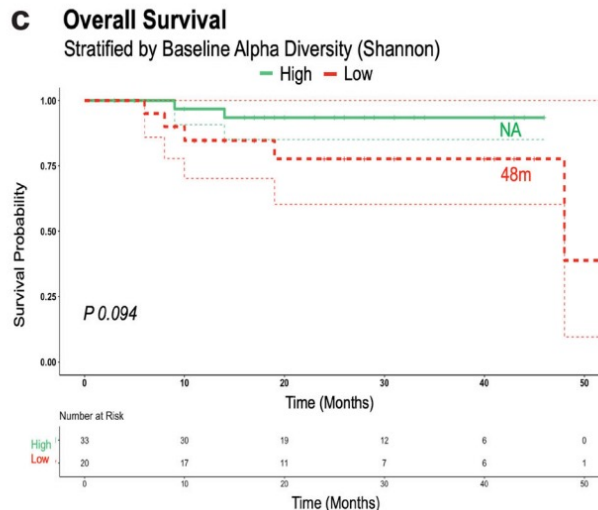
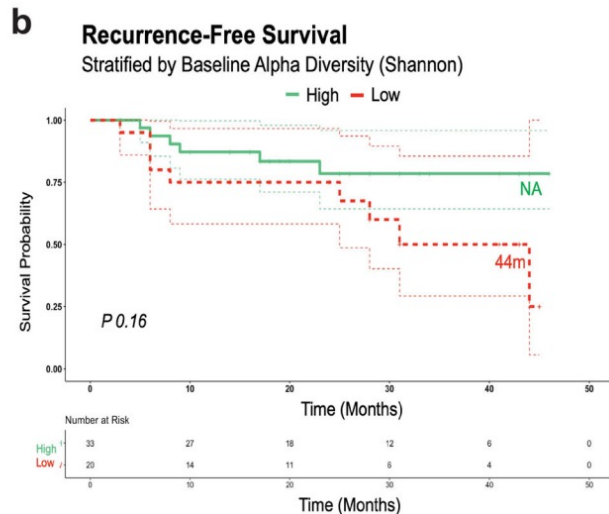
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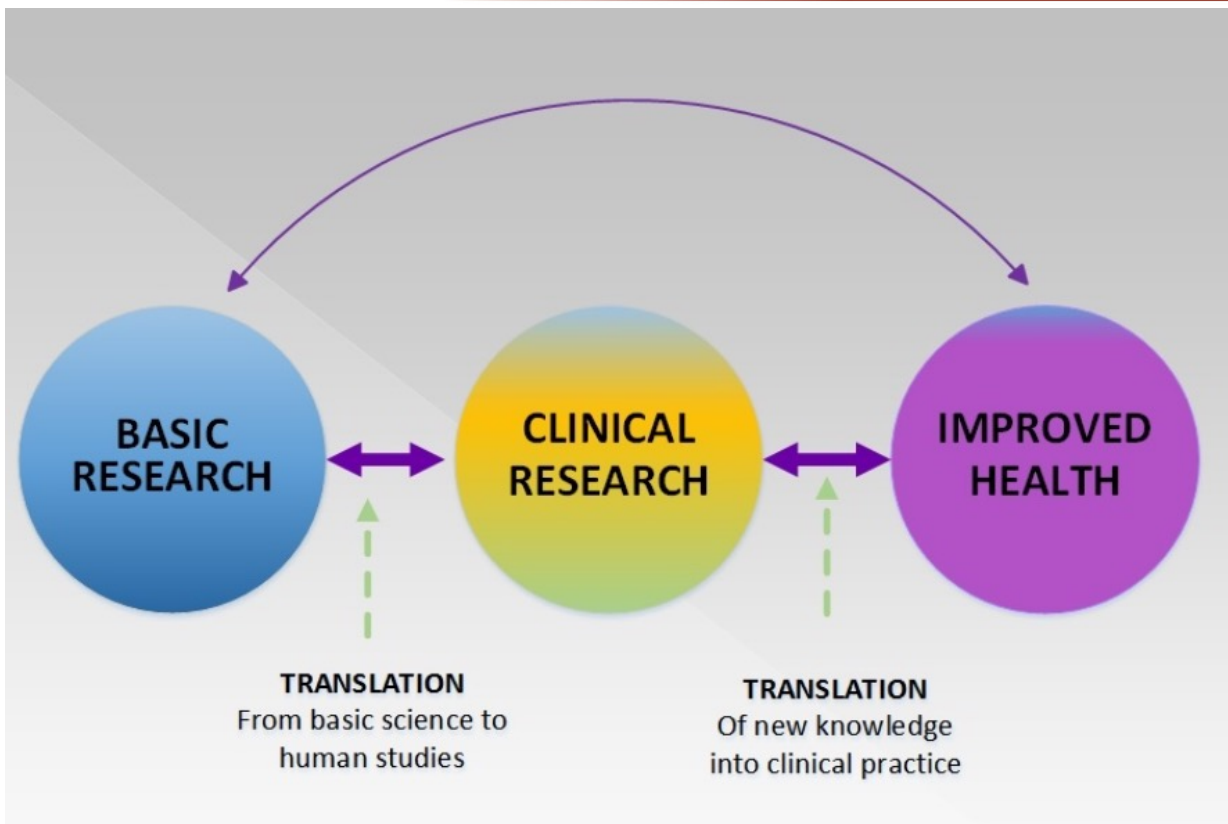
Sims TT, 2021

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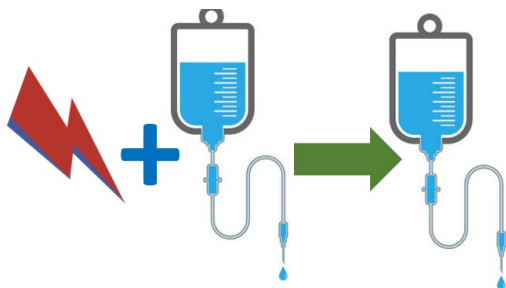


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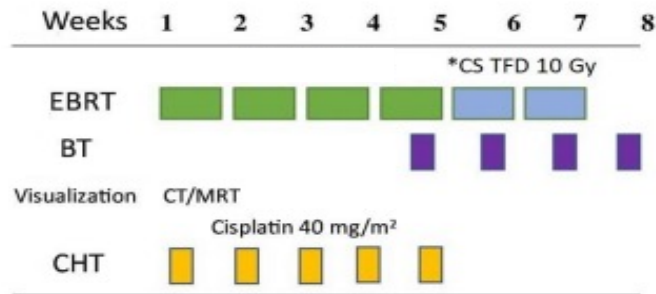


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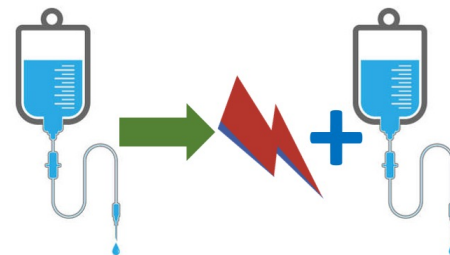
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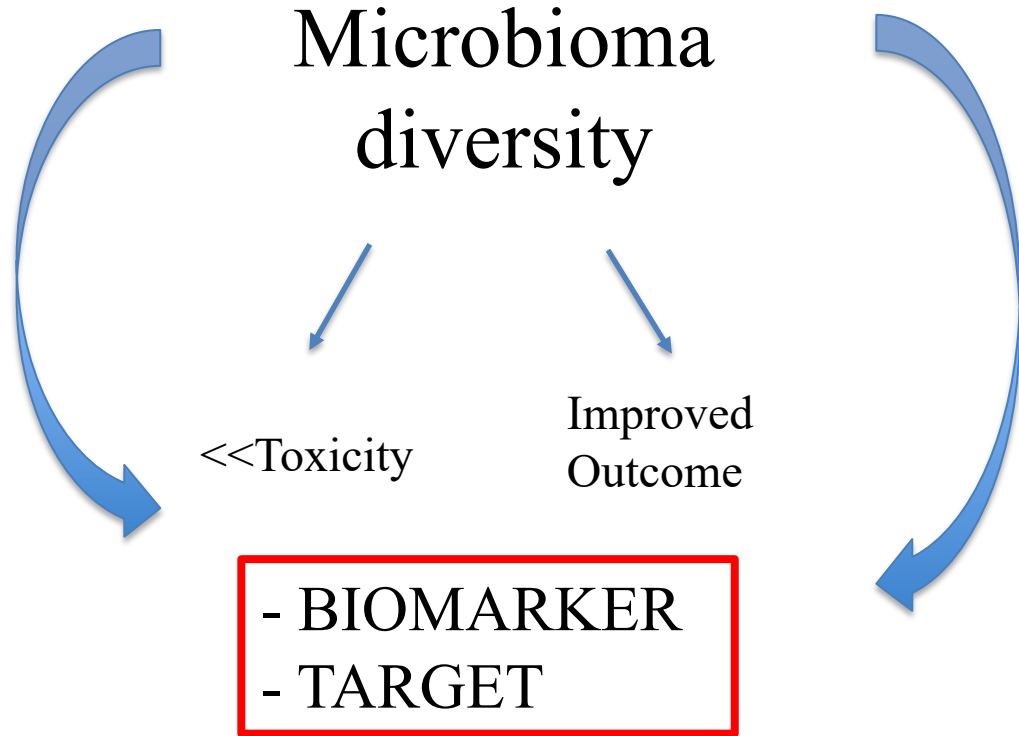
Adding NAD:
 - phase II trials negative
 - INTERLACE ongoing



Reducing toxicities through new technologies

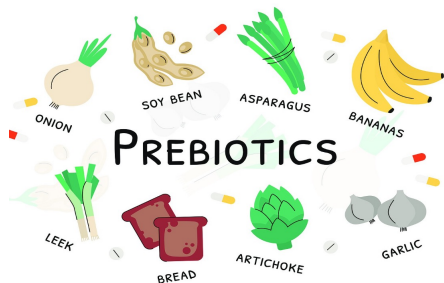


Adding AT (chemo or immunotp):
 - OUTBACK trial negative
 - CALLA trial negative
 - Keynote A18 trial positive (PFS experimental arm: 67.8 vs 57.3, HR 0.7, p=0.002)

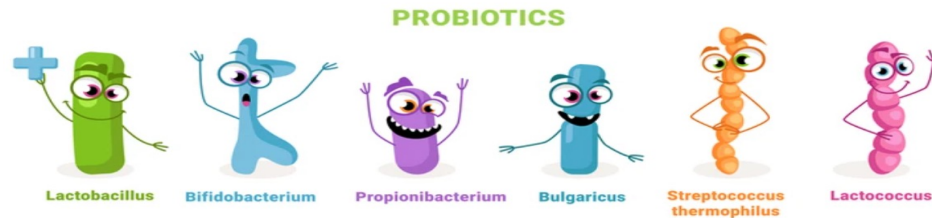


Modulating microbioma

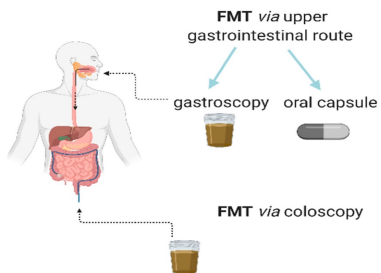
«live microorganisms that, when administered in adequate amounts confer a health benefit on the host»



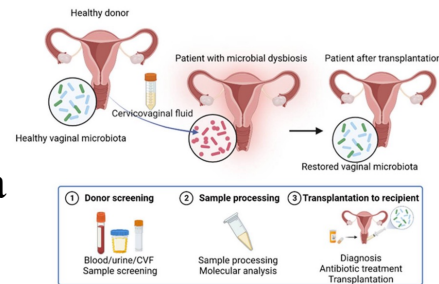
«indigestible carbohydrates which promote the growth of healthy bacteria already present in the body»



Fecal microbioma trasplant



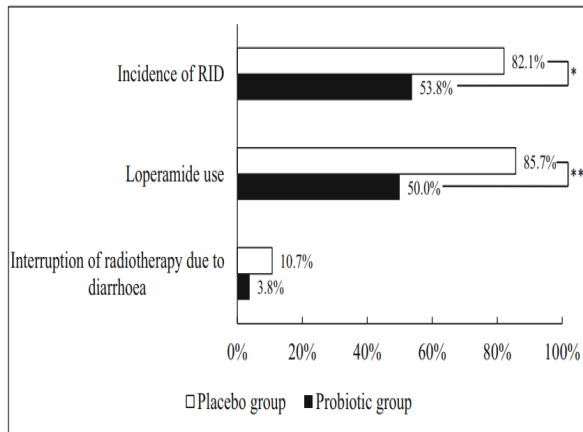
Vaginal microbioma trasplant





To reduce toxicity

PROBIOTICS



* = $p < 0.05$, ** = $p < 0.01$

Linn YH, *Probiotics Antimicro* 2019

Delia P, *World J Gastroenterol* 2007

PREBIOTICS

- ✓ High fibre diet may decrease toxicity and associated symptoms
- ✓ Fibre intake reduced the frequency of diarrhoea
- ✓ Inuline improved stool consistency

Wedlake L, *Am J Clin Nutr* 2017

Deleemans JM, *Integr Cancer Ther* 2021

Garcia Peris P, *Eur J Clin Nutr* 2016

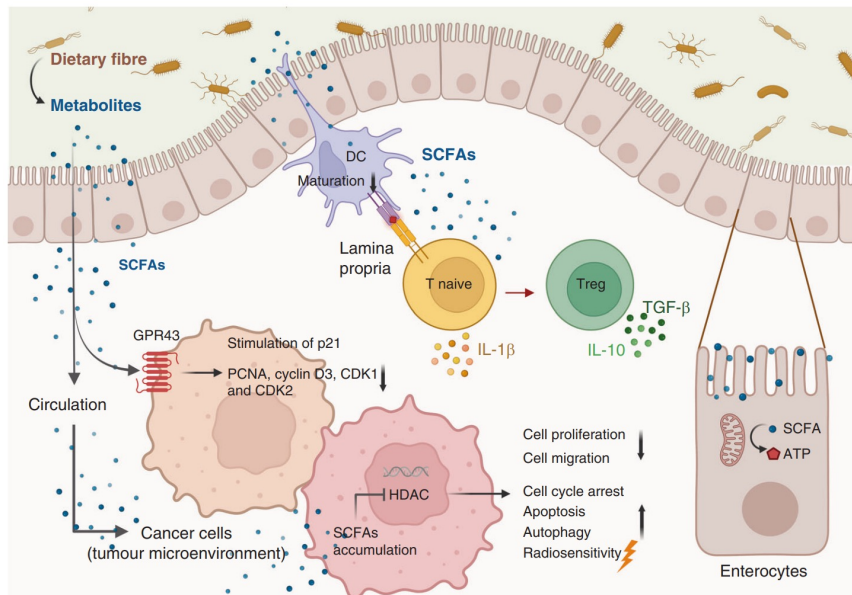
FMT

In a 5 patients pilot study 3 patients responded to FMT (reduction of endoscopic mucosal damage); the benefit was temporary

Ding X, *Radioth Oncol* 2020

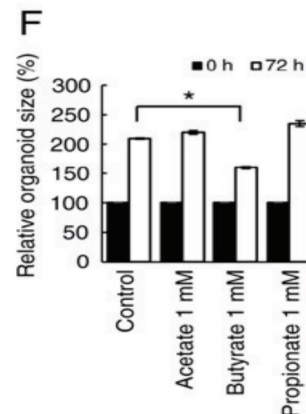


...to enhance tumor response



Eaton SE, *British J of Cancer* 2022

Butyrate showed anticancer effects

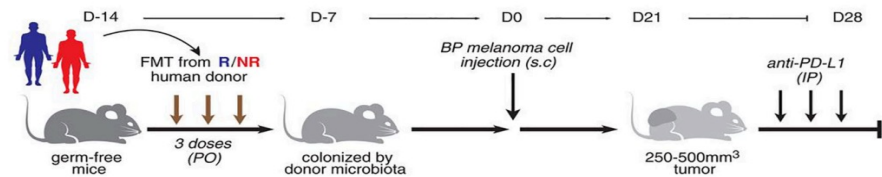
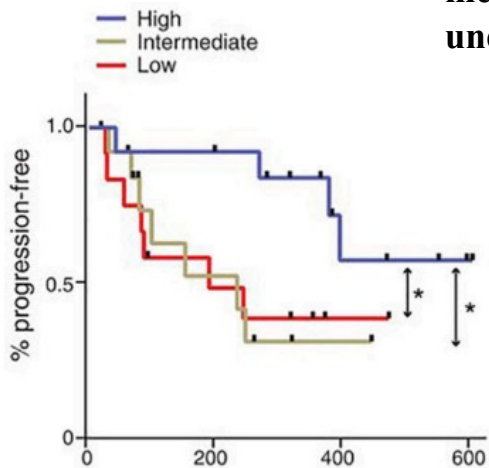


Park M *Int J Oncol* 2020

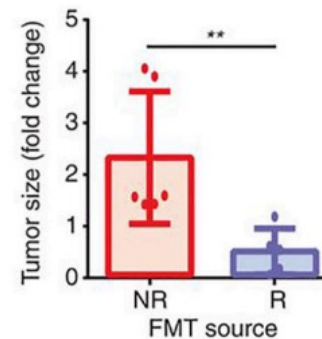


...to enhance immune-response

Gut diversity improves PFS in advanced melanoma patients undergoing ICIs



FMT from Responders donor in mice obtained regression of tumor

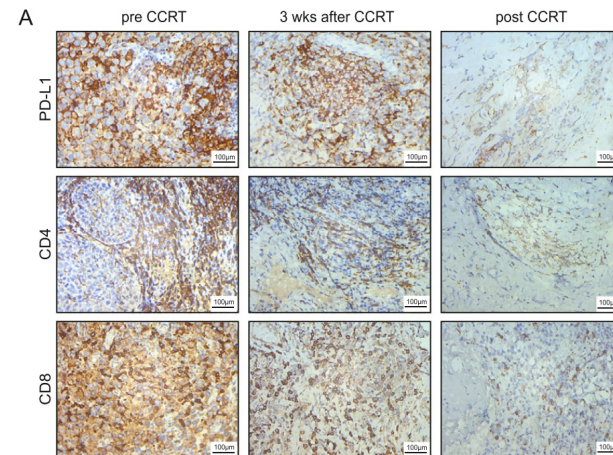
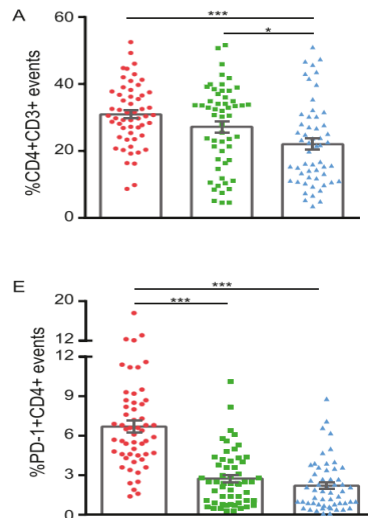


Gopalakrishnan V 2018

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...to improve microenvironment

During CCRT a
suppression of T-
cell immunity has
been documented

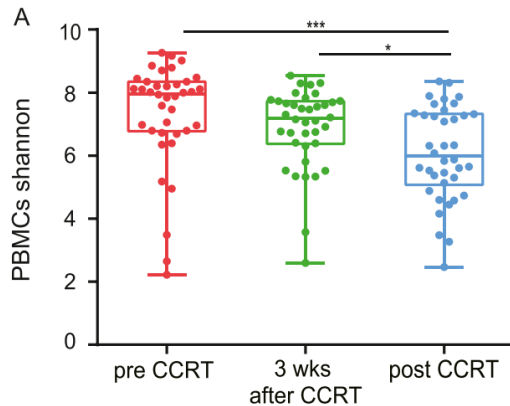


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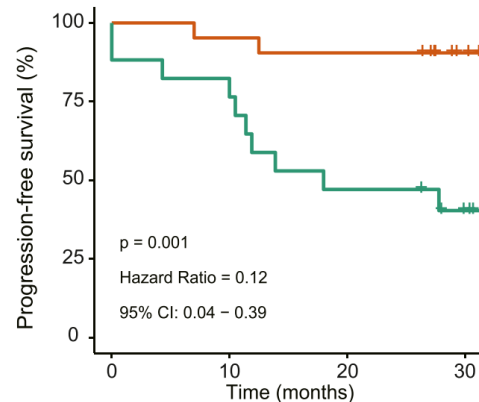


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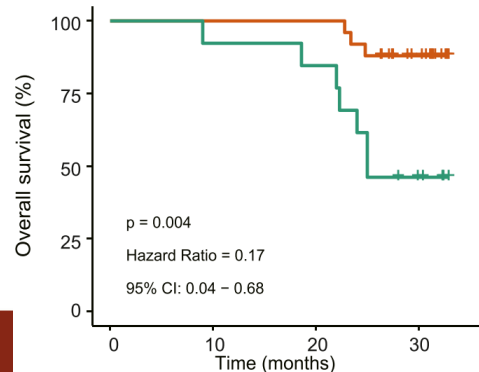
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C high shannon(21) low shannon(17)



D high shannon(21) low shannon(17)



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Gut diversity and increased tumor infiltration of lymphocytes in cervical cancer patients

| | P value* |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| CD4+ Ki.67+ at T4 | 0.004‡ |
| CD4+ CD69+ at T3 | 0.004‡ |
| CD4+ PD1+ at T3 | 0.0367‡ |
| CD4+ CTLA4+ at T3 | 0.057 |
| CD4+ | — |

Sims TT, 2021

Conclusions

Microbioma plays a major role in treatment of gynecological cancer
Alpha diversity showed to be related to toxicity and to response to treatment

Microbioma focused research should be increased but:

- longitudinal data
- explore mechanism
- metagenomics and metabolomics to better define microbioma