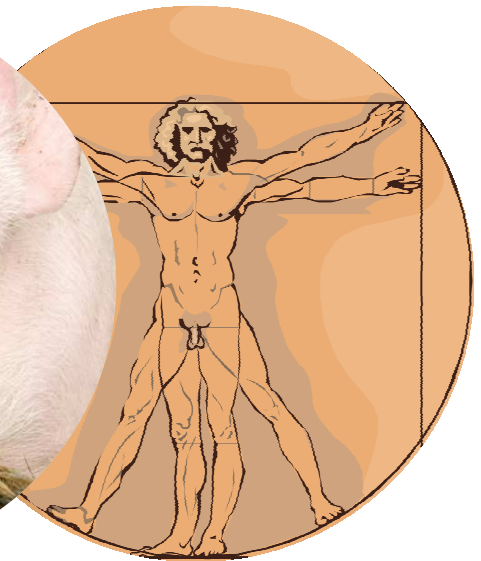


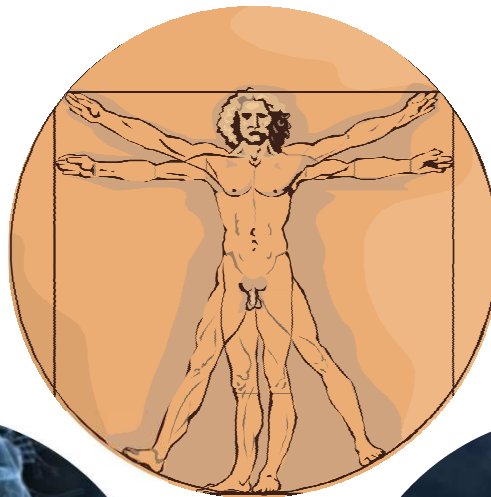
# Microbiologie als Impuls voor Gezonde Teelt

**Hauke Smidt**

CTBG Relatiedag, Ede, 14 juni 2018



# Microbial Ecosystems are Key to our Existence



# Microbial Ecosystems are Key to our Society



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# Laboratory of Microbiology – Our Mission

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- Cultivation & molecular-driven, genomics-based and systems biology-inspired research & education
- Focus on microbial interactions, biotransformations and their control
- Covering a wide expertise in bacteria, archaea, (anaerobic) fungi and viruses



# Laboratory of Microbiology

- Head: Willem M.de Vos ± 100 co-workers in 3 groups



Dr. Diana Sousa



**Microbial  
Physiology**

**Bacterial  
Genetics**

**Molecular  
Ecology**

**Prof John van der Oost**  
**Microbiology & Biochemistry**



**Extraordinary Prof - Corbion**  
**Bacterial Cell Factories**  
**Richard van Kranenburg**



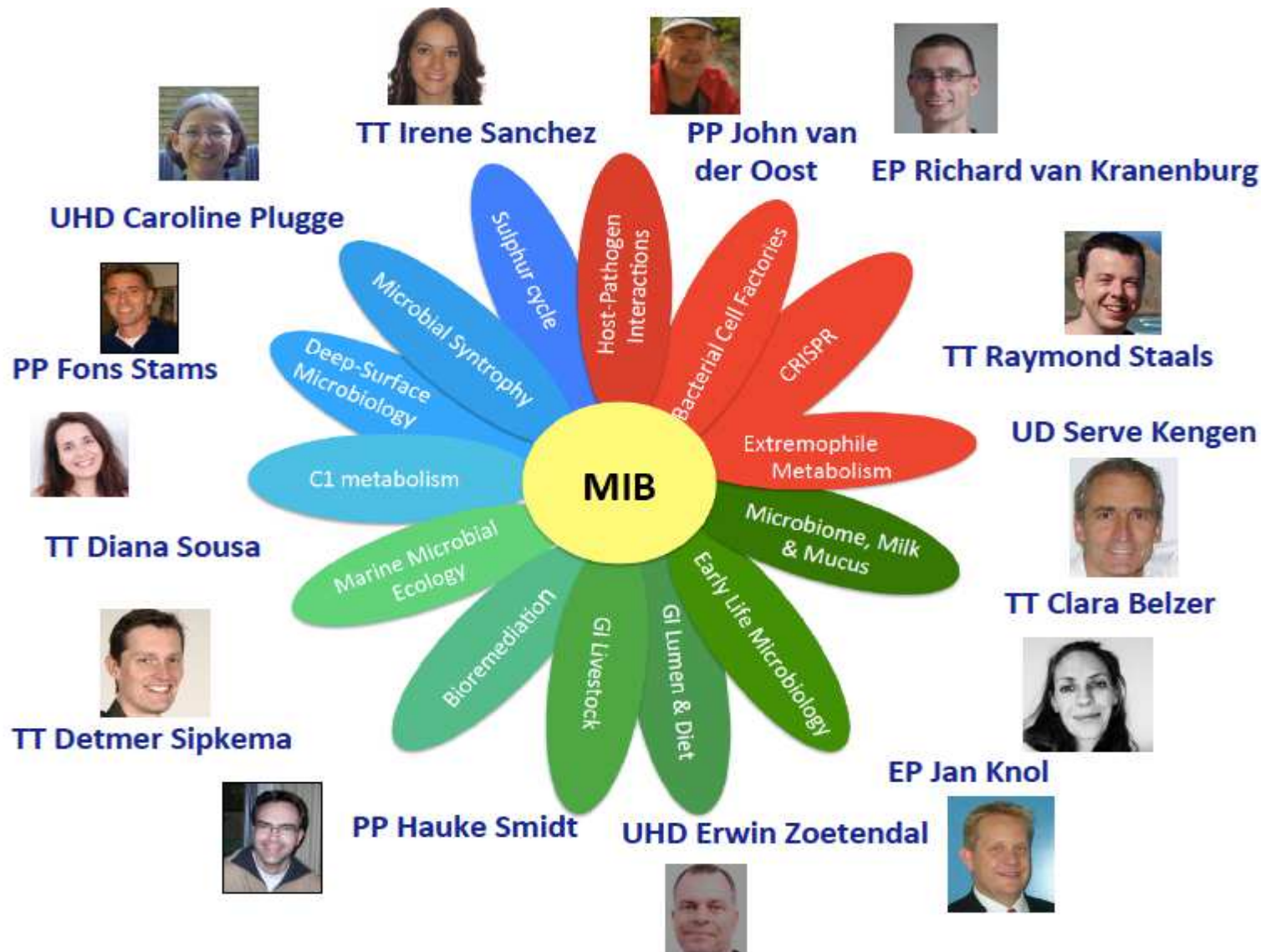
**Prof Hauke Smidt**  
**Complex Ecosystems**



**Extraordinary Prof – Danone**  
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**Jan Knol**

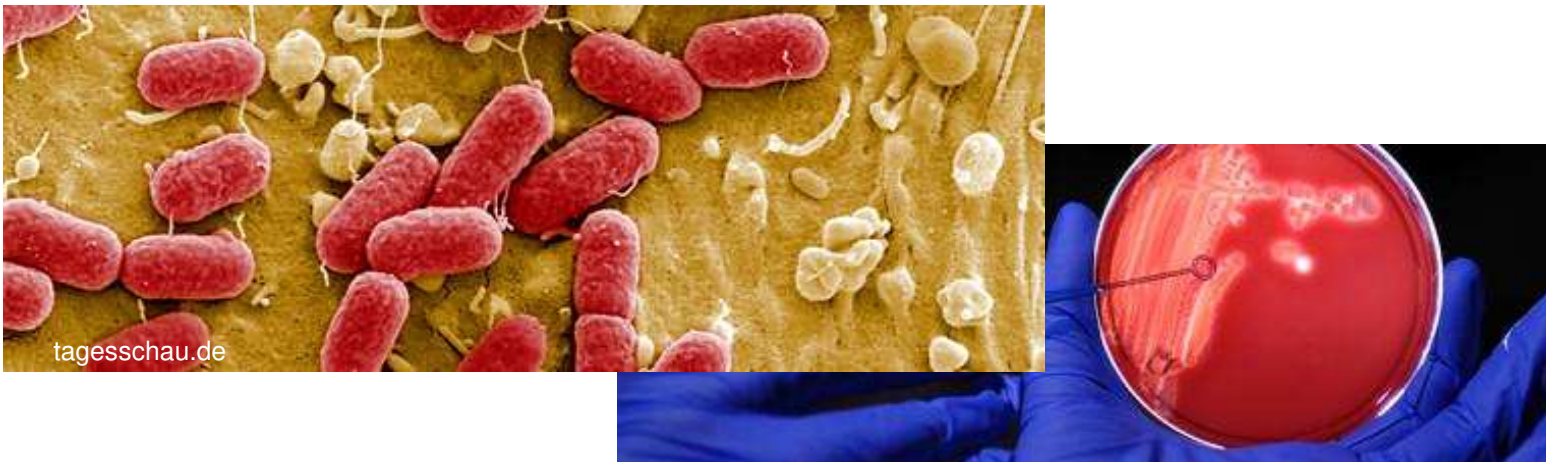


# Laboratory of Microbiology



# The world inside us – the intestinal ecosystem

- Intestinal pathogens are front-page news



- Worries about increasing spread of antibiotic resistance in bacteria in humans & farm animals

# The world inside – the intestinal ecosystem

More than just bad bugs....



microbial world impressions of an artist & pioneer microbial ecologist



Antoon Akkermans

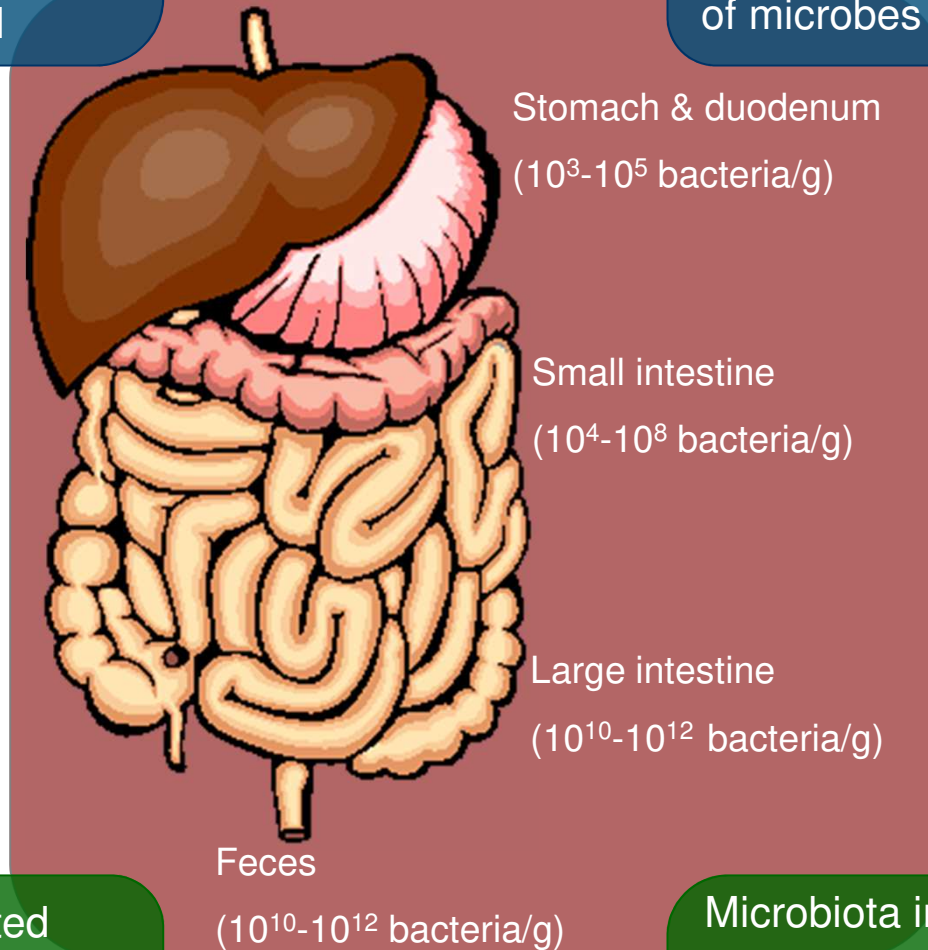


# The world inside us – the intestinal ecosystem

Microbial cells outnumber  
host cells by ~~10~~-fold

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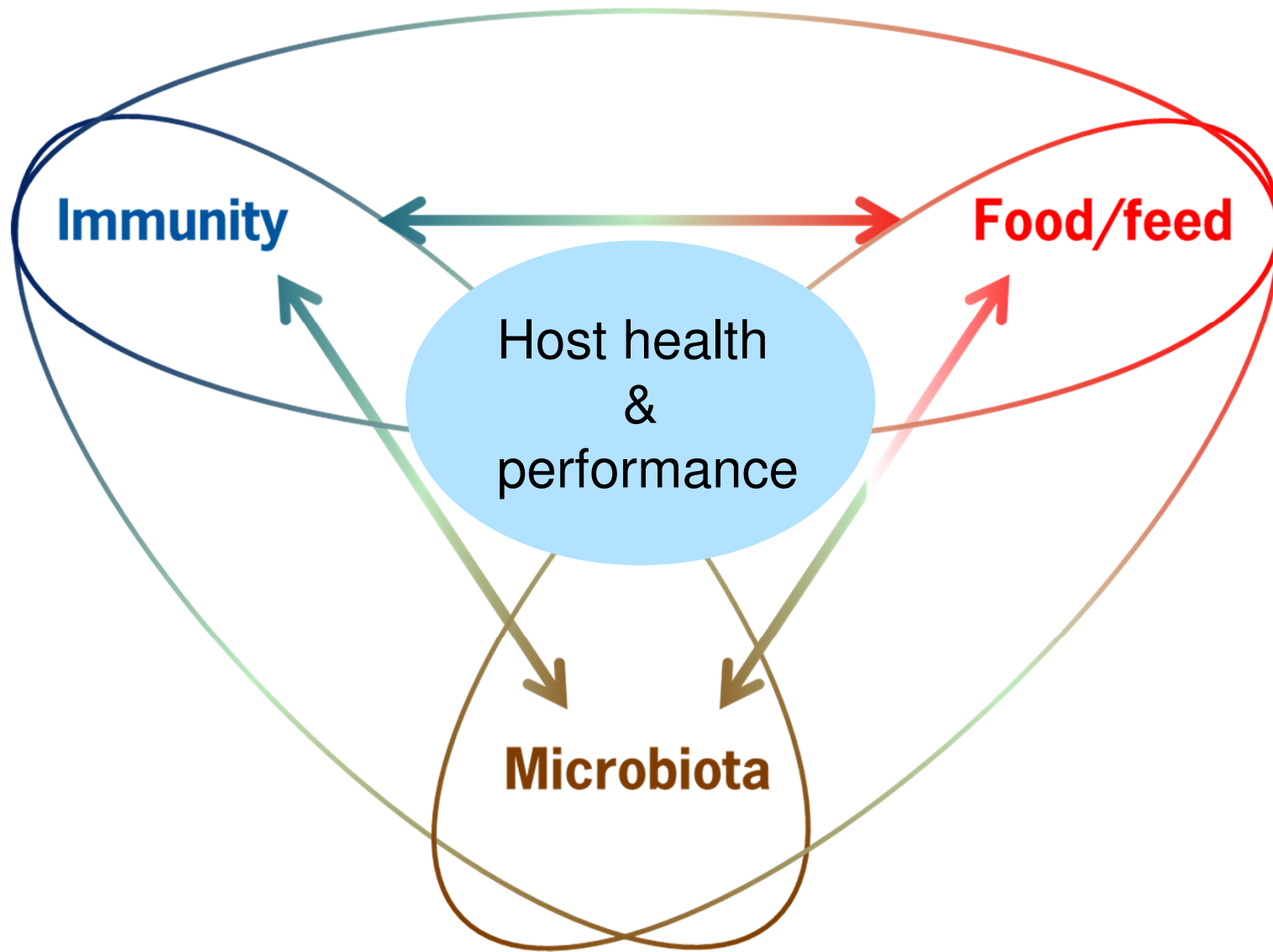
More than 1000 different species  
of microbes in the intestine



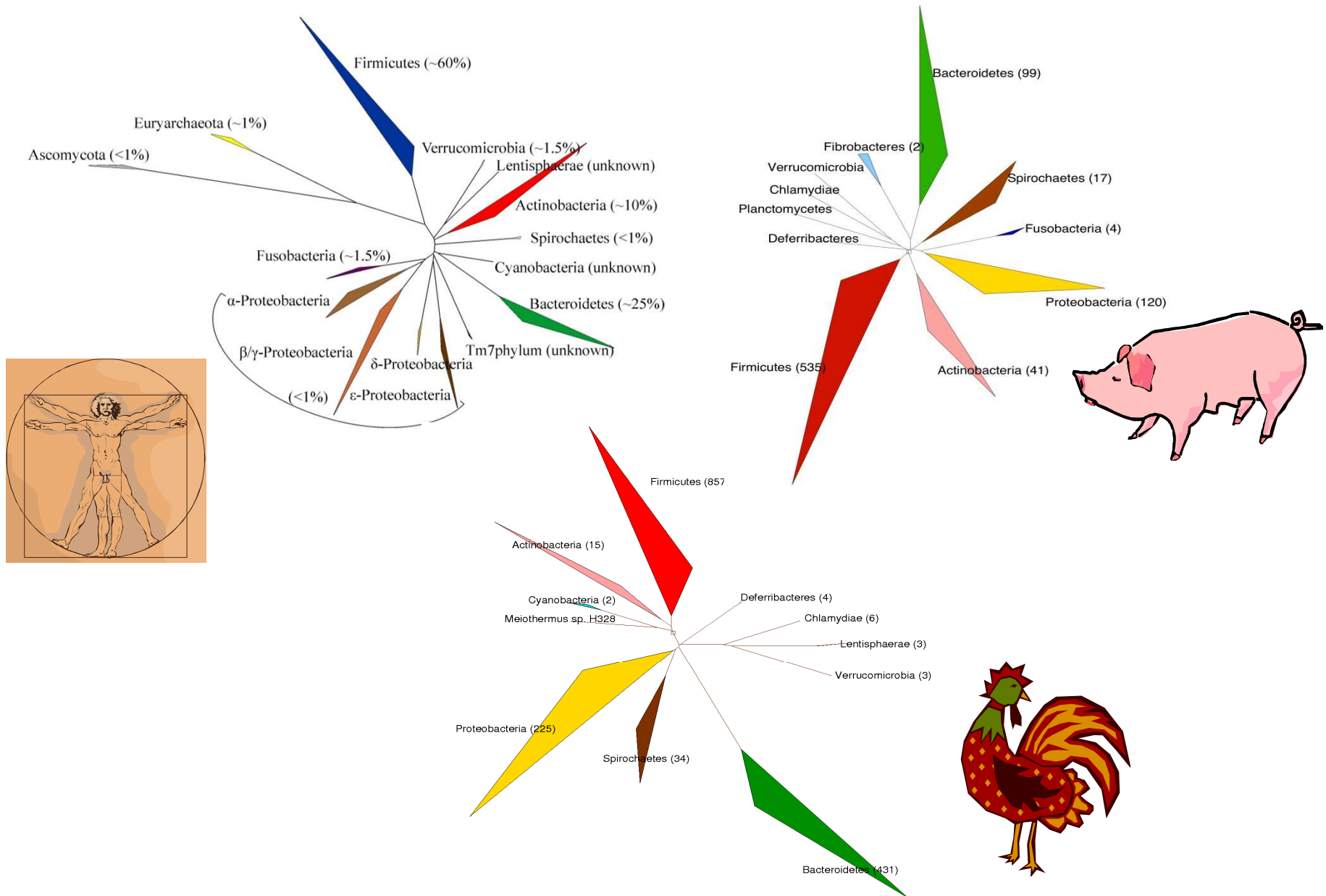
Diet/microbiota related  
diseases are increasing

Microbiota impact on health:  
IBD, allergy, obesity...

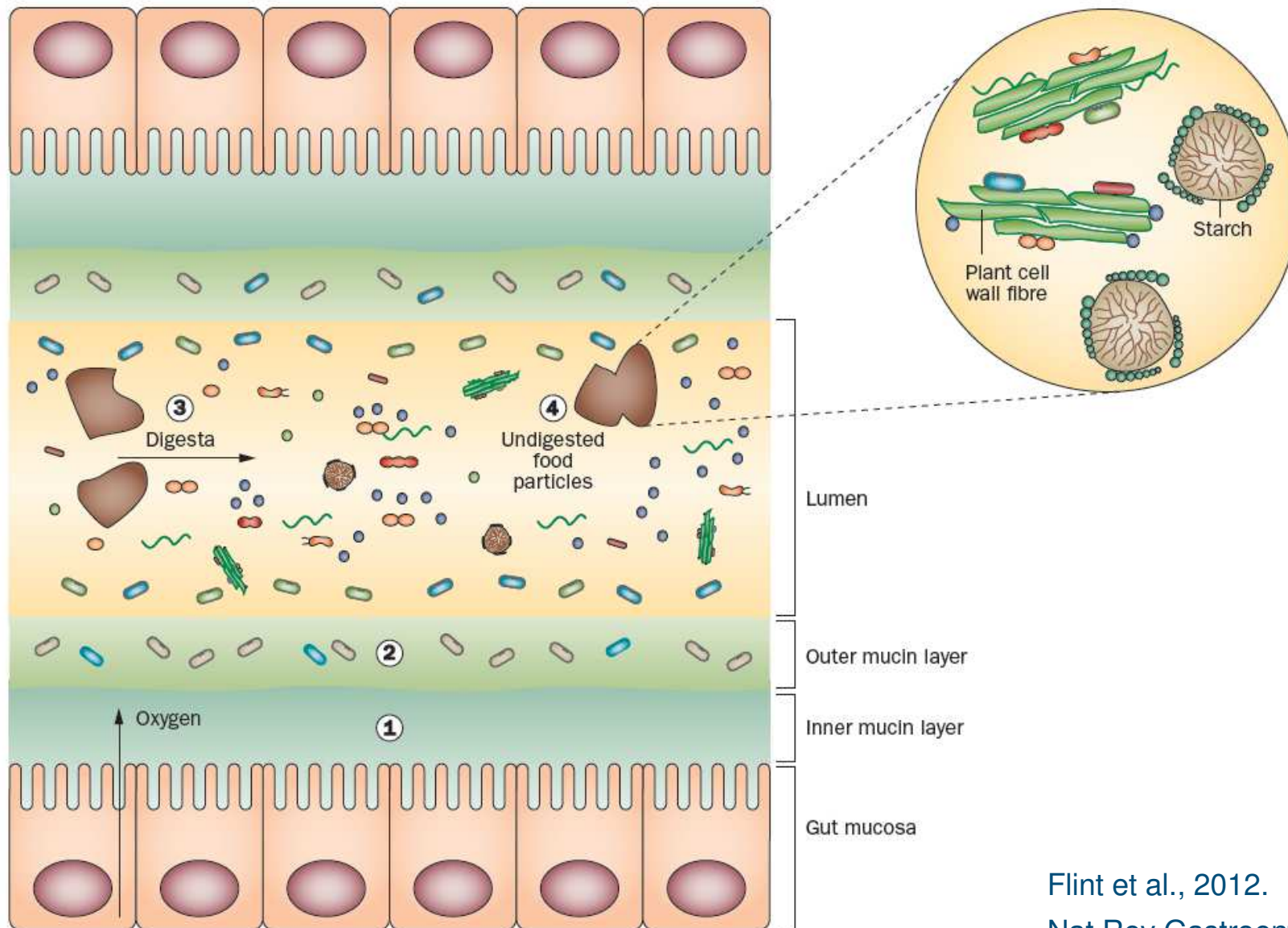
# The “Golden Triangle” of intestinal interactions



# Which microbes can be found in the intestine?



# Where in the intestine do we find them?

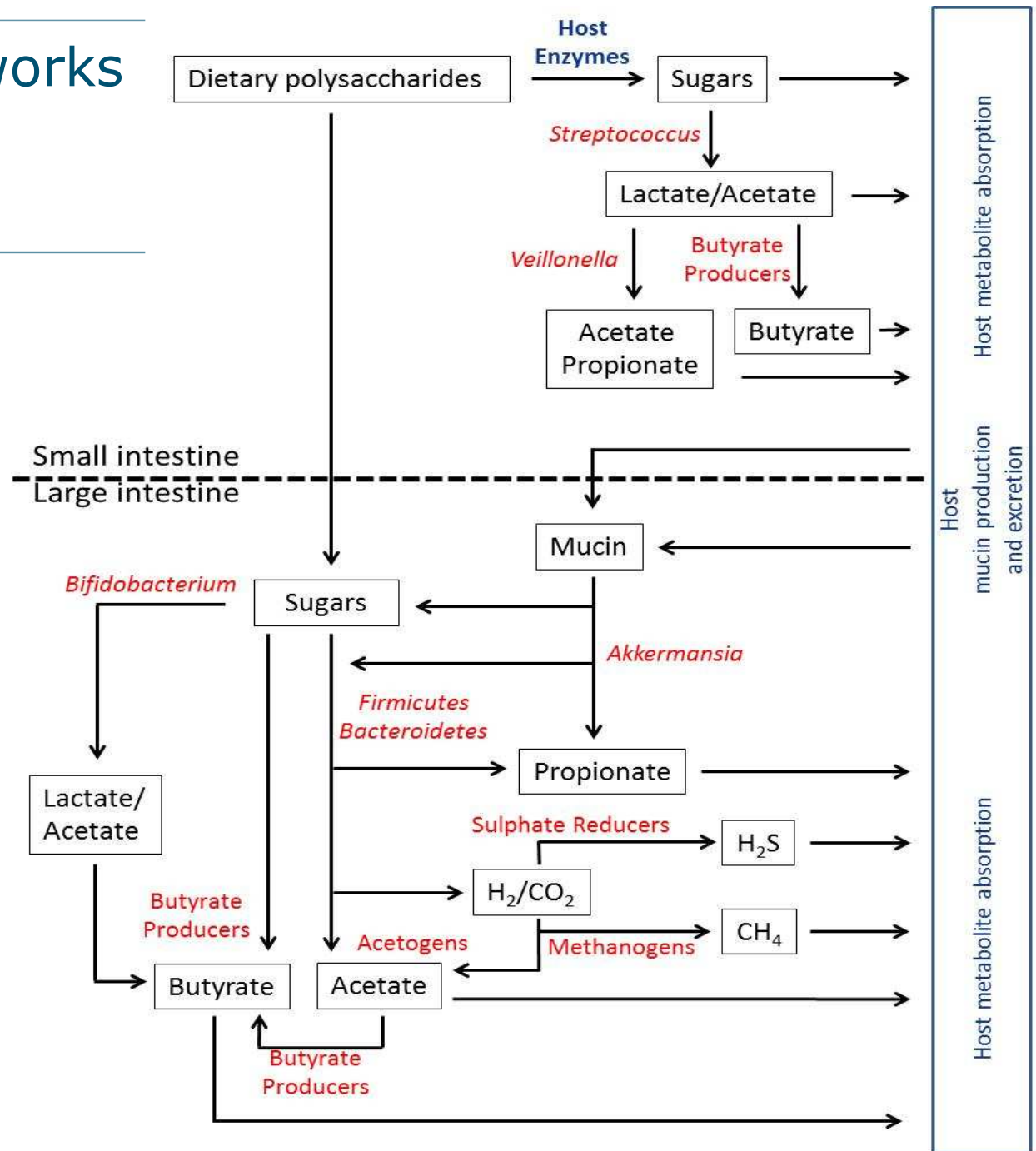


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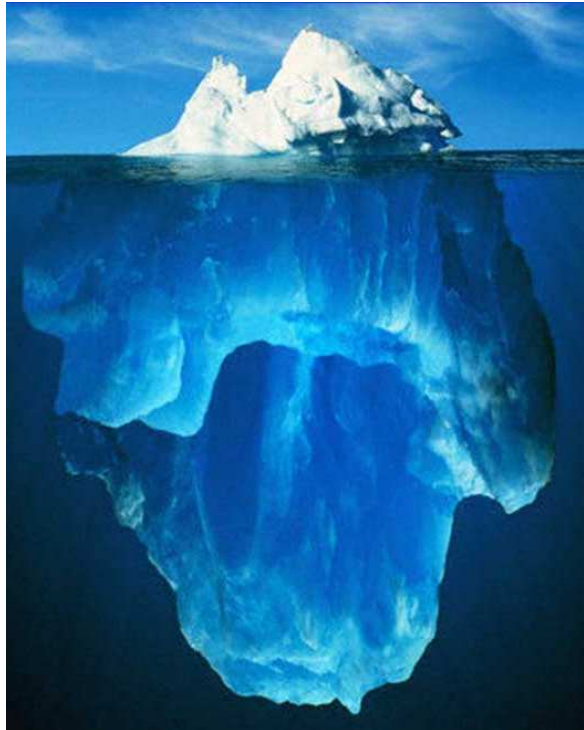
Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol.



# Interactive networks of microbes – Complementary roles in carbohydrate fermentation



# Most micro-organisms have not been cultured



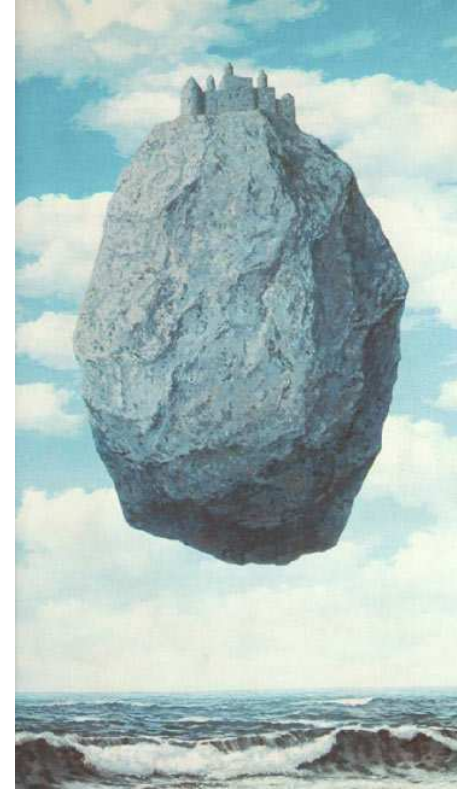
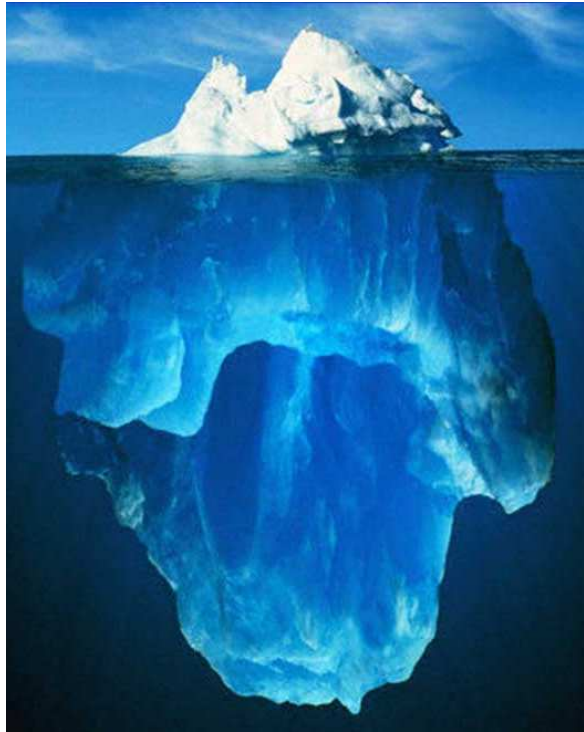
## ■ Cultured fraction

- Intestine 10-50%
- Activated sludge 1-15%
- Soils <1%
- Seawater <0.1%

## ■ Incomplete picture of microbial diversity and function

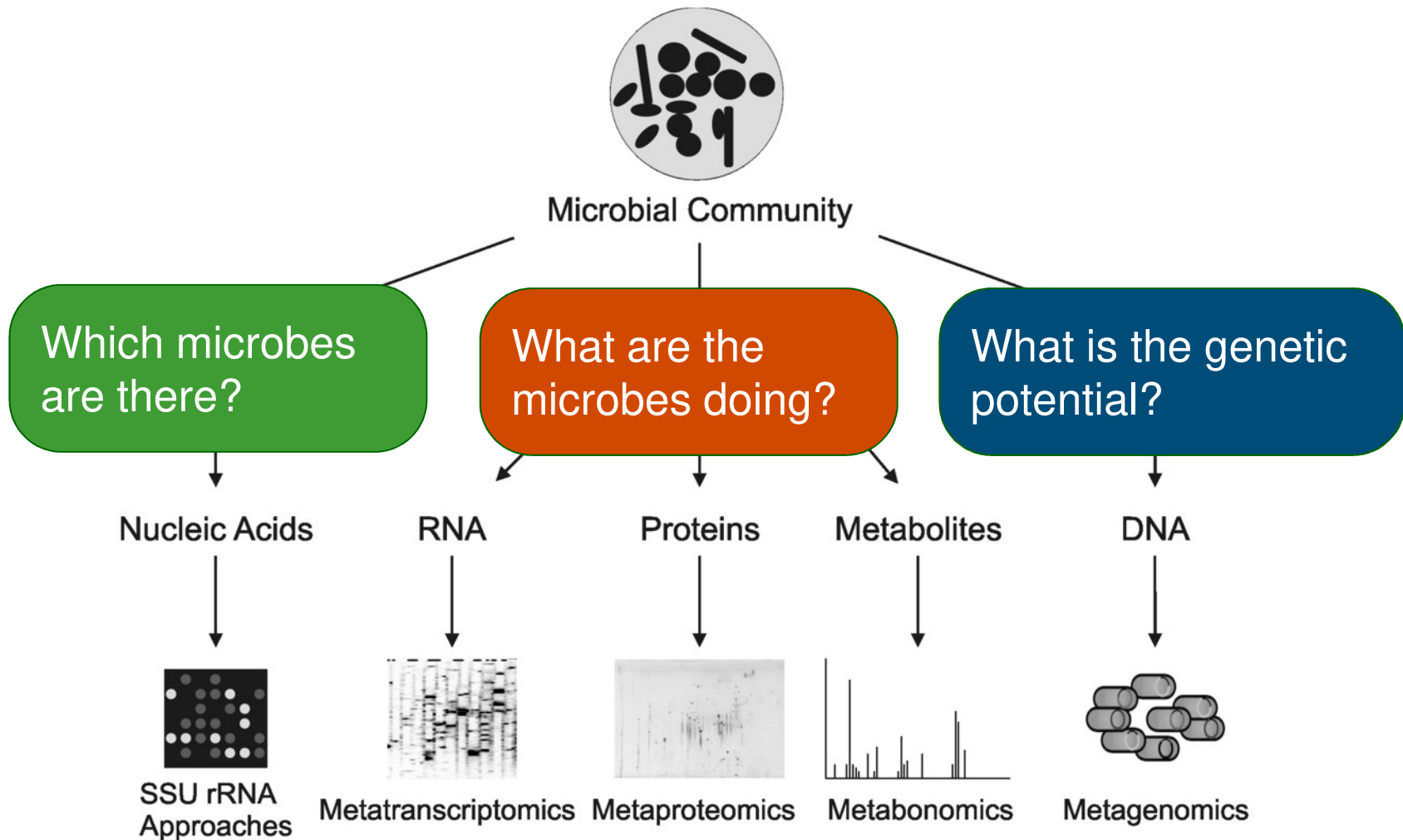
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- Molecular genomics-based approaches needed

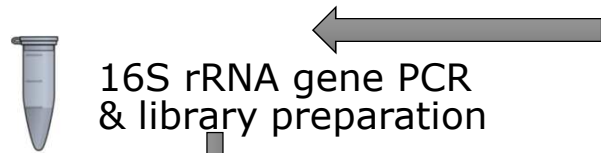
# Discerning Composition & Function



Microbial biomarkers for health & disease



# DNA extraction



## 16S rRNA gene PCR & library preparation

# NG-tax

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pipeline for raw  
data processing



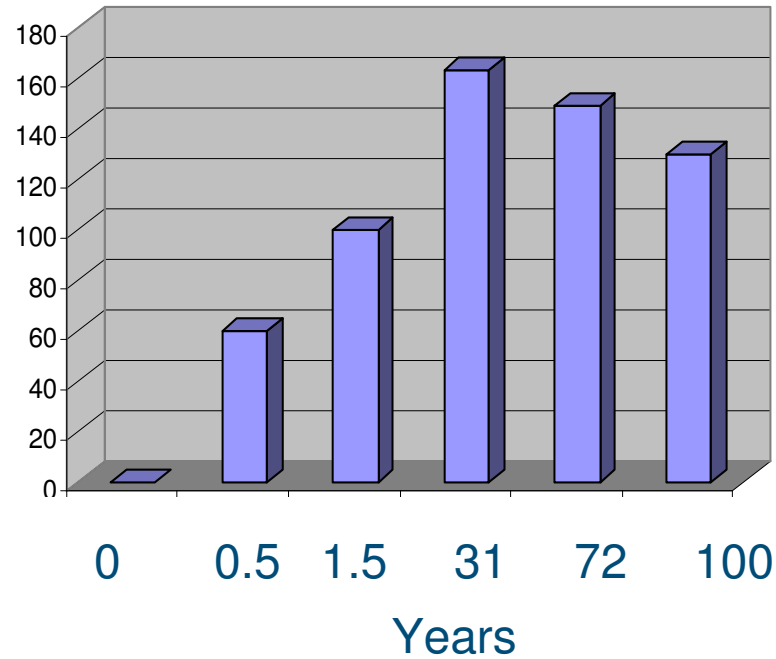
## Prediction of Function based on available reference genomes

# PICRUSt

Phylogenetic Investigation of Communities  
by Reconstruction of Unobserved STates

- Microbial composition
- Homogeneity of the microbiota:
  - Within a species group
  - Within a location group

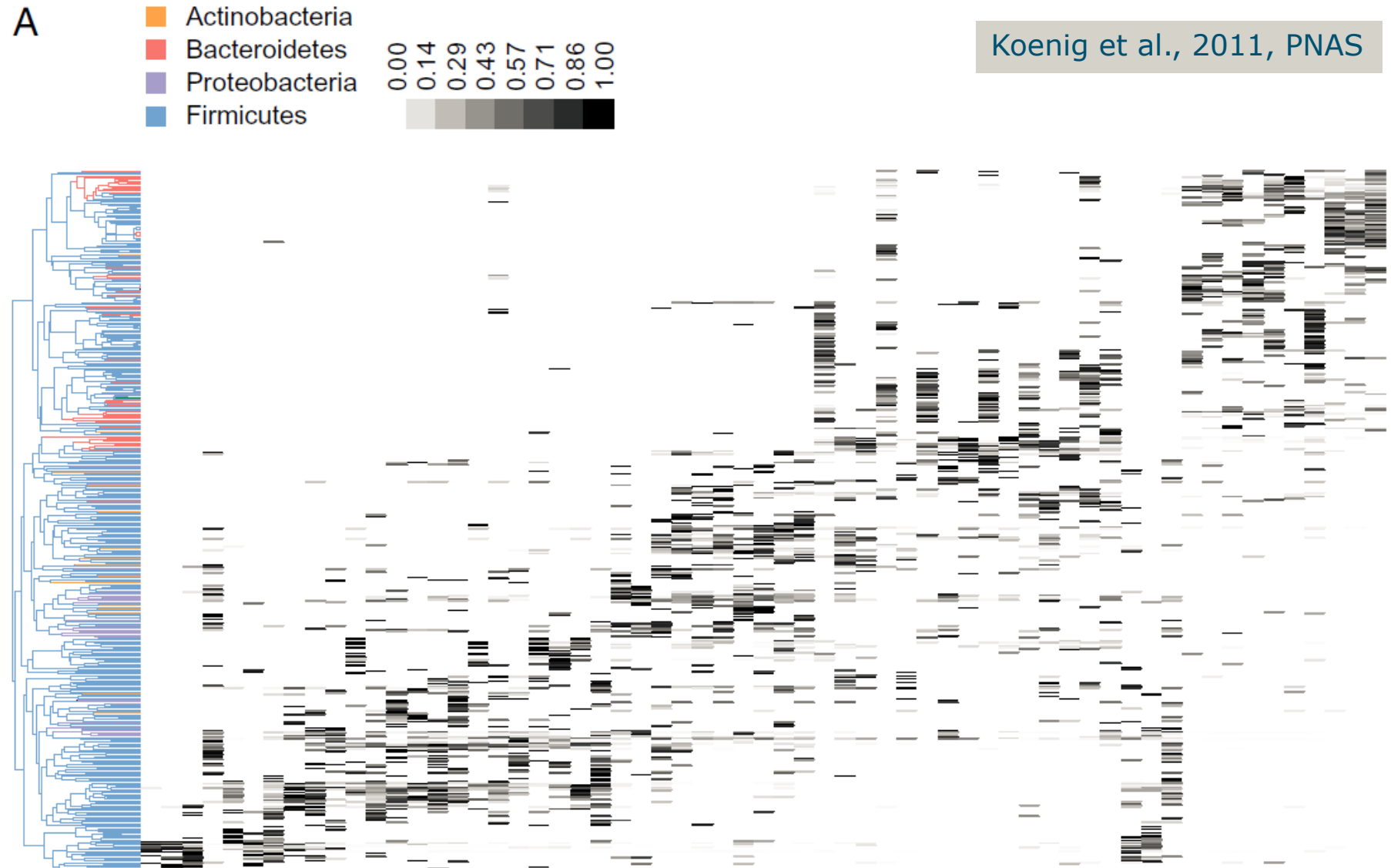
# Changes in Microbial Diversity during Life



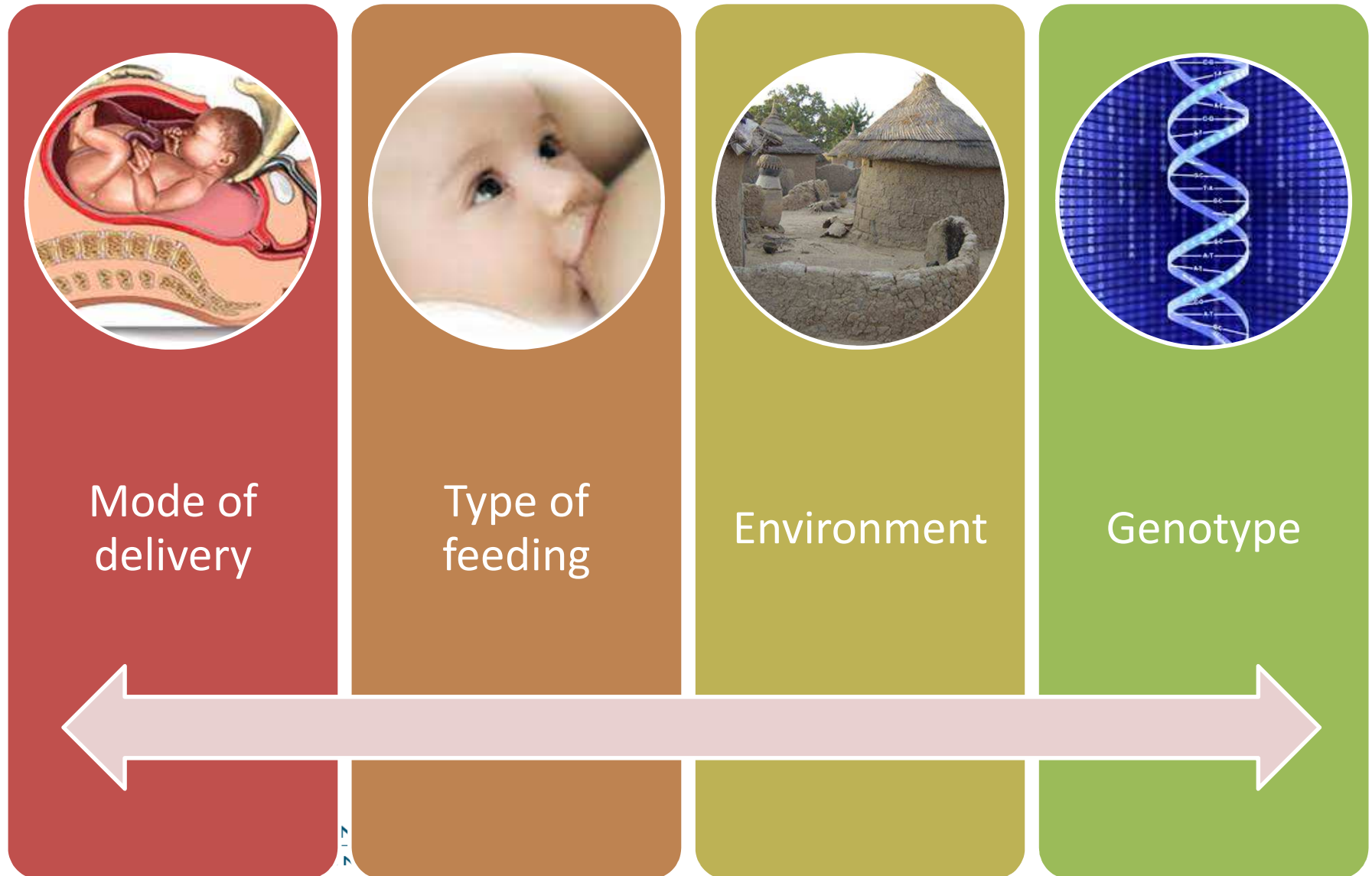
Born Sterile - Less Diversity at Older Age

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# Microbial succession in newborns



# Many factors can affect microbiota





# Growing up in a microbial world

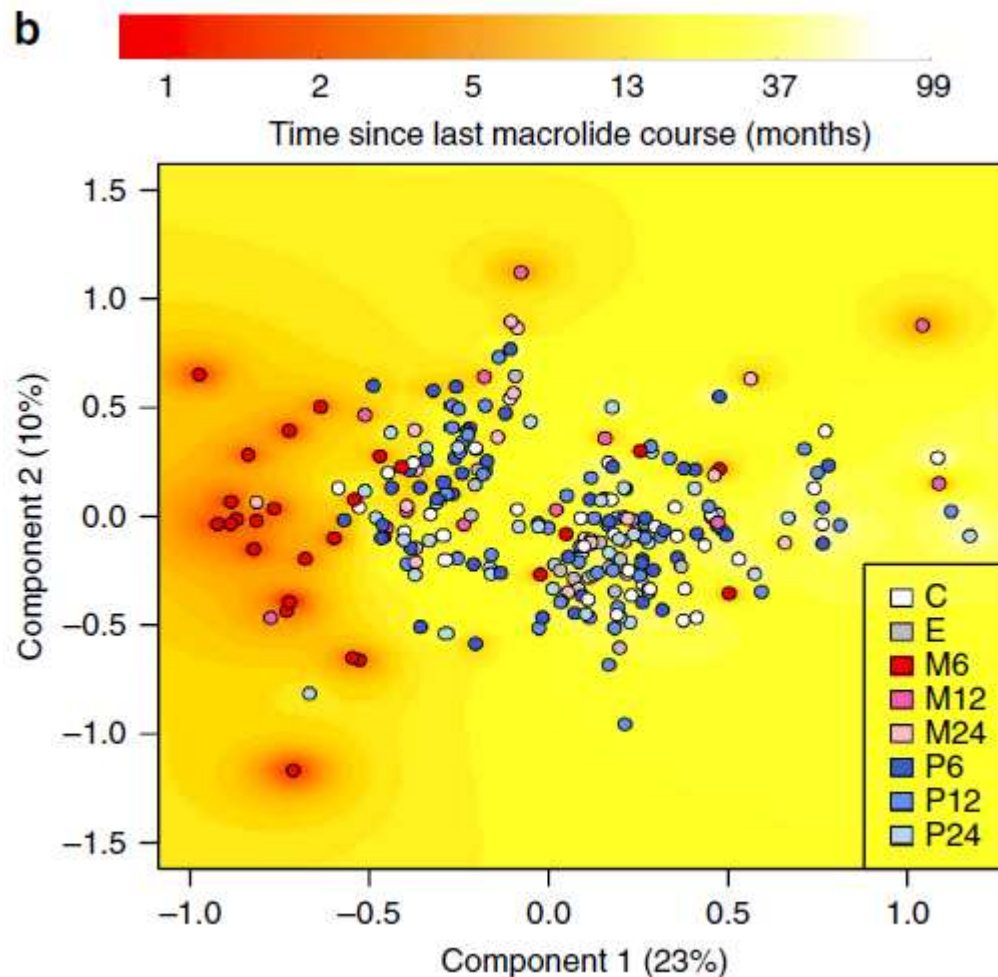
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- The 'pioneer' species received from the mother seem to be important
- Transmission of bacteria from the maternal vaginal flora, and lower intestinal tract
- Infants born by Caesarean section are predisposed to development of allergies and asthma later in life
- Pre-mature born infants are more susceptible to infections and have insufficient energy uptake



# Antibiotic use affects microbiome composition & function in pre-school children

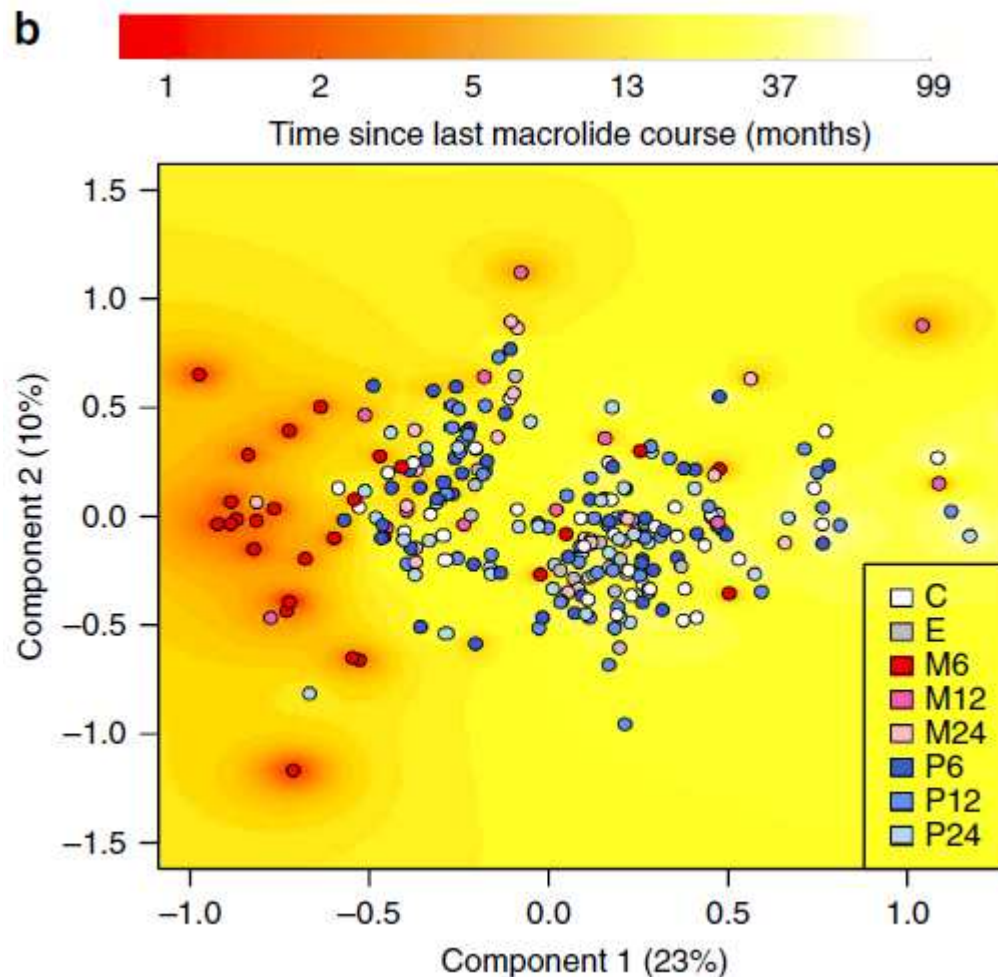
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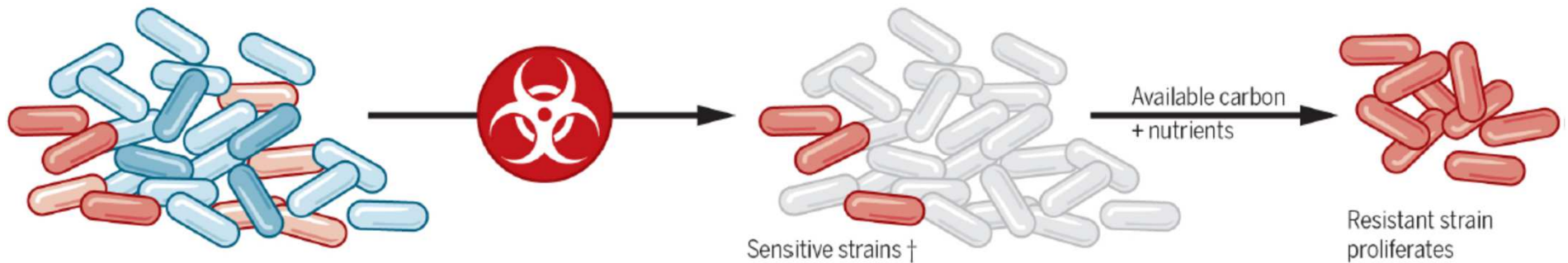
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- Increased macrolide resistance
- Increased risk of asthma
- Predisposition to antibiotic-associated weight gain

# What happens upon exposure to “toxic” compounds?

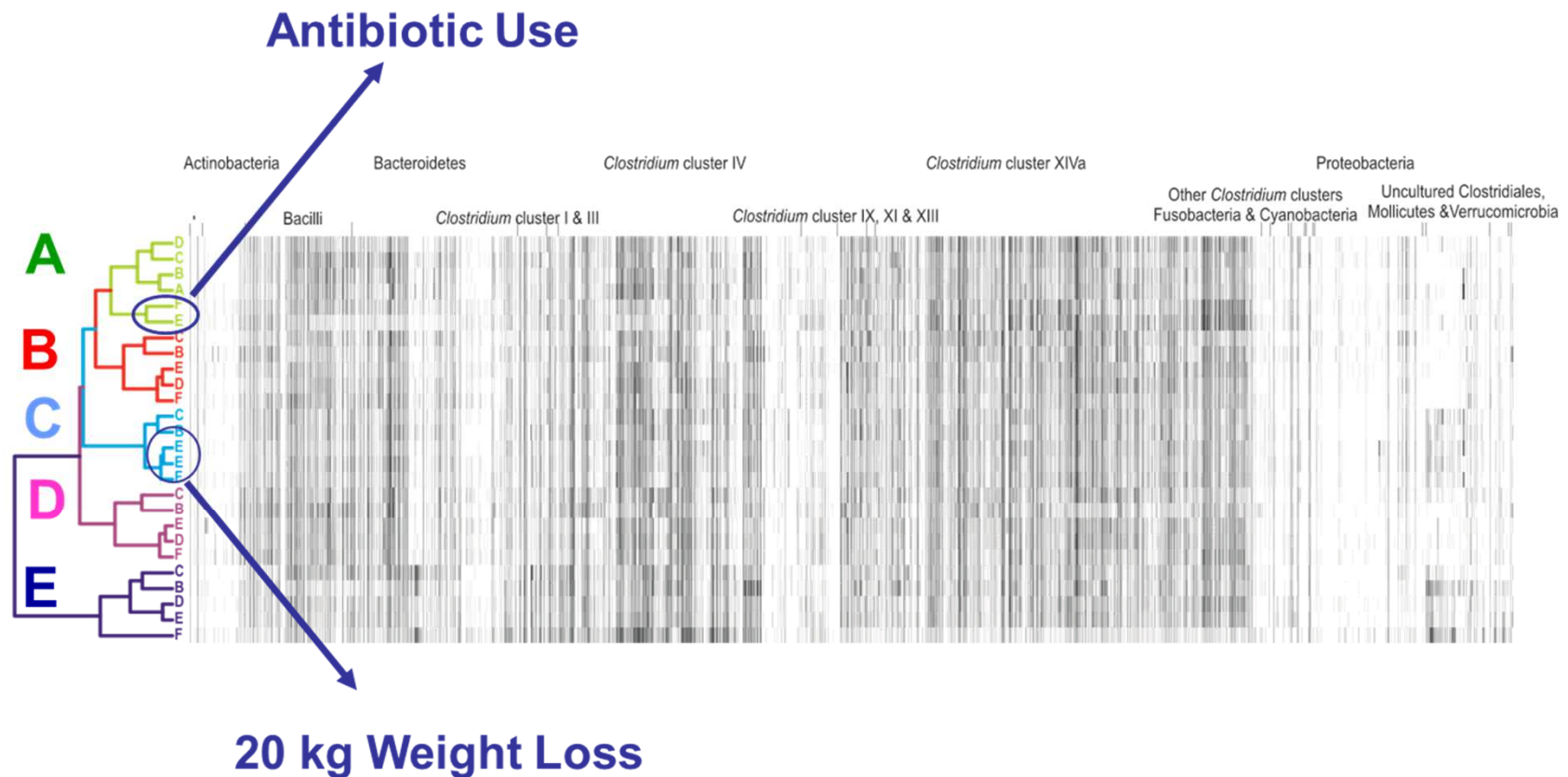
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# The Healthy Microbiome Is Stable & Personalized – A Decade Study

## 5 Healthy Subjects – 10 Year Follow Up



M Rajilić-Stojanović M, H Heilig, S Tims, EG Zoetendal & WM de Vos (2012) Long-term monitoring of the human intestinal microbiota composition. *Env Microbiol*

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# Intestinal Microbiome & Predisposition to Disease

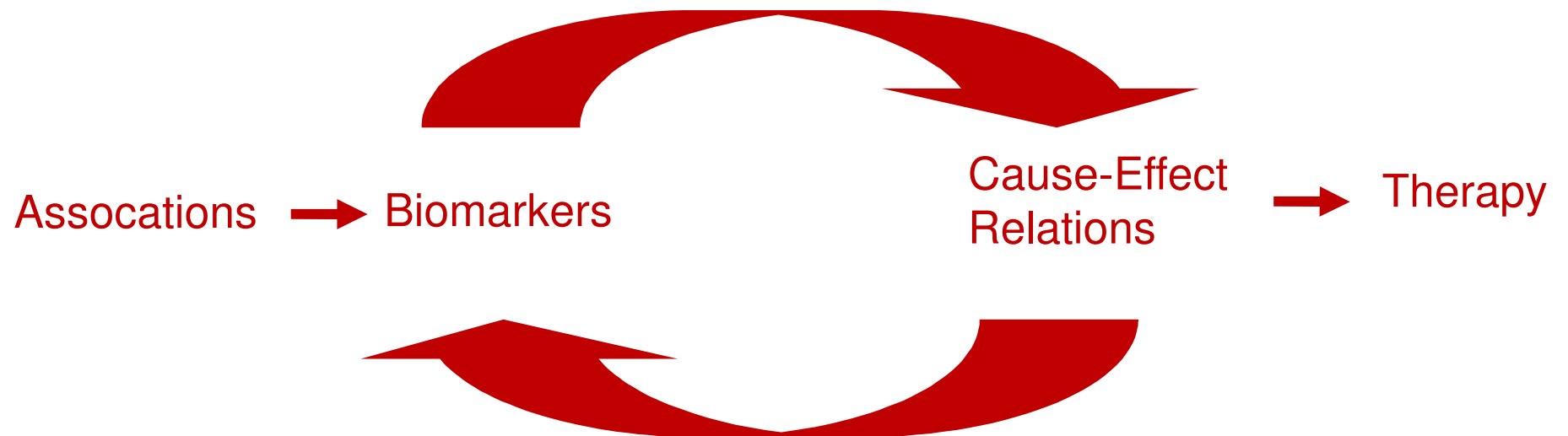
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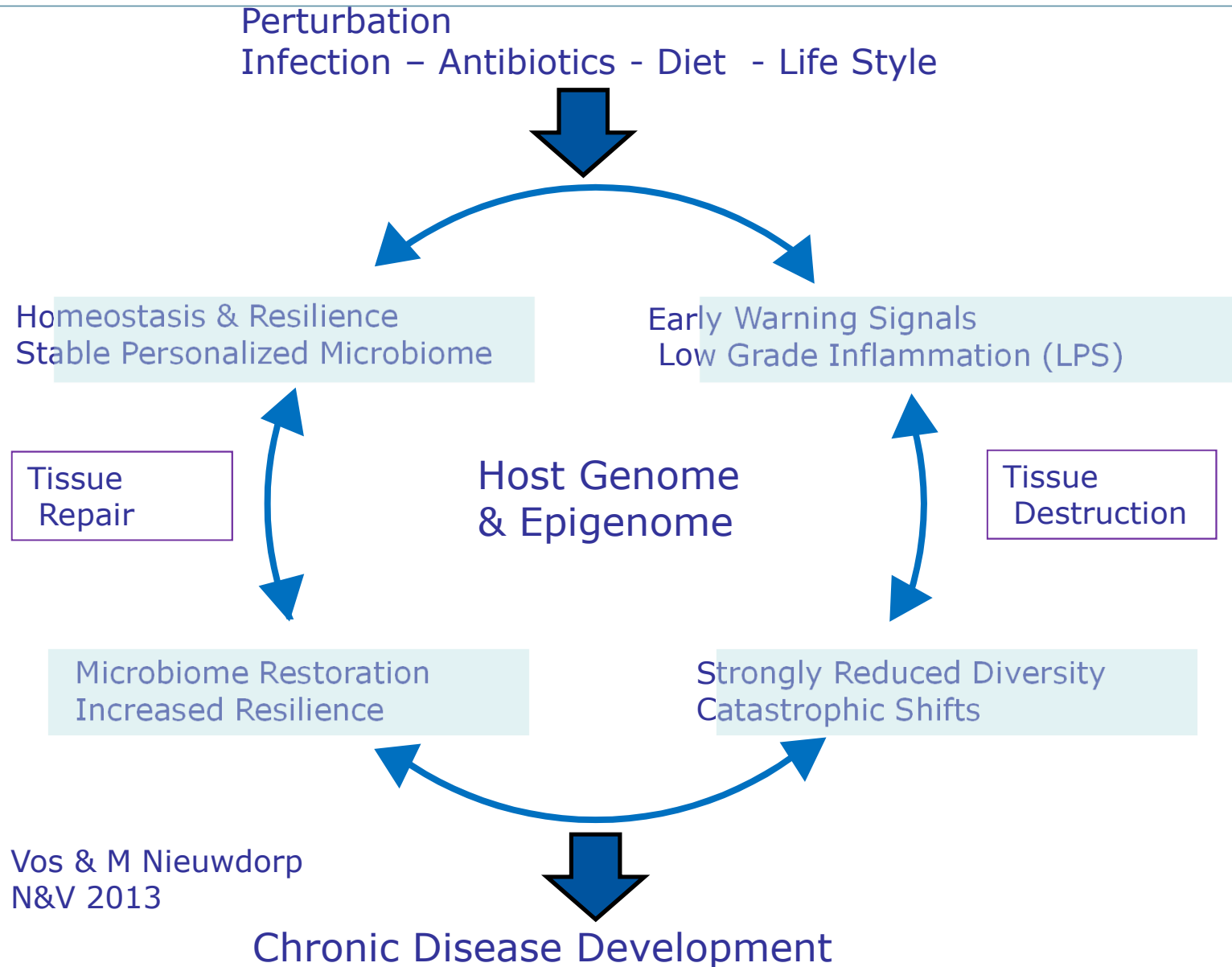
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# Intestinal Microbiota Revolutions

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# Model for the Impact of Human Microbiome



WM de Vos & M Nieuwdorp  
Nature N&V 2013

# Fecal Transplantations – Hundreds of Cases

**Recurrent *C.difficile* Infections (CDI) Infections**

**Healthy Donors - Colonic or Duodenal Infusions**

**159 Mostly Single Cases Since 1958 - > 90 % Success**

## Review articles

### STRUGGLING WITH RECURRENT CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE INFECTIONS: IS DONOR FAECES THE SOLUTION?

E van Nood (e.vannood@amc.nl)<sup>1</sup>, P Speelman<sup>1</sup>, E J Kuijper<sup>2</sup>, J J Keller<sup>3</sup>

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### Changes in the Composition of the Human Fecal Microbiome After Bacteriotherapy for Recurrent *Clostridium difficile*-associated Diarrhea

Alexander Khoruts, MD,\* Johan Dicksved, PhD,<sup>†</sup> Janet K. Jansson, PhD,<sup>‡</sup>  
and Michael J. Sadowsky, PhD<sup>§</sup>

**2011 Study – Placebo Controlled Study  
Microbiota of 13 Patients Followed Up**

**2010 Case Study –  
Microbiota of Single Patient Follow Up**



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# Fecal Transplantation – it works

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The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

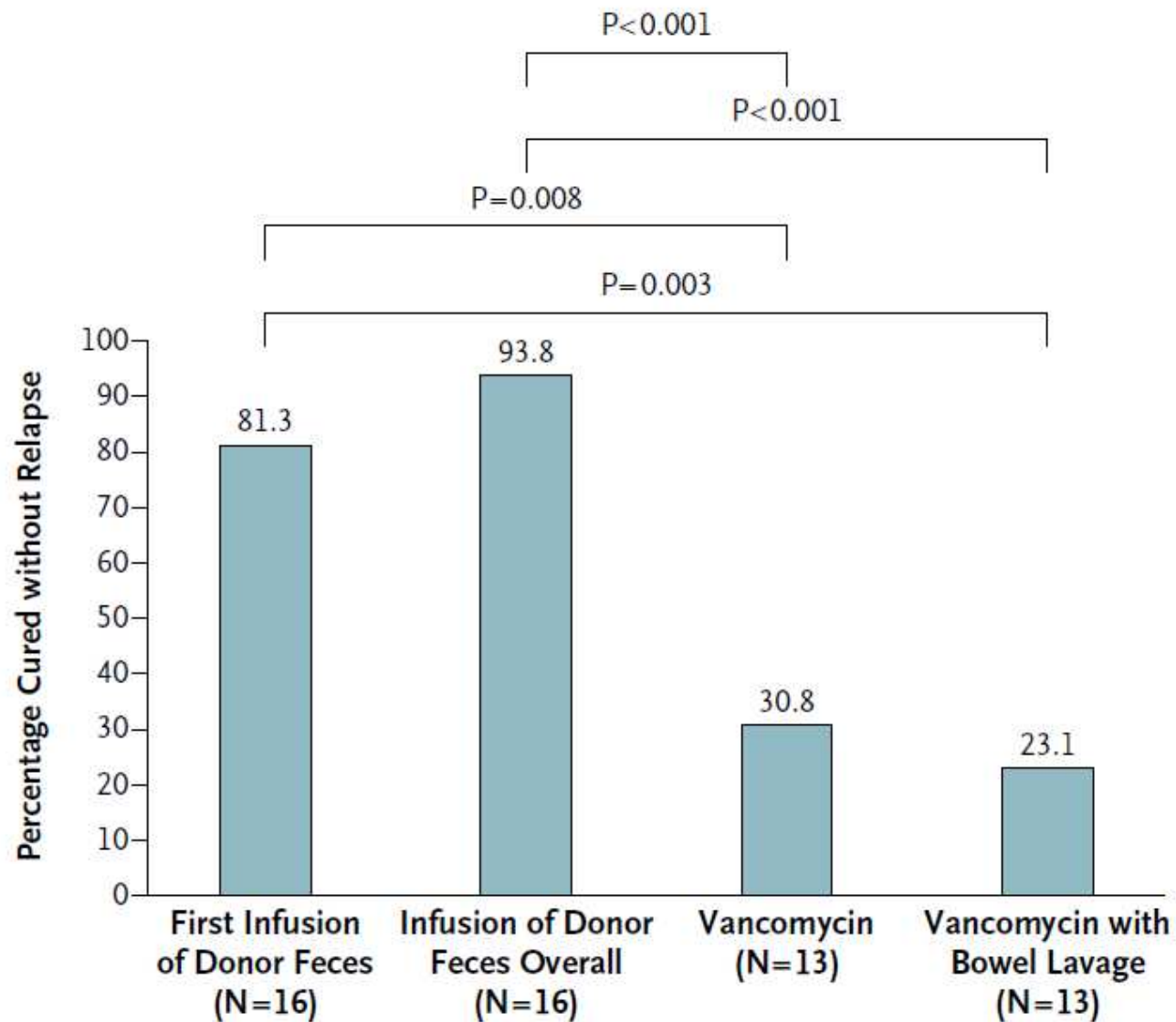
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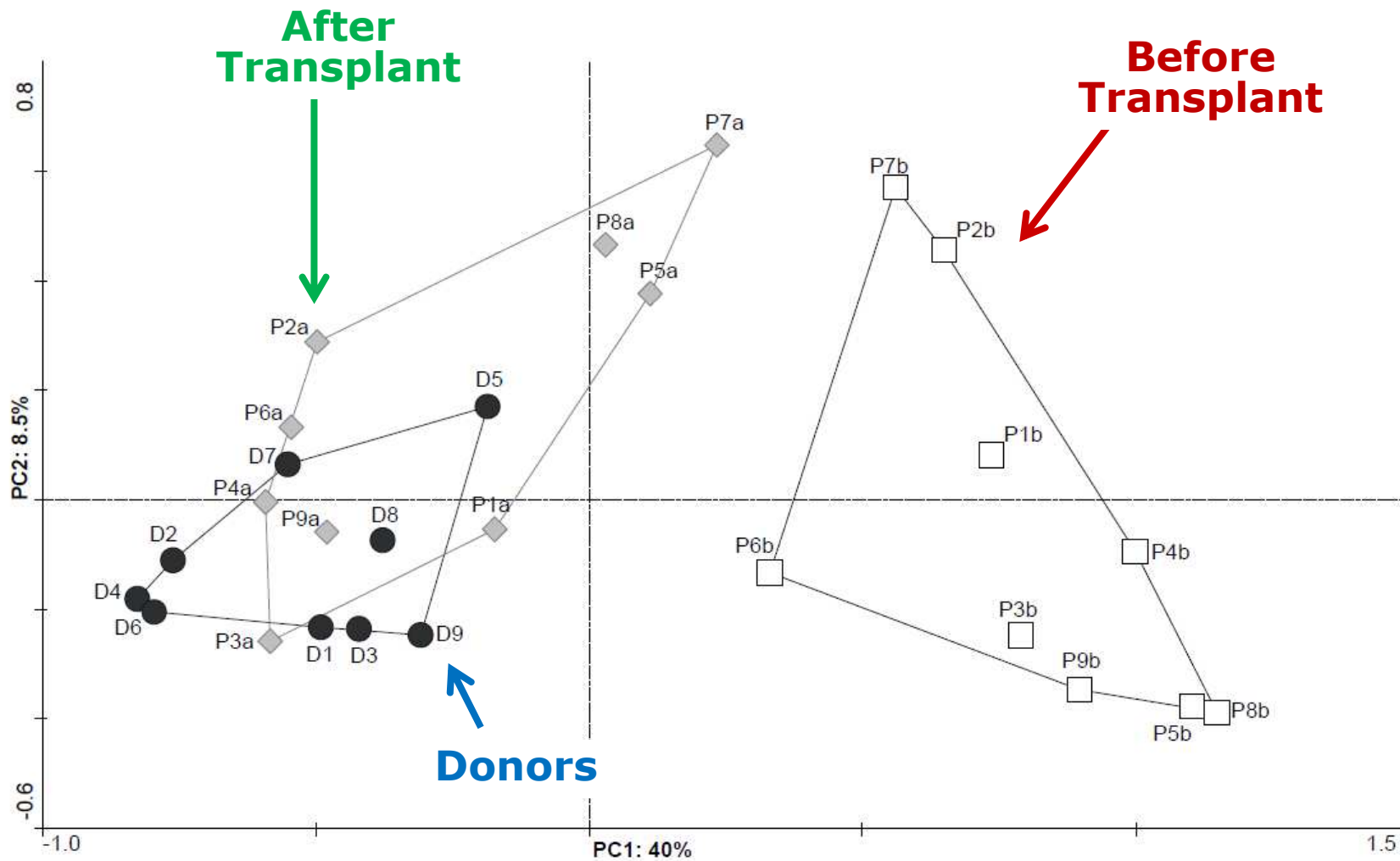
## Duodenal Infusion of Donor Feces for Recurrent *Clostridium difficile*

Els van Nood, M.D., Anne Vrieze, M.D., Max Nieuwdorp, M.D., Ph.D.,  
Susana Fuentes, Ph.D., Erwin G. Zoetendal, Ph.D., Willem M. de Vos, Ph.D.,  
Caroline E. Visser, M.D., Ph.D., Ed J. Kuijper, M.D., Ph.D.,  
Joep F.W.M. Bartelsman, M.D., Jan G.P. Tijssen, Ph.D.,  
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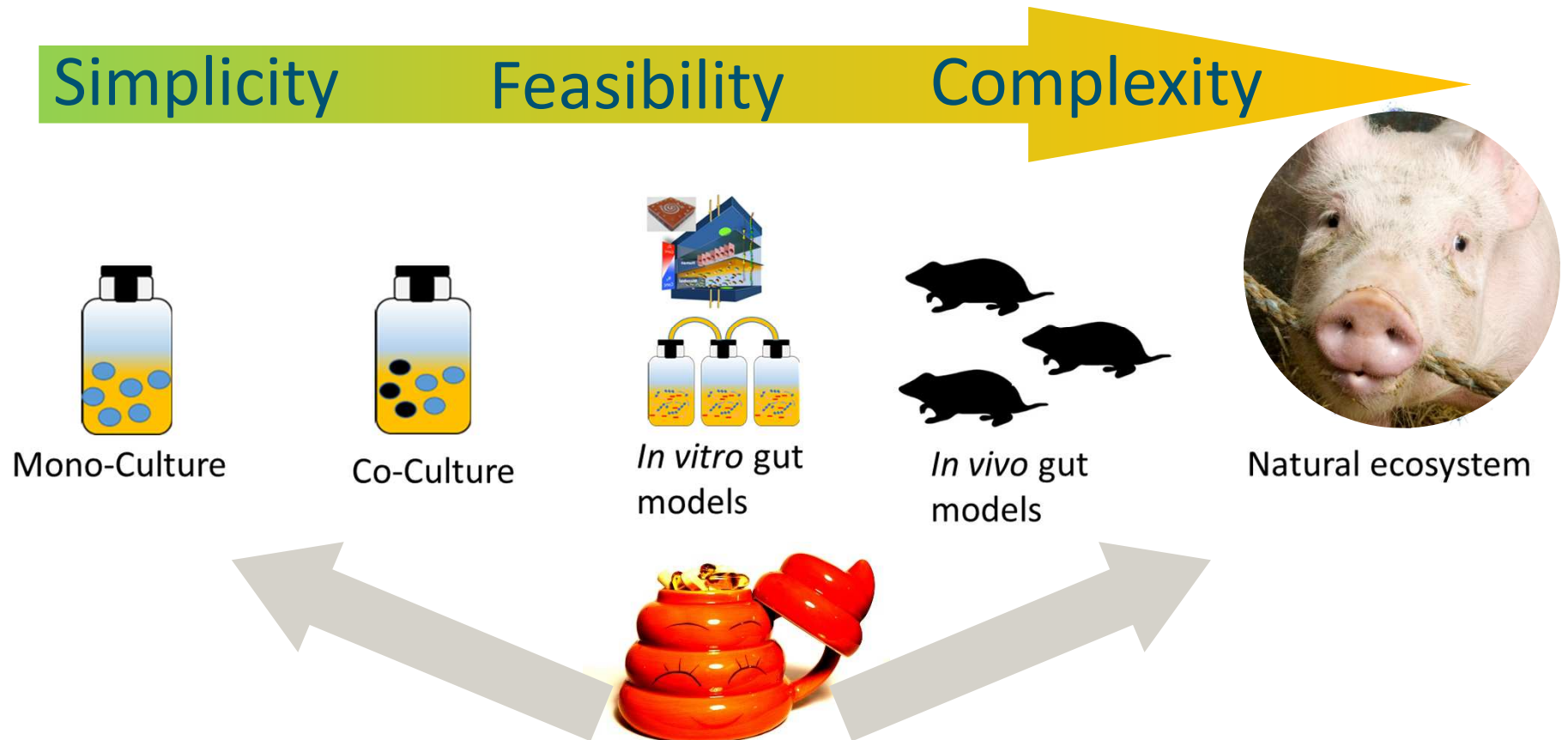
# Fecal Transplantation – it works



# Microbiota reverts to healthy state after transplantation



# Challenges ahead for microbiome therapeutics



# Microbiome Management – More than just Fecal Transplantation

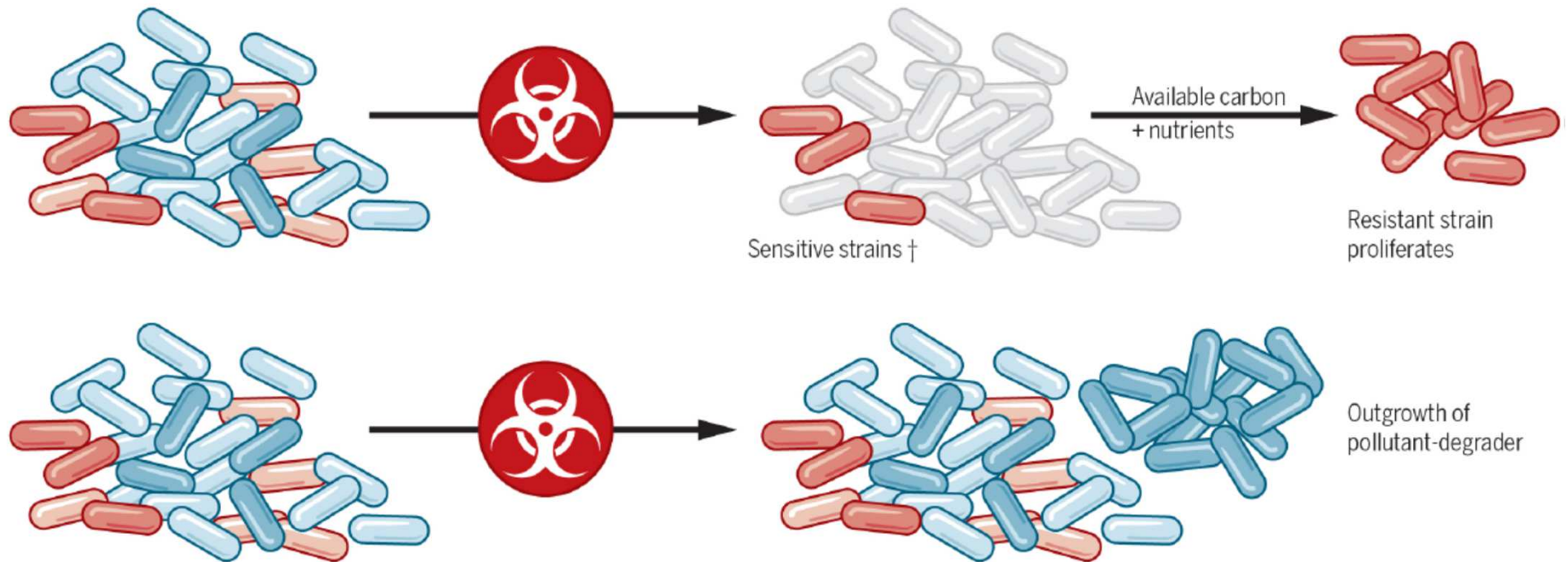
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REVIEW

**Prospects for harnessing biocide resistance for bioremediation and detoxification**

# Bioaugmentation of aquifers contaminated with chlorinated solvents

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Courtesy Hans Stroo (Stroo Consulting LLC) and Carol Aziz (Ramboll)

# Where do we stand in terms of application?

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- Tools to discern microbial composition & function
- Diagnostic biomarkers as “canaries in the coalmine” for ecosystem function
- Knowledge of microbial networks that support key “ecosystem services”
- Microbes & microbiomes as potential agents for microbiome management strategies



# Microbiome Research

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From

Stamp Collections

To

Correlations

To

Interactions

To

Novel Isolates & Consortium Engineering

To

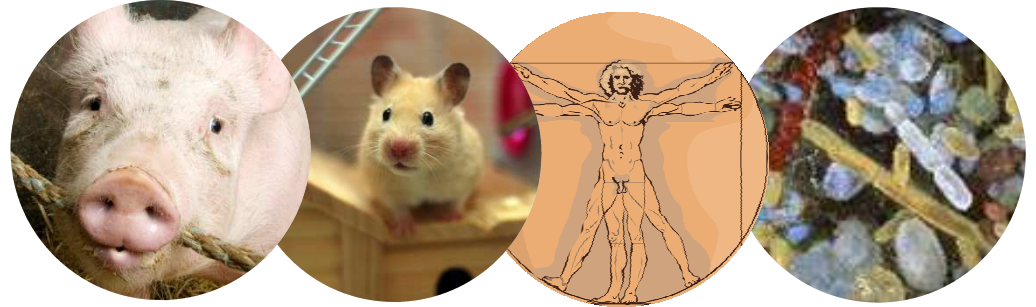
Causality & Microbial Therapeutics



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# Take Home Messages

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- High diversity intestinal microbiota; > 1000 phylotypes
- Need for functional genomics-based approaches for comprehensive characterization
- Microbiota is influenced by host (genetic background); age, environment & food
- Potential for pre- and probiotics, and more drastic means (transplantation) for steering microbiota
- Systems approaches towards knowledge-based microbiome management