

# The gut and the heart

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# Layout

- The microbiome- a brief introduction
- Relevant for cardiovascular disease?
- Can we target the gut microbiome in personalized medicine and nutrition?
  - Is a banana always a banana?

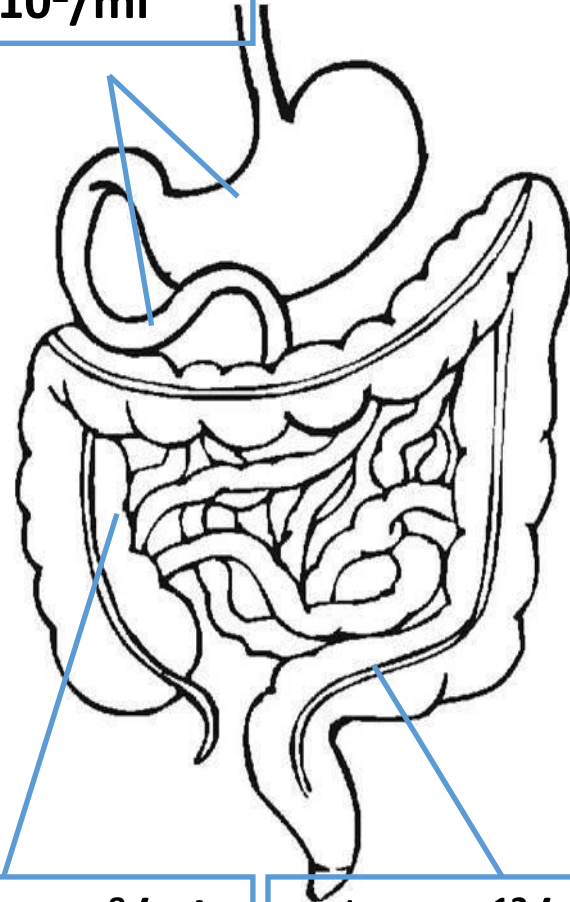
# What is the microbiome?

- Microbiota = the sum of microbes in a specific location
- Microbiome = the total genes of these microbes

Young, BMJ 2017

# Trillions of microbes and their genes

Stomach, Duodenum,  
Jejunum:  $10^2/\text{ml}$



Distal ileum:  $10^8/\text{ml}$

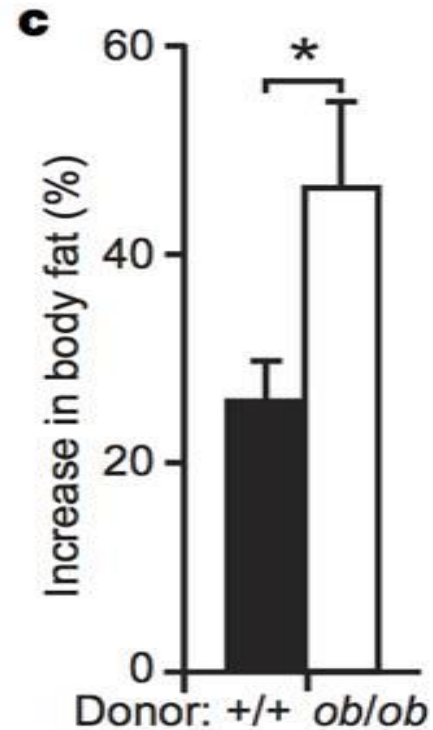
Colon:  $10^{12}/\text{ml}$

The gut flora outnumber the human body

- Microbiome: 500 times the number of human genes?
- Comparable number of bacteria and human cells?

Sonnenburg, Nature 2016  
Sender, Cell 2016

# The power of the gut flora: contagious obesity



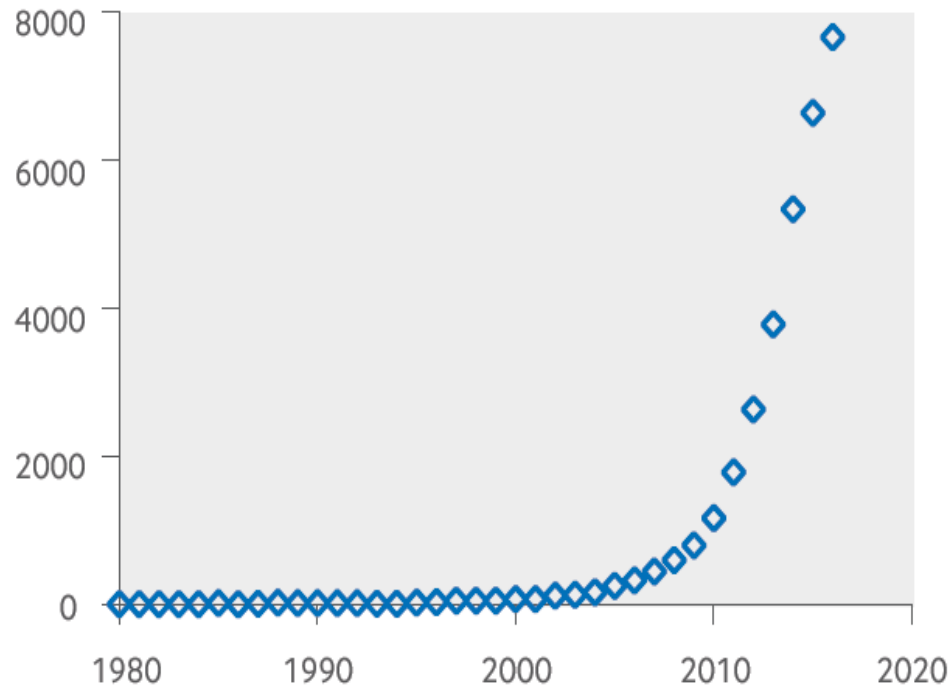
Lean mice became obese when living in the same cage as obese mice

- Diet did not change
- Change in microbiota

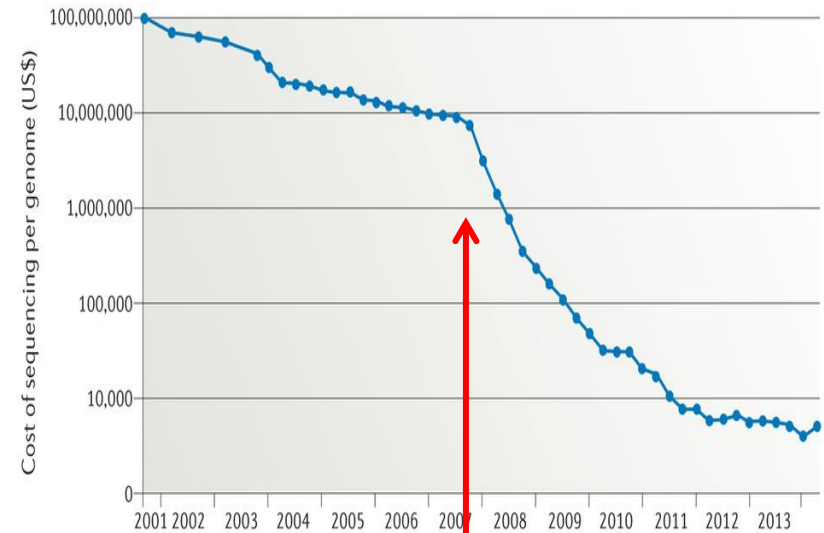
Turnbaugh, Nature 2006

# Technology-driven frontier

Hits on "microbiome" in PubMed



Sequencing costs per genome



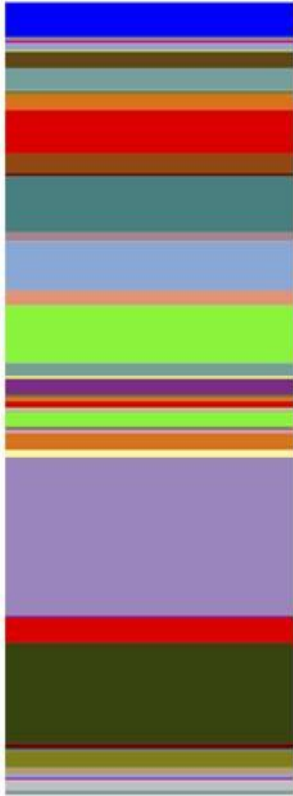
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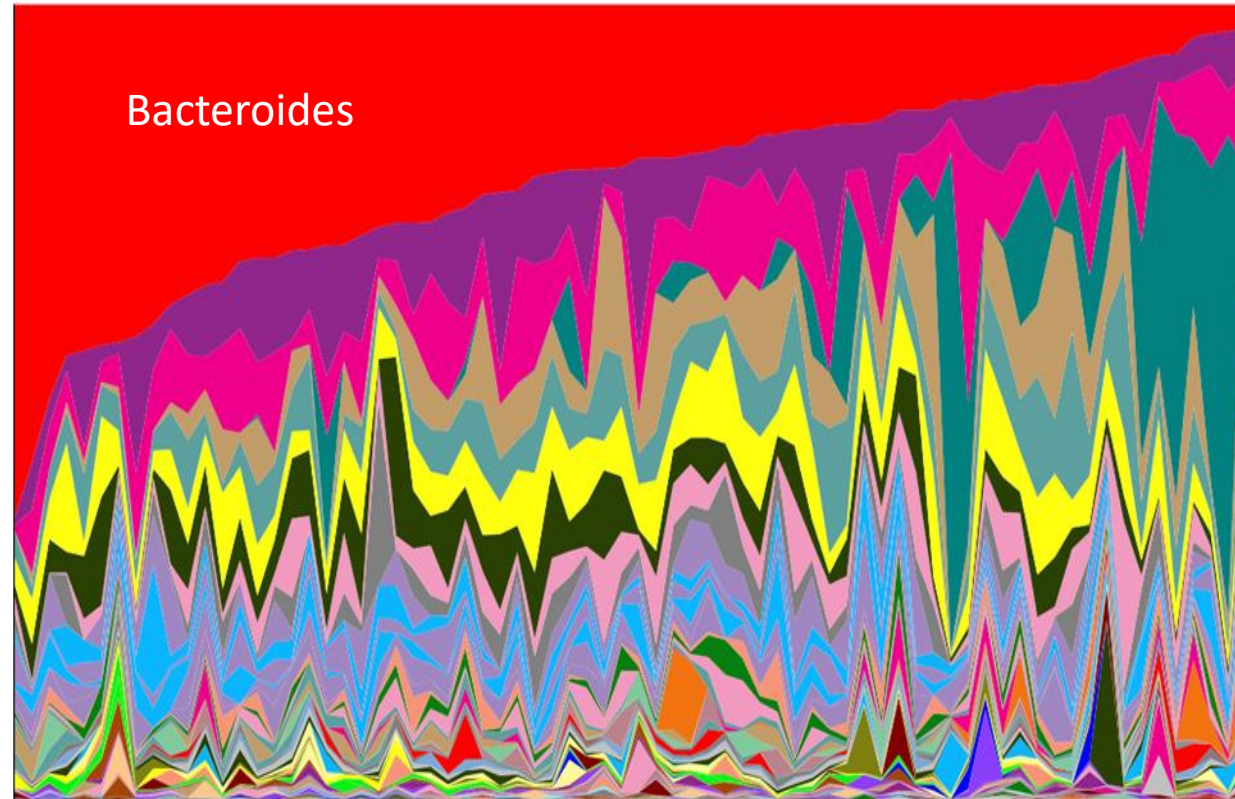


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# Role in personalized diet and medicine?

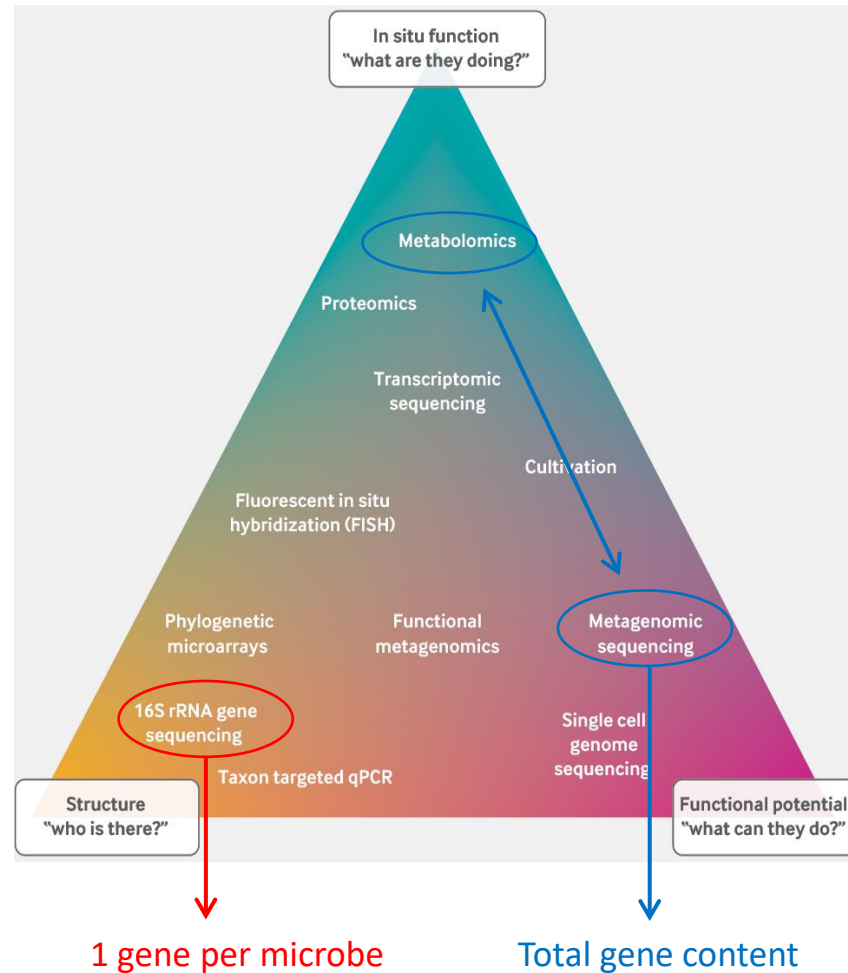


1 individual



117 healthy Norwegians

# Microbiota is just one piece of the puzzle

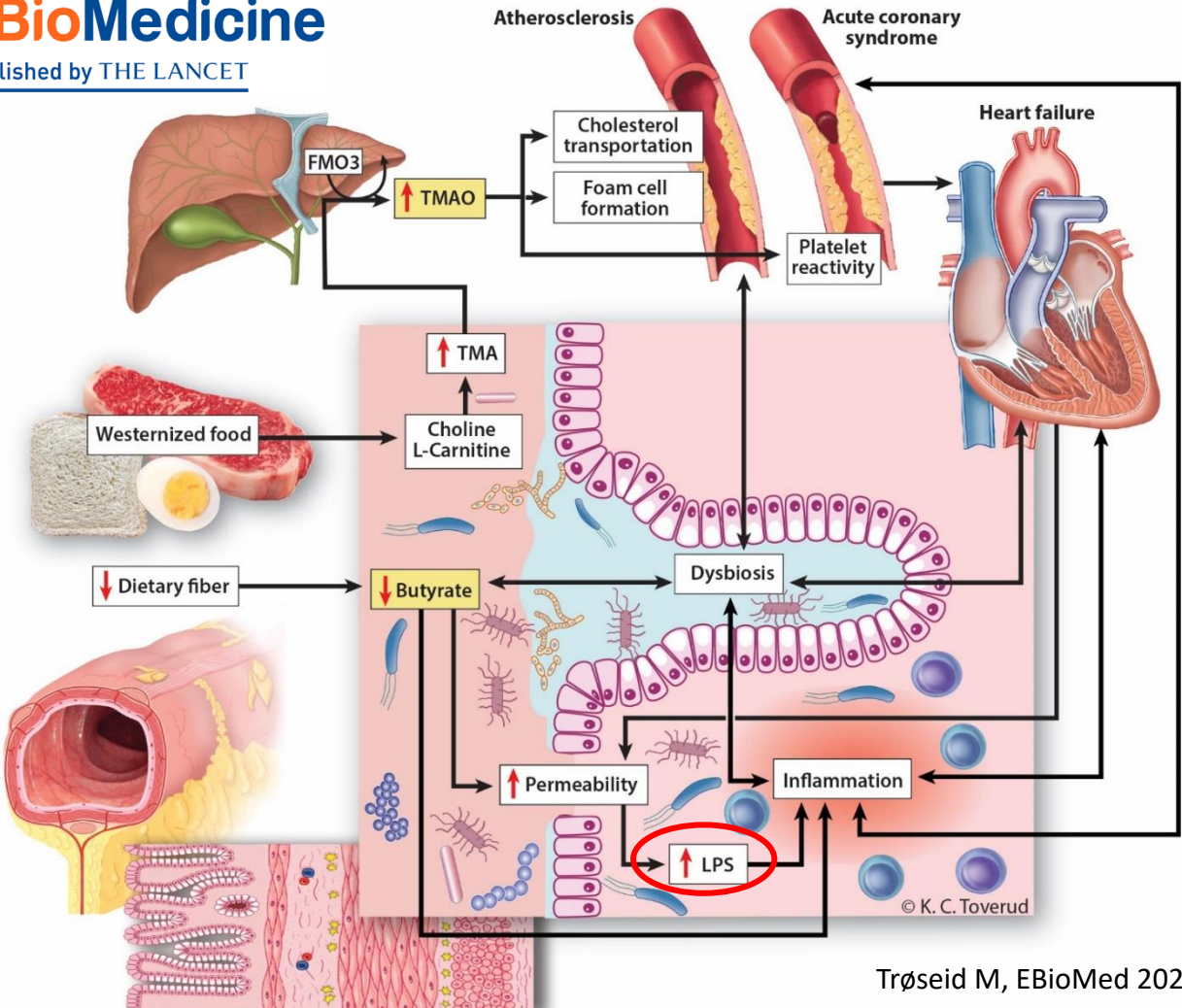


Integration of big data



# Diet, microbiome and cardiovascular risk

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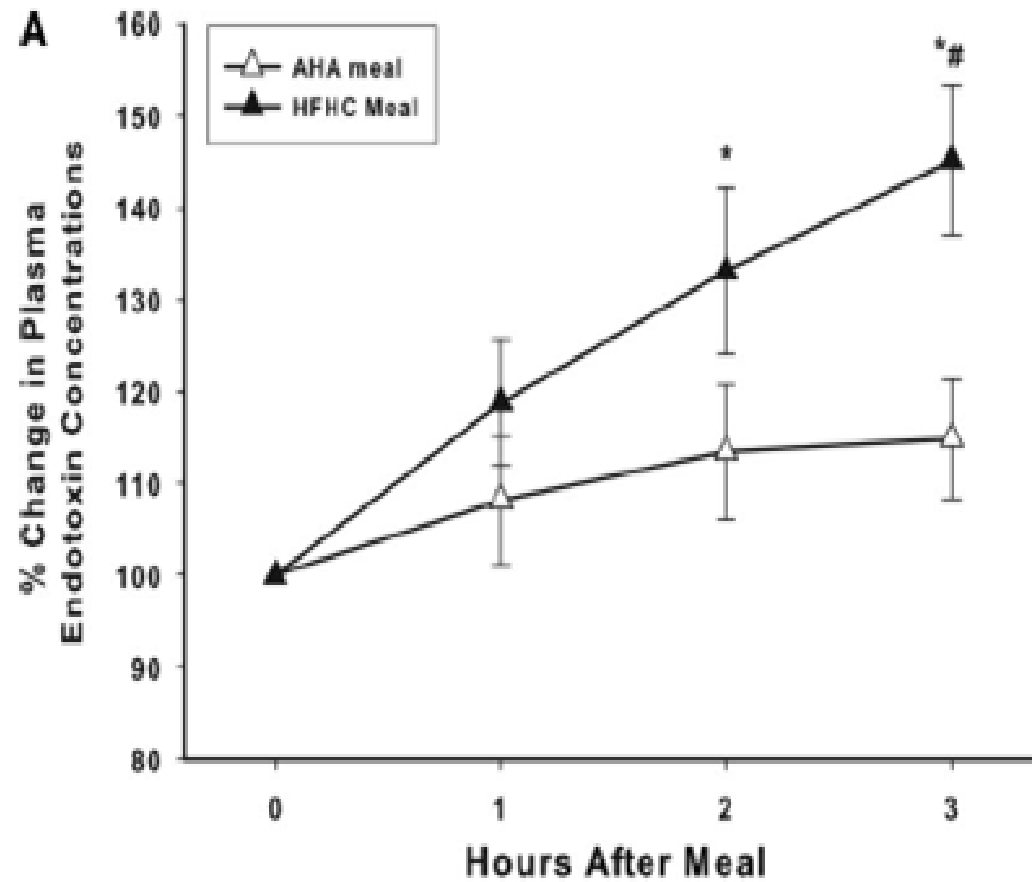


Trøseid M, EBioMed 2020



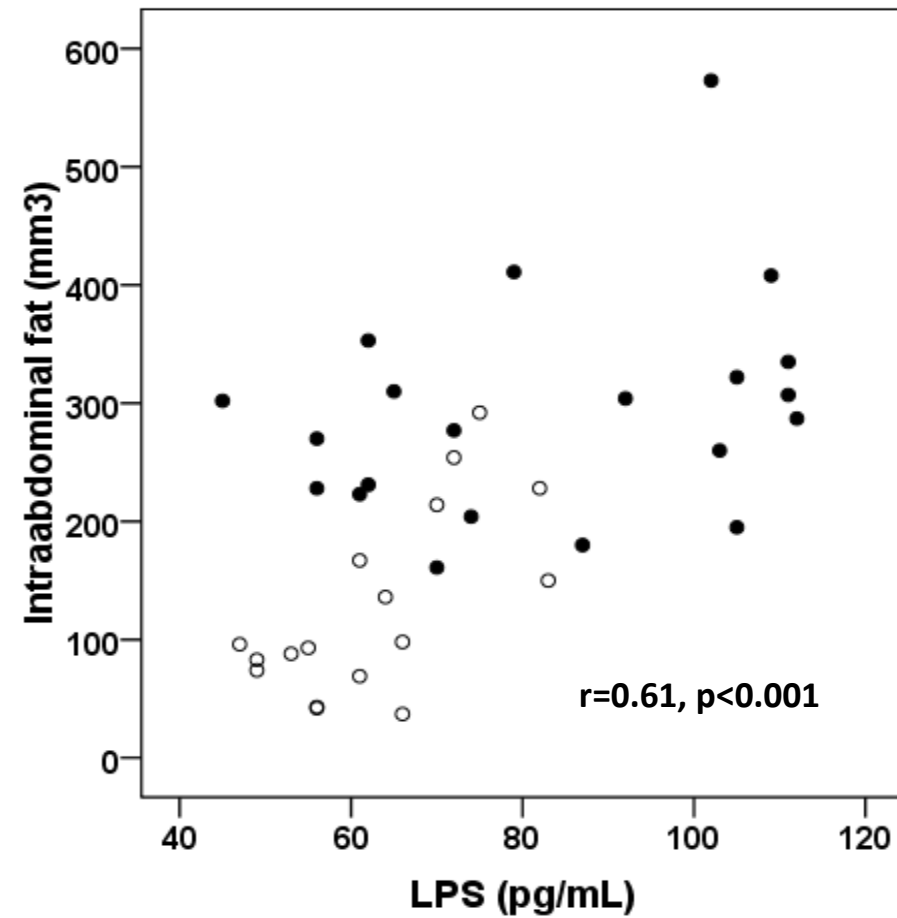
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# LPS increases after high fat high carb meal

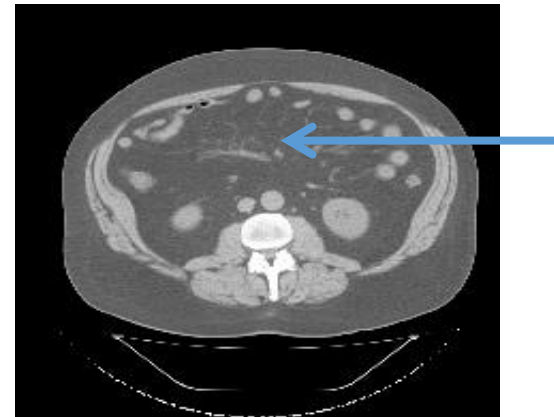


Ghanim, Diabetes Care 2009

# Higher LPS: more abdominal fat



● Obese  
○ Controls

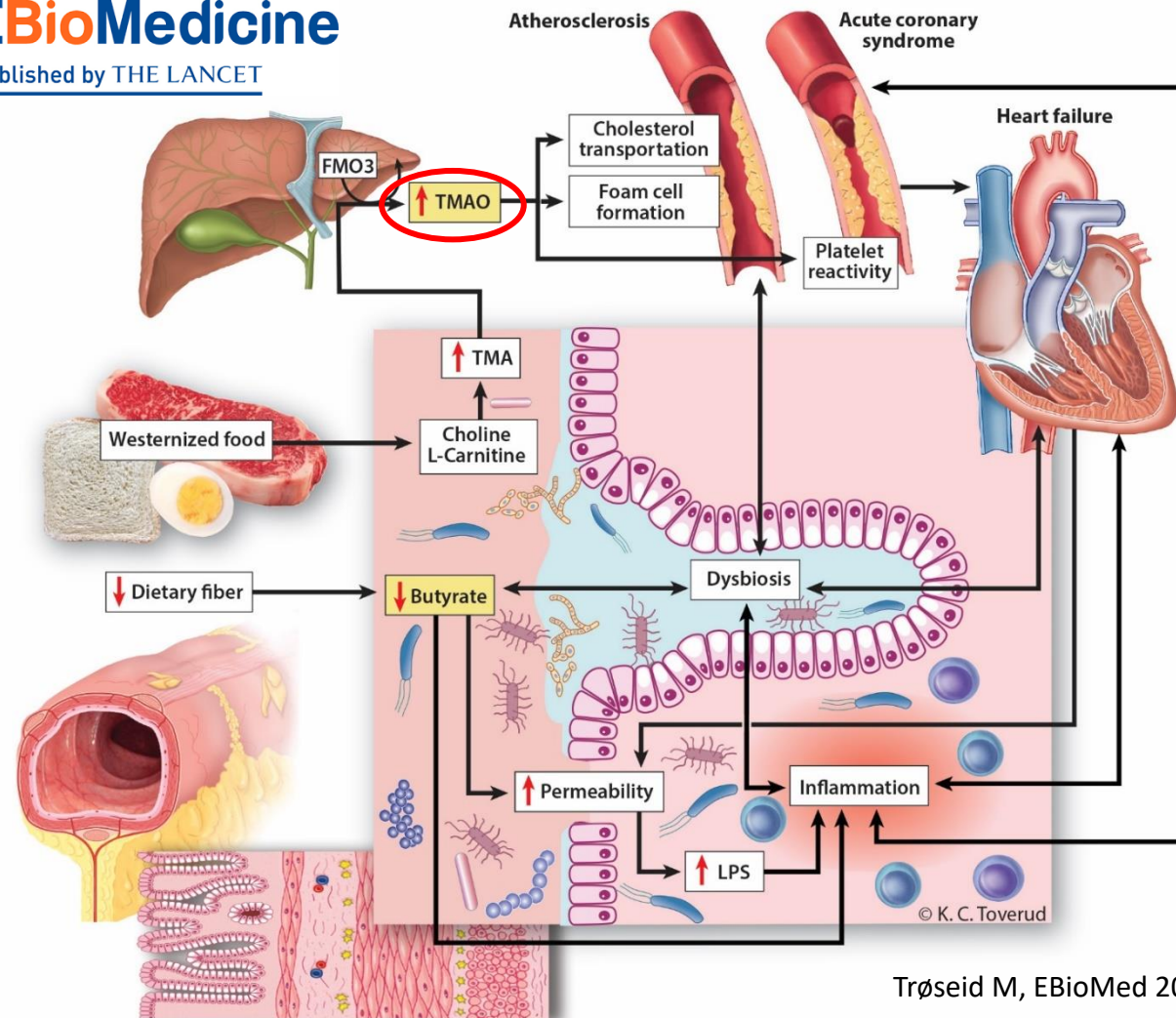


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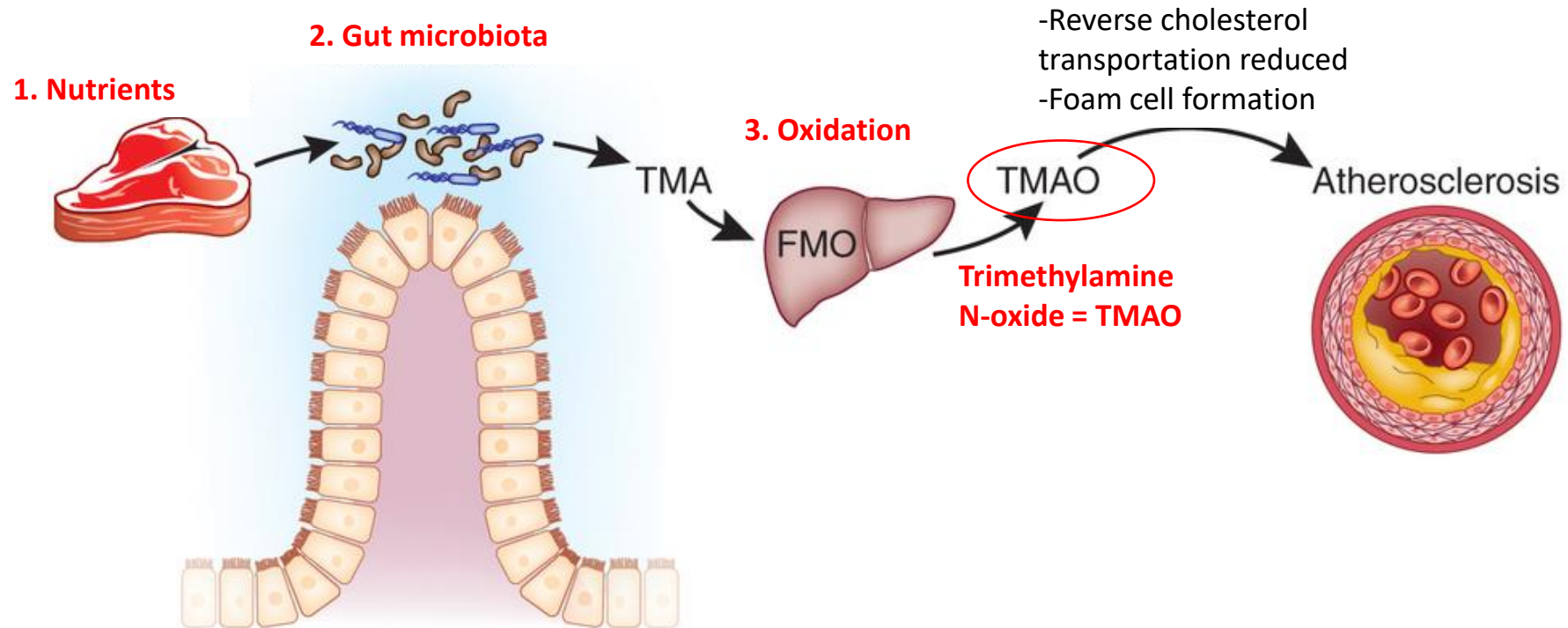


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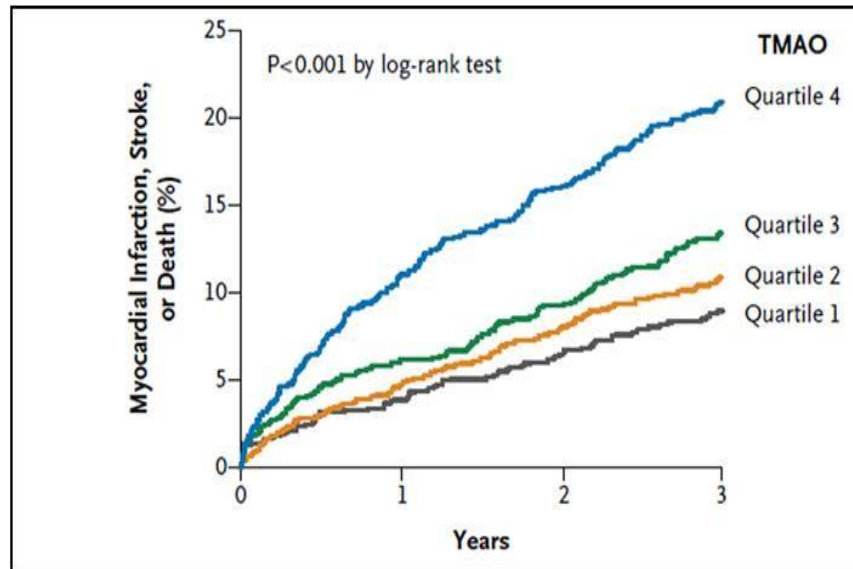
# Meat metabolizing microbes and heart disease



Backhed, Nat Med 2013

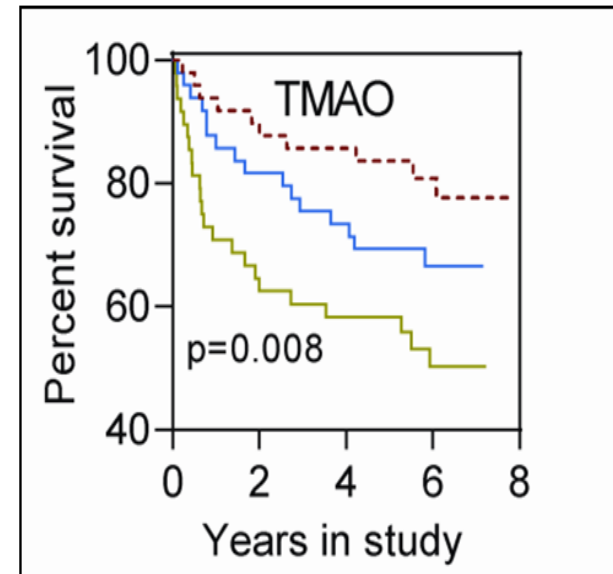
# TMAO as a biomarker of cardiovascular disease

## Atherosclerotic heart disease



Tang, NEJM 2013

## Heart failure

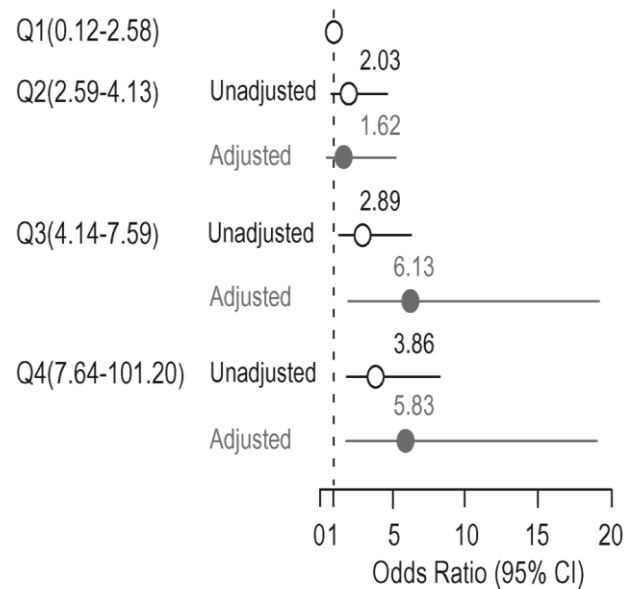


Trøseid, J Int Med 2014



# TMAO as a biomarker of cardiovascular disease

Predicts acute events 30 days after myocardial infarction



Li, Eur Heart J, 2017

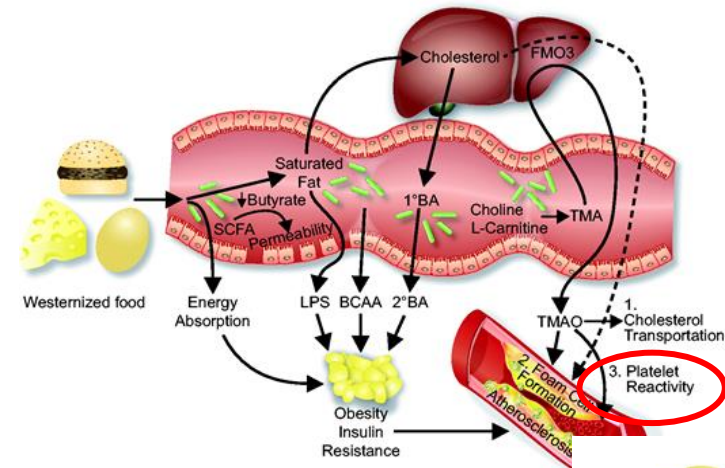


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## Gut microbiota and acute coronary syndromes: ready for use in the emergency room?

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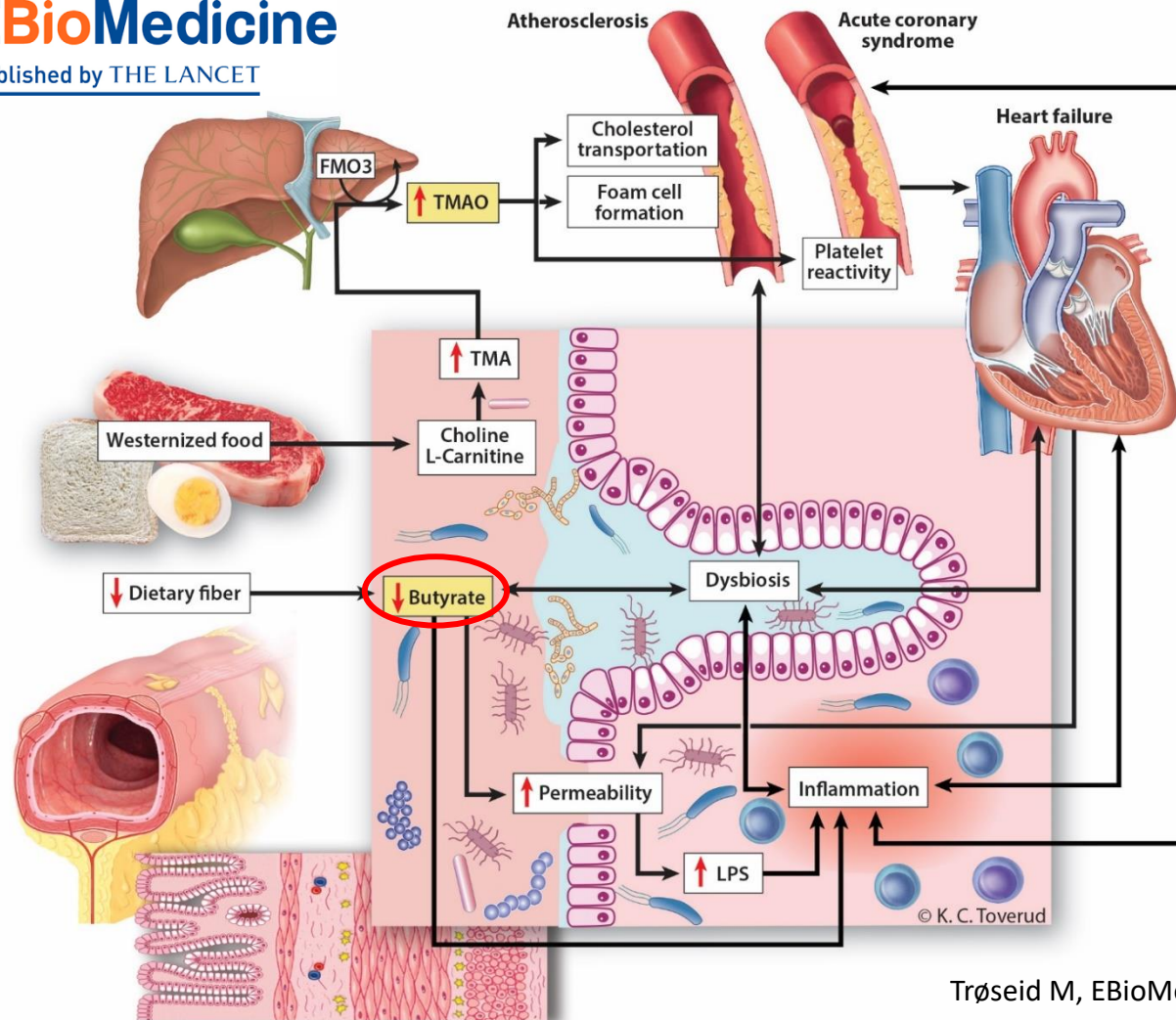


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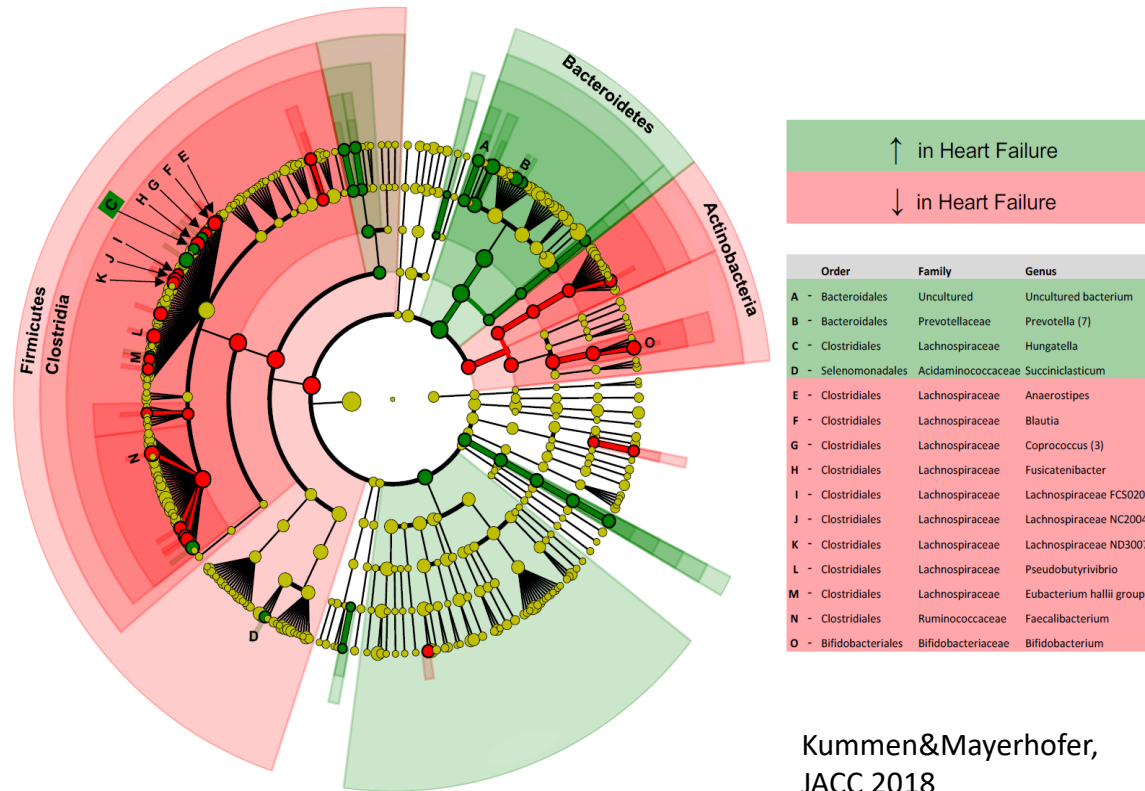
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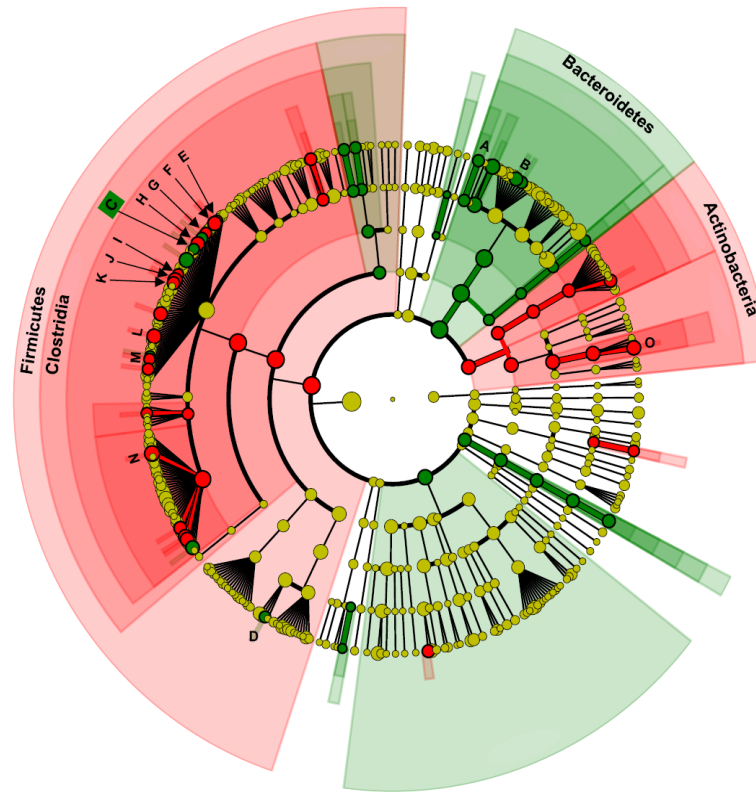


# Gut microbiota in heart failure



Kummen&Mayerhofer,  
JACC 2018

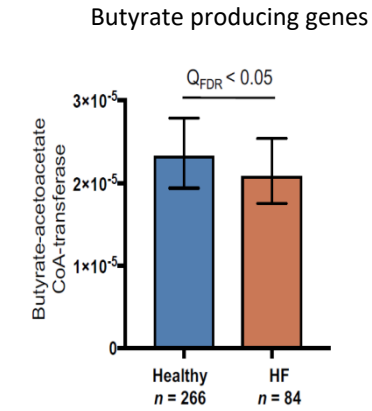
# Gut microbiota in heart failure



↑ in Heart Failure  
↓ in Heart Failure

Order	Family	Genus
A - Bacteroidales	Uncultured	Uncultured bacterium
B - Bacteroidales	Prevotellaceae	Prevotella (7)
C - Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Hungatella
D - Selenomonadales	Acidaminococcaceae	Succiniclasticum
E - Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Anaerostipes
F - Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Blautia
G - Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Coprococcus (3)
H - Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Fusicatenibacter
I - Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Lachnospiraceae FCS020
J - Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Lachnospiraceae NC2004
K - Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Lachnospiraceae ND3007
L - Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Pseudobutyrvibrio
M - Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Eubacterium hallii group
N - Clostridiales	Ruminococcaceae	Faecalibacterium
O - Bifidobacteriales	Bifidobacteriaceae	Bifidobacterium

Butyrate-producing bacteria reduced

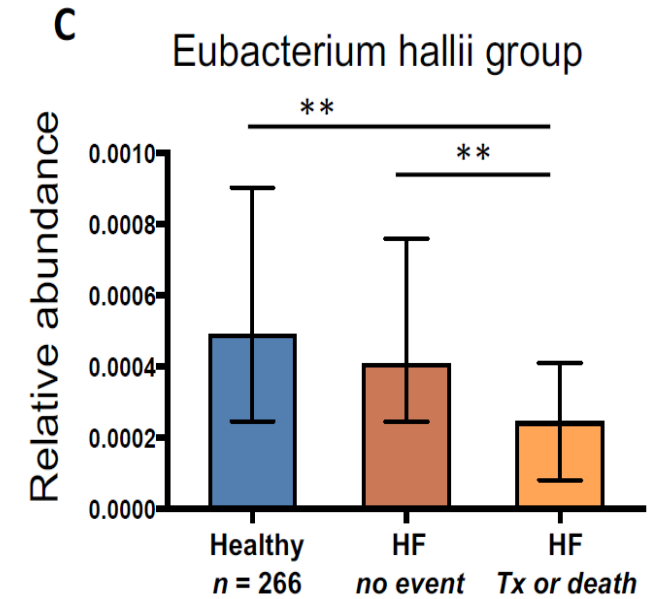
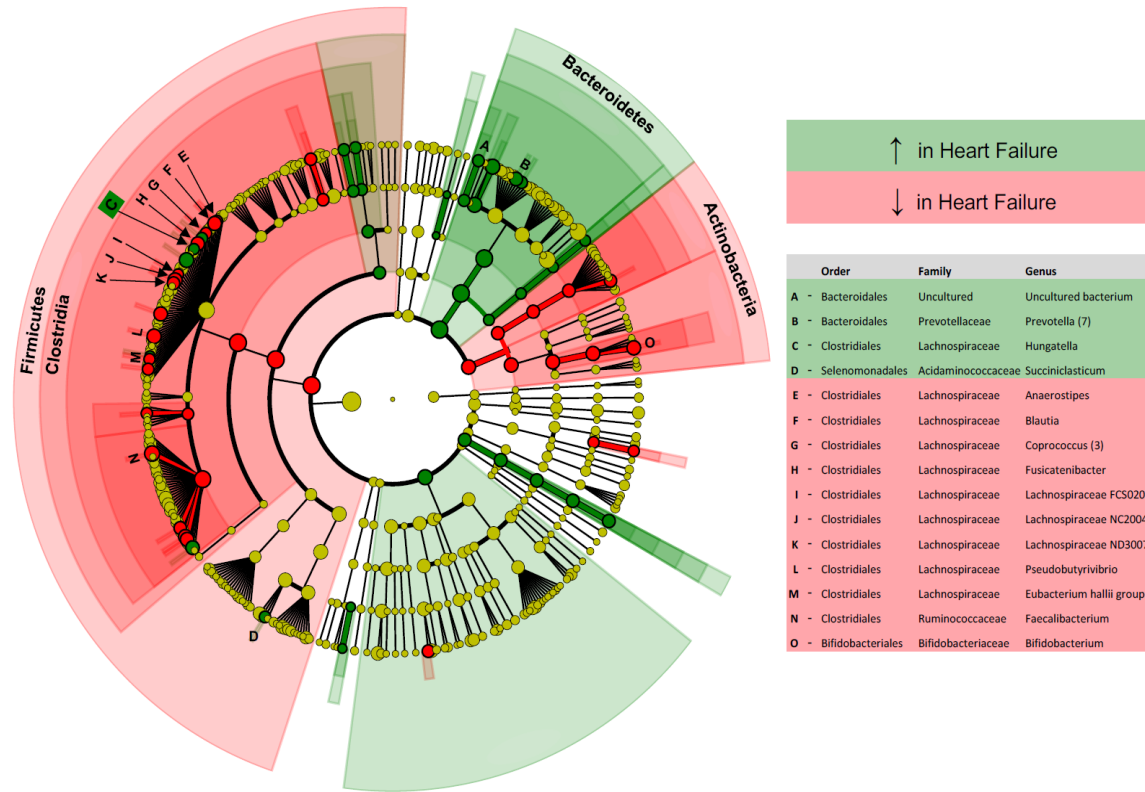


Kummen&Mayerhofer, JACC 2018



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# Related to clinical progression?



How about  
interaction  
with diet?



	Fiber Intake (g) <i>n</i> = 37	
	rho	<i>P</i> value
Chao1	<b>0.386*</b>	<b>0.018</b>
Observed OTUs	<b>0.341*</b>	<b>0.039</b>
FB-ratio	0.186	0.271
<i>Bifidobacterium</i>	0.324	0.050
<i>Fusicatenibacter</i>	<b>0.413*</b>	<b>0.011</b>
<i>Lachnospiraceae</i> NC2004	0.322	0.052
<i>Lachnospiraceae</i> FCS020	<b>0.373*</b>	<b>0.023</b>
<i>Pseudobutyrvibrio</i>	0.058	0.732
<i>Lachnospiraceae</i> ND3007	<b>0.393*</b>	<b>0.016</b>
<i>Blautia</i>	-0.074	0.662
<i>Anaerostipes</i>	<b>0.473**</b>	<b>0.003</b>
<i>Eubacterium hallii</i> group	0.037	0.829
<i>Coprococcus</i> (3)	0.125	0.461
<i>Faecalibacterium</i>	-0.208	0.216

Low fibre intake correlated with  
much of the dysbiosis in heart  
failure

Mayerhofer C, ESC HF 2019

# How about interaction with diet?



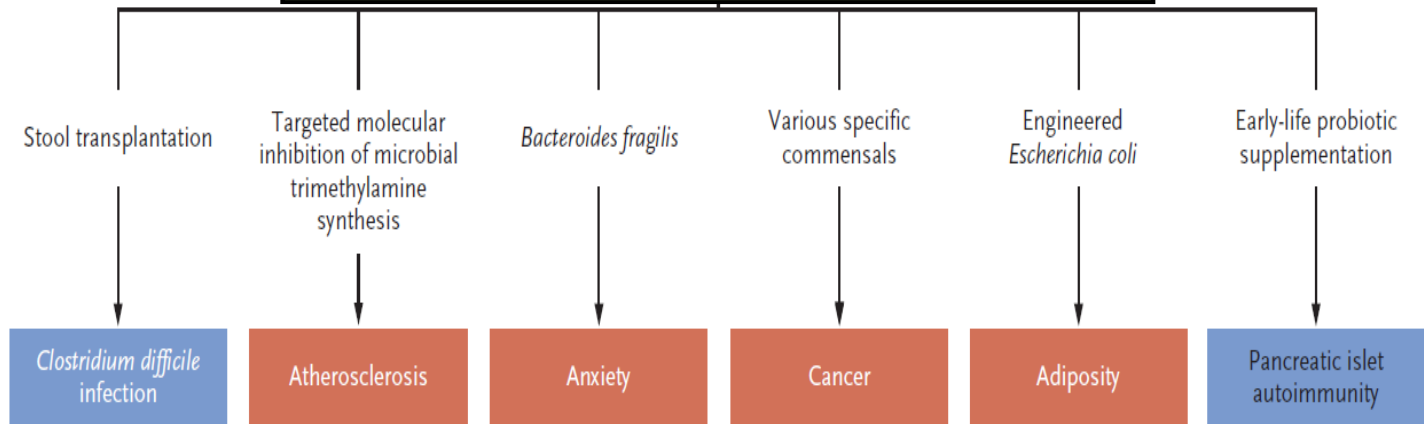
- TMAO correlated with intake of red meat, but not with dysbiosis of heart failure
- Is TMAO a diet-dependent biomarker?

Mayerhofer C, ESC HF 2019

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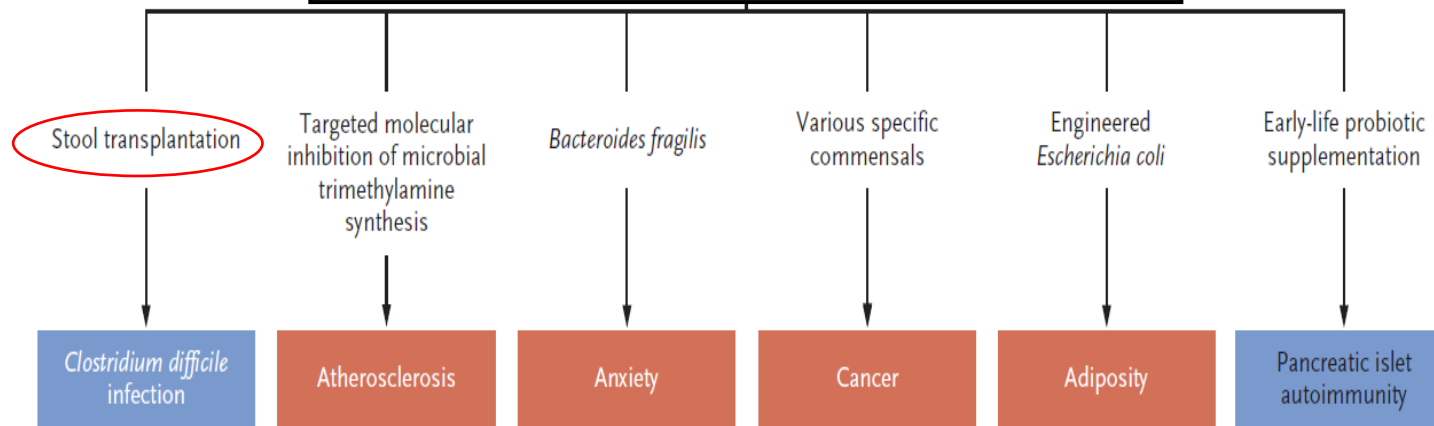
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# Strategies to target the gut microbiome

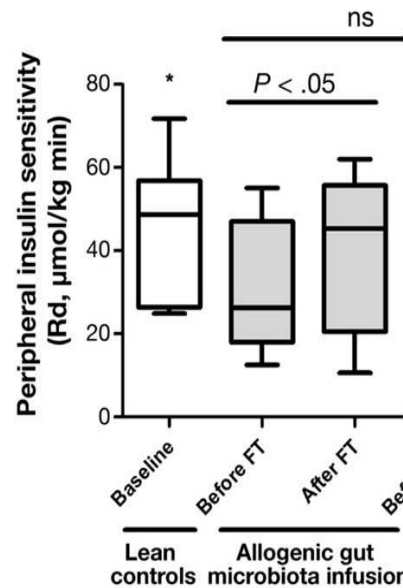


Lynch SM,  
NEJM 2016

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Lynch SM, NEJM 2016



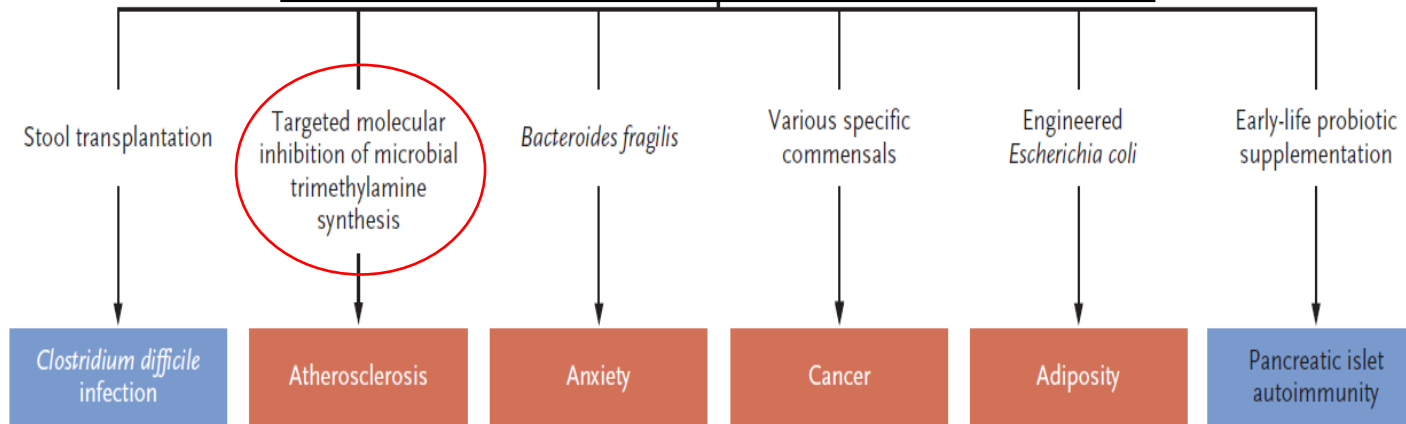
## FATLOSE: Fecal transplantation to lose metabolic syndrome

Gut microbiota from lean donors normalized insulin sensitivity – but only for a few weeks

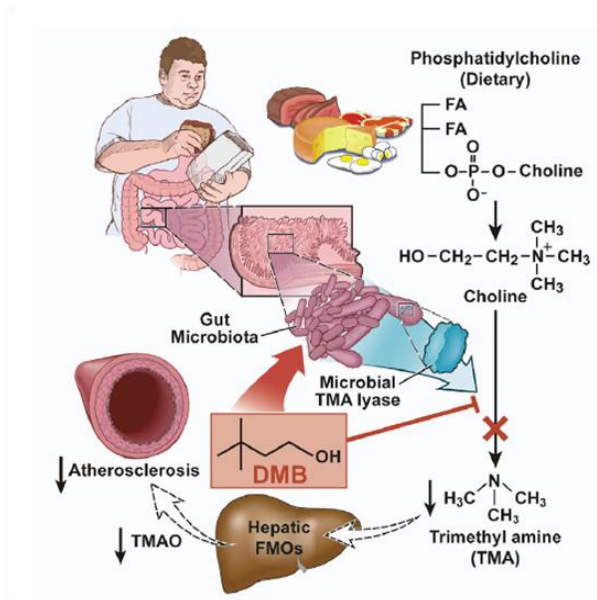
Vrieze, Gastroenterology 2012



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Lynch SM, NEJM 2016



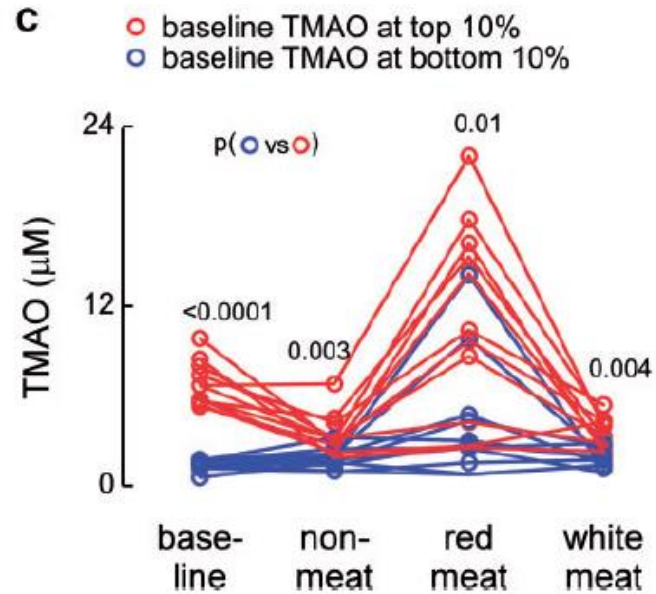
## Drug the bug!

By targeting the microbes with a TMA-inhibitor, TMAO-levels were reduced and atherosclerosis reversed

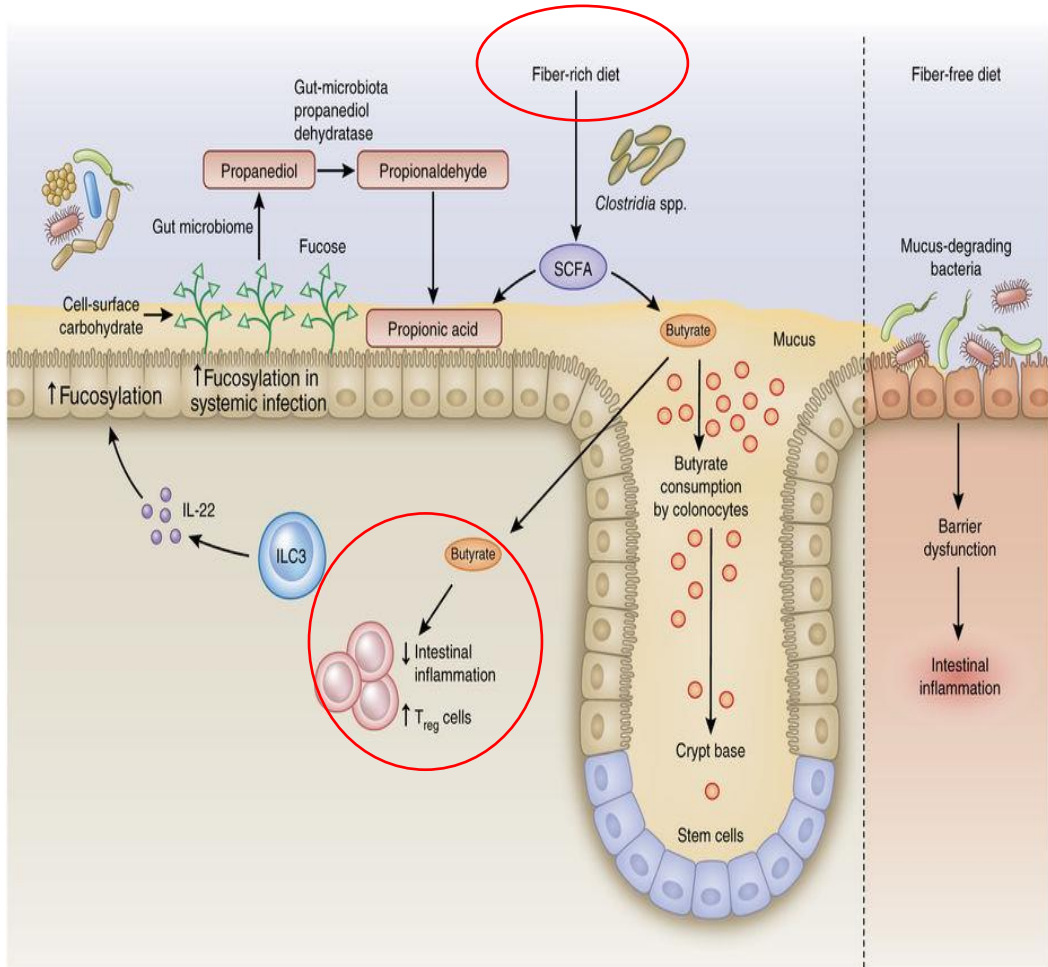
Wang, Cell 2015

# Perhaps easier to change your diet?

## Impact of chronic dietary red meat, white meat, or non-meat protein on trimethylamine



# High fibre diet to increase butyrate?

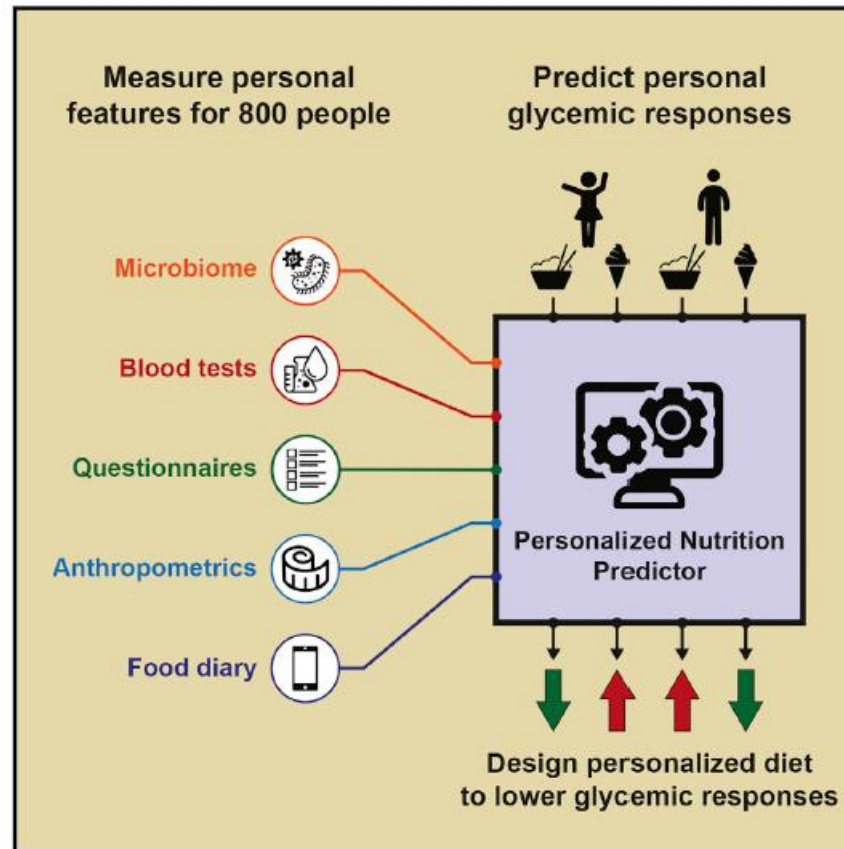


- Soluble fibres increased butyrate producing microbes
- Improved glycemic control in type 2 diabetes

Dall Àlba V, Br J Nutr 2013

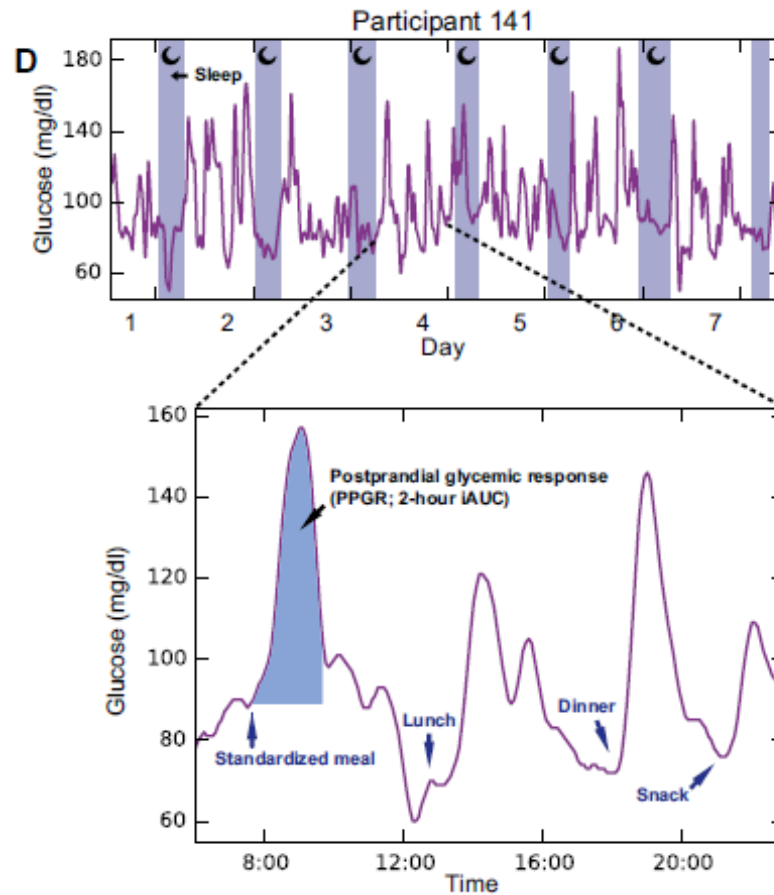
# Personalized Nutrition by Prediction of Glycemic Responses

- Personalized nutrition: What is healthy for you?



Zeevi, Cell 2015

# Continuous blood glucose monitoring

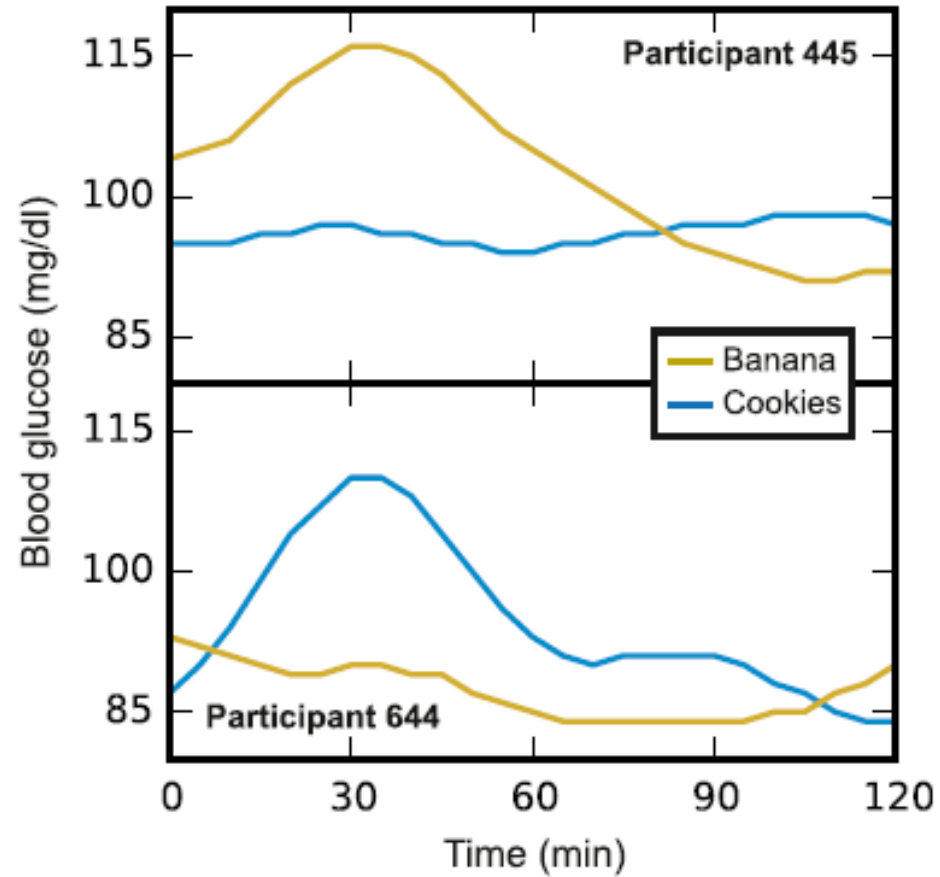


**N=800 individuals received a subcutaneous blood glucose sensor and registered all meals "real time" by a smart phone**

Zeevi, Cell 2015

# A banana is not always a banana!

**Extreme individual  
blood glucose after  
intake of different  
nutrients**

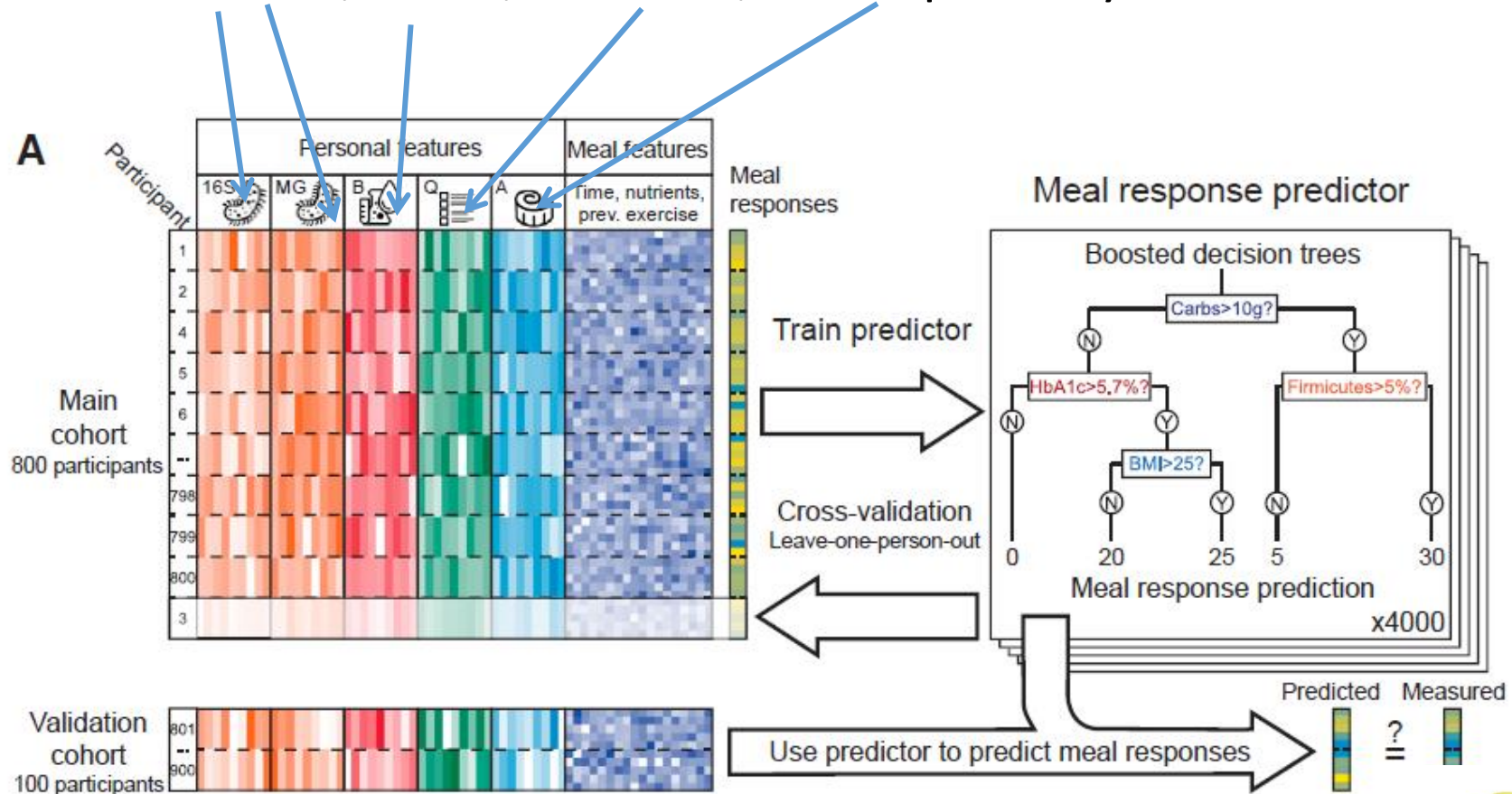


Zeevi, Cell 2015

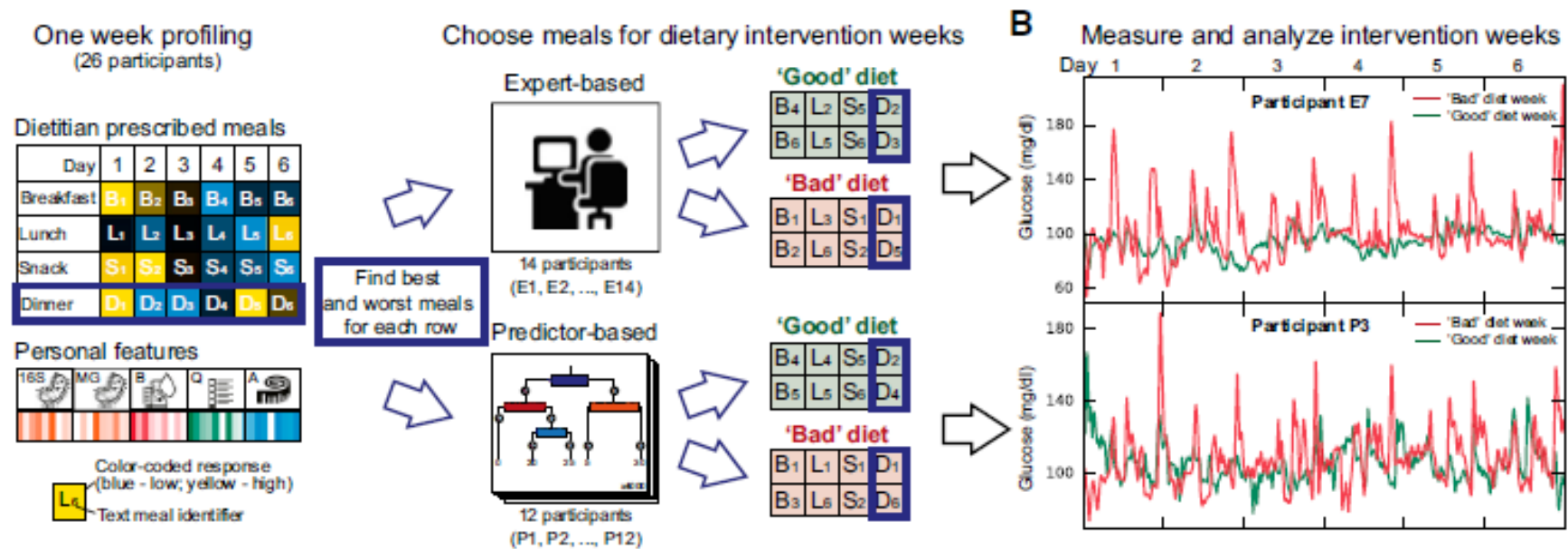


# Caused by variable gut microbiota?

Microbiota, blood, nutrition, anthropometry



# Personalized nutrition



Individualized nutritional advice. Some recommended potatoes, other pizza, to stabilize blood glucose



# Conclusion

- The gut microbiome is altered in cardiovascular disease
- Inflammatory and metabolic pathways could be targets for interventions
- However, the individual variation is substantial
- If the gut microbiome should be clinically relevant, a personalized approach is probably necessary

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