

# Whole Body Health: Genestra HMF Probiotic Innovations and Evidence supporting GI, Immune and the Aging Brain

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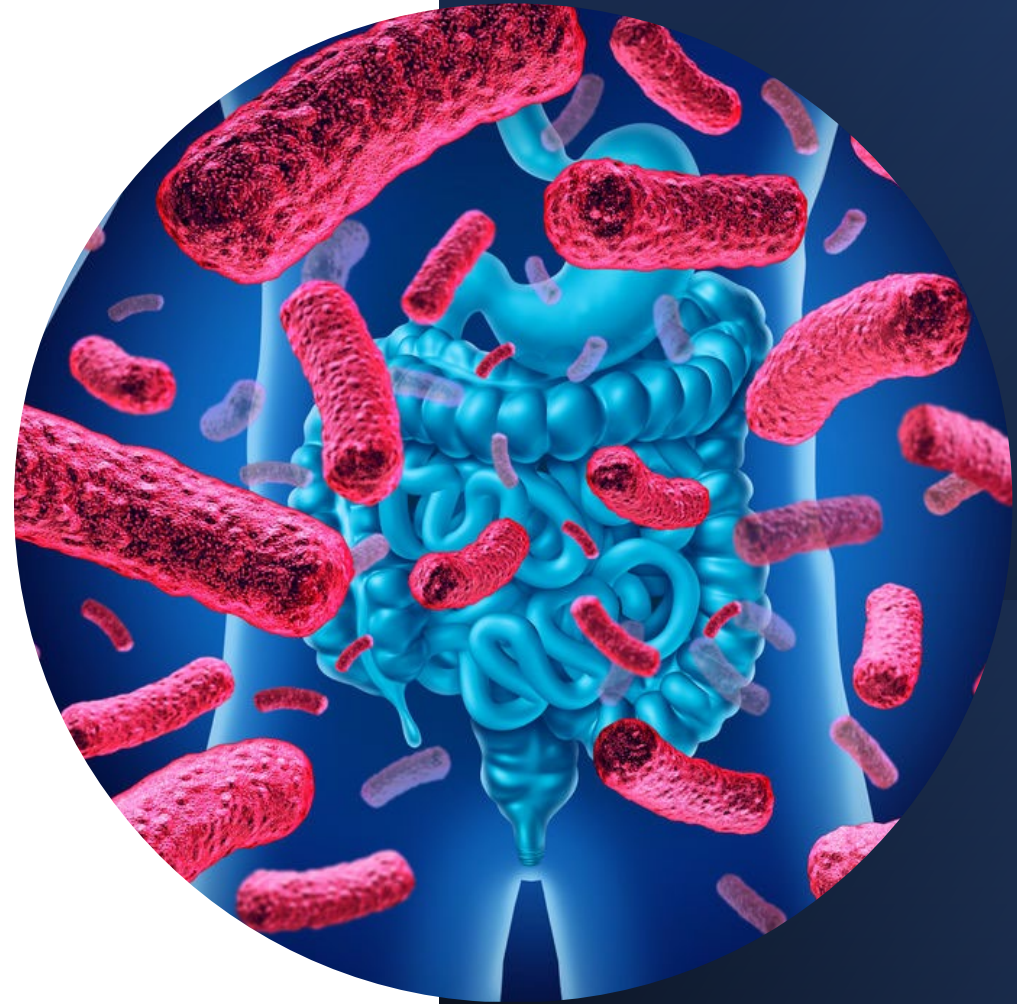
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# **The Microbiome/ Microbiota – the other “Organ” in the Intestine**

**Our amazing microbiota  
– a constant companion and  
friend throughout our lives,  
without which, we would  
become ill and probably die  
within 5 years of birth!**



# The Gut Microbiome – The Small/Large Intestinal Split

## SMALL INTESTINE

20 ft long - fast transit time (2-4 hours)

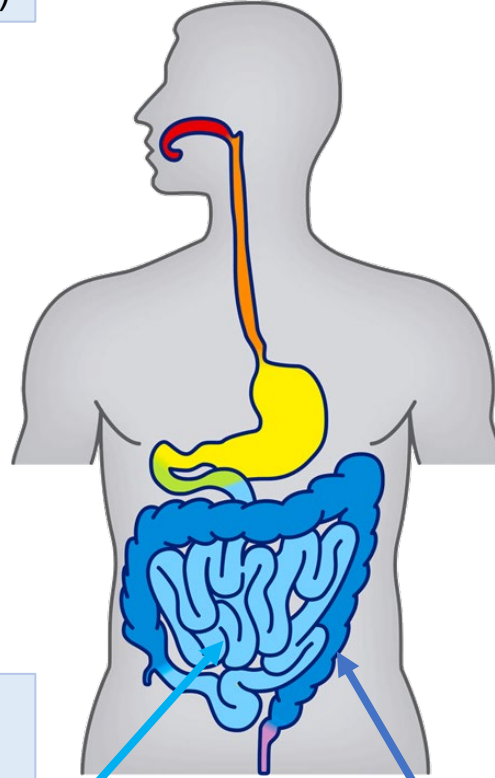
Site of major absorptive processes

Site of major immune, endocrine and enteric neural functionality

**Site of major disruption of microbiome by antibiotics**

Low microbial numbers dominated by facultative types (e.g Lactobacilli, Coliforms)

Site of most activity of most probiotics (2-25 billion)



4 ft long – slow transit time (18-90 hours)

Minimal absorptive function

Site of some immune, endocrine, and neural functionality

Less disruption by most antibiotics

Huge microbial numbers dominated by obligate anaerobes ( e.g Bacteroides)

Very high potency probiotics required to yield effect (100 billion – 2000 billion)

Site of major activity of prebiotics

## LARGE INTESTINE



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# Distribution of Physiological Systems Across the Intestine

## Immune System

- 70-80% of the immune system is in the gut
- Present within:
  - epithelial layer (intraepithelial lymphocytes) every 4<sup>th</sup> cell is an IEL.
  - lamina propria (below epithelial layer)
  - mesenteric lymph nodes and Peyer's patches in ileum
- Distribution based on surface area and absorptive function – so circa 80% of gut immune system is in small intestine

## Enteric Neural System

- Second largest neural system in the body after the CNS
- 200-600 million neurones throughout gut – evenly distributed along gut length – so over 80% ENS in the small intestine

## Enteric Endocrine System

- Functions to control appetite, sugar metabolism, etc
- Largest endocrine organ in the body in terms of numbers of cells
- Enteroendocrine cells are in the epithelial layer at 1/1000 cells
- Over 75% of enteroendocrine activity is in the small intestine



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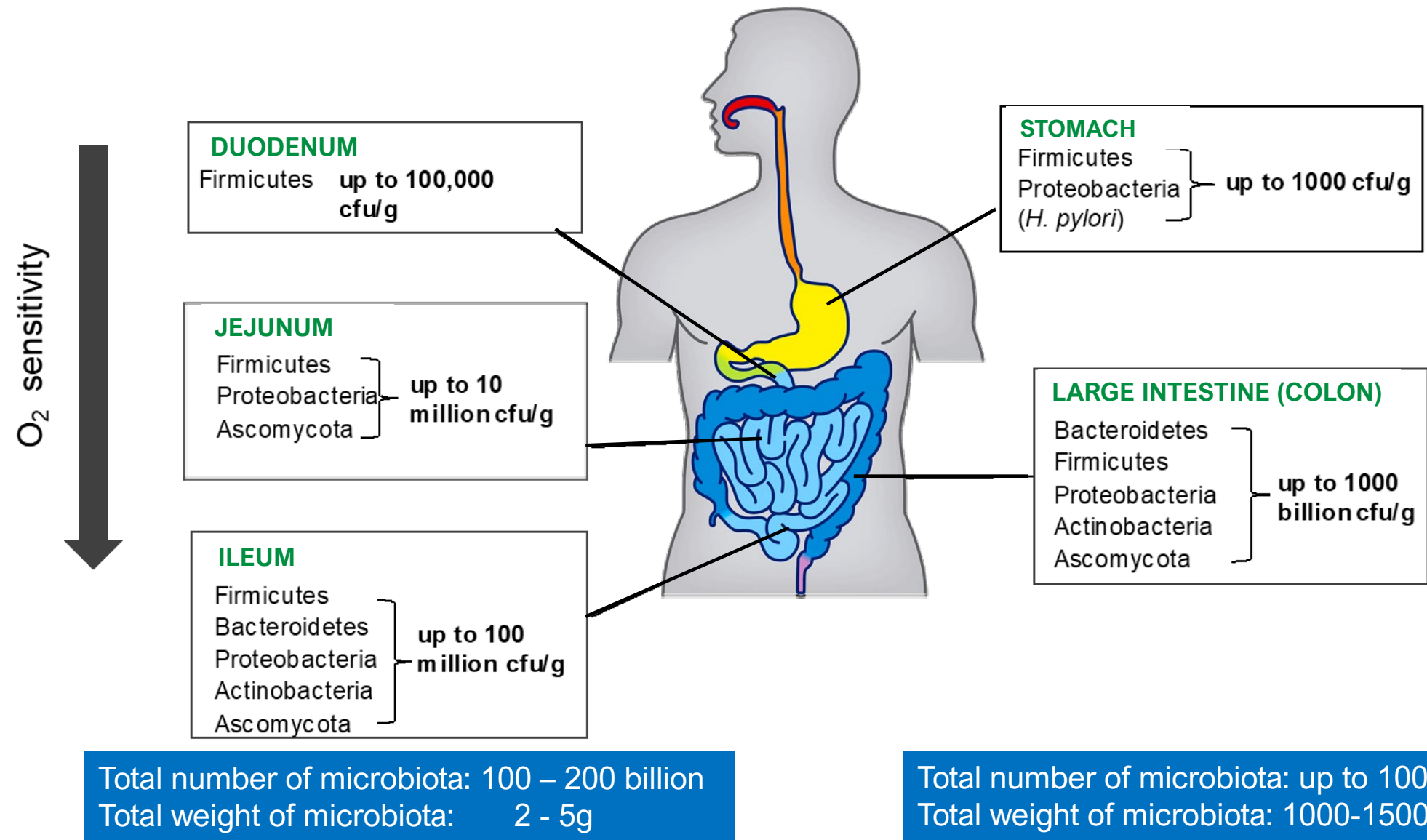


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# Typical Microbiota of the Adult Gastrointestinal Tract



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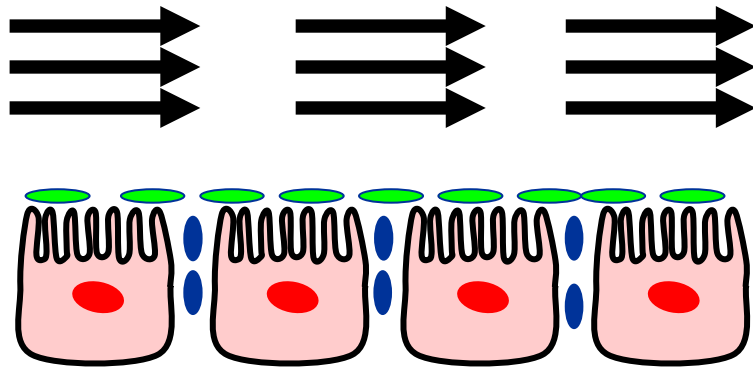


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# Why are there such major differences in small intestinal and large intestinal numbers of microbes?

## Duodenum/ Jejunum

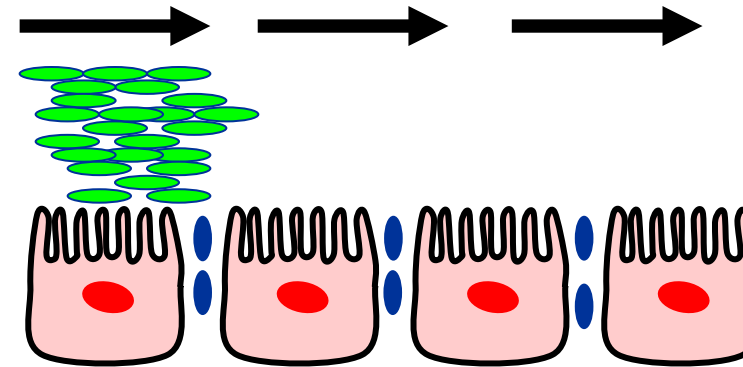
- Flow rate faster than replication rate
- Attachment compulsory for colonisation
- Bacterial layer one cell thick



FAST FLOW

## Colon

- Flow rate slower than replication rate
- Attachment not necessary for colonisation
- Bacterial layer in mucous up to 200 cells thick



SLOW FLOW



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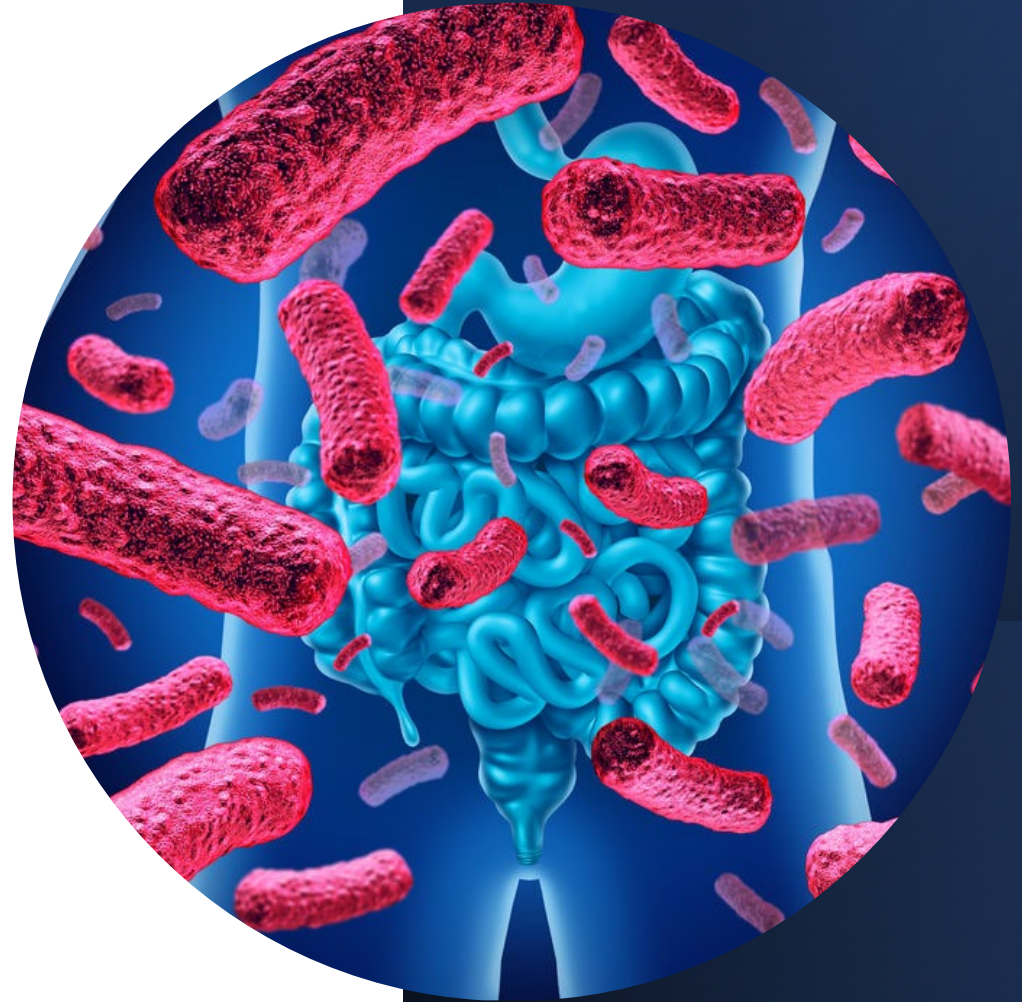
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# **Antibiotics: The Most Prevalent and Potent Disruptors of the Microbiome**

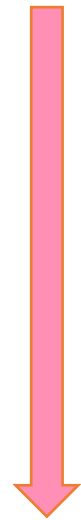




# Antibiotics: the Greatest Medical Advance of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

1928: Penicillin discovery (Sir Alexander Fleming, 'Mould Juice')

1940s-1960s: Golden Age - Discovery of a number of antibiotics



- Pneumonia, staph infections, TB, infectious diarrhoea etc
- Wound and battlefield infections
- Surgical infections
- Childbirth complications
- etc



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# Antibiotics

....now antibiotic resistance is probably the biggest global threat to human healthcare in the 21st century

## By 2050

- Global cumulative cost of antibiotic resistance will reach **100 trillion US Dollars**
- **10 million people** dying every year due to antibiotic resistance

(O'Neill J, Antimicrobial Resistance: Tackling a Crisis for the Health and Wealth of Nations 2014)



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# The Threat of Antibiotic Resistance – Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriaceae ( CRE's) – The 'Nightmare Infection'

- E.coli and Klebsiella pneumoniae are main threats
- Carbapenem resistance first discovered in 2000
- In USA 9000 infections and 600 deaths per year
- In Greece and Italy – 10-25% of invasive Klebsiella are CRE's – less in N.Europe
- CRE's are typically resistant to all antibiotics with the exception of colistin
- Without colistin CRE blood infections have a fatality rate of over 50%.
- In May 2016 the first human carrier of the MCR-1 resistance gene carried on plasmids was found in a USA woman. This gene confers resistance to colistin, This resistance was traced to agricultural use of polymyxins.

CDC: Antibiotic Resistance Threats in the USA Report 2019

ECDC – Carbapenem resistant Enterobacteriaceae – second update Sept 2019



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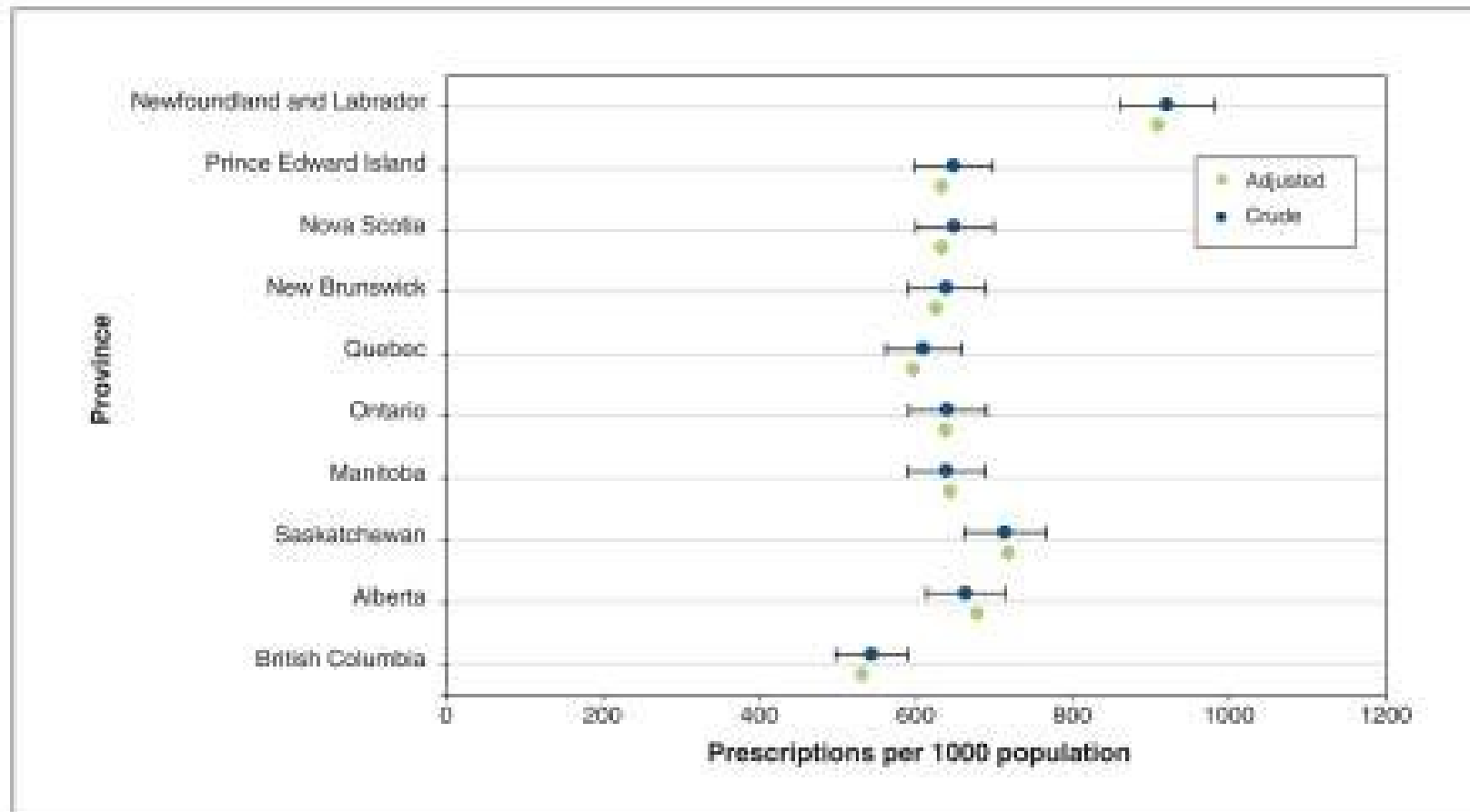
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# Antibiotic Use Across Canada in 2019



- **Total of 23,406,640 outpatient scripts**
- **Average of 627 scripts per 1000 population**
- **Newfoundland and Labrador nearly at one script per year.**



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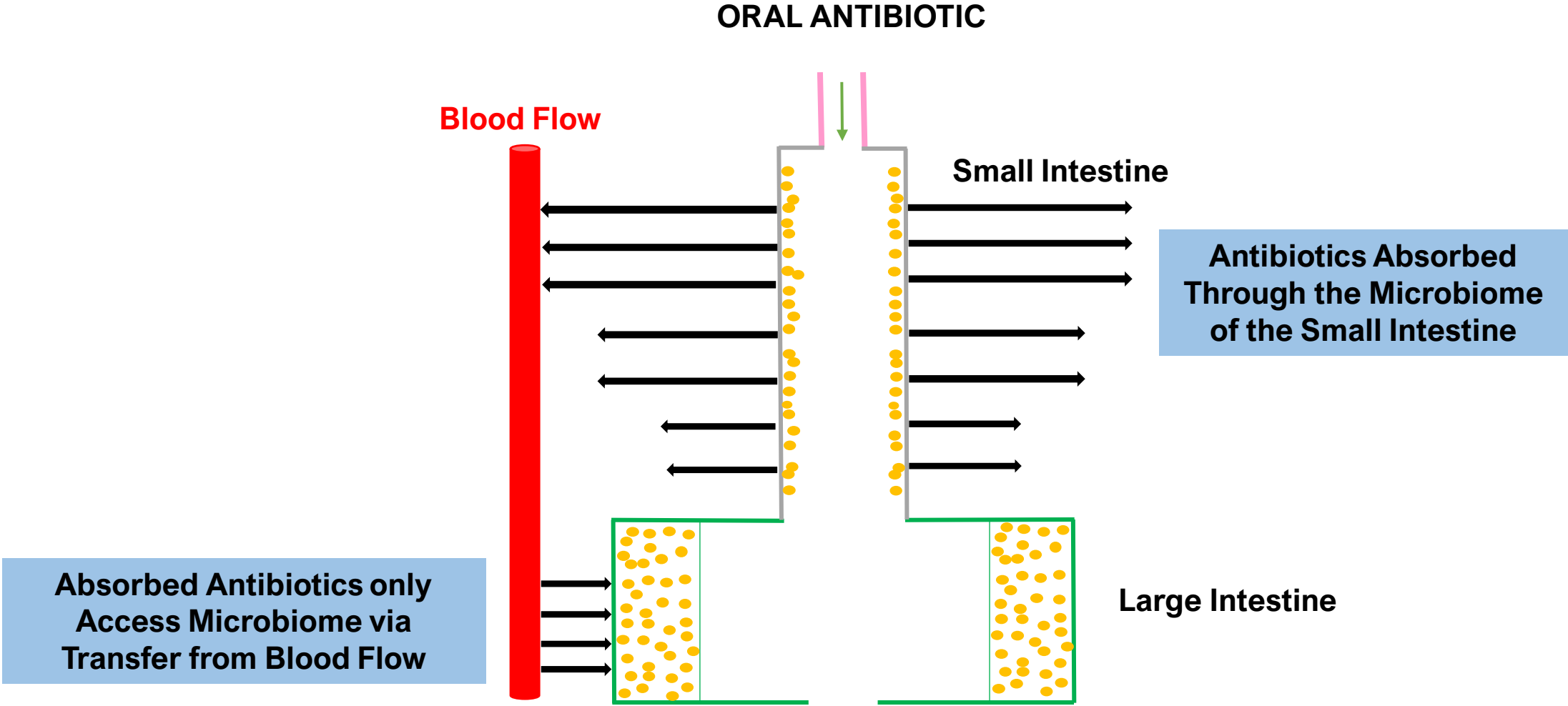
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# Differential Effects of Antibiotics on the Intestinal Microbiome



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# Differential Effects of Antibiotics on the Intestinal Microbiome

Antibiotic Administration	Disruption of Microbiome	
	Small Intestine	Large Intestine
Oral Absorbed Antibiotics	High	Low
Oral Non-absorbed Antibiotics	High	High
Intravenous Antibiotics	Moderate	Low



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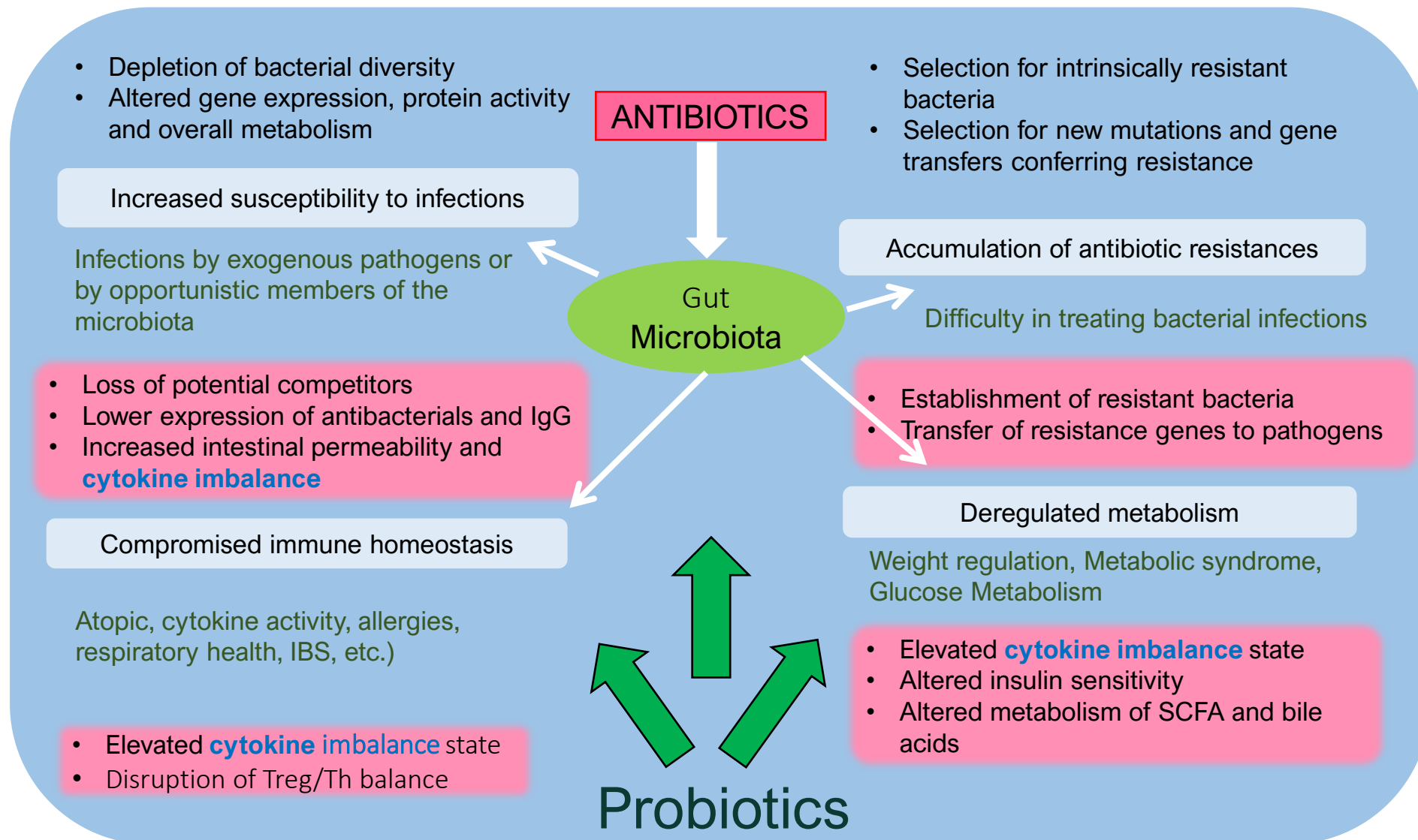
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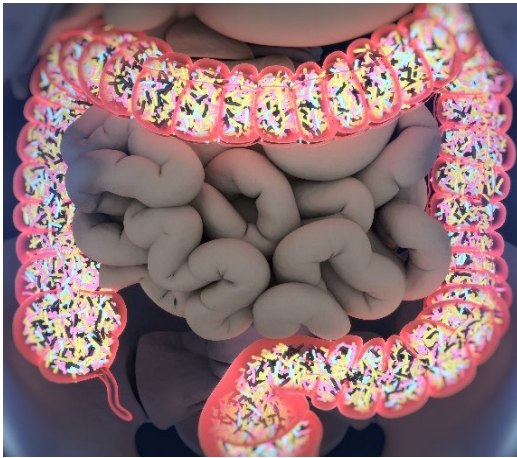
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# Microbial Balance and Potential Health Risks



# Conditions Associated with Dysbiosis



- NEC
- Allergy
- Obesity
- Type 1 Diabetes

Strong early life association

- AAD
- CDI
- IBD
- IBS
- Diabetes T2, Metabolic Syndrome
- CVD
- Abnormal Cell Growth
- Depression, Stress, Anxiety



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# Antibiotic Use Prenatally and in Early Life

- Loss of microbial diversity, increase of antibiotic resistance
- Antibiotic treatment for more than 5 days in premature infants is associated with an increased risk of late-onset sepsis, NEC and overall mortality
- Increased risk of infections, eczema, hay fever food allergy, asthma
- Increased risk of childhood obesity
- Increased risk of type 1 diabetes
- Increased risk of type 2 diabetes associated with repeated use
- Behavioural difficulties and greater number of depression symptoms

(Neuman et al, FEMS Microbiol Rev 2018; Langdon et al, Genome Medicine 2016)



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# Antibiotics in Early Life and Obesity

## **Philadelphia cohort study with 64,580 children:**

- 69% children were exposed to antibiotics before age 24 months
- Mean of 2.3 episodes per child
- Cumulative exposure to antibiotics was associated with obesity at ages 24 to 59 months (RR=1.11, 95%CI: 1.02, 1.21 for  $\geq 4$  episodes)

(Bailey LC et al, JAMA Pediatr 2014)

## **In UK retrospective cohort study with 21,714 children:**

- the administration of 3 or more courses of antibiotics prior to age 2 years is associated with an increased risk of obesity at 4 years
- 3-5 prescriptions: OR=1.41, 95%CI: 1.20, 1.65
- $\geq 6$  prescriptions: OR=1.47, 95%CI: 1.19, 1.82

(Scott FI et al, Gastroenterology 2016)



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# The Need for Probiotics and The Repercussions of Microbial Imbalance

- The indigenous microbiota helps maintains normal function across a multitude of physiologies
- Microbial imbalance interrupts this beneficial homeostasis, with the potential to exacerbate existing conditions or cause adverse health situations
- Probiotics have the ability to:
  - prevent microbial imbalance from occurring e.g symptom of AAD
  - rectify a state of microbial imbalance and restore homeostasis e.g relief of IBS/IBD
  - create a more beneficial homeostasis e.g reduction of URTI in healthy individuals, athletic performance



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# Antibiotics and Associated Diarrhea

- The incidence rate of AAD ranges from 3.2% to 29% depending on antibiotic type and demographics
- Among all AAD cases, 10-20% are associated with CDAD
- The spectrum of CDAD varies from diarrhoea, pseudo-membranous colitis to toxic megacolon and death
- Individuals taking antibiotics are 7 to 10 times more likely to get *C. difficile* infection than people without antibiotic treatment (*CDC report 2017*)
- 15,000 deaths per year are caused by *C. difficile* infection (*CDC report 2017*)

(Elseviers et al, BMC Infect Dis 2015; Goldenberg et al, Cochrane Dat Syst Rev 2017 )



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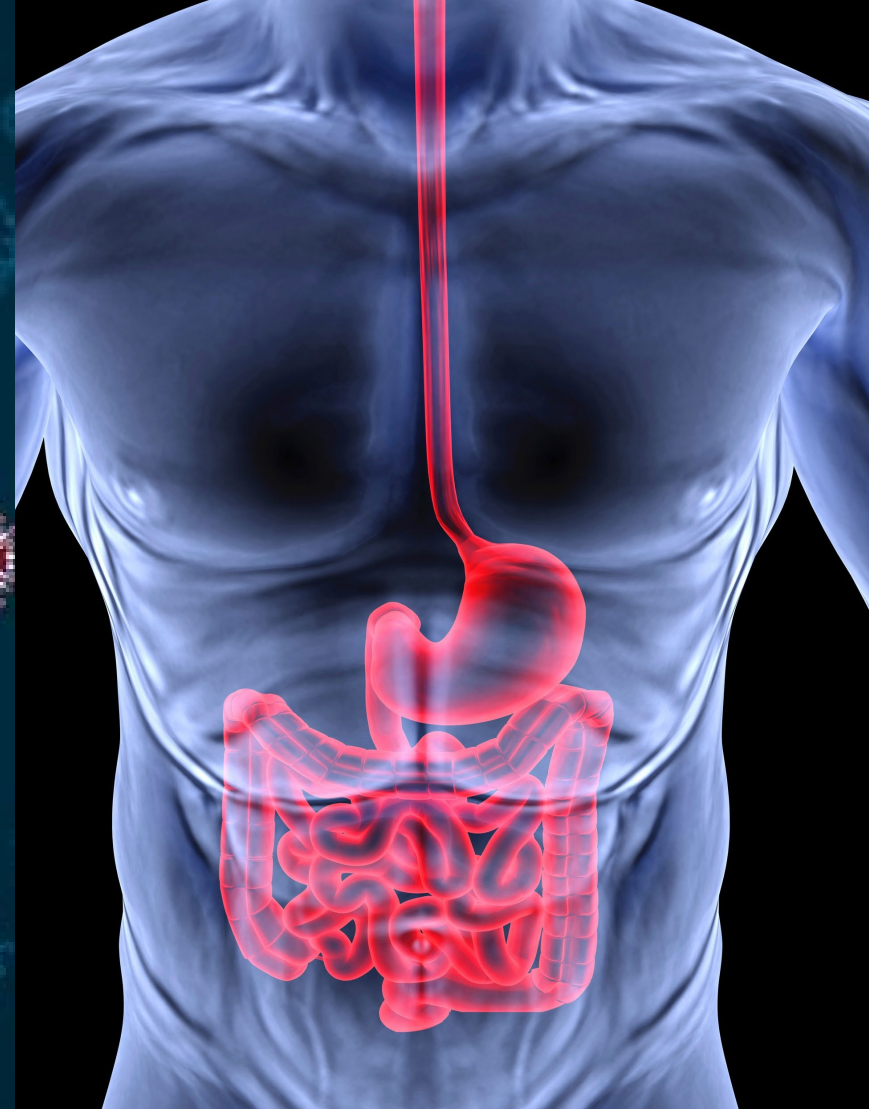
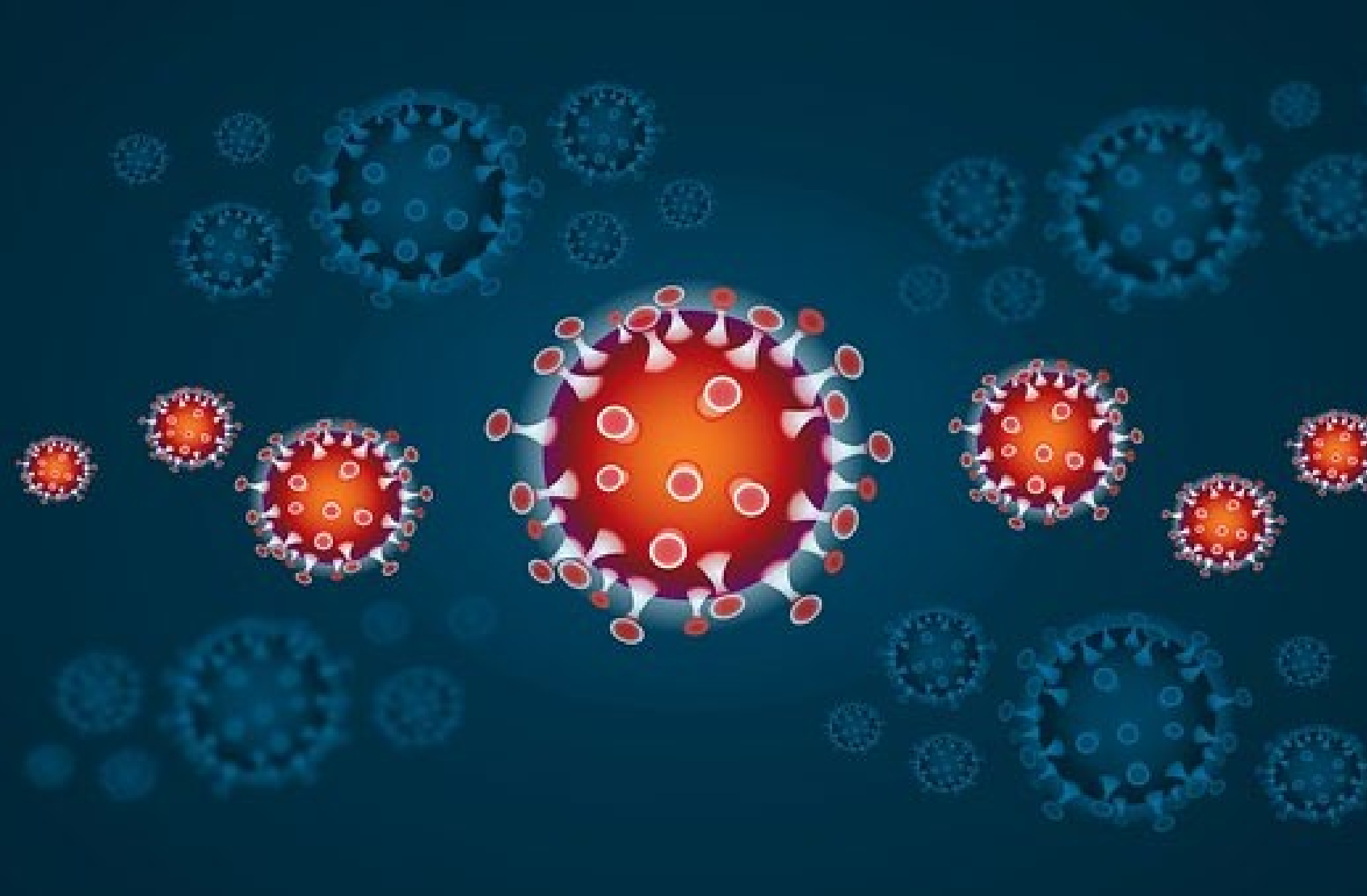


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# CLINICAL EFFECTS OF HMF PROBIOTICS ON INTESTINAL HEALTH

# The Cambridge Antibiotic Probiotic Trials





# The Cambridge HMF *Clostridium difficile* Trial

AIM: Efficacy of HMF probiotics to prevent or reduce *Clostridium difficile* infection and associated diarrhoea in patients receiving antibiotics.

## TRIAL DESIGN:

- Randomised, double blind, placebo-controlled study
- 138 patients initiating antibiotic therapy were randomly assigned to take daily either 25 billion HMF probiotics or placebo for 20 days with faecal samples taken at day 0 and 20
- Incidence of the following were monitored:
  1. Presence of *C.difficile*
  2. Presence of *C.difficile* toxin
  3. Incidence of *C.difficile* diarrhoea



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# The Cambridge HMF Clostridium difficile Trial - Results

## 1. Incidence of *C.difficile*:

**Placebo:** 13.0%

**HMF:** 15.9%

## 2. Incidence of *C.difficile* toxin:

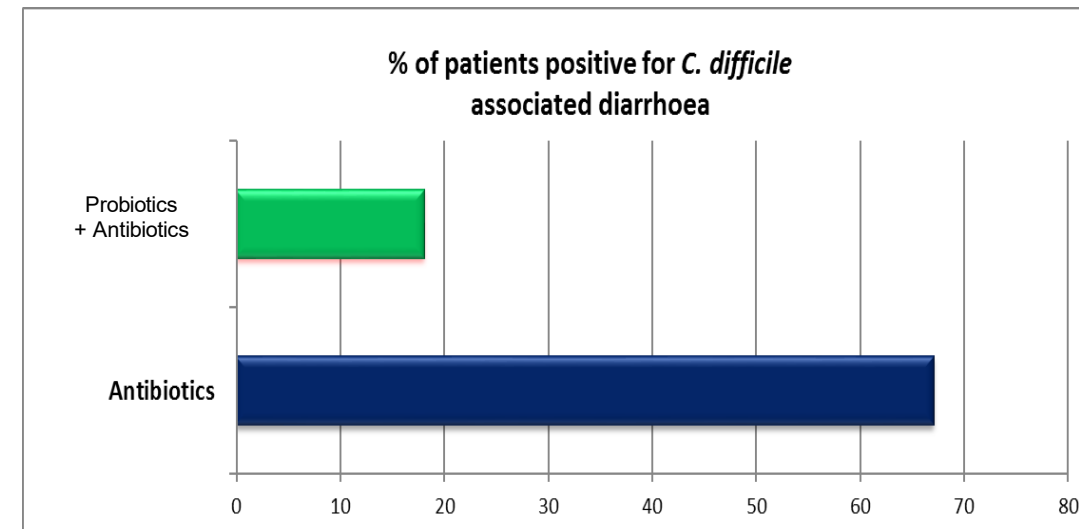
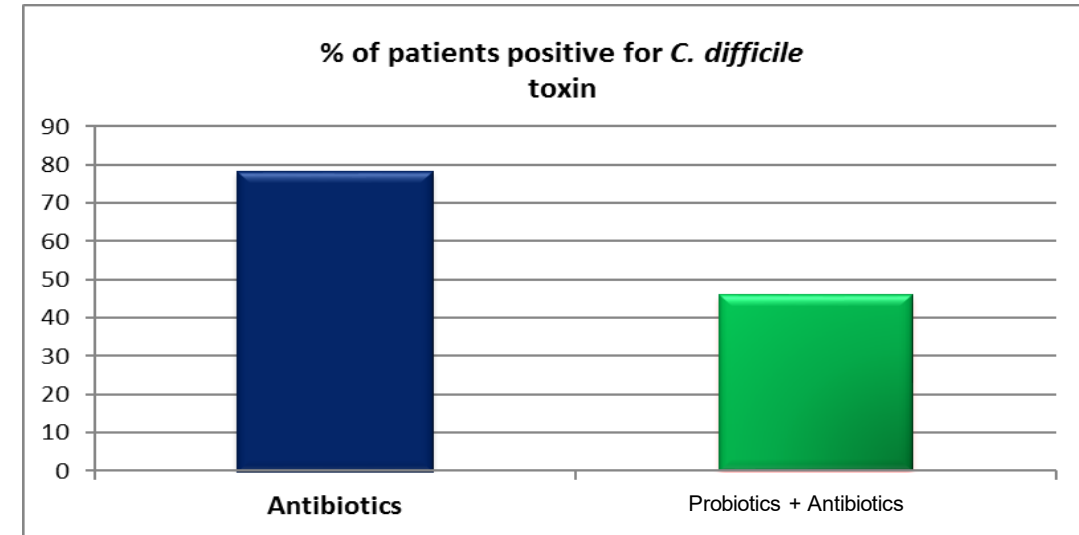
**Placebo:** 78% of positives

**HMF:** 46% of positives

## 3. Development of *C.difficile* associated diarrhoea:

**Placebo:** 67% of positives

**HMF:** 18% of positives



Plummer et al 2005, Int J Antimicrob Agents 26; 69-74



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# The Cambridge HMF Antibiotic Trial 1

## Opportunistic Pathogen Re-growth Following Antibiotic Therapy

### Aim:

- To investigate the effect of antibiotics on re-growth of opportunistic pathogens
- To investigate the effect of HMF probiotics on this opportunistic pathogen re-growth

### Trial Design:

	Treatment	Period (days)
	Antibiotics + Placebo	1 - 7
	Placebo	8 - 15
	Antibiotics + Placebo	1 - 7
	25 billion HMF probiotics	8 - 15
	Antibiotics + 25 billion HMF probiotics	1 - 7
	25 billion HMF probiotics	8 - 15

### Opportunistic pathogens measured:

- Total facultative anaerobes
- Enterobacteria
- Enterococci
- Staphylococci

Samples collection: Days 1 (control), 7, 12, 17 and 27

Madden et al 2005, Int Immunopharm 5; 1091-97



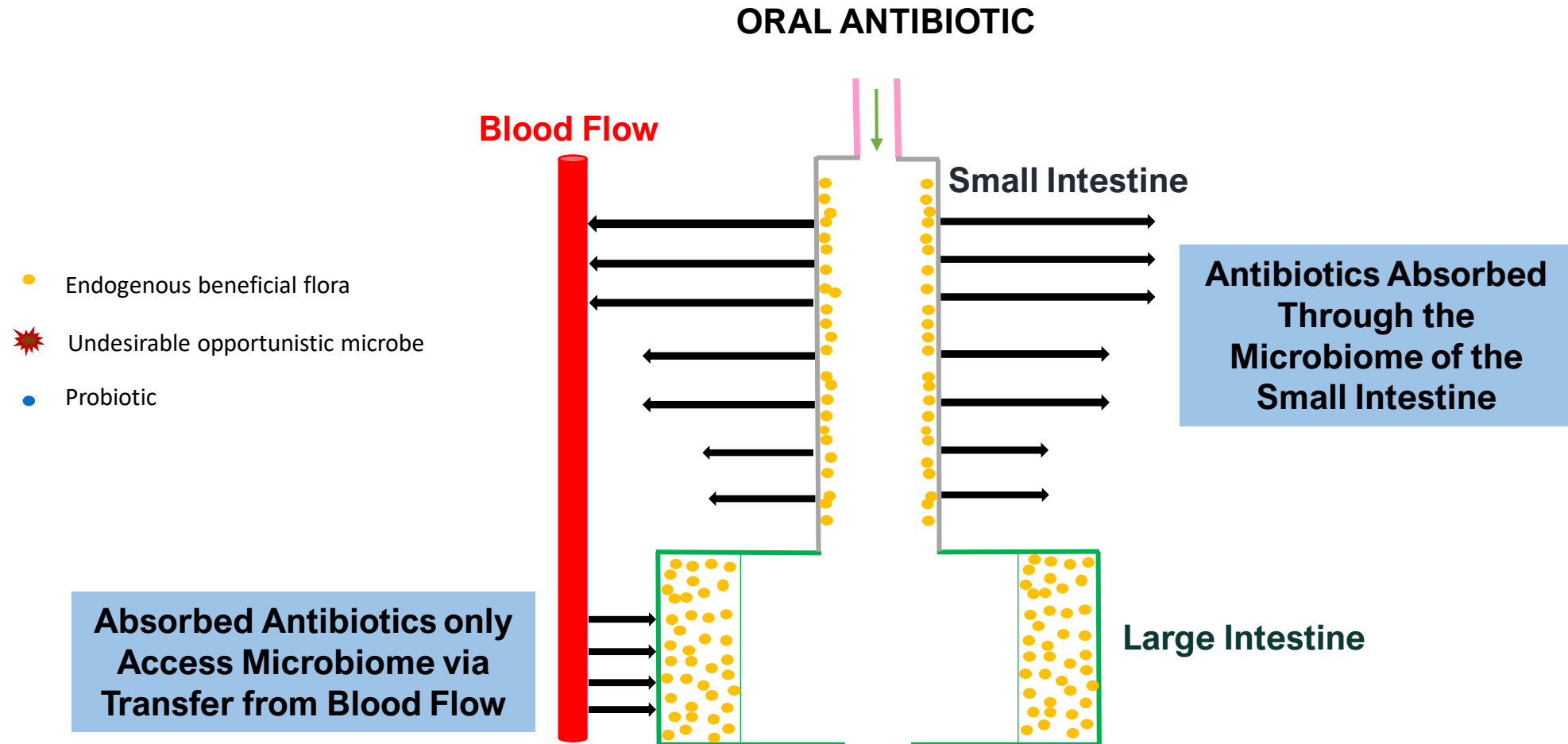
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# The Effect of Antibiotics on the Gut Flora



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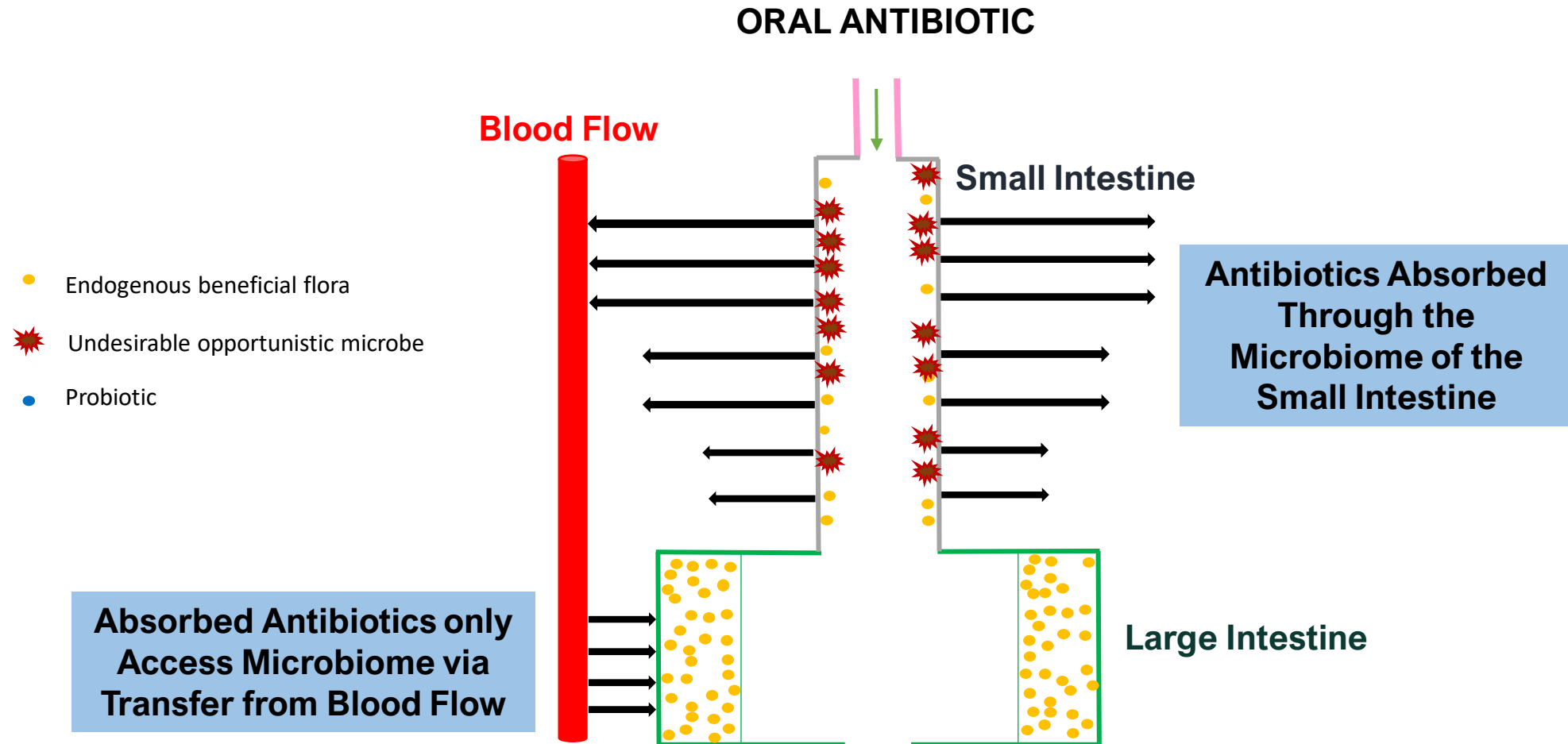
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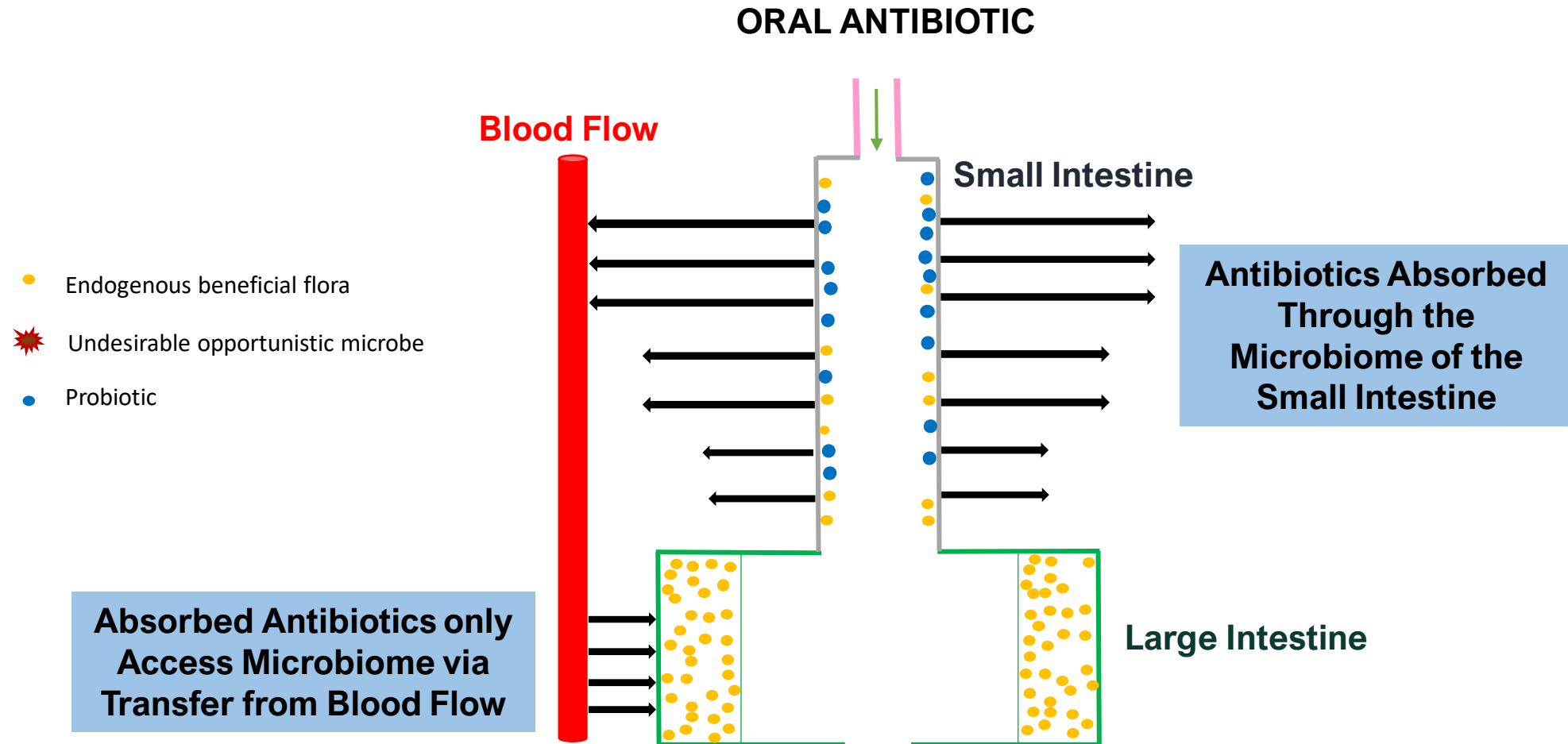
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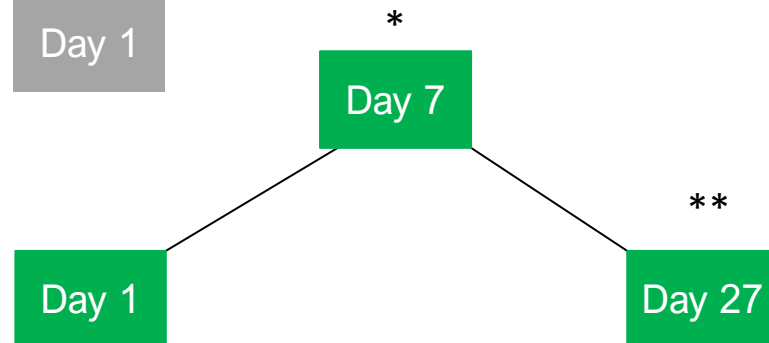
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# The Cambridge HMF Antibiotic Trial 1 - Results

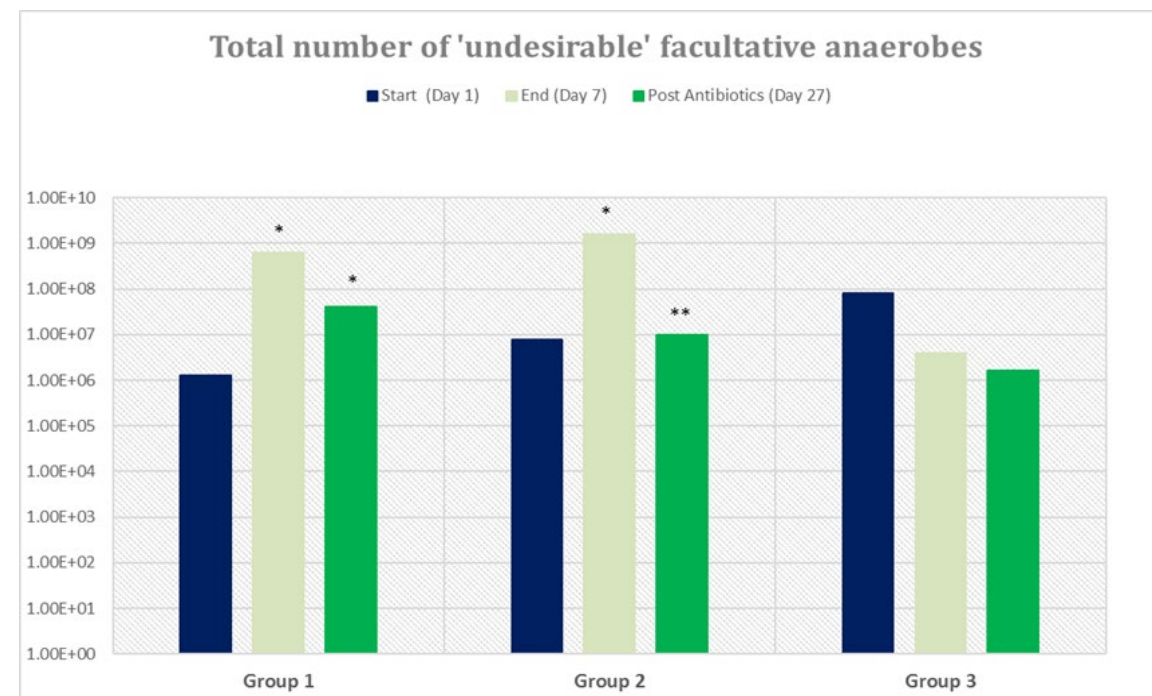
Antibiotic/ Placebo



Antibiotic  
followed by HMF



Antibiotic **with** and  
followed by HMF



Madden et al 2005, Int Immunopharm 5; 1091-97



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# **Can Co-administration of Probiotics Alongside Antibiotics Reduce Antibiotic Resistance?**



# The Cambridge HMF Antibiotic Trial 2

## Antibiotic Resistance in the Re-growth Microbiota

**AIM:** The effect of HMF probiotics on the antibiotic resistance in the re-growth gut microbiota following antibiotic therapy.

### TRIAL DESIGN:

- Randomised, double blind, placebo-controlled study
- 155 patients requiring antibiotic therapy were randomly assigned to take daily either 25 billion HMF probiotics or placebo for 21 days in conjunction with antibiotics
- Sample collection: day 1 (start), day 7 (the end of antibiotic treatment) and day 35 (4 weeks post antibiotic treatment)
- Gut microbiota disruption and antibiotic resistance were investigated

Plummer et al 2005, Int J Antimicrob Agents 26; 69-74

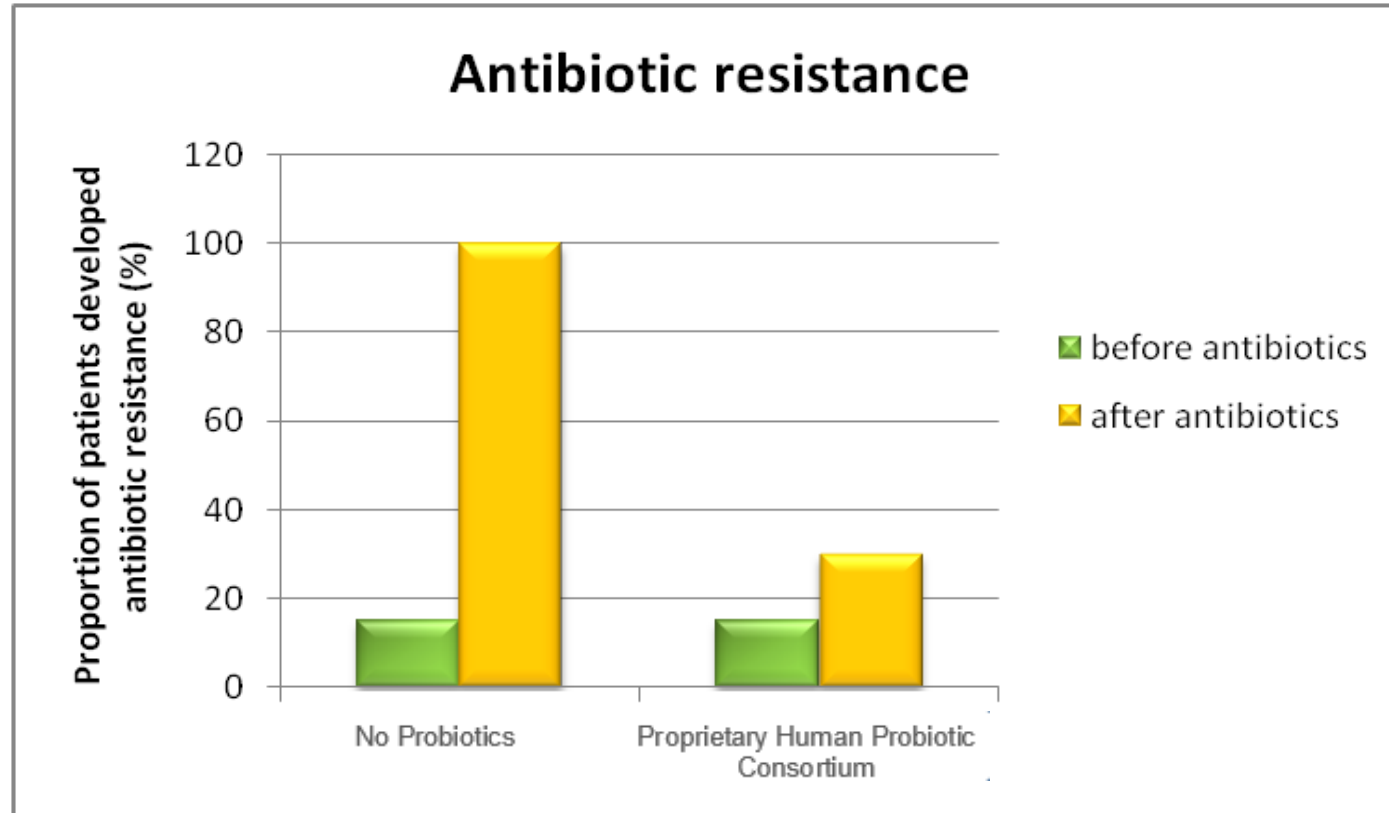


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# The Cambridge HMF Antibiotic Trial 2 - Results



- The types measured were the Enterococci
- At the start, about 18% of patients had detectable levels of antibiotic resistant Enterococci.
- After the trial, the control group 100% of patients developed detectable levels of antibiotic resistant Enterococci, whereas only 30% of the probiotic group had detectable levels of antibiotic resistant Enterococci



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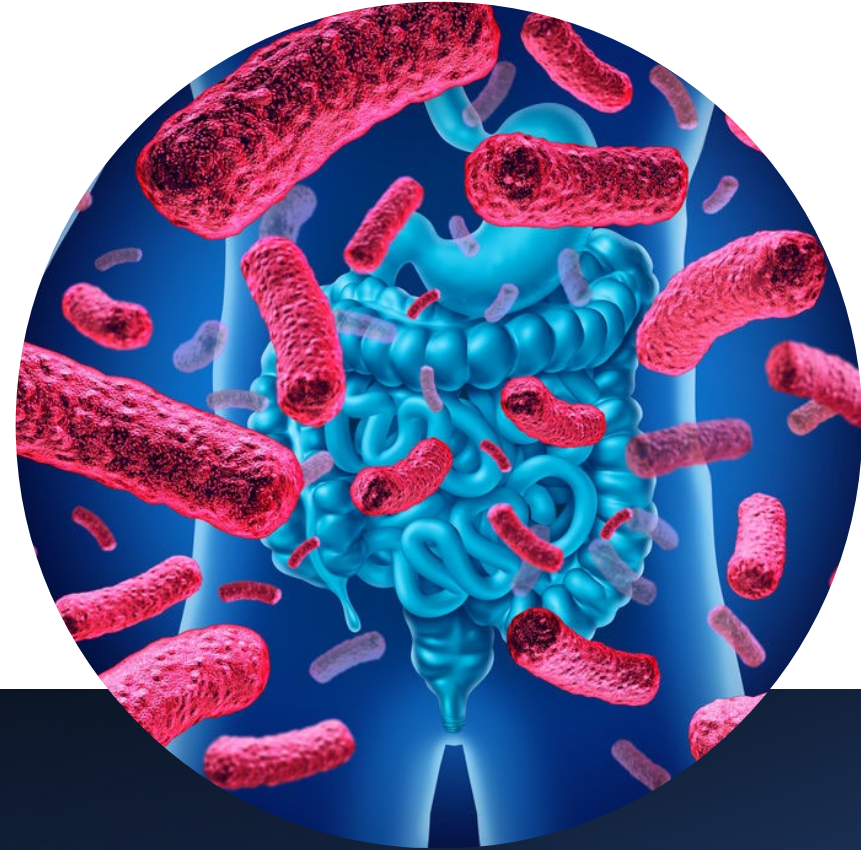
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# The FANTIB Study





# HMF Travel



## Overview

HMF® Travel combines five probiotic strains to support gastrointestinal health when travelling. The shelf-stable convenient capsule format is ideal for your vacation!

## Benefits

- 35 billion CFU per day in a shelf-stable format
- Helps to reduce the risk of traveller's diarrhoea and occasional diarrhoea\*
- Includes *Saccharomyces boulardii* plus four proprietary probiotic strains
- Potency guaranteed through expiration



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Gluten  
Free



Soy  
Free



Dairy  
Free



No  
FOS



Vegan

## Medicinal Ingredients

### EACH TABLET CONTAINS:

<b>Probiotic Consortium</b> .....	17.5 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> (CUL-60 & Cul-21).....	9.375 billion CFU
<i>Saccharomyces boulardii</i> (CNCM-I-1079).....	5 billion CFU
<i>Bifidobacterium animalis subsp. Lactis</i> (CUL-34) & <i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i> (CUL-20).....	3.125 billion CFU

\*Antibiotic-associated diarrhoea



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# Does Co-administration of Probiotics Alongside Antibiotics Reduce Antibiotic Resistance?

## THE FANTIB STUDY

### TRIAL DESIGN:

- Randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial
- 50 adults receiving oral antibiotics for 5 to 10 days with or without probiotic supplementation of HMF-T Consortium for 10 days.
  - HMF Consortium-T is a combination of:
    - 25 billion CFU of the HMF Consortium - 25 BILLION CFU
    - And 10 billion CFU of *Saccharomyces bouladrii* (CNCM-I-1079) for 10 days.

(Clinical study undertaken in Bulgaria)

		Placebo (n=25)	Probiotic (n=25)
Antibiotic Class	β-Lactams	13 (52%)	14 (56%)
	Macrolides	12 (48%)	11 (44%)
Antibiotic	Amoxicillin	5 (20%)	5 (20%)
	Cephalosporins	8 (32%)	9 (36%)
	Azithromycin	5 (20%)	7 (28%)
	Clarithromycin	6 (24%)	3 (12%)
	Clindamycin	0 (0%)	1 (4%)
	Spiramycin	1 (4%)	0 (0%)
Length (Days)	5	15 (60%)	14 (56%)
	6	4 (16%)	3 (12%)
	7	5 (20%)	6 (24%)
	8	0 (0%)	1 (4%)
	9	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	10	1 (4%)	1 (4%)



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# Does Co-administration of Probiotics Alongside Antibiotics Reduce Antibiotic Resistance?

## THE FANTIB STUDY

### TRIAL METHODS:

- Faecal samples were taken at T0 (baseline), T10, and T30.
- Microbial DNA was extracted from all 150 faecal samples. These samples underwent Shotgun metagenomic sequencing.
- Shotgun sequencing allows:
  - Identification and visualisation of microbial diversity
  - Quantification of total levels of antibiotic resistant genes (ARG's), and resistance to individual antibiotic types



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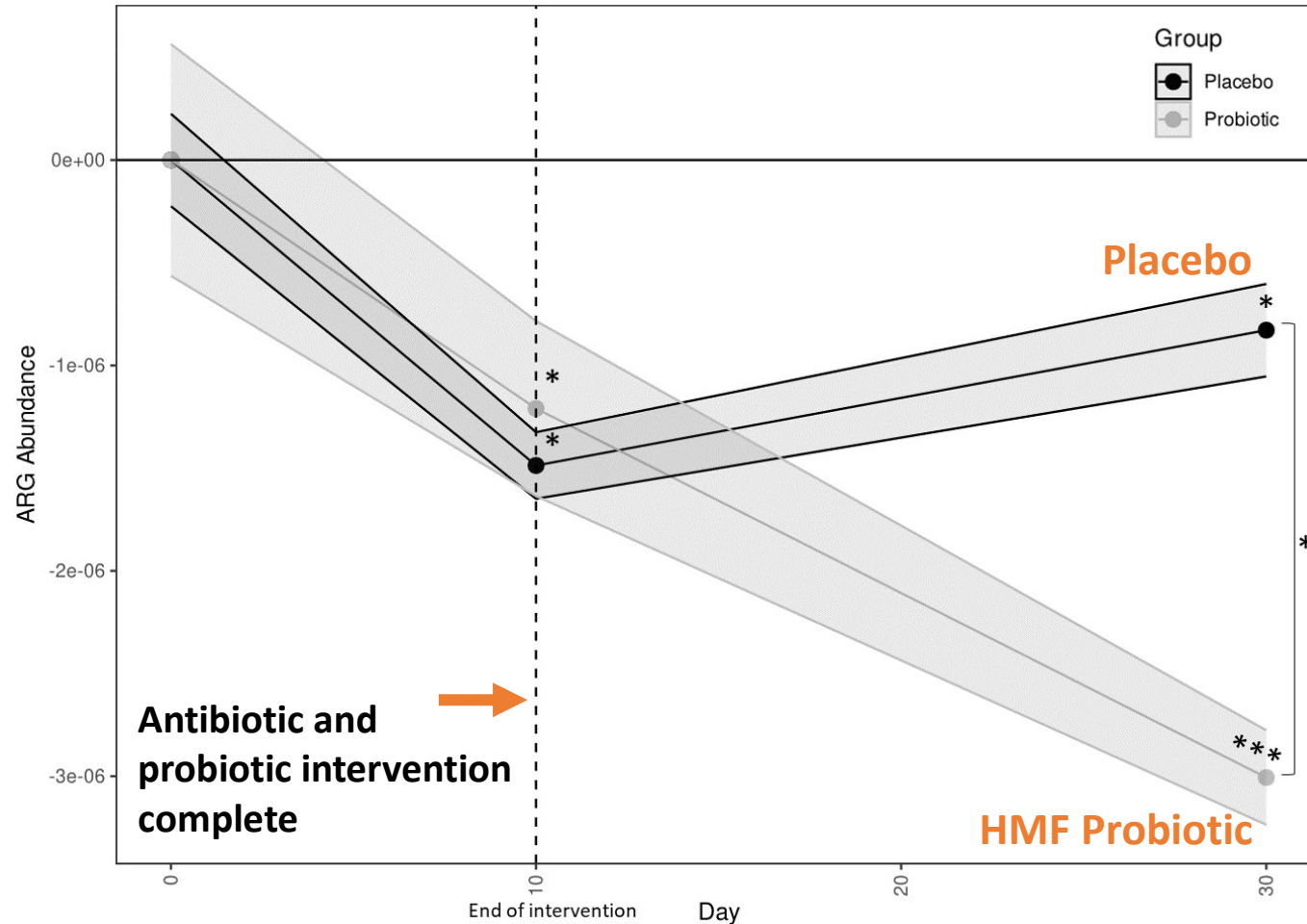


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# Results and Conclusions

## 'HOT OFF THE PRESS' RESULTS



## THE FANTIB STUDY

- The total level of antibiotic resistant genes in the microbiota decreased in both the probiotic and placebo groups during the intervention period.
- This is due to the total numbers of bacteria in the gut being reduced including the partially resistant bacteria still being sensitive to the antibiotic and hence the total
- Following the end of intervention, the total ARG levels increased in the placebo group but decreased in the probiotic group
- HMF-T Consortium Probiotic supplementation significantly reduced total antibiotic resistance in patients taking antibiotics. HMF-T Consortium is a combination of HMF Consortium - 25 BILLION CFU and 10 billion CFU of *Saccharomyces bouladrii* (CNCM-I-1079)
- **This effect was clear at 30 days ( 20 days after final intervention, and so is likely to be a PERMANENT effect.**



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# Summary

Antibiotic resistance is probably the biggest global threat to human healthcare in the 21st century

## By 2050

- Global cumulative cost of antibiotic resistance will reach **100 trillion US Dollars**
- **10 million people** dying every year due to antibiotic resistance

(O'Neill J, Antimicrobial Resistance: Tackling a Crisis for the Health and Wealth of Nations 2014)



- This is the second study where HMF Probiotics have demonstrated the ability to reduce levels of antibiotic resistance in the regrowth microbiota following co-administration with antibiotic therapy.
- **This is the only proactive intervention that has been shown to potentially decelerate the progression of antibiotic resistance. Everything else is based upon limitation of antibiotic use.**
- **If this can be demonstrated to be a consistent effect, then it provides a compelling rationale for probiotics to become a compulsory adjunctive therapy alongside antibiotics.**



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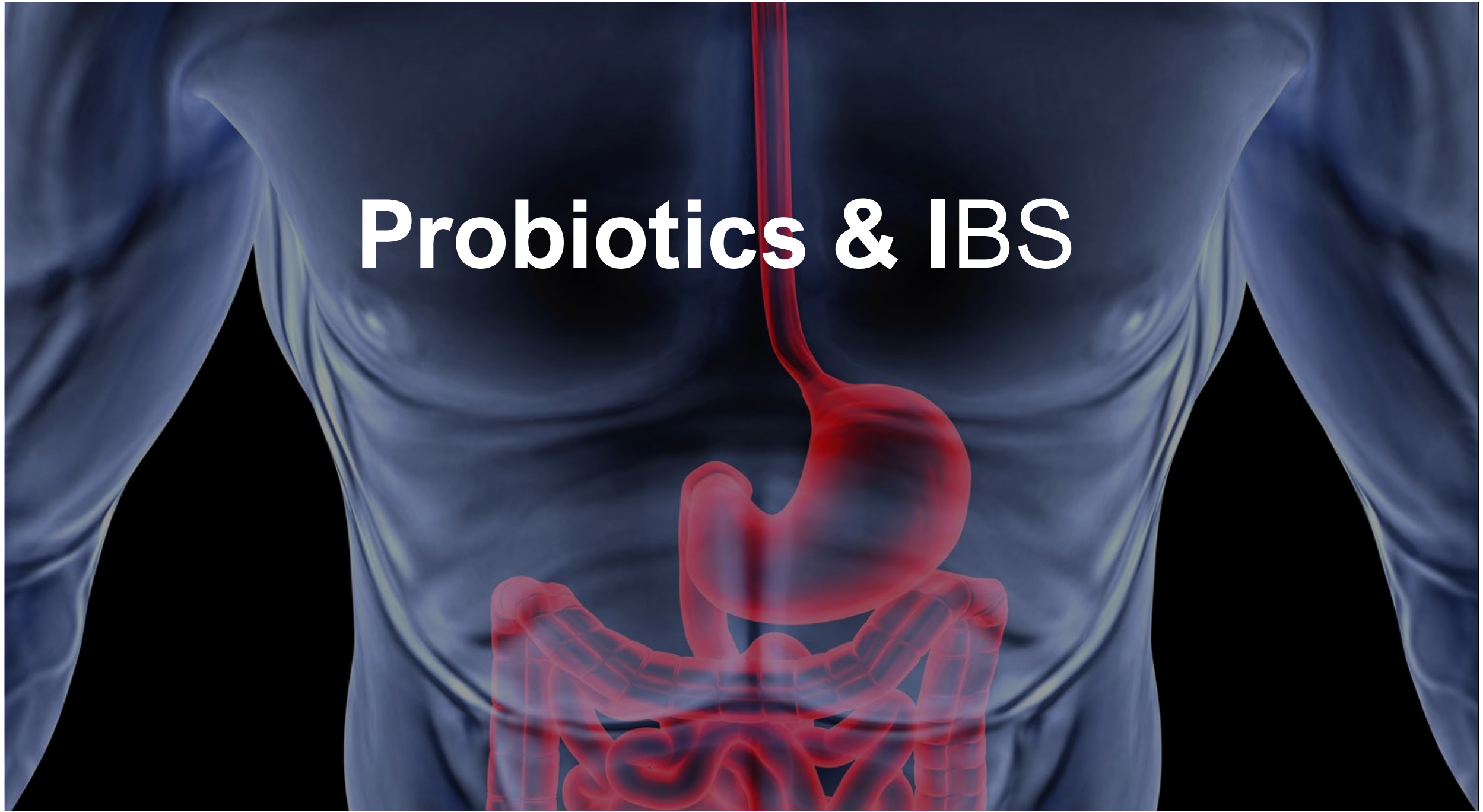
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# Probiotics & IBS



# The Sheffield IBS Studies





# HMF Intensive / HMF IBS Relief

25  
Billion

CFU per capsule formulation of Genestra HMF Probiotics  
Consisting of the **exact 4 core strains** included in the most broadly studied consortium

Clinically proven to:

- Promote favorable gut flora and support gastrointestinal health
- Effectively crosstalk with many parts of our physiology, supporting:
  - Immune health and function in adults
  - Cognitive function in adults
  - Significant reduction in symptoms of Irritable Bowel Syndrome in IBS sufferers and athletes
  - Reduction in the incidence of antibiotic resistance
  - Prevention antibiotic associated diarrhea (AAD) in adults
  - Athletic performance in endurance athletes
  - Reduction in intestinal permeability in adult athletes

Owen L et al *Proceedings of the Nutrition Society* 2014, 73: E29

Williams EA et al, *Aliment Pharmacol Ther* 2009, 29:97-103

Plummer et al 2005, *Int J Antimicrob Agents* 26; 69-74

Pugh JN et al *Eur J Appl Physiol* 2019, 119 (7): 1491-1501



**Refrigerated Options**

**Shelf-stable Options**

<b>Probiotic Consortium/ Consortium probiotique</b> .....	25 billion CFU/ milliards d'UFC
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> (CUL-60 & CUL-21) .....	19 billion CFU/ milliards d'UFC
<i>Bifidobacterium animalis</i> subsp. <i>lactis</i> (CUL-34) & <i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i> (CUL-20) .....	6 billion CFU/ milliards d'UFC

Effective formulation for IBS symptom relief (adults and children 11 years and older)  
Perfect for anyone requiring a daily therapeutic dose, and/or who may be sensitive to fructooligosaccharides (FOS).



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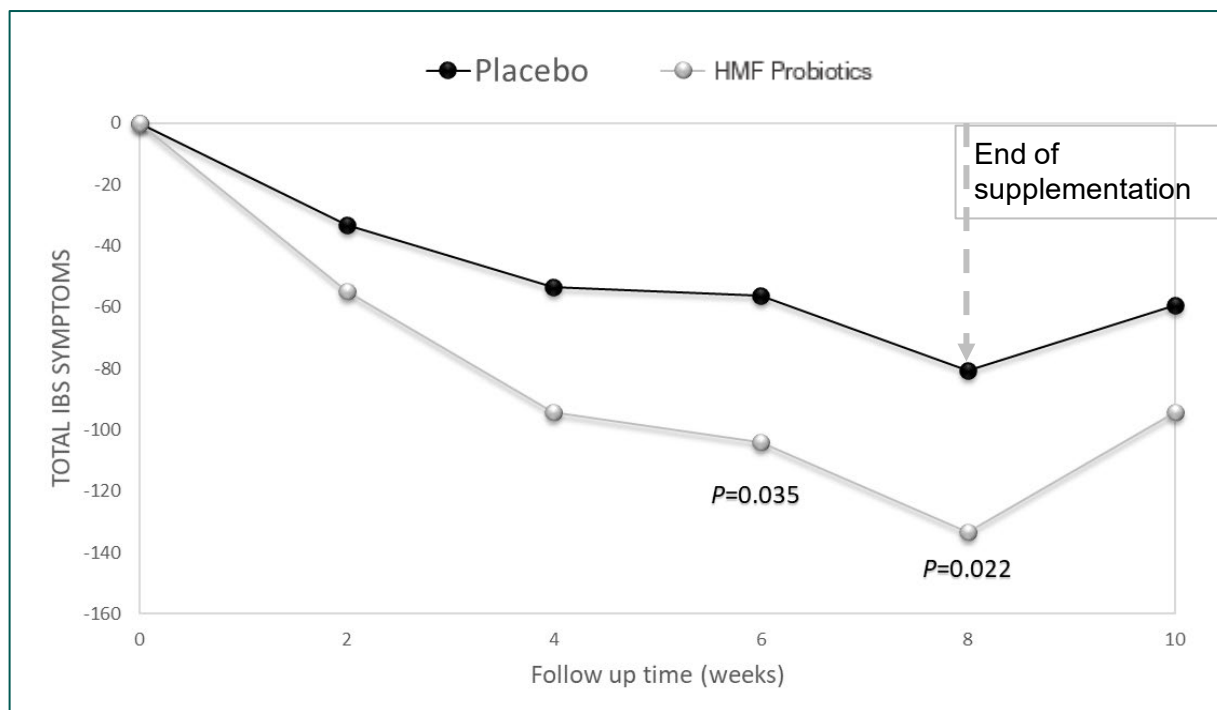
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# Irritable Bowel Syndrome Study 1 – 2009 (IBS Related Outcomes)

IBS sufferers randomly assigned to take daily either 25 billion HMF Probiotics or a matching placebo for 8 weeks. IBS symptoms assessed every two weeks during the study period and again at 10 weeks (2 weeks after taking the HMF Probiotics/placebo).



Total IBS symptoms:

- Frequency of pain
- Severity of pain
- Bloating
- Satisfaction with bowel habit
- Quality of Life

**THE SHEFFIELD IBS TRIAL:**  
HMF Consortium - 25 BILLION CFU

Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL60
Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL21
Bifidobacterium bifidum	CUL20
Bifidobacterium animalis sbsp. lactis	CUL34

Significant difference observed in the probiotic group despite strong placebo effect  
Continuous supplementation is necessary to sustain the effect.

Williams EA et al, Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2009, 29:97-103



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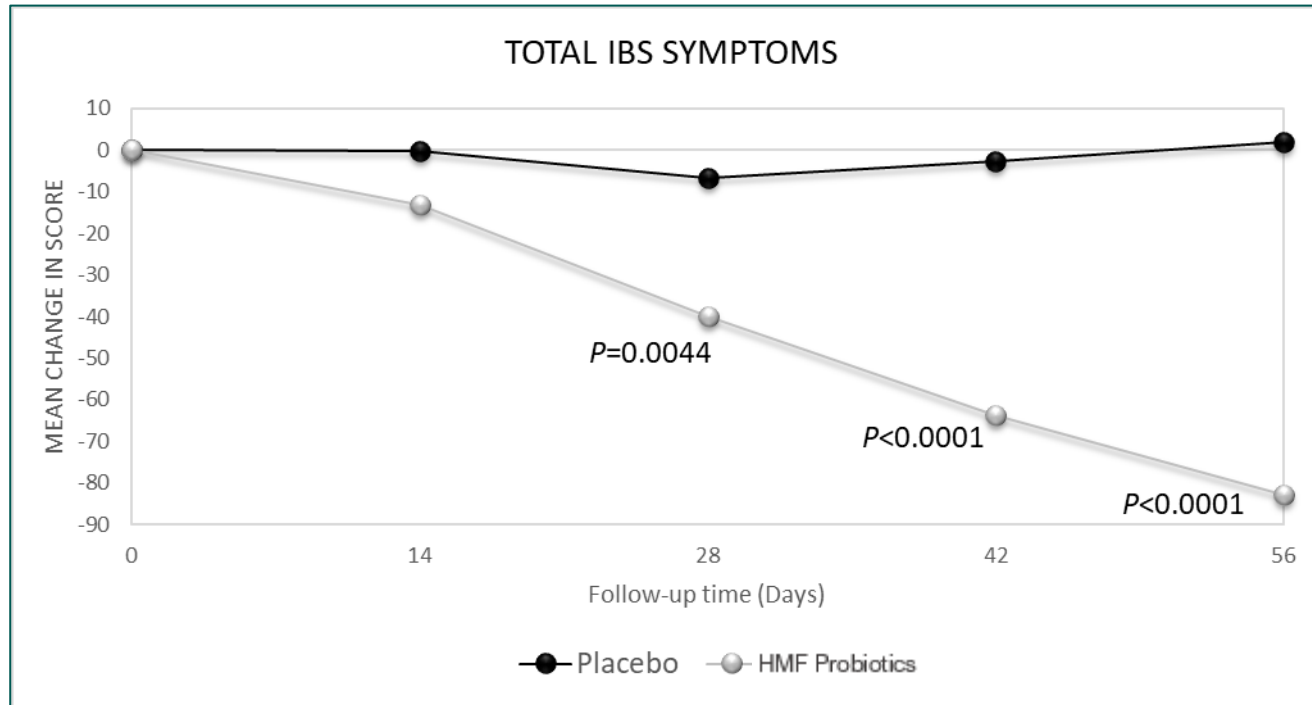


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# Irritable Bowel Syndrome Study 2 – 2022 (IBS Related Outcomes)

Female IBS sufferers randomly assigned to take daily either 25 billion HMF Probiotics probiotics or a matching placebo for 8 weeks. IBS symptoms assessed every two weeks during the study period (days 0, 14, 28, 42 and 56).



## THE SHEFFIELD IBS TRIAL: HMF Consortium - 25 BILLION CFU

Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL60
Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL21
Bifidobacterium bifidum	CUL20
Bifidobacterium animalis sbsp. lactis	CUL34

Significant reductions in IBS scores with HMF Probiotic supplementation  
Two probiotic studies demonstrated the beneficial effect of HMF Probiotics in the management of IBS

Michael DR et al, manuscript submitted



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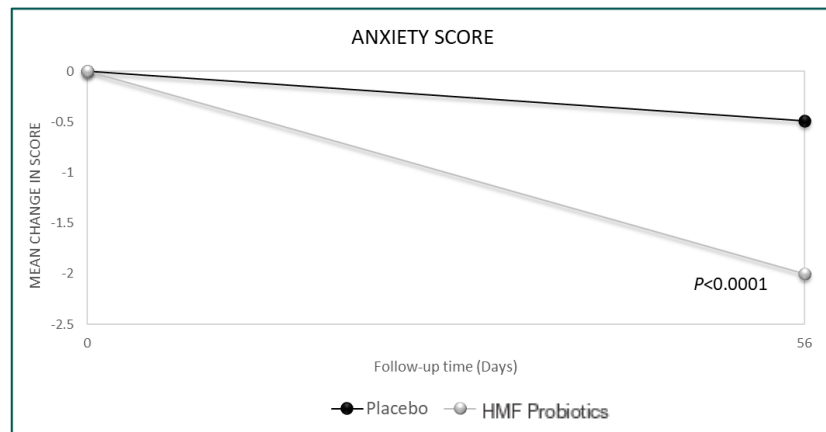
# Irritable Bowel Syndrome Study 2 – 2022 (Mental Health Related Outcomes)

Female IBS sufferers randomly assigned to take daily either 25 billion HMF Probiotics or a matching placebo for 8 weeks. The HADS and IBS-BRQ questionnaires were completed at days 0 and 56.

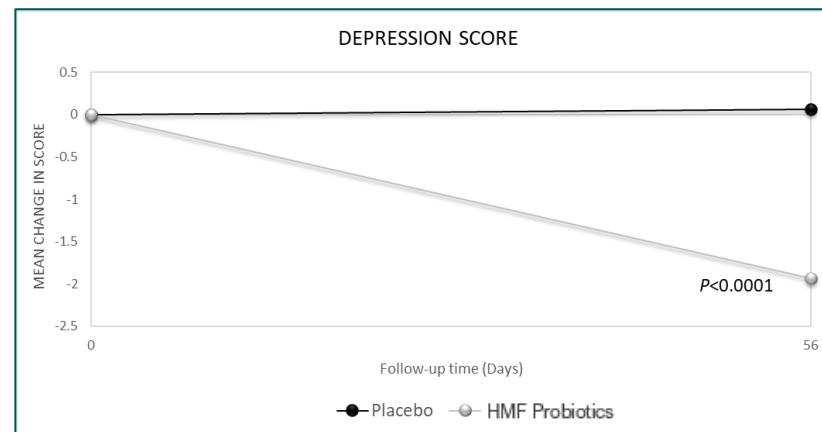
## HMF Consortium - 25 BILLION CFU

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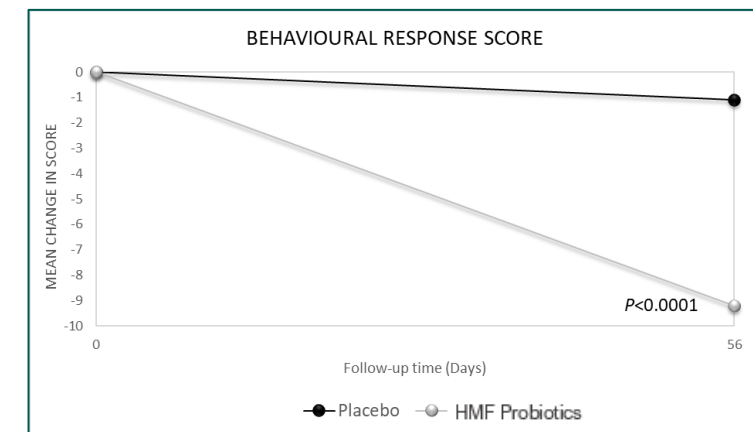
### ANXIETY



### DEPRESSION



### AVOIDANCE BEHAVIOUR



HMF Probioticsb4 supplementation has a beneficial impact on the mental health of IBS sufferers

Michael DR et al, manuscript submitted



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# The Cambridge IBS Study

Effects of probiotics on the  
caecal and faecal microbiota  
of irritable bowel syndrome  
patients receiving antibiotics:  
A pilot study



# Effect of Probiotic on Fungal Overgrowth in the Caecal Flora of IBS Patients Receiving Antibiotic Therapy

## AIM:

- To investigate the role of antibiotics and probiotic on the:
  - Caecal mucosal microbiota ( from biopsy)
  - Caecal lumen microbiota ( from biopsy)
  - Faecal microbiota

**First ever microbiota trial conducted on human caecal tissue.**

1. Biopsy samples taken on day 0 and 14
2. Faecal samples taken on days 0,14, and 28
3. Antibiotics given days 7-14
4. HMF Consortium - 25 billion CFU per day given from days 0 -14
5. 6 patients in each group- ethical approval!

*Plummer S, et al 2013 Effects of probiotics on the caecal and faecal microbiota of Irritable Bowel Syndrome patients receiving antibiotics: a pilot study. Short Communication. ENGIHR, Valencia, Spain, 18-20th September 2013, pg183-6*

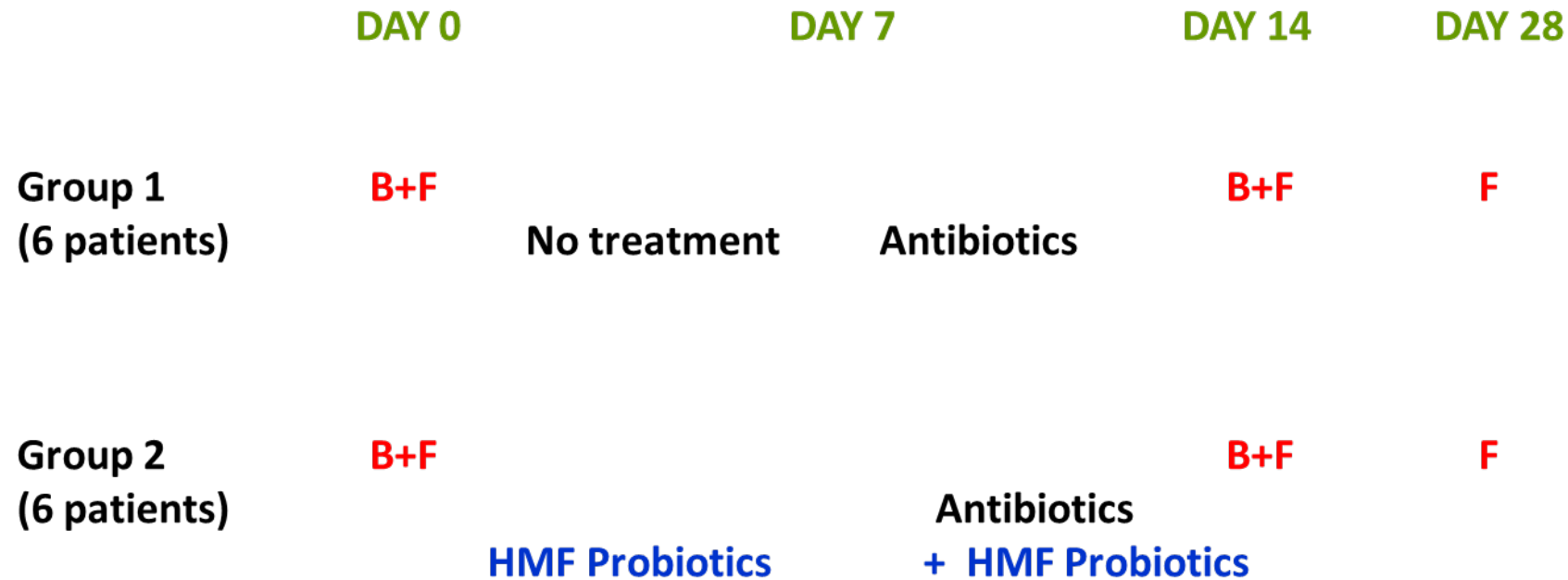


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# Caecal Trial Design



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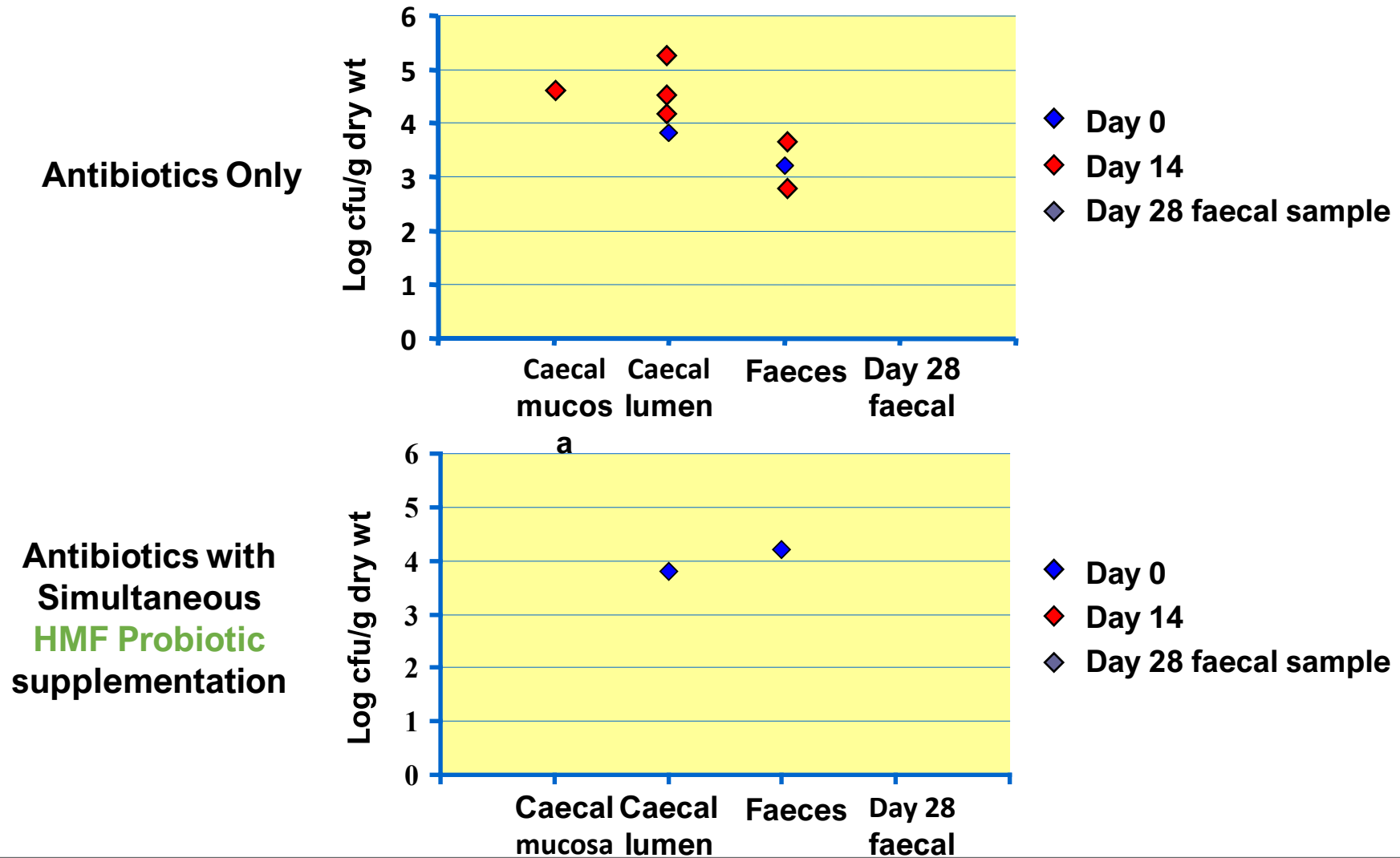
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# Effects of Antibiotics Alone and with HMF Probiotics on the Incidence of *Candida albicans* in IBS Patients



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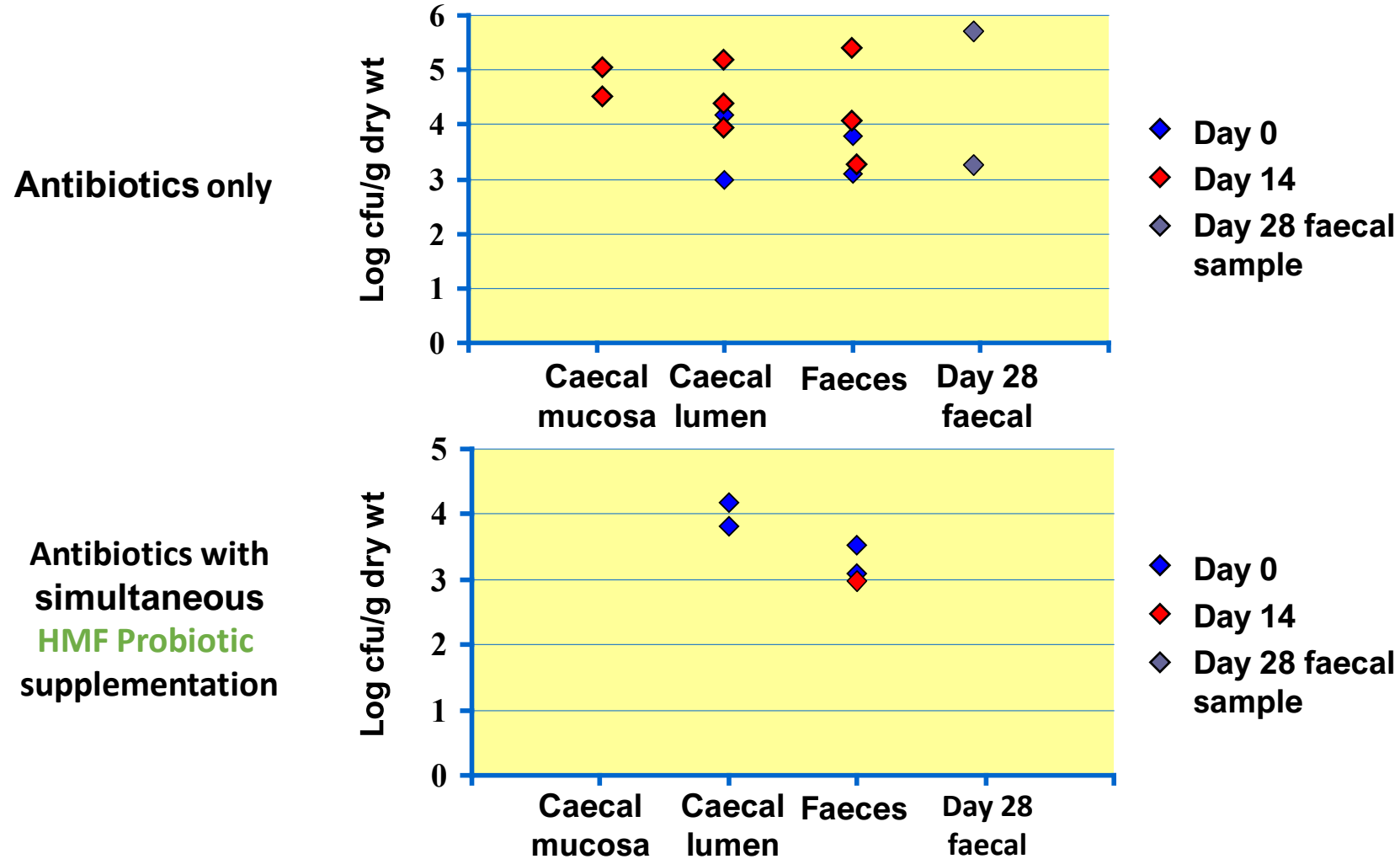


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# Effects of Antibiotics Alone and with HMF Probiotics on the Incidence of Total Yeast Infection *in IBS* Patients



Plummer S, et al 2013 Effects of probiotics on the caecal and faecal microbiota of Irritable Bowel Syndrome patients receiving antibiotics: a pilot study. Short Communication. ENGIHR, Valencia, Spain, 18-20th September 2013, pg183-6



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# HMF Antibiotic Care and HMF Replenish

100  
Billion

CFU of Genestra HMF Probiotic Strains per Capsule  
Probiotic for during and post-antibiotic care

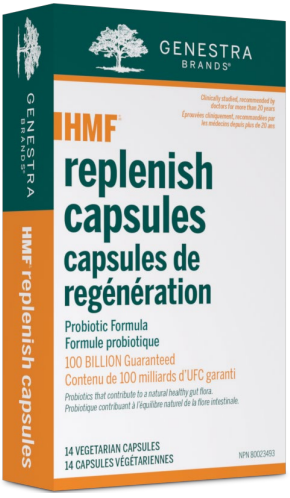
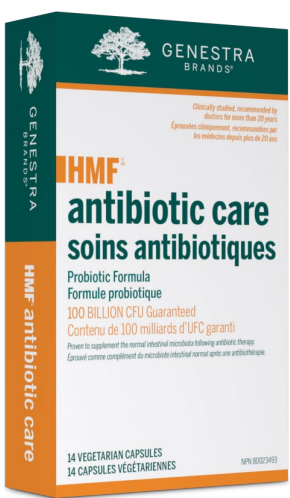
It provides **100 billion CFU per capsule** of Genestra HMF probiotics

Provides a higher potency than the therapeutic dose utilized in the clinical trial delivers superior support

**Proven to supplement the normal intestinal microbiota following antibiotic therapy**

Contains a small quantity of Fructooligosaccharides (FOS)

Use during antibiotic use, and for 14 days post antibiotics to maximize the benefit of supplementation; then transition to a maintenance formulation (HMF Intensive or HMF Forte/Super Powder)



EACH CAPSULE CONTAINS:	
<b>Probiotic Consortium</b>	100 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> (CUL-60 & CUL-21)	50 billion CFU
<i>Bifidobacterium animalis</i> subsp. <i>lactis</i> (CUL-34) & <i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i> (CUL-20)	25 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus salivarius</i> (CUL-61)	25 billion CFU



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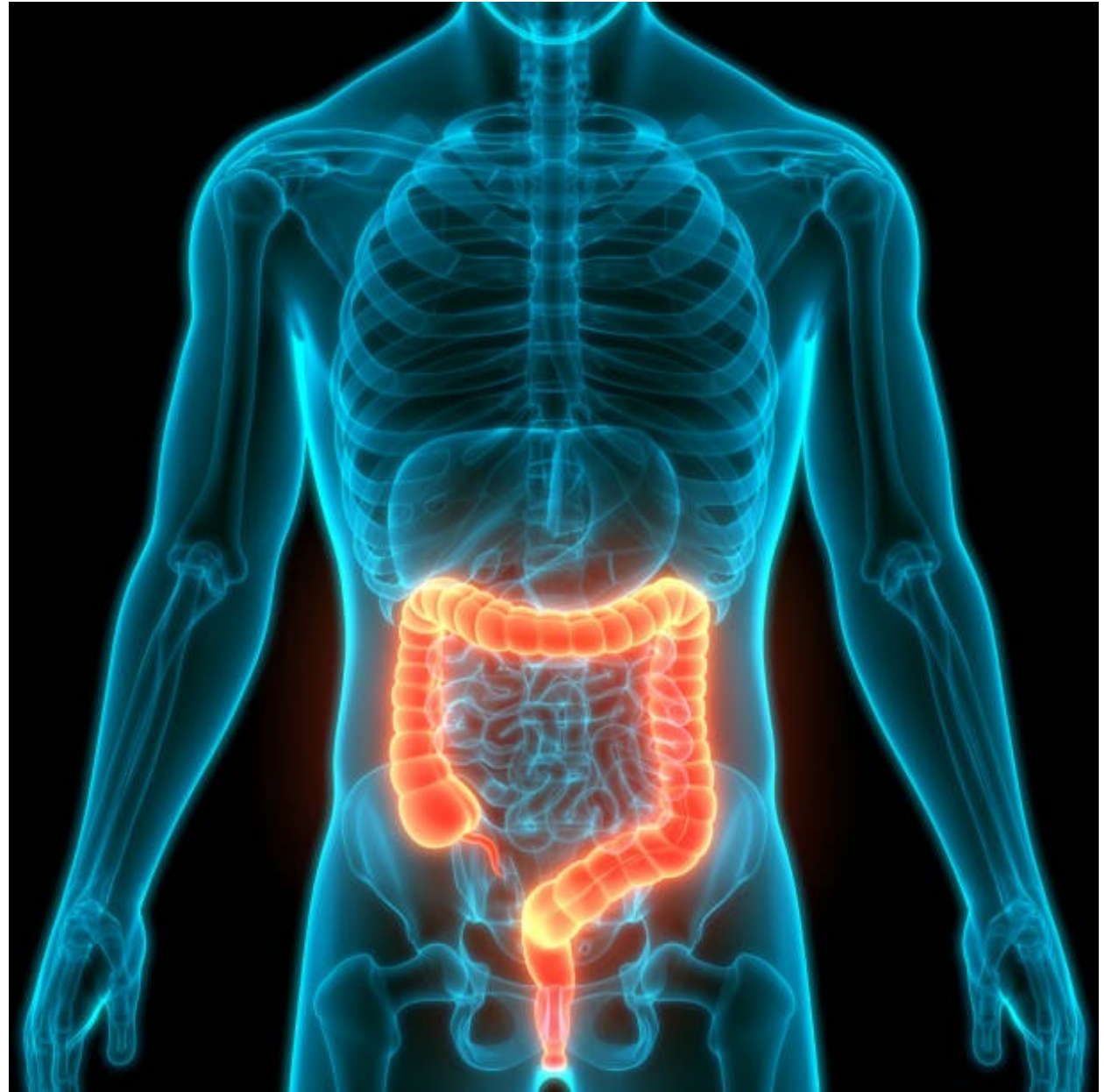


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**When you  
need to target  
the large  
intestine**

**or**

**Need a  
stronger  
option with  
some  
antimicrobial  
action**



# HMF Intensive 500

500  
Billion

CFU per sachet formulation of Genestra HMF Probiotics

At 500 billion CFU per sachet/dose of five clinically studied proprietary Genestra HMF probiotic strains, **HMF Intensive 500** provides the **highest concentration of CFU per dose available in Canada.**

Among many functions, this once-daily powdered format probiotic formulation is effective in:

- Supplementing the normal gastrointestinal microbiota following antibiotic therapy
- Improving symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) within six weeks

HMF Intensive 500 is vegan friendly, and Gluten, Dairy, Soy and GMO free



## EACH SACHET (5 g) CONTAINS:

<b>Probiotic Consortium</b>	500 billion CFU
<i>Bifidobacterium animalis</i> subsp <i>lactis</i> (CUL-34)	285 billion CFU
<i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i> (CUL-20)	15 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus salivarius</i> (CUL-61)	100 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> (CUL-60)	50 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> (CUL-21)	50 billion CFU



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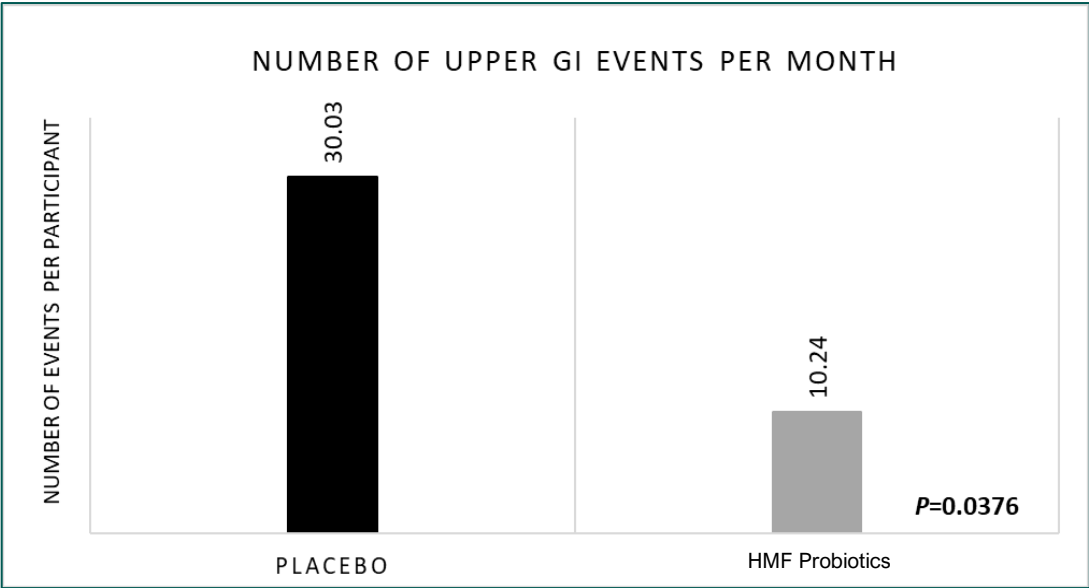
# The Probiotics & Healthy Adults Study



# Intestinal Health in Healthy Adults – 1. Upper GIT Symptoms

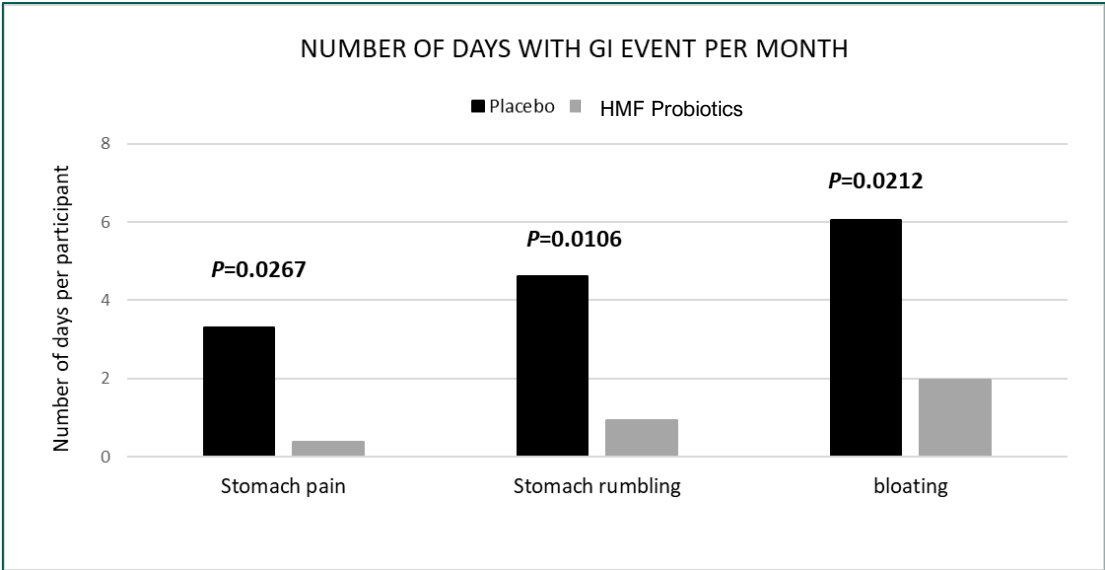
(The Probiotics & Healthy Adult Study)

## INCIDENCE OF GI EVENTS



Significant reduction in the incidence of GI events in adults supplemented with HMF Probiotics.

## NUMBER OF DAYS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL GI EVENT



Stomach pain: 88.2% significant reduction.  
Stomach rumbling: 79.5% significant reduction.  
Bloating : 67.7% significant reduction.

Mullish B et al, Beneficial Microbes 2023



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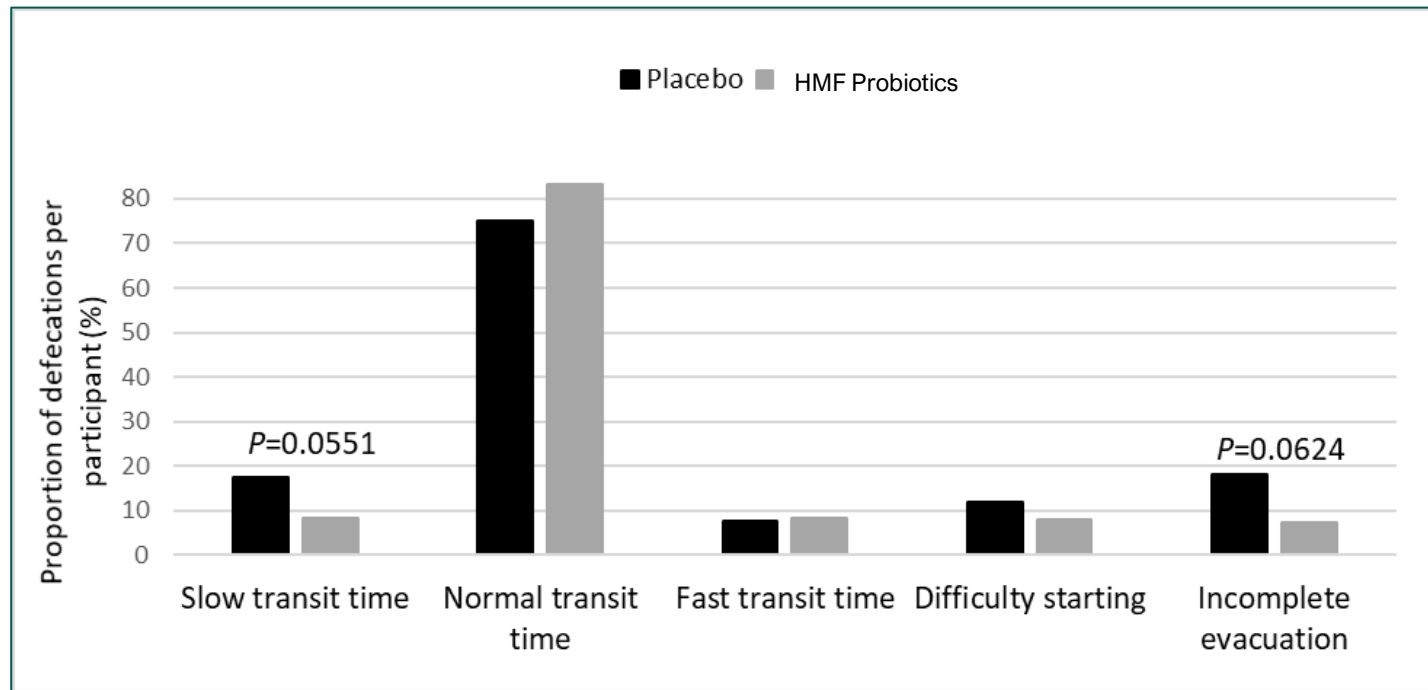
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# Intestinal Health in Healthy Adults – 2. Bowel Habits

(The Probiotics & Healthy Adult Study)



HMF Probiotic supplementation modulates bowel habits:

- Reduced proportion of slow transit defecations (hard stools),
- Increased normal defecation rates,
- Reduced defecation with difficulty starting,
- Reduced incompleteness.

Mullish B et al, Beneficial Microbes 2023



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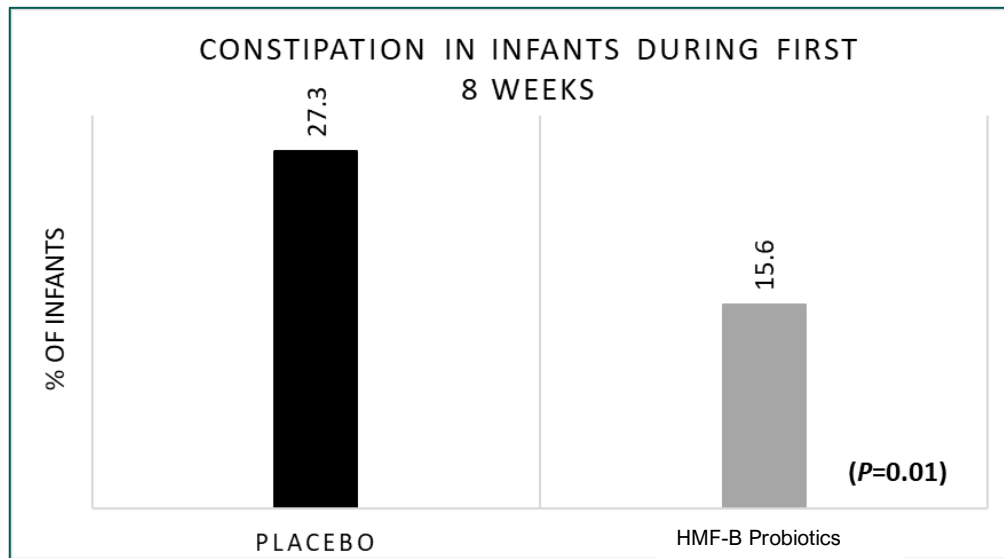


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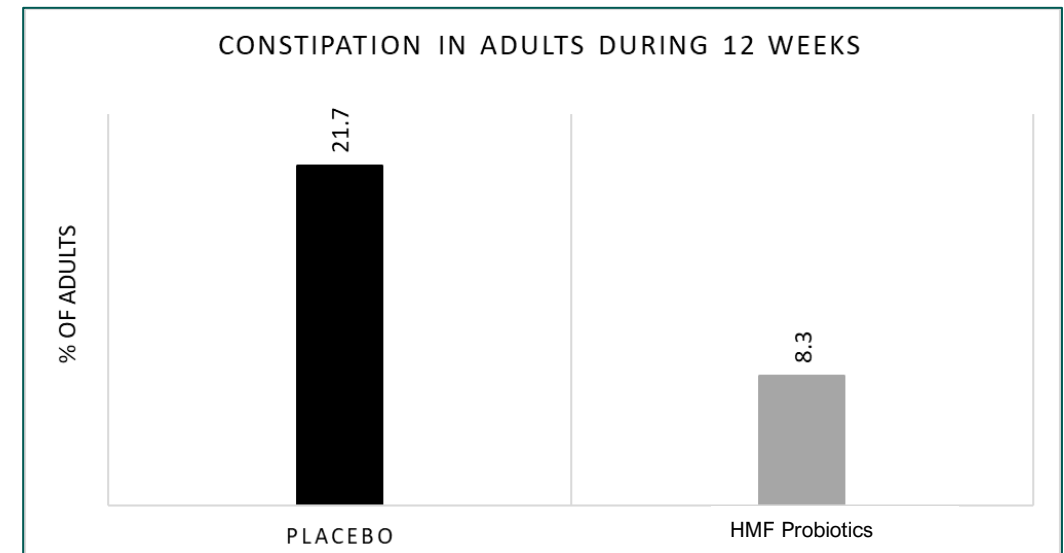


# Anti-constipation Effects in Infants and Adults

## INFANTS THE SWANSEA BABY STUDY



## ADULTS THE PROBIOTICS & HEALTHY ADULT STUDY



Significant reduction in constipation in infants supplemented with HMF-B and in adults supplemented with HMF probiotics.

Allen SJ et al, Arch Dis Child 2014; Mullish B et al, Beneficial Microbes 2023



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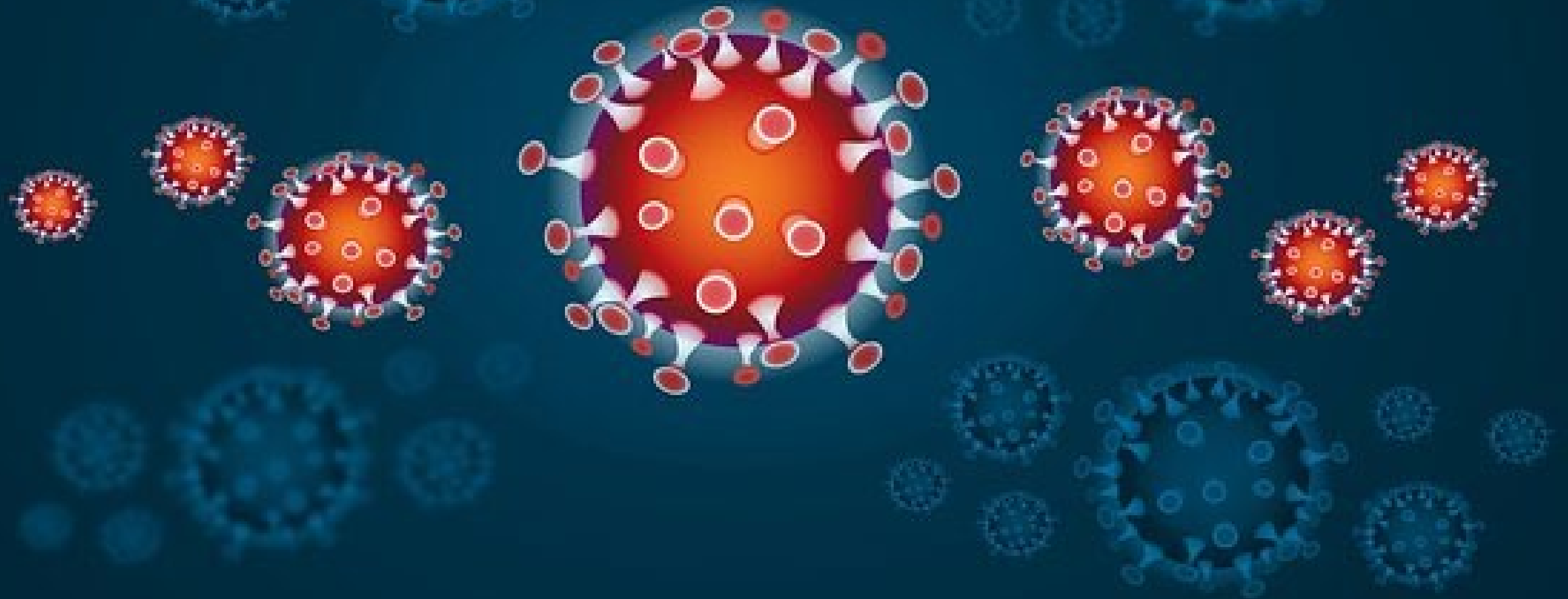
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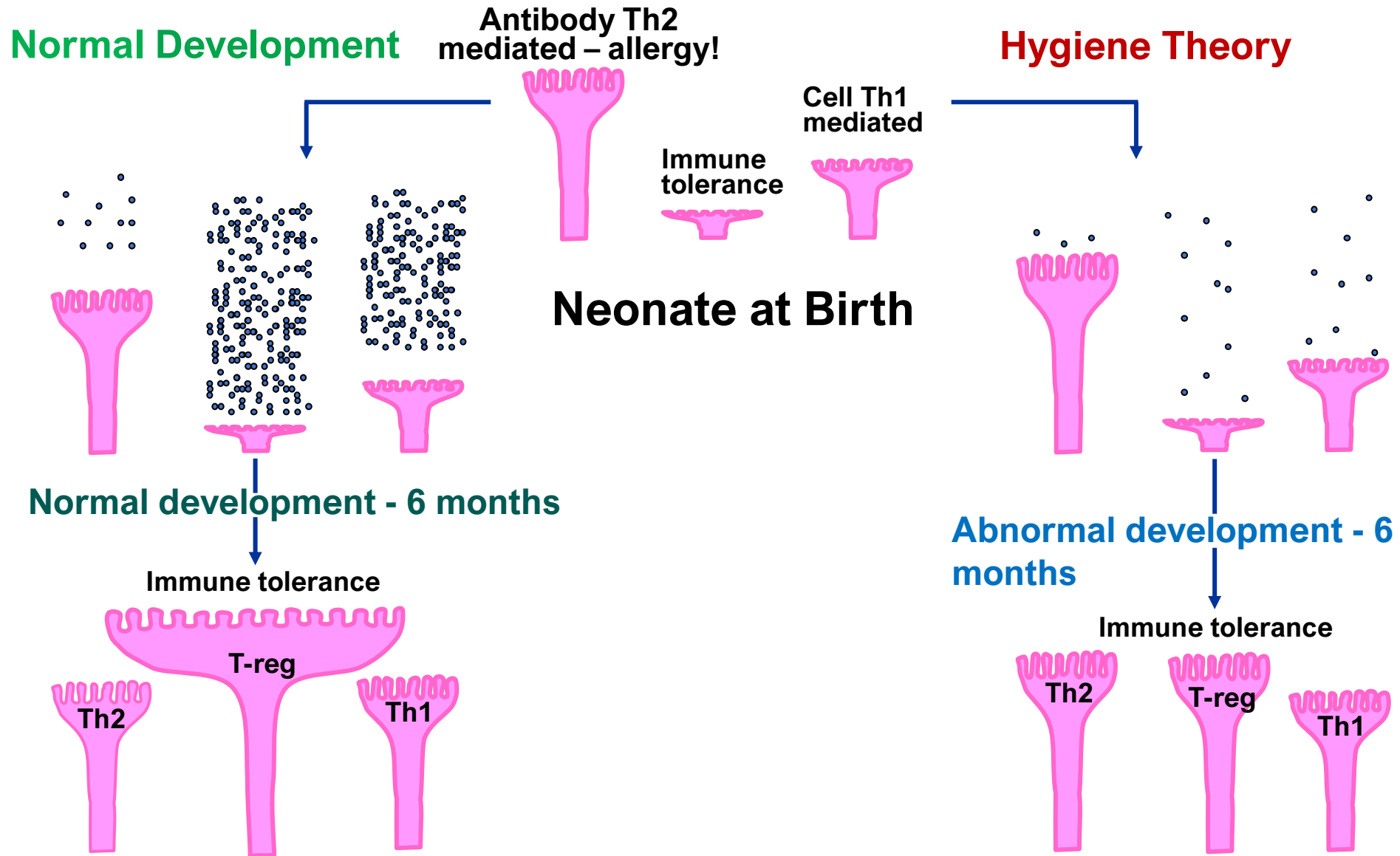
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# CLINICAL EFFECTS OF HMF PROBIOTICS ON IMMUNE HEALTH



# Allergy Development, The Hygiene Theory and Probiotics



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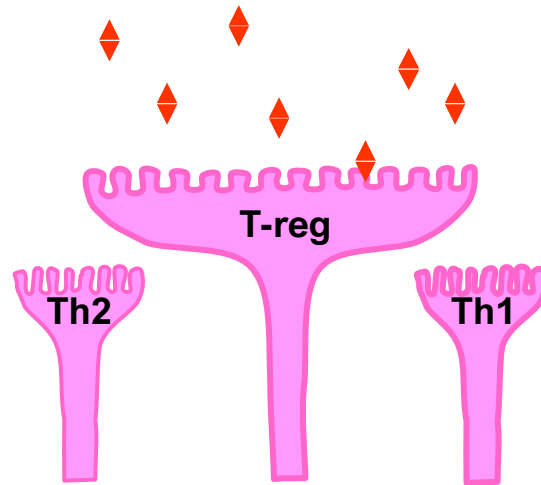


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# Allergy Development, The Hygiene Theory and Probiotics

## Normal pathway

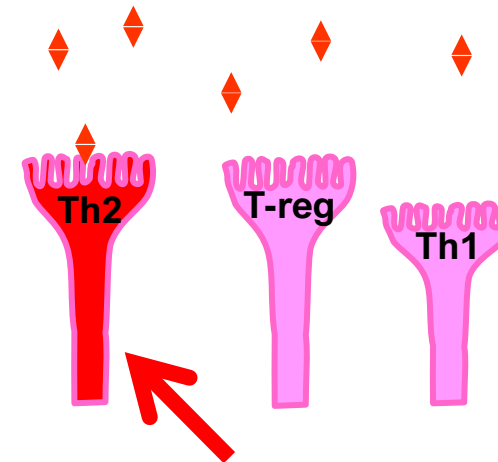
Processing by immune tolerance pathway (high likelihood) – no allergy



Normal

## Hygiene theory pathway

Processing by allergy (antibody) pathway - high likelihood



Allergy!



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# The Swansea Baby Trial

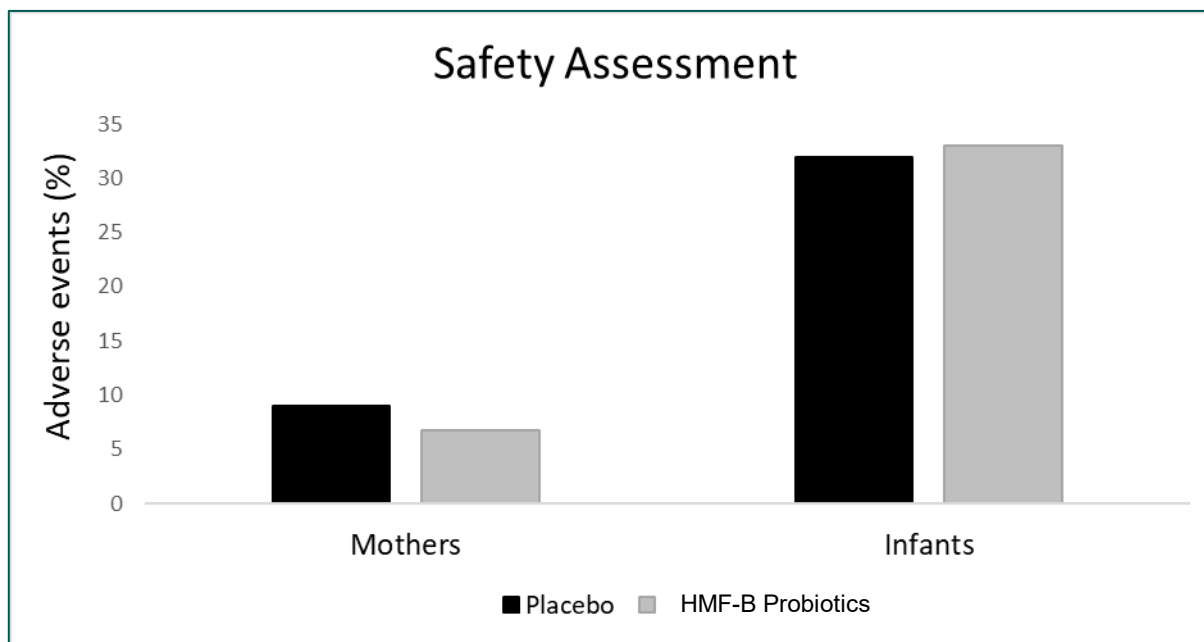




# The Swansea Baby Trial

## HOW SAFE ARE PROBIOTICS IN PREGNANCY AND FOR NEWBORN BABIES?

The Swansea Baby Study: 454 mothers took daily either 10 billion HMF-B Consortium Probiotics or a matching placebo during the last month of pregnancy and gave the same to their newborn babies every day for 6 months following birth.



**THE SWANSEA BABY TRIAL,  
THE SWANSEA "SAFETY IN NEWBORNS  
STUDY":  
HMF-B Consortium - 10 BILLION CFU**

Lactobacillus salivarius	CUL61
Lactobacillus paracasei	CUL08
Bifidobacterium bifidum	CUL20
Bifidobacterium animalis sbsp. lactis	CUL34

HMF-B Probiotic administration was not associated with adverse events in mothers or their infants.  
No Lactobacilli or Bifidobacteria infections were identified.

*Allen SJ et al, J Nutr 2010*



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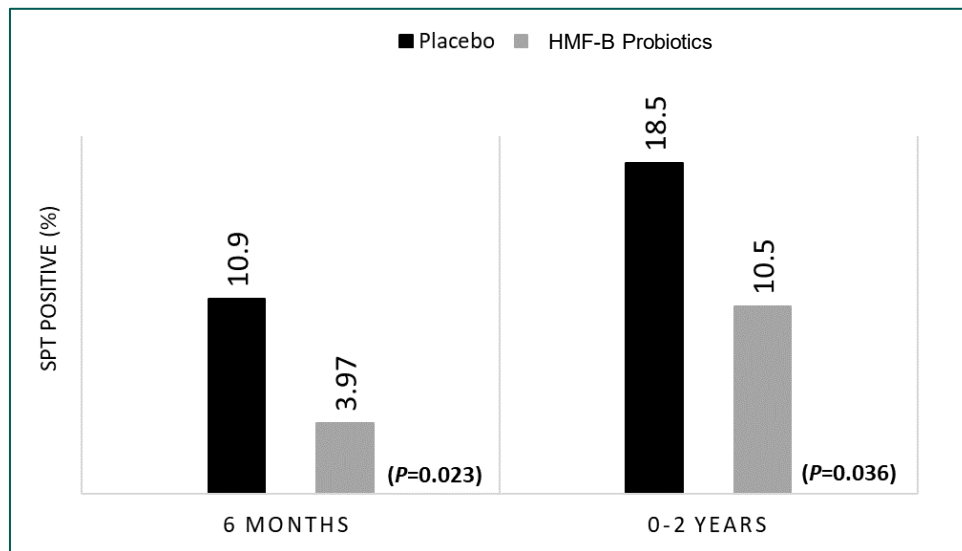
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# The Swansea Baby Trial: Allergy Prevention

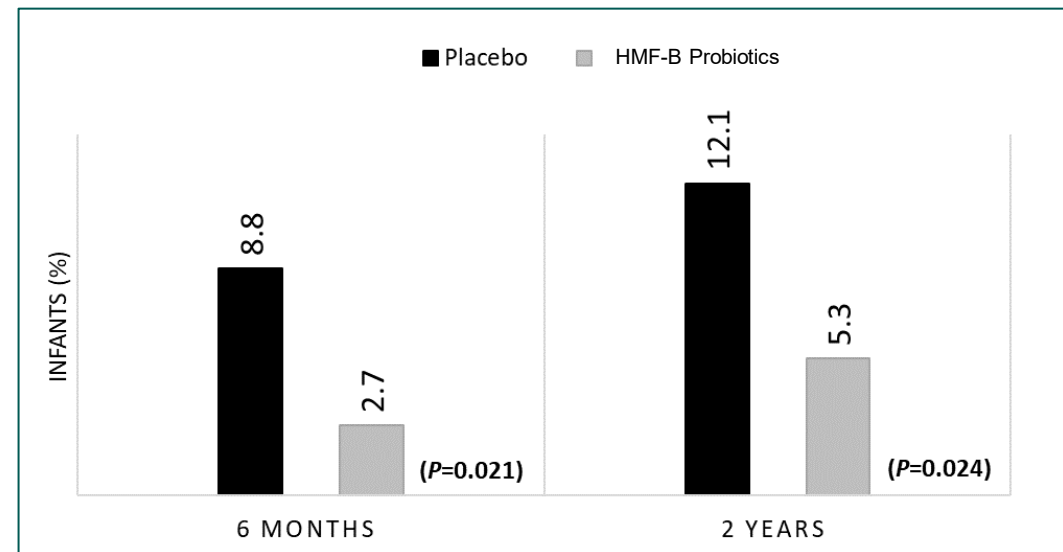
The Swansea Baby Study: 454 mothers took daily either 10 billion HMF-B Consortium Probiotics or a matching placebo during the last month of pregnancy and gave the same to their newborn babies every day for 6 months following birth. Atopic sensitisation measured by SPT reaction to one or more of following allergens: cows milk, egg, grass pollen, house dust mite, cat dander.

## ATOPIC SENSITIZATION



44% significant reduction in frequency of atopic sensitization with HMF-B Probiotic.

## ATOPIC ECZEMA



57% significant reduction in frequency of atopic eczema with HMF-B Probiotic.

Allen SJ et al, Arch Dis Child 2014



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# HMF Maternity, HMF Baby B & HMF Baby F

10  
Billion

CFU of Genestra HMF Probiotic  
organisms per Capsule

10  
Billion

CFU of Genestra HMF Probiotic  
organisms per scoop

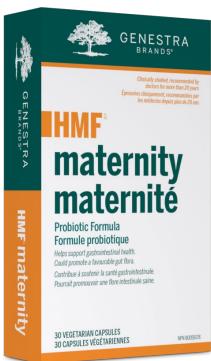
**Organisms proven to be safe for use during pregnancy**

Contains the same **organisms and potency** as utilized in the  
**Swansea Baby Trial**

Vegan friendly, Gluten, Dairy, Soy, FOS and GMO free

HMF **Baby B** provides ease of use for **breast fed** babies  
Contains 100 mg of GOS per scoop and no FOS

HMF **Baby F** developed for **formula fed** babies  
Contains 600mg of GOS to provide prebiotic oligosaccharides generally present in  
breast milk, and 75 mg of FOS per scoop



**EACH CAPSULE CONTAINS:**

<b>Probiotic Consortium</b>	10 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus salivarius</i> (CUL-61)	6.25 billion CFU
<i>Bifidobacterium animalis</i> subsp. <i>lactis</i> (CUL-34) & <i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i> (CUL-20)	2.5 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus paracasei</i> (CUL-08)	1.25 billion CFU



**EACH SCOOP (200 mg) CONTAINS:**

<b>Probiotic Consortium</b>	10 billion CFU
<i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i> (CUL-20)	0.125 billion CFU
<i>Bifidobacterium animalis</i> subsp. <i>lactis</i> (CUL-34)	2.375 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus salivarius</i> (CUL-61)	6.25 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus paracasei</i> (CUL-08)	1.25 billion CFU



**EACH SCOOP (1.1 g) CONTAINS:**

<b>Probiotic Consortium</b>	10 billion CFU
<i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i> (CUL-20)	0.125 billion CFU
<i>Bifidobacterium animalis</i> subsp. <i>lactis</i> (CUL-34)	2.375 billion CFU
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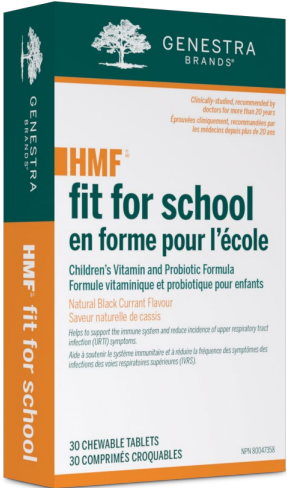


# The ProChild Studies





# HMF Fit for School



Refrigerated Options

Shelf-stable Option



Non  
GMO



Gluten  
Free



Soy  
Free



Dairy  
Free



Vegetarian



## Medicinal Ingredients

<b>EACH TABLET CONTAINS:</b>	
Vitamin C (ascorbic acid).....	50 mg
Vitamin D <sub>3</sub> (cholecalciferol).....	25 mcg (1000 IU)
<b>Probiotic Consortium.....</b>	<b>12.5 billion CFU</b>
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> (CUL-60 & Cul-21).....	10 billion CFU
<i>Bifidobacterium animalis subsp. Lactis</i> (CUL-34) & <i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i> (CUL-20).....	2.5 billion CFU



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# The ProChild Study 1 – 2015 (URT-related & non-health parameter outcomes)

## Objective of the Double-blind Placebo Controlled Study:

To assess the impact of specific proprietary human probiotic strains in combination with Vitamin C, on Upper Respiratory Tract health function in pre-school aged children

### Design of the studies:

57 children in the **3–6-year age range** (preschoolers) participated

Participants received **1 tablet** containing **12.5 billion** proprietary human probiotics and 50mg of Vitamin C daily

Duration and intervention:

**6 months**, with a focus on indicators of respiratory health

### Probiotic Consortium Utilized:

**THE PROCHILD STUDY:**  
**HMF Consortium - 12.5 BILLION CFU**

Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL60
Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL21
Bifidobacterium bifidum	CUL20
Bifidobacterium animalis sbsp. lactis	CUL34

### Outcome of the studies:

**49%**  
REDUCTION

Total number of days with URTI symptoms  
(sneezing, sore throat, cough, runny/blocked nose)

**33%**  
REDUCTION

Frequency of occurrence  
of URTI symptoms

**30%**  
REDUCTION

Absence from preschool  
("non-health parameter")

Doctor visits

**43%**  
REDUCTION

Oral antibiotic usage

**40%**  
REDUCTION

Supplementation with this specific proprietary human probiotic (HMF Consortium -12.5 billion CFU) and 50mg of Vitamin C daily showed **significant improvement in Upper Respiratory Tract Health in children**

Garaiova, et al. Eur J Clin Nutr. 2015



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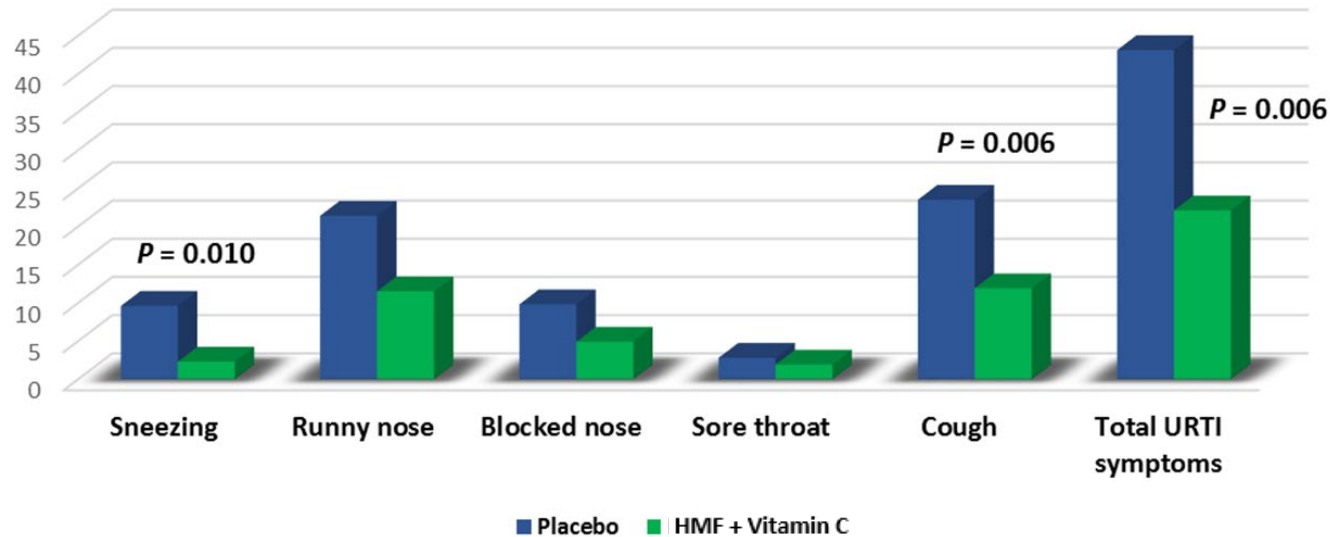


# The ProChild Study 1 – 2015 (URT-related outcomes)

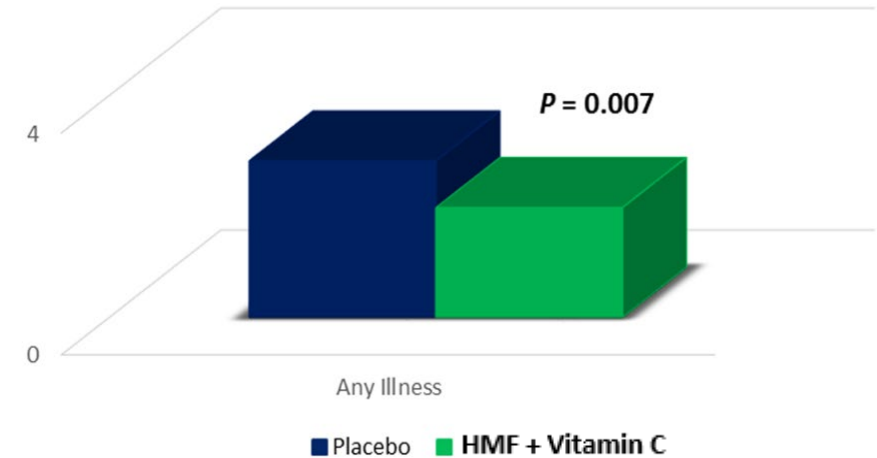
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To assess the impact of specific proprietary human probiotic strains in combination with Vitamin C, on Upper Respiratory Tract health function in pre-school aged children

**Total Number of Days with URTI Symptoms**



**Absence from Preschool Facilities  
(Incidence rate per 100 person day)**



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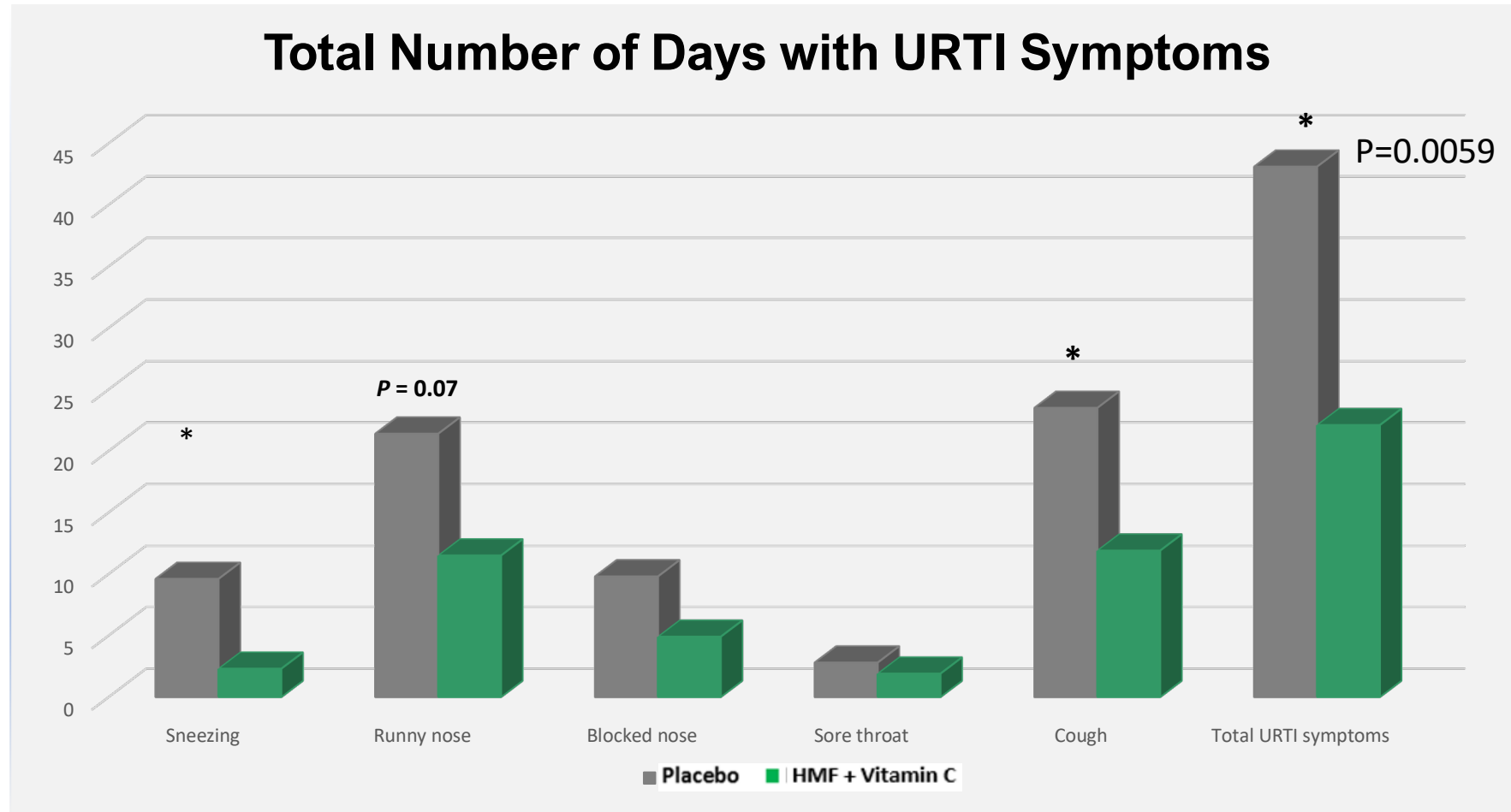
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# Reduction in Duration of UTRI Symptoms by almost 50%



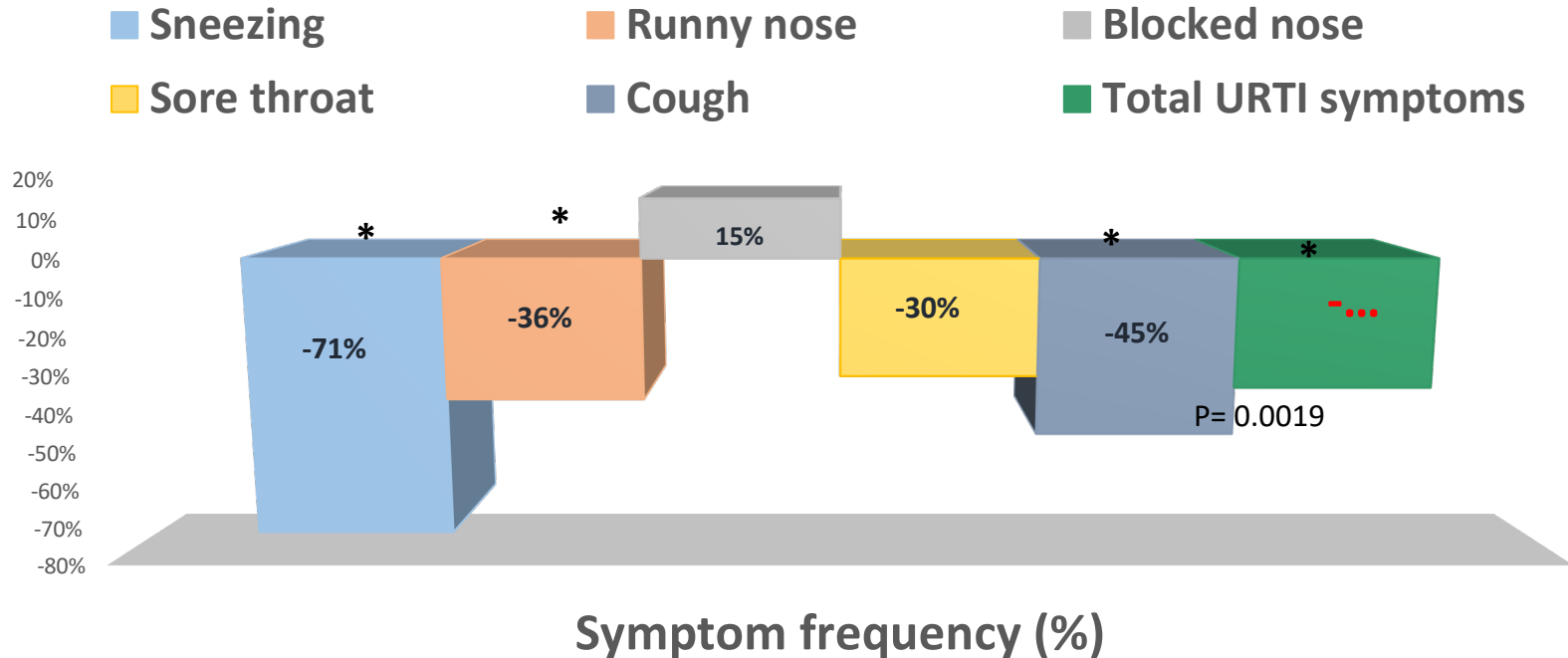
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# Reduction in Incidence of UTRI Symptoms by 33%

## REDUCTION OF SYMPTOM FREQUENCY IN CHILDREN SUPPLEMENTED WITH HMF AND VITAMIN C COMPARED TO PLACEBO



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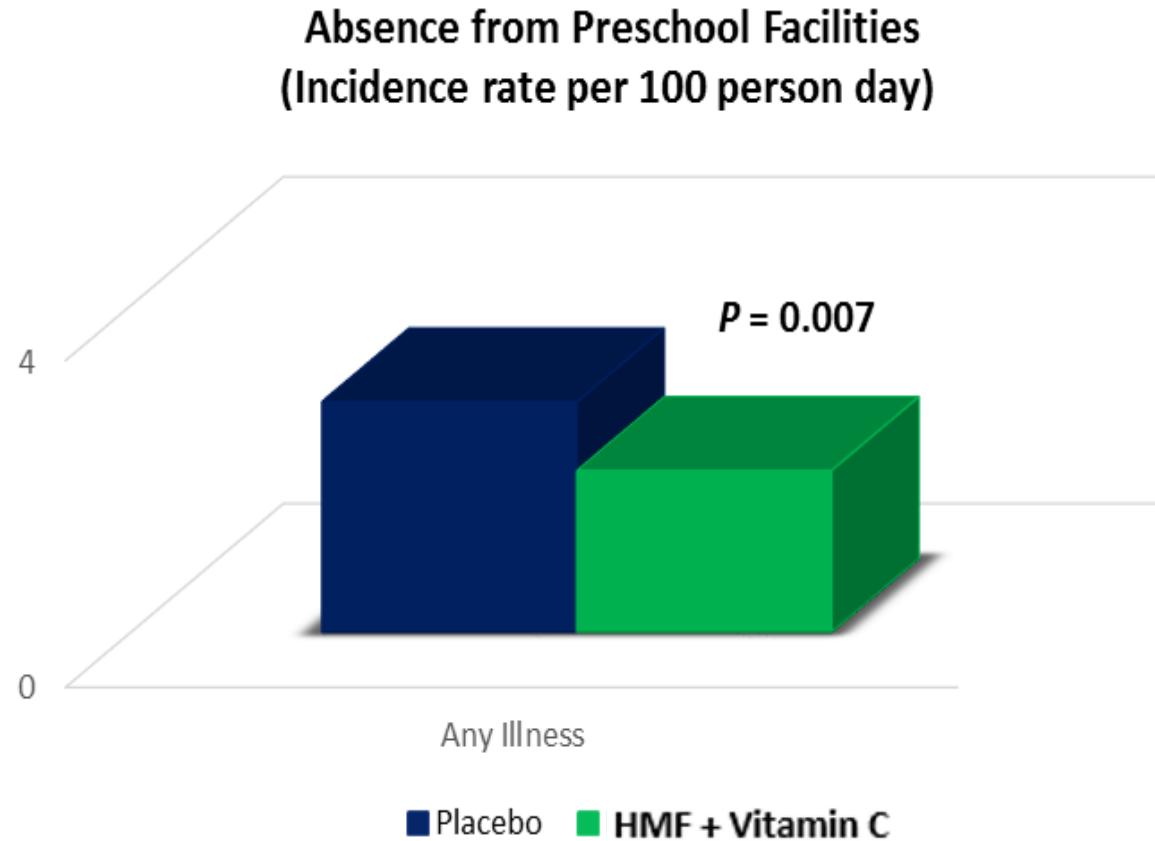


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# Reduction in Absence from School



**30% significant reduction in the incidence of absenteeism from preschool**

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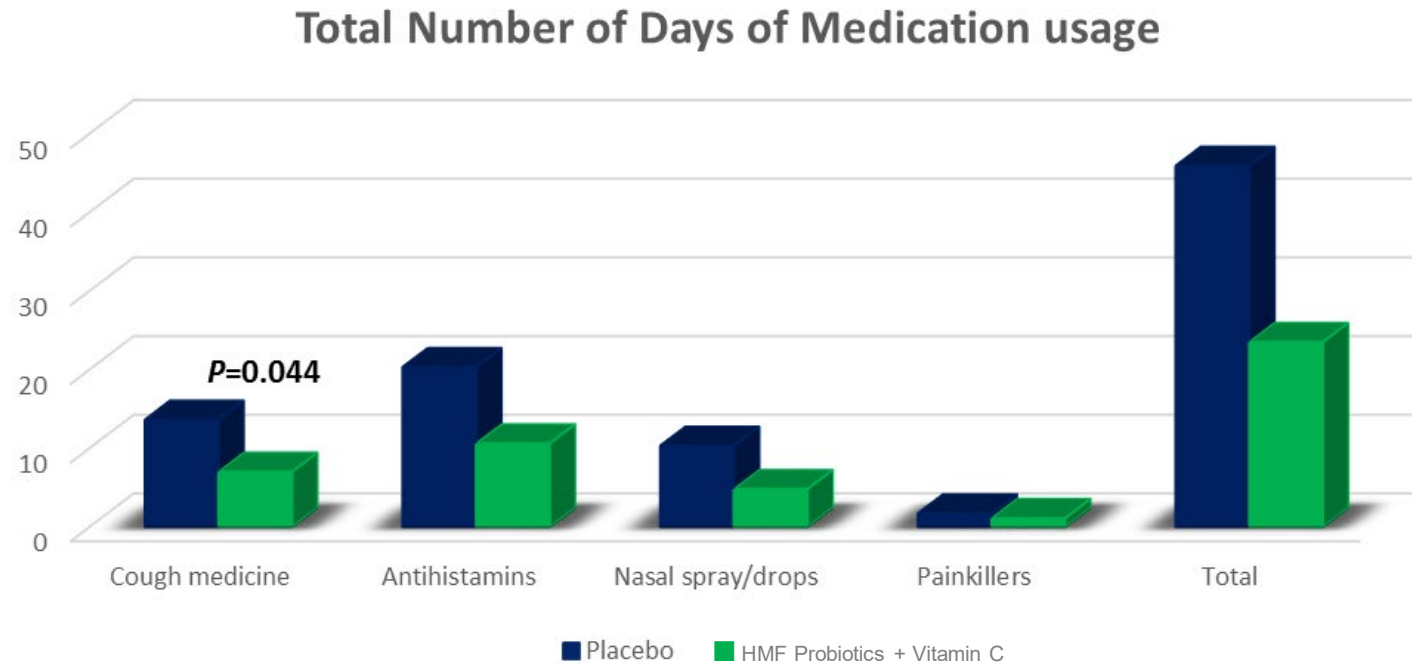


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# Antibiotics and Medication Usage



Significant reduction in the use of cough medicine

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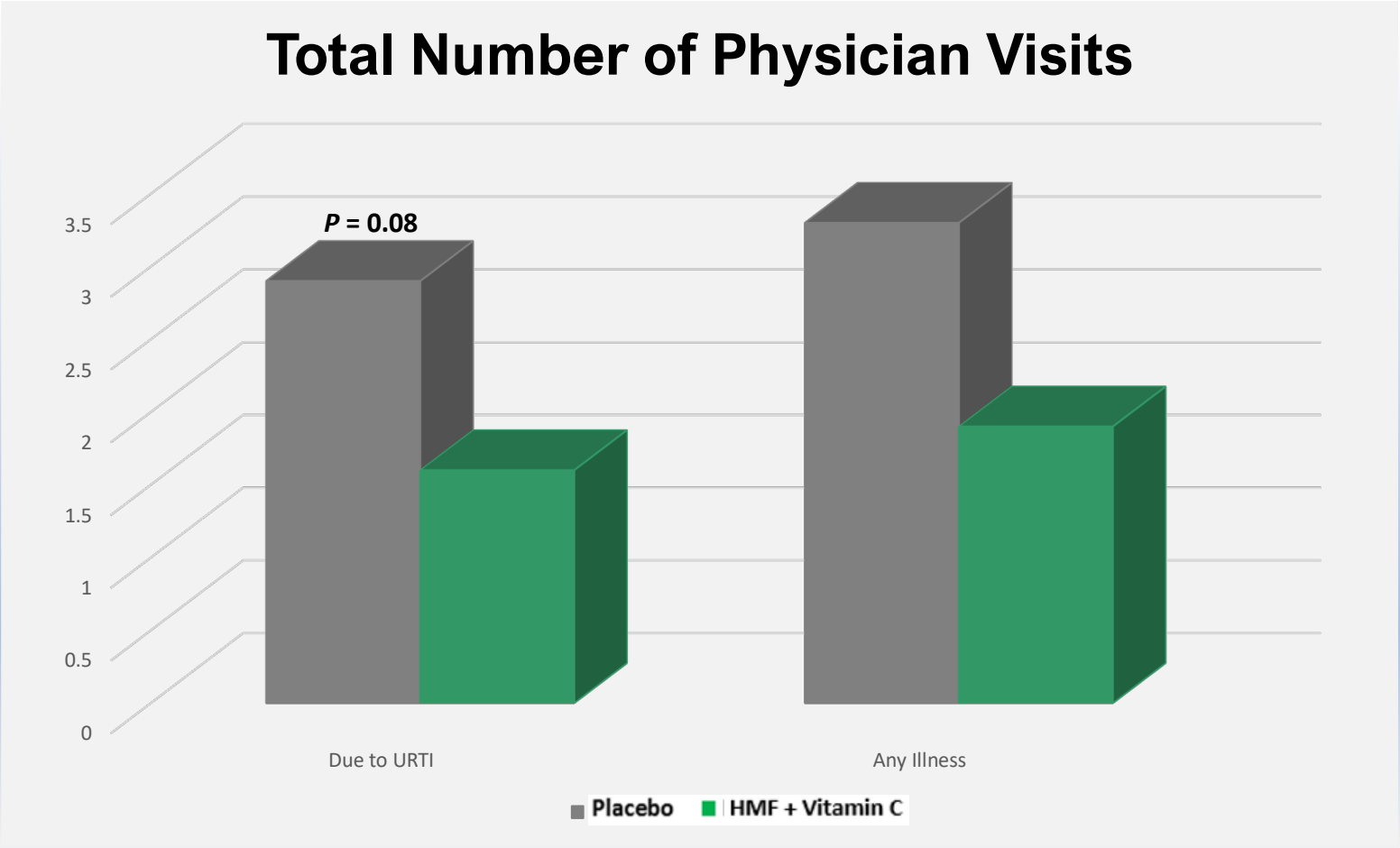
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# Visits to Physician Reduced by almost 50%



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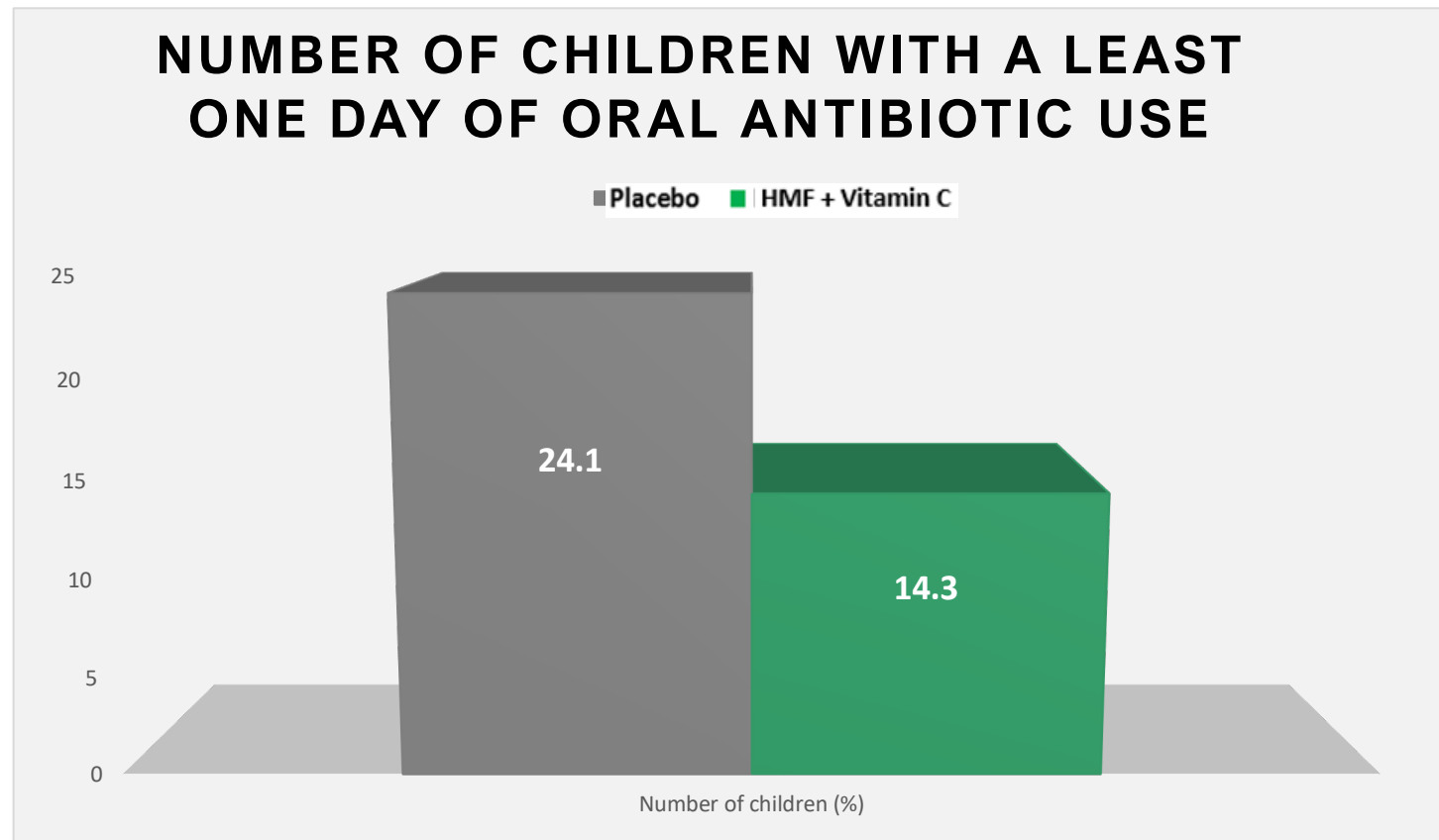


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# Reduction of Antibiotic Use by 40%



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# The ProChild Study 2 – 2021 (URT-related, non-health parameter & GI-related outcomes)

## Objective of the Double-blind Placebo Controlled Study:

To assess the impact of specific proprietary human probiotic strains in combination with Vitamin C, on Upper Respiratory Tract health function in children aged 3-10 yrs.

### Design of the studies:

234 children in the **3–10-year age range** randomized to participate.  
171 completed the study (85 in placebo group & 86 in probiotic group)

Participants received **1 tablet** containing **12.5 billion** proprietary human probiotics and 50mg of Vitamin C daily

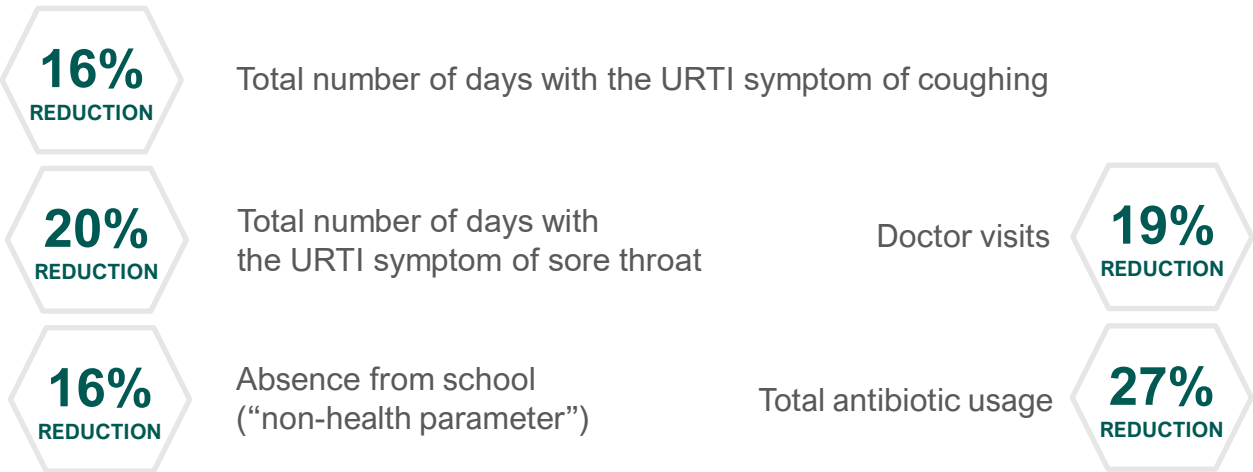
Duration and intervention:  
**6 months**, with a focus on indicators of respiratory health

### Probiotic Consortium Utilized:

#### THE PROCHILD STUDY: HMF Consortium - 12.5 BILLION CFU

Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL60
Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL21
Bifidobacterium bifidum	CUL20
Bifidobacterium animalis sbsp. lactis	CUL34

### Outcome of the studies:

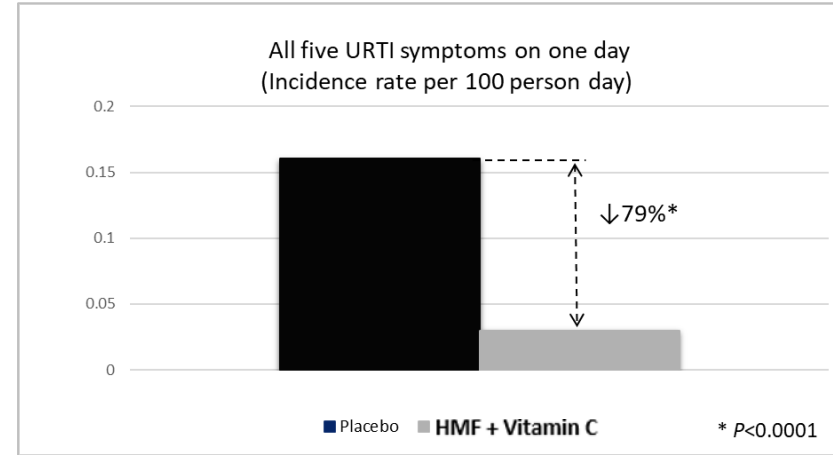
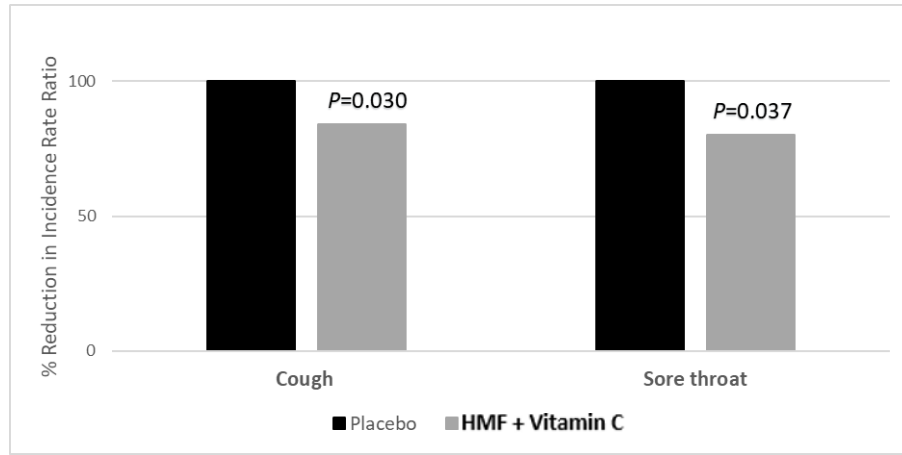


This clinical trial substantiated findings of the initial study, confirming that children supplemented with this specific proprietary human probiotic (HMF Consortium -12.5 billion CFU) and 50mg of Vitamin C daily experience **significant improvement in their Upper Respiratory Tract Health. Substantial improvement in intestinal health and normal bowel habit were found to be additional outcomes.**

Garaiova, et al Beneficial Microbes, 2021

# The ProChild - 2 Study: Prevention of URTI in Children aged 3 to 10 years

DBRPC study (ISRCTN 26587549): 171 children took daily either one chewable tablet comprising of 12.5 billion HMF Probiotics – (HMF Consortium 12.5 Billion CFU) and 50mg Vitamin C or placebo for 6 months



16% significant reduction  
in the incidence of coughing.  
20% significant reduction  
in the incidence of sore throats.

79% significant reduction  
in the incidence of episodes with five  
URTIsymptoms# on one day.  
#(cough, sore throat, sneezing, runny  
nose, blocked nose).



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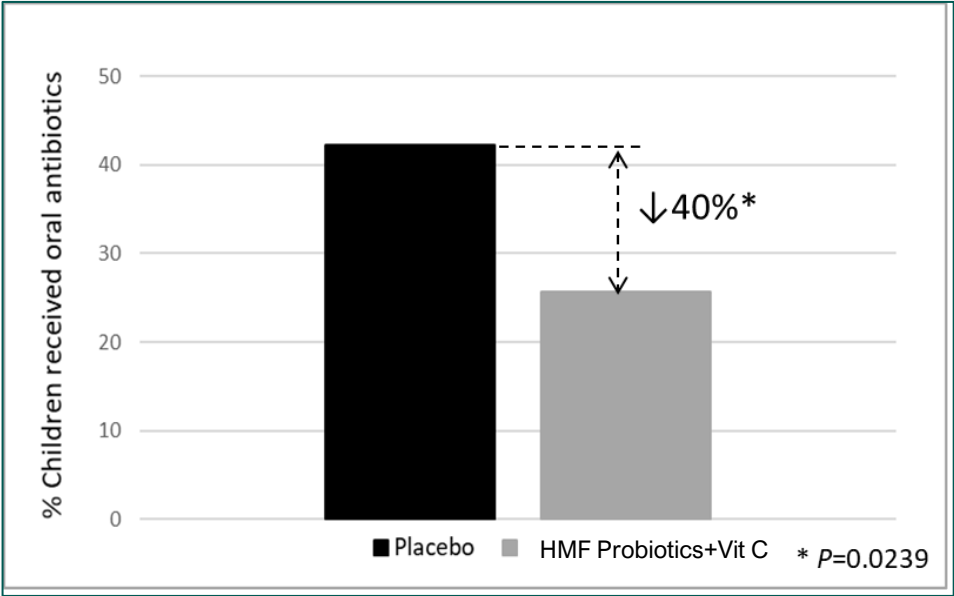


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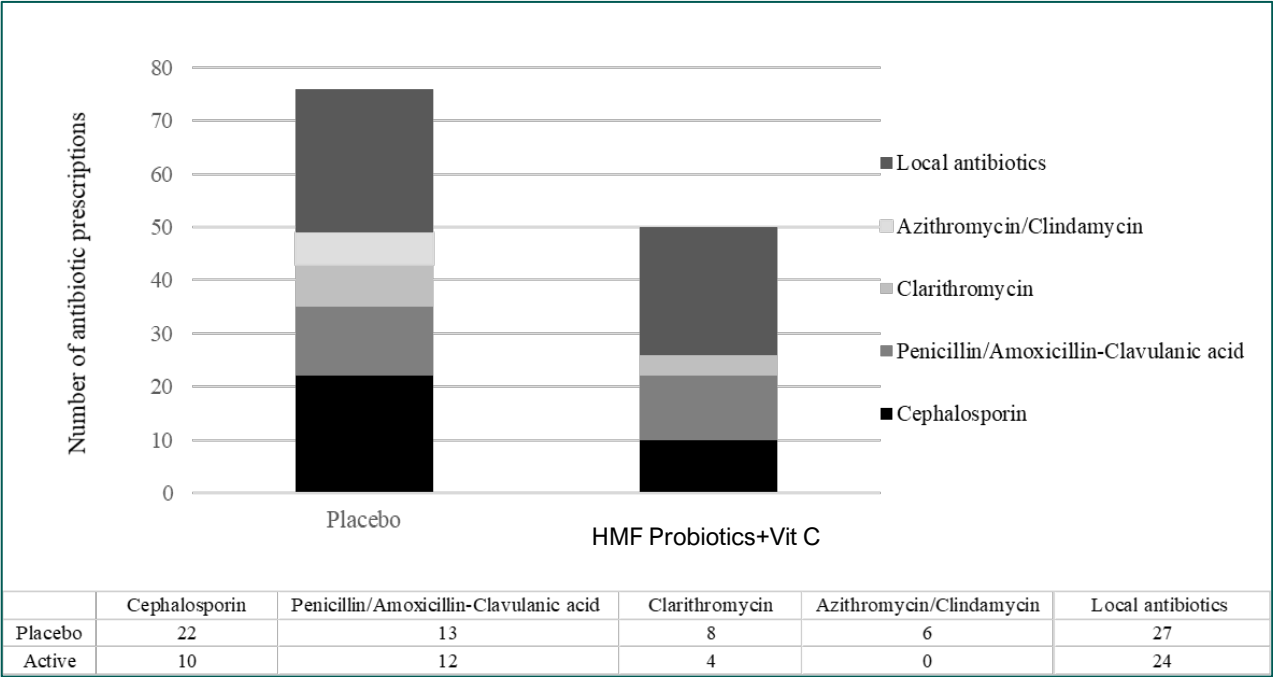
# Reduction of Antibiotic Prescriptions (ProChild 2 Study)

PROPORTION OF CHILDREN WITH ORAL ANTIBIOTICS



42.3% children in placebo group were prescribed oral antibiotics compared to 25.6% children in HMF Probiotic group.

NUMBER OF ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIPTIONS

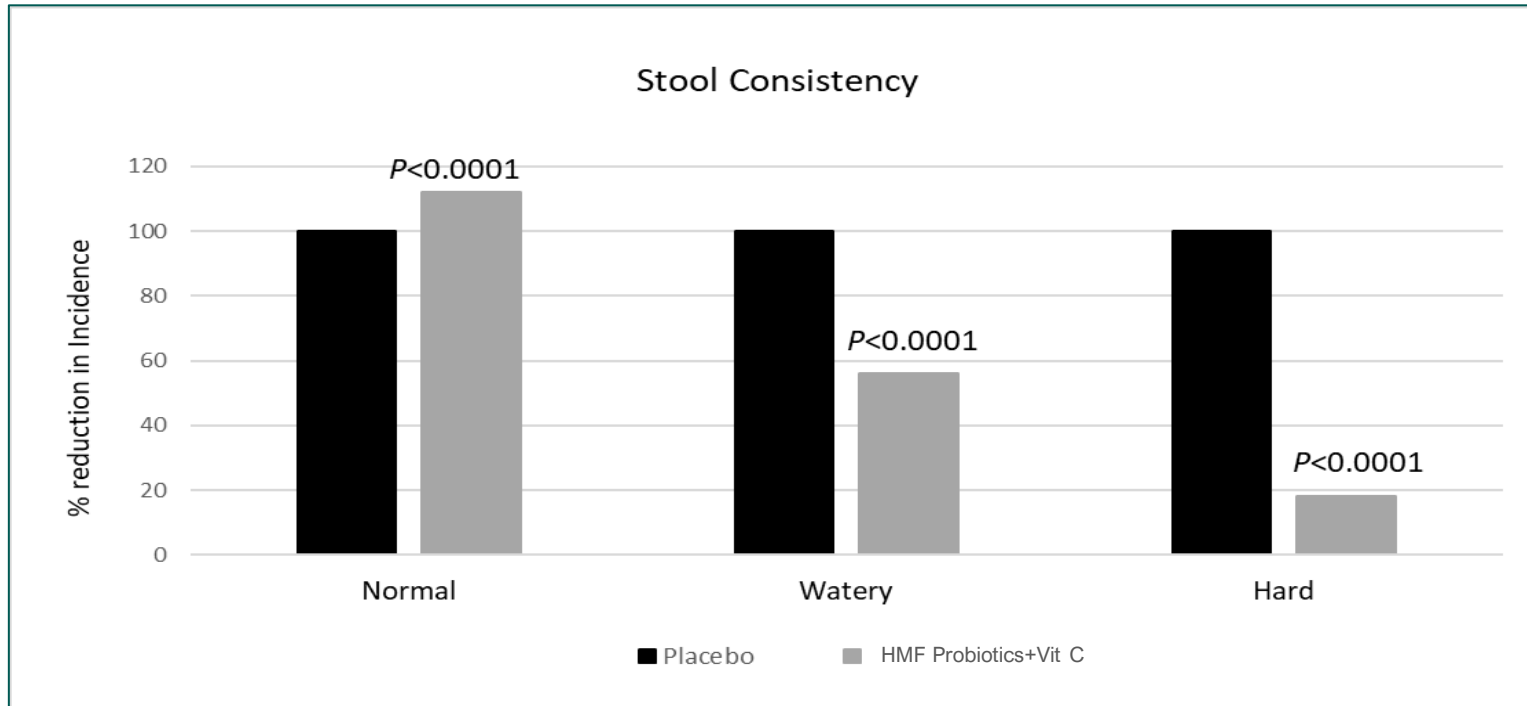


48% significant reduction in the incidence of total oral antibiotic prescriptions ( $P=0.0079$ ).  
55% significant reduction in the incidence of cephalosporin prescriptions ( $P=0.0360$ ).

Garaiova I et al, J Functional Foods 2023

# Intestinal Health in Children (ProChild 2 Study)

School children aged 3 to 10 years took daily either one chewable tablet comprising of 12.5 billion HMF Probiotics and 50mg vitamin C or a matching placebo for 6 months.



Significant improvement in the 'normal' stool consistency.  
Significant reduction in the incidence of watery and hard stools.

*Garaiova I et al, Beneficial Microbes 2021*



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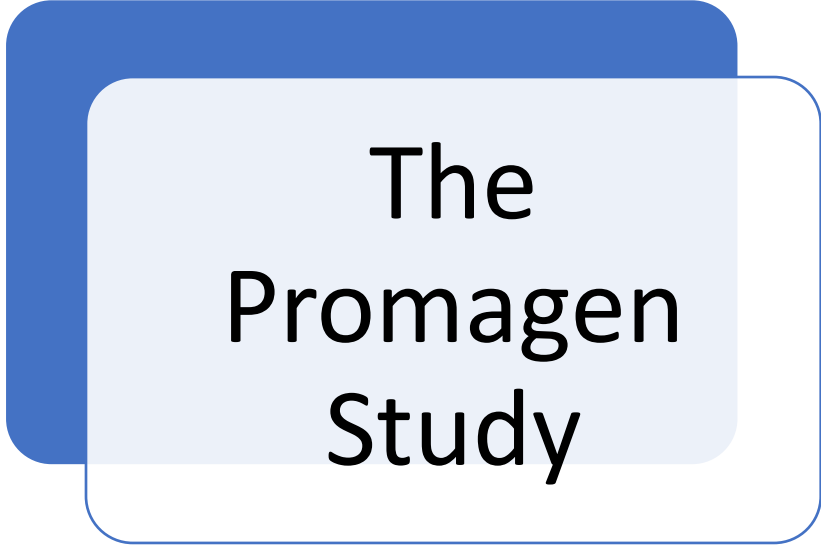


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# A Probiotic That Delivers Full-body Health Outcomes

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## The Promagen Study

**A landmark probiotic study which for the first time showed multiple and significant ‘unrelated’ health benefits simultaneously from the single intervention:**

- Weight loss
- Reduced upper respiratory tract infections
- Reduced body pain and headaches
- Improved Quality of Life
- Reduced LDL cholesterol



# HMF Metabolic

**50  
Billion**

## CFU of Genestra HMF Probiotic Strains per Capsule

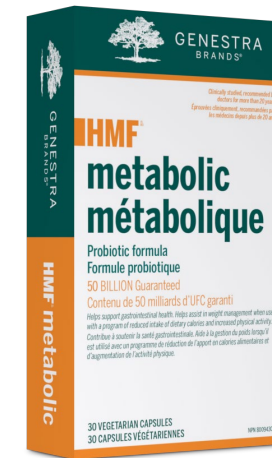
Includes a combination of five proprietary strains clinically studied in adults

Supports **weight management, gastrointestinal health and several aspects of general health and well-being**

Contains the **HMF-P Probiotic consortium**  
(a combination of five proprietary strains clinically studied in adults)

Includes 16.5 Billion CFU of **Lactobacillus Plantarum (CUL-66)** per capsule

**Vegan friendly**, Gluten, Dairy, Soy and GMO free  
**Contains no FOS**



### EACH CAPSULE CONTAINS/ CHAQUE CAPSULE CONTIENT:

<b>Probiotic Consortium/ Consortium probiotique</b>	50 billion CFU/ milliards d'UFC
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> (CUL-60 & CUL-21)	25.2 billion CFU/ milliards d'UFC
<i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> (CUL-66)	16.5 billion CFU/ milliards d'UFC
<i>Bifidobacterium animalis</i> subsp. <i>lactis</i> (CUL-34) & <i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i> (CUL-20)	8.3 billion CFU/ milliards d'UFC



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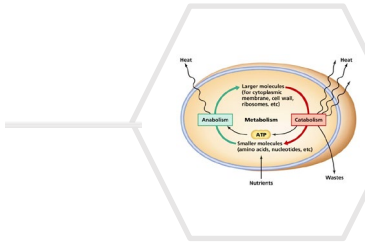


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# The Promagen / Metabolic Study 1 – 2020 (Metabolic status & general health outcomes)



## Objective of the Double-blind Placebo Controlled Study:

To Investigate the Impact of Probiotics on Metabolic Status and General Well-Being in an Overweight and Obese Population

### Design of the studies:

220 healthy adults (BMI 25-35, waist circumference >89cm (>35”) for women or >100cm (>39”) for men) participated in **this 6-month study**

**50 billion CFU** of the proprietary human probiotic consortium was administered to participants **daily** with **no change in their diet or exercise regime**

### Probiotic Consortium Utilized:

#### THE PROMAGEN / METABOLIC STUDY HMF-P Consortium - 50 BILLION CFU

Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL60
Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL21
Bifidobacterium bifidum	CUL20
Bifidobacterium animalis sbsp. lactis	CUL34
Lactobacillus plantarum	CUL66

### Outcome of the studies:

After 3 months there was improvement in Quality-of-Life parameters for the probiotic group:

- Improvement of Energy levels
- Mood
- and General wellness

After 6 months the probiotic group showed reduction in:

- Weight (3 lbs.)
- Waist circumference (1cm)
- BMI
- Upper respiratory tract infections
- Headaches
- Muscle pain

Sub-group analysis showed:

- Higher weight loss: in people who were overweight (BMI 25-30) (3.3 lbs. / 1.5 kg), in people over 50 years (4 lbs. / 1.8 kg) and in people with higher cholesterol (5 lbs. / 2.27 kg) compared to the placebo group
- Highest weight loss compared to placebo in people over 50 with higher cholesterol (7lbs / 3.21 kg)
- The most dangerous type of LDL cholesterol reduced in high cholesterol group



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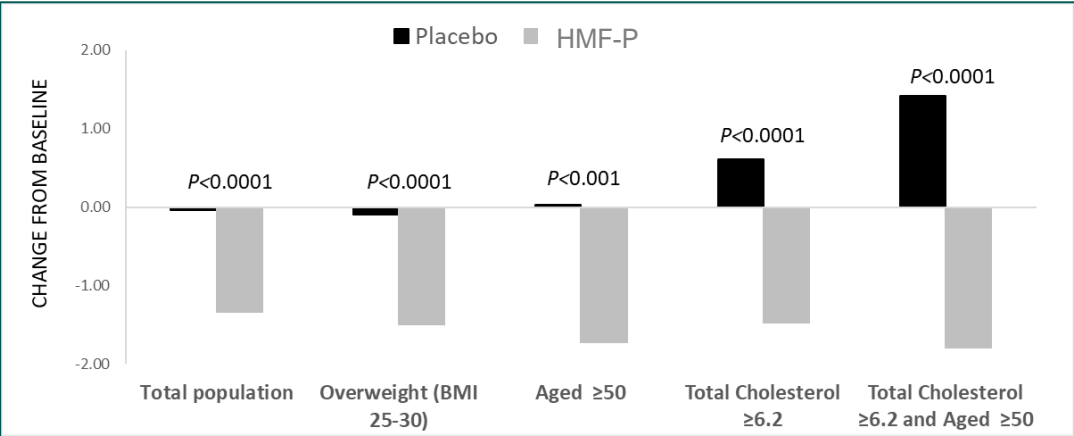
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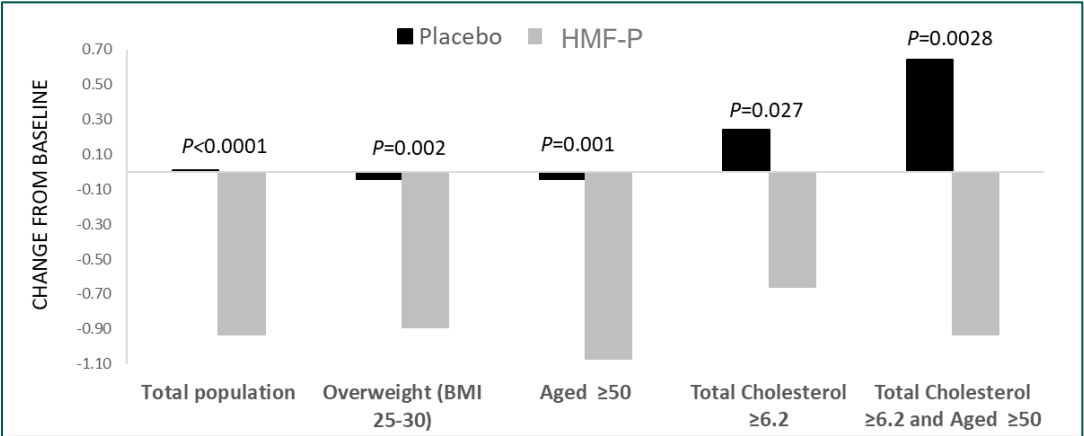
# The Promagen Study: Weight Loss in Overweight and Obese Adults

Healthy volunteers (BMI 25-34.9) took either 50 billion HMF-P Consortium probiotics or placebo daily for 6 months and maintained a normal lifestyle.

BODY WEIGHT (kg)



WAIST CIRCUMFERENCE (cm)

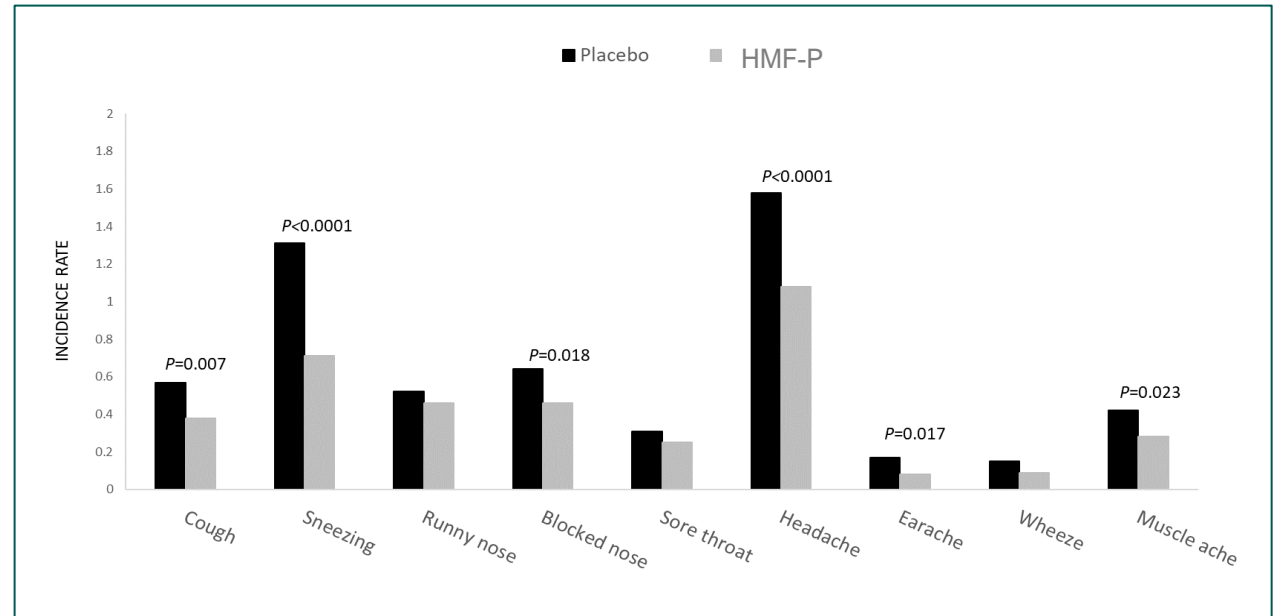
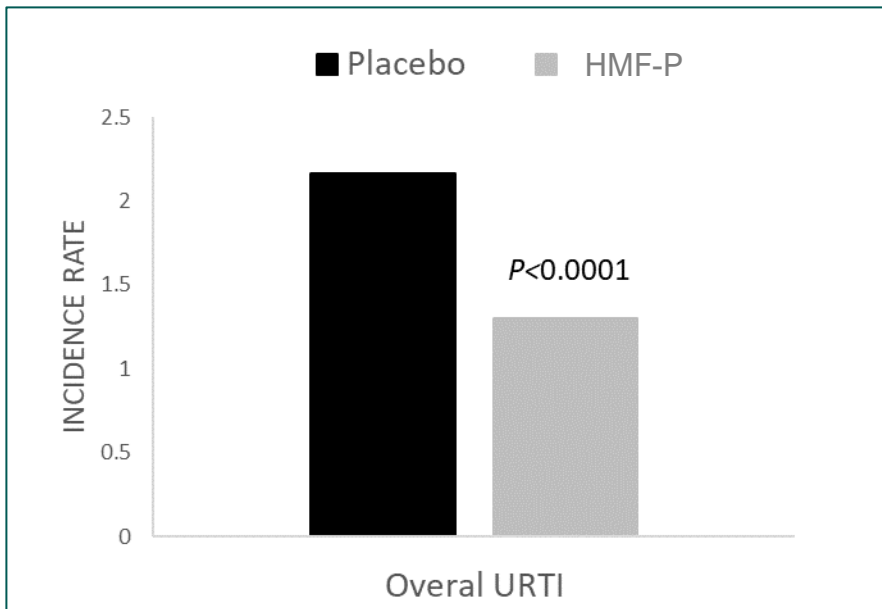


Total population: 1.3kg (2.9lb), 0.94cm (0.37in)  
Overweight participants: 1.4kg (3.1lb), 0.85cm (0.34in)  
Over 50-year-olds: 1.8kg (4lb), 1.03cm (0.41in)  
Hypercholesterolaemic participants: 2.1kg (4.6lb), 0.90cm (0.35in)  
Hypercholesterolaemic participants over 50 years old: 3.2kg (7.1lb), 1.57cm (0.62in)

Michael DR et al, Scientific Reports 2020

# The Promagen Study: Prevention of Colds and Coughs in Adults

Overweight or obese adults (BMI 25-34.9) took daily either 50 billion HMF-P Consortium probiotics or a matching placebo for 6 months and maintained a normal lifestyle.



40% significant reduction in the incidence of URTI symptoms.

Michael DR et al, Scientific Reports 2020



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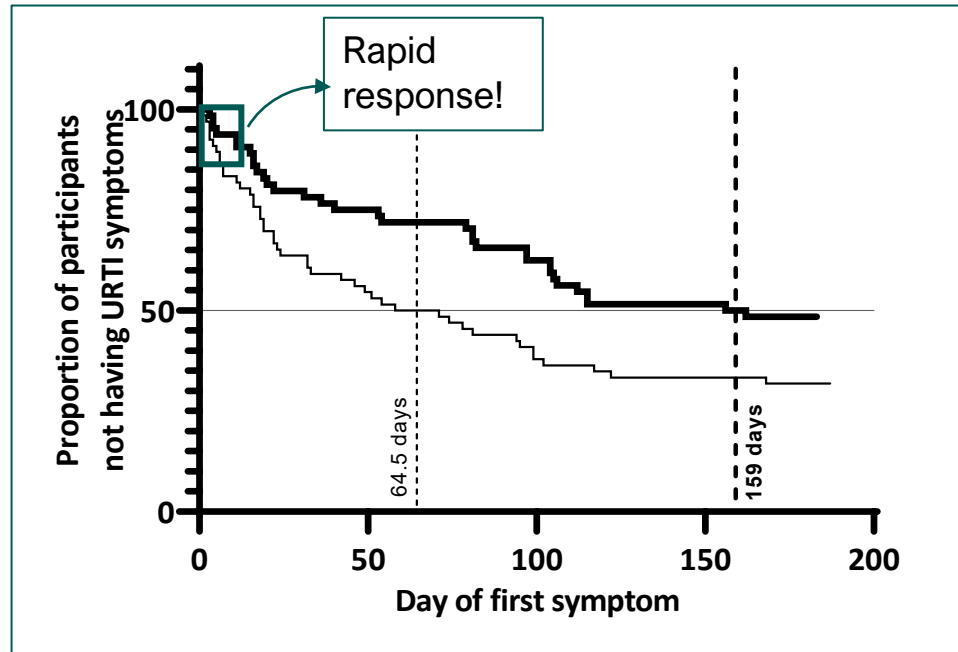
# Prevention of Coughs & Colds in Adults

Further analyses were carried to investigate the impact of the HMF-P Consortium probiotics on the occurrence of specific upper respiratory tract infections symptoms and the impact of age and BMI.

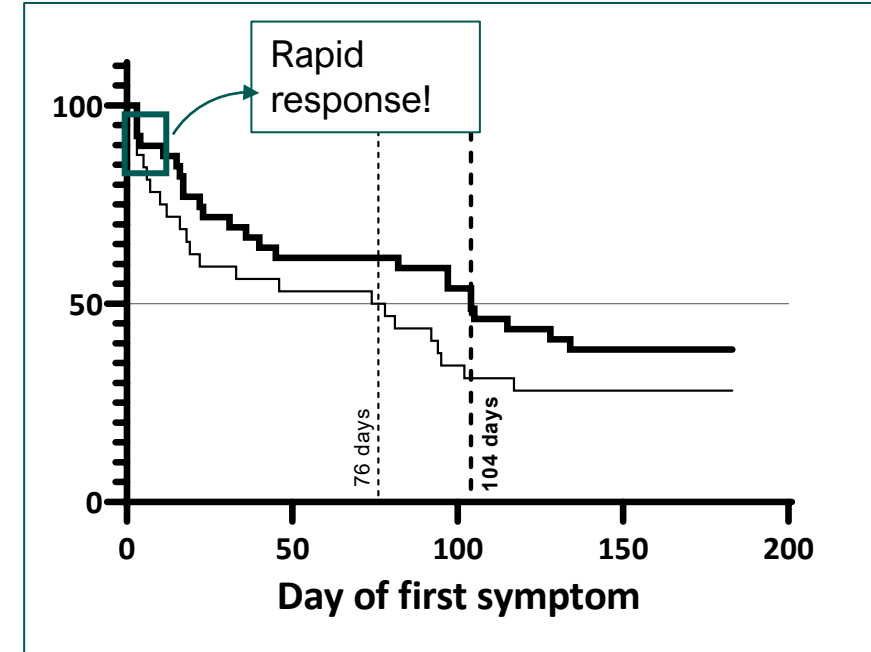
## THE PROMAGEN / METABOLIC STUDY HMF-P Consortium - 50 BILLION CFU

Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL60
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Bifidobacterium bifidum	CUL20
Bifidobacterium animalis sbsp. lactis	CUL34
Lactobacillus plantarum	CUL66

Age  $\geq 45$



BMI  $\geq 30$



40% reduction in incidence of URTI in people over 45 compared to placebo.  
43% reduction in incidence of URTI in people with a BMI  $\geq 30$  compared to placebo.

Mullish et al, Gut Microbes 2021



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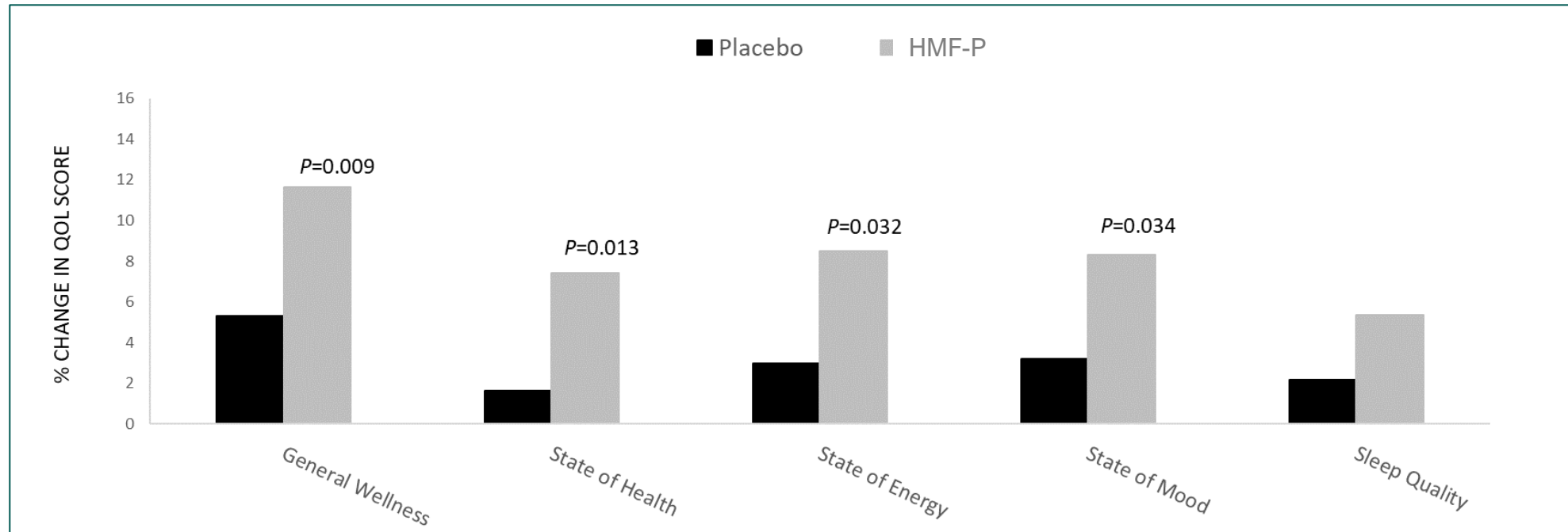


# The Promagen Study: General Health

Overweight or obese adults (BMI 25-34.9) took daily either 50 billion HMF-P Consortium probiotics or a matching placebo for 6 months and maintained a normal lifestyle.

## THE PROMAGEN / METABOLIC STUDY HMF-P Consortium - 50 BILLION CFU

Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL60
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Bifidobacterium bifidum	CUL20
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Lactobacillus plantarum	CUL66



Supplementation of overweight and obese adults with HMF-P Probiotics resulted in a significant improvement of reported Quality of Life scores.

Michael DR et al, Scientific Reports 2020



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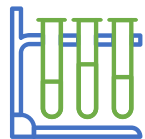


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# The Promagen / Metabolic Study 2 – 2021 (Metabolic status & general health outcomes)



Objective of the Double-blind Placebo Controlled Study:  
To Investigate the Impact of Probiotics on Metabolic Status and General Well-Being in an Overweight and Obese Population

## Design of the studies:

70 healthy adults (BMI 25-29.9 and aged between 45-65) participated in **this 9-month study**

**50 billion CFU** of the proprietary human probiotic consortium was administered to participants **daily** with **no change in their diet or exercise regime**

## Probiotic Consortium Utilized:

### THE PROMAGEN / METABOLIC STUDY HMF-P Consortium - 50 BILLION CFU

Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL60
Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL21
Bifidobacterium bifidum	CUL20
Bifidobacterium animalis sbsp. lactis	CUL34
Lactobacillus plantarum	CUL66

## Outcome of the studies:

After 9 months:

- Weight loss of 7 lbs. (3kg)
- Reduction in waist measurement of 1.1 inches (3cm)
- Reduction in hip measurement of 1 inch (2.66 cm)
- Favorable changes in blood pressure values

Additional Findings:

In alignment with an assessment of 5% weight loss in a 6–12-month timeframe established by the American Heart Association (AHA) as a meaningful weight loss achievement, some additional findings were:

- At 6 months there was a 31% of participants in the probiotic group experienced a 5% weight loss, versus 6% in the placebo group
- At 9 months the percentage increased to 40% in probiotic group versus 3% in the placebo group

By the end of the study 71% of the participants in the probiotic group achieved a 3% reduction in weight versus 17% in the placebo group.

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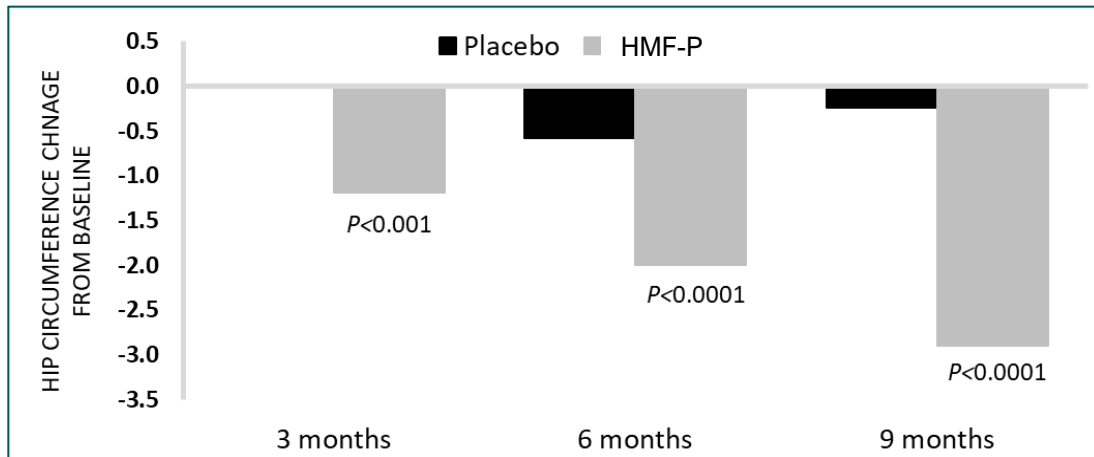
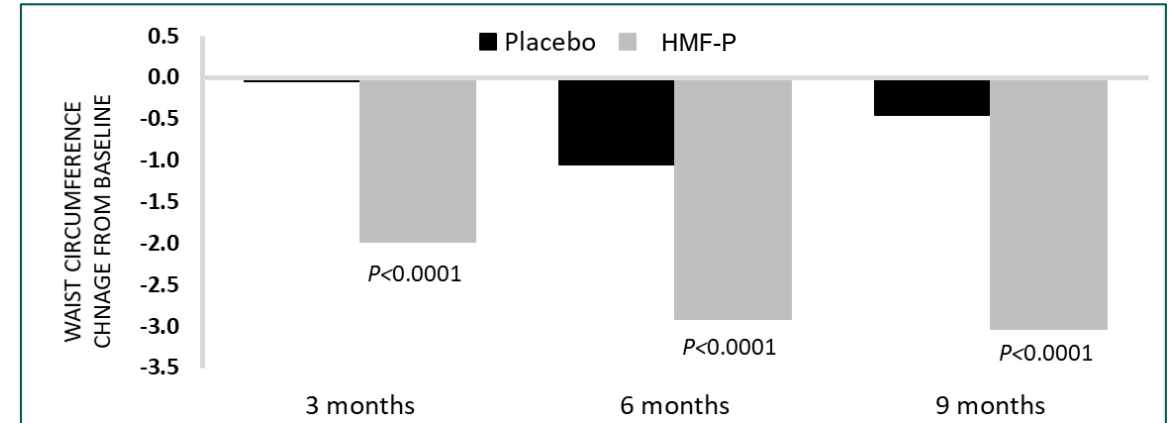
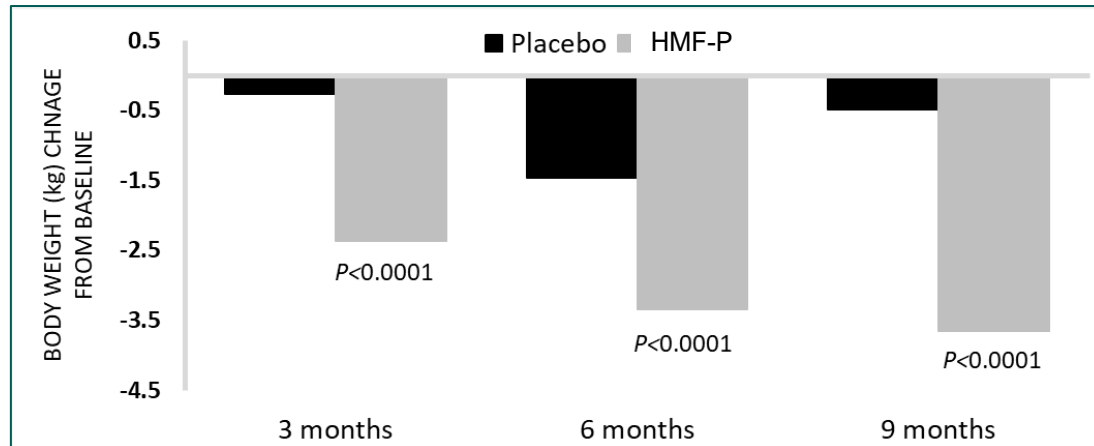
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# The Promagen 2 Study: Weight Loss in Overweight Adults

Overweight adults (BMI 25-29.9) aged 45-65 years took either 50 billion HMF-P Consortium probiotics or placebo daily for 9 months and maintained a normal lifestyle.



Weight loss: 3.2kg (7.1lbs)  
Waist circumference: 2.6cm (1.02in)  
Hip circumference: 2.7cm (1.06in)

40% of participants reached the desirable annual 5% weight loss beneficial for health and well-being.

Michael et al, Scientific Reports 2021



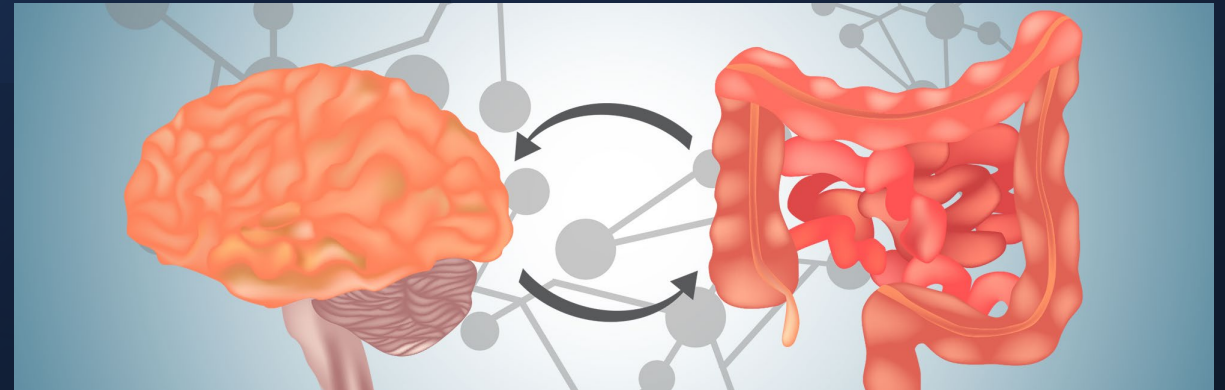
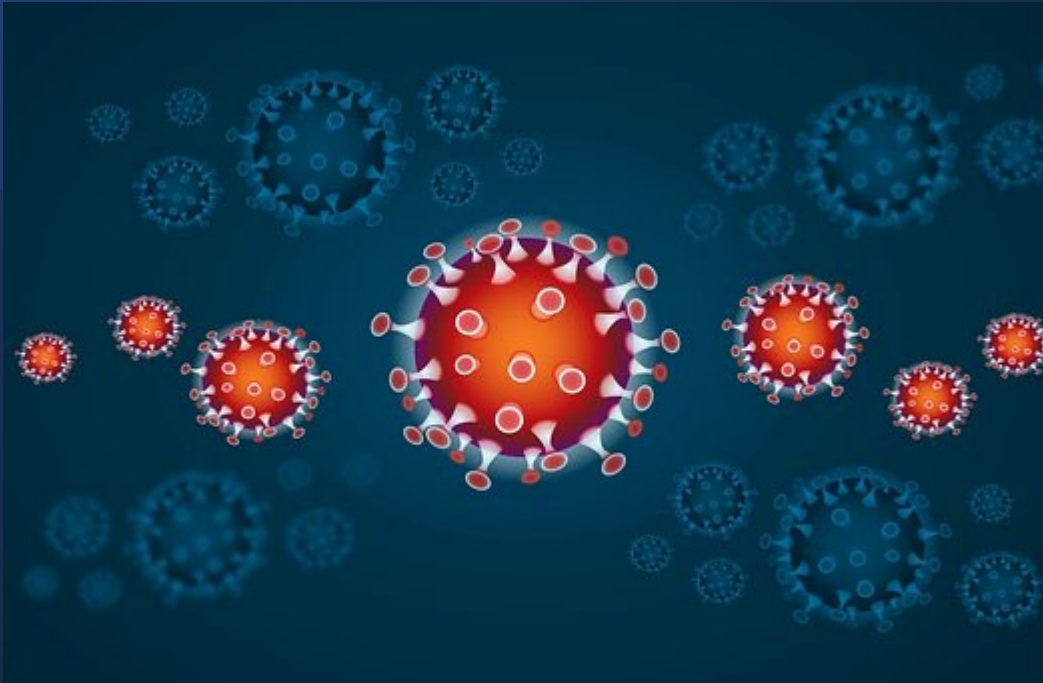
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# CLINICAL EFFECTS OF HMF PROBIOTICS ON THE BRAIN AND MENTAL HEALTH



# The Keele Study



# THE Effect of HMF Probiotics on Anxiety and Cognitive Function in Adults

DBRPC study: 50 healthy volunteers aged 19-38 years took daily either 25 billion Proprietary Human Probiotic Consortium or placebo for 6 weeks. Volunteers completed mood and anxiety questionnaires (Bond Lader Mood Scales, State Trait Anxiety Inventory) and comprehensive computerised cognitive battery of tests (COMPASS).

**Trait' Anxiety:** individual's tendency to experience anxiety in response to the anticipation of a future threat, how individuals felt over the previous 6 weeks

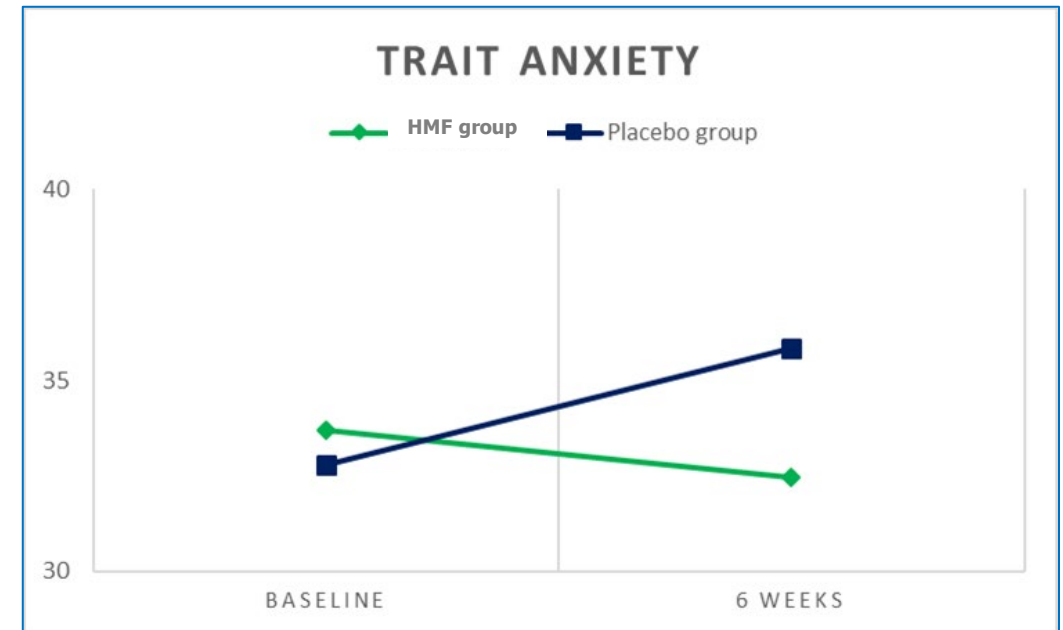
HMF probiotics significantly decreased 'trait' anxiety levels compared to placebo group ( $P=0.042$ ).

**'Continuity of attention':** ability to focus and avoid distraction

Significantly increased in response to the supplementation with Proprietary Human Probiotic Consortium and decreased in the placebo group ( $P=0.035$ )

## THE KEELE STUDY: HMF Consortium - 25 BILLION CFU

Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL60
Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL21
Bifidobacterium bifidum	CUL20
Bifidobacterium animalis sbsp. lactis	CUL34



Owen L et al Proceedings of the Nutrition Society 2014



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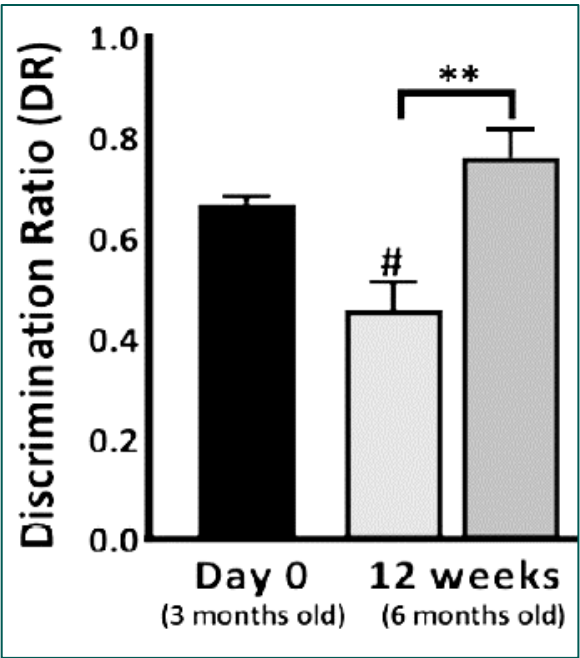


# Probiotics and Their Therapeutic Potential in Alzheimer's Disease

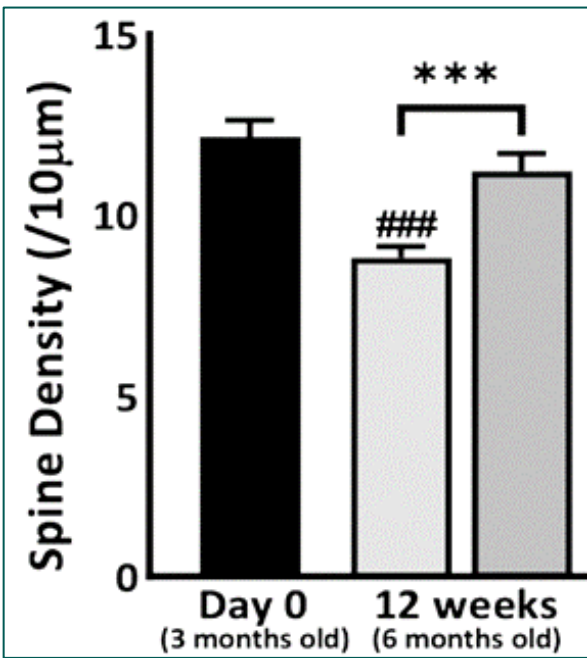
## PRESENCE OF A 'METABOLIC' CHALLENGE

3xTG Alzheimer's mice were fed high fat diet supplemented with HMF-P Consortium Probiotics ( $5 \times 10^8$  cfu/mouse/day, 50 -100 billion/day equivalent human dose) or high fat diet alone for 12 weeks.

NOVEL OBJECT RECOGNITION



NEURONAL SPINE DENSITY



HMF-P Consortium - 50 BILLION CFU

Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL60
Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL21
Bifidobacterium bifidum	CUL20
Bifidobacterium animalis sbsp. lactis	CUL34
Lactobacillus plantarum	CUL66

- BLB – 3xTG mice baseline
- HFD-C – High fat diet control
- HFD-P – High fat diet plus HMF-P

<sup>\*\*</sup> $P < 0.01$  or <sup>\*\*\*</sup> $P < 0.001$  vs. control  
<sup>#</sup> $P < 0.05$  or <sup>###</sup> $P < 0.001$  vs. baseline

HMF-P Probiotics maintain cognitive performance and preserve the hippocampal neuronal architecture in presence of a metabolic challenge.

Webberley TS et al, Int J Mol Sci 2023



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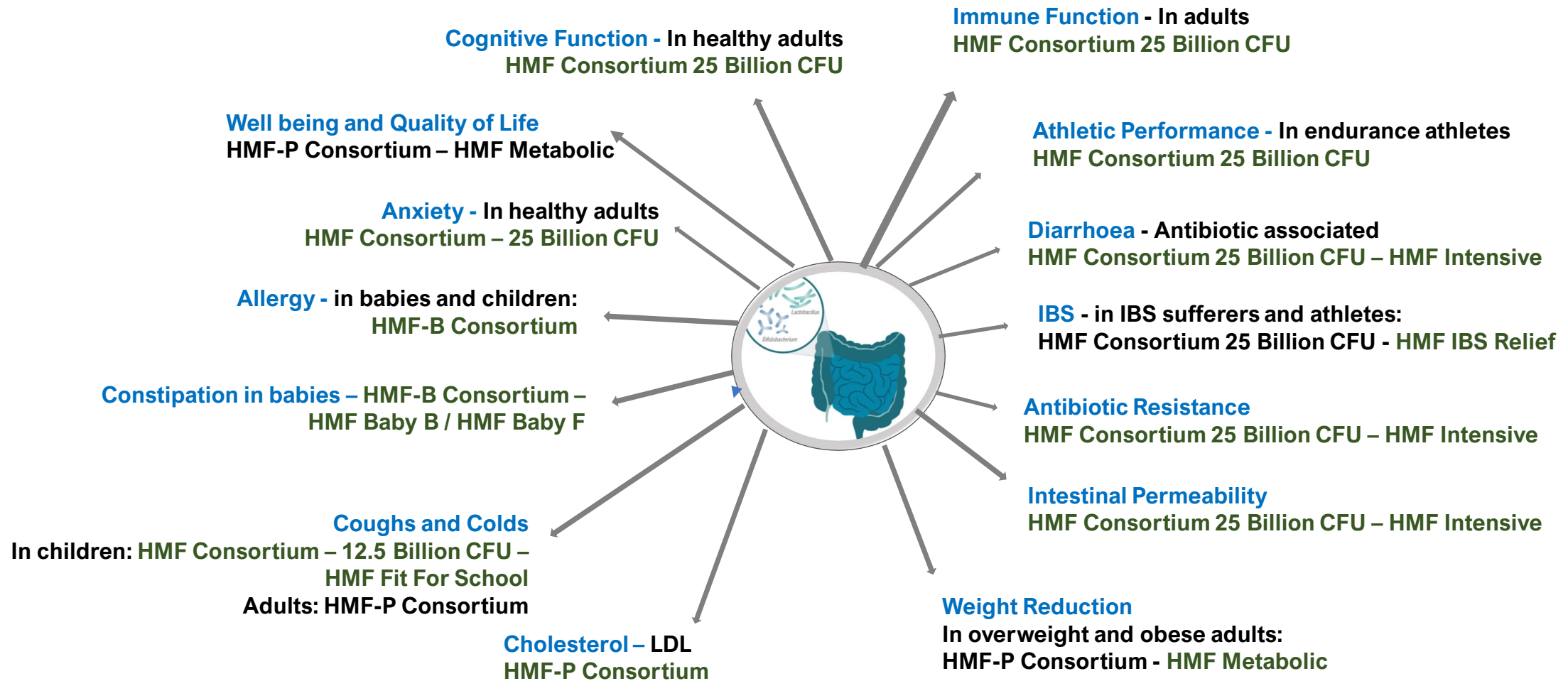
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# Clinically Proven Benefits of HMF Probiotic Strains



All clinical trials are applicable to shelf-stable formulations that have an associated refrigerated version



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# Clinically Proven Benefits of HMF Probiotic Strains

## THE PROCHILD STUDIES 1 & 2 HMF Consortium - 12.5 BILLION CFU

Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL60
Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL21
Bifidobacterium bifidum	CUL20
Bifidobacterium animalis sbsp. lactis	CUL34

Upper Respiratory Tract Infections (URTI – coughs & colds) in children

Reduced absenteeism from school

Significant improvement in normal stool consistency



## THE SHEFFIELD IBS TRIALS 1 & 2, THE CAMBRIDGE PROBIOTIC / ANTIBIOTIC TRIALS, KEELE STUDY: HMF Consortium - 25 BILLION CFU

Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL60
Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL21
Bifidobacterium bifidum	CUL20
Bifidobacterium animalis sbsp. lactis	CUL34

Immune function in adults

Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) in IBS sufferers and athletes

Antibiotic resistance in adults

Antibiotic associated diarrhea in adults (AAD)

Intestinal permeability in adult athletes

Athletic performance in endurance athletes

Anxiety

Cognitive function in healthy adults

Quality of life in healthy adults

## THE METABOLIC STUDIES HMF-P Consortium - 50 BILLION CFU

Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL60
Lactobacillus acidophilus	CUL21
Bifidobacterium bifidum	CUL20
Bifidobacterium animalis sbsp. lactis	CUL34
Lactobacillus plantarum	CUL66

Weight reduction in overweight and obese adults

Reduction in URTI (coughs and colds) in adults

Improved quality of life in adults (General wellness; and state of health, energy, mood and sleep quality)

Cholesterol metabolism in adults – small dense LDL

Reduction in headaches and muscle pain

## THE SWANSEA BABY TRIAL, THE SWANSEA “SAFETY IN NEWBORNS STUDY”:

### HMF-B Consortium - 10 BILLION CFU

Lactobacillus salivarius	CUL61
Lactobacillus paracasei	CUL08
Bifidobacterium bifidum	CUL20
Bifidobacterium animalis sbsp. lactis	CUL34

Allergy and skin sensitivity in infants and children

Constipation in infants

Intestinal permeability in infants and children

Safety in pregnancy and in neonates



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# Major HMF Probiotic Consortia are Backed by Research!

## HMF Consortium – 12.5 BILLION CFU

<b>Probiotic Consortium</b>	12.5 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> (CUL-60 & CUL-21)	10 billion CFU
<i>Bifidobacterium animalis</i> subsp. <i>lactis</i> (CUL-34) & <i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i> (CUL-20)	2.5 billion CFU



### THE PROCHILD STUDIES 1 & 2 HMF Consortium - 12.5 BILLION CFU

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## HMF Consortium - 25 BILLION CFU

<b>Probiotic Consortium</b>	25 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> (CUL-60 & CUL-21)	19 billion CFU
<i>Bifidobacterium animalis</i> subsp. <i>lactis</i> (CUL-34) & <i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i> (CUL-20)	6 billion CFU



### THE SHEFFIELD IBS TRIALS 1 & 2, THE CAMBRIDGE PROBIOTIC / ANTIBIOTIC TRIALS, KEELE STUDY: HMF Consortium - 25 BILLION CFU

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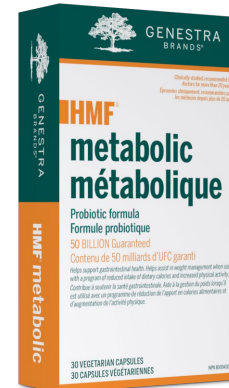
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# Major HMF Probiotic Consortia are Backed by Research!

## HMF-P Consortium- 50 BILLION CFU

<b>Probiotic Consortium</b>	50 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> (CUL-60 & CUL-21)	25.2 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> (CUL-66)	16.5 billion CFU
<i>Bifidobacterium animalis</i> subsp. <i>lactis</i> (CUL-34) & <i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i> (CUL-20)	8.3 billion CFU

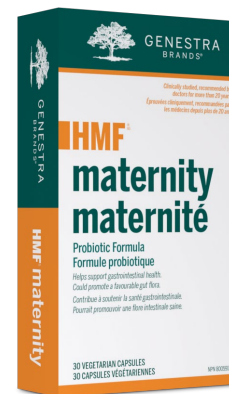


### THE METABOLIC STUDIES HMF-P Consortium - 50 BILLION CFU

<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i>	CUL60
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i>	CUL21
<i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i>	CUL20
<i>Bifidobacterium animalis</i> sbps. <i>lactis</i>	CUL34
<i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i>	CUL66

## HMF-B Consortium - 10 BILLION CFU

<b>Probiotic Consortium</b>	10 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus salivarius</i> (CUL-61)	6.25 billion CFU
<i>Bifidobacterium animalis</i> subsp. <i>lactis</i> (CUL-34) & <i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i> (CUL-20)	2.5 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus paracasei</i> (CUL-08)	1.25 billion CFU



### THE SWANSEA BABY TRIAL, THE SWANSEA “SAFETY IN NEWBORNS STUDY”: HMF-B Consortium - 10 BILLION CFU

<i>Lactobacillus salivarius</i>	CUL61
<i>Lactobacillus paracasei</i>	CUL08
<i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i>	CUL20
<i>Bifidobacterium animalis</i> sbps. <i>lactis</i>	CUL34



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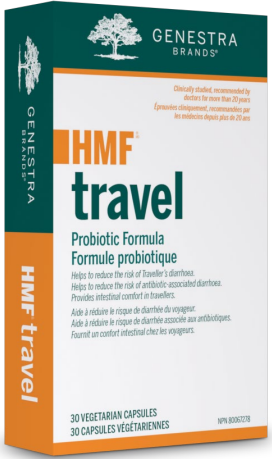


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## HMF-T Consortium - 35 BILLION CFU

<b>Probiotic Consortium</b> .....	17.5 billion CFU
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> (CUL-60 & CUL-21) .....	9.375 billion CFU
<i>Saccharomyces boulardii</i> (CNCM-I-1079) .....	5 billion CFU
<i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i> (CUL-20) & <i>Bifidobacterium animalis subsp. lactis</i> (CUL-34) .....	3.125 billion CFU



### THE FANTIB STUDY: HMF-T Consortium - 35 BILLION CFU

<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i>	CUL-60 & CUL-21
<i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i>	CUL20
<i>Bifidobacterium animalis subsp. lactis</i>	CUL34
<i>Saccharomyces boulardii</i>	CNCM-I-1079



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