

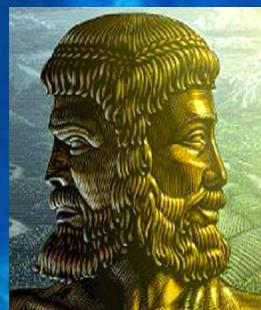
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Modulating the microbiota by fiber-rich vegetables: a promising therapeutic approach in obesity?

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# *The Gut Microbiota: an internal organ we feed everyday*



At least the same number of bacterial cells than eucaryotic cells in the human body\*  
Hundreds of metabolites, most with unknown effect on host health  
More gene in the microbiome than in the human genome  
Contains potentially « harmful » components (1g LPS)



*Importance of the gut barrier to keep Microbes « at bay »*

*Dysbiosis : alterations of gut microbiota composition/function*

*Linked to host inflammation and/or energy metabolism*

\* Abbott A Nature News 2016

# Dysbiosis associated with obesity, type 2 diabetes (T2D) and NAFLD in humans

(Karlsson et al Nature 2013, Tilg and Moschen Gut 2014, Delzenne et al Diabetologia 2015; Wiest et al J Hepatol 2017).

## Characteristics of a « moderate » dysbiosis

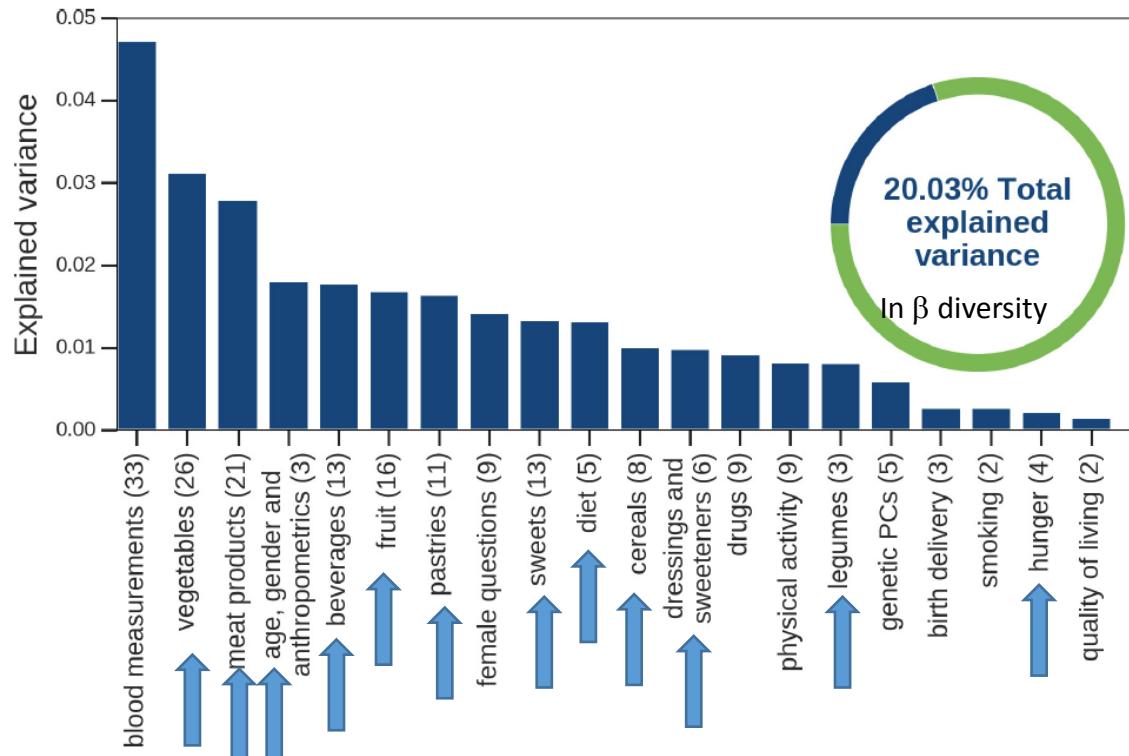
- Decrease in **bacterial diversity**
- Decrease in « beneficial » bacteria  
**Bifidobacteria** (immune system), *F. Prausnitzii* (anti-inflammatory), *Roseburia intestinalis* or *Clostridium* (butyrate producers), **Akkermansia muciniphila** (gut barrier)
- Increase in potentially **harmful bacteria**  
bacteria (i.e. *Desulfovibrio spp.*, *beta-proteobacteria*, *Bacteroides-Prevotella*)



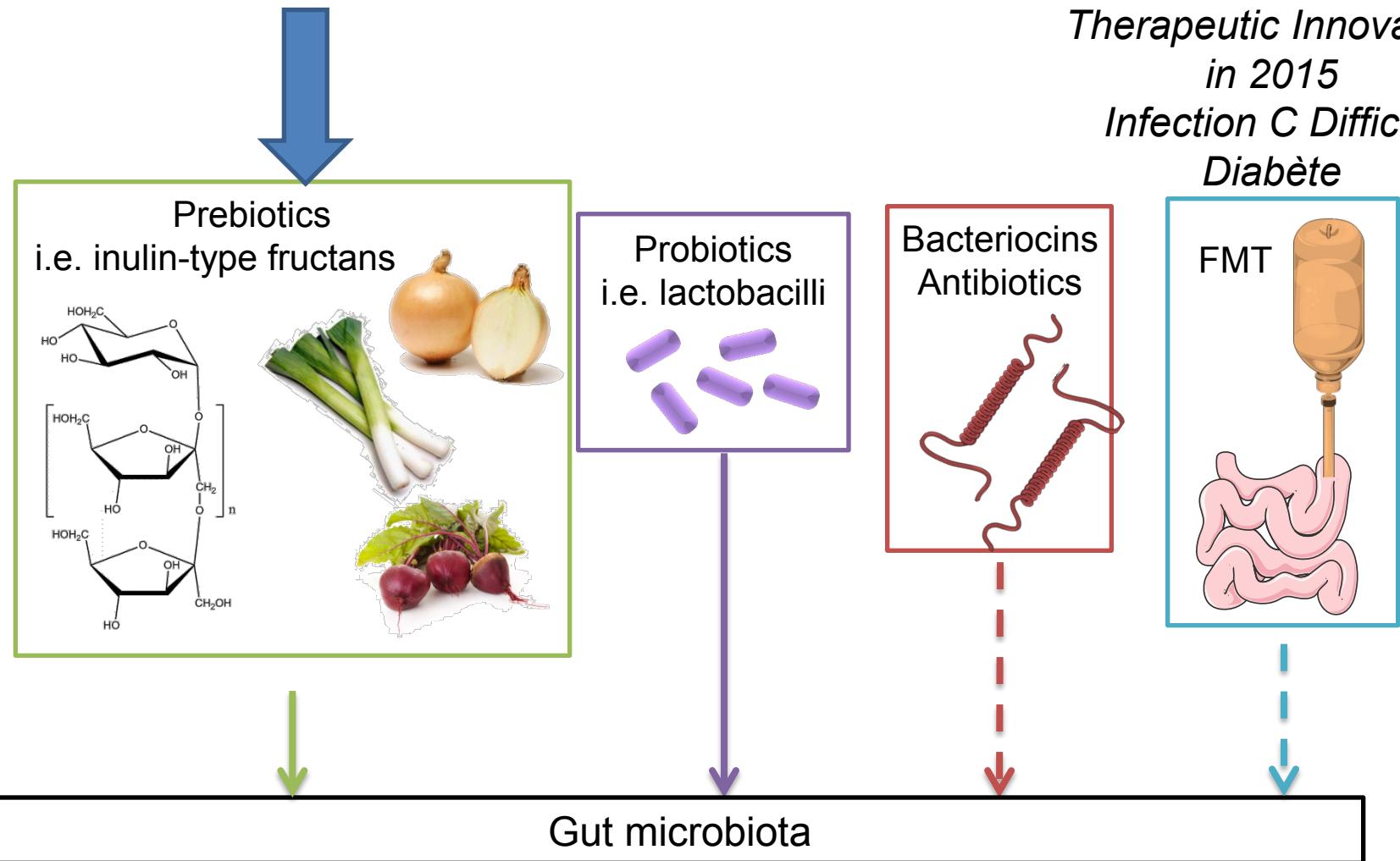
# Environment dominates over host genetics in shaping human gut microbiota

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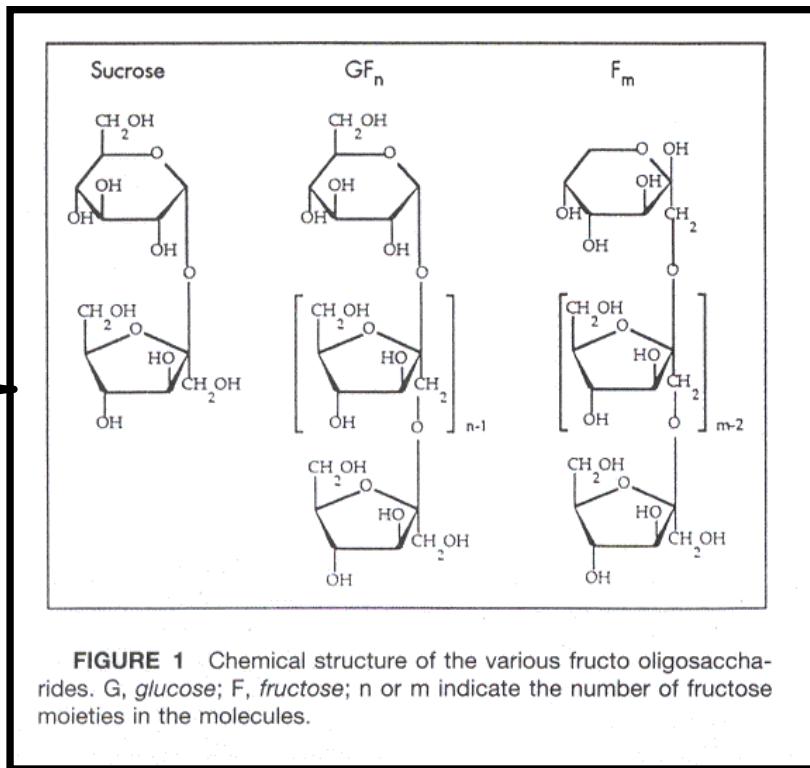
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# *Available tools to modulate the gut microbiota*



# Prebiotics: use of inulin type fructans (ITF) as modulators of the gut microbiota



« Opportunistic » increase  
In Bacteria expressing  $\beta$ -fructosidase, such as  
*Bifidobacteria*

Gas

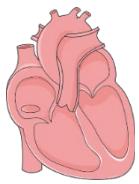
Prebiotic effect

**Short Chain Fatty Acids**  
**Acetate**  
**Propionate**  
**Butyrate**  
**Lactate**

« cross-feeding »

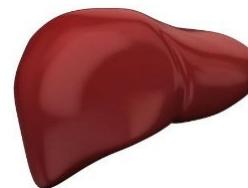
ITF are also present in cereals and some vegetables ...

# Inulin-type fructans modulates obesity and metabolic disorders in rodents



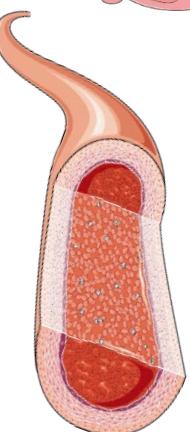
## Improve vascular dysfunction

Catry et al. Gut. 2018



## Improve hepatic steatosis lipids content

Firdaliso et al Kok et al , Br J Nutr 1995;  
Everard et al. Diabetes. 2011;  
Weitkunat et al. J Nutr Biochem. 2015;  
Weitkunat et al. Sci. Rep. 2017



### Glucose tolerance

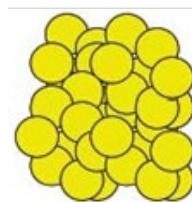
Cani et al. Diabetologia. 2007; Everard et al. Diabetes. 2011

### Triglycerides

Kok et al br J Nutr 1995;  
Everard et al. Diabetes. 2011; Hiel et al. Nutrients. 2018

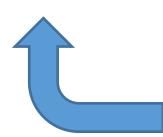
### Endotoxaemia, inflammation

Cani et al. Diabetologia. 2007 ; Cani et al. Gut. 2006)



### Fat mass accumulation

Dewulf et al. J.Nutr. Biochem 2011;  
Weitkunat et al. Sci. Rep. 2017;  
Everard et al. Diabetes. 2011



### Gut barrier function

(Cani et al. Gut. 2009)

### Gut endocrine function

Kok et al J Nutr 1998; Cani et al 2006

### Nutrients digestion/absorption

Lipids (Hiel et al Nutrients 2018), sugars (Neyrinck et al 2017)



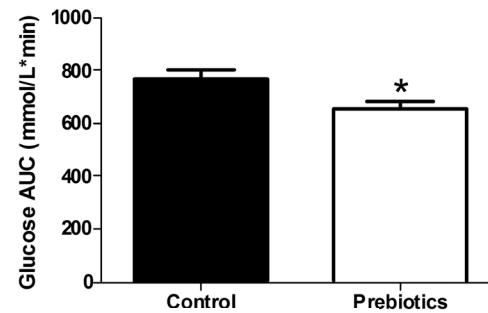
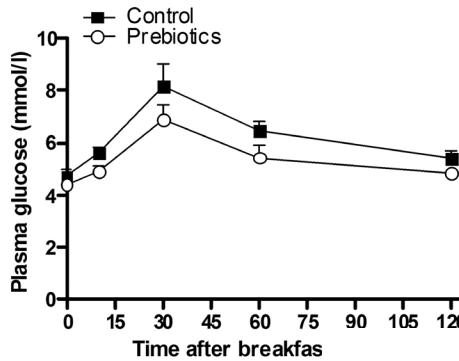


# Inulin-type fructans decrease post prandial glucose and modulate gut peptides after a high CHO breakfast in humans

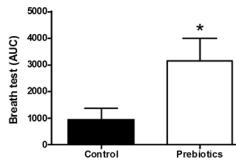
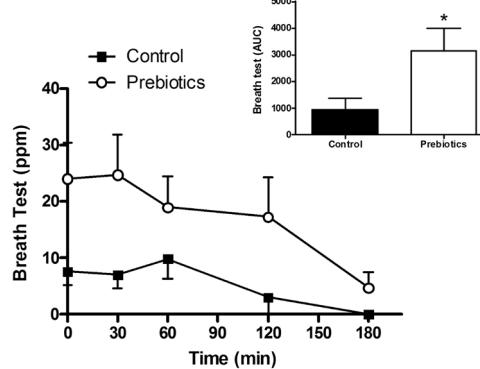
*Randomized double blind parallel placebo controlled study*

*Healthy volunteers fed either maltodextrin (placebo) or Raftilose (short chain ITF)  
16g per day for two weeks before standardized high carbohydrates breakfast test*

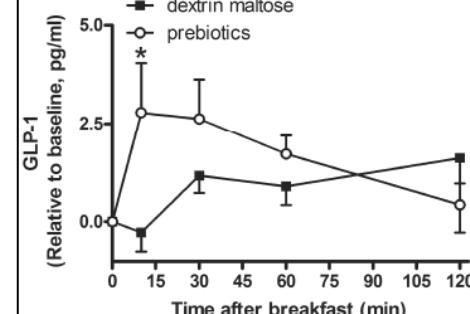
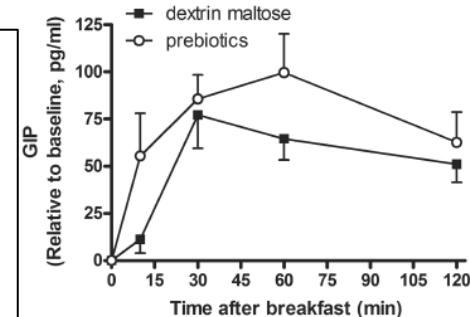
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Hydrogen  
Breath test  
(fermentation)



Gut hormones



Regulation of glycemia by Inulin accepted as health Claim by EFSA

Cani et al Am J Clin Nutr 2009

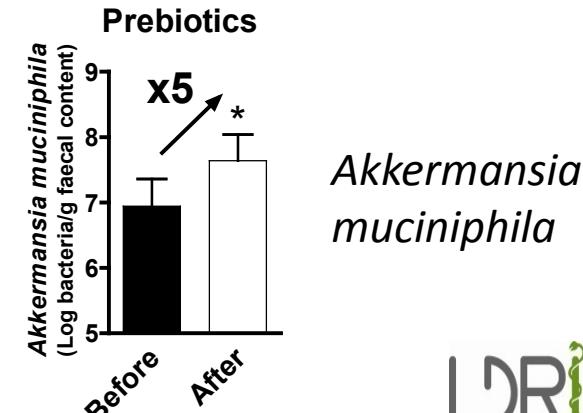


# Specific changes in gut microbiota induced by purified inulin-type fructans correlate with host physiology in obese women

- Double blind placebo controlled intervention study; 15 women per group; mean BMI 35 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- 2 groups : Synergy 1 (ITF) and maltodextrin (placebo)
- 3 months of treatment (8g twice a day)

	Placebo group			Prebiotic group			Mann-Whitney test
	T0	T3months	Δ	T0	T3months	Δ	p value
<i>Bifidobacterium spp.</i>	9.36±0.16	9.05±0.20	-0.31±0.15	9.16±0.10	9.79±0.12***	0.63±0.12	0.0001
<i>B. adolescentis</i>	6.39±0.37	6.57±0.39	0.18±0.22	6.52±0.23	7.14±0.35**	0.62±0.17	0.0381
<i>B. animalis</i>	5.54±0.24	5.48±0.38	0.14±0.33	5.99±0.32	6.23±0.40	0.24±0.31	0.6943
<i>B. bifidum</i>	5.36±0.35	5.79±0.45	0.42±0.41	4.85±0.14	5.29±0.23	0.44±0.26	0.7107
<i>B. breve</i>	5.60±0.06	5.53±0.04	-0.08±0.05	5.62±0.05	5.55±0.03	-0.07±0.06	0.9085
<i>B. longum</i>	8.14±0.27	7.73±0.33	-0.45±0.16	7.94±0.17	8.67±0.19***	0.73±0.12	<0.0001
<i>B. pseudocatenulatum</i>	7.33±0.43	6.79±0.45	-0.54±0.23	7.20±0.41	8.49±0.41**	1.29±0.35	0.0005

*B. Longum, Akkermansia muciniphila, and F. prausnitzii* levels correlate with the decrease in endotoxemia (LPS); *B. Adolescentis* correlates with the decrease in fat mass.

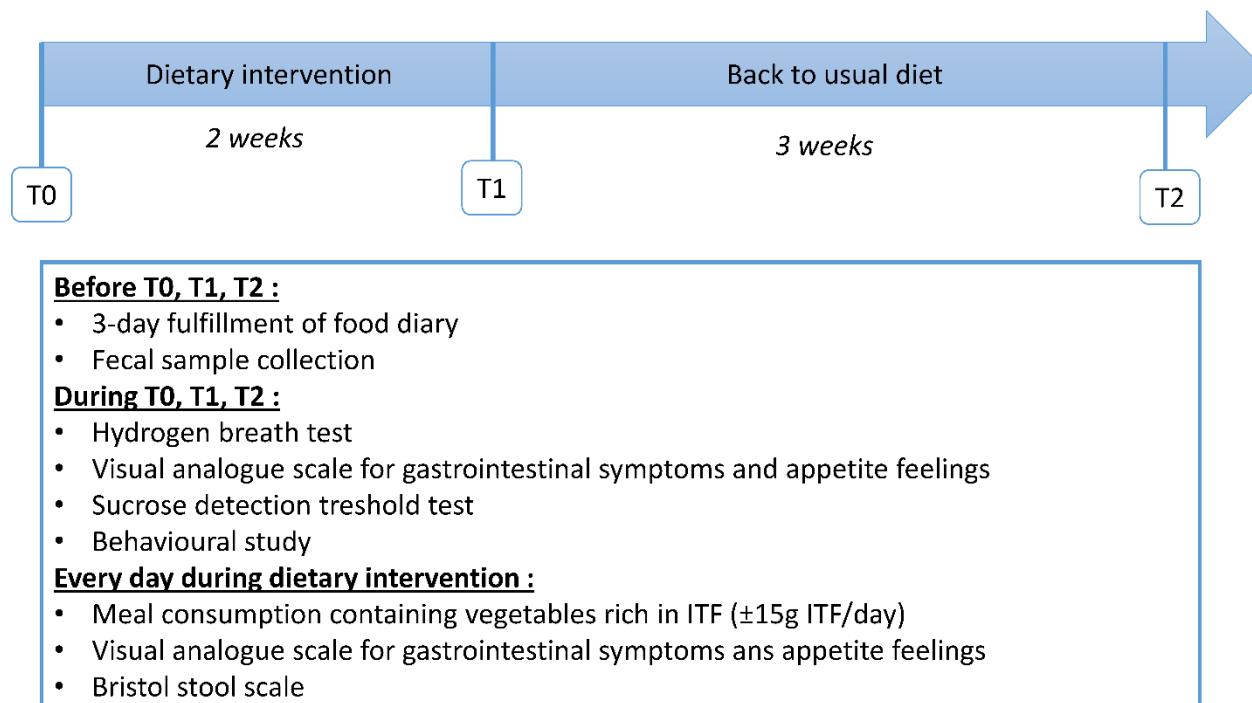


Dewulf et al Gut 2012, Salazar et al Clin Nutr 2014



# Can we provide enough inulin in food to get a prebiotic effect ? "Proof of concept in healthy individuals

- Selection of foods (analytical data of vegetables cultivated in Wallonia) (Kalala et al 2017)
- Volunteers : 14 women, 12 men recruited; 25 completed the study (mean BMI 22,5 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Exclusion criteria : smoking; AB- pre- or probiotics for the last 6 weeks; drugs (antidiabetics, proton pump inhibitors, laxatives..), pregnancy, chronic diseases, psychiatric problems.
- Strict control of meals during the intervention period





Artichoke



Onion soup or puree



Salsify

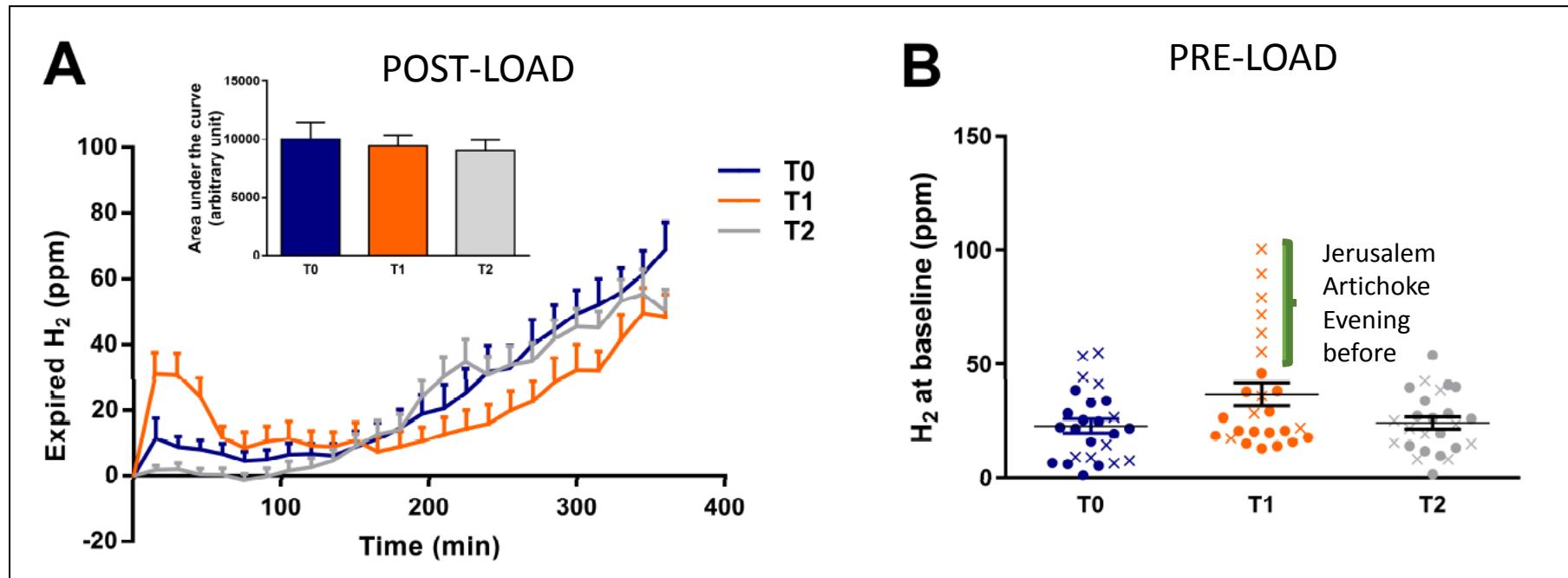
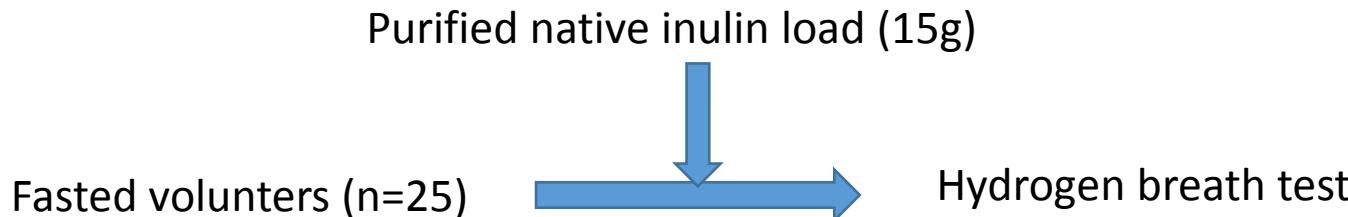


Jerusalem Artichoke  
Soup, puree

Data are expressed as mean $\pm$ SEM and analyzed by a repeated measures one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey post test, or Friedman test followed by Dunn's post test: \*\*\* P<0.001 versus T0. # P<0.05, ### P<0.001 versus T1. n=25.

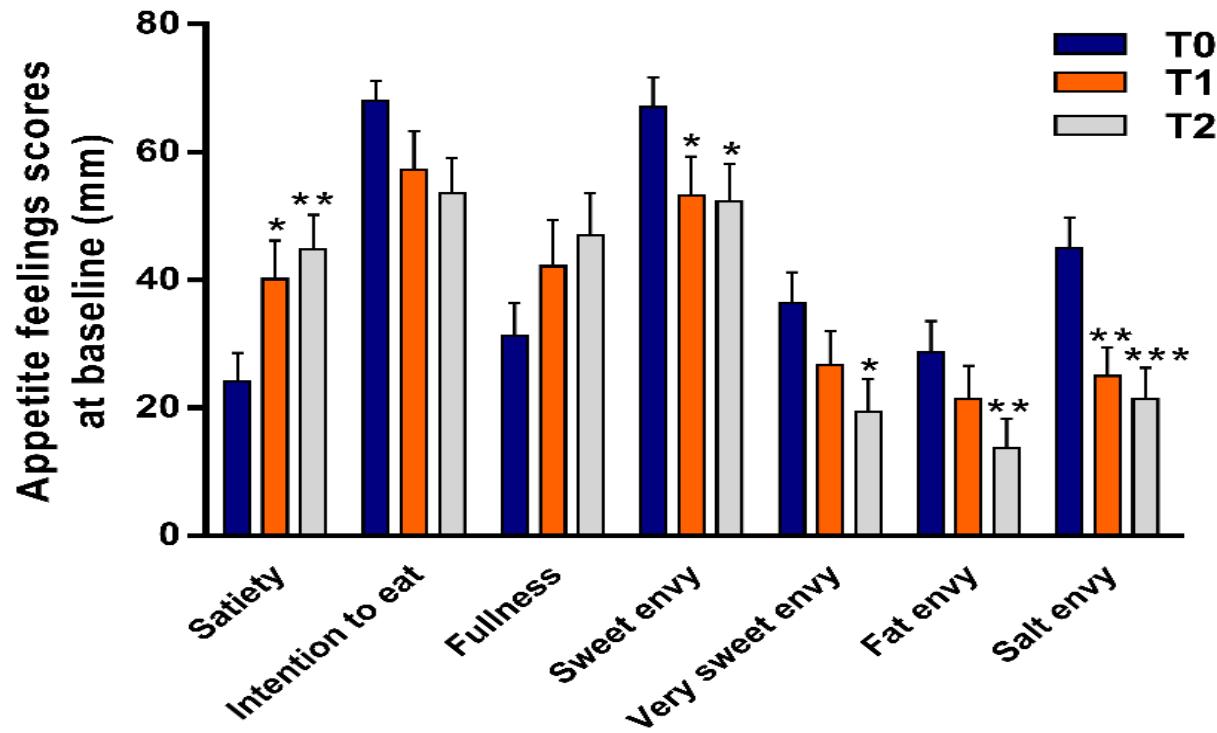
	T0	T1	T2
Energy (kcal/day)	1975 $\pm$ 77	1888 $\pm$ 70	1949 $\pm$ 75
Carbohydrates (g/day)	254.2 $\pm$ 10.4	221.6 $\pm$ 9.6	240.9 $\pm$ 10.1
Starch	139.9 $\pm$ 8.6	124.2 $\pm$ 7.2	153.5 <sup>#</sup> $\pm$ 10.6
Sugars	87.1 $\pm$ 5.8	83.6 $\pm$ 4.2	83.7 $\pm$ 6.2
Lipid (g/day)	67.3 $\pm$ 5.1	68.2 $\pm$ 3.8	70.7 $\pm$ 4.2
Protein (g/day)	74.8 $\pm$ 3.3	80.6 $\pm$ 3.1	74.6 $\pm$ 3.9
Fibres (g/day)	18.29 $\pm$ 1.61	31.46 *** $\pm$ 1.08	16.62 ### $\pm$ 1.45
Fructans	3.06 $\pm$ 0.51	15.67 *** $\pm$ 0.31	2.68 ### $\pm$ 0.26

# Gastrointestinal fermentation and gastro-intestinal tolerance of inulin-type rich food



- Visual Analogue scale for gastrointestinal symptoms revealed a small increase in flatulence (T1), with no effect on burp, bloating, rumbling, cramp, discomfort and nausea
- GI tolerance towards inulin load (15g) was improved at T1 versus T0

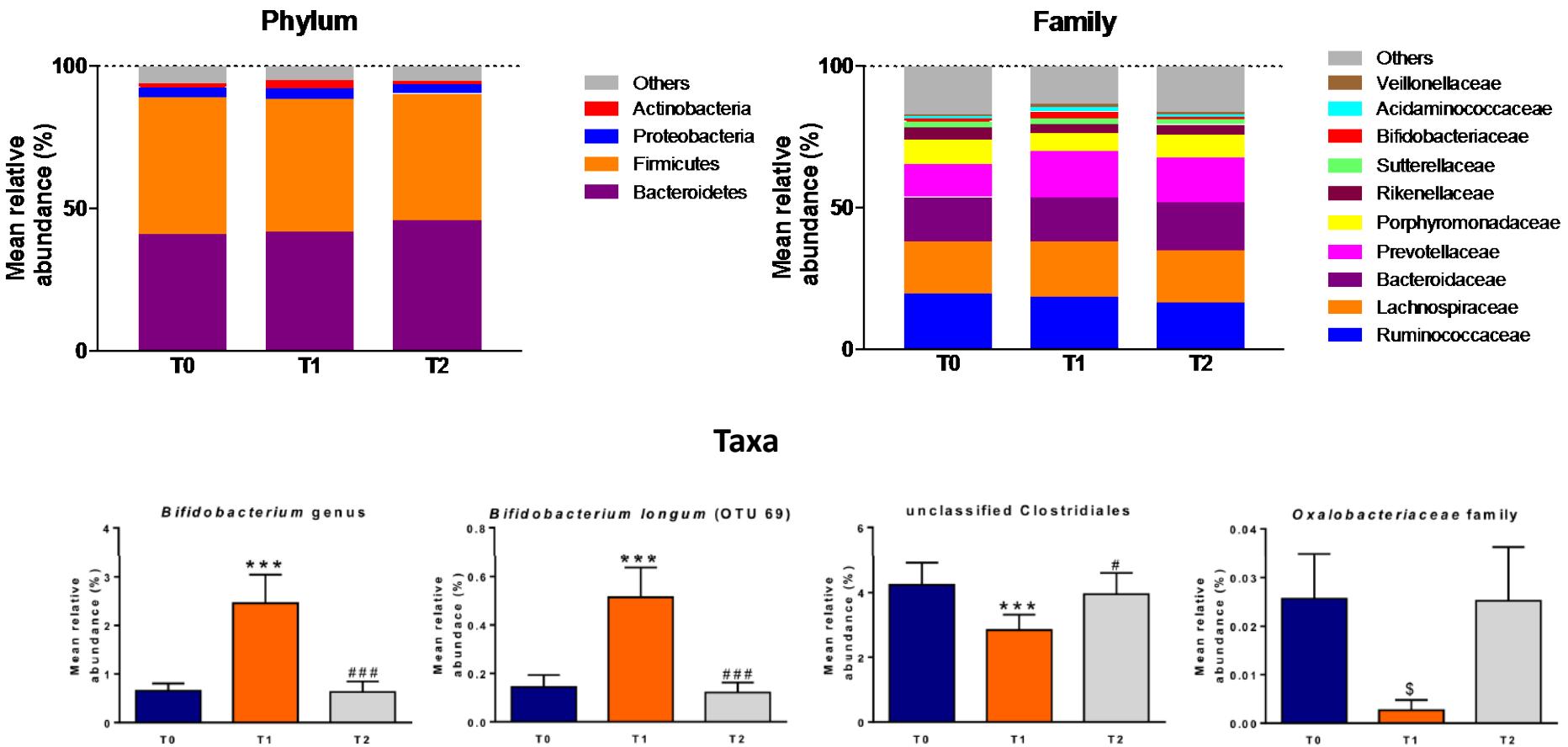
# Persisting effect on food related behaviour by food intervention with inulin rich vegetables



- Higher level of intrapersonal emotional competence at T2 versus T0
- No changes in perceived stress score
- Hedonic attitude for vegetables and leek consumption high before the study and stable throughout the intervention
- Intention to eat more vegetables, leek and salsify was not modified

# Gut microbiota composition

V5-V6 16SrDNA illumina sequencing





## Conclusion of the study

- Inulin-rich vegetables are well tolerated, allow significant changes in the gut microbiota (reversible), can induce more persisting changes in food behaviour and emotional competences
- The increase in *Bifidobacterium* genus appears as a « signature » of inulin intake; an increase in *Prevotella* and a decrease in *Oscillibacter* sp., *Lachnospiraceae*, and *Alistipes* genus fits with observational studies relating vegetable intake and health.
- Subjects reported a reduced discomfort score following the food intervention; intestinal discomfort was negatively correlated with *Clostridium* cluster IV and *Ruminococcus callidus*.



- To evaluate the impact of **native inulin** combined with **vegetables** rich in inulin on **weight management** and **metabolic alterations** in obese patients

- Randomized controlled trial, simple blind
- 150 patients (final objective)
- 3 months



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### Treated

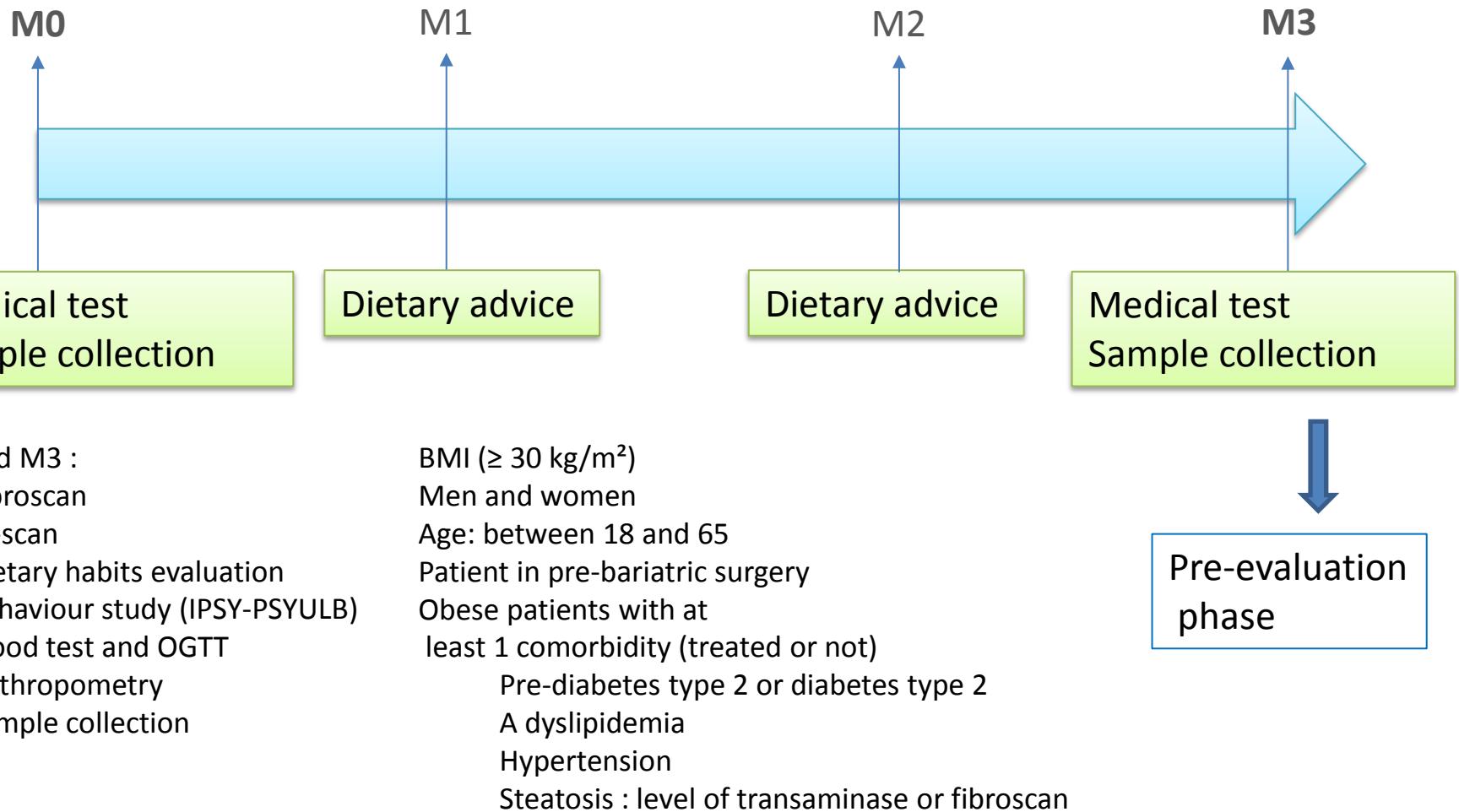
- 16 g of purified inulin
- Recipes with vegetables containing high amount of ITF



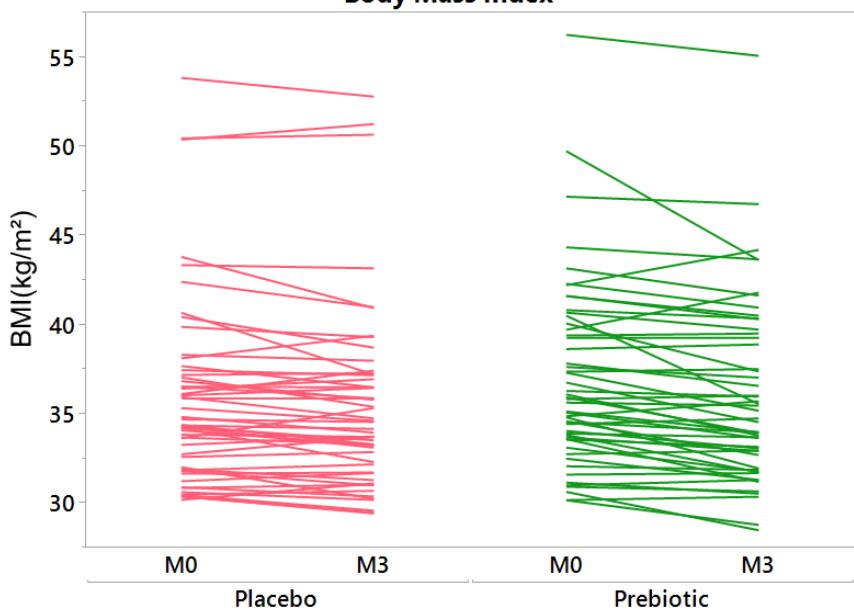
### Placebo

- 16 g of maltodextrin
- Recipes with vegetables containing low amount of ITF





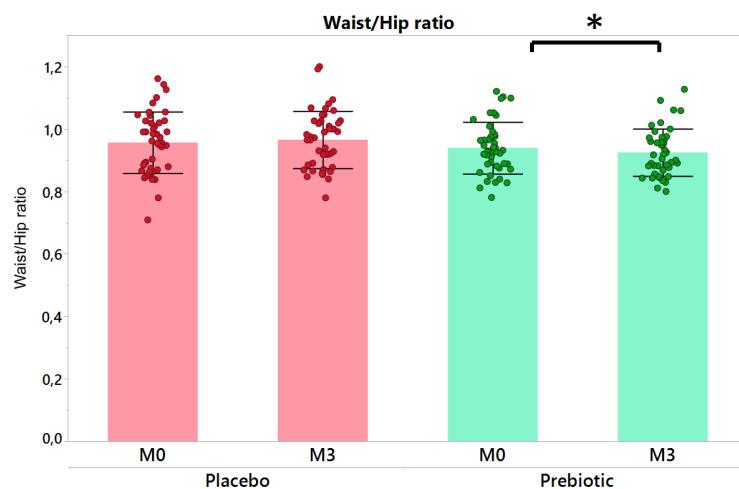
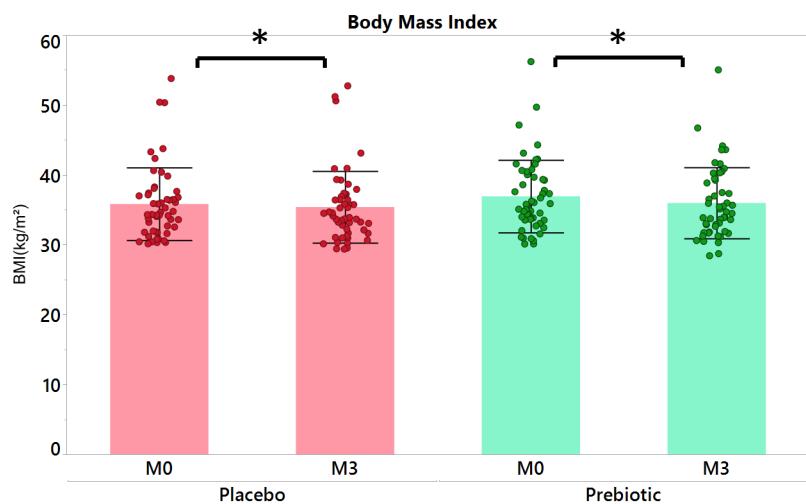
### Body Mass Index



Term	Estimate	Std Error	DFFDen	t Ratio	Prob> t
Intercept	36,010411	0,646432	1,786	55,71	0,0007*
Group[inuline]	0,5089714	0,498013	101,9	1,02	0,3092
Time[M0]	0,3472308	0,060125	101,1	5,78	<,0001*
Group[inuline]*Time[M0]	0,1325262	0,060125	101,1	2,20	0,0298*

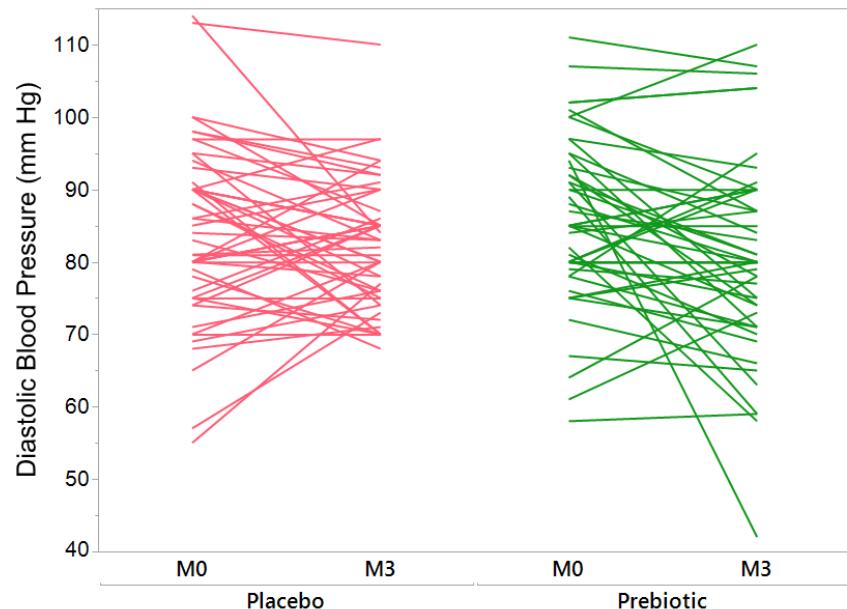
Level	-Level	Difference	Std Err Diff	Lower CL	Upper CL	p-Value
inuline,M0	maltodextrine,M3	1,712404	1,003464	-0,90894	4,333744	0,3257
inuline,M0	maltodextrine,M0	1,282995	1,003056	-1,33728	3,903269	0,5783
inuline,M0	inuline,M3	0,959514	0,170903	0,51307	1,405963	<,0001*
inuline,M3	maltodextrine,M3	0,752890	1,003464	-1,86845	3,374230	0,8763
maltodextrine,M0	maltodextrine,M3	0,429409	0,169214	-0,01263	0,871444	0,0602
inuline,M3	maltodextrine,M0	0,323481	1,003056	-2,29679	2,943755	0,9883

Level	-Level	Random Effect	Wald p-Value	Pct of Total
inuline,M0	A	Hospital	0,7017	1,892
inuline,M3	B	Patient	<,0001*	95,294
maltodextrine,M0	A B	Residual		2,814
maltodextrine,M3	A B	Total		100,000



Unpublished, preliminary data

### Diastolic Blood Pressure



Term	Estimate	Std Error	DFDen	t Ratio	Prob> t
Intercept	82,809608	0,890058	1,397	93,04	0,0013*
Group[inuline]	-0,075448	0,990398	103,8	-0,08	0,9394
Time[M0]	1,8030293	0,557076	102,6	3,24	0,0016*
Group[inuline]*Time[M0]	0,8835355	0,557142	102,6	1,59	0,1159

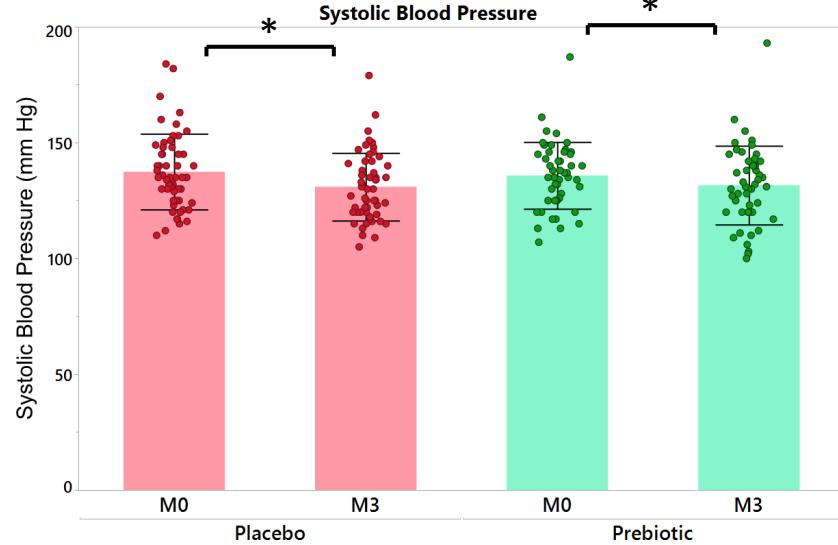
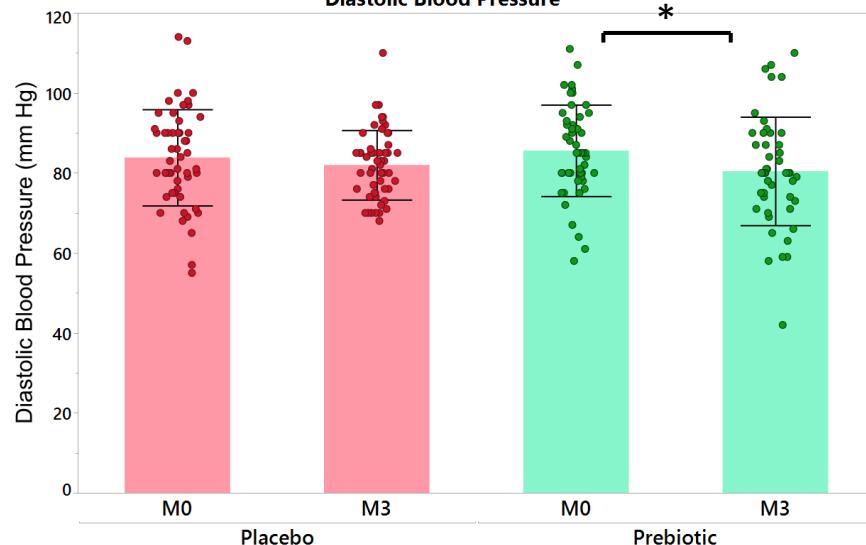
Level	- Level	Difference	Std Err Dif	Lower CL	Upper CL	p-Value
inuline,M0	inuline,M3	5,373129	1,611697	1,16392	9,582338	0,0065*
maltodextrine,M0	inuline,M3	3,756955	2,258622	-2,14180	9,655712	0,3483
inuline,M0	maltodextrine,M3	3,455162	2,286570	-2,51659	9,426910	0,4347
maltodextrine,M3	inuline,M3	1,917968	2,265271	-3,99815	7,834090	0,8320
maltodextrine,M0	maltodextrine,M3	1,838988	1,538947	-2,18022	5,858198	0,6314
inuline,M0	maltodextrine,M0	1,616174	2,280113	-4,33871	7,571058	0,8934

### Level

inuline,M0	A
maltodextrine,M0	A B
maltodextrine,M3	A B
inuline,M3	B

Random Effect	Wald p-Value	Pct of Total
Hospital	0,8138	0,000
Patient	<,0001*	51,470
Residual		48,530
Total		100,000

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# Interindividual variability in the response to the dietary treatment

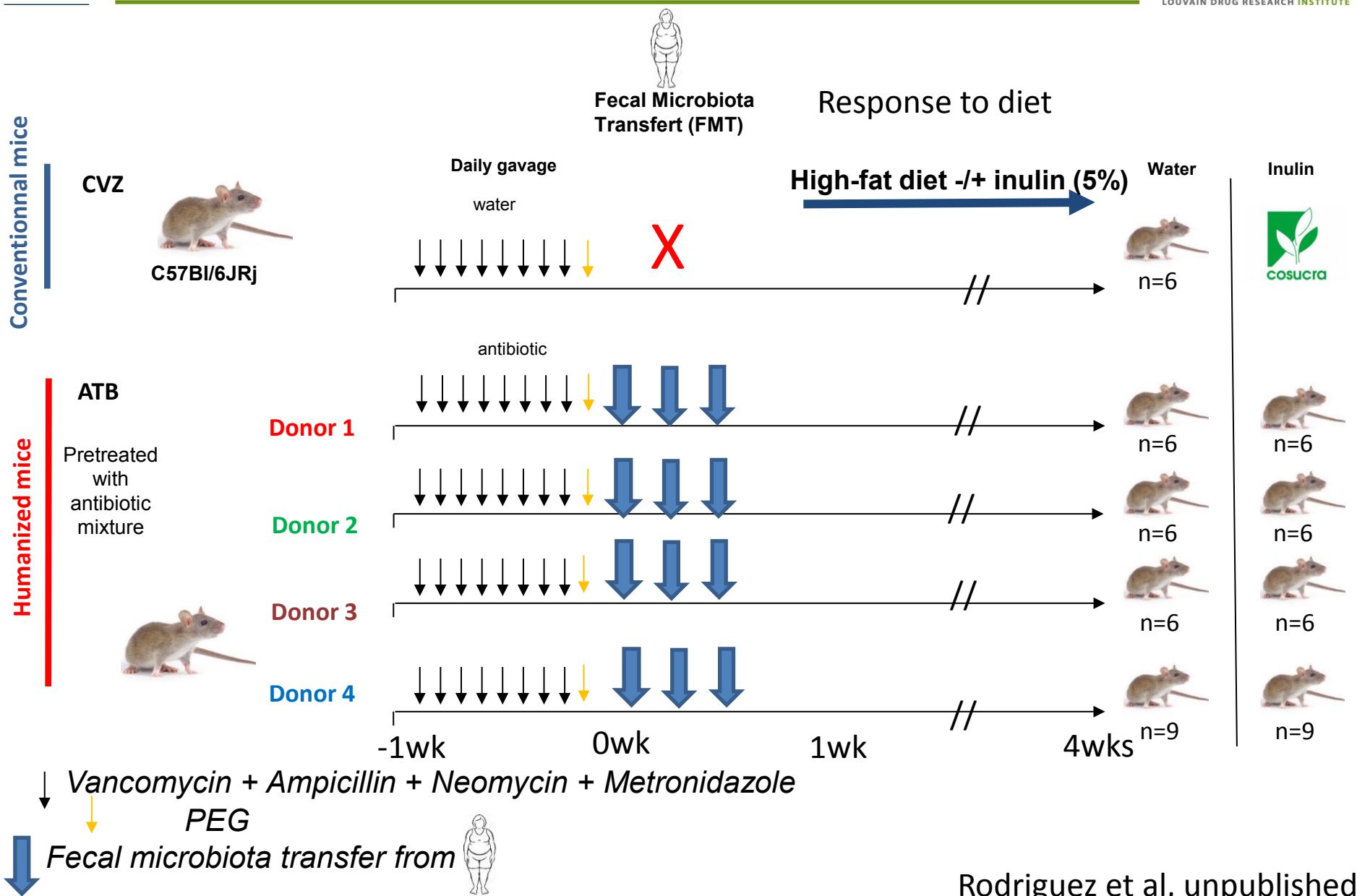
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Does the gut microbiota prior intervention plays a role in the response to dietary intervention ?

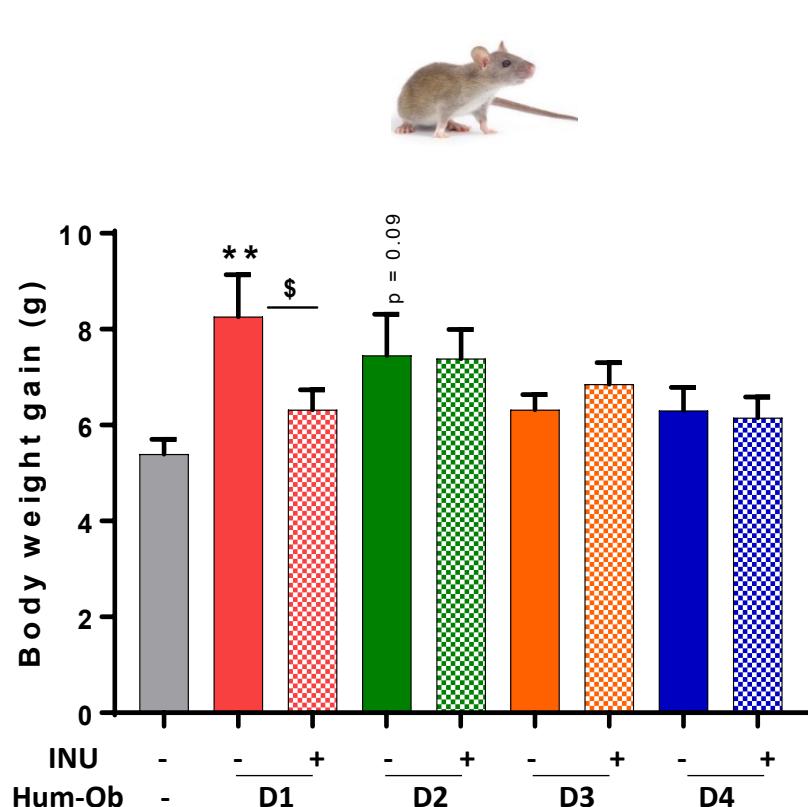
- Illumina Sequencing of the gut microbiota (V5-V6 region-16SrDNA) of obese volunteers before the intervention
- Samples from 4 volunteers differing by the gut microbiota composition **at time 0 (before the treatment)**
- Transplantation in AB pretreated mice and evaluation of the response to high fat diet and inulin
- Comparison of the mice response versus human response to the dietary intervention for 3 months

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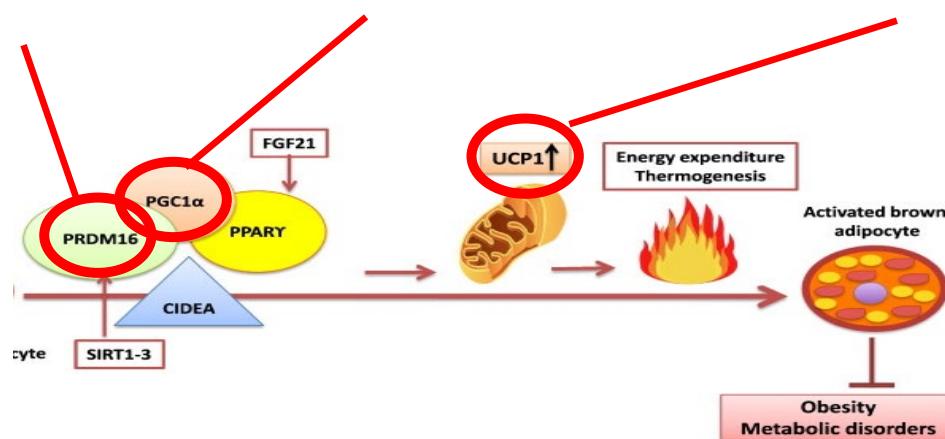
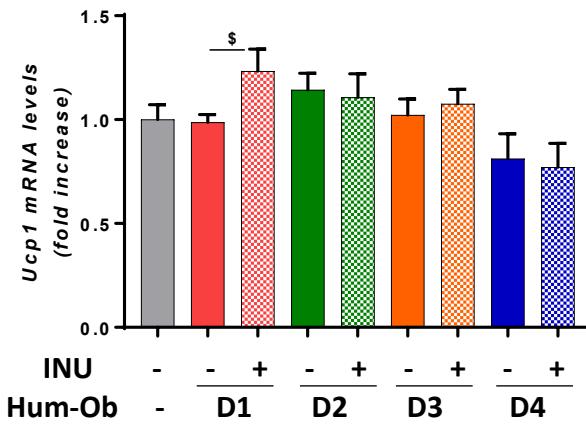
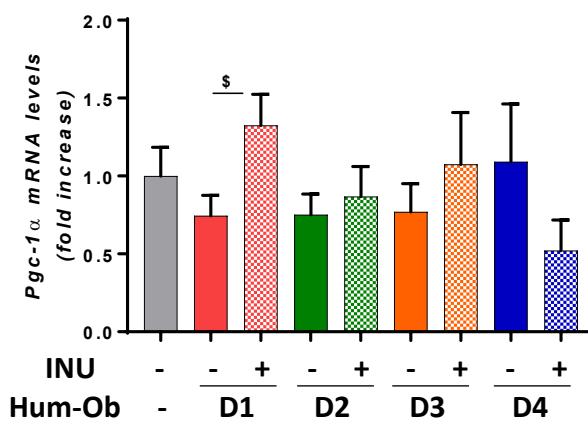
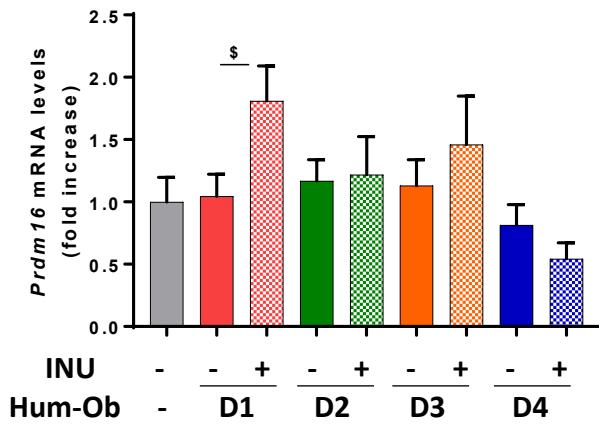
# Individual response to dietary intervention is « transferable » to mice.



Body weight (kg)	M0	M3
D1	112.8	99
D2	113.6	110
D3	117.3	113.6
D4	108.6	113.7

One-way ANOVA (vs CTRL, \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01) + t-test performed for each donor (\$p<0.05).

# Inulin stimulates the brown adipose tissue of D1 Hum-ob mice.



One-way ANOVA (vs CTRL) + t-test performed for each donor ( $^{\$}p<0.05$ ).



# Take Home Messages and Future Prospects

- Dysbiosis modulates host metabolism through changes in phylogenetic and metabolic profile
- Diet (vegetables rich in « prebiotics ») may reach the objective to modulate the gut microbiome significantly : related health-effects ? Impact of gut microbiota on « personnalized » response to nutrition ?
- Intervention studies are in progress in humans to evaluate the health interest of fermentable fiber intake related to microbiota, and to validate biomarkers of fiber-microbiome-host interactions (fiberTAG project).

## FiberTAG

TAGging dietary Fiber intake and their interest for health by measuring biomarkers related to the gut microbiota

ERA-HDHL Cofunded call for Joint Transnational Research Proposals on “Biomarkers for Nutrition and Health”



<https://www.fibertag.eu/>



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