

Nutrition, Gut Microbiome, and Poultry Health

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Outline of Presentation

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Conventional approach
in influencing gut microbiome

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Novel approach
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Key takeaways



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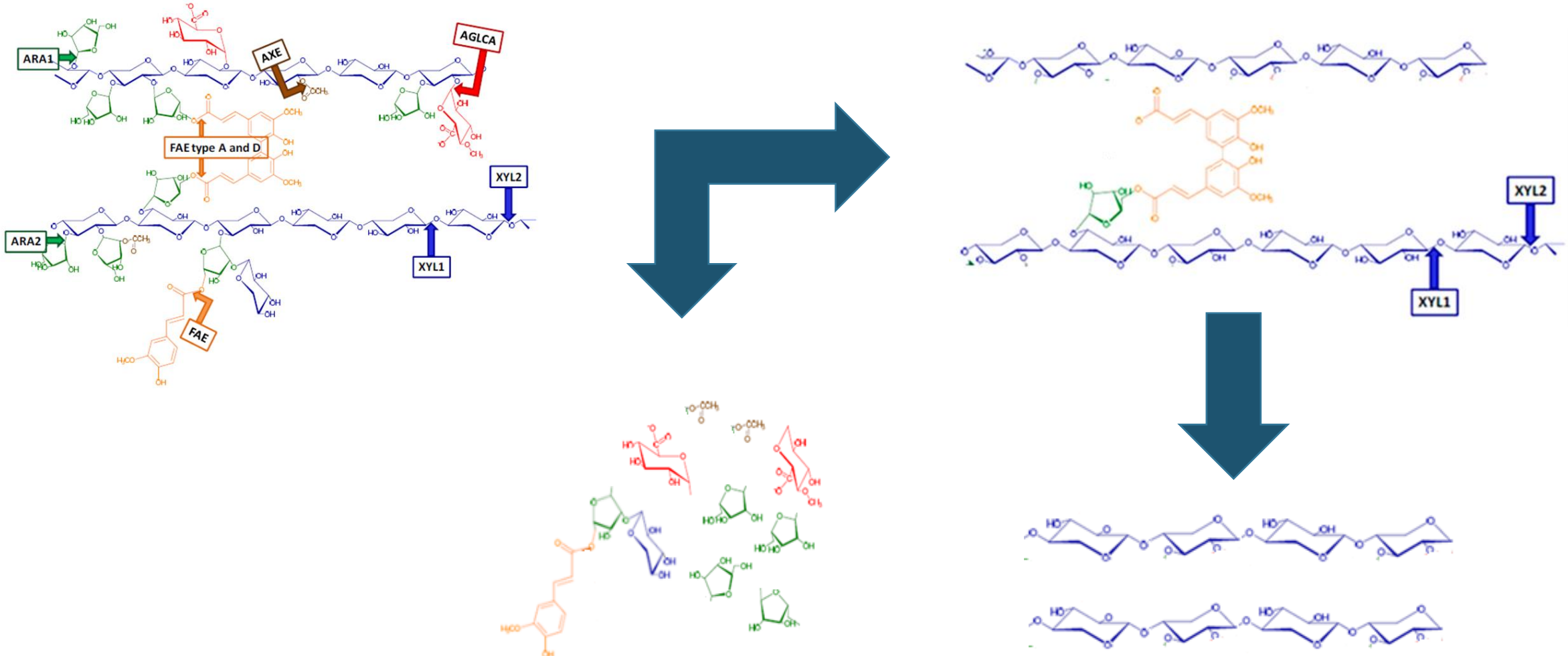


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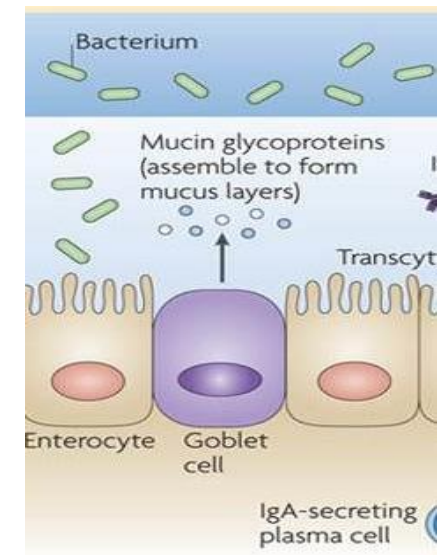
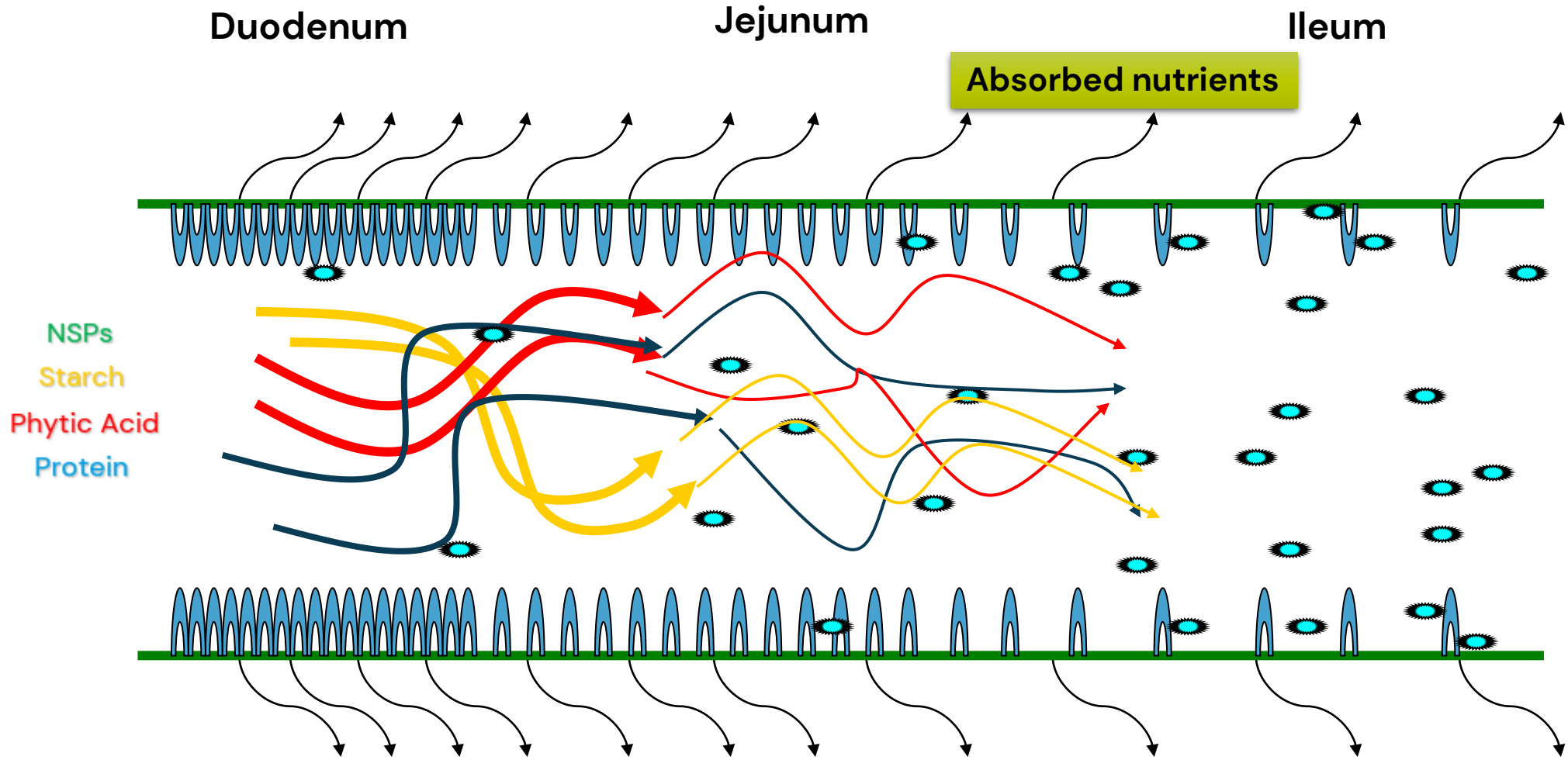


Raw materials can be a source of prebiotics



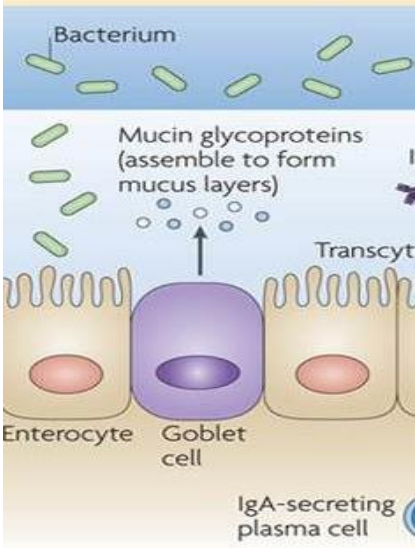
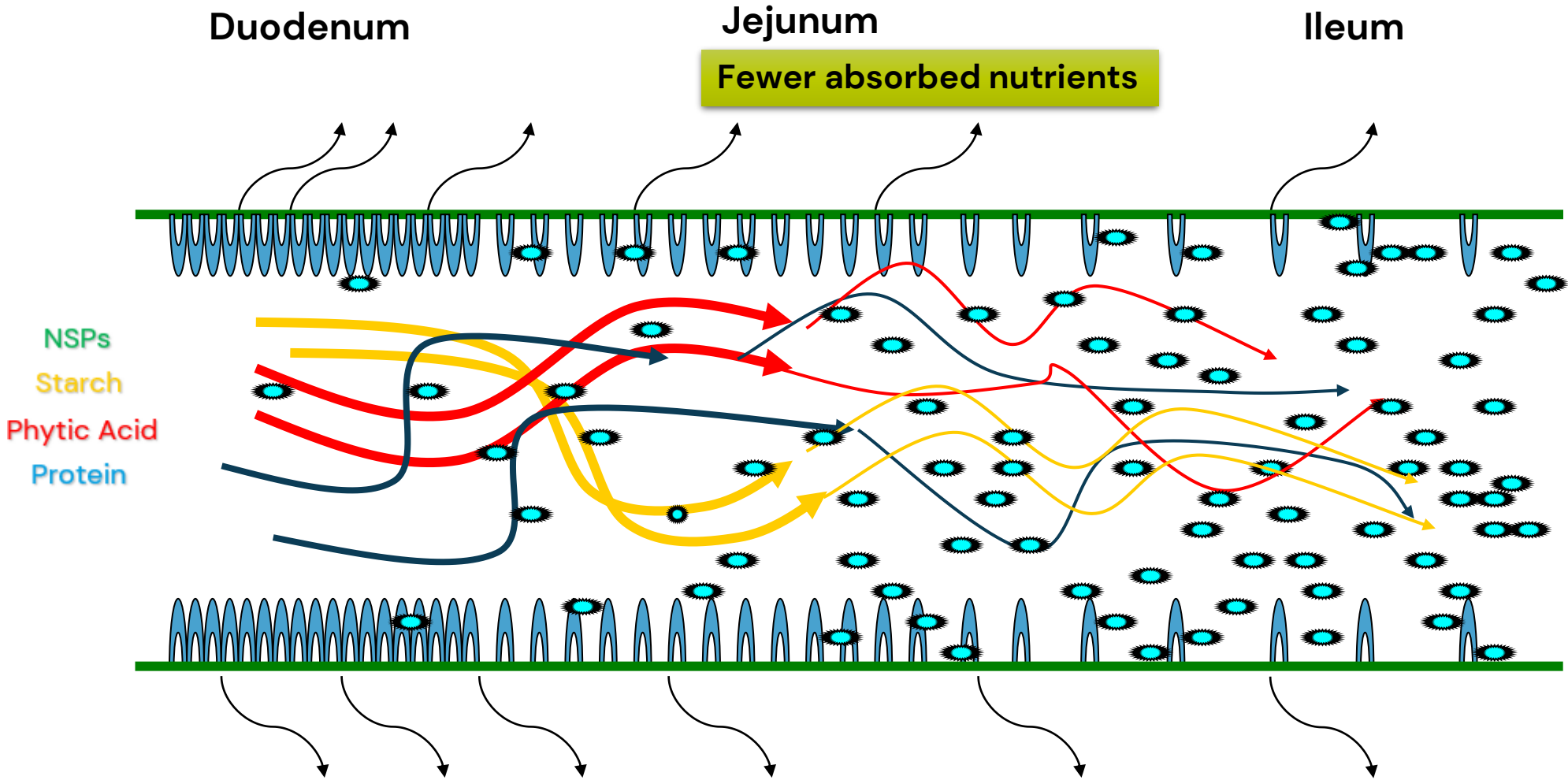
Xylan oligomers
(known to be prebiotic)

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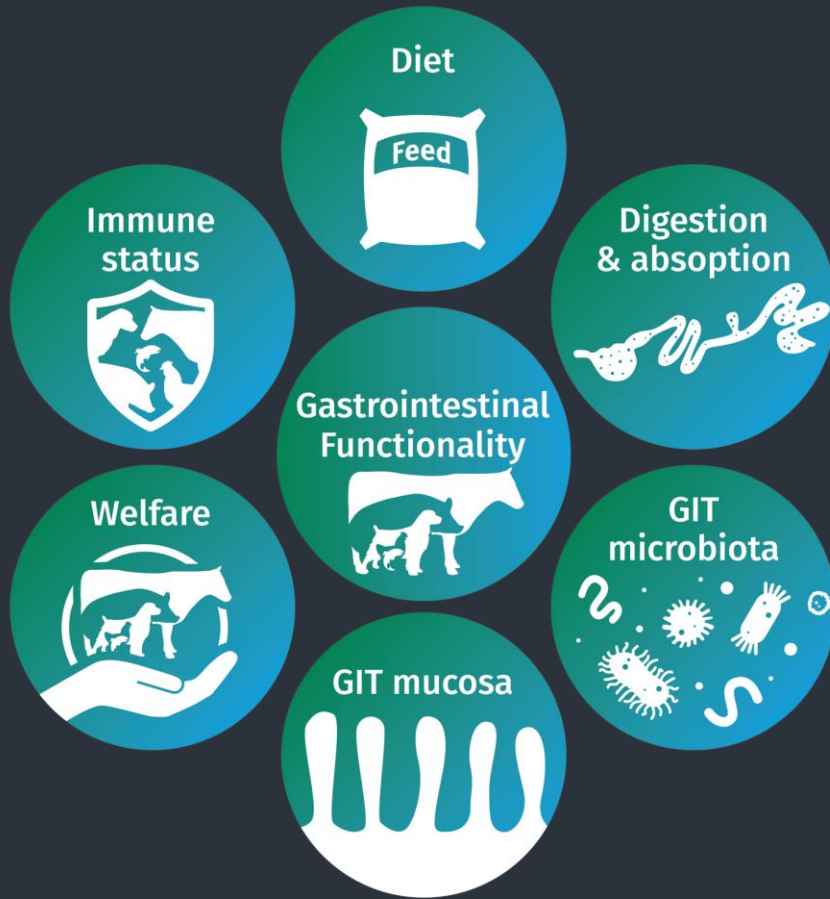
Mucin: by GC : mucus blanket of granular HMW glycoprotein assemble to form protective barrier (Bacteria, viruses and parasites: dehydration & mechanical damaged. However permeable to LMW components:> Intestinal nutrient absorption

What happens when the digestion is
SUB-OPTIMAL?



Mucin (MUC2 Muc3) glycoprotein: branched oligosaccharide attached to protein core (OH):> (Ser, Thre. (41%) , Pro, Asp, Glu. OLS (Fu, Gal, GalNAc, GlcNAc, SialicAcid), Glycosilation; Respond to infections, inflammatory conditions

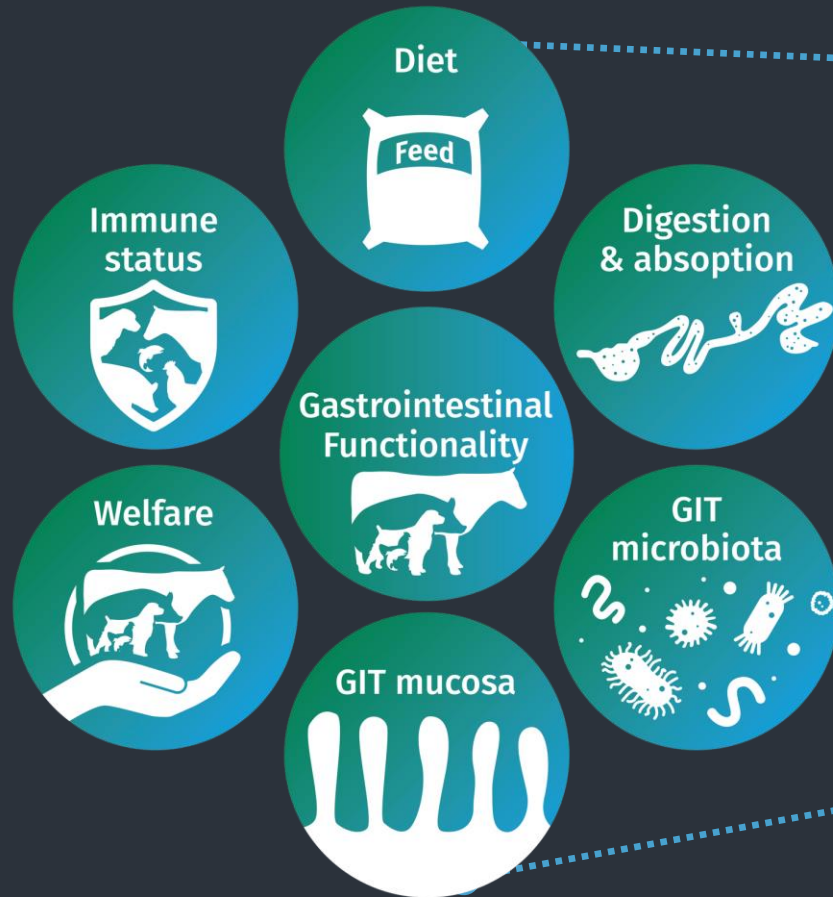
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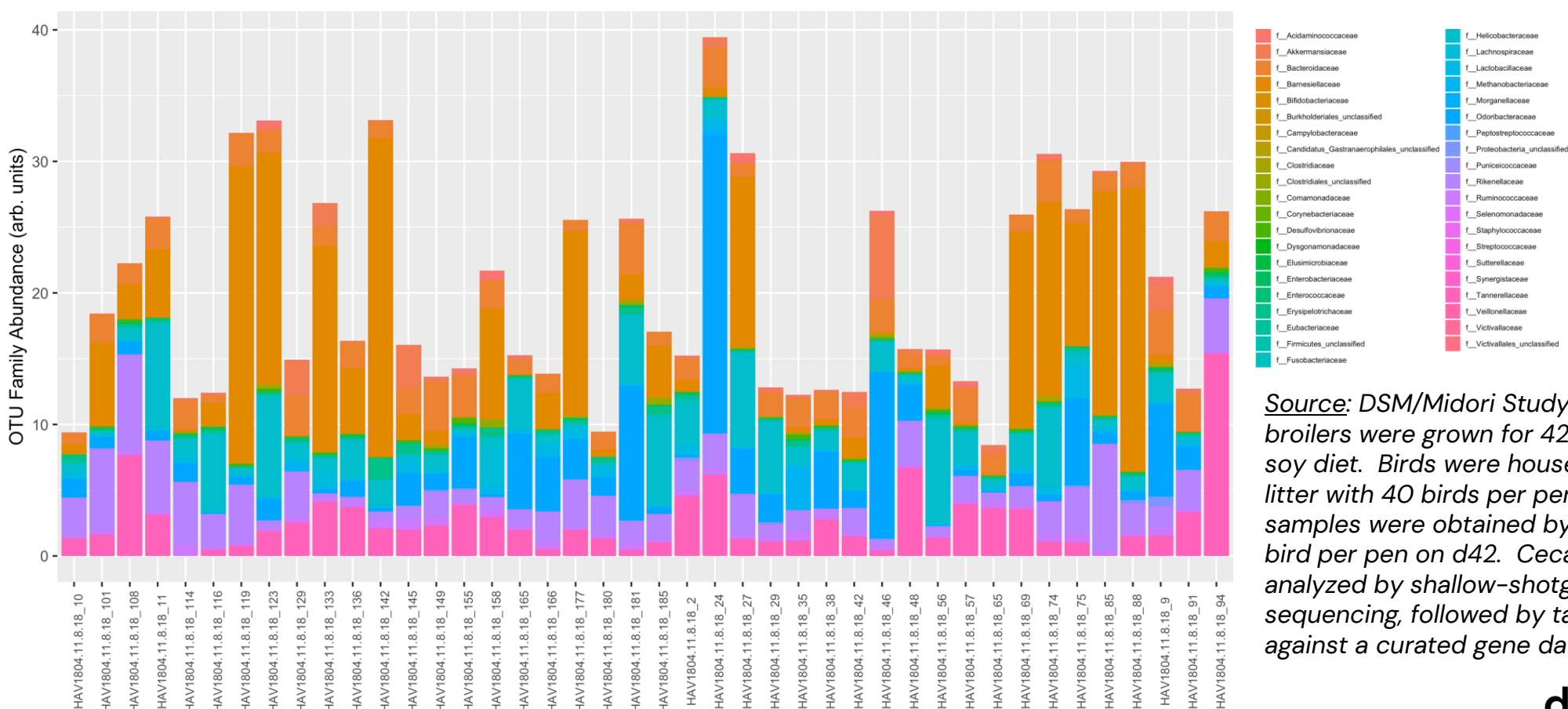
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Conventional Perspective on Microbiome Science

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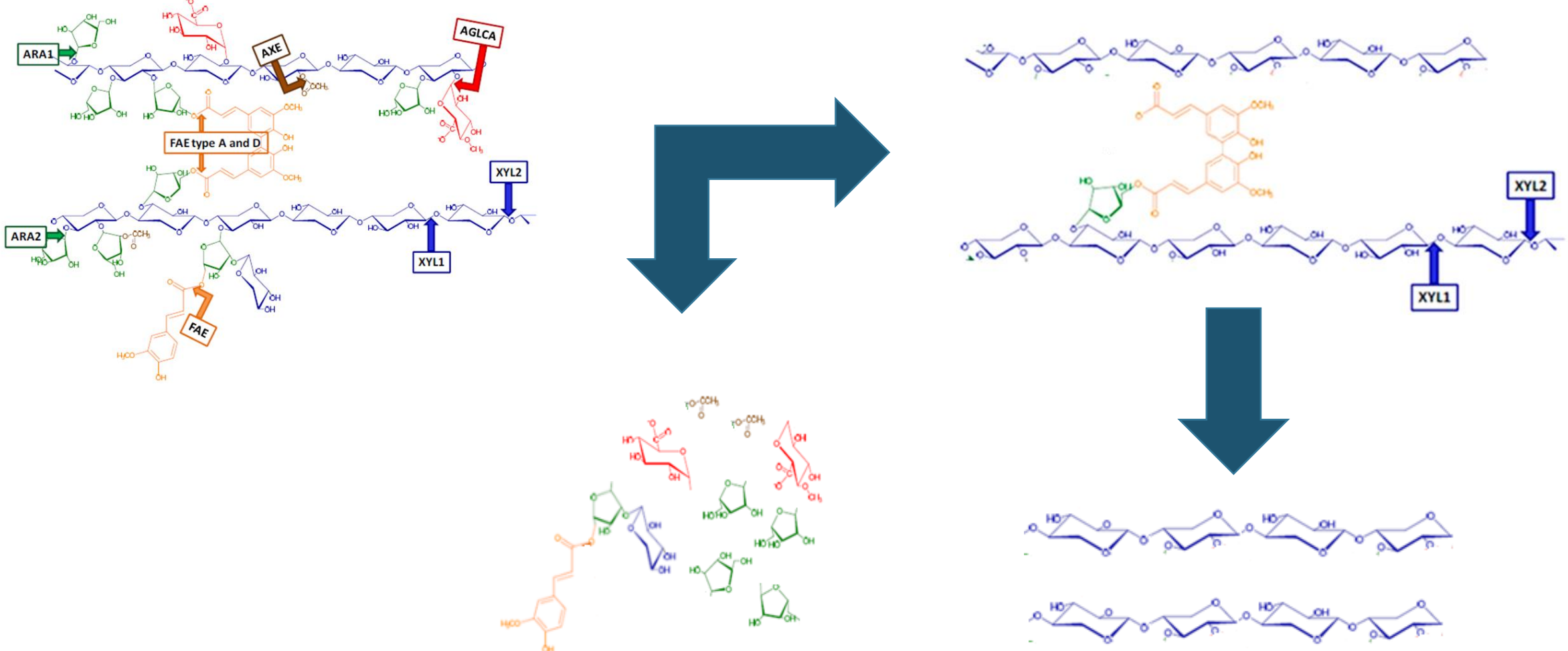
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Combined *endo*- β -1,4-xylanase and α -L-arabinofuranosidase increases butyrate concentration during broiler cecal fermentation of maize glucurono-arabinoxylan

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Total xylan solubilisation (g/kg dry matter) from four replicates of maize fibre incubated in sodium acetate buffer (0.1 M, pH 5) for 3 h at 40 °C without or with xyl and araF dosed at 10 mg EP/kg and 5 mg EP/kg, respectively.

Treatment	Total xylose release (g/kg DM)	SEM ¹
Blank	0.4 ^c	0.06
araF	0.4 ^c	0.02
xyl	6.2 ^b	1.14
xyl + araF	26.1 ^a	1.09

¹ SEM = standard error of mean. abc: Mean values within a column not sharing a common letter index differ significantly ($P < .05$; Tukey-Kramer HSD).

Effects of xyl and araF supplementation on broiler villi length¹ in the duodenum.

Treatment	Day14		Day29		Pooled SEM ³
	Villi length (µm)	<i>P</i> value ²	Villi length (µm)	<i>P</i> value ²	
Control (n = 24)	1644	–	1918	–	56.6
xyl + araF (n = 24)	1667	.47	2039	< .01	40.4

¹ Random measurements of 10 villi per duodenum section (24 sections) was performed by a computer-based LAS v.4 software (Leica) analysis system.

² *P* value¹. Pairwise comparison of means (Tukey-Kramer HSD test) for control and enzyme supplementation at days 14 and 29, respectively.

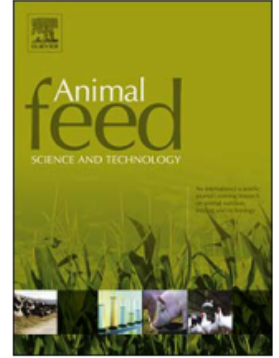
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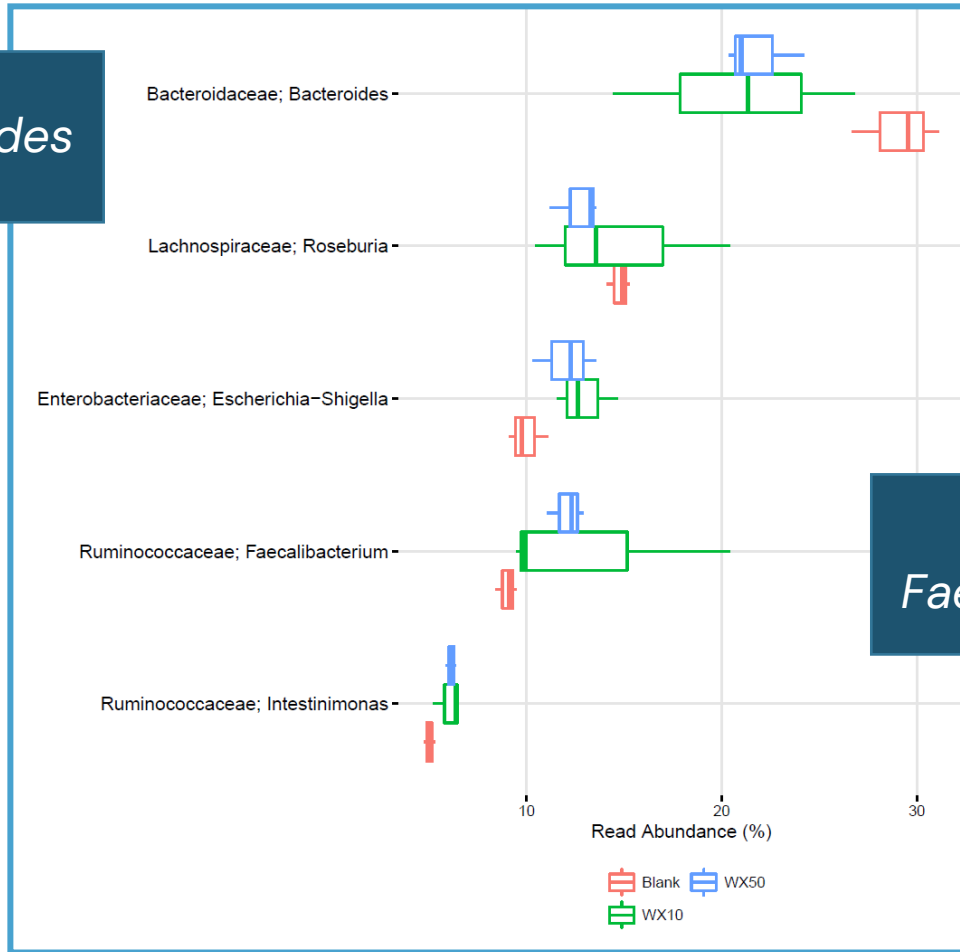
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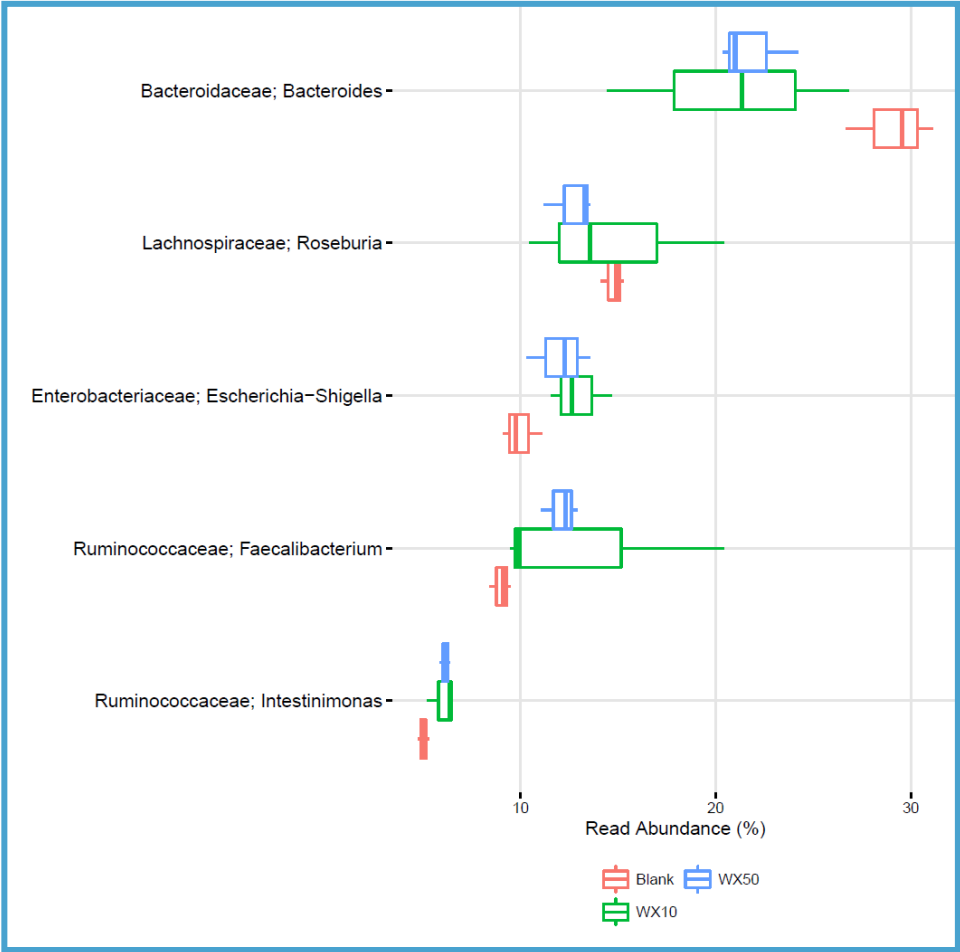
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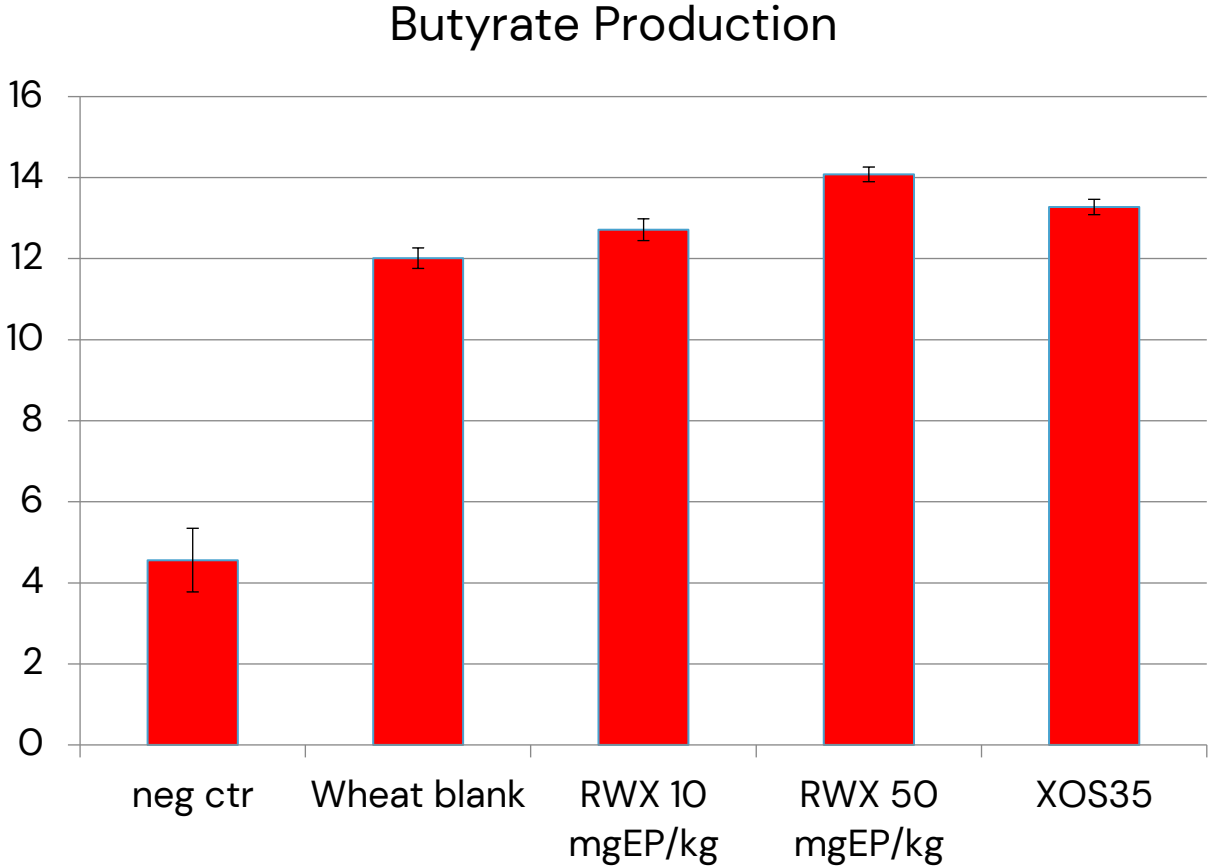
MORE *Faecalibacterium*

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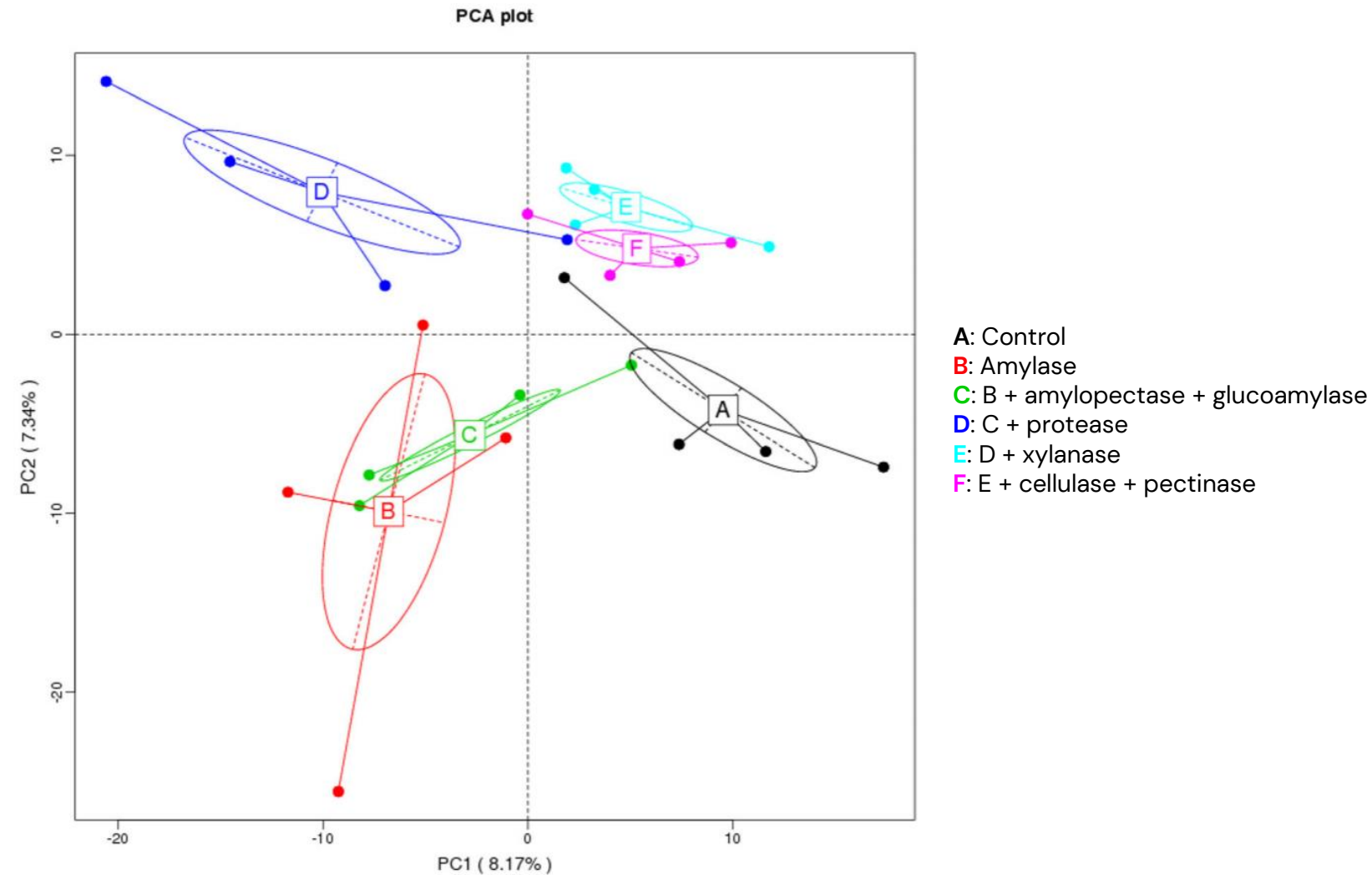
Fermentation metabolite formation by ceacal content



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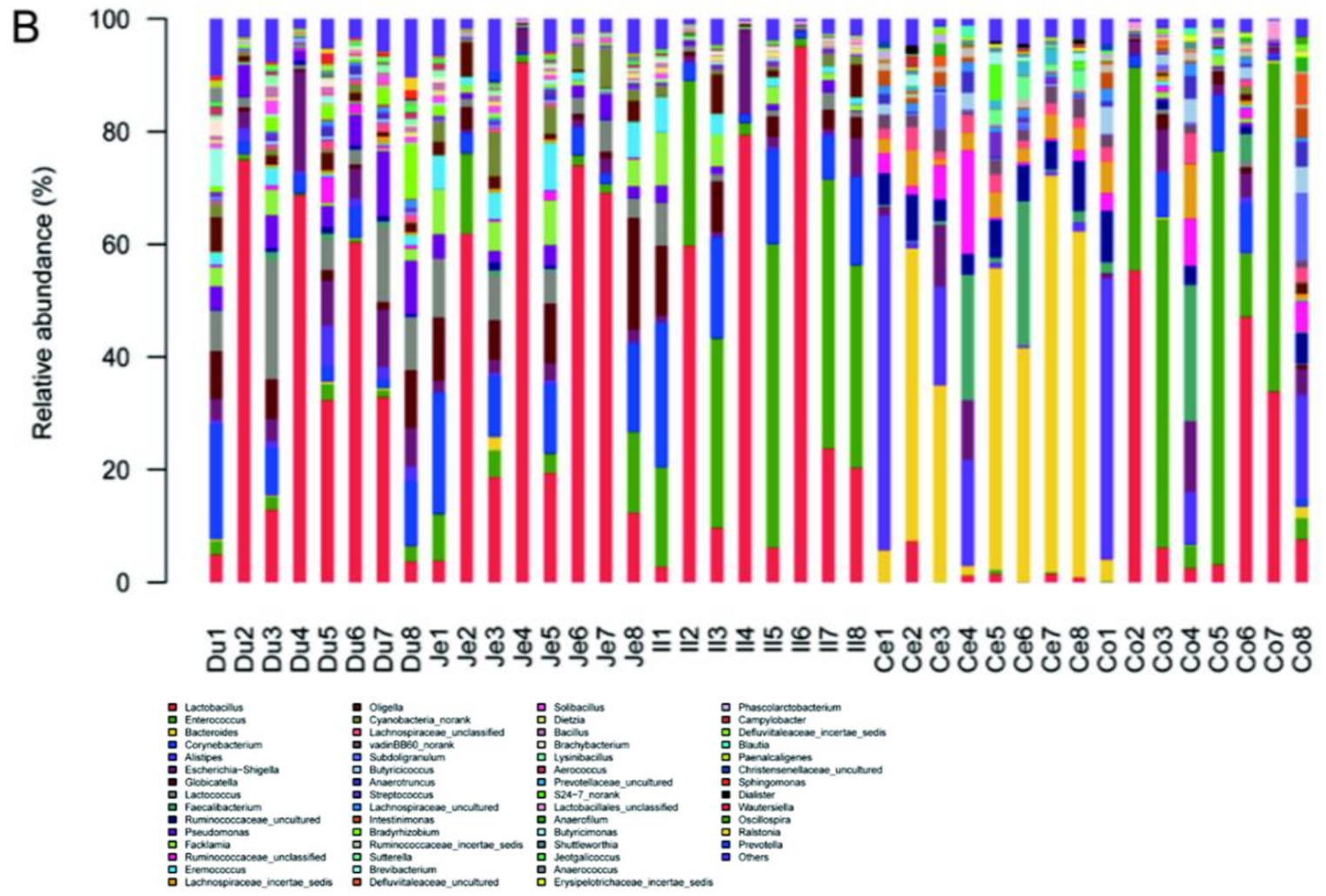
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Diets and Microbiota Relationship

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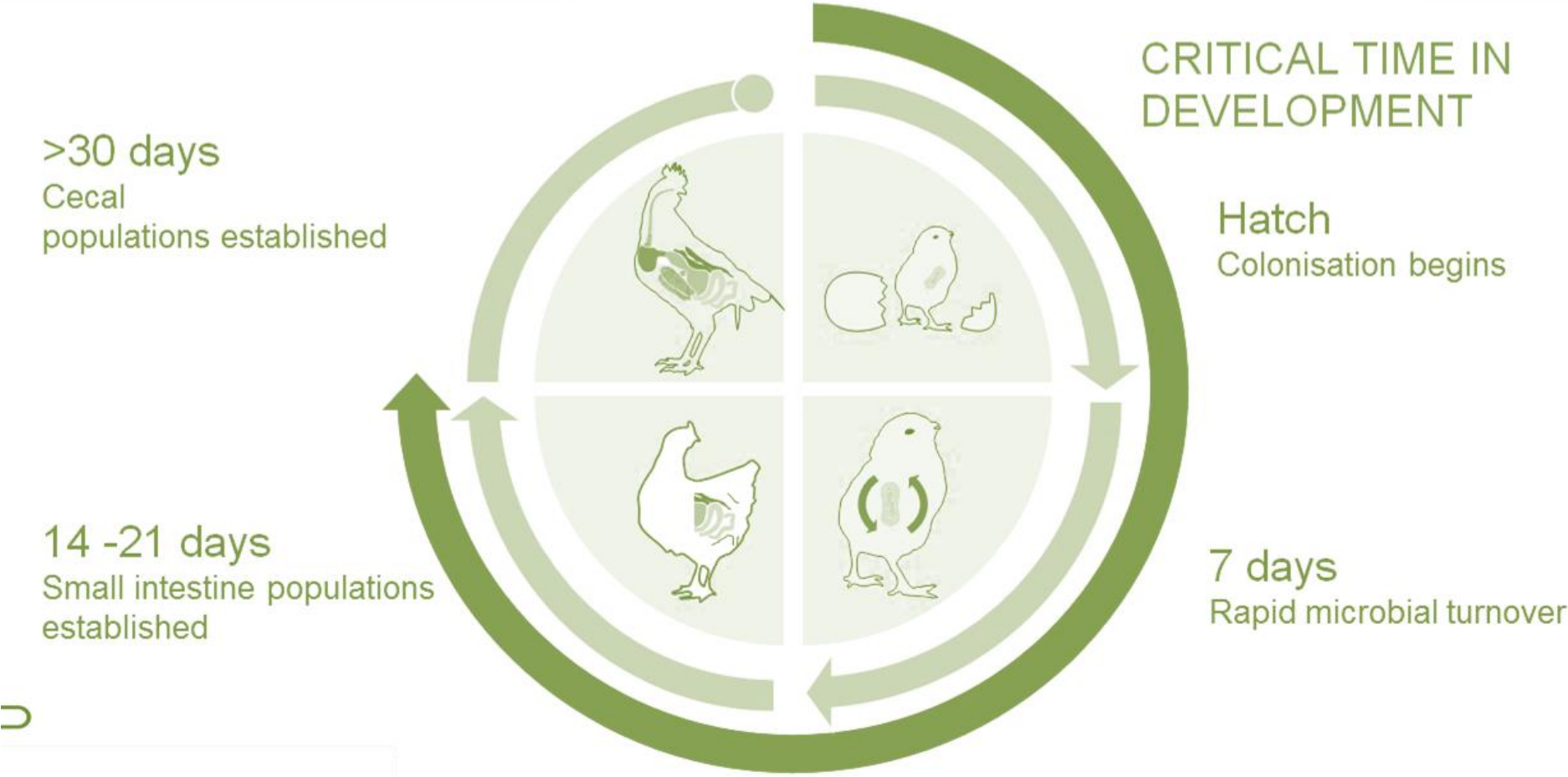
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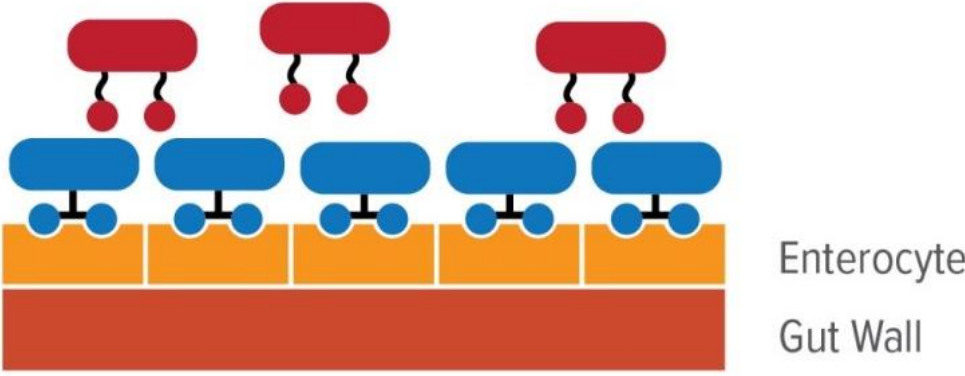
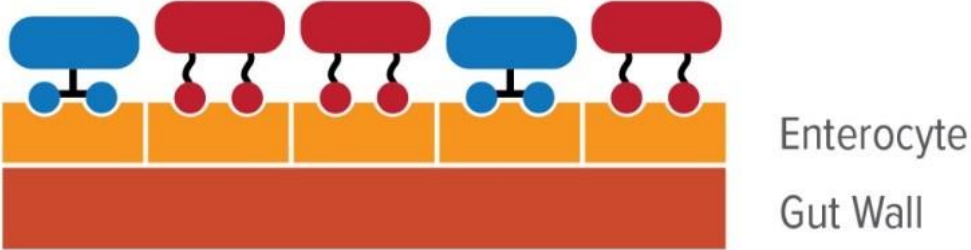
First 21 days are critical for microbial development



Seeding the gut as early as hatching with probiotic bacteria is important

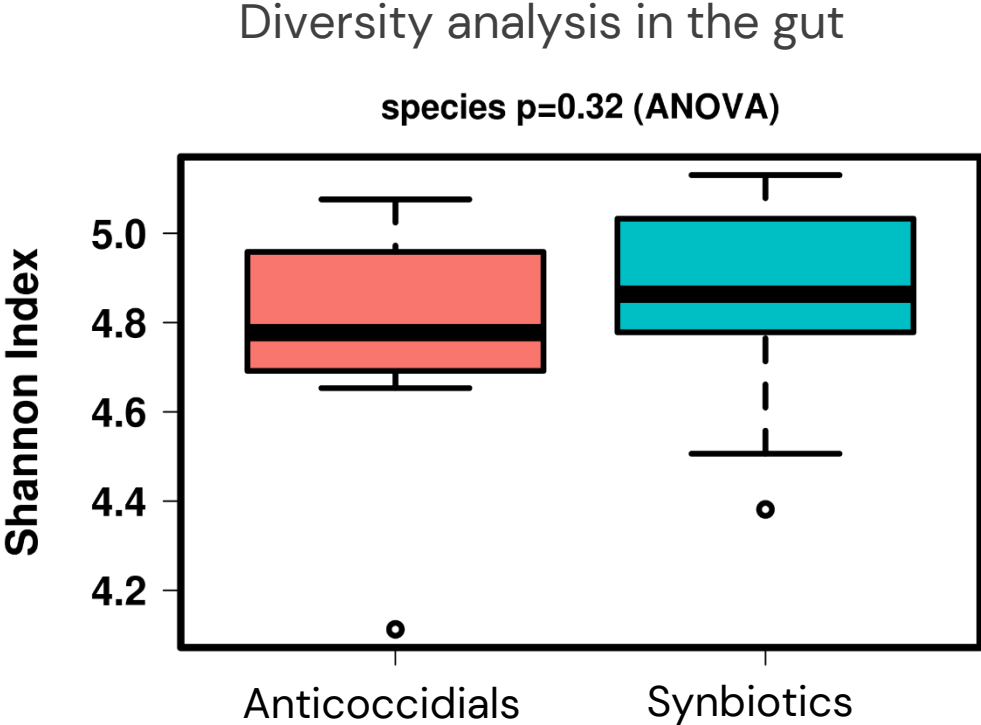
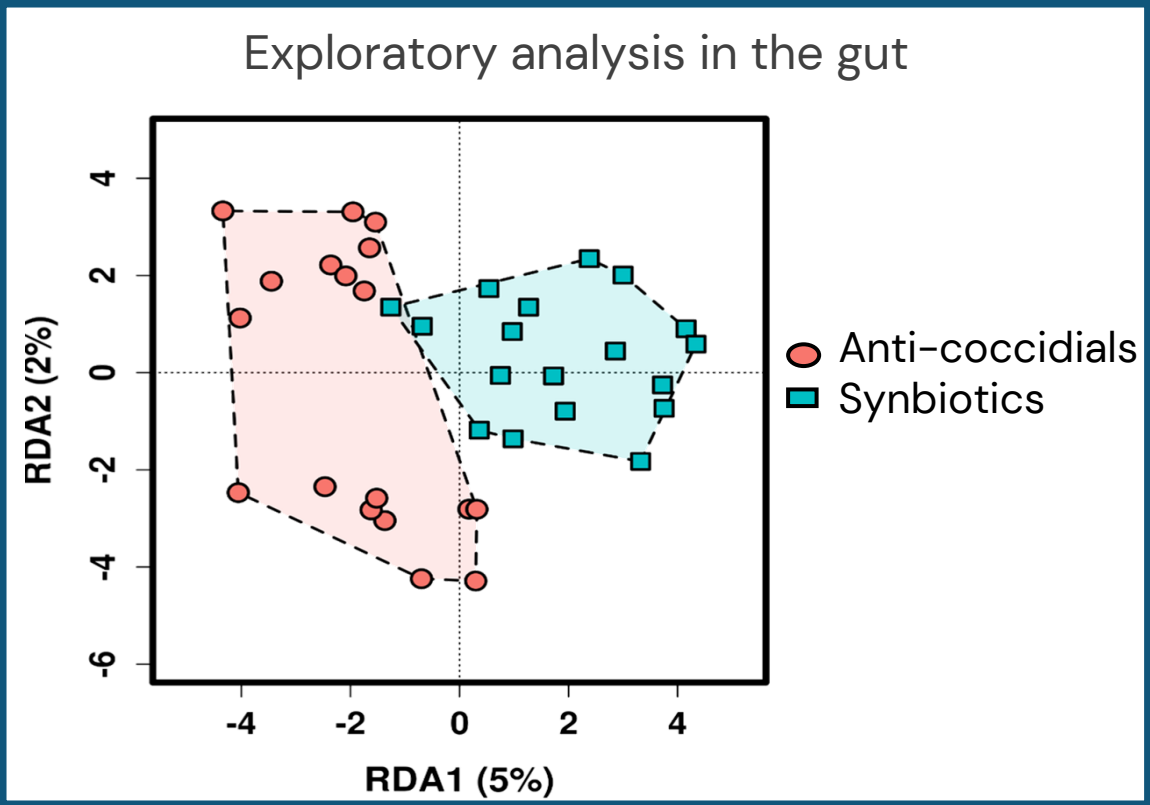
Not all gut bacterial receptors are specific

- Probiotic Bacteria
- Pathogenic Bacteria



Probiotics adhere and block intestinal receptors, inhibiting adherence and colonization by pathogens.

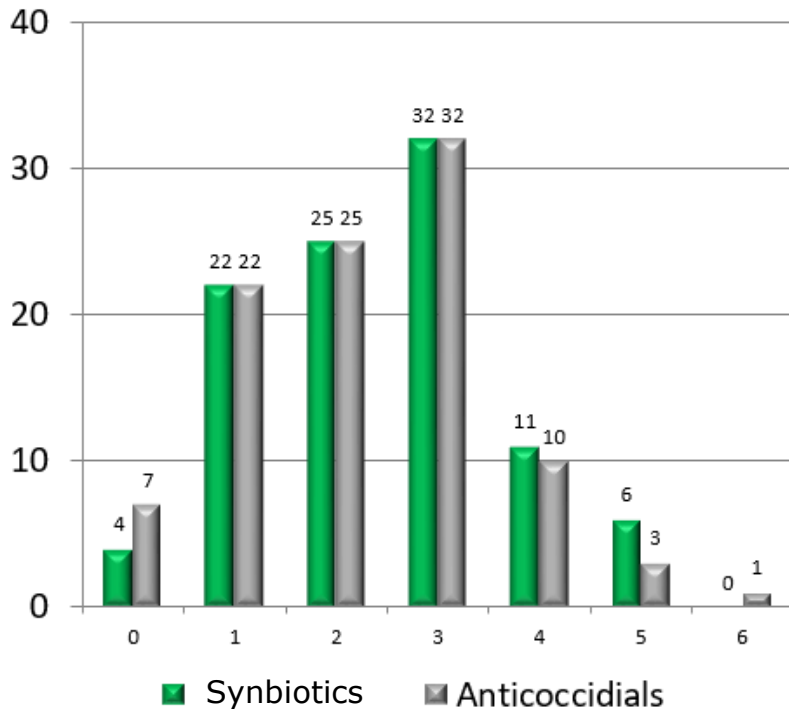
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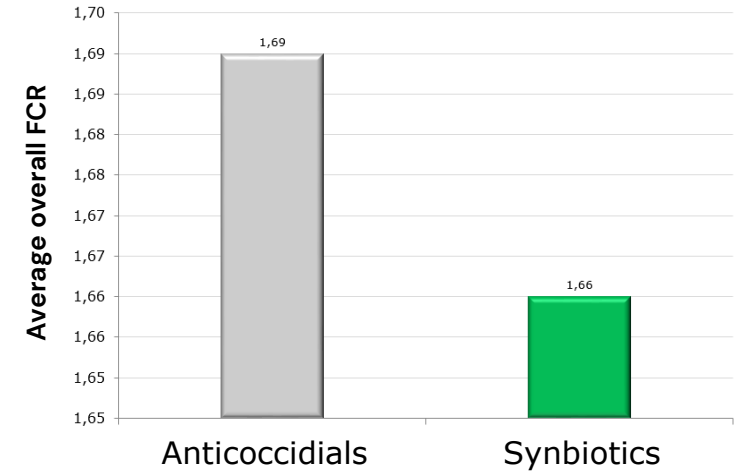
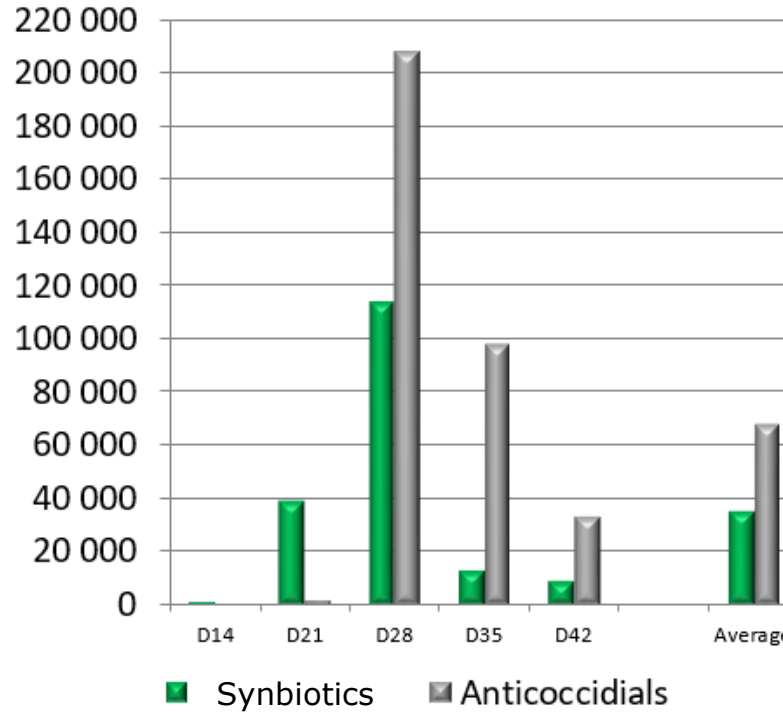
Synbiotics vs. Anticoccidials

	Starter 1-20 days	Grower 21-28 days	Finisher
Control	Anti-coccidial drug	Anti-coccidial drug	
Program	Synbiotics (1kg/MT)	Synbiotics (0.5kg/MT)	Synbiotics (0.5kg/MT)

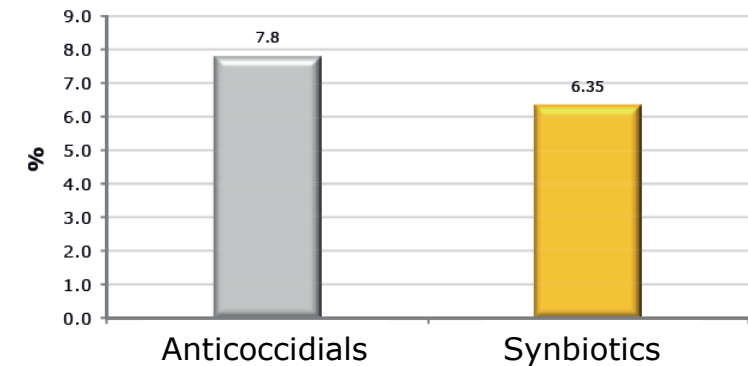
Frequency of birds/BE score



OPG shedding



Total mortality D1 -D42





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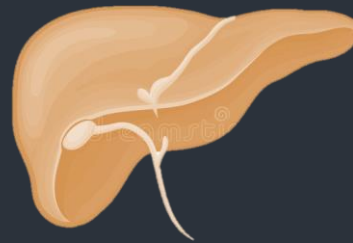
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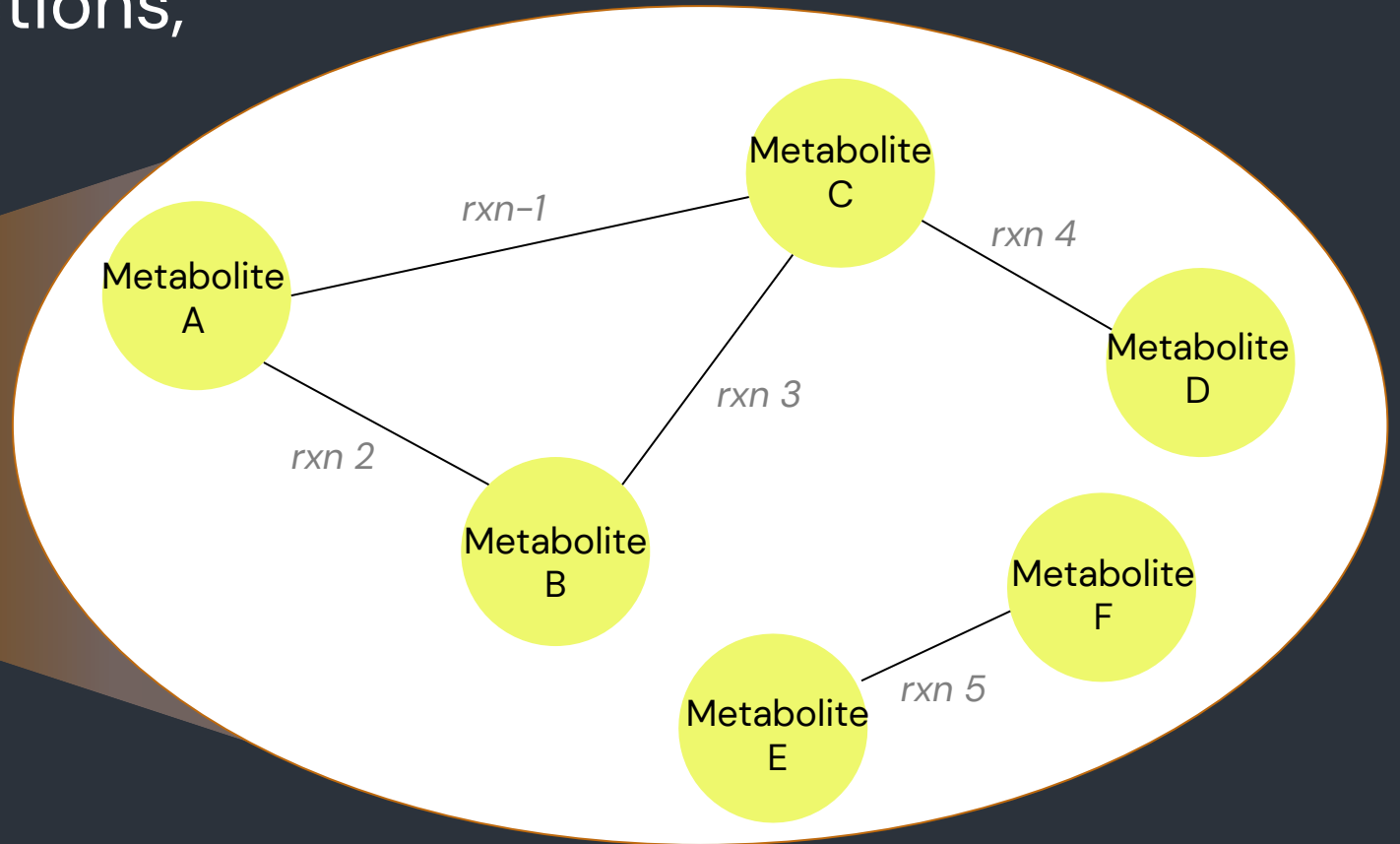
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What if we look at the gut microbiome beyond just a collection of microbiome but as an organ?



...like other organs, we need to view the microbiome via its functions, not cells...



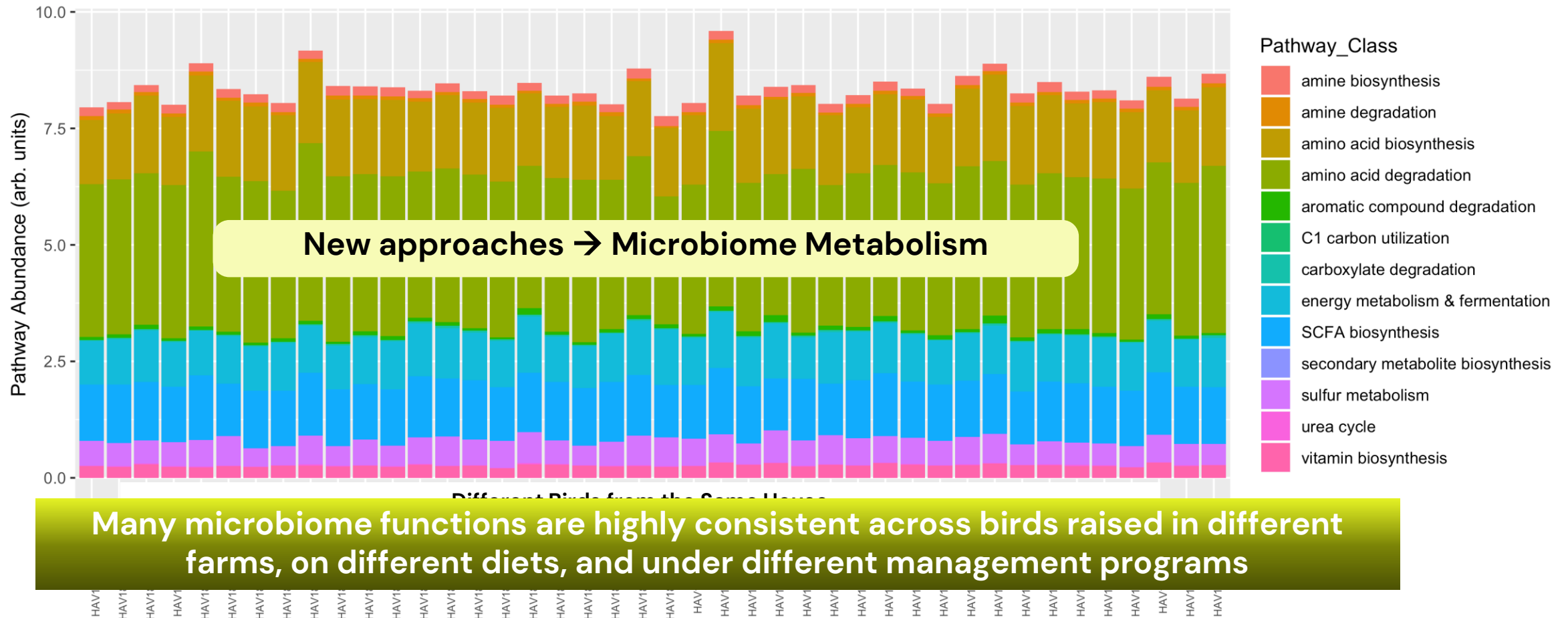
The ***Functional Metagenome*** refers all the metabolic pathways of the microbiome organ as a whole

Novel Perspective on Microbiome Science

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Poultry gut health challenges in relation to proteins



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Undigestible protein has a negative effect on broiler performance

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5 – 20% of the protein used in the diet is undigestible¹

3

Amino acids in excess of the birds' requirements are a substrate for microbiome

4

Microbiota composition varies dramatically between birds in the same poultry house

¹De Lange et.al., 2003

Shifting the microbiome protein metabolism influences host health, performance, welfare, and sustainability via microbial metabolites.

Beneficial Microbiome Protein Metabolism

Assimilation Pathways to:

- Branched & short-chain fatty acids
- Polyamines
- Other amino acids

- Improve performance^(1,3,4)
- Stimulate immune function⁽⁵⁾ and homeostasis⁽¹⁾
- Control inflammation⁽³⁾

Undesirable Microbiome Protein Metabolism

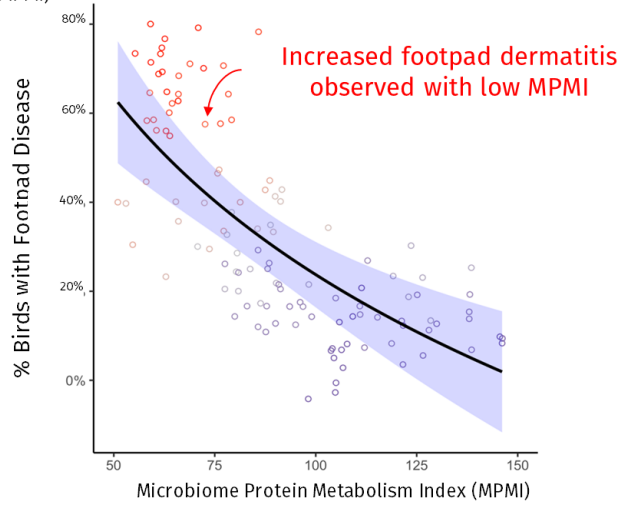
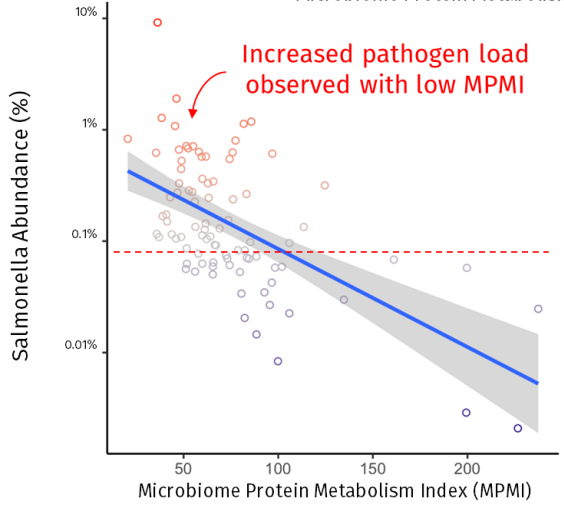
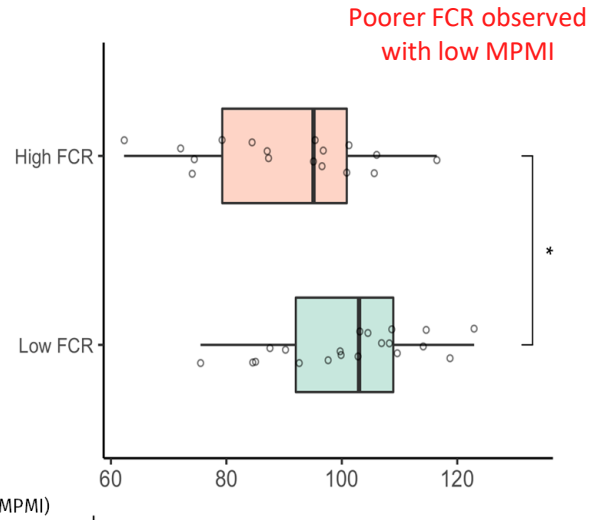
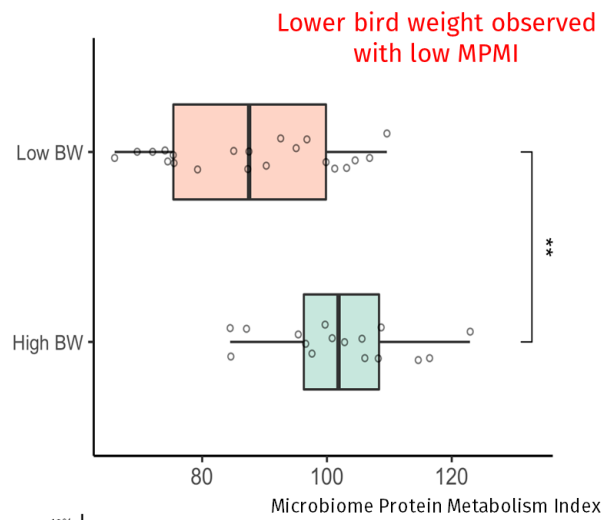
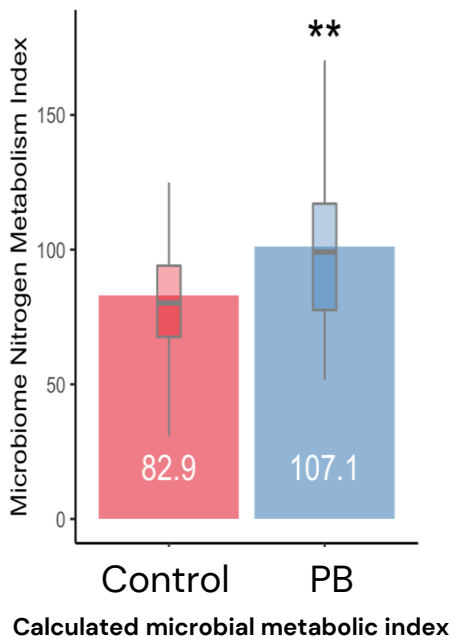
Putrefactive pathways to:

- NH_3 / NH_4^+ , H_2S radicals, and reactive sulfur
- Uric acid
- Skatole & other indoles

- Increase luminal pH and feed pathogens⁽¹⁾
- Cause epithelial damage^(6,7)
- Reduce energy metabolism⁽⁸⁾ and performance
- Cause undesirable litter & odor emissions⁽⁹⁾

Poor microbiome protein metabolism is associated with higher gastric disease, performance loss, and poor welfare

Improving Protein Metabolism

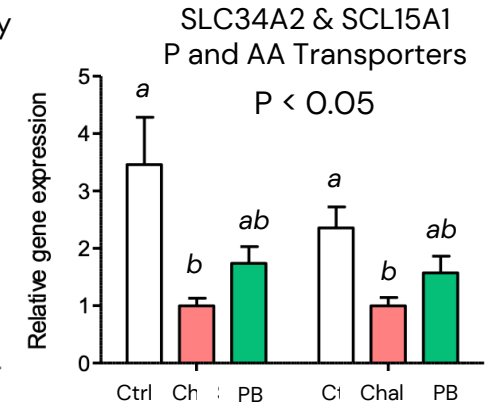
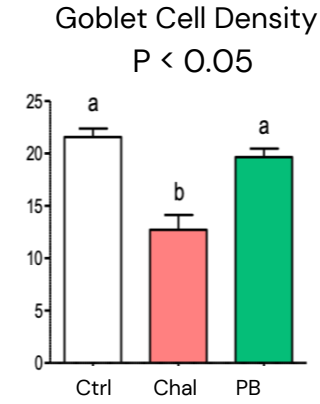
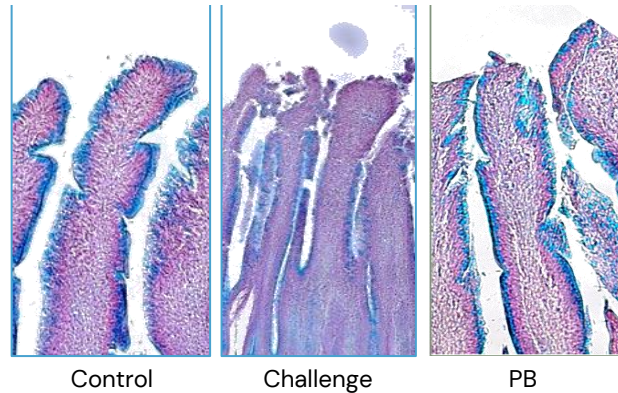
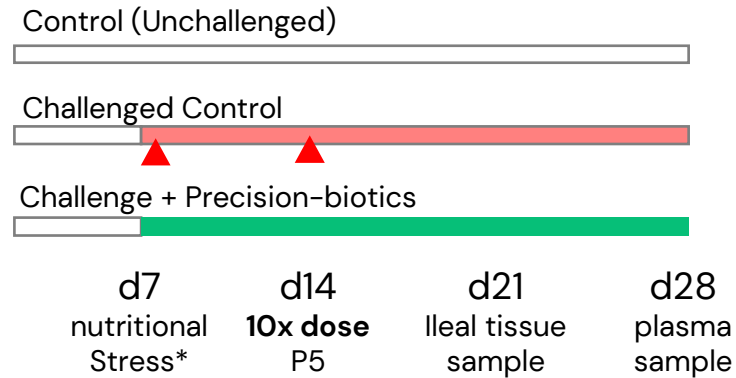


Lower MPM index was positively correlated with poorer FCR, BWG, higher incidences of footpad lesions and higher *Salmonella* abundance.

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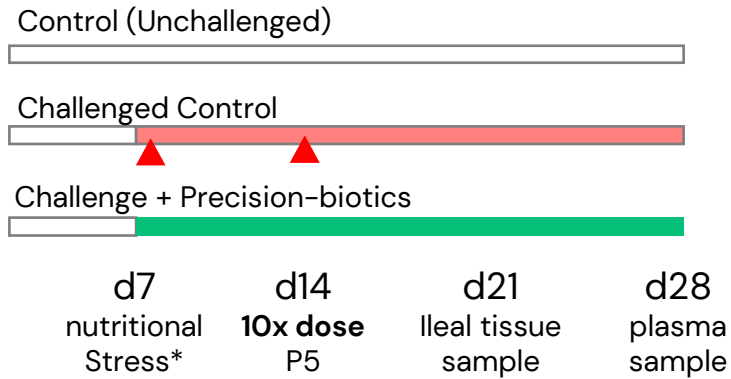
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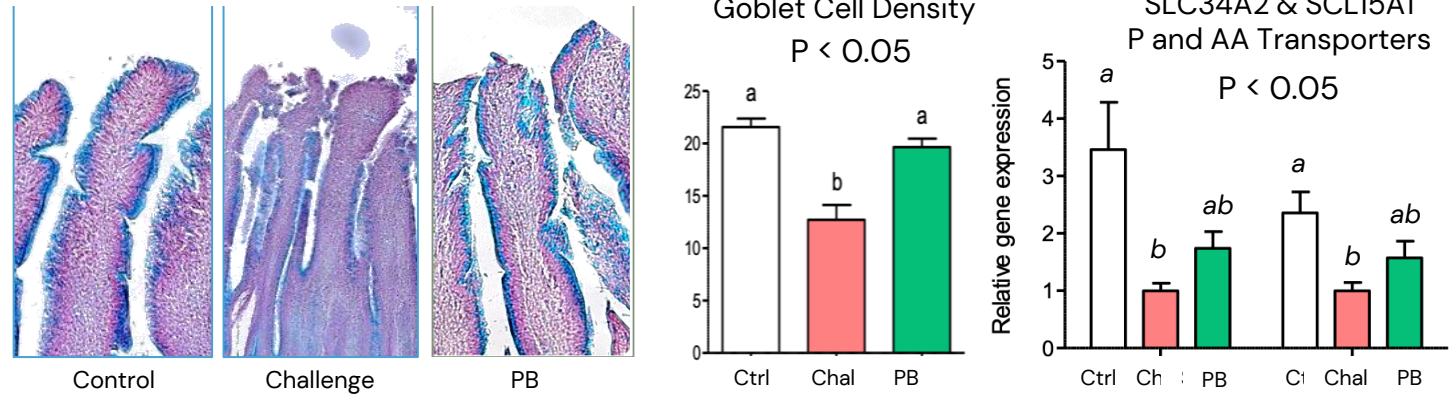
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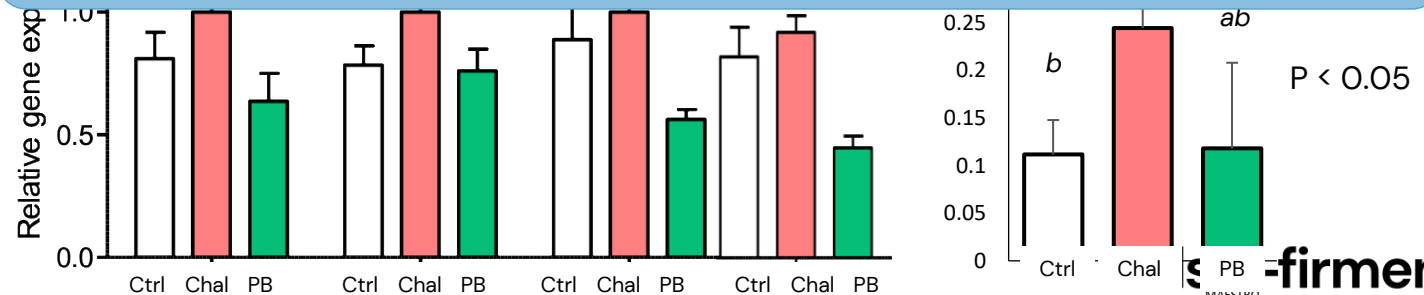


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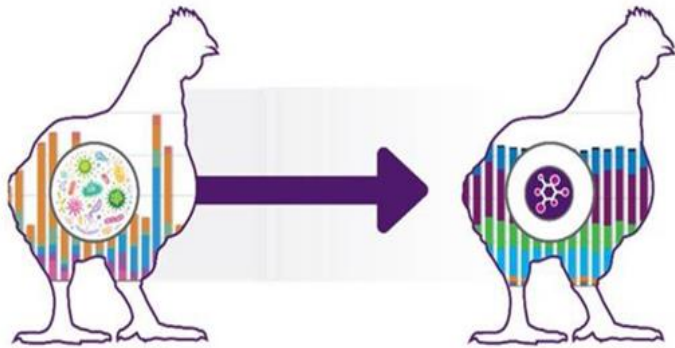
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Key Message on precision-biotics



Focus beyond the composition of bugs
BUT to their functions

Precision-biotics modulate microbial metabolic pathways, promoting pathways associated with beneficial metabolites and suppressing pathways associated with undesirable metabolites

Improves resilience to gastric stressors, especially in flocks exposed to gastric challenges
In antimicrobial removal, or reduction, cocci vaccination, during feed changes

Gut microbiome ferments unused proteins & excess amino in the hind gut to toxic metabolites

Beneficial metabolites:
Short-chain fatty acids (Butyrate), conversion of Nitrogen to amino acids.
Undesirable metabolites:
Ammonia, Hydrogen Sulfide

Precision-biotics performance of challenged flocks back to potential ↑
Litter quality ↑
Incidences of foot pad lesions ↓
Pathogen load ↓
Environmental emissions ↓



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- Nutrition, together with management, has a great impact on the health and well-being of the animal
- When formulating diets, do not settle on meeting the minimum nutrient requirements alone, but should be considering:
 - Raw materials and digestibility
 - Feed additives
 - Formulating in excess of the animal's requirement

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Key takeaways

- Not all feed additives are the same. A lot of considerations should be taken when choosing these types of additives.
- Utilizing the microbiome's functionality by modulating microbial metabolite output is an innovative strategy to improve the nutritional well-being, health, productivity and sustainability of broiler production.

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