



## Fat matters: fermented whole milk potentiates the anti-colitis effect of *Propionibacterium freudenreichii*

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➤ Le gras, ça compte : le lait entier favorise l'effet anti-inflammatoire de *Propionibacterium freudenreichii*

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## > Emmental cheese : cooked and pressed cheese

*Streptococcus thermophilus*  
&  
*Lactobacillus helveticus*

*Propionibacterium freudenreichii*



- Raw milk (1000 L)
- Thermisation (90°C, 5 min)
- Cooling down to 37°C
- Addition of rennet
- Addition of Lactic Acid Bacteria
- Addition of Propionic Acid Bacteria
- Clotting (coagulation)
- Cutting of the curd
- Cooking 55°C, 1h
- Moulding, pressing, cooling down takes 24h
- Salting
- Cold room
- Warm room
- Ripening (weeks...to years!)

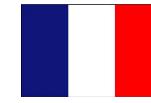


- 250,000 tons Emmental/year in France
- $10^{10} - 10^{11}$  *P. freudenreichii*/day/person
- Also present in probiotic food supplements



Valio, Finland

*L. rhamnosus* Lc705,  
*Propionibacterium freudenreichii*  
*ssp. shermanii* JS,  
*Bifidobacterium animalis* subsp.  
*lactis* Bb-12®.



Standa, France

*Propionibacterium freudenreichii*  
*ssp. shermanii*  
Propofidus



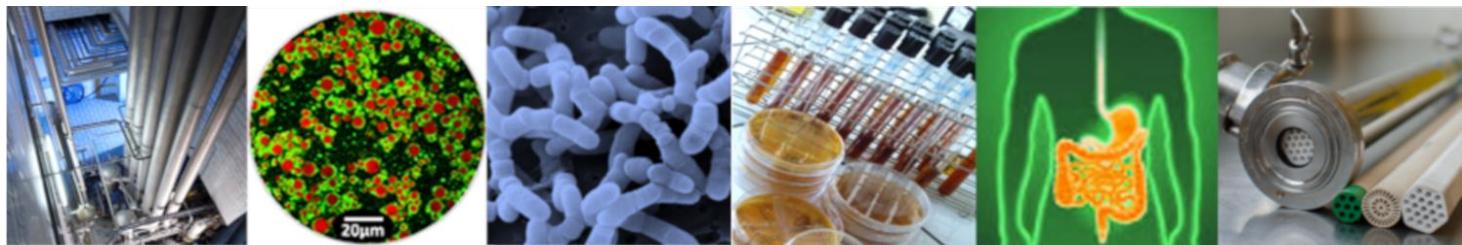
**meiji**

Meiji, Japan  
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*ssp. shermanii* ET-3

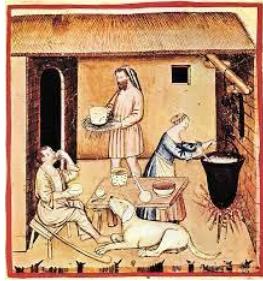
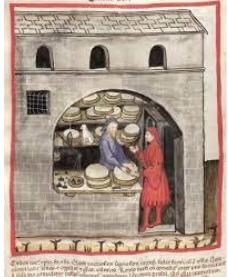
- We eat more starter bacteria than probiotics!

Letters to Nature 2014, L.A. Davis et al. : Diet rapidly and reproducibly alters the human gut microbiome!!

## > *Propionibacterium freudenreichii*: Who's that bug?



# > Emmental and other cheeses with holes: a long story



→ The Fitz equation (1878)

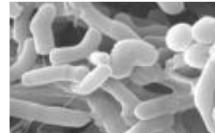


→ The isolation of dairy propionibacteria by von Freudenreich and Orla-Jensen (1907)



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Flavour:



Fruity

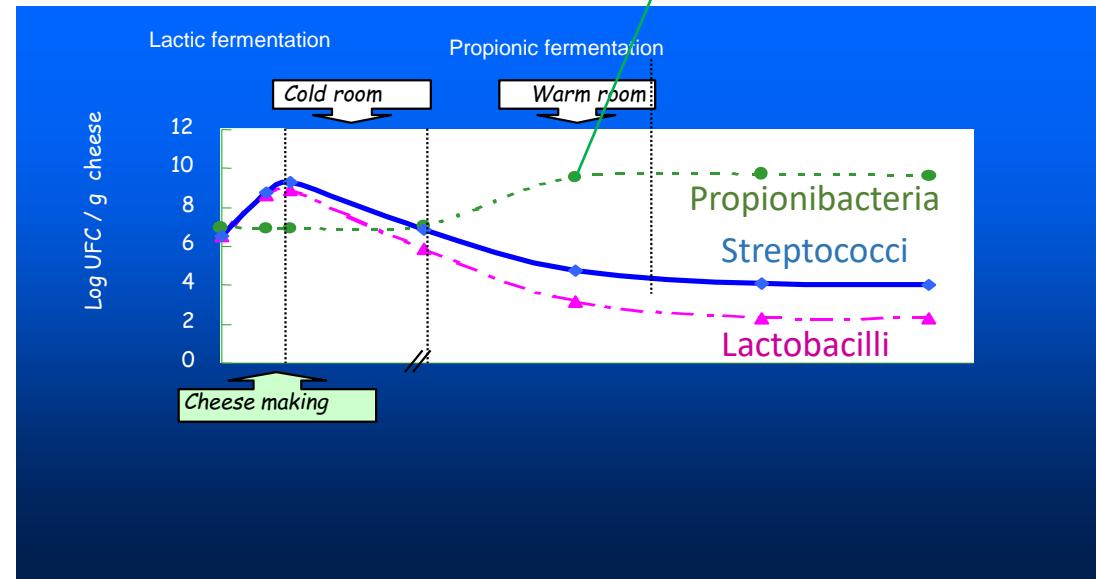


Sour

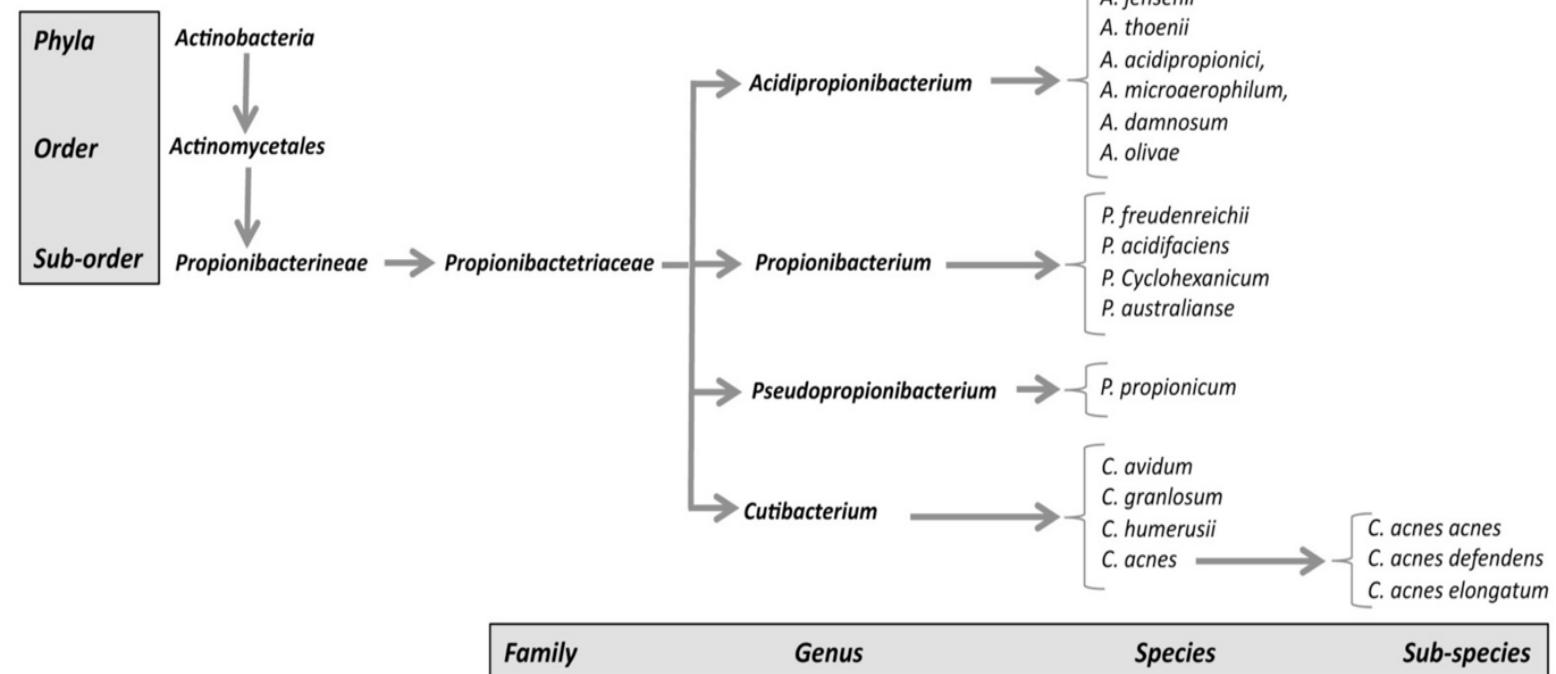


Picante

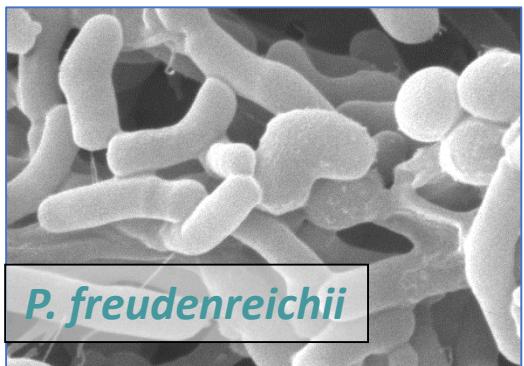
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Acetate  
 $\text{CO}_2$   
...Esters



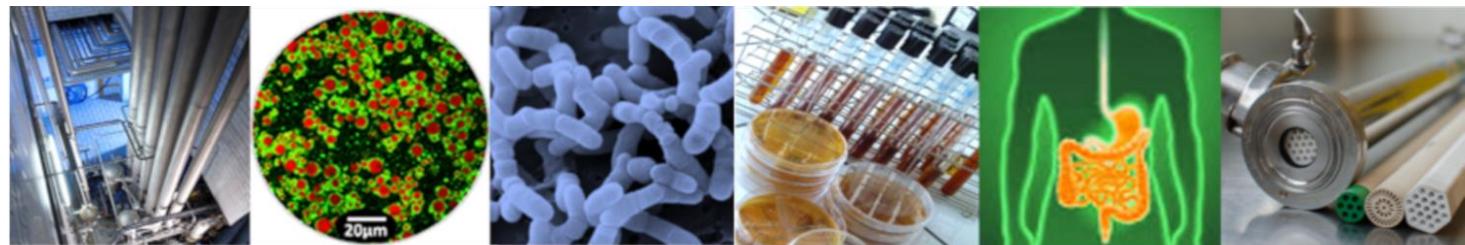
# > Propionibacteria, in a few words



Gram +  
 pleiomorphic  
 anaerobic to microaérophilic  
 non motiles et non sporulated



## > *Propionibacterium freudenreichii*: An inducer of anti-inflammatory cytokines



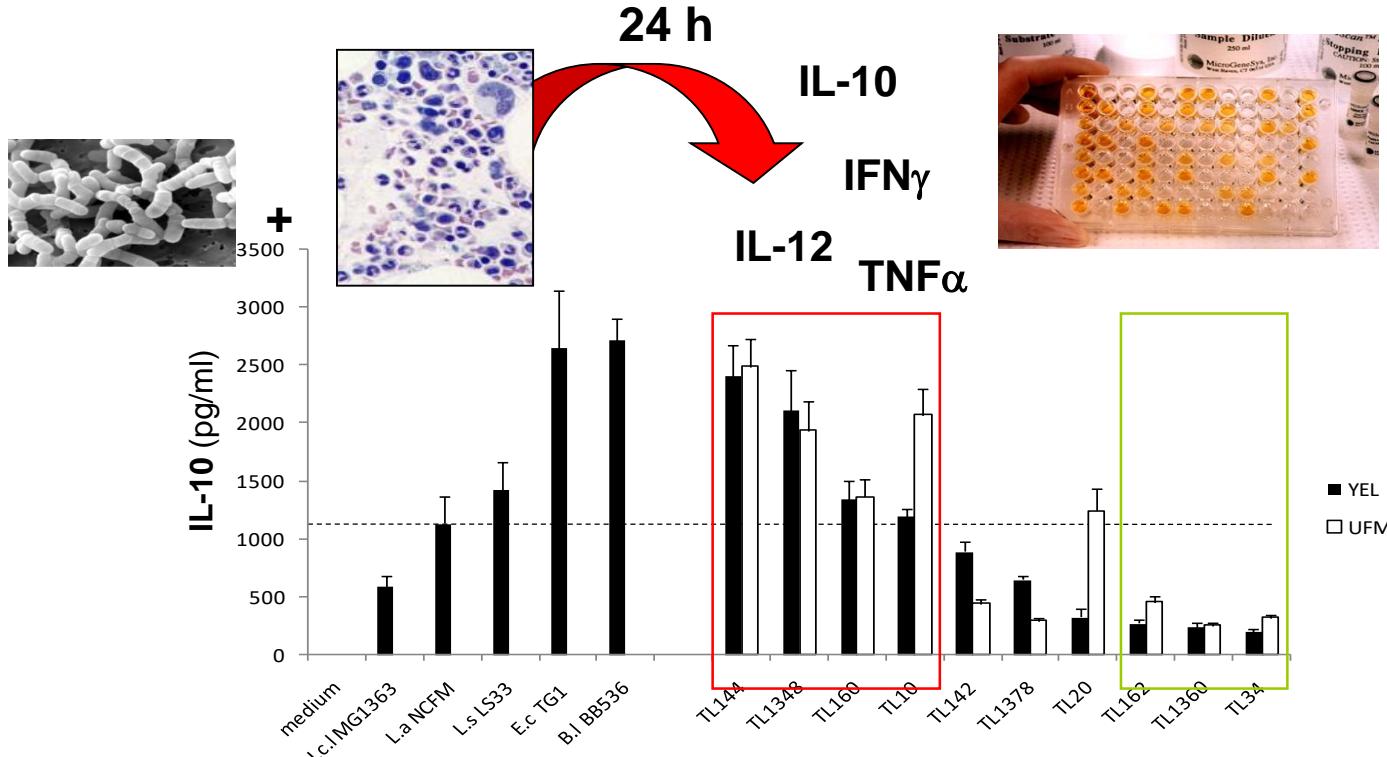
## ➤ Cytokine stimulation on human PBMCs (mononucleated leucocytes from donors)



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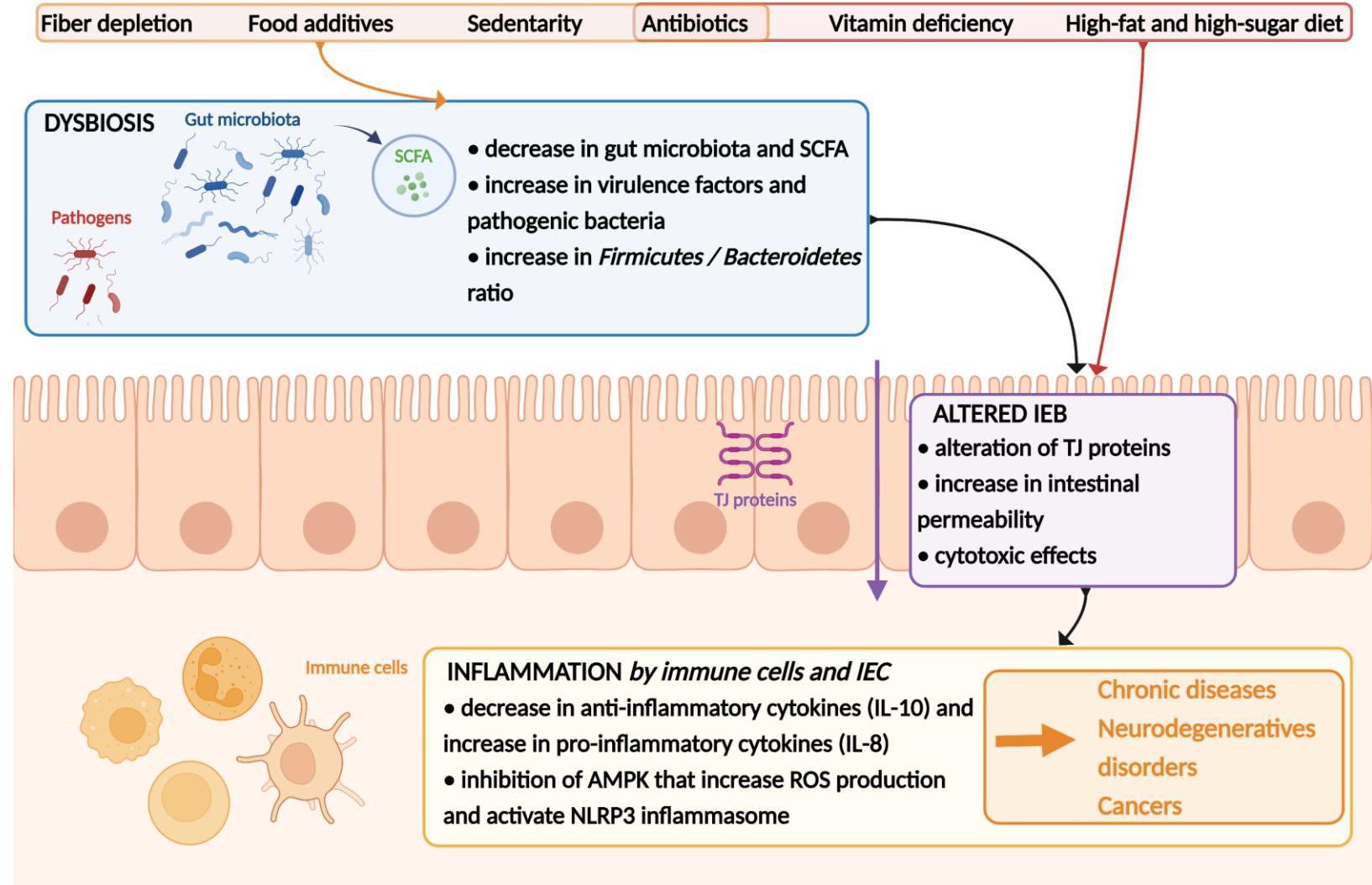
The best anti-inflammatory strains

The less anti-inflammatory strains

## > *Propionibacterium freudenreichii*: A way to fight inflammatory bowel diseases?



# > Inflammation of the gut : a growing concern



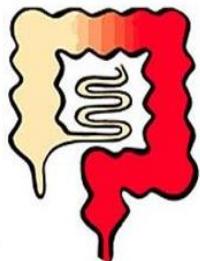
## > Examples of digestive inflammatory diseases

### Colitis

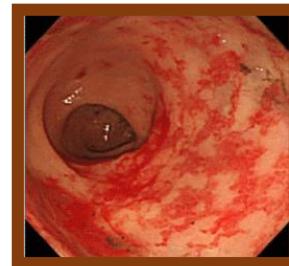
- GIT Chronic inflammation



Ulcerative  
Colitis



### Mucositis



GI Mucositis

5-Fluoracil (5-FU)

- Head, neck and colon cancer.

(Chang et al., 2012; Falvey et al., 2015)



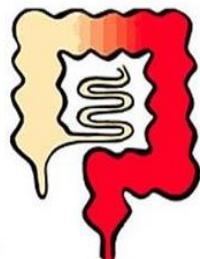
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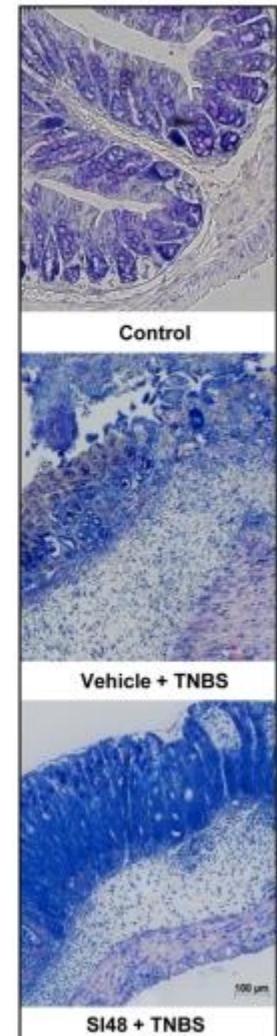
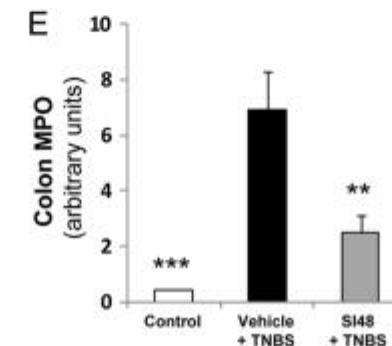
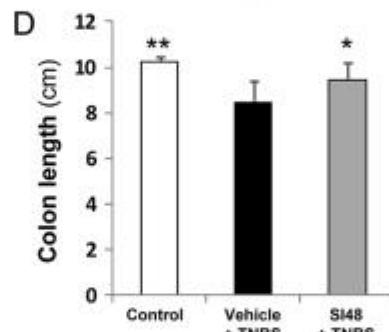
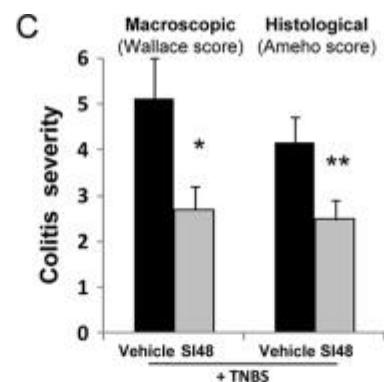
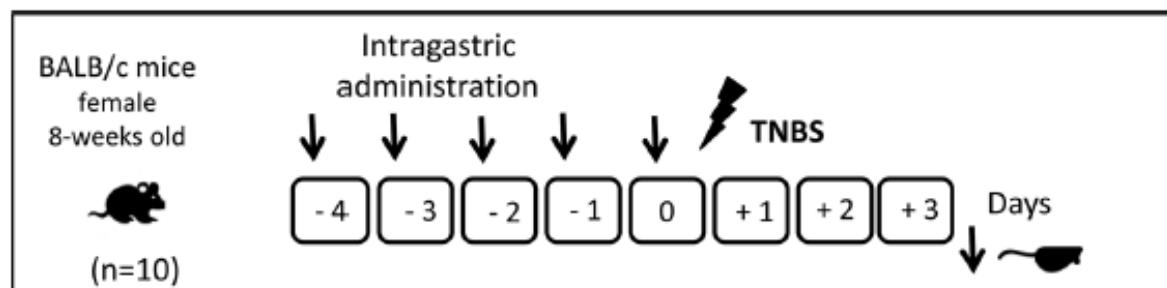
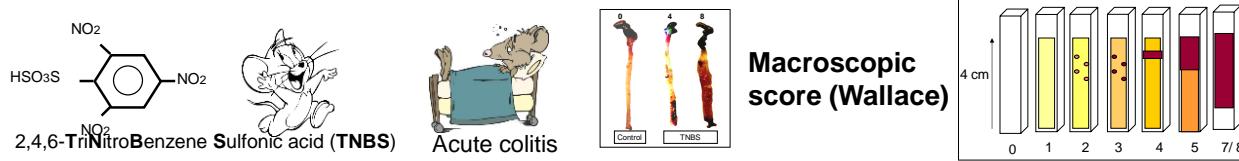
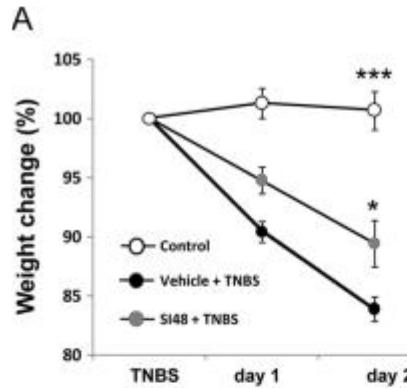
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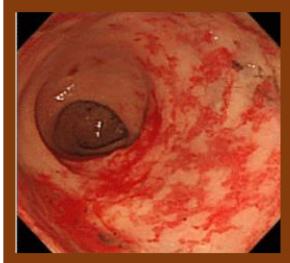


# Propionibacteria: prevention of TNBS-induced colitis in mice



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Oral mucositis

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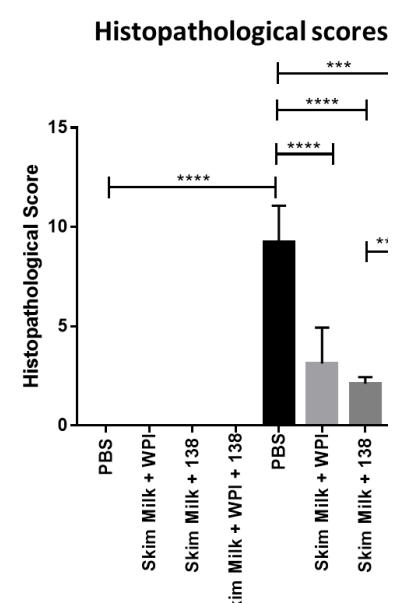
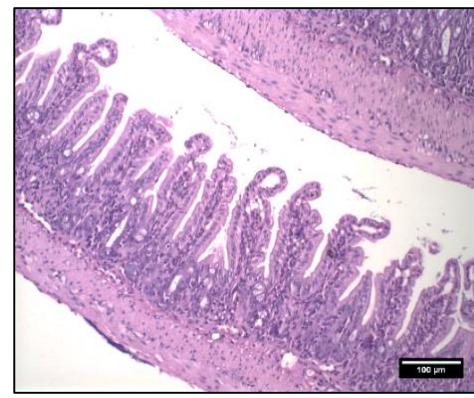
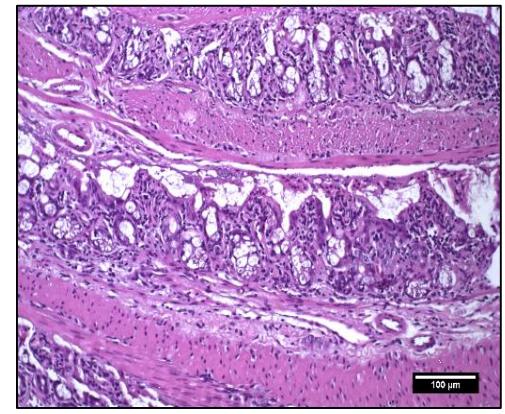
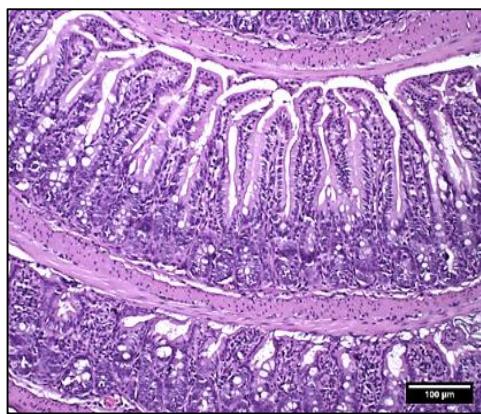
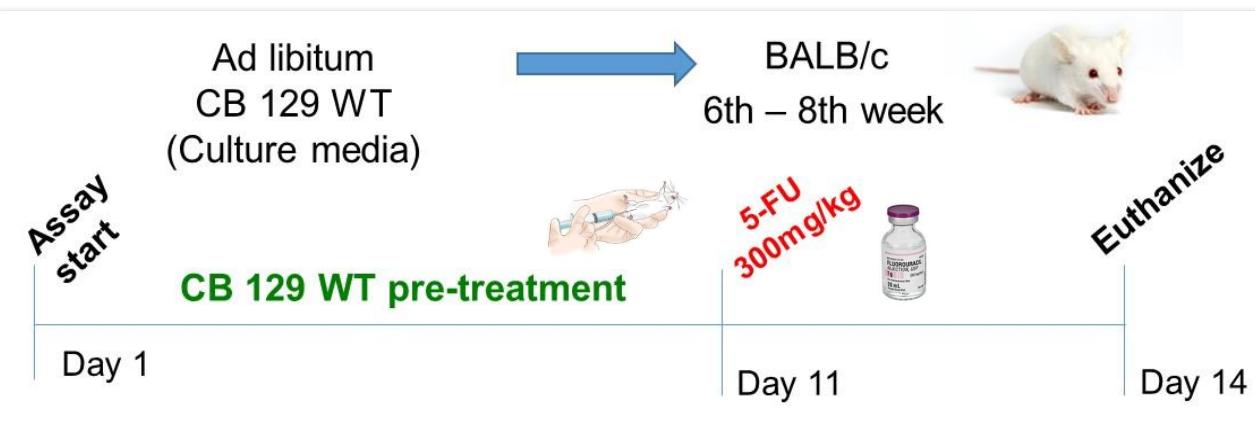
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# Propionibacteria mitigate cancer chemotherapy-induced mucositis in mice



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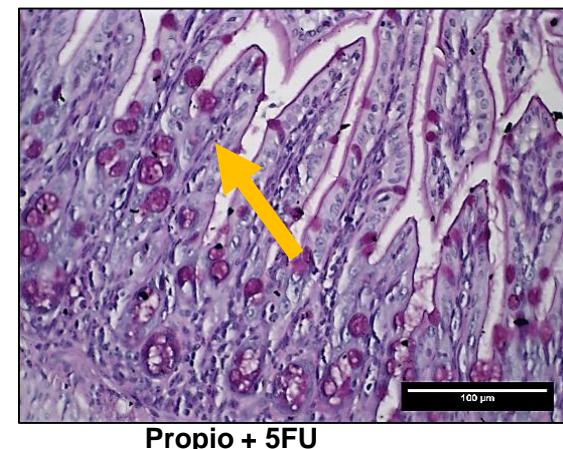
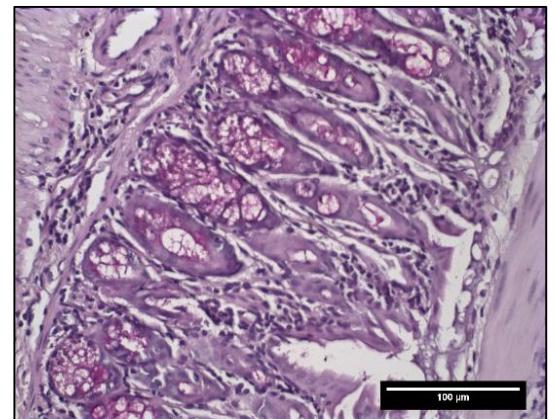
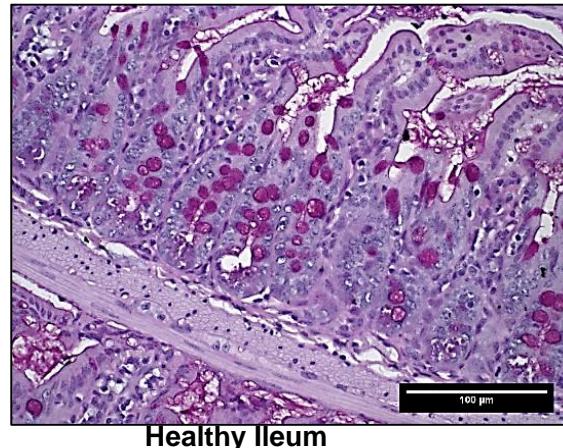
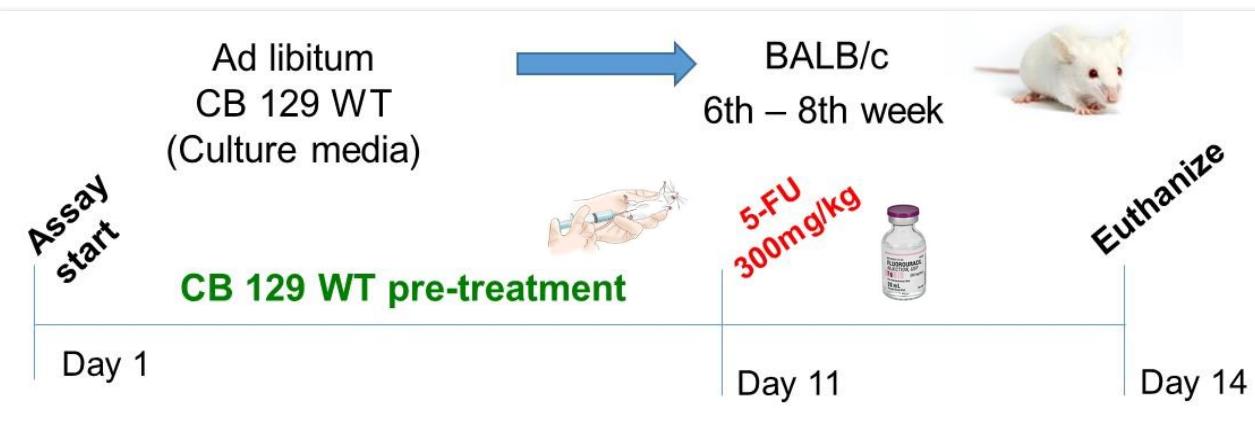
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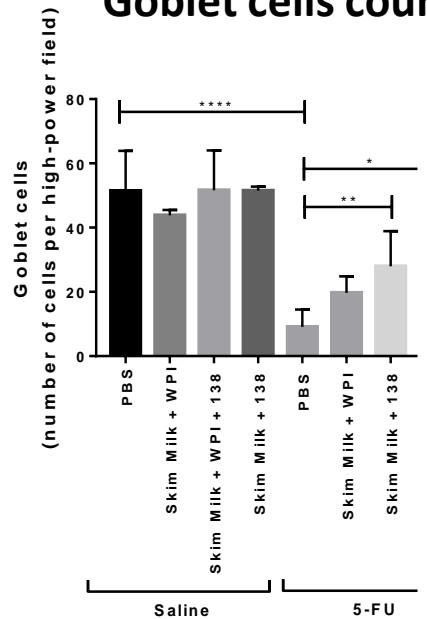
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5-FU

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Goblet cells counts



## > *Propionibacterium freudenreichii*-containing cheese: anti-colitis effects demonstrated *in vivo*

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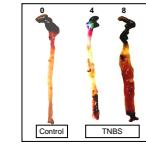
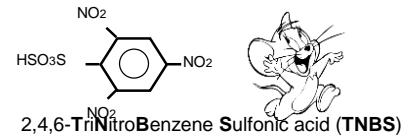
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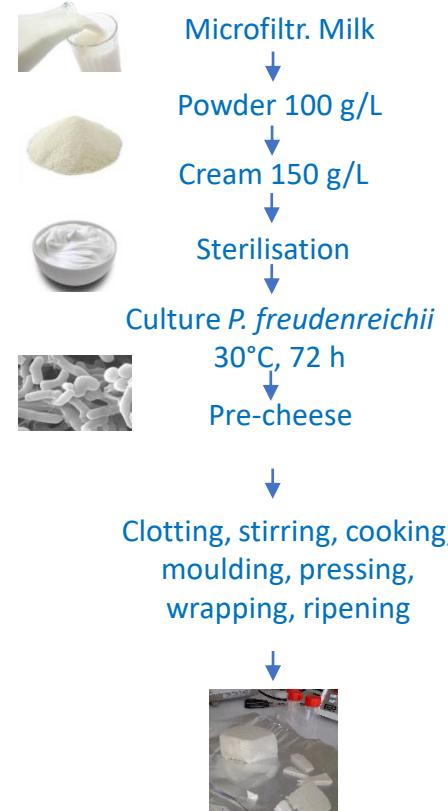
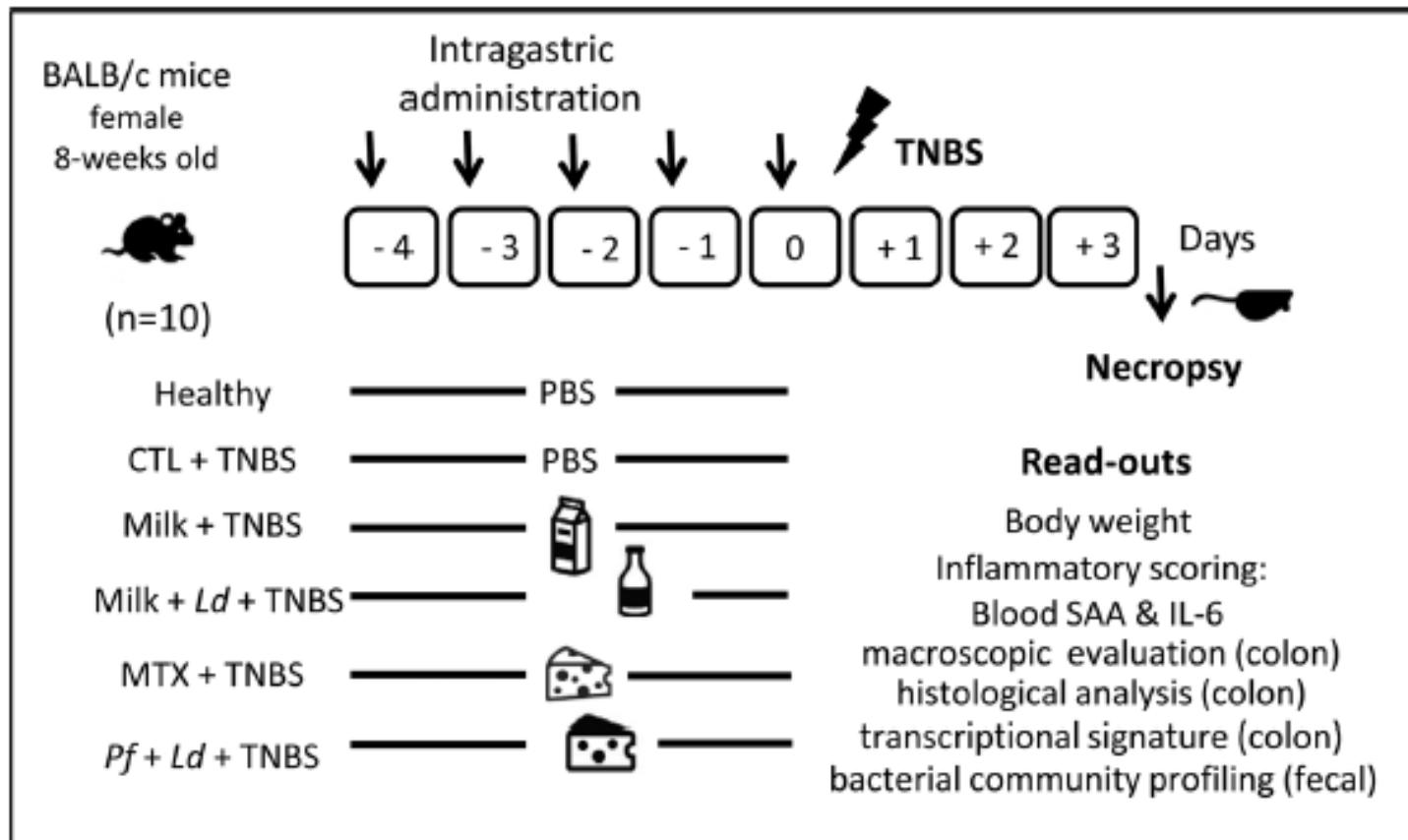
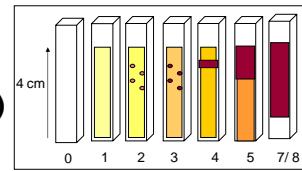
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Macroscopic score (Wallace)

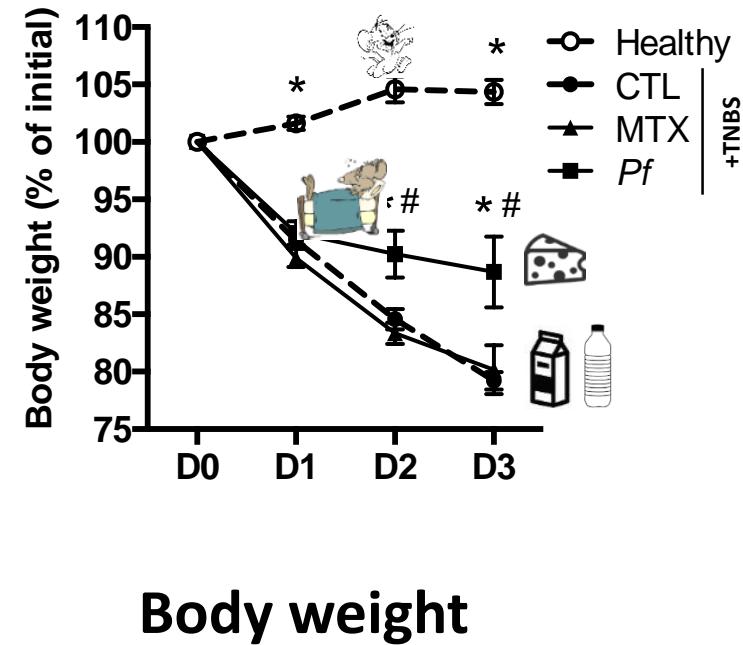
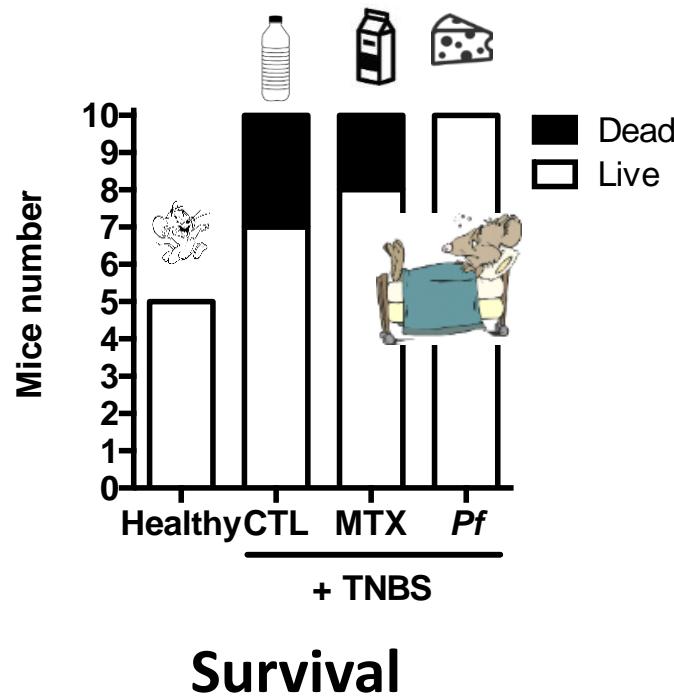


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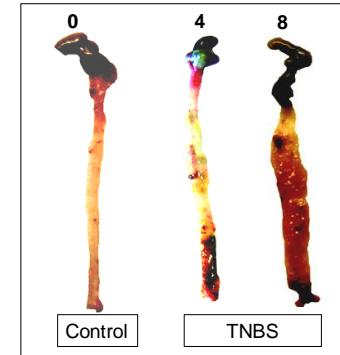
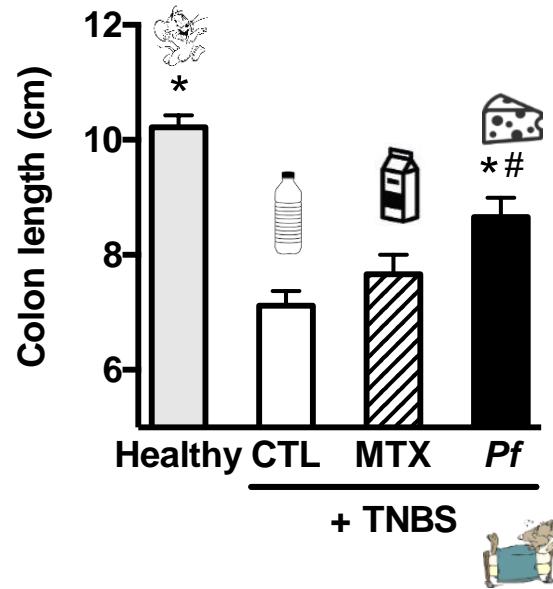
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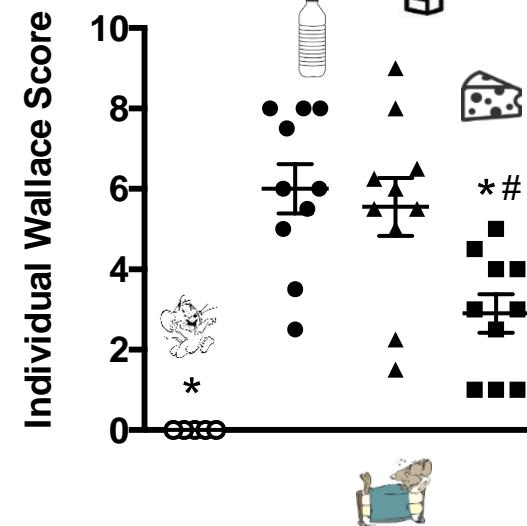
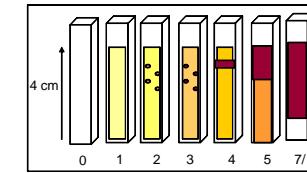
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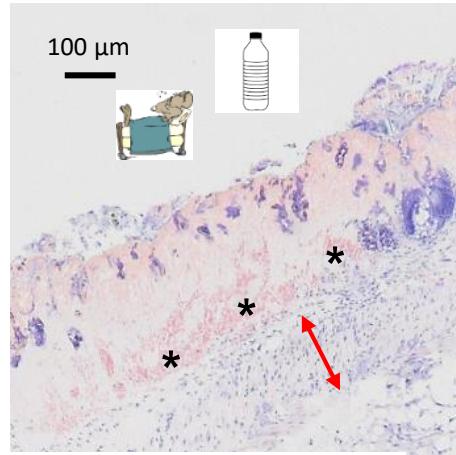
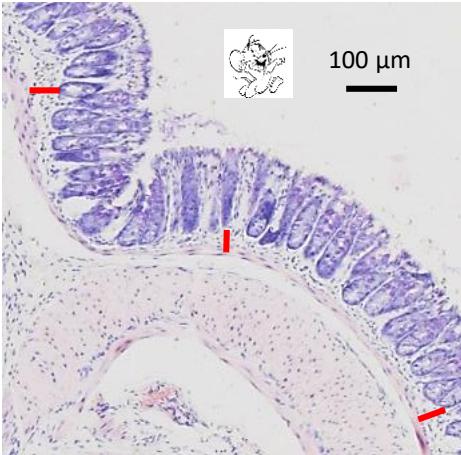
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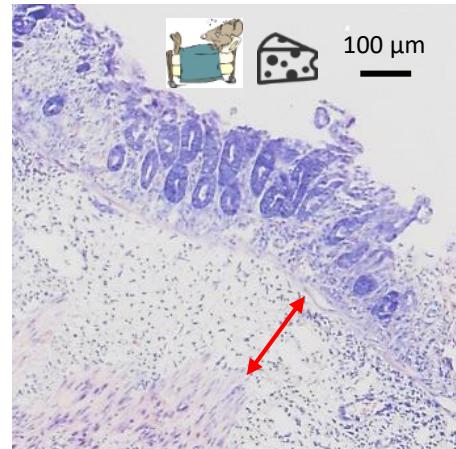
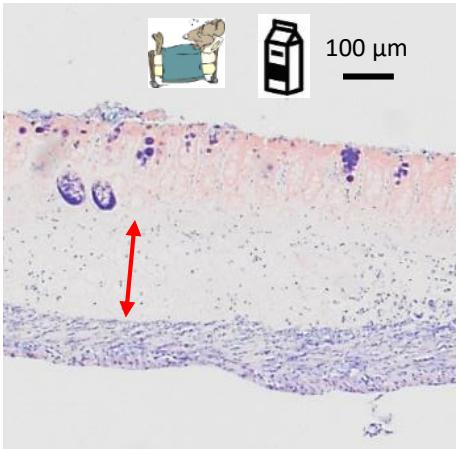
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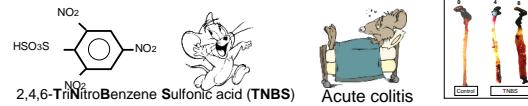


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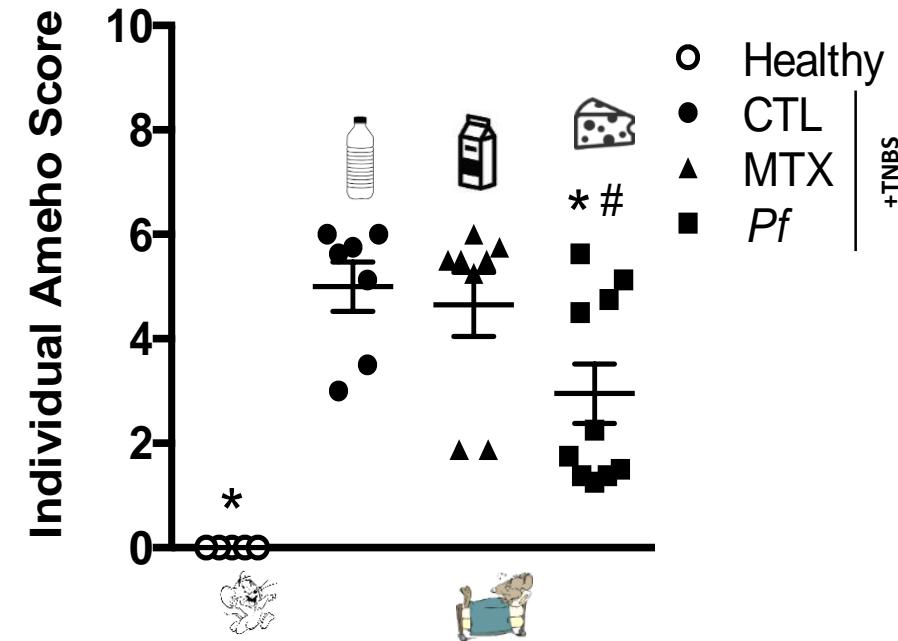
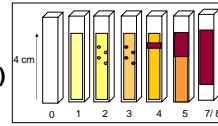


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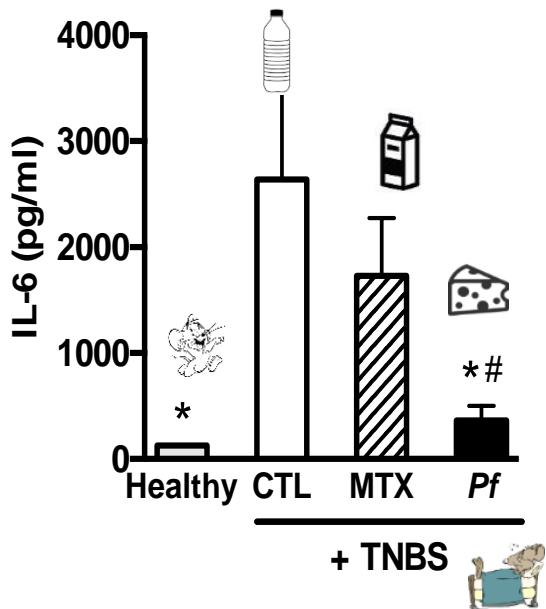


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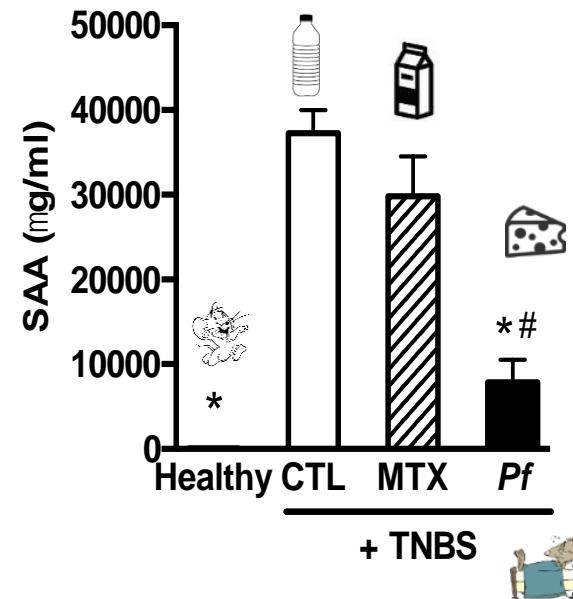


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### Blood inflammation markers



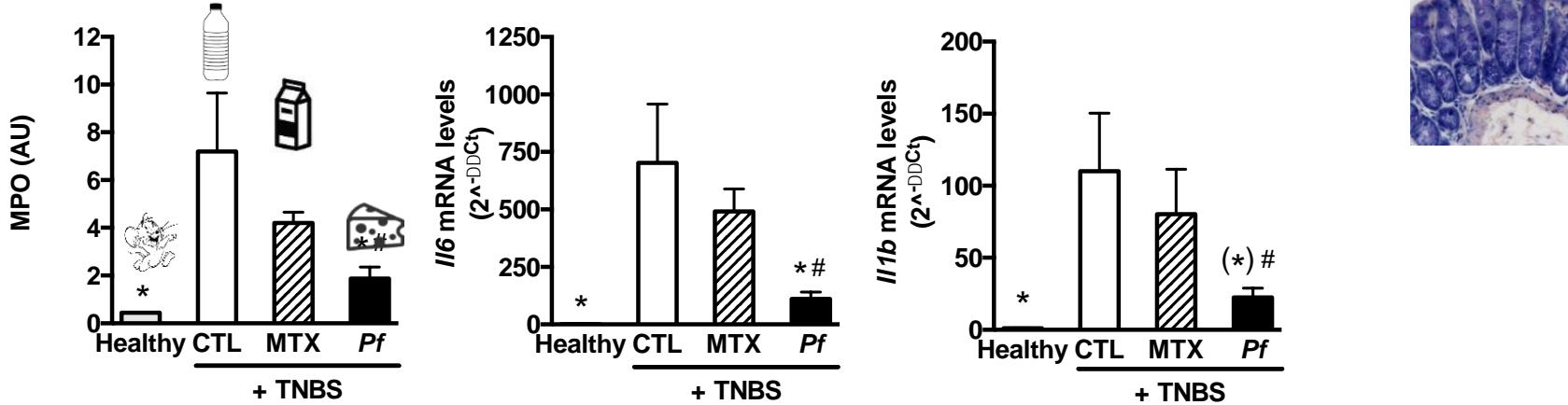
Interleukin 6



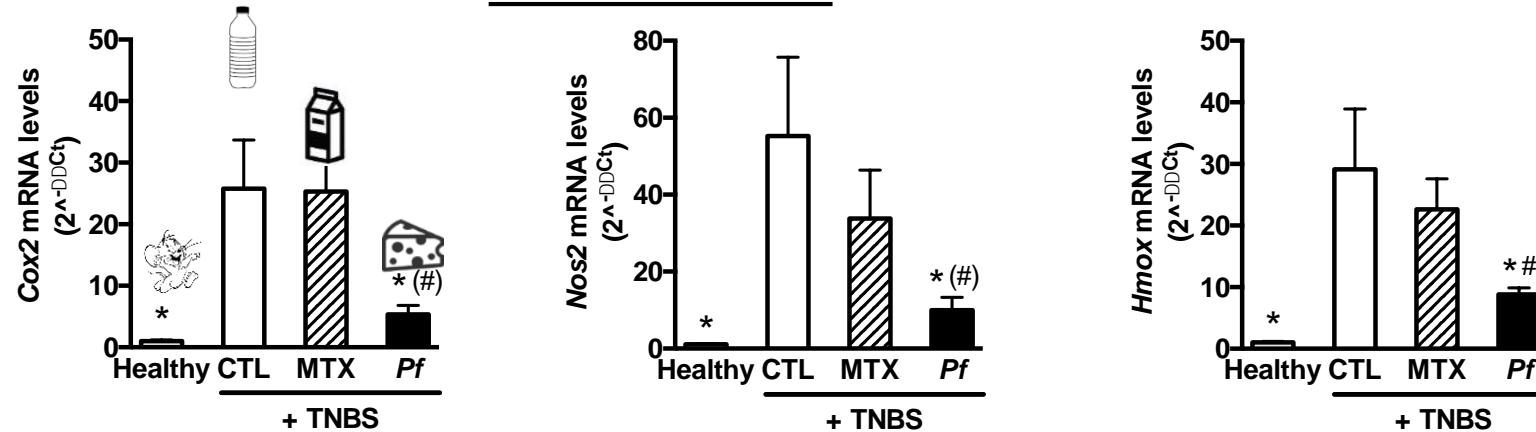
Serum Amyloid A

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## Colonic inflammatory markers



## Colonic oxidative stress markers



\* p<0.05: vs CTL  
# p<0.05: vs MTX

## > Then make a real Emmental cheese

*Streptococcus thermophilus*  
&  
*Lactobacillus helveticus*

*Propionibacterium freudenreichii*

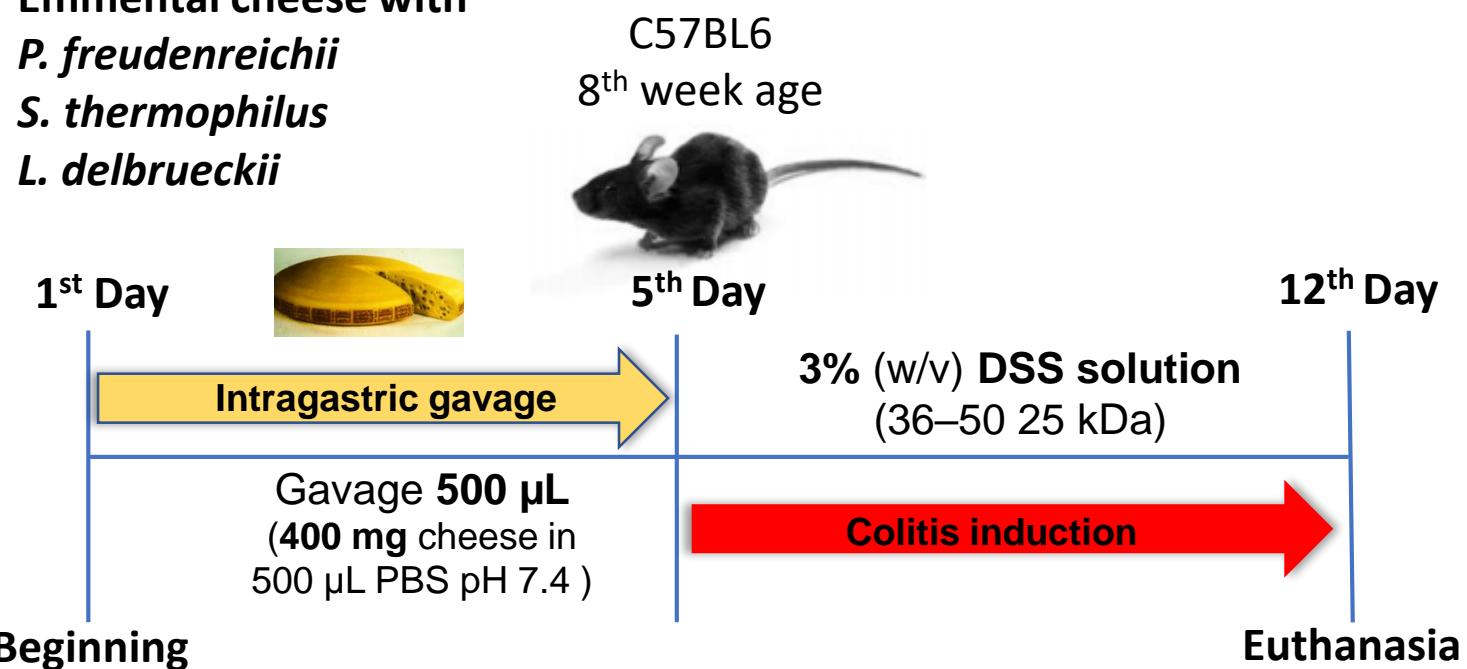


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# Emmental: prevention of DSS-induced

Emmental cheese with  
*P. freudenreichii*  
*S. thermophilus*  
*L. delbrueckii*



Vasco Azevedo



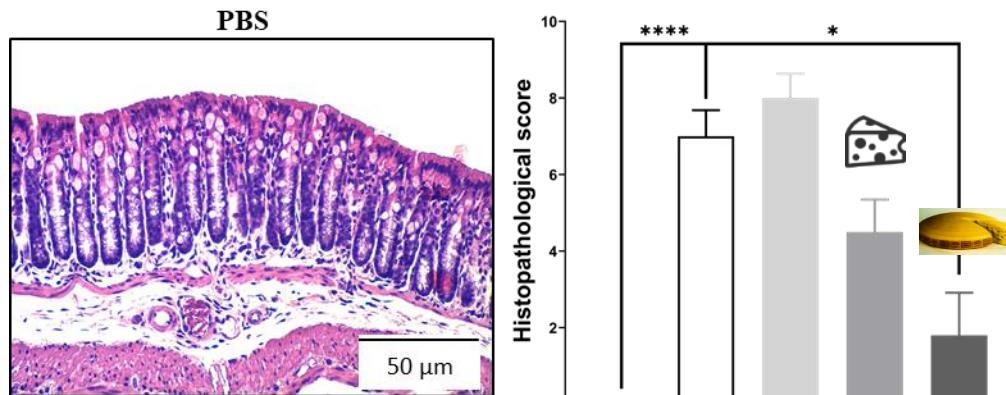
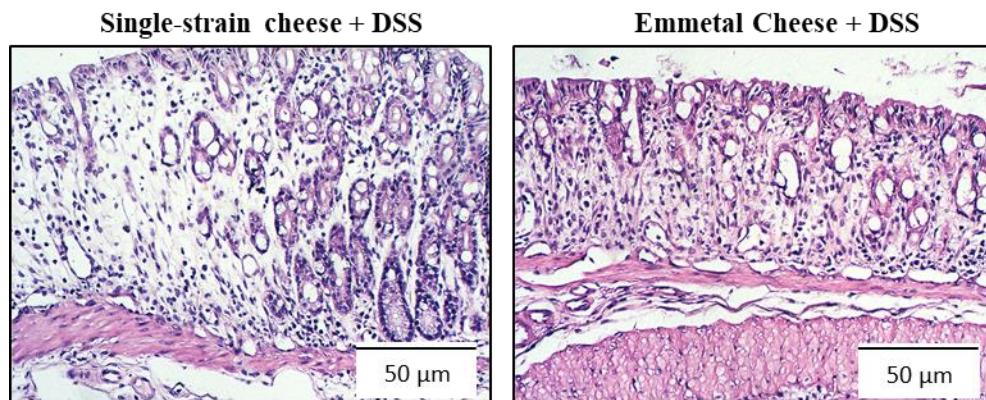
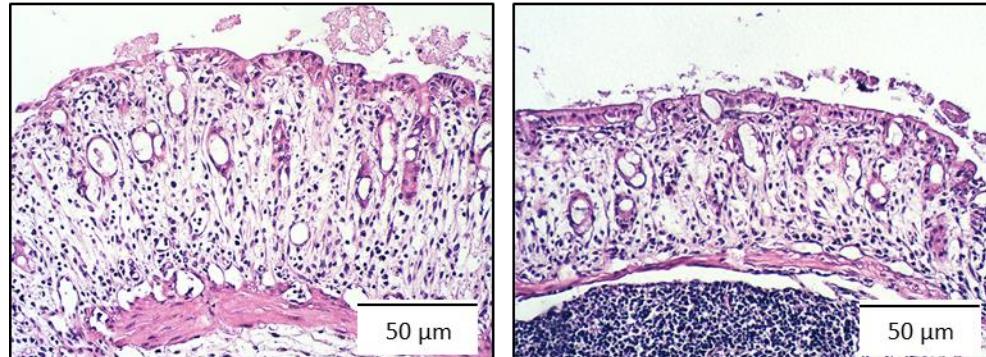
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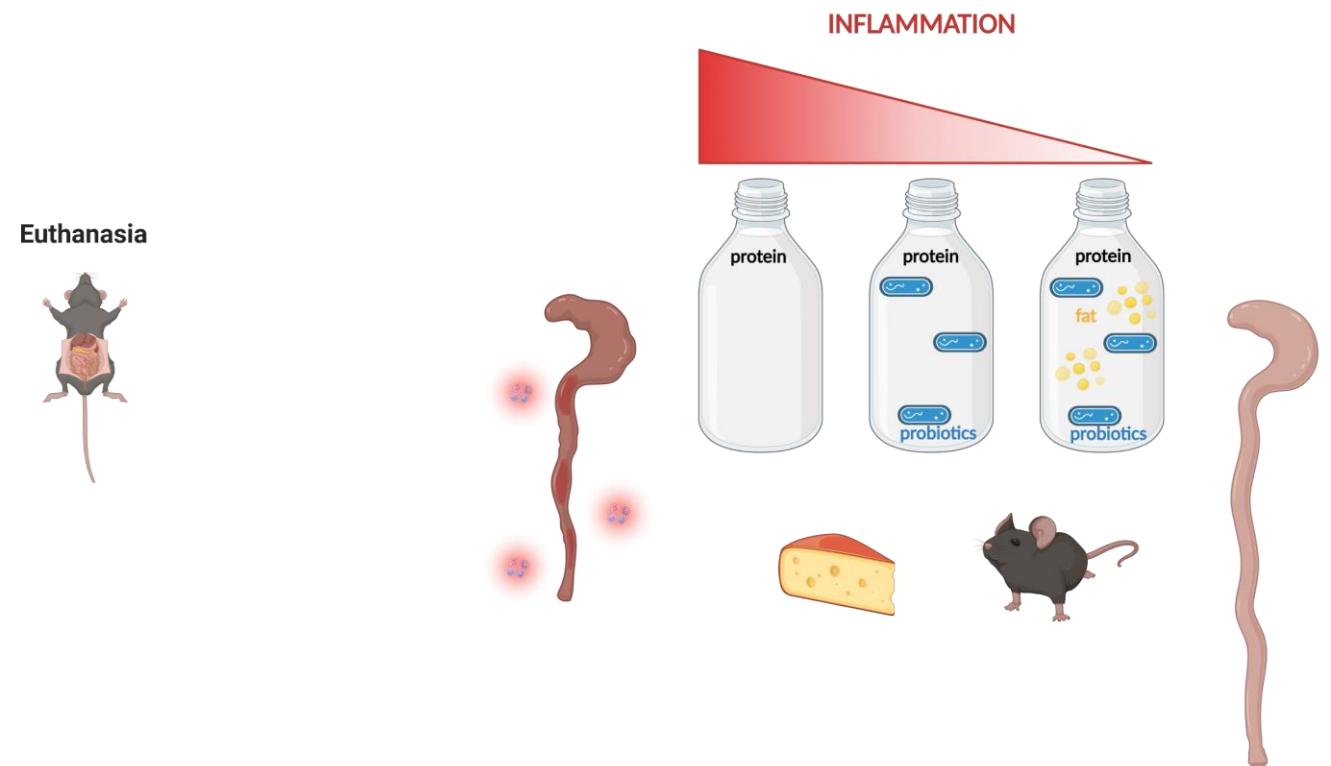
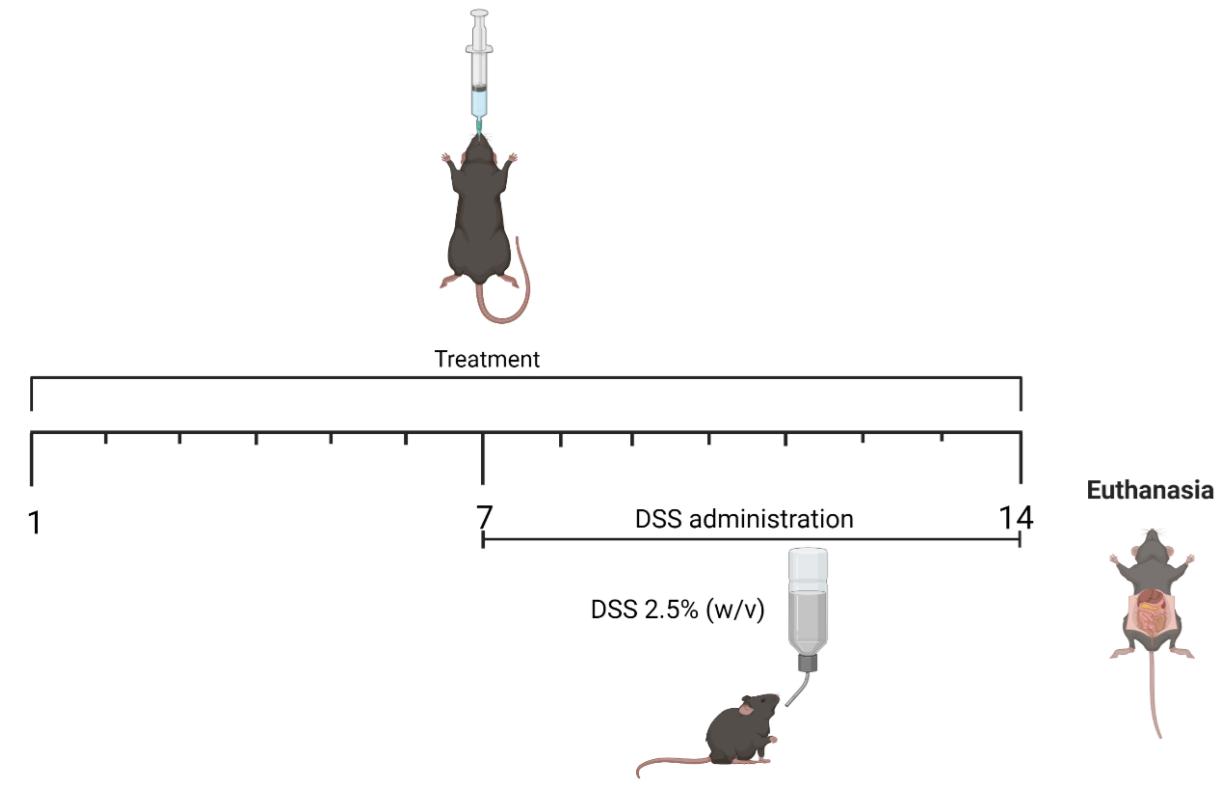


- > What is the respective role of the different constituents of milk?
- > Lipids ?
  - > Proteins ?
  - > Aqueous phase ?

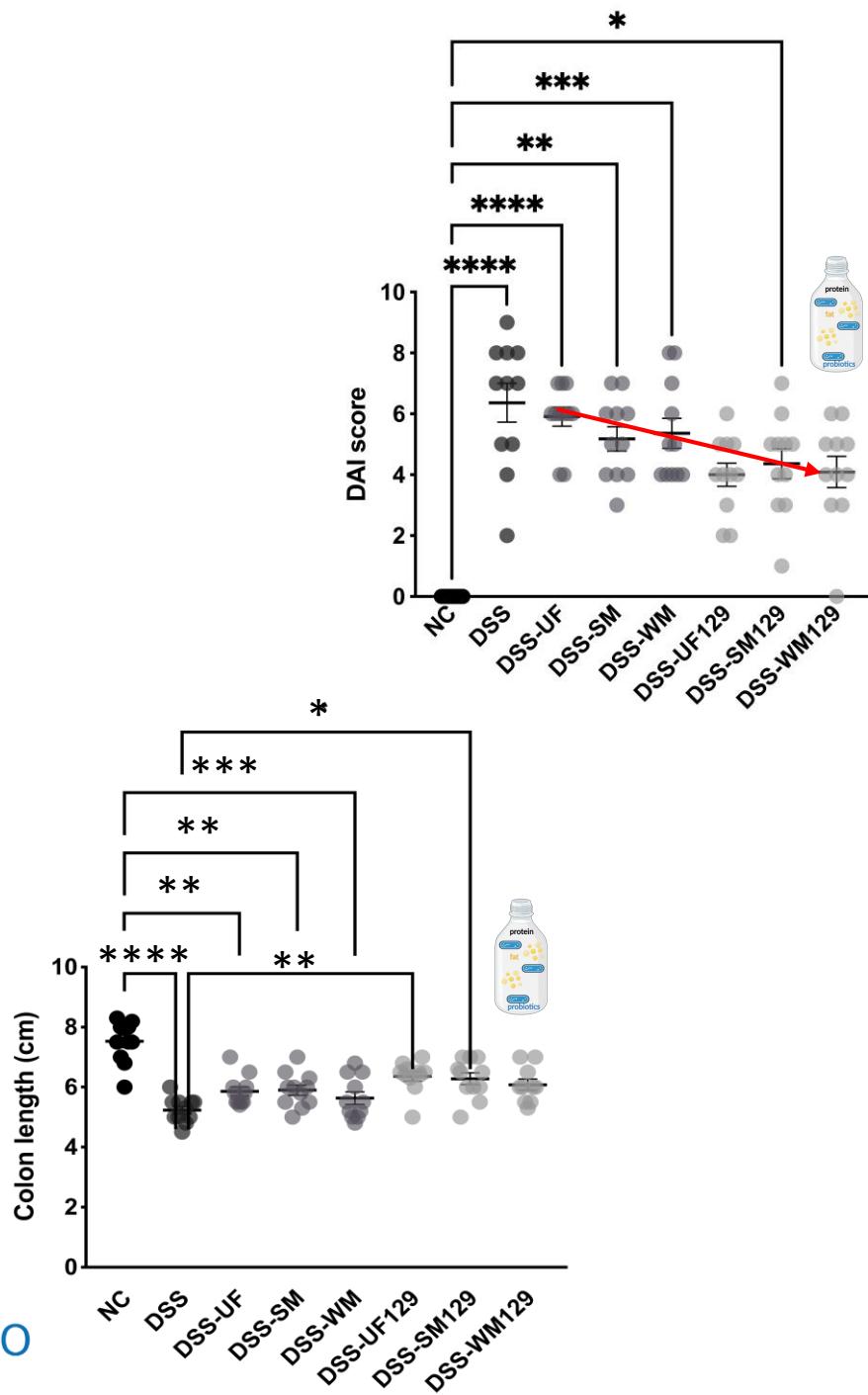
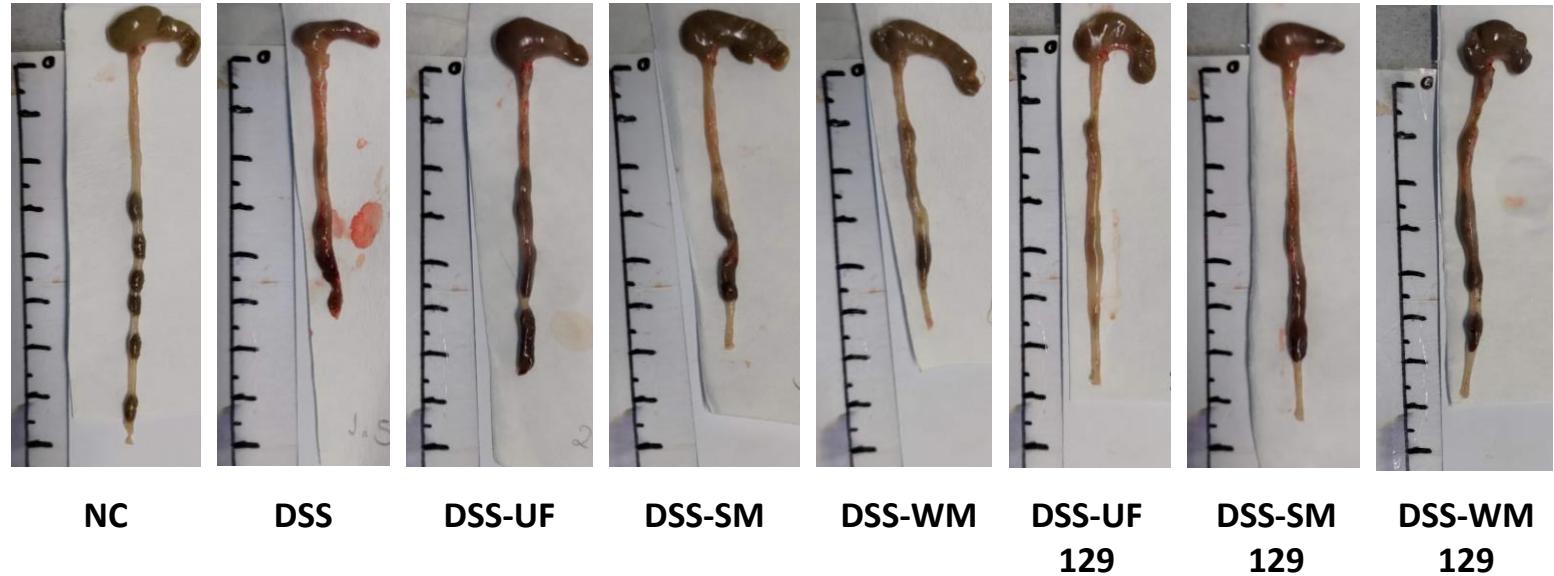


- > Skim milk permeate, skim milk, Whole milk
- > Fermented by Pf 129 until 9 logs reached

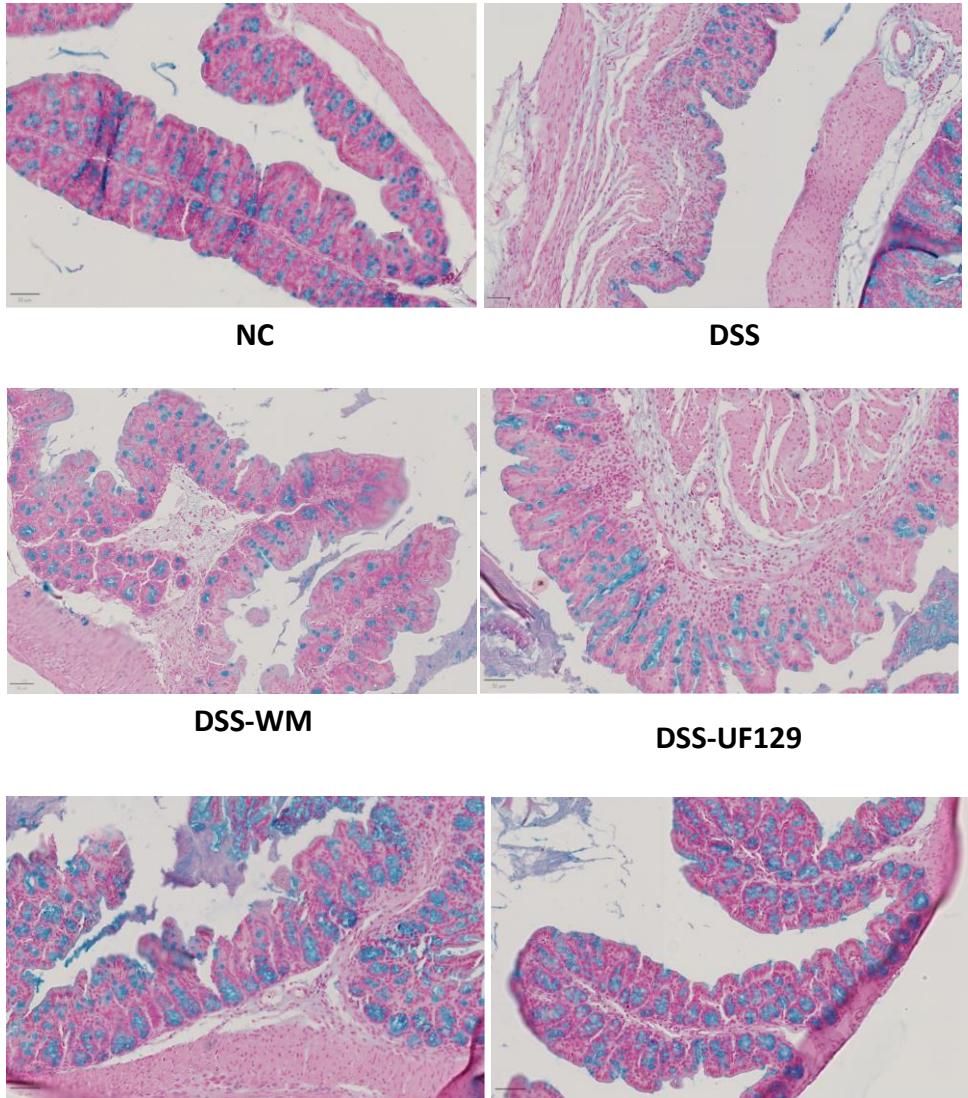
# > Products given by gavage before colitis induction in mice



## > Effect on colon and DAI



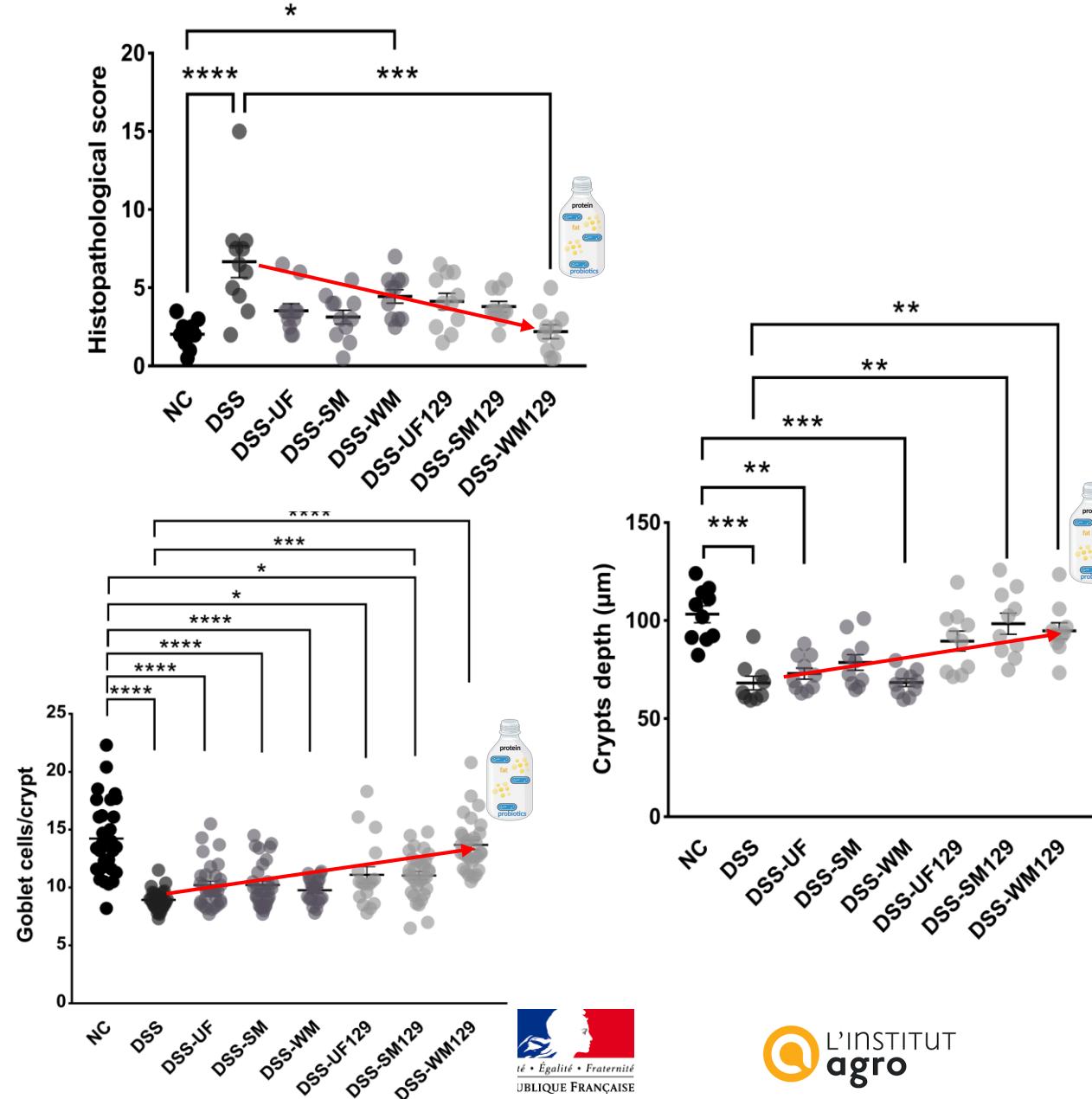
## Only fermented whole milk protects the colon mucosa architecture



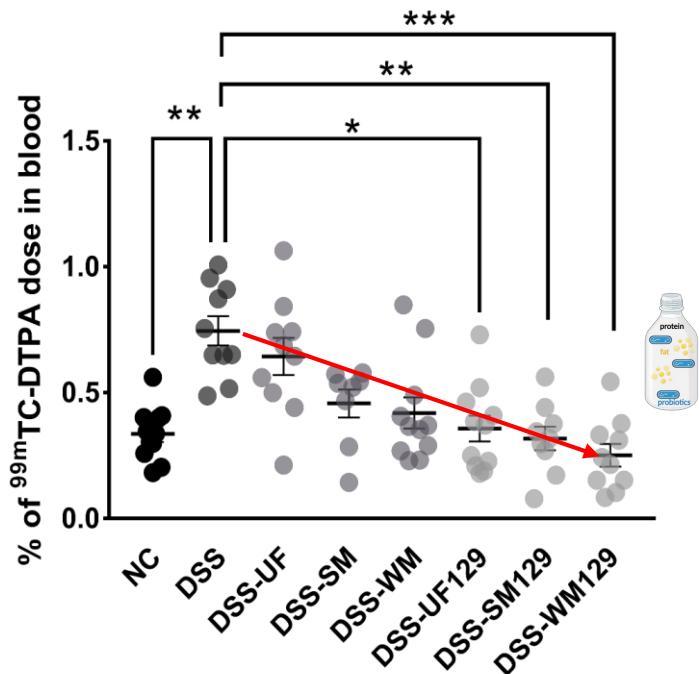
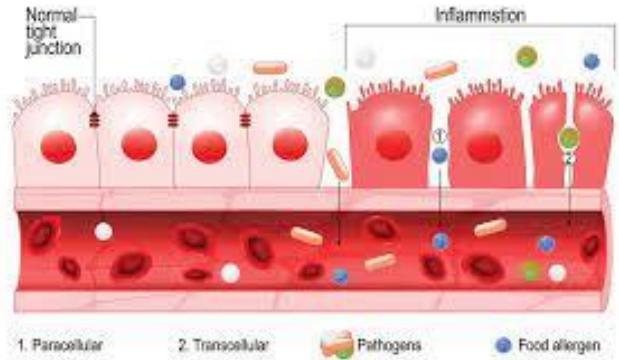
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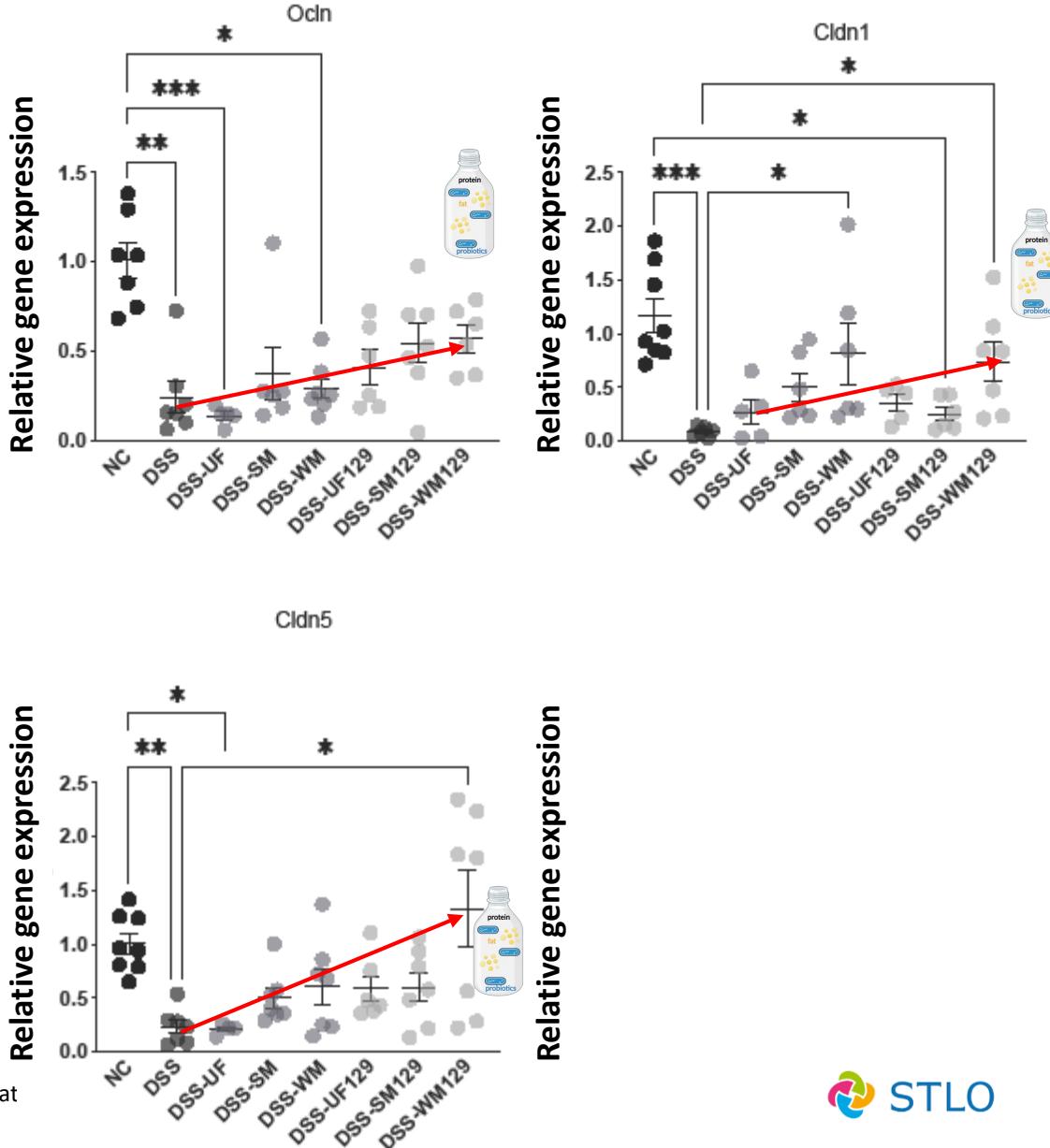
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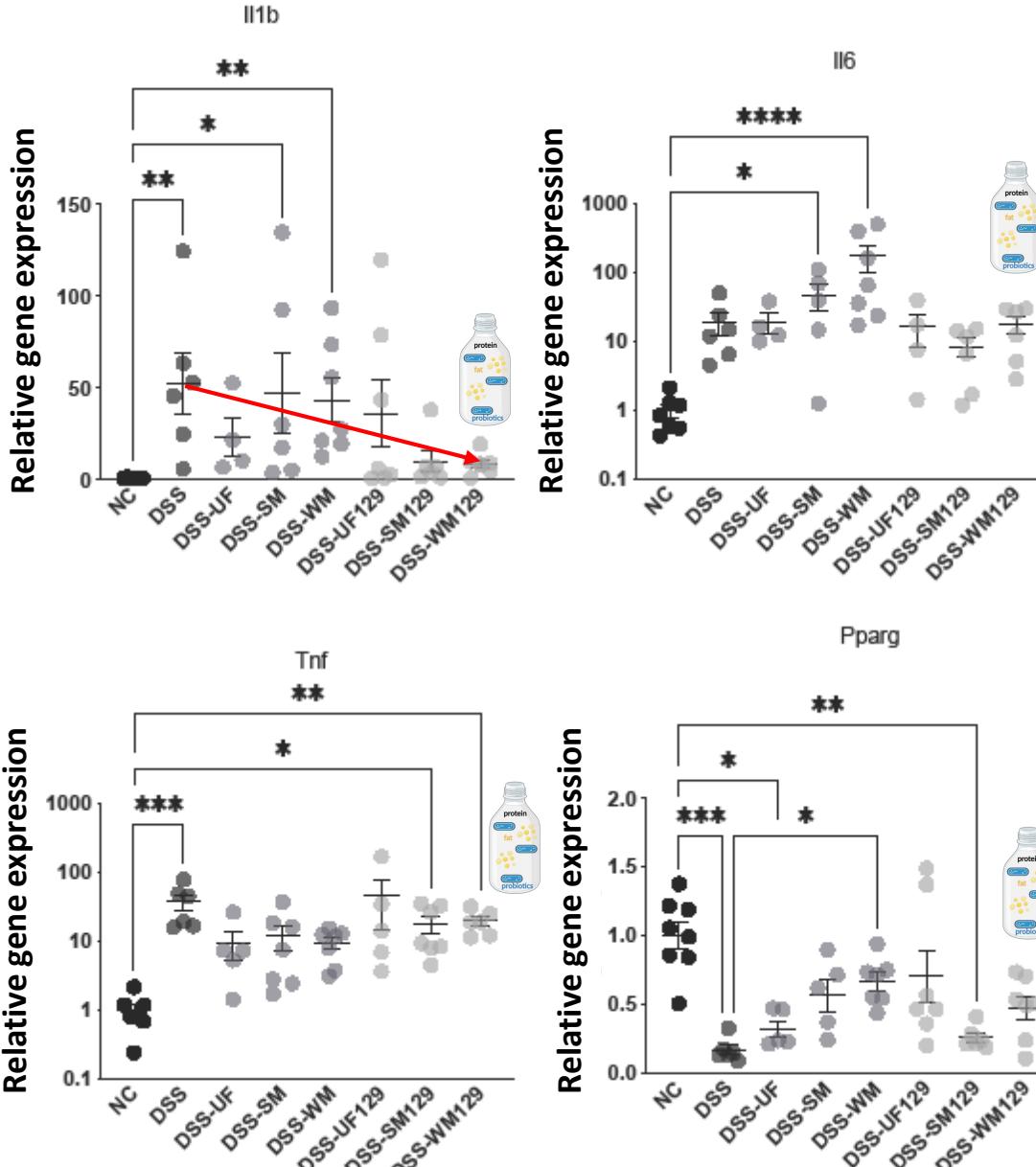
## > Gut barrier permeability



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- Propionibacteria immunomodulatory probiotics
- Fermented dairy products, good probiotic delivery vehicle
- Dairy fat plays a role

