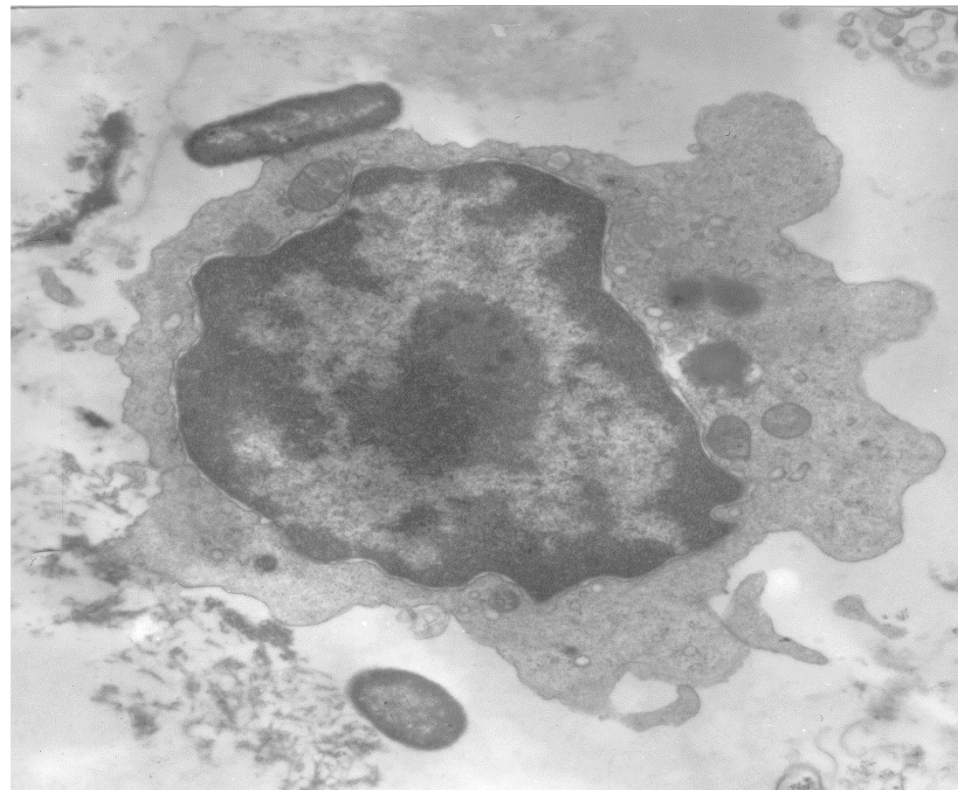


Probiotics and Immunoregulation: implication for health and disease

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Host Defence- GI Tract ISP

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Probiotics

“ A live microbial feed supplement which beneficially affects the host by improving its intestinal microbial balance”

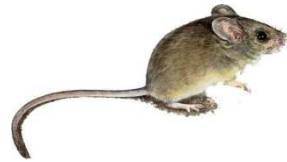


Do probiotics have immunoregulatory properties? Yes...

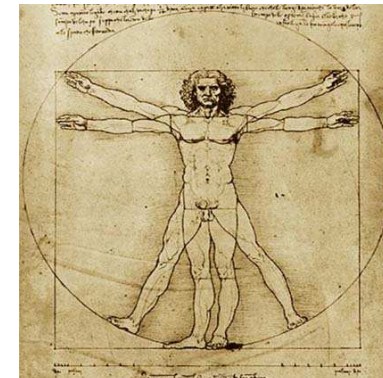
- Enterocytes: reduced signaling via NF-kB (*Kelly et al. 2004*)
- DCs: Promotes tolerogenic DC (IL-10 producing) (*Hart et al. 2004*)
- Effector T cells: T_H1 skewed response observed (*Veckman et al. 2004*)
- Treg: increased IL-10 and TGFb producing T cells (*Di Giacinto et al. 2005*)
- Monocytes: increased circulating monocytes (*Benyacoub et al. 2003*)
- Stem cells: increased bone marrow-derived CD34+ cells (*Mastrandrea et al. 2004*)
- B cell: increased local IgA production (*Prescott and Bjorksten 2007*)

.....and moving in the right direction

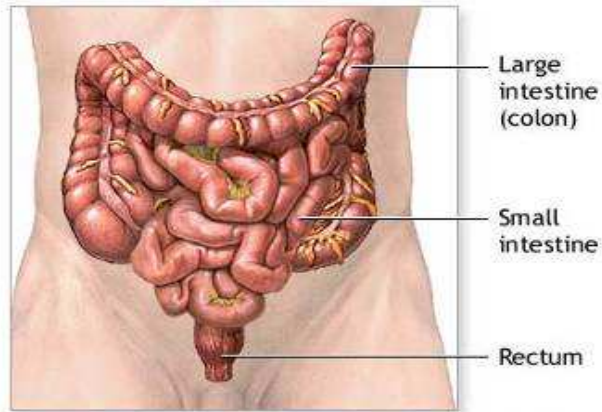
- *Kwon et al.* Generation of regulatory dendritic cells and CD4+Foxp3+ T cells by probiotics administration suppresses immune disorders. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 107: 2159, 2010



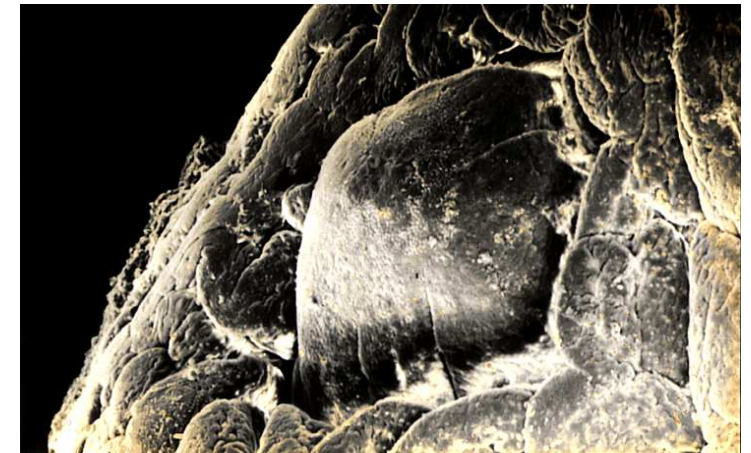
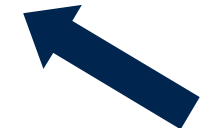
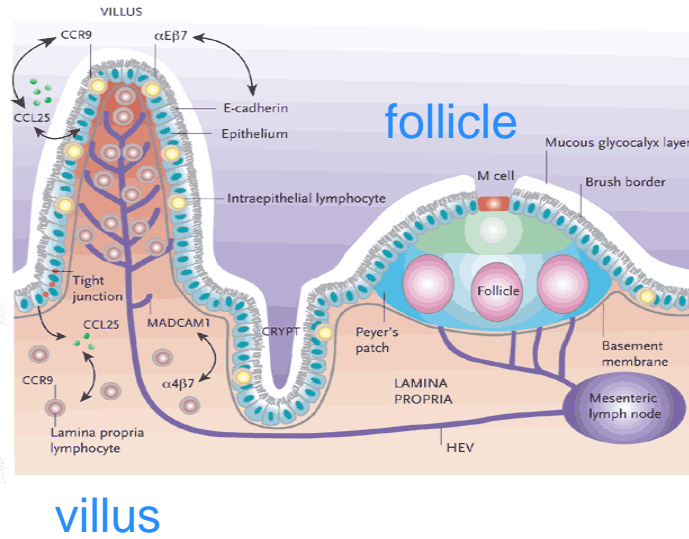
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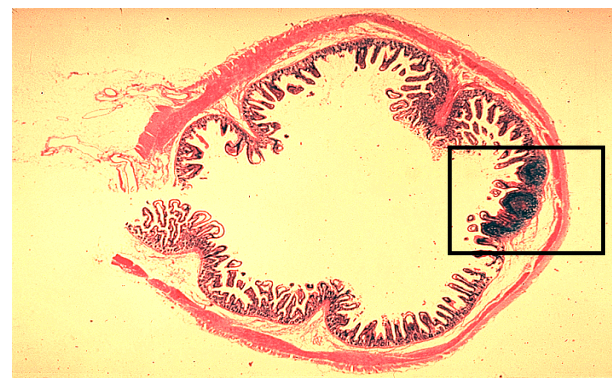
Host-probiotics interaction: the gut immune system



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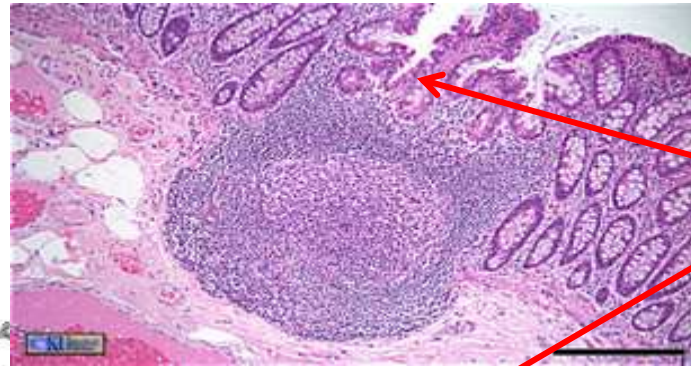
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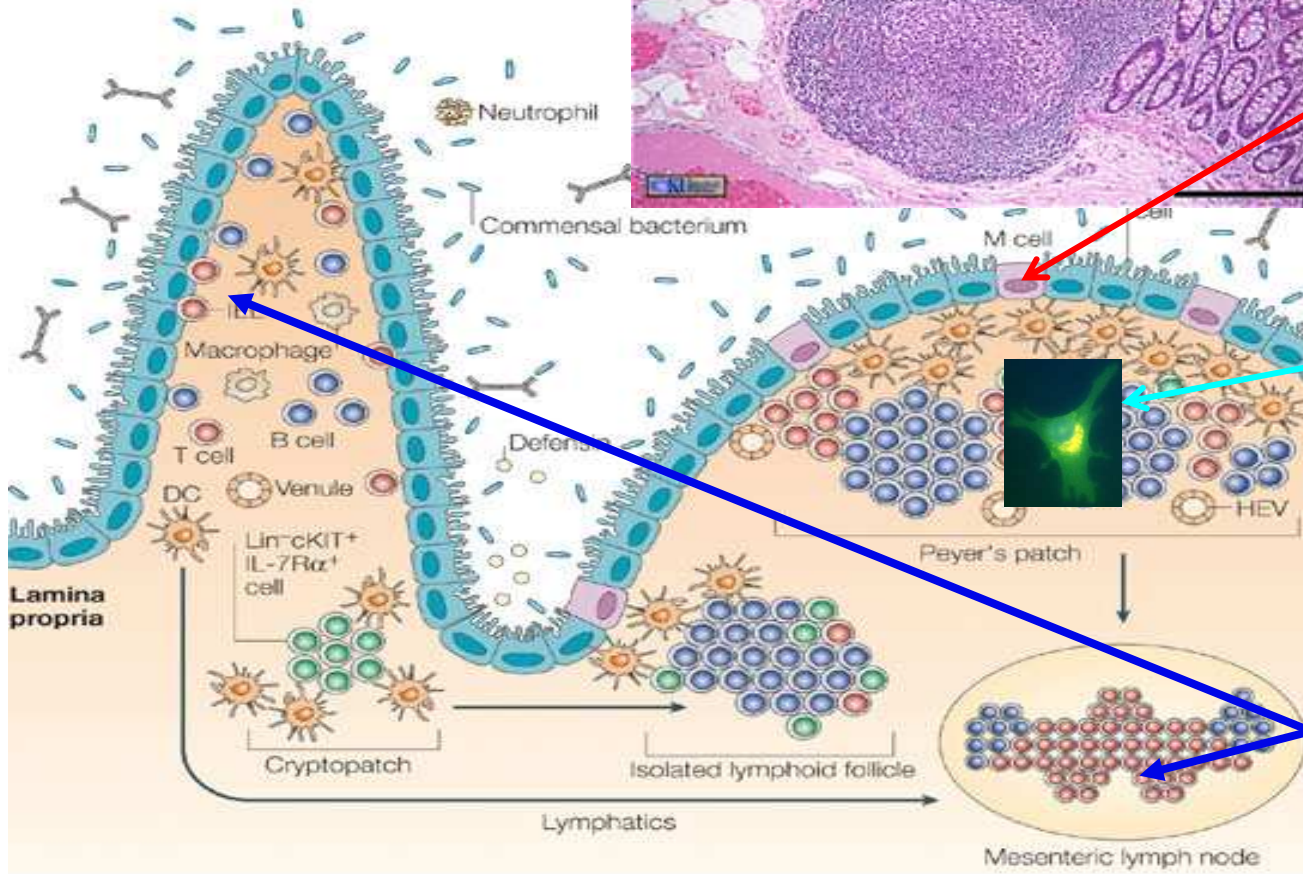
Peyer's patch



Inductive and effector sites of the intestinal immune system



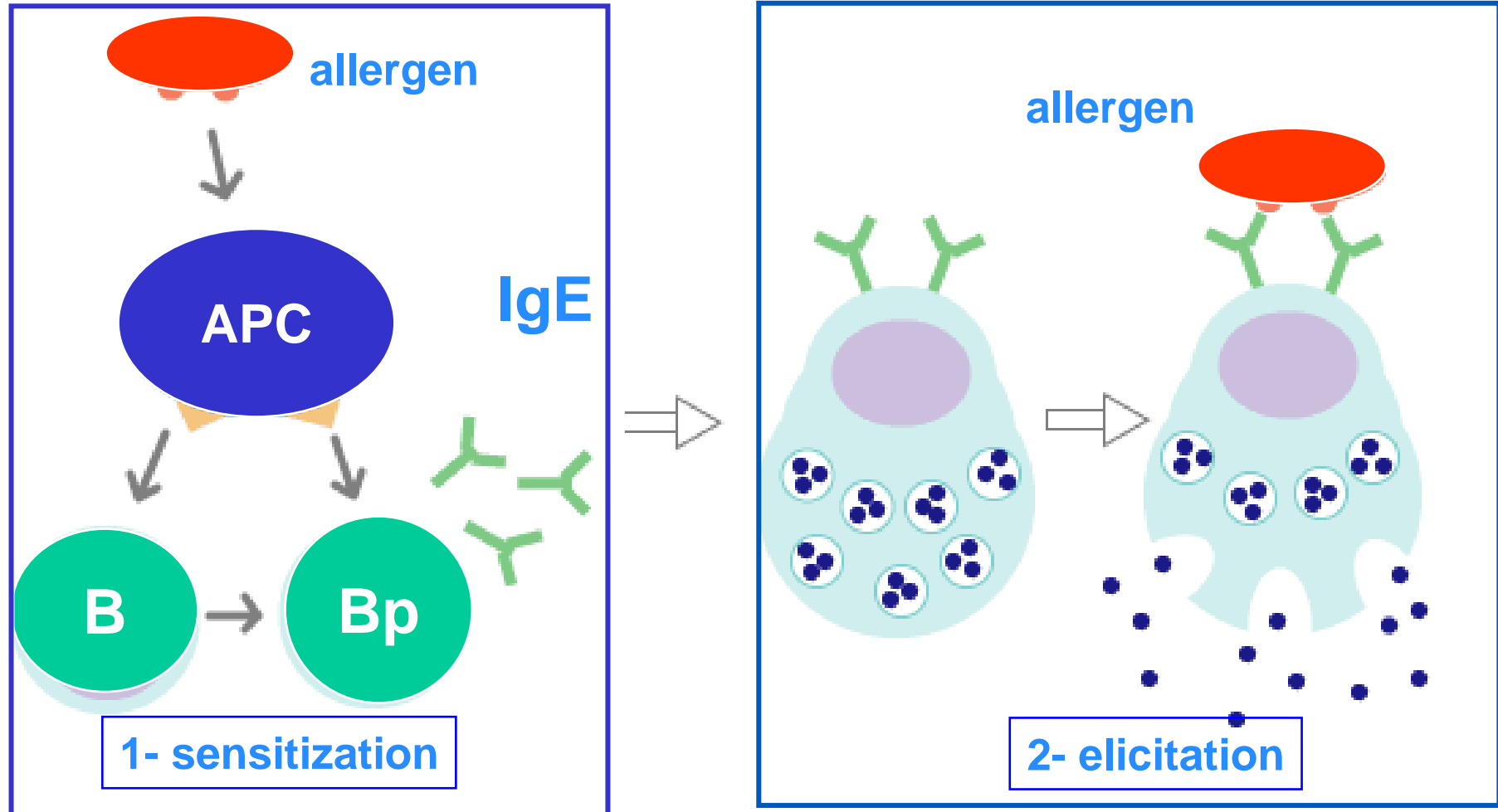
M-cells transfer antigens from the gut lumen (sampling).



Ag-processing and presentation by DCs to naïve T cells. Generation of Ag specific T and B cells

T- and B-cell trafficking conveys immunity to other mucosal sites.

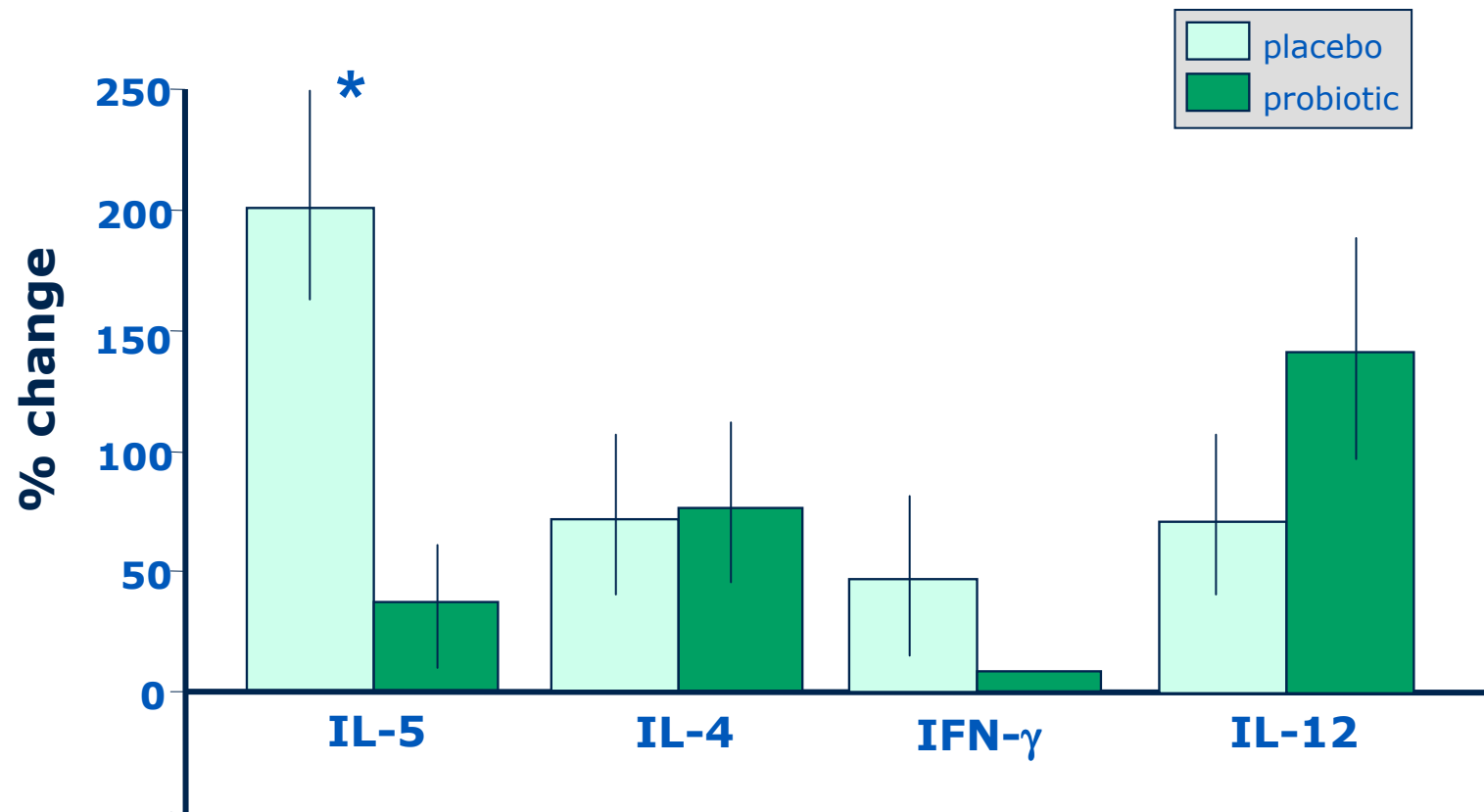
Improving vs. restoring: probiotics and allergy



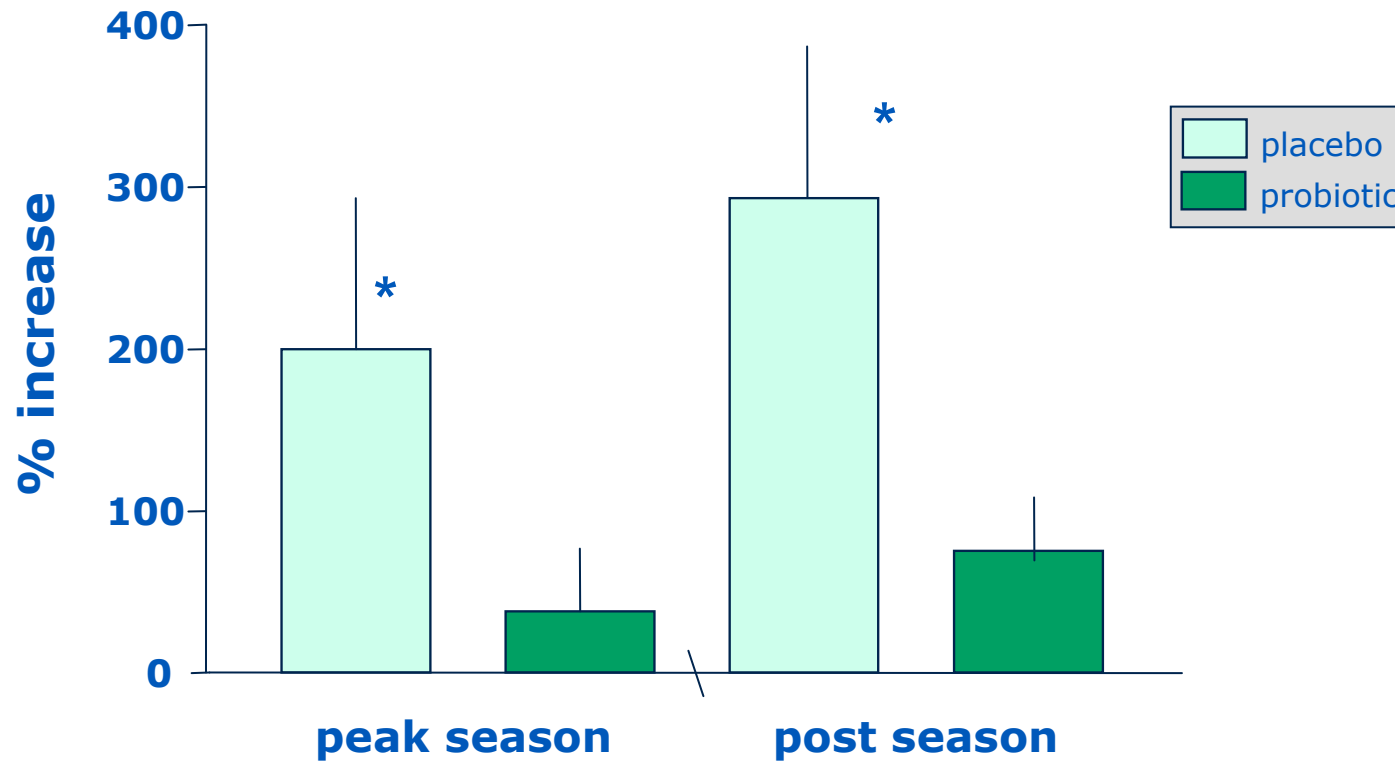
*Lactobacillus casei Shirota** in allergic rhinitis: a pilot human study

- DBPC study
- Daily supplementation of *Lc. Shirota* drink for 5 months
- Pre-season, peak- and post-season analysis of:
 - levels of serum early (GX1) and late (GX2) pollen-specific IgG and IgE
 - *In vitro* cytokine levels following *in vitro* recall challenge of MNC with GX1 and GX2

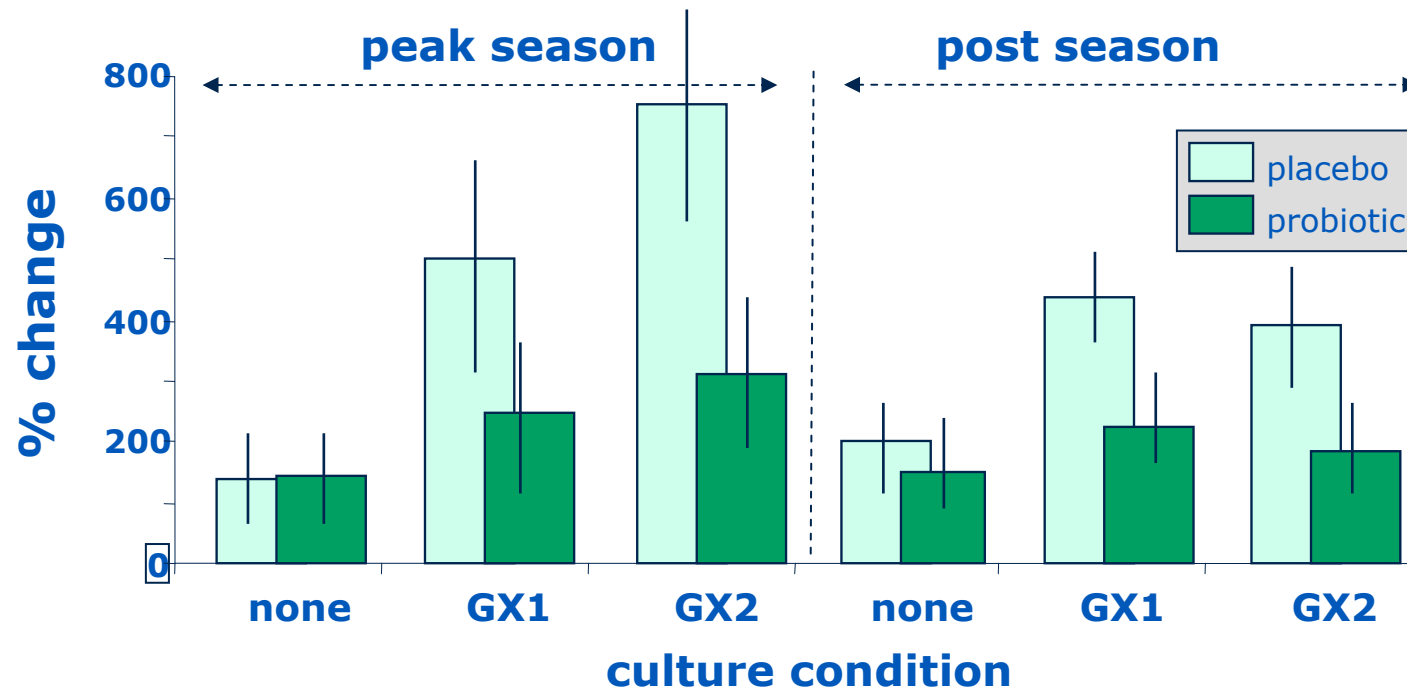
Change in cytokine secretion (compared with pre-study responses)



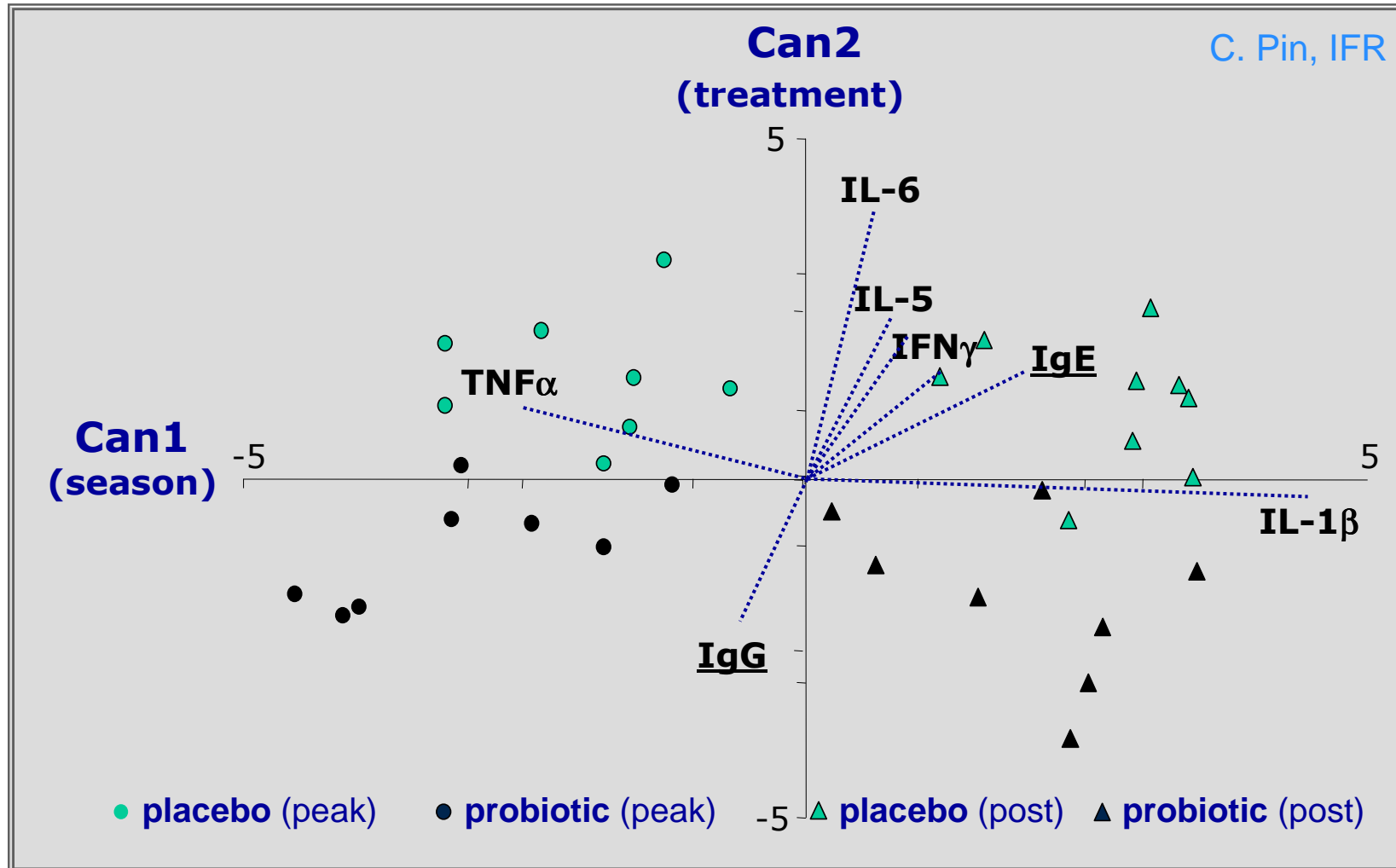
IL-5 levels (compared with pre-season values)



IL-6 levels (compared with pre-season values)



canonical discriminant analysis



Work in progress: immunological and clinical study

Study design:

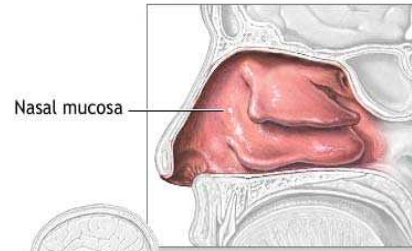
- Larger number (30/group) of individuals (Sept. 2010-Sept 2011)
- Daily supplementation *Lactobacillus casei* Shirota for 4 mos. followed by nasal allergen challenge
- **Endpoints:**
 - Total nasal symptoms score (TNSS)
 - Immunological parameters (Nasal lavage, PBMC)
 - AUC for nasal symptoms score (8, 24hrs)
 - AUC for peak nasal inspiratory flow (8, 24 hrs)
 - Nasal mucosae scraping: phenotype and regulatory features of EC and IEL

(coll. UEA-NNUH, Norwich)

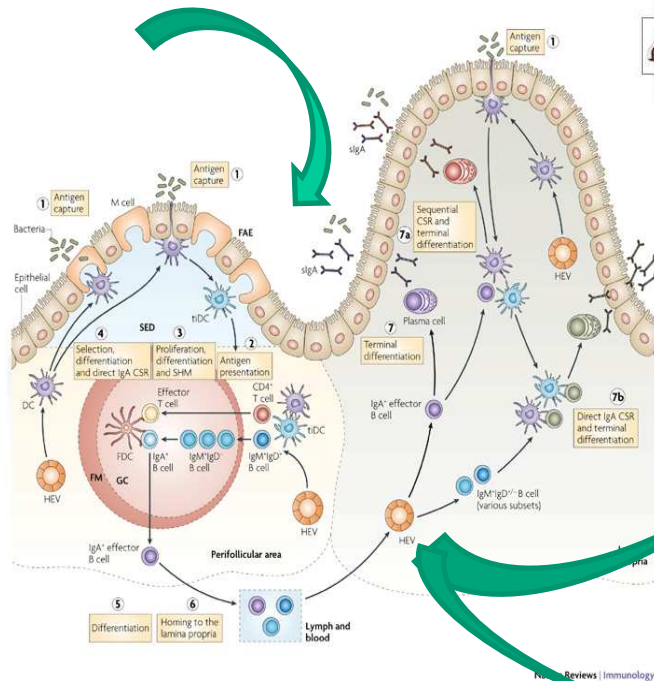


Via the gut to other mucosal sites

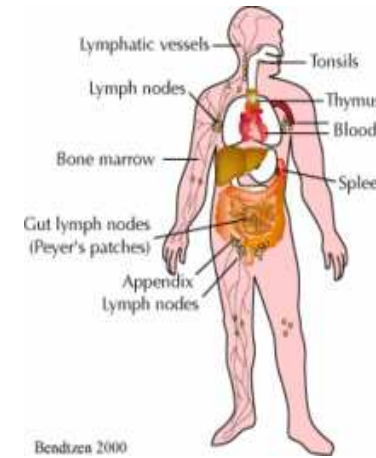
Oral delivery of probiotics



Effects on the nasal mucosa?



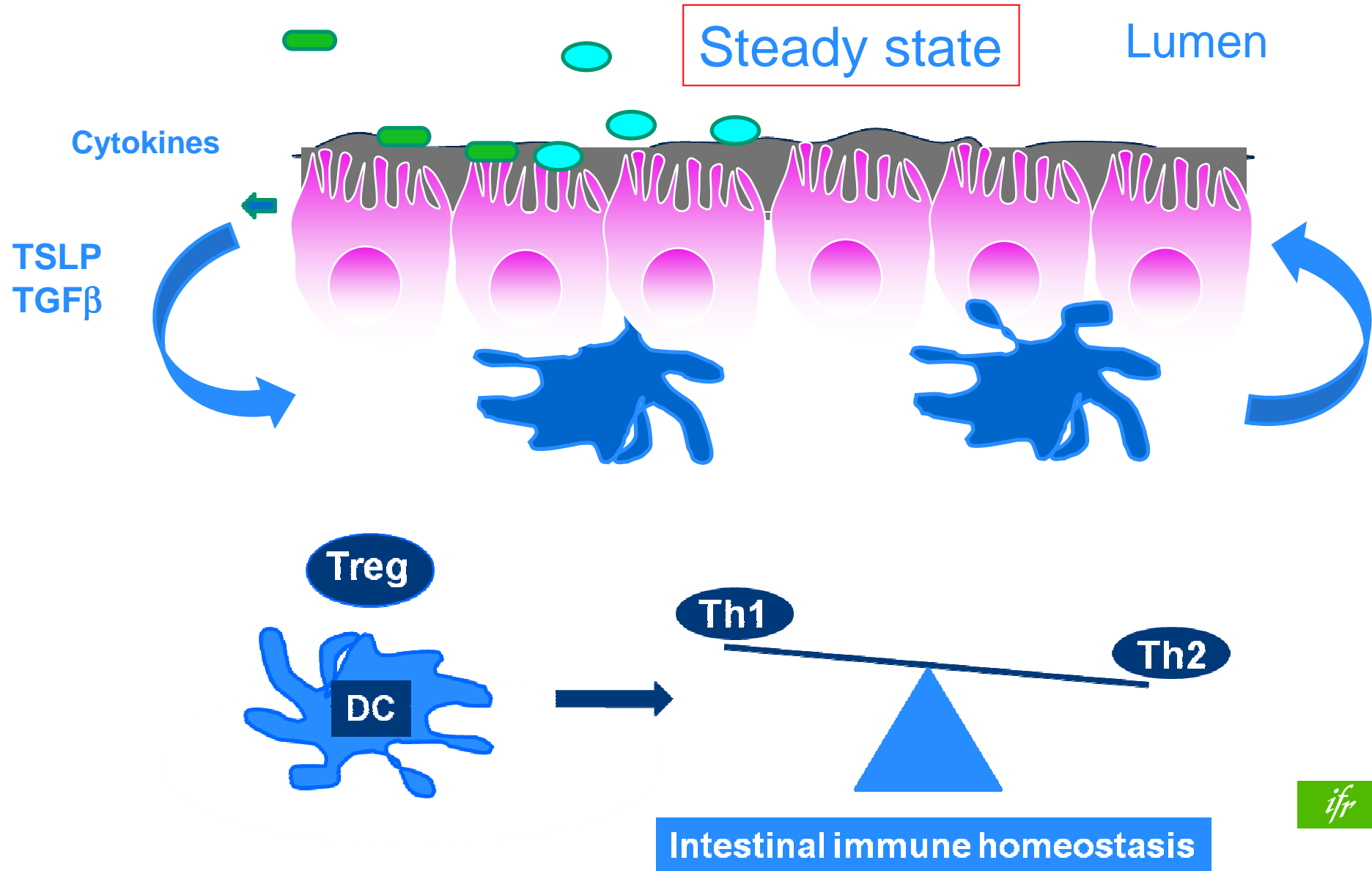
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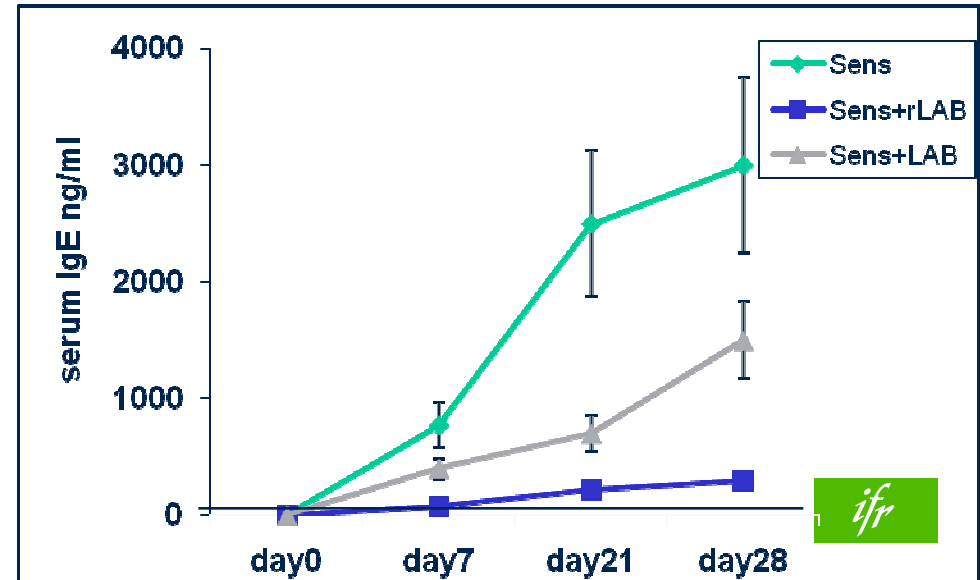
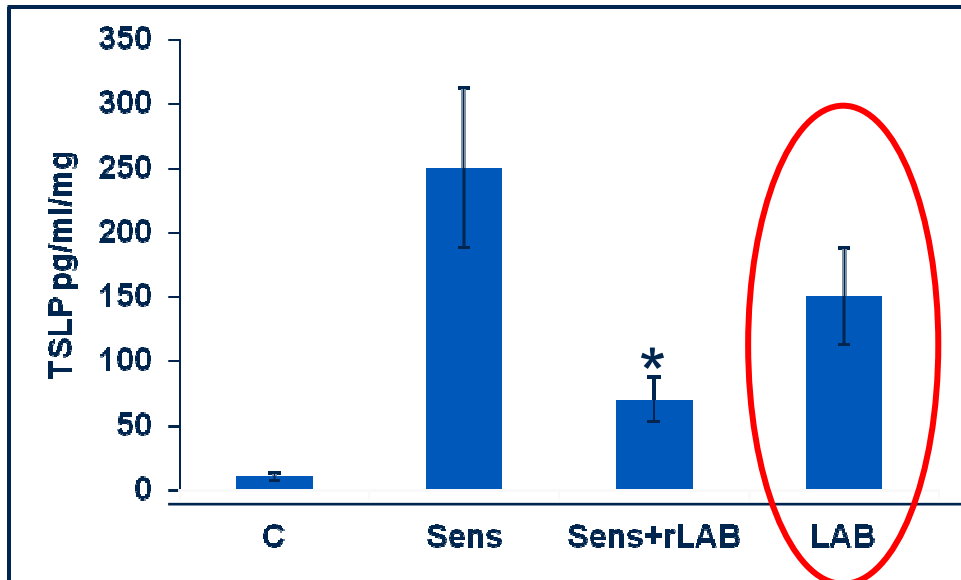
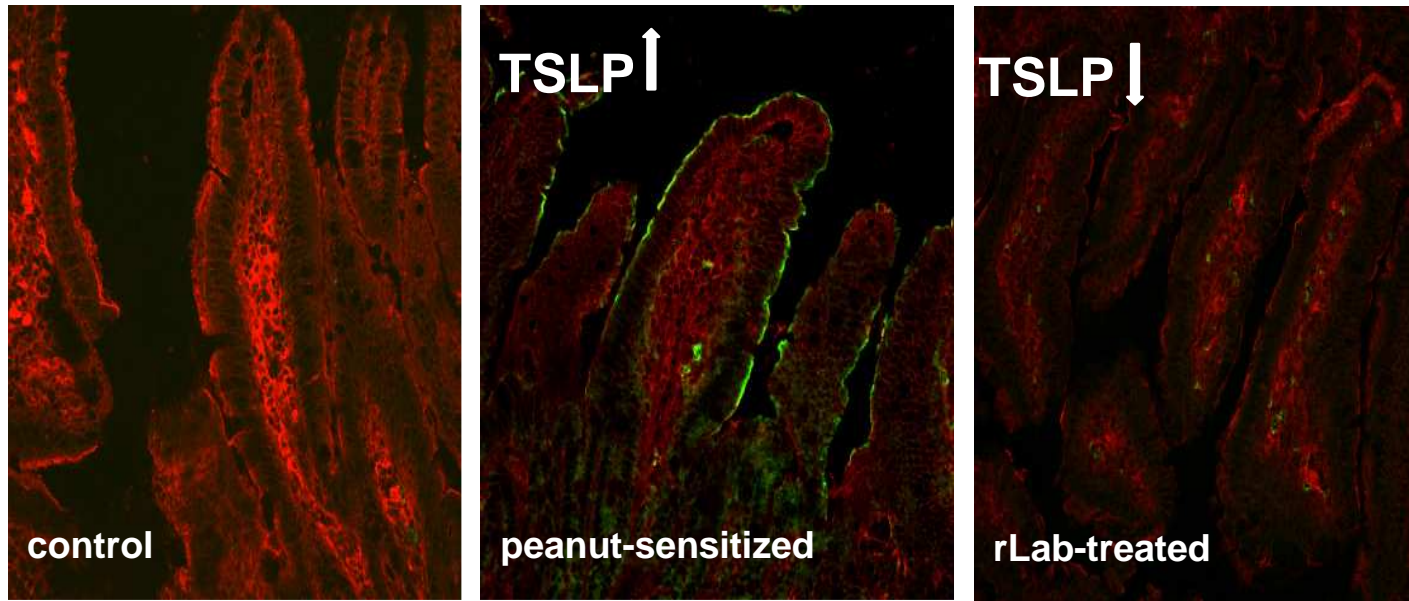
Bendtsen 2000

Effects on systemic immunity

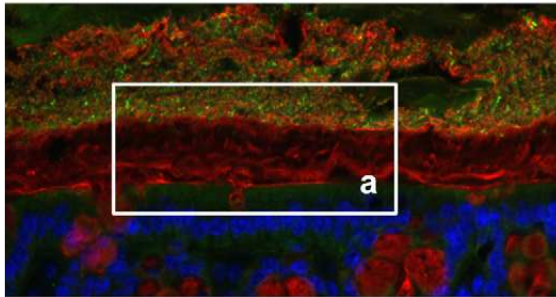
Host-probiotics: lympho-epithelial cross talk



Host-probiotics: lympho-epithelial cross talk in the *small intestine*



In between microbes and gut epithelium



Mucous –outer layer (GFP-bacteria)

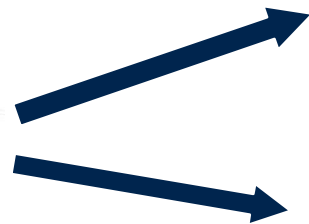
Mucous- inner layer (bacteria-free)

Gut epithelium



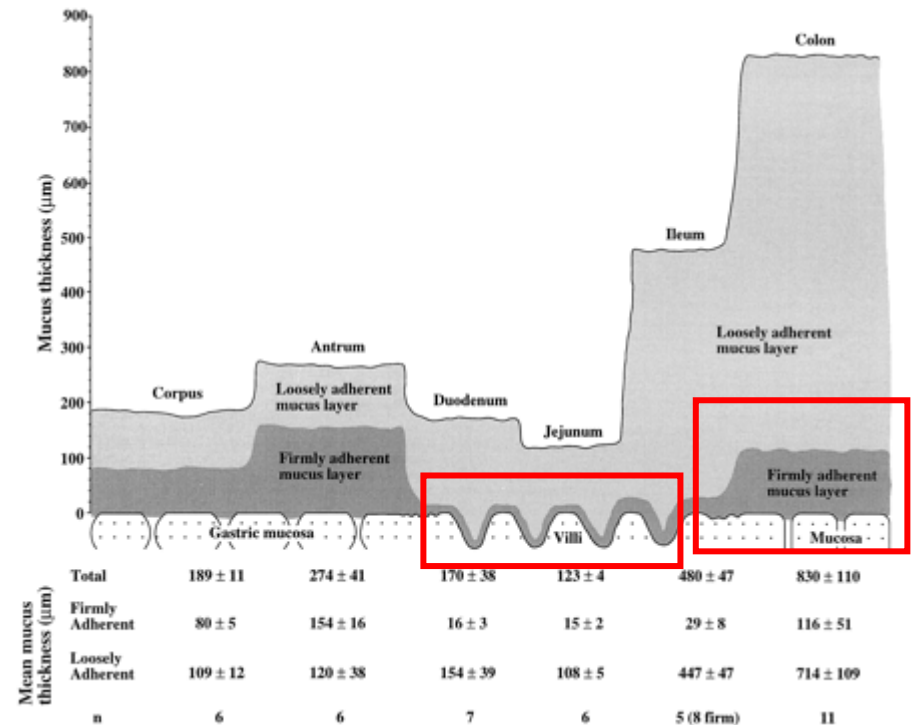
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