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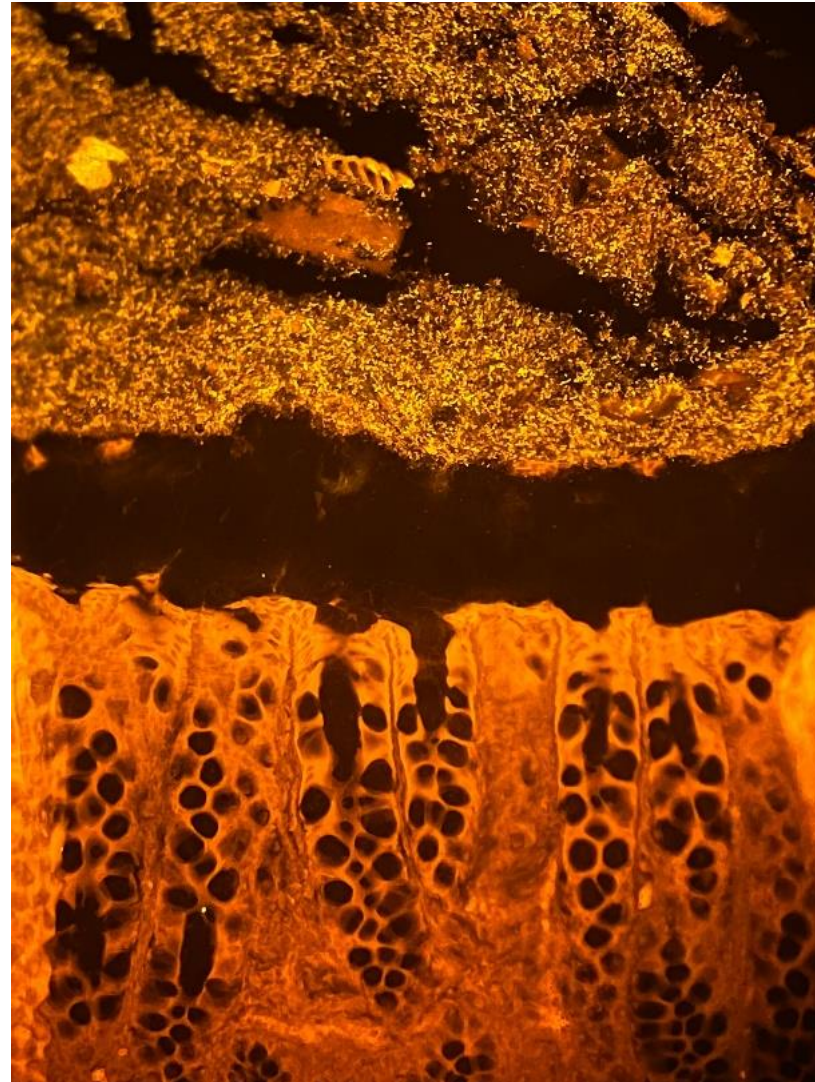
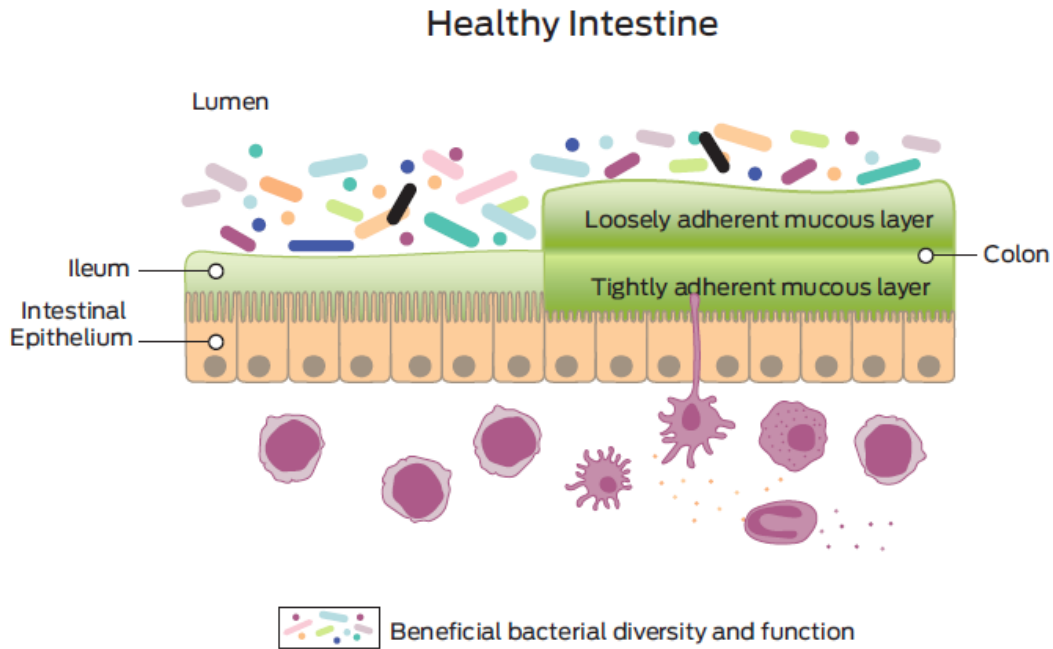
**Connecting the Dots:  
The Use of Biomarkers for better  
understanding of Gut Health and Disease**



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# HEALTHY INTESTINE



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Mucus layer

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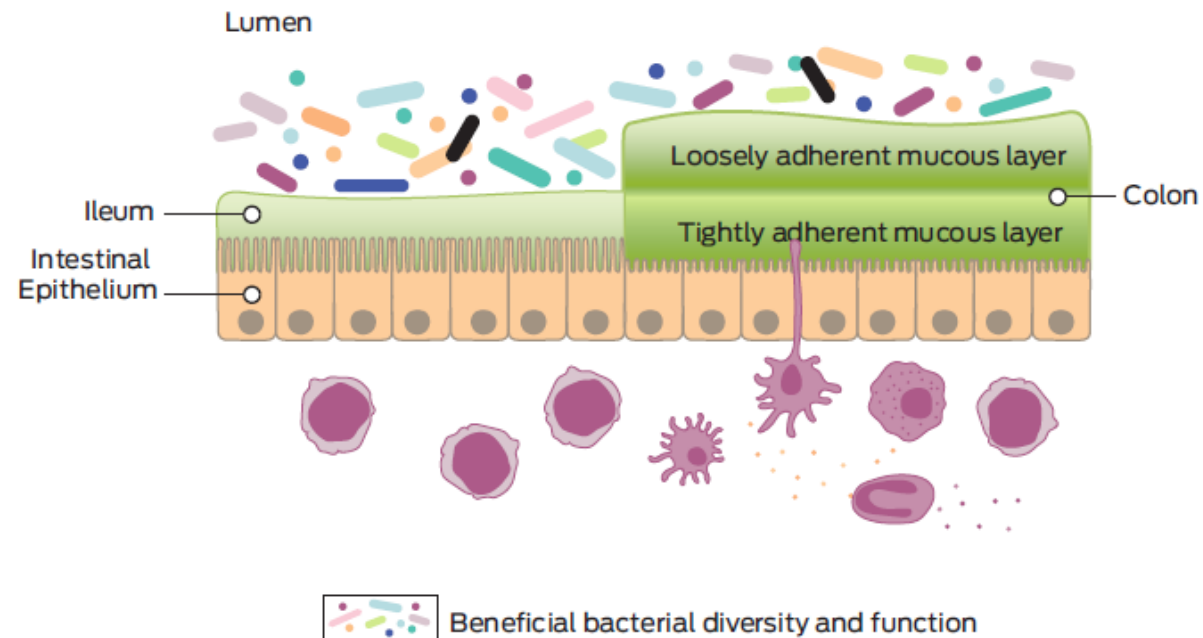
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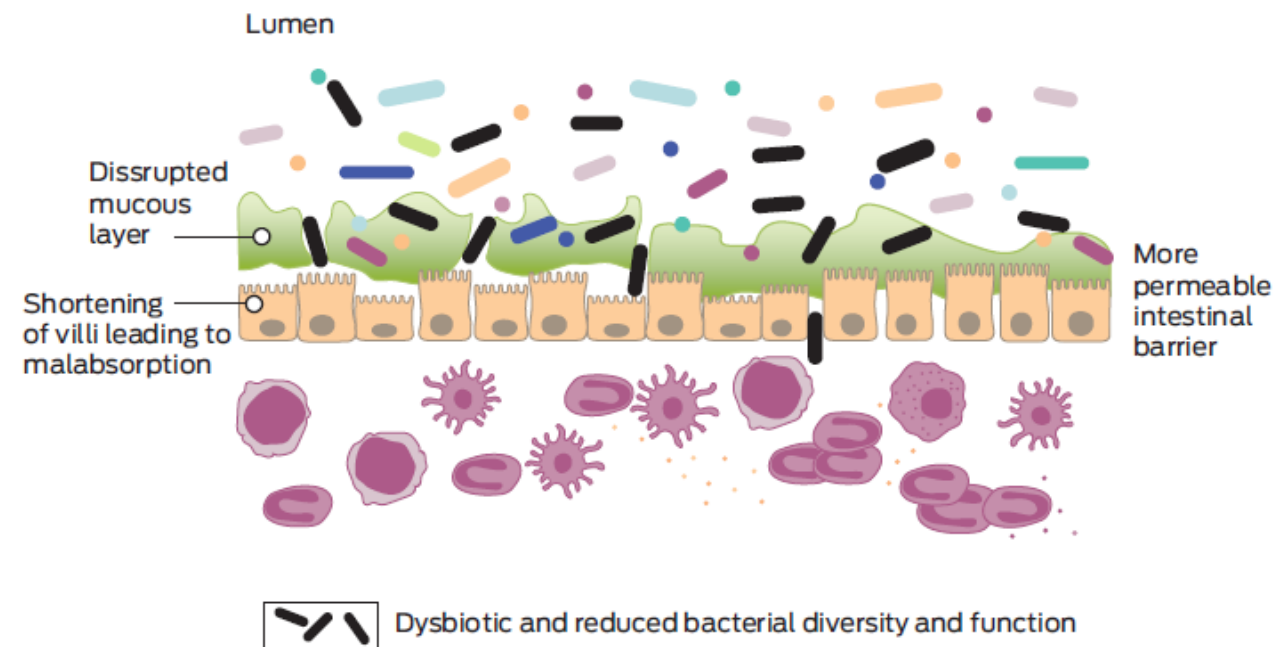
# Gradient of changes: CE is a heterogenous syndrome of variable underlying pathologies



Healthy Intestine



Intestine in Chronic Enteropathy

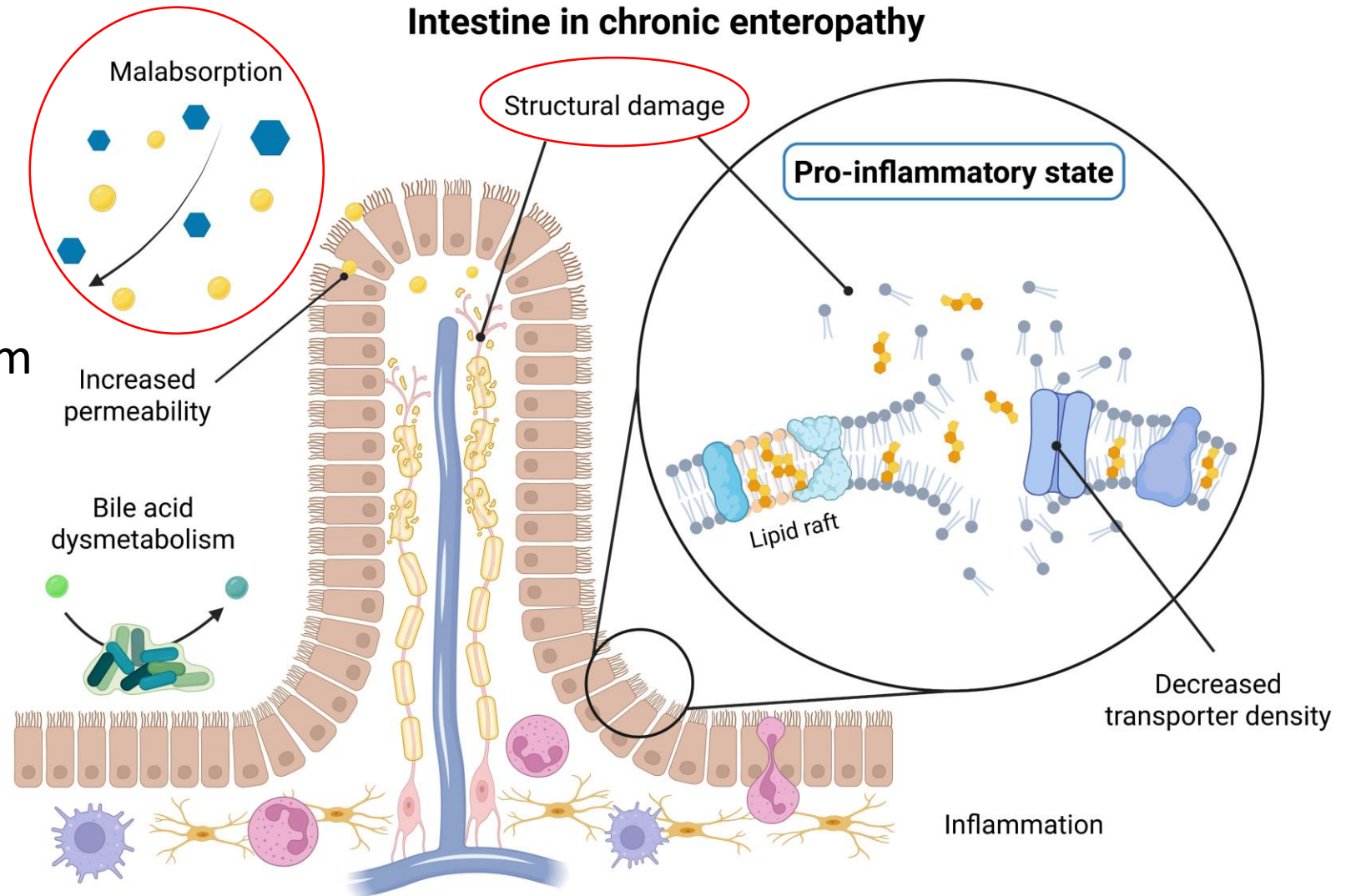


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**Differences in severity and duration between acute and chronic enteropathies**

Acute – quick recovery

Chronic – only in subsets of animals and typically longer lasting or chronically persistent

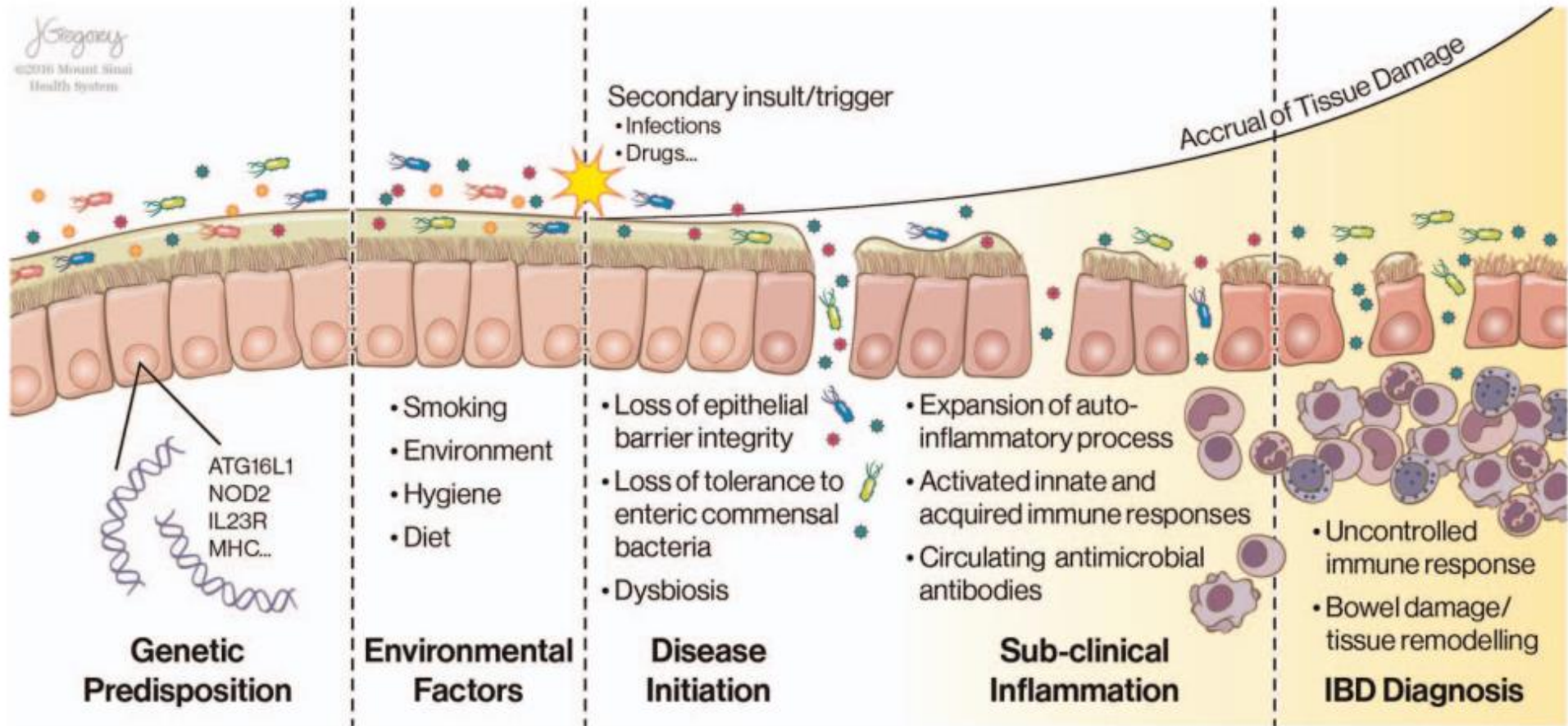
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# Characterizing the pre-clinical phase of inflammatory bowel disease

[Marie Vibeke Vestergaard](#) • [Kristine H. Allin](#) • [Gry J. Poulsen](#) • [James C. Lee](#) <sup>5</sup> • [Tine Jess](#) <sup>5, 6</sup>  [Show footnotes](#)[Open Access](#) • Published: November 07, 2023 • DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.xcrm.2023.101263>

## Highlights

- Early diagnosis of IBD enables timely interventions and improved clinical outcomes
- A pre-clinical phase of IBD is well recognized but poorly understood
- Biological changes occur up to 8 years before CD diagnosis and 3 years before UC diagnosis
- The ability of these changes to predict future IBD is modest

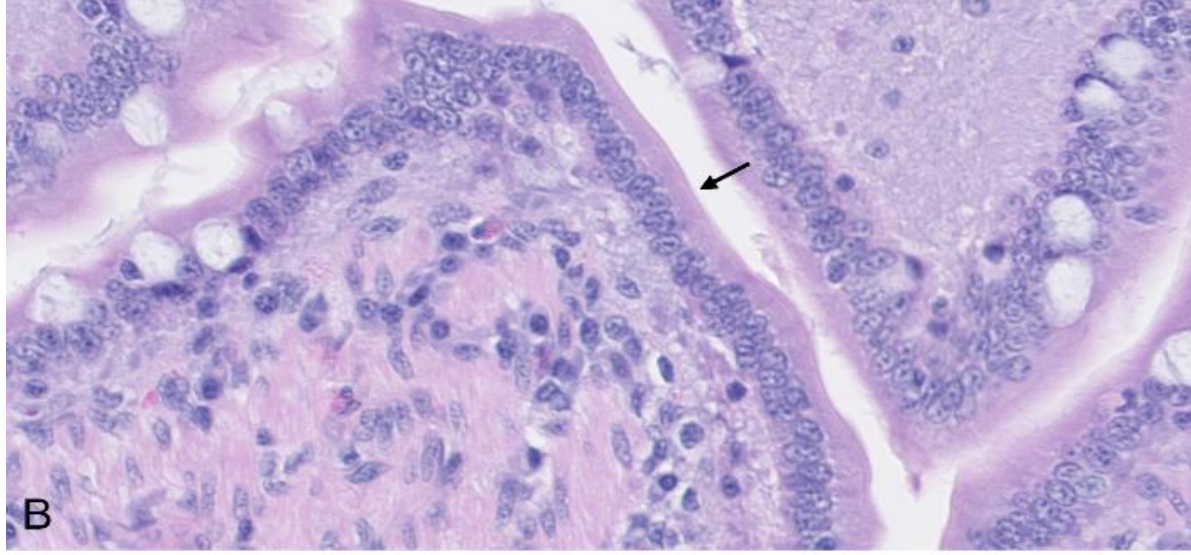


**Figure 1** Proposed model of IBD pathogenesis and progression from preclinical to clinical disease.

Torres J, et al. *Gut* July 2016 Vol 65 No 7

# Histology of normal small intestine

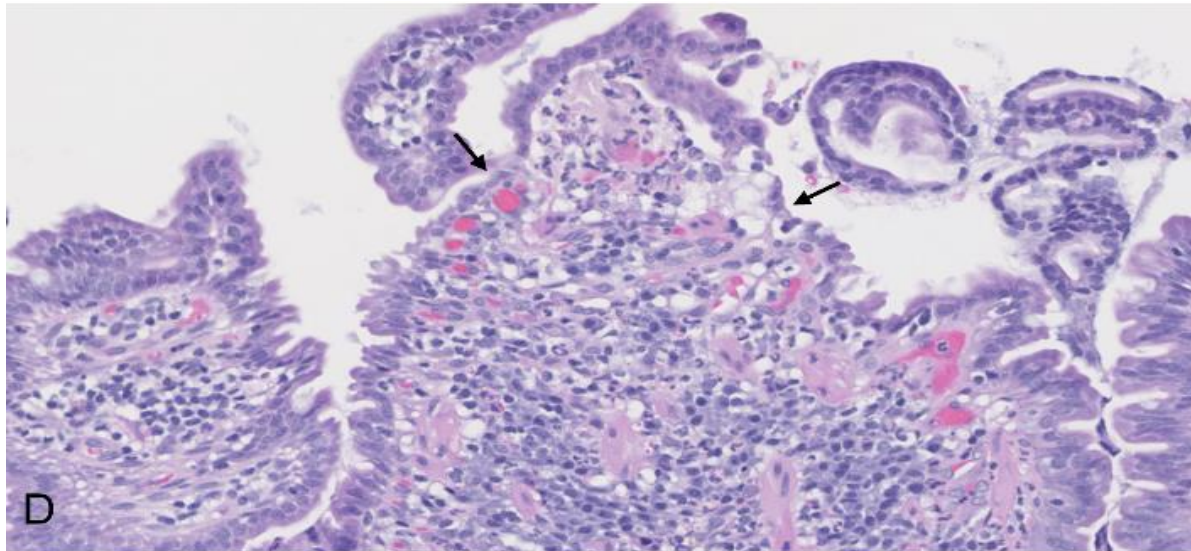
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Normal villus is lined by tall columnar epithelial cells with a prominent brush border (arrow)

# Histology of normal small intestine

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Epithelial cells in CE are attenuated and cuboidal with indistinct brush border (arrow)

CE showing villous blunting and fusion

Lamina propria contains numerous neutrophils, plasma cells, and eosinophils

# Fecal lipid markers

## Arachidonic acid:

- **Pro-inflammatory** properties (precursor of prostaglandin)
- Released during **enterocyte shedding** (component of cell membranes)

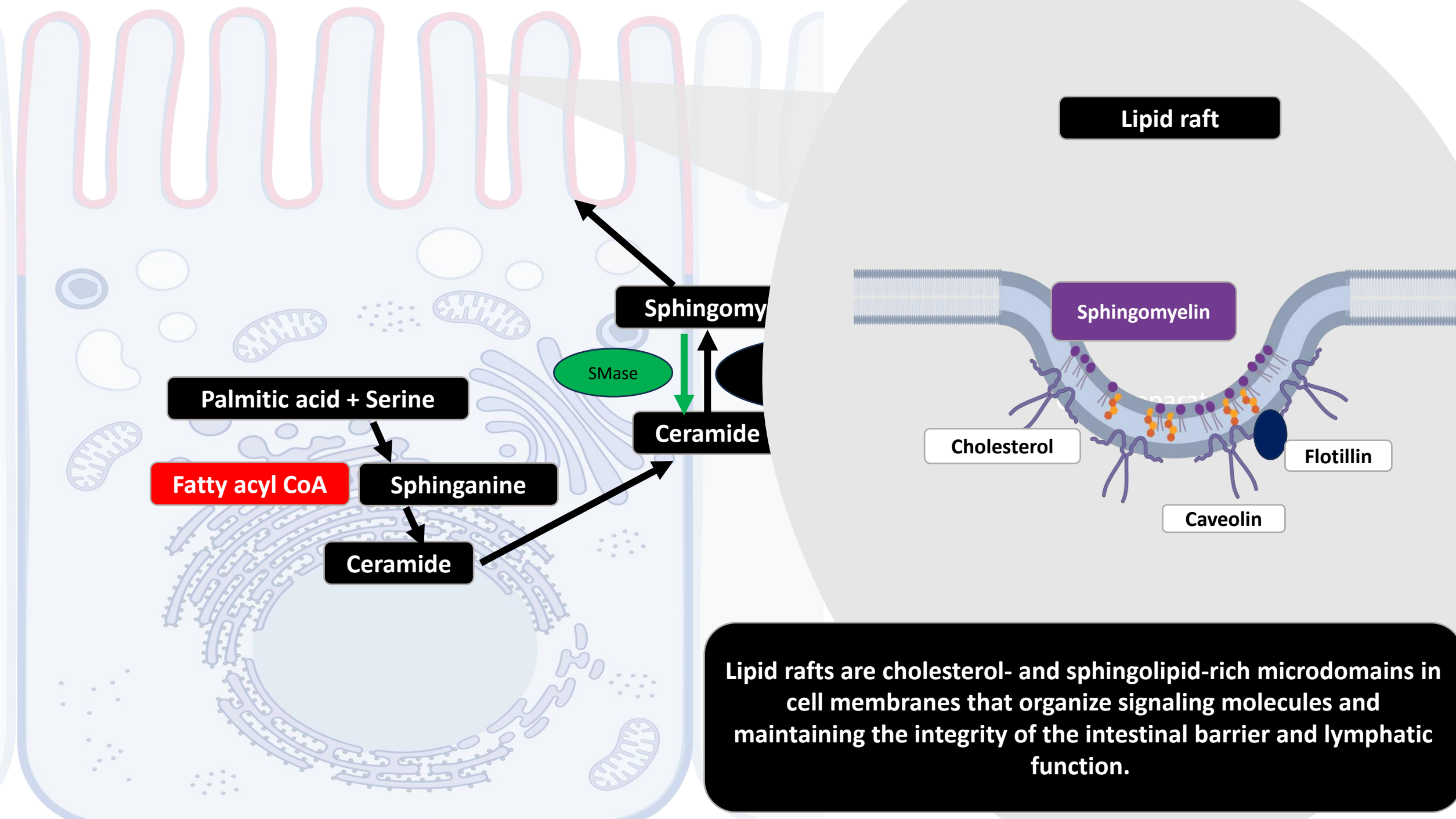
## Cholesterol:

- Released during **enterocyte shedding** (main component of cell membranes)

## Nervonic acid:

- Released during **enterocyte shedding** (component of lipid rafts in cell membranes)
- Abundant in **myelin sheaths** of peripheral **nerve fibers** (deep mucosal damage)





Palmitic acid + Serine

Fatty acyl CoA

Sphinganine

Ceramide

Sphingomyelin

SMase

Ceramide

Lipid raft

Sphingomyelin

Cholesterol

Caveolin

Flotillin

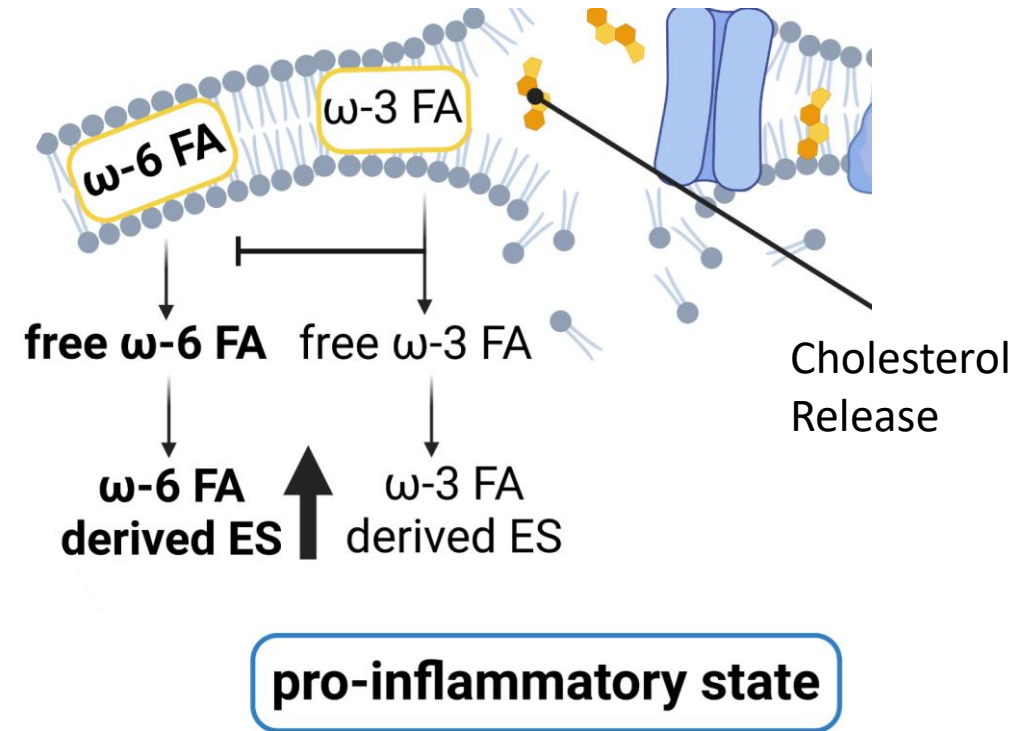
Lipid rafts are cholesterol- and sphingolipid-rich microdomains in cell membranes that organize signaling molecules and maintaining the integrity of the intestinal barrier and lymphatic function.

# Long-chain fatty acids (LCFA) and sterols

Previous studies have shown some fecal LCFA and sterols to be potential GI biomarkers

Increased fecal arachidonic acid, nervonic acid, and cholesterol

- Dogs with CIE, PLE, AHDS
- Cats with CE
- Horses with Infectious colitis
- Humans with IBD



# Increased risk for developing CE in dogs

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## Parvovirus enteritis and other risk factors associated with persistent gastrointestinal signs in dogs later in life: a retrospective cohort study

[Kanae Sato-Takada](#), [Anne M. Flemming](#), [Maarten J. Voordouw](#)  & [Anthony P. Carr](#)

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Long-term effects of canine parvovirus infection in dogs

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**Parvovirus vs control: 57% vs 25%**

**Parvovirus vs control: 42% vs 12%**



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## Frequency of signs of chronic gastrointestinal disease in dogs after an episode of acute hemorrhagic diarrhea

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**AHDS vs control: 28% vs 13%**

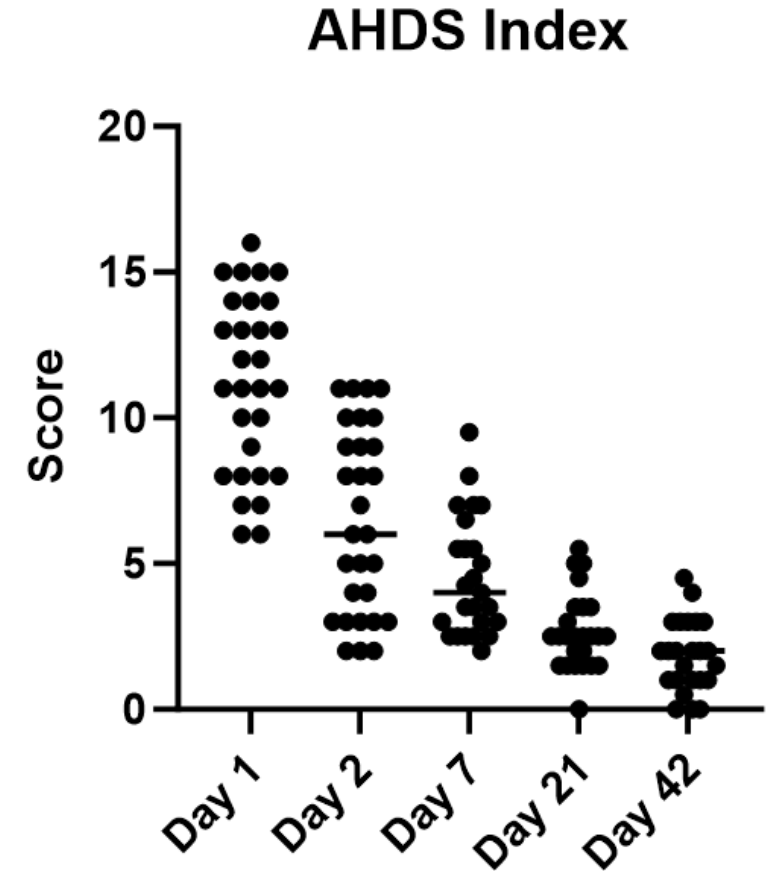
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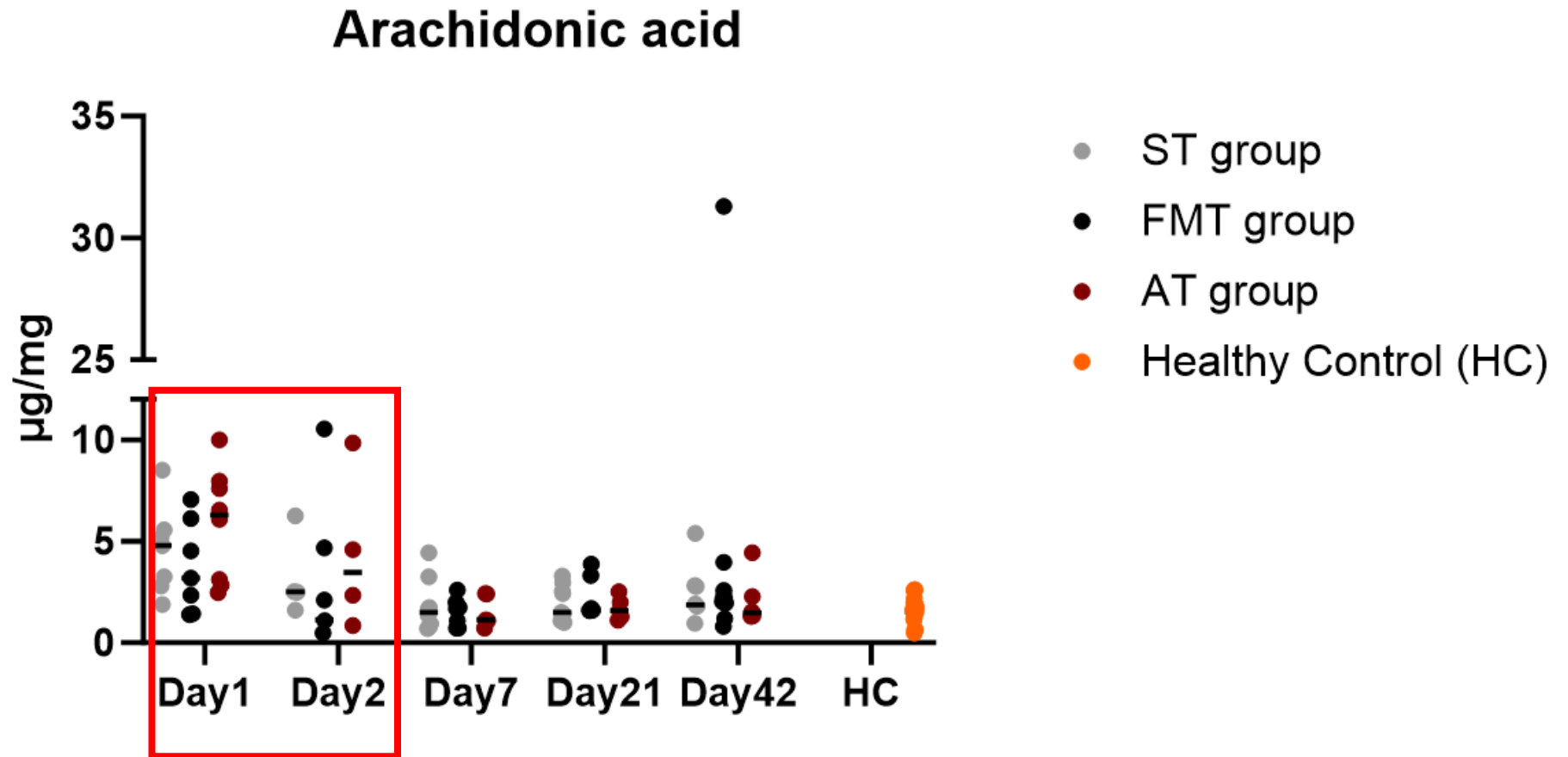
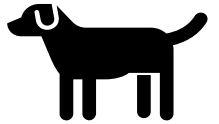
# Comparing treatment effects on dogs with acute hemorrhagic diarrhea syndrome: fecal microbiota transplantation, symptomatic therapy, or antibiotic treatment

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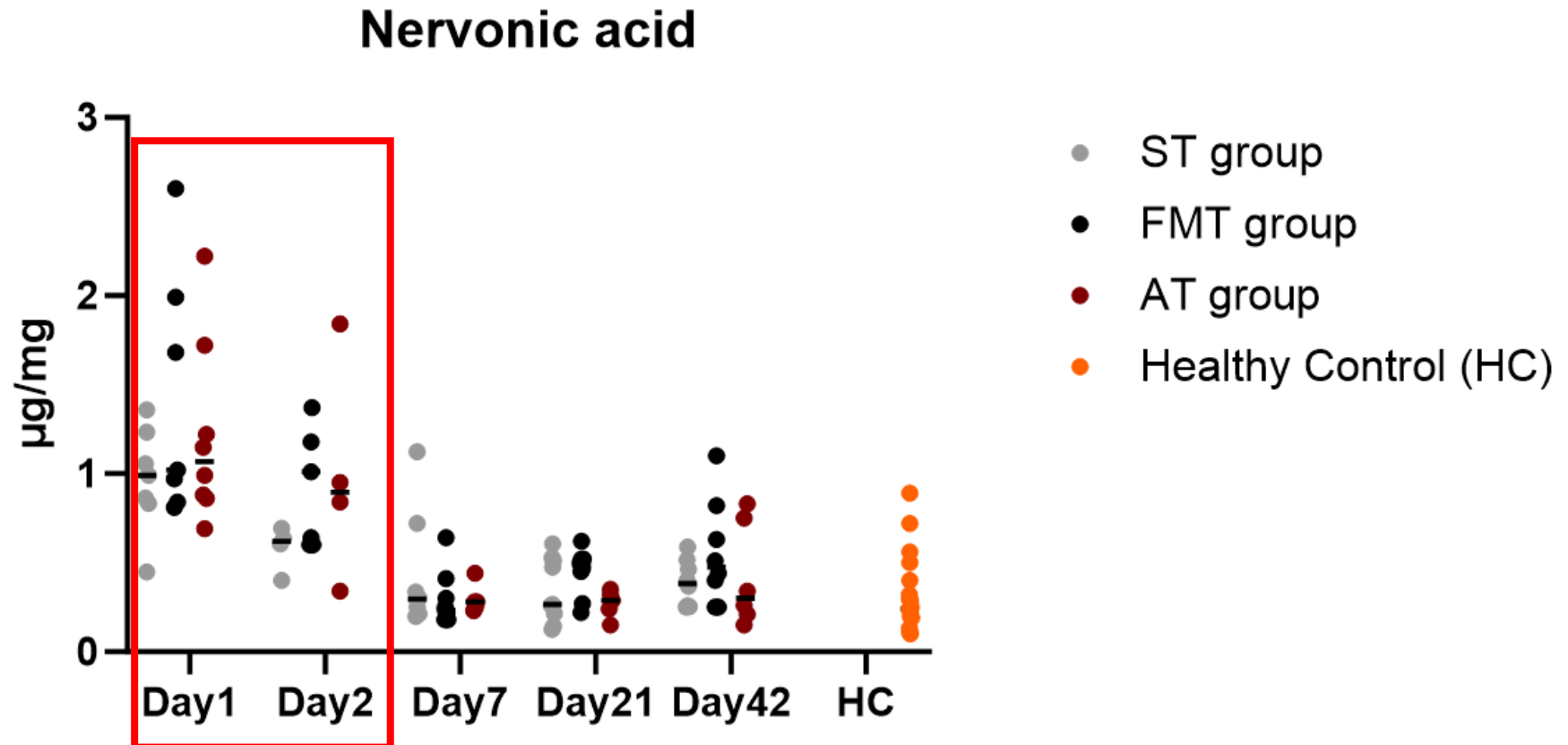
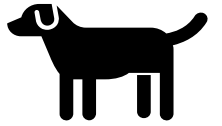
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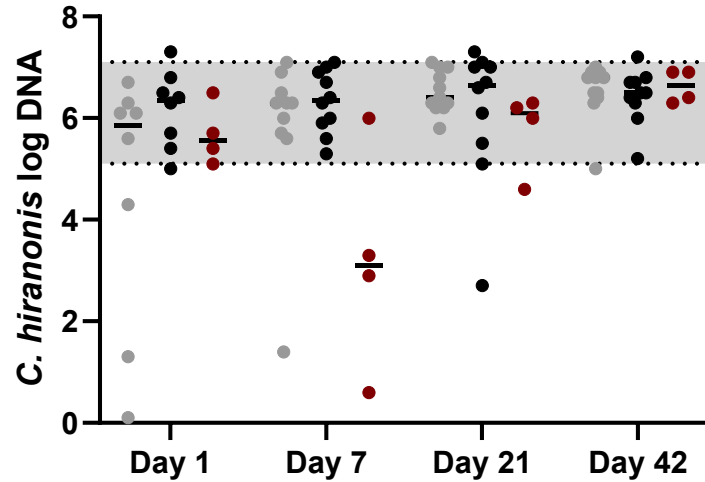


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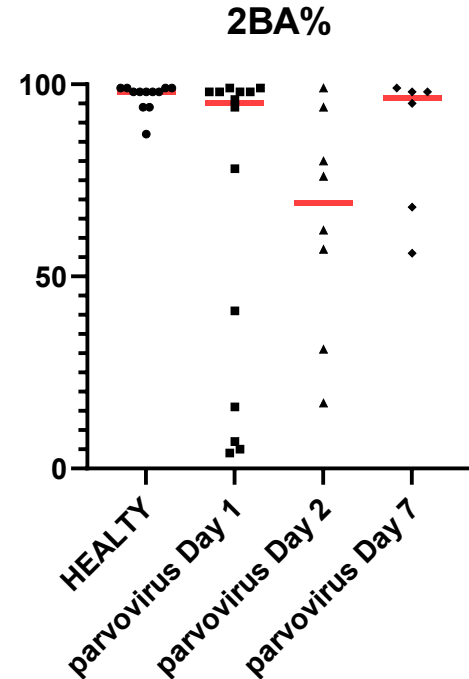
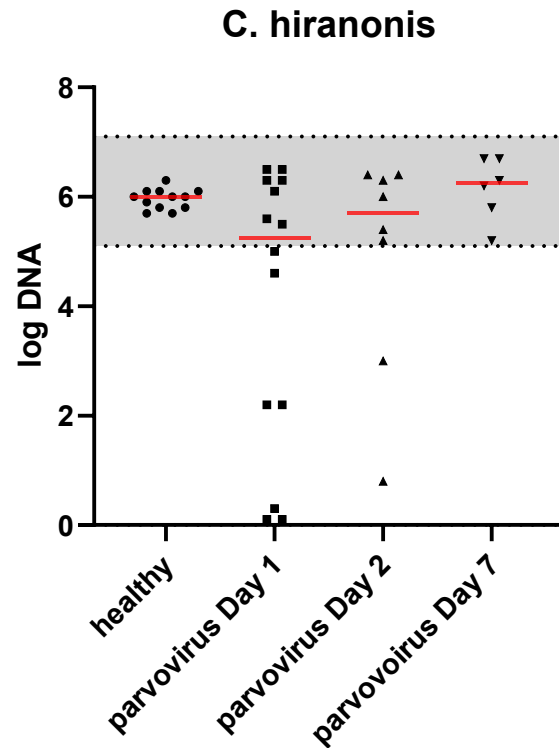


- ST group
- FMT group
- AT group
- Healthy Control (HC)

# AHDS and Parvovirosis – despite severe acute intestinal injury, bile acid converting *P. hiranonis* remains or recovers rapidly



- symptomatic treatment
- FMT group
- antibiotic group

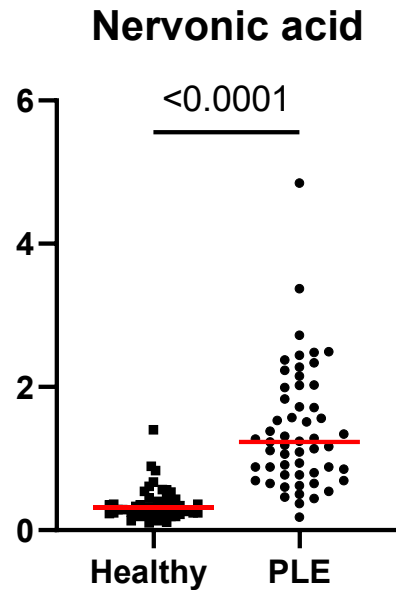


# Chronic enteropathies:

- Subset of dogs has chronically increased LCFA



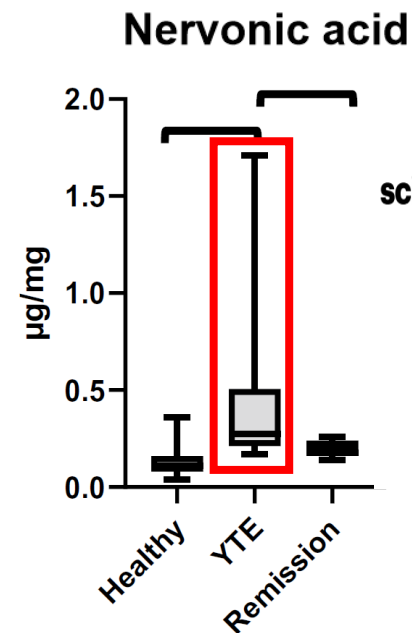
## Protein losing enteropathy (PLE)



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Volume 15 - 2024 | <https://doi.org/10.3389/fmicb.2024.1433175>

Dysbiosis index and fecal concentrations of sterols, long-chain fatty acids and unconjugated bile acids in dogs with inflammatory protein-losing enteropathy

## Yorkshire Terrier Enteropathy (YTE)

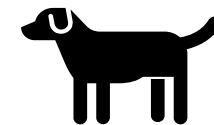


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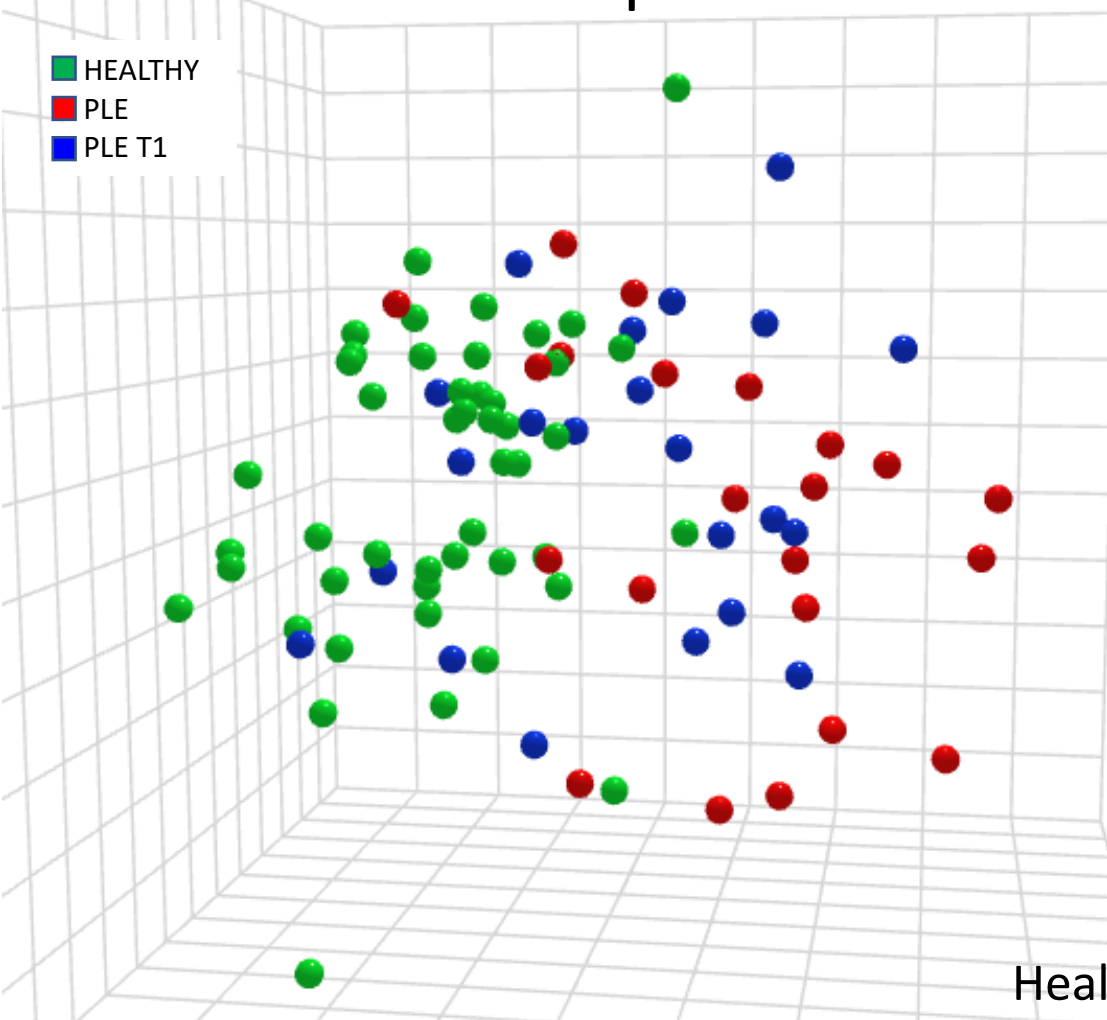
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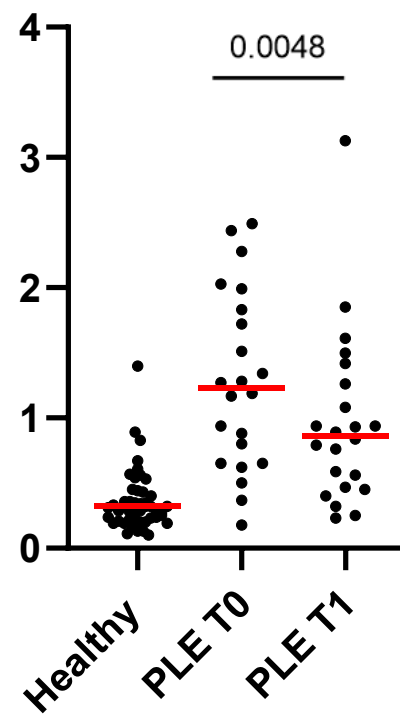
**Short term follow-up – 1 month**

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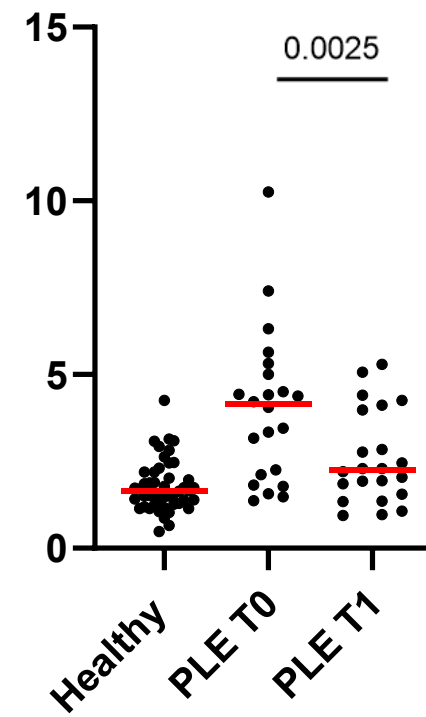


## Long-chain fatty acids

### Nervonic Acid





### Arachidonic Acid



Healthy: healthy control; PLE T0: baseline; PLE T1: 1 month follow-up

# Pre-clinical enteropathy in healthy soft-coated wheaten terriers

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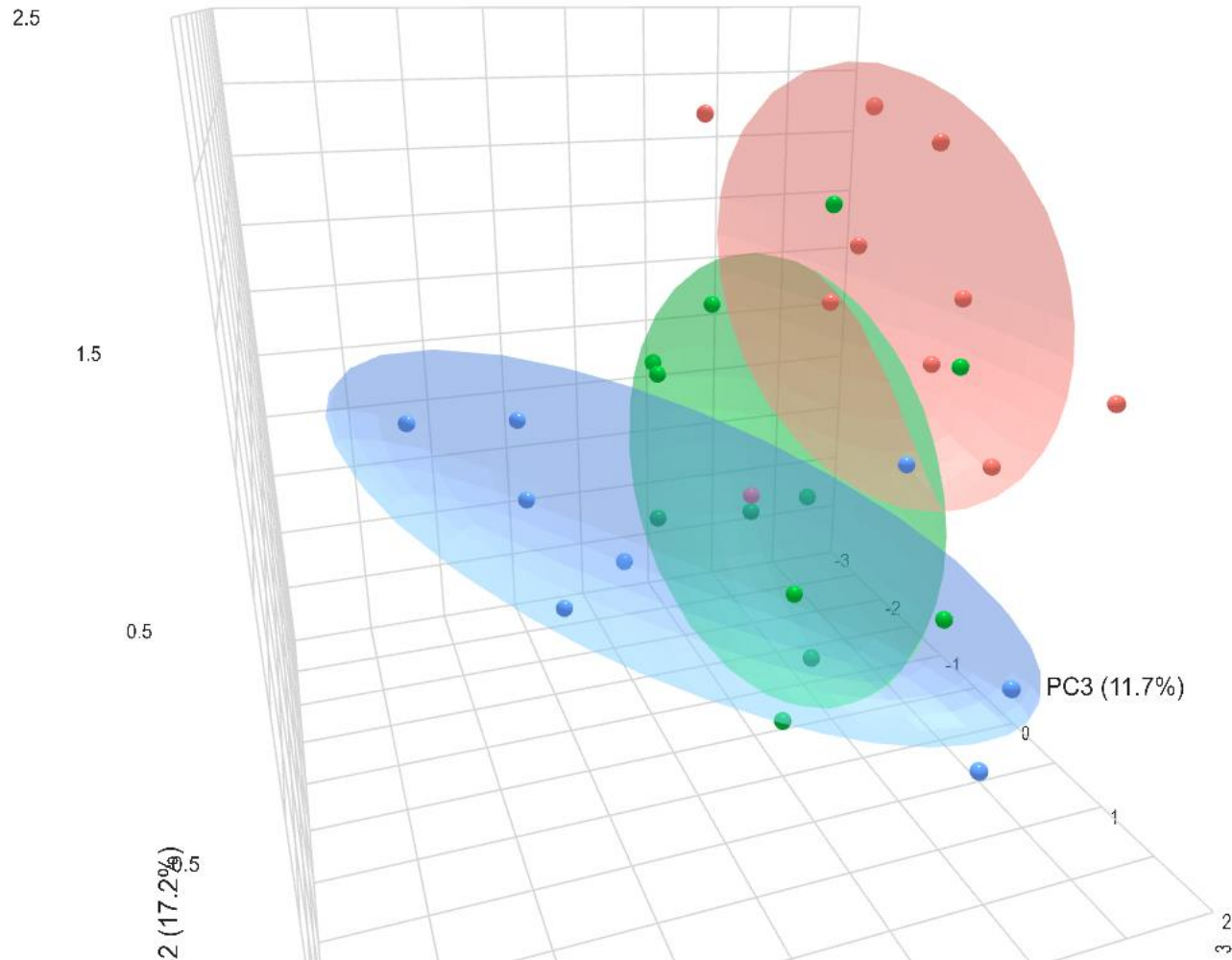
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## Soft-coated wheaten terriers (SCWTs):

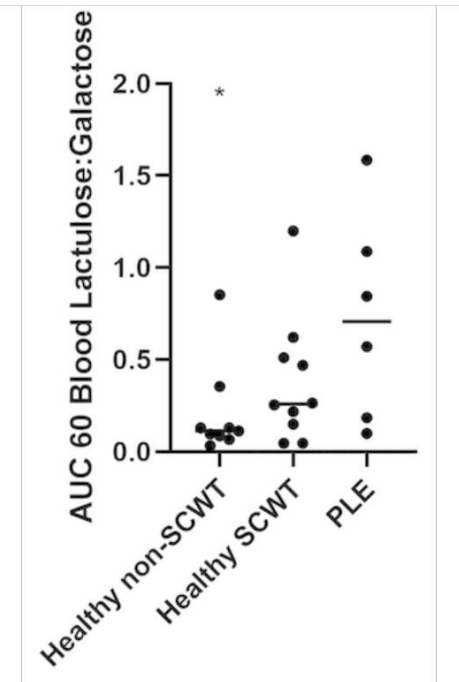
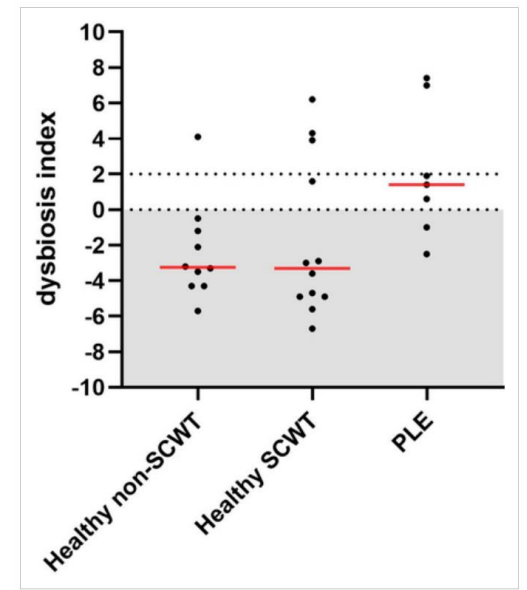
- Predisposed to develop PLE

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Blue: healthy control group (non-SCWTs); Green: healthy SCWTs; Red: PLE dogs

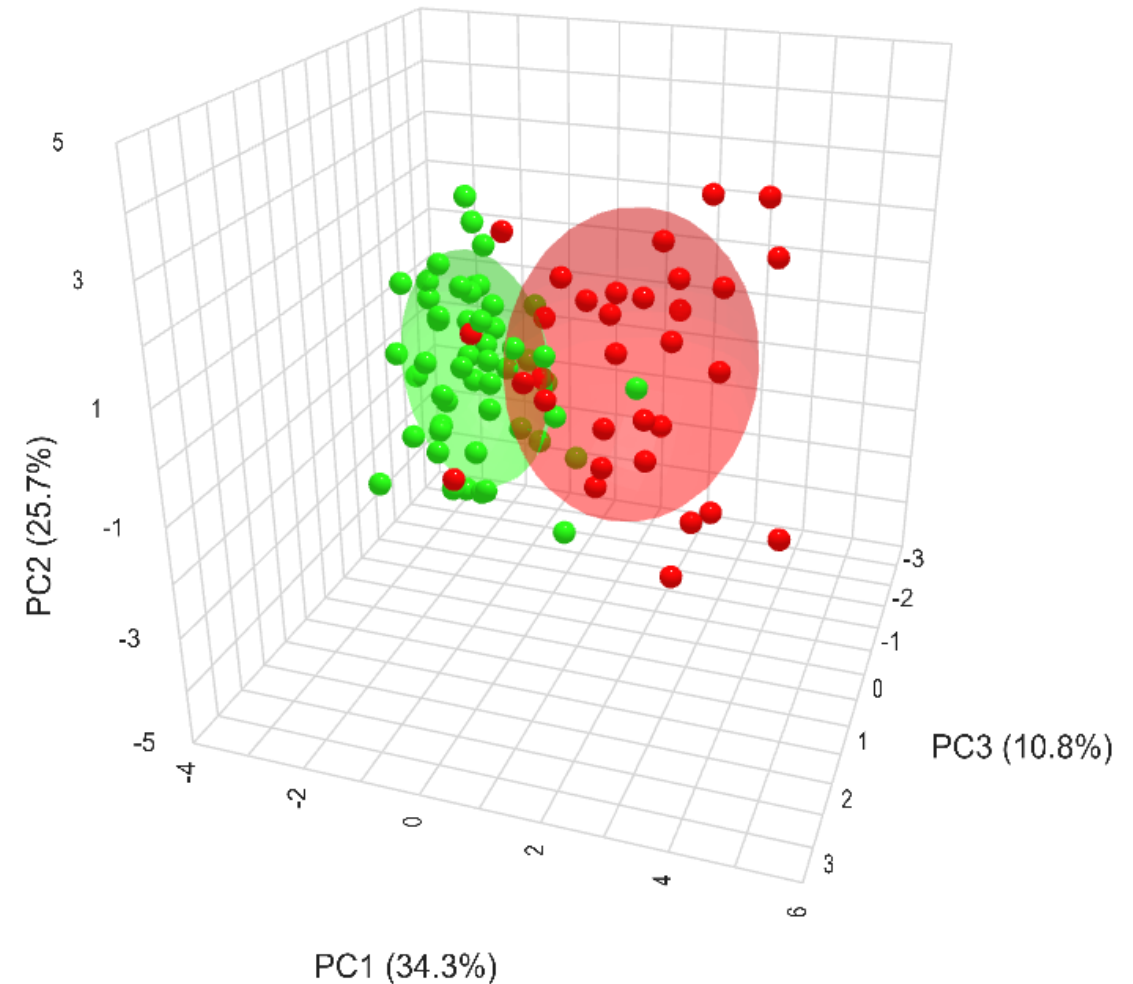
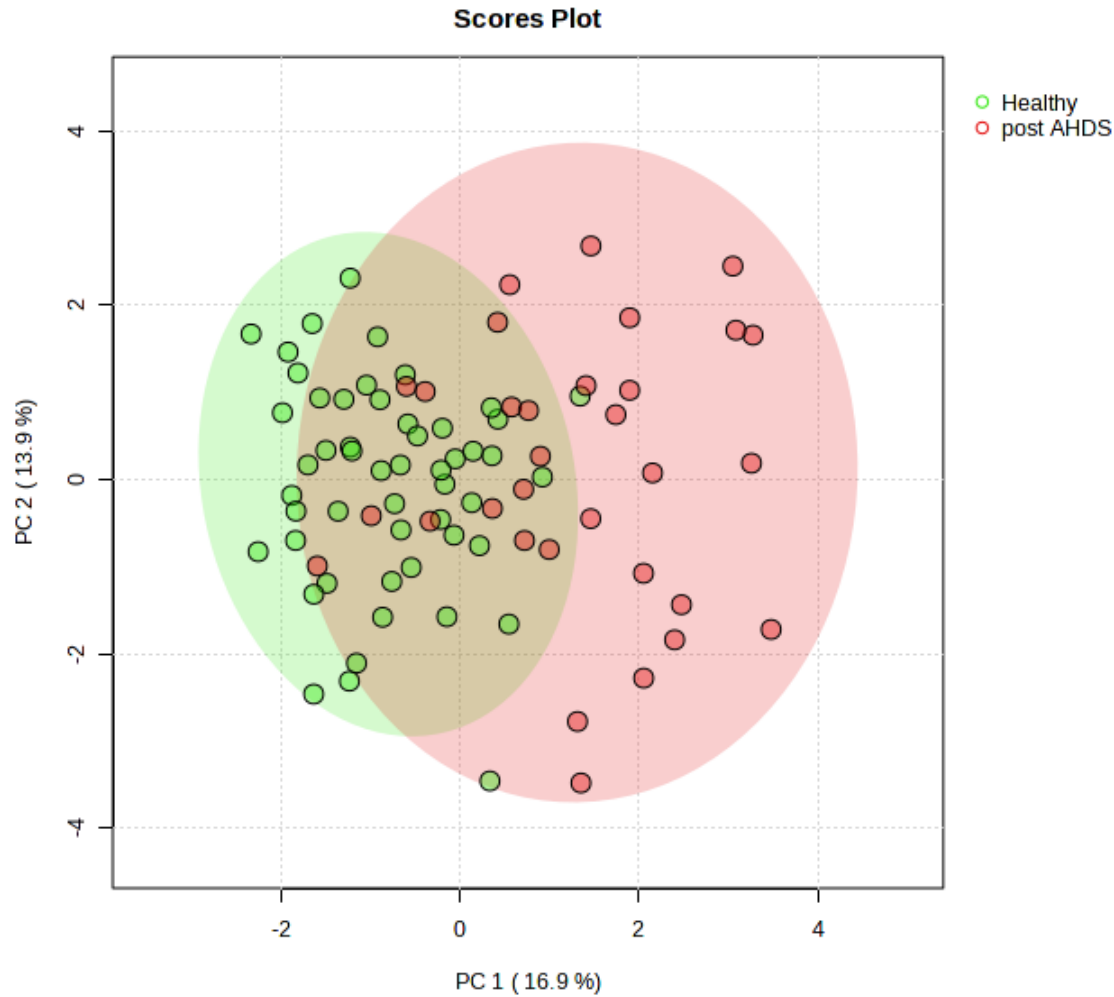


# Influence of a past acute hemorrhagic diarrhea syndrome (AHDS) in domestic dogs on gastrointestinal health and fecal long chain fatty acids and sterols

Lilly Baum, Teresa Schmidt, Jan Suchodolski, Kathrin Busch



# Results – Metabolites (LCFAs, Sterols)



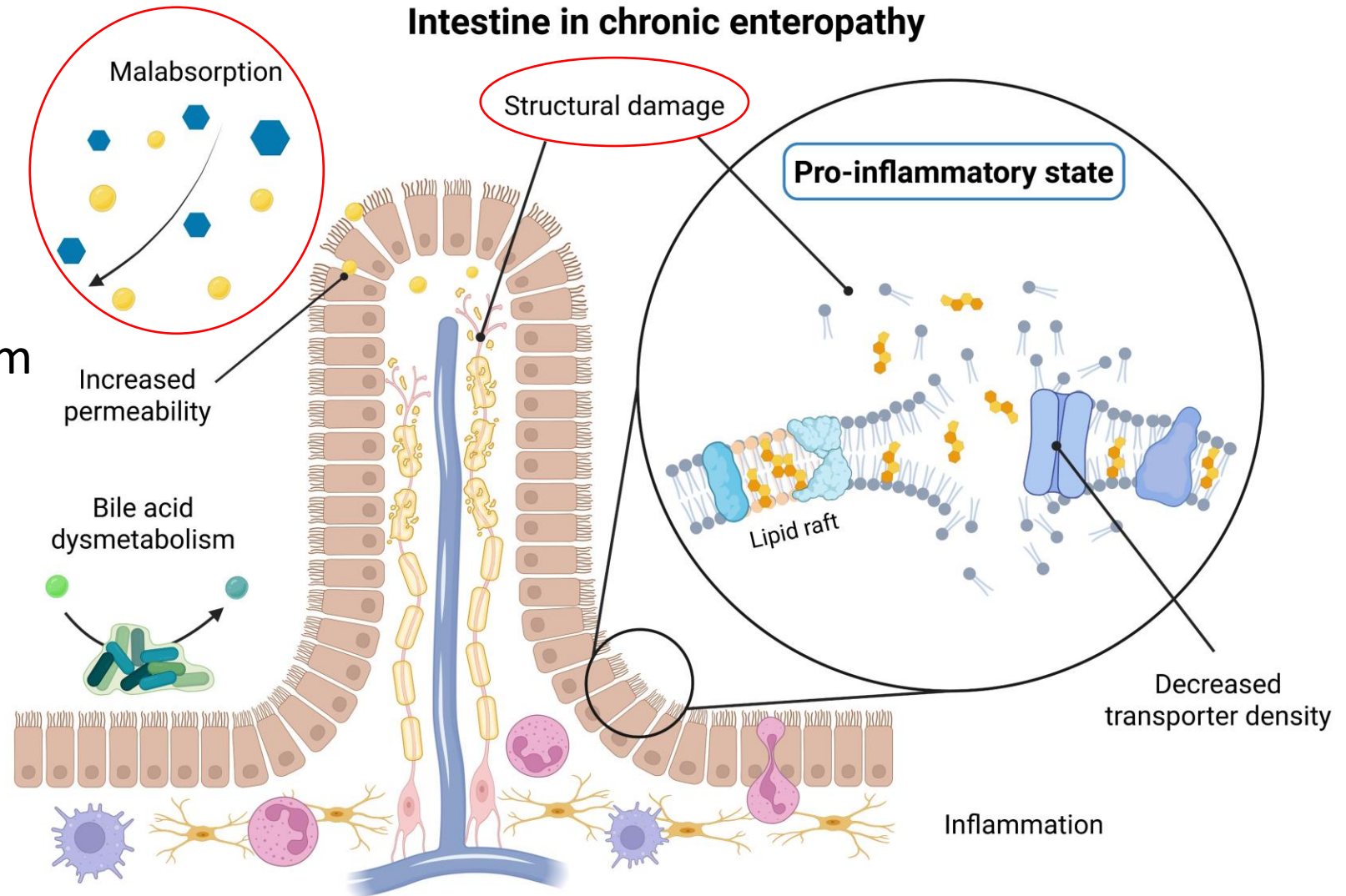
**Clear clustering between groups: median 3 years after AHDS episode**

Healthy dogs  
Post AHDS dogs

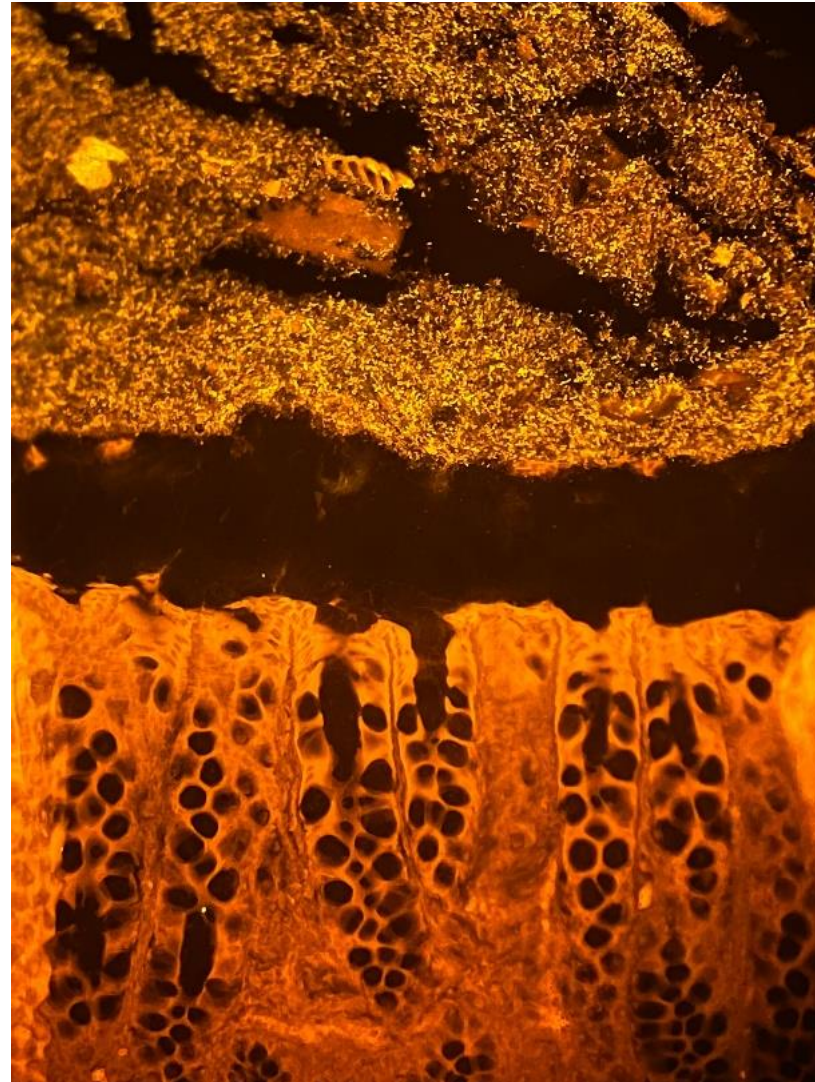
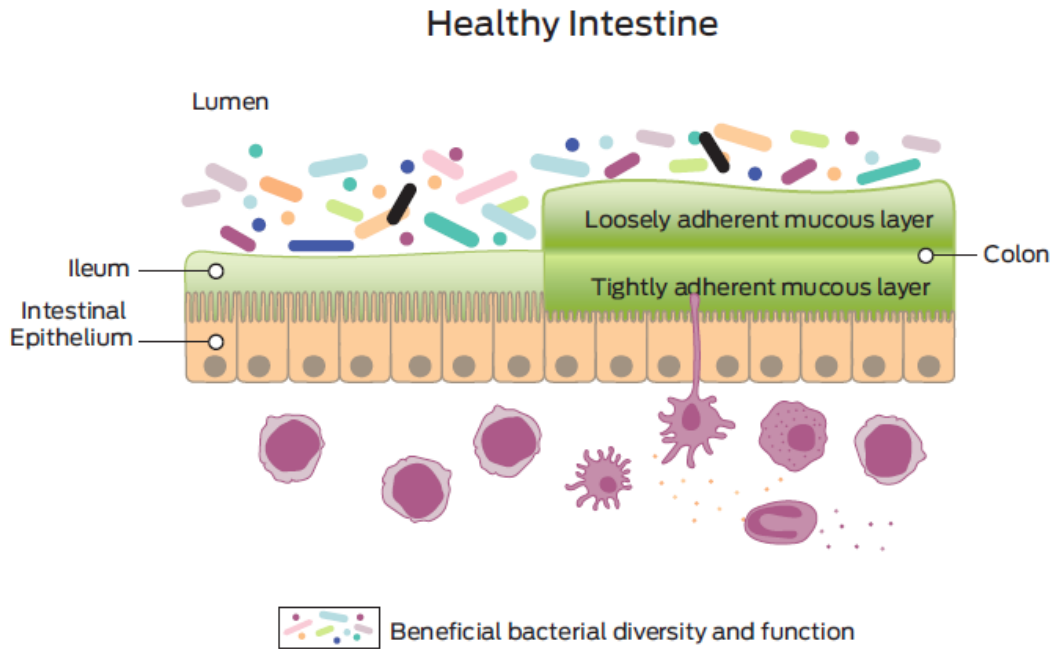
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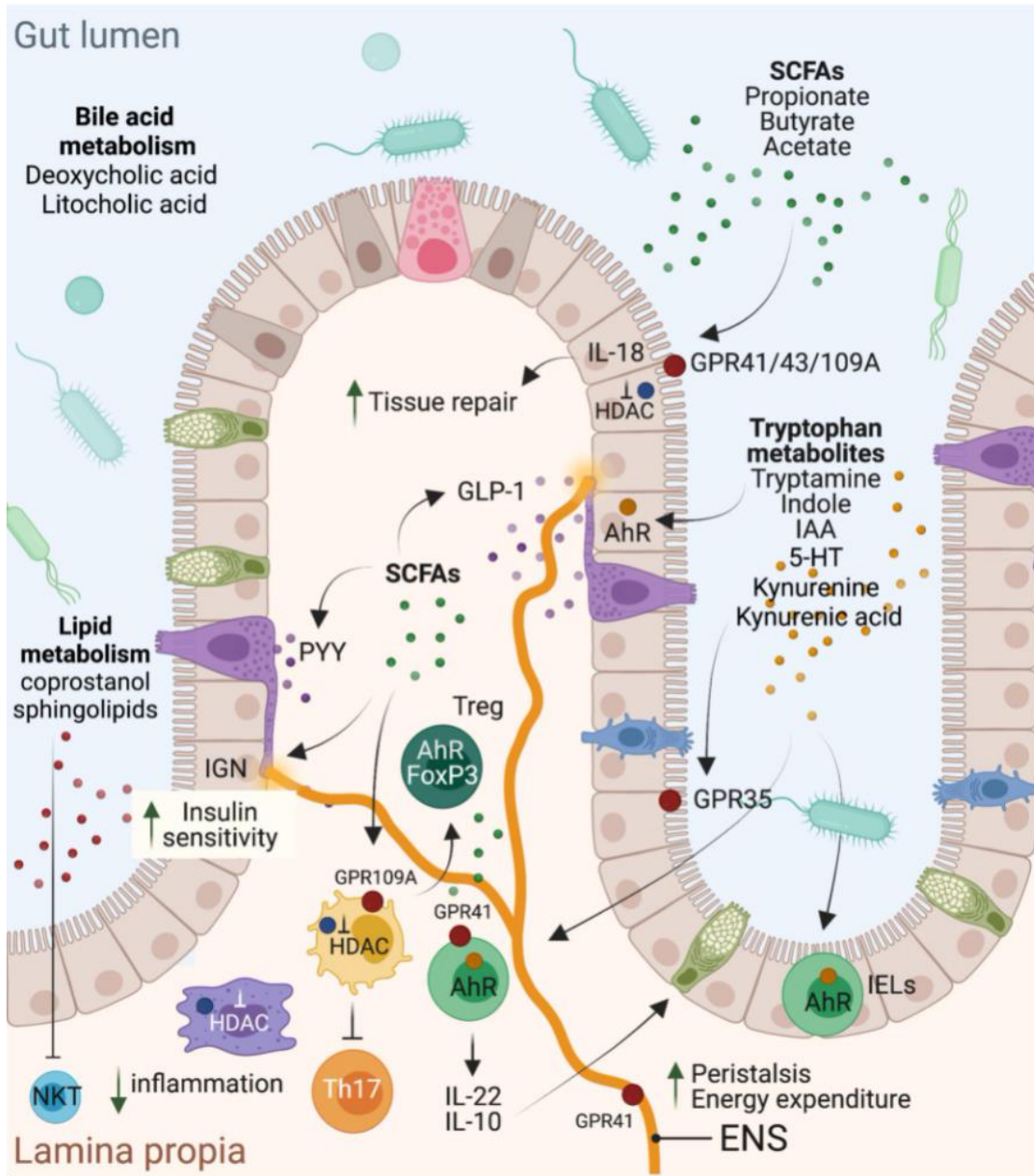
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## Next Generation Microbiome Research: Identification of Keystone Species in the Metabolic Regulation of Host-Gut Microbiota Interplay

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### Short-chain fatty acids (SCFA)

- produced from dietary fiber
- signal through G-receptors
  - IL-18 production which is required for intestinal epithelial integrity
  - anti-inflammatory

Important bacterial keystone species: **Faecalibacterium**

## Physiological Functions of Bile Acid Receptors

Invited review

Pharmacology of bile acid receptors: Evolution of bile acids from simple detergents to complex signaling molecules

Bryan L. Copple<sup>RR,\*,†</sup>, Tiangang Li<sup>‡</sup>

- primary bile acids from liver are converted to secondary bile acids by microbiota
- **Peptoacetobacter (Clostridium) hiranonis** is main bile acid converter in dogs and cats

### Bile Acid Receptors

Farnesoid X Receptor  
Vitamin D Receptor  
Pregnane X Receptor  
TGR5  
 $\alpha 1\beta 5$  Integrin  
Sphingosine-1-phosphate Receptor 2

Bile acid synthesis, transport, and detoxification

Choleresis

Glucose homeostasis

Lipid metabolism

Gastric motility

Cholangiocyte proliferation and survival

Gallbladder filling

Energy expenditure

Pruritis

Immunomodulation



# Sequencing vs qPCR

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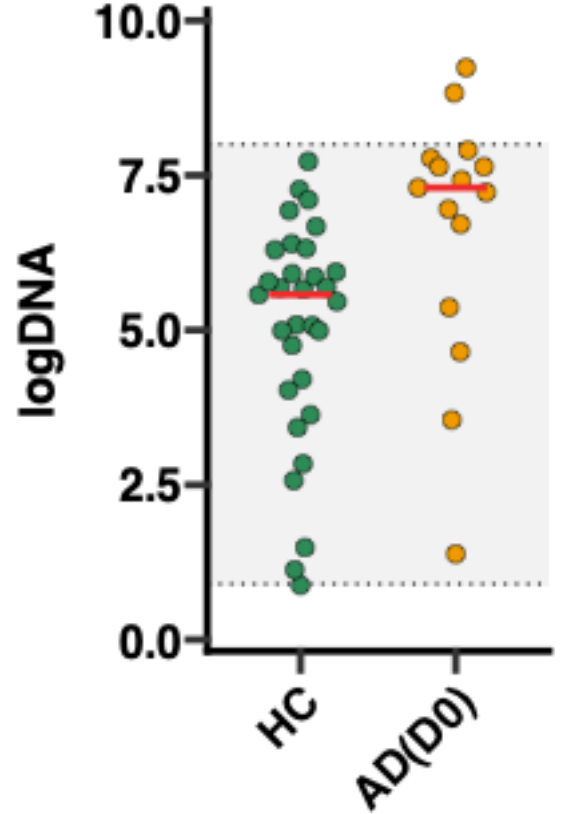
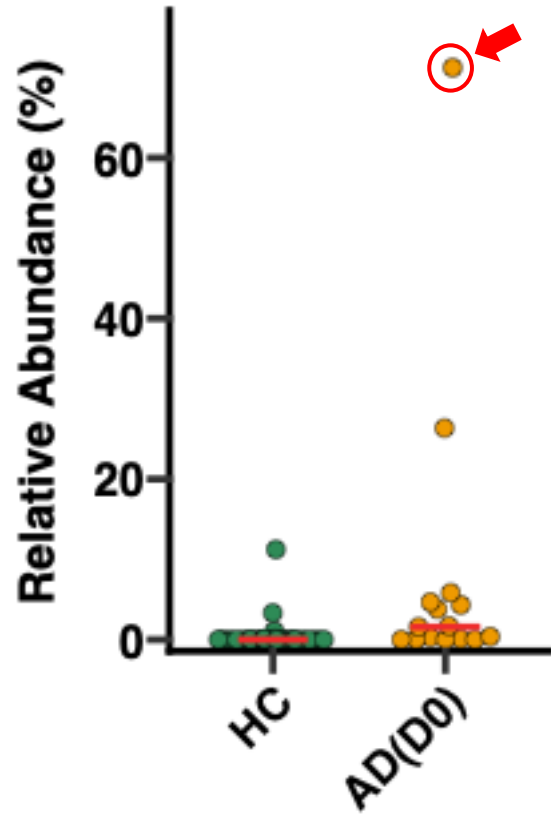
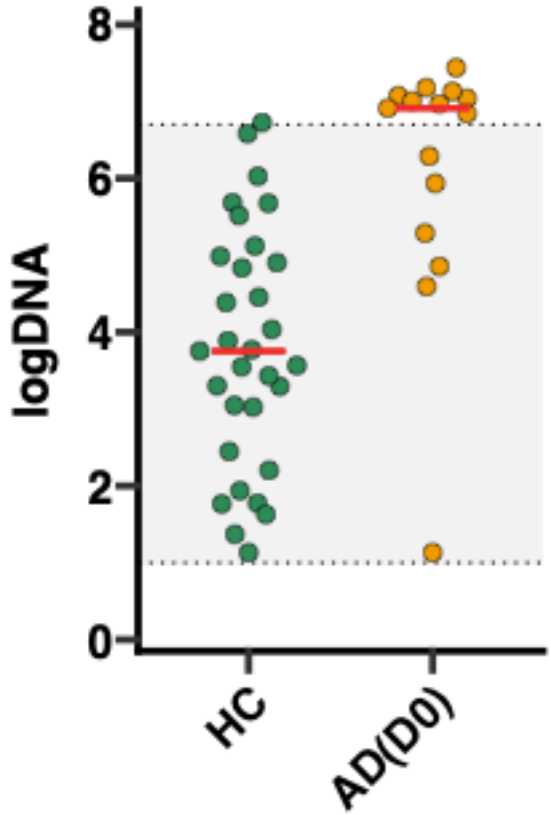
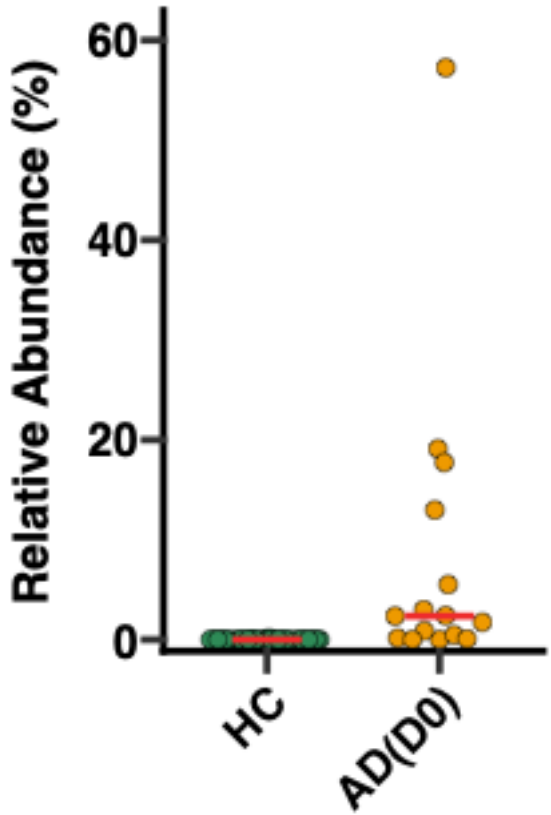
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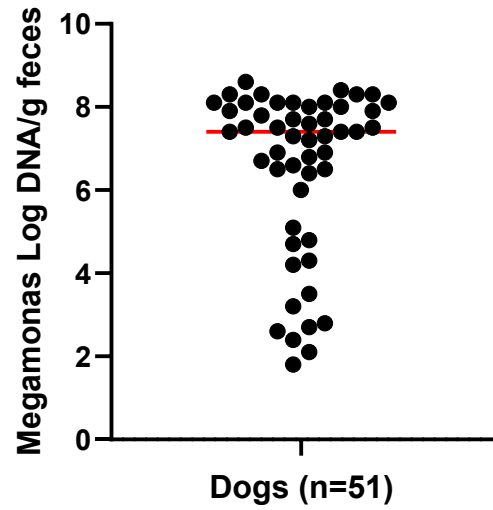
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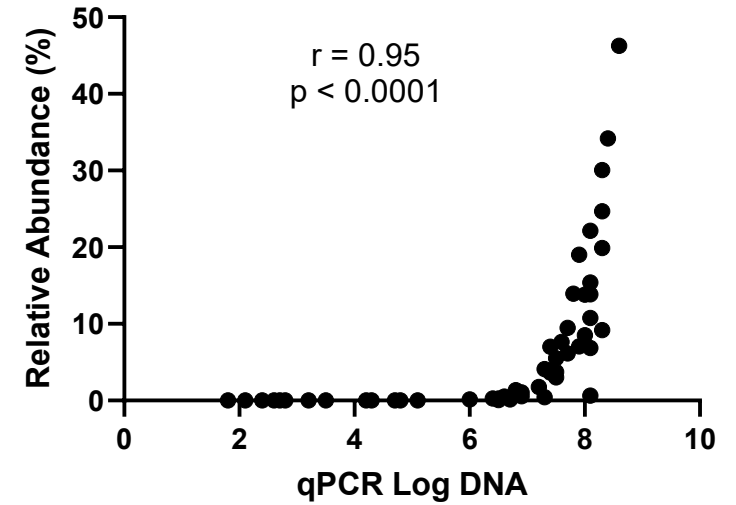
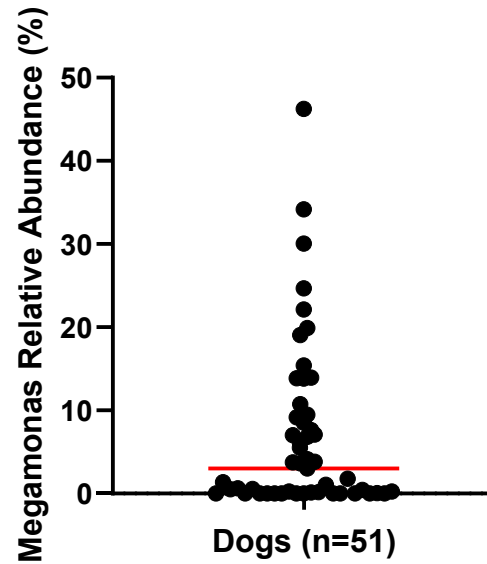


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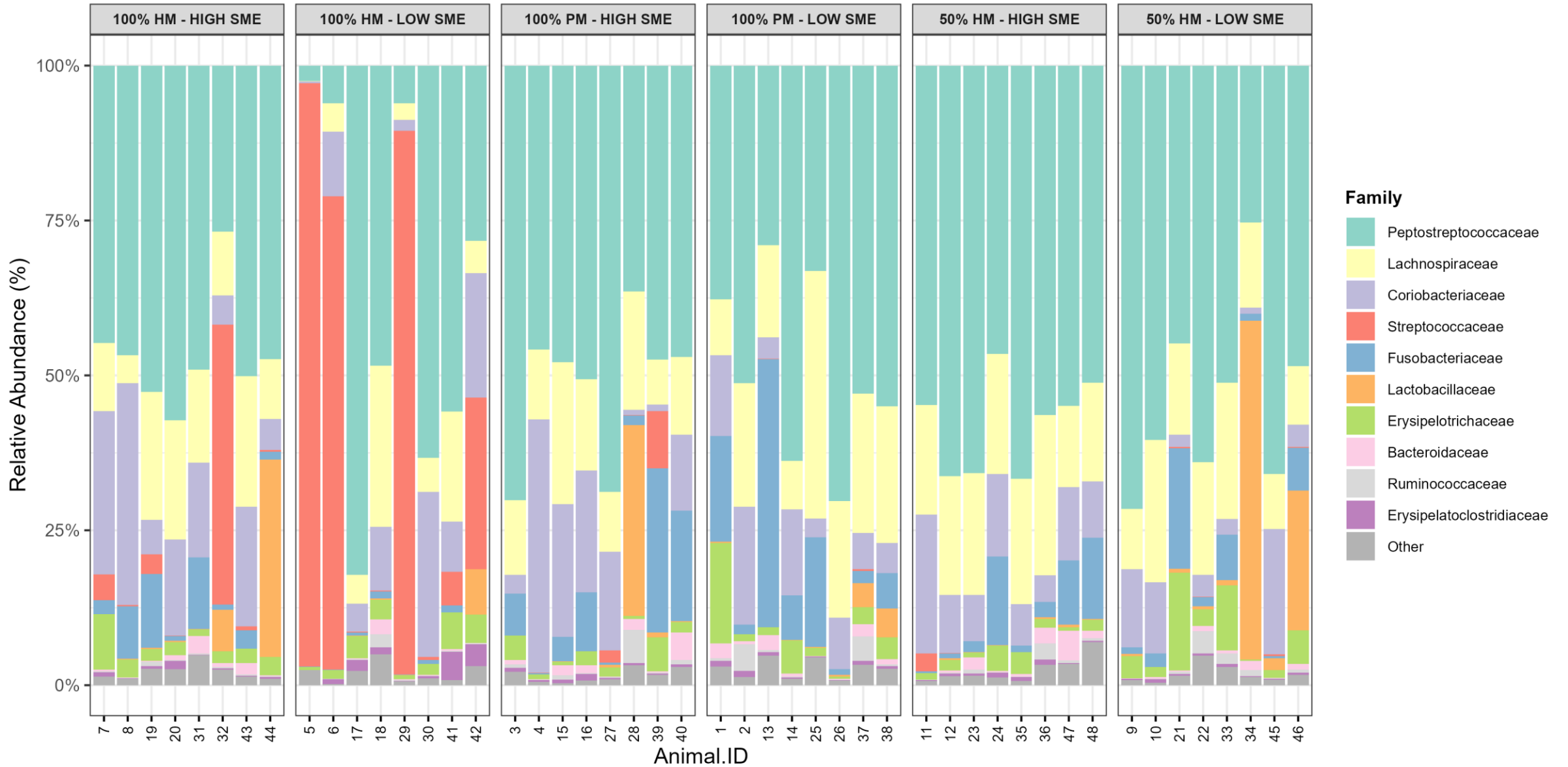
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Sequencing



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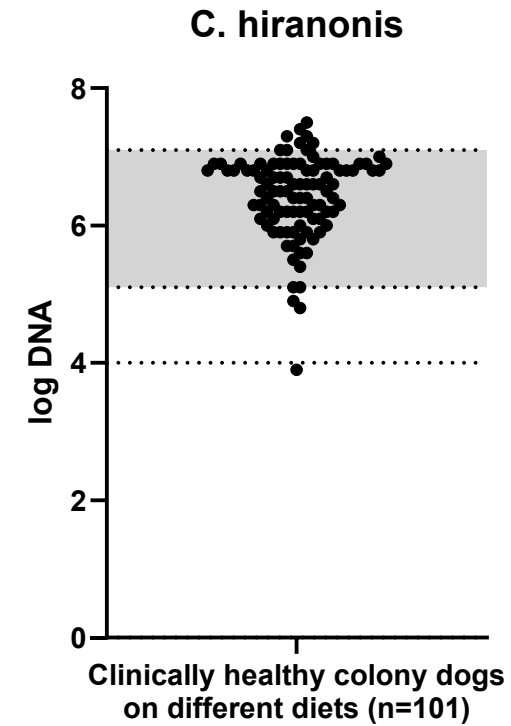
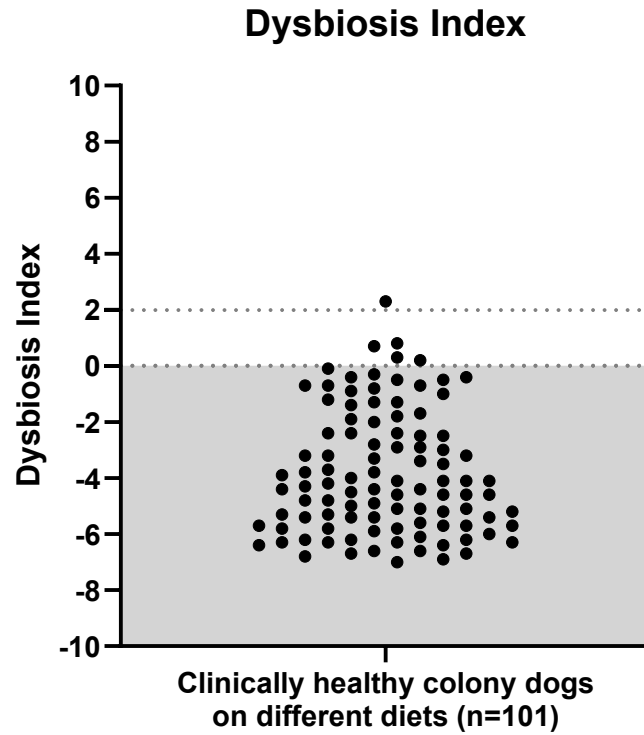




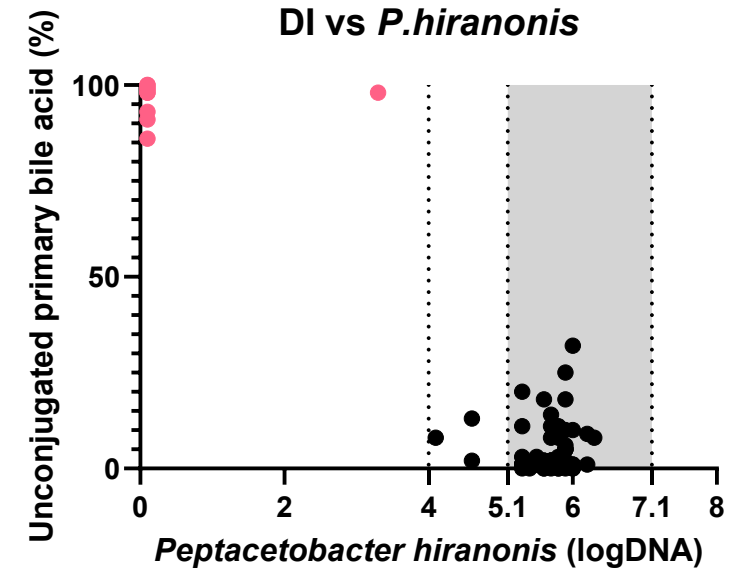
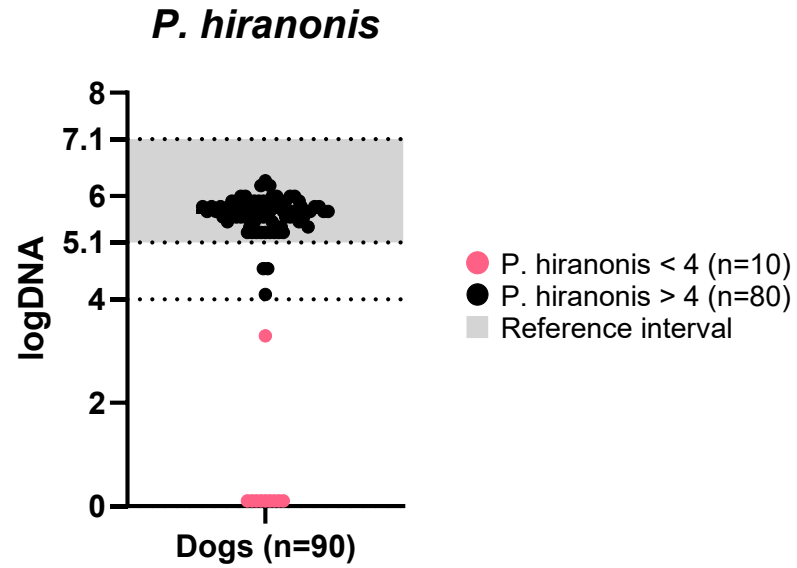
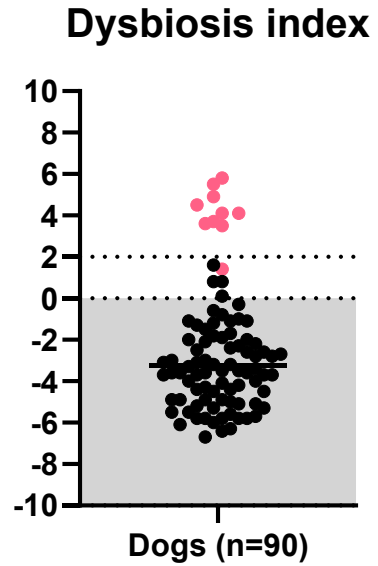
# Effects of diet type on the core fecal bacterial taxa and the dysbiosis index of healthy adult dogs

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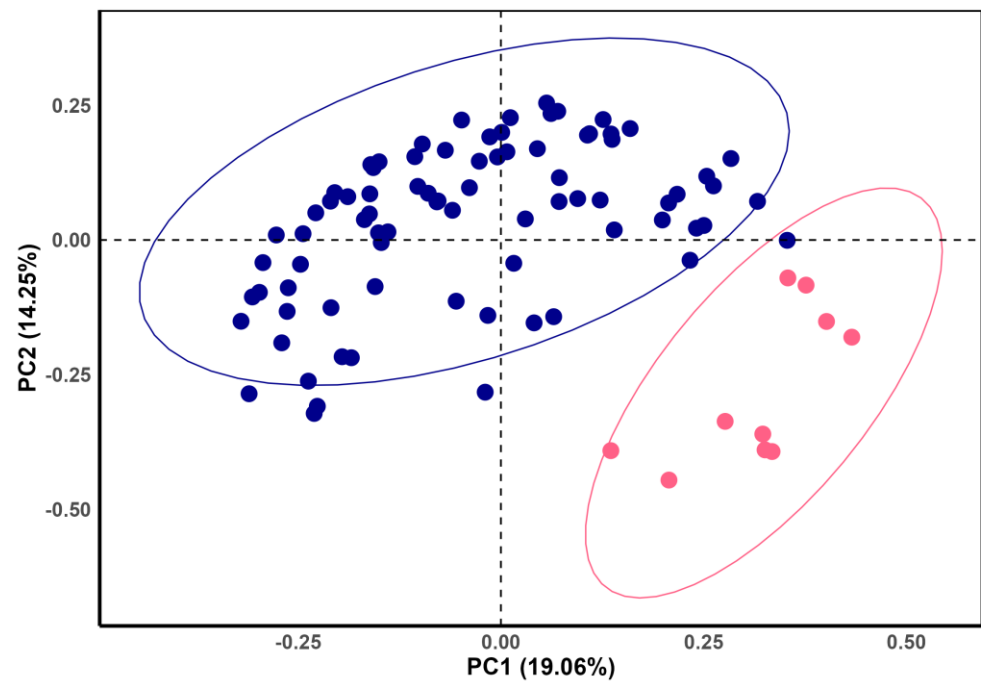
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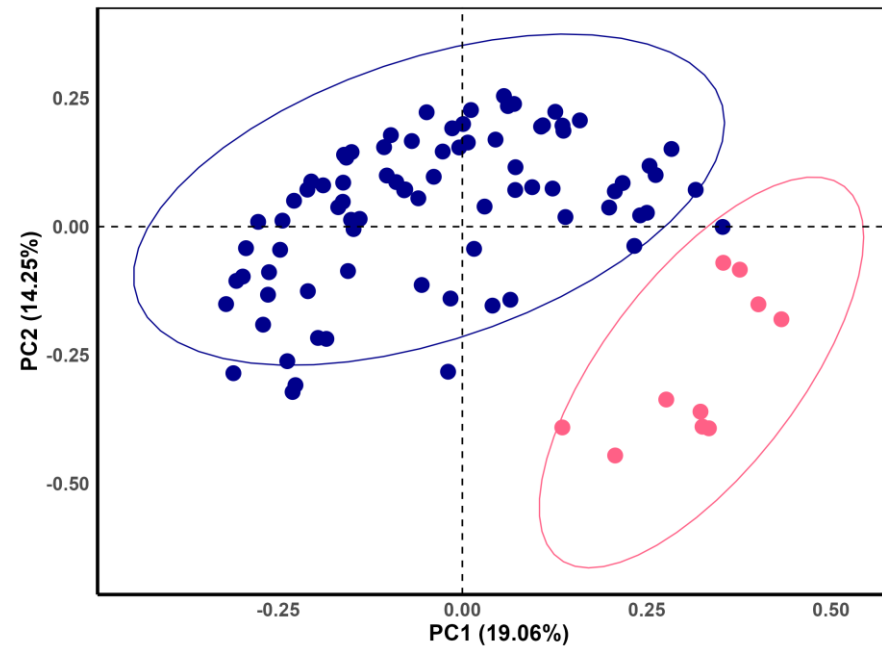


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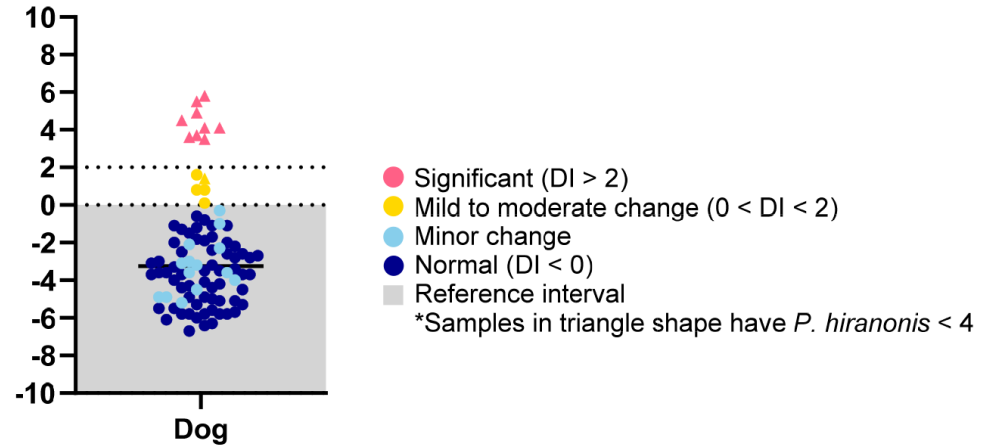
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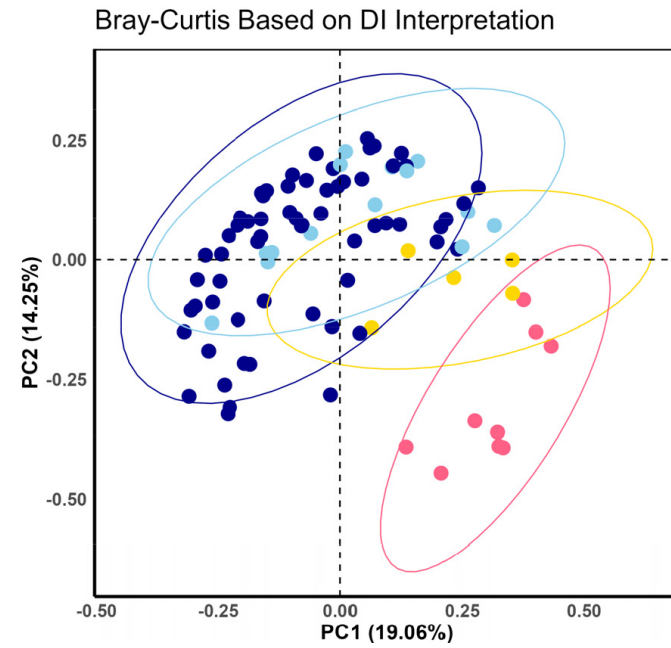


- Primary BA% < 50
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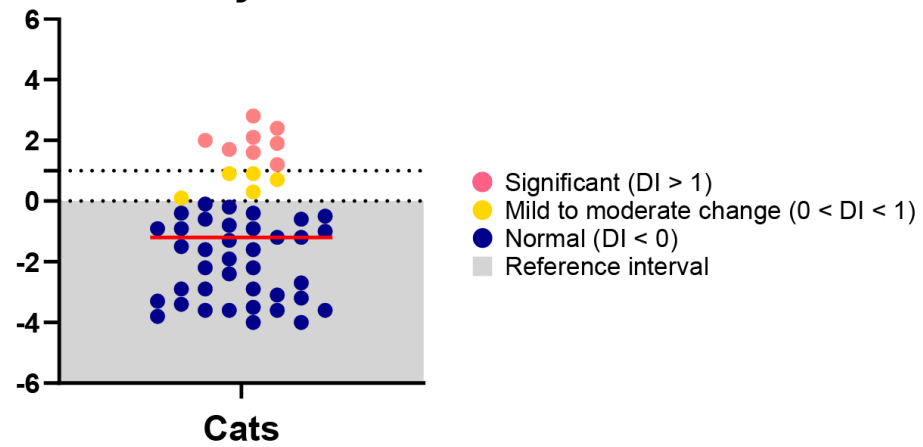
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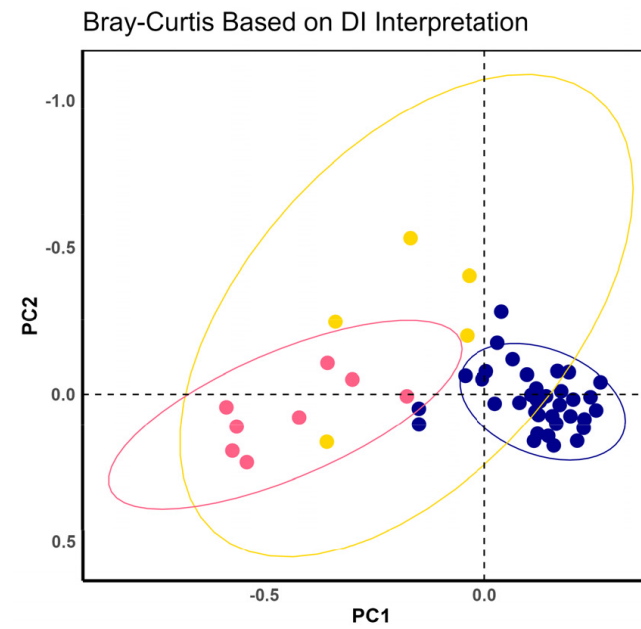
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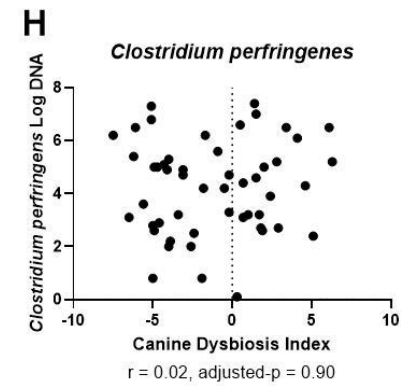
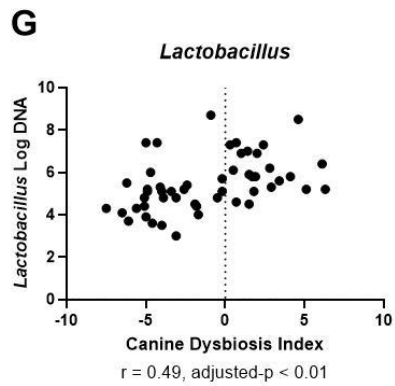
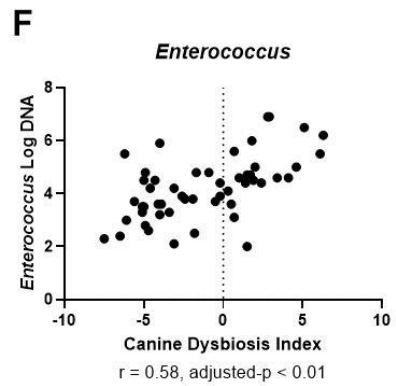
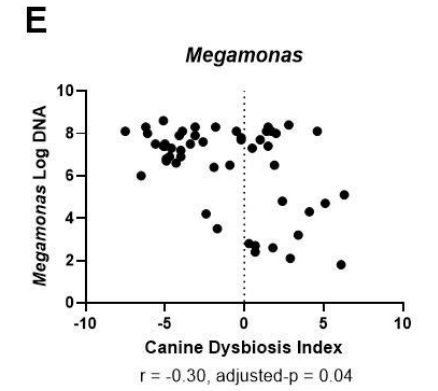
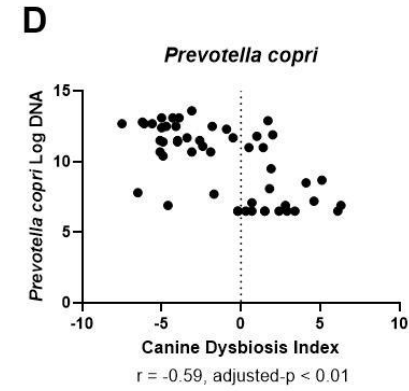
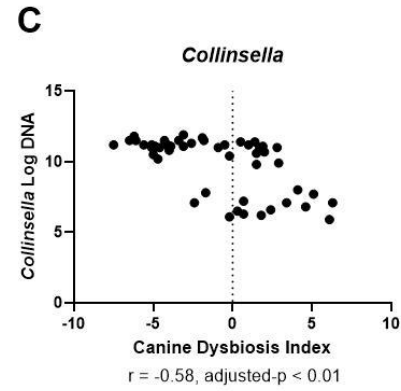
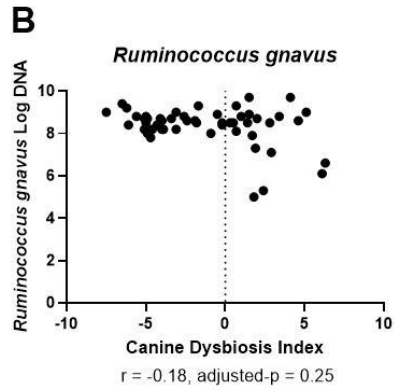
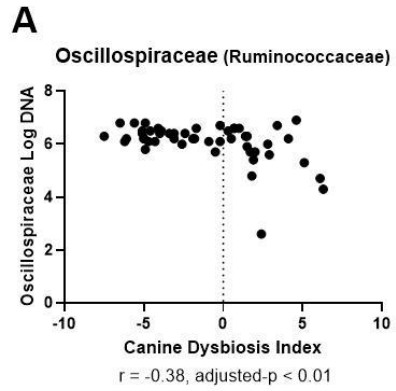
### C Feline Dysbiosis Index



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# Many other core bacteria are also altered once Dysbiosis Index Increases



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## Antibiotic use and the development of inflammatory bowel disease: a national case-control study in Sweden

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

## Broad spectrum antibiotics

- 23,982 new patients with IBD
- 117,827 matched controls
- 28,732 siblings

After adjusting for risk factors, OR in patients who had used antibiotics versus those who had never used antibiotics was

- 1.74 (1.64–1.85) for Ulcerative colitis
- 2.27 (2.06–2.49) for Crohn's disease

# Effects of Metronidazole on the Fecal Microbiota, Fecal Metabolites, and Serum Metabolites of Healthy Adult Cats

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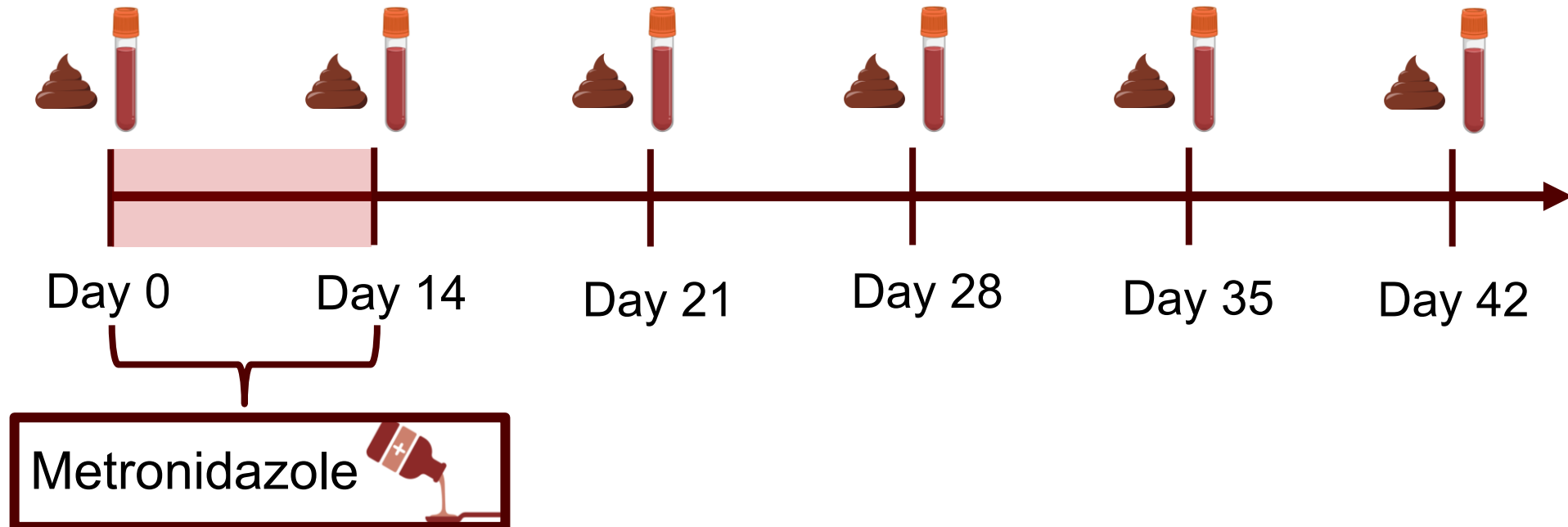
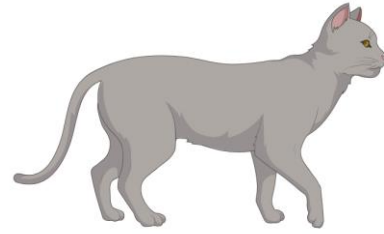
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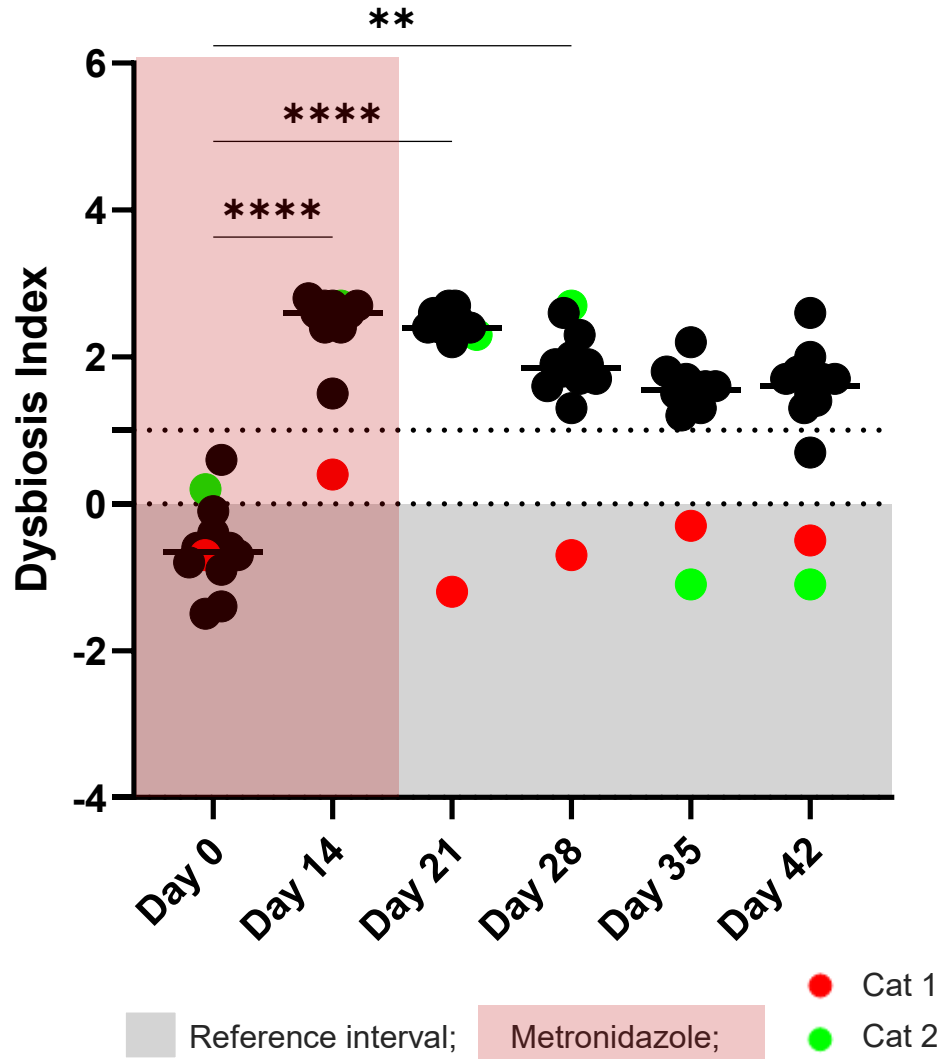
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**12 healthy domestic short-hair cats**  
**4.7 (mean) ± 0.4 (SD) years**  
**4 males / 8 females (all neutered)**  
**Standardized diet**



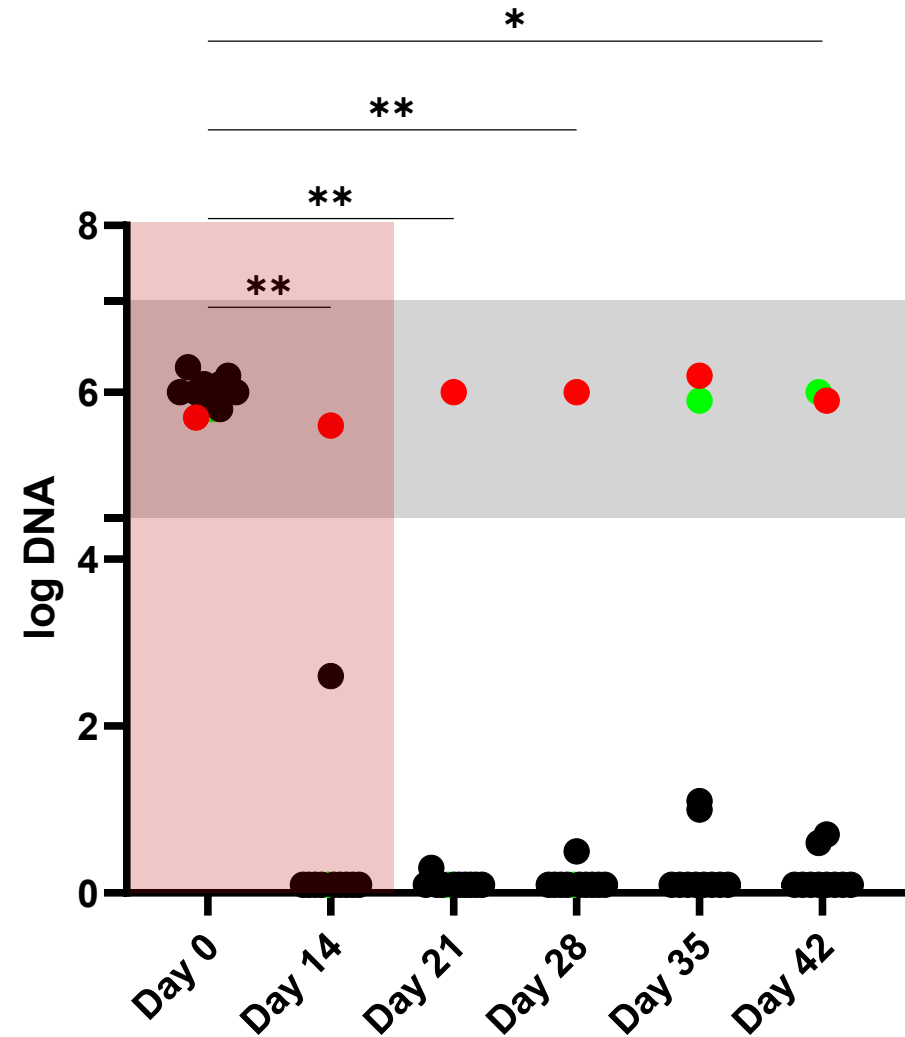
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## Dysbiosis Index

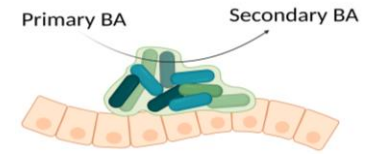


# Depletion in 10/12 cats

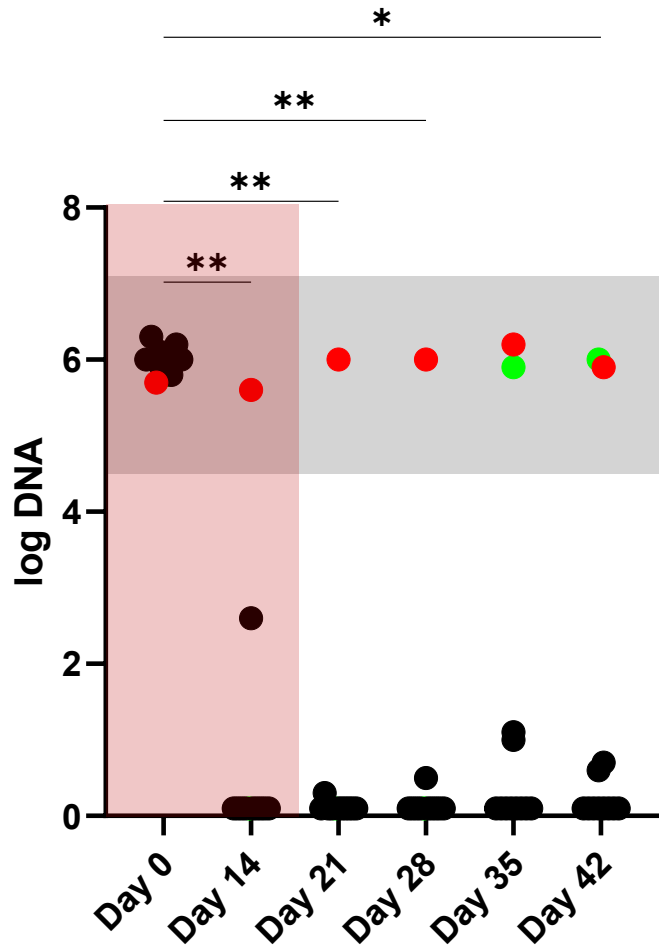
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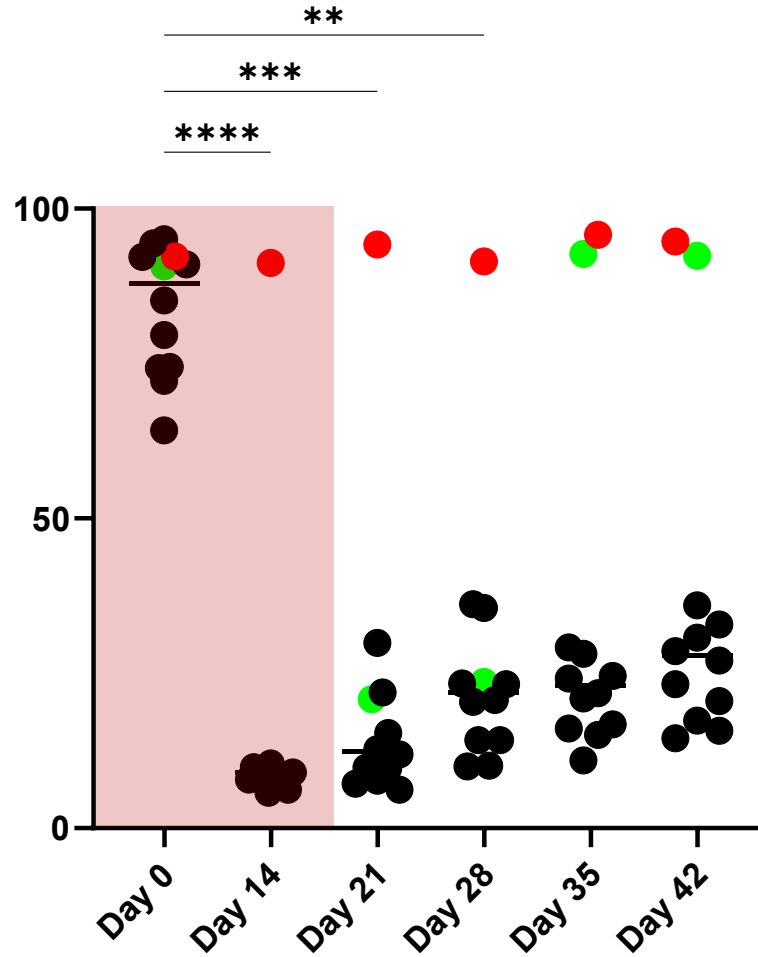
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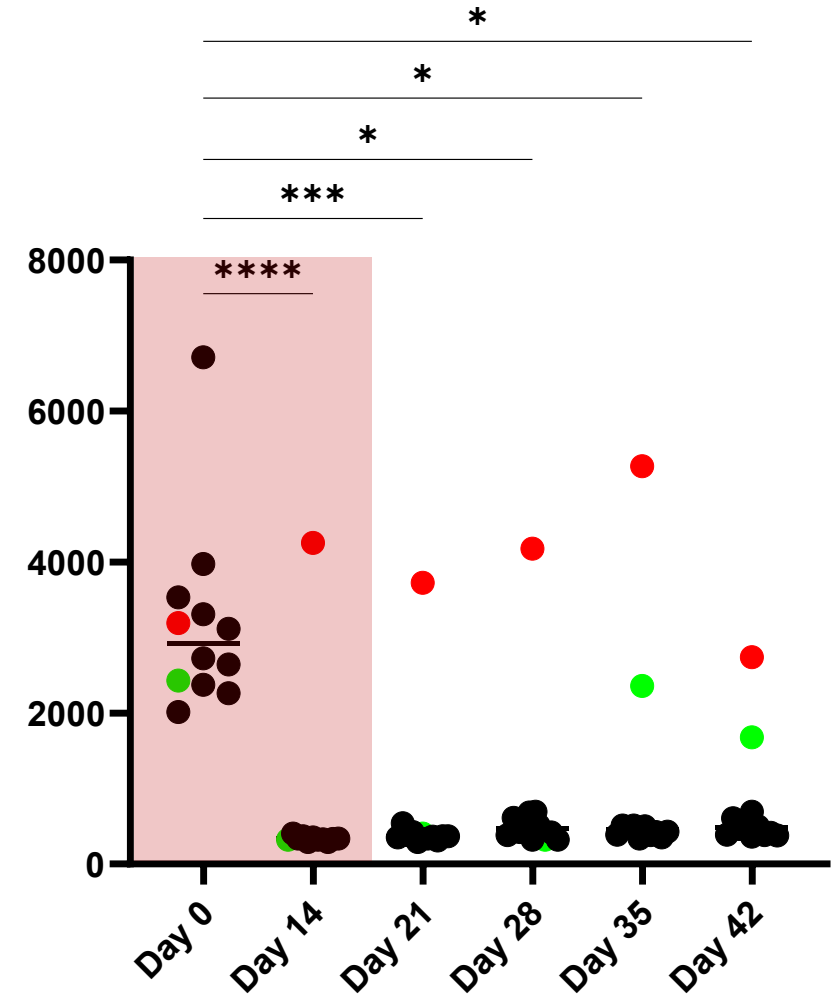
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## Secondary BA (% Total)



## Total secondary bile acids



- Cat 1
- Cat 2

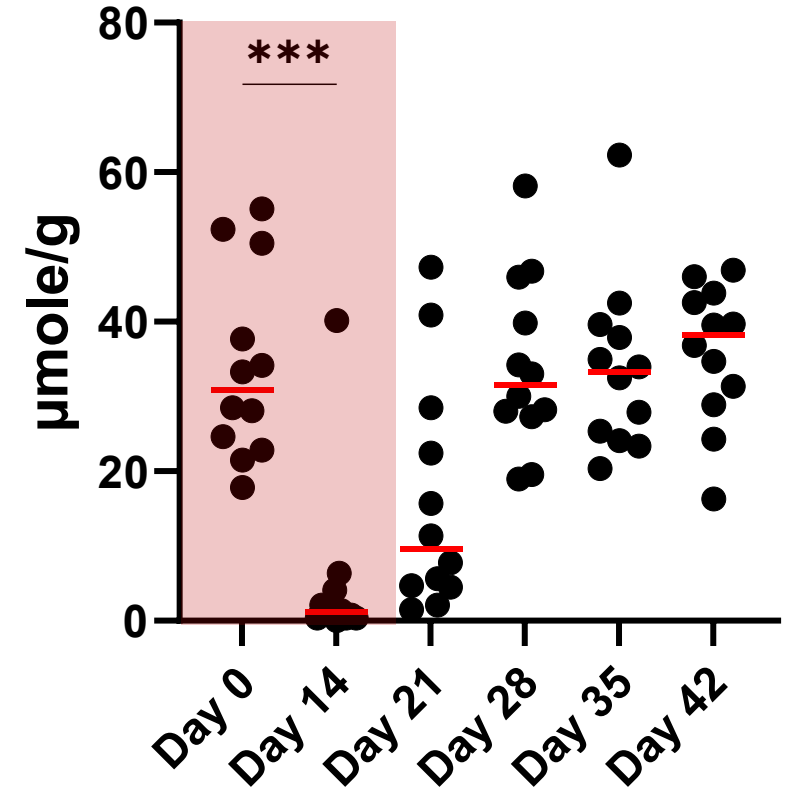
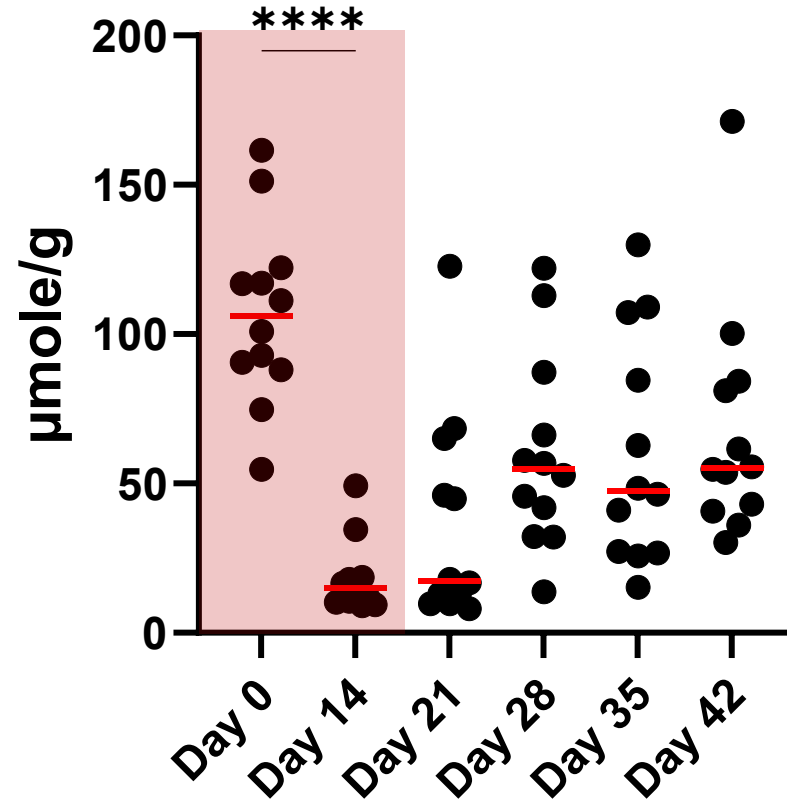
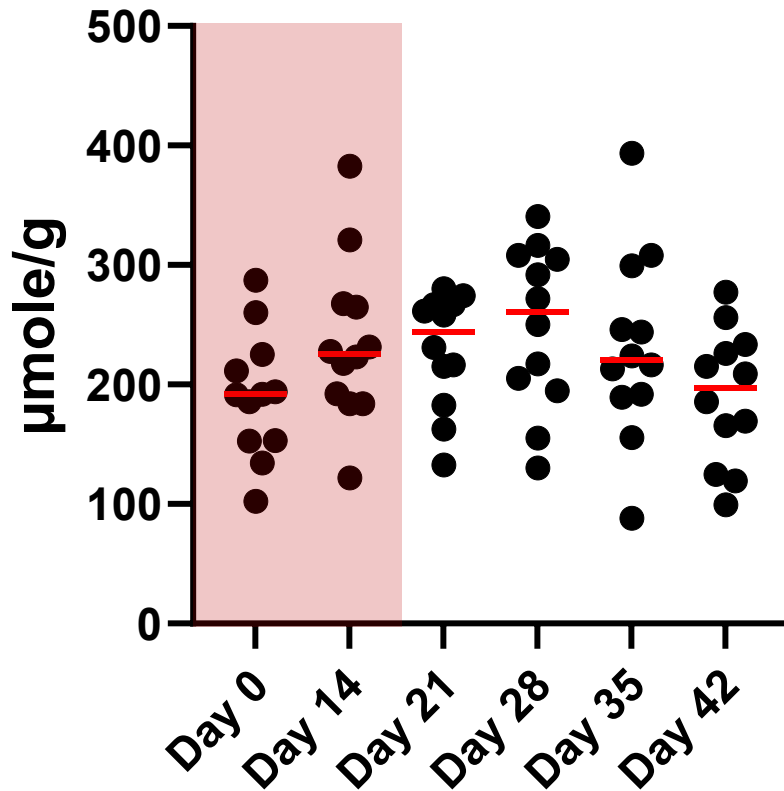
Reference interval; Metronidazole;

# SCFAs

## Acetate

## Propionate\*

## Butyrate



— Median; Metronidazole



# Shifted microbiome and metabolome only in a subset of canine chronic enteropathy (CE)

## Fecal/ intestinal microbiota

Evaluation of mucosal bacteria and histopathology, clinical disease activity and expression of Toll-like receptors in German shepherd dogs with chronic enteropathies

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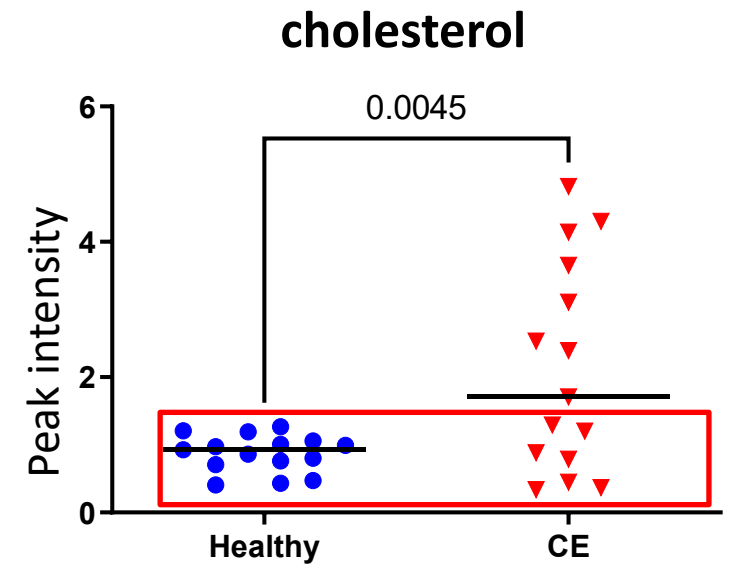
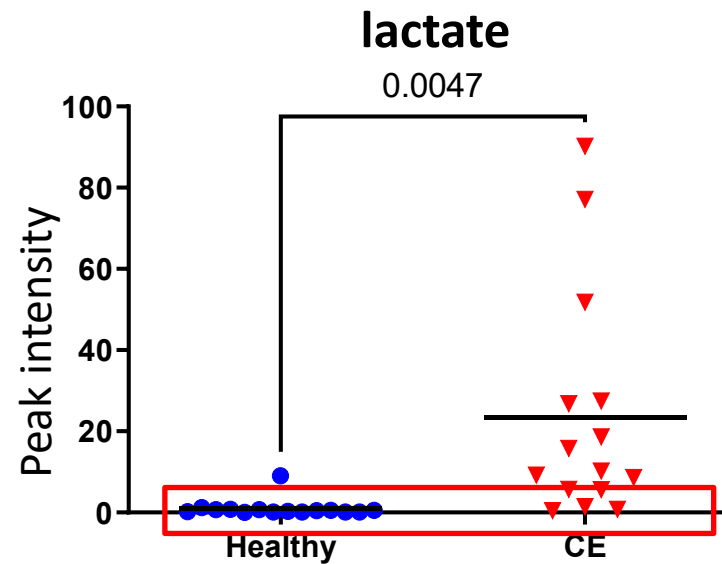
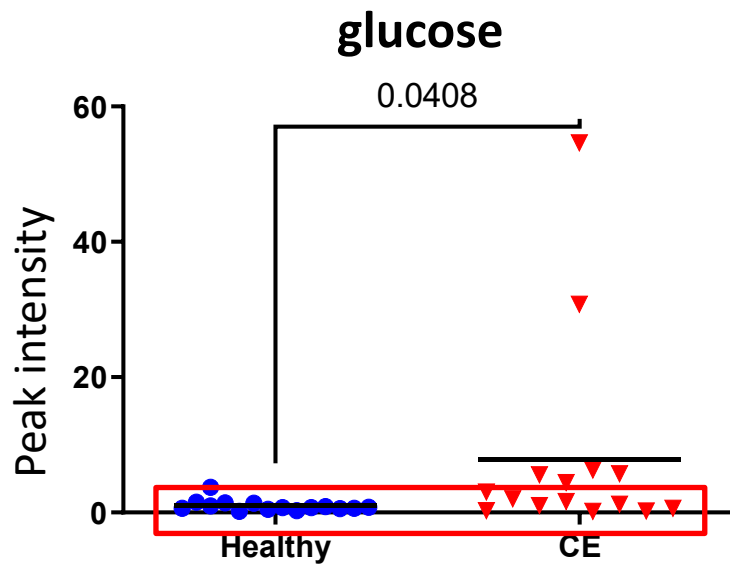
## Long-Term Recovery of the Fecal Microbiome and Metabolome of Dogs with Steroid-Responsive Enteropathy

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Sample type	Biomarker	Abnormal %	Reference
Serum	Albumin	21%	Allenspach et al., 2008
		45%	Jablonski et al., 2017
	Cobalamin	19%	Allenspach et al., 2008
36%		Berghoff et al., 2013	
62%		Toresson et al., 2023	
Feces	Dysbiosis index	50%	Vecchiato et al., 2025
		57%	Galler et al., 2022
		80%	Minamoto et al., 2019
	Calprotectin	50%	Otoni et al., 2018

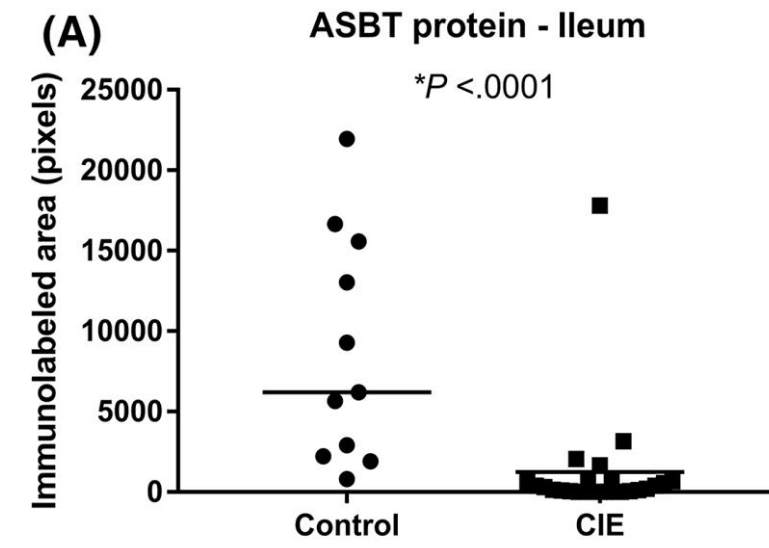
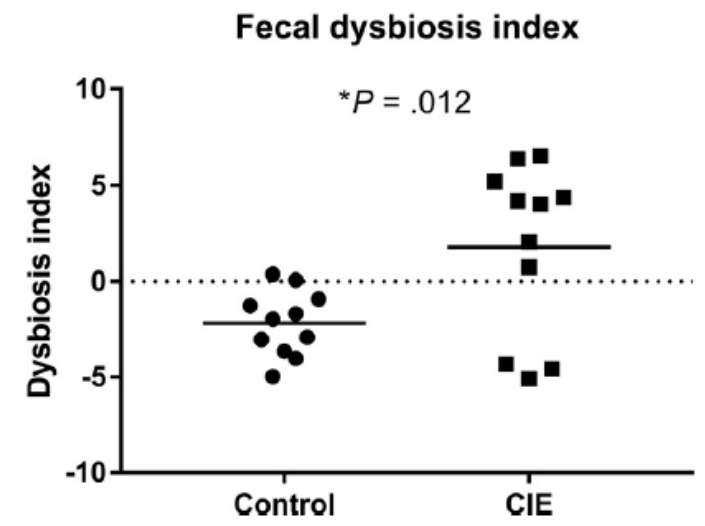
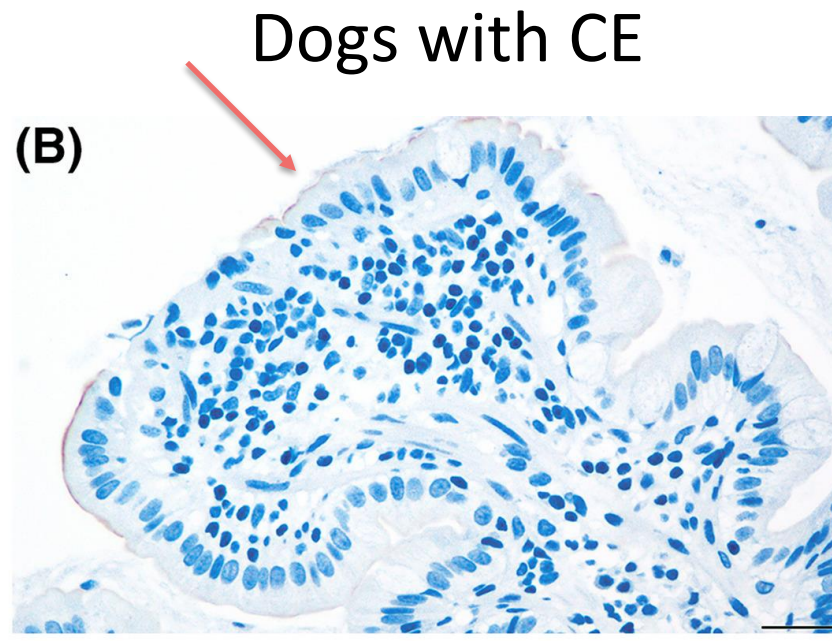
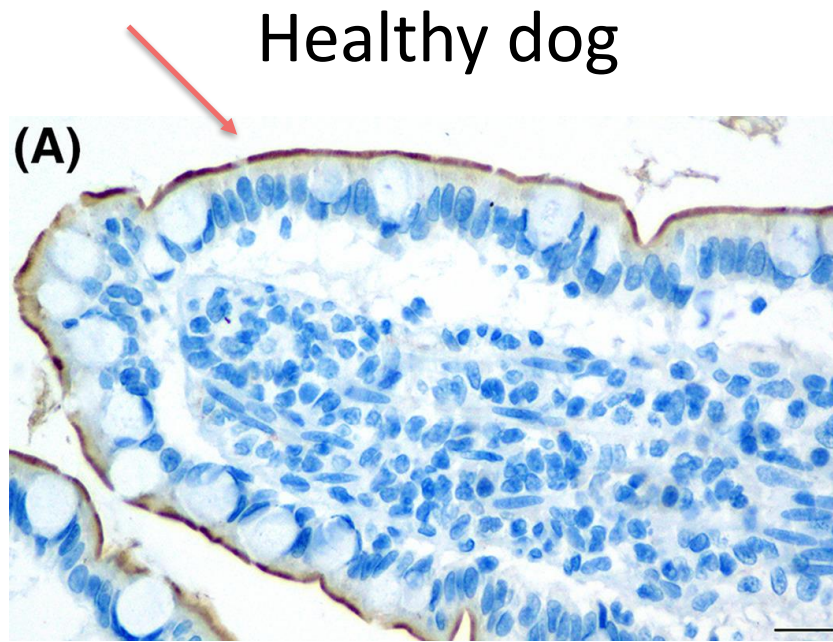
# ABNORMAL INTESTINAL FUNCTION IN A SUBSET OF DOGS WITH CE

- Carbohydrate metabolism
  - Glycolysis
  - Pentose phosphate pathway
- Lipid metabolism
- Amino acid metabolism
  - Aromatic amino acid
  - Redox homeostasis



# Comparison of intestinal expression of the apical sodium-dependent bile acid transporter between dogs with and without chronic inflammatory enteropathy












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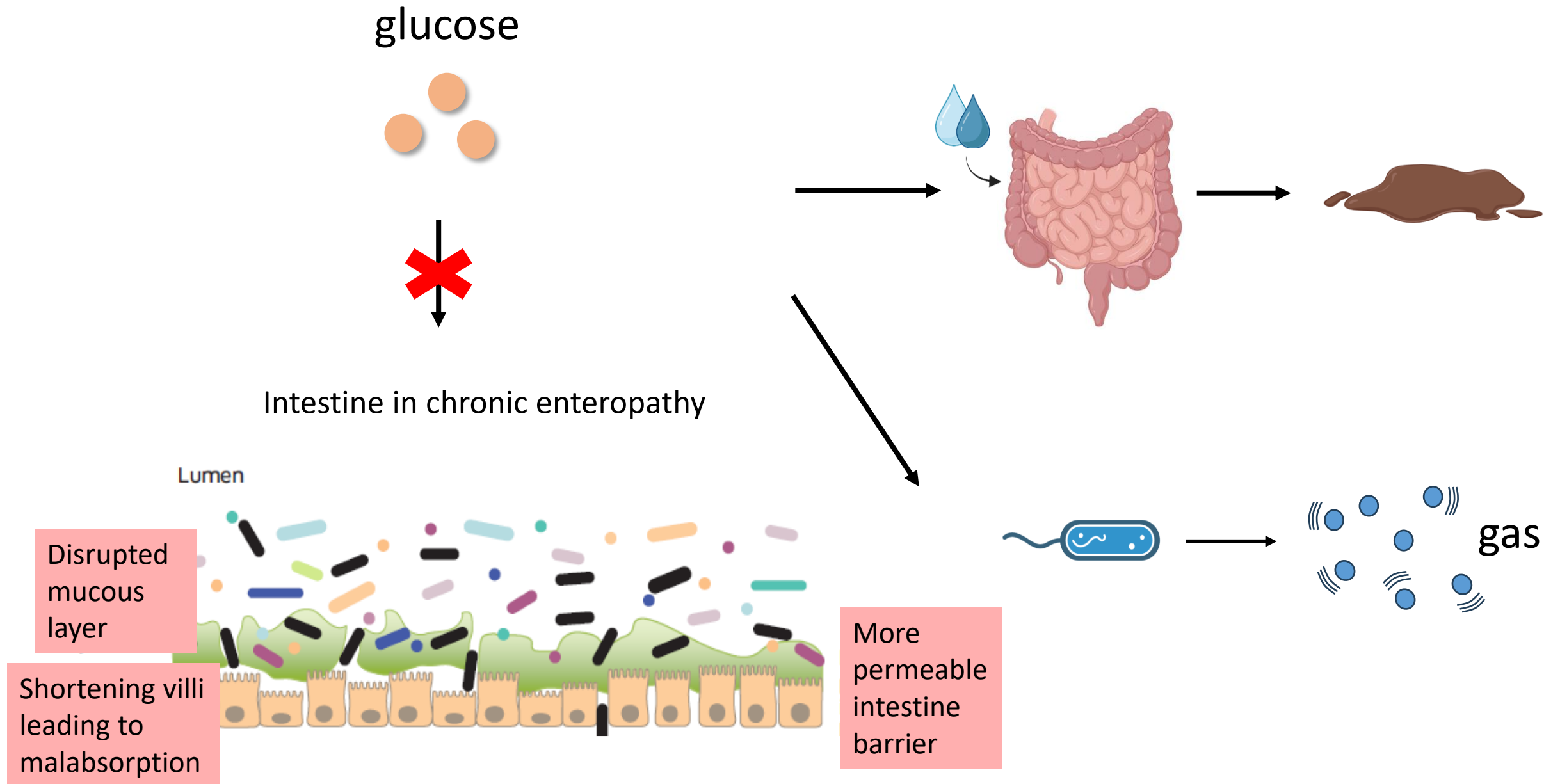
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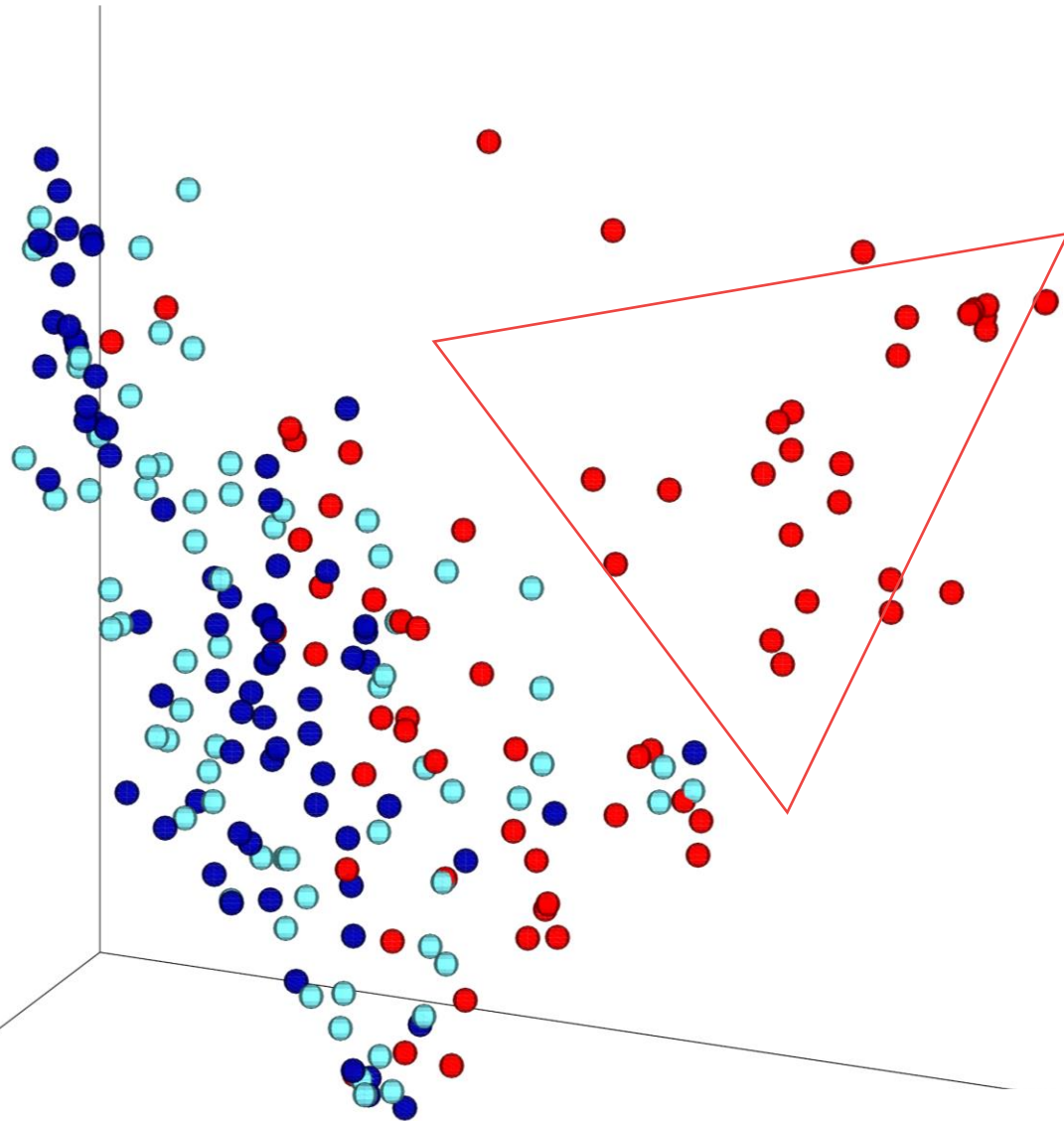
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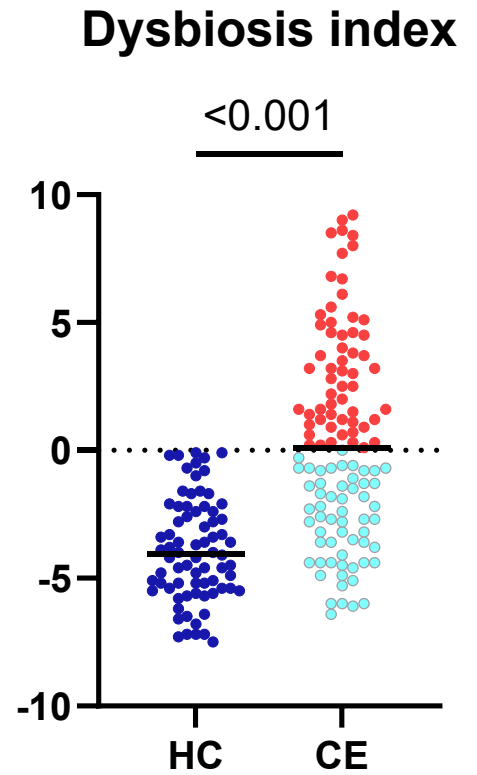
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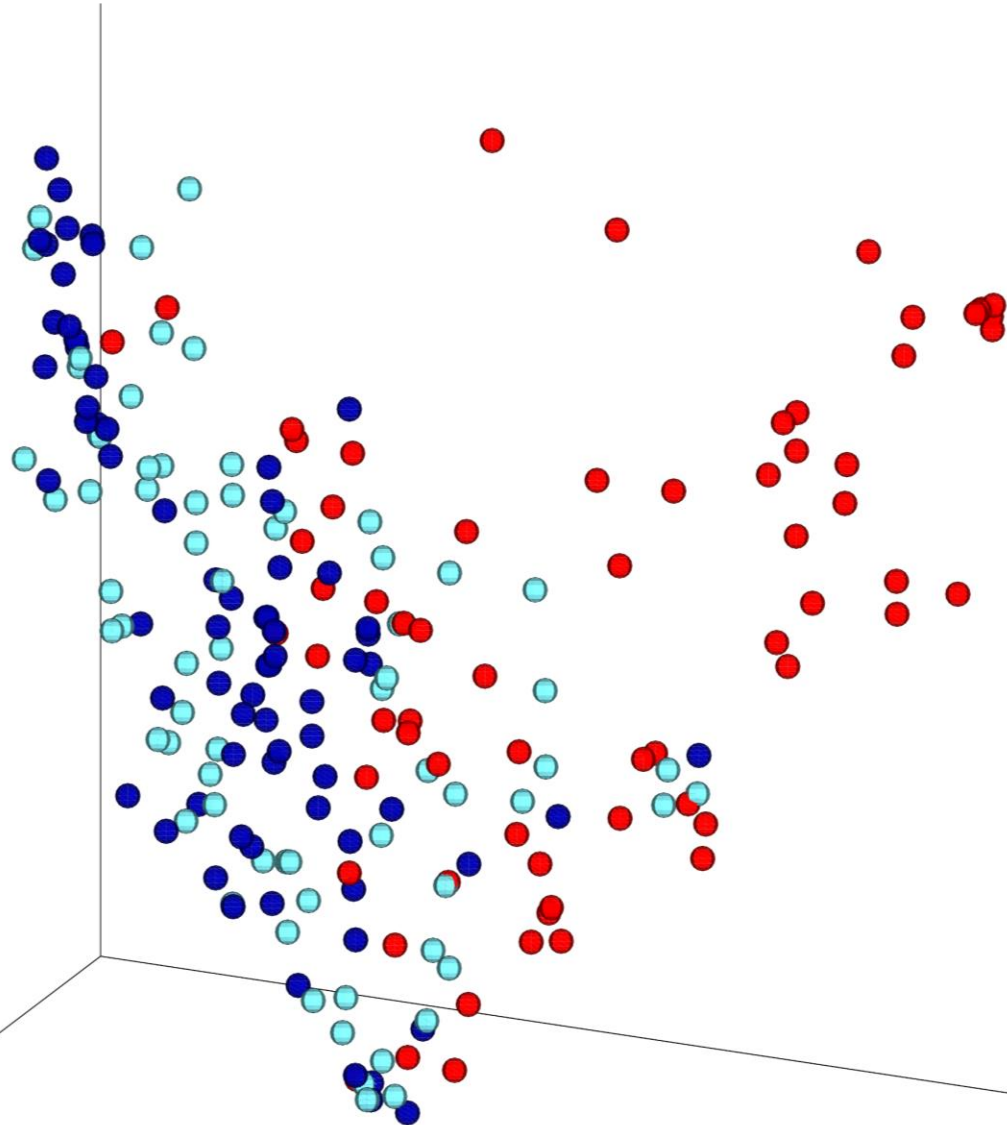
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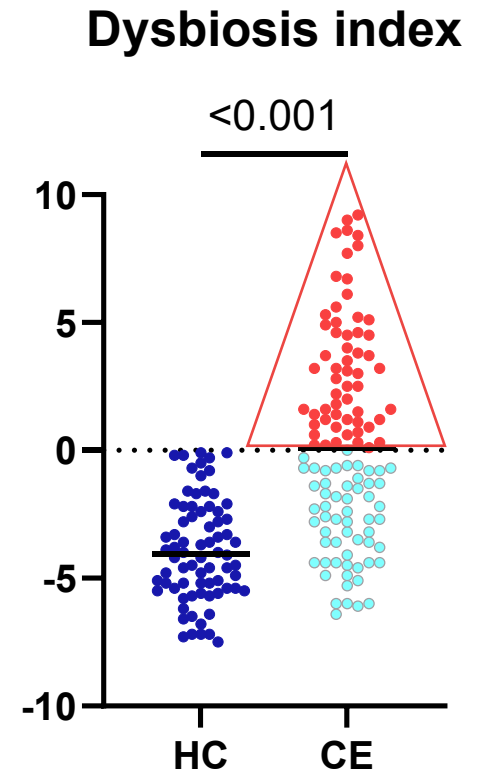
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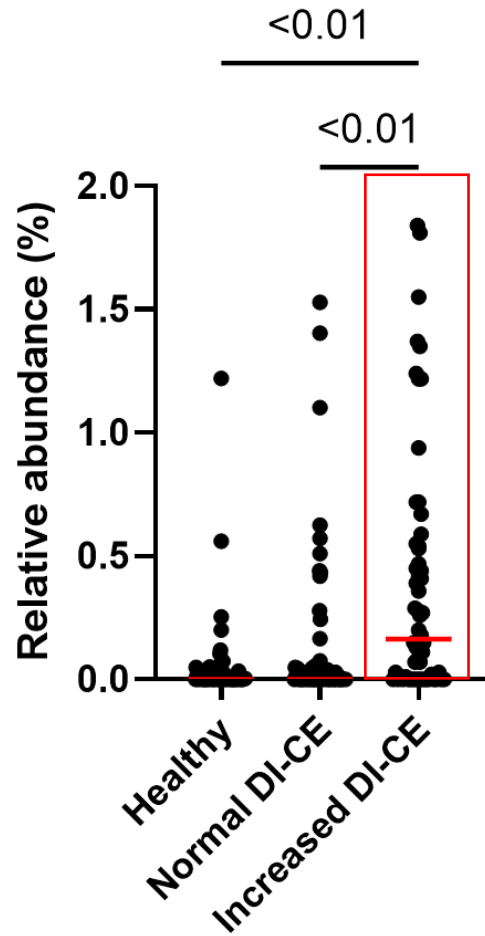


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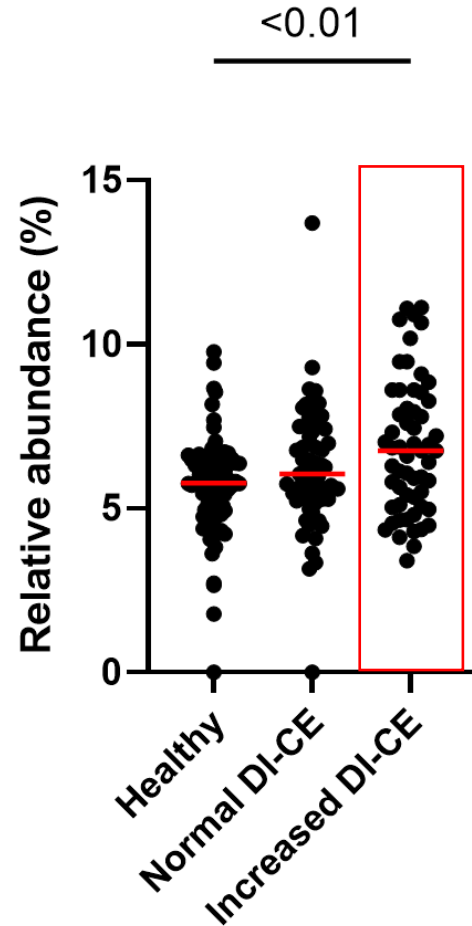


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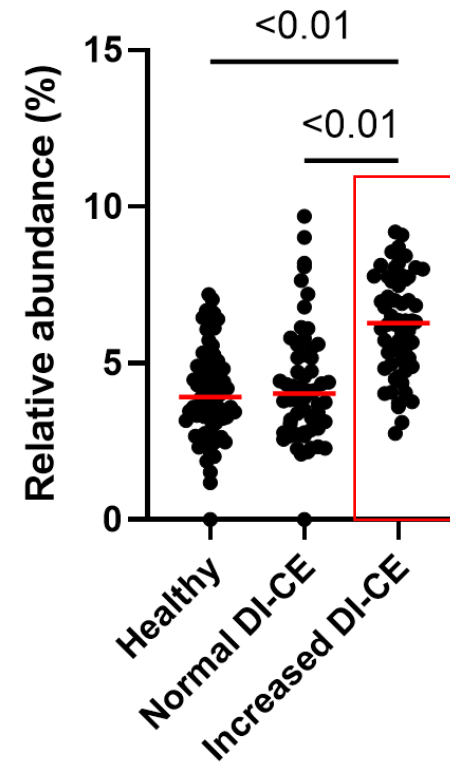
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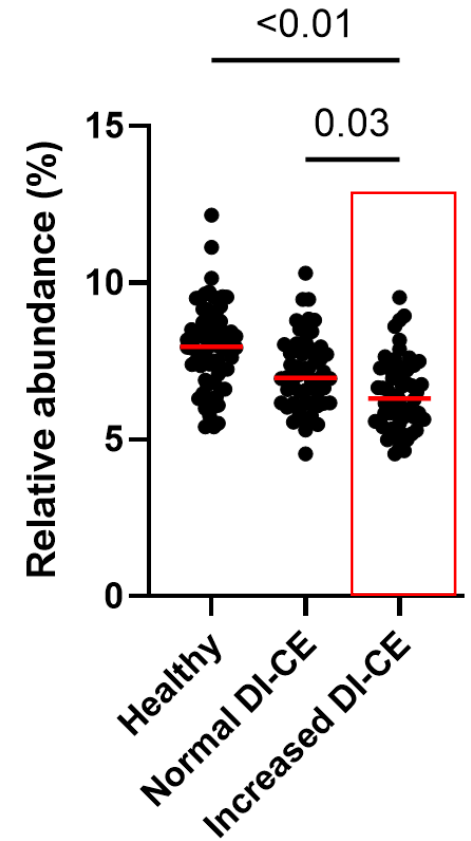
## Lipid biosynthesis



## Carbohydrate degradation



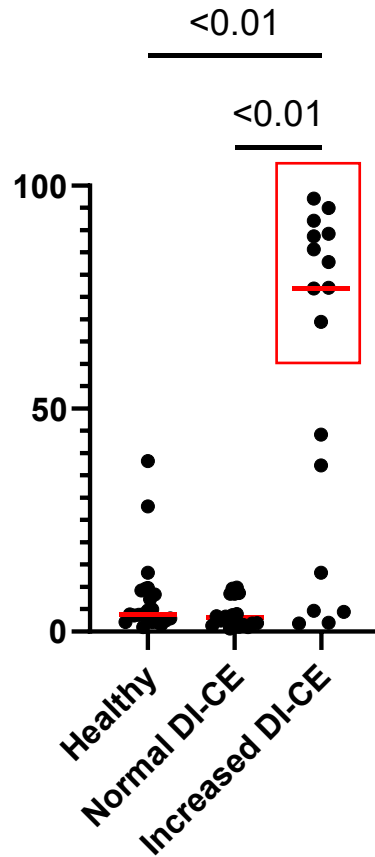
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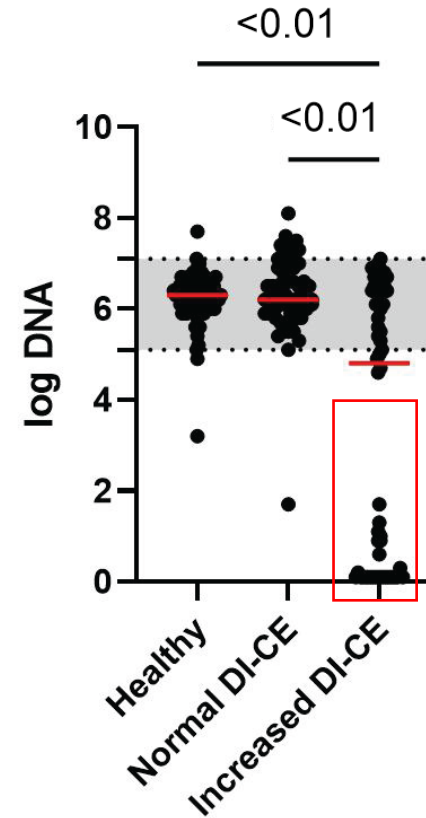
# Abnormal bile acid metabolism

## Main bile acid convertor

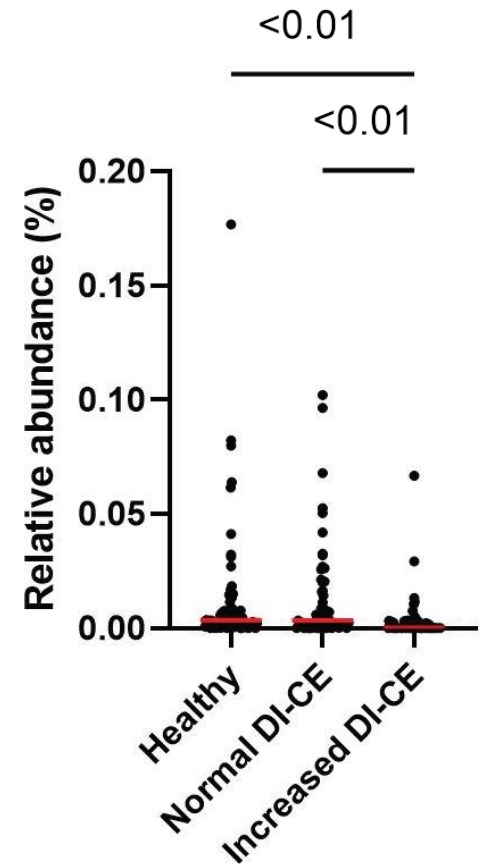
Primary bile acid %



*P. hiranonis* - qPCR



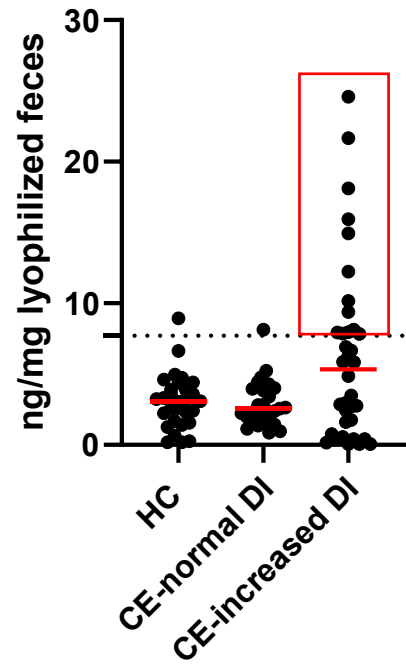
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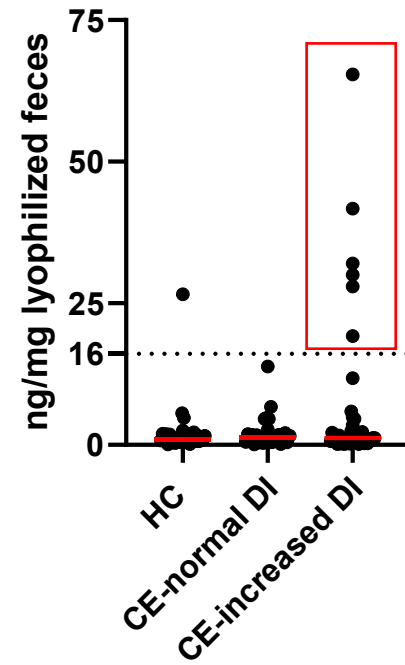
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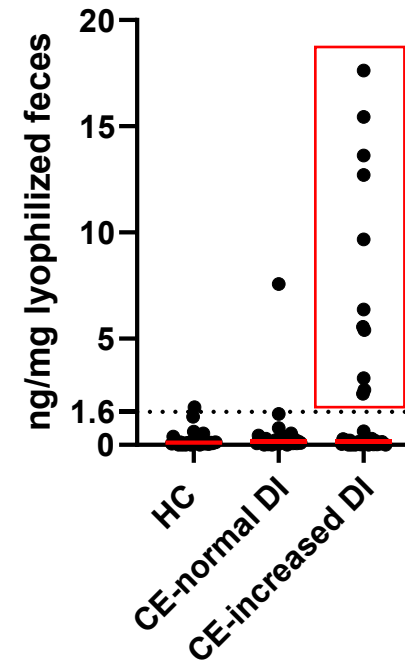
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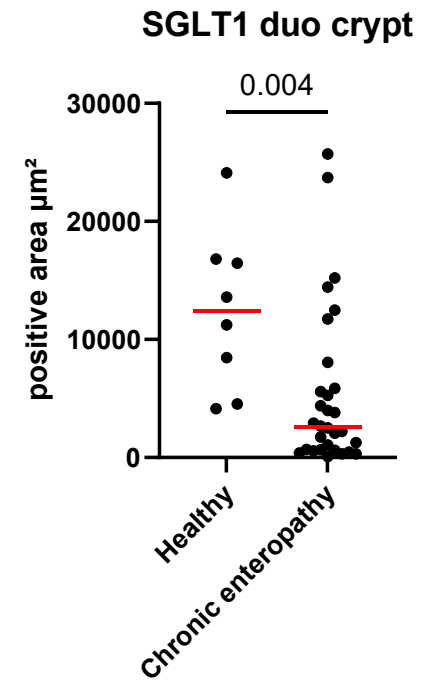
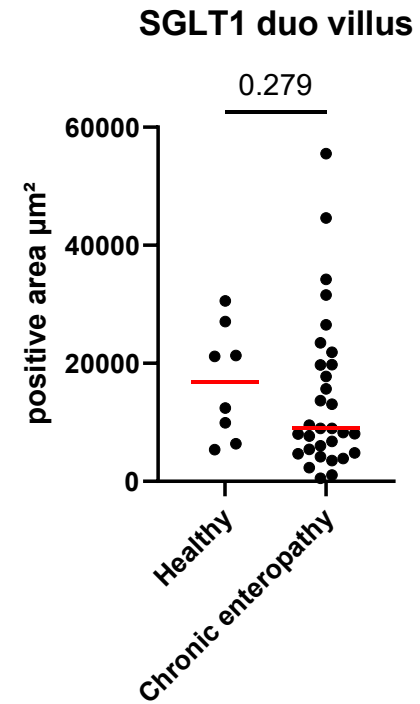
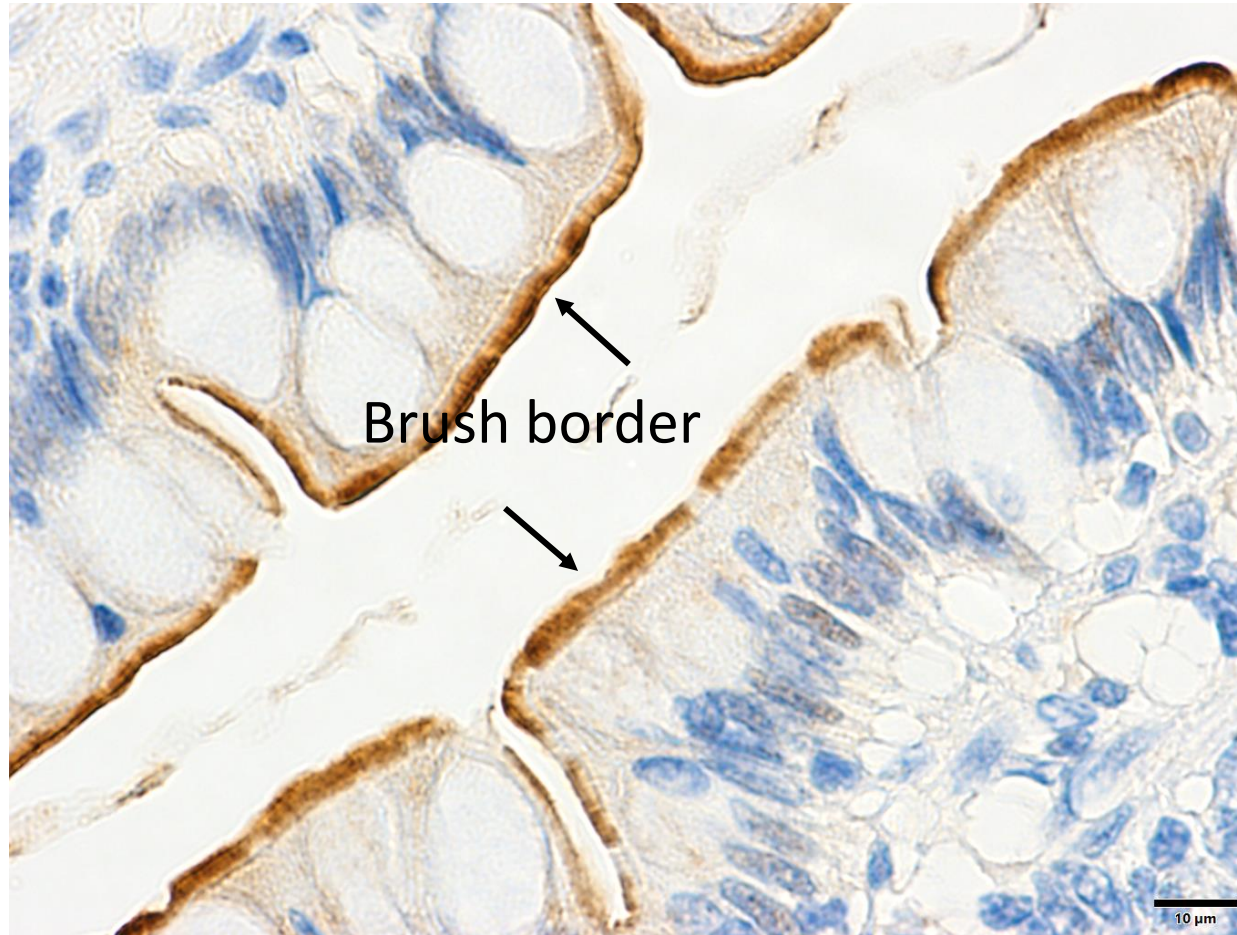
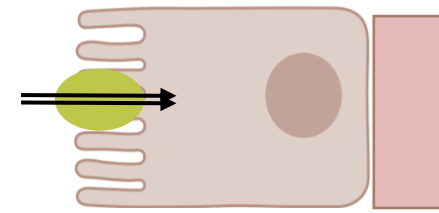
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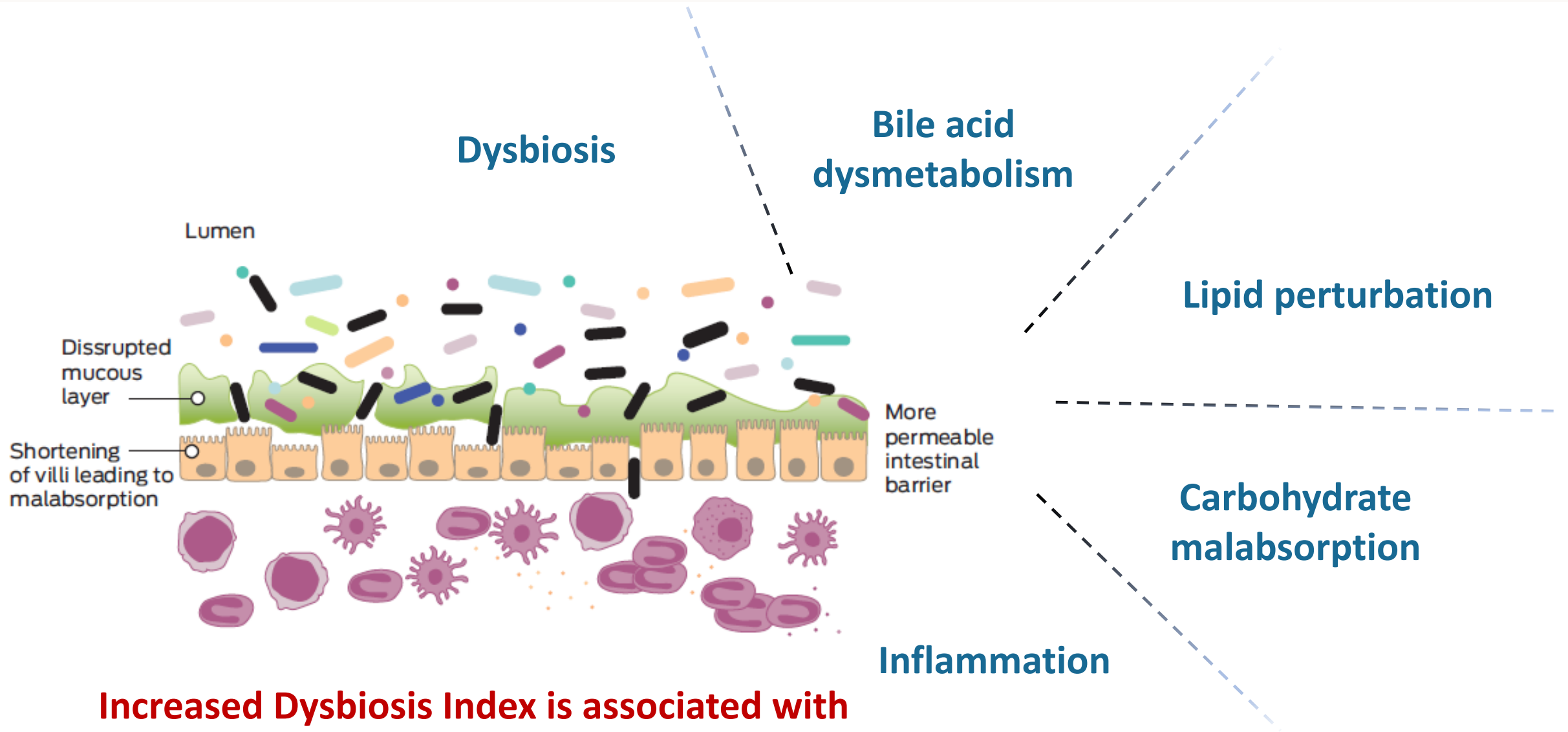
### Fructose



# IHC: SGLT1 (glucose transporter)

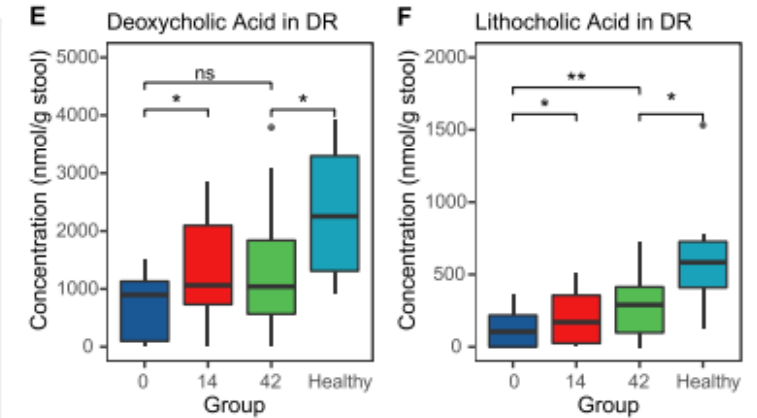
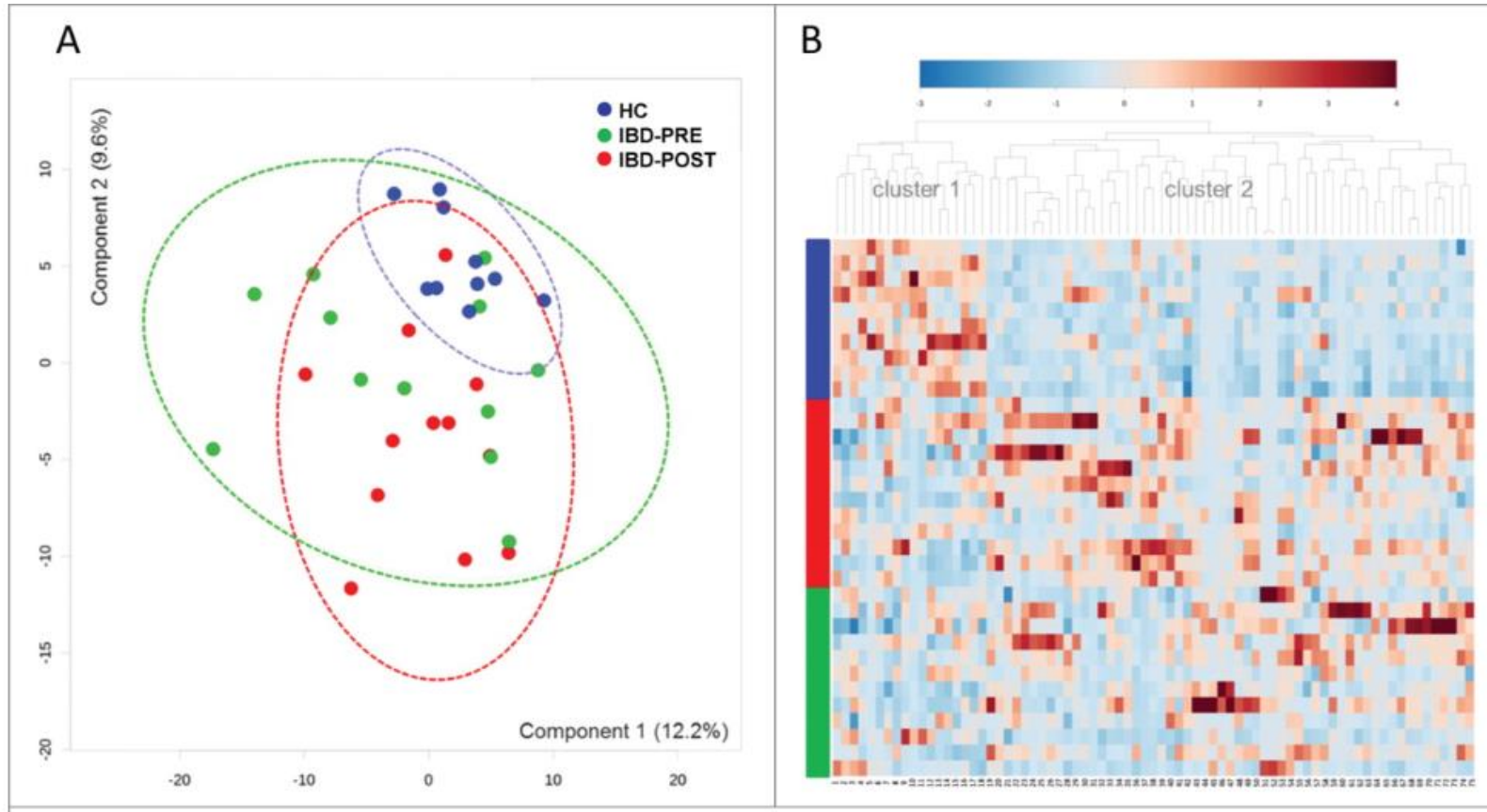


# A subset of dogs with chronic enteropathy



**Increased Dysbiosis Index is associated with more severe functional changes in intestine**

# Despite CLINICAL remission – most abnormalities persist, indicating persistent underlying pathology in chronic enteropathy



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Diet-induced remission in chronic enteropathy is associated with altered microbial community structure and synthesis of secondary bile acids

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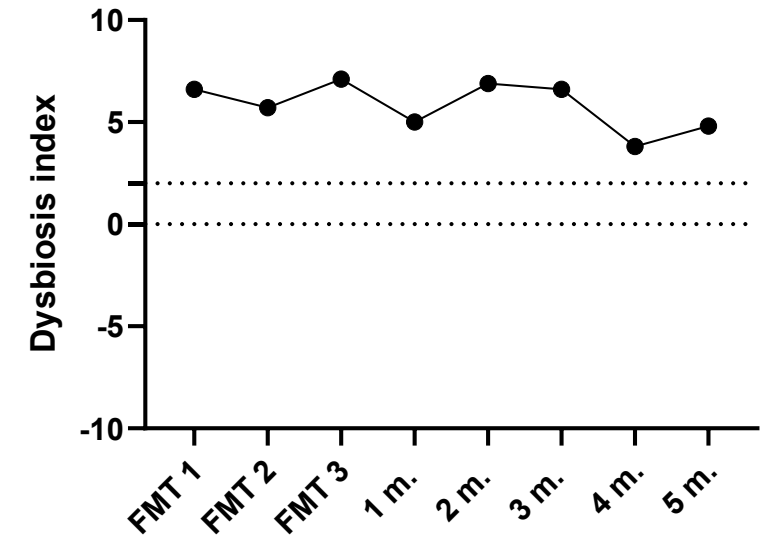
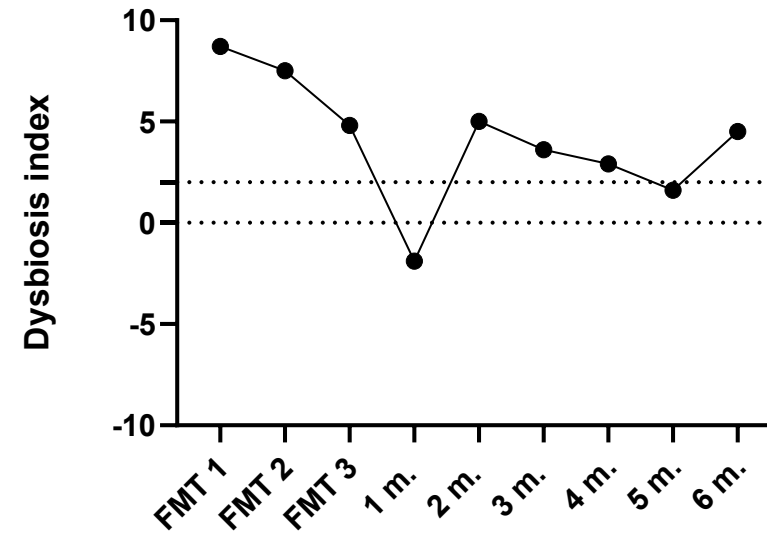
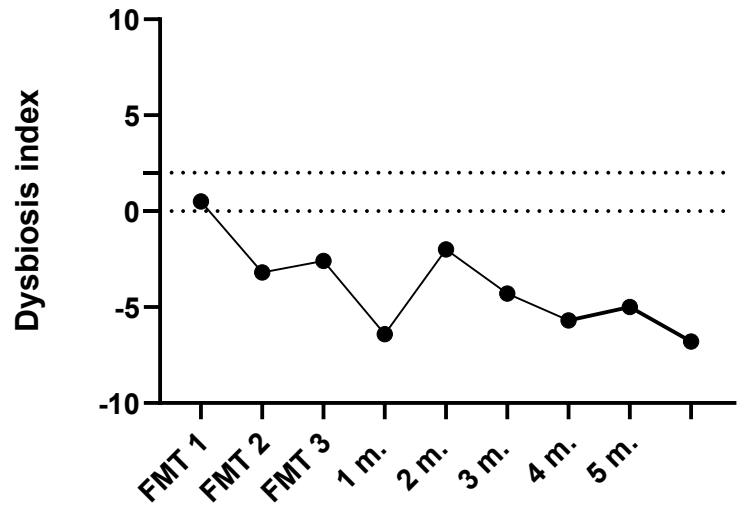
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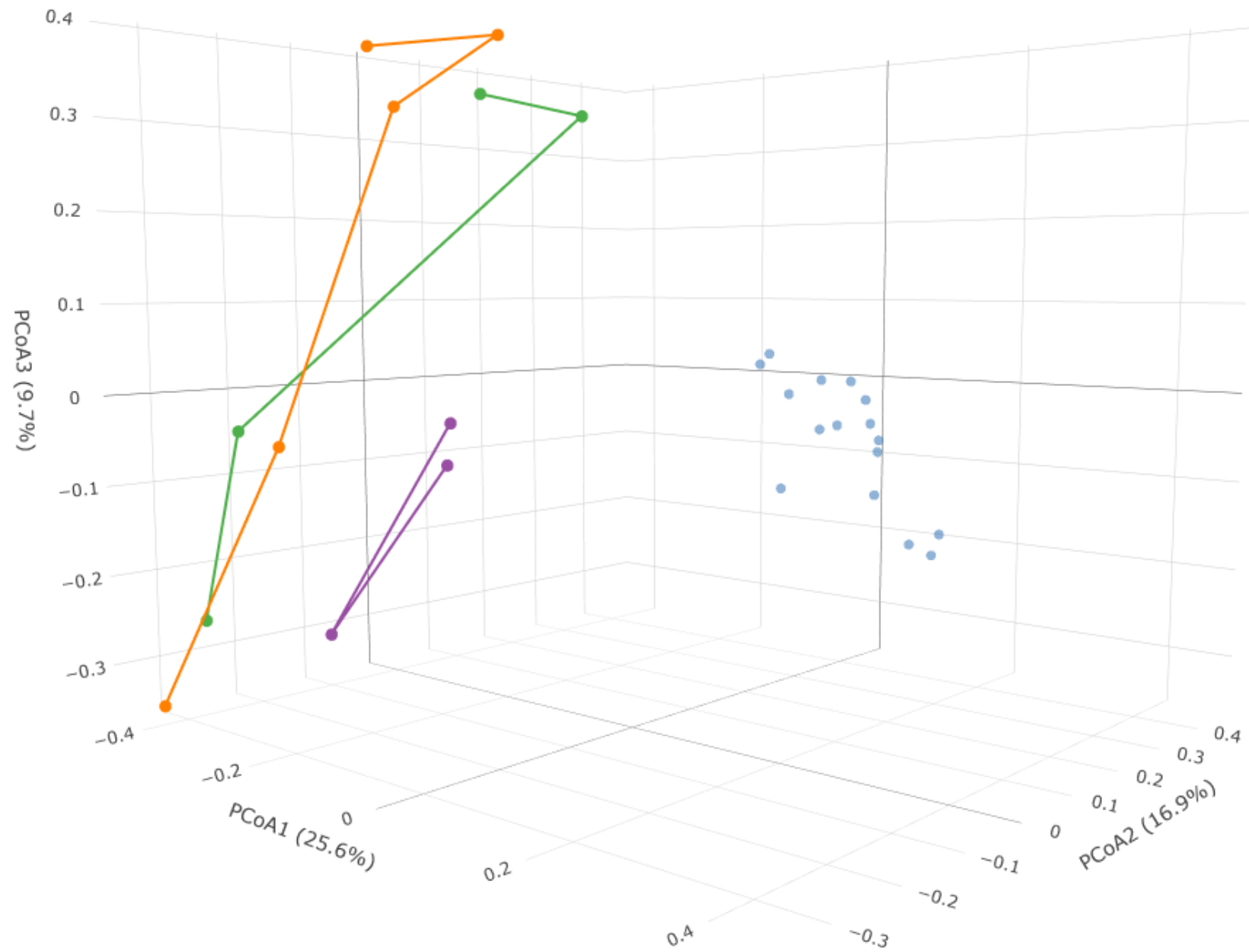
Combined data at baseline from 3 different FMT studies using the same FMT protocol

- Long lasting responders: 85% had  $DI < 2$
- Short-term responders: 70% had  $DI > 2$

Toresson et al, 2023 and 2025  
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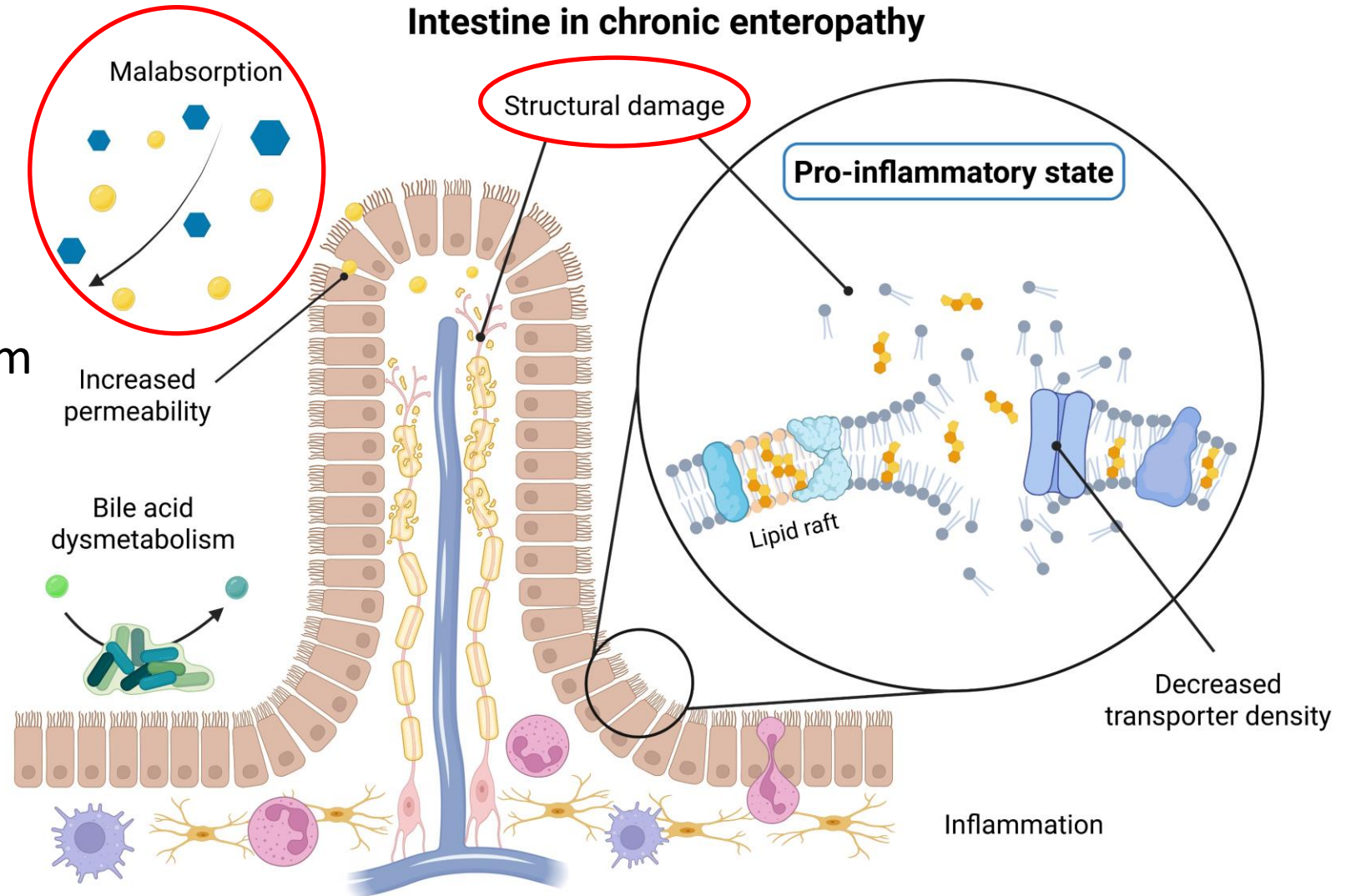
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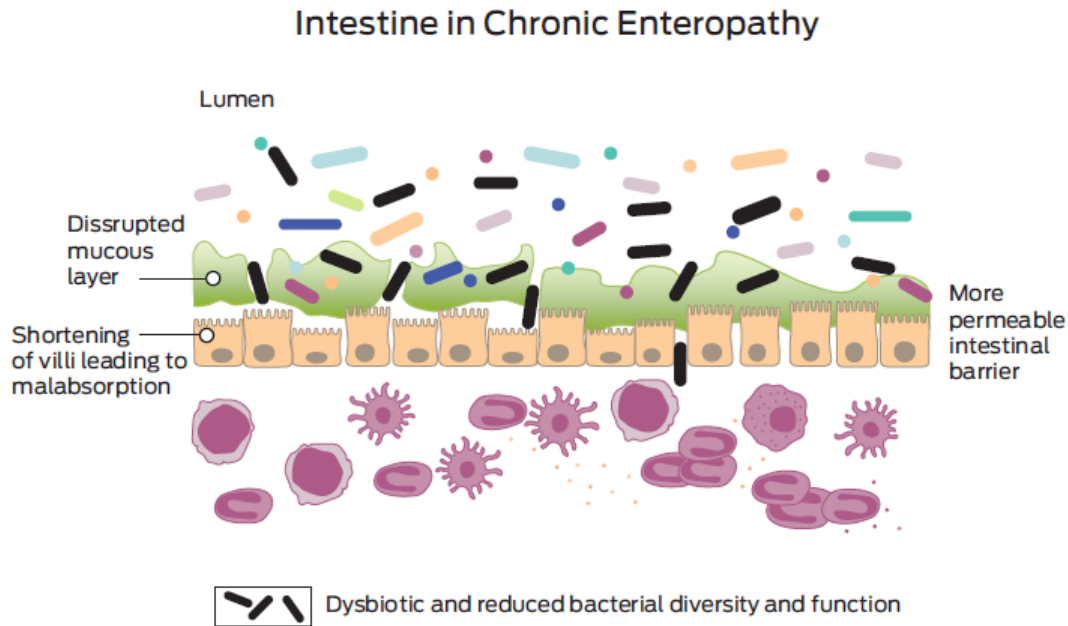
# Underlying pathophysiology of chronic enteropathy

A subset of animals has

- Dysbiosis
- Bile acid and lipid dysmetabolism
- Carbohydrate malabsorption
- Inflammation
- Mucosal damage

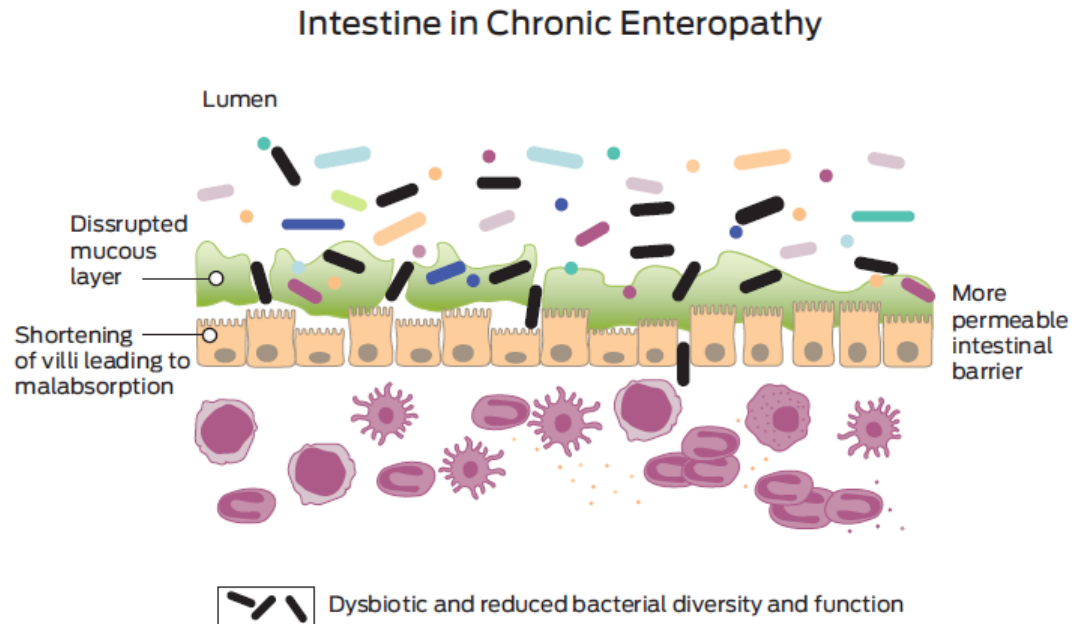


# Summary



- established CIE is more than an immune-mediated disease
- heterogenous syndrome
  - various overlapping pathologies, which differ in extend between patients
- a subset of patients has
  - increased dysbiosis index
  - increased markers of inflammation
  - malabsorption
  - abnormal intestinal permeability
- acute vs chronic enteritis
  - rapid recovery of function in acute
  - persistent dysfunction in chronic

# Summary



- need to subclassify and treat these underlying pathologies
- need for multimodal therapy approaches to treat underlying dysfunction
- stage intestinal disease – persistent changes will require long-term management



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**Thank you!**

