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# “Cow’s Milk – Going beyond basic nutrition to harness functional components”

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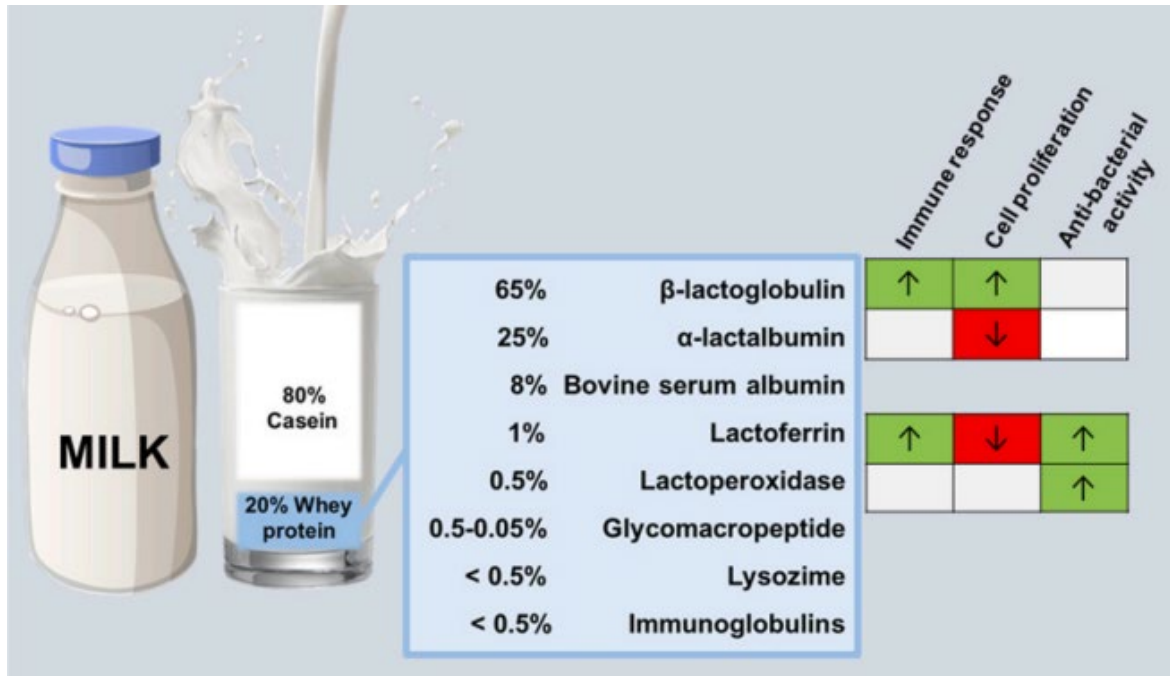
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# Context



In cow's milk, ~ 80% of milk protein is casein and 20% is whey protein.



These & other components possess a variety of different health promoting functionalities that **go beyond basic nutrition**.

Can be further optimised through processing to **concentrate**, **hydrolyse** through enzymatic hydrolysis of milk to reveal new functionalities (such as cryptic peptides) or **fermentation** (generating yoghurt, kefir and other potentially health promoting products).

Such functional can control weight, appetite, inflammation, hypertension, stress as well as prebiotic effects and benefits arising from modulation of the gut microbiome.

## Some examples....

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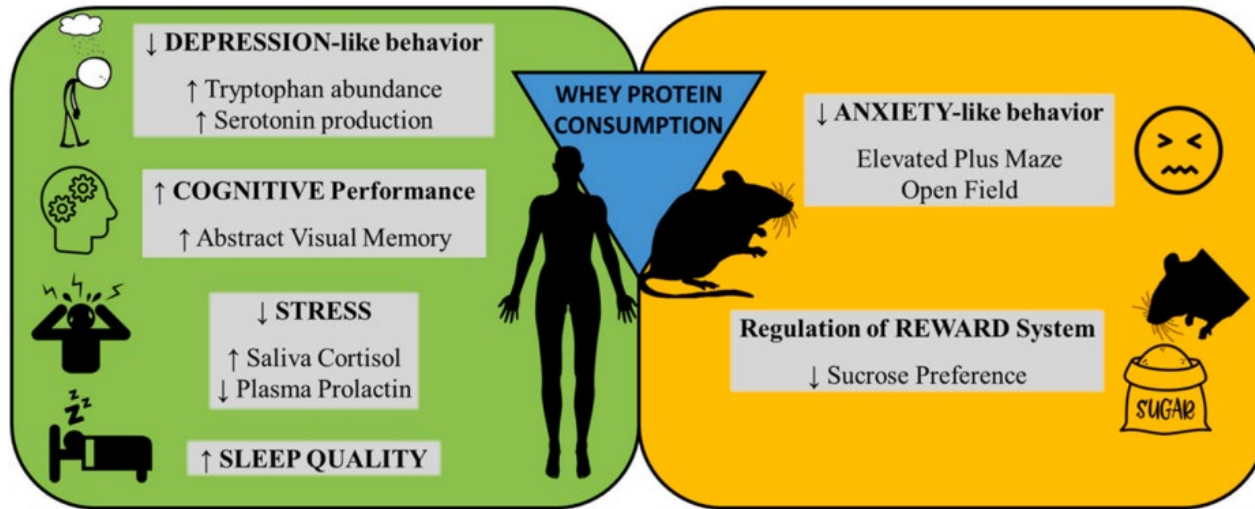
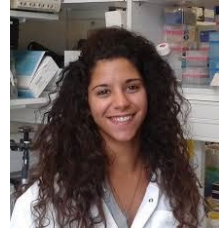
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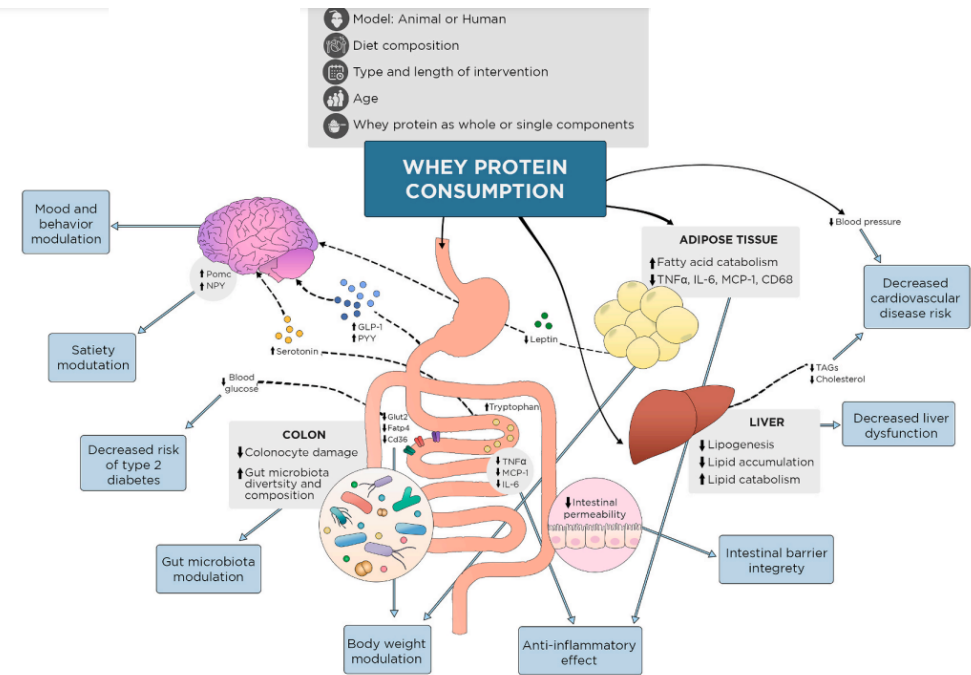


The 'Whey' to good health: Whey protein and its beneficial effect on metabolism, gut microbiota and mental health<sup>☆</sup>

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**Beneficial effects of whey protein on mood and cognition (as assessed in rodents and humans)**



**Beneficial effects of whey protein on obesity-related dysfunction and co-morbidities**

# Concentration

# Whey proteins have different bioactivities influencing body weight and stress

## Bovine serum albumin (BSA) reduces weight gain, body fat and the stress hormone corticosterone

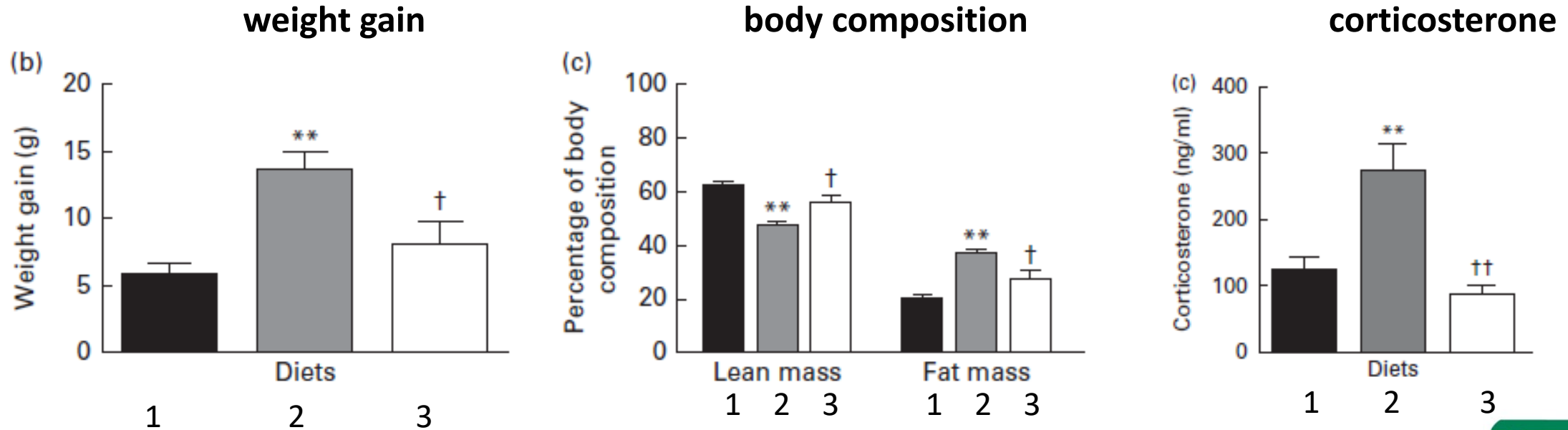
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Bovine serum albumin as the dominant form of dietary protein reduces subcutaneous fat mass, plasma leptin and plasma corticosterone in high fat-fed C57/BL6J mice

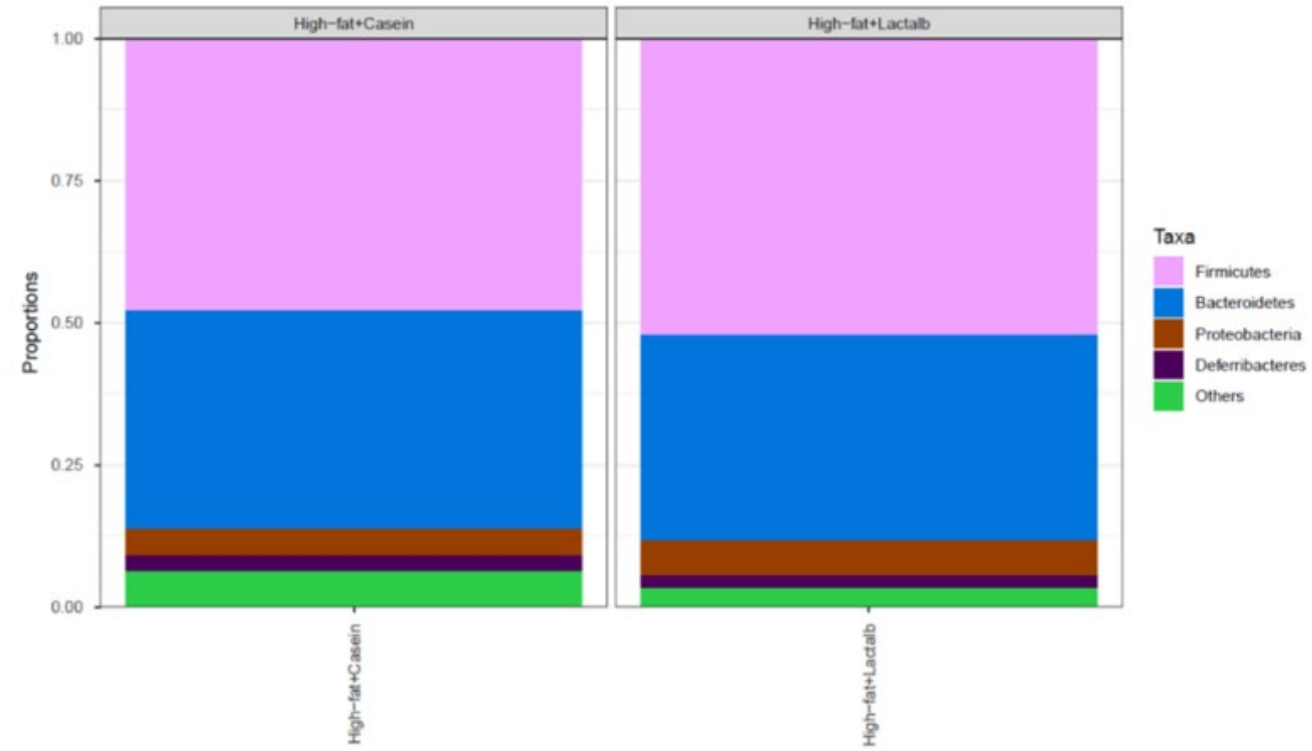
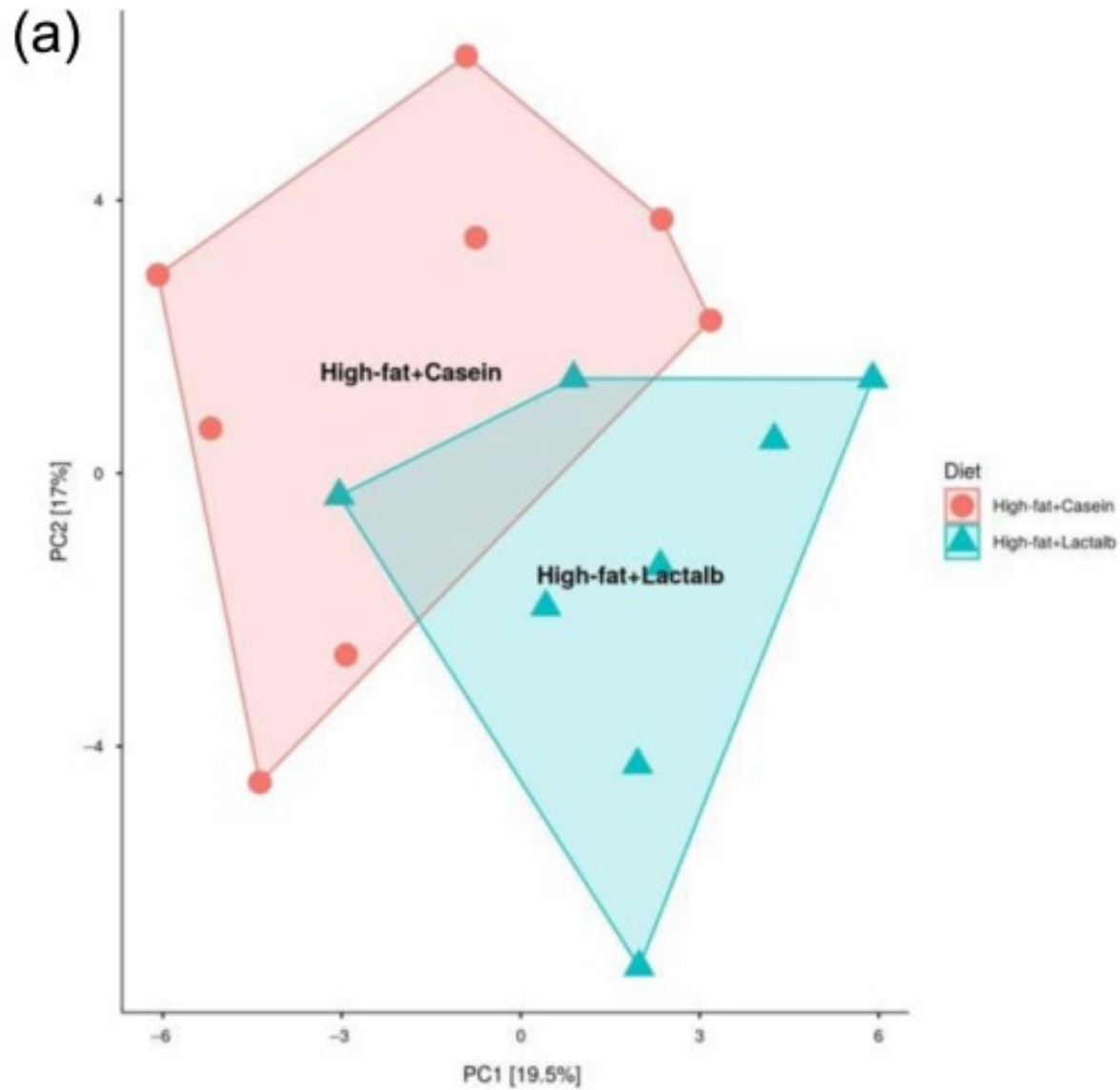


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Diets: 1. Low fat 2. High fat 3. High fat + BSA

# Bovine alpha-lactalbumin alters the gut microbiota



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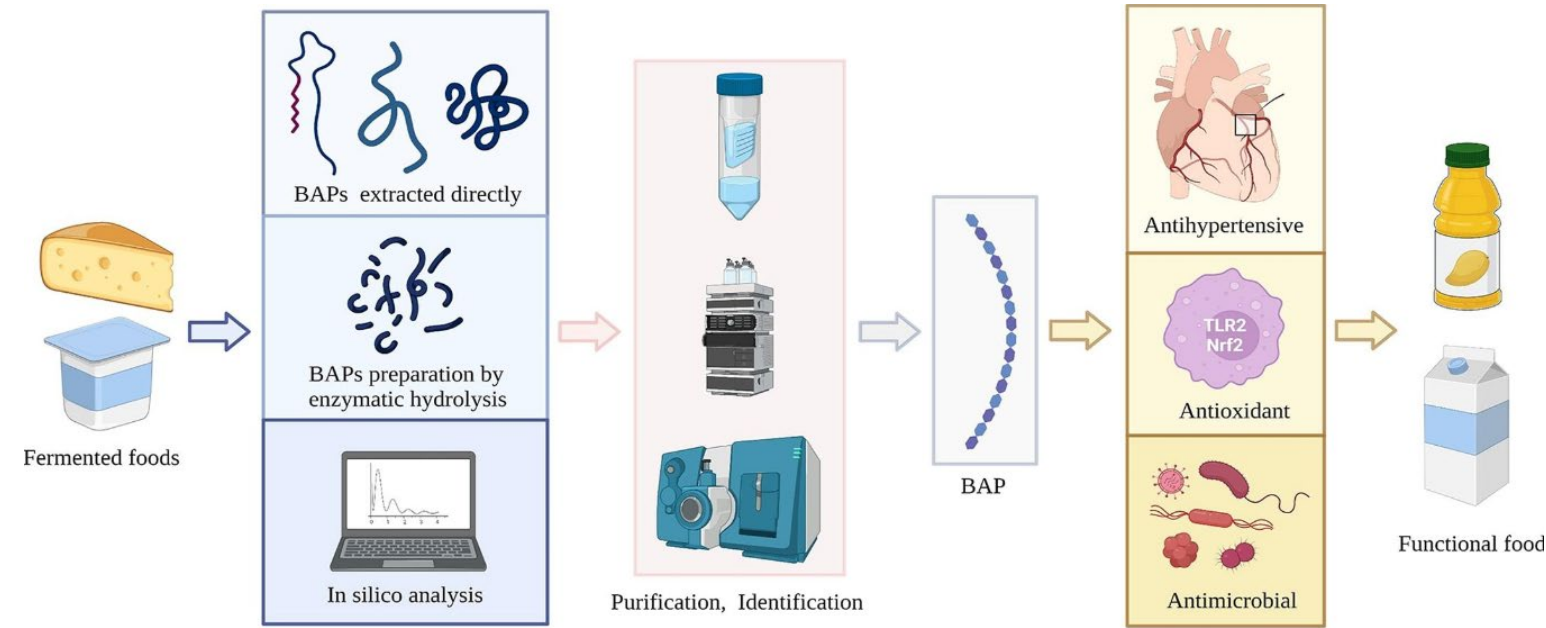
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**Dietary  $\alpha$ -lactalbumin alters energy balance, gut microbiota composition and intestinal nutrient transporter expression in high-fat diet-fed mice**

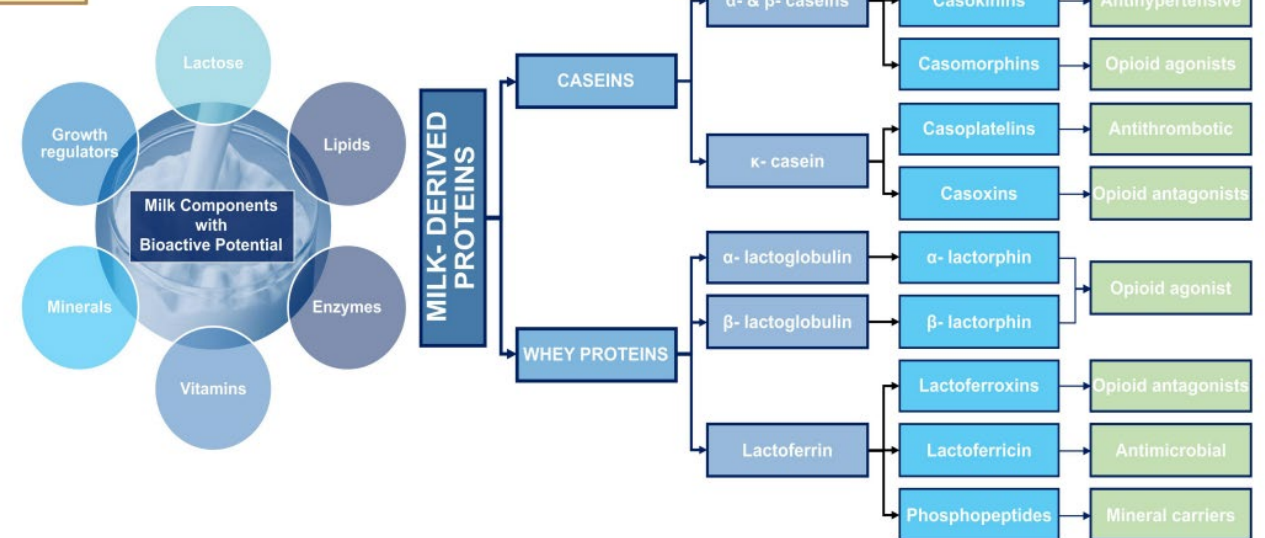
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### Generation of (BAPs) from dairy

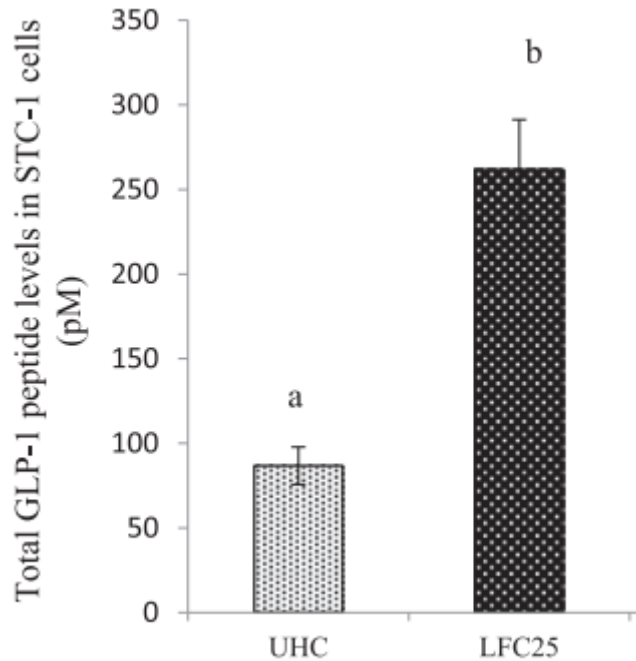


### Examples of bioactive peptides from milk

# Production of Bioactive Peptides

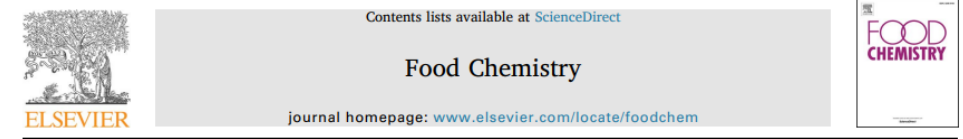
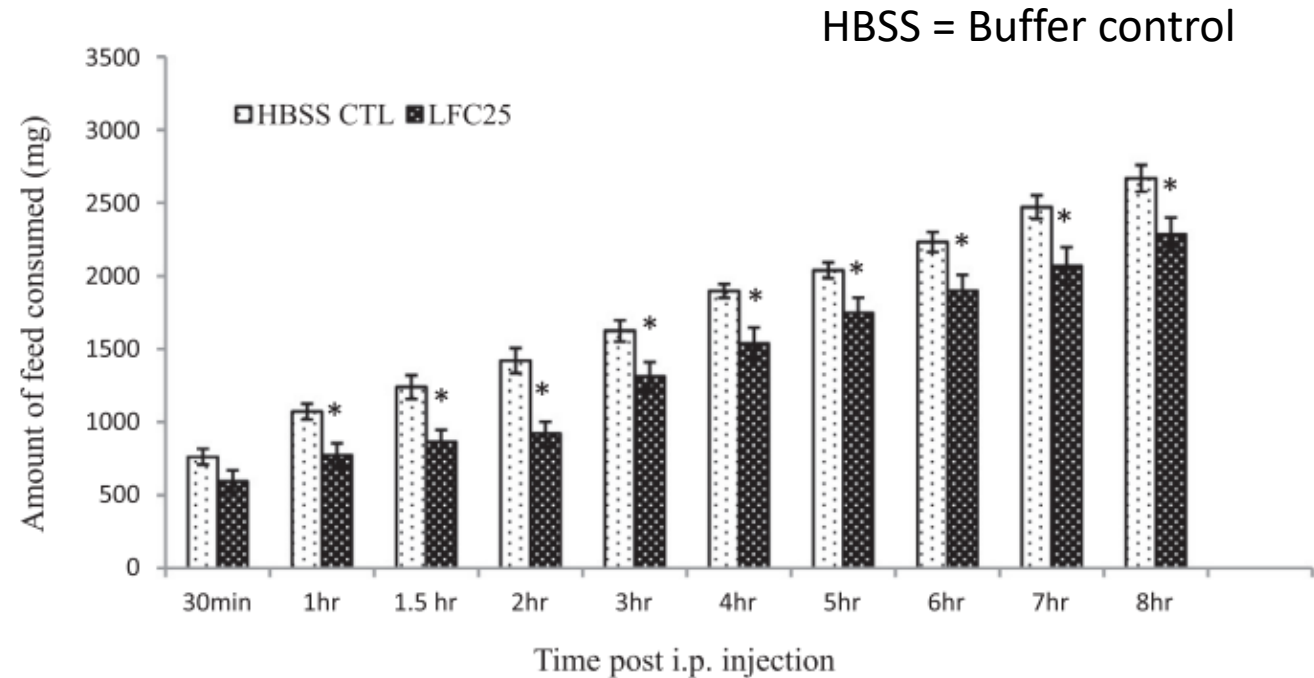
## A casein hydrolysate increases GLP-1 secretion and reduces food intake

Screening identified a sodium caseinate hydrolysate, LFC25, which increased secretion of the satiety hormone, GLP-1, enteroendocrine cell line, STC-1, in a dose dependent manner.



UHC = Unhydrolysed casein

Administration of this hydrolysate to mice reduced the cumulative food intake over an eight hour period



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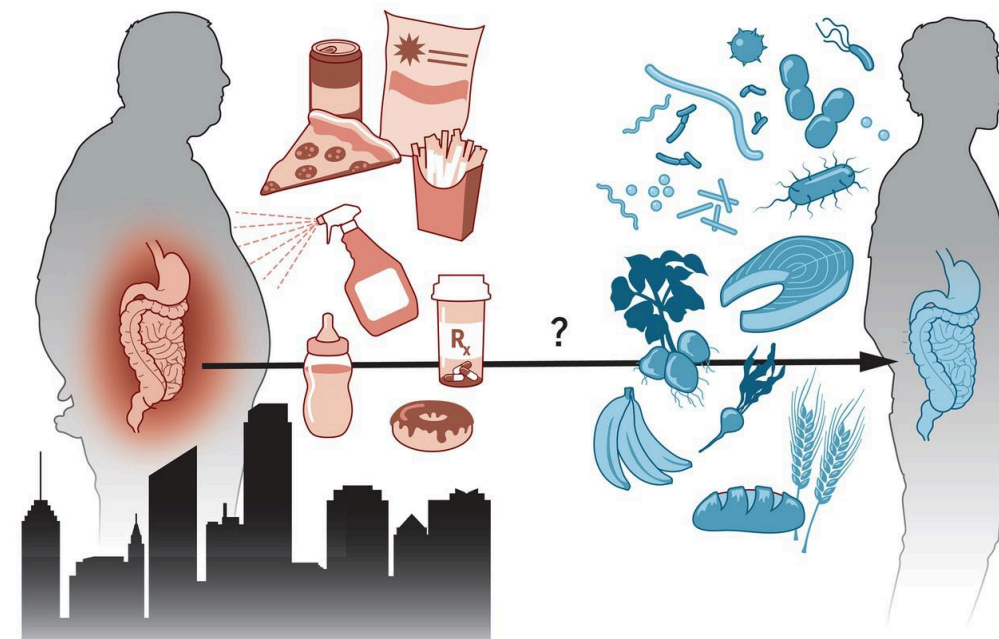
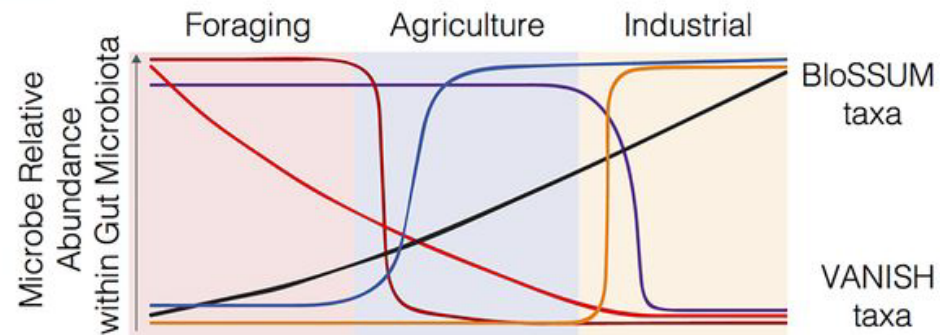
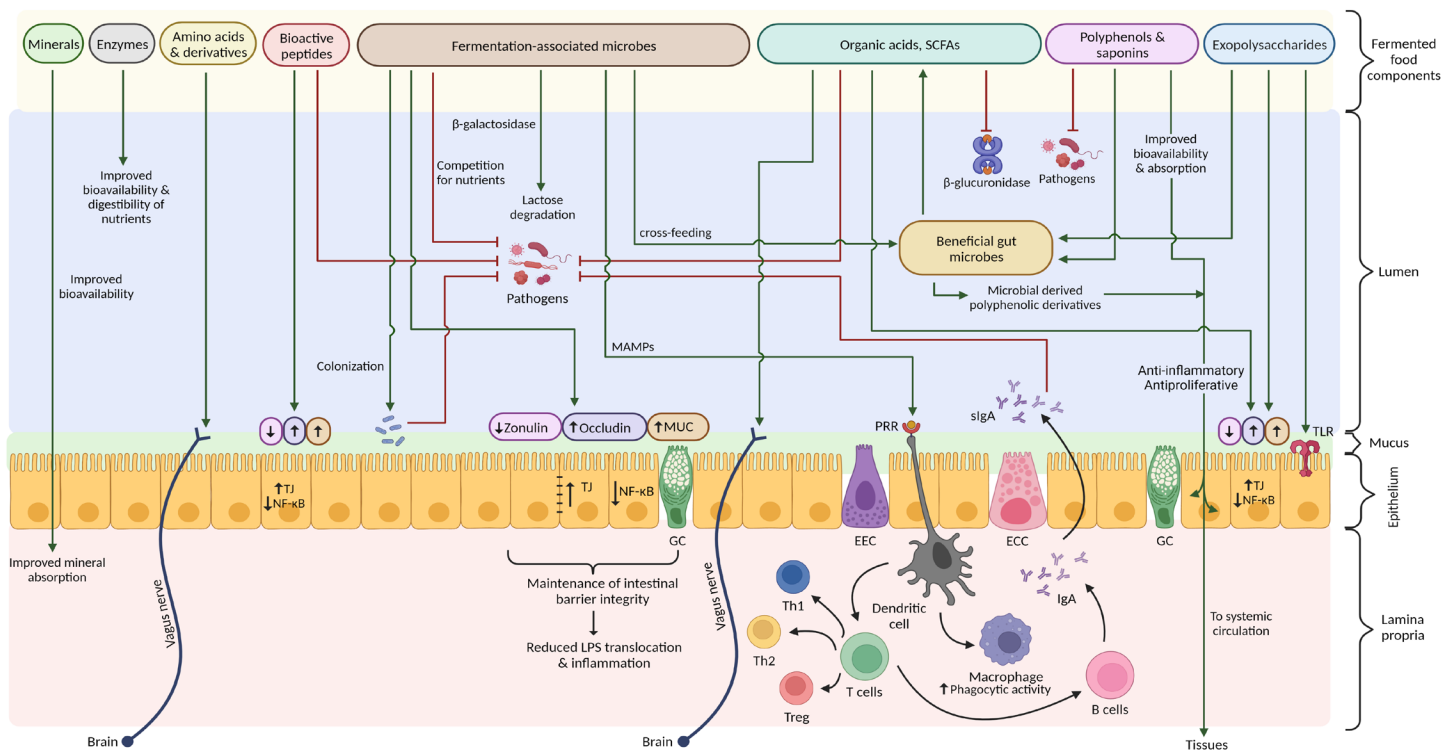
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# Foods made through desired microbial growth and enzymatic conversions of food components"

Marco, et al. *Nat Rev Gastro & Hepatol.* 2021;18(3):196–208.

## Mechanisms responsible for contribution to health...



# Fermentation

Mukherjee, Breselge et al *Nature Rev Gastro Hepatol* 2023

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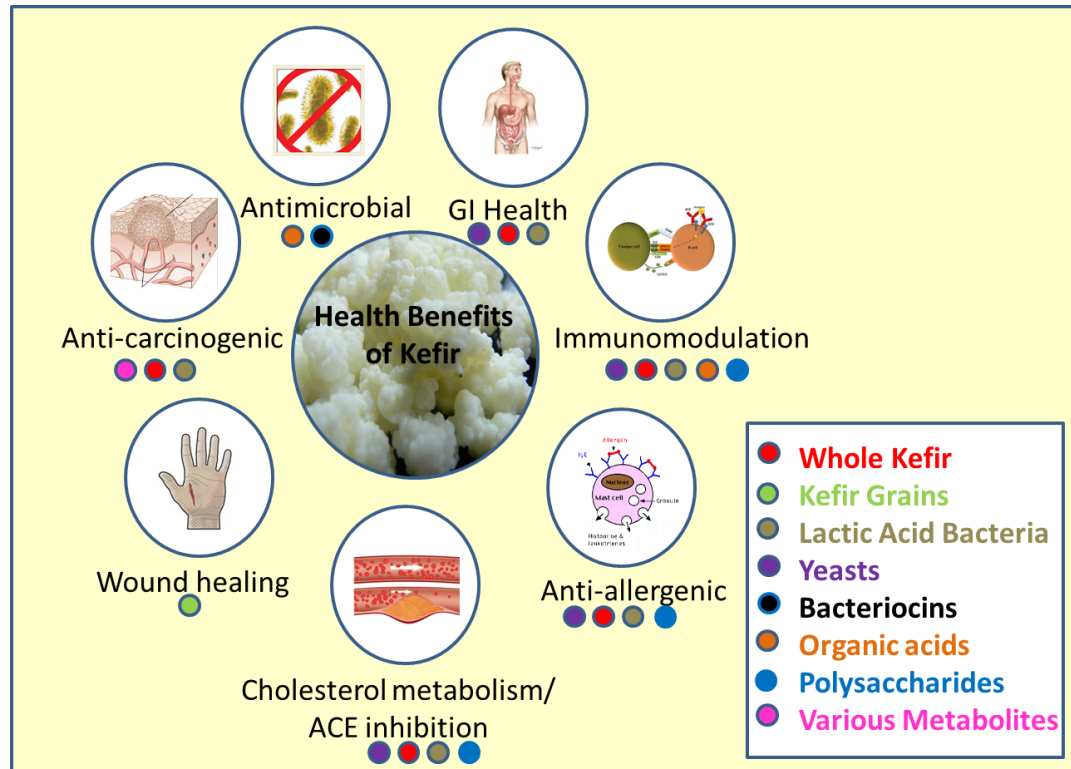


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# Health Benefits of Kefir

Kefir = milk fermented with kefir grain (containing a consortium of bacteria and yeasts)



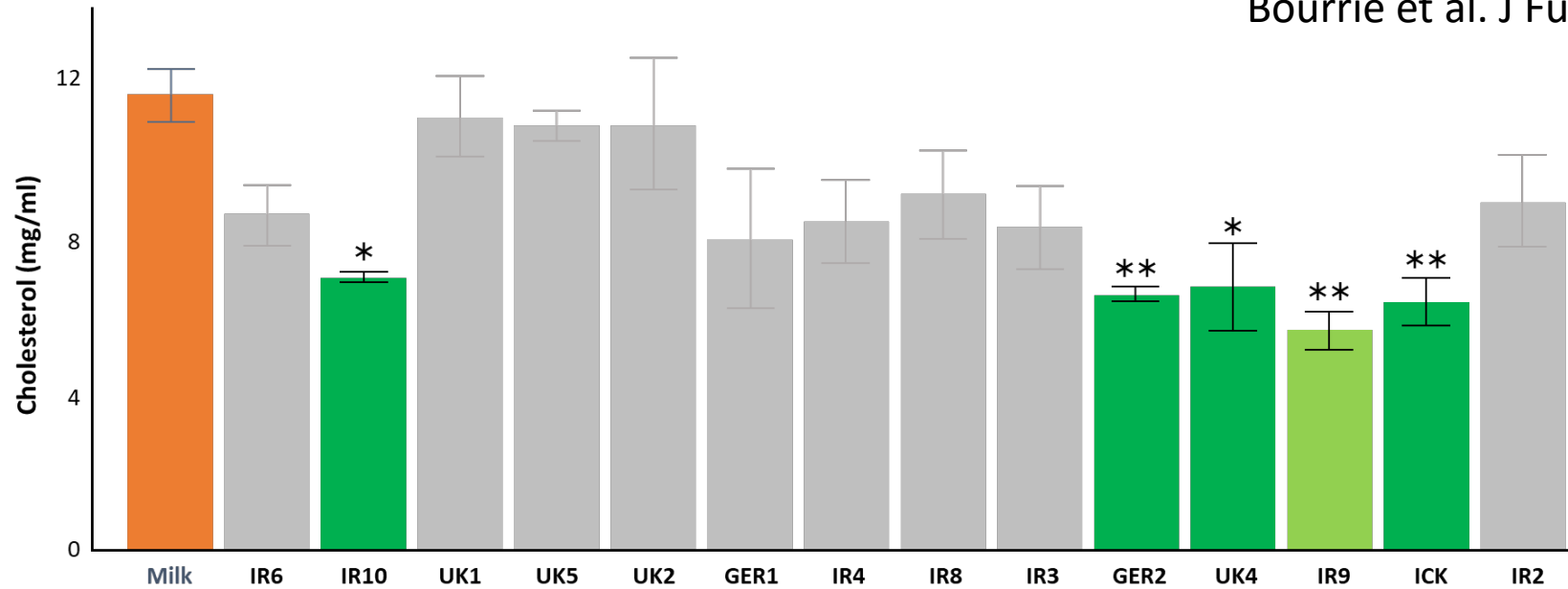
Some of the products on the market that are called 'kefir' are not really kefir

Many putative health benefits but quality of many of the associated publications leaves a lot to be desired

# Cholesterol Assimilation in Milk

\*=P≤0.05; \*\*=P≤0.01

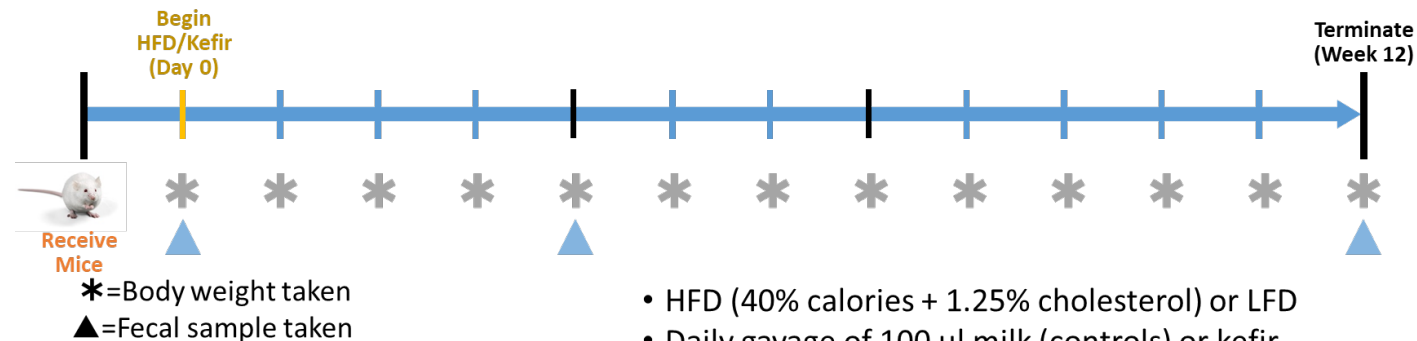
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## High Fat Fed Mice

### Groups:

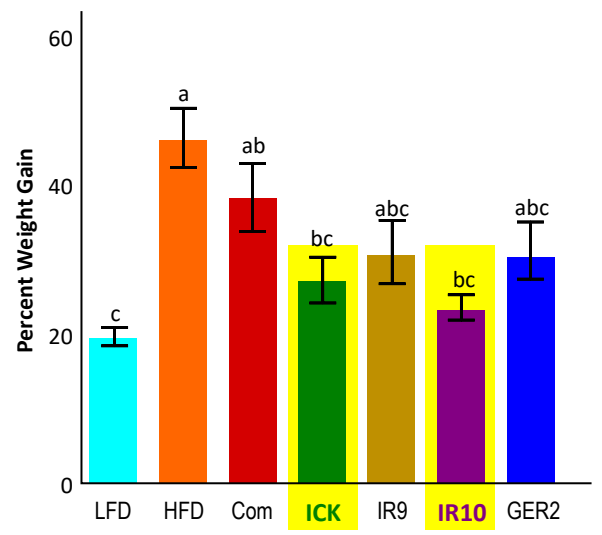
- LFD Control
- HFD Control
- HFD + Commercial
- 4 X HFD + Traditional Kefir Groups



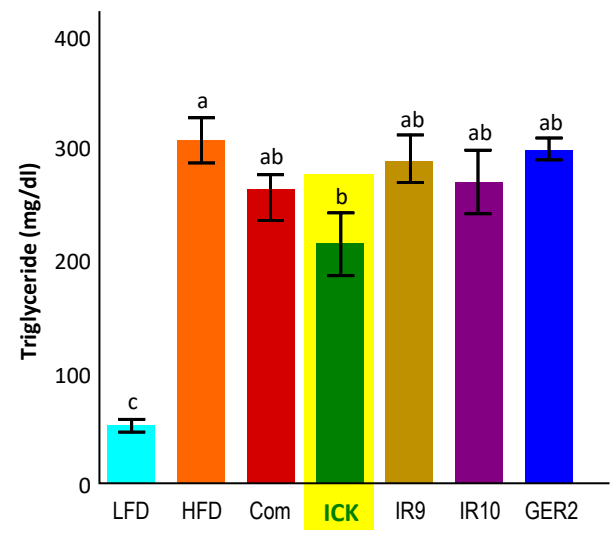
- HFD (40% calories + 1.25% cholesterol) or LFD
- Daily gavage of 100 µl milk (controls) or kefir

# Major differences in health promoting attributes of kefir depending on the microbes present

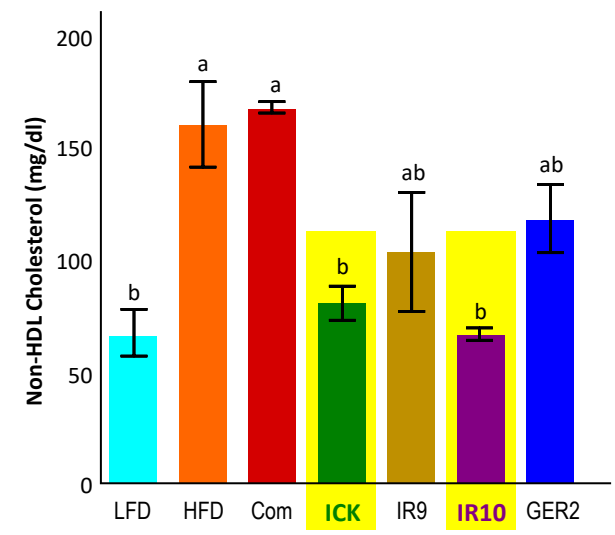
Weight Gain<sup>1</sup>



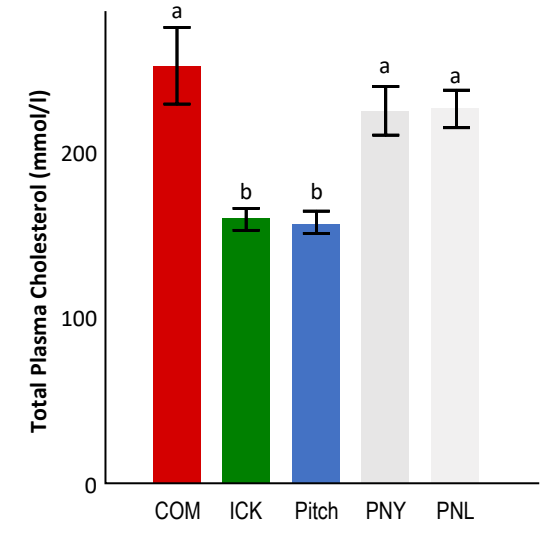
Liver Triglycerides<sup>1</sup>



Plasma Non-HDL Cholesterol<sup>1</sup>



Plasma Cholesterol<sup>2</sup>



Benefits (cholesterol and TAG) of an artisanal kefir (ICK) recreated through use of a 'Pitched' kefir (5 bacteria & 4 yeast).

Benefits lost in absence of LAB or yeast

Significant differences are represented by different letters (a, b, c)

1. Bourrie et al. J Funct Foods. 2018;46:29
2. Bourrie et al. British Journal of Nutrition. 2021;125:129

Other kefirs show beneficial effects in addressing stress and anxiety by targeting the gut-brain-microbiome axis



# Conclusion/Summary

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- These can be further optimised by through **concentration, hydrolysis and/or fermentation**
- Such functional can control weight, appetite, inflammation, hypertension, stress as well as prebiotic effects and benefits arising from modulation of the gut microbiome.

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