

Microbiome as a trigger from LSIL to HSIL: Is it the clue?

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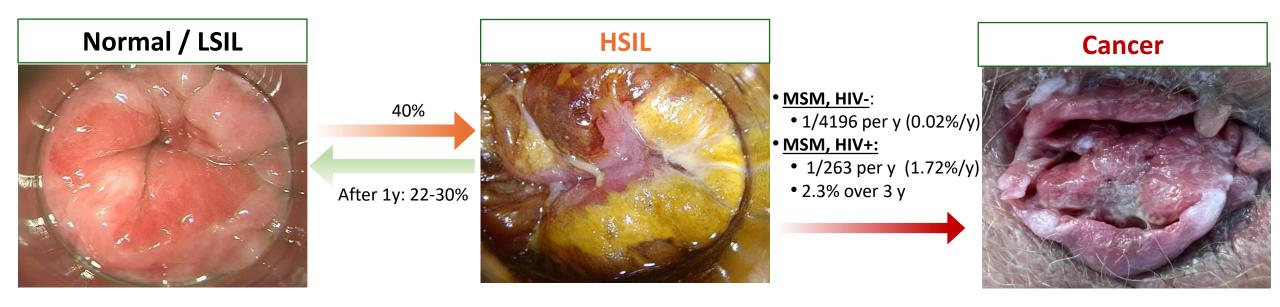


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Anal cancer is markedly increased in people with HIV But The Mechanisms Are Unclear



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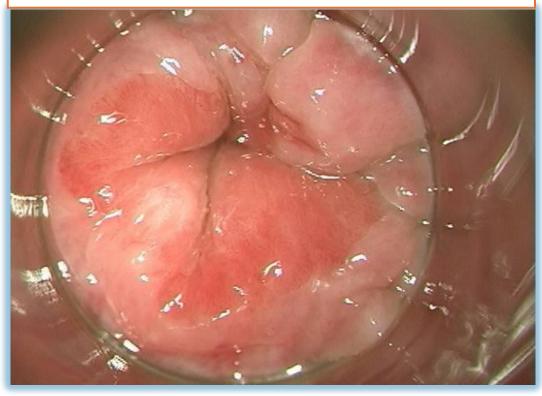
Jongen VW et al. Anal Squamous Intraepithelial Lesions (SILs) in Human Immunodeficiency Virus-Positive Men Who Have Sex With Men: Incidence and Risk Factors of SIL and of Progression and Clearance of Low-Grade SILs. J Infect Dis. 2020;222(1):62.

Machalek DA, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2012;13(5):487.

Goldstone S, *et al.* Five-year cumulative incidence of invasive anal cancer among HIV-infected patients according to baseline anal cytology results: an inception cohort analysis. HIV Med 2015; 16:191–5. Fazendin EA, *et al.* Condyloma acuminatum, anal intraepithelial neoplasia, and anal cancer in the setting of HIV: do we really understand the risk? Dis Colon Rectum 2017; 60:1078–82 Mette T. Faber *et al.* Risk of Anal Cancer Following Benign Anal Disease and Anal Cancer Precursor Lesions: A Danish Nationwide Cohort Study, Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev 2020 Poynten *et al.* The Natural History of Anal High-grade Squamous Intraepithelial Lesions in Gay and Bisexual Men. Clin Infect Dis. 2021 Mar 1;72(5):853-861.

Clinical discordance between stable sexually active couples: Why?

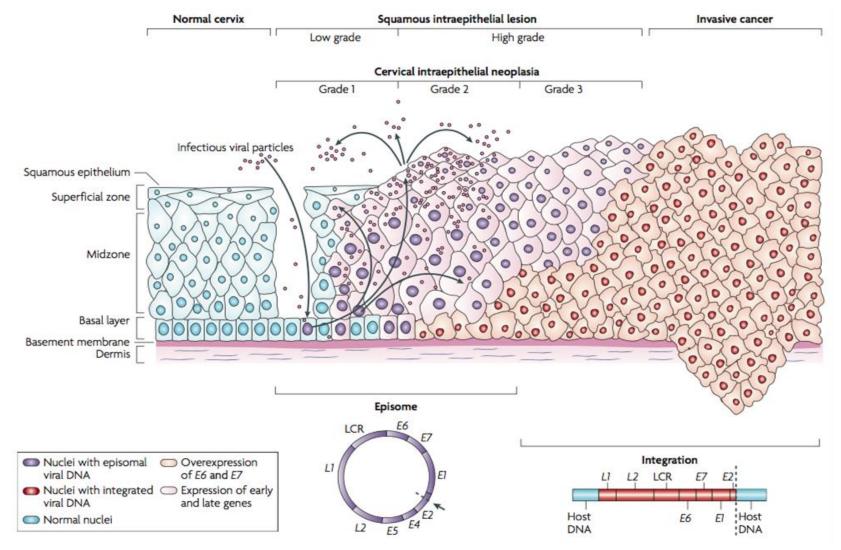
Patient 1: MSM with HIV on ART, CD4 >500, HPV 16+



Patient 2 (his partner): MSM with HIV on ART, CD4 >500, HPV 16+

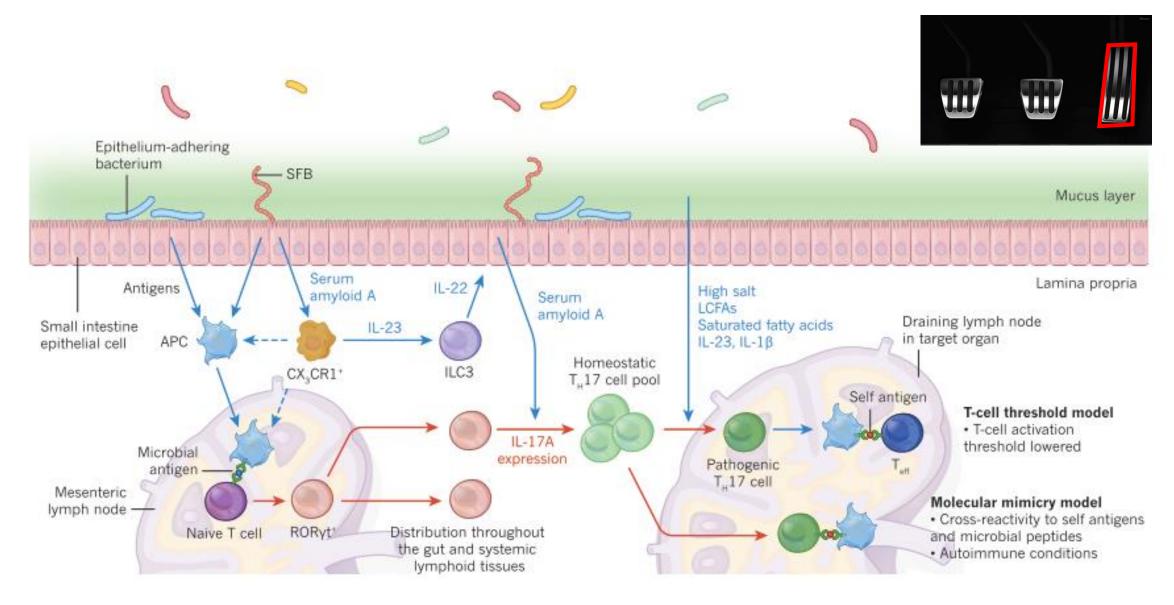


HPV infection is exclusively intraepithelial



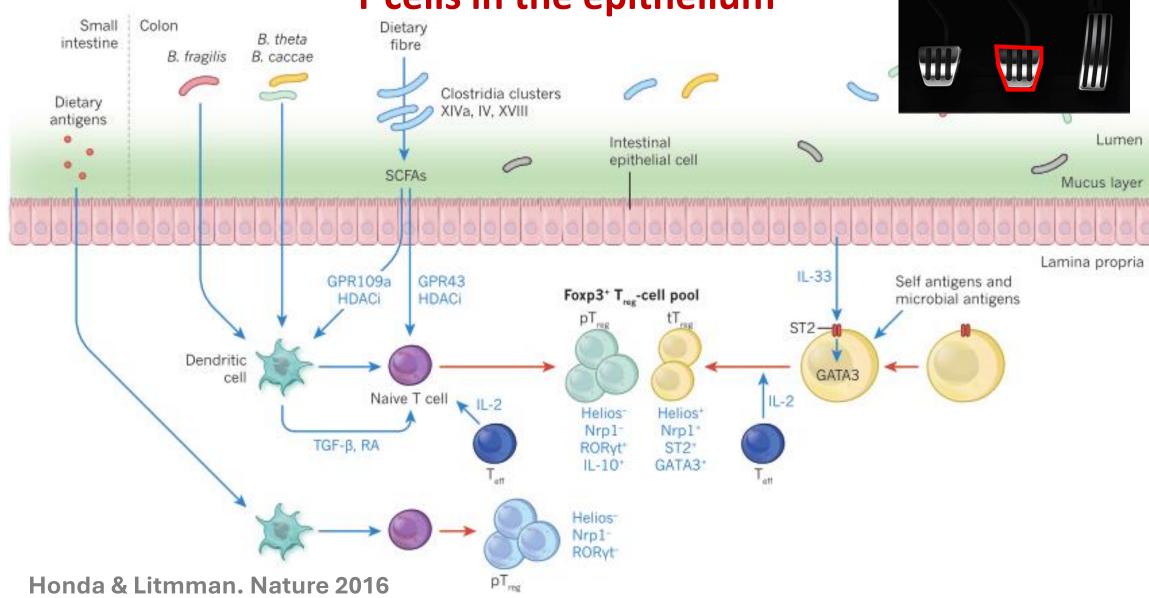
Woodman CB, et al. The natural history of cervical HPV infection: unresolved issues. Nat Rev Cancer. 2007 Jan;7(1):11-22

Microbiota-mediated induction of Th17 cells and autoimmunity

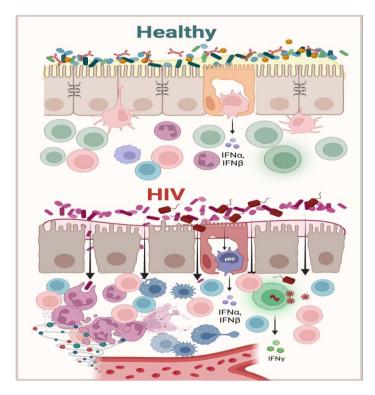


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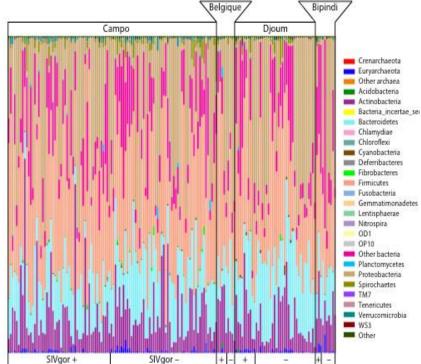
Influence of the microbiota and diet on subsets of regulatory T cells in the epithelium



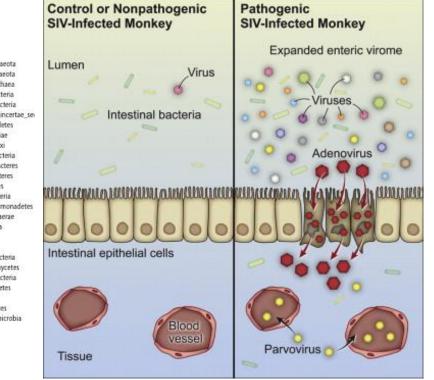
Is there an HIV-Associated Dysbiosis?



Brechley & Serrano-Villar. Microbiome 2024

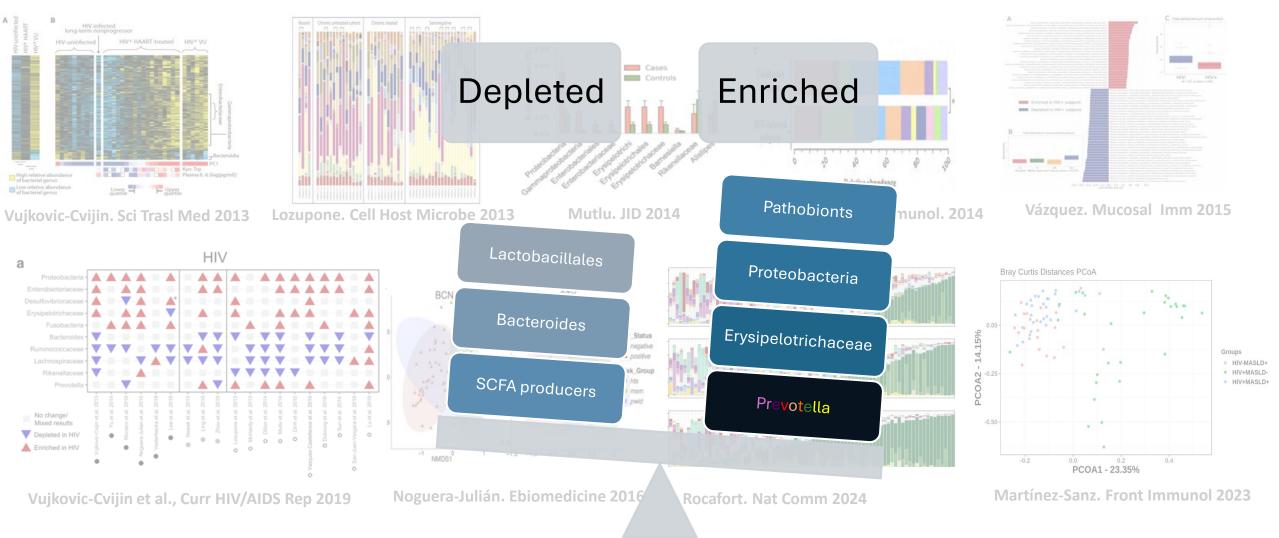


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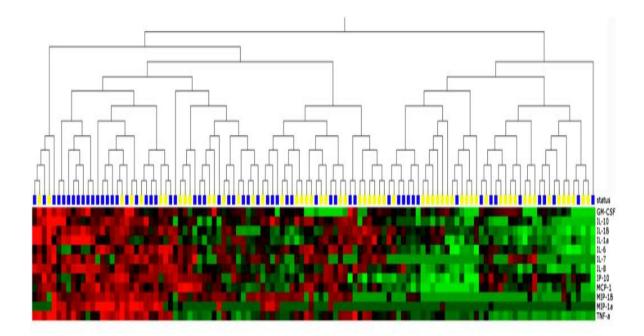
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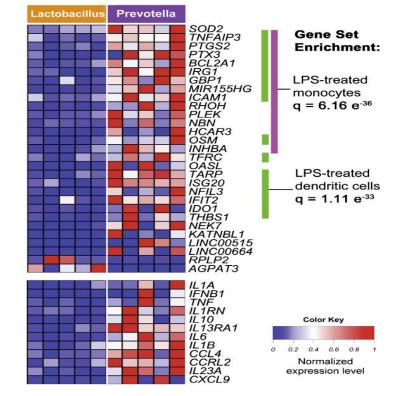
Microbiome's Effects on HIV. Passive mechanisms

The Cervicovaginal Microbiota Influences the Risk of HIV Acquisition in Women

Women who later became HIV–infected had up-regulated preinfection cervicovaginal cytokine concentrations (risk x3)



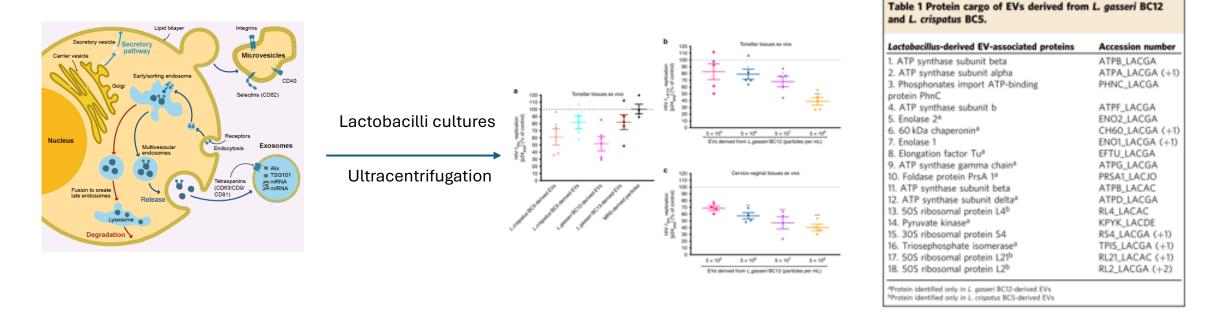
Bacterial vaginosis determines local inflammation via TLR-4 signaling



Anahtar et al. Immunity 2015

Masson et al. JID 2015

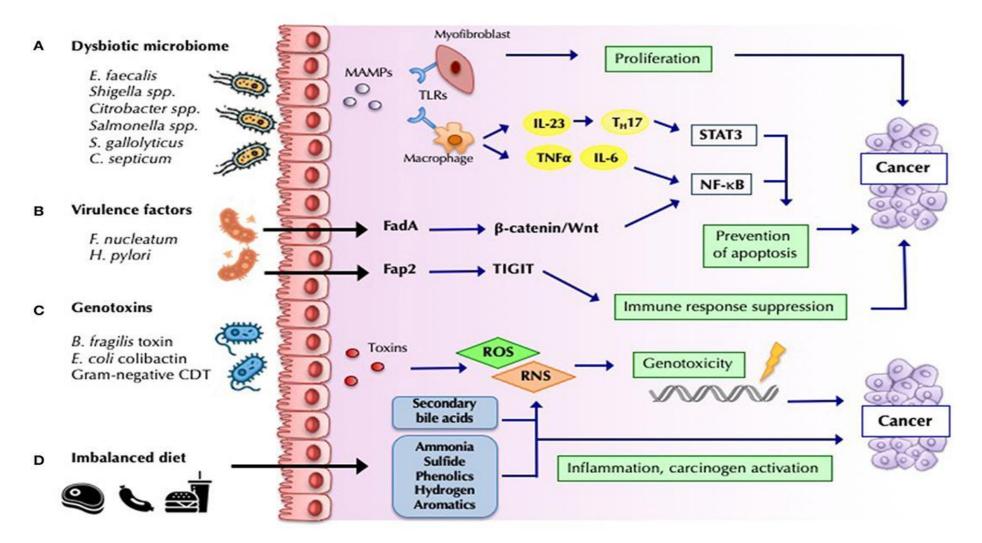
Microbiome's effects on HIV replication. *Active mechanisms* Extracellular vesicles from lactobacilli inhibit HIV replication



EVs released by lactobacilli into culture medium protect human T cells as well as human cervico-vaginal and tonsillar tissues ex vivo from HIV-1 infection, through the inhibition of viral attachment and entry in the target cells.

Ñahui-Palomino. Nature Comm 2019

The microbiome affects cancer pathogenesis and treatment outcomes Consistent with the Previous Links Between the Microbiome and Cancer Pathogenesis



Herrera, Martínez-Sanz, Serrano-Villar. Frontiers in Immunology 2018

HPV-Associated disease risk are increased in PWH Does the Microbiome Influence HPV disease?

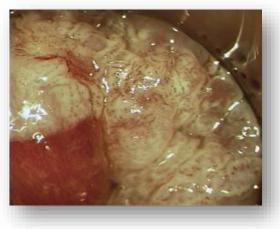
Anal condyloma



Anal cancer



Anal HSIL



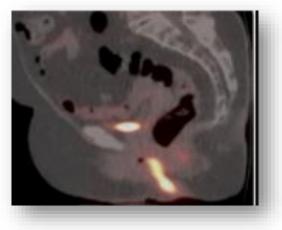
Oral cancer



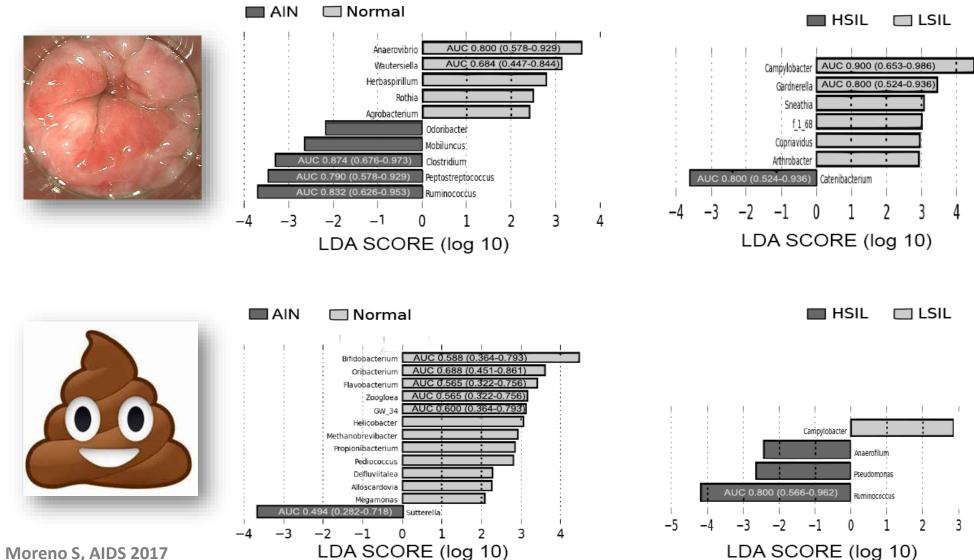
Cervical HSIL



Vulvar cancer

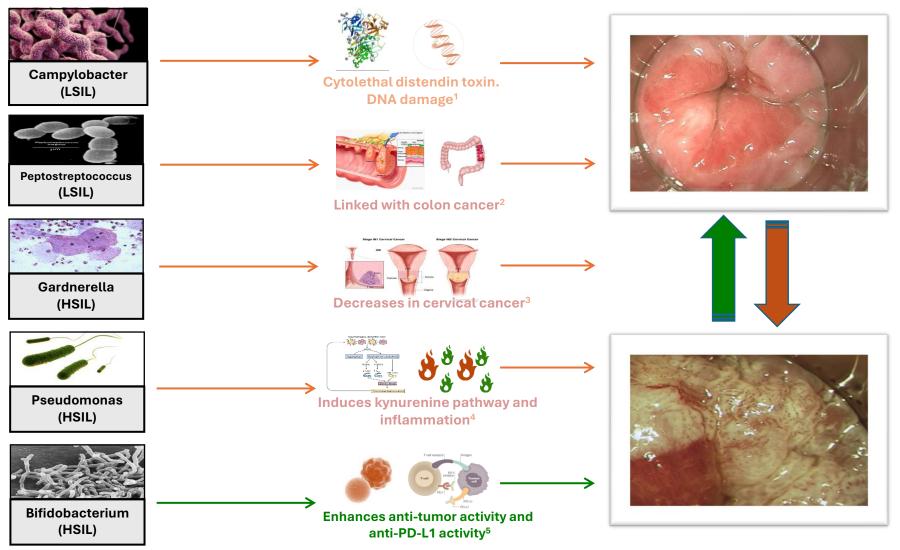


Bacterial Signatures Associated with Anal Dysplasia Differ in Anal Biopsies vs. Stools



Serrano-Villar S... Moreno S, AIDS 2017

Bacterial Signatures Associated with Anal Dysplasia Consistent with Reported Links Between the Microbiome and Cancer Pathogenesis



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1 Martínez. Int J Med Microbiol 2006. 2 Candela. World J Gastroenterol 2014. 3 Audirac-Chaulifor. Plos One 2014 4 Favre. Sci Transl Med 2010. 4 Sivan. Science 2014.

Is there an HPV-Associated Dysbiosis? Mixed Results

- Gardnerella
- Atopobium
- Sneathia
- Prevotella
- Megasphaera

Decreased:

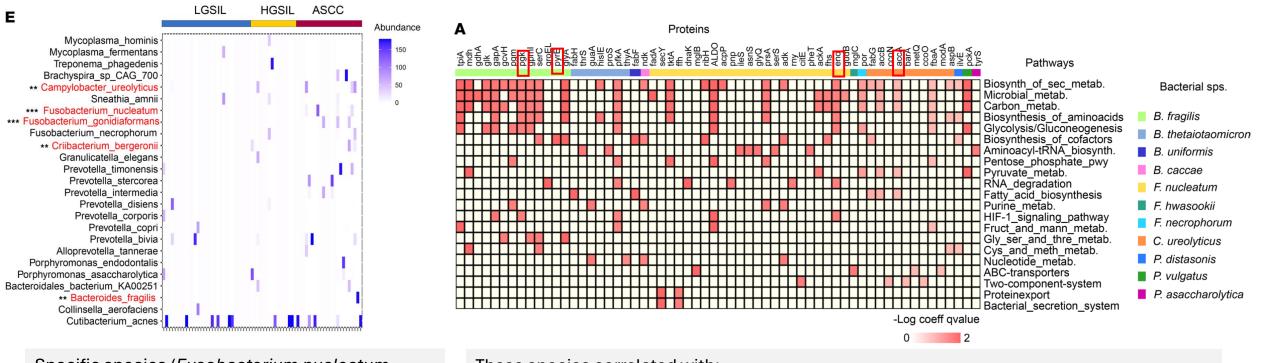
• *Lactobacillus* species

Ref. Shen	Study population 156 women with HR-HPV (divided in 3 groups: No lesion, LSIL and HSIL)	Outcome Changes in the microflora and its metabolites to mine for potential biomarkers that can be used to predict the risk of cervical cancer	Microbiome analysis 16S rRNA sequencing	Main results		Table 1 (Continued)	
				Women with HPV infe	ction:	Ref.	Study populatio
et al. [25]				↑ Gardnerella Women with HSIL: ↑ Atopobium ↑ Sneathia ↓ Streptococcus decreased		Onywera, et al. [16]	87 South African women.
Serrano-Villar <i>et al.</i> [10]	42 MSM HIV- infected individuals undergoing screening for anal HPV-associated lesions	To identify mechanisms by which HIV infection facilitates persistence of HPV in the mucosa and increases the risk of AIN and progression from low-grade to high-grade intraepithelial lesions	16S rRNA sequencing	In mucosa, individuals with AIN: † Peptostrepcoccus, † Anerovibrio, Subjects with LSIL: † Campylobacter Subjects with HSIL: † Gardnerella † Catenibacterium	In feces, individuals with AIN: j Bifdobacterium ↓ Peptostreptococcus. Subjects with LSIL: ↑ Campylobacter Subjects with HSIL: ↑ Ruminococcus ↑ Pseudomonas	Piyathilake et al. [31]	430 women diagnosed with abnormal cervi cells.
						Gressel et al. [22]	55 Postmenopaus women
Di Paola et al. [18]	28 women with persistent HPV, 27	To identify the microbial profiles associated	16S rRNA sequencing	HPV persistence group: ↓ Lactobacillus dominance			
	women with HPV clearance, and 17 controls (1- year follow-up)	with viral clearance or persistence.		↑ Anaerobes species (Atopobium, Megasp	Gardnerella, Prevotella, bhoera)	Elnaggar et al. [27*]	60 patients with high-grade lowe genital tract dysplasia and 2
Audirac- Chalifour <i>et al.</i> [21]	Samples from a biological bank (2008–2011):	HPV infection and the development of SIL and CC are	16S rRNA sequencing	HPV persistence or SIL: ↑ Atopobium vaginae Women with CC:			patients with SCCA
	268 SIL 205 women with HPV negative as controls 171 CSCC	associated with changes in microbiota diversity.		↑ Fusobacterium Women with CIN: ↑ Sneathia		Ron <i>et al.</i> [7]	99 HIV-infected a 29 HIV-uninfect MSM; all underwent anal cytology and H
Mitra <i>et al.</i> [20]	169 premenopausal women attending colposcopy clinic; 20 normal, 52 LSIL, 92 HSIL, 5 ICC.	To correlate the structure of the vaginal microbiome with the presence of CIN.	16S rRNA sequencing	Vaginal HSIL: ↑ Sneathia, ↑ Peptostreptococcus a ↑ Anaerococcus tetrad ↓ L. jensenii		Serrano et al. [26""]	213 individuals w HIV who had completed all o the cytologic ar histologic
Nowak <i>et al.</i> [6]	130 Nigerian MSM	To define anal microbial patterns for MSM and their correlations with HR- HPV, HIV, and other	16S rRNA sequencing	Anal HPV16 infection: ↑ Sneathia			evaluations (HS and anal cance screening)
		biological and behavioral characteristics.				Oh <i>et al.</i> [19]	120 women: 70 CIN cases. 50 Controls:norm cytology or
Shannon et al. [30]	65 African/ Caribbean	Examined differences in cervico-vaginal levels	16S rRNA sequencing	HPV presence: ↑ Lactobacillus iners			ASCUS.
	women 23 HPV- and 36 HPV+	of pro-inflammatory and chemoattractant cytokines and the associated composition and structure of the vaginal microbiota		↓ Lactobacillus spp. ↓ Fusobacterium		Lee et al. [32]	68 female twins with HPV infection- discordant in Korea

ef.	Study population	Outcome	Microbiome analysis	Main results	
Dnywera, et al. [16]	87 South African women.	Characterized the composition of cervical microbiota in Black South African women and its associations with HPV infections	16S rRNA sequencing	HPV-HR: † Gardnerella † Sneathia † Atopobium † Aerococcus † Pseudomonas	
iyathilake et al. [31]	430 women diagnosed with abnormal cervical cells.	Explored the association between the cervicovaginal microbiome and CIN	165 rRNA sequencing	Persistent cervicovaginal HPV: † Gardnerella † Prevotella † Megasphaera † Atopobium Women with CIN 2+: † L.iners and unclassified Lactobacillus species	
iressel et al. [22]	55 Postmenopausal women	Characterized the endometrial, cervicovaginal, and anorectal microbiota of postmenopausal women	16S rRNA sequencing	Uterine serous cancers: ↓ Pseudomonas ↑ L. iners	
Inaggar et al. [27*]	60 patients with high-grade lower genital tract dysplasia and 21 patients with SCCA	To identify differences in anal microbiome composition in the settings of HPV infection, anal dysplasia, and anal cancer	165 rRNA sequencing	Individuals with anal cancer:	
on <i>et al.</i> [7]	99 HIV-infected and 29 HIV-uninfected MSM; all underwent anal cytology and HRA	Identifying the association between anal HSIL lesions and specific changes in the microbiota	16S rRNA sequencing	Individuals with HSIL: ↑ Aloprevotella spp. ↑ Treponema succinifaciens ↓ Prevotella ↓ Sneathia, and ↓ Ruminococcaceae	
errano et al. [26""]	213 individuals with HIV who had completed all of the cytologic and histologic evaluations (HSIL and anal cancer screening)	Characterized the composition and functions of the anal microbiome associated with HSIL in MSM with HIV.	16S rRNA sequencing	Individuals with HSIL: † Prevotella copri* ↓ Streptococcus periodonticum, ↓ Dialister succinatiphilus ↓ Prevotella stercorea ↓ Sneathic sanguinegens ↓ Fusobacterium* goniadiaformans ↓ Anaerovibrio lipolyticus *Produced succinyt-Co And cobalamin at higher concentrations.	
0h <i>et al.</i> [19]	120 women: 70 CIN cases. 50 Controls:normal cytology or ASCUS.	Identifying the cervical microbiota of Korean women and the association between the cervical microbiota and CIN	16S rRNA sequencing	Higher risk of CIN: ↑ A. vaginae, G. vaginalis, L. iners ↓ L. crispatus	
ee et al. [32]	68 female twins with HPV infection- discordant in Korea	Characterized the association between the vaginal microbiota and HPV infection using a twin cohort	16S rRNA gene sequencing	HPV positivity: ↓ Lactobacillus spp. ↑ L. iners ↑ Sneathia spp. ↑ Megasphaera	

Ron R, Moreno E, Rosas M, Serrano-Villar S. The microbiome as a biomarker of anal precancerous lesions in people with HIV. Curr Opin Infect DIs 2023.

Is the Microbiome Contributing to HPV Progression Through Its Metabolism? The "Active" Microbiota: Insights from Metatranscriptomics



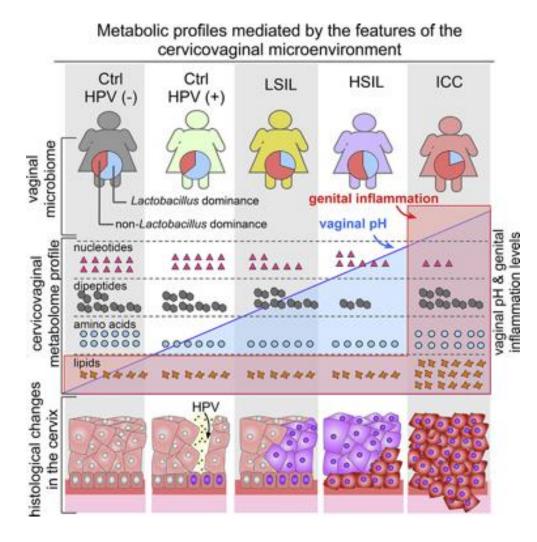
70 anal biopsies: 31 LGSIL, 16 HGSIL, and 23 ASCC

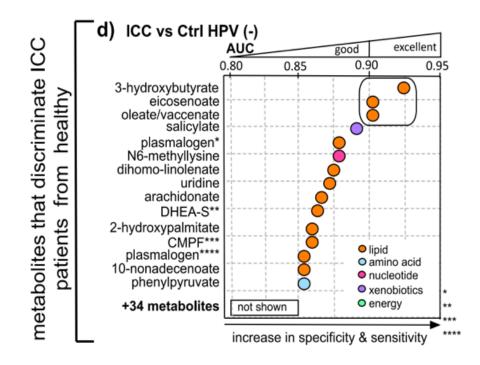
Specific species (*Fusobacterium nucleatum, Bacteroides fragilis*) were more prevalent in ASCC than precancerous lesions. These species correlated with:

- gene-encoding enzymes (Acca, glyQ, eno, pgk, por)
- oncoproteins (FadA, dnaK)

Lacunza E,..., MC. Abba. Transcriptome and microbiome-immune changes across preinvasive and invasive anal cancer lesions. JCI Insight 2024

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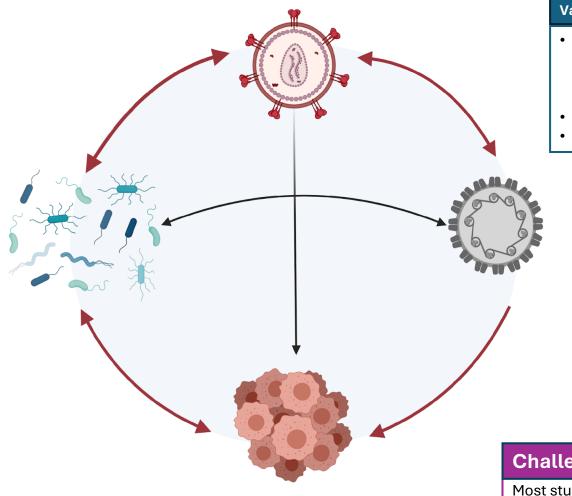


Potential links between 3-hidroxybutyrate and HPV oncogenesis

- 1. Immune Suppression: Inhibits NLRP3, reducing immune response, allowing HPV persistence.
- 2. Epigenetic Changes: Acts as HDAC inhibitor, promoting oncogene expression (E6/E7).
- 3. Metabolic Shifts: Alters the vaginal microenvironment, supporting viral survival.
- 4. Cell Proliferation: Influences cellular proliferation, increasing risk of malignant transformation.

Ilham. Ebiomedicine 2019

Challenges to address relationships Association or causation?



Vaginal Microbiome and HPV Persistence

- Metabolites like biogenic amines, glutathione, and lipids, linked to HPV persistence.
 - HPV persistence and dysplasia.
 - Dominance of non-Lactobacilli facilitates HPV
- L. iners and L. crispatus associated with lower risk.
- Sneathia or Gardnerella linked to HPV-induced carcinogenesis.

Microbiome and Inflammation in HPV

- Lactobacillus-depletion increases inflammation and promotes HPV oncogene expression and malignant cell growth.
- Promotes coinfections, e.g., Chlamydia trachomatis.
- HPV down-regulates innate molecules, affecting Lactobacillus growth.

Proinflammatory Cytokines and HPV Carcinogenesis

- Specific inflammation markers related to progression to carcinogenic status, potential clinical markers for preventing high-grade lesions.
- Specific metabolic profiles associated with HPV progression.

Challenges ahead

Most studies are cross-sectional, making it difficult to determine causality between microbiota and HPV infection

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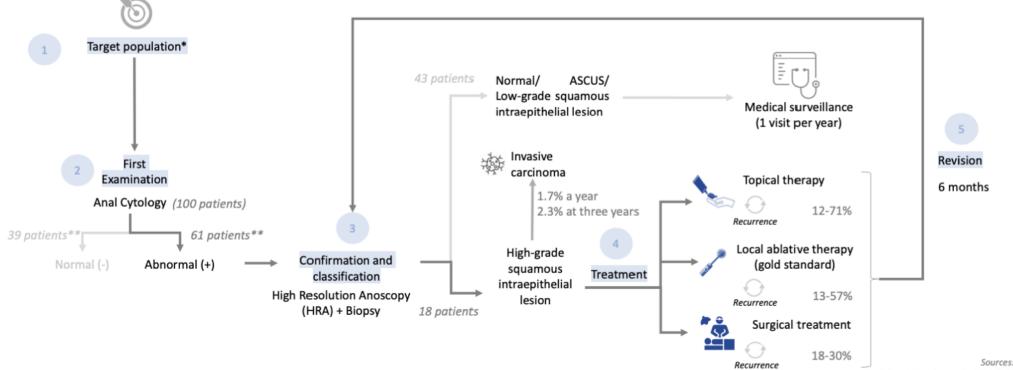
Microbiome – HPV Interactions



Therapeutic Implications

Anal cancer is markedly increased in people with HIV But the specificity of anal cytology is poor

- MSM with HIV exhibit a disproportionately high (85 to 300-fold) risk of anal cancer^{1,2}.
- Screening and treating high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions (HSIL), the cancer precursor, decreases the risk of anal cancer. The
 prevalence of HSIL is high (~40%)³.
- The specificity of the current screening test, anal cytology, is poor (46% 65%)^{4,5}, but its negative predictive value is high (~95%)⁵.



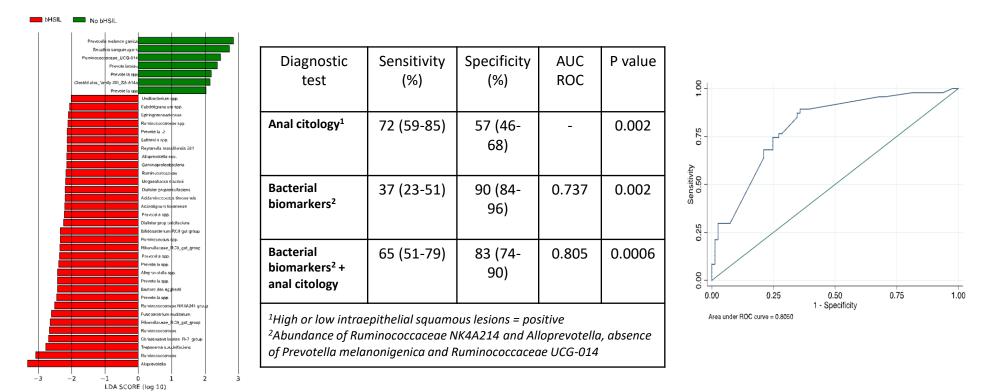
Danielle R L Broaden et al., 2021 (link)

1. Clifford GM. et al. A meta-analysis of anal cancer incidence by risk group: Toward a unified anal cancer risk scale. Int J Cancer 148, 1–11 (2020). 2. Koroukian SM. et al. Excess cancer prevalence in men with HIV: A nationwide analysis of Medicaid data. Cancer 128, 1987–1995 (2022). 3. Palefsky JM. et al. Treatment of Anal High-Grade Squamous Intraepithelial Lesions to Prevent Anal Cancer. New England Journal of Medicine 386, 2273–2282 (2022).

Clarke MA, Wentzensen N. Strategies for screening and early detection of anal cancers: A narrative and systematic review and meta-analysis of cytology, HPV testing, and other biomarkers. Cancer Cytopathol 126(7):447-460 (2018)
 Serrano-Villar et al. Screening for Precancerous Anal Lesions with P16/Ki67 Immunostaining in HIV-Infected MSM. Plos One 2017

Exploring the Microbiota as a Diagnostic Tool for Anal Precancer

Anal cytologies from 128 individuals: 47 (36.7%) with bHSIL and 81 (63.3%) without HSIL



From 35 (94%) of false positive cytologic results, the combination of these four biomarkers reclassified to true negative 33 (94%), significantly improving the predictive performance of anal cytology alone to AUC 0.805.

Ron R... Serrano-Villar. Exploiting the Microbiota for the Diagnosis of Anal Precancerous Lesions in Men Who Have Sex With Men. JID 2021

Challenges to leverage the microbiome as a diagnostic tool

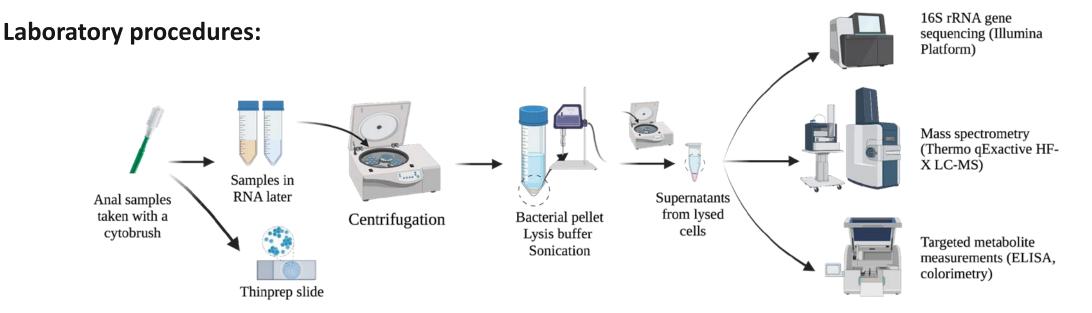
Microbiomes differ between individuals due to genetics, lifestyle, diet, geography, etc., making it hard to establish a baseline for diagnosis.

The microbiome is dynamic and fluctuates due to environmental factors, infections, antibiotics, and hormonal changes, making it inconsistent. Different methodologies for sampling, DNA extraction, sequencing, and bioinformatic analysis yield varying results, affecting reproducibility and reliability.

Objectives: Identify anal bacterial biomarkers to improve the accuracy of anal cytology for HSIL diagnosis.

Study population: 213 PWH undergoing HSIL screening with <u>concomitant anal cytology + HRA</u> in 4 clinical sites in Spain and Italy.

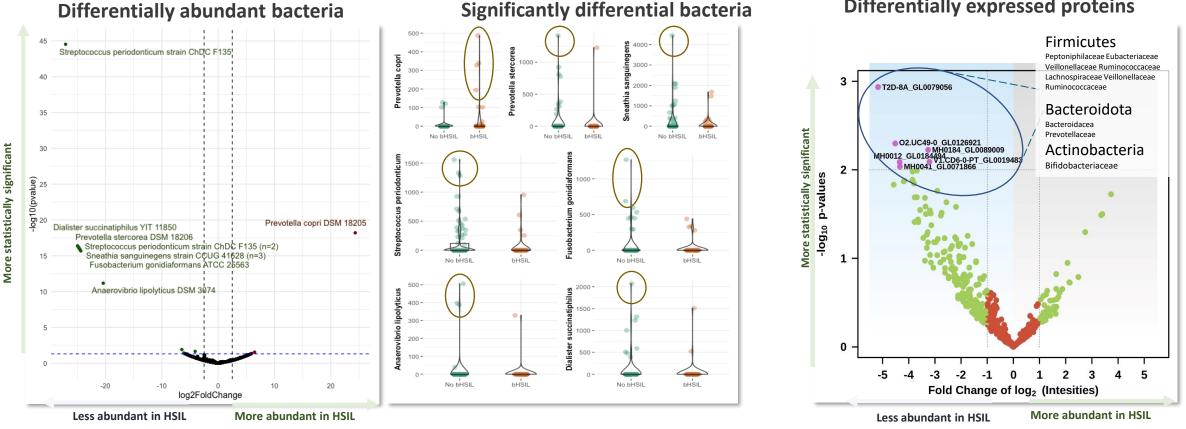
- Discovery cohort: 167 (70 [42%] with confirmed HSIL)
- Validation cohort: 46 (25 [54%] with confirmed HSIL)







Anal microbiota composition did not consistently predict HSIL



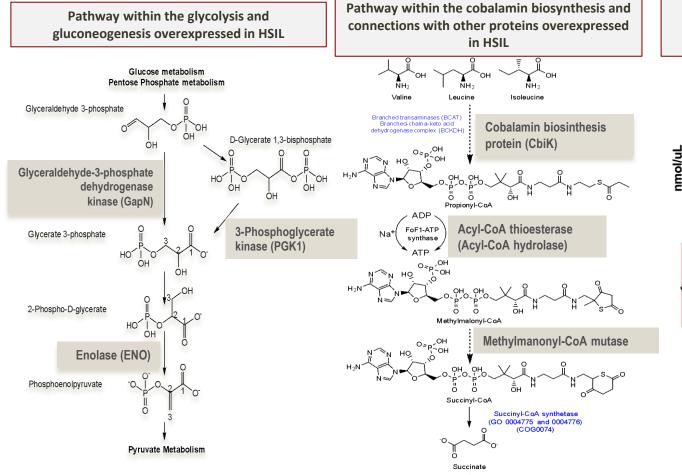
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Differentially expressed proteins

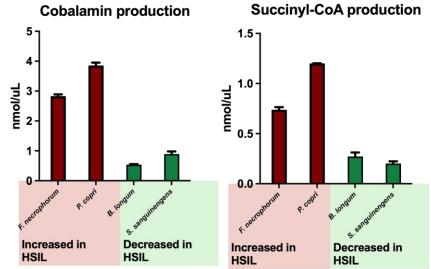
Relevant differences in bacterial proteins and HSIL



Proteins overexpressed in HSIL showed biological consistency and plausibility



Bacteria presumably implicated in progression to cancer produced greater concentrations of cobalamin and SucCoA than those presumably protective.



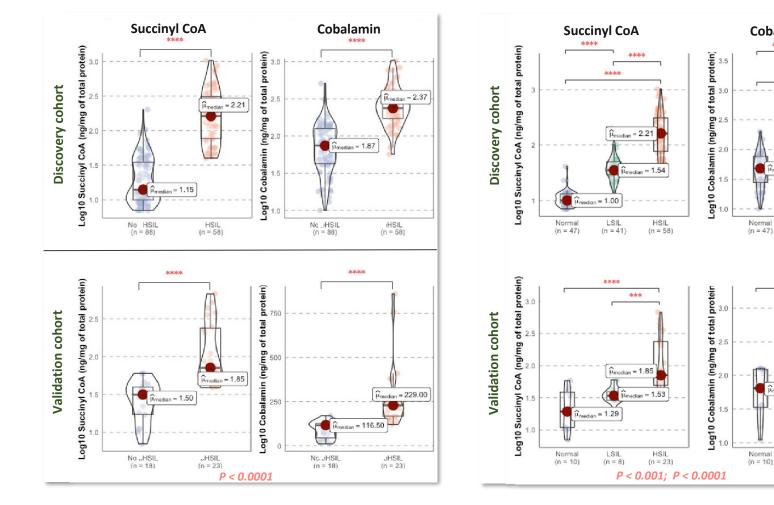
- *F. necrophorum*: associated with cancer pathogenesis (*Shang, World J Gastrointest 2018*)
- P. copri: associated with HSIL in this study.
- B. longum: known anci-carcinogenic effects (Fahmy, Nutr Cancer 2019)
- *S. sanguinengens*: decreased in HSIL in this and our previous study (*Ron, JID* 2021)

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RESULTS: Targeted metabolite analysis directed by the proteomic findings

Succinyl-CoA and cobalamin are increased in anal cytologic samples from patients with HSIL



Measurements

Cobalamin

LSIL

LSIL

(n = 8)

(n = 41)

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median = 2.37

HSIL

(n = 58)

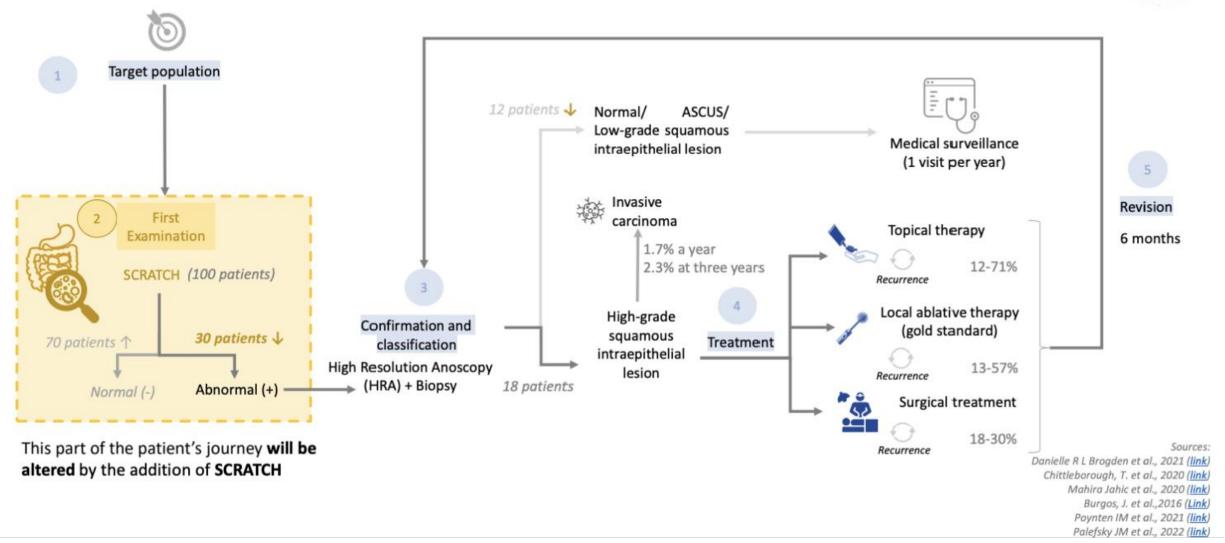
HSIL

(n = 23)

- Succinyl-CoA Synthetase colorimetric assay kit (ID ab196989; Abcam, Cambridge, UK)
- Cobalamin ELISA kit (ID LS-F13023; LifeSpan BioSciences)

Calibration curves

- Succinyl-CoA (ref. S1129-5MGM, Merck Life Science S.L.U., Madrid, Spain)
- Cobalamin (ref. V6629-100MG, Merck Life Science S.L.U., Madrid, Spain) were prepared before the assay.



SCRATCH

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Translating Science Into Technology

(or at least trying to 😅)

hal cancer research programmes and activities

Microbiota-based **SCReening of Anal Cancer** in HIV-infected individuals **SCRATCH**

RANSCAN-2



Metabolite Early Detection MEDAL of Anal Lesions

To develop, validate, and start the regulatory pathway of an innovative bacterial metabolite biosensor for detecting precancerous anal lesions, enhancing anal cancer prevention through improved accuracy, patient acceptability, and ease of use. Assess its utility in other epithelial cancers.





Environmental factors

MSM vs. non-MSM vs. women, HIV vs. non-HIV, EU-based vs. US-based

Methodological factors

Sampling methods:

- preservation medium, temperature, sampling devices
- Lab performing the assays

Other cancers Cervical cancer, colorrectal cancer

Technology

ELONA (Enzyme-Linked Oligonucleotide Assay) Aptamer-based self-testing device



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Clinical Team



Raquel Ron **Clinical researcher** Expert in HPV screenina



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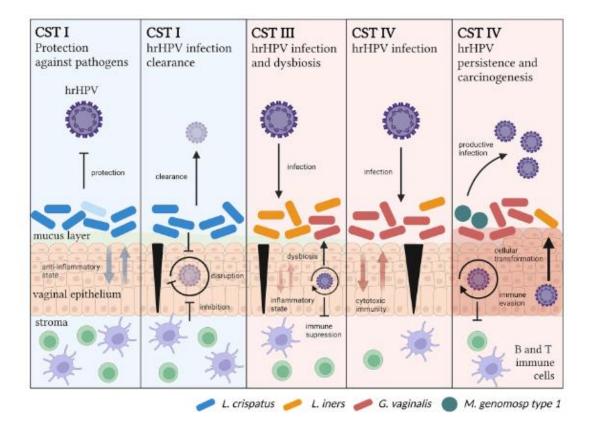
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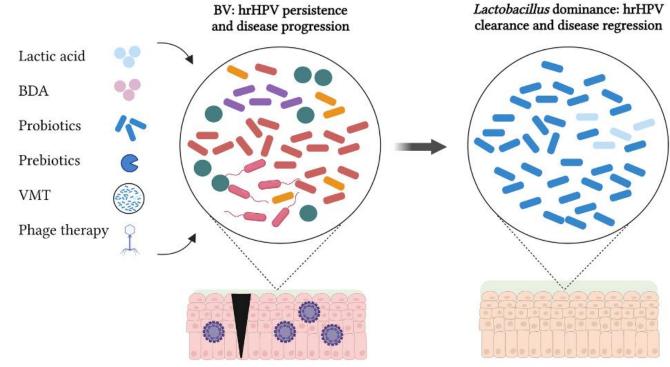
3 Therapeutic Implications

Therapeutic interventions in the microbiome for HPV

Cervico-Vaginal Community States Associated with HPV Progression

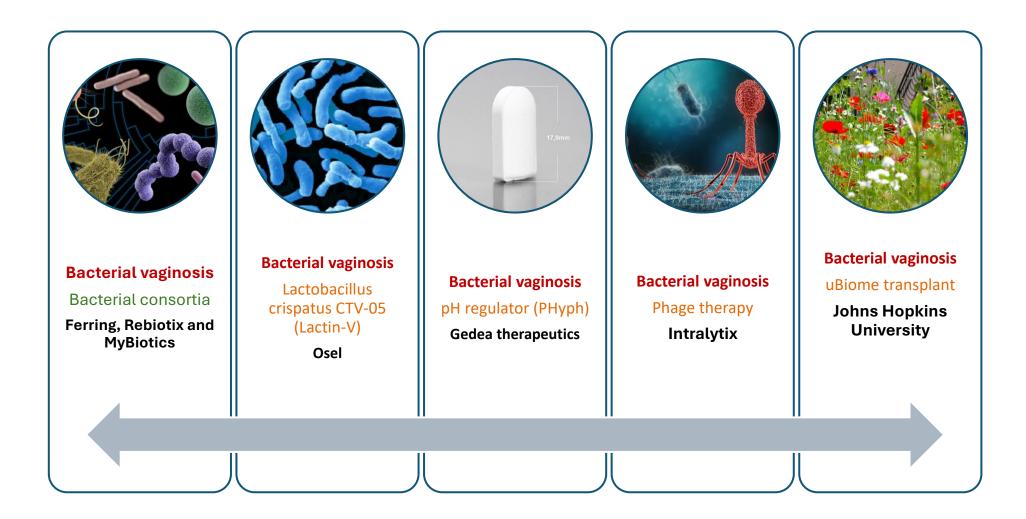


Current Cervicovaginal - Targeted Therapies to Facilitate HPV Clearance



Molina ... Melchers. Assessing the Cervicovaginal Microbiota in the Context of hrHPV Infections: Temporal Dynamics and Therapeutic Strategies. mBIO 2022

Pipeline for Vaginal Microbiome Research



Ongoing clinical trials targeting the microbiome for HPV

NCT Number	Study Title			
NCT05109533	Probiotics Role in HPV Cervico-vaginal Infection Clearance			
NCT06245486	Probiotc Lactobacillus Crispatus-M247 (Crispact®) Supplementation in the Sterilization of High-risk Human Papilloma (HPV-HR) Viruses			
NCT05316064	Reducing Abundance of Human Papilloma Virus in Women by Taking Probiotic			
NCT01599416	Influence of U-relax on Vaginal Health Promotion and HPV DNA Test Change From Positive to Negative			
NCT03372395	Probiotic Implementation as Help in Solving Vaginal Infections			
NCT04099433	Application of Oral Bacteriotherapy to Promote Anal HPV Clearance in HIV Positive Individuals			
NCT01097356	The Effect of Probiotics on the Clearance of the Human Papillomavirus and on Cytological Lesions Caused by the Virus			
NCT06001190	The Influence of Oral Probiotic on the Vaginal Flora and Microenvironment Alteration in the Vaginosis Infection Women			
NCT06582004	Comparisons of the Effects and Clinical Outcomes of CH2 Vaginal Gel Versus Placebo on CIN1			



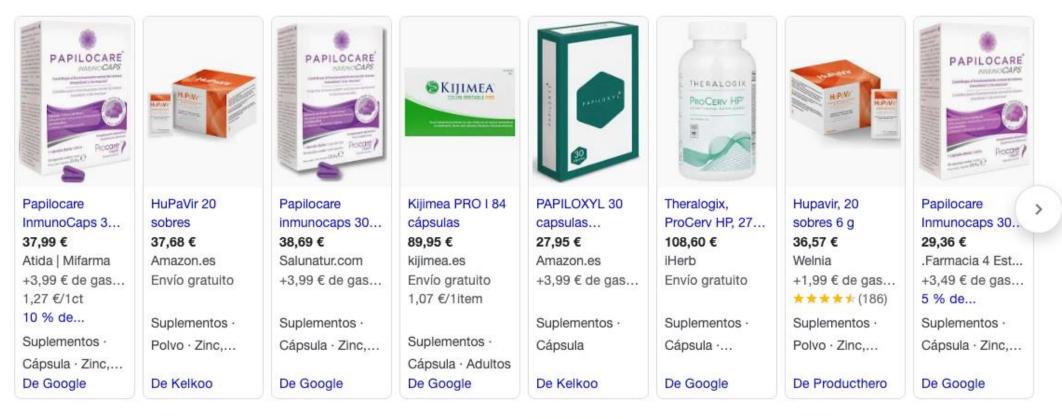
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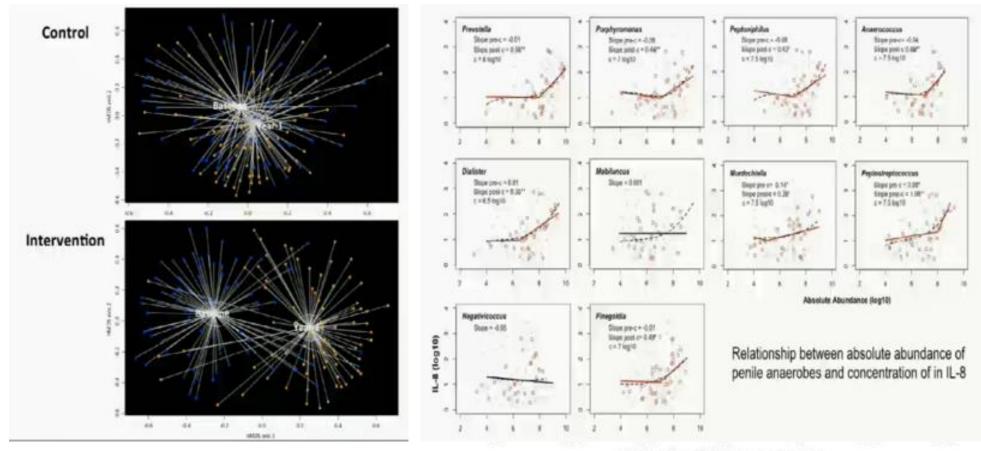
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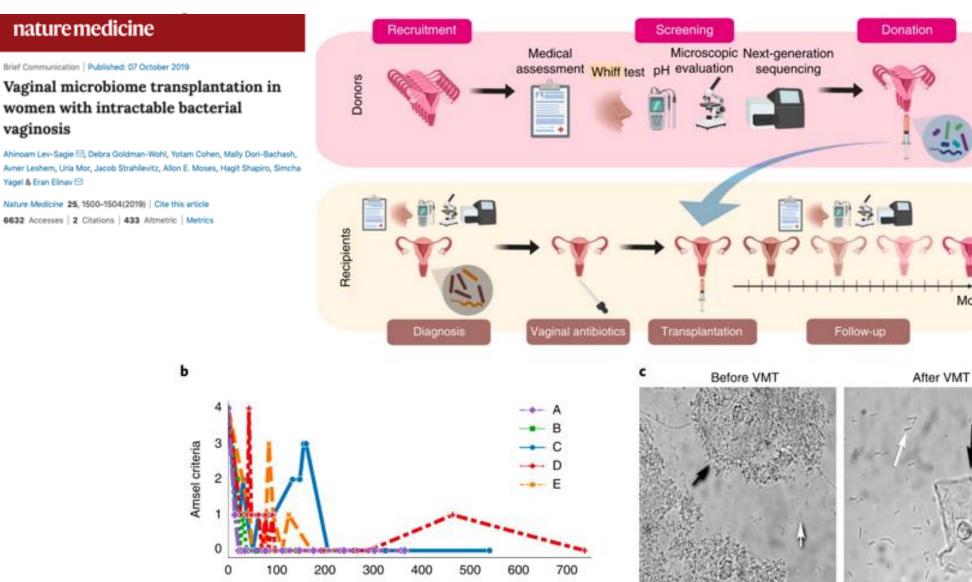
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Vaginal microbiota collection device modular preservation unit

Abstract

The present invention discloses a vaginal microbiota collection device and modular preservation unit comprising a means to collect and preserve the vaginal microbiota from an individual, a means to distribute the harvested microbiota, or both. The means to distribute the harvested microbiota comprises a collection apparatus with one or more modular components. The vaginal microbiota is distributed based on need or validation. The collection and preservation of the vaginal microbiota is accomplished by a piston mechanism. The present invention also discloses a method of harvesting vaginal microbiota using the device disclosed herein.

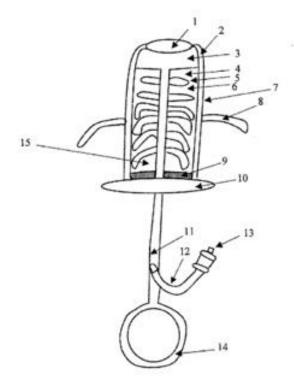
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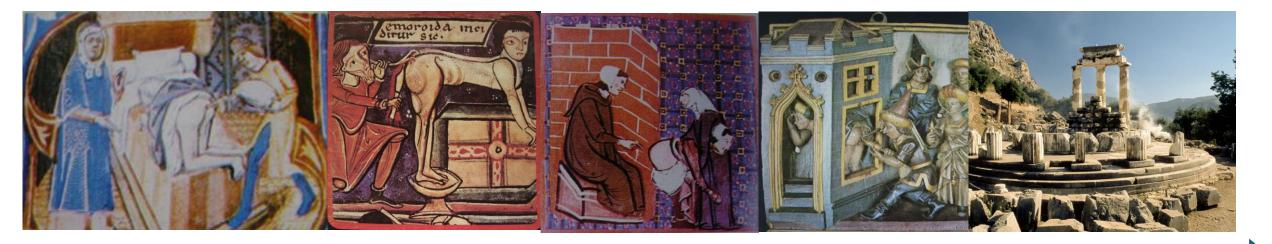
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Conclusions



Emerging Research Area

- The connections between the microbiome and HPV immunopathogenesis seem evident, but there is still much to learn.



Understanding the cause-effect relationship is a challenge in microbiome studies:

- If microbiota leads to HPV/dysplasia: therapeutic opportunities
- In any case: diagnostic opportunities

We must strive to transform the knowledge generated in this field into clinical tools that:

- Stratify the risk of complications,
- Diagnose precancerous lesions and effectively treat them.



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