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We are more microbial than human...





Microbes are influenced by many

actors



Microbiome Composition Effects on Breast Cancer Risk



Modulating Gut Microbiome Shifts Mammary Gland Inflammation and Breast Cancer Risk



The Breast Microbiome and Cancer

• Microbiota of human breast tissue. Urbaniak et al, 2014

Microbiota Genus	Canadian breast tissue (% of microbiota population)	Irish breast tissue (% of microbiota population)		
Bacillus	11.4%	<2%		
Acinetobacter	10%	<2%		
Enterobacteriaceae	8.3%	30.8%		
Pseudomonas	6.5%	5.3%		
Staphylococcus	6.5%	12.7%		
Propionibacterium	5.8%	10.1%		
Prevotella	5%	<2%		
Listeria	<2%	12.1%		

- The microbiota of breast tissue and its association with breast cancer. Urbaniak et al, 2016
 - Increased Staphylococcus in breast tissue from women with BC when compared with healthy controls
- The microbiome of aseptically collected human breast tissue in benign and malignant disease. Hieken et al, 2016
 - Decreased Lactobacillus in breast tissue from women with malignant BC

Breast Tumors Contain Bacteria



Primary breast tumors n=50; Breast cancer lymph node metastases n=40 Tumor adjacent normal mammary gland tissue n=10

Soto-Pantoja et.al., under review at *Nature Communications*

DO NOT POST- unpublished data

Since diet is main determinant of the gut microbiome, can what you eat modify you breast microbiome?



Non-human Primate Diet Composition





Western Diet		Mediterranean Diet	
DIET #: 1523		DIET #: 1530 (1497 + Banana)	
INGREDIENT	g/ 100g	INGREDIENT	g/100 g
Casein, USP	8.50	Casein, USP	1.74
Whey Protein 895	8.50	Whey protein - 895	1.74
		Dried Egg white	2.61
		Fishmeal (Menhaden)	2.61
		Walnuts	0.87
		Black Bean flour	4.35
		Garbanzo Bean flour	1.74
		Wheat Flour (S.Biscuit all purpose)	24.35
Dextrin	26.00	Dextrin	9.66
Sucrose	18.00	Sucrose	3.48
High Fructose Corn Syrup -55	7.00	Banana	13.04
		Applesauce	3.82
		Tomato paste	1.74
Cellulose (Alphacel)	7.94	Cellulose (Alphacel)	9.48
Total Fiber (% of diet)	7.94	Total fiber (% of diet)	12.7
Lard	4.15	Olive Oil (Filippo Berio)*	6.17
Beef Tallow HHR*	4.00	Menhaden Oil (Omegapure)	0.87
Butter, lightly salted	1.25	Butter, lightly salted	0.87
Corn Oil	3.50	Corn Oil	1.04
Flaxseed oil	0.30	Flaxseed oil	0.17
Dried Egg Yolk	0.60	Dried Egg Yolk	1.48
Crystalline Cholesterol	0.04		
Complete Vitamin Mix (Teklad)	2.50	Complete Vitamin Mix (Teklad)	2.17
Mineral Mix w/o Ca, P, NaCl	5.00	Mineral Mix w/o Ca, P, NaCl	4.35
Calcium Carbonate	0.43	Calcium Carbonate	0.37
Calcium Phosphate, Monobasic	0.75	Calcium Phosphate, Monobasic	0.65
NaCl (Table Salt)	1.60	NaCl (Table Salt)	0.63
TOTAL	100	TOTAL	100

Non-human Primate Diet Represents Dietary Patterns of Women

	Human		Nonhuman Primate*	
Composition	Western	Mediterranean	Western	Mediterranean
	% of Calories	% of Calories	% of Calories	% of Calories
Protein	15 1	172	16	16
Carbohydrate	51 1	512	54	54
Fat	331	322	31	31
	% of Total Fats	% of Total Fats	% of Total Fats	% of Total Fats
Saturated	331	212	37	21
Monounsaturated	361	562	36	57
Polyunsaturated	241	152	25	20
ω6:ω3 Fatty Acids	15:1 ₅	2.1-3:16	14.9:1	2.9:1
Cholesterol mg/Cal	0.131	0.162	0.16	0.15
Fiber g/Cal	0.011	0.033	0.021	0.043
Sodium mg/Cal	1.7 1,4	1.32,3	1.71,4	1.12,3

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Diet Impacts Mammary Gland Microbiota



Elevated Lactobacillus Populations in MG of Mediterranean Diet Fed Monkeys



Regulation of Bacterial Modified Metabolites by Diet



Upregulation of phenylalanine derived bacterial modified bioactive compounds in MG suggests regulation of these compounds may be site specific

Regulation of Bile Acid Metabolites by Diet



Concentration of specific conjugated bile acid metabolites in MG but not in the plasma suggests regulation of these compounds may be site specific and due to localized microbiota

Summary



Future Studies

- Determine interventions to modulate breast tumor microbiota
 - Dietary intervention: Piggybacking off of Dr. Kucera and Dr. Levine's Breast Cancer Fish Oil Study funded by AICR
 - Determine timeline for oral consumption modifying breast microbiome – 2.5 years versus 2 weeks
 - Determine whether single component can shift breast microbiome
 - Dietary pattern vs supplements
- Mammary gland microbiota shifts in response to therapy
 - Menopause, antiestrogen therapies, hormone replacement therapy
 - Can we use mammary gland microbiota as biomarkers of tamoxifen response in postmenopausal women on antiestrogen therapies for breast cancer prevention?

Questions?



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