



Microbiota of Human Gut-A Natural Remedy for Human Illness

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Abstract

The human gut microbiomes play a very important role to maintain human health containing many bacteria, fungi, viruses, protozoan's etc. In gut microbiota most of microorganisms are commensally bacteria that play symbiotic relationship with host. The composition of gut microbes could be affected by many factors like diet, antibiotics, geography, culture, and environment. Gut dysbiosis causes many diseases from neurodegenerative to cardiovascular diseases, obesity, and some cancers also. However, regular intake of probiotics helps to maintain the gut composition and prevent many diseases. Those people which do regular physical exercise they had, a very healthy gut composition as compared to those, who does not do any physical activity. Recently, a new bacterial strain has been discovered from Senegalese boy and a new strain from *Enterococaceae* family. Excessive use of antibiotics modulates the gut microbiota and responsible for many diseases, it is found out that giving antibiotics in the early life of infants could alter their gut microbiota development. Unhealthy sleep-wake cycle also affect the gut microbiota. This review focus on current factors which are affecting the composition of gut microbes.

Keywords

Probiotics, antibiotics, gut microbes, diet.

1. INTRODUCTION:

Around 38 trillion bacterial cells are present in the human microbiota [1]. Around 1 billion microorganisms enters in the human stomach every day from outside environment, Up to 1800 genera & 15000 species of microbes present in the GI tract [2]. The council of trillions of microbes that lives inside the gut is essential for human health [3]. Any sort of gut microbiota alternation leads to several chronic diseases like, inflammatory bowel diseases (IBS), obesity, cardiovascular diseases [4]. Factors such as diet, geography, socioeconomic status and culture are responsible for the composition of gut microbiota [5]. After some study it is discovered that the gut microbiota of children is largely affected by diet but not lifestyle, environment, ethnicity [6].

During the first years of life, the brain and microbiome develops rapidly allowing, excessive signals between gut and central nervous system (gut-brain axis) [7].

Chitologosacride (COS) increases the abundance of *Fecalibacterium* and *Bacteriodes* genera reducing pathogenic bacteria *Klebsiella* genus [8]. The gut microbiota and their metabolites lead to cause colorectal adenoma which is precancerous lesions of colorectal cancer [9]. Melanoides are those components, which are present in wine, beer, biscuit, chocolate and breakfast cereals, it could increase production of short chain fatty acids and beneficial gut microbes [10]. A new bacterial strain SIT17^T was discovered in senegalese boy who had

genome about 2.87 Mb long with 27.39 mol% G + C content [11].

A new strain derived from Burkinabe woman named Marseille-Q0835^T is a new species in the family of enterocaceae [12]. Several factors like dietary habits, metabolites, hormones which maintain the gut microbiota any disbalance leads to disease like rheumatoid arthritis & diabetes mellitus [13]. Moderate Nonalcoholic beer along with active polyphenol and phenolic acid has positive affect on human health [14]. Human gut bacteria were co evolved with human host which, suggested that they have same micronutrient needs like humans [15]. Continuous intake of probiotics leads to ecological and genetic stability of gut microbiota, buckwheat honey regulates gut microbes [16]. Gut dysbiosis leads to neurodegenerative disorders [17]. The gut microbiome composition is affected by air pollutants, excessive exposure of air pollutants leads to decrease in gut microbial diversity [18].

2. GUT MICROBE'S STRUCTURE& COMPOSITION:

Probiotic bacteria helps to generate lactate in gut which leads to increase in butyrate levels and these butyrate levels promote growth of meant commensally bacteria, time of wound healing and inflammatory response of the human body [19]. Sini decoction (SDC) could enhance the symptom and pathology linked with sepsis in (CLP) cercal ligation and puncture, by modulating the gut microbiota [20]. Several studies indicated lower consumption of vitamin E could; alter the gut microbiota composition [21]. Bifidobacterial supplements modulate the gut microbiota in such way that, it reduces the allergic inflammation [22]. Excessive weight gain is related to gut microbiota and those people who have high bacteriodes in their gut are responsible for excessive weight gain [23].

Mutation in single host gene could affect the composition of gut microbes [24]. The HIV virus alters the gut microbiota however, use of antiretroviral therapy for long time leads to richness of gut microbiota [25]. The presence of bacterial composition of *Bifidobacteriales* and *Lactobacillus* in the gut shows sensitivity towards inhales allergens [26]. Modulation of gut microbiota composition leads to cardiovascular diseases & coronary artery diseases [27]. The gut microbiota composition of SARS-COVID infected people is modulated and increased in the abundance of opportunistic pathogen [28]. Changes could be seen in composition of gut bacterial community in those Patients which were infected with multiple sclerosis [29].

Attention-deficit/ hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) has altered gut composition with variation in specific genus *Ruminococcus* [30]. Age is the important factor for altered gut microbiota of major depressive disorder (MDD) [31]. Diverse vegetation around homes affects the gut microbial composition & health related changes [32]. The chemical substances of prebiotics and gut microbes both are responsible for gas production in human body and they are also responsible for the manufacturing of short chain fatty acid (SCFs) and byproduct of (SCFs) has physiological effects in human body [33]. Consumption of kombucha, (a mixture of live yeast and bacteria) can restore gut microbiota composition [34]. Lifestyle modification and drug intake alter the gut microbiota [35]. Gut microbes composition also affect the quality sleep, those persons which have good ratio *Firmicutes* and *Bacteriodes* in their gut microbiota pursue better quality sleep [36].

3. GUT MICROBE'S ROLE IN HUMAN BODY:

The human gut microbes are easily affected by the toxic environment agents that we intake from food [37]. Intermediate fasting, unhealthy eating habits, ph and water quality also disfigured the composition of gut micro biota [38]. In breast feeding the main component that is taken by the infant from the outside environment (HMO) human milk oligosaccharide which is, responsible for increase in the abundance of bifidobacteria in gut community [39]. Athlete's microbiota undergoes many changes increase in much bacterial community which is helpful for their incredible physical performance [40]. That person who lives at higher altitude has different gut microbial composition which is due to different genetic factors and environmental factors [41]. Cultural variations in feeding practices, hygiene, and delivery mode are important factors to alter the gut microbiota [42].

The human soon starts developing gut micro biota since birth and acquire gut microbes variability according to their environment and intrinsic factors [43]. The occurrence of *Fusobacteria*, *Shigella*, and *Streptococcus* are responsible for pathogenicity of Kawasaki disease (pediatric diseases) [44]. Recently banned product triclosan which is used in consumer soaps has been found in urine, milk, human milk thus modulating the gut microbial community [45]. Environmental chemicals such as (bisphenols, phthalates, heavy metals, pesticides, persistent organic molecules could modulate the gut microbiota [46]. In response to environmental chemicals the altered gut microbiotas are Causable

for many diseases pathogen which leads to many diseases like autoimmune diseases [47].

Environmental exposures such as metals have diverse effects on prenatal gut microbiome development and it leads to many harmful health effects [48]. Blueberry consumption improves gut microbiota and provides other health benefits [49]. Polyphenols supplement intake increase the abundance of *Bifidobacterium*, *Lactobacillus* and reduce pathogenic bacteria *Clostridium* and contribute to maintain human health [50]. Unhealthy sleep-wake shifts which cause acute circadian rhythm affect the human gut microbes [51]. Estrobolome are those gut bacteria's that has the capability to control estrogen, who plays a key role in most of the breast cancer thus it is discovered that the gut microbiota contribute in overall health of humans including breast health [52]. The bacterial family *Christensenellaceae* and archeal *Methanobacteriaceae* are present more in lean people as compared to obese and linked to lower BMI of these people [53]. Use of microalgae as prebiotics rich in (fiber, fatty acids and protein) which is effective in weight loss [54].

4. ROLE OF ANTIBIOTICS ON GUT MICROBES:

Antibiotics used to treat infections and fight with pathogenic organism but also affect commensally bacteria, causing dysbiosis and leads to infection [55]. Antibiotics affecting the intestinal microbiota by increasing opportunistic pathogen which leads to many microbial disorders, adding vancomycin antibiotic increased the chances of infection [56]. Studies indicated that combination of polymyxin and amoxicillin antibiotics lessen the drug resistance in the gut micro biota [57]. Antibiotic resistant genes (ARB) and antibiotic resistance has outstanding impact on gut health [58]. Apart from health benefits to human body the Antibiotics, has adverse effects on gut which leads to Antibiotic-associated diarrhea [AAD] However, probiotics helps to prevent this [AAD] [59].

Using antibiotics regularly from early life leads to inflammatory bowel diseases [60]. Some antibiotics cindmycin and ciprofloxin which are used in *Clostridiodes difficile*-associated diseases (CDAD) are used to increase the risk of (CDAD) [61]. (*Clostridiodes difficile* infection) is mainly cause due to fomer use of antibiotics which modulate the metabolic function and composition of gut microbes leads to decrease' in colonization of microbes and cause (CDC) [62]. Long term usage of antibioic leads to loss of intestinal microbial diversity and microbial metabolic functions which increases the chances of atherosclerosis [63].

Probiotics along with antibiotics Probiotics along with antibiotics does not alter the gut microbial diversity [64].

The effect of intrapartum antibiotics on infants is that it modulates the gut microbiome, of infants [65]. As far as it is known that gut microbes were altered by non-antibiotics drugs but now it is found out that gut microbes can also affect the drugs by enzymatically disfiguring the structure of drug and change its bioavailability [66]. The commensal bacteria obtain the antibiotic resistance genes can moderate protection of pathogens from bactericidal effects of antibiotics [67]. The antibiotic named ceftraixone modulate the gut microbiota and *Lactobacillus* reduces the side effects of antibiotics by maintaining steadiness of intestinal micro biota [68]. Antibiotics help to facilitate the autoimmunity by causing gut dysbiosis. And they have the potential to increase the disease activity [69]. By adding antibiotics in early life of infants may alter the gut microbiota [70]. To particularly treats kwashiorkar diseases usage of antibiotic therapy along with probiotics and antioxidants to suppress the overgrowth of bacterial communities which are resistant of penicillin [71].

Recent studies revealed that, by taking dietary proteins in our diet helps to regulate biosynthesis and catabolism of serotonin by, modulating distinctive microbes [72]. Diet plays a very important role to maintain the composition and functioning of the gut microbes [73]. Dietary cellulose like apple skin, legumes, peas, nuts maintains the gut homeostasis by modulating gut microbiota. Whatever food we are taking it has greater impact on our body, unhealthy dietary habits leads to many diseases like inflammatory bowel syndrome [IBS] and functional gut disorders [74]. Those people which has started including probiotics in their diet it is found out that they had developed betterment in depression and anxiety and probiotics helps them by suppressing biological markers of stress [75].

Recent studies revealed that by adding high fat and low carb diet alter gut microbiota [76]. Diet has very small effects on gut community but greater impact on surrounding environment [77]. Diet has an enrollment for specific carbs to reshape the met genomic composition of gut microbial community with the help of specific bacterial taxa [78]. By adding dietary fibers, short chain fatty acids, are helpful in growth of beneficial gut microbes, which can protect the human body from cancer and promote other health benefits [79]. It is revealed that having a good dietary components helps to prevents Alzheimer diseases [80]. By adding specific food in human diet

leads to change the greater composition of some specific bacteria [81].

A modified mediterranean diet leads to alter the gut microbiota composition and functionality as Compared western diet [82]. Dietary intake of whole grain, red and processed meat increases the risk of colorectal cancer [83]. Some evidences suggested that red wine and tea-derived polyphenols reduce the composition of beneficial bacteria [84]. By balancing gut microbial composition Xylooligosaccharide (xos) can reduce colonic inflammation [85]. Nutrients like fiber, lipid and protein are very useful in prenatal development [86].

Both quality and quantity of dietary foods can affect the gut bacteria [87].

Adding symbiotics supplement in the diet modulate the gut micro biota and increases the beneficial bacteria [88]. A well-equipped nutrient vegan diet affects the bacterial composition and metabolic pathways of gut microbiota [89]. Consumption of whole grain is helpful to prevent some metabolic diseases [90]. Modern supplement food; processed foods can modulate the gut micro biota in leads to many diseases [91]. Bioactive cocoa gut metabolites can alter the gut micro biota and promote the growth of beneficial bacteria and inhibit the growth of pathogenic ones [92].

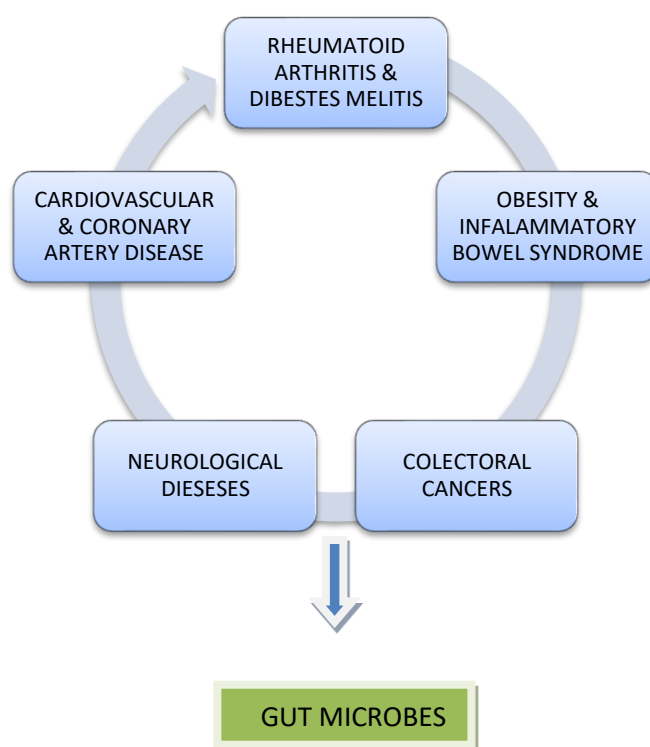


Figure 1 Diseases caused by dysbiosis of microbes

Diseases	Microbes	Effects on body	References
1.Neurological diseases	1. <i>Helicobacter</i>	1. Gullian-barr's syndrome is serious disorder of peripheral nerves (in which body's immune system attacks mistakenly its peripheral system.	Dardiotis E et al., (2020).
	2. <i>Clostridium</i>	<i>Clostridium tetany</i> produces a potent toxin which causes spastic paralysis.	Chapeton-Montes D, et al., (2020).
2,Colectoral cancers	1. <i>Fusobacterium</i>	<i>Fusobacterium nucleatum</i> are newly discovered risk factor for colectoral cancers.	Guo P et. al (2020).
	2. <i>Streptococcus bovis</i>	<i>Streptococcus bovis</i> is present in high concentration in those people which are infected with colectoral cancers.	DengQ et al., (2020).
3.Coronary artery diseases	1. <i>Akkermansia</i> 2. <i>Prevotella</i> 3. <i>Sporobacter</i>	These gut microbes alter the bile acid ratio thus increasing cholesterol and CAD development.	Kazemian N, et al., (2020).
4.Obesity and inflammatory disease	1. <i>Firmicutes</i> 2. <i>Bifidobacterium</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i> present in obese people while <i>bifidobacterium</i> present in healthy weighing children.	Da silva CC et al.,(2020)

Table 1 Gut microbes responsible for diseases

5. CONCLUSION:

Earlier research on the gut microbes provided several evidences that gut microbes play a crucial role to maintain healthy body. On the other hand it is proved that and diet, antibiotics have greater impact on gut microbial composition, which is linked to mainly health issues like cardiovascular diseases, obesity, neurological diseases and rheumatoid arthritis. On the other hand previous research also showed that a healthy gut microbe's composition also helps in weight loss. Healthy eating habits with added probiotics proved to be very useful for the gut microbes. However, there are some other factors in which further research are needed; we need to work upon those antibiotics or drugs which are affecting the gut microbial composition. Further work is needed to research on those harmful chemical or compounds in our daily diet or environment which is effecting our gut microbial composition and affecting human health.

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