

A Remarkable Interrelationship between the Maternal Microbiota and the Microbiota of her Offspring : Breast-Feeding can help optimizing it...

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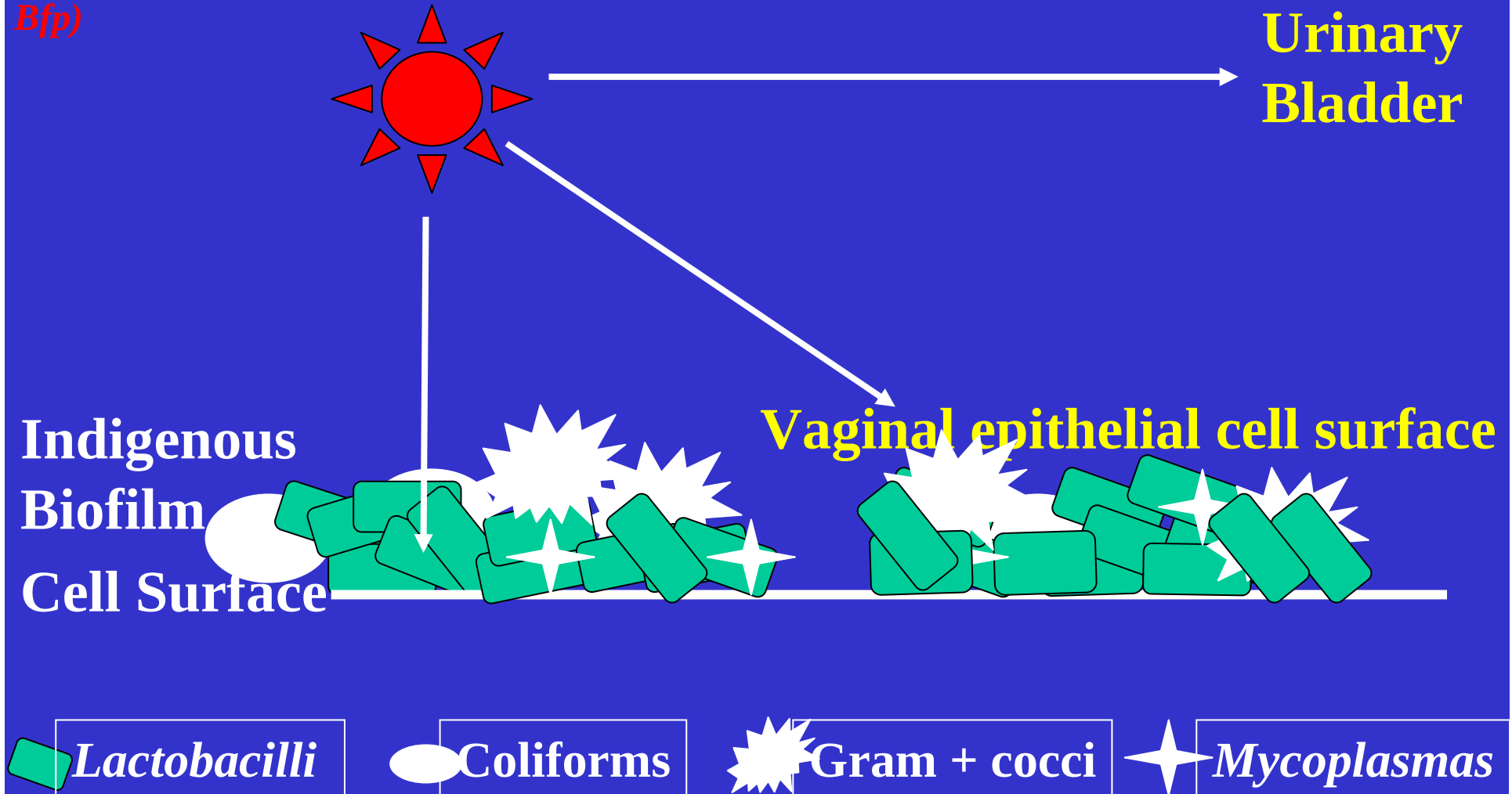
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Fimbriated Uropathogenic E. coli

72 ECOR strains (A, B1 (commensal), B2,D (70% path),...K1), bundle-forming pili(P-Bfp)



adapted from Reid G *Am J Clin Nutr* 2001;73:437S

Nugent 's Scoring System

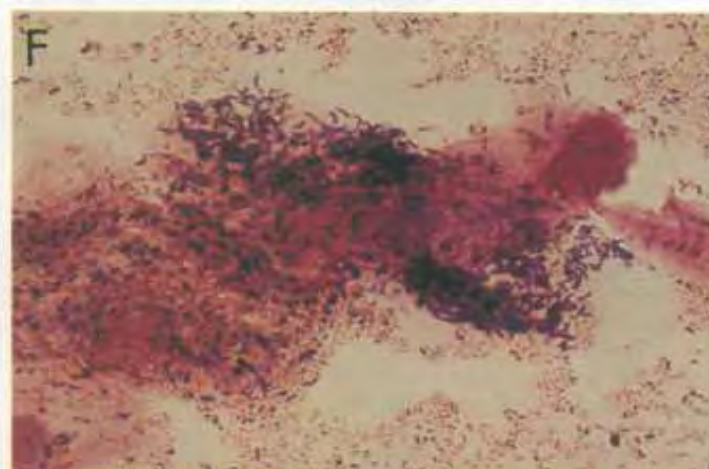
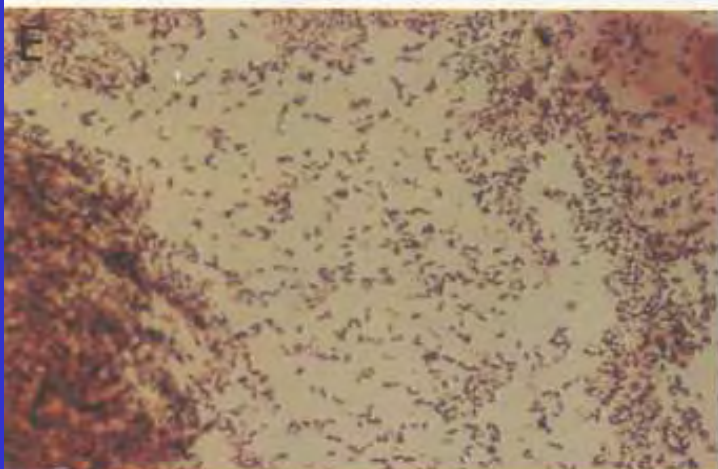
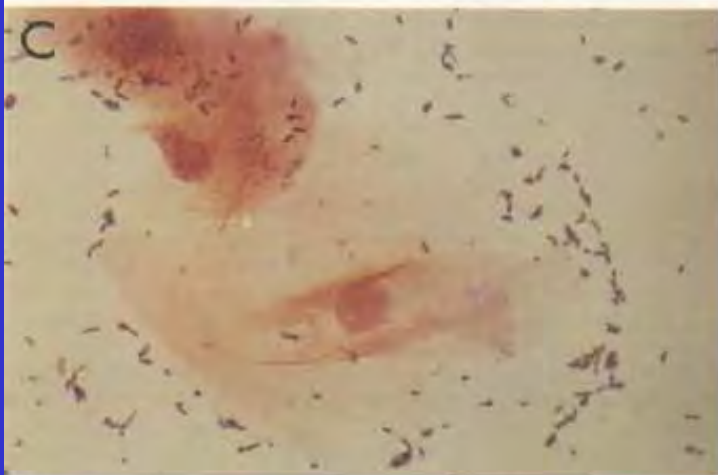
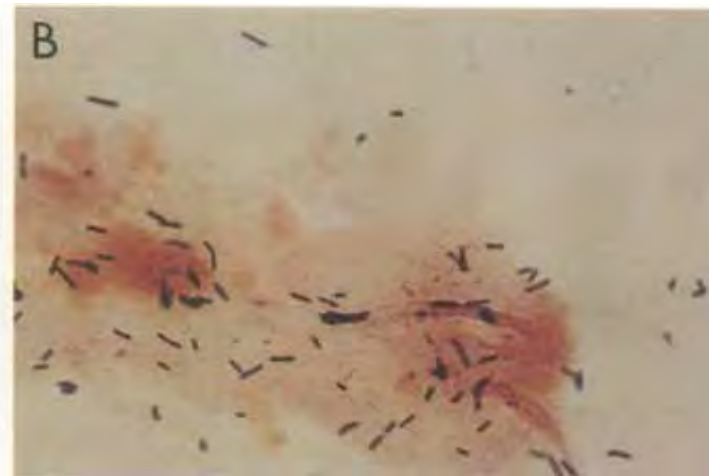
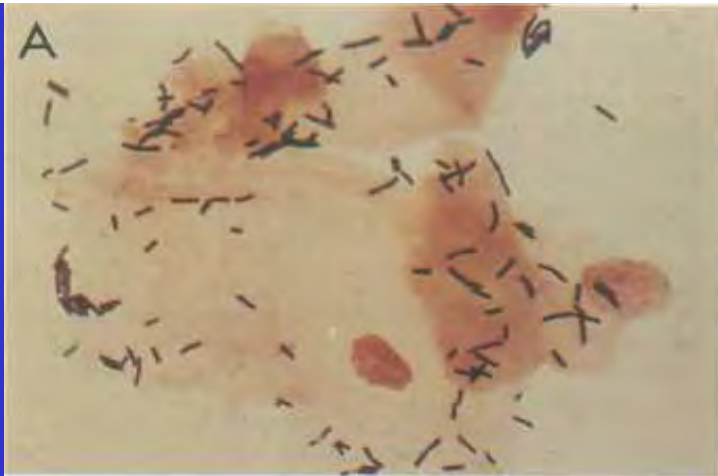
Score

Organism Morphology (HPF*)

	Gram+ Rods (Lactobacillus)	Gram- to Variable Coccobacilli and Rods (rounded, pleomorphic; Gardnerella/Bacteroides)	Gram- Rods, Curved (Mobiluncus)
0	> 30	0	0
1	5 - 30	< 1	1 - 5
2	1 - 4	1 - 4	> 5
3	< 1	5 - 30	
4	0	> 30	

*HPF : High Power Field

0 - 3 = normal flora; from 4 to 6 : intermediary flora; > 7 Vaginosis

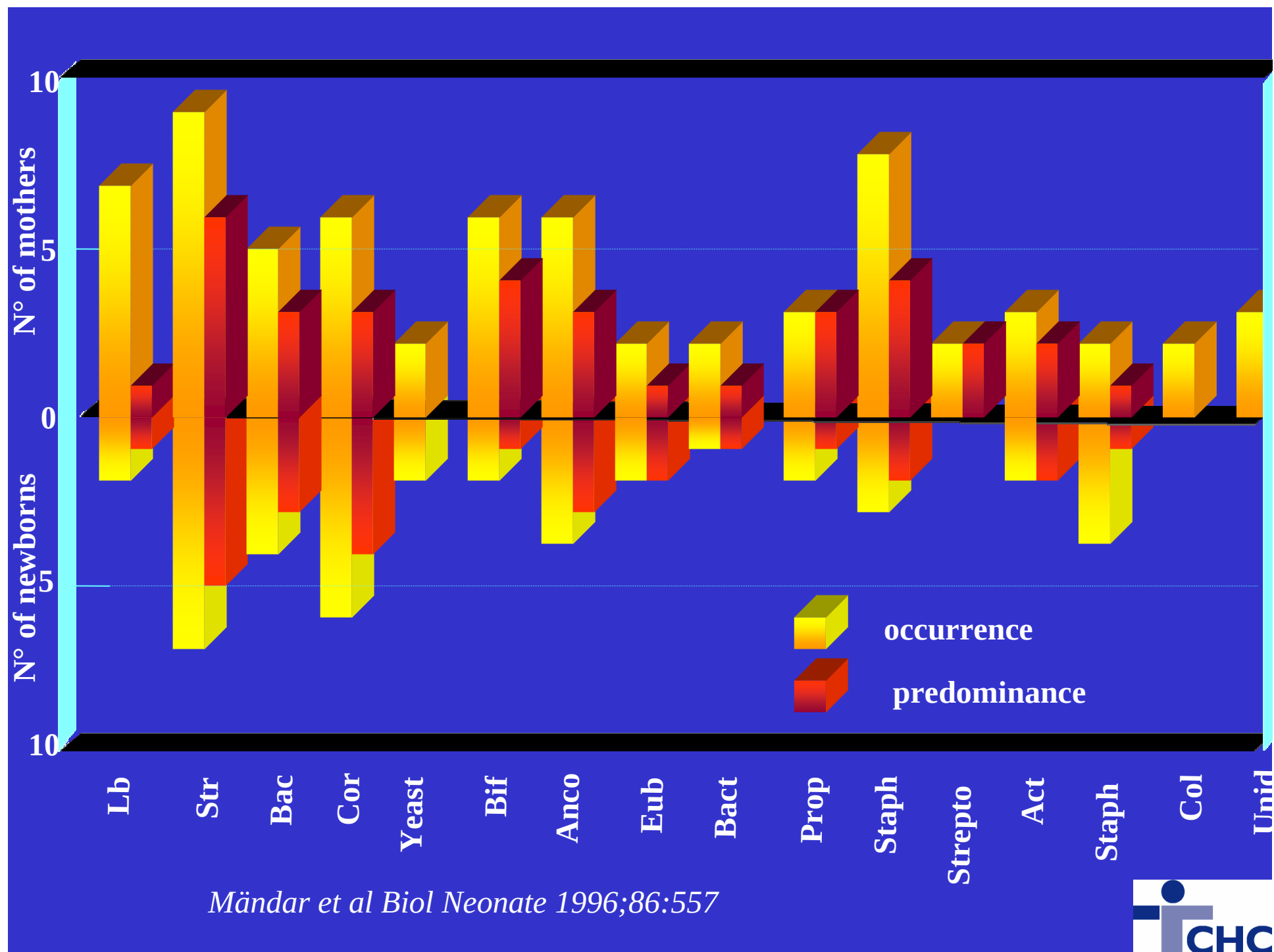


Nugent et al
J Clin Microbiol
1991;29:297.

	Lactobacillus present H ₂ O ₂ positive	H ₂ O ₂ negative	Lactobacillus absent	p	p
Chlamydia trachomatis	1/127 (1 %)	2/86 (2 %)	5/61 (8%)	0.57	0.01
Trichomonas	8/125 (6%)	10/85 (12 %)	8/62 (13 %)	0.17	0.14
Candidiasis (S)	3/125 (2 %)	8/85 (9 %)	0/62 (0 %)	0.05	0.55
Candidiasis (As)	21/122 (17 %)	19/77 (25 %)	7/62 (11 %)	0.20	0.30
Bacterialvaginosis	10/127 (8 %)	29/86 (34 %)	37/62 (60 %)	< 0.001	< 0.001
Gardnerella	55/127 (43 %)	55/85 (65%)	55/62 (89 %)	0.002	< 0.001
Bacteroides	62/125 (50 %)	62/83 (75 %)	46/61 (75 %)	< 0.001	0.001
Peptostreptococcus	35/125 (28 %)	34/83 (41 %)	29/61 (48 %)	0.05	0.01
Mycoplasma hominis	21/119 (18 %)	32/82 (39 %)	33/59 (56 %)	0.001	< 0.001
Ureaplasma urealyticum	86/120 (72 %)	68/80 (85 %)	51/60 (85 %)	0.03	0.05
GBS	20/126 (16 %)	19/85 (22 %)	9/61 (15 %)	0.23	0.84
Viridans streptococcus	38/125 (30 %)	39/86 (45 %)	28/62 (45 %)	0.03	0.05
Enterococcus	29/126 (23 %)	12/86 (14 %)	6/62 (10 %)	0.10	0.03
Escherichia coli	13/126 (10 %)	11/86 (13 %)	3/62 (5 %)	0.58	0.20

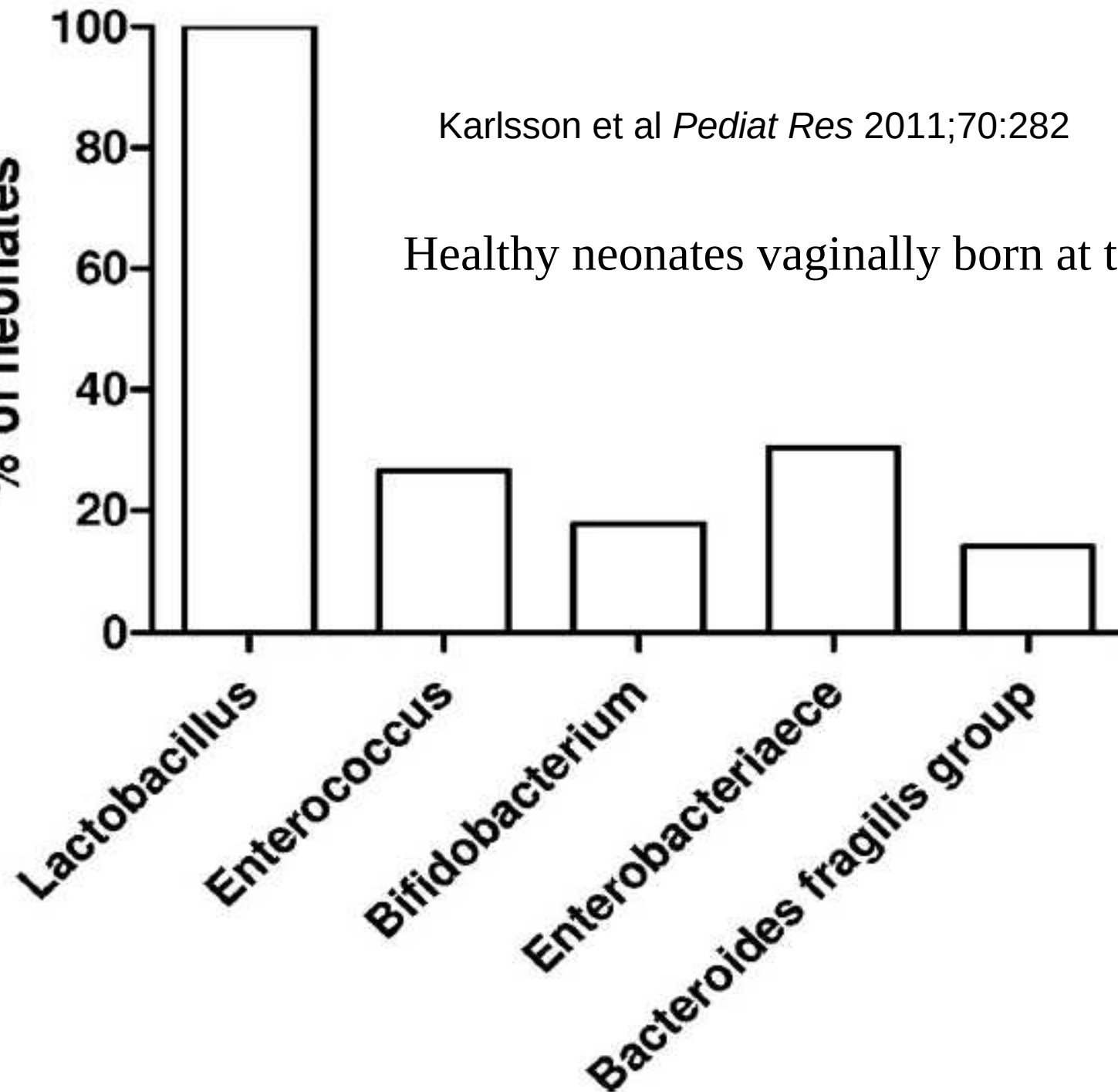
Both maternal recto-vaginal and
environmental Microbiota
at the time of birth....

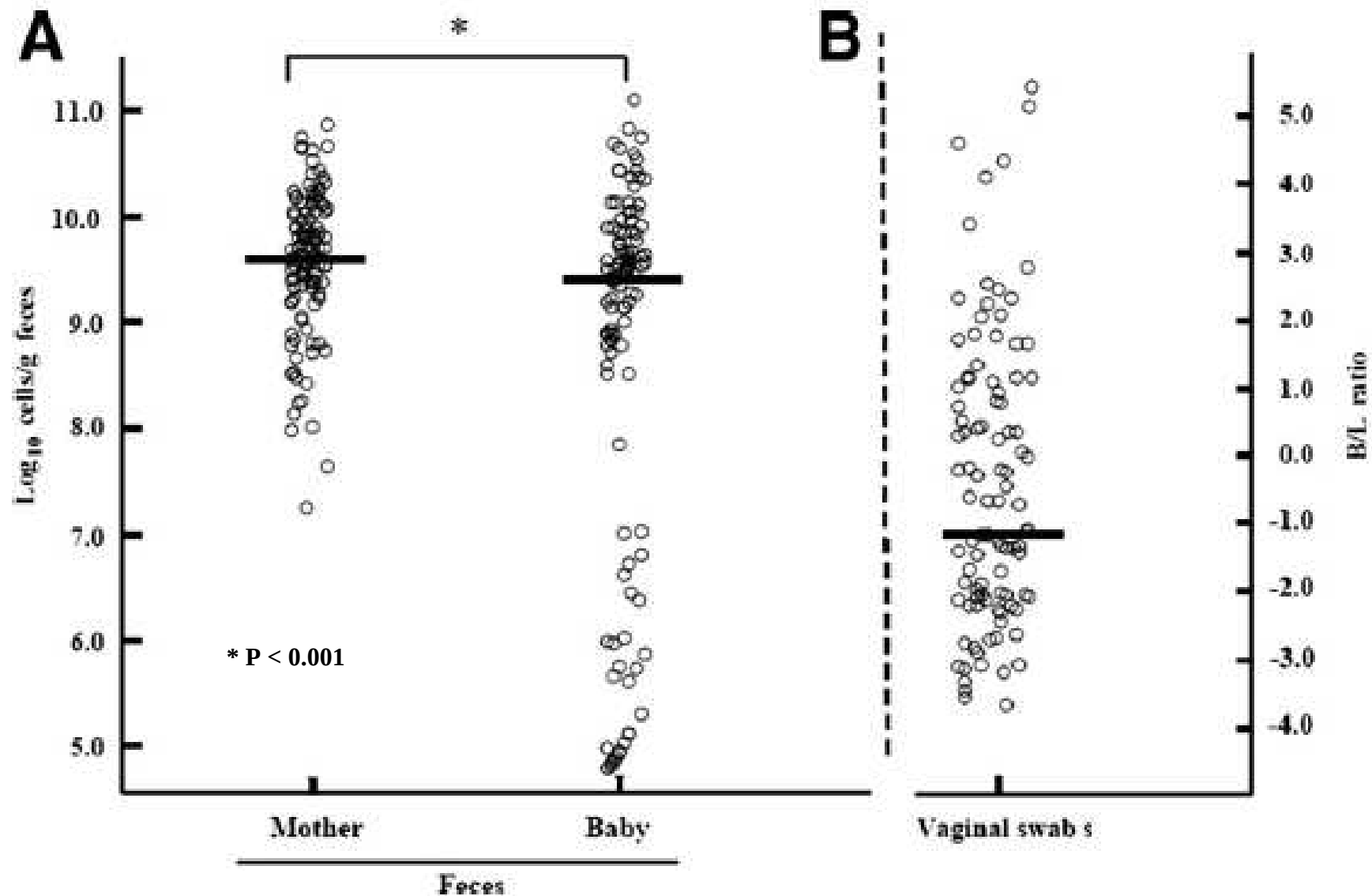
...are the best major determinants of
the Microbiota found
in the intestine of the neonate at the
Early Stage.



48 HOURS OF LIFE

% of neonates





diversity of bifidobacteria in the babies' feces. The most important determinants of intestinal bifidobacteria in infants were the colonization of *B. breve* in the mothers' gut and vaginal delivery. (*Pediatr Res* 65: 669–674, 2009) Mikami et al et al

Table 4: Bacteria detected in the samples of breast milk and feces of the breast- and formula-fed infants and percentage of sample which they were detected

Microorganism	Milk	Feces		P-value ^a
		Breast-fed infants	Formula-fed infants	
<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i>	100.00%	86.05%	13.33%	< 0.0001
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	16.28%	16.28%	13.33%	NS ^b
Other <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp.	16.28%	6.98%	6.67%	NS
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	20.93%	53.49%	100.00%	0.0011
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	ND ^c	2.33%	13.33%	NS
Other <i>Enterococcus</i> spp.	4.65%	9.30%	26.67%	NS
<i>Streptococcus</i> spp.	27.91%	13.95%	ND	NS
Other Gram-positive bacteria	20.93%	69.77%	33.33%	0.0130
Gram-negative bacteria	46.51%	97.62%	66.67%	0.0008

^a Statistical significance between the breast-fed group and the formula-fed group (χ^2 test).

^bNS, not significant ($P > 0.05$).

^cND, not detected.

Jimenez et al BMC Microbiol 2008.8/143.

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Antenatal AB's

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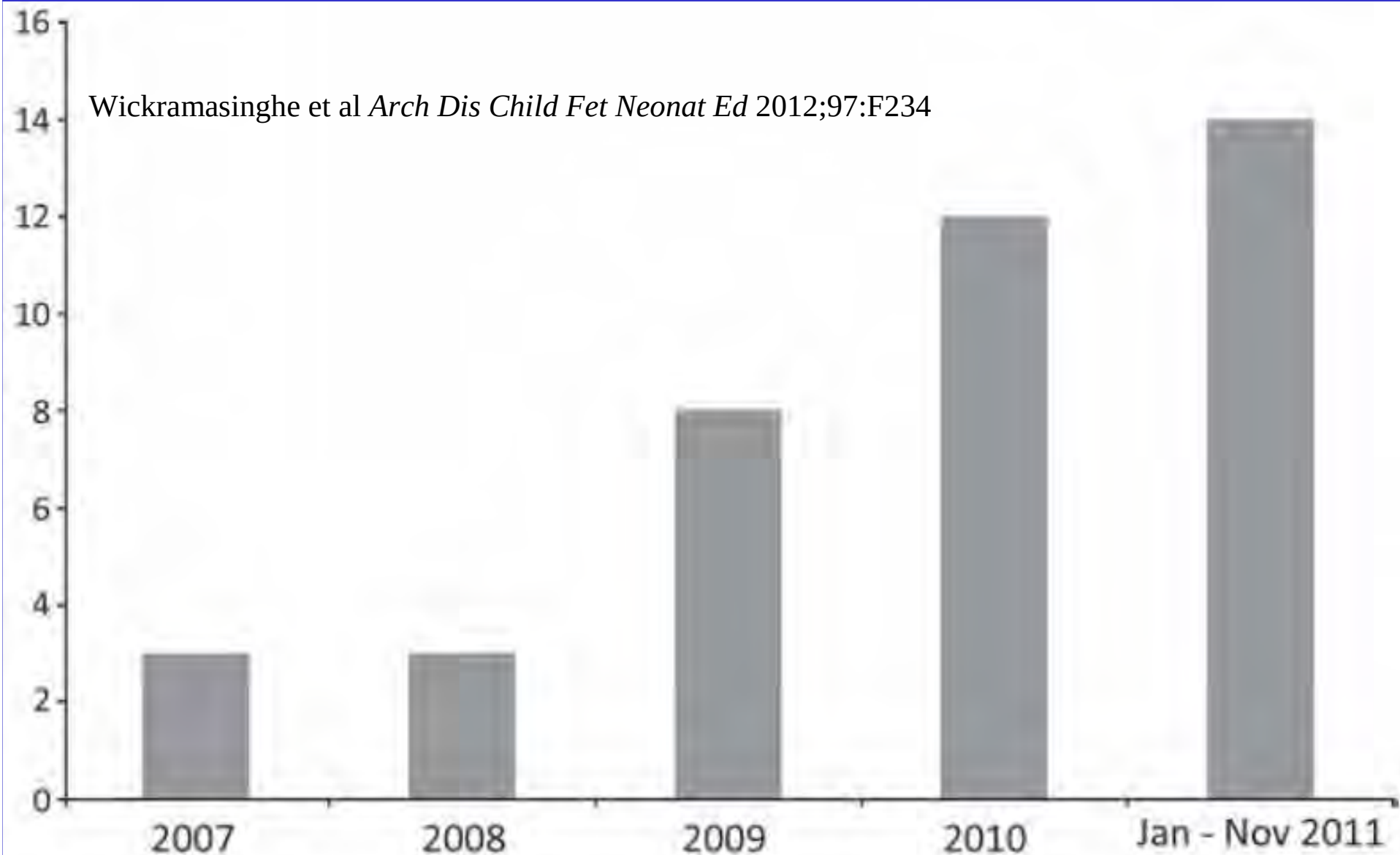
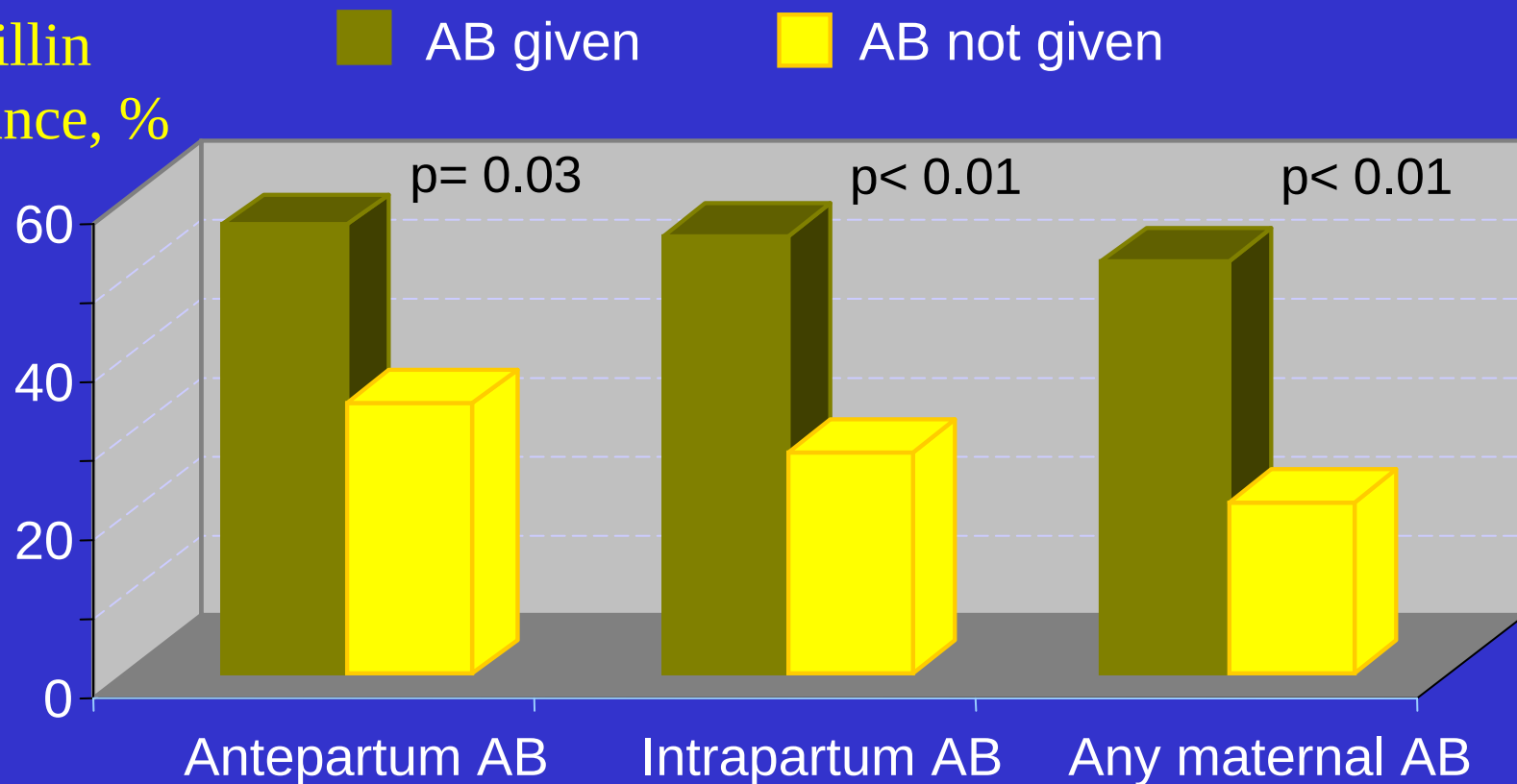


Figure 1 Number of multi-resistant gram-negative bacteria in antenatal patient urines since 2007.

AB use in pregnancy and drug-resistant infant sepsis

Ampicillin
Resistance, %



Mercer et al. Am J Obstet Gynecol 1999; 181:816

Intrapartum Antibiotics (IPA 's) In Mothers of Case with SBI and Control infants

<i>Exposure</i>	<i>Case infants (N = 90)</i>	<i>Control Infants (N = 92)</i>	<i>OR (95% CI)</i>
Penicillin IPA	10 (11%)	13 (14%)	0.95 (0.37-2.44)
Broad-spectrum IPA*	29 (32 %)	10 (11 %)	4.95 (2.04 – 11.98)
Maternal chorioamnionitis	1 (1%)	3 (3%)	0.12 (0.01 – 1.39)
Breastfeeding	67 (74%)	74 (82%)	0.58 (0.29 – 1.18)

* = significant

SBI = Serious Bacterial Infections

Glasgow et al *Pediatrics* 2005;116:696

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<i>Exposure</i>	<i>Resistant,n (% ;N=37)</i>	<i>Non resistant,n (% ;N=53)</i>	<i>OR (95% CI)</i>
Any IPA	24 (65)	13 (25)	5.7 (2.3-14.3)
Penicillin IPA	4 (11)	5 (9)	2.5 (0.6-10.6) *
Ampicillin IPA	12 (32)	6 (11)	6.2 (1.9-19.7)
Other IPA agent	8 (22)	2 (4)	12.3 (2.3-65.5)

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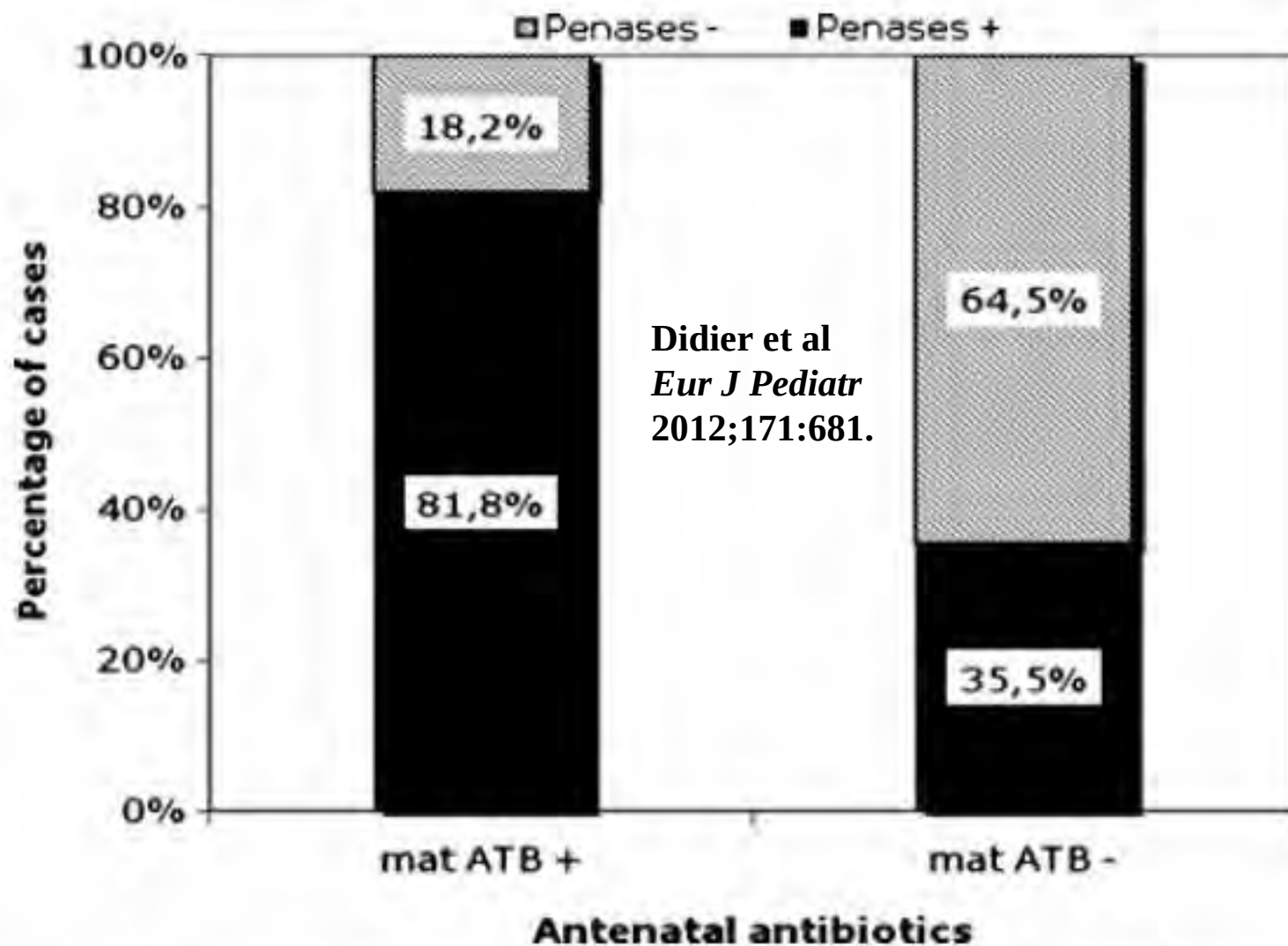
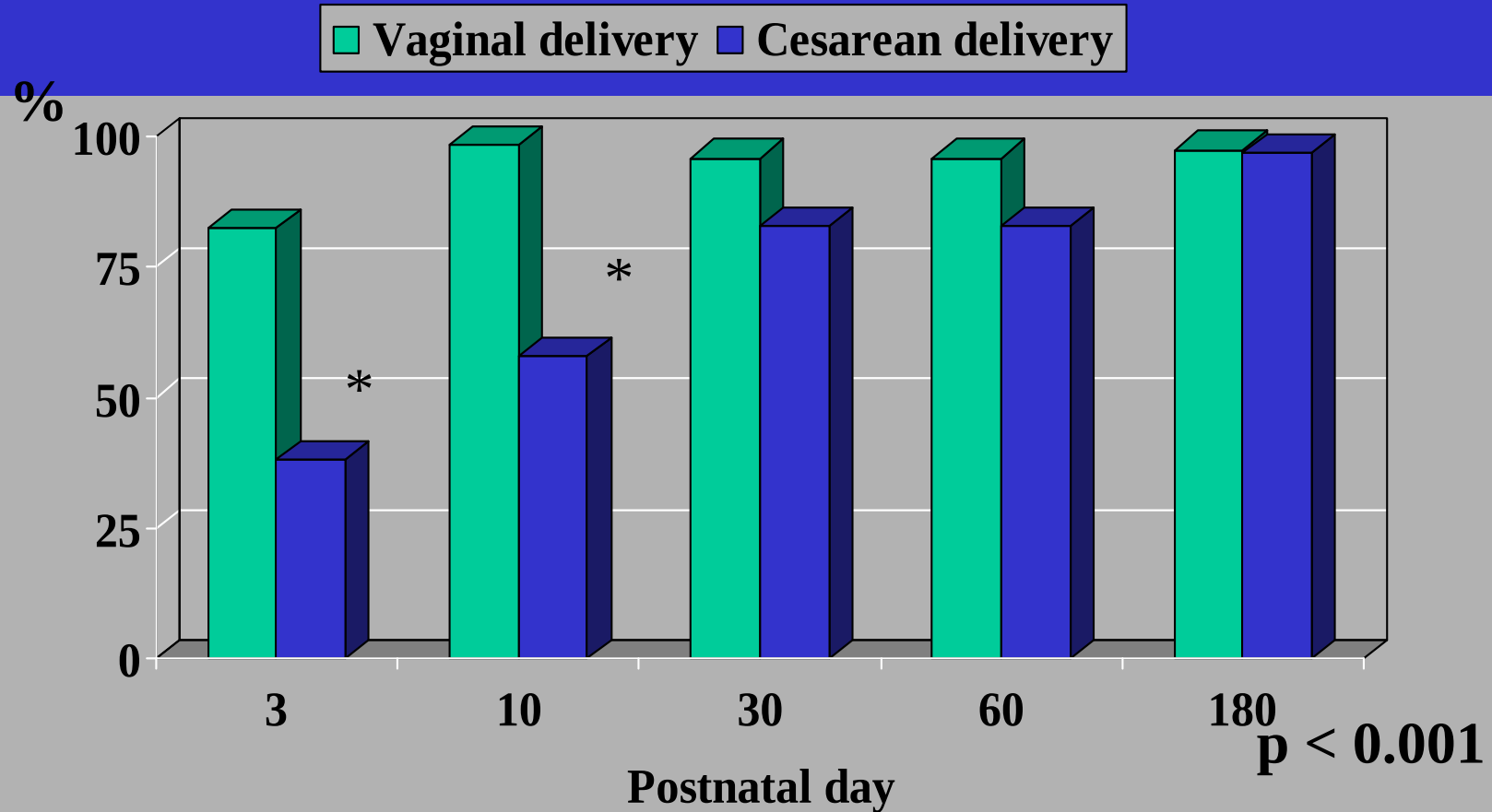


Fig. 1 Maternal antibiotic exposure and LONI due to penicillinases (Penases) producing *E. coli*. $p=0.01$. *MatATB+* infants exposed to maternal antibiotic treatment, *MatATB-* infants non exposed to maternal antibiotic treatment, *Penases+* penicillinases producing *E. coli*, *Penases-* penicillinases non-producing *E. coli*

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Percentage of *Bifidobacterium*-like bacteria (BLB) colonization in infants

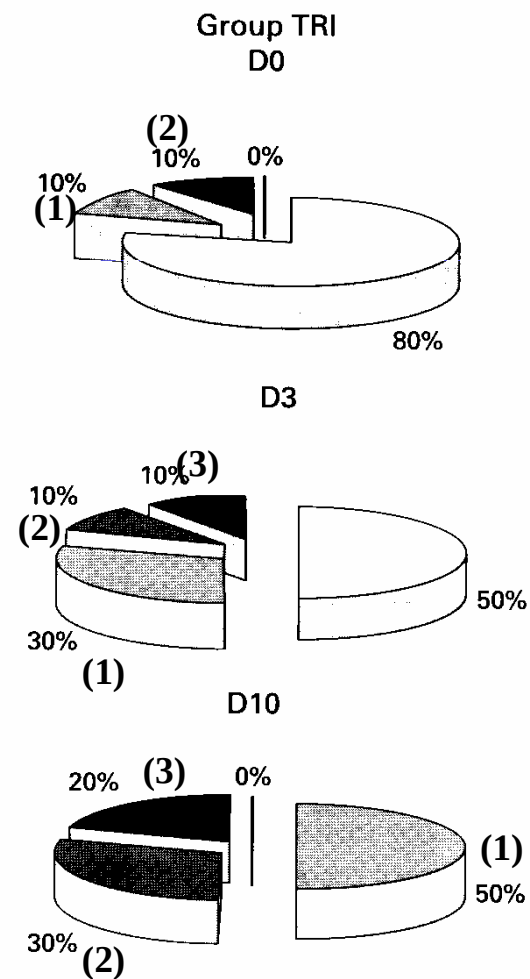
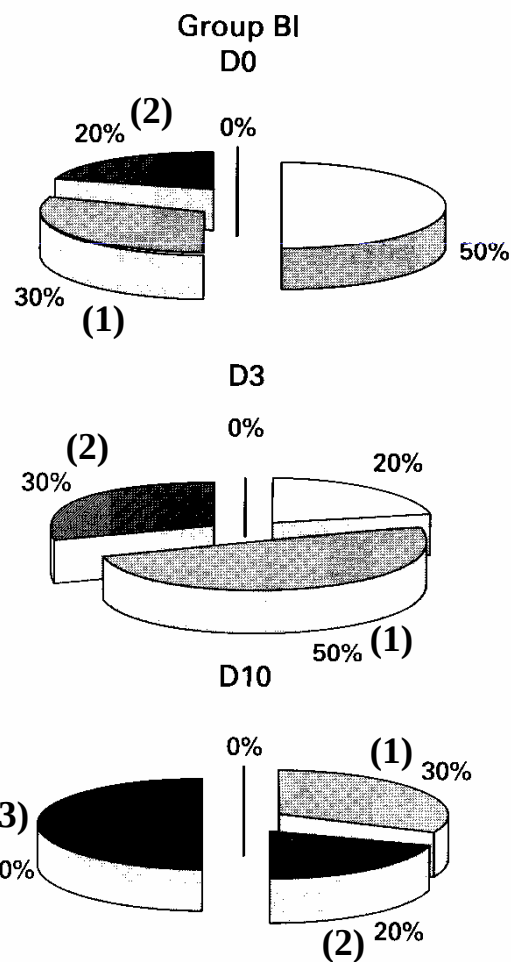
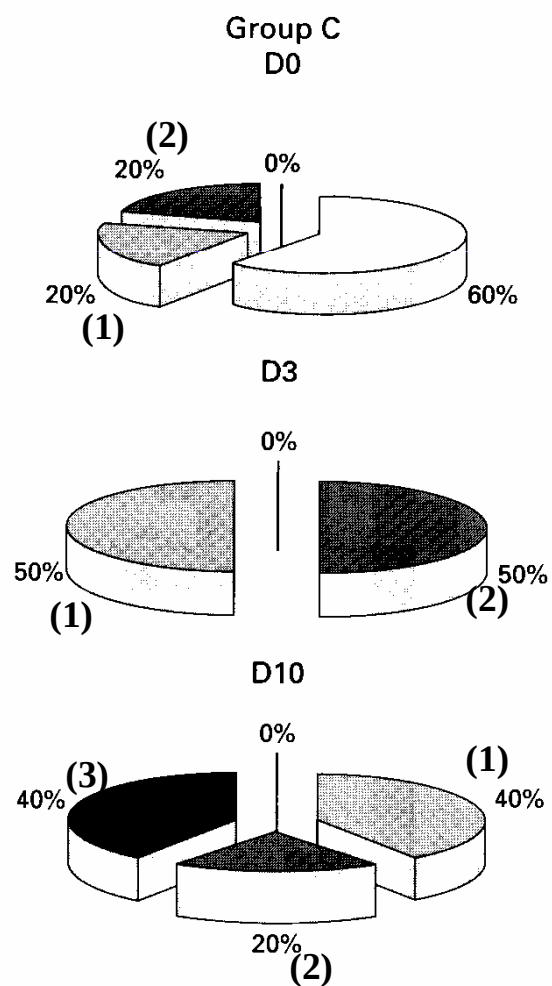


Gronlund et al J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr 1999; 28:19-25

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□ No colonization ▨ 1 type ▩ 2 types ■ 3 types or more



Bonnemaïson et al
Biol Neonate 2003;85:304-310.

Early postnatal AB's

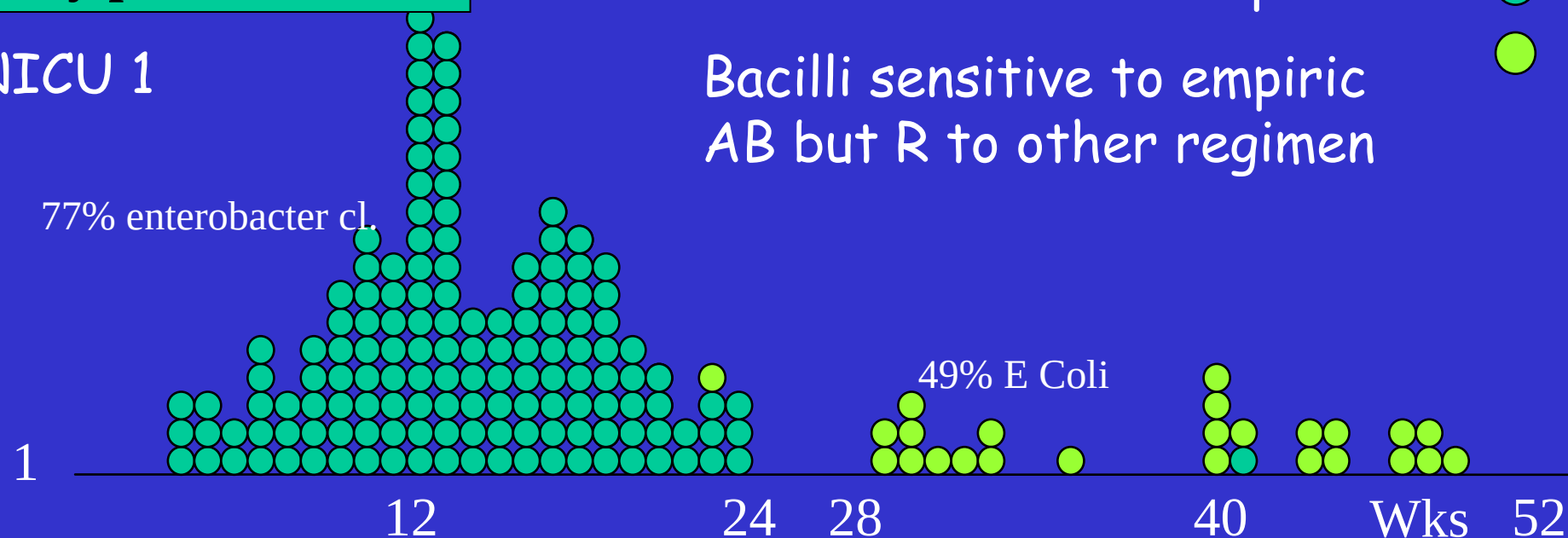
Bacilli resistant to empiric AB



Bacilli sensitive to empiric AB but R to other regimen



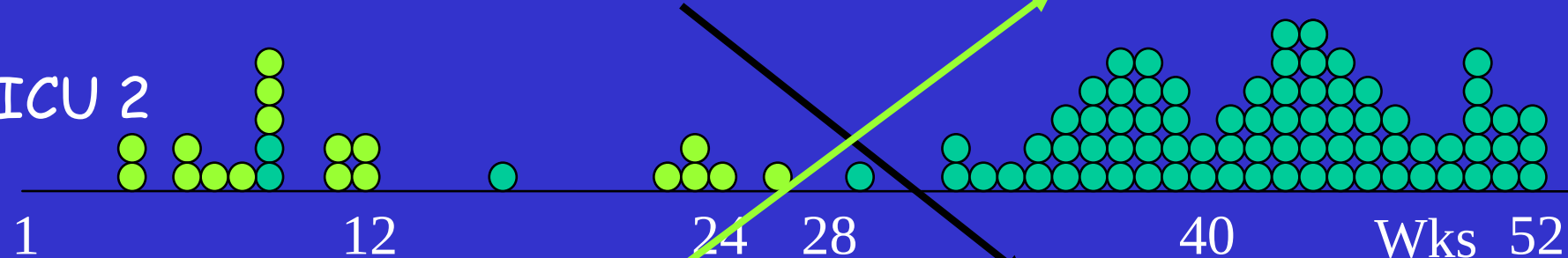
NICU 1



Amoxicillin-Cefotaxime

Pen-Tobramycin

NICU 2



Pen-Tobramycin

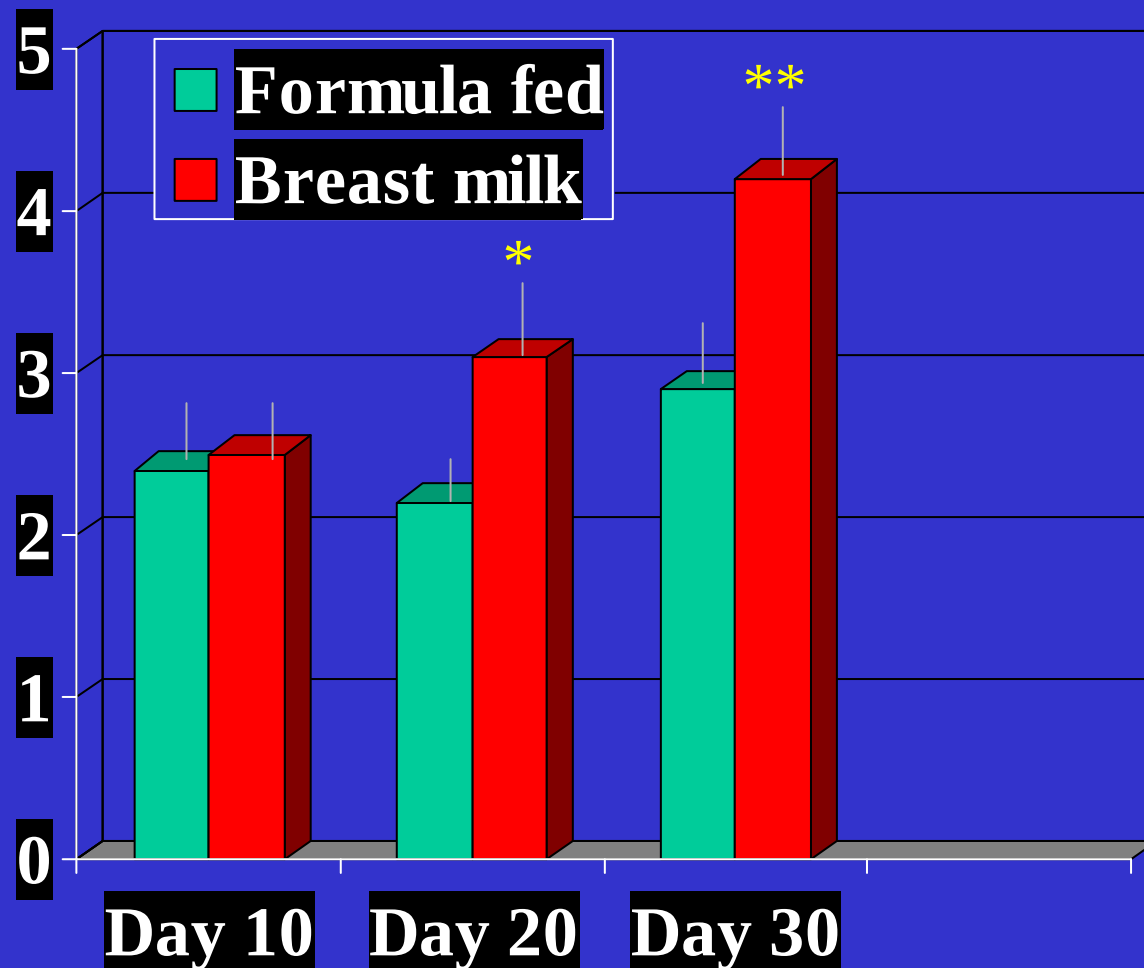
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De Man et al Lancet 2000;355(9208):973-8.

Bacterial Ecology in the NICU influenced by:

- Cesarean Delivery
- Perinatal – Neonatal Antimicrobial Agents
 - Quantitatively : decreasing total number and species
 - Qualitatively : resistant *Enterobacteriaceae*, *Clostridae*, *Candida* overgrowth.
- Corticosteroids
 - *Candida* overgrowth.
- H2 Blockers
 - Increased gastric colonization.
 - Increased risk of bacteriemia.

N° bacterial spp over time in breast milk and formula fed preterm infants



* $p < 0.05$

** $p < 0.01$

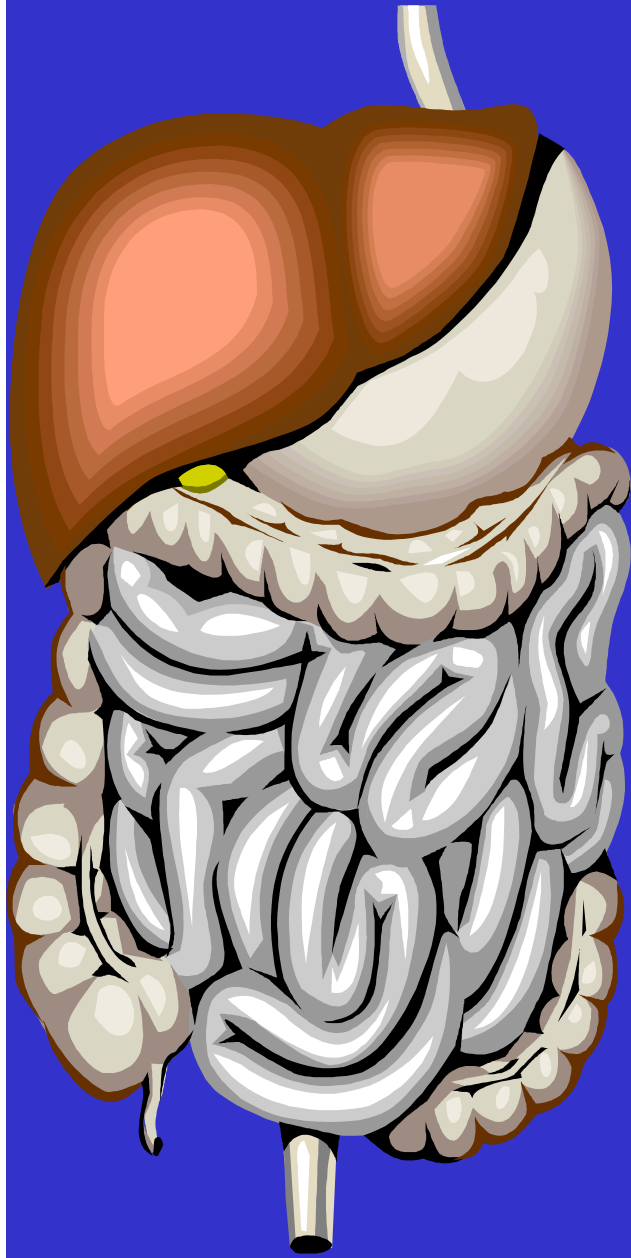
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Normal Development of the Intestinal Microflora during Infancy : Four different phases

- Initial acquisition of microorganisms from the maternal flora : *Lactobacilli*, Staphylococci (especially when breast-fed), Streptococci, *Enterobacteriaceae*,...
- Influence of the Diet from day 4 : *Bifidobacteria* as well as *Lactobacilli* important dominance in exclusive breast-fed infants
- Dietary supplementation from month 6 : *Bacteroides* and Enterococci as well as *Enterobacteriaceae* and clostridia increase; correlated with increased faecal pH.
- Weaning and adult diet from 1 year : more diversified anaerobes flora and decrease in *Enterobacteriaceae*



Stomach and Duodenum

(10^1 - 10^3 CFU/ml)

Lactobacilli

Streptococci

Yeasts

From Simon and Gorbach,
1982

Jejunum and Ileum

(10^4 - 10^8 CFU/ml)

Lactobacilli

Streptococci

Enterobacteriaceae

Bacteroides

Bifidobacteria

Fusobacteria

Colon

(10^{10} - 10^{12} CFU/ml)

Bacteroides

Bifidobacteria

Streptococci

Fusobacteria

Enterobacteriaceae

Clostridia

Veillonella

Lactobacilli

Proteus

Staphylococci

Pseudomonas

Yeasts

Protozoa

Harmful/pathogenic effects

Health promoting functions

Diarrhea/constipation

Infections

Liver damage

Cancer

Encephalopathy

Pathogenic
(incl. prod
of toxins)

Ps-Aeruginosa

Proteus

Staphylococci

Clostridia

Veillonellae

Enterococci

E.Coli

Lactobacilli

Streptococci

Eubacteria

Bifidobacteria

Bacteroides

Production of
carcinogens

Intestinal
putrefaction

Inhibition of growth
of exogeneous and/or
harmful bacteria

Stimulation of
immune functions

Aid in digestion
and/or absorption of
food
ingredients/minerals

Synthesis of vitamins

From G.R Gibson and M. Roberfroid

11 Number/g faeces Log 10 scale



Exclusive Breast-Feeding: the best for Optimizing Bacterial/Mucosal Interface

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Bifidogenic Factors

- Glycoproteins {κ Casein (N-Acetyl-Glucosamine)}
- Mono-oligosaccharides, GOS,
- Low protein level
- High lactose concentration
- Low phosphate concentration

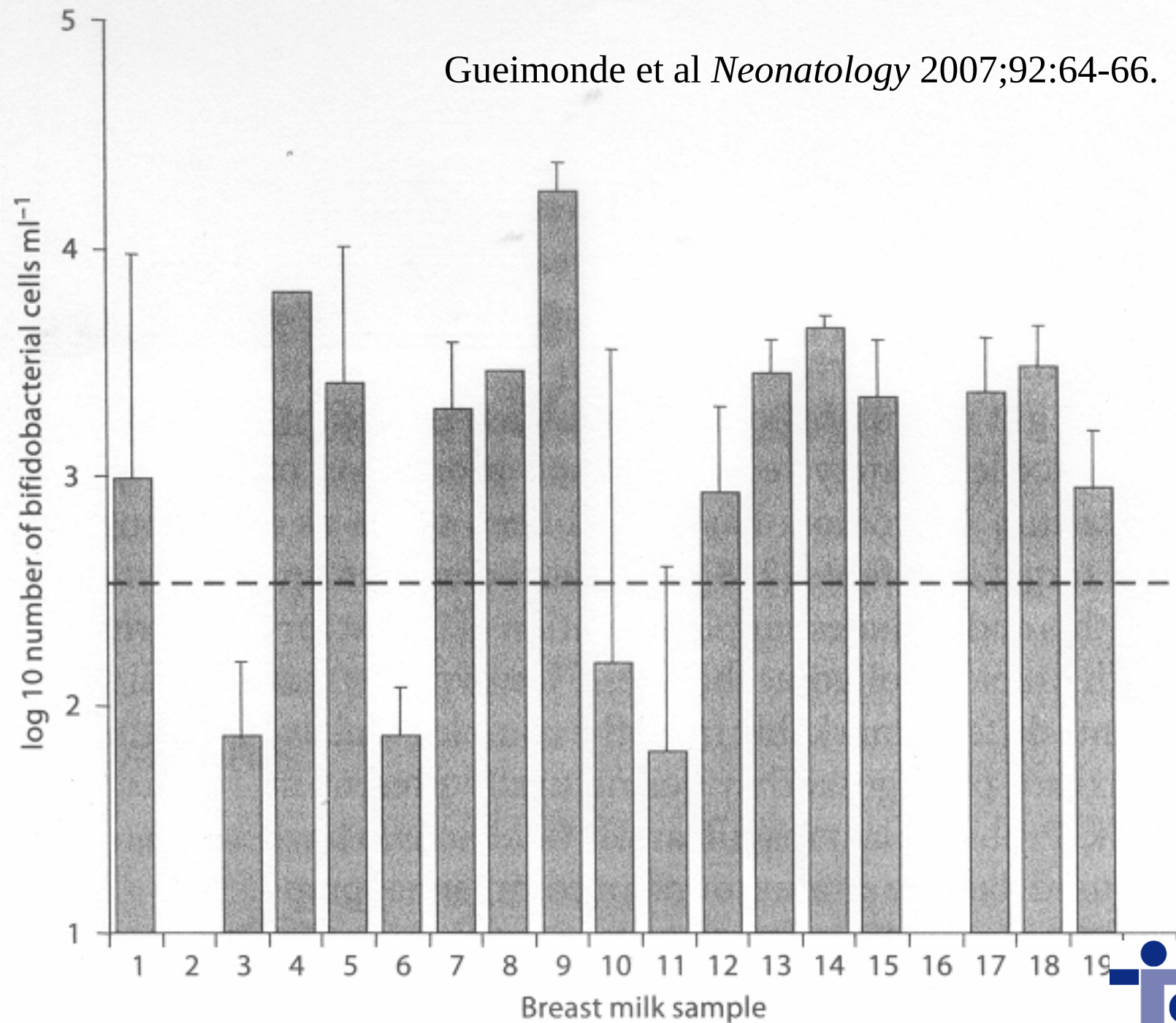
Immunomodulating Components

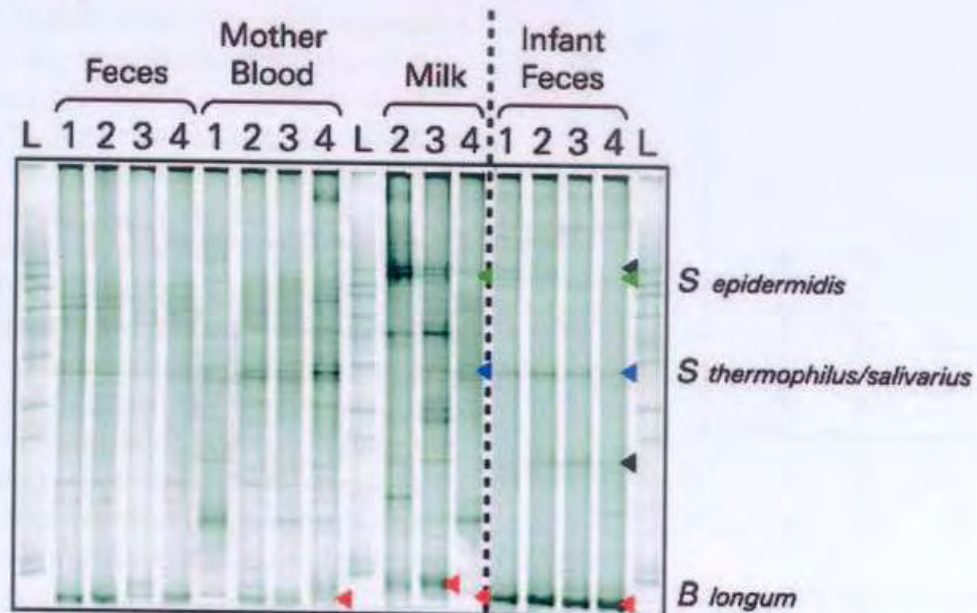
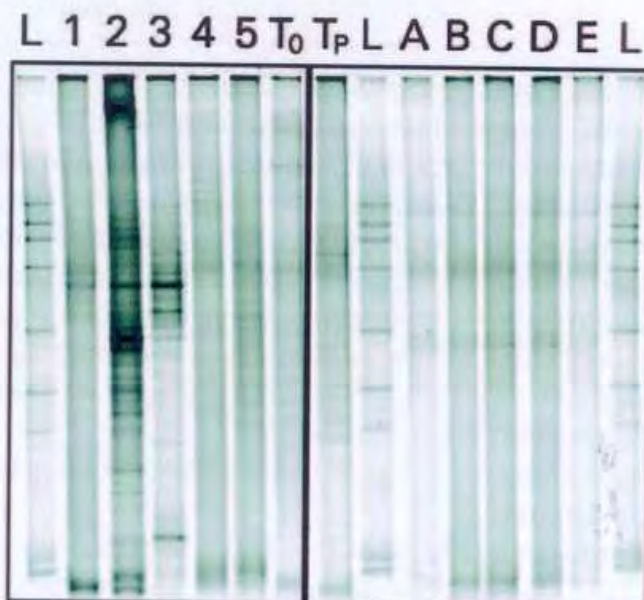
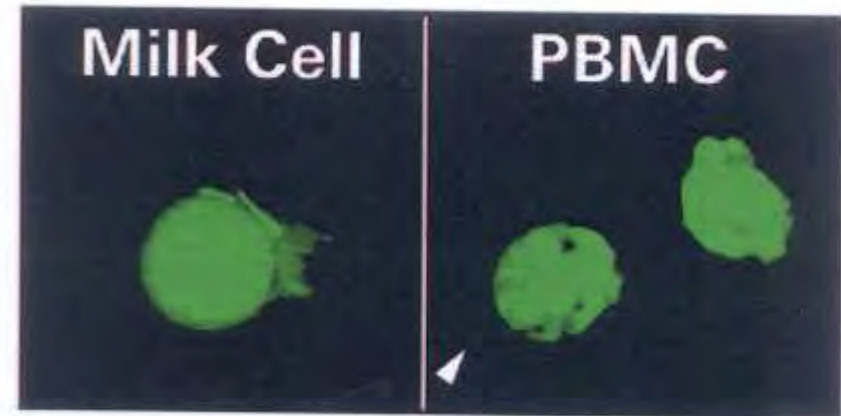
- Virtually all known immune components/nutriment found in HM are relevant for specific protective action on the epithelial cell
- Of outstanding interest: sCD14, Il-10, TGF-β, sTLR's, (S)IgA.

Biologically active Components

- Whey proteins (Lactoferrin, Lysozyme, Defensins, EGF, PAF-AH..)
- Osteoprotegerin, adiponectin, alpha-lactalbumin
- PUFA's

Gueimonde et al *Neonatology* 2007;92:64-66.



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Lessons from maternal cells
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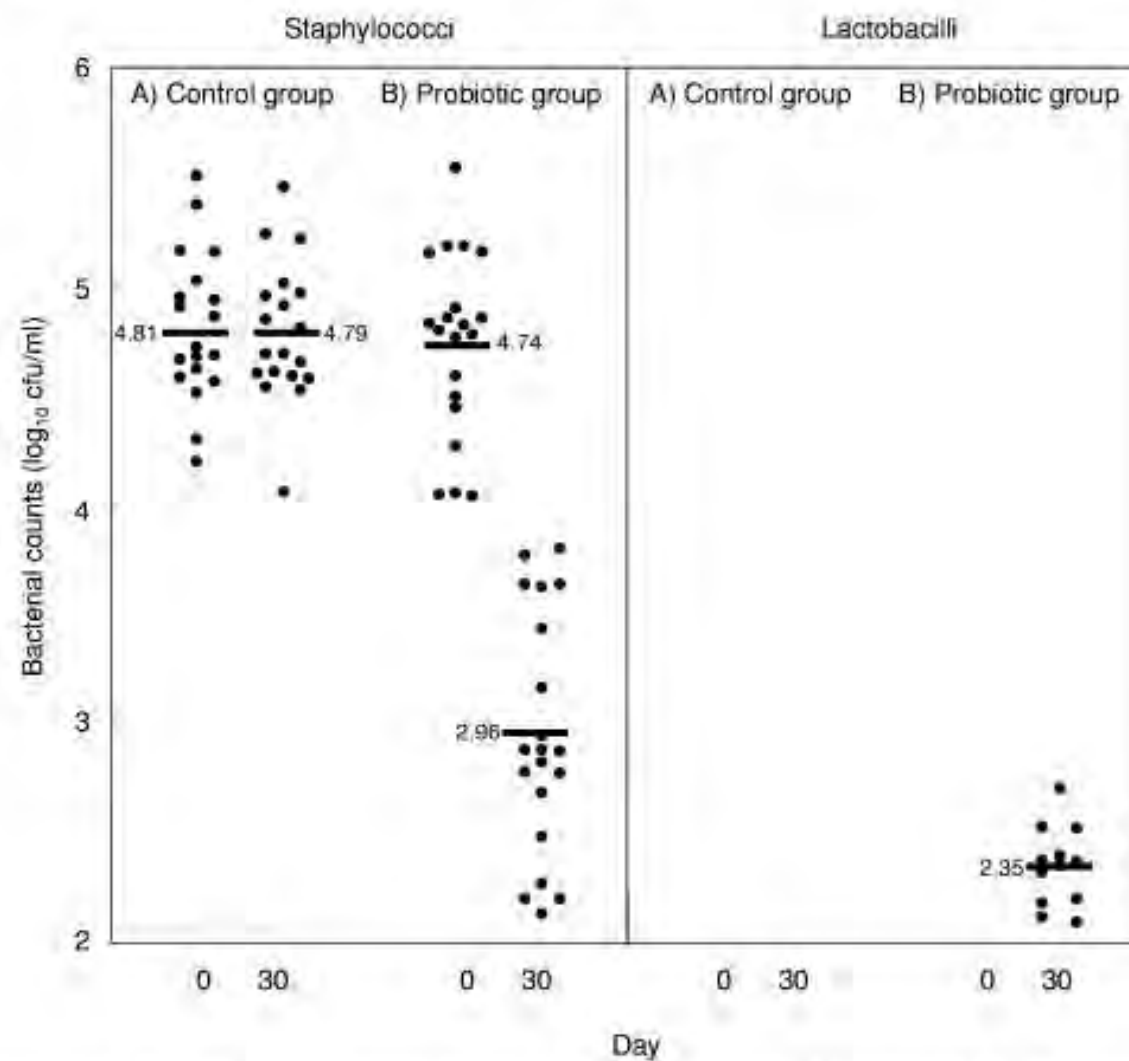


FIG. 1. Staphylococcal counts in the milk samples obtained from women of the control (A) and probiotic (B) groups at days 0 and 30. The black bars (and the associated number) indicate the mean of the values.

Perinatal Factors acting on the Bacterial Colonisation of the Neonate.

- Maternal Vaginal Microbiota during pregnancy
- Environmental factors in the Hospital
- Perinatal AB's - types of AB's which are used (narrow vs broad spectrum)
- Type of Delivery (vaginal or caesarean)
- Postnatal AB's and other drugs influence
- Nutrition by the end of the first week
- **Milk processing and storage**

	Storage (°C)		Heat-treated
	0-4	-20	56°C (30 min)
IgA	NC	NC	Stable (at 62°C ↓)
sIgA	NC	NC	Stable (at 62°C ↓)
Lactoferrin	NC	NC	NC (at 62°C ↓)
Lysozyme	NC	NC	NC (at 62°C ↓)
Fibronectin	NC	NC	
Mucid	NK	NK	
C3 complement	NC	NC	NC
Oligosaccharides	NC	NC	Stable
Glycoproteins			Stable
α-Tocopherol	Stable	Stable	
Cell count			
- number	NC	↓	↓↓
- function	NC	↓	↓↓
Bacterial growth	NC	NC	↓↓↓
Inhibition of <i>Ecoli</i>	Adherence	NC	NC
	to HEp-2 cells		
Cytokines	NK	NK	
Nucleotides	Stable	Stable	

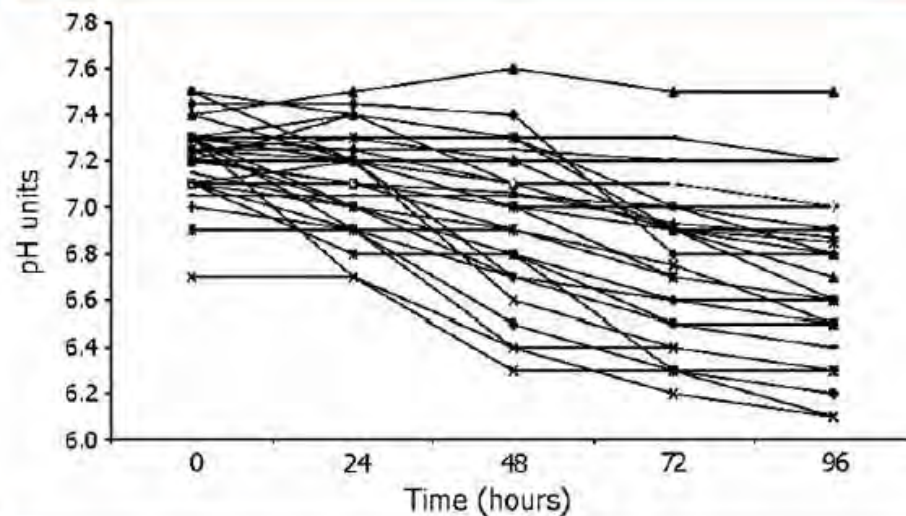


Figure 1. Milk pH declined over 96-hour refrigerator storage ($P < .001$). Each time point differs from the preceding value ($P < .05$).

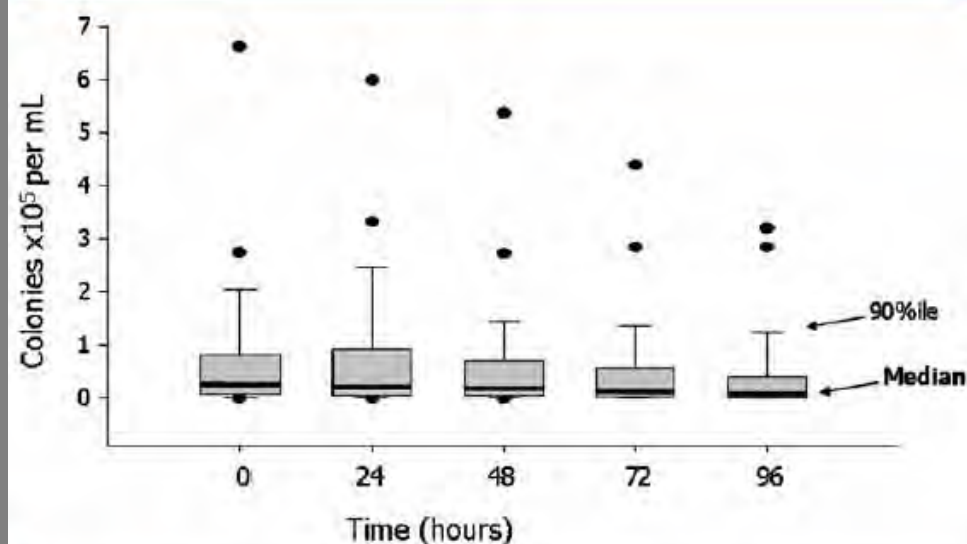


Figure 2. Gram positive bacterial colony counts declined over 96-hour storage ($P < .001$).

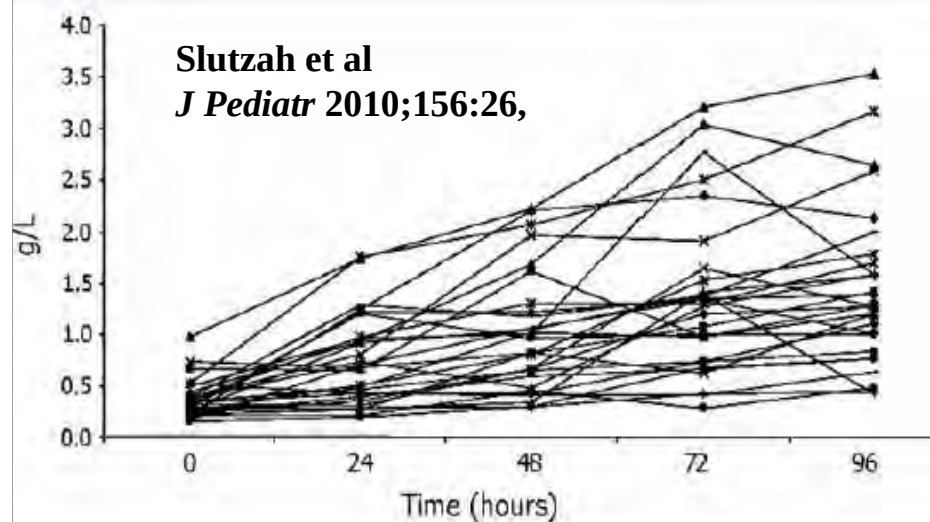


Figure 3. Free fatty acid concentrations increased 3-fold over 96-hour storage ($P < .001$).

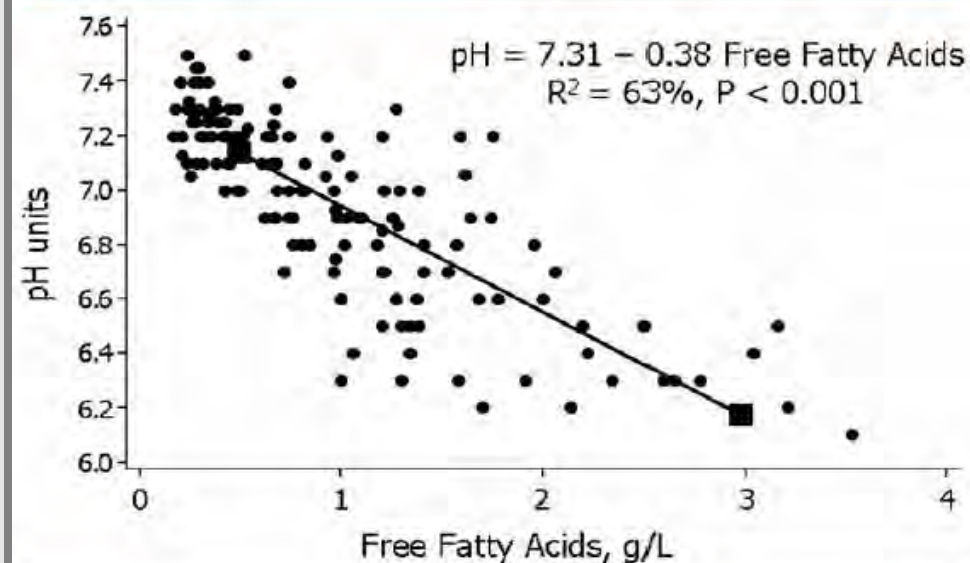
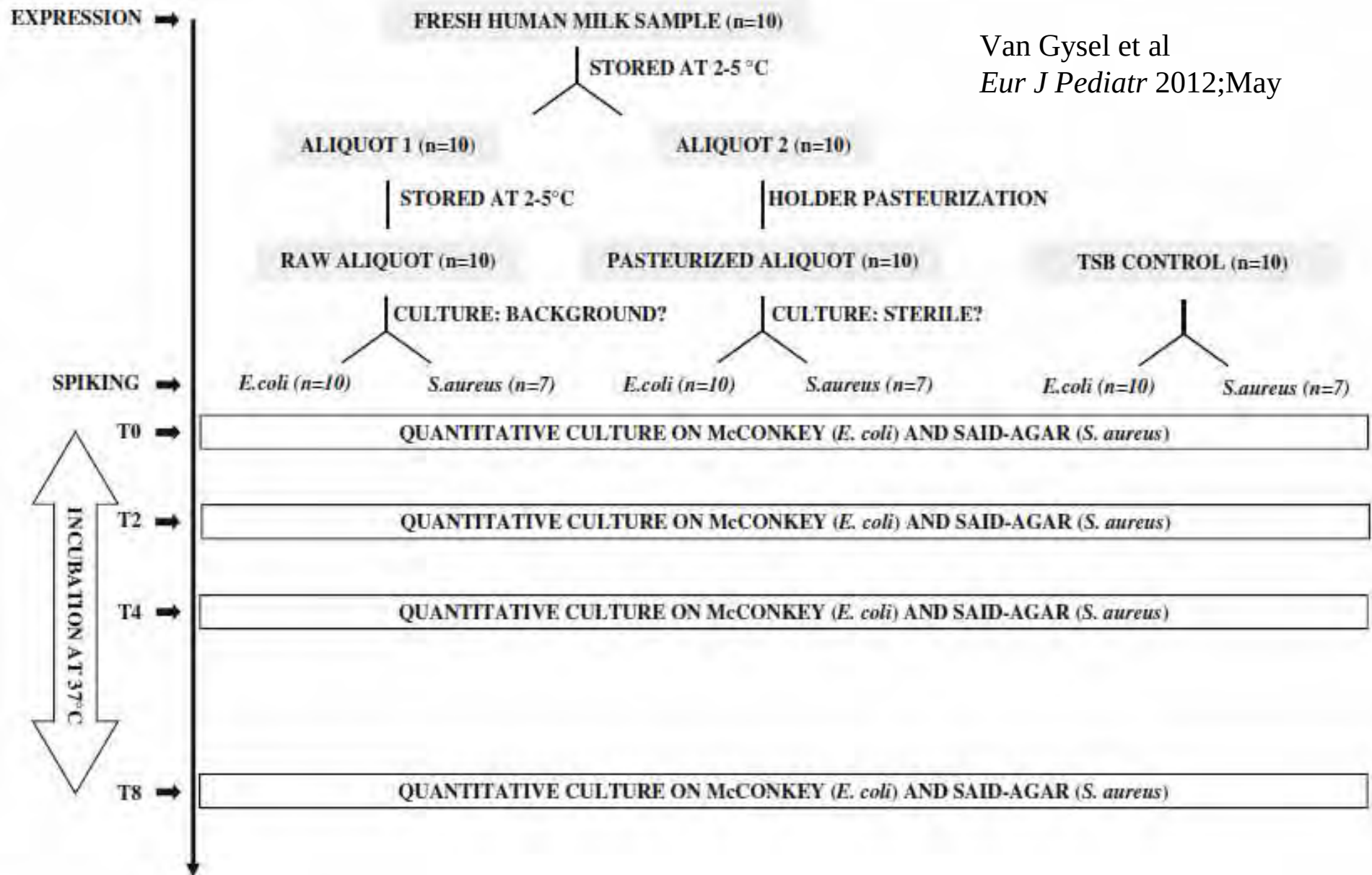


Figure 4. Inverse relationship between pH and free fatty acid concentrations ($r = 0.79$, $P < .001$).

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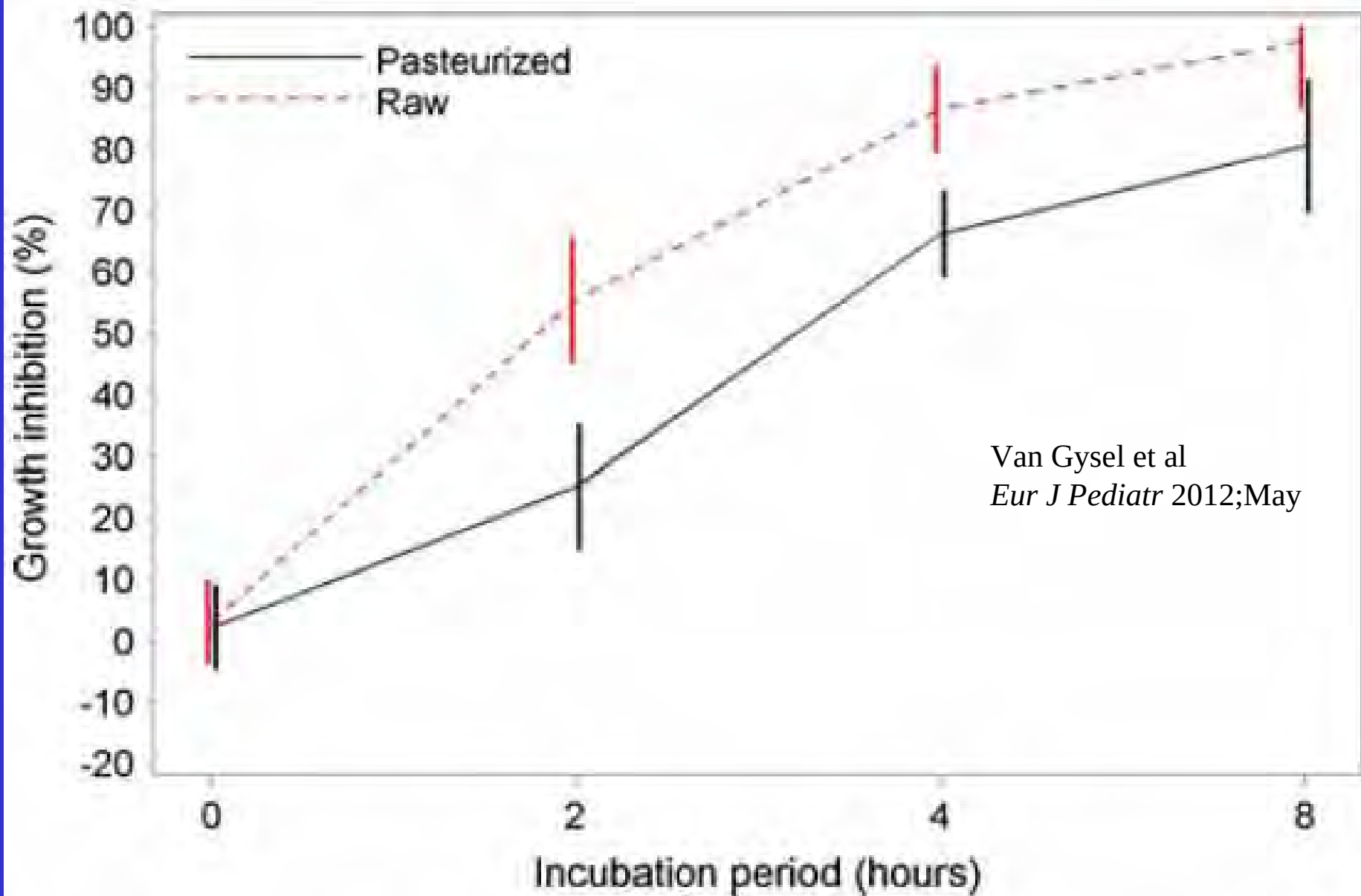


Fig. 3 Evolution of growth inhibition of *S. aureus* during incubation
Means and 95 % confidence intervals are plotted

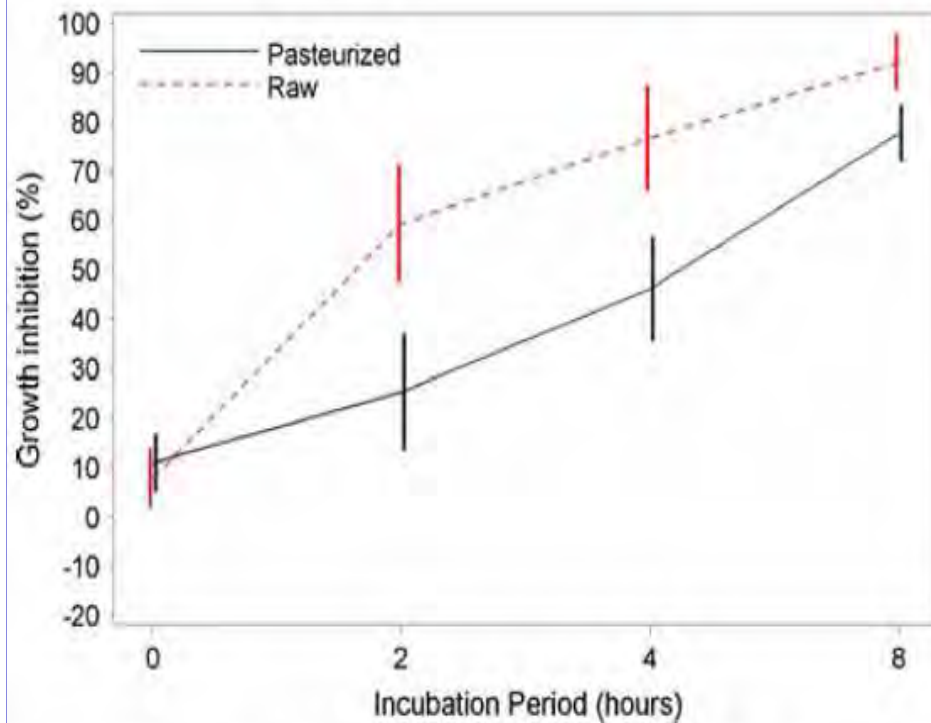
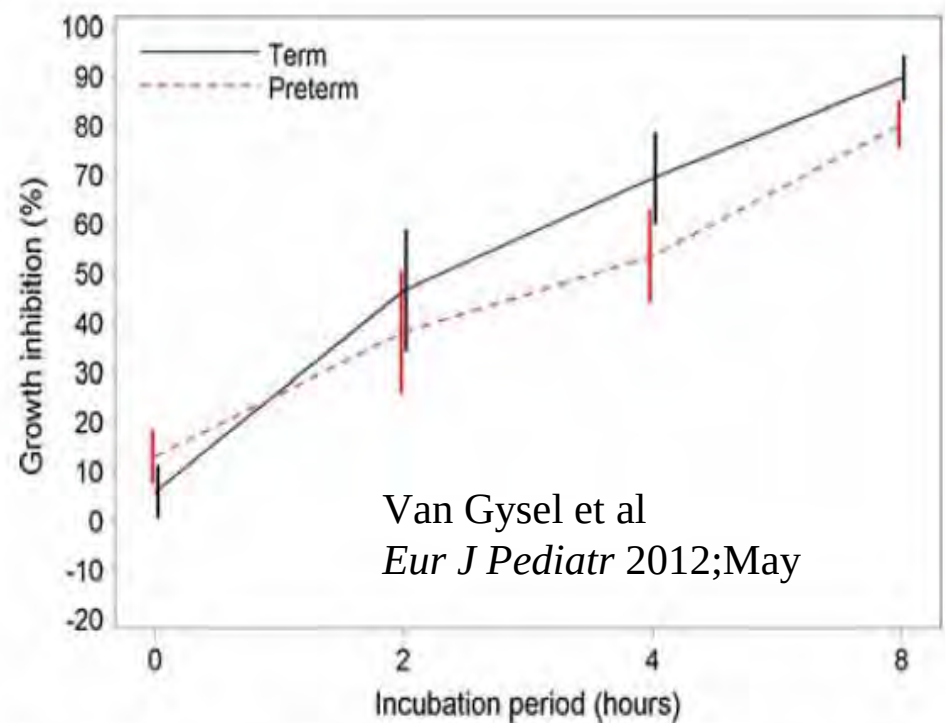


Fig. 2 Evolution of growth inhibition of *E. coli* during incubation. Means and 95 % confidence intervals are plotted



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Fig. 4 Comparison of growth inhibition of *E. coli* between preterm and term milk. Means and 95 % confidence intervals are plotted

Mother

Protection of upper respiratory tract
mucosa and gastrointestinal
mucosa, oral dietary antigen
tolerance

Child

Microbes
Food antigens

Breast milk

* sIGA, sIgM

* Natural

defense

factors

(lactoferrin,...)

* Controlled

Bacterial

translocation

* Maternal

Dietary Atg

Epitopes

* Immuno

regulatory

factors (TGF- β ,...)

* (Pollutants)

Peripheral blood

GALT

Lymphatic vessel

FDC

APC

Mesenteric
lymph node

Thoracic duct

adapted from P.BRANDTZAEG, 1996

Recommendations ARE NEEDED to ameliorate NEONATAL BACTERIAL INTESTINAL COLONIZATION = PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT IN ALLERGY PREVENTION

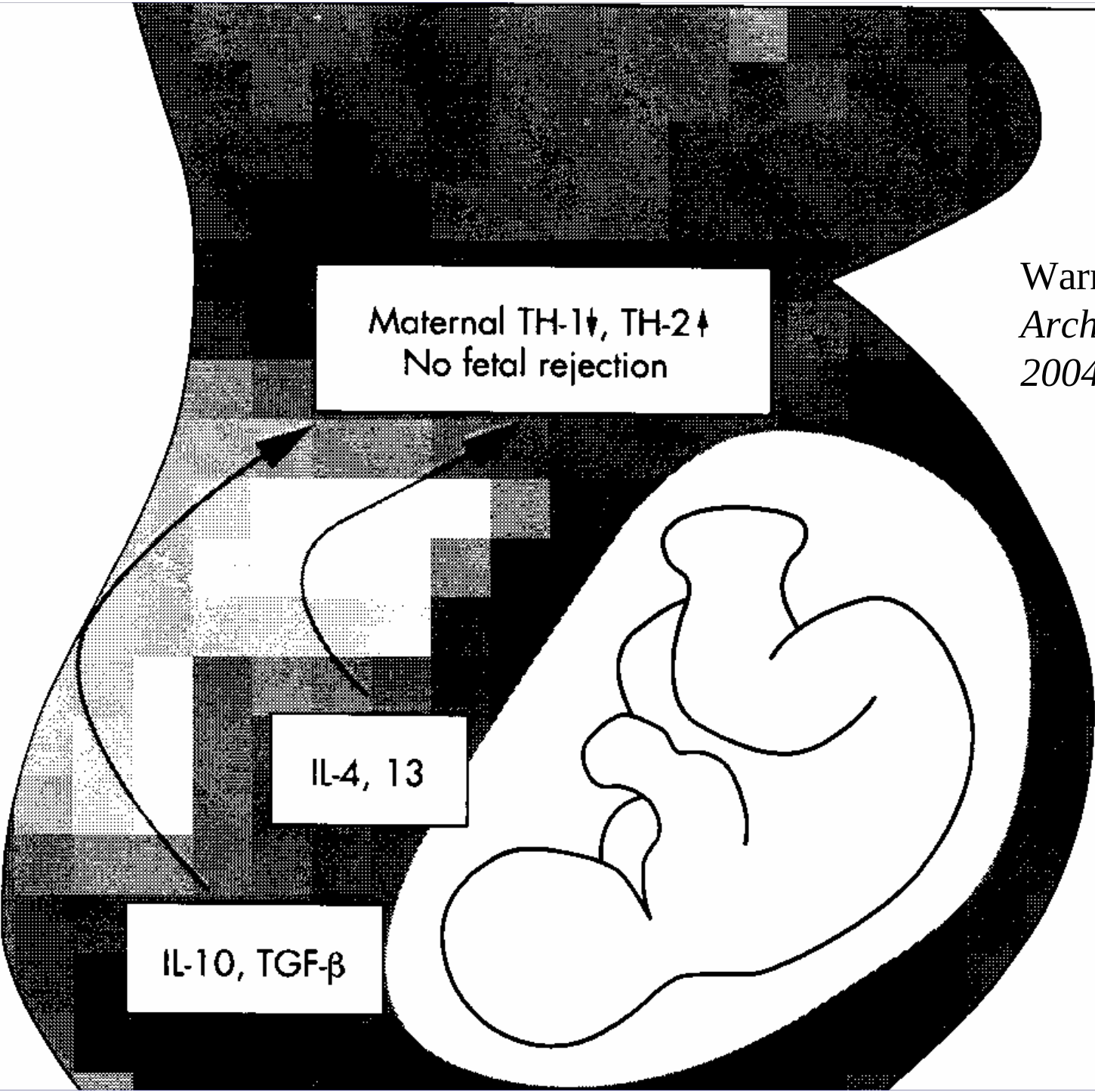
- **Prefer vaginal delivery when possible**
- **Exclusive breast feeding as long as possible**
 - ⇒ optimal immune response after optimal mucosal microbial stimulation
 - ⇒ allows low early diet antigen stimulation on immature mucosa
- **Progressive introduction of complementary foods**
 - = not before four or six months = according to the 4 points rule
- **Rationale use of antibiotics and some other drugs :**
 - ⇒ restriction in the early stage when possible
 - ⇒ avoid excessive use of broad spectrum AB (esp. in prophylaxis)



Major Nutrients of Human Milk : Multiple functions

Nutrients	Amount	Function
Protein		
- sIgA	50 - 100 mg/dL	Immune protection
- IgM	2 mg/dL	Immune protection
- IgG	1 mg/dL	Immune protection
- Lactoferrin	100 - 300 mg/dL	Anti-infective, iron carrier
- Lysozyme	5 - 25 mg/dL	Anti-infective
- alpha Lactalbumin	200 - 300 mg/dL	Ion carrier (Ca ²⁺), part of lactose synthase
- Casein	200 - 300 mg/dL	Ion carrier, inhibits microbial adhesion
Carbohydrates		
- Lactose	6.5 – 7.3 g/dL	Energy source
- Oligosaccharides	1.0 – 1.5 g/dL	Microbial ligands
- Glycoconjugates	-	Microbial and viral ligands
Fat		
- Triglyceride	3.0 – 4.5 g/dL	Energy source
- LC-PUFA	-	Essential for brain and retinal development
- FFA	-	Anti-infective

The Fetus and its Immunological protection



Maternal TH-1↓, TH-2↑
No fetal rejection

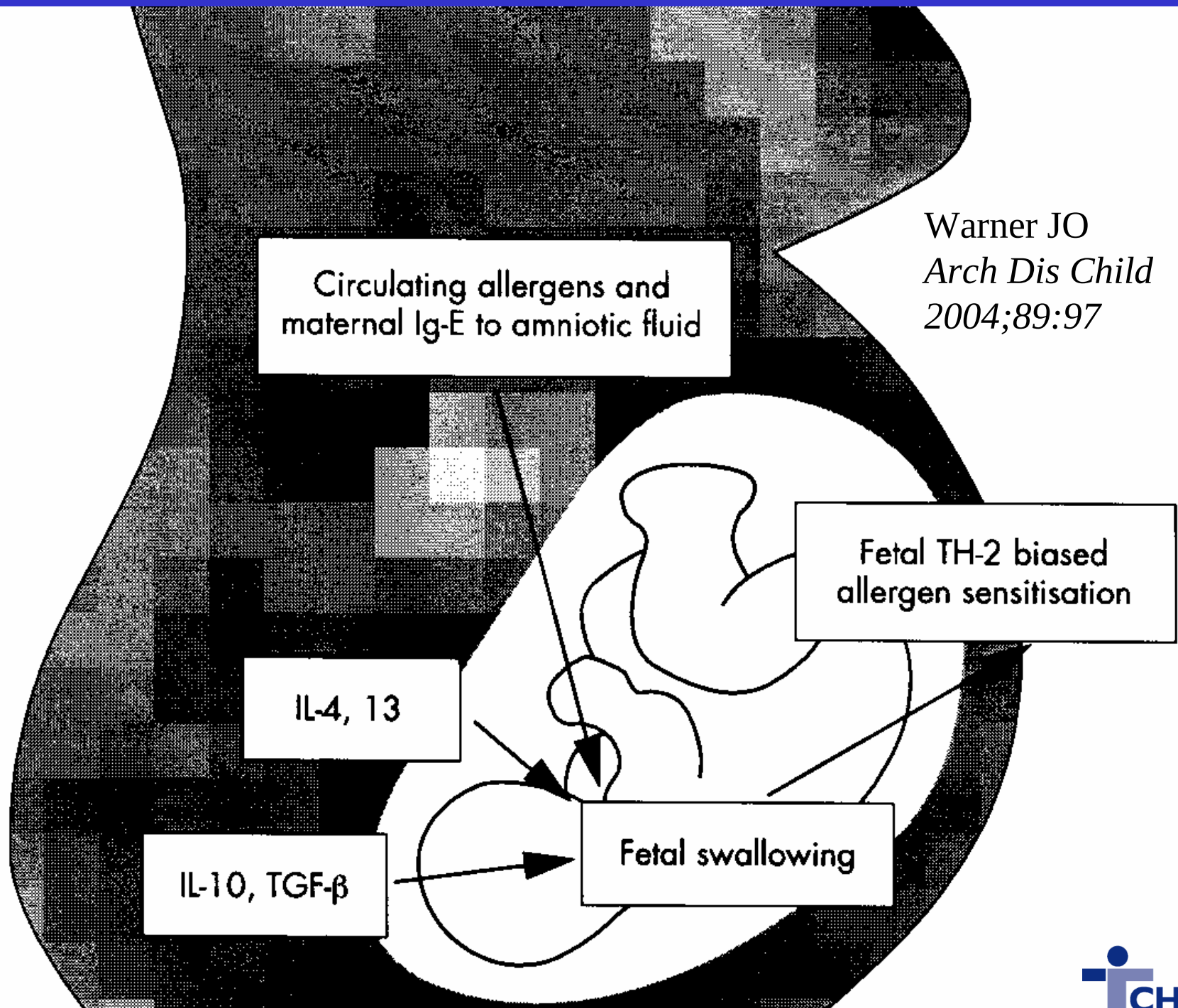
The diagram shows a fetus in the womb. A box labeled 'Maternal TH-1↓, TH-2↑ No fetal rejection' has two arrows pointing to two other boxes: 'IL-4, 13' and 'IL-10, TGF-β'. The 'IL-4, 13' box is positioned above the 'IL-10, TGF-β' box. The fetus is shown in a curled position, with the head at the top and the feet at the bottom. The background is a dark, textured area representing the uterine wall.

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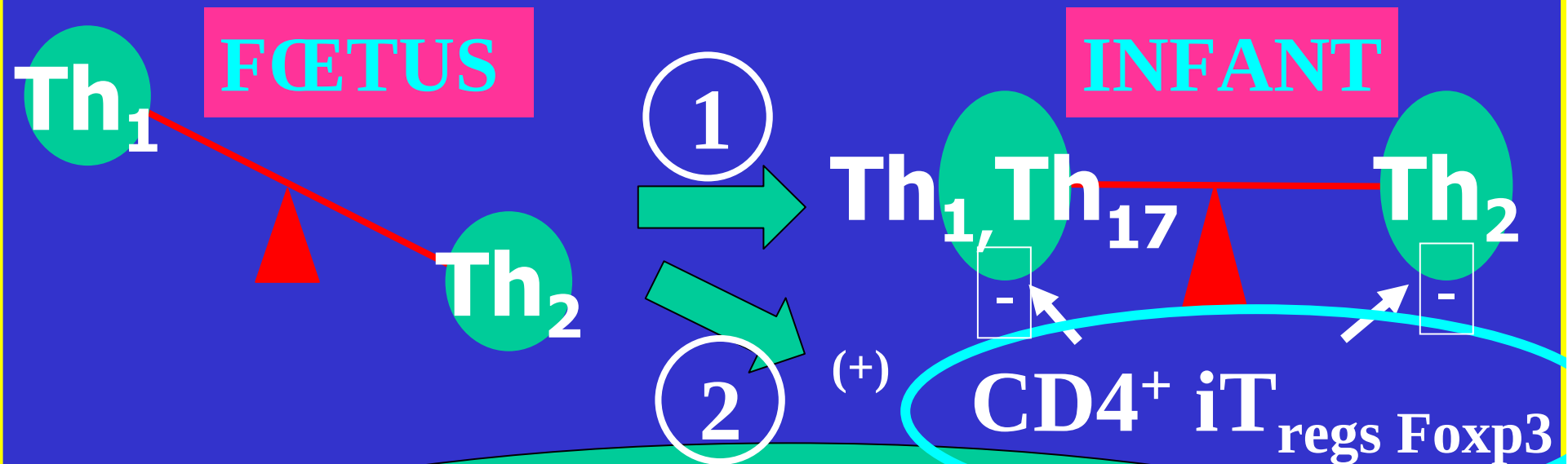
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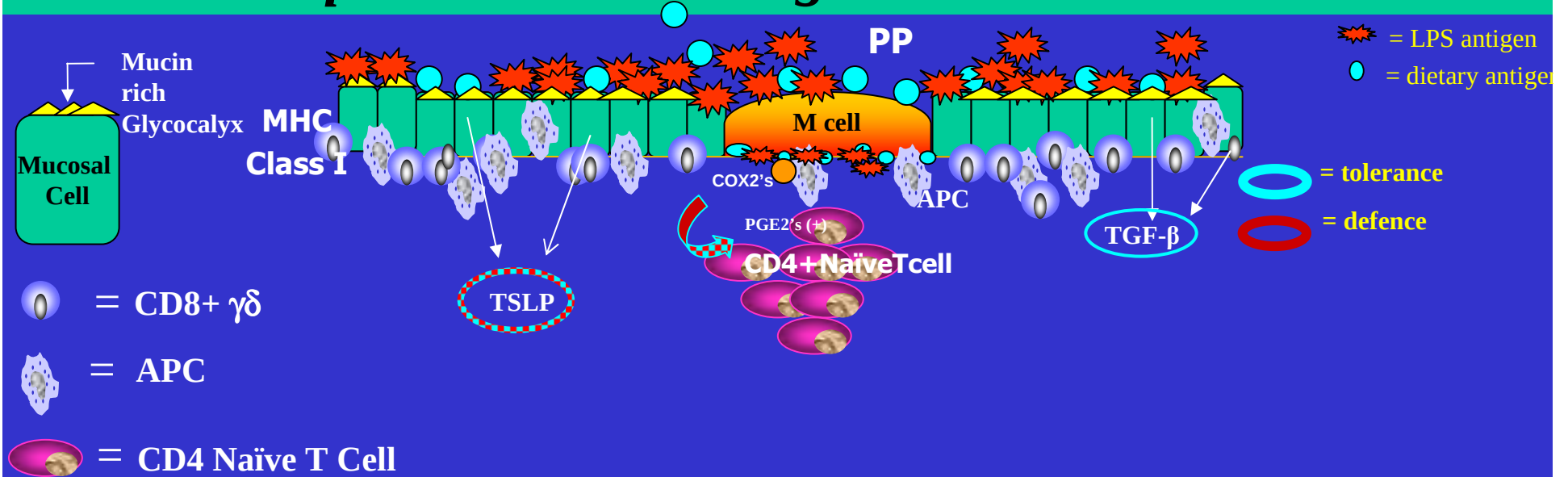
Physiological Fetal Immune Imbalance to be corrected and induced by invasive bacteria in the Early Stage



**① Th1, Th17 impulse and ② up-regulation
of CD4⁺ iT_{reg} cells (Bystander Suppression)
in a progressively increased TGF- β immune
climate (CD4⁺CD25⁺ Foxp3⁺, Th3 Foxp3⁻, Tr1 Foxp3⁻).**

Crucial role of bacteria to induce **HOST DEFENSE** but also in the same time to get **DIET ANTIGEN TOLERANCE.....**

Immune Equilibrium : To be got at the sub-Mucosa Level



Abbreviations:

PP = Peyer Patch

LPS = Lipo-polysacharides

TGF = Transforming Growth Factor

TSLP = Thymic Stromal Lymphopoietin

APC = Antigen Presenting Cell

COX = Cyclo-oxygenases

CD = Cluster of Differentiation

MHC = Major Histocompatibility Complex

PGE = Prostaglandins

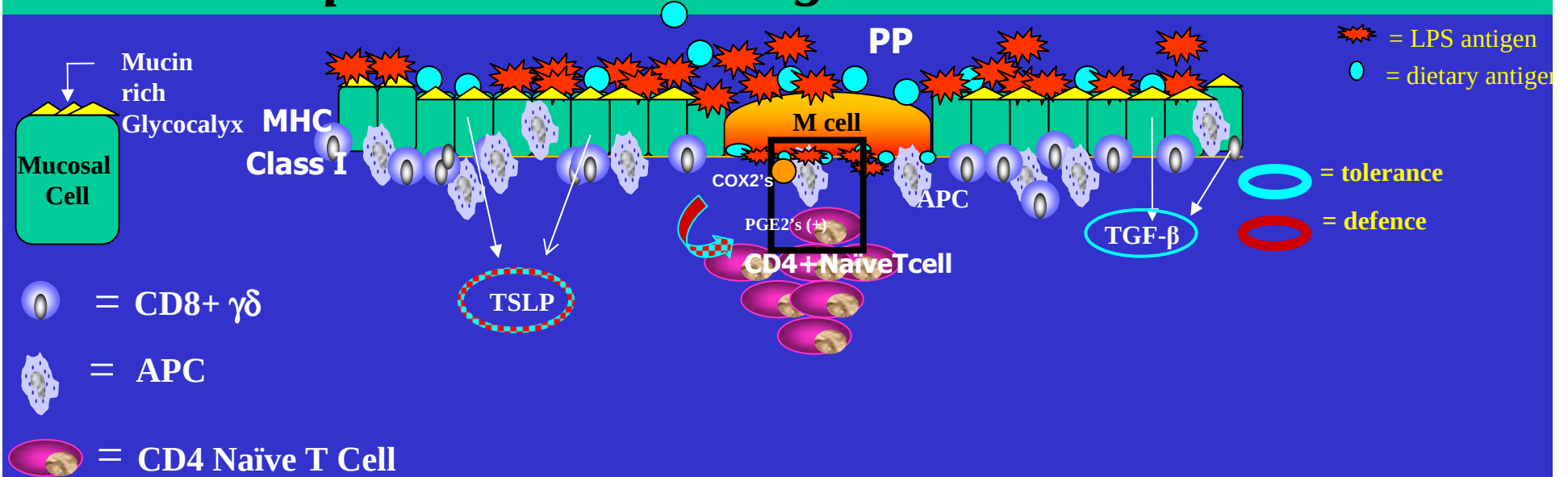
CTLA = Cytotoxic T Lymphocyte Antigen



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Dendritic Cell or Antigen Presenting Cell (APC)

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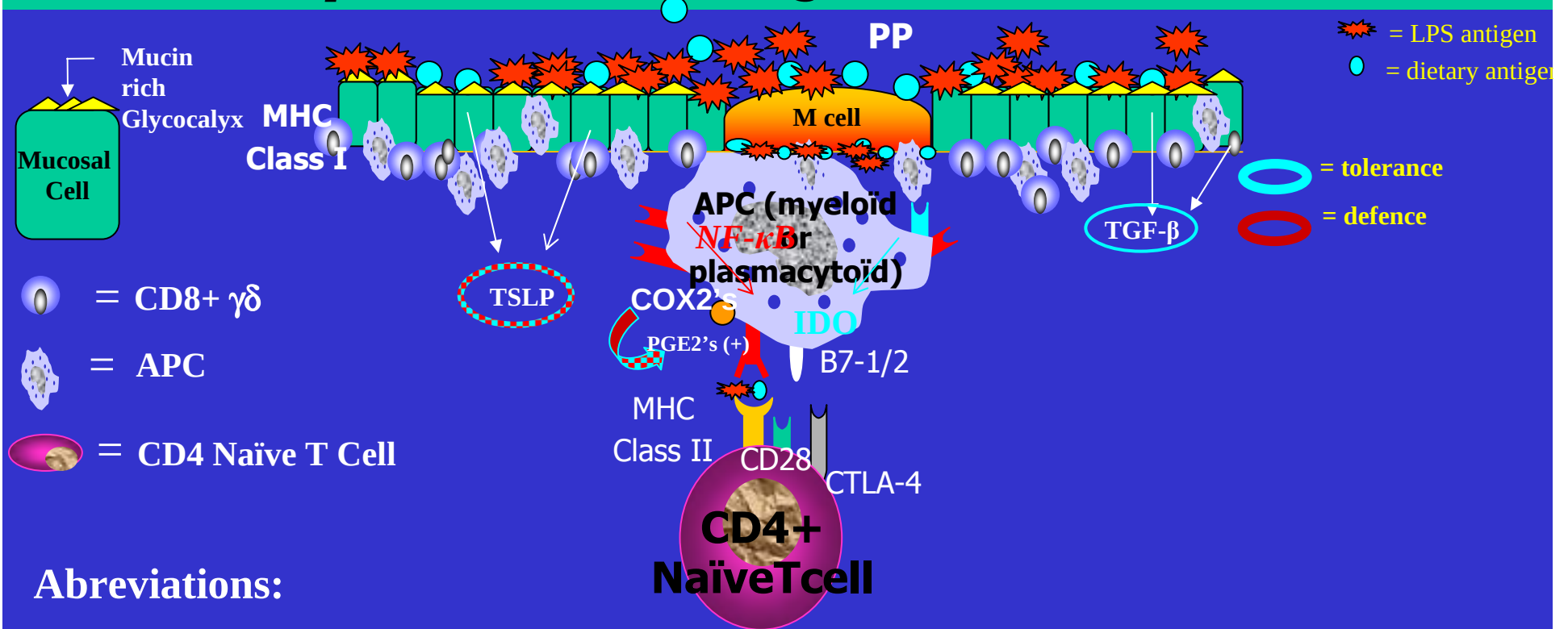
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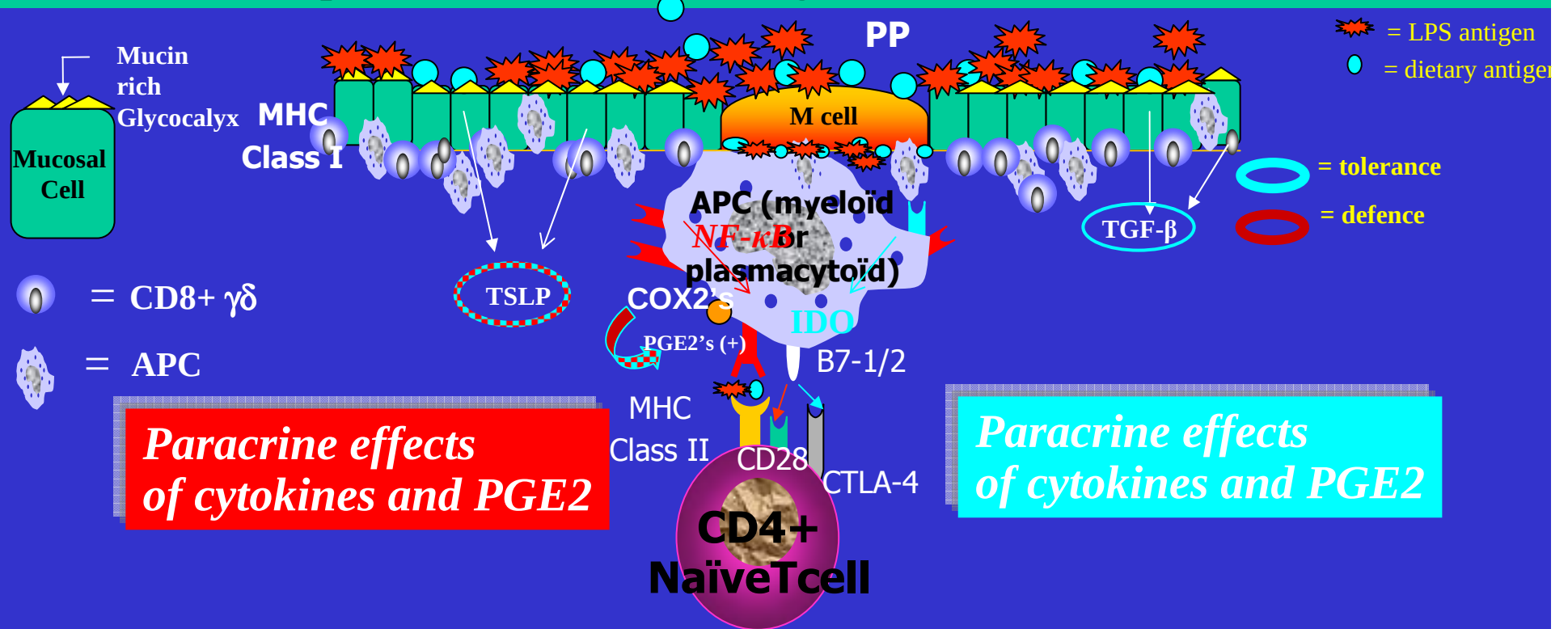
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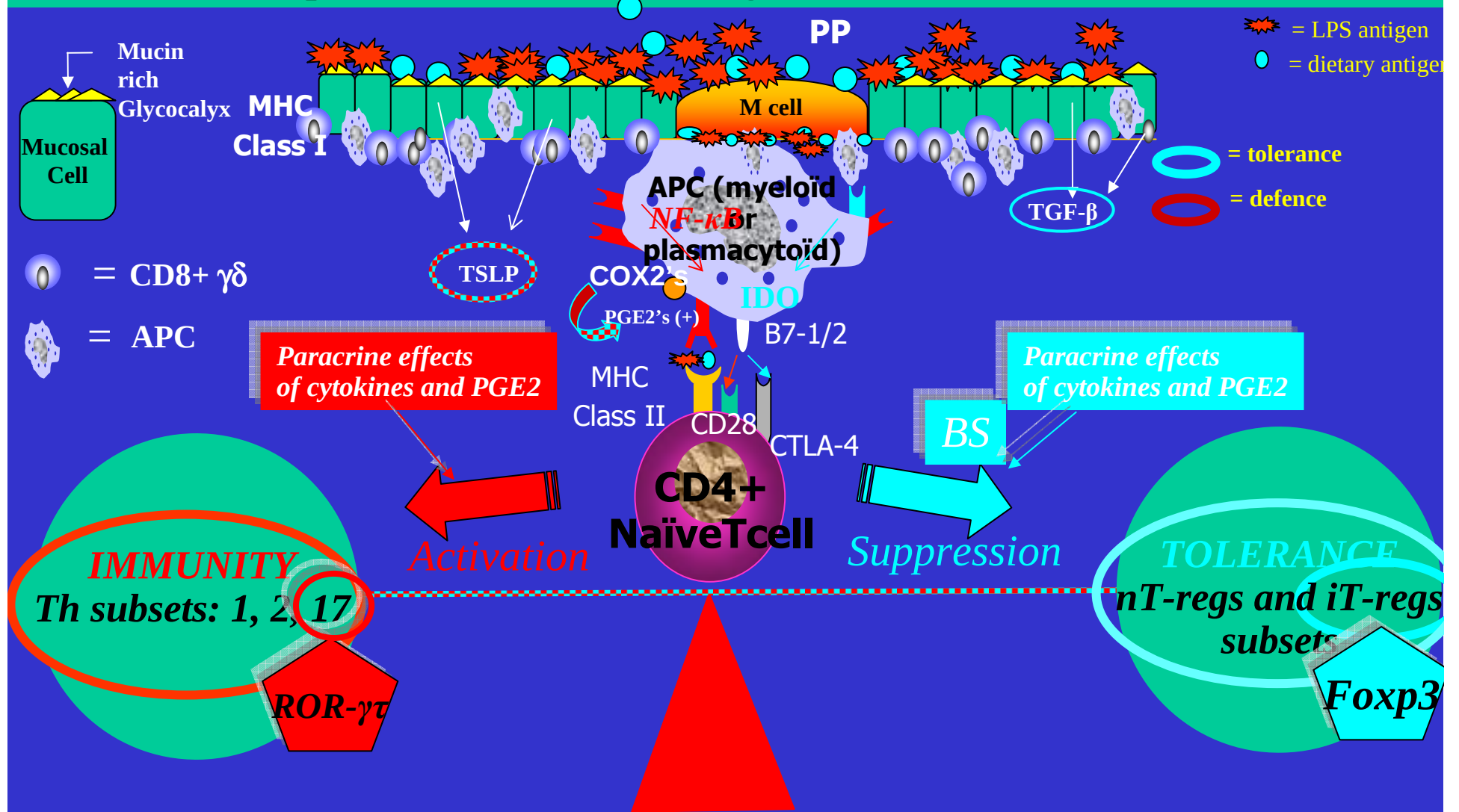
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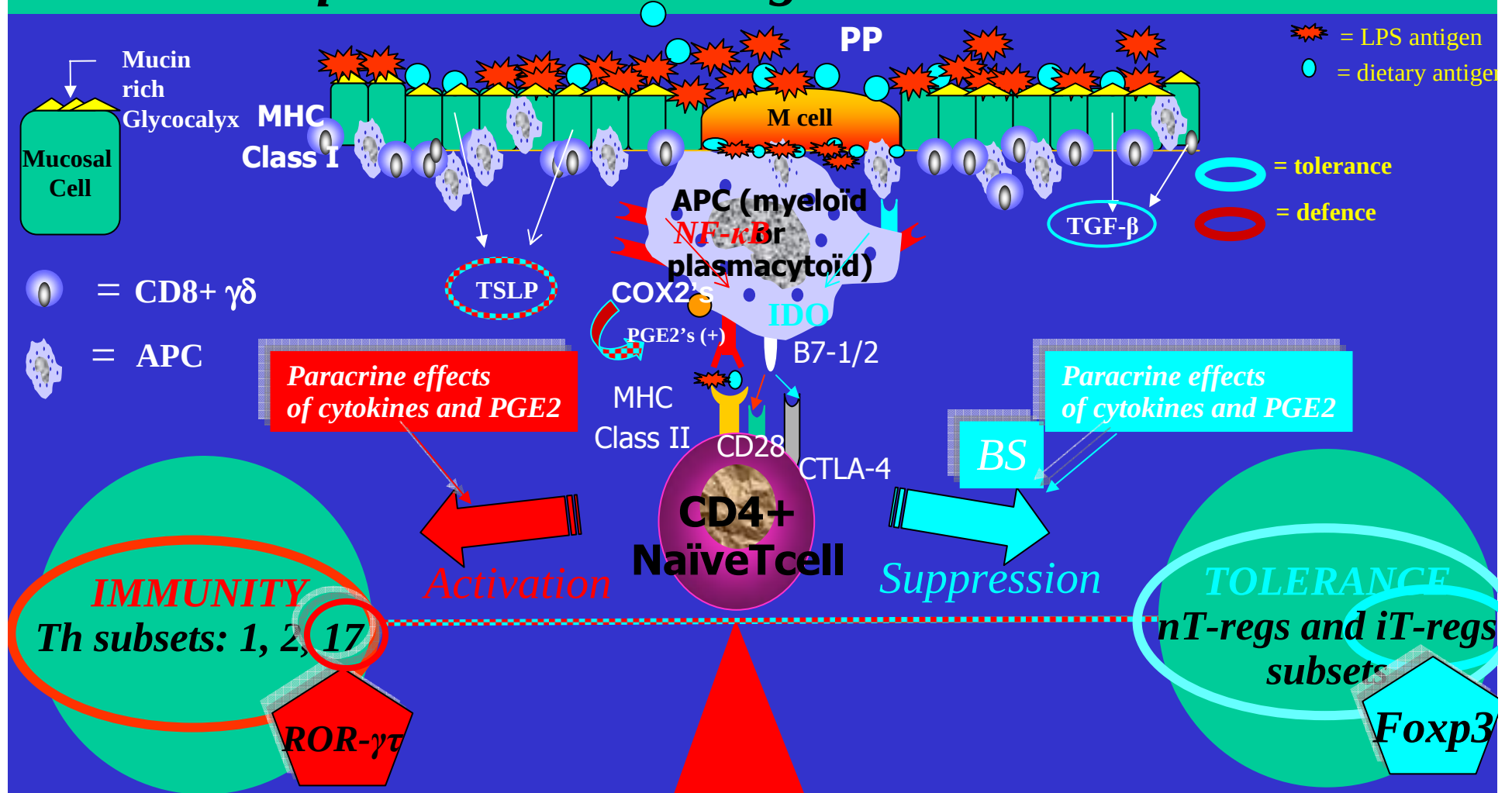
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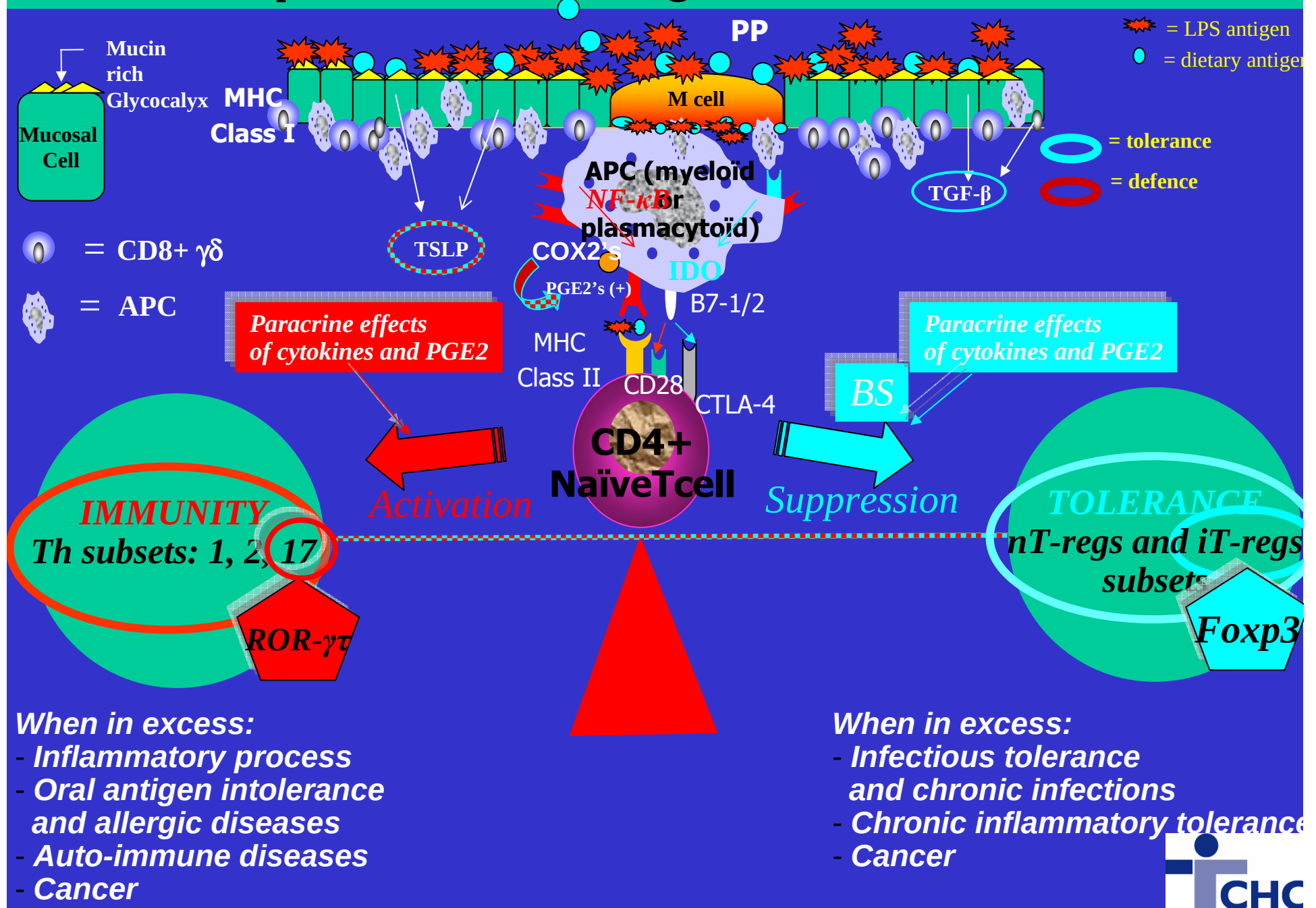
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When in excess:

- Inflammatory process
- Oral antigen intolerance and allergic diseases
- Auto-immune diseases
- Cancer

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Immune Equilibrium : to be got at the sub-Mucosa Level

