

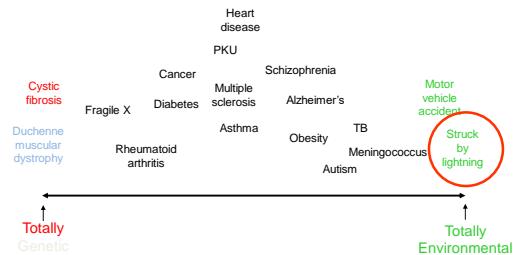
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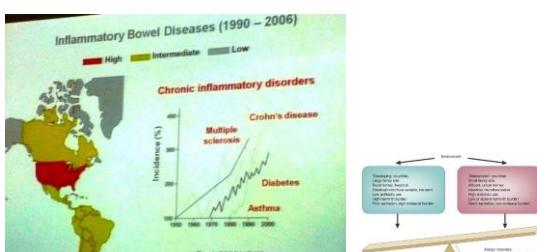


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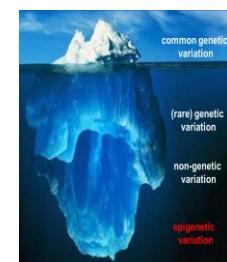
**Phenotyp, Krankheiten: Genetik-Umwelt ?**



**Anstieg komplexer Erkrankungen**  
**Was verändert sich in der Umwelt ?**



**Missing heritability?**  
**Genetik erklärt nur "wenig", Gen-Umwelt**  
**Interaktionen wichtiger? Epigenetik**



Break trough Epigenetik: Agouti mice: genetisch ident  
epigenetisch unterschiedlich. Einfluss Ernährung.  
Transgenerationale Effekte

**Epigenetics research takes aim at cancer, Alzheimer's, autism, other illnesses**

By Robert Service  
University Staff Writer  
Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Two mice. One weighs 20 grams and has yellow fur. The other weighs 40 grams with yellow fur and is prone to diabetes and cancer. They're identical twins, with identical DNA.

THIS STORY  
• How do epigenetic marks affect gene expression?  
• Is it hereditary?

It turns out that their varying traits are controlled by a mediator between nature and nurture known as epigenetics. A group of molecules that sit atop our DNA and RNA can change how genes are used without changing the DNA sequence itself.

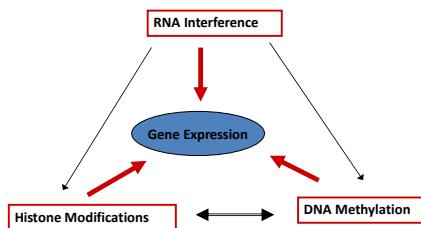
So what accounts for the differences?

Epigenetics research takes aim at cancer, Alzheimer's, autism, other illnesses

## Epigenetics

- Epigenetics refers to the study of changes in the regulation of gene activity and expression that are not dependent on gene DNA sequence.
- While epigenetics often refers to the study of single genes or sets of genes, epigenomics refers to more global analyses of epigenetic changes across the entire **genome**.

## Epigenetic Mechanisms



The environment, toxins influence epigenetic machinery

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**Toxic Environmental Exposures Could Cause Reproductive Harm Across Generations, Study Suggests**

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Review

**Epigenetic Effects of Environmental Chemicals Bisphenol A and Phthalates**

Sher Singh<sup>1</sup> and Steven Shieh-Lang Li<sup>2,3,\*</sup>

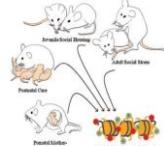
The environment, stress, influences epigenetic control of gene expression

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## Epigenetic Influence of Social Experiences Across the Lifespan

**ABSTRACT.** The critical role of social interactions in driving phenotypic variation has long been inferred from the association between early social deprivation and adverse neurodevelopmental outcomes. Recent evidence has implicated molecular pathways involved in the regulation of gene expression as one possible mechanism through which these social experiences may affect development. Although such epigenetic mechanisms have been proposed to operate at the level of the quality of the social environment, they may be a mechanism operating at the biological level. Moreover, there is increasing evidence for the transgenerational effects of these early environmental experiences, particularly those associated with the epigenetic effects of postnatally stressful, peer and adult social interactions both with and across generations will be discussed and the implications of this research for understanding the developmental origins of individual differences in brain and behavior will be explored. © 2010 Wiley Periodicals, Inc. *J Dev Psychol*

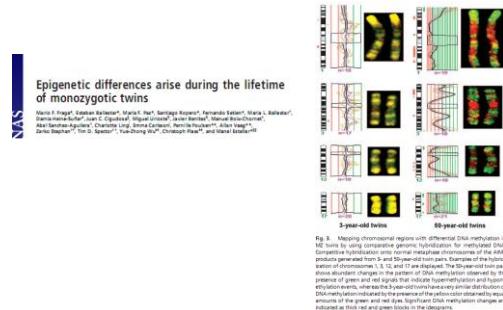
**Keywords:** *epigenetic; maternal; social; nonpreventional; development*



**FIGURE 1** Epigenetic consequences of social experiences across the lifespan. Emerging evidence suggests that prenatal environmental exposures, postnatal mother-infant interactions, juvenile social mating, and adult social stress can alter epigenetic processes such as DNA methylation (red circles) and histone acetylation (green circles)/methylation with long-term consequences for gene expression, physiology, and behavior.

Rev., Dev. Psychobiol. 2010

## Epigenetik, Zwillingstudien



## Epigenetik: Intervention Pflanzeninhaltsstoffe

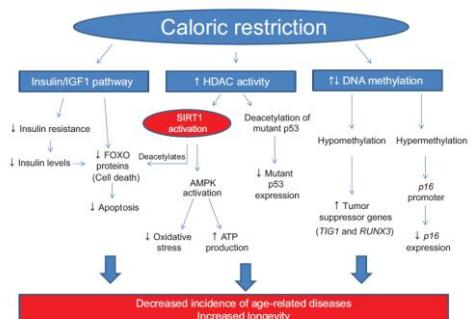
## Diet and Epigenetics

## Examples of dietary ingredients with epigenetic and chromatin remodeling properties

- Sulforanates from Brassica – HDAC inhibitors
  - EGCG from green tea – DNA demethylation
  - Genistein from soy – DNA methylation/demethylation
  - Resveratrol from red grapes – affects NAD<sup>+</sup>- dependent histone deacetylases (i.e., SIRT1) that deacetylates histones and regulatory proteins like PGC-1 $\alpha$
  - Lunasin from soy – chromatin binding peptide and inhibitor of histone acetylation

Alfredo Galvez 19/13/2007

## Caloric Restriction und Sirt foods



## Epigenetische aktive Ernährung: Telomere und epigenetische Alterungsmarker

**Journal of Nutrition & Food Sciences**

**Research Article**

EGCG Containing Combined Dietary Supplement Affects Telomeres and Epigenetic Regulation

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**Abstract**  
**Objective:** In vitro and in vivo studies in rodents have demonstrated many health-promoting properties of individual polyphenols including antioxidant and chemopreventive effects. Isoflavonoid combinations of substances is claimed to enhance activity.

The objective of this study was to investigate health benefits of a daily consumption of a combination of a large number of polyphenols. To analyze potential changes we analyzed specific epigenetic biomarkers that are associated with aging, oxidative stress and DNA stability. Methylation of LINE-1, cdkip1, K-RAS, MLH1, DMDT1, TSZG20 and telomere length.

## Epigenetic active diet effects DNA repair

Switzeny et al. *Clinical Epigenetics* 2012, 4:19  
<http://www.clinicalepigeneticsjournal.com/content/4/1/19>



### RESEARCH

### Open Access

## Vitamin and antioxidant rich diet increases MLH1 promoter DNA methylation in DMT2 subjects

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## IL-6 Genmethylierung und metabolisches Syndrom

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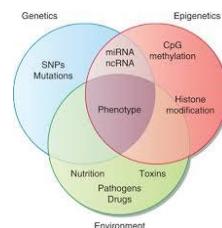
**Original Paper**

**Interleukin-6 CpG Methylation and Body Weight Correlate Differently in Type 2 Diabetes Patients Compared to Obese and Lean Controls**

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## Ernährungsberatung: Molekulare Analysen für personalisierte Ernährung Genetik + Epigenetik (+ Mikrobiota)



- Biological age
- Healthy aging
- DNA health, instability
- Metabolism and nutrition
- GI microbiota and brain axis
- Skin and beauty

## Epigenetic active food components

Review Article – Epigenetics and Therapy Themed Issue  
Therapeutic perspectives of epigenetically active nutrients

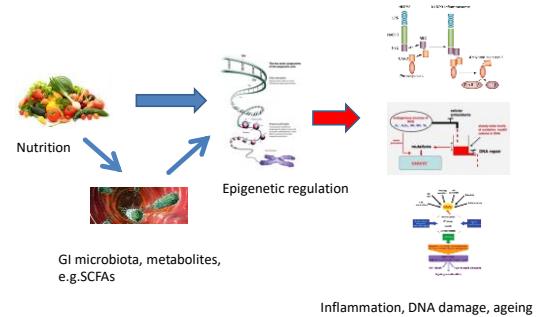
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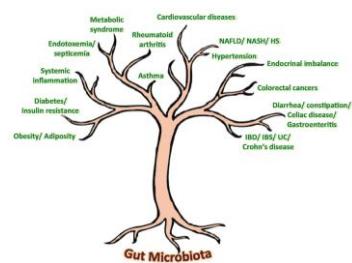
**REVIEW**  
**Epigenetic mechanisms in anti-cancer actions of bioactive food components – the implications in cancer prevention**

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Discussion, hypothesis: diets effect epigenetic regulation of inflammation, DNA damage, ageing (also) via GI-microbiota- metabolites ?



## Most complex diseases, microbiota involved?



If you „google“ microbiota + any complex disease and you find no science results for a specific disease: please tell me

## Gesundheit: Rolle der (GI)- Microbiota, our commensals in the gut

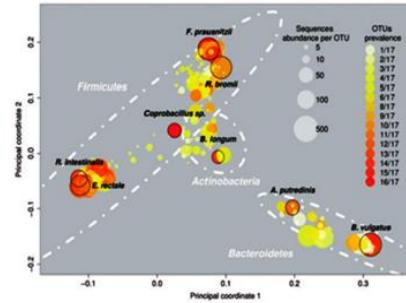


- Microbiome
- 10 -100x more information than the human genome

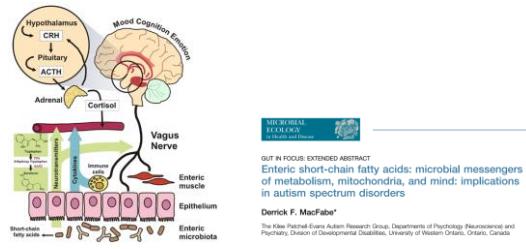
# From plating of living bacteria to analysis of (r)DNA of bacteria



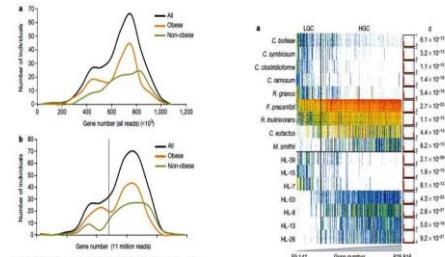
## Major groups of the human microbiome



## Elements of the gut brain axis: bacterial metabolites: from the gut through the blood into the brain ?



GI microbiota: (Gene) diversity:  
highly desired

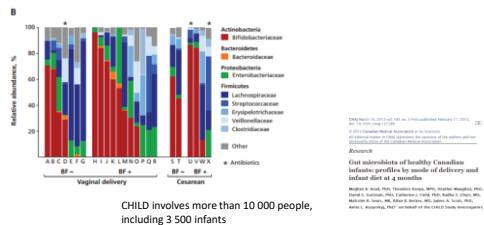


(Le Chatelier E. et al., 2013)



## Ways of delivery and microbiota: a long lasting difference

Infants born by elective cesarean delivery had particularly low bacterial richness and diversity, formula-fed infants had increased richness of species, with overrepresentation of *Clostridium difficile*.



## Microbiota change in life time

### Beratung

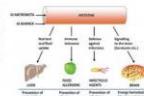
#### Mikrobiota im Laufe des Lebens: Veränderungen und Einflüsse auf die Darmbesiedlung

Für eine längerfristige Verbesserung oder Bewahrung der Mikrobiota-Balance werden künftig ggf.- probiotische Konzepte weiterhin wichtig sein. Allerdings könnte erst die Entwicklung von Probiotika mit Gruppen anaerober Spezies, wie z. B. Akkermansie oder *F. prausnitzii* zu signifikanten Erfolgen bei vielen Erkrankungen führen.

**Molekulare Analysen von Bakterien haben unter Wissen der Mikroorganismen in unserem Darm bis zu 1.000 verschiedene Spezies mit jeweils 100.000-1.000.000 Zellen pro Gram negativer Bakterienart bestimmen können. Diese Analyse kann nun mehrere hundert unterschiedliche Spezies (Gesamt) aufweisen, um die Aufgaben des Körpers zu erfüllen, was insbesondere sich auf unsere individuellen Mikrobiome-Regeln, Ernährung, Immun, Leibesbau und Lebensstil.**

#### Geburt und Entwicklung der Mikrobiota

Bei der natürlichen Geburt nimmt das Kind Bakterien der Mutter auf. Diese werden über die Schleimhäute, vor allem über die Atemhöhlen und Halsdrüsen. Nach einem Kaiserschnitt wird die Anzahl der Bakterien im Darm auf die gleiche Stärke wie bei einer vaginalen Geburt angehoben. Danach bestimmen die Mutter, welche Bakterien im Darm leben. Eine nachgekommene Kolonisation mit diversen Cremier- und Laktobakterien fördert die Bildung von Säure und Laktose, was als protektiv für Auton. Immune, Immunomodulation und Übergewicht gewertet. Mangelnder Kontakt mit Bak-



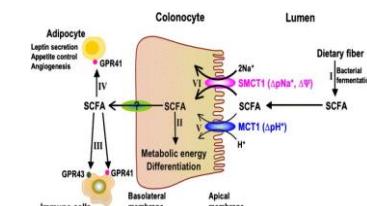
#### Diversität, Darmwand und Übergewicht

## Microbiota and fermentation products e.g. SCFAs

<i>Clostridial cluster IV</i> (Ruminococcaceae)	<i>Clostridial cluster XIVa</i> (Lachnospiraceae)
<i>Faecalibacterium prausnitzii</i> <i>Butyrivibrio</i> <i>Clostridium leptum</i>	<i>Eubacterium hallii</i> <i>Anaerostipes colitidis</i> <i>Roseburia</i> spp. <i>E. rectale</i> spp.
<i>Resistant starch</i>	<i>Non starch Polysaccharides</i>

(Louis and Flint, 2009, *FEBS*)

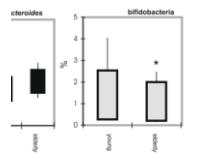
SCFAs bind to G-Protein-Receptors 41/43 (FFARs)  
on Immune cells, Adipocytes,...



Anti-inflammatory;  
Inhibition of NFkB

(Huster et al., 2013; Flint et al., 2009,  
Nature Rev.)

## Elderly: Decreased abundance, diversity and LAB

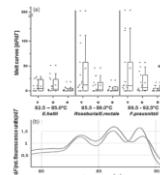
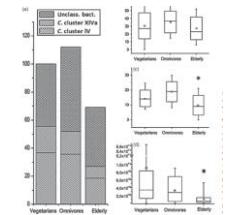


Combined PCR-DGGE fingerprinting and quantitative-PCR indicates shifts in fecal population size and diversity of Bacteroides, bifidobacteria and Clostridium cluster IV in elderly patients compared to young healthy volunteers.

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## Decrease in SCFAs producers / „Butyrate Gen producing gene“ in elderly



RESEARCH LETTER  
Quantification of butyryl CoAcetate CoA-transferase genes reveals different butyrate production capacity in individuals according to diet and age

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## Antibiotics and chemotherapy damage microbiota

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### Changes in Human Fecal Microbiota Due to Chemotherapy Analyzed by TaqMan-PCR, 454 Sequencing and PCR-DGGE Fingerprinting

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#### Abstract

We investigated whether chemotherapy with the presence or absence of antibiotics against different kinds of cancer changed the gastrointestinal microbiota.

**Methodology/Principal Findings:** Fecal samples of 17 elderly patients receiving chemotherapy with or without concurrent antibiotic treatment were taken at baseline and during chemotherapy cycle at four time points in comparison to 17 gender-, age- and life-style-matched healthy controls. We targeted 16S rRNA genes of all bacteria, Bacteroides, bifidobacteria, Clostridium cluster IV and Clostridium cluster VIII by PCR-DGGE fingerprinting, quantitative PCR and 454 sequencing and high-throughput sequencing. After a single treatment the microbial recovery within a few days of chemotherapy treatment marginally affected the percentage of Clostridium cluster IV and significantly more so after chemotherapy treatment. After the second treatment subjects was accompanied by a decrease in the genera Bifidobacterium, Lactobacillus, Veillonella and Faecalibacterium species. The decrease in the abundance of Clostridium cluster IV and VIII in response to chemotherapy with or without antibiotics was accompanied by a significant increase in the abundance of *Clostridium coccoides*.

**Conclusion/Significance:** Despite high individual variations, these results suggest that the observed changes in the human gut microbiota may favor colonization with *Clostridium* and *Faecalibacterium* species. Perturbed microbiota may be a target for specific mitigation with safe pre- and probiotics.

## Probiotics/ Yakult protect against diarrhea

Food and Agricultural Immunology

2012, 1–16, First article



#### Effects of antibiotic therapy on the gastrointestinal microbiota and the influence of *Lactobacillus casei*

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**Summary:** Effects of intervention with *Lactobacillus casei* Shirota (LcS) on the incidence of antibiotic-associated diarrhea (AAD). *Clostridium difficile* infection (CDI) and *C. difficile* toxin production in 168 patients with AAD and 613 patients with CDI were assessed by qPCR and ELISA. qPCR using 16S rRNA group-specific primers, C. difficile 16S rRNA k1 and polymerase chain reaction/gradient gel electrophoresis (PCR/GGE) was used to detect *C. difficile* DNA.

**Results:** As much as 18.35% and 10.3% of the patients with AAD and CDI, respectively, had *C. difficile* DNA. In the patients with AAD, the incidence increased, LcS intervention reduced the antibiotic-associated decrease in the abundance of *C. difficile* and *C. coccoides*. In contrast, the antibiotic-induced decrease of *Bifidobacterium* spp.

**Conclusion:** *Lactobacillus casei* Shirota (LcS) may reduce the composition of the microbiota impairing butyrate production. Intervention with certain *Lactobacillus* strains may be a promising strategy to prevent antibiotic-associated diarrhea. Probiotic/drinkable probiotics are desirable for intervention in AAD.

**Keywords:** antibiotics; antibiotic-associated diarrhea; bacterial; *Clostridium difficile* infection; *gastrointestinal* microbiota; *Lactobacillus* spp.

## Microbiota different in obesity

Microbiota and epigenetic regulation of inflammatory mediators in type 2 diabetes and obesity

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### RESEARCH ARTICLE

#### Abstract

Metabolic syndrome is associated with alterations in the structure of the gut microbiota, leading to low-grade inflammatory responses. An increased permeability of the intestinal gut membrane by bacterial components is believed to induce this inflammation, possibly involving epigenetic alteration of inflammatory molecules such as Toll-like receptors (TLRs). We evaluated changes of the gut microbiota and epigenetic DNA methylation of TLRs in obese individuals with and without type 2 diabetes and compared them to lean individuals and to lean individuals without established insulin resistance, and a lean control group. Clusteranalysis cluster IV, *Clostridium* shows the highest abundance in obese individuals. Epigenetic methylation in the promoter region of TLR4, TLR8 and 454 high-throughput sequencing. The epigenetic methylation in the regulatory region of TLR8 and TLR2 was analysed using bisulphite conversion and pyrosequencing. We observed a significantly higher ratio of *Firmicutes*/*Bacteroidetes* in lean individuals compared to obese individuals, and a higher abundance of *Clostridium* and *Enterococcus*, with the highest abundance in type 2 diabetes, followed by obese and lean participants. In comparison, *Firmicutes* were significantly lower in type 2 diabetes. Epigenetic methylation analysis revealed a significant increase of four CpGs in the first exon of TLR8 showed significantly lower methylation in obese individuals, but no significant difference between type 2 diabetes and lean controls. Methylation of seven CpGs in the promoter region of TLR2 was significantly lower in type 2 diabetes. Our results show that the gut microbiota in type 2 diabetes and both TLRs were significantly correlated with body mass index. Our data suggest that changes in gut microbiota and thus cell wall components are involved in the epigenetic regulation of inflammatory reactions. An improved diet targeted to reduce gut microbial balance might be the following even epigenetic changes of pro-inflammatory genes

in Diabetes produce microbiota less short chain fatty acids



Effects of short chain fatty acid producing bacteria on epigenetic regulation of FFAR3 in type 2 diabetes and obesity

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## Fasting is good for microbiota

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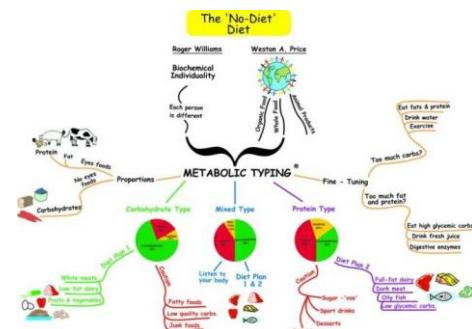
**Fastenkuren sind gut für den Darm**

Studien aus der Tierwelt haben schon öfters bewiesen, dass Fästen das Leben verlängern kann. Untersuchungen zu Menschen gibt es vergleichsweise wenig. Ein Wiener Forscher hat nun aber 60 Probanden im Dienste der Wissenschaft fasten lassen. Ergebnis: Neben allgemeinem Wohlbefinden konnte sich auch die Darmflora erholt.

Ernährungsgezwungenen, Lebensmittel, Medikamente und Lebensmittelzusatzstoffe führen oft zu Darmproblem und zur Beeinflussung der Mikrobiota der Darmflora. Die Wissenschaftler des Instituts für Ernährungswissenschaften an der Universität Wien wussten im Vorfeld der Studie, dass eine gesunde Mikrobiota nur schwer zu bewirken ist. Man hat die Angst, dass durch das Fasten auch gute Darmbakterien zerstört werden können, erläuterte Hanserica Heistlinger am Donnerstag bei einer Pressekonferenz in Wien.

Anstieg der bakteriellen Diversität

Metabotypes  
The kind of metabolism that an individual has.



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