

GUT MICROBIOME TEST



Detailed Report: Test Report + Dietary Recommendations



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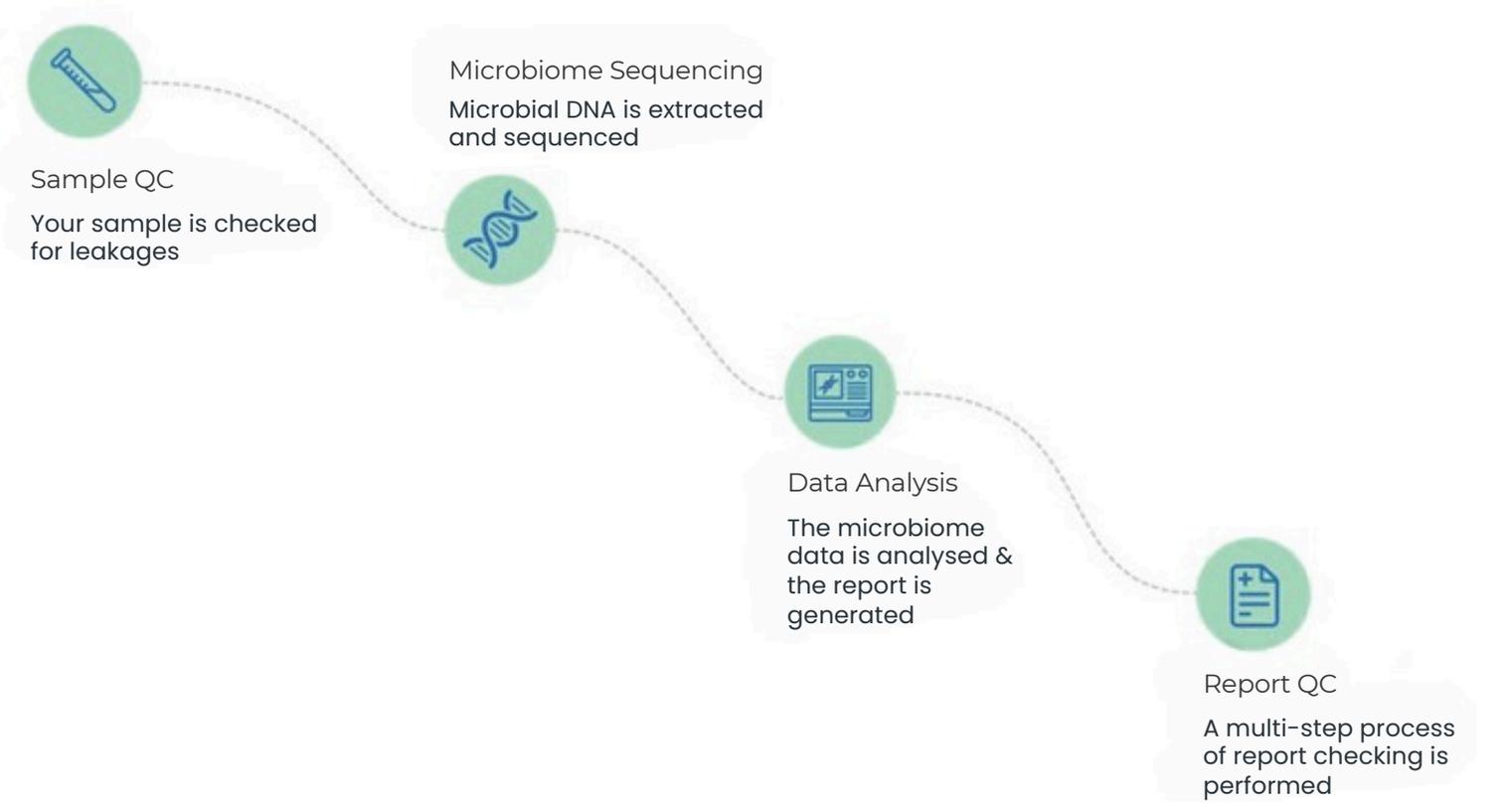


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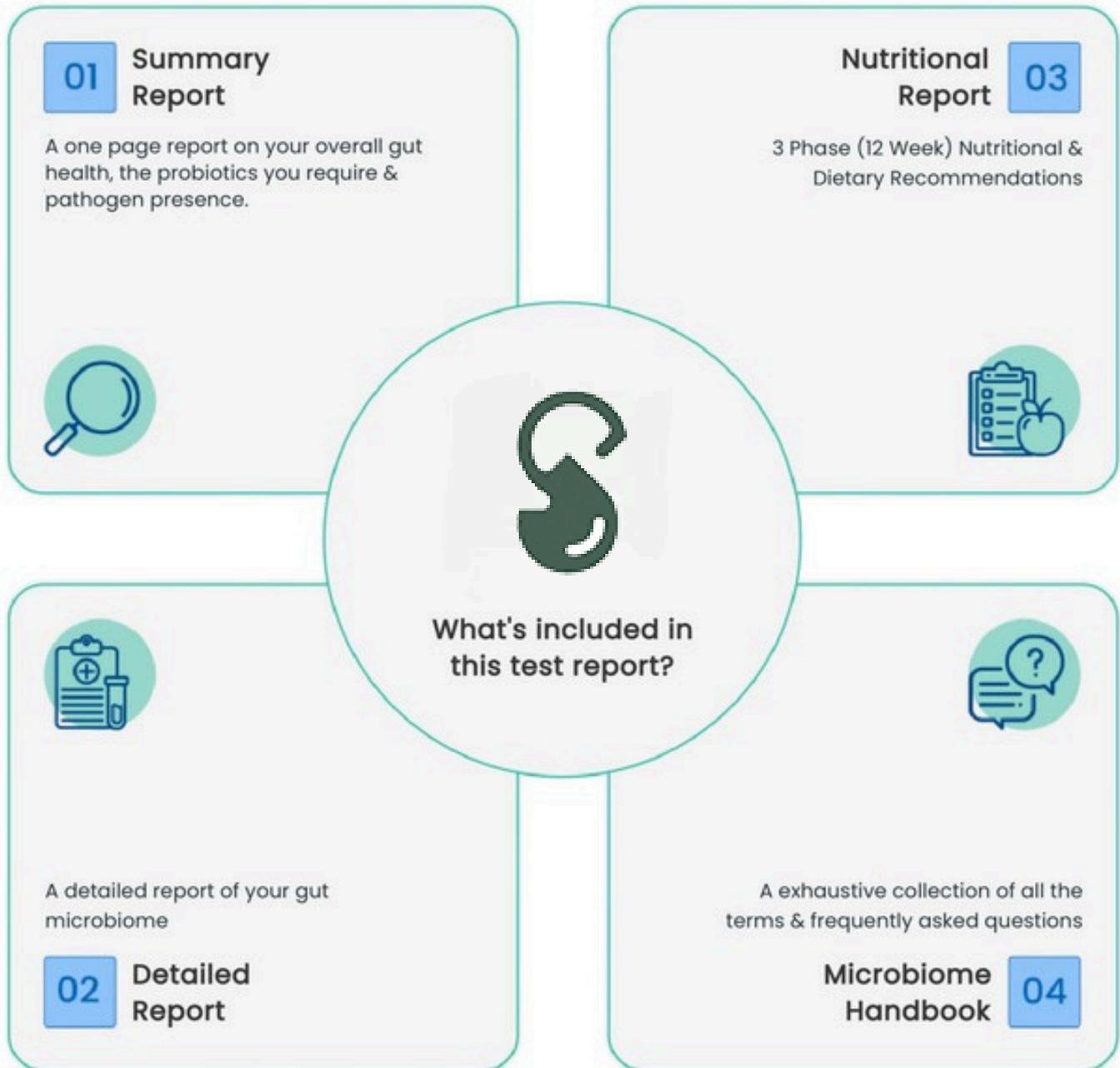


What we do once we get your sample?



Summary Report

This is your BugSpeaks® Gut Microbiome Summary Report. With this report, our endeavour is to provide key insights, with the hope that it will guide you to better understand your health and make necessary changes to your lifestyle to lead a healthier life. You can always refer our complete Scientific Report for a more detailed evidence-based interpretation of your gut microbiome data. We have categorized the report into following sections:



Please Note:

1. This is not a diagnostic report and should be interpreted or used exclusively by or under the guidance of a practitioner, including but not limited to, certified physicians, clinicians, dietitians, nutritionists, sports therapists, and such other persons in similar profession having appropriate validation to undertake such practice. (Please See Disclaimers).

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Summary Report

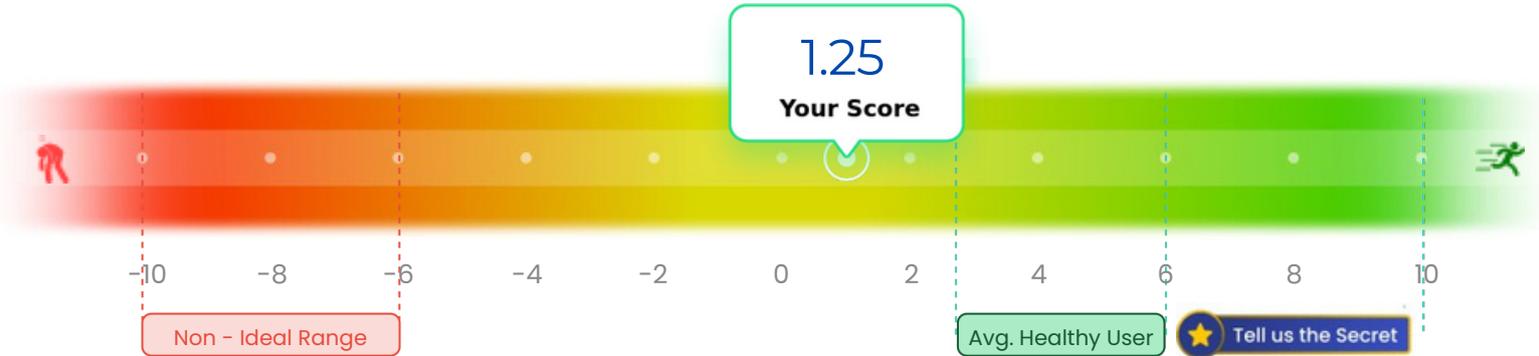


One page report on your overall gut health, the probiotics you require & pathogen presence



Rych Index - Your Gut Health Score

Scores in the Green Range represents a Healthy Gut and in the Red Range represents an Unhealthy Gut. Know More about "Rych Index" within the FAQ Section.



Probiotics - The Good Microbes

You may require supplements that contain these probiotics. For more details please read the detailed report.



Supplementation
Needed

-  Lactobacillus lactis
-  Bifidobacterium infantis
-  Lactobacillus acidophilus
-  Lacticaseibacillus casei
-  Lactobacillus johnsonii
-  Lactobacillus caucasicus
-  Saccharomyces boulardii
-  Lacticaseibacillus paracasei
-  Bacillus clausii
-  Bacillus subtilis
-  Bacillus indicus
-  Lactobacillus delbrueckii
-  Bifidobacterium animalis
-  Lactobacillus gallinarum
-  Lactobacillus amylovorus

Pathogen - The Bad Microbes

The following "pathogens" abundance was found to be more than the average healthy individuals. Please correlate clinically and follow recommendations. For more details please read the detailed report.



Follow Nutrition
Guidelines

-  Shigella dysenteriae

Detailed Report

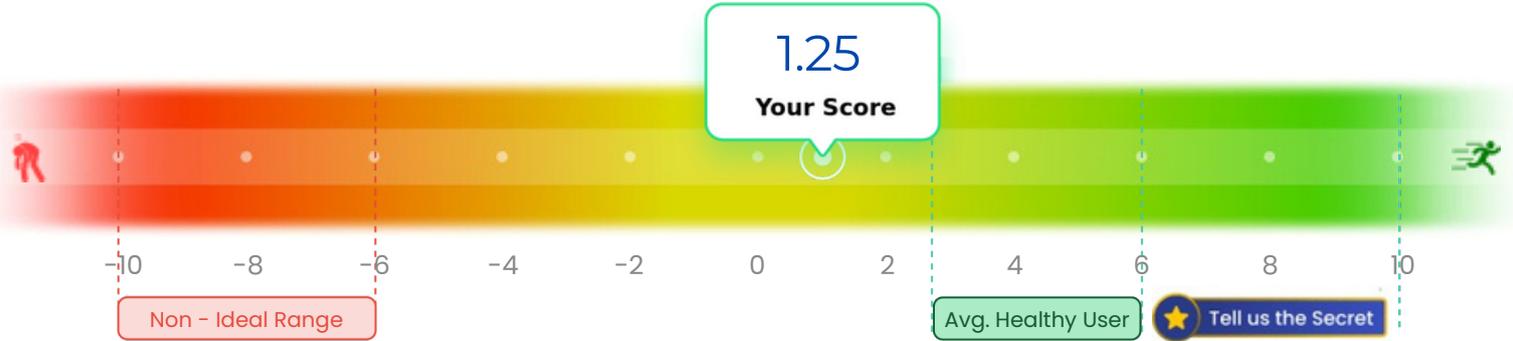


A detailed report of your gut microbiome



Rych Index - Your Gut Health Score

Rych Index is a proprietary algorithm based output that tends to indicate the overall gut health with respect to the microbiota profile. Various parameters such as abundance, diversity and richness have been used to come up with the Rych Index score. Know more about the 'Rych Index' in the FAQ section (Microbiome handbook section).



Pictorial graph representation of various components of your microbiome. Green colour represents healthy / good / favorable, red colour represents unhealthy / bad / unfavorable.

Category Tag

BugSpeaks Diversity	Above Average
Kingdom Distribution	Non-Ideal
Probiotic Characterization	Below Average
Pathogen Characterization	Average
Antibiotic Resistance	Ideal
Antibiotic Recovery Potential	Ideal
SCFA Production	Ideal
Vitamin Production	Below Average
Neurotransmitters	Average
Propensity to Disease Development	Non-Ideal
	Average
	Average

Bugspeaks Diversity

Category Tag

Above Average

This is a proprietary diversity score developed by us taking into consideration individual kingdom diversities and internal data analysis of healthy and unhealthy.

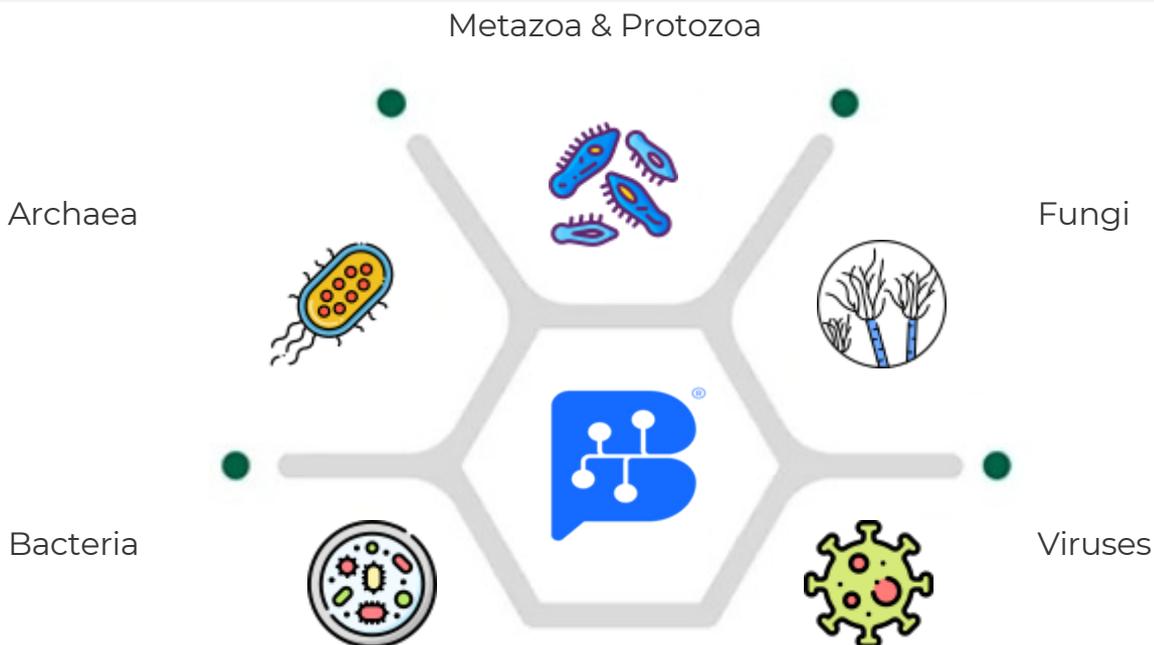
Kingdom Distribution

Category Tag

Non-Ideal

Composition of gut microbiome is defined by 4 major groups of microorganisms - Bacteria, Archaea, Virus and Eukaryota (Fungi, Protozoa and Metazoa). Below is a representation highlighting these 4 groups, its corresponding abundance and what it means to you, in context of gut microbiome.

Kingdom Distribution	Range(%)	Your Sample Value	Tag
Bacteria	97.94% - 99.07%	99.682%	Atypical
Fungi	0.36% - 0.86%	0.112%	Atypical
Metazoa & Protozoa	0.21% - 0.51%	0.058%	Atypical
Archaea	0.11% - 0.28%	0.024%	Atypical
Viruses	0.25% - 1.06%	0.124%	Atypical



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Top Abundant Species

Top abundant species of Bacteria in your sample		
Prevotella copri	Prevotella	51.727 %
stercorea	Phocaeicola	6.014 %
vulgatus	Phocaeicola	3.275 %
plebeius	Faecalibacterium	2.749 %
prausnitzii		1.8 %
Top abundant species of Archaea in your sample		
Methanobrevibacter	smithii	0.016 %
Cuniculiplasma	divulgatum	0.002 %
Haloarchaeobius	iranensis	0.002 %
Methanobrevibacter	olleyae	0.002 %
Methanofollis sp.	W23	0.002 %
Top abundant species of Eukaryota in your sample		
Blastocystis	hominis	0.008 %
Trichomonas	vaginalis	0.006 %
Blastocystis	sp.subtype 4	0.004 %
Entamoeba	nuttalli	0.004 %
Plasmodium	knowlesi	0.004 %
Top abundant species of Viruses in your sample		
uncultured crAssphage		0.12 %
crAssphage	cr53_1	0.12 %
crAssphage	cr7_1	0.12 %
crAssphage	cr115_1	0.12 %
crAssphage	cr124_1	0.12 %
Top abundant species of Fungi in your sample		
[Candida]	duobushaemulonis	0.12 %
Kazachstania	barnettii	0.006 %
Botrytis	sinoallii	0.004 %
Cryphonectria	parasitica	0.004 %
Metarhizium	acidum	0.004 %

Prevotella	hominis	1.175 %
Roseburia	inulinivorans	0.903 %
Bacteroides	thetaitotaomicron	0.819 %
Prevotella	sp. Marseille-P4119	0.799 %
Bacteroides	uniformis	0.779 %
Top abundant species of Bacteria in your sample		
Top abundant species of Archaea in your sample		
Top abundant species of Eukaryota in your sample		
Aureococcus	anophagefferens	0.002 %
Besnoitia	besnoiti	0.002 %
Eimeria	mitis	0.002 %
Emiliana	huxleyi	0.002 %
Heterostelium	album	0.002 %
Top abundant species of Viruses in your sample		
Moineauvirus	mv7201	0.002 %
Przondovirus	KP32	0.002 %
Top abundant species of Fungi in your sample		
Mollisia	scopiformis	0.004 %
Phycomyces	blakesleeanus	0.004 %
Verticillium	nonalfalfae	0.004 %
Zymoseptoria	tritici	0.004 %
Paracoccidioides	lutzii	0.002 %

Please Note: All values are % relative abundances.

Probiotic Characterization

Category Tag

Below Average

BugSpeaks® identifies and characterizes many probiotics commonly known to be present and beneficial to gut health. These probiotics are reported with "indicative tags", which can be interpreted as described below.

Supplementation Needed - These probiotics were found either absent or very less in abundance in your sample.

Follow Recommendation - These probiotics were found to be present but less abundant.

Follow your current diet - These probiotics were present in adequate abundance in your sample.



Supplementation Needed

- Lactobacillus lactis
- Bifidobacterium infantis
- Lactobacillus acidophilus
- Lacticaseibacillus casei
- Lactobacillus johnsonii
- Lactobacillus caucasicus
- Saccharomyces boulardii
- Lacticaseibacillus paracasei
- Bacillus clausii
- Bacillus subtilis
- Bacillus indicus
- Lactobacillus delbrueckii
- Bifidobacterium animalis
- Lactobacillus amylovorus
- Lactobacillus gallinarum



Follow Recommendations

- Lactiplantibacillus plantarum
- Limosilactobacillus reuteri
- Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus
- Levilactobacillus brevis
- Bacillus coagulans
- Limosilactobacillus fermentum
- Lactobacillus helveticus
- Bifidobacterium bifidum
- Bifidobacterium breve
- Streptococcus thermophilus
- Saccharomyces cerevisiae
- Lactobacillus gasseri
- Lactobacillus bulgaricus
- Bifidobacterium lactis
- Bifidobacterium longum



Follow your Current Diet

- Ligilactobacillus salivarius

Probiotic Characterization

Lactobacillus Probiotic					
Probiotic Species	Reference Range*	1st Test, August 20, 2025	2nd Test, December 20, 2025	3rd Test, April 20, 2026	
Lactobacillus amylovorus	0.010% - 0.015%	0.0%			
Lactobacillus gallinarum	0.010% - 0.015%	0.0%			
Lactobacillus lactis	0.010% - 0.015%	0.0%			
Lactobacillus acidophilus	0.010% - 0.015%	0.0%			
Lacticaseibacillus casei	0.010% - 0.015%	0.0%			
Lactobacillus johnsonii	0.003% - 0.006%	0.0%			
Lactobacillus caucasicus	0.010% - 0.015%	0.0%			
Lacticaseibacillus paracasei	0.010% - 0.015%	0.0%			
Lactobacillus delbrueckii	0.010% - 0.015%	0.004%			
Lactiplantibacillus plantarum	0.010% - 0.020%	0.002%			
Limosilactobacillus reuteri	0.050% - 0.100%	0.03%			
Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus	0.010% - 0.015%	0.002%			
Levilactobacillus brevis	0.010% - 0.020%	0.002%			
Limosilactobacillus fermentum	0.010% - 0.015%	0.002%			
Lactobacillus helveticus	0.010% - 0.015%	0.002%			
Lactobacillus gasseri	0.010% - 0.015%	0.002%			
Lactobacillus bulgaricus	0.005% - 0.011%	0.046%			
Ligilactobacillus salivarius					
					
					
					
					

Please Note: * The Reference Range is the % relative abundance range from a healthy cohort.

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Bifidobacterium Probiotic

Probiotic Species	Reference Range*	1st Test, August 20, 2025	2nd Test, December 20, 2025	3rd Test, April 20, 2026	
Bifidobacterium infantis	0.010% - 0.015%	0.0%			
Bifidobacterium animalis	0.010% - 0.030%	0.0%			
Bifidobacterium bifidum	0.010% - 0.020%	0.006%			
Bifidobacterium breve	0.030% - 0.050%	0.02%			
Bifidobacterium lactis	0.010% - 0.030%	0.002%			
Bifidobacterium longum	1.140% - 3.740%	0.074%			

Bacillus Probiotic

Probiotic Species	Reference Range*	1st Test, August 20, 2025	2nd Test, December 20, 2025	3rd Test, April 20, 2026	
Bacillus clausii	0.002% - 0.005%	0.0%			
Bacillus subtilis	0.016% - 0.054%	0.0%			
Bacillus indicus	0.010% - 0.015%	0.0%			
Bacillus coagulans	0.010% - 0.015%	0.002%			

Other Probiotic

Probiotic Species	Reference Range*	1st Test, August 20, 2025	2nd Test, December 20, 2025	3rd Test, April 20, 2026	
Saccharomyces boulardii	0.010% - 0.015%	0.0%			
Streptococcus thermophilus	0.026% - 0.051%	0.036%			
Saccharomyces cerevisiae	0.010% - 0.015%	0.002%			

Pathogen Characterization

Category Tag

Average

BugSpeaks® identifies and characterizes many pathogens commonly known to cause gut infections and other health issues. These pathogens are reported with "indicative tags", which can be interpreted as described below.

This is not a diagnostic and are not correlated clinically with cfu/ug. Know More about "Pathogen Characterization" within the FAQ Section.

- ✕ Nothing to Worry
- ⬆ Please follow recommendations and if any symptoms present then correlate clinically and consult a doctor.

Species	Species
Bacterial Pathogens / Primary Pathogens	Opportunistic Bacteria
Campylobacter jejuni ✕	Bacillus cereus
Clostridioides difficile ✕	Enterococcus faecalis
Escherichia coli ✕	Enterococcus faecium
Helicobacter pylori ✕	Listeria monocytogenes
Salmonella enterica ✕	Pseudomonas aeruginosa
Shigella dysenteriae ✕	Staphylococcus aureus
Vibrio cholerae ⬆	Staphylococcus epidermidis
Yersinia enterocolitica ✕	Staphylococcus saprophyticus
Potential Autoimmune Triggers ✕	Streptococcus agalactiae
Klebsiella pneumoniae ✕	Streptococcus pneumoniae
Mycobacterium avium	Worms
Proteus mirabilis ✕	
Citrobacter freundii ✕	
Fusobacterium nucleatum ✕	
✕	Giardia intestinalis
✕	Necator americanus
✕	Trichuris trichiura
	Ancylostoma duodenale
	Ascaris lumbricoides

Species	Species
Protozoa	Fungi / Yeast
Blastocystis hominis 	Candida albicans
Chilomastix mesnili 	Candida glabrata
Cryptosporidium 	Candida tropicalis
Dientamoeba fragilis 	Candida parapsilosis
Endolimax nana 	Candida krusei
Entamoeba coli 	Aspergillus fumigatus
Entamoeba histolytica 	Aspergillus flavus
Pentatrichomonas hominis 	Aspergillus niger
Dysbiotic / Overgrowth Bacteria 	Aspergillus terreus
	Aspergillus nidulans
Citrobacter freundii 	

Disclaimer:

1. This is not a diagnostic report. This is not a microbiology (culture based) report. 2. We quantify these pathogens using sequencing-based method, and hence represent quantity only as "% abundances" of these pathogens. Also, the "indicative tags" does not represent standard scientific notation such as colony forming units per gram of stool (CFU/g). 3. Please correlate clinically.

Antibiotic Resistance

Category Tag

Ideal

Some bacteria are known to possess genes that can lead to resistance to antibiotics. Our algorithm based output provides information on possible antibiotic resistance based on the genomic analysis of the sample. This is not a microbiological assay based output and hence clinical validation is necessary.

Antibiotic Name	Antibiotic Name		
Amikacin	Susceptible	Ceftriaxone	Susceptible
Aminocoumarin	Susceptible	Cephalothin	Susceptible
Amoxicillin	Susceptible	Cephamycin	Susceptible
Amoxicillin+Clavulanic_Acid	Susceptible	Ciprofloxacin	Susceptible
Ampicillin	Susceptible	Clindamycin	Susceptible
Ampicillin+Clavulanic_Acid	Susceptible	Colistin	Susceptible
Avilamycin	Susceptible	Dalfopristin	Susceptible
Azithromycin	Susceptible	Diaminopyrimidine	Susceptible
Aztreonam	Susceptible	Doxycycline	Susceptible
Benzalkonium_Chloride	Susceptible	Elfamycin	Susceptible
Bicyclomycin	Susceptible	Ertapenem	Susceptible
Bleomycin	Susceptible	Erythromycin	Susceptible
Carbapenem	Susceptible	Florfenicol	Susceptible
Carbomycin	Susceptible	Fosfomycin	Susceptible
Cefepime	Susceptible	Fusidic_Acid	Susceptible
Cefixime	Susceptible	Gentamicin	Susceptible
Cefotaxime	Susceptible	Glycylcycline	Susceptible
Cefotaxime+Clavulanic_Acid	Susceptible	Hygromycin	Susceptible
Cefoxitin		Imipenem	
Ceftazidime		Isoniazid	
Ceftazidime+Avibactam		Kanamycin	

Antibiotic Name	Antibiotic Name
Kasugamycin Susceptible	Spectinomycin Susceptible
Lincomycin Susceptible	Spiramycin Susceptible
Lincosamide Susceptible	Streptomycin Susceptible
Linezolid Susceptible	Streptothricin Susceptible
Meropenem Susceptible	Sulfamethoxazole Susceptible
Methicillin Susceptible	Teicoplanin Susceptible
Minocycline Susceptible	Telithromycin Susceptible
Monobactam Susceptible	Temocillin Susceptible
Mupirocin Susceptible	Tetracenomycin Susceptible
Nalidixic_Acid Susceptible	Tetracycline Susceptible
Nitrofurantoin Susceptible	Thiostrepton Susceptible
Nitroimidazole Susceptible	Tiamulin Susceptible
Oleandomycin Susceptible	Ticarcillin Susceptible
Penicillin Susceptible	Ticarcillin+Clavulanic_Acid Susceptible
Phenicol Susceptible	Tigecycline Susceptible
Piperacillin Susceptible	Tobramycin Susceptible
Piperacillin+Tazobactam Susceptible	Tobramycin Susceptible
Pleuromutilin Susceptible	Triclosan Susceptible
Pristinamycin_la Susceptible	Trimethoprim Susceptible
Pristinamycin_lia Susceptible	Tylosin Susceptible
Quinupristin Susceptible	Vancomycin Susceptible
Quinupristin+Dalfopristin Susceptible	Viomycin Susceptible
Rhodamine 	Virginiamycin_M
Rifampin 	Virginiamycin_S
Rifamycin 	Zorbamycin
	
	
	

Microbiota Recovery Potential Post Antibiotic Course

Category Tag

Ideal

Antibiotics are known to disrupt the microbiota ecosystem dramatically. Research suggest that recovery of the microbial ecosystem may be dependent on few species of bacteria among other factors. Our proprietary matrix and algorithm-based output predicts the microbiota recovery potential after a course of antibiotics. Know More about "Microbiota Recovery Potential" within the FAQ Section.

 Poor potential to recover to a good microbiota  Good potential to recover to a good microbiota



Please Note:

This is not a diagnostic conclusion and clinical relevance is yet to be ascertained

SCFA Production Potential

Category Tag

Below Average

Short Chain Fatty Acids improve the gut health through a number of local effects, ranging from maintenance of intestinal barrier integrity, mucus production, and protection against inflammation. Our proprietary algorithms based output suggests the following status of SCFA production in your gut based on your gut microbiota profile.

SCFA Production Potential	
Butyrate	Ideal
Propionate	Non-Ideal
Acetate	Non-Ideal

Vitamin Production Potential

Category Tag

Average

The gut microbiota produce a variety of vitamins. Our proprietary algorithms based output suggests the following status of vitamin production in your gut based on your gut microbiota profile. Please follow your clinician, nutritionist's advice.

Vitamin Production Potential	
Vitamin B7	Ideal
Vitamin B12	Non-Ideal
Vitamin A	Ideal
Vitamin B2	Non-Ideal

Neurotransmitters

Category Tag

Non-Ideal

Gut microbiome produce neurotransmitters such as serotonin, dopamine and GABA, all of which play a key role in mood and other brain functions. Our proprietary algorithms based output suggests the following status of neurotransmitter production in your gut based on your gut microbiota profile. This has not been clinically validated.

Neurotransmitters	
Acetylcholine	Ideal
Dopamine	Non-Ideal
GABA	Non-Ideal
Histamine	Ideal
Norepinephrine	Non-Ideal
Serotonin	Non-Ideal
Tryptamine	Non-Ideal
Tryptophan *	Non-Ideal

Please Note: * Tryptophan is a precursor of many neurotransmitters.

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Propensity to Disease Development

Category Tag

Average

The disease susceptibility index is based on our patent pending algorithm and matrix. Briefly, microorganisms in the gut are linked to various diseases. We have developed technology to assess the vulnerability of an individual to various diseases based on the gut microbiota profile. Know More about "Propensity to Disease Development" within the FAQ Section.

Gut Related Diseases			
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	Low Risk	Clostridium Difficile Infection	Low Risk
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	Moderate Risk	Colorectal Neoplasm	Low Risk
Leaky Gut	Low Risk	Constipation	Low Risk
Obesity	Low Risk	Crohns Disease	Low Risk
Ulcerative Colitis	Low Risk		
Lifestyle Diseases & Traits			
Aerobic Endurance			
Aerobic Endurance	Fair	Diabetes Mellitus Type 2	Low Risk
Muscle Strength	Favorable	Hypertension	Low Risk
Physical Endurance	Fair	Sleep	Unfavorable
Prone to Fatigue	Unlikely		
Other Diseases			
Depression			
Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease			
Rheumatoid Arthritis	Moderate Risk	Anxiety	Moderate Risk
	Low Risk	Atherosclerosis	Moderate Risk
	Moderate Risk	Chronic Kidney Disease	Low Risk

Disclaimer:

This is not a diagnostic report, but an algorithm-based susceptibility score based on the gut microbiota profile. Please correlate clinically. This indicates only susceptibility and not actual disease, hence this does not mean that individuals with diseases under low risk category will not clinically manifest the diseases or individuals with high disease risk will clinically manifest those diseases, as there are many factors apart from the gut microbiota that may result in the disease outcome.

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Nutritional Report



3 Phase (12 Week) Nutritional & Dietary Recommendation



Dietary Recommendations

Our approach to restore the gut balance is based on a three stage strategy:



Phase 1

Restoring your gut microbiome - 2 Weeks

Involves restoration or resetting of your gut microbiome, where we minimize the composition and abundance of pathogenic or opportunistic microorganisms, to create a gut environment ideal for beneficial microorganisms to grow in Phase 2. This phase requires strict changes in your diet for a short period of time and supplementation with anti-inflammatory foods, natural antibiotics, and through restriction of selected inflammatory foods.



Phase 2

Rebuilding your microbiome - 8 Weeks

Involves rebuilding of your healthy gut microbiome, through re-inoculation and replacement with mostly beneficial microorganisms. We achieve this through incorporation of prebiotics and probiotics, via natural dietary sources and commercially available supplements. This lasts for up to 10th week of your diet plan (a total of 8 weeks), which ensure the complete restoration of your gut microbiota.



Phase 3

Maintaining the healthy gut - 2 Weeks

Largely involves a streamlined method for sustaining the healthy gut microbiome built during phase 2. These dietary, prebiotic and probiotic recommendations can be adopted for long term sustenance, spanning up to 2 weeks of your diet plan.

All 3 phases have a total of 6 food categories, each containing a list of foods and a frequency tag. We have used a total of 4 frequency tags that indicates how frequently you can include a specific food in your meal plan.



can be consumed everyday [in 1 meal/day]



can be consumed once in 3 days [in 1 meal/3 days]



can be consumed every alternate day [in 1 meal/2 days]



Avoid the consumption as much as possible

Please Note:

These recommendations are largely beneficial, with no or minimal negative impact on your health. Even though these dietary charts are evidence based recommendations, we would strongly suggest you to consult a physician/nutritionist, before implementing these in your lifestyle. This is specifically true about the extent of inclusion and exclusion of a specific food and for individuals who are either diabetic, hypertensive and/or having special dietary needs.

Greens & Vegetables

Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Ash Gourd			
 Beet Root			
 Bengal Gram			
 Bitter Gourd			
 Bottle Gourd			
 Brinjal			
 Broad Beans			
 Broccoli			
 Cabbage			
 Capsicum			
 Carrot			
 Cauliflower			
 Chickpeas			
 Cho Cho			
 Cluster Beans			
 Cowpea			

Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Cucumber			
 Drumstick			
 Fenugreek Leaves			
 Field Bean			
 French Beans			
 Gogu Leaves			
 Green Chillies			
 Green Gram			
 Green Peas			
 Horse Gram			
 Kidney Beans			
 Knol			
 Ladies Finger			
 Moth Bean			
 Mung Bean			
 Mushrooms			

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Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Onion			
 Pigeon Pea			
 Pointed Gourd			
 Potato			
 Pumpkin			
 Radish			
 Ridge Gourd			

Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Snake Gourd			
 Spinach			
 Sweet Corn			
 Sweet Potato			
 Tinda			
 Tomatoes			
 Yam			

Cereals, Herbs & Condiments

Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Almond			
 Asafoetida			
 Cardamom			
 Cashew Nut			
 Cloves			
 Coconut			
 Coconut Oil			

Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Coriander Leaves			
 Coriander Seeds			
 Cumin Seeds			
 Curry Leaves			
 Dates			
 Fenugreek Seeds			
 Finger Millet			

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Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Garlic			
 Ghee			
 Ginger			
 Ground Nut			
 Honey			
 Jaggery			
 Kodo Millets			
 Little Millets			
 Maize			
 Mint Leaves			
 Mustard Oil			
 Mustard Seeds			
 Olive Oil			
 Palm Oil			
 Pearl Millet			
 Pepper			

Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Pistachio Nuts			
 Poppy Seeds			
 Red Chilli Powder			
 Rice Bran Oil			
 Rice Flakes			
 Rice Puffed			
 Semame Oil			
 Sesame Seeds			
 Shalgam			
 Sunflower Oil			
 Sunflower Seeds			
 Turmeric Powder			
 Walnut			
 Wheat			
 Wheat Flour			
 White Rice			

Fruits

Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Apple			
 Banana			
 Custard Apple			
 Fig			
 Goosberry			
 Grapes			
 Guava			
 Jack Fruit			
 Kala Jamun			
 Kokum			
 Lychee			
 Mango			

Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Mosambi			
 Muskmelon			
 Orange			
 Papaya			
 Pear			
 Pineapple			
 Pomegranate			
 Raisins			
 Sapota			
 Strawberry			
 Watermelon			
 Wood Apple			

Egg & Meat

Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Beef			

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Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Chicken			
 Crab			
 Egg			
 Goat			
 Haddock			
 Mussels			
 Oysters			
 Pork			

Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Prawns			
 Rohu			
 Salmon			
 Sardine			
 Sheep			
 Trout			
 Tuna			
 Turkey			

Milk & Fermented Products

Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Butter Milk			
 Cheese			
 Soy Products			
 Kefir			
 Kimchi			

Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Kombucha			
 Panner			
 Sauerkraut			
 Shrikhand			
 Yogurt			

Processed Foods

Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Artificial Sweeteners			
 Bakery Breads			
 Burger			
 Cake			
 Cookies			
 Crackers			
 Dark Chocolate			
 French Toast			
 Garlic Bread			

Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Ice Cream			
 Milk Chocolate			
 Noodles			
 Pasta			
 Pastry			
 Pizza			
 Rolls			
 Sandwich			
 Taco			

Drinks & Beverages

Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Beer			
 Carbonated Beverages			
 Distilled Alcoholic Beverages			
 Milk Shakes			

Items	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3
 Red Wine			
 Soy Milk			
 Sugarcane Juice			
 Tender Coconut			

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Supplements

Probiotics

Probiotics are a set of beneficial microorganisms that help you metabolize the food you eat and have significantly positive impact on your overall gut health. Consuming foods or supplements rich in these probiotics will aid in restoring and maintaining a healthy gut in the long run. Below we have listed of probiotics species along with one example of its natural source.

Lactobacillus lactis	Cheddar cheese	Bacillus subtilis	Tempeh & Miso
Lactobacillus acidophilus	Fermented foods	Bacillus indicus	Soyabean Natto
Lacticaseibacillus casei	Fermented milk	Lactobacillus delbrueckii	Greek yogurt
Lactobacillus johnsonii	Fermented Vegetables	Bifidobacterium animalis	Fermented dairy products
Lactobacillus caucasicus	Kefir & Cheese	Limosilactobacillus reuteri	Kefir
Saccharomyces boulardii	Kefir	Levilactobacillus brevis	Kimchi
Lacticaseibacillus paracasei	Butter milk	Bacillus coagulans	Yogurt
Bacillus clausii	Fruit Juices		

Also, these supplements are available for purchase through online retailers. Example of a probiotic supplement include RychBiome.

Prebiotics

PREBIOTICS are a special form of dietary fibers that act as fertilizers for the probiotics in your gut (listed above). Below we have listed a set of prebiotics along with one example of its natural source.

Isomalto-oligosaccharides	Honey	Hemicellulosic oligosaccharide	Garlic
Arabinoxylan oligosaccharides	Cluster beans	Inulin	Onions
Dextran		Lactulose	Oats
Fructo-oligosaccharides	Artichokes	Mannose and Galactose	Yogurt
Galacto-oligosaccharides	Sugar cane	Resistant starch	Rice bran
	Bamboo shoots		

Also, these supplements are available for purchase through online retailers. Example of a Prebiotic supplement include Prebiotic D - a natural fiber to promote colon and gut health.

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Disease Description

Colorectal Neoplasm

Gut bacteria like *Escherichia coli*, *Bacteroides fragilis*, *Enterococcus* etc., produces toxins that are reported to be involved in the development of cancers. Specifically, these toxins are called enterotoxigenic (in simpler terms - toxic to genes), which means these toxins can directly damage the DNA resulting in activation of uncontrollable cell proliferation, which eventually leads to cancer.

Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease

Microbiota promote the absorption of monosaccharides from the gut, thereby triggering lipogenesis in the liver. Dysbiosis is associated with reduced synthesis and secretion of fasting-induced adipocyte factor a powerful metabolism and adiposity regulator belonging to the angiopoietin-like protein family in enterocytes, which results in increased activity of lipoprotein lipase (LPL), responsible for the secretion of triglycerides (TG) from very low-density lipoprotein, eventually resulting in the augmented uptake of fatty acids and accumulation of TG in the adipocytes and leading to NAFLD.

Inflammatory Bowel Disease

The abundant bacteria in the gut needs complex polysaccharides to survive, which if absent in your gut, starts eating the mucus layer shielding the colon lining which leads to many opportunistic infections aided by *Roseburia* and *Actinobacteria*, which will further activate several enteric pathogens and triggers inflammatory pathways and causes inflammation in walls of gastrointestinal tract.

Hypertension

The fermentation of dietary fiber by gut microbiota generates short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs) like acetate, propionate, and butyrate. Butyrate is used by colonocytes (cells of the colon) to maintain the intestinal barrier and decrease local inflammation, while small amounts are transported with acetate and propionate to the liver through the portal vein. Most of the propionate is metabolized by the hepatocytes (liver cells), whereas acetate and remaining proportions of propionate and butyrate are released into the systemic circulation, they can reach organs involved in the regulation of blood pressure and help to maintain or reduce the blood pressure.

Crohns Disease

Increased abundance of *Enterobacteriaceae* activates other enteric pathogens that trigger a set of inflammatory pathways, causing irritation of your gut. For instance, Sulfate reducing bacteria inflame the lining of the gut, while *Clostridium* and certain fungi trigger the factors that decrease anti-inflammatory bacteria (*Lactobacillus*, *Faecalibacterium*), cumulatively triggering or inducing to Crohn's disease.

Ulcerative Colitis

Bifidobacterium and *Lactobacillus* maintains the gut mucosal integrity through the expression of many tight junction encoding genes (connections that bridge and hold the cells). Reduction of *Bifidobacterium* results in marked reduction in the tight junction expression, in turn reducing the gut integrity. Parallely, increased abundance of *E. coli* activates bacterial TLR2 ligands and other downstream signaling, contributing to colitis pathology.

Clostridium Difficile Infection

A dysbiotic microbiota can result in the loss of colonization resistance due to changes in the structural and/or metabolic environment. The loss of specific community members potentially affects the levels of microbial and host-generated metabolites, resulting in a different functional state that promotes spore germination and vegetative outgrowth. A dysbiotic microbiota may also result in an imbalanced immune response through the loss of immune regulation and a proinflammatory state, both of which may affect disease development. Toxin production by vegetative *C. difficile* can stimulate the production of inflammatory cytokines, neutrophils, and antitoxin antibodies.

Prone to Fatigue

Tiredness can be a normal response to physical and mental activity. In most normal individuals are quickly relieved from regular fatigue (usually in hours to about a day, depending on the intensity of the activity). However, extreme tiredness resulting from physical exertion defines the state of fatigue. Twitch muscle fibers maintains the contractile responses while performing different motor tasks, and is directly associated with fatigue. Higher abundance of *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, and supplementation with multi-strain probiotic of *Lactobacillus* and *Bifidobacterium* have shown better contractile responses and hence minimizing fatigue.

Atherosclerosis

Trimethylamine-N-oxide (TMAO) is a product of microbial-human co-metabolic pathway, which is derived from dietary (food based) choline and carnitine and converted to trimethylamine (TMA) by anaerobic bacteria residing within the lumen of the gut. TMA is then oxidized by a liver enzyme to TMAO. This TMAO is known to be a pro-atherogenic compound, which is directly implicated in the development of plaques inside the arteries. A dysbiosis in the intestinal microbiota, resulting in increased anaerobic bacteria, is thought to contribute to the chronic inflammatory state, production of TMAO and eventually atherosclerosis.

Chronic Kidney Disease

Delivery of undigested protein to the colon results in the proliferation of proteolytic bacteria. These bacteria ferment proteins and amino acids to generate potential uremic toxins, including p-cresol, indoxyl sulfate and trimethylamine N-oxide. Impaired gut barrier function allows translocation of uremic toxin into systemic circulation. This contributes to chronic kidney disease (CKD) progression.

Diabetes Mellitus Type 2

Diabetes mellitus is associated with chronic (slow developing) low-grade inflammation, and gut microbes have been shown to contribute to this. Lipopolysaccharides (LPS), which are components of the cell walls of Gram-negative bacteria, play a key role in the development of such chronic inflammation, resulting in insulin resistance in fat, liver and muscle cells, eventually leading to Diabetes Mellitus Type 2.

Constipation

There are two important luminal (gut) factors, modulated by the gut microbiota, which maintains smooth muscle contraction and balanced bowel movements. The factors include short chain fatty acids (SCFAs) and bile acids. The absence of SCFAs due to low-fiber diet inhibit mucin secretion by intestinal goblet cells, reduce stool volume by stimulating water and electrolyte absorption, and inhibit smooth muscle contraction in the colon, causing imbalanced bowel movements/constipation.

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Obesity

Fermentation of polysaccharides by gut microbes results in the production of short chain fatty acids (butyrate, propionate, acetate), carbon dioxide (CO₂), and hydrogen (H₂). Butyrate is an important energy substrate for the colonic epithelium. Acetate and propionate can be taken up by the liver and used as substrates for lipogenesis and gluconeogenesis. This result in increased availability of calories and adiposity to the host leading to obesity.

Rheumatoid Arthritis

The human gut microbiota and their metabolites can regulate immune cells and cytokines via epigenetic modifications. For example, short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs) produced by gut microbiota promote the differentiation of natural T cell into Treg cells by suppressing histone deacetylases (HDACs). Thus, resulting bacterial metabolites cause aberrant immune responses via epigenetic modifications, leading to Rheumatoid arthritis.

Depression

Depression is a syndrome (a group of symptoms) characterized by sad or irritable mood exceeding normal sadness or grief, both in its intensity and duration. On one end, specific gut microbes (like Blautia, Clostridium, Klebsiella etc.) are known to be higher in individuals with depression, which increase inflammation causing biochemicals that cause depression. On the other end, certain beneficial microbes (like Lactobacillus rhamnosus, Bifidobacterium breve etc.) are known to increase serotonin activity, and decrease norepinephrine and dopamine activities, overall reducing symptoms of depression.

Anxiety

It is defined as intense, excessive and persistent worry and fear about everyday situations. Anxiety is mostly induced by stress that triggers immune cells to produce biochemicals (like Interleukin-6) that cause symptoms of anxiety. Several gut microorganisms, like species of Bifidobacterium and other belonging to group of Bacteroides, release tryptophan, a precursor of neurotransmitter serotonin and Bacillus, Enterococcus species produce norepinephrine, and dopamine. All these three biochemicals together reduce the symptoms of anxiety by increasing the action of a brain chemical called gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA). Hence, gut microbiome has emerged as a key factor to manage anxiety.

Physical Endurance

The ability to perform strenuous, large-muscle exercise or activities for a prolonged period is termed as physical endurance. High endurance sports / training is accompanied with production of oxidative stress, due to over production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) and reactive nitrogen species (RNS). Studies have observed that high abundance of Lactobacillus paracasei, Bifidobacterium sp., Lactobacillus rhamnosus and Faecalibacterium prausnitzii, in thegut aids in management of oxidative stress and hence positively correlated with endurance.

Aerobic Endurance

Aerobic endurance is the ability to sustain an aerobic effort over time, such as distance running or cycling. Aerobic endurance maintains the ability of the cardiovascular system to deliver oxygen to working muscles and the ability of the muscles to utilize that oxygen. The most common quantification of endurance is the maximal rate of oxygen uptake (VO₂max). High abundance of Faecalibacterium prausnitzii has been associated with higher aerobic endurance.

Muscle Strength

Muscular strength is a component of fitness that is necessary for optimal well-being and quality of life. In general, physical endurance is directly correlated to muscle strength. Smooth muscle works most efficiently, and needs much less energy for its activity and they display considerable plasticity when healthy and young. However, these cells can switch to largely non-contractile mode in response to inflammatory stimuli, diet or other factors, which result in loss of plasticity and in turn contractibility. Supplementation with multi-strain probiotic of Lactobacillus and Bifidobacterium have shown better contractile responses and hence better muscle strength.

Leaky Gut

The occurrence of harmful bacteria in our gut may cause a leaky gut syndrome, which happens due to the high permeability of the intestinal walls, causing leakage of undigested food particles, bacteria, and many other substances into the nearby tissues. The leaky gut syndrome is directly connected with several health problems, such as chronic fatigue, Stomach aches, Insomnia, Inflammatory Bowel Syndrome, Constipation, Diarrhoea, Headaches, Depression, Cardiac problems, Pancreatic illness, etc. By populating friendly bacteria in your gut for optimal health, in turn through foods for a healthy gut, ensures the best way to restore your gut flora. This also ensures recovery to better gut health, specifically via probiotics which heal leaky gut to a great extent.

Sleep

The researchers have observed that gut microbiome plays a significant role in circadian clock along with other phenotypic characteristics, like, immunity, metabolism, and others. The circadian rhythm is our inner clock, which controls our body's energy disbursement, hunger, and snooze. We usually get about seven hours of sound sleep every night. In the morning, when we wake up, our body warms up to conduct daily chores. To run our body, we need energy, and energy comes from the food we eat during the day. At night, our body needs rest to rewind, so we fast and go to sleep. Gut microbiome resonates with this bodily rhythm. The scientific world now accepts the robust connection between sleep and intestinal wellbeing. A good quality night sleep allows more flourishing and better functioning gut microbiome and vice versa. Gut flora follows the rhythm by secreting specific molecules at certain times of the day. At night, secretion of factors responsible for energy metabolism, DNA repair, and proliferation occurs. During daytime, flora harbouring in the gut releases molecules essential for their colonization. Neurotransmitters like serotonin and GABA secreted by brain control our sleep-wakecycle. Astoundingly, certain intestinal bacteria including, Turicibacter sanguinis and Clostridia sp., release specific signalling molecules that trigger the production of serotonin. By modulating serotonin levels, the gut microbiome can interfere or improve our sleep pattern.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is BugSpeaks a diagnostic report?

No, BugSpeaks is not a diagnostic report however the information provided can be used to take complimentary/supplementary measures along with standard treatment if needed. A lot of information contained in the report are actionable and provides guidance for living healthy!

2. What is Rych Index and how it can help?

Rych Index is a patent pending algorithm based intestinal health score developed by us. It tries to give a snapshot of the intestinal health with respect to the microbiota profile (microorganisms in the gut). It is not a diagnostic marker but can be used as an information to ascertain the gut health.

3. Is Rych Index only criteria for determining the gut health?

Rych index has been designed to take into consideration various gut microbiota characteristics, which in turn are known to influence the host health. However, this is an evolving research area and gut microbiota alone is not responsible of the complete gut health, although it plays a primary role. Genetics, gut architecture, gender, hormones, food, lifestyle etc. also play a role in defining the gut health.

4. Can “disease susceptibility” section be used as diagnostic?

No, disease susceptibility is a score-based prediction that is dependant on the microbiota profile. This is not a diagnostic assessment, but only a risk assessment. This can be used a guide for health. Preventive health check-ups can be performed if required.

5. Can pathogen characterization be used directly as indicator of pathogen load?

Pathogen characterization section uses bioinformatics tools to ascertain relative abundance of the various microbes. It is not based on culture assays and is not an indicator of absolute abundance of the microbes represented. However, this information can be used to correlate clinically and/or validated by other assays as may deem fit by the medical practitioner.

6. What is the “antibiotic recovery potential” section all about?

This is a unique score developed by us to provide an estimate of how well one’s gut microbiota may recover post an antibiotic course. As it is known, antibiotics not only kills that pathogen in question but can also destroy other bacteria in the gut leading to short term to long term deleterious effects. Everyone takes different time to recover their gut microbiota post an antibiotic course. Our effort here is to provide a prediction of the potential of this recovery, post an antibiotic course. A lower score/potential means the person might need additional nutritional/supplemental support during or post an antibiotic course to recover faster and better.

7. What is foundation microbiota?

Foundation microbiota, also called as keystone species, are a set of organisms fundamental for the ecosystem to survive. These organisms help hold the system together and hence any perturbation in their abundance may have a deleterious effect on the overall ecosystem.

8. Is the nutritional recommendation personalized and can it cure my disease?

The nutritional recommendation is based on the gut microbiota profile of the individual. As the gut microbiota gets influenced by the food we eat, it is possible to modulate them by changing the food habit. Therefore, the microbiota profile based nutritional recommendation in this report tries to modulate the microbes in the gut to a balanced state (eubiosis) from a disbalanced or dysbiotic state. The nutritional recommendation in this report is disease agnostic, in other words it is not specifically targeted against any disease per se. However, if the balance is restored in the gut by following the nutritional recommendations, then there is a good chance that many of the clinical manifestations of various diseases that cropped up due to dysbiosis in the gut can be rectified.

9. Do I need to follow the nutritional recommendation for 3 months only?

Nutritional recommendations are designed in 3 phases for 3 months for better compliance. However, you may continue with the recommendations beyond 3 months till the time it is convenient for you.

10. What technology is used for making this report?

We use next generation sequencing or NGS. More specifically we use whole genome shotgun metagenomics approach that can profile all microbes including bacteria, viruses, fungi, helminths etc. We have our own curated databases and patent pending algorithms and interpretation engine that led to the generation of this unique report.

For more "Frequently Asked Questions" please visit <https://www.bugspeaks.com/faq>

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