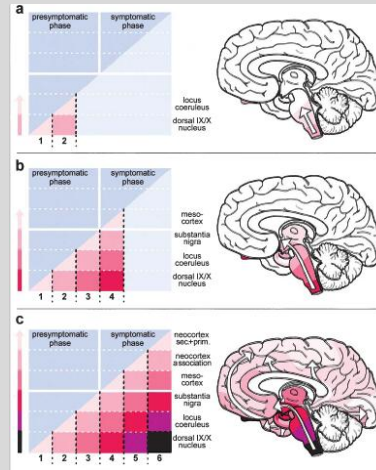
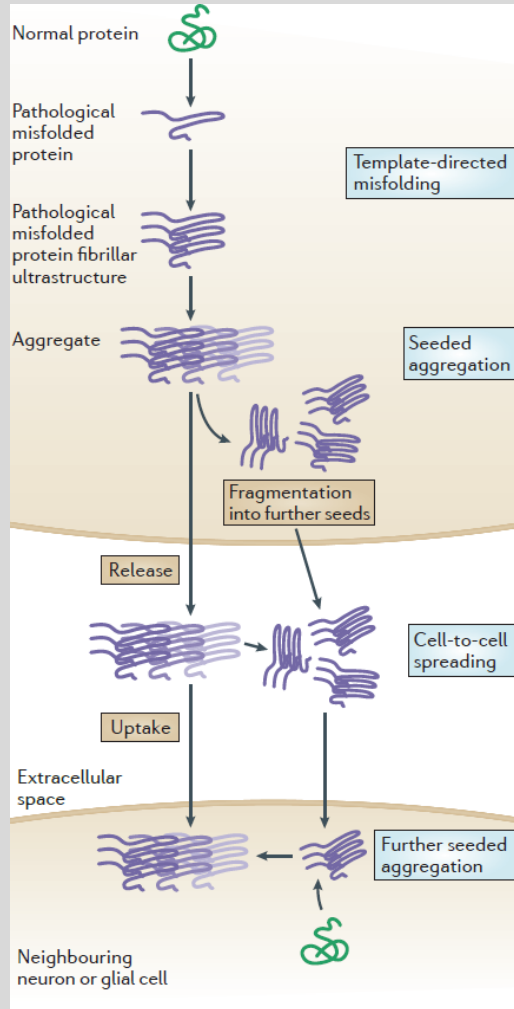


## Unraveling gut microbiota in Parkinson's disease and atypical parkinsonism.

## Il recente studio sul microbiota

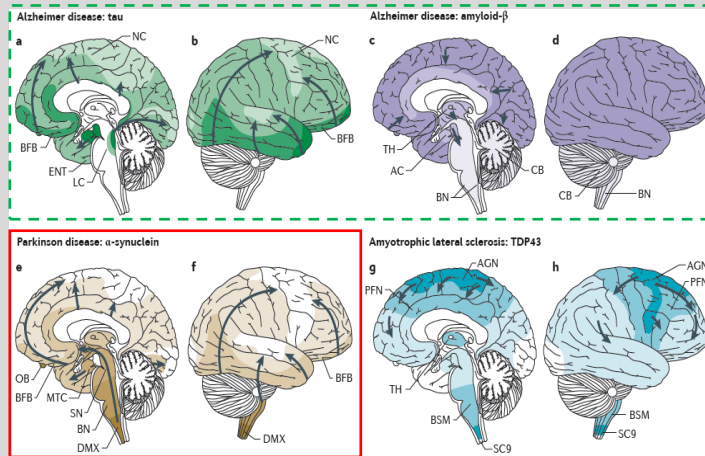
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# La propagazione da neurone a neurone per 'misfolding su template' della patologia nelle malattie Neurodegenerative



Evidences for a cell-to-cell (prion-like) propagation of pathology boosted research on the Braak hypothesis.

Similar mechanisms increasingly recognized in other degenerative disorders (eg AD, ALS)

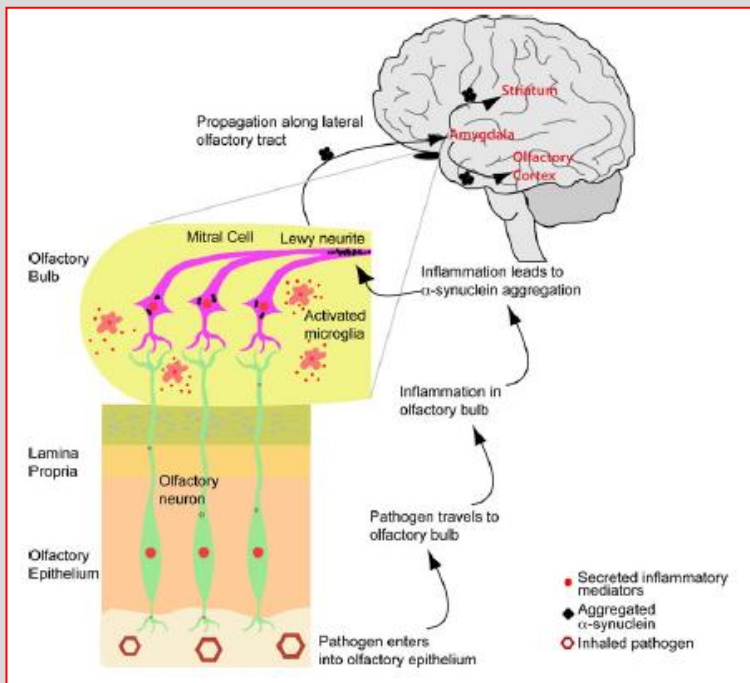


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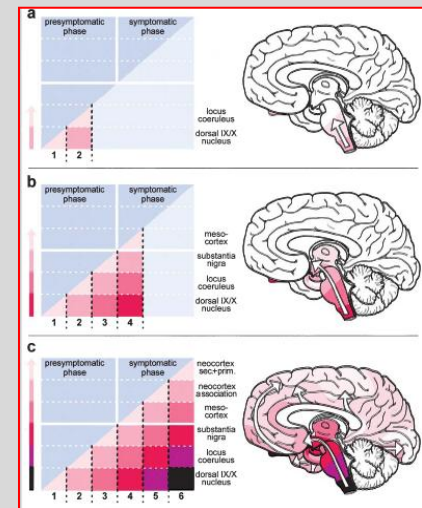
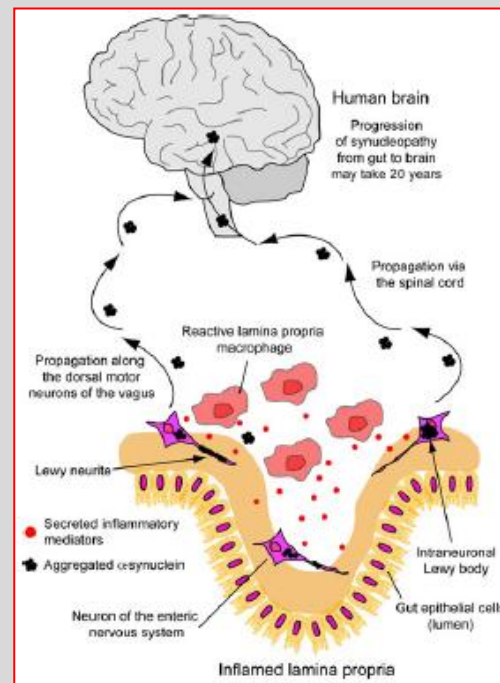
# Qual'è il trigger iniziale del misfolding dell' $\alpha$ -sinucleina?

## 1. «Patogeni Esterni?»

**Pathogen enters from the Olfactory Bulb**



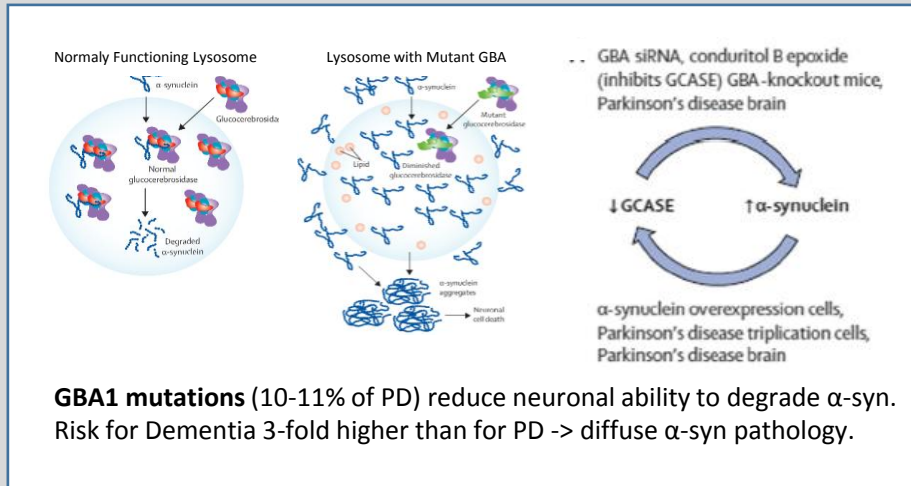
**Pathogen enters from the Gut**



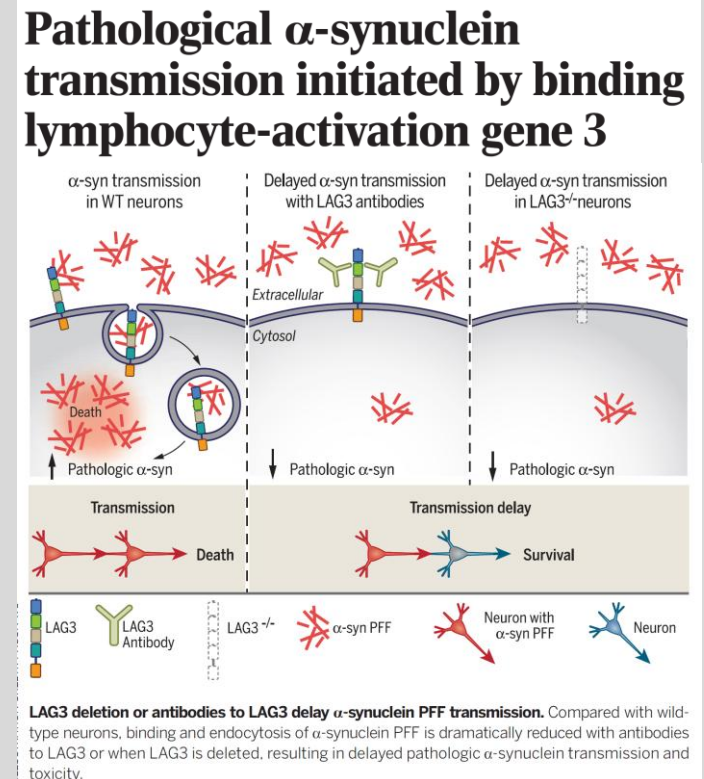
Braak et al, *Neurobiol Aging* 2003; Holmqvist et al, *Acta Neuropathol* 2014 Klingelhofer & Reichmann, *Nature Rev* 2015; Pellegrini et al, *Acta Neuropathologica* 2018

# Qual'è il trigger iniziale del misfolding dell' $\alpha$ -sinucleina?

## 2. «Fattori Genetici?»



Murphy et al., Brain 2014



Mao et al., Science 2016

# Qual'è il trigger iniziale del misfolding dell' $\alpha$ -sinucleina?

## 3. «Fattori Ambientali?»

Exposure to pesticides or solvents and risk of Parkinson disease

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PhD  
*Neurology* 2013;80:2035-2041

In a meta-analysis, high-quality case-control studies evidence that exposure to any-type pesticides, herbicides, and solvents, increase the risk for PD. *Exposure to Paraquat -> 2-fold increased risk.*

Oral Exposure to Paraquat Triggers Earlier Expression of Phosphorylated  $\alpha$ -Synuclein in the Enteric Nervous System of A53T Mutant Human  $\alpha$ -Synuclein Transgenic Mice

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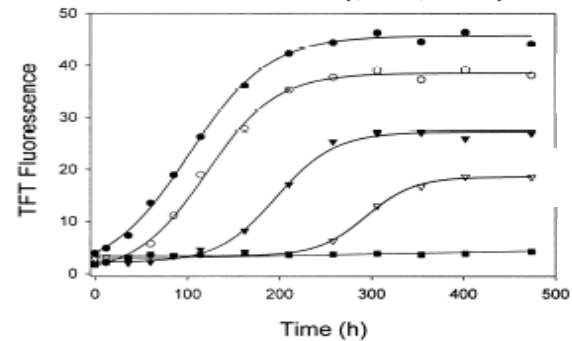
Pesticidi (Paraquat) are able to trigger  $\alpha$ -syn aggregation in the gut and to accelerate the formation of toxic oligomers.

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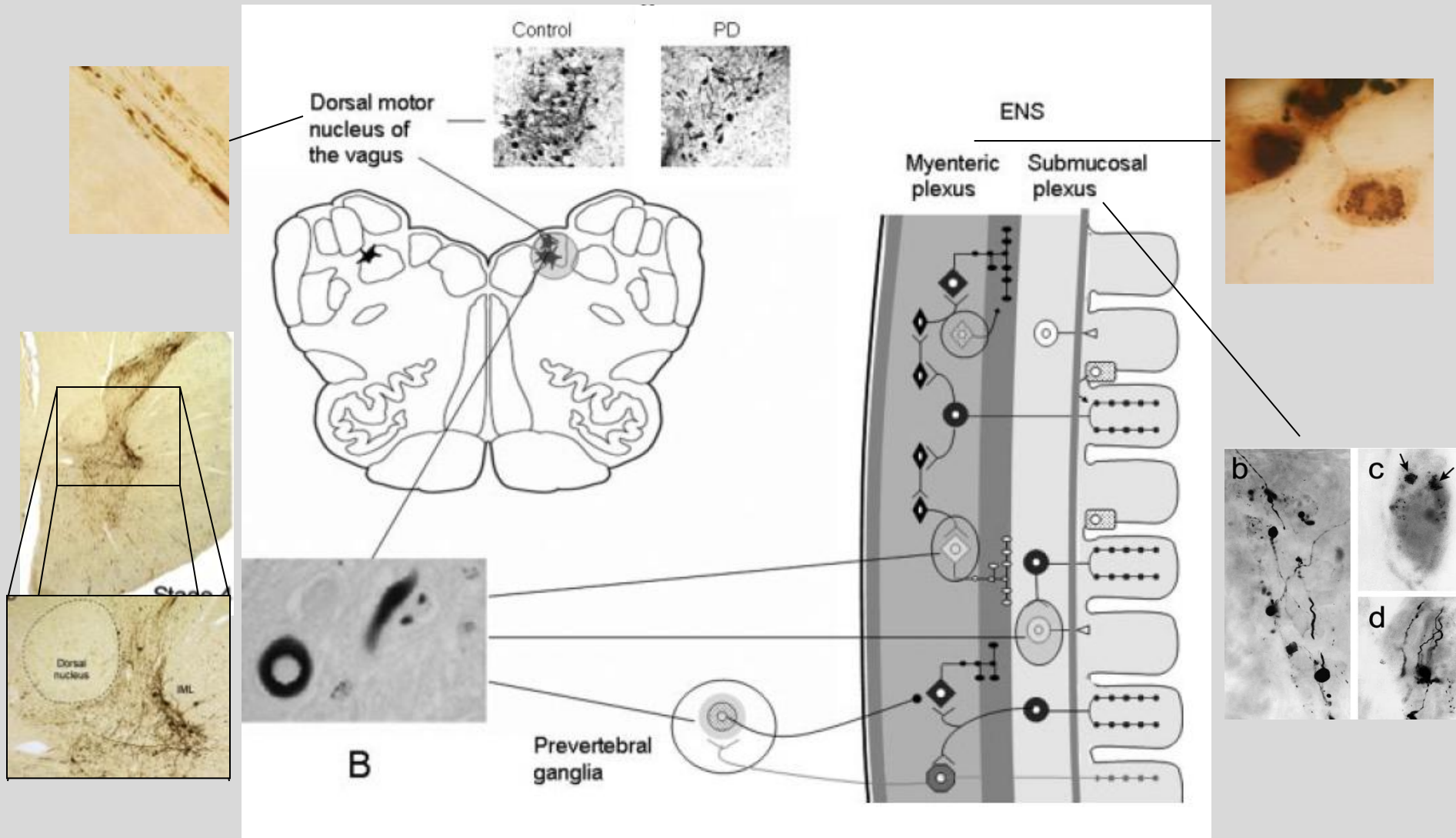
Pesticides directly accelerate the rate of  $\alpha$ -synuclein fibril formation: a possible factor in Parkinson's disease

Vladimir N. Uversky, Jie Li, Anthony L. Fink\*



Dieldrine  
Paraquat  
Rotenone  
Control

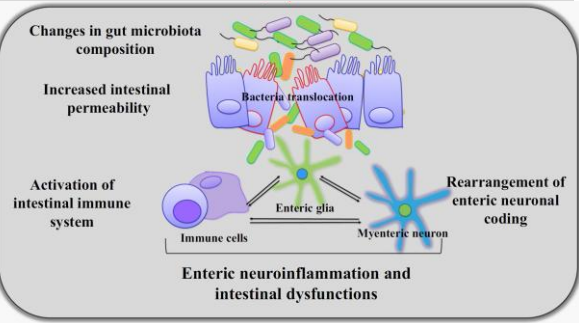
# $\alpha$ -synuclein in DMV and GI of PD patients



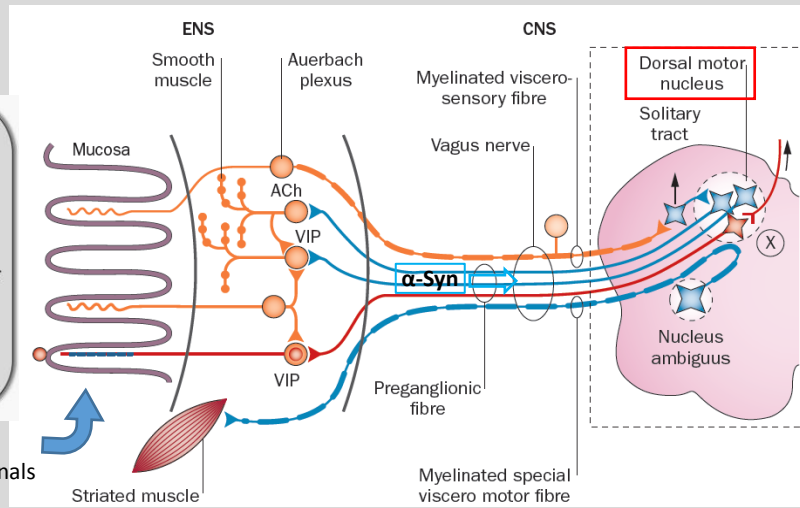
Braak et al., 2003; 2006; 2007;  
Braak & Del Tredici, 2008;  
Cersosimo et al., 2008

# Braak's Hypothesis of gut-to-brain propagation of $\alpha$ -syn pathology

1) A **pathogen** passes the GI mucosal lining (increased epithelial permeability?)



2) Triggers  $\alpha$ -Syn misfolding in post-ganglionic ENS terminals



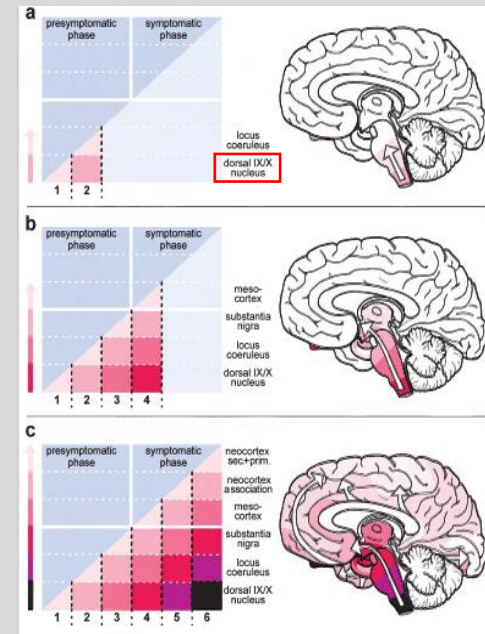
3)  $\alpha$ -Syn aggregates in GI walls (LBs in GI biopsies)

4)  $\alpha$ -Syn retrogradely propagates along the vagus nerve

5)  $\alpha$ -Syn reaches the DMV

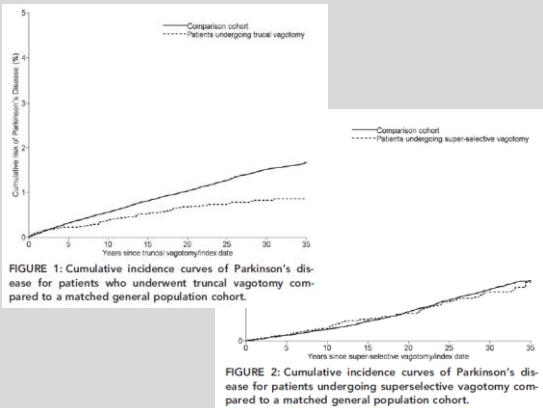
6)  $\alpha$ -Syn spreads and aggregates in LBs throughout the CNS (LBs in the LC and SNc)

7) LBs induce neuronal death and PD symptoms/signs



# Vagotomia Tronculare e rischio di PD

## Vagotomy and Subsequent Risk of Parkinson's Disease



Danish registry. Follow-up 1977-1995

**Nonsignificant lower PD risk at 5 years F-up**  
(adjusted HR 0.85; 95% CI: 0.56–1.27)

**Marginal significance only >20-y F-up** (HR 0.53, 95% CI 0.53–0.99)  
«limited statistical precision, wide associated CIs»

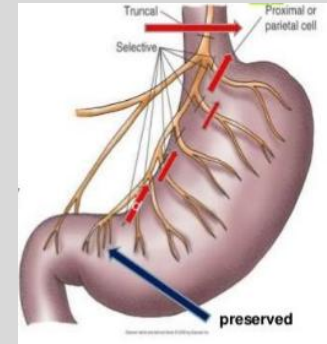
## Does Vagotomy Reduce the Risk of Parkinson's Disease?

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Same Danish population with extended Follow-up 1977–2011

**Truncal vagotomy -> nonsignificantly lower PD risk** (HR 0.88, 95% CI 0.55–1.21)

**Nonsignificantly elevated PD risk >20 years after the surgery** (HR 1.14, 95% CI 0.23–2.05)



## Vagotomy and Parkinson disease

A Swedish register-based matched-cohort study

9,430 vagotomized patients (3,445 truncal and 5,978 selective) Follow-up 1970-2010

N = 4,930 incident PD during 7.3 million person-years of follow-up.

**Truncal vagotomy -> nonsignificantly lower PD risk** (HR 0.78, 95% CI 0.55–1.09)

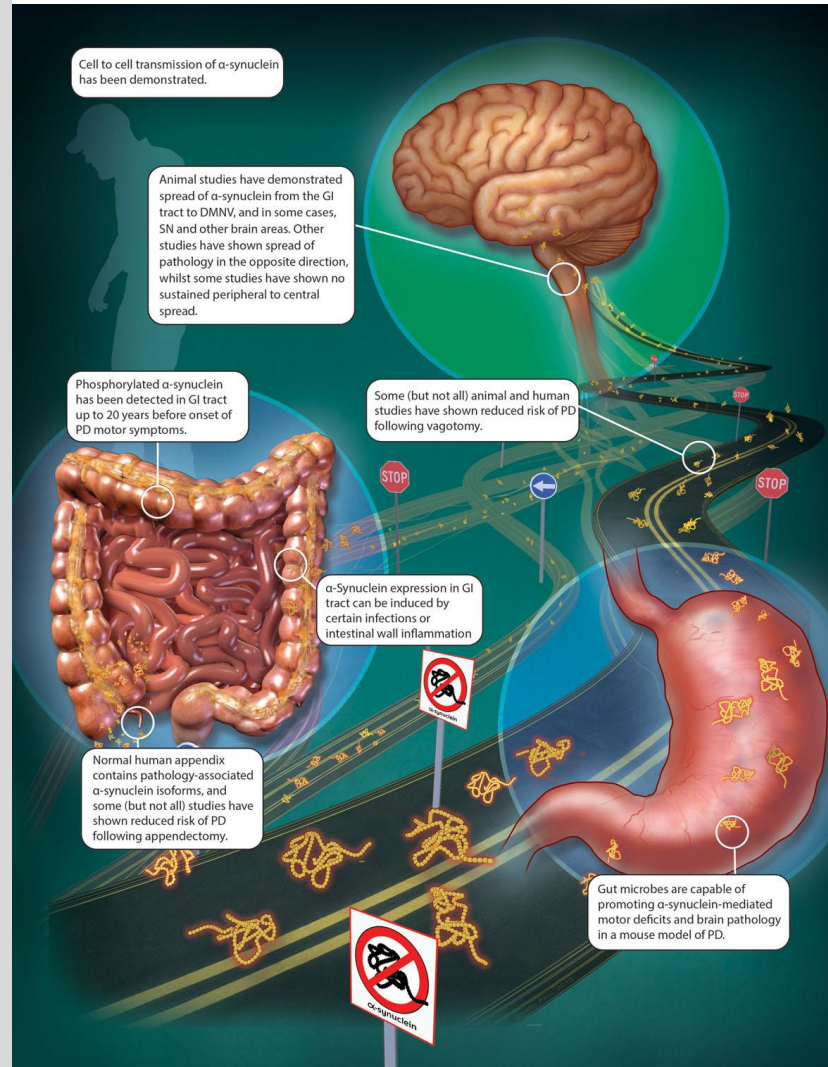
## TAKE HOME MESSAGE:

- Nonsignificant Risk Reduction (CIs > 1.0)
- Conflicting Data at 20-y F-up



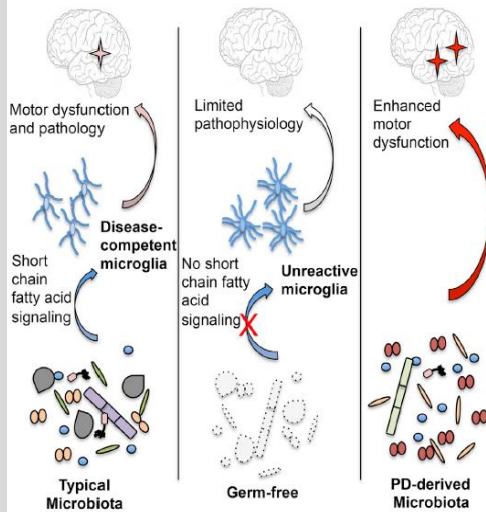
## Gut-Brain Axis and the Spread of $\alpha$ -Synuclein Pathology: Vagal Highway or Dead End?

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# Does Gut Microbiota influence PD risk via the vagus nerve or systemic inflammation?

## Gut Microbiota Regulate Motor Deficits and Neuroinflammation in a Model of Parkinson's Disease



Sampson et al, Cell 2016

In  $\alpha$ -syn overexpressing mouse model of PD:

- **Typical Microbiota** promote  $\alpha$ -synuclein pathology
- Depletion of gut bacteria (**Germ-Free**) reduces microglia activation and  $\alpha$ -syn pathology
- **Human gut microbiota from PD cases** (but not HC) enhances motor dysfunction

### HOWEVER:

Change in Microbiota alone is not sufficient to trigger  $\alpha$ -syn pathology in the ENS

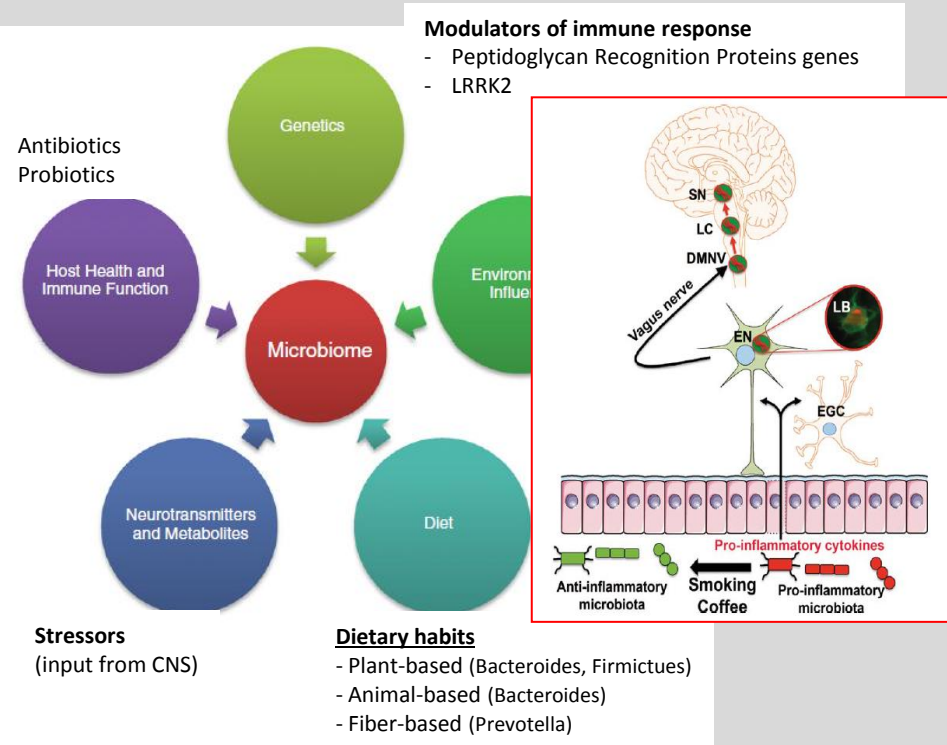
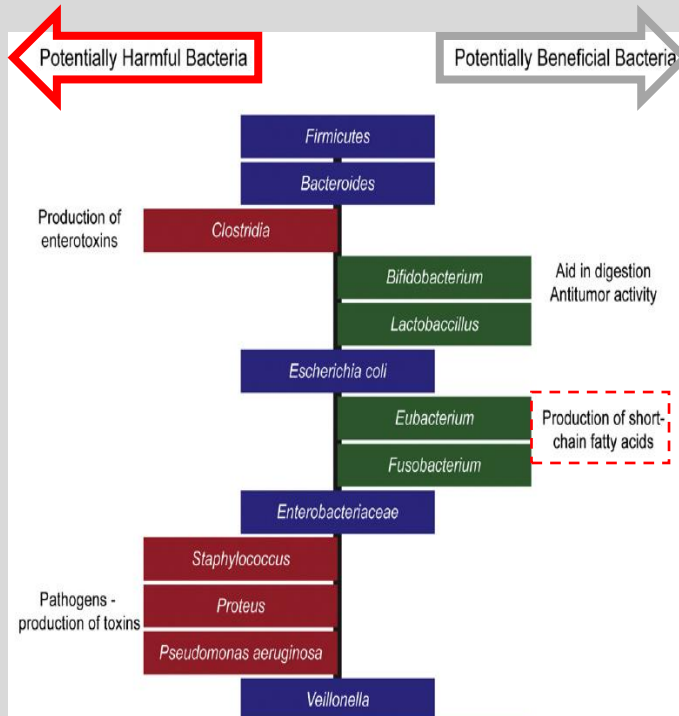
- a) Microbiota  $\rightarrow$  **SCFAs signaling**  $\rightarrow$  **Microglia activation**  $\rightarrow$   $\alpha$ -syn pathology
- b) Oral feeding by SCFAs induces  $\alpha$ -syn pathology *without* microbiota colonization

### QUESTIONS:

- What is the role of SCFAs? (*..protective for gut epithelium and anti-inflammatory..*)
- Is systemic route associated to Microbiota-induced changes (*instead vagal nerve*)?

# Microbiota: Potential Effects and Modulators

Harmful (Pro-Inflammatory) vs. Beneficial (Anti-Inflammatory)



# Microbiota in PD/PKS: the (conflicting) results

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Samples	Fecal	Fecal and Mucosal	Fecal	Fecal	Fecal	Fecal	Fecal & Nasal	Fecal and Mucosal
Antibiotics-free / Nutrition Diaries	>1month / No	>3months / No	Not reported / No	Not reported / No (diet assessed)	Not reported / No	Not reported / No	Not reported / No	Not reported / No
Main Outcome	↓ Prevotellaceae PD phenotype -> Enterobacteriaceae	Anti-inflamm in HC Pro-inflamm in PD ↓ SCFAs ↑ LPS synthesis	↓ hydrogen-producing bacteria in PD ↑ LPS (↓ serum LPS- binding protein)	Diet fruits/vegetables ↑ Xenobiotics degradation ↓ SCFAs PD duration -> Ruminococcaceae	↓ SCFAs	↑ Lactobacillaceae	80% microbiota differences PD vs HC similar in iRBD	Intestinal barrier dysfunction ↑ LPS synthesis
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Increased (fecal)	<u>Lactobacillaceae</u> , <u>Verrucomicrobiaceae</u> , <u>Clostridiales i.s. IV</u> , Ruminococcaceae	<u>Bacteroidetes</u> , Proteobacteria, <u>Verrucomicrobia</u> , <u>Clostridiaceae</u> ,	<u>Lactobacillaceae</u>	<u>Lactobacillaceae</u> , <u>Verrucomicrobiaceae</u> Bifidobacteriaceae Christensenellaceae	Enterobacteriaceae <u>Verrucomicrobia</u> ,	<u>Lactobacillaceae</u> Bifidobacterium Barnesiellaceae Enterococcaceae	<u>Verrucomicrobia</u> ,	<u>Bacteroidetes</u> Proteobacteria
Clinical Features	UPDRS III Non-tremor phenotype iCOMT -> Lactob., Enterob	Disease Duration Treated = Untreated	Disease Duration (No association between microbiota & medications)	iCOMT Anticholinergics Levodopa/Carbidopa	Not reported	No effect of iCOMT	Correlat with NMS (Bacteroides)	Not reported

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## Sources of Variability

Nothing scares me more...



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**Consistency:** ↑Verrucomicrobiaceae (Akkermansia); ↑Lactobacillaceae; ↓Lachnospiraceae; ↓Firmicutes

**Conflicting:** Bacteroidetes; Clostridiaceae; (↓) Prevotella

# ***Microbiota Intestinale e PD: Più Domande che Risposte?***

## **1) Conflicting results due to methodological difficulties/issues**

*Question: Shall we focus on biopsies (more stable flora) rather than fecal samples?*

## **2) Microbiota is influenced by several confounders**

*Question: adjusting the analyses by nutrient intake, type of delivery and feeding, habits?*

## **3) Microbiota may be modified by PD medications and progression**

*Question: Are microbiota abnormalities a cause of PD or compensatory changes?  
(Need of Longitudinal studies on de novo PD and at-risk populations)*

## **4) Microbiota may promote $\alpha$ -syn aggregation and trigger cell-to-cell propagation**

*Question: Does gut microbiota influence Tau pathology as well?*

## **5) Beyond the gut, Beyond bacteria**

*Question: What about nasal microbiota (olfactory bulb as first site of seeding)?*

*Question: What about virome?*

## Unraveling Gut Microbiota in Parkinson's Disease and Atypical Parkinsonism

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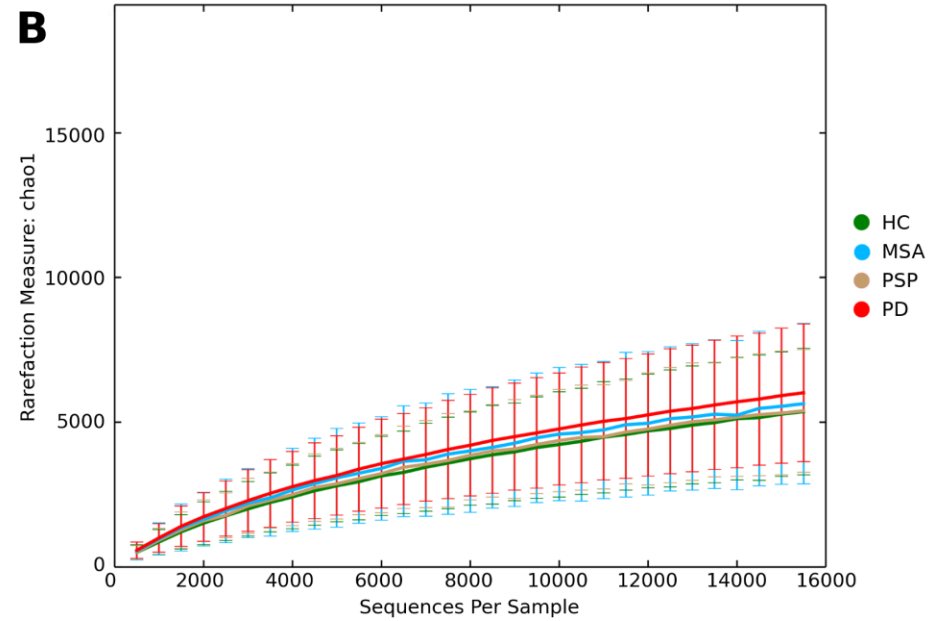
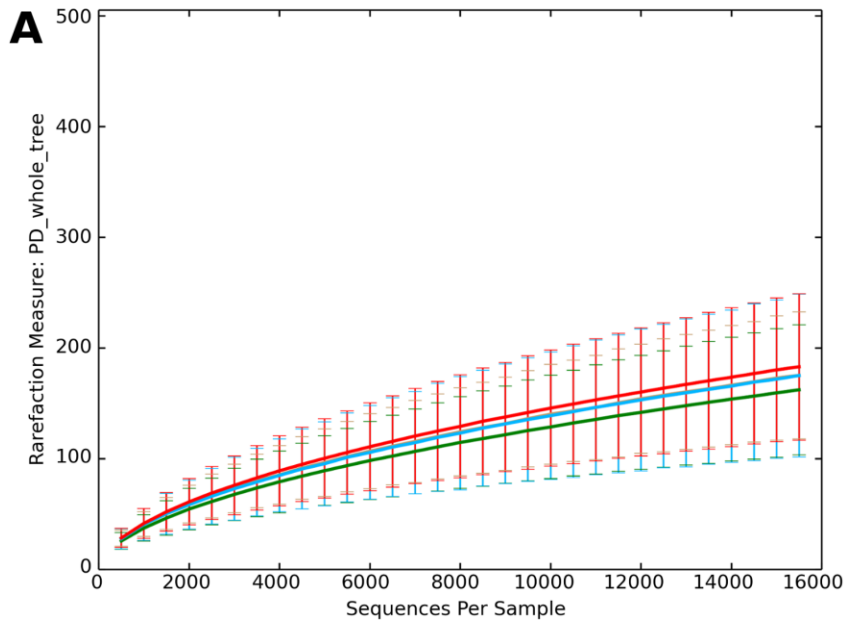
- Studio osservazionale prospettico caso-controllo (07/2014 -> 02/2017)
- N=350 soggetti
  - PD n=193 (De Novo n=39)
  - PSP n=22
  - MSA n=22
  - HC n=113
- Scale cliniche (UPDRS, H&Y, MMSE, NMSQ) e terapia farmacologica.
- Valutazione Nutrizionale: diario alimentare 10 giorni e 24-h recall (WinFood software)
- Studio microbiota con metodica di amplificazione 16S ribosomiale RNA

**TABLE 1.** General characteristics of the study population and related subgroups

Variable	Healthy controls, n = 113	PD patients						
		All cases, n = 193	De novo, n = 39	Early stage, n = 57 <sup>a</sup>	Mid stage, n = 53 <sup>b</sup>	Advanced stage, n = 44 <sup>a,b</sup>	MSA patients, n = 22	PSP patients, n = 22
Male gender, n (%)	47 (41.6)	115 (59.6)	27 (69.2)	36 (63.1)	31 (58.5)	21 (47.7)	8 (36.4)	13 (59.1)
Age, y, mean (SD)	65.9 (9.9)	67.6 (9.7)	67.0 (8.5)	66.1 (10.9)	68.6 (9.0)	68.8 (9.9)	67.0 (7.0)	71.0 (7.9)
Cesarean delivery, n (%)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Formula fed, n (%)	11 (9.7)	18 (9.3)	1 (2.6)	7 (12.3)	6 (11.3)	4 (9.1)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Current smoking, n (%)	15 (13.3)	18 (9.3)	3 (7.7)	7 (12.3)	5 (9.4)	3 (6.8)	1 (4.5)	1 (4.5)
Body weight, kg, mean (SD)	69.1 (14.0)	69.4 (14.6)	67.3 (11.8)	72.4 (12.4)	71.2 (15.9)	64.7 (16.3)	60.1 (11.4)	71.1 (17.2)
Body mass index, kg/m <sup>2</sup> , mean (SD)	25.3 (4.6)	25.2 (4.6)	24.0 (3.3)	26.3 (4.9)	25.6 (4.5)	24.3 (5.0)	24.7 (3.8)	26.0 (4.6)
Constipation, n (%)	21 (18.6)	99 (51.3)	19 (48.7)	24 (42.1)	31 (58.5)	25 (56.8)	16 (72.7)	14 (63.6)
Disease duration, y, mean (SD)	–	7.7 (7.3)	1.6 (1.4)	3.2 (1.5)	8.0 (1.4)	18.4 (7.4)	5.8 (4.1)	6.7 (4.4)
Hoehn-Yahr stage, mean (SD)	–	2.0 (0.8)	1.6 (0.5)	1.7 (0.6)	2.2 (0.7)	2.6 (0.9)	3.1 (1.0)	3.2 (0.8)
UPDRS-part I score, mean (SD)	–	2.0 (1.9)	1.1 (1.1)	1.6 (1.6)	3.0 (2.1)	2.3 (2.3)	2.2 (1.7)	3.6 (1.8)
UPDRS-part II score, mean (SD)	–	9.4 (5.9)	5.5 (3.1)	6.9 (3.5)	10.9 (5.1)	14.9 (6.7)	18.5 (8.3)	22.1 (6.8)
UPDRS-part III score, mean (SD)	–	17.2 (11.4)	15.7 (9.2)	13.9 (9.2)	18.8 (13.0)	20.8 (12.6)	39.0 (19.5)	33.8 (17.5)
UPDRS-part IV score, mean (SD)	–	1.9 (2.6)	0.2 (0.4)	0.9 (1.8)	2.6 (2.7)	4.3 (2.8)	1.2 (0.9)	0.7 (1.5)
MMSE score, mean (SD)	27.9 (2.1)	27.5 (3.5)	28.4 (1.3)	27.8 (4.0)	27.2 (3.2)	26.6 (4.4)	26.6 (4.3)	25.4 (4.4)
MMSQuest total score, mean (SD)	–	11.4 (5.5)	7.4 (4.0)	10.2 (5.2)	12.8 (4.9)	13.3 (5.8)	13.5 (4.0)	13.3 (4.9)
Diabetes, n (%)	8 (7.1)	11 (5.7)	3 (7.7)	3 (5.3)	4 (7.5)	1 (2.3)	3 (13.6)	2 (9.1)
Hypertension, n (%)	39 (34.5)	65 (33.7)	16 (41.0)	22 (38.6)	18 (34.0)	9 (20.5)	7 (31.8)	10 (45.5)
Levodopa, n (%)	–	147 (76.2)	–	53 (93.0)	53 (100)	44 (100)	18 (81.8)	15 (68.2)
Levodopa dose, <sup>b</sup> mg/day, mean (SD)	–	393 (334)	–	347 (180)	573 (326)	586 (326)	414 (306)	269 (270)
Concomitant DA, n (%)	–	80 (41.5)	–	23 (40.4)	31 (58.5)	26 (59.1)	6 (27.3)	5 (22.7)
Concomitant COMT, N (%)	–	29 (15.0)	–	5 (8.8)	13 (24.5)	11 (25.0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Concomitant MAO-B, n (%)	–	27 (14.0)	–	10 (17.5)	11 (20.8)	6 (13.6)	1 (4.5)	4 (18.2)
Total LEDD, mg/day, mean (SD)	–	525 (440)	–	429 (219)	694 (379)	727 (366)	463 (351)	326 (265)
Anticholinergics, n (%)	–	1 (0.5)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (2.3)	1 (4.5)	1 (4.5)
Antipsychotics, n (%)	–	9 (4.7)	0 (0)	2 (3.5)	3 (5.7)	4 (9.1)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Dementia medications, n (%)	–	3 (1.6)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1.9)	2 (4.5)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Proton pump inhibitors, n (%)	7 (6.2)	22 (11.4)	3 (7.7)	7 (12.3)	6 (11.37)	6 (13.6)	3 (13.6)	3 (13.6)
Calorie intake, kcal/kg/day, mean (SD)	27.5 (8.1)	27.0 (8.2)	27.8 (6.5)	25.8 (6.8)	26.0 (7.7)	29.2 (10.9)	26.9 (7.9)	24.5 (7.1)
Protein intake, g/kg/day, mean (SD)	1.05 (0.34)	1.00 (0.32)	1.07 (0.28)	0.94 (0.27)	1.00 (0.35)	1.03 (0.37)	1.07 (0.42)	0.98 (0.30)
Animal-vegetal ratio, g/day, mean (SD)	2.0 (1.3)	1.6 (1.1)	1.80 (0.87)	1.60 (1.69)	1.63 (0.87)	1.56 (0.61)	1.08 (0.9)	2.3 (1.4)
Alcohol intake, g/day, mean (SD)	10.5 (14.2)	7.0 (11.1)	7.8 (10.2)	8.6 (13.9)	7.0 (10.8)	4.2 (7.0)	5.1 (9.3)	5.3 (8.7)
Water intake, mL/kg/day, mean (SD)	27.6 (11.7)	26.2 (9.0)	26.2 (9.9)	25.6 (7.5)	26.2 (8.4)	26.9 (10.7)	28.4 (12.3)	23.9 (9.1)
Coffee intake, cup/week, mean (SD)	9.4 (6.1)	7.4 (6.7)	8.4 (7.9)	8.1 (6.6)	7.0 (6.6)	6.3 (5.6)	6.6 (5.2)	5.6 (4.1)
Fibers intake, g/day, mean (SD)	17.6 (6.0)	18.3 (6.7)	18.2 (6.4)	18.9 (7.2)	18.3 (7.3)	17.6 (5.9)	15.9 (5.1)	15.9 (5.0)
Insoluble-soluble ratio, mean (SD)	2.3 (0.6)	2.4 (0.7)	2.5 (0.7)	2.3 (0.6)	2.5 (0.8)	2.3 (0.5)	2.4 (0.7)	2.1 (0.4)



# PD con maggior alfa-diversità rispetto ai sani



# Microbiota in PD/PKS al netto dei confounders

Population	Healthy controls (N=113)	PD patients					MSA patients (N=22)	PSP patients (N=22)
		All cases (N=193)	De-novo (N=39)	Early-stage (N=57)**	Mid-stage (N=53)*§	Advanced-stage (N=44)*#		
		DeNovo	PD		PSP	MSA	PD	
HC	Lachnospiraceae *	<del>Ruminococcaceae</del> ** Lachnospiraceae *** Verrucomicrobiaceae *** <del>Enterobacteriaceae</del> *** <del>Porphyromonadaceae</del> ** <del>Bifidobacteriaceae</del> ** Christensenellaceae *** <del>Coriobacteriaceae</del> *	HC	Lachnospiraceae * Verrucomicrobiaceae ** <del>Enterobacteriaceae</del> * Christensenellaceae ***		Verrucomicrobiaceae ** <del>Bifidobacteriaceae</del> * Christensenellaceae * <del>Streptococcaceae</del> * <del>Coriobacteriaceae</del> *	<del>Ruminococcaceae</del> ** Lachnospiraceae *** Verrucomicrobiaceae *** <del>Enterobacteriaceae</del> *** <del>Porphyromonadaceae</del> ** <del>Bifidobacteriaceae</del> ** Christensenellaceae **	
DeNovo	--	Verrucomicrobiaceae *	PSP	--		<del>Bifidobacteriaceae</del> * <del>Streptococcaceae</del> **	<del>Prevotellaceae</del> *-- Christensenellaceae ** <del>Streptococcaceae</del> *	
			MSA		--		<del>Streptococcaceae</del> *	

## Numerosi fattori di 'confondimento' dei risultati sul microbiota:

- GENERAL: age, gender; breast-feeding; constipation; proton-pump inhibitors; BMI; recessive gene mutations (Parkin/DJ1/Pink1)
- DIET: calorie intake, protein intake, animal-vegetal protein ratio, fiber intake, insoluble-soluble fiber ratio, smoking/coffee/alcohol/water intake
- DRUGS: use of catechol-O-methyltransferase inhibitors (iCOMT)

Microbiota influenced by disease duration and severity of PD clinical features (motor and nonmotor)

-> **more severe phenotype with ↑ Lactobacillaceae ↓ Lachnospiraceae**

No major differences between Synucleinopathies (PD vs. MSA) vs. Tauopathies (PSP)

*How many of these changes are primary? How many are compensatory?*

Taxonomic Level <sup>b</sup>			Healthy controls (N=113)	De-novo PD (N=39)	Early PD (N=57)**	Mid-stage PD (N=53)*§	Advanced PD (N=44)‡#	P-value for trend <sup>e</sup>
Phylum	Family	Genus	Mean (SD) <sup>c</sup> abundance	Mean (SD) <sup>c</sup> [P-value] <sup>d</sup>	Mean (SD) <sup>c</sup> [P-value] <sup>d</sup>	Mean (SD) <sup>c</sup> [P-value] <sup>d</sup>	Mean (SD) <sup>c</sup> [P-value] <sup>d</sup>	
Actinobacteria			2.49 (3.29)	3.23 (4.43) [0.51]	2.98 (4.63) [0.89]	3.27 (3.30) [0.52]	5.19 (1.48)*** [0.24]	0.099
	Bifidobacteriaceae		1.50 (2.64)	2.24 (3.23) [0.87]	1.77 (3.78) [0.64]	2.27 (2.78)* [0.098]	3.69 (4.19)*** [0.26]	0.14
		Bifidobacterium	1.49 (2.63)	2.23 (3.23) [0.87]	1.76 (3.78) [0.62]	2.23 (2.73)* [0.11]	3.67 (4.18)*** [0.26]	0.14
	Coriobacteriaceae		0.95 (1.26)	0.97 (1.31) [0.82]	1.18 (1.43) [0.49]	0.94 (1.10) [0.58]	1.47 (1.48)** [0.11]	0.18
Bacteroidetes			--	--	--	--	--	
	Porphyromonadaceae		1.56 (2.18)	2.38 (2.84) [0.13]	2.15 (4.08) [0.27]	2.18 (2.59)* [0.15]	2.65 (2.95)** [0.19]	0.93
		Parabacteroides	1.55 (2.17)	2.34 (2.84) [0.17]	2.11 (4.07) [0.28]	2.16 (2.59)* [0.14]	2.63 (2.94)** [0.20]	0.97
Firmicutes			64.60 (26.46)	59.38 (25.15) [0.29]	60.01 (23.29)* [0.28]	55.19 (23.51)*** [0.49]	53.08 (22.07)*** [0.049]	0.74
	Christensenellaceae		0.56 (1.35)	0.96 (1.90) [0.090]	1.45 (2.84)*** [0.034]	1.37 (2.58)* [0.048]	1.15 (2.19)* [0.092]	0.57
		Unclassified	0.54 (1.35)	0.93 (1.90) [0.091]	1.41 (2.84) [0.028]	1.34 (2.57) [0.037]	1.11 (2.17) [0.13]	0.50
	Lachnospiraceae		19.39 (12.98)	14.43 (8.71)* [0.049]	16.38 (11.42)** [0.08]	13.22 (8.94)** [0.038]	12.66 (8.61)** [0.034]	0.050
		Roseburia	5.20 (6.16)	2.85 (3.60) [0.049]	3.04 (5.70)*** [0.043]	1.79 (2.50)*** [0.030]	2.26 (3.98)*** [0.044]	0.64
		Unclassified	4.45 (3.80)	3.28 (2.76) [0.050]	3.42 (3.22)** [0.50]	2.85 (2.60)*** [0.044]	2.50 (2.56)** [0.045]	0.46
	Lactobacillaceae		0.12 (0.40)	0.10 (0.36) [0.30]	0.90 (3.43) [0.065]	1.10 (2.58) [<0.001]	2.46 (4.75) [<0.001]	<0.001
		Lactobacillus	0.12 (0.39)	0.10 (0.36) [0.39]	0.87 (3.34) [0.055]	1.07 (2.49) [<0.001]	2.39 (4.68) [<0.001]	<0.001
	Ruminococcaceae		29.55 (16.75)	28.74 (16.30) [0.71]	27.16 (14.94) [0.92]	23.37 (15.10)** [0.39]	22.43 (13.13)** [0.79]	0.69
		Faecalibacterium	14.00 (10.98)	12.14 (12.43) [0.53]	10.36 (8.61)** [0.33]	8.18 (7.17)*** [0.26]	9.39 (10.36)** [0.82]	0.89
		Oscillospira	3.60 (3.53)	4.57 (3.91) [0.37]	4.93 (5.01)** [0.17]	4.31 (4.09) [0.96]	3.37 (2.47) [0.83]	0.41
	Streptococcaceae		1.07 (2.37)	0.67 (1.11) [0.12]	0.82 (1.76) [0.38]	1.65 (2.67) [0.29]	1.75 (3.09)* [0.80]	0.19
		Streptococcus	1.05 (2.37)	0.65 (1.11) [0.12]	0.81 (1.76) [0.39]	1.64 (2.65) [0.27]	1.71 (3.04) [0.84]	0.20
	Veillonellaceae		--	--	--	--	--	
		Acidaminococcus	0.25 (0.83)	0.10 (0.27) [0.17]	0.11 (0.24) [0.30]	0.60 (1.96) [0.080]	1.15 (2.94) [0.67]	0.26
		Megasphaera	0.32 (1.82)	0.16 (0.45) [0.72]	0.83 (3.53) [0.61]	1.11 (3.94) [0.063]	0.63 (2.00) [0.29]	0.29
Proteobacteria			3.46 (7.34)	5.75 (9.43) [0.15]	4.35 (5.37)** [0.062]	6.12 (7.90)*** [0.011]	5.71 (5.28)*** [0.006]	0.20
	Enterobacteriaceae		2.41 (6.86)	4.79 (9.44) [0.35]	3.08 (5.32)** [0.040]	4.61 (7.04)*** [0.008]	4.10 (5.04)*** [0.022]	0.21
		Escherichia	2.09 (6.35)	4.10 (8.33) [0.27]	1.91 (4.22) [0.39]	2.27 (2.78)*** [0.082]	2.39 (3.33)** [0.089]	0.56
Verrucomicrobia			1.62 (3.65)	2.67 (4.30) [0.30]	4.26 (6.46)*** [0.021]	4.47 (7.74)*** [0.005]	6.27 (9.75)** [0.020]	0.037
	Verrucomicrobiaceae		1.59 (3.64)	2.66 (4.29) [0.31]	4.19 (6.48)*** [0.021]	4.42 (7.69)*** [0.008]	6.23 (9.74)** [0.019]	0.043
		Akkermansia	1.58 (3.63)	2.66 (4.28) [0.30]	4.17 (6.46)*** [0.019]	4.40 (7.67)*** [0.008]	6.20 (9.72)** [0.019]	0.048

( = Prevotella )

↓ PD (Roseburia)

↑ PD

↑ PD (spt Akkermansia mucinifera)

# Rapporto tra Microbiota e Fenotipo clinico: Possibile disease-modifier?

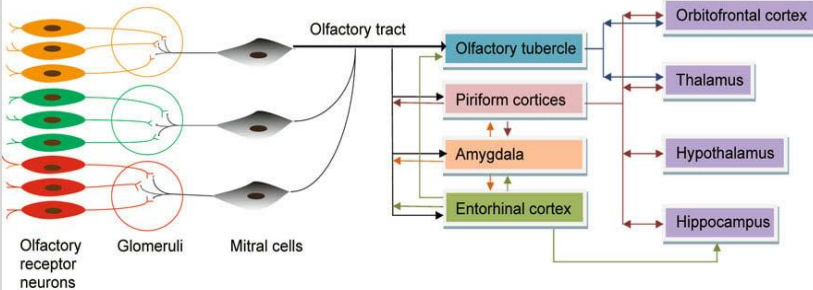
TABLE 2. Significant associations between clinical features and relative taxa abundance in PD patients

Feature	Taxonomic level			Effect <sup>a</sup>		P value
	Phylum	Family	Genus	Adj. diff. (SE)	OR [95% CI]	
NMSQuest total score, mean (SD)		↓ Christensenellaceae		0.80 (0.37)	–	.032
			Unclass. Christensenellaceae	0.75 (0.36)	–	.042
Intellectual impairment, n (%)		↑ Lactobacillaceae		–	1.66 [1.04-2.64]	.033
			Lactobacillus	–	1.63 [1.04-2.56]	.032
UPDRS part III total score, mean (SD)		↑ Lactobacillaceae		1.87 (0.88)	–	.036
			Lactobacillus	2.18 (0.87)	–	.013
UPDRS part III nondopaminergic score, mean (SD)			Unclass. Lachnospiraceae	–0.47 (0.22)	–	.033
		↑ Lactobacillaceae		0.47 (0.23)	–	.042
			Lactobacillus	0.52 (0.23)	–	.028
Gait disturbances, n (%)		↓ Lachnospiraceae		–	0.54 [0.35-0.82]	.004
			Unclass. Lachnospiraceae	–	0.68 [0.45-1.00]	.048
Postural instability, n (%)			Unclass. Lachnospiraceae	–	0.40 [0.22-0.73]	.003
		↑ Lactobacillaceae		–	1.65 [1.03-2.93]	.039
			Lactobacillus	–	1.62 [1.02-2.81]	.046

# Microbiota Nasale-Orale & Neurodegenerazione: Stessi trigger di misfolding proteico?

## Hyposmia: a possible biomarker of Parkinson's disease

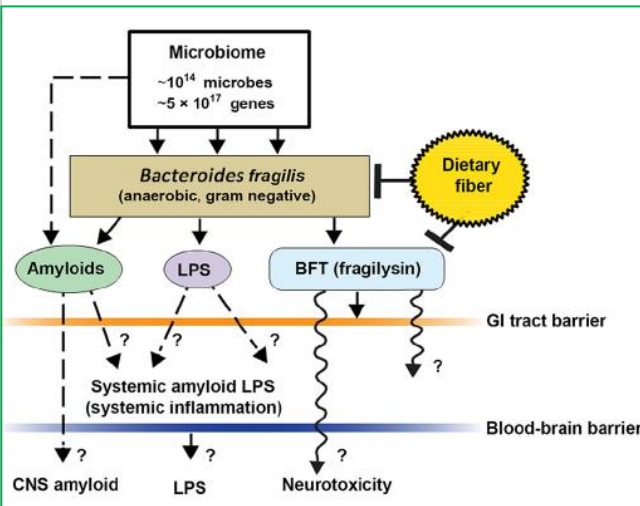
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## Editorial

## Microbes and Alzheimer's Disease



## The Nasal and Gut Microbiome in Parkinson's Disease and Idiopathic Rapid Eye Movement Sleep Behavior Disorder

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## Oral and nasal microbiota in Parkinson's disease

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## **Parodontitis (Oral dysbiosis) increase the risk of Dementia**

- Irregular tooth brushing (prospective study in US, N=4,883)
- Tooth loss (Swedish twin study & Longitudinal US cohort)
- Periodontopathy associated with higher brain amyloid in elderly

Association of brain amyloidosis with pro-inflammatory gut bacterial taxa and peripheral inflammation markers in cognitively impaired elderly

Kamer et al., *Neurobiol Aging* 2015  
Tamler et al., *Anna Neurol* 2017  
Cattaneo et al., *Neurobiol Aging* 2017



# ***Dove inizia la malattia di Parkinson?***

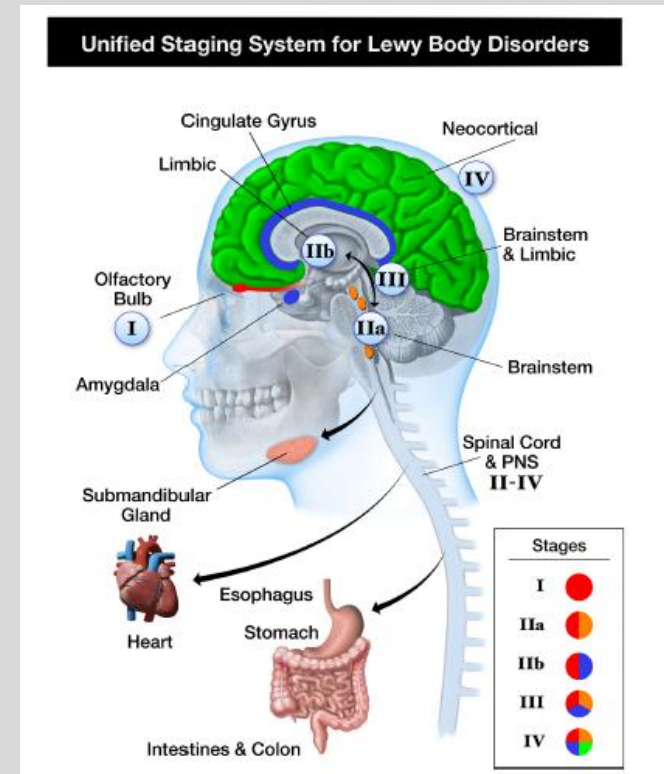
«Braak's hypothesis: involvement of DMV is mandatory»

**whole-body autopsies of 417 healthy elderly**

55/417 with ILBD -> **Only 9% (5/55) involved dorsal medulla (52 with the olfactory bulb as the only site involved)**

- The DMV is **NOT** necessarily involved
- Incidental LBD mainly involves the Olfactory Bulb

**Unified Staging System for LB Disorders (proposed):**  
**Stage I: Olfactory Bulb**  
**Stage IIa: Brainstem**



# 'Brain-to-Gut' come alternativa a 'Gut-to-Brain' ? (seeding nel bulbo olfattorio, genetici, etc.)

$\alpha$ -SYN can transported anterogradely and retrogradely with similar efficiency.

## Brain-to-stomach transfer of $\alpha$ -synuclein via vagal preganglionic projections

Overexpressed human  $\alpha$ -syn can travel from the ventral mesencephalon into the DMV. Then, via vagal motor fibers,  $\alpha$ -syn reaches preganglionic vagal terminals into the gastric wall.



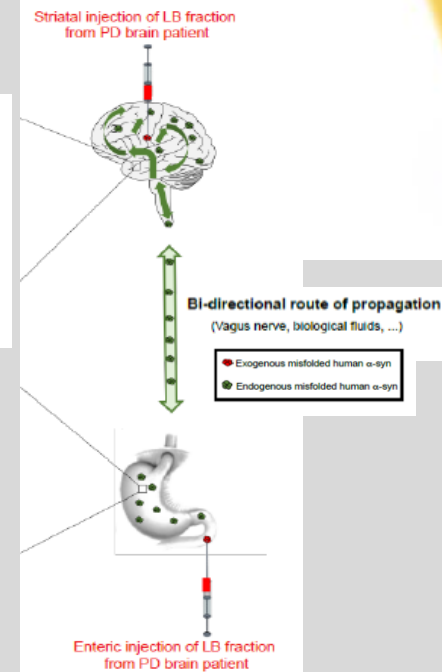
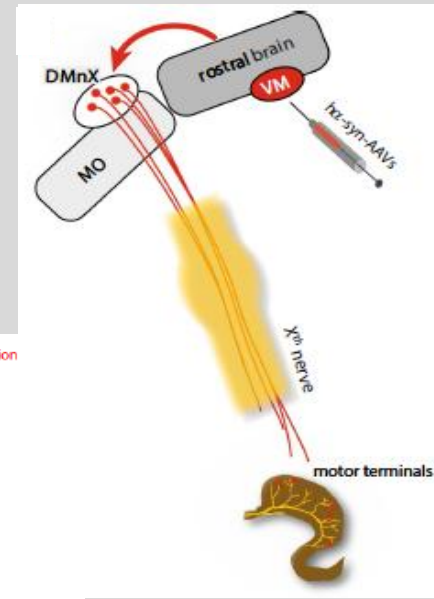
## Bidirectional gut-to-brain and brain-to-gut propagation of $\alpha$ -synuclein pathology in non-human primates

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This may be allowed by a direct SNpc -> DMV pathway

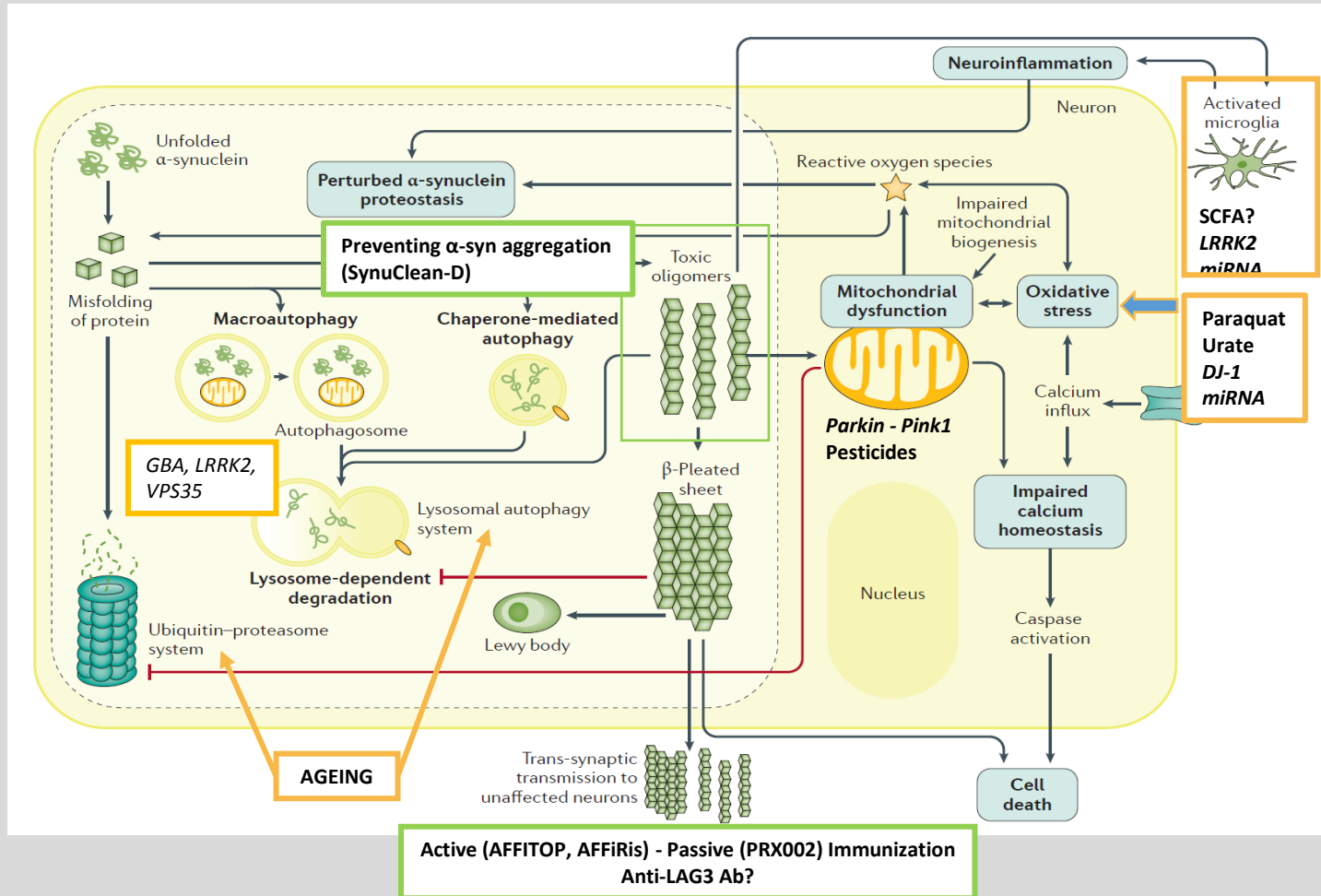
## A Nigro – Vagal Pathway Controls Gastric Motility and Is Affected in a Rat Model of Parkinsonism



# TAKE-HOME MESSAGE

« Una malattia, meccanismi diversi? »

La MdP nasce dalla convergenza di diversi meccanismi da siti differenti



Lo sviluppo della malattia di Parkinson richiede il simultaneo fallimento di diversi meccanismi di difesa cellulare.



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