Microbiota-mediated defense against intestinal infection.

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Pre-transplant conditioning: Total body irradiation Cytotoxic chemotherapy Prophylactic antibiotic administration

Mucositis – loss of epithelial integrity Neutropenia Monocytopenia High risk of infection – frequent broad-spectrum antibiotic administration

Graft versus host disease

VRE Domination of the GI tract occurs in some patients following allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation and is associated with VRE bacteremia.





Microbiota dilution facilitates identification of commensal taxa associated with colonization resistance.



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Four bacterial strains (CBBP) mediate colonization resistance against VRE.



CBBP Clostridium bolteae Bacteroides sartorii Blautia producta Parabacteroides distasonis

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Duodenal Infusion of Donor Feces for Recurrent Clostridium difficile

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Different antibiotics: disparate duration of susceptibility to *Clostridium difficile* infection.





Day (post-enrofloxacin)

Day (post-clindamycin)

Day (post-ampicillin)

Buffie et al. (2015) Nature 517:205

Correlating microbiota components & CDI resistance



Buffie et al. (2015)

Protection against *C. difficile* mediated by four commensal bacterial species: *B. intestihominis*, *Blautia hansenii*, *Pseudoflavonifractor capillosus* and *C. scindens*



Secondary bile salt-mediated inhibition of Clostridium difficile growth



Taur & Pamer (2014) Nature Medicine

Allo-HSCT patients can be divided into low, intermediate and high microbiota diversity groups.



Taur et al. (2014) Blood 124:1174-82.

Transplant-related mortality is markedly reduced in patients with a diverse microbiota following engraftment



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14-025: Randomized Trial of Auto-FMT in Allo-HSCT



- 215 allo-HSCT patients enrolled (since Jan 2015)
 - 31 patients currently
 - 55 excluded, detectable Bacteroidetes at engraftment
 - 61 excluded, other reasons (initial sample failed pathogen screen)
 - 20 withdrew from study
- 59 Randomized
 - 29Treatment (FMT)
 - 30 Control



Auto-FMT re-establishes pre-HCT microbiota.



Taur et al., 2018 Science Translational Medicine, In Press

Auto-FMT re-establishes pre-HCT commensal bacterial families.



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Microbiota-mediated defense against antibioticresistant bacterial infections.

Complex microbial networks in the gut provide colonization resistance; the indirect and direct mechanisms remain incompletely defined.

Microbiota-mediated modification of bile acids contributes to host resistance to intestinal pathogens.

Commensal microbes inhibit antibiotic-resistant pathogens by secreting bacteriocins (e.g. lantibiotics) and producing SCFAs.

Microbiota diversity predicts survival following allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

Reconstitution of mucosal bacterial populations following antibiotic therapy using FMT or specific commensal microbes provides an alternative approach to treat and prevent infections in an era of decreasing antibiotic susceptibility.



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