

Review (Narrative)

Current Knowledge on Intestinal Microbes and Immunity

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SUMMARY

The aggregation of many microorganisms, ranging from virus, bacteria, parasites, to lower plants such as fungi are frequently referred to as the microbiota, colonizes the skin and mucosal surfaces of vertebrates. In man, more than 100 trillion microorganisms, mostly bacteria, colonize the oral– gastrointestinal tract, and the majority of these microbes dwell in the distal digestive tract. A large number of years of co-evolution between the host and microorganisms have prompted a mutualistic relationship in which the micro-biota adds to many host physiological processes and, thus, the host gives niches and supplements to microbial survival. The principal roles of the microbiota to the host incorporate the digestion and fermentation of sugars, the synthesis of vitamins, the improvement of gut-related lymphoid tissues (GALTs), the polarization of gut-specific insusceptible reactions and the aversion of colonization by pathogens. Thus, gut resistant reactions that are initiated by commensal populaces control the creation of the microbiota. Therefore, an overwhelming interchange between the host immune system and the microbiota is fundamental for gut homeostasis. Nevertheless, when the mutualistic relationship between the host and microbiota is disturbed, the gut microbiota can initiate or add to infection. In this review, we will be discussing on both the beneficial and detrimental roles of the gut microbiota. ■

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INTRODUCTION

During consumption, the gastrointestinal tract is a digestive organ that helps in passing food digests it and absorbs the nutrient present in it. Consequently, exogenous microorganisms such as bacteria, virus, and fungi can likewise enter the gut, going with the food consumed (1). Portions of the microorganisms occupy the intestine symbiotically and form a biological group called the gut microbiota. Nonetheless, intestinal microbiota does not simply dwell inactively in the gut; rather, it presents crucial benefits to the host by processing dietary fibers to short-chain unsaturated fats (SCFAs) that can be utilized as a vitality source by the host, orchestrating vitamin B and vitamin K, and using bile acids. Research carried out has shown that intestinal microbiota greatly influences the immunity of the host by specifically collaborating with host cells or creating a few metabolites, including SCFAs and adenosine triphosphate (ATP) (2). It should, however, be noted that in between the intestinal environmental factors, for example, gut microorganisms and host immunity, there is an existence of intestinal epithelial cells and a few mucosal obstructions are covering epithelial cells, for example, the bodily fluid layer containing antimicrobial substances. Intestinal epithelial cells, which incorporate absorptive epithelial cells, Paneth cells and goblet cells, play two major roles as said by researchers, which include 'segregation' and 'meditation,' to keep up a sound connection between gut microbiota and host insusceptibility (3). 'Isolation' is defined as the disuniting of the gut microbiota and immune cells of the host. Intestinal epithelial cells build two kinds of mucosal hindrances, physical and chemical obstructions, to spatially isolate gut microbiota in the intestinal lumen and safe cells in the lamina propria. The function of these boundaries is to hinder conflict between gut microbiota and host immune cells that would bring about intestinal inflammation. 'Intervention' is defined as the conveyance of signs between gut organisms and host immune cells. Intestinal epithelial cells respond to gut microorganisms or their metabolites and create mediator, including cytokines and chemokines, to prompt T-cell safe reactions or convey antigens to antigen-introducing cells in lymphoid tissues, adding to antigen-specific IgA reactions and the oral resilience to nourishment antigens (4). The already activated T cells synthesis a few cytokines, including interleukin, which increase the production of antimicrobial substances by intestinal epithelial cells to control the abundance of pathogenic microorganisms. There are different Inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD), which include ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. This disease includes the interminable inflammation of all or part of the digestive tract. Research has uncovered that the malfunctioning of Intestinal boundaries is one of the foundations for IBD formation. Undoubtedly, the lessened production of bodily fluid or antimicrobial peptides is seen in some IBD pa-

tients, and mice hereditarily flawed in mucosal boundary segments demonstrate a high affectability to intestinal inflammation.

The human digestive system is home to extensive quantities of microorganisms, with bacterial cells aggregated in the colon. The effect of these microbes on the host is progressively perceived as a potential wellspring of contamination as well as a supporter of supplement and vitality supply, gut advancement and safe homeostasis. Recently, evidence has shown the connections between the activities of intestinal microbes and the origin of disorder, for example, inflammatory bowel disease and colorectal malignancy, diabetes and metabolic disorder (5). This makes an uncommon issue of Microbiology committed to the human intestinal microbiota convenient. In any case, the saw intelligence that most human intestinal microscopic organisms are inalienably unculturable might not be altogether precise since a significant number of the most widely recognized intestinal microbes found by molecular techniques in fecal samples compared to refined types of obligate anaerobes.

INTESTINE MICROBES AND IMMUNITY

Intestinal Bacteria in Human Metabolism: The domestication of our microbial accomplices starts right on time throughout everyday life. Beginning during childbirth, man and other mammals are colonized with a different colony of bacteria that are found on the surfaces of the skin and the gastrointestinal tract (GIT), both of which are presented to the external world (6). Most by far of these indigenous organisms dwell in the digestive tract, where they are in persistent and suggest contact with host tissues, and where they outnumber the encompassing host cells. The expression "commensal" is often used to portray the connection amongst people and their intestinal bacterial partners. However, it is a Latin root, which means "at a table together." This word appears to be particularly fitting since people and other mammals depend vigorously on their gut microscopic organisms to obtain a large number of nutrients from their diets. It has been found for long that "germ-free" rat, which is microbiologically sterile and lacks intestinal microorganisms; hence require almost 30% a greater number of calories to keep up their body weight than do their ordinarily colonized partners (7). In a situation where supplements are hard to find, the characteristic determination would likely support such host-organism affiliations, which may clarify why such connections advanced in the first place. The limitlessness and an assorted variety of the microflora guarantee that this populace keeps up a variety of metabolic abilities, enabling its individuals to break down an assortment of dietary mixes (8). The benefits related with this host-microbial cooperation flow the other path as well. As an end-result of their metabolic commitments, gut microbes are given a warm, secure,

and nutrient-rich living space in which to replicate. The very intricacy that permits gut microflora to be profitable accomplices in human dietary metabolism poses difficulties to microbiologists. Since intestinal microorganisms are adjusted to an anaerobic condition, numerous species in this populace are difficult to culture outside the intestine (in vitro), making it difficult to highlight the membership of the gut's microbial communities. However, new molecular strategies are enabling examiners to make advances on these difficulties. These procedures concentrate basically on 16S rRNA qualities, which are peculiar to all microbes yet whose exact sequence differs from one species to another. By dissecting the 16S rRNA arrangements in such populaces, microbial scientists can avoid the need to culture gut microscopic organisms and consequently can recognize and measure the occupants of this blended microbial group (9). The intestine of an infant at first contains large quantities of facultative anaerobes, including *Escherichia coli* and streptococci. Such species (anaerobes) decrease in number amid a basic postnatal change: weaning from mother's drain onto a strong eating routine rich in plant polysaccharides (10). During this period as well, obligate anaerobes, for example, *Bacteroides* and *Clostridium* species pick up a toehold, at last turning into the predominant occupiers of the grown-up gut biological community.

Competition for nutrients: A few examinations have demonstrated that commensal microorganisms can repress pathogen colonization by effectively competing for the inadequate supply of nutrients in the intestine. For instance, *Escherichia coli* compete for enterohaemorrhagic *E. coli* (EHEC; an enteric pathogen that causes significant changes and mortality around the world) for natural acids, amino acids, and nutrients (11). As various commensal *E. coli* strains have particular metabolic profiles, each strain can differentially contend with pathogens. In spite of the fact that our comprehension of how commensal microorganisms outcompete pathogens remain poor, studies show that pathogen annihilation may be best with microscopic organisms (bacteria) that are metabolically identified with the pathogen. For instance, *E. coli* can adequately outcompete the metabolically related pathogen *Citrobacter rodentium*, which is a mouse bacterium that models contamination by enteropathogenic *E. coli*. The capacity of *E. coli* to outcompete *C. rodentium* is mostly intervened by competing for simple sugars that are utilized by the microorganisms in the intestine. So also, the enteric pathogen *Salmonella enteric* subsp. *enterica* Serovar typhimurium is equipped for colonizing the intestine of mice that have been harboring a constrained microbiota for many weeks (12). However, it is quickly annihilated after co-housing with ordinarily raised mice, which demonstrates that not every single commensal bacterium can out compete the pathogen. However, the metabolic process of the microbiota can influence the colonization of pathogen by an instrument that is particular from the nutritional competition.

Along these lines, pathogens have advanced to utilize healthful assets that are not devoured by commensal microorganisms to attain a development advantage. Another technique used by pathogens is by inducing inflammation by their destructiveness factors. For instance, contamination by *S. typhimurium* brings about the generation of responsive oxygen species by neutrophils, which encourages the transformation of endogenous thiosulfate into tetrathionate, consequently specifically advancing the growth of *S. typhimurium* (13). In this way, the result of disease by pathogens is at last controlled by both the commensal bacterial elements and the host organisms.

Commensal microbes (bacteria) increase mucosal boundary: The connection of pathogens to the surface of the intestinal epithelium is an essential introductory advance for contamination to happen. As a barrier component, the epithelium produces bodily fluid and antimicrobial molecules to repress pathogen intrusion. In the colon, the bodily fluid layer forms a solid boundary against the pathogens and commensal microbes. In the intestines (large and small), the inward bodily fluid layer (inner mucus) close to the epithelium is without commensal microbes. Notwithstanding, the bodily fluid layer in germ-free mice is considerably more slender than that in conventionally breed mice, which demonstrates that the microbiota may add to bodily fluid synthesis. Predictable with this theory, the thickness of the bodily fluid layer of germ-free mice can be restored to normal by administering the bacterial product lipopolysaccharide (LPS) and peptidoglycan orally (14, 15). The microbiota additionally adds to the generation of antimicrobial particles by epithelial cells of the intestines. The exact flagging component by which bacterial items and metabolites improve epithelial resistance, and how this commonly influences the microbiota and the host, stay to be illustrated.

The microbiota upgrades natural insusceptibility to pathogens: Mononuclear phagocytes, for example, macrophages are situated in the lamina propria and elevate immunological lethargy to commensal microorganisms, which is vital for keeping up gut homeostasis. In particular, gut resident phagocytes are hyporesponsive to microbial ligands and commensal microscopic organisms, and they do not deliver biologically noteworthy levels of pro-inflammatory molecules upon incitement. Nonetheless, the microbiota is basic for upregulating the creation of pro-IL-1 β , the forerunner to IL-1 β , in occupant mononuclear phagocytes. Under steady-state conditions when the epithelial obstruction is in place, occupant commensal microorganisms cannot initiate the preparing of pro-IL-1 β into organically dynamic develop IL-1 β , and in this way, a condition of hyporesponsiveness is kept up. By differentiate; contamination by enteric pathogens, for example, *S. typhimurium* can actuate the preparing of pro-IL-1 β by advancing the initiation of caspase. Not at all like commensal microorganisms, are these pathogens fit for actuating the NLRC4 inflammasome to deliver IL-1 β because

they express a sort emission framework, which permits the exchange of the NLRC4 agonist flagellin into the host cytosol. The intestinal microbiota additionally advances resistance through the creation of IL-22 by ILC3s38 (16).

The microbiota advances versatile insusceptibility: As said above, particular commensal microscopic organisms advance the age of various T cell subsets in the digestive system that has extraordinary parts amid pathogen contamination. For example, TH17 cell separation that is incited by SFB colonization encourages insurance against *C. rodentium* disease. Moreover, microbiota-induced TReg cells constrict intestinal harm that is caused by misrepresented invulnerable reactions against irresistible pathogens. In particular, *B. fragilis* advances IL-10-producing TReg cells that secure against *Helicobacter hepaticus* contamination, and *Bifidobacterium infantis* builds the quantity of TReg cells that lessen intestinal illness seriousness following *S. typhimurium* disease. Commensal microbes additionally actuate particular safe reactions, including IgA creation and the age of CD4+ T cells that are coordinated against their antigens. In spite of the fact that the exact part of commensal bacteria-specific versatile insusceptibility against intrusive pathogens remains inadequately comprehended, there is confirm demonstrating that it is imperative for restricting the foundational dispersal of commensal microscopic organisms (17). The enlistment of this 'firewall' capacity of the versatile insusceptible framework by the microbiota may counteract inadvertent blow-back — which could be caused by the translocation of indigenous microscopic organisms — that is regularly connected with pathogen contamination and epithelial obstruction disturbance.

The defensive part of the commensal microbiota against fundamental contamination: The component by which the microbiota advances fundamental pathogen destruction is inadequately caught on. Pretreatment of germ-free mice with LPS actuates pro-inflammatory cytokine generation and neutrophil enrollment and can avert foundational bacterial contamination. This perception shows that commensal microorganisms may advance host guard at removed locales through the arrival of microbial particles (18). Steady with this speculation, peptidoglycan atoms that are gotten from the microbiota are found in the periphery and can prime fringe blood neutrophils to encourage their bactericidal limit. This neutrophil is preparing impact, which is apparently prompted by intestinal microscopic organisms, improves have to safeguard against foundational disease with *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. The microbiota may likewise have an essential part of foundational antiviral invulnerable reactions. Germ-free mice and antibiotic-treated mice indicate diminished natural and versatile resistant reactions to flu infection, which brings about expanded viral loads in their tissues. The microbiota may upgrade antiviral invulnerability through the inflammasome and the creation of intrinsic cytokines that are required for ideal insusceptible

reactions against infections. Late investigations additionally show that commensal microorganisms may give tissue-specific guard components, as has been shown by the security given by inhabitant skin microscopic organisms against neighborhood pathogen contamination. Taken together, these investigations utilizing diverse disease models, demonstrate a defensive impact of the microbiota against foundational contamination; extra examinations are important to distinguish the basic systems and the relative commitments of host safeguard instruments that are advanced by the microbiota of particular tissues, for example, the skin or the respiratory tract. It is critical to take note of that commensal microorganisms don't insure against pathogenic contamination and in specific settings they can encourage it.

The microbiota and intestinal sickness: The microbiota adds to IBD (19). The gut microbiota is fundamental for activating or upgrading unending intestinal aggravation in different incendiary inside malady inclined mouse strains. Under germ-free conditions, *Il10*^{-/-} mice, and also transgenic rats that have been designed to overexpress human $\beta 2$ microglobulin, don't create colitis. In *Il2*^{-/-} mice, albeit unconstrained intestinal aggravation happens even under germ-free conditions, manifestations are constricted contrasted and expectedly raised mutant mice. In numerous unconstrained colitis models, intestinal irritation is revoked if mice likewise have an inadequacy in individual TLRs or MYD88. Like mice, human intestinal mononuclear phagocytes demonstrate hyporesponsiveness to microbial incitement under steady-state conditions. Be that as it may, in patients with IBD, intestinal mononuclear phagocytes vigorously react to microbial items and to the inhabitant microorganisms, which brings about the creation of a lot of pro-inflammatory cytokines, for example, TNF as happens in IBD-prone mice. Along these lines, the unusual enactment of inhabitant intestinal mononuclear phagocytes by commensal microbes may encourage the advancement or tirelessness of intestinal aggravation in IBD. Steady with this thought, intestinal macrophages confined to *Il10*^{-/-} mice vigorously react to gut microorganisms, while wild-type intestinal macrophages are hyporesponsive. Be that as it may, the expanded generation of pro-inflammatory particles by intestinal phagocytes may likewise mirror the movement of enlisted monocytes in territories of disease or aggravation. As non-pathogenic symbionts, the gut microbiota gets wholesome advantages from the host and helps to keep up gut homeostasis. Be that as it may, under specific conditions, specific bacterial populaces that are regularly found in low wealth can gain pathogenic properties. These conditions incorporate innate invulnerable deformities and also changes in eating routine or intense aggravation, and can bring about the interruption of the ordinary adjusted condition of the gut microbiota, which is alluded to as dysbiosis⁵. Dysbiosis includes the irregular amassing or expanded harmfulness of certain

commensal populaces of microorganisms, in this manner changing previous symbionts into 'pathobionts'.

Defensive impact of the microbiota in IBD: In spite of the fact that colitogenic pathobionts advance the improvement of IBD, commensal microscopic organisms are likewise critical for lessening IBD powerlessness, and this has produced great enthusiasm for the advancement of probiotic ways to deal with avoid IBD. The defensive impact of commensal microbes is clear from thinks about utilizing germ-free mice, which are defenseless to DSS-induced colitis than ordinarily housed mice. Predictable With these perceptions, insufficiency in TLR2, TLR4, or MYD88 is altogether connected with an expanded weakness to DSS-induced colitis. Tlr5^{-/-} mice likewise create unconstrained colitis in certain mouse lodging offices, which unequivocally demonstrates that the microbiota may influence infection defenselessness (17). Be that as it may, the exact systems by which the microbiota intercedes protection against the improvement of colitis through TLR flagging stay hazy. It has likewise been accounted for that the microbiota ensures against colitis through TLR-independent components. For instance, Culture supernatants of *F. prausnitzii* containing discharged metabolites show anti-inflammatory consequences for human epithelial cell lines in vitro, and they diminish the vulnerability of mice to synthetically incited colitis in vivo, despite the fact that it is indistinct whether these impacts are TLR-independent. Hence, commensal microscopic organisms and their items have exercises that can ensure the host against aggravation by various instruments.

Microbiota and additional intestinal sicknesses: Various sclerosis: The gut microbiota can influence the advancement of immune system focal sensory system (CNS) issue. Broad-spectrum anti-infection agents are offered

orally to mice lessens the side effects of trial immune system encephalomyelitis (EAE). In one model of different sclerosis, mice are inoculated with the self-antigen myelin oligodendrocyte glycoprotein (MOG) in total Freund's adjuvant (CFA). Infection indications in either MOG-CFA-induced EAE or an unconstrained EAE mouse demonstrate are decreased when the mice are housed under germ-free conditions. Monocolonization of germ-free mice with SFB brings about an expansion in the quantity of TH17 cells in both the intestinal lamina propria and the CNS, which brings about extreme EAE. In this way, SFB-enhanced TH17 cell- interceded irritation may add to EAE compounding. In any case, it is hazy whether the malady is caused by the relocation of SFB-specific TH17 cells into the CNS or by the development of pathogenic autoantigen-particular T cells that are advanced by intestinal TH17 cell reactions. By differentiating, certain populaces of commensal microscopic organisms are fit for constricting CNS irritation. For instance, PSA⁺ *B. fragilis*, which initiates FOXP3⁺ TReg cell separation, can avert EAE side effects (20).

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Intestinal microbes play crucial role in regulating immunity function, which not only focuses on intestine itself, but also on the overall immunological function that helps to defend invasion by other microorganisms, and provides a reliable barrier to prevent invasive germs from getting into our well-functioning internal organs. ■

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