

Post DDW Review: Functional GI Disorders

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Irritable Bowel Syndrome



- Affects 40 million people in the US. Nearly 1 billion worldwide.
- It is the most expensive disorder in GI
- Why is it so expensive?

IBS and Stress

Military study:

Shooting gun in combat



Shooting another human



Active combat

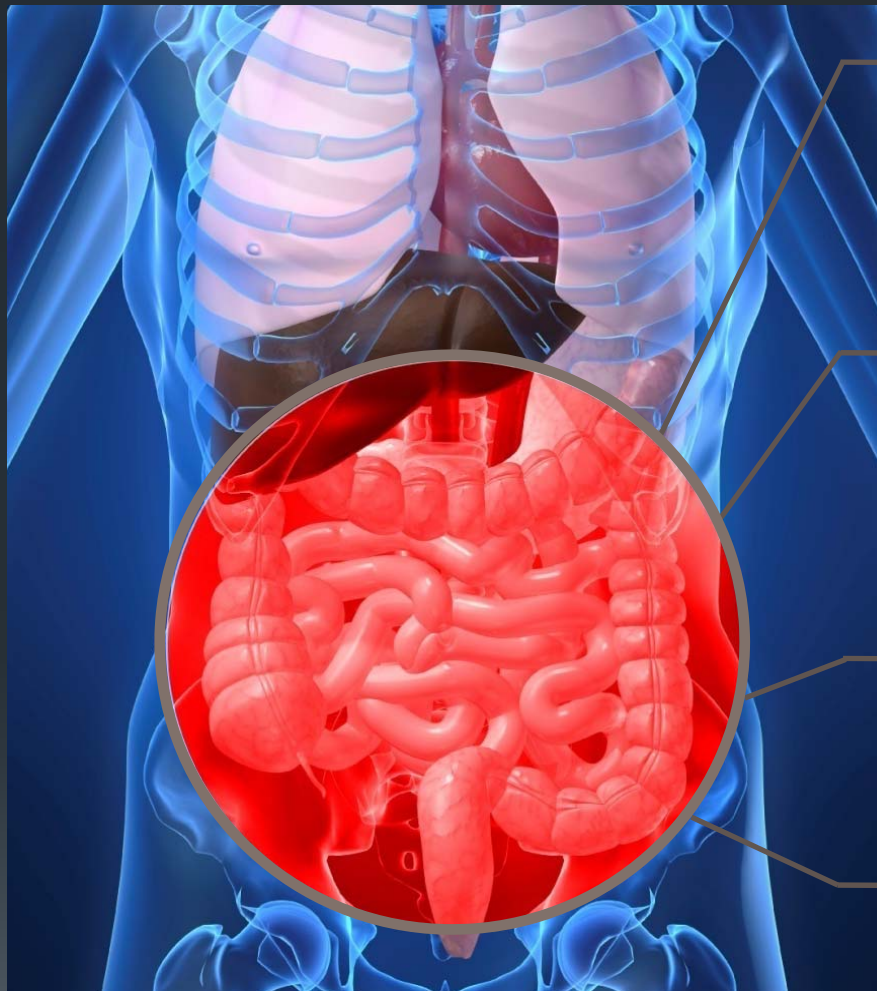


Injured in combat



Only Food Poisoning was associated with IBS

Drug Therapy



Diarrhea

- Loperamide
- Diphenoxylate
- Alosetron
- Cholestyramine
- Antibiotics

Constipation

- Fiber
- Osmotic and stimulant laxatives
- Lubiprostone

Abdominal pain/ discomfort

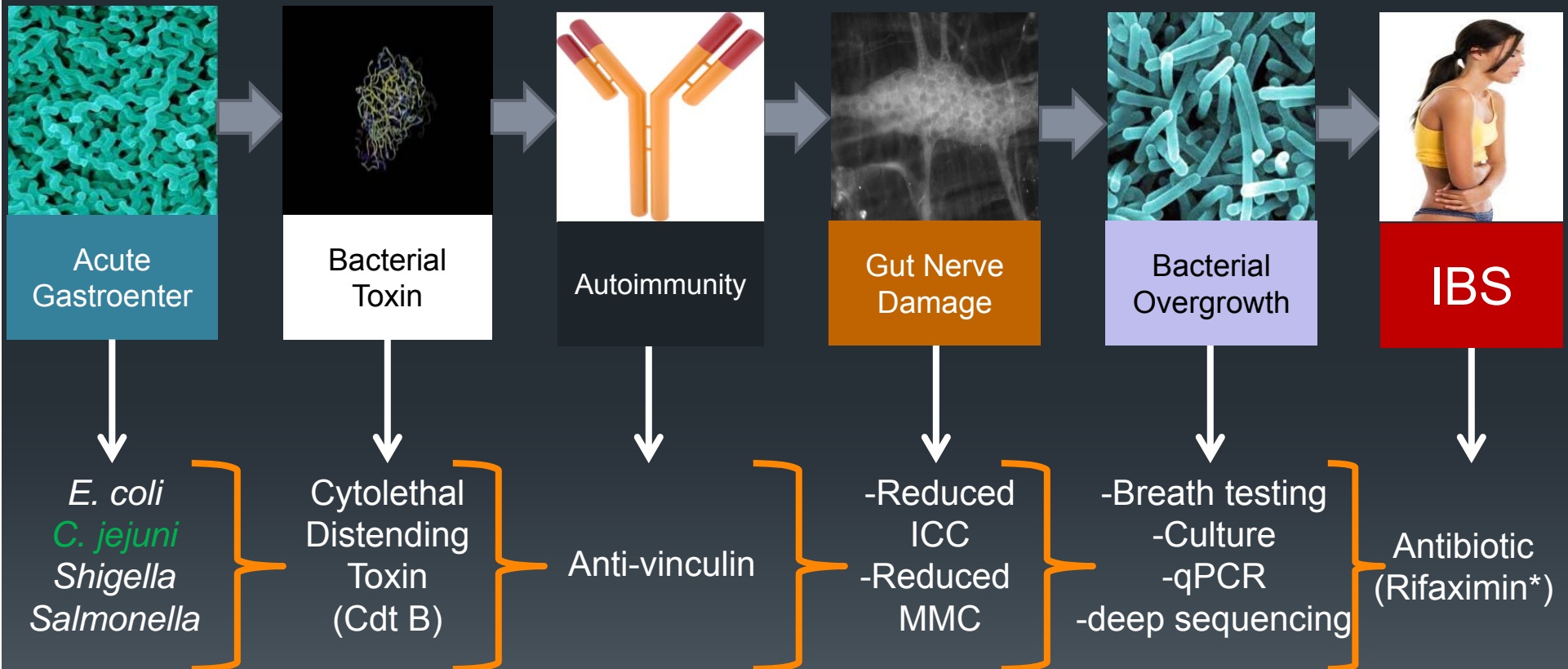
- Antispasmodics
- Antidepressants
- Alosetron

Bloating

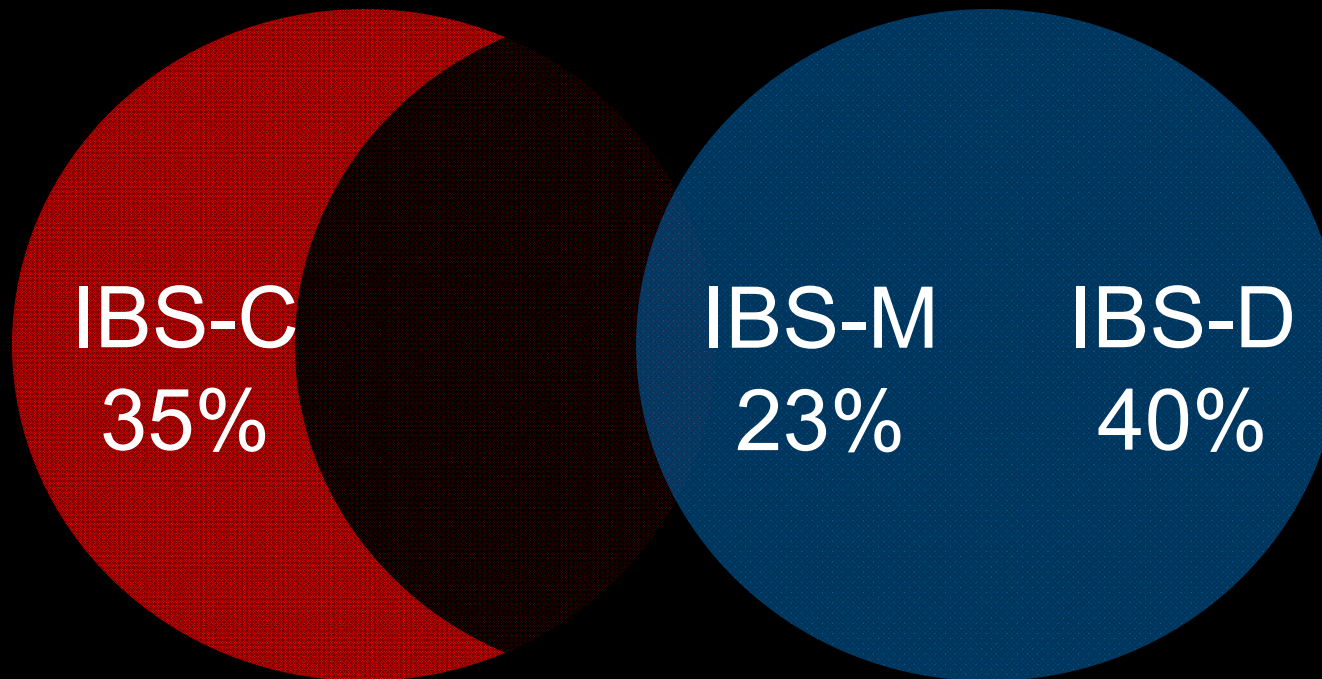
- Antibiotics
- Probiotics

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Drossman DA, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2002;123:2108-2131.
ACG Task Force on IBS. *Am J Gastroenterol*. 2009;104(suppl 1):S1-S35.

IBS Pathophysiologic Sequence



Is IBS really two disease?

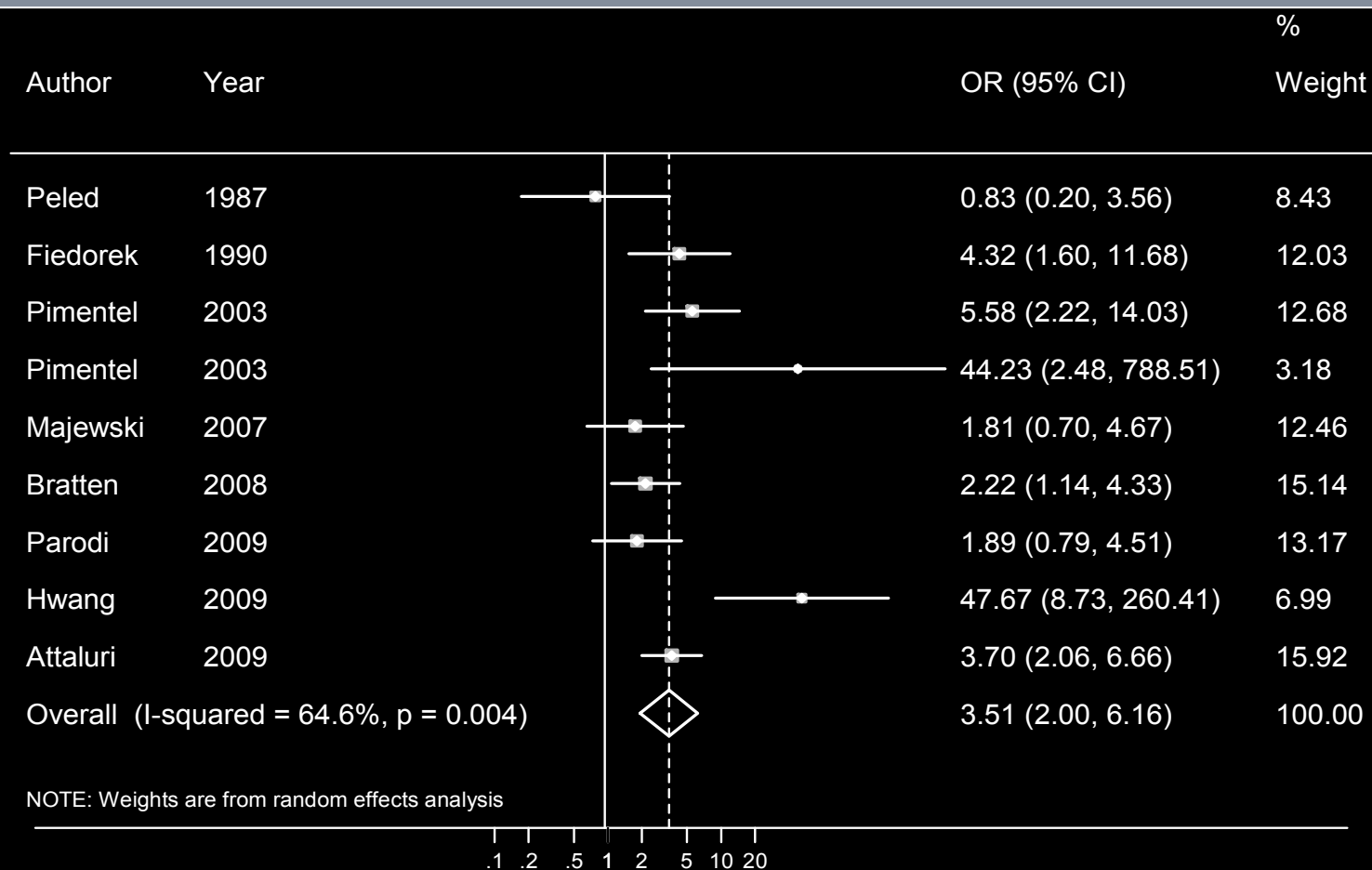


Constipation IBS

Non-Constipation
IBS

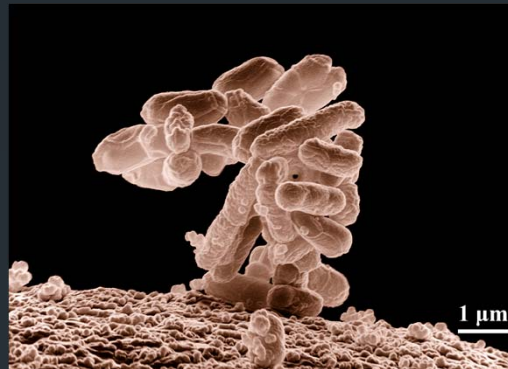
Methane- Important in C-IBS

Meta-analysis of studies

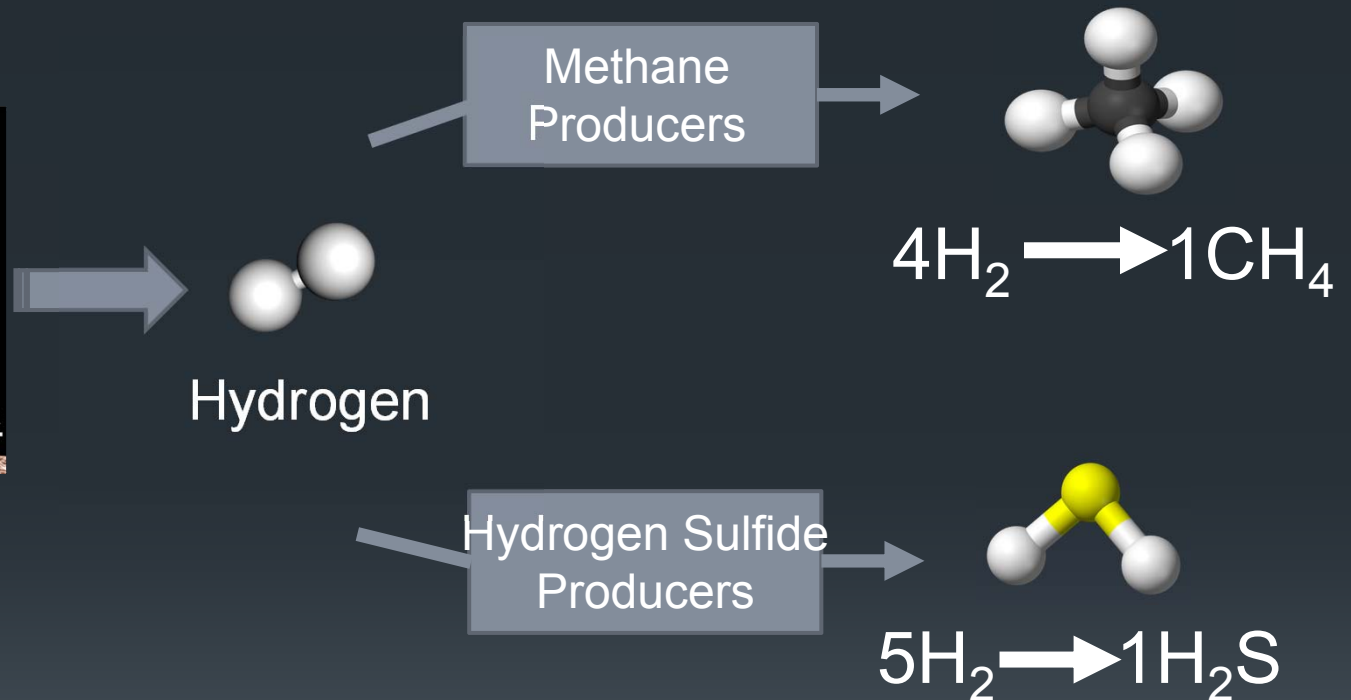


Kunkel, et al. Dig Dis Sci, 2011.

Competitive Gas Dynamics

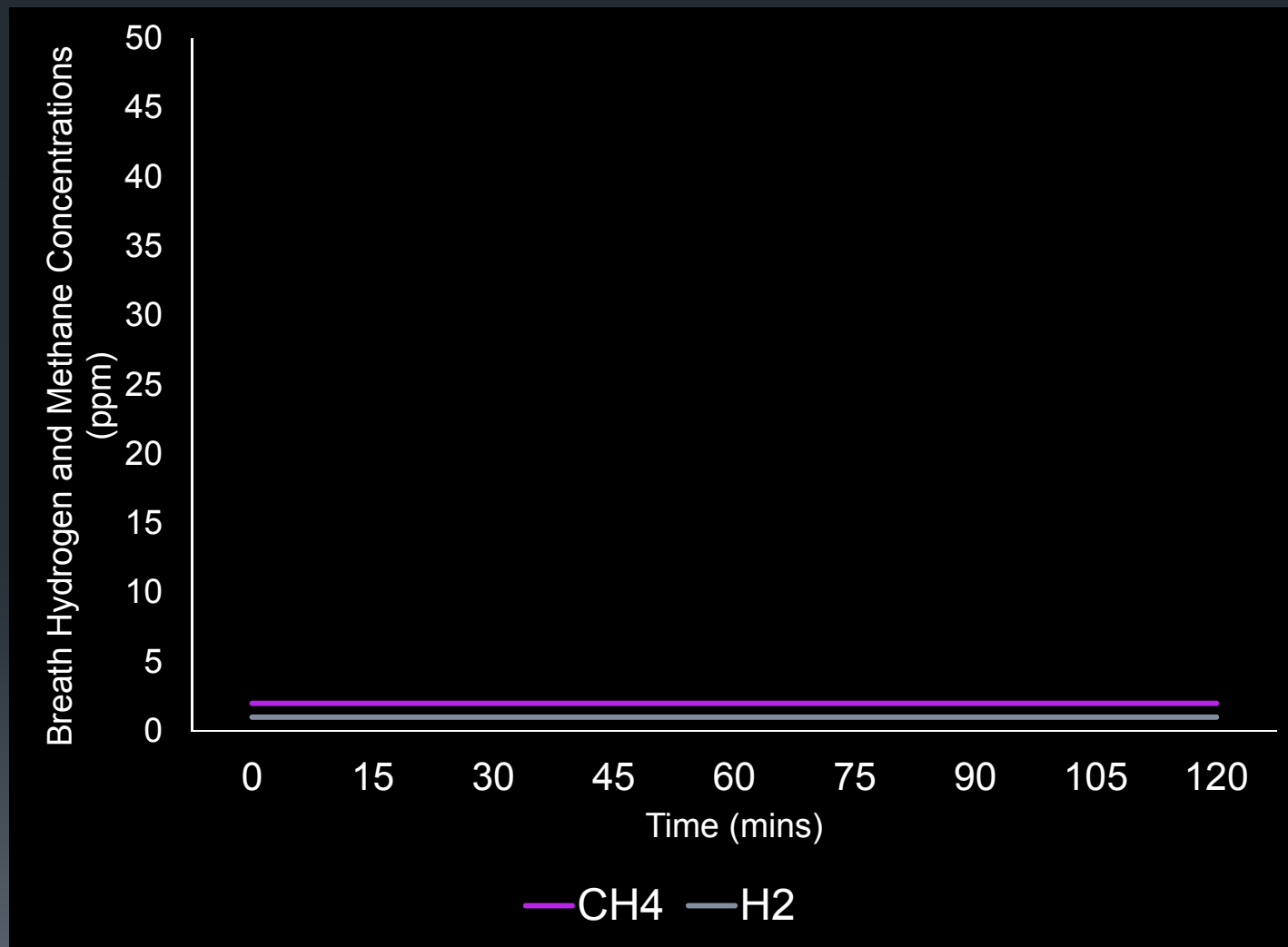


Hydrogen
Producing
Bacteria



Gibson et al. Gut 1990.; Strocchi et al. Gut 1991.

Flat-line breath test



Study Subjects

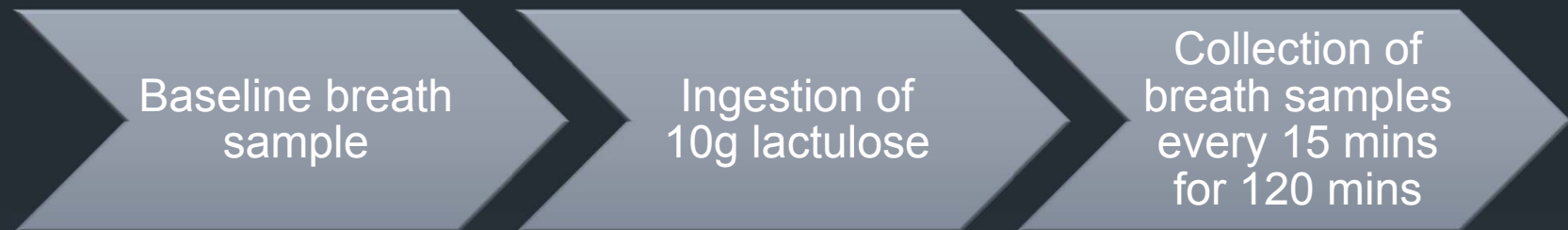


127 patients
recruited from GI
Motility Program
of Cedars-Sinai
Medical Center

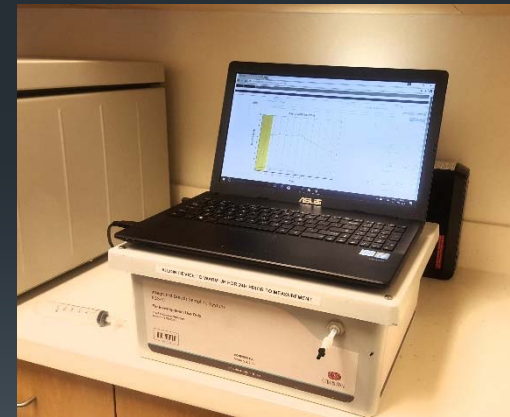
Subjects ≥ 18 years
undergoing
lactulose breath
testing were eligible
to participate in this
study

Subjects prepared
with standard-of-
care diet restriction
and fast

Methods: Gas Collection



- Patients completed questionnaire during 120 minute breath test collection:
 - Gastrointestinal symptoms
 - Medical/surgical history
 - Demographics



Lin, et al. DDW 2017



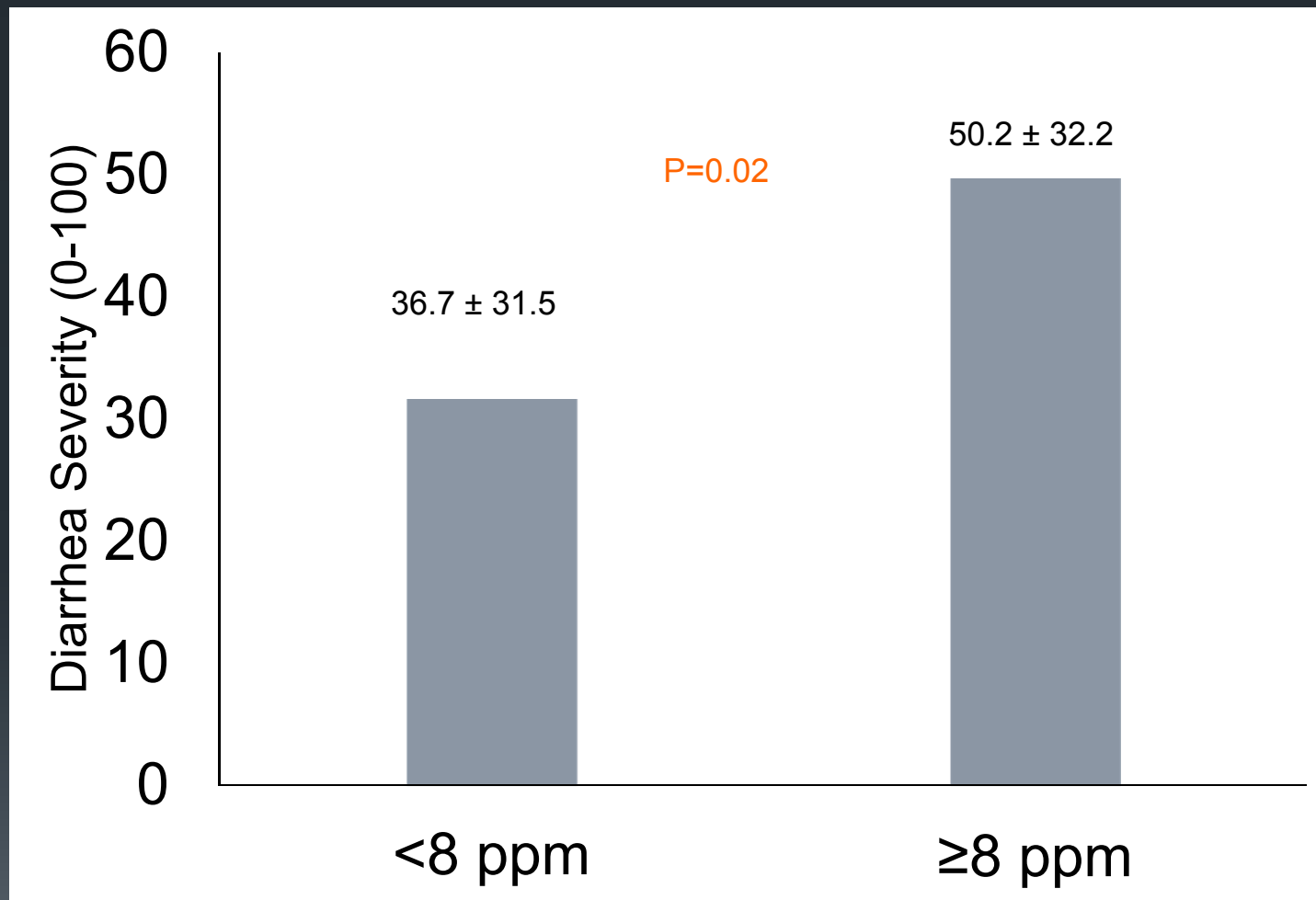
Results



Demographics

H ₂ S Cutoff			
	<8 ppm (n=77)	≥8 ppm (n=50)	P-value
Age (years)	46.2 ± 16.8	53.6 ± 16.7	P=0.02
Gender (%female)	64.9	80.3	P=0.07

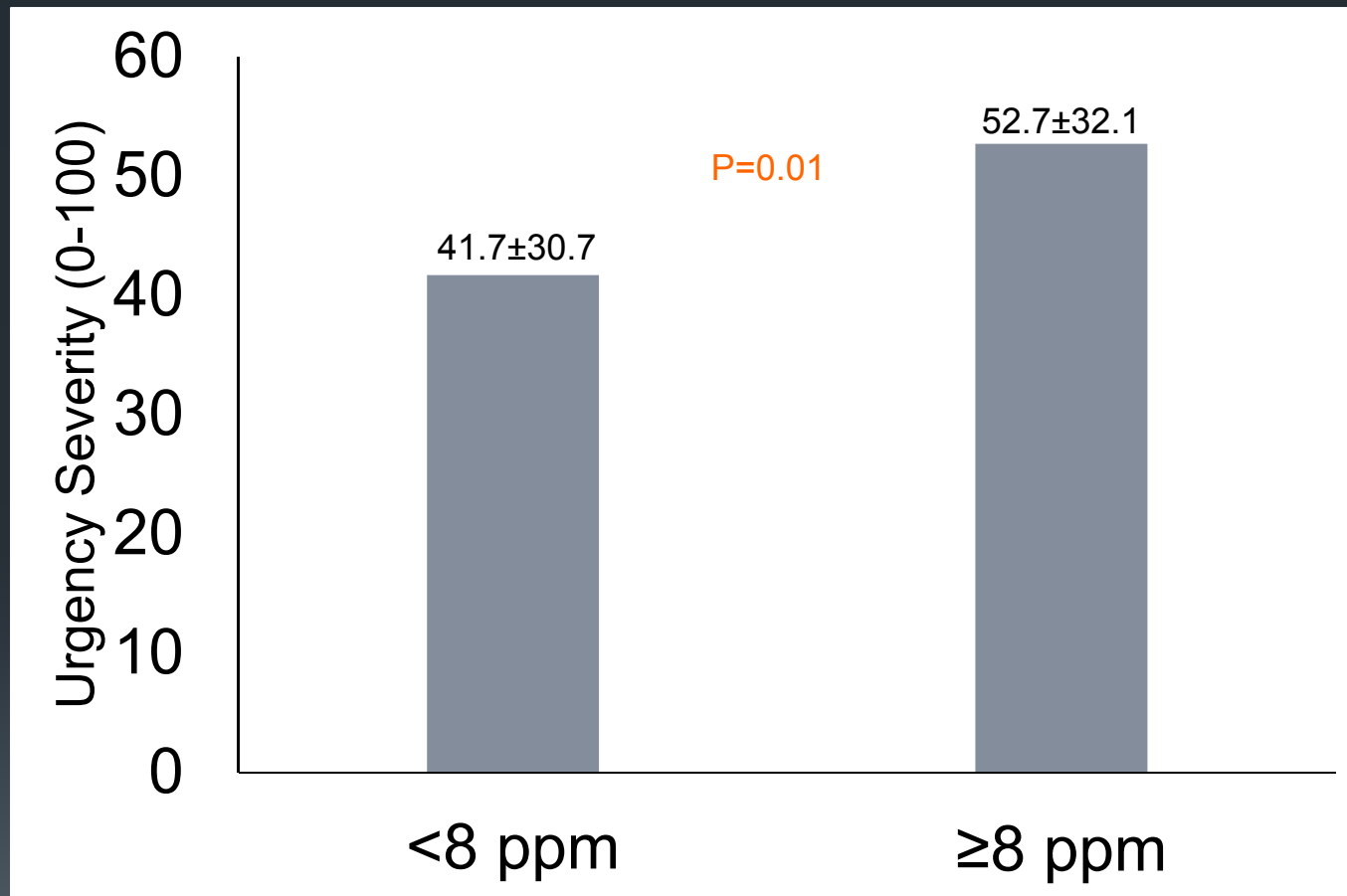
Diarrhea and Hydrogen Sulfide



Mean ± Standard Deviation

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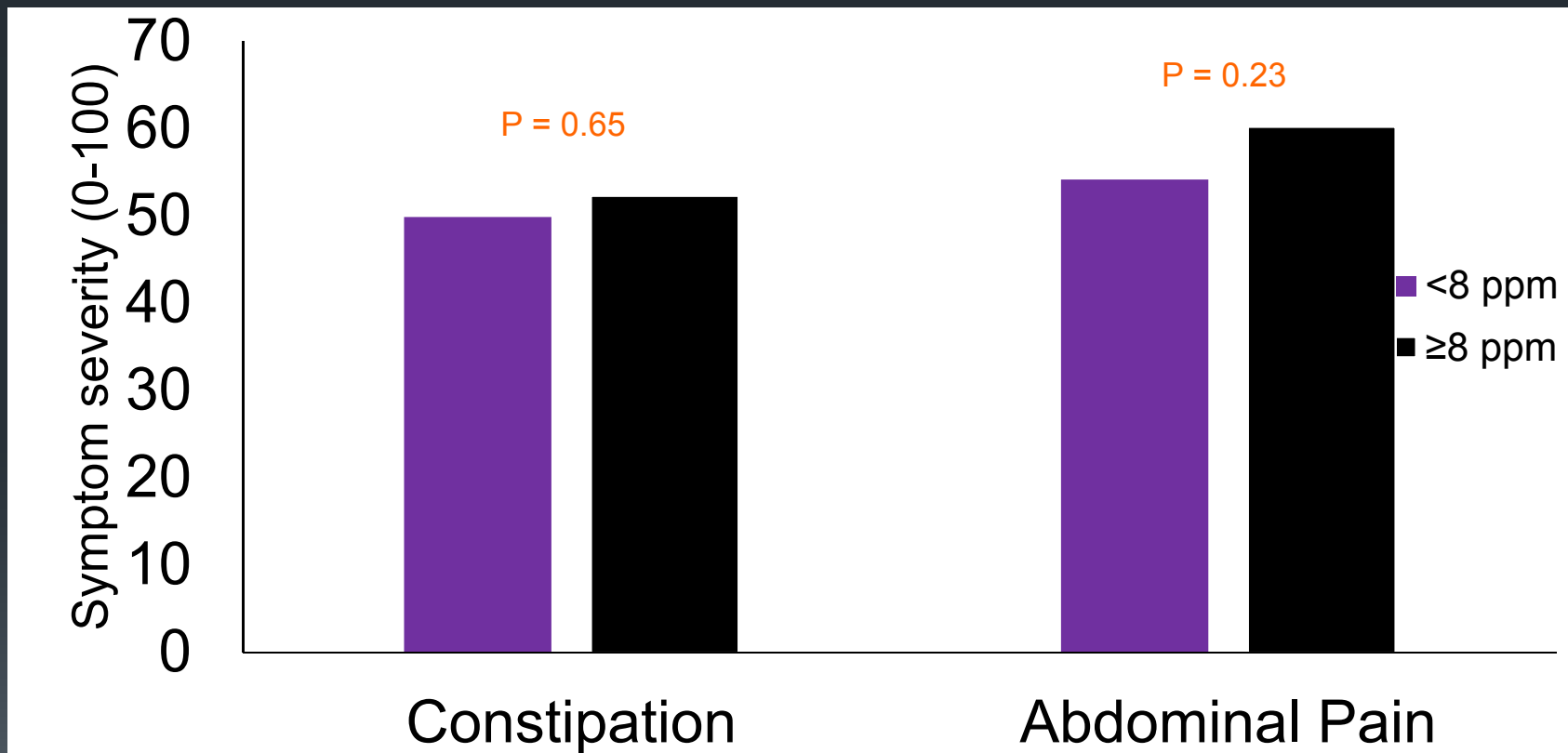
Urgency and Hydrogen Sulfide



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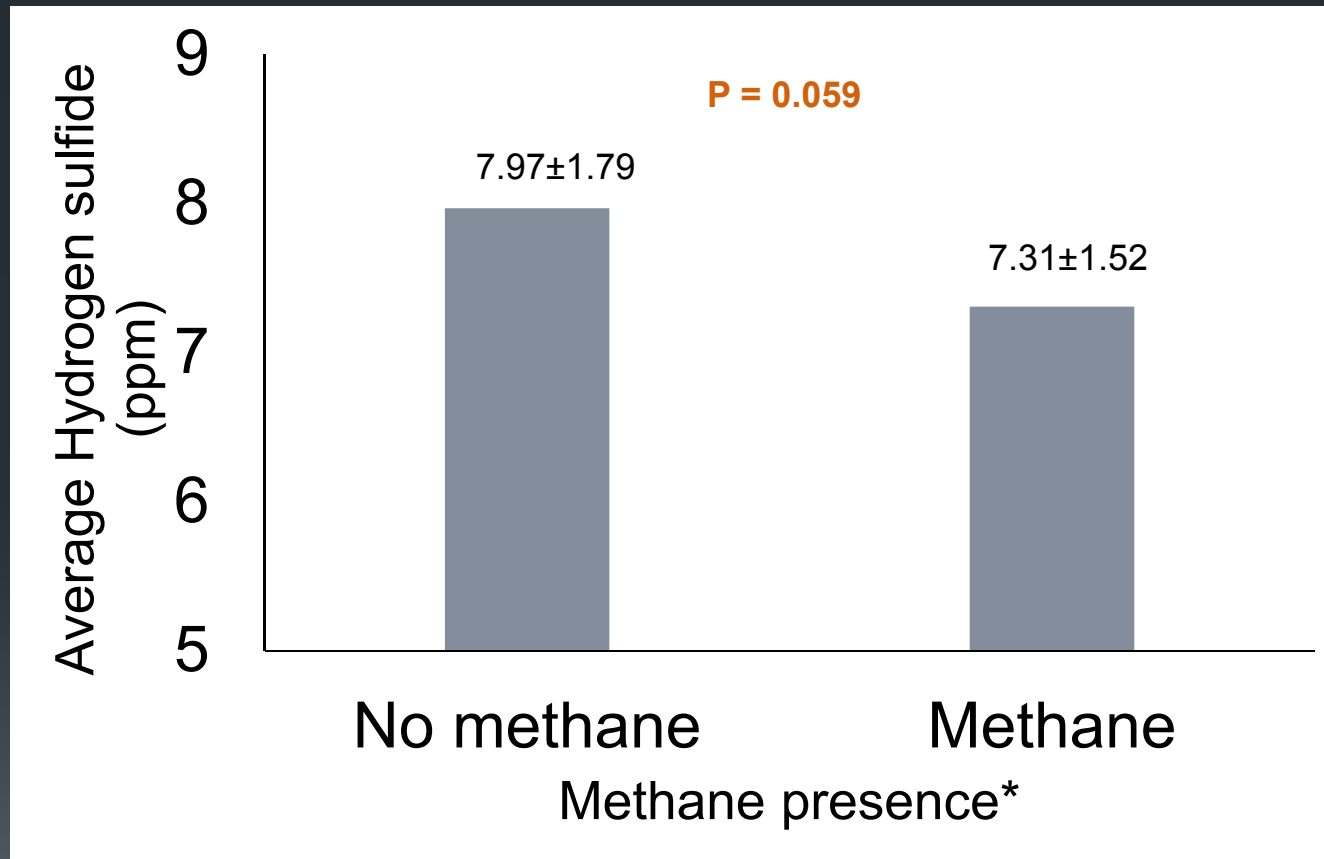
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Constipation, Abdominal Pain and Hydrogen Sulfide



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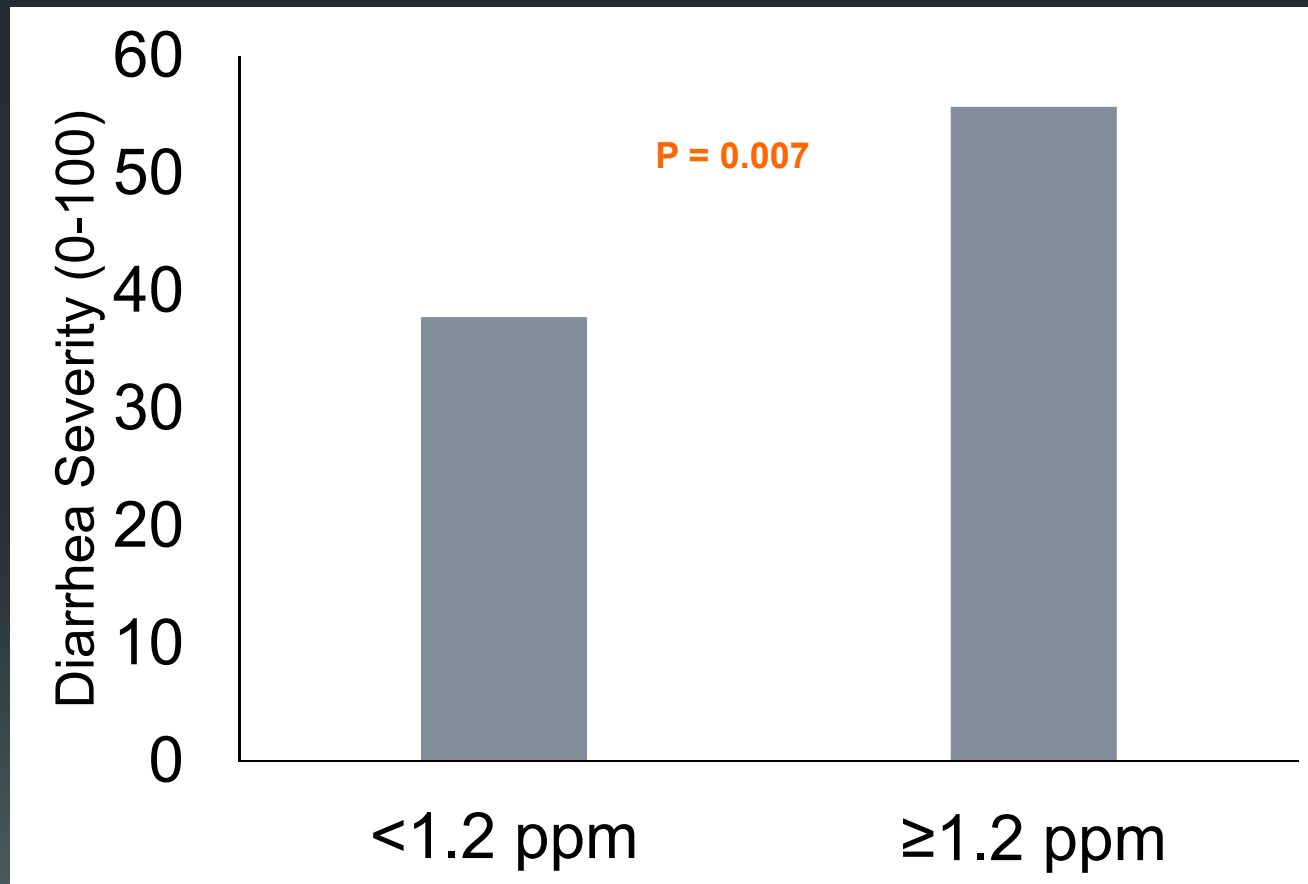
Methane and Hydrogen Sulfide



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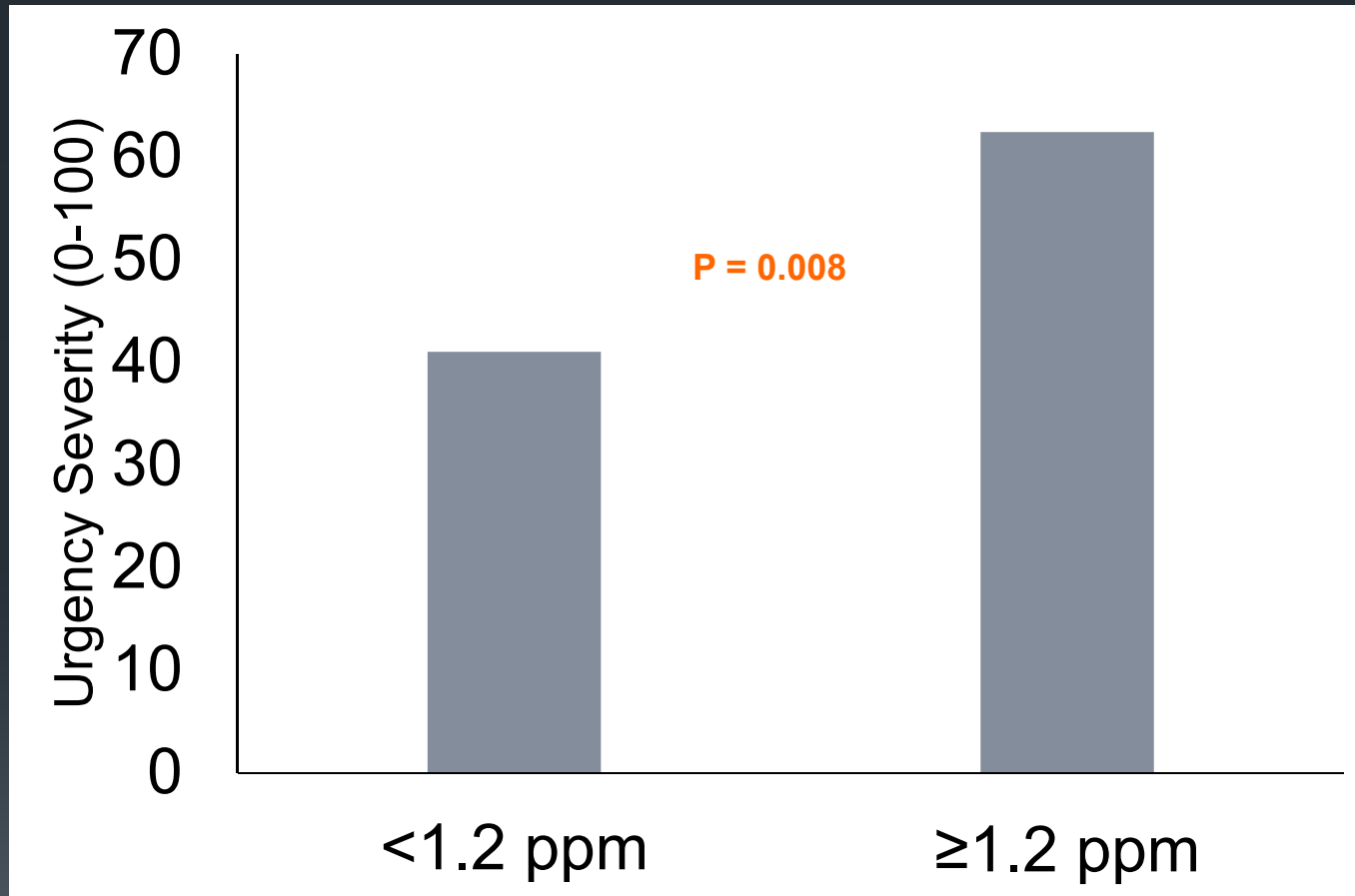
*Methane presence defined by maximum methane on breath test (>5 ppm)

Diarrhea and Max ≥ 1.2 ppm Hydrogen Sulfide

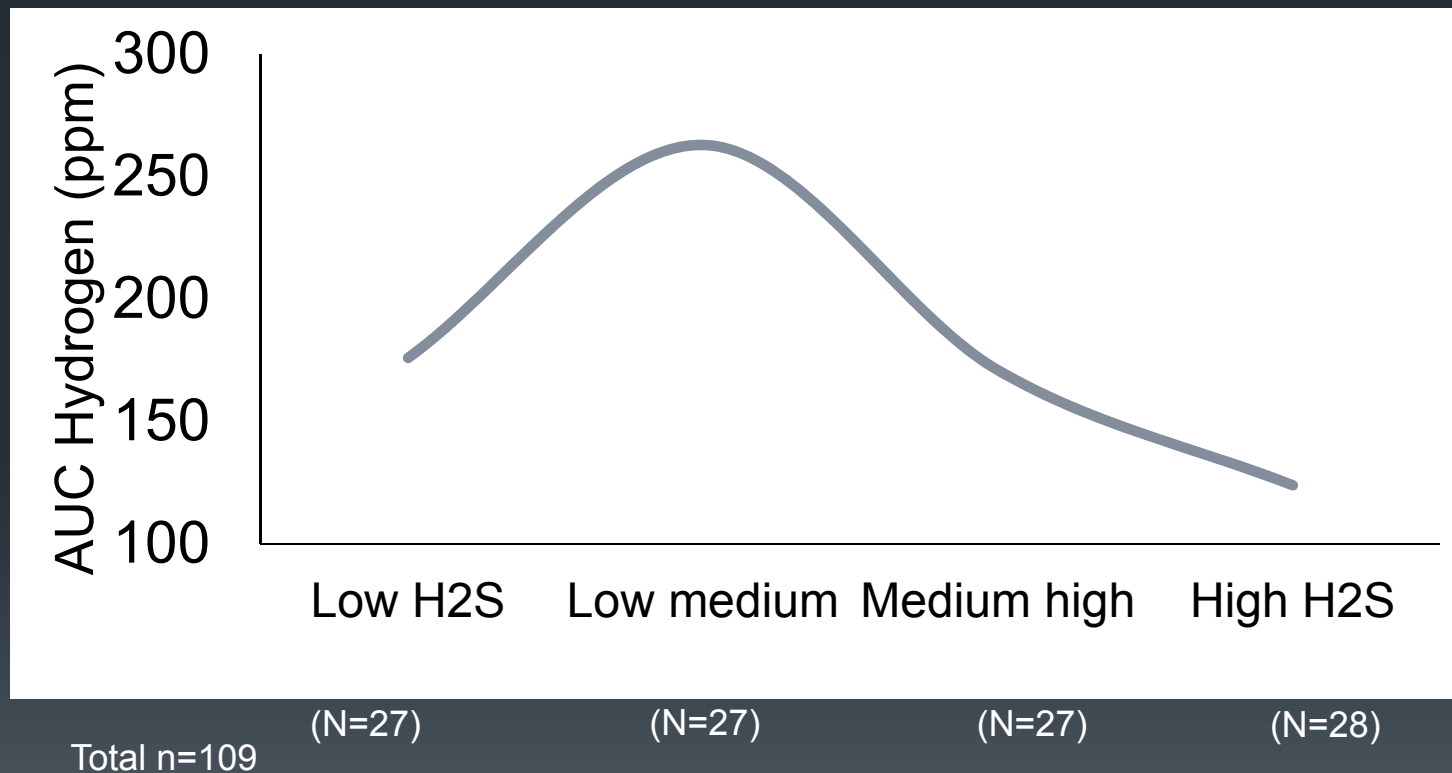


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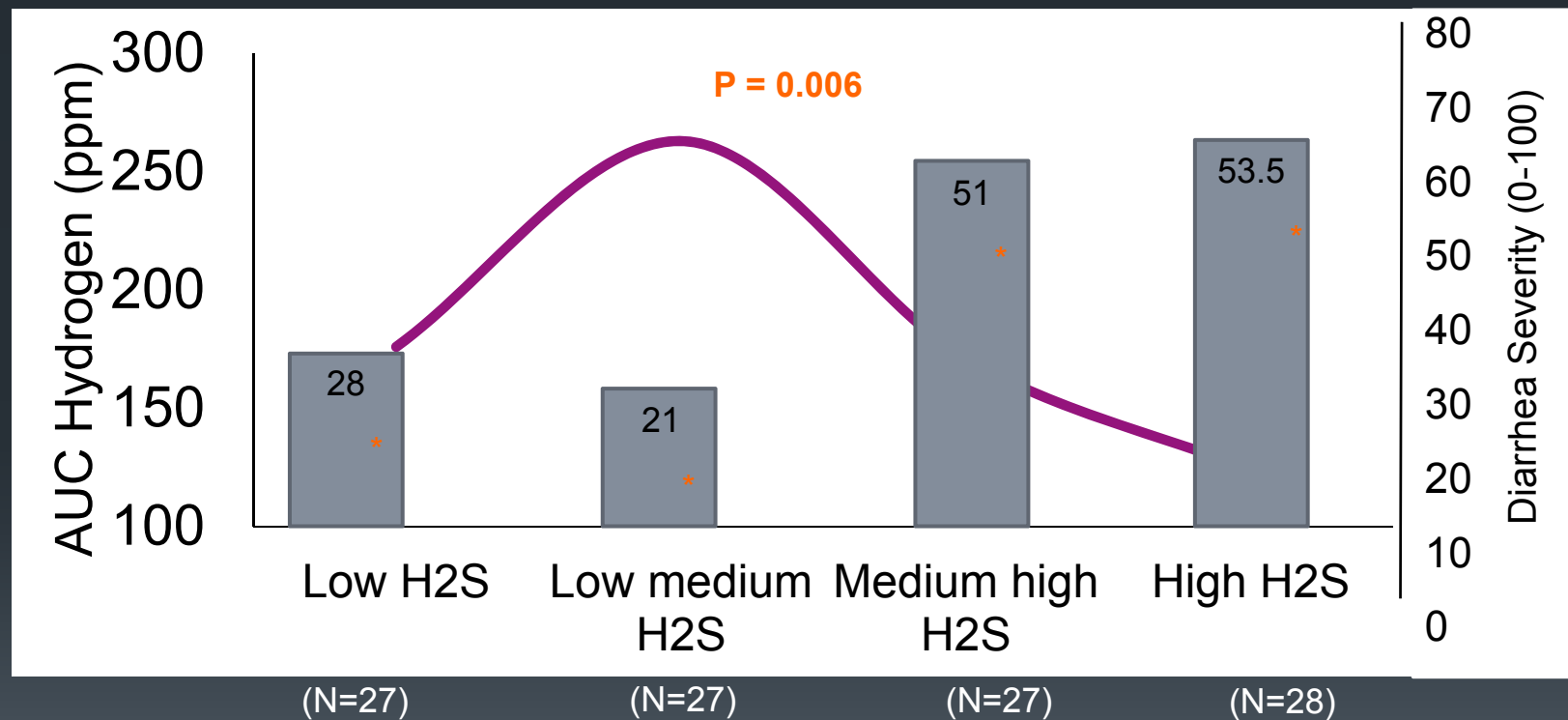
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H₂S and H₂ Interaction in non-CH₄ Producers



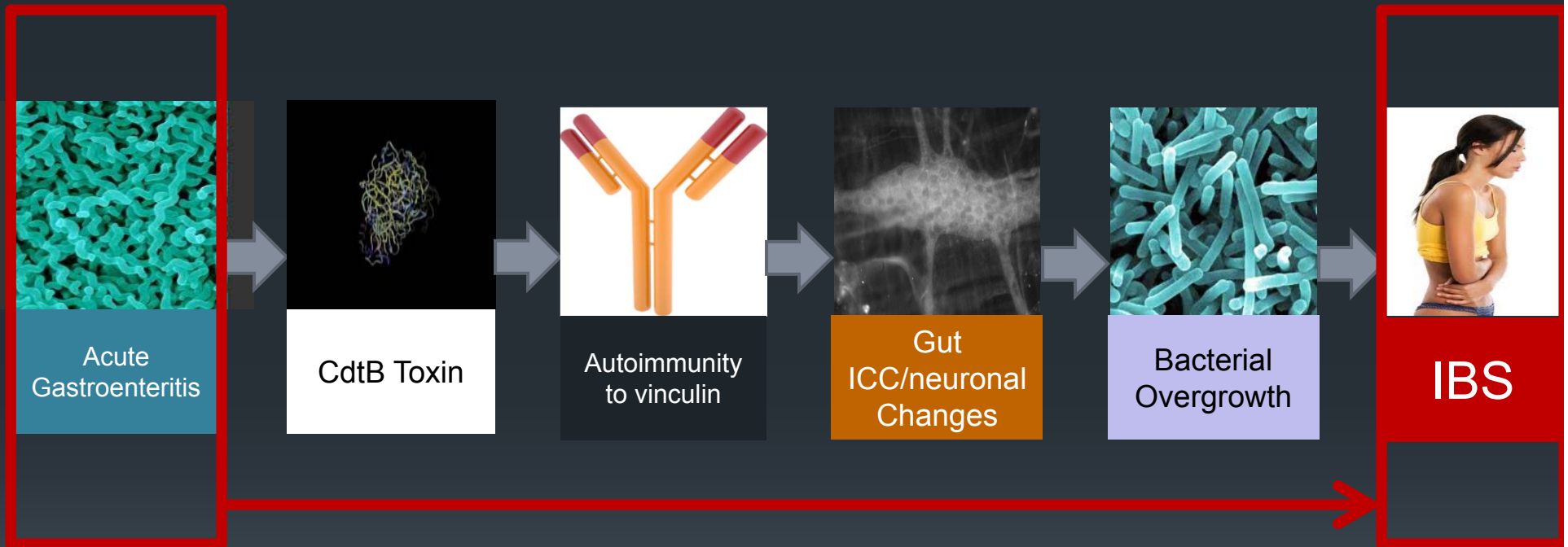
H2S and H2 Interaction and Diarrhea



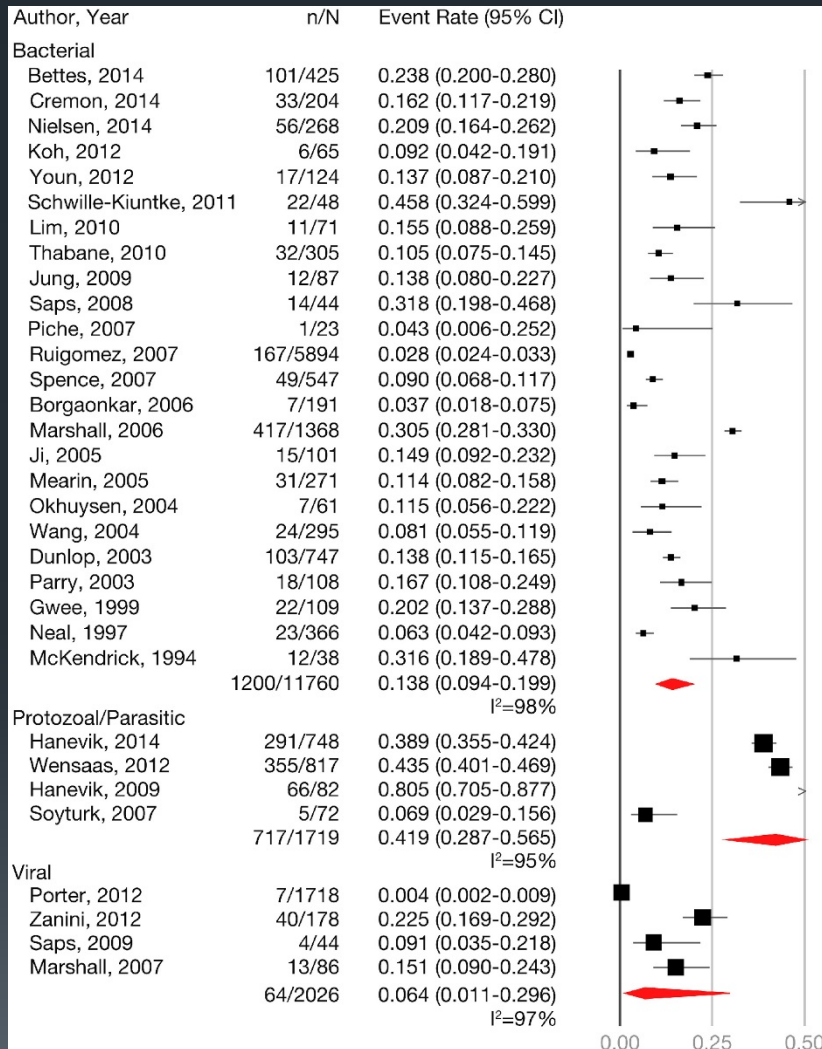
Total n=109

*Spearman's rank correlation = 0.25

IBS Microbial Hypothesis



Risk of PI-IBS After Infectious Gastroenteritis*



RR=4.23; 95% CI, 3.15–5.69

11% of people exposed

1 in 9 who experience food poisoning

FOOD POISONING CAUSES IBS!!

A review of 45 studies

Klem, et al. Gastroenterol 2017

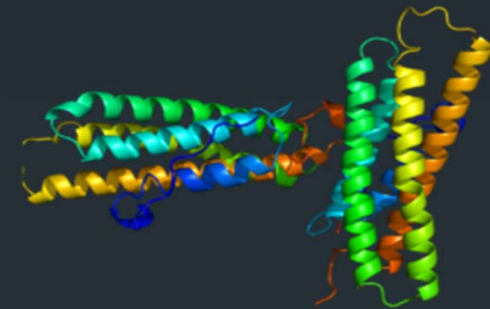
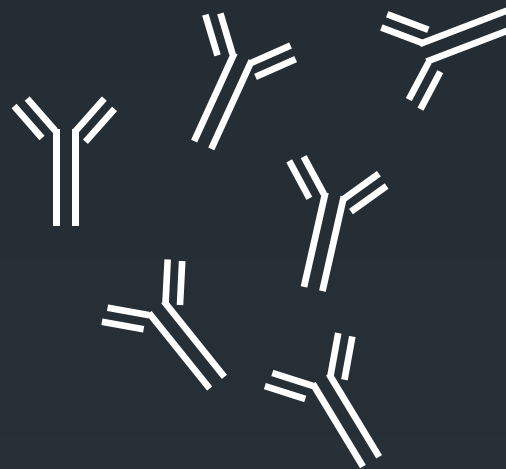
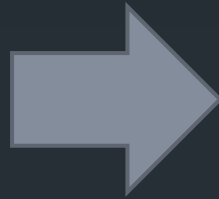
Risk Factors

- Severity of Food poisoning
- Female
- Blood in stool
- Antibiotics needed
- More than 7 days of illness
- Psychological factors

Molecular Mimicry/Autoimmunity



Cytolethal
Distending
Toxin B

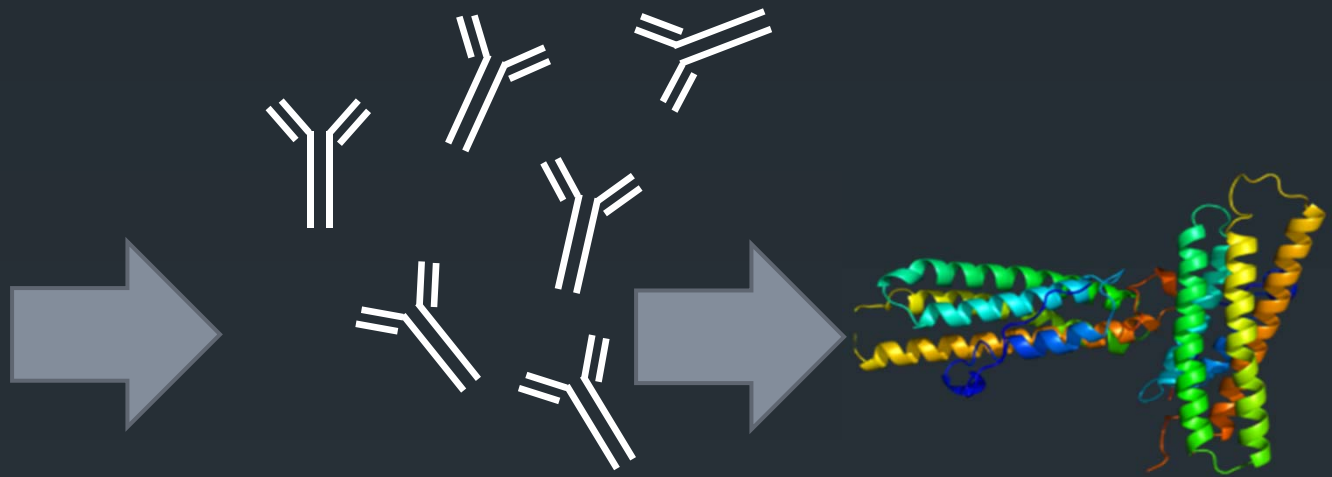


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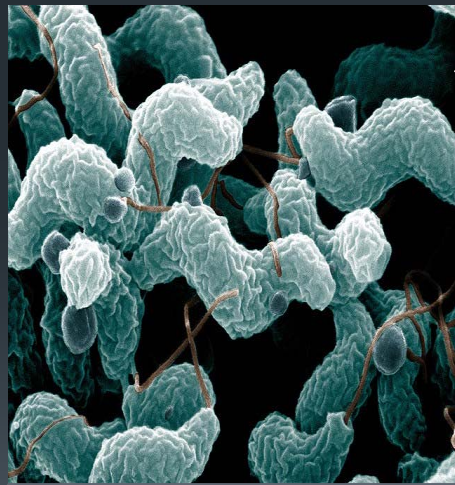


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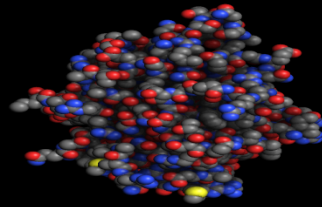


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Immunization Trial



Campylobacter

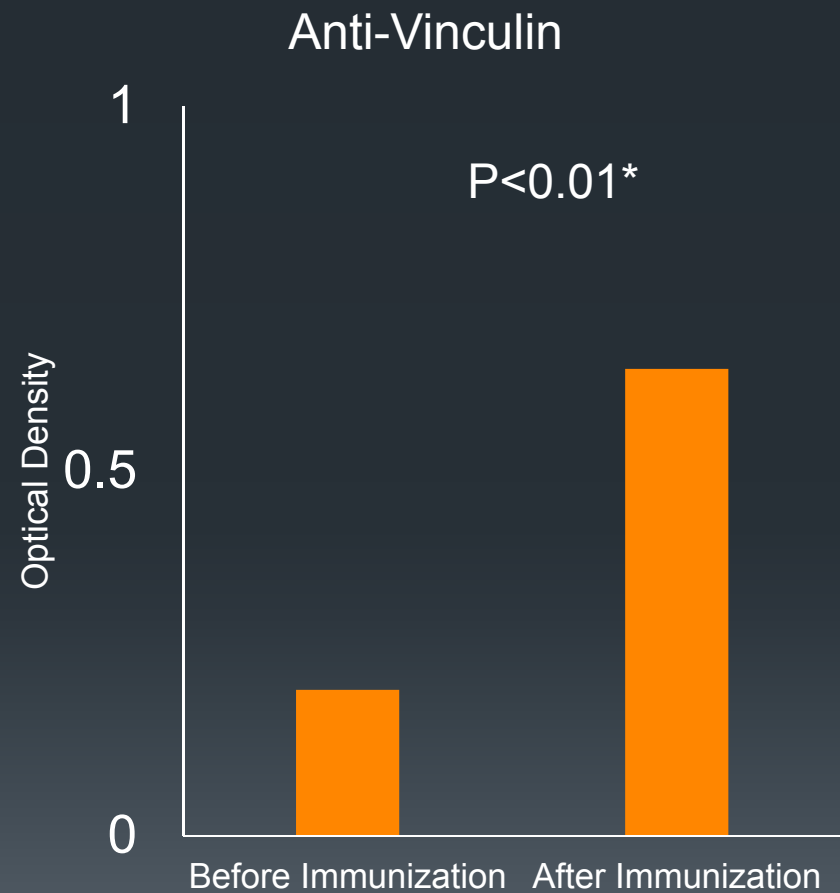
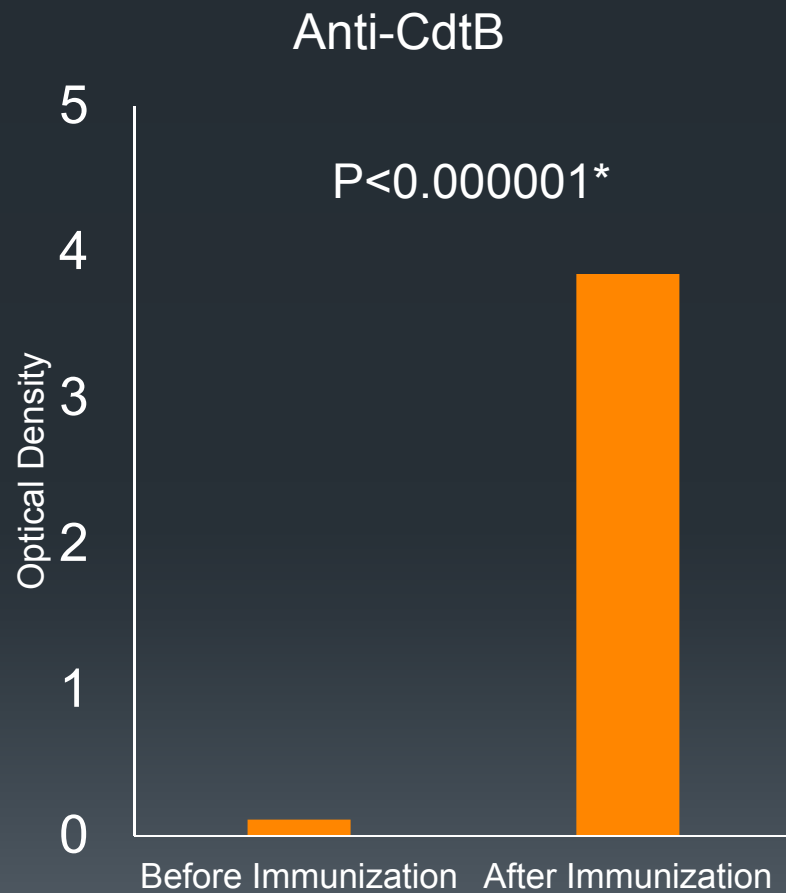


Recombinant
CdtB



Sprague-Dawley
Rats

Serum Antibody Response to CdtB

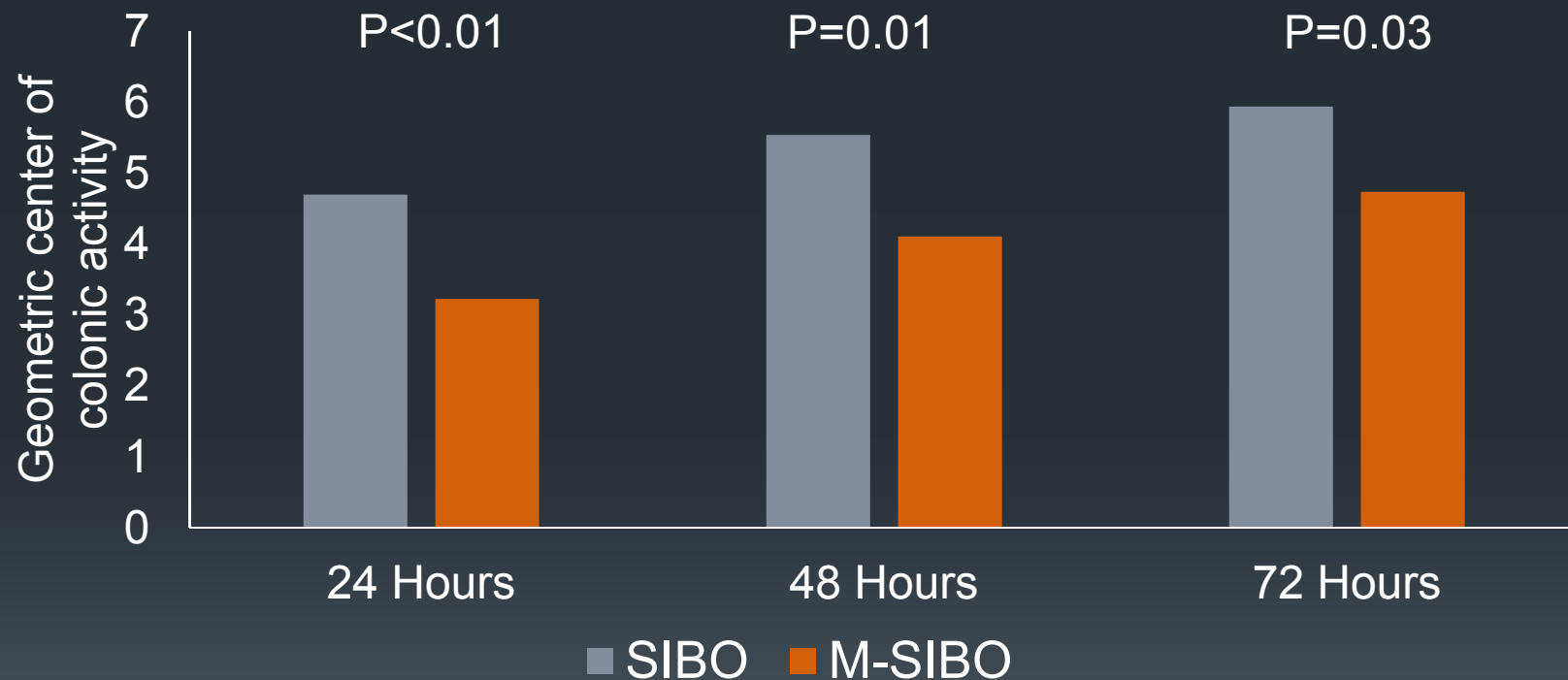


*Paired t-Test

Anti-CdtB Implications

Factor	R_s	P-value
Duodenal Microbial Counts	0.32	0.01
Ileal Microbial Counts	0.33	0.01
Vinculin expression	-0.28	0.03
Stool wet weight	0.26	0.04
TNF- α expression	-0.32	0.01
IL-1 β expression	-0.66	<0.0001
IL-8 expression	0.06	0.64
β -defensin expression	-0.03	0.77

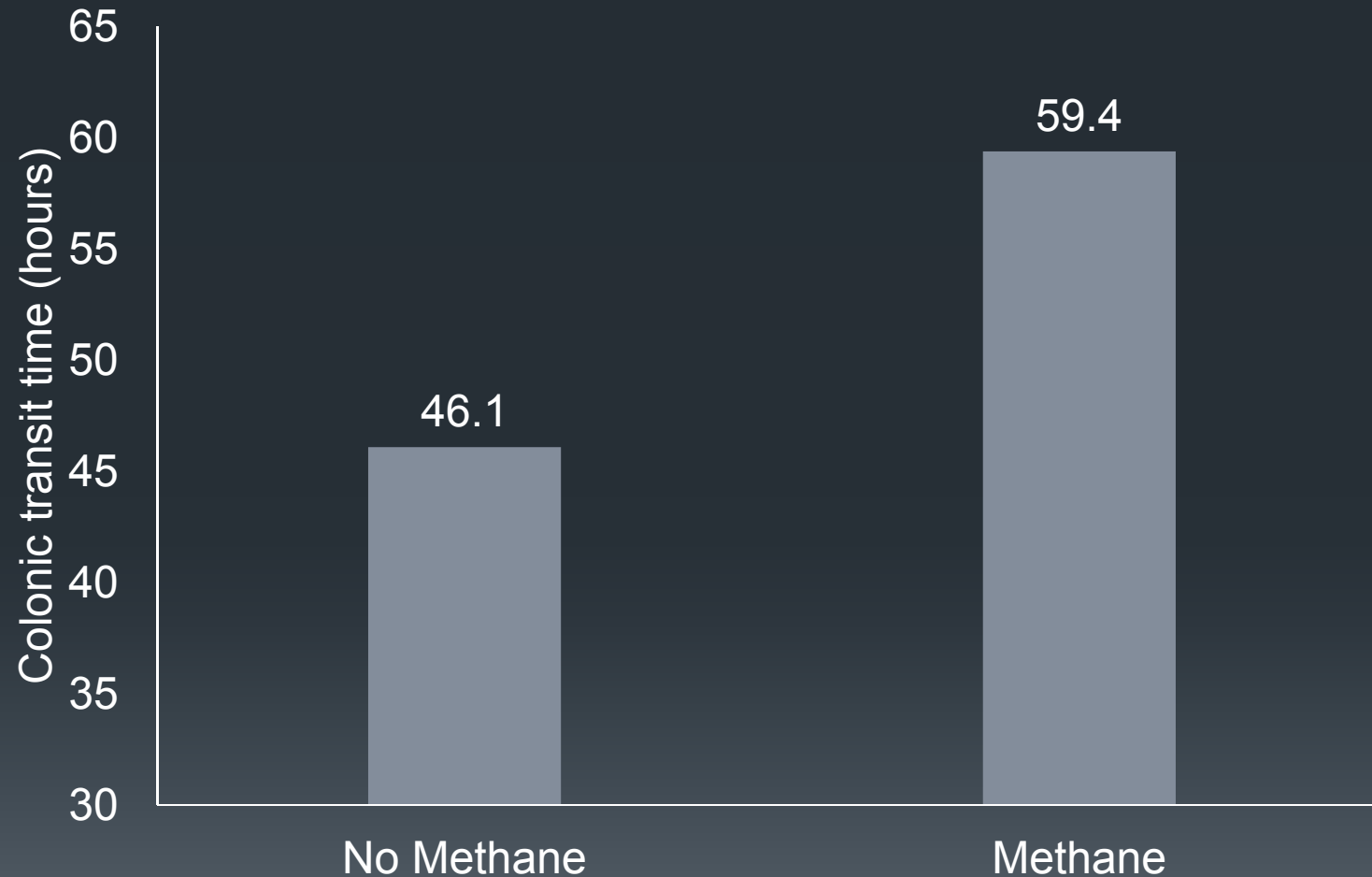
Transit is slower with methane



Transit is slower when methane is present.

Kataria, et al. DDW 2017

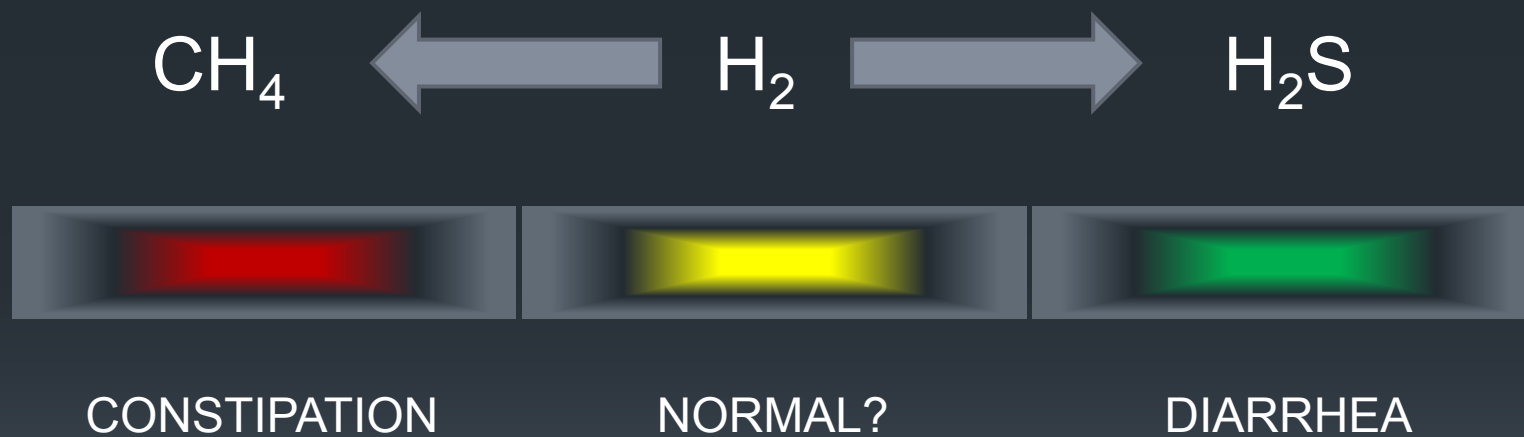
Colonic Transit Time and Methane



N=187 subjects, 70 with methane.
Transit based on wireless capsule.

Sharma, et al. DDW 2017

Methane – Friend of Foe



Fecal Transplant for IBS-D from Sweden

- DBRCT of 16 patients.
- Randomized to colonoscopy with no FMT (n=8) and one with FMT (n=8)
- Primary outcome = IBS-SSS in 4 week follow up

Outcome	Placebo	FMT	P-value
IBS-SSS	-61.6 ± 50.8	-63.3 ± 43.1	NS

- Equal benefit in both placebo and FMT group. The conclusion is that the bowel prep was the factor that improved patients but purging microbes

Oral α -galactosidase in IBS

- IBS patients are sensitive to FODMAPS such as beans which contain galacto-oligosaccharides (GOS)

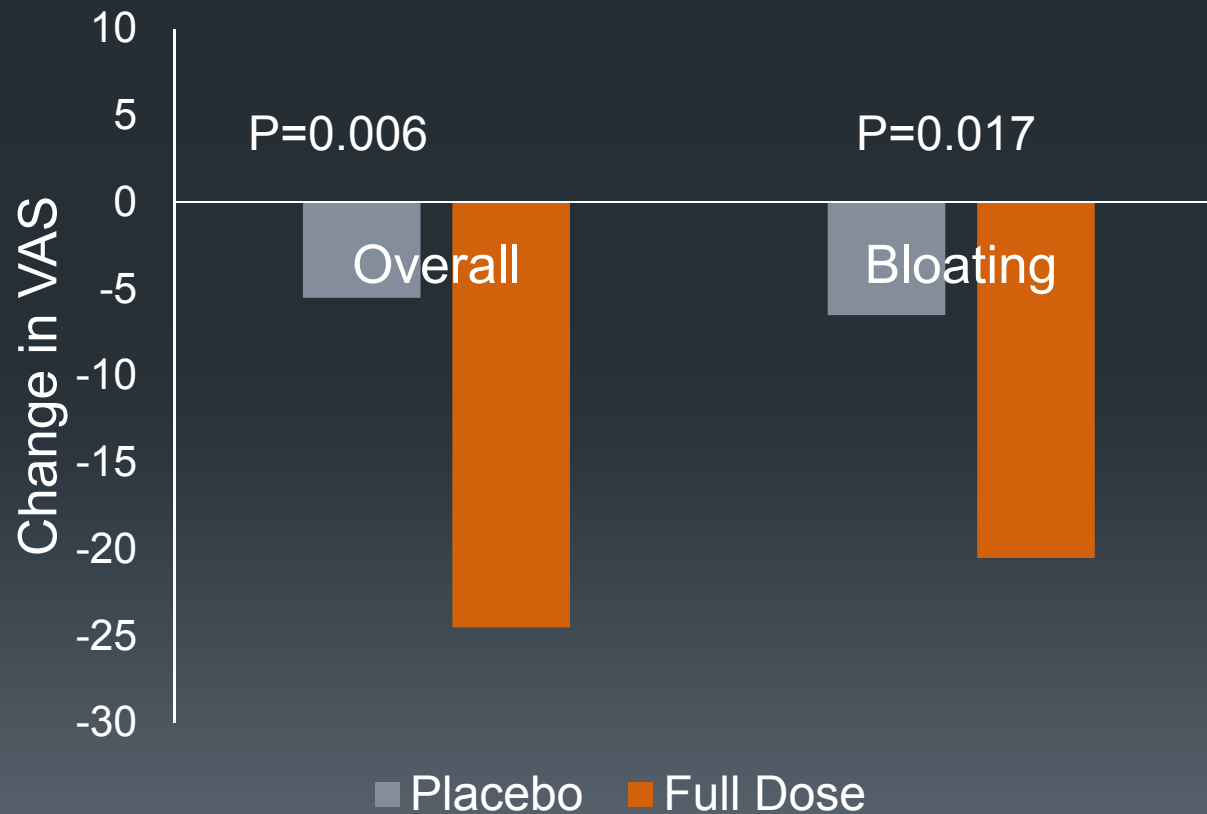
Methods:

- First identified IBS patients sensitive to fructans based on breath testing
- All patients were fed diets high in GOS
- Randomized to full dose α -galactosidase, half dose or placebo
- Overall symptoms measured on a VAS (0-100mm) during the diet and then for a period after the enzyme/placebo

Oral α -galactosidase in IBS

Results:

- n=31 patients (20 IBS-D, 4 IBS-C, 7 IBS-M)



Tuck, et al. DDW 2017

Oral α -galactosidase in IBS



Interpretation:

1. Why not simply avoid beans
2. Using α -galactosidase helps deter symptoms in IBS patients who eat products containing GOS
3. Only the full dose of product was successful

SIBO and conditions

- SIBO is increasing in awareness
- What is the distribution of positive SIBO among patients sent for breath testing

Methods

- Retrospective chart review of 432 patients who underwent breath testing at Thomas Jefferson University
- Goal to see among patients with positive breath test, what determines the positive test in what proportion

Results

- Out of 432 subjects 183 had a positive test

SIBO and conditions

Risk Factor	Number	Percent
Abdominal Surgery	4	2.70
Celiac Disease	14	7.57
Chronic Pancreatitis	6	3.24
Chronic Steroids	1	0.54
CKD	5	2.70
Crohns	8	4.32
CVID	1	0.54
DM	17	9.19
Gastric Bypass	9	4.86
Gastric sleeve	3	1.63
Gunshot wound	1	0.54
HIV	1	0.54
IBS	93	50.27
Old Age	17	9.19
Small bowel divertic	1	0.54
Total	183	100

Kistler, et al. DDW 2017

Specific Bacteria and IBS



Background

- Suspect that after gastroenteritis there is a “dysbiosis” which leads to chronic symptoms

Methods

- Sigmoid biopsies were taken from unprepped IBS patients and 17 healthy controls
- Biopsies were mounted immediately in an ex vivo system with oxygen supply to allow continued production of mucous and cell survival.
- Mucus was then collected and mass spec assessed the contents and assess microbes by metabolic signature
- Any findings were then confirmed in a validation cohort of 40 IBS and 6 controls

Jabbar, et al. DDW 2017

Specific Bacteria and IBS



Results

- Identified *Brachyspira* (a spirochete) and *Pseudomonas* only in IBS and one or both in 43% of patients but not healthy.
- In validation study, only 10% of IBS and 0% of healthy subjects
- Correlation with surge in immune cells and anti-microbial proteins

Conclusions

- Suggest that these bacteria may have a role in IBS



Thanks