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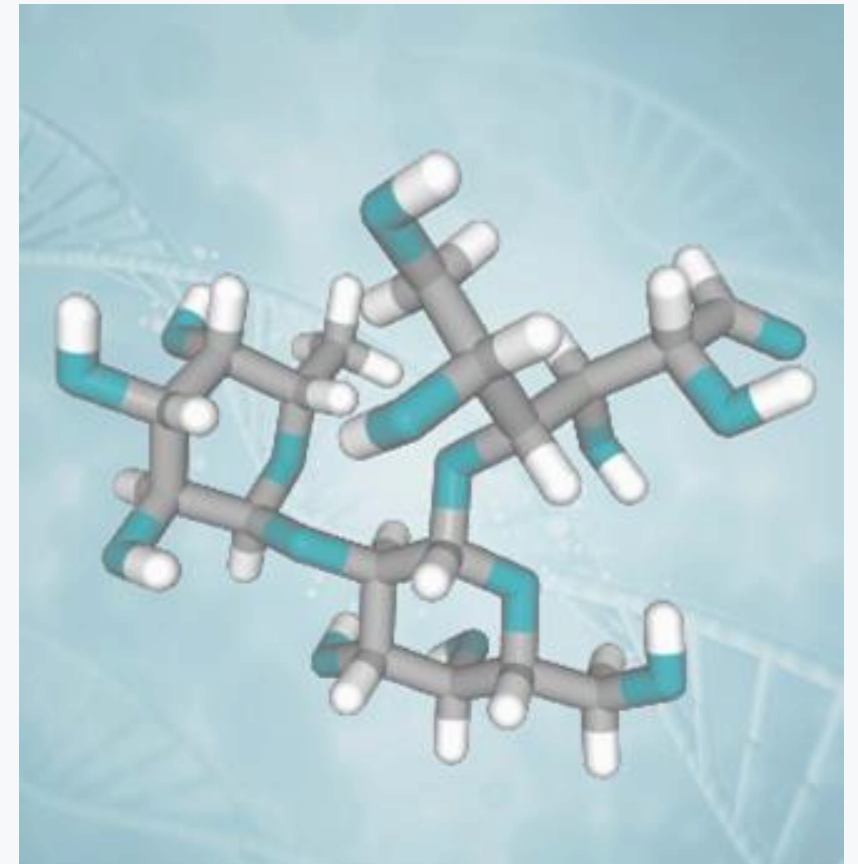


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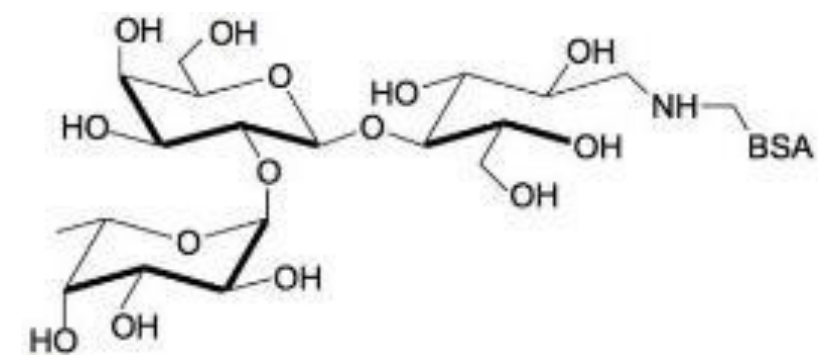
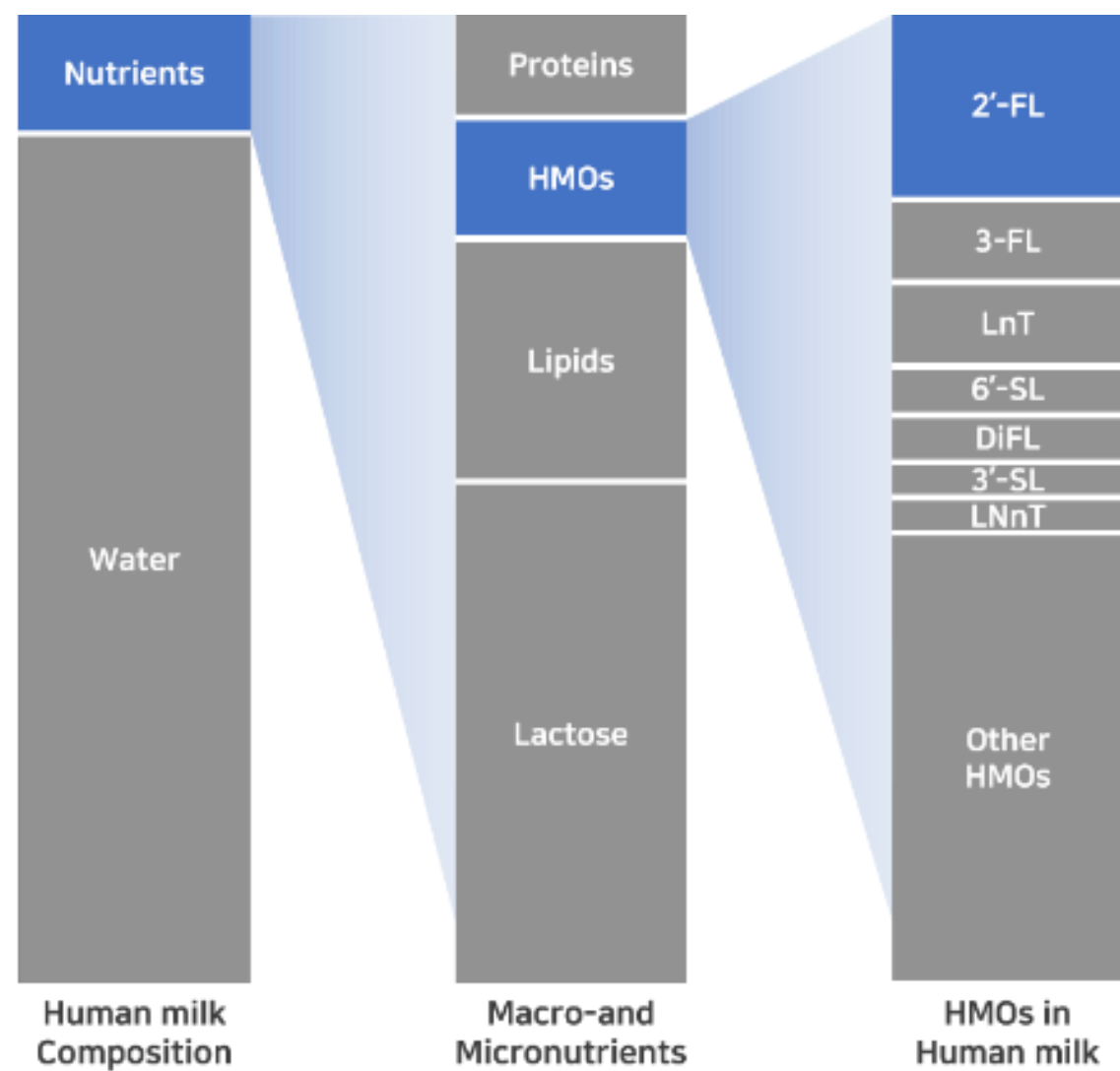
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2'-Fucosyllactose (2'-FL)

HMOs make up 8~15g per liter of breast milk.

2'-FL takes up the largest percentage (approximately 2.7g per liter)



Oligosaccharide	Mean concentration, g/L of breast milk
2'-FL	2.7(1.88~4.9)

2'-Fucosyllactose is a three-sugar compound made up of lactose and L-fucose and accounts for about 30% of Human Milk Oligosaccharides (HMOs) in breast milk.

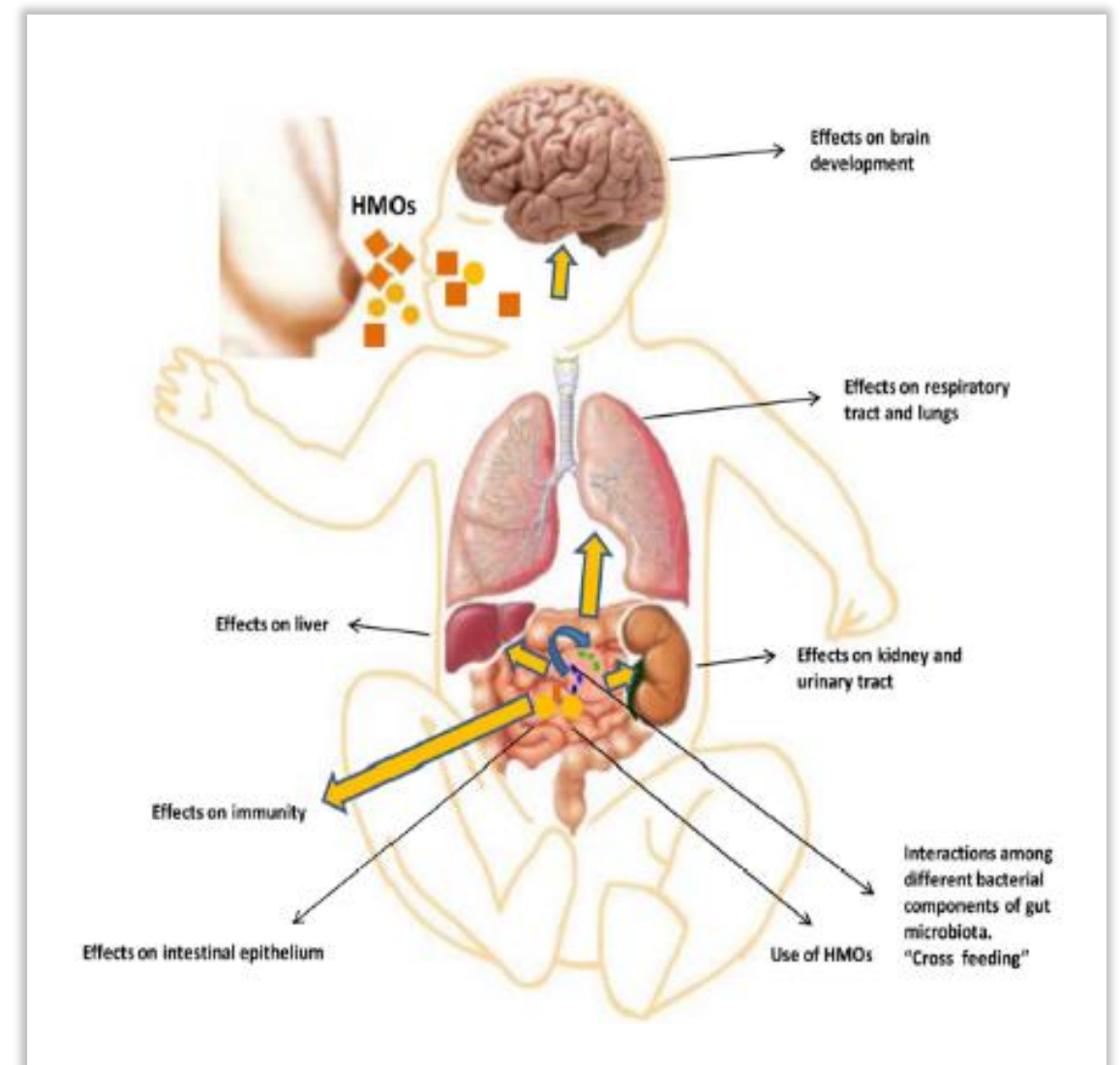
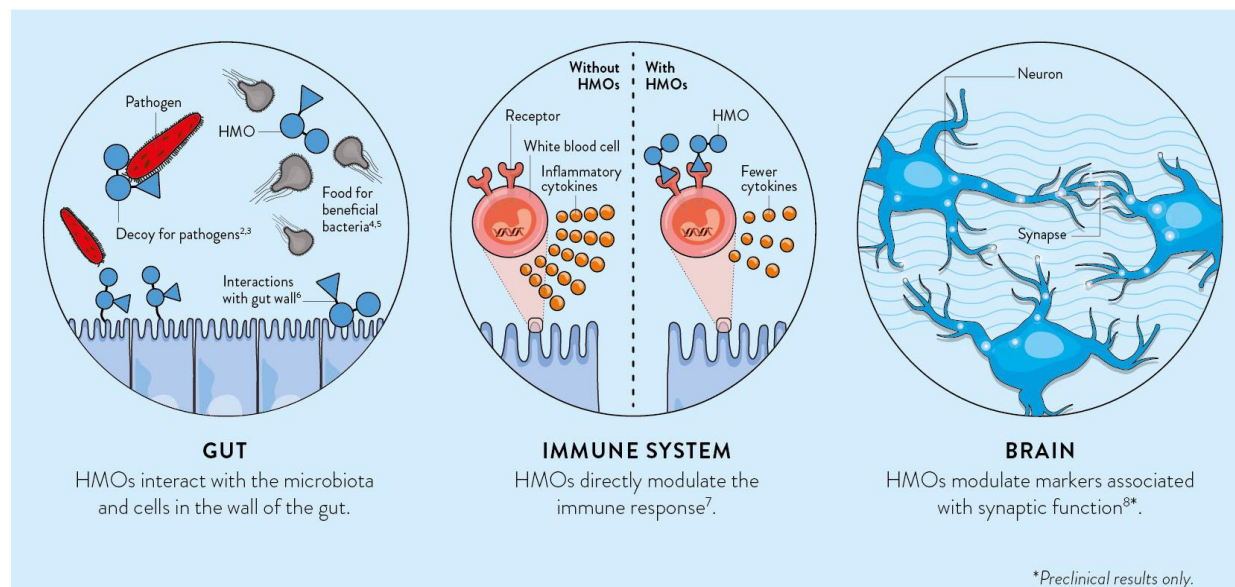
2'-FL's Functions

2'-FL Aids Formation of Healthy Microbiome, Immune Activation & Brain Development

HMO Functions

- HMOs play a crucial role in the formation of a healthy microbiome
 - Encourage the growth of beneficial microorganisms
 - Prevent the growth of harmful bacteria and viral infections
- Immune Activation and reduce Inflammation
- Growth & Protection of Brain Cells

Main Physiological Activity of 2'-FL



Source : Fanos V.(2018) J Pediatr Neonat Individual Med. 7(1):e070137

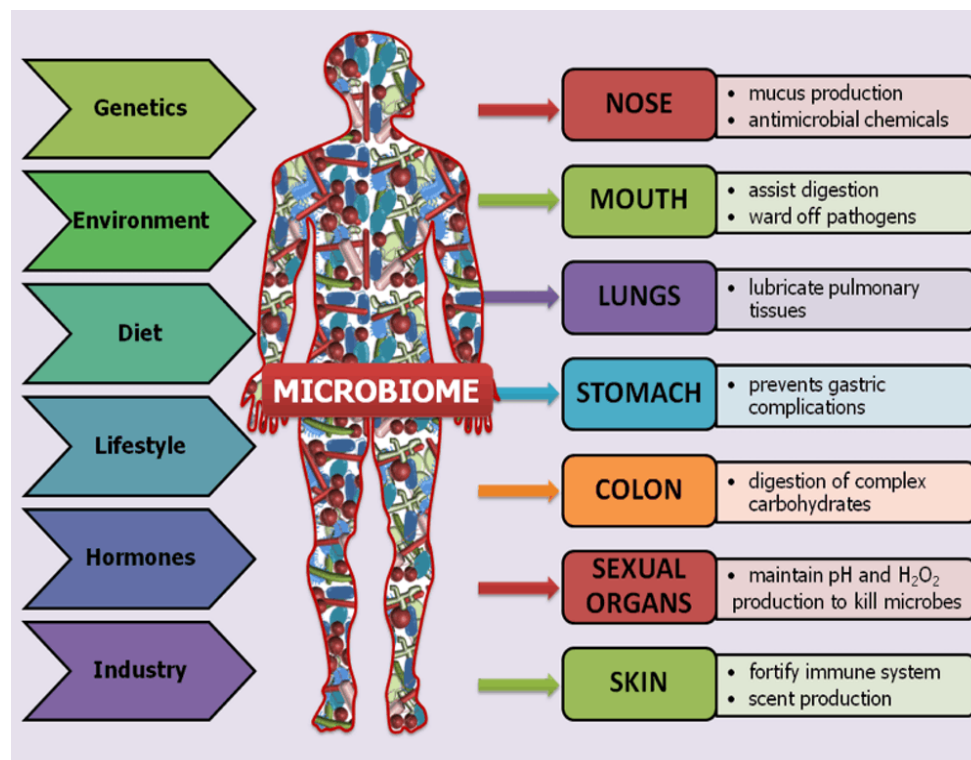
2'-FL's functions include useful microbial growth, immunosuppression, anti-inflammatory effects, brain development, etc.

2'-FL's Importance in Microbiome

- 2'-FL's selective Bifidus Factor/ only feeds targeted probiotics
- Priority is given to *Bifidobacteria* in the formation of intestinal microbiome
→ Immune Activation & Organ Formation

Human Microbiome

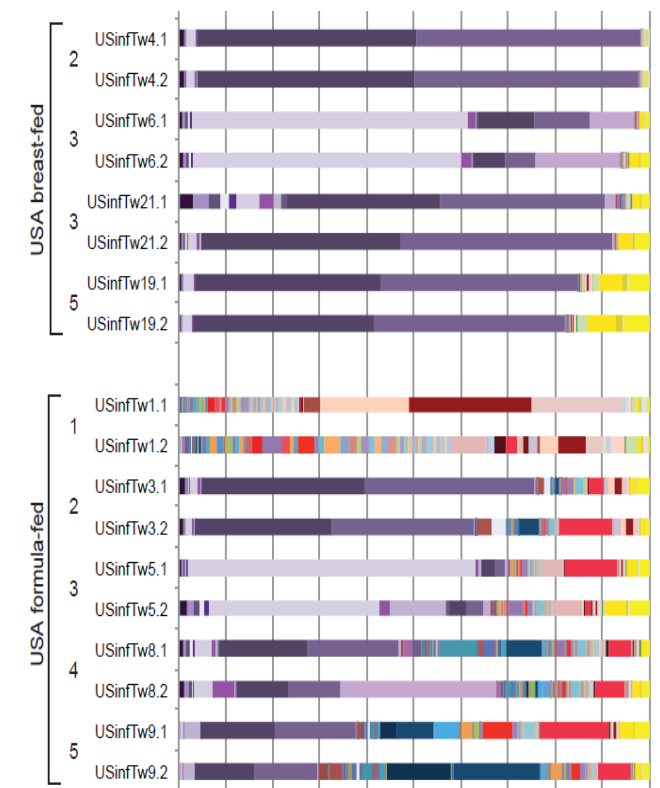
- Interaction between Environment & Human Microbiome



Human Microbes : The power within (2018)

Intestinal Flora Breastfed vs Infant Formula-fed Infants

- Breastfed Infants
 - Mostly *Bifidobacterium* found in intestines
- Formula-fed Infants
 - Various microorganisms found in intestines (*Bifidobacterium* relatively low)



Purple shade: Bifidobacterium species

Blue shade: Bacteroides species

Red shade: Species within Firmicutes

Yellow shade: Species within Proteobacteria

Purple bar indicates beneficial Bifidobacteria (beneficial probiotic)

Bifidobacterium Major Flora Formation → Immune Activation

2'-FL Supporting Immune Development

- 2'-FL helps to increase immunity by increasing T Cells
- 2'-FL decreases inflammations shown by a decrease in B Cells

Populations in MLN (%)	REF	2'-FL
B cells (CD45RA+)	30.53 ± 2.54	18.13 ± 2.19*
T cells (Th and Tc cells)	62.01 ± 2.12	74.97 ± 2.03*
Th cells (CD4+ TCRαβ+ NK-)	46.21 ± 1.32	55.56 ± 1.45*
CD62L+	23.46 ± 3.10	29.33 ± 1.80*
CD25+	2.15 ± 0.53	2.64 ± 0.08
Tc cells (CD8+ TCRαβ+ NK- and TCRγδ+)	15.80 ± 0.81	19.41 ± 0.62*
TCRαβ+ (CD8+ TCRαβ+ NK-)	13.65 ± 0.81	16.91 ± 0.60*
TCRγδ+	2.15 ± 0.04	2.50 ± 0.05*
CD8+	1.52 ± 0.02	1.84 ± 0.06*
CD8-	0.62 ± 0.05	0.66 ± 0.05
NKT cells (TCRαβ+ NK+)	2.99 ± 0.46	3.08 ± 0.22
CD8+	1.72 ± 0.27	1.84 ± 0.11
CD8-	1.27 ± 0.19	1.24 ± 0.14
NK cells (TCRαβ- NK+)	3.43 ± 0.62	2.75 ± 0.16
CD8+	0.47 ± 0.11	0.50 ± 0.05
CD8-	2.96 ± 0.51	2.25 ± 0.13

Results are expressed as mean ± S.E.M. (n = 4/group).

*p < 0.05 compared to REF (by Student T-test).

Th, T-helper; Tc, T-cytotoxic; NK, Natural Killer; NKT, Natural Killer T; REF, reference; 2'-FL, 2'-fucosyllactose.

Immunomodulatory and Prebiotic Effects of 2'-Fucosyllactose in Suckling Rats (2019)

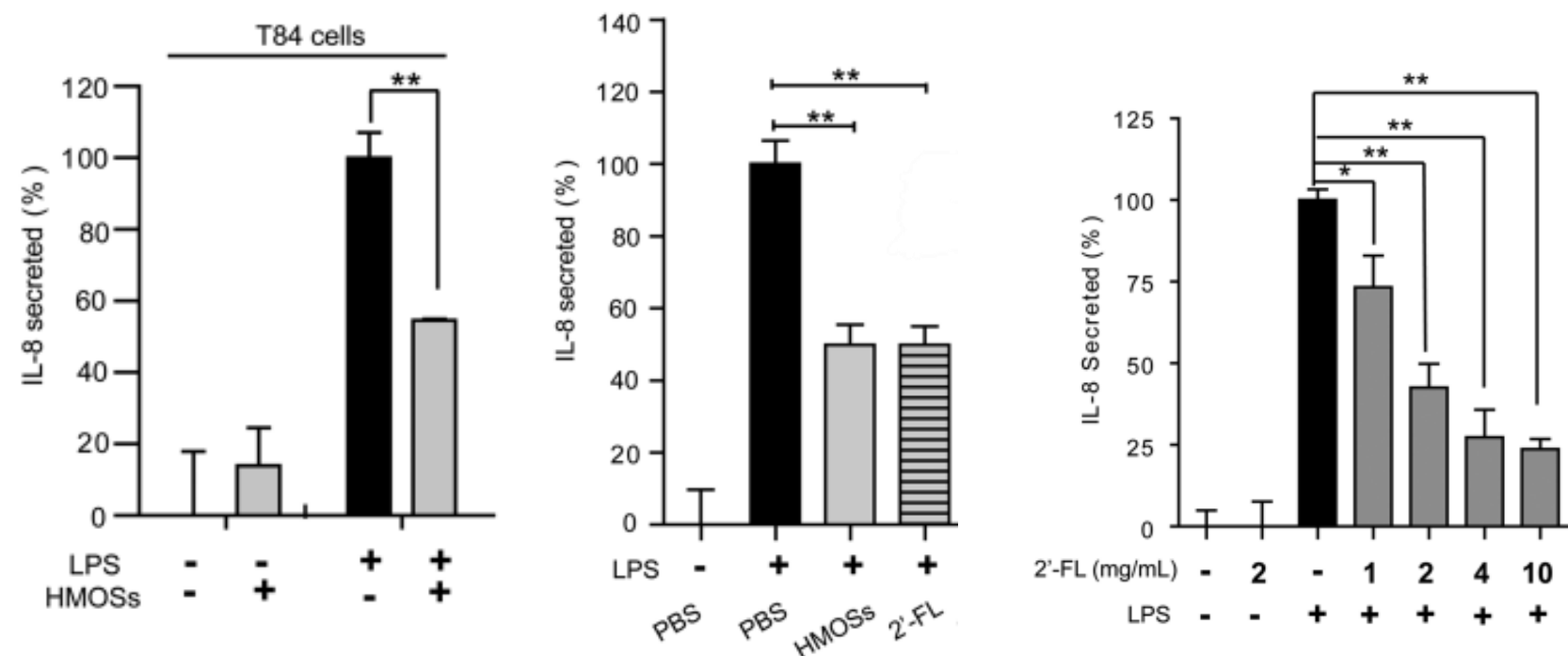
B cells (a type of white blood cell) increase when there are infections present in the body. A decrease in comparison with the control indicates a lack of inflammation in the body.

T cells help in immune response. An increase in comparison with the control indicates an improved immune response.



2'-FL Reduces Inflammation

- LPS-induced IL-8 secretion (inflammation) was inhibited by 2'-FL
- Higher doses of 2'-FL reduces the level of IL-8 secretion (inflammation)



Legend
LPS: Inflammation Stimulation
IL-8 (Interleukin-8):
inflammation level

Abbreviation	Full Name	concentrations of milk oligosaccharides in literature ^{3, 40, 41} (mg/mL)	concentrations of milk oligosaccharides used (mg/mL)	inhibitory activity (%/mg)
HMOSs	Human milk oligosaccharides	5 - 15	5	10.0 ±1.1
2'-FL	2'-Fucosyllactose	2.5 ±1.2	2	25.0 ±1.0

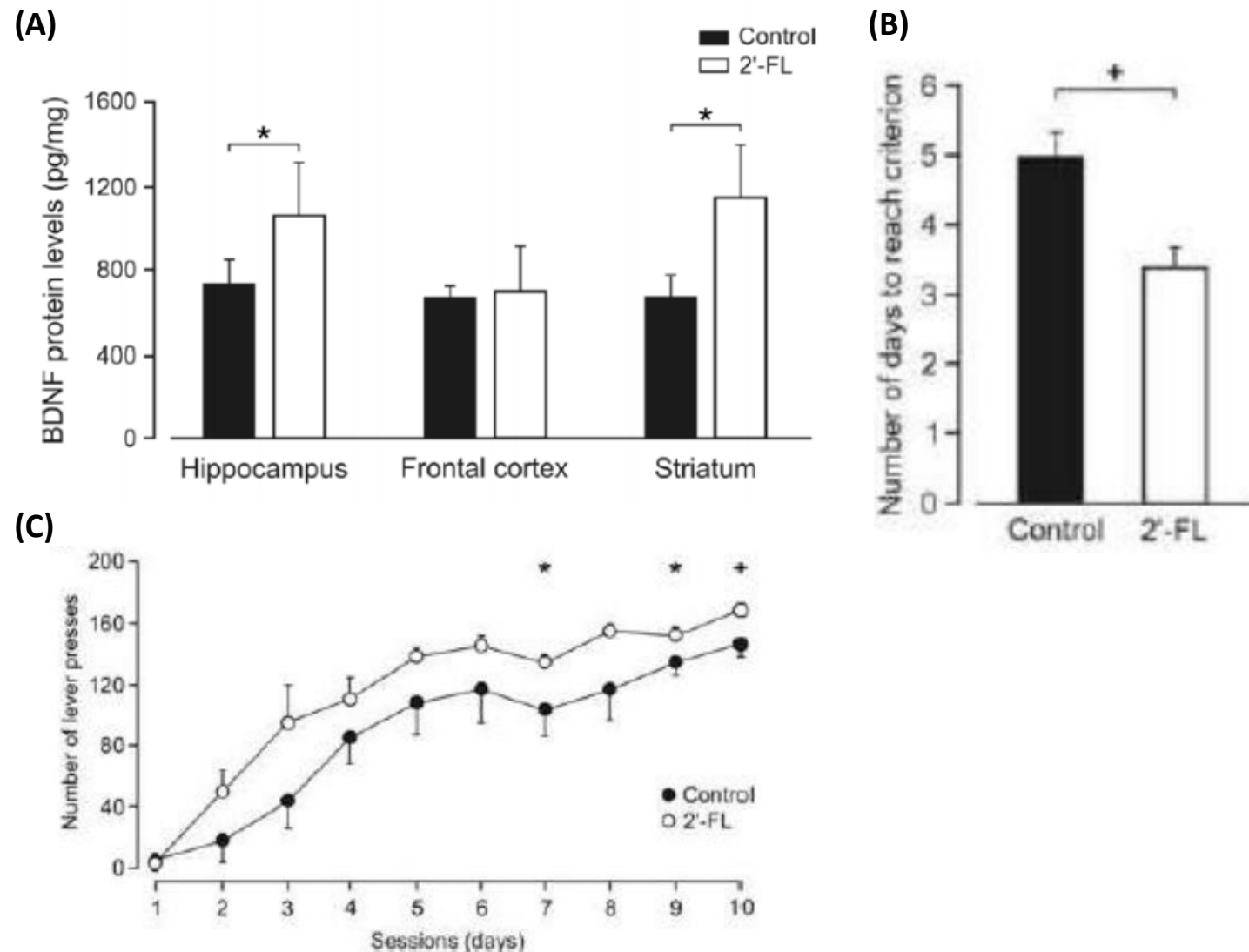
The human milk oligosaccharide 2'-FL modulates CD14 expression in human enterocytes, thereby attenuating LPS-induced inflammation (2014)

IL-8 (inflammation level) decreases in relation to increase in 2'-FL dose.

Inflammation levels controlled when treated with 2'-FL

2'-FL Supports Cognitive Development

- Increase in BDNF in both the hippocampus and striatum showed



Legend

BDNF (Brain-derived neurotrophic factor):
Indication of brain development

- (A) Level of BDNF in the cortex, striatum and hippocampus of 2'-FL fed rats as compared to control. Both the hippocampus and striatum from 2'-FL fed rats showed increased expression of BDNF.
- (B) 2'-FL-treated (6 weeks) rats reached the criterion in fewer sessions (*, $P = 0.053$) than the control group. The selected criterion was to press the lever up to 40 times/session and to repeat the same rate during the following session.
- (C) 2'-FL rats performed more lever presses than their littermate controls (*, $P \leq 0.05$)

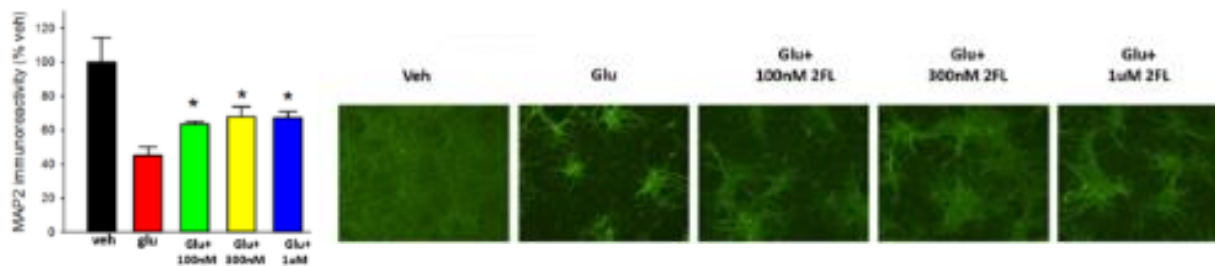
Effects of a 2'-FL on hippocampal long-term potentiation and learning capabilities in rodents

2'-FL helps in Brain Development

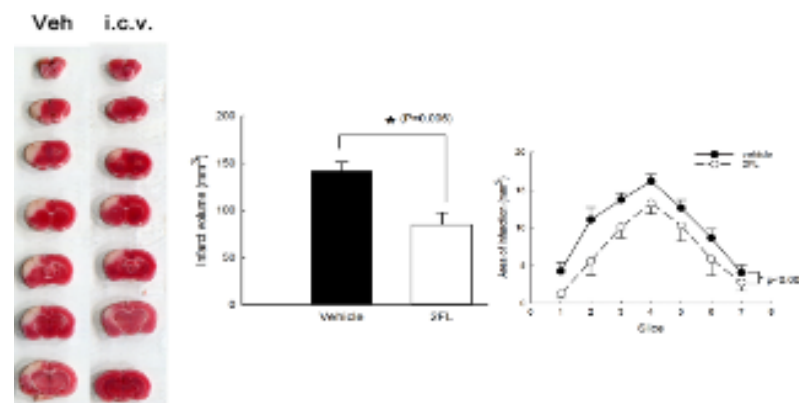
2'-FL Supports Brain Health

Neuroprotective action against Stroke (injection)

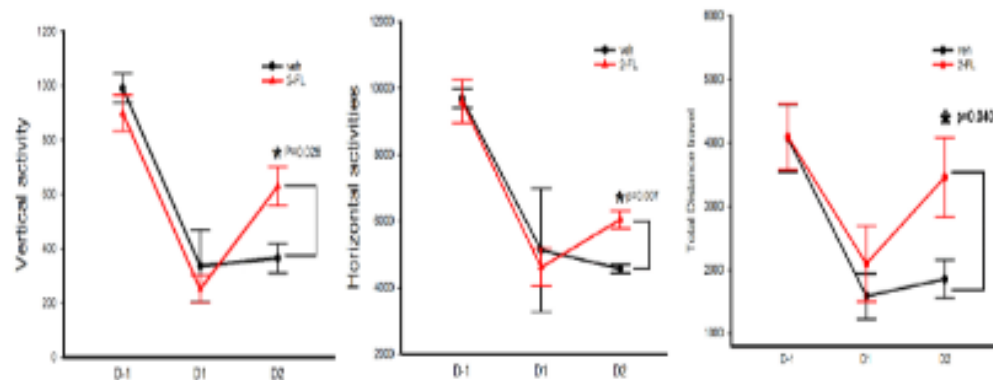
- 2'-FL prevents damage to MAP2 caused by glutamate even at low concentrations (less than 300nM)



- 2'-FL injection 30μg/kg on stroke induced rats suppressed cerebral infarction formation

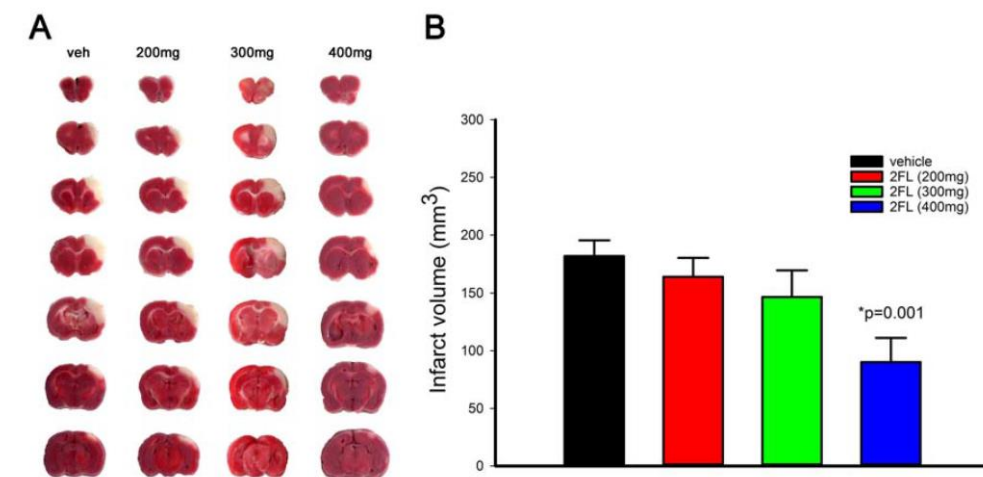


- Stroke induced rats' locomotor behavior when injected with 2'-FL (30μg/kg)

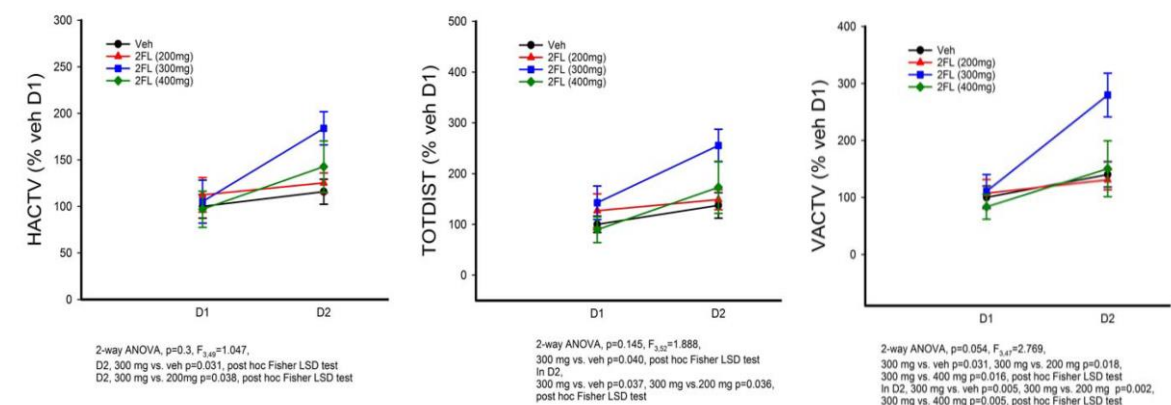


Neuroprotection against Stroke (Oral Administration)

- Identification of Brain Damage Prevention Effects Caused by Major Cerebral Arterial Stenosis
- Group that was administered with 2'-FL had a smaller area of brain injury



- Behavioural Analysis of Brain Damage Caused by Major Cerebral Arterial Stenosis
 - Significant difference in amount of activity between control group and group administered with 2'-FL



2'-FL Applications

- The Benefits of Breast Milk can be brought into Formula Milk, Functional Food and Cosmetics
- Possibility to Prevent and Treat Brain Health Related Diseases and Infections via the Microbiome

✓ Foods

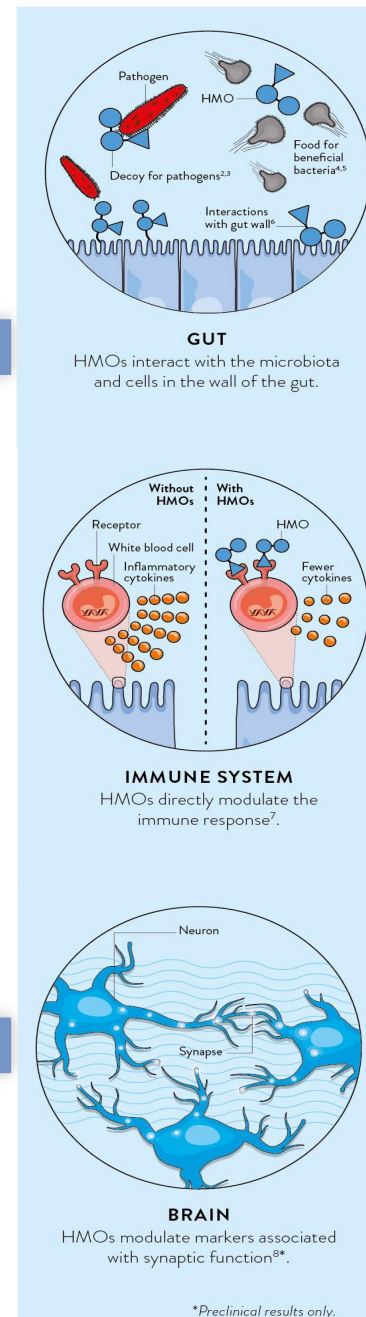


- Infant formula, Baby food
- Maternal Nutrition
- Prebiotics
- Synbiotics

✓ Household Products



- Oral care(Mouth Wash)
- Feminine hygiene
- Eye drop



✓ Cosmetics



- (Baby) Skincare
- Anti-aging, Fine dust care
- Skin microbiome control

✓ Pharmaceuticals



- Intestinal health care, CDI ...
- Stroke & Neuroprotection
- Allergy, Atopy, Rheumatism

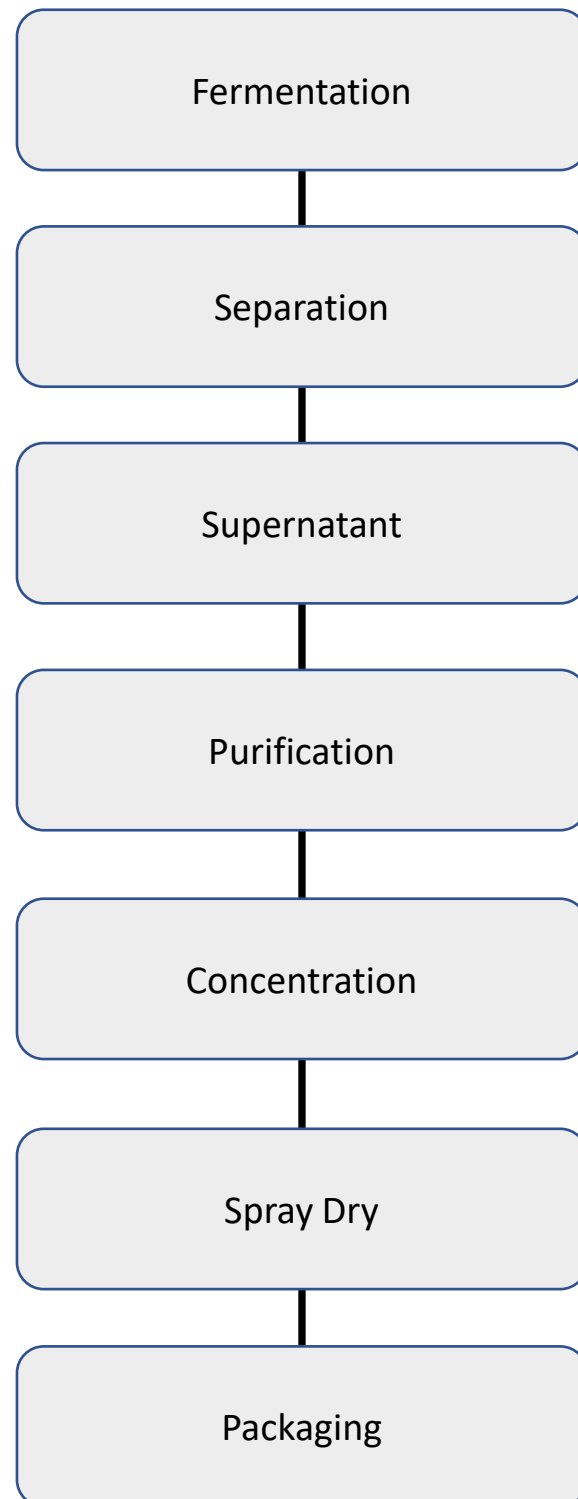
2'-FL Application Dosages

Proposed Food Uses	RACC	Proposed Level of Use (g/RACC)	Proposed Maximum Level of Use
Infant formula (0 to 6 months), including ready-to-drink formula or formula prepared from powder	100 g ^b	0.24	2.4 g/kg(4.0 g/kcal)
Follow-on formula (6 – 12 months), including ready-to-drink formula or formula prepared from powder	100 g ^b	0.24	2.4 g/kg(4.0 g/kcal)
Growing-up(toddler) milks (12 – 36 months)	100 g ^b	0.24	2.4 g/kg
Infant meal replacement products such as PediaSure®	100 g ^b	0.24	2.4 g/kg(4.0 g/kcal)
Yogurt and juice beverages identified as “baby” drinks	120 g	1.2	10 g/kg
Other baby foods for infants and young children	7 to 170 g	0.084 to 2.04	12 g/kg
Formula intended for pregnant women (Pregnancy formulas, -9 to 0 months)	200 ml ^b	1.2	6.0 g/l
Yogurt	225 g	1.2	5.3 g/kg
Flavored milks, including chocolate milk, coffee drinks, cocoa, smoothies (dairy and fruit-based), other fruit and dairy combinations, yogurt drinks, and fermented milk drinks including kefir	240 ml	0.28	1.2 g/l
Ready to eat breakfast cereals for adults and children	15 g (puffed), 40 g (high-fiber), 60 g (biscuit-types)	1.2	80 g/kg(puffed) 30 g/kg(high-fiber) 20 g/kg(biscuit-types)
Fruit juices and nectars	240 ml	0.28	1.2 g/l
Desserts including fruit desserts, cobblers, yogurt/fruit combinations(“junior type” desserts)	110 g	1.2	10.9 g/kg
Sports, isotonic and energy drinks	240 ml	0.28	1.2 g/l
Meal replacement drinks for weight reduction	240 ml	1.2	5 g/l
Oral nutritional supplements and enteral tube feeding (11 years and older)	200 g ^b	4.0	20 g/kg
Cosmetics	-	0.5-1%	-

APT 2'-FL Manufacturing Process

Development of 2'-FL Production Strain at Biosafety Level 1 (BSL1)

2'-FL Manufacturing Process



- Transporter and Enzyme using BSL1 Safe Microorganisms
 - * BSL1 (Bio-Safety Level 1) : Completely Safe Microorganism
- Feb 2019 Korean MFDS Strain Safety Application Completed

APT 2'-FL Cost Competitiveness & IP

Manufacturing Technological Competitiveness and Differentiation

Differentiated Production Strain

- APT's 2'-FL GRAS* Production Strain Differentiation
 - Usage of *C. glutamicum* as a food production strain
 - Existing use for mass production of food ingredients minimising safety concerns
- Competitor Companies Overseas using *E. coli* for Production
 - Safety & Patent Concerns using the same *E. coli* strain

*GRAS : Generally Recognized As Safe

2'-FL Development Status



- GRAS microorganism *C. glutamicum*
- Registration and Obtaining of Patent
- Fermentation and Purification Technology Completed



- Using *E. coli* as production strain
- 2015 US FDA & 2017 EU Registration
- 2018 Lawsuit with Glycosyn regarding production strain



- Using *E. coli* as production strain
- 2015 US FDA & EU Registration
- 2'-FL Added to Nestle Infant Formula

Patent Status

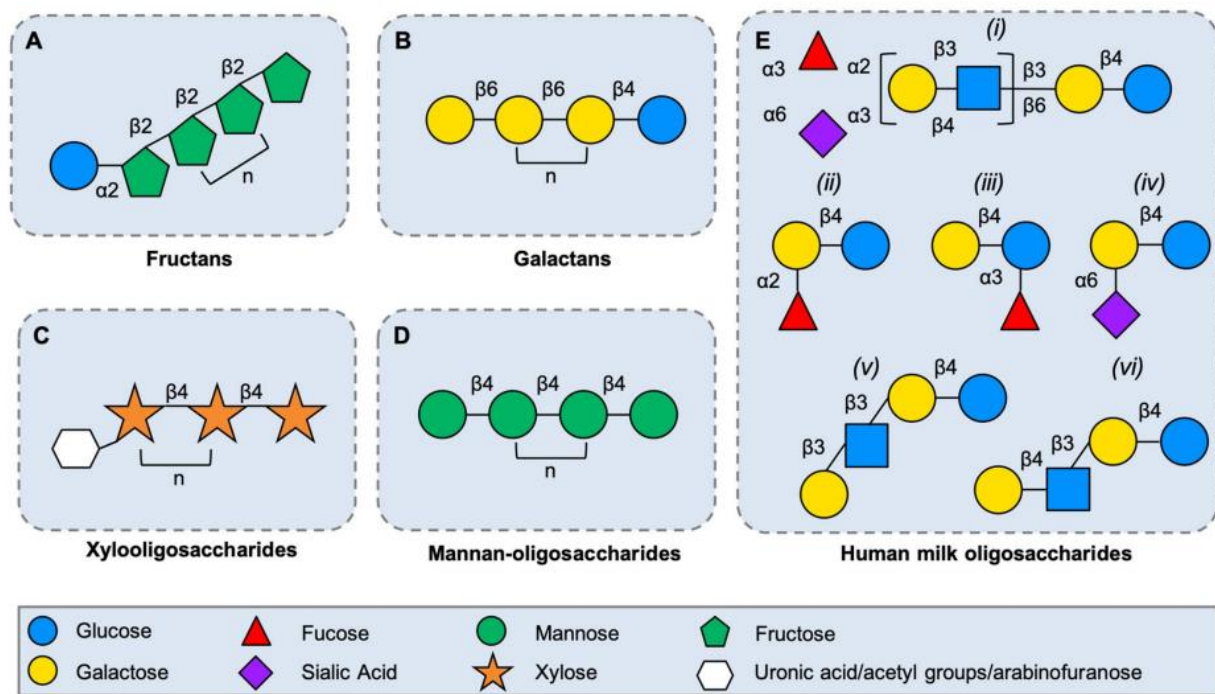
- Patent (Reg No. 10-1731263)
 - 2'-FL Production Method using *C. glutamicum* (US, EU, China, Japan, Australia, Canada, India Application)
 - Related Patent: Cosmetic Products (Reg No. 10—1972925)
- Patent Application : Strain and Production Related Patent Strengthening and Applications
 - 2'-FL BSL1 Conversion Enzyme & Production Strain *C. glutamicum* Production Method
 - Application of 2'-FL in Stroke Treatment, Eye Drops
- Trademark : “Momstamin” (Korea, US, Europe, China, Japan)



Oligosaccharide Comparison

- HMOs are more structurally diverse hence creating specificity for Bifidobacteria and immune system

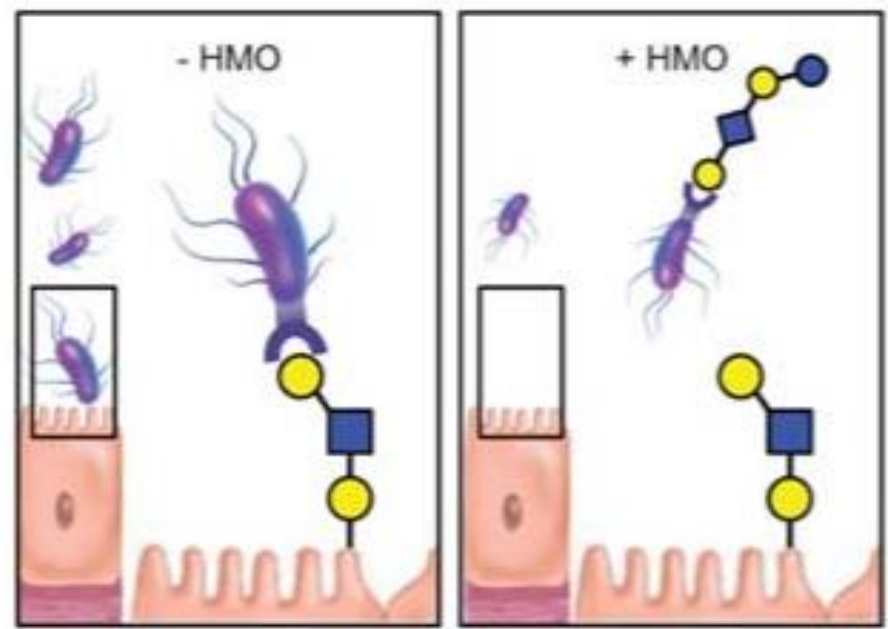
Physical Differences



Comparison Chart

Oligosaccharide	Bifidus factor	Use by Non-bifido Bacteria	Exist in Breast Milk	Minimal dosage (g/day)
FOS	Y	Y	N	3
Lactosucrose	Y	Y	N	2
GOS	Y	Y	N	2.5
Lactulose	Y	Y	N	3
IMOS	Y	Y	N	10
XOS	N	Y	N	0.4~0.7
SBOS	Y	Y	N	5
Raffinose	Y	Y	N	3
2'-FL	Y	N	Y	1.87

Prebiotics: tools to manipulate the gut microbiome and metabolome (2019)



Human Milk Oligosaccharides: Every baby needs a sugar mama (2012)

2'-FL is specific to Bifidobacteria

APT 2'-FL Details

Specifications

Physical Properties	White to off white/ ivory powder
Purity	≥94%
Water content	≤9.0%
Solubility in Water	500 g/L (25°C)
Heat Stability	Up to 250°C
Microbiology analysis	
Standard Plate Count, cfu/g	≤ 500
Yeast and Mold, cfu/g	≤ 100
Coliform, cfu/g	≤ 10
<i>E. coli</i>	Absent in 25 g
<i>Cronobacter</i>	Absent in 60 g
Staphylococcus aureus	Absent in 1 g
<i>Salmonella</i>	absent in 25 g
Endotoxins, EU/g	≤ 100

Product Details

HS Code	2940 0000
Sweetness	Low
Shelf Life	24 months
Storage Temperature	15-25°C
Packaging Size	1kg , 15 kg.