Spatiotemporal dynamics during niche remodeling by super-colonizing bacteria in the mammalian gut

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Gut dysbiosis leads to various chronic disorders



Fecal Microbiota Transplantation (FMT) is the current standard for treating dysbiosis



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FMT leads to variable colonization outcomes depending on donor-recipient combinations





Mouse microbiomes vary between commercial vendors



FMT via co-housing identifies Envigo 'Super Donor'



Donor: Recipient entropy correlates with FMT outcomes



MaPS-seq: Micron-scale ecological surveys



Quadrat Sampling



Kristen Earle. Photomicrography competition. 2015.



Super-Colonizing Bacteria form Spatial Associations in FMT Recipients



 $Jax^{Env} = Post FMT mice$

Interactions within donor microbiome correlate with engraftment in recipient



Env = Donor Env2Jax = Post FMT mice

'Super Colonizers' metabolize broad sources of nutrients



Jax^{Env} = Post FMT mice



<u>Key idea:</u>

'Super Colonizers' access unused **nutrient niches** within the host

Niche accession dictates colonization

Compete for niches

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Access unused niches





Summary & Conclusions

- Super colonization is associated with higher diversity & spatial associations
- Spatially-associating communities may cooperatively access unused nutrients to promote colonization
- Microbiome **niche complementarity** should be a guiding principle in FMT therapies





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