



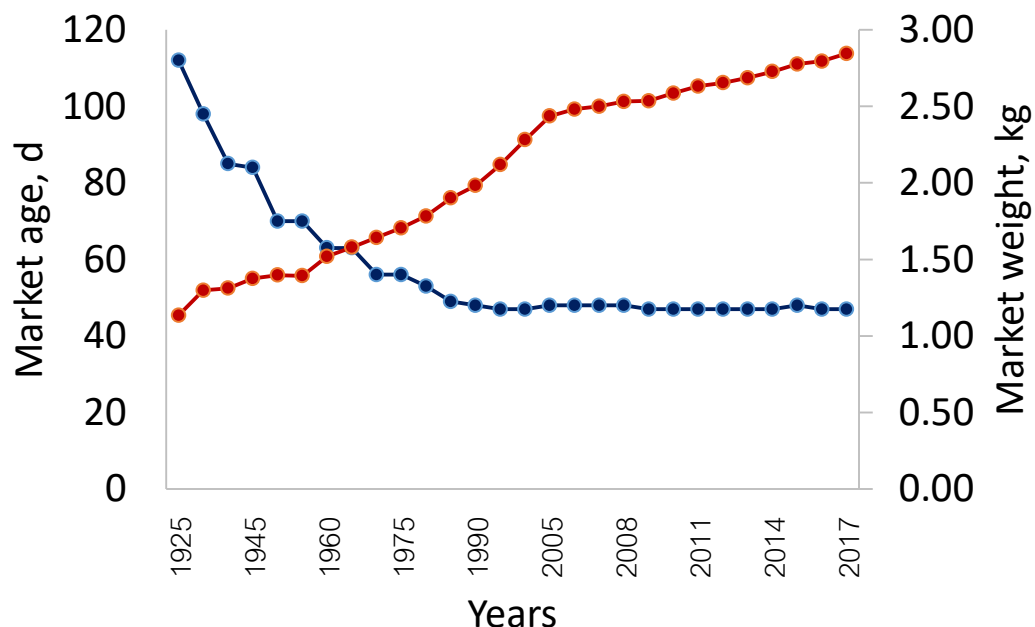
# Small molecular weight metabolites regulating growth and immunity as postbiotic antibiotic alternatives

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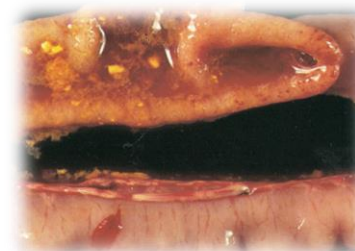
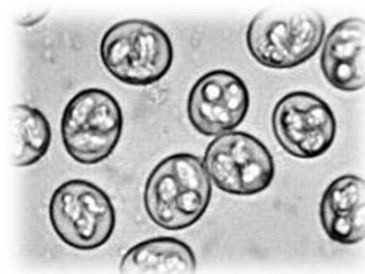
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# Introduction: antibiotic alternatives

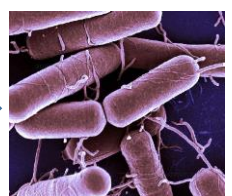
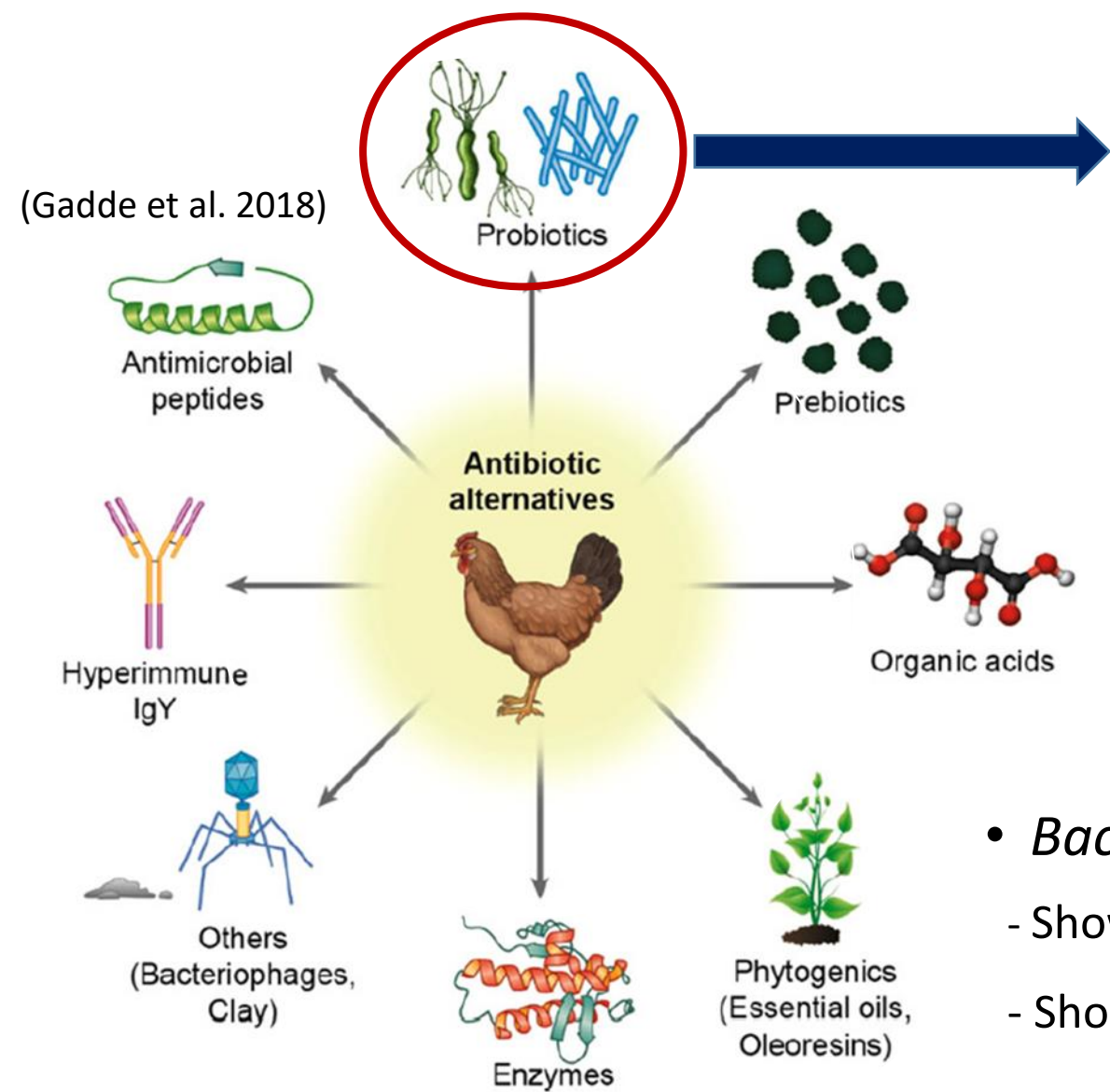
Market age and weight since 1925 (chickens)



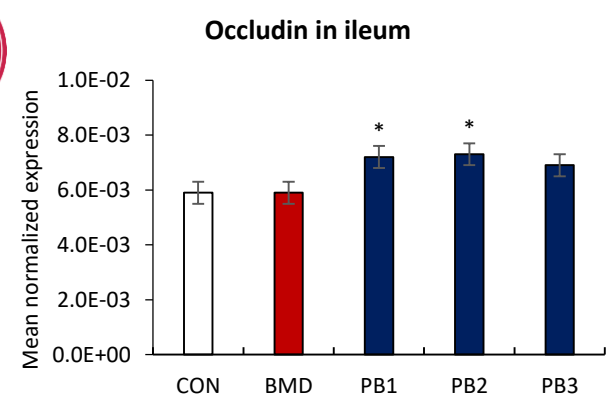
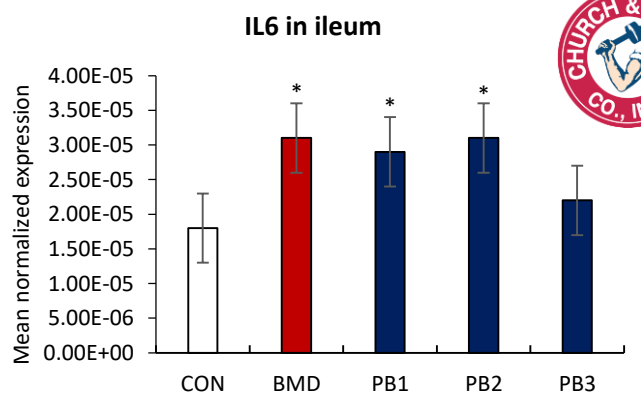
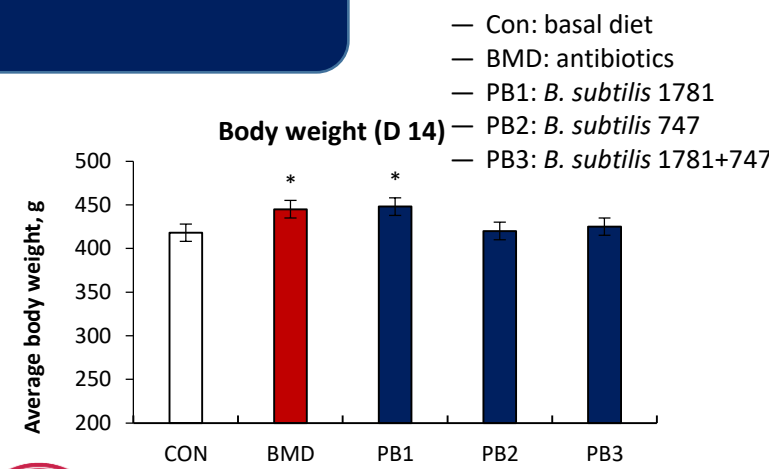
- Avian coccidiosis with *Eimeria* spp
- Necrotic enteritis
- With AGP withdrawal, there is an urgent need to develop antibiotic alternatives.



# Introduction: antibiotic alternatives



*Bacillus subtilis*  
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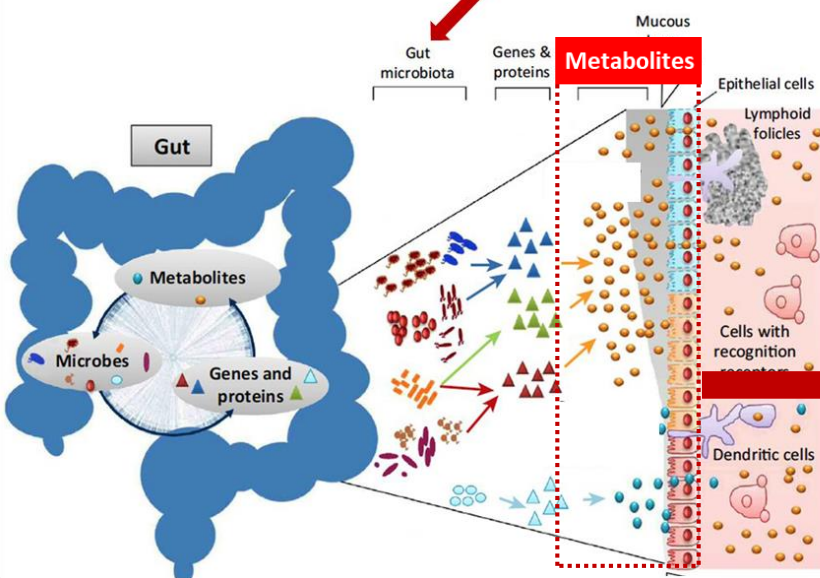
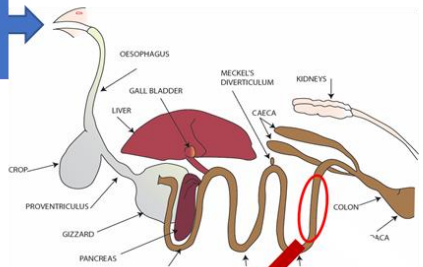


- *Bacillus subtilis* as probiotics in chicken feed
  - Shows growth-promoting effect (Gadde et al. 2017)
  - Shows a protective role against chicken pathogen (Park et al. 2019)

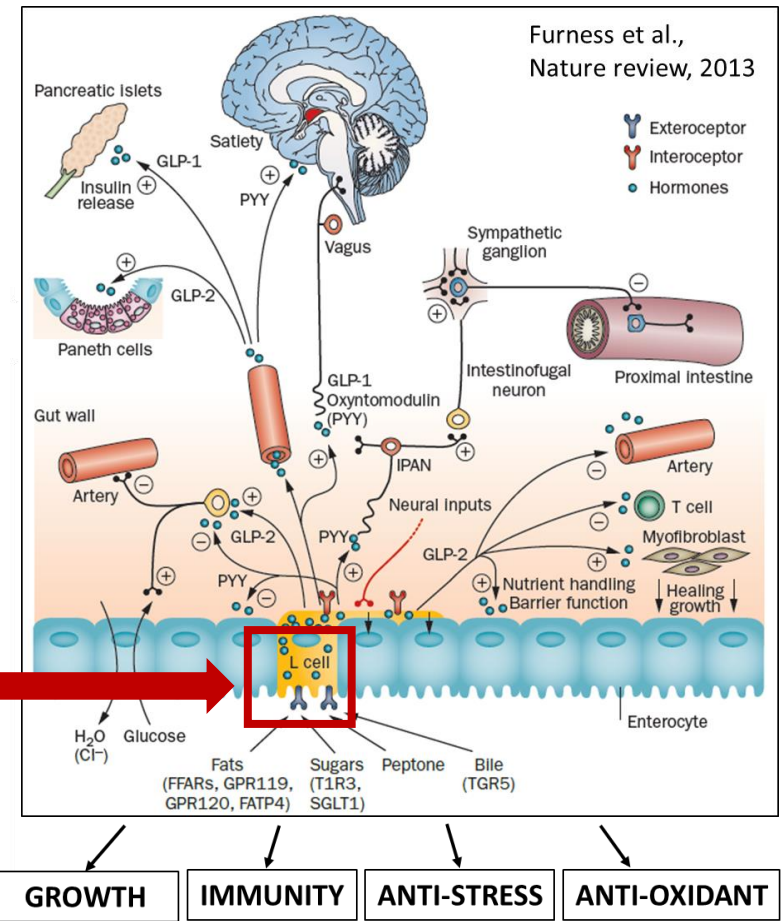
# Introduction: gut microbiota and metabolites

- What is the mechanisms of dietary *Bacillus subtilis* supplementation?

• Nutrients  
• Pathogens



Moya and Ferrer, Trends in Microbiology, 2016



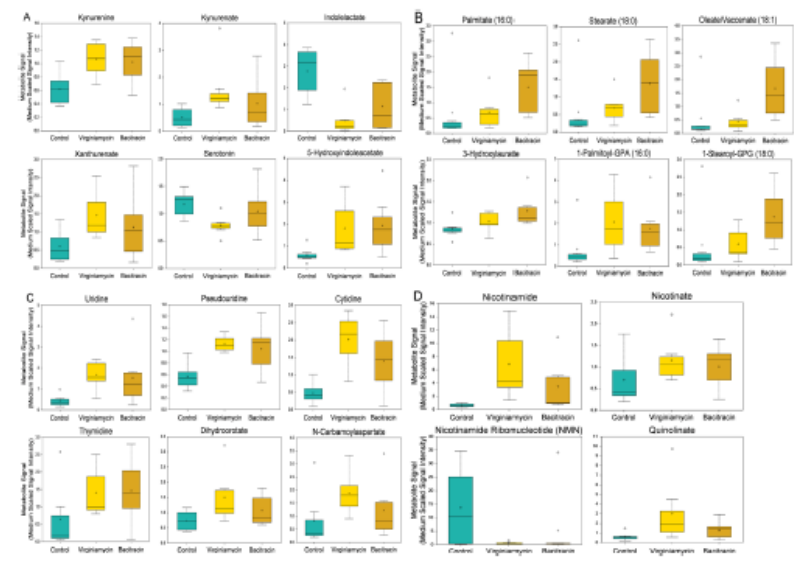
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## SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

**OPEN** Antibiotic growth promoters virginiamycin and bacitracin methylene disalicylate alter the chicken intestinal metabolome

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**“Postbiotics” novel materials promoting gut health as functional additive of diet**

# Objective of this study

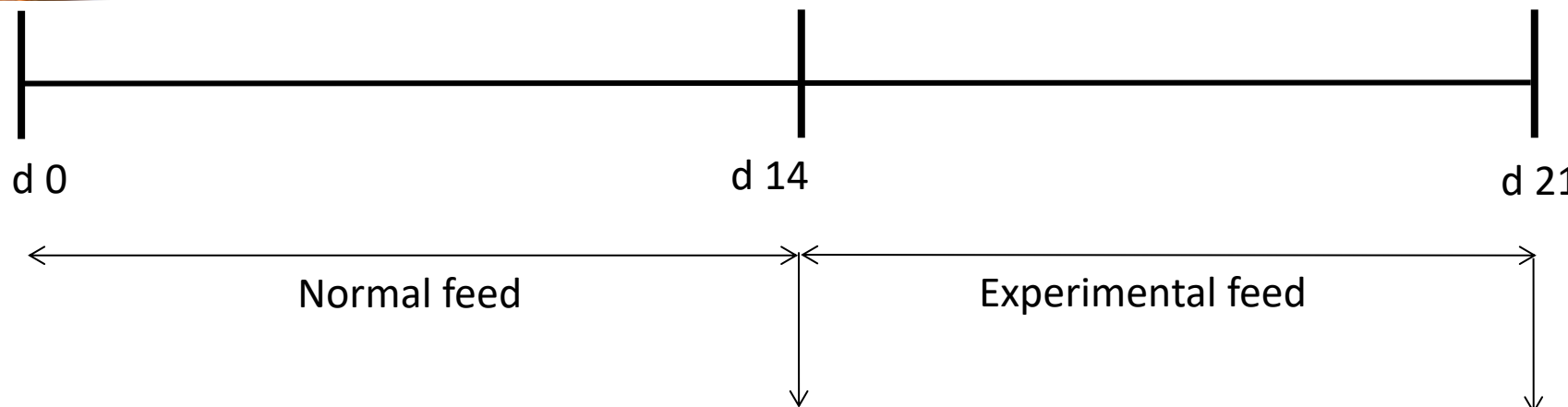
- Therefore, the current study was undertaken to characterize the metabolic alterations in the chicken gut following dietary supplementation with *B. subtilis* DFMs with the goal of identifying potential chemical compounds that might be directly used to improve poultry growth performance without the use of AGPs.

# Materials and Methods

84 male day-old Ross 708 broilers



ileal content from euthanized chickens  
(2 chickens/pen = total 8 chickens/treatment)



### Measurements:

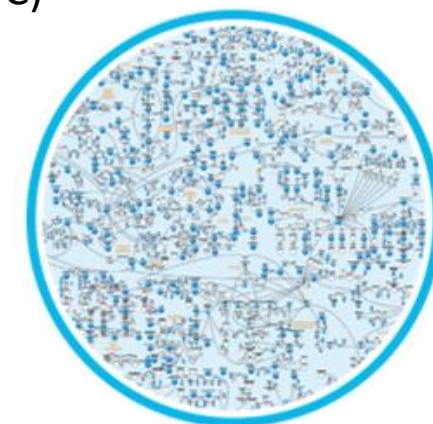
- Metabolomic profiling of the ileal contents by mass spectrometry (Metabolon, Durham, NC)

- Initial body weight
- Allocation to 3 treatments
- Body weight
- Feed intake

Treatments	Supplements	Dose	Chickens/cage	Replication
CON	Basal diet		7	4
<i>B. subtilis</i> 1781	CON+ <i>B. subtilis</i> 1781	$1.5 \times 10^5$ CFU/g feed	7	4
<i>B. subtilis</i> 747	CON+ <i>B. subtilis</i> 747	$1.5 \times 10^5$ CFU/g feed	7	4



- *B. subtilis* strains were obtained from Church & Dwight Co. Inc. (Waukesha, WI).



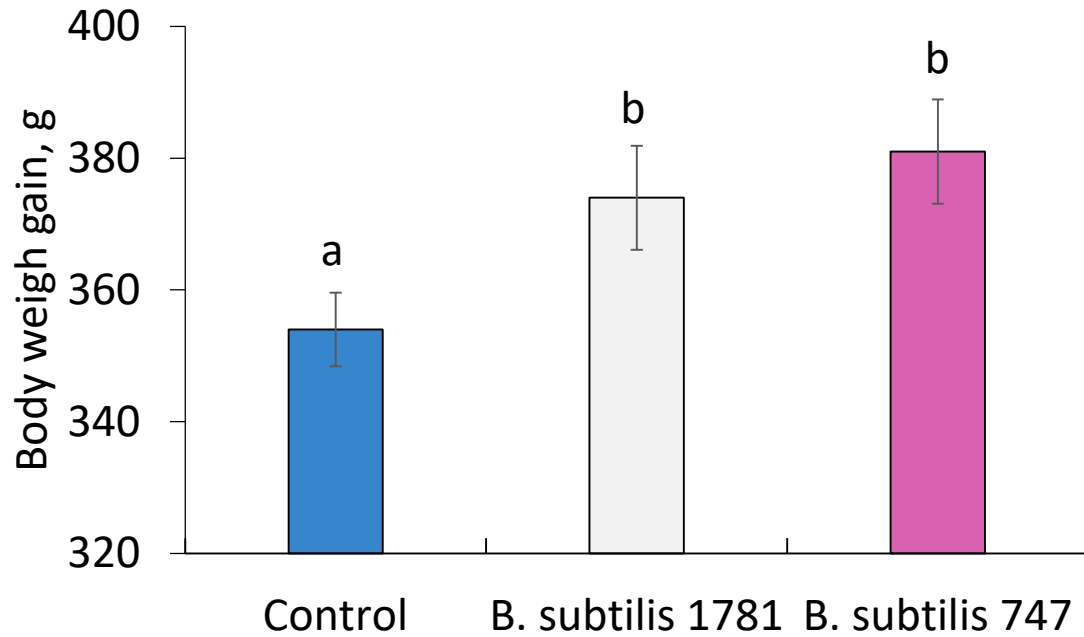
Metabolic pathways

# Materials and Methods

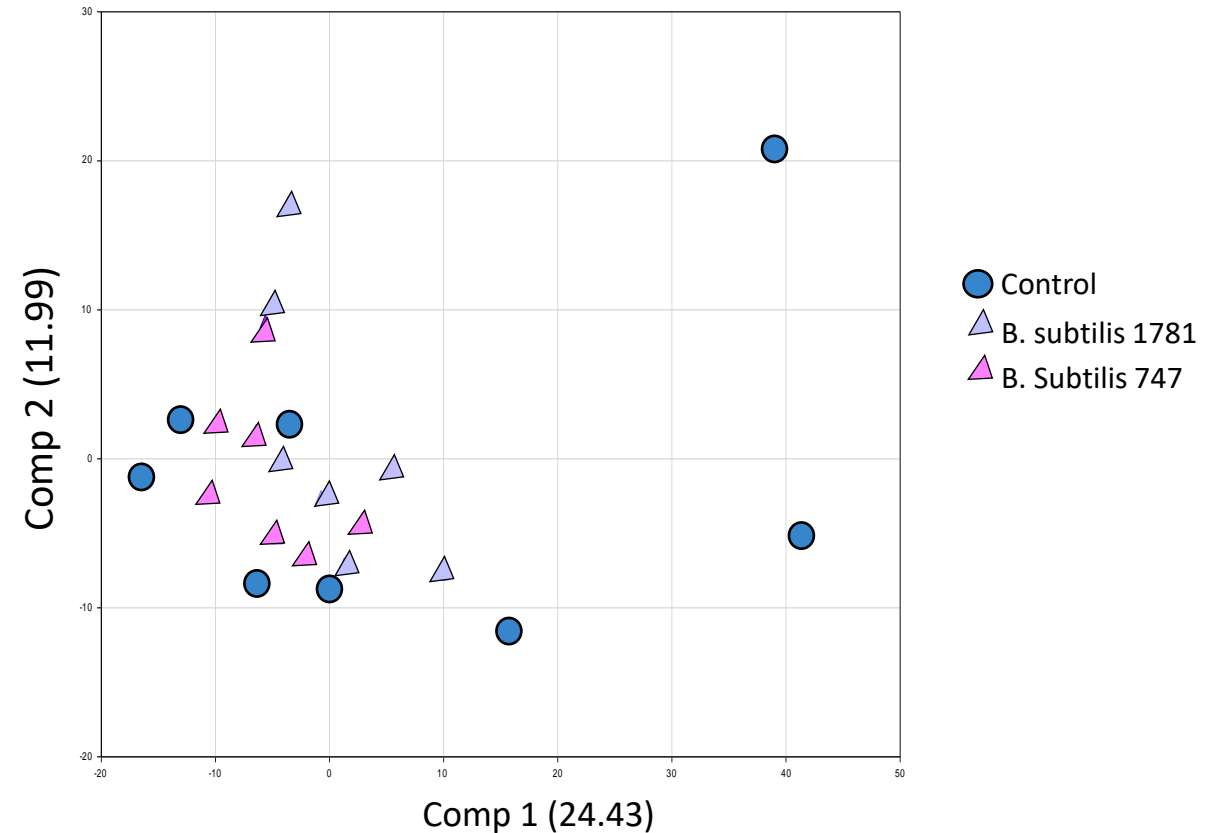
- Statistical Analysis
  - Growth performance
    - PROC MIXED in SAS (SAS Inst. Inc., Cary NC)
    - $P$  values  $< 0.05$
    - PDIFF option
  - Ileal biochemicals
    - Array Studio software (OmicSoft, Cary, NC)
    - the programs R (R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria)
    - JMP (SAS Institute)
    - $P$  values  $< 0.05$
    - Random Forest Analysis (RFA) by computing the Mean Decrease Accuracy

# Result: growth effect and biochemical distribution

Body weight gain of chickens



Body weight gain = final body weight – initial body weight

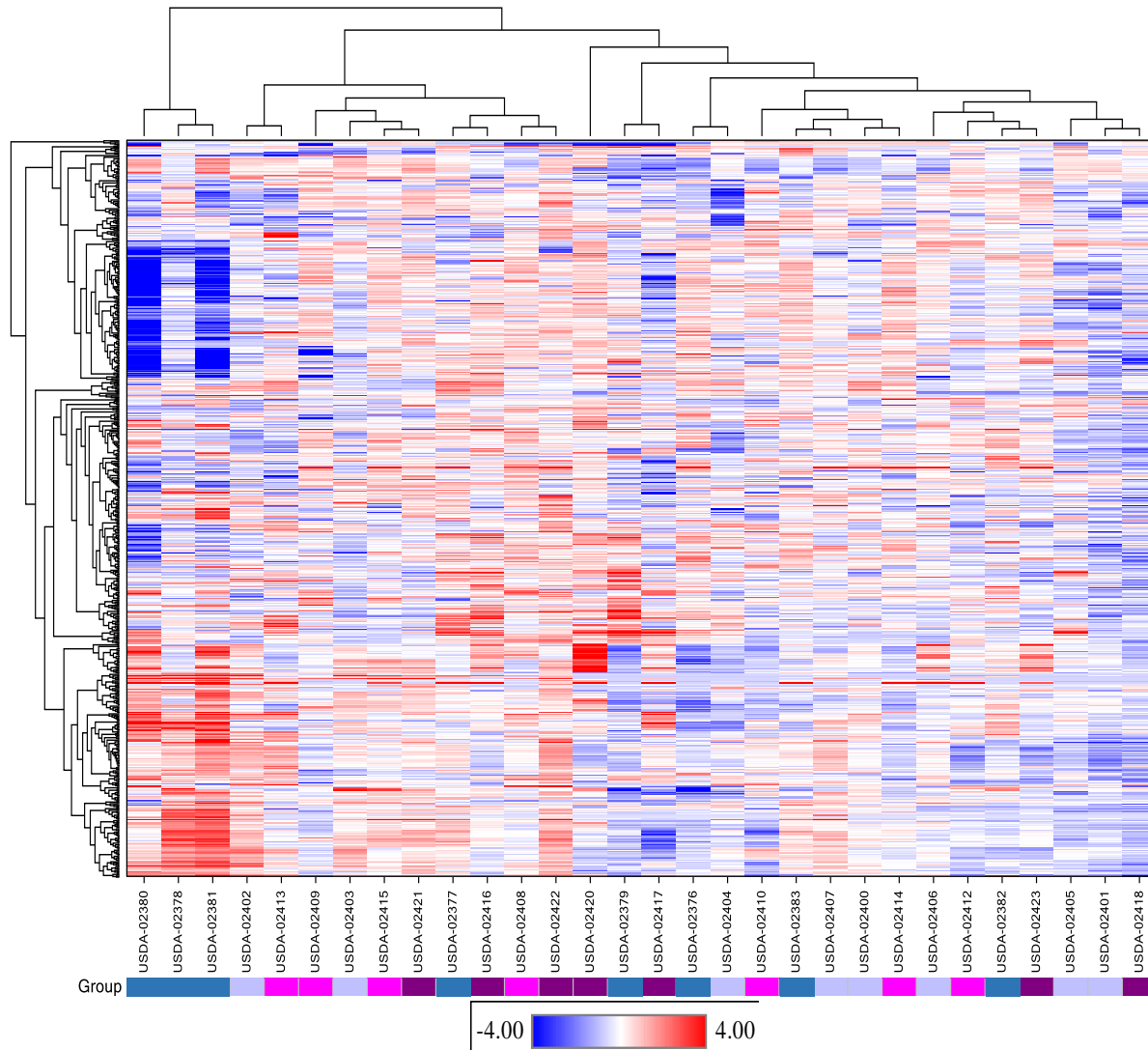


Principal component analysis of ileal biochemicals



# Result: hierarchical clustering heatmap

Biochemical profiles

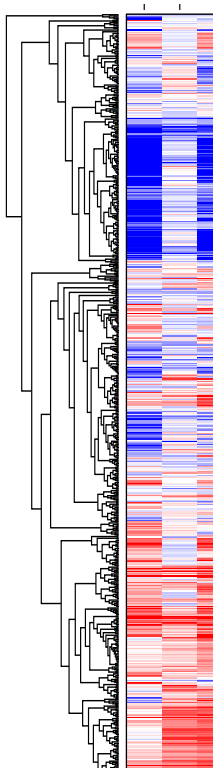


Control  
*B. subtilis* 1781  
*B. subtilis* 747

- Total 674 biochemicals
- Con vs *B. subtilis* 1781
  - Increased 209 (25;  $P < 0.05$ )
  - Decreased 461 (58;  $P < 0.05$ )
- Con vs *B. subtilis* 747
  - Increased 265 (12;  $P < 0.05$ )
  - Decreased 402 (38;  $P < 0.05$ )

# Result: pathways in this study

Biochemical profiles

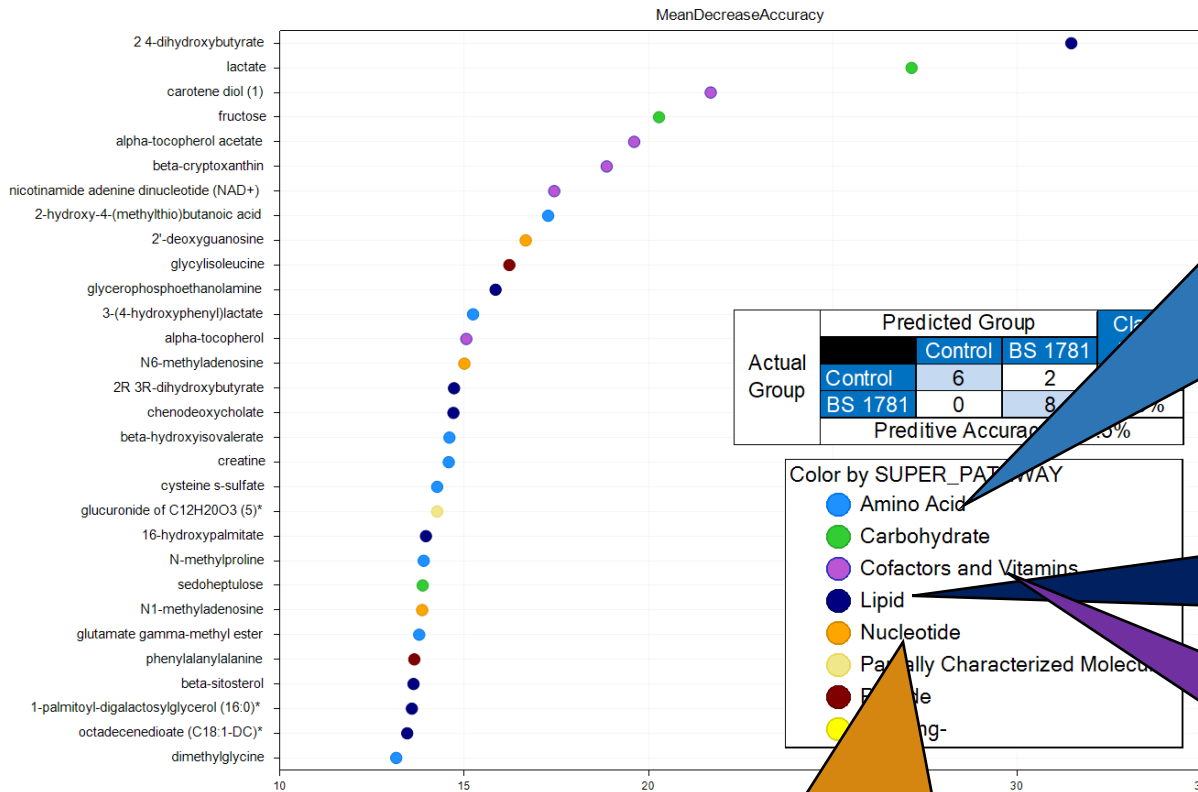


- 193 amino acid pathways
  - 32 carbohydrate pathways
  - 263 lipid pathways
  - 42 cofactors and vitamins pathways
  - 51 nucleotide pathways
  - 12 energy pathways
  - 81 unknown pathways
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- 498 Human Metabolome Database (HMDB)
  - 336 Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) codes



# Result: random forest analysis and plot

## CON vs *B. subtilis* 1781



### • 8 amino acids (26.7%)

- 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid
- 3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)lactate
- beta-hydroxycholelate
- creatine
- cystein s-sulfate
- N-methylproline
- glutamate gamma-methyl ester
- dimethylglycine

### • 8 lipids (26.7%)

- 2,4-dihydroxybutyrate
- glycerophosphoethanolamine
- 2R 3R-dihydroxybutyrate
- chenodeoxycholte
- 16-hydroxypalmitate
- beta-sitosterol
- 1-palmitoyl-digalactosylglycerol (16:0)
- octadecenedioate

### • 5 vitamins and cofactors (16.7%)

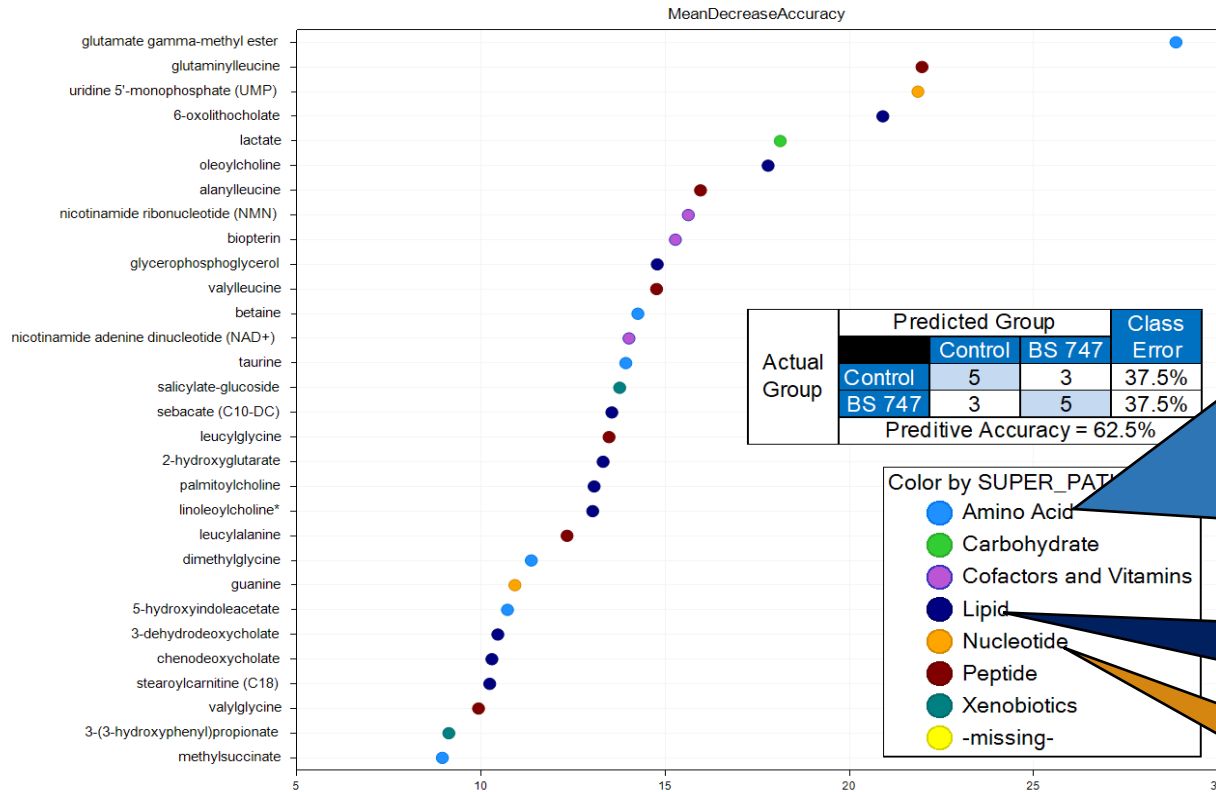
- carotene diol
- alpha-tocopherol acetate
- beta-cryptoxanthin
- nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD+)
- alpha-tocopherol

### • 3 nucleotides (10.0%)

- 2'deoxyguanosine
- N6-methyladenosine
- N1-methyladenosine

# Result: random forest analysis and plot

## CON vs *B. subtilis* 747



### • 6 amino acids (20.0%)

- glutamate gamma-methyl ester
- betaine
- taurine
- dimethylglycine
- 5-hydroxyindoleacetate
- methylsuccinate

### • 6 peptides (20.0%)

- glutaminylleucine
- alanylleucine
- valylleucine
- leucylglycine
- leucylalanine
- valylglycine

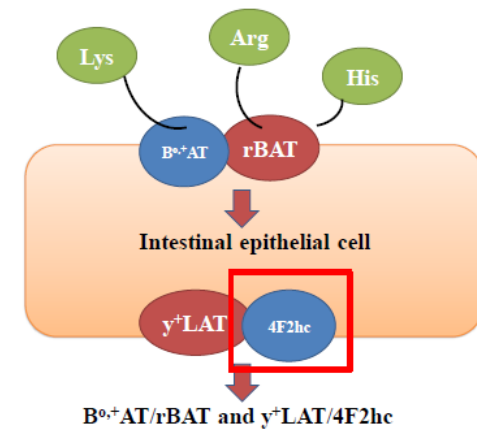
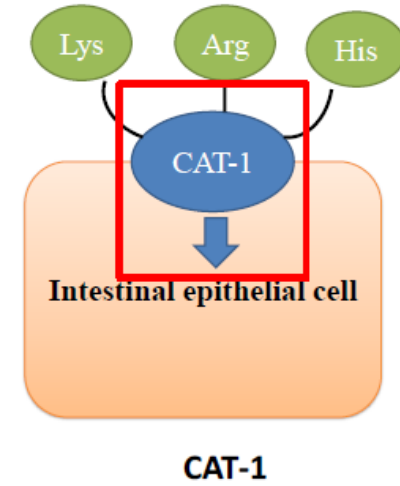
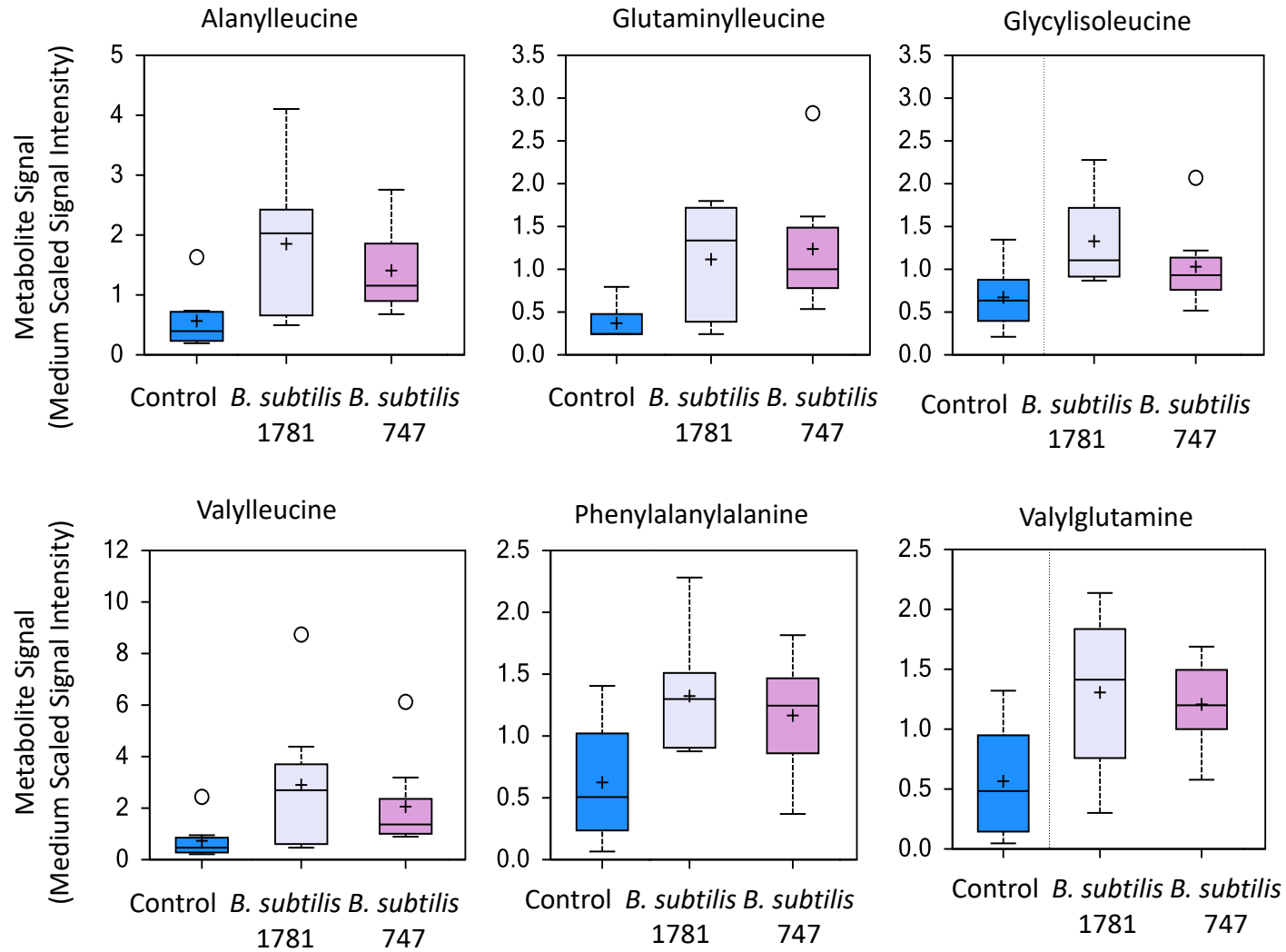
### • 10 lipids (33.0%)

- 6-oxolithocholate
- oleoylcholine
- glycerophosphoglycerol
- sebacate (C10-DC)
- 2-hydroxyglutarate
- palmitoylcholine
- linoleoylcholine
- 3-dehydrodeoxycholate
- chenodeoxycholate
- stearoylcarnitine (C18)

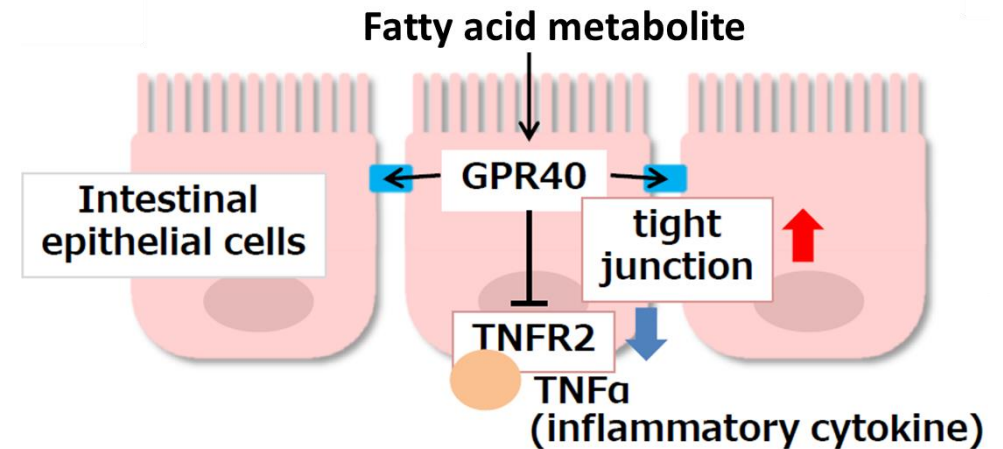
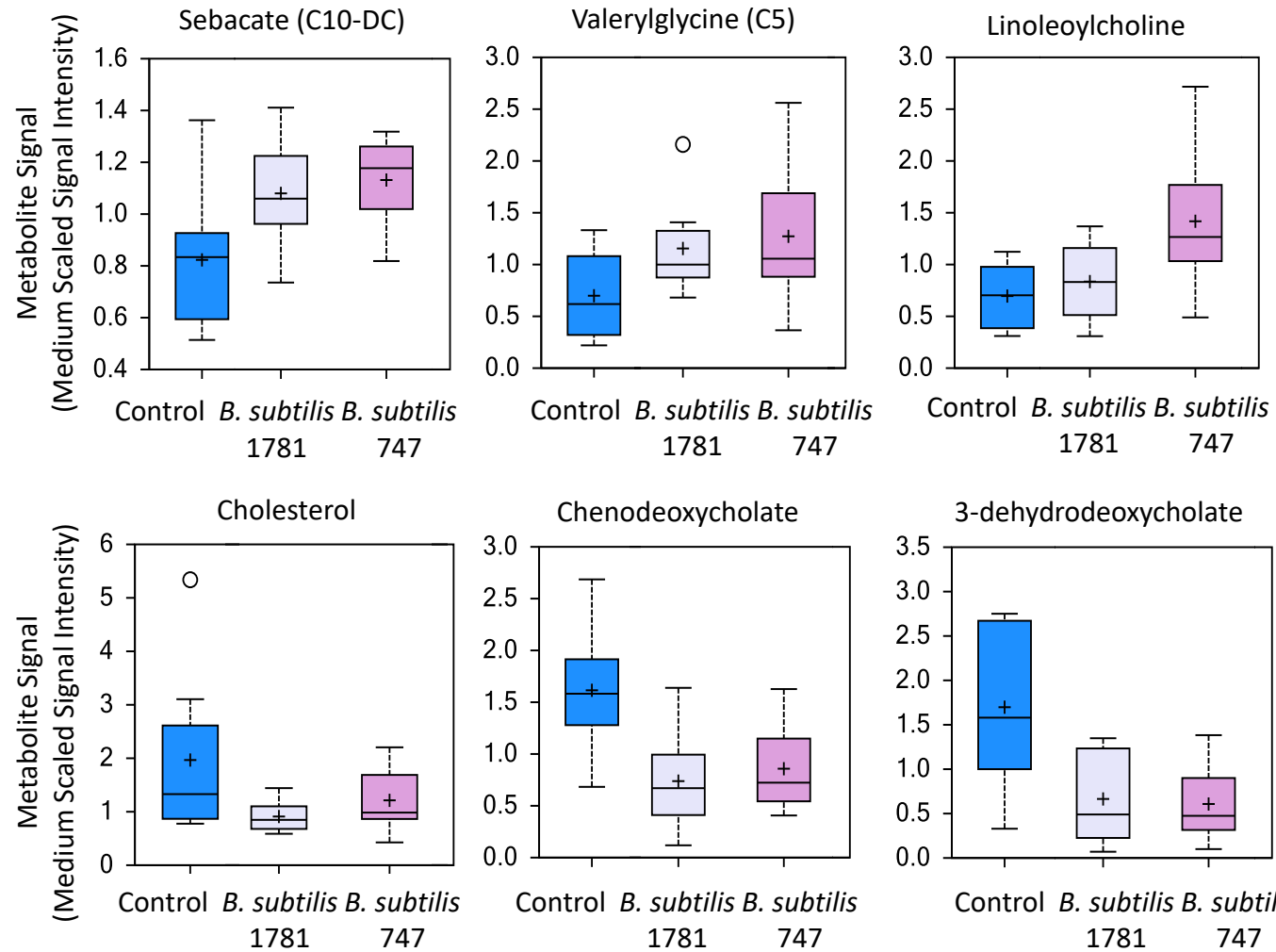
### • 2 nucleotides (0.1 %)

- uridine 5'-monophosphate (UMP)
- guanine

# Result: amino acids (dipeptides)



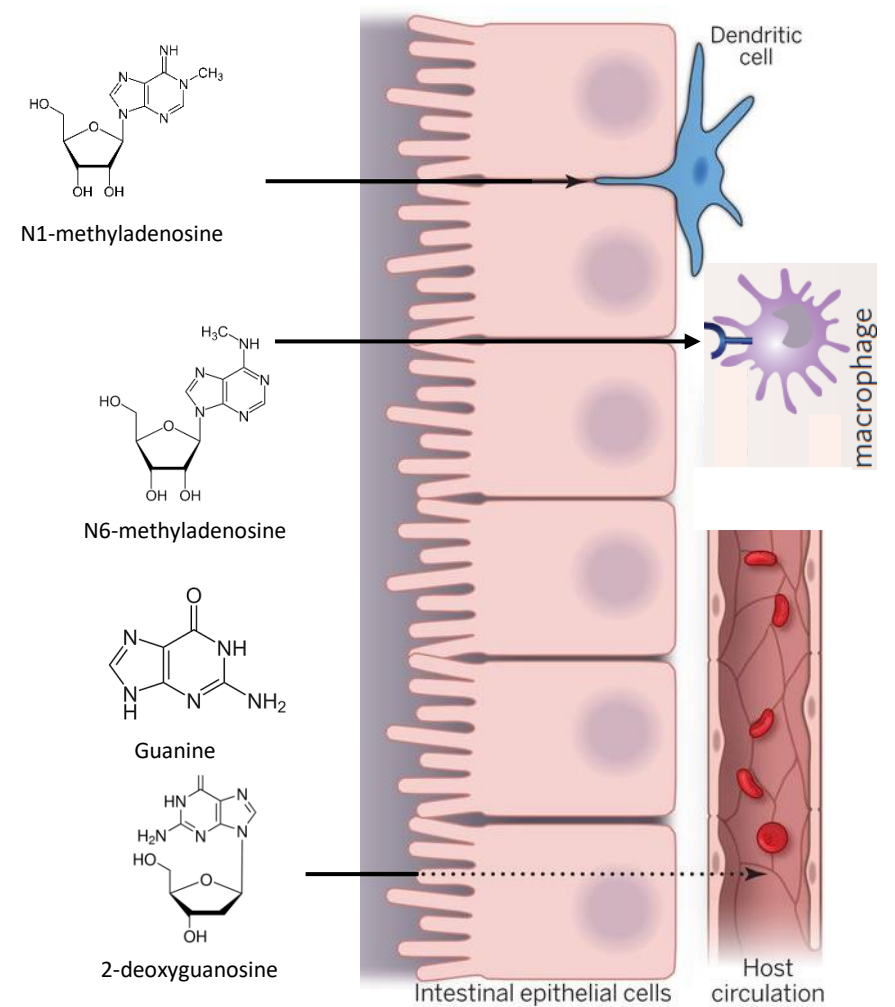
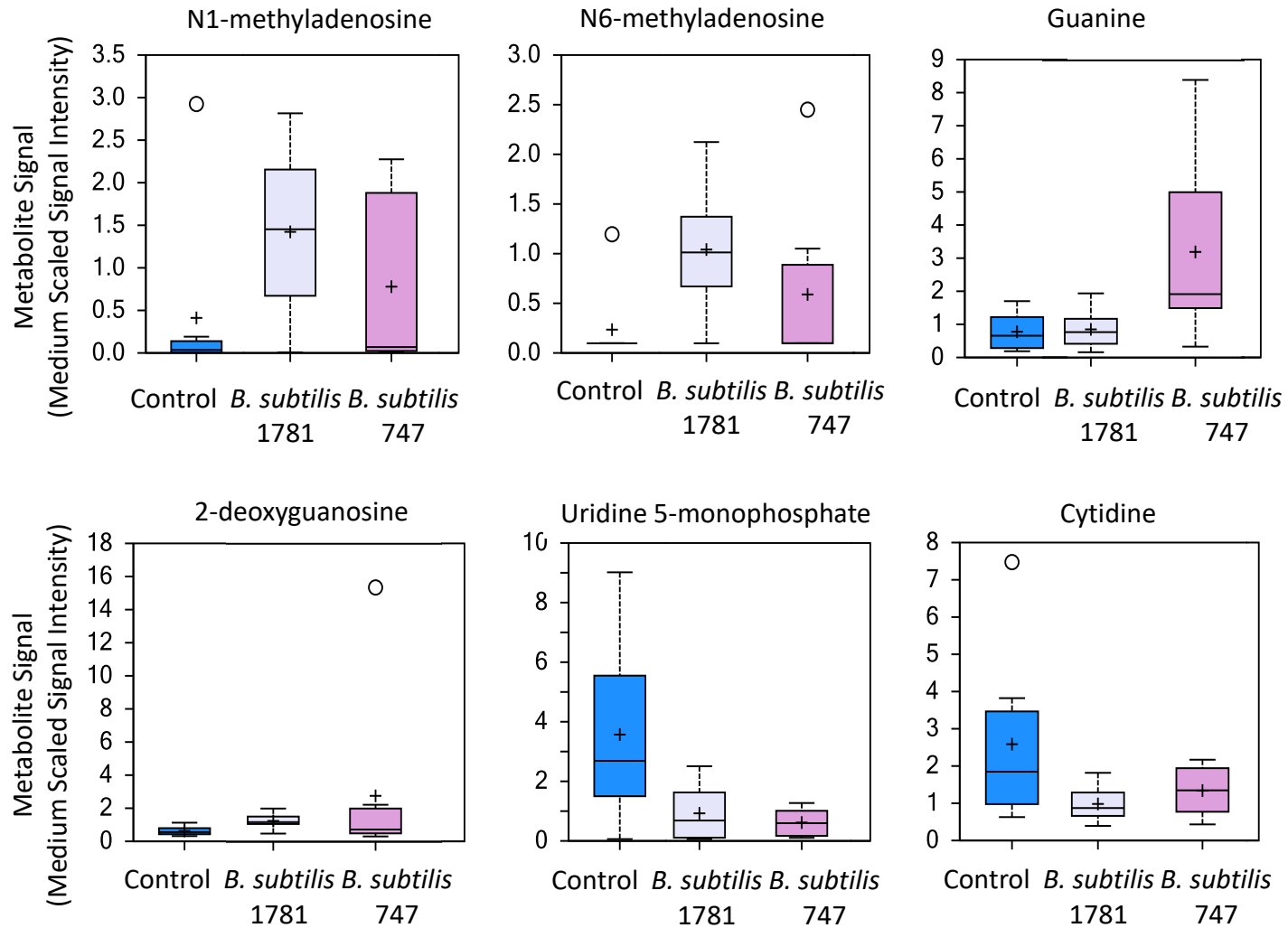
# Result: lipids



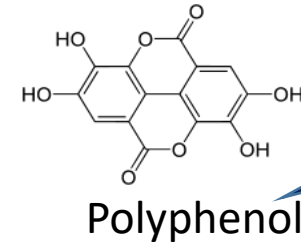
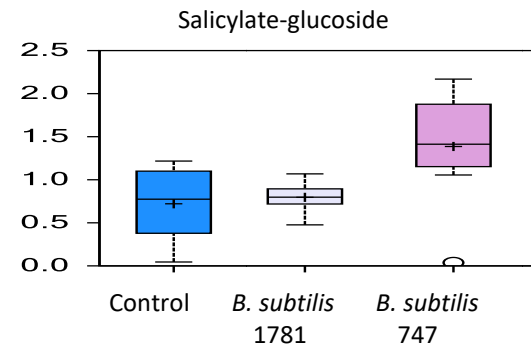
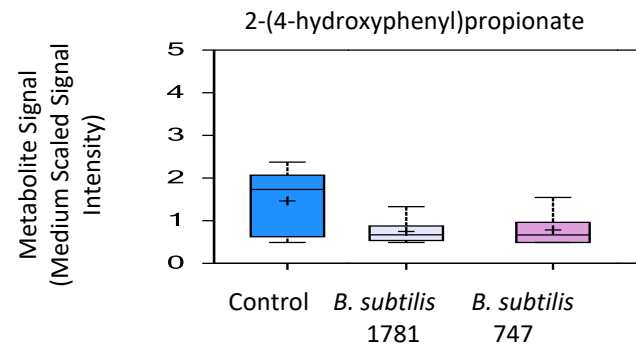
GPR : G protein-coupled receptor  
 TNFR : Tumor necrosis factor receptor

Miyamoto et al., 2015

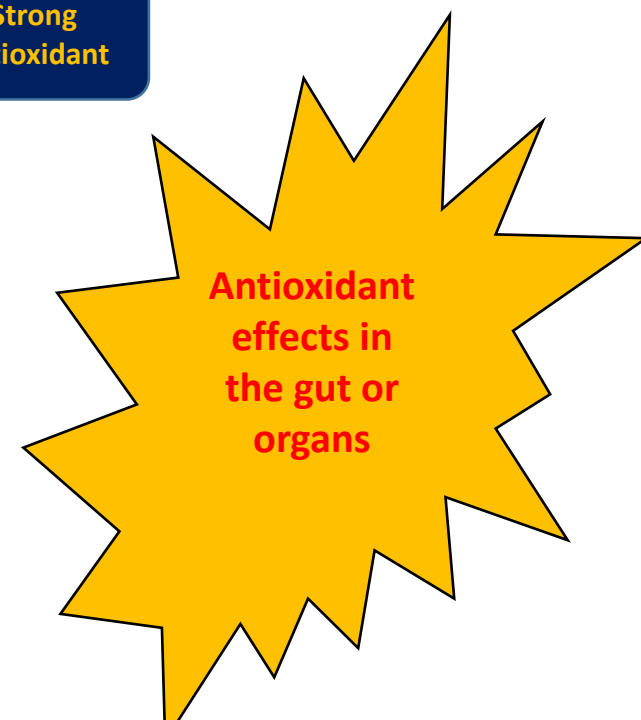
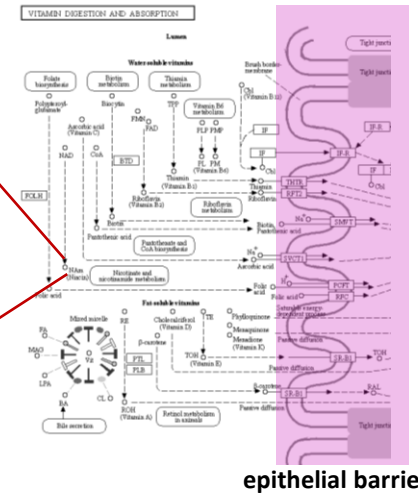
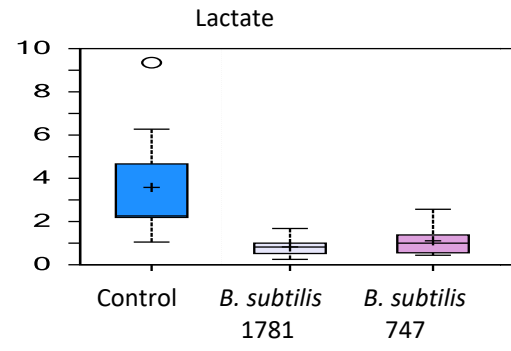
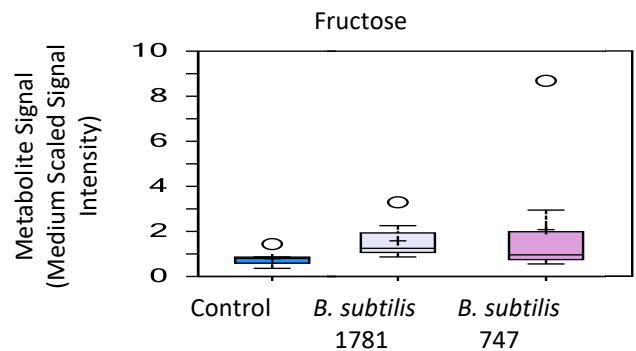
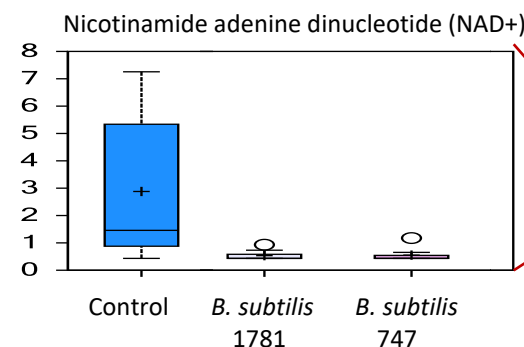
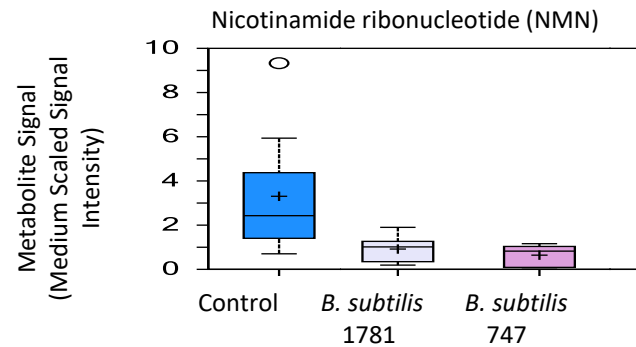
# Result: nucleotides



# Result: others



Strong antioxidant



- Fructose feeding negatively affects antioxidant capacity in the blood of hypertensive rats but improves this capacity in the liver (Girard et al., 2006, Nutrition).
- Lactate ion may prevent lipid peroxidation by scavenging free radicals such as  $O_2^-$  and  $\cdot OH$  but not lipid radicals (Groussard et al., 2000, J Appl Physiol).

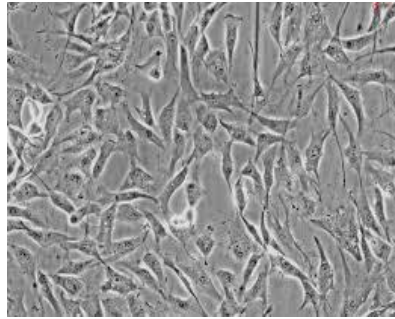
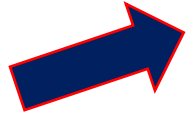


# Conclusions

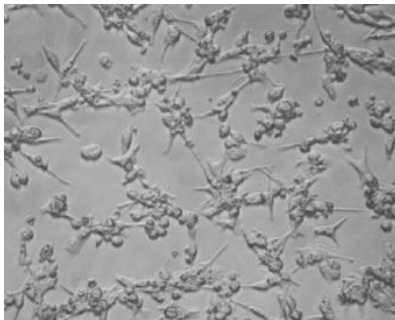
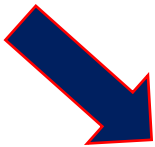
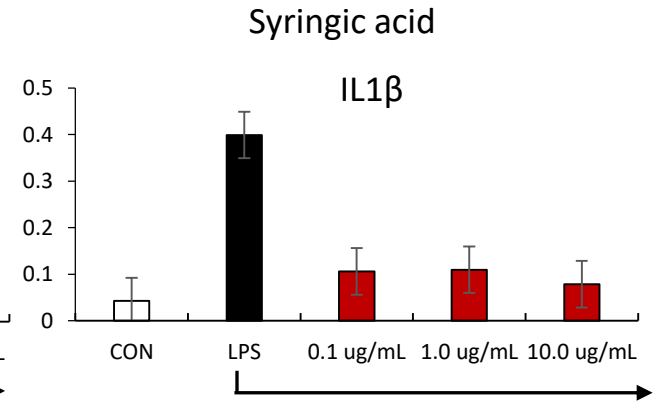
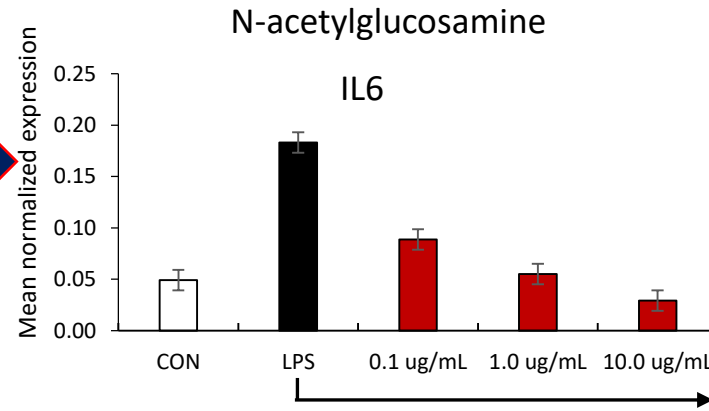
- Dietary supplementation with *B. subtilis* has profound effects on the levels of a wide variety of chemical metabolites in the chicken gut.
- These altered metabolite levels provide a biochemical signature unique to each *B. subtilis* supplementation group.
- Future studies are warranted to assess the growth promoting properties, if any, of the identified chemical compounds in lieu of antibiotics.

# Further study: extra data

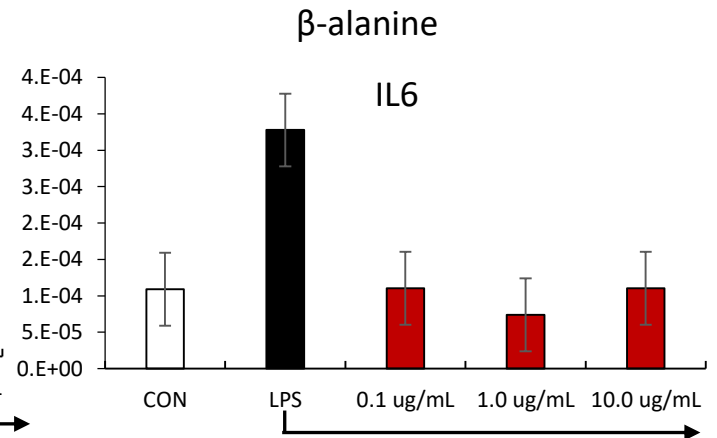
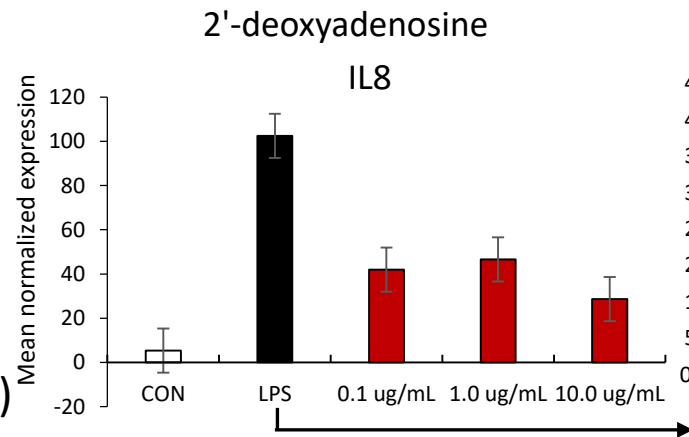
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Up-regulated  
common  
metabolites  
between *B. subtilis*  
1781 and 747



Chicken epithelial cells (8E11)



Chicken macrophage cells (HD11)



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