



## Gut Microbiota: Its Role in Liver Disease and Atherosclerosis

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The rising interest in gut microbiota in the last decade is due to increased knowledge in this area and also to technological advancements. The human gastrointestinal tract represents the host of more than 2000 different species of bacteria, archaea and eukaryotic microbes that co-evolved with the host over thousands of years, contributing to metabolic functions, protecting against pathogens, educating the immune system, and, through these basic functions, directly or indirectly affecting most of the physiologic functions. The aim and scope of the Special Issue is to present the latest knowledge on gut microbiota influence on liver disease and atherosclerosis. We also will try to focus on microbiota as a therapeutic target in the prevention of cardiovascular diseases and the beneficial mechanisms of probiotic administration related to cardiovascular risks.





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