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### **Butyrate paradox**

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Butyrate reduces colorectal cancer development risk, being transported into epithelial cells of the colon via monocarboxylate transporter 1 (MCT1) and sodium-coupled monocarboxylate transporter 1 (SMCT1). Experimentally, tumor cells of the colon epithelium show a decrease in butyrate adsorption, probably due to MCT1 and SMCT1 proteins expression decrease.

To study butyrate level in copro filtrate samples of patients with colorectal cancer.

**Materials and methods:** 21 patients with newly diagnosed colorectal cancer were examined: 10 males with a median age of 71 (61-73) years old and 11 females with a median age of 64 (63-74) years old. The concentration of short-chain fatty acids (SCFA, C2-C6) in copro filtrate samples of all patients was studied using gas-liquid chromatography.

**Results:** Patients showed the SCFA total level decrease -5.2 (4.2-6.8) mg/g, suggesting the metabolic activity decrease in the colon microflora, but also butyrate concentration variability, with median value of 0.953 (0.518-4.275) mg/g and its share of 18 (13-22)%. The studied group showed 47.6% of decrease cases in butyrate level, 23.8% had an increase, 28.6% showed normal values.

**Conclusions:** Studies have shown that butyrate has tumor suppression properties, which is probably due to its effect as a histone deacetylase inhibitor. It also promotes carcinogenesis in various models of colorectal cancer. This discrepancy in the effect of butyrate on the neoplastic process is called the "Butyrate paradox" (PedroGonçalves et al, 2016) and is possibly related to the concentration of butyrate.

A deeper understanding of microbial metabolites' action may open up new possibilities for non-invasive biomarkers search.

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