



# Host modulators

**A possible adjunctive to NSPT?**

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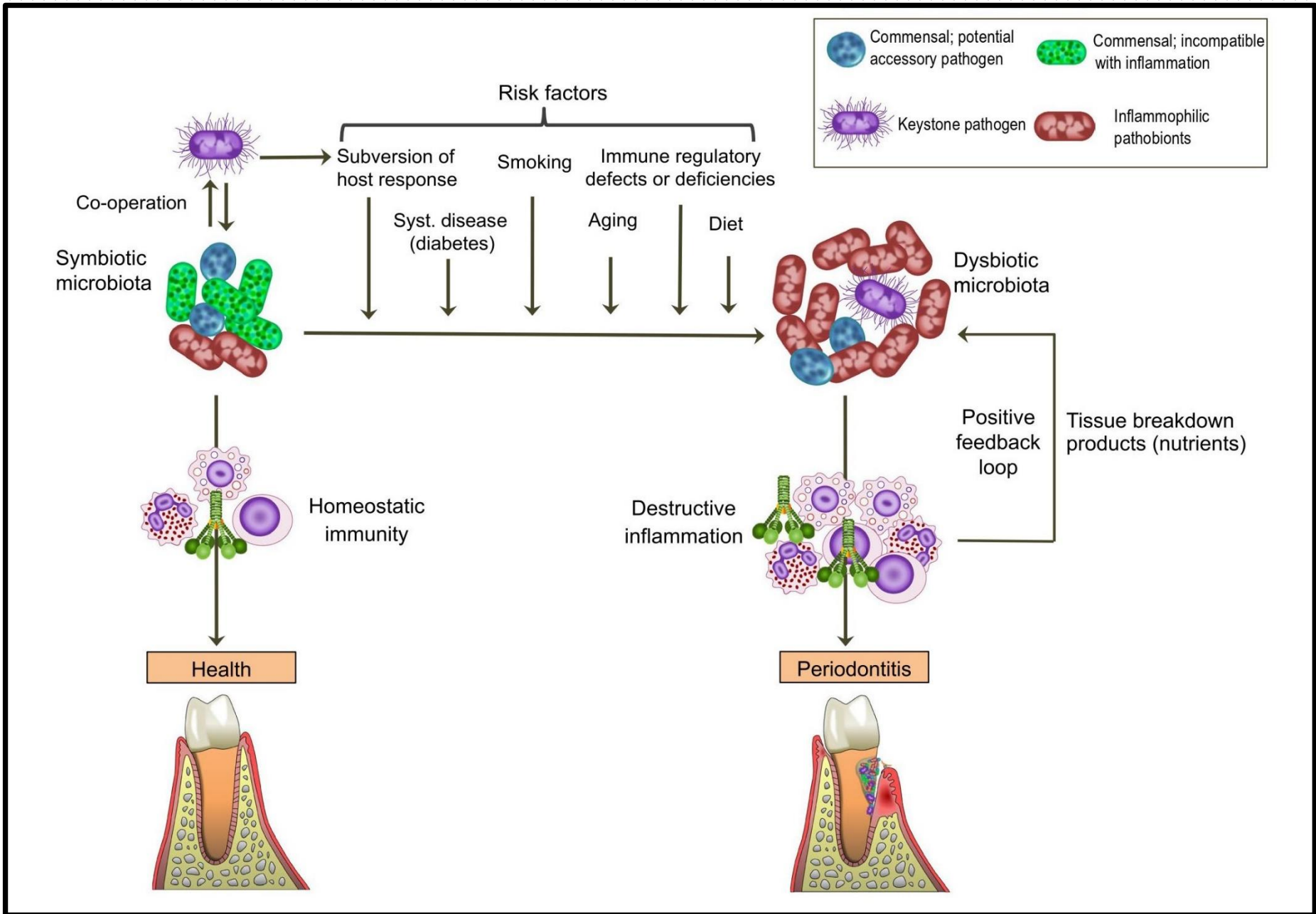
## Current understanding of periodontal disease pathogenesis and targets for host-modulation therapy

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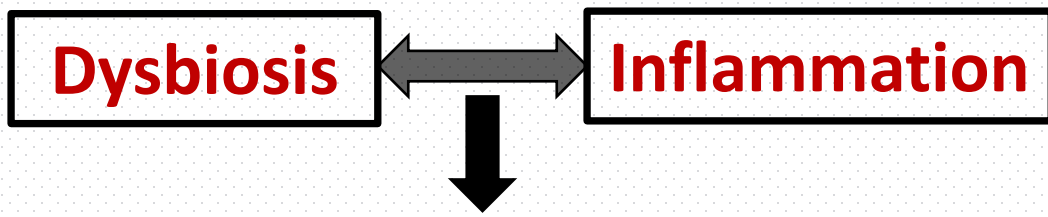
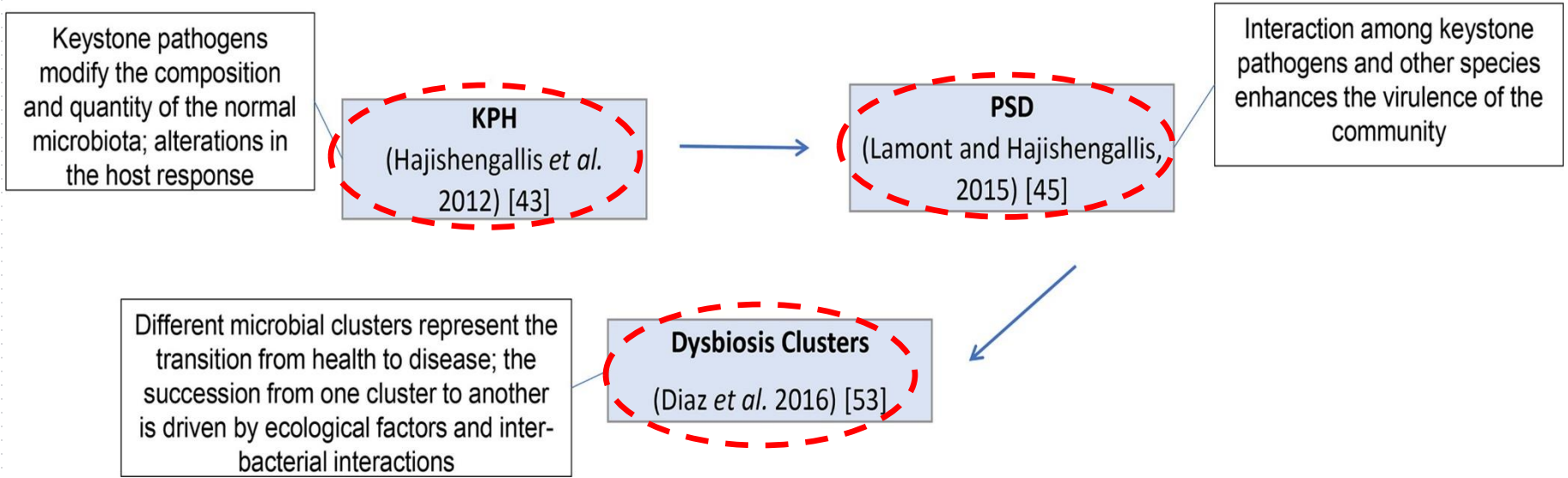
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“Inflammophilic” pathobiotic bacteria

# Treatment of stage I–III periodontitis—The EFP S3 level clinical practice guideline

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## The adjunctive use of host modulators in non-surgical periodontal therapy. A systematic review of randomized, placebo-controlled clinical studies

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# Host-response modulation approaches

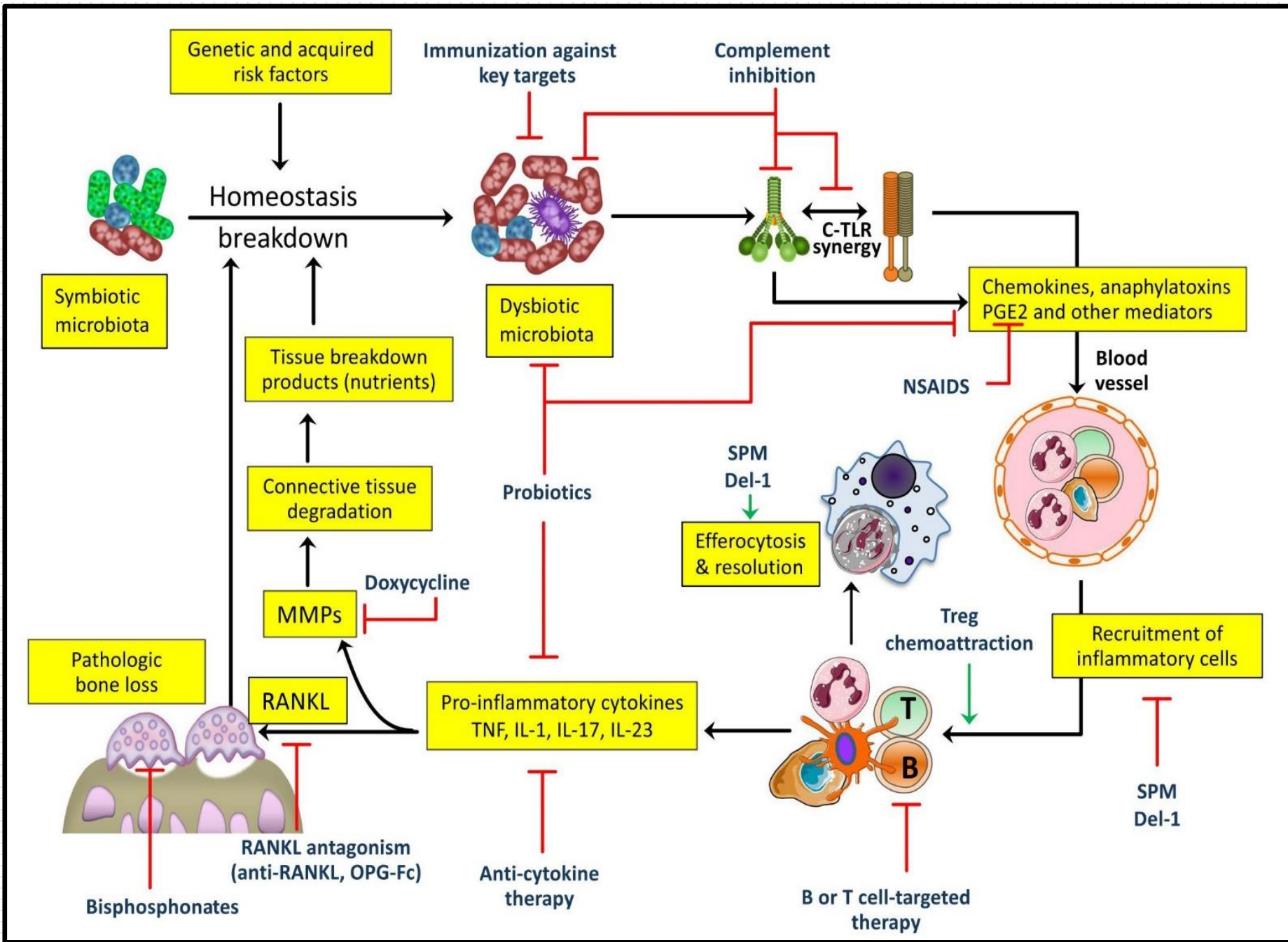


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## Tissue damage in periodontitis:

- 1-** Is mediated primarily by the host inflammatory response.
- 2-** Exploited by the dysbiotic microbial community for growth and persistence





Grade of recommendation grade <sup>a</sup>	Description	Syntax
A	Strong recommendation	We recommend (↑↑)/ We recommend not to (↓↓)
B	Recommendation	We suggest to (↑)/ We suggest not to (↓)
0	Open recommendation	May be considered (↔)

<sup>a</sup>If the group felt that evidence was not clear enough to support a recommendation, Statements were formulated, including the need (or not) of additional research.



# INFLAMMATION AND ITS RESOLUTION

**R2.6 | Does the adjunctive use of local statins improve the clinical outcome of subgingival instrumentation?**

## Evidence-based recommendation (2.6)

We **recommend not to use** local administration of statin gels (atorvastatin, simvastatin, rosuvastatin) as adjuncts to subgingival instrumentation.

**Supporting literature** Donos et al. (2019)

**Quality of evidence** Twelve placebo-controlled RCTs ( $n = 753$ ), for 1.2% atorvastatin (six RCTs,  $n = 180$ ), 1.2% simvastatin gel (5 RCTs,  $n = 118$ ) and 1.2% rosuvastatin gel (four RCTs,  $n = 122$ )

**Grade of recommendation** Grade A—↓↓

**Strength of consensus** Strong consensus (0% of the group abstained due to potential Col)

## R2.11 | Does the adjunctive use of omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA) improve the clinical outcome of subgingival instrumentation?

### Evidence-based recommendation (2.11)

We **recommend not to** use omega-3 PUFAs as an adjunct to subgingival instrumentation.

*Supporting literature* Donos et al. (2019)

*Quality of evidence* Three placebo-controlled RCTs ( $n = 160$ ) with 6-month administration of omega-3 PUFAs.

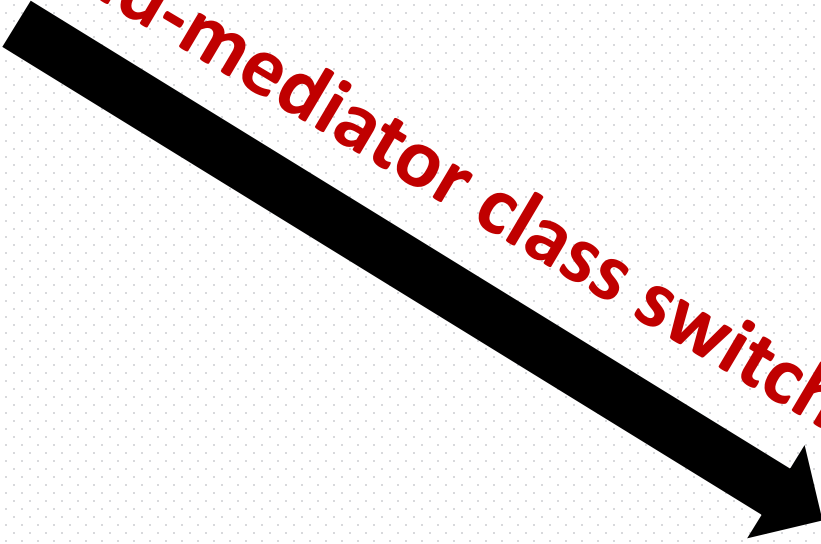
*Grade of recommendation* Grade A—↓↓

*Strength of consensus* Consensus (0% of the group abstained due to potential Col)

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Environment rich in proinflammatory  
prostaglandins and leukotrienes




*“lipid-mediator class switching”*



Environment rich in proresolving mediators:

- Arachidonic acid-derived **lipoxins**
- **Omega-3** polyunsaturated fatty acid-derived **resolvins**
- **Protectins**

The successful resolution of inflammation is an active and well-coordinated process, including:

-  Proinflammatory mediators and  regulatory or pro-resolution mediators.
  - Termination of neutrophil recruitment.
  - Clearance of apoptotic neutrophils by tissue phagocytes (Efferocytosis).
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- Initiation of tissue repair.

# NONSTEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS

**R2.10 | Does adjunctive use of systemic/local non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs to subgingival instrumentation improve the clinical outcomes?**

## **Evidence-based recommendation (2.10)**

**We recommend not to use systemic or local non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) as an adjunct to subgingival instrumentation**

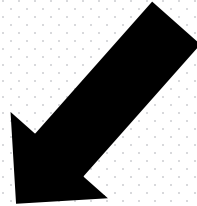
**Supporting literature** Donos et al. (2019)

**Quality of evidence** Two placebo-controlled RCTs ( $n = 88$ ) on local application (1% flurbiprofen toothpaste; irrigation with 200 ml buffered 0.3% acetylsalicylic acid); two placebo-controlled RCTs ( $n = 133$ ) on systemic applications (celecoxib, diclofenac potassium)

**Grade of recommendation** Grade A—↓↓

**Strength of consensus** Strong consensus (1.3% of the group abstained due to potential Col)

- Block the cyclooxygenase pathway of arachidonic acid metabolism.



Prostaglandin E2

(Vasodilator, promote vascular permeability, and bone resorption)

## Challenges:

- 1- Decline rapidly after drug withdrawal.
- 2- Have serious adverse effects for long term use.
- 3- Nonselective NSAIDs are associated with GI mucosal damage and renal toxicity.
- 4- Induce prothrombotic side-effects (cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitors).



# ANTI- CYTOKINE THERAPY

- Use of neutralizing **monoclonal antibodies** or receptor antagonists to block the action of proinflammatory cytokines (antagonists).

TNF, IL-1, or IL-17

(**Treatment of periodontitis in preclinical models**)

Using anti-rheumatic drugs in rheumatoid patients with periodontitis.

**Infliximab** (monoclonal antibody to TNF).

**Etanercept** (a soluble form of TNF receptor).

**Anakinra** (IL-1 receptor antagonist).



**Reducing periodontal inflammation??**

## Challenges:

- 1- Small number of studies performed.
- 2- Has potentially adverse effects on immunity.  
(Preferred to be administered locally than systemically).
- 3- Blockade of a single cytokine may not be very effective in cytokine network-induced inflammation.

## However,

Anti-interleukin-23 therapy (**ustekinumab**, a monoclonal antibody).



Blocks IL-12/IL-23 p40 in **LAD-1**



Inhibited gingival expression of interleukin-17

**Resolve  
inflammation**

# PROBIOTICS

**R2.7 | Does the adjunctive use of probiotics improve the clinical outcome of subgingival instrumentation?**

## **Evidence-based recommendation (2.7)**

**We suggest not to use probiotics as an adjunct to subgingival instrumentation**

***Supporting literature*** Donos et al. (2019)

***Quality of evidence*** Five placebo controlled RCTs ( $n = 176$ ) testing preparations containing *L. ramnosus* SP1, *L. reuteri* or the combination of *S. oralis* KJ3, *S. uberis* KJ2 and *S. rattus* JH145.

***Grade of recommendation*** Grade B—↓

***Strength of consensus*** Consensus (0% of the group abstained due to potential Col)

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- Modulate both the microbiota and the host response  
    Transient treatment till the end of treatment
- Gastric intubation of *L. gasseri* SBT2055 in mice inhibited *P. gingivalis*-induced gingival inflammation and alveolar bone loss
- In mice, topical application of *L. brevis* CD2 was shown to:
  - Inhibit ligature-induced gingival inflammation and bone loss.
  - Reduce the counts of gram-negative bacteria (**3 times daily for 14 days**)

## Problems:

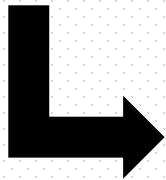
- Small sample sizes.
- Studies are quite heterogeneous.
  - Use of different probiotic strains.
  - Different doses.
  - Different modes of administration.

# COMPLEMENT

- A cause-and-effect relationship between complement and periodontitis was established in preclinical mouse models.

Mice deficient in **C3** or **C5aR1** were found to be protected against experimental periodontitis compared with wild-type controls

- C3 inhibitor (**Cp40**) (analog of the **compstatin** family of C3 inhibitors).  
**AMY-101**



**Suppression of IL-17, TNF-11, MMP**

Safe (up to 3 months) in hematological, biochemical, or immunological parameters



**CORONAVIRUS**

# Complement C3 inhibition in severe COVID-19 using compstatin AMY-101

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# HOMEOSTATIC PROTEINS

## EPIDERMAL GROWTH FACTOR-LIKE and DISCOIDIN-LIKE DOMAINS

- Developmental endothelial locus-1 (DEL-1)
- Milk fat globule-epidermal growth factor-8 (MFG-E8)

Have important homeostatic functions  
in non-human primate models

DEL-1

The diagram consists of two pink rectangular boxes. The top box is labeled 'DEL-1'. The bottom box contains the text 'Required for optimal production of resolvins D1' and 'resolvins E1'. Two curved red arrows form a circular loop: one arrow starts from the right side of the top box and points to the left side of the bottom box; the other arrow starts from the right side of the bottom box and points to the left side of the top box.

Required for optimal  
production of **resolvins D1**  
**resolvins E1**

Inhibit periodontitis in mouse and



**Inhibited**

**IL-17 production**  
**Neutrophil accumulation**  
**Bone loss**

# TARGETING ADAPTIVE IMMUNE CELL S

- Antibody-mediated neutralization of **tumor necrosis factor ligand superfamily member 13** or **B-lymphocyte stimulator** in mice

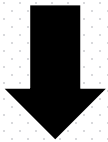


Diminish the B-cell numbers in the gingival tissue and inhibit periodontal bone loss (**Belimumab, Rituximab**)

SLE

PD

- **T-helper 17 inhibitor (Inhibitor GSK805)**



Blocked inflammatory bone loss in a murine model

# DIRECT INHIBITION OF PERIODONTAL TISSUE DESTRUCTION

## (MMPs, TNF ligand superfamily member 11)

R2.8 | Does the adjunctive use of systemic sub-antimicrobial dose doxycycline (SDD) to subgingival instrumentation improve clinical outcomes?

### Evidence-based recommendation (2.8)

We **suggest not to use** systemic sub-antimicrobial dose doxycycline (SDD) as an adjunct to subgingival instrumentation.

*Supporting literature* Donos et al. (2019)

*Quality of evidence* Eight placebo-controlled RCTs (14 publications,  $n = 610$ ). Meta-analysis on PPD reduction was performed in five RCTs ( $n = 484$ )

*Grade of recommendation* Grade B—↓

*Strength of consensus* Consensus (1.3% of the group abstained due to potential Col)

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- Sub-antimicrobial doses of **tetracycline** could block the activity of MMPs.
- Systemically delivered **doxycycline** as an adjunct to scaling and root planning (20 mg, taken twice daily). (Approved by Us FDA as **Periostat**)

## R2.9 | Does the adjunctive use of systemic/local bisphosphonates to subgingival instrumentation improve clinical outcomes?

### Evidence-based recommendation (2.9)

We **recommend not to use** locally delivered bisphosphonate (BP) gels or systemic BPs as an adjunct to subgingival instrumentation.

*Supporting literature* Donos et al. (2019)

*Quality of evidence* Seven placebo-controlled RCTs ( $n = 348$ ), on local delivery of 1% alendronate gel (six studies) and 0.5% zoledronate gel (one study); two placebo-controlled RCTs ( $n = 90$ ) on systemic administration of BPs (alendronic acid and risedronate).

*Grade of recommendation* Grade A—↓↓

*Strength of consensus* Strong consensus (0% of the group abstained due to potential Col)

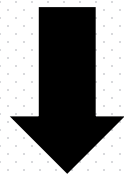


- **Bisphosphonates** promotes osteoclast apoptosis (**treatment of osteoporosis**).



Decreased alveolar bone loss and improved mineral density in periodontitis patients (**Risedronate or Alendronate**)



- Blocks the interaction of tumor necrosis factor ligand superfamily member 11 with its receptor on the surface of osteoclast precursors (**Denosumab**)



Prevent the differentiation of osteoclasts

**Osteoclasts regulators (frizzled-related proteins) (protein 5)**



Bind TNF ligand superfamily member 11  preventing its interaction with TNF receptor superfamily member 11A 

**Inhibiting osteoclastogenesis**

**Has anti-inflammatory properties**

# VACCINATION

- Emerged according to specific microorganisms (*P. gingivalis*, *T. forsythia*, *T. denticola*, and *A. actinomycetemcomitans*).
- **Challenging** as:
  1. The disease results **from collateral tissue damage of the host immune response** rather than from direct bacterial action .

**Therefore,**

Vaccine-induced antimicrobial response should not activate a destructive inflammatory response

## 2. Periodontitis is initiated by synergistic and dysbiotic microbial communities rather than by a few select “periodontopathogens.”

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- *P. gingivalis* vaccine: -Cysteine proteinases (RgpA, RgpB, and Kgp)

**Chimera vaccine**

-Hemagglutinin B.

-Fimbriae.



IgG1, 2 and T-helper

- Subcutaneous immunization of rats with the **hemoglobin-binding domain of *P. gingivalis* gingipain.**



**Induce specific IgG**

**Protection against bone loss**

- Subcutaneous immunization of monkeys using purified *P. gingivalis* cysteine proteinase elicited specific antibody responses.  
**Did not suppress *P. gingivalis* (?????)**
- Using *S. gordonii* vector that express *FimA* of *P. gingivalis* elicited salivary IgA and serum IgG and decreasing periodontal bone loss.
- **More has to be done to:** Define the most favorable **adjuvant** formulations and **immunization routes**

# Conclusion

- Most of the host-modulation approaches would not be relevant only in a therapeutic setting; but implemented for **preventive** basis.  
(prior to the onset of periodontitis, to high-risk individuals, such as cigarette smokers and patients with diabetes)
- Despite the demonstrated potential to inhibit periodontitis, a clinical evaluation for the drug's risks and benefits raised the question to use them as treatment agents? ( more towards **adjunctive**)
- The great complexity of pathogenic mechanisms in periodontitis appear to complicate the development of a periodontitis vaccine



**Thank you**