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# Intestinal bacteria are potential biomarkers for gastric cancer

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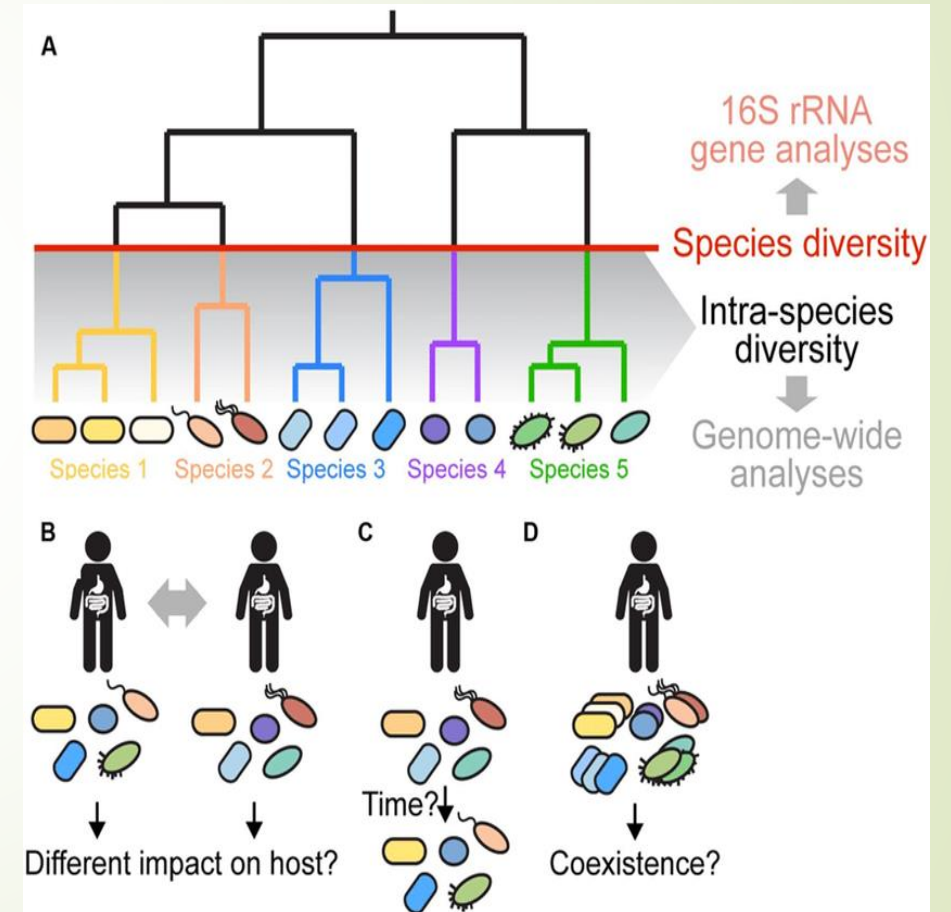
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# Introduction

- Gastric cancer is a common malignant tumor
- Recent studies have shown that bacterial load and microbial diversity are higher in patients with gastric cancer
- Some microorganisms producing various short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs)
- The possible role of *Desulfovibrio* in gastric cancer was assessed with H<sub>2</sub>S-treated HT-29 cell

# 16S sequencing for diversity

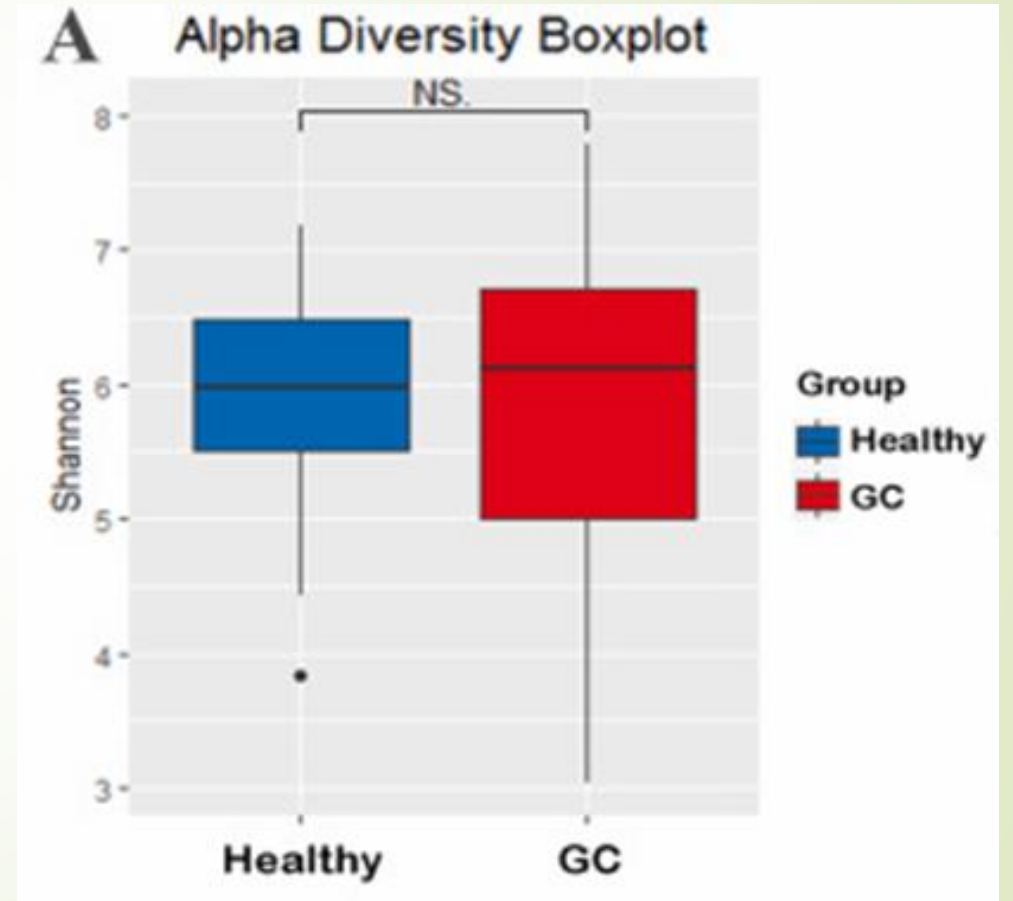
- Total fecal genome DNA was extracted
- Operational taxonomic unit or OTU is considered as the **basic unit used in numerical taxonomy**



The comparison of fecal microbiota shows that gastric cancer patients had lower between-sample microbial **diversities** than healthy people

# The comparison of fecal microbiota

- no significant distinguishment in the within-sample diversity between gastric cancer patients and healthy people and the data of other indices further verified this conclusion

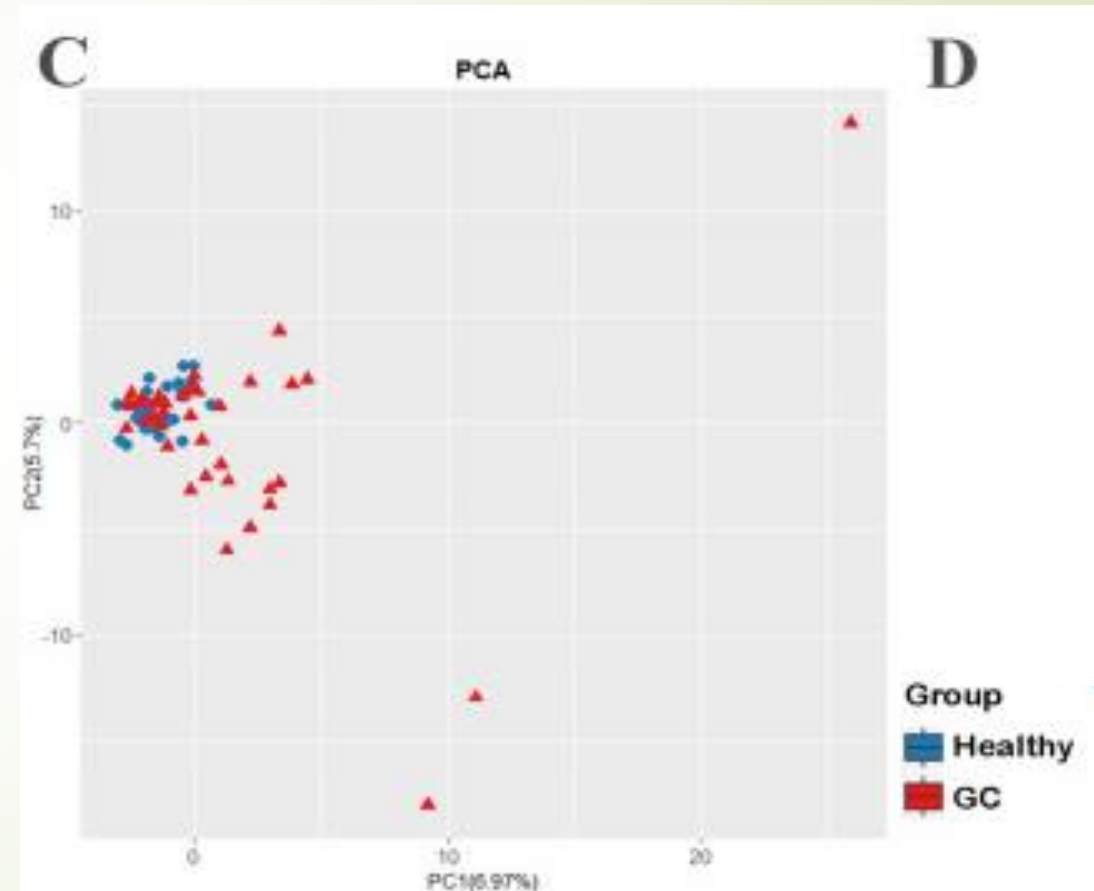




# The comparison of fecal microbiota

- principal component analysis (PCA) of the fecal microbiota obtained from gastric cancer patients showed more dispersed distributions than those of normal controls.

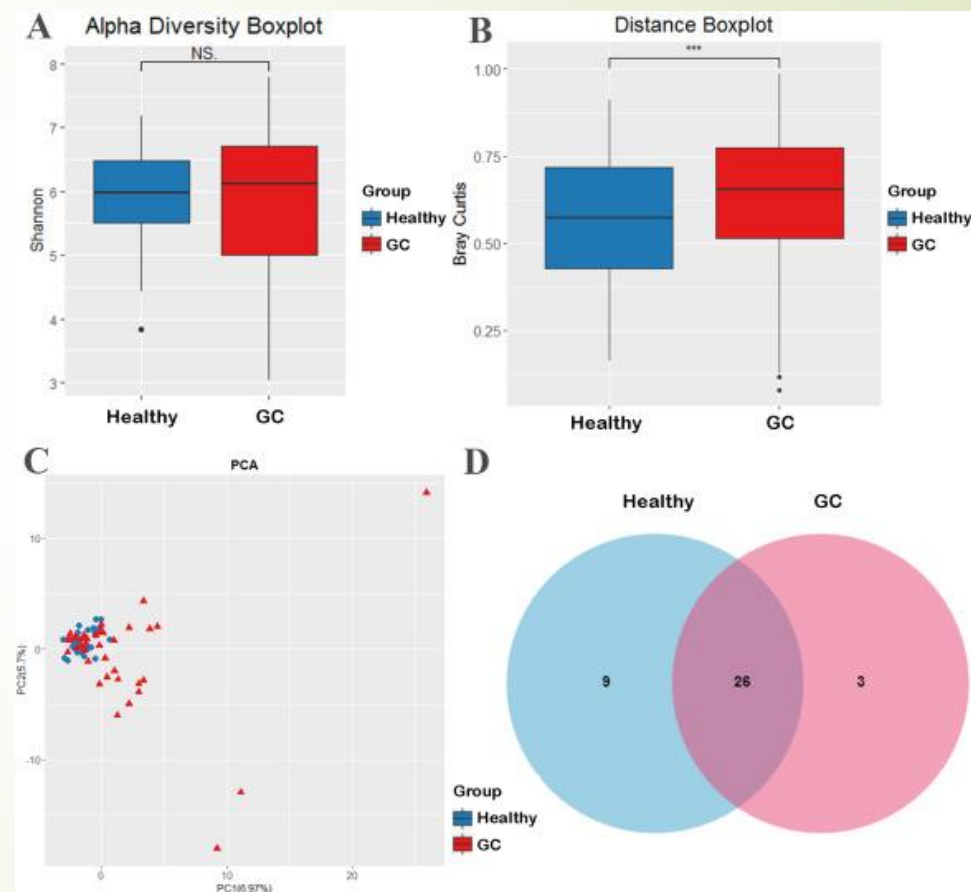
(Principal components analysis)






# The comparison of fecal microbiota

- **no shift** in fecal microbes between normal control individuals and gastric cancer patients
- between-sample diversities increased significantly in the intestinal microbiota of patients with gastric cancer.

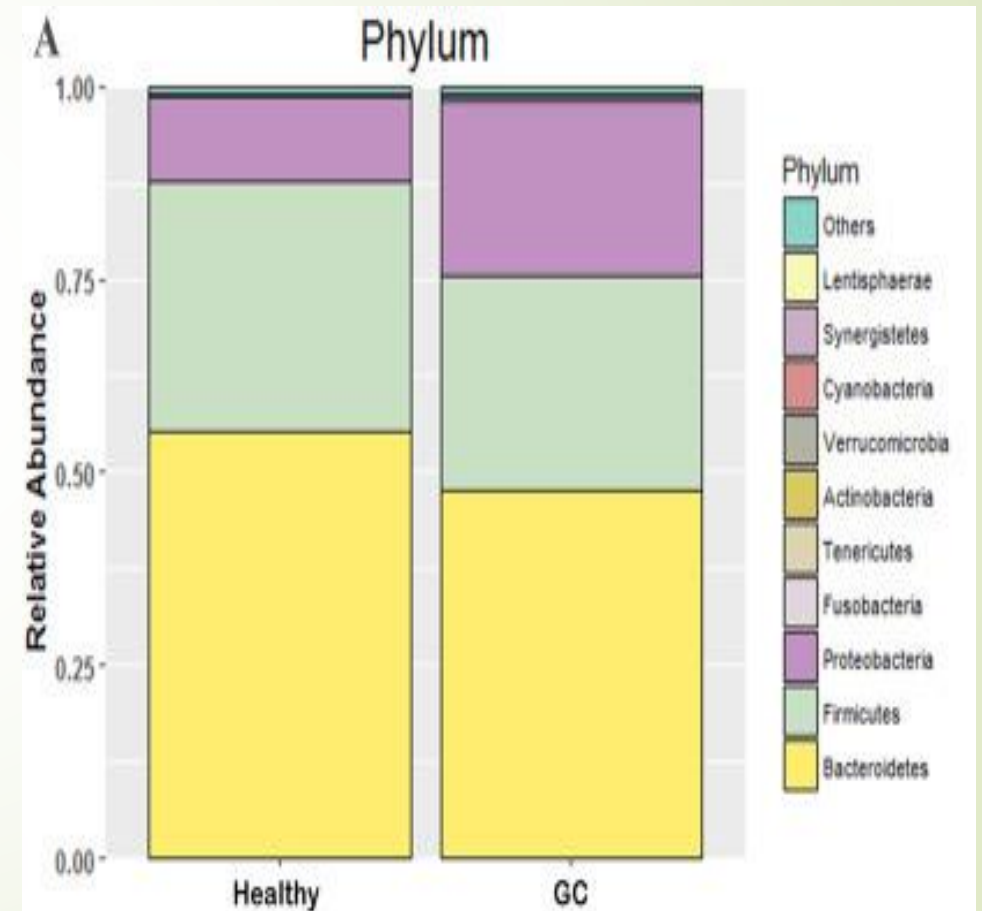




# Bacterial **variation** in the intestinal microbiota of gastric cancer patients

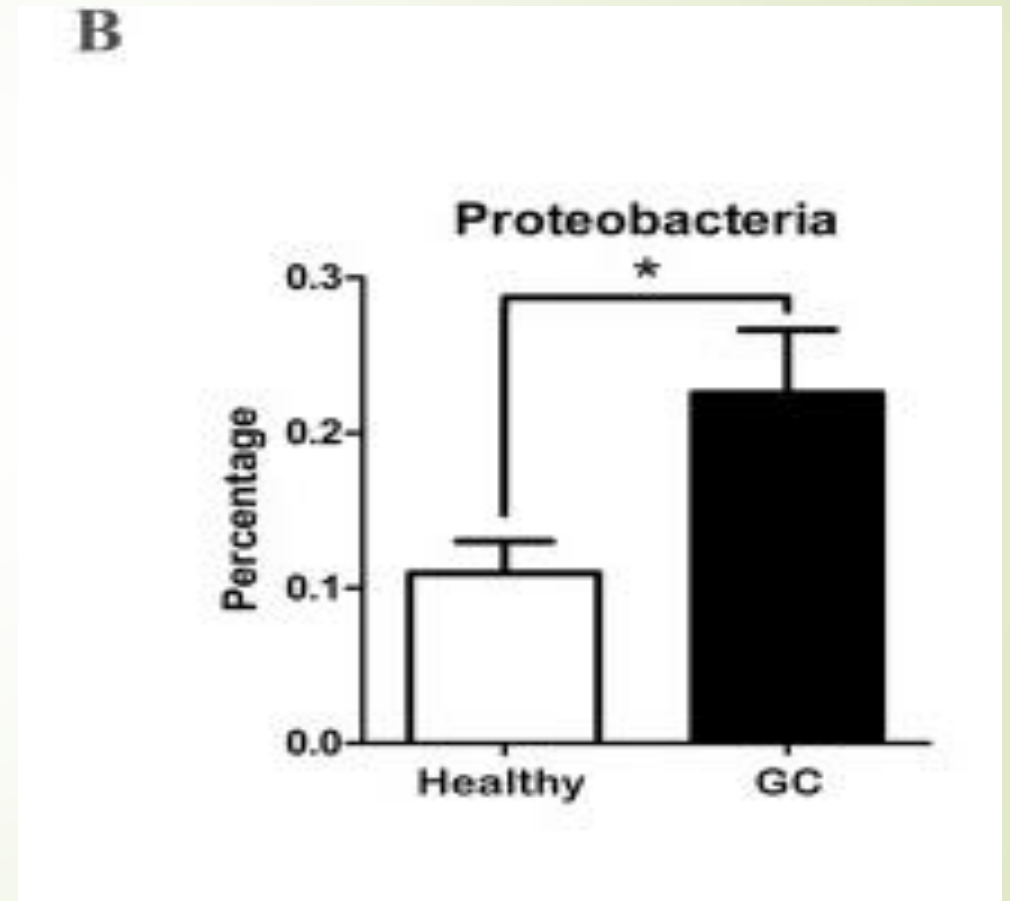
# Bacterial variation

- At the phylum level, **Bacteroidetes**, **Firmicutes** and **Proteobacteria** constituted more than 95% of the total bacterial mass of all samples
- **Bacteroidetes**, **Firmicutes** contents did not differ significantly between the gastric cancer patients and healthy people.



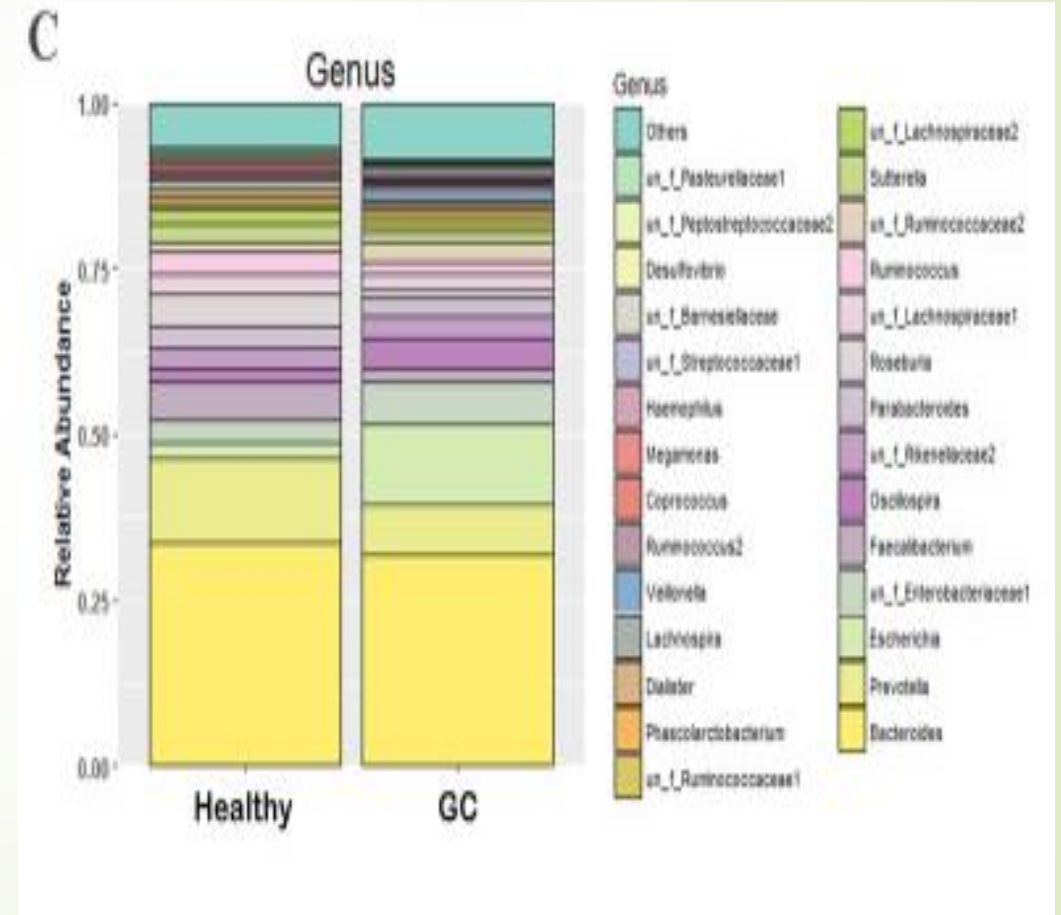
## Bacterial variation

- **Proteobacteria** showed a significant difference between the two groups(enriched in the stools of GC)



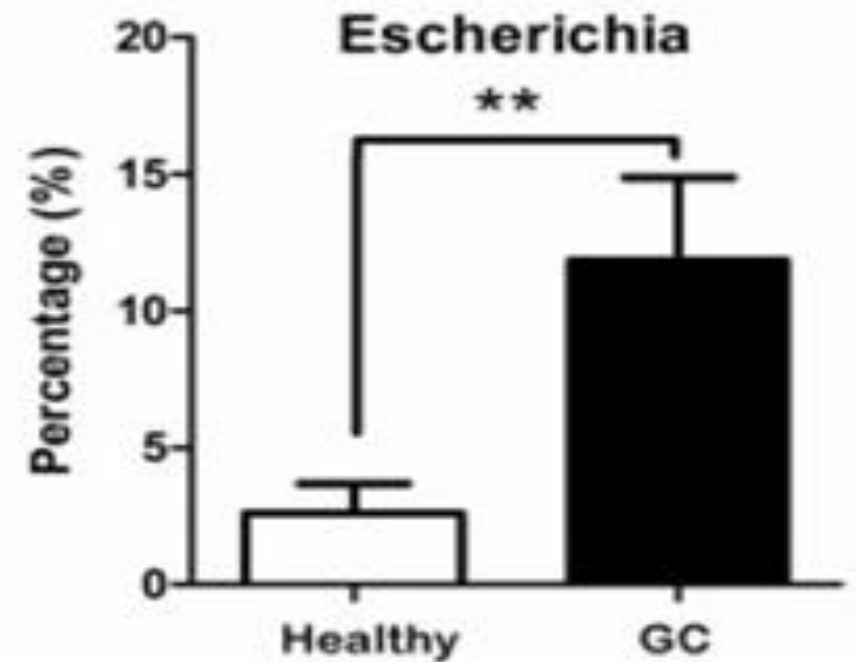
# Bacterial variation

- The genus *Bacteroides* was the most abundant genus in both gastric cancer patients and healthy people
- no significant difference in content between the two groups



## Bacterial variation

- In those genera with relatively high abundance, *Escherichia*, *Roseburia* and *Desulfovibrio* were found to have significant content variation in the feces of gastric cancer patients in comparison to that of healthy controls.

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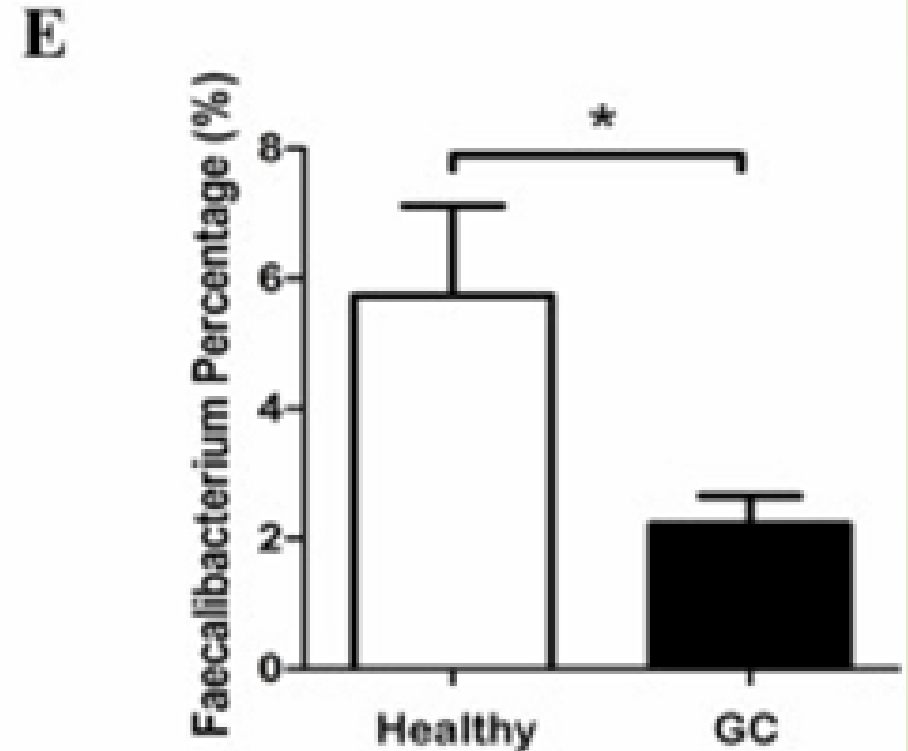
## Bacterial variation

- Other genera with significant differences between the two groups.
- Among the bacteria with a content of more than 1% of all intestinal bacteria the facultative anaerobic (aerotolerant) bacteria were *Enterobacteriaceae*, *Escherichia* and *Streptococcaceae*, and all were elevated in the intestine of gastric cancer patients.



## Bacterial variation

- The abundance of most obligate anaerobic bacteria decreased significantly in the intestine of tumor patients
- The content of oxygen-sensitive *Faecalibacterium* decreased by 61.4%, suggesting an oxygen-dependent shift in the intestinal microbiota of gastric cancer patients.

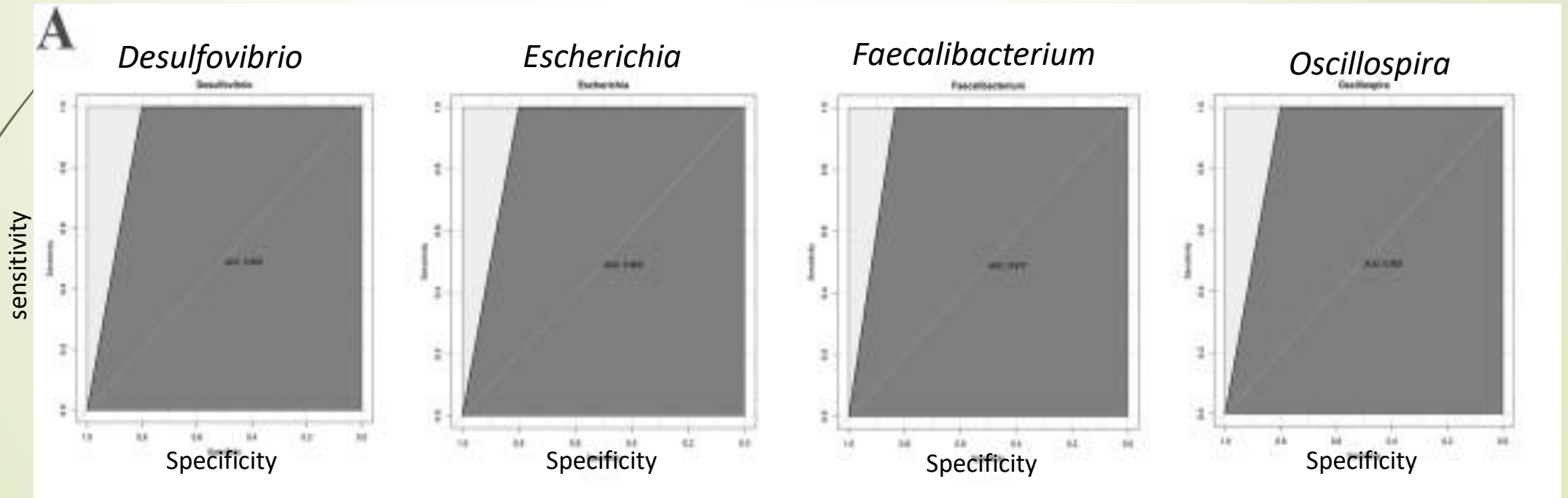


Differential bacteria can be used to **predict gastric cancer**, and *desulfovibrio* is especially enriched in stage IV gastric cancer

## Differential bacteria can be used to predict gastric cancer

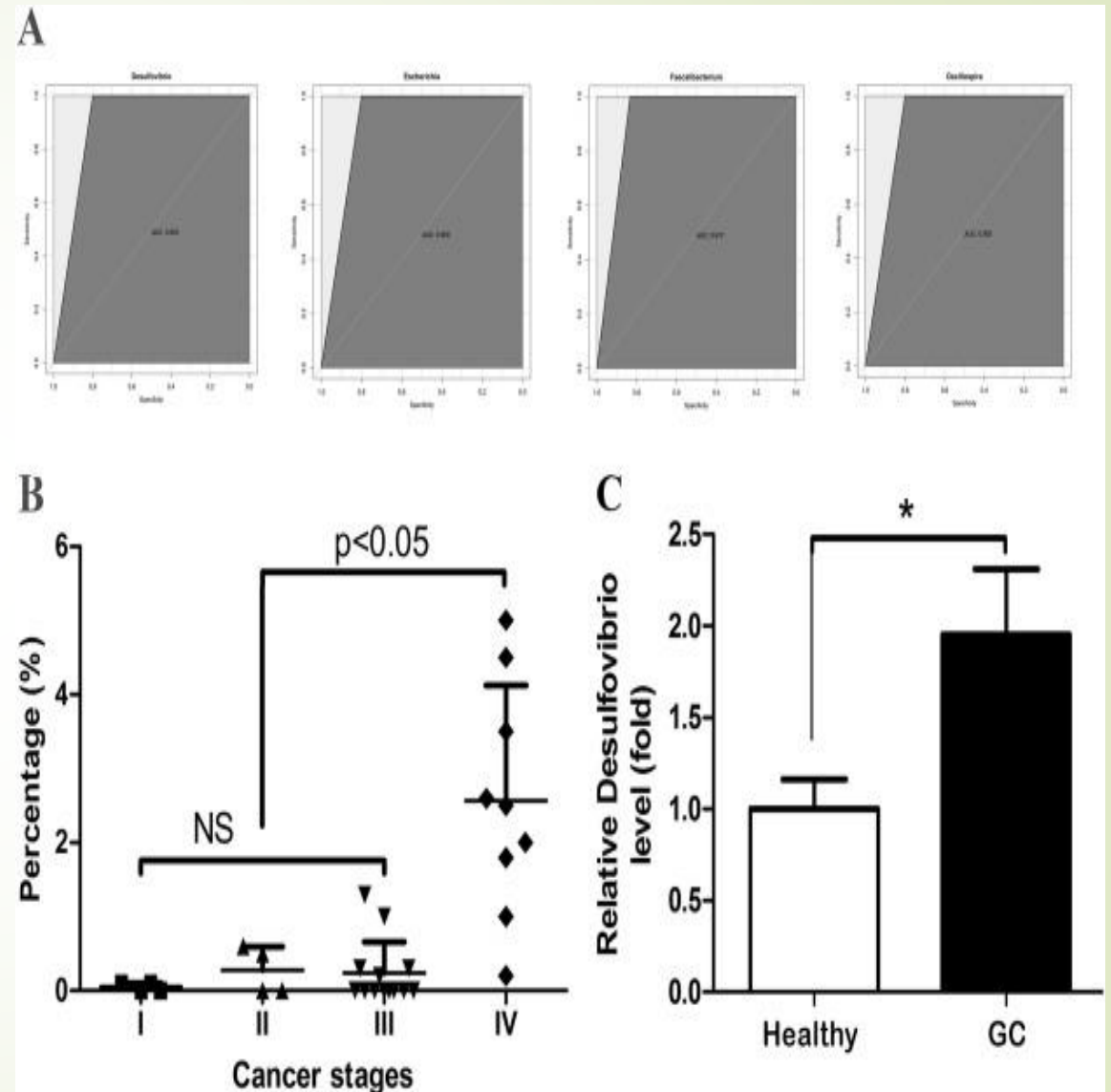
- changes in *Escherichia*, *Faecalibacterium* and *Oscillospira* have been reported in a large number in many diseases.
- *Desulfovibrio* was found to be significantly enriched in the feces of gastric cancer patients.

- The results showed that the differential bacteria *Desulfovibrio*, *Escherichia*, *Faecalibacterium*, and *Oscillospira* can be used as biomarkers to distinguish disease and healthy groups with the highest precision of 90% or above.

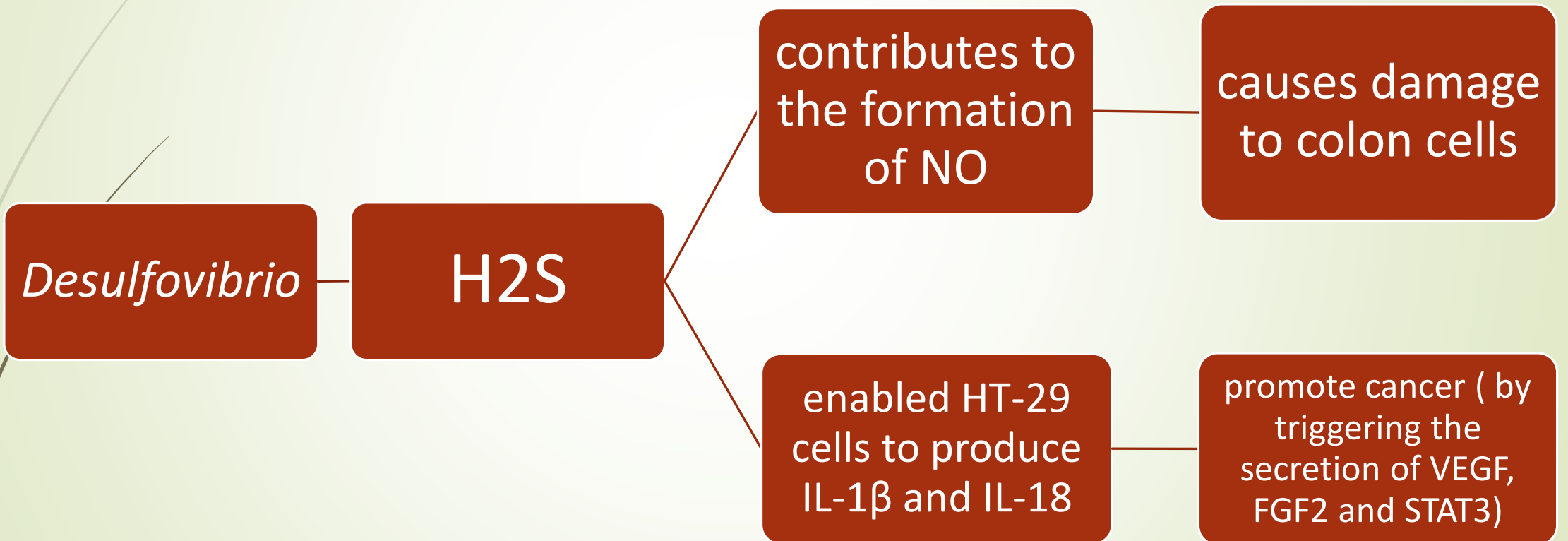


# Differential bacteria can be used to predict gastric cancer

The distinct distribution of *Desulfovibrio* in healthy individuals and gastric cancer patients was verified by qPCR detection.



# The effect of *Desulfovibrio* on the immune system



# Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)

was detected with ELISA :

- IL-1 $\beta$
- H<sub>2</sub>S
- IL-18



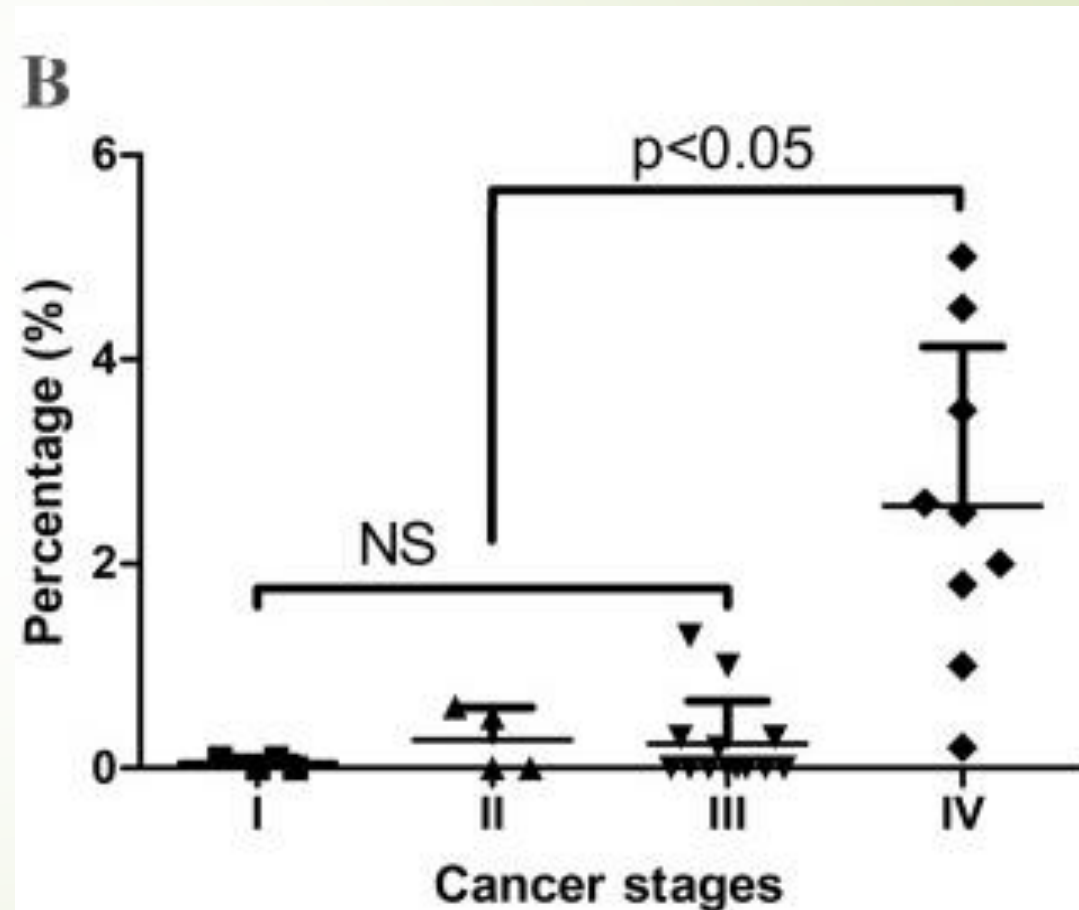
# reverse transcription and quantitative PCR

Was detected with RT-QPCR:

- Total cellular RNA extraction
- human IL-1 $\beta$
- human IL-18
- total bacteria
- genus *Desulfovibrio* 16S rRNA

## Differential bacteria can be used to predict gastric cancer

- The patients with stage IV gastric cancer had more *Desulfovibrio* than those with stage I, II and III gastric cancer.



## Differential bacteria can be used to predict gastric cancer

- the amount of *Escherichia*, *Veillonella* and *Roseburia* were not significantly different among the gastric cancer patients with different stages.
- almost all of the hosts whose fecal *Desulfovibrio* contents were higher than 1% were gastric cancer patients.
- people with higher *Desulfovibrio* contents were all patients with stage IV gastric cancer.

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