

WHO WE ARE

About Us

Evolve Biosystems is a spin-out company from the Foods For Health Institute at the University of California, Davis.

The company builds on more than a decade of research into the infant microbiome and its intimate interaction with breastmilk components.

All products are made using Good Manufacturing Practice and tested for quality and safety.







NEXT GENERATION PROBIOTICS

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IMPRINT

BRINGING TO MARKET THE NEXT GENERATION OF PROBIOTIC-BASED BIOTHERAPEUTICS TO ESTABLISH, RESTORE, AND MAINTAIN A HEALTHY HUMAN MICROBIOME ACROSS A RANGE OF UNMET CLINICAL NEEDS



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The US is last in healthy baby microbiomes with lower levels of *B. infantis* and higher levels of pro-inflammatory bacteria than infants born in developing countries. Potential reasons for the US baby microbiome include: use of infant formula, over-use of antibiotics, increased hygiene, use of anti-microbial agents in skin care products, sterile obstetric suites and the high rate of C-section deliveries.

WHAT IS THE MICROBIOME OF INFANTS?

Infants are born with no bacteria in their gut. When babies are vaginally delivered and breastfed they have a "healthy microbiome" that is typically dominated by one genus – *Bifidobacterium* and a subspecies of *Bifidobacterium--B. infantis* – in the first 6 months of life. The level of *B. infantis* is <u>low</u> in C-section babies and not reflective of a "healthy microbiome". The microbiome of C-section delivered infants resembles the microbiome of mother's skin and not vaginally-derived bacteria.



Dominguez-Bello, et al., 2010

HOW DOES BREAST MILK SHAPE INFANTS' GUT MICROBIOME?

Complex human milk oligosaccharides (HMOs) represent 10% of nutrients in breast milk, but are indigestible by the infant. *B. infantis* is able to metabolize the HMOs and the HMOs provide a selective growth environment for *B. infantis*—leading to a healthy microbiome. Breastfed babies have a different "healthy" microbiome and far fewer diseases (e.g. otitis media, lower respiratory tract, and GI illnesses) than babies fed infant formula.

A "Healthy microbiome" for babies requires **both** the *B. infantis* and a supply of oligosaccharides that provide a selectable growth medium for the *B. infantis*.

WHAT IS IMPRINT?

IMPRINT is our NEXT GENERATION PROBIOTIC that contains an activated strain of *B. infantis*. The proprietary process of activating *B. infantis* prior to freeze-drying stimulates *B. infantis* to selectively consume and perform protective functions in the breastfed infant's gut. The IMPRINT product is currently being tested in C-section delivered infants enrolled in the IMPRINT (Infant Microbiome and Probiotic Intake) Study at UC Davis.