



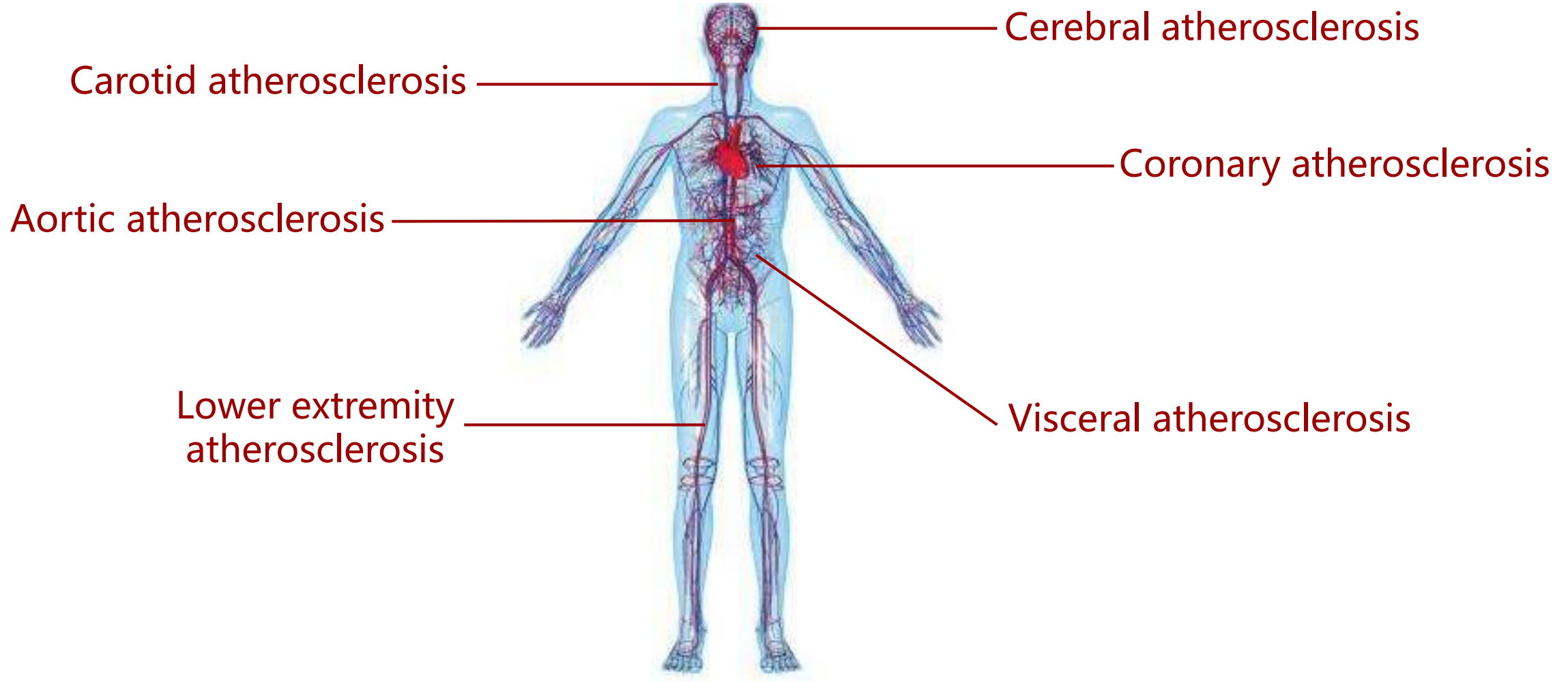
# Health effect research development on sea-buckthorn fruit pulp

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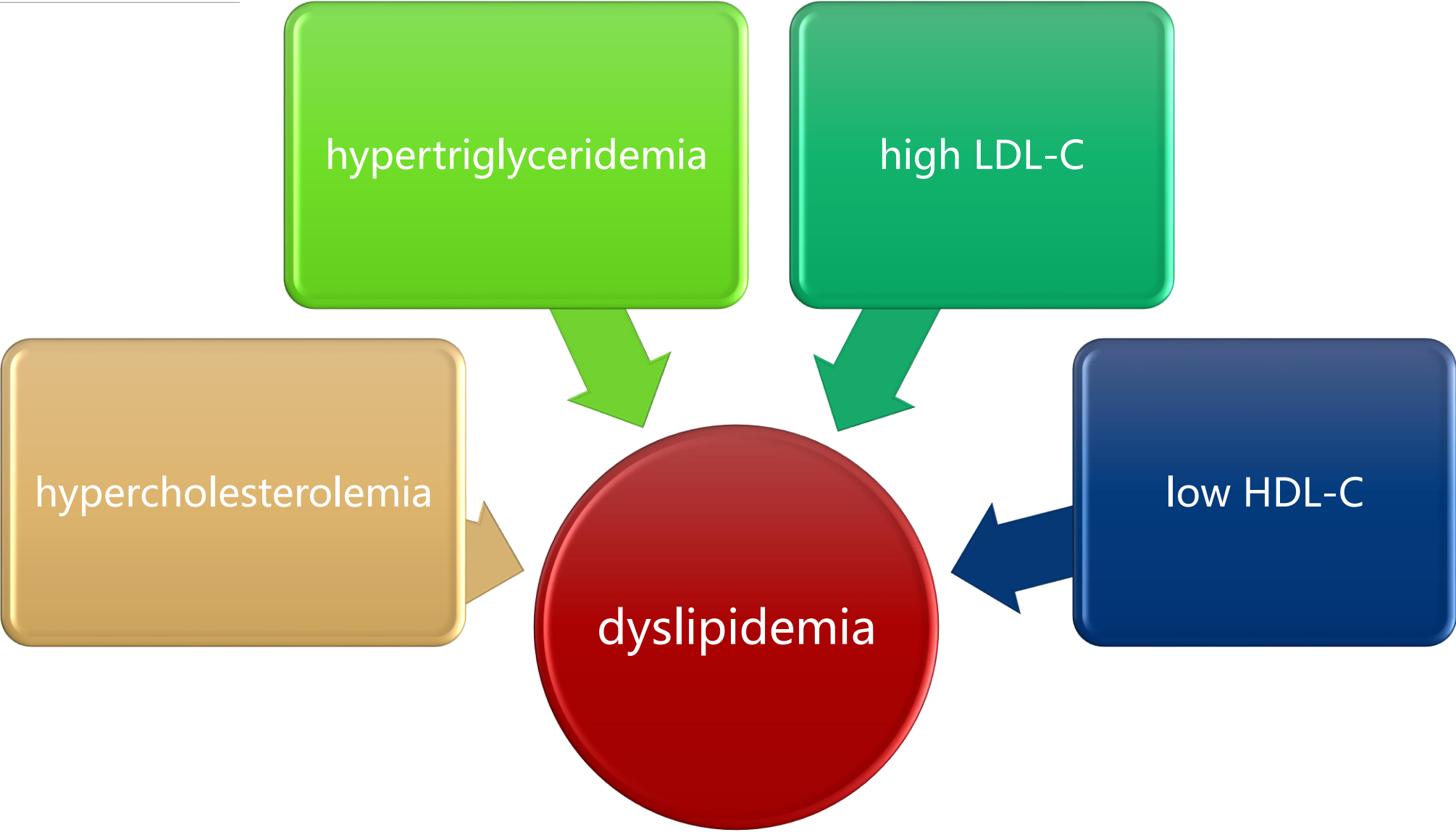
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# Background

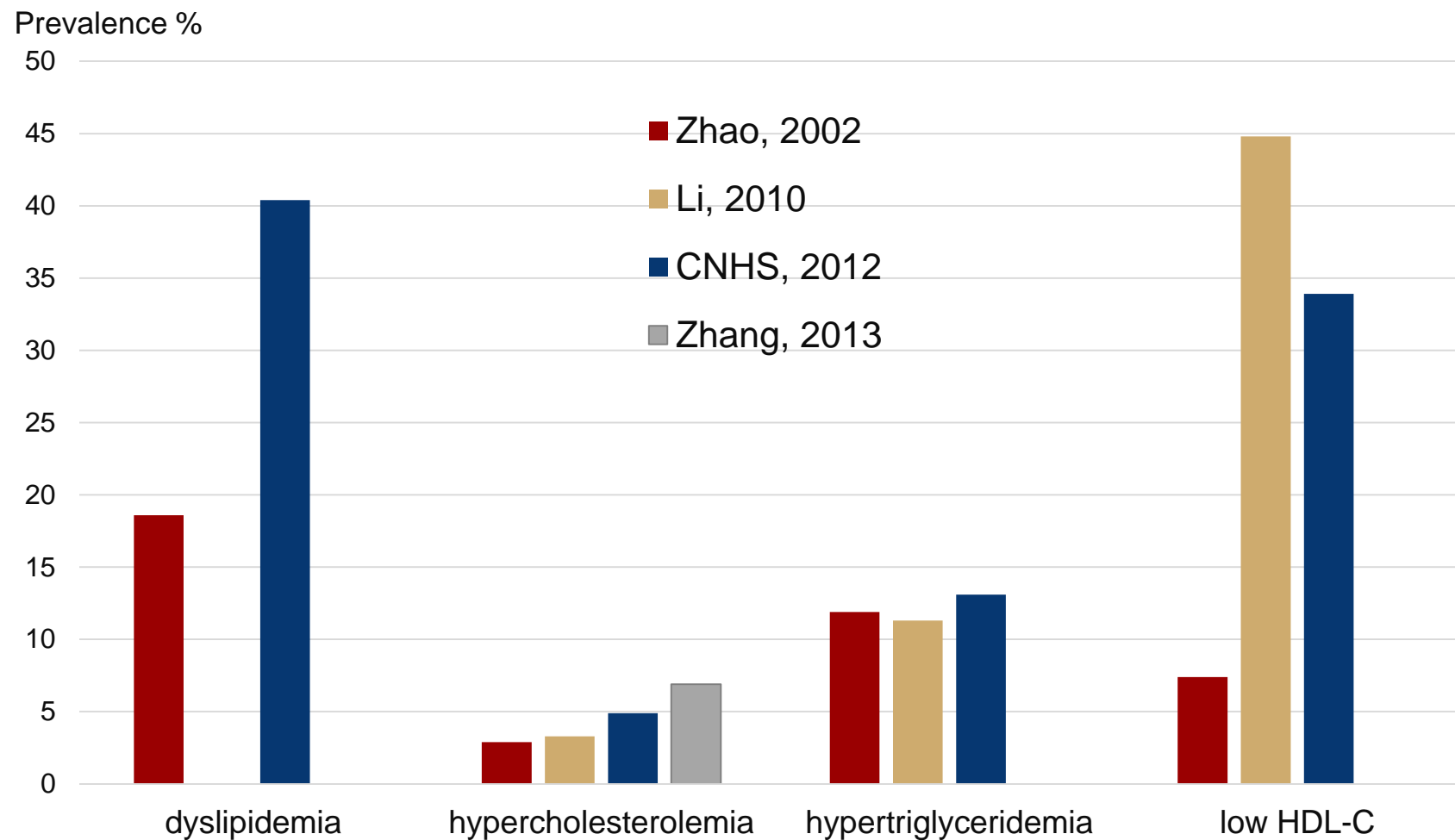


**The main hazards of dyslipidemia**

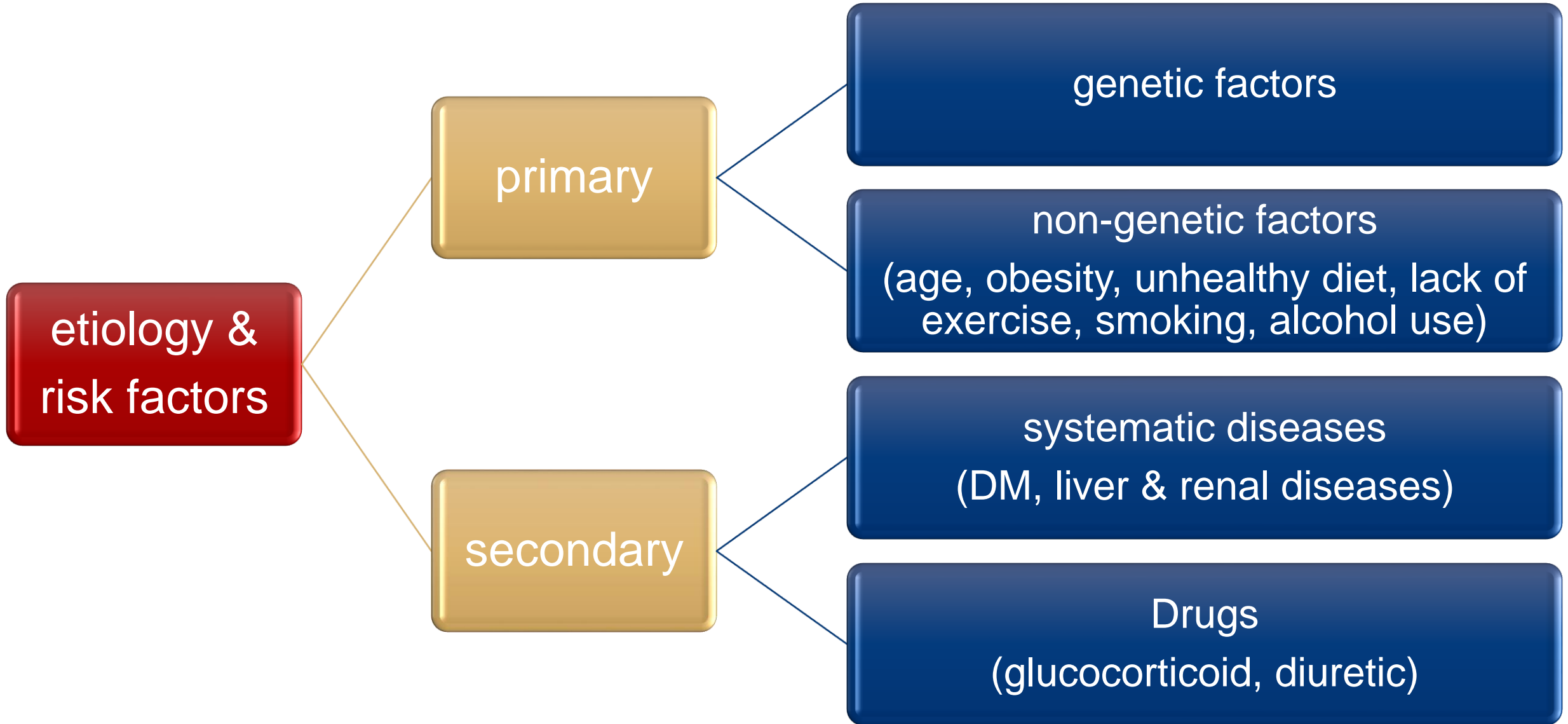
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## The epidemiological status of dyslipidemia in China



# Background



# Background—gut microbiota & lipid metabolism

## Animal experiment

ApoE<sup>-/-</sup>-deficient mice

germ-free conditions



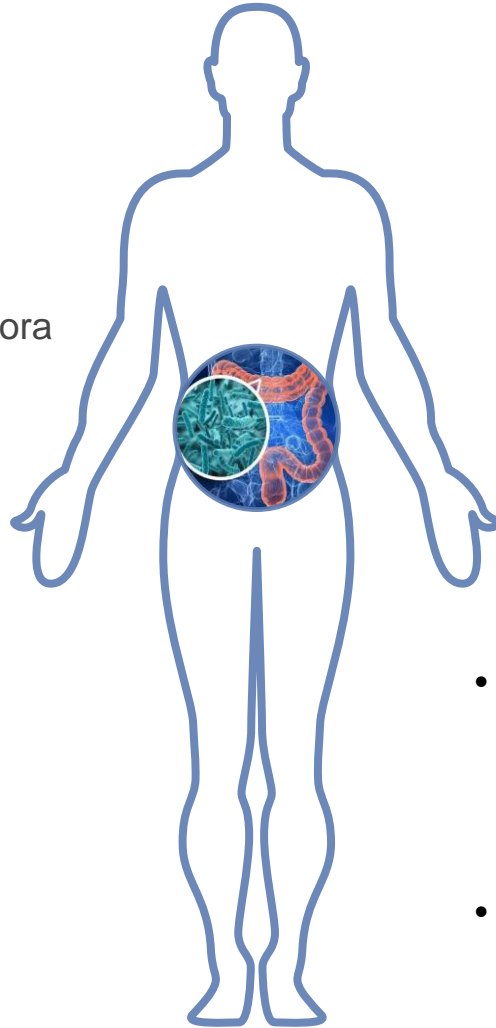
conventional conditions with defined microflora

low cholesterol standard diet



atherosclerotic plaques in the aorta

absence of atherosclerotic plaques



## Population study



893 subjects from cohort

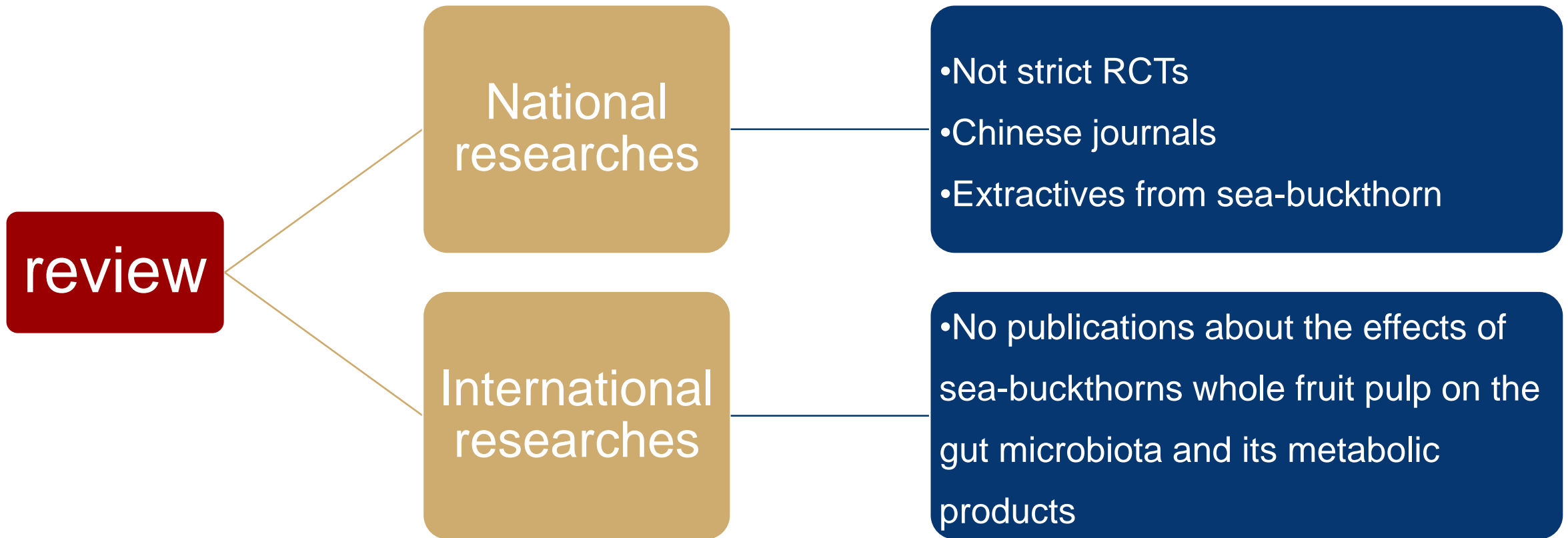


16sRNA

- The gut microbiome may play an important role in the variation in body mass index and blood lipid levels, independent of age, sex, and host genetics.
- The potential of therapies altering the gut microbiome to control BMI, triglycerides, and HDL.

\*Stepankova R , Tonar Z , Bartova J , et al. Absence of Microbiota (Germ-Free Conditions) Accelerates the Atherosclerosis in ApoE-Deficient Mice Fed Standard Low Cholesterol Diet[J]. Journal of Atherosclerosis and Thrombosis, 2010, 17(8):796-804.

\*Fu J , Bonder M J , María Carmen Cenit, et al. The Gut Microbiome Contributes to a Substantial Proportion of the Variation in Blood Lipids[J]. Circulation Research, 2015, 117(9):817-824.



# Objectives

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**01**

To explore the dynamic effects of sea-buckthorns whole fruit pulp on blood lipids in patients with hypercholesterolemia.

**02**

To explore the mechanism of action of sea-buckthorns whole fruit pulp on the gut microbiota and metabolic product changes in patients with hypercholesterolemia.

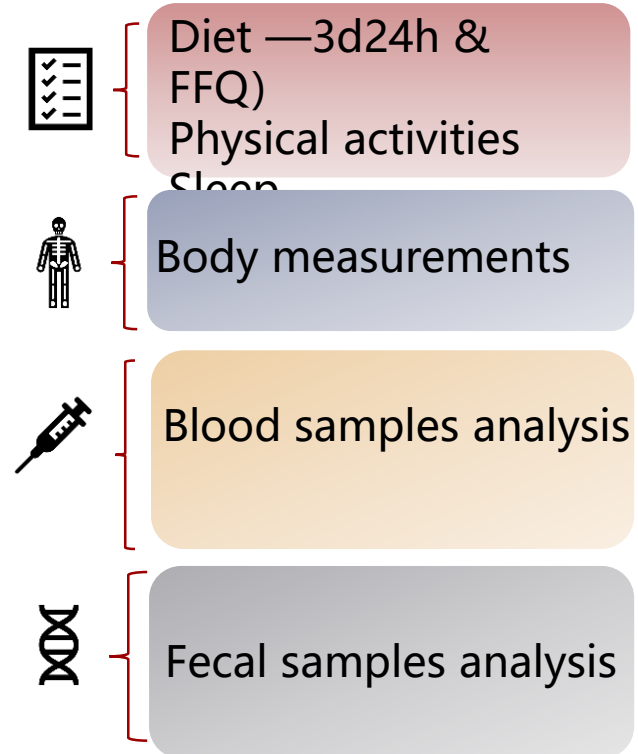
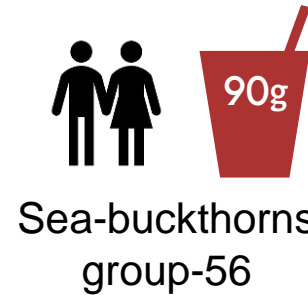
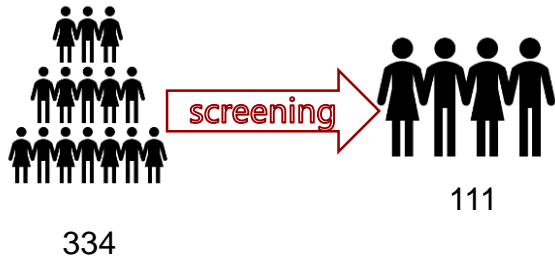


# Methods

randomized, double-blind, controlled trial

follow-up

data



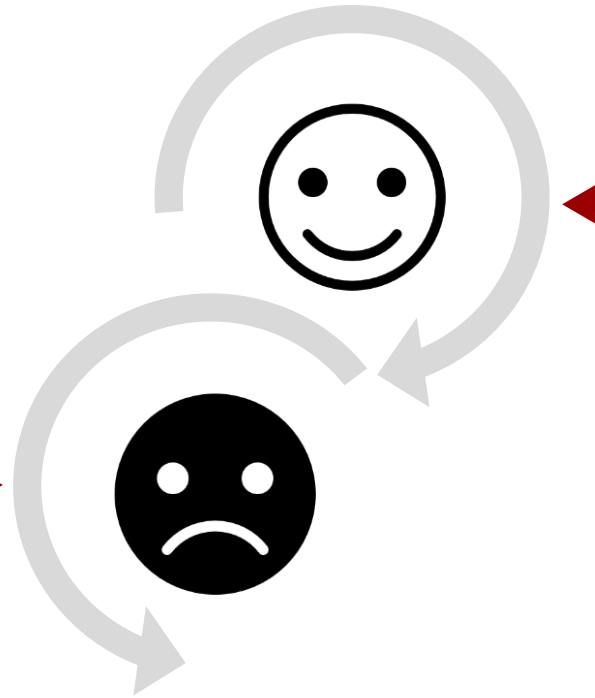
Hippophae rhamnoides  
L. subsp. Sinensis

- NSFC-81472969
- IRB00001052-17052
- ChiCTR1800014406

## Exclusion criteria

- People with thyroid, kidney, and blood-related diseases;
- People with abnormal liver function;
- Non-menopausal women;
- Diabetics;
- People who have suffered from myocardial infarction or are receiving cardiovascular drug treatment;
- People with gastrointestinal dysfunction;
- People taking lipid-lowering drugs;
- People with infectious diseases (such as tuberculosis, viral hepatitis, and HIV infection);
- People with mental illness and memory impairment;
- People who cannot answer questions correctly, etc.

## Subjects with hypercholesterolemia



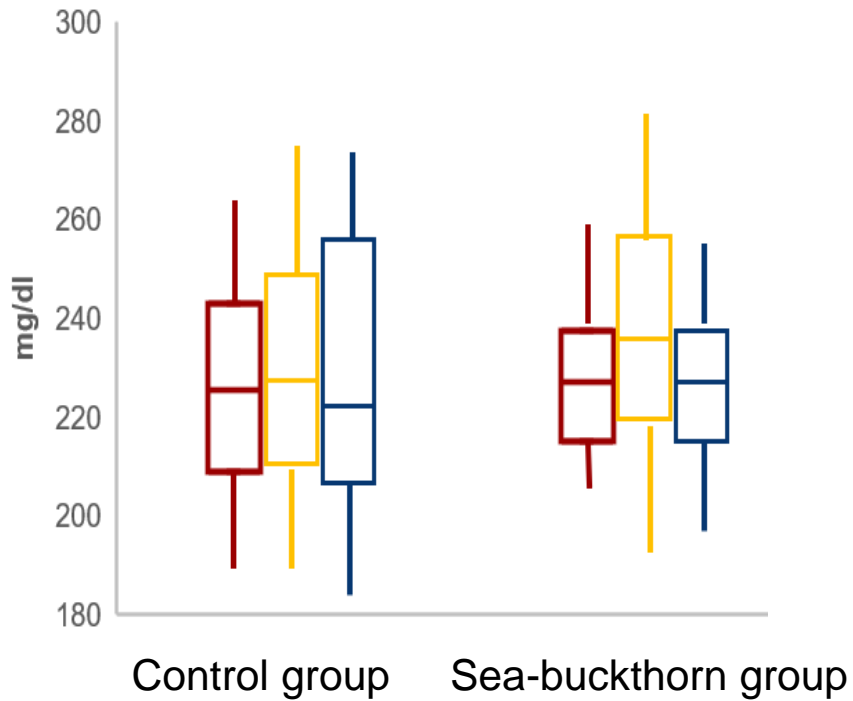
## Inclusion criteria

- Age 50-70 years old, both genders are acceptable, and women should be postmenopausal;
- $5.2\text{mmol/L} \leq \text{TC} \leq 7.2\text{mmol/L}$ ;
- Insulin  $< 25\text{mU/L}$ ;
- Blood pressure  $< 160/99\text{mmHg}$ ;
- Hemoglobin  $> 120\text{g/L}$ ;
- Thyroid-stimulating hormone  $0.3\sim 4.2\text{mU/L}$ ;
- Alanine aminotransferase  $< 60\text{U/L}$ ;
- Creatinine  $< 115\mu\text{mol/L}$ .

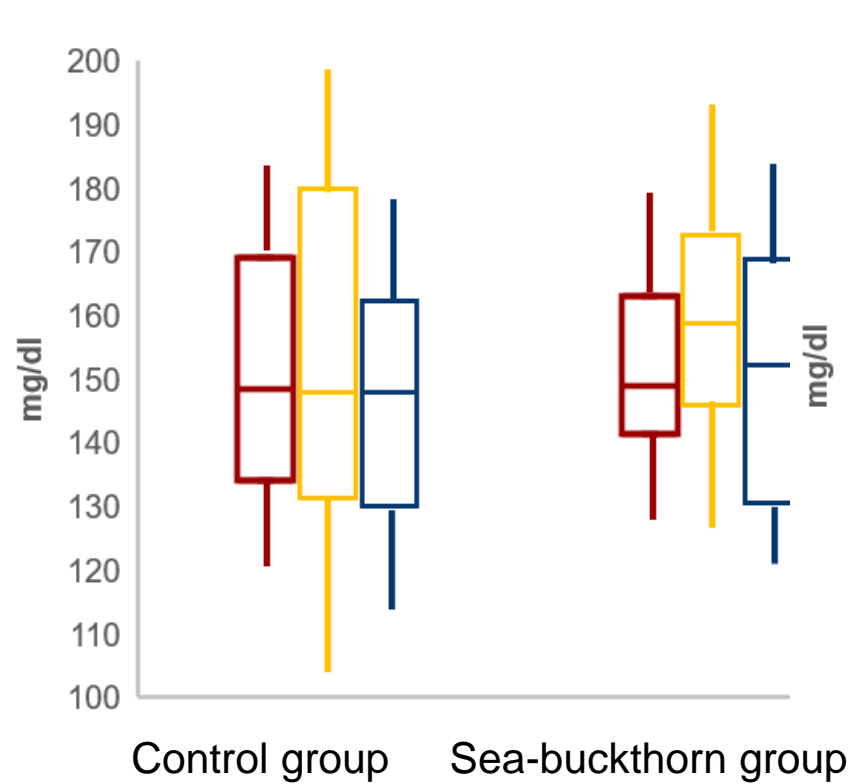
# Results

- After 90 days intervention, there were no significant effects on blood lipids.

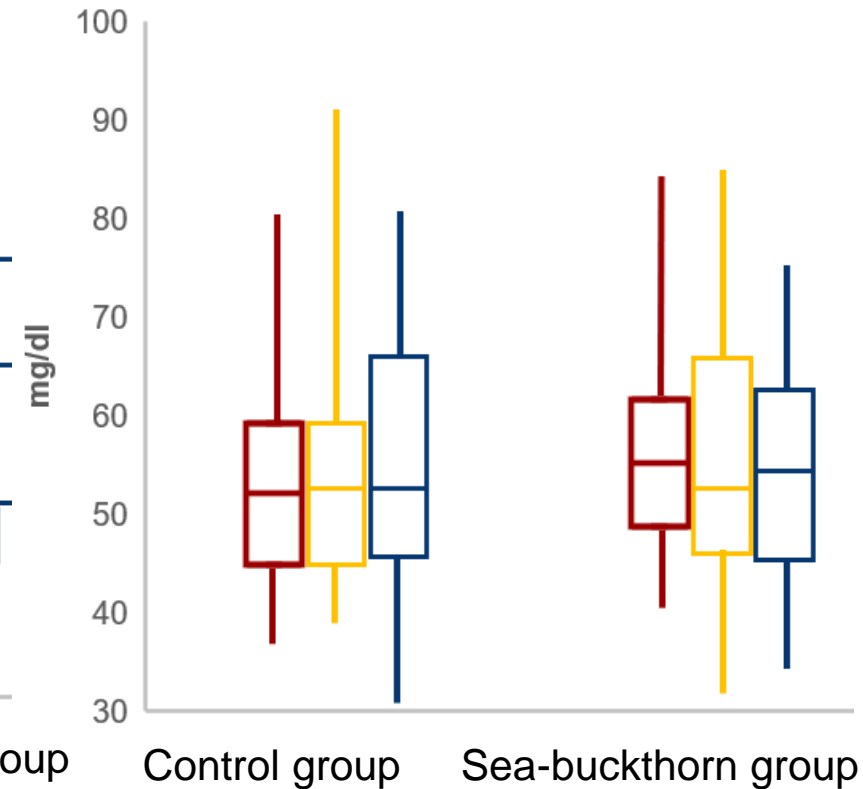
## TC



## LDL-C

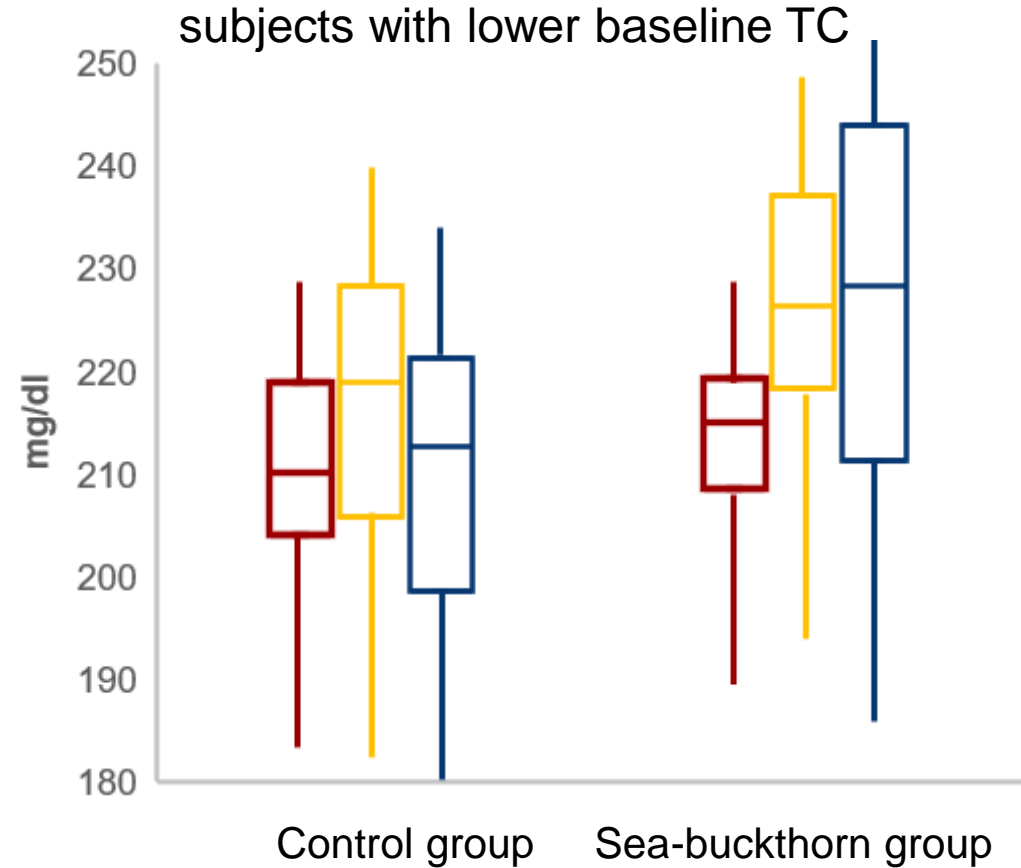
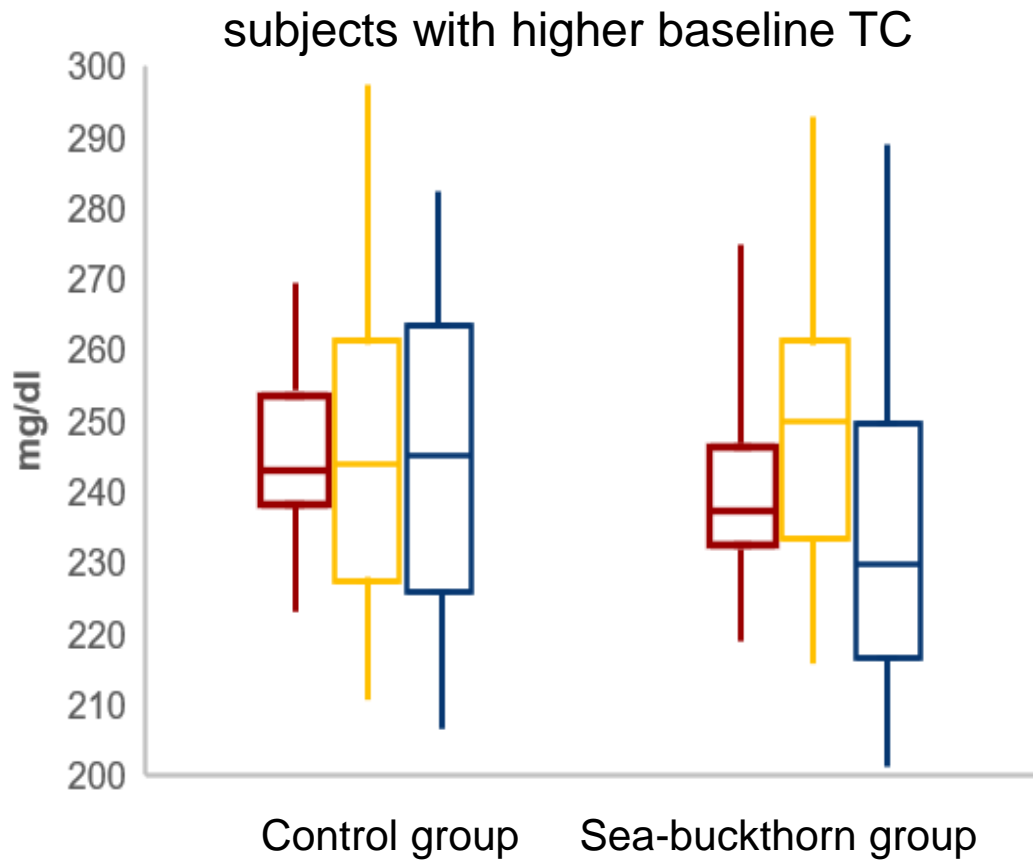


## HDL-C



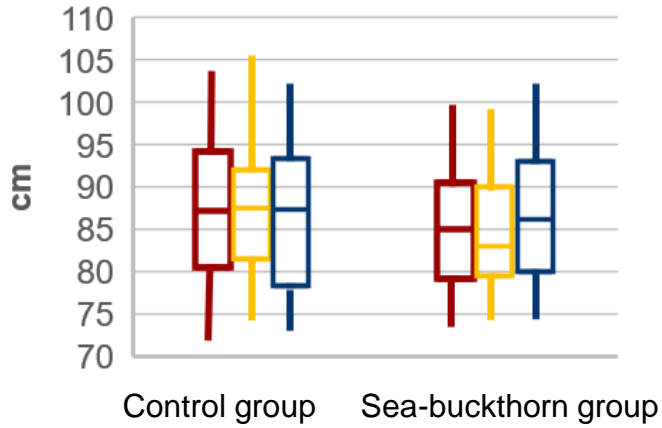
# Results

- Stratified analysis showed that sea buckthorn intervention **reduced TC levels** in subjects with higher baseline TC.

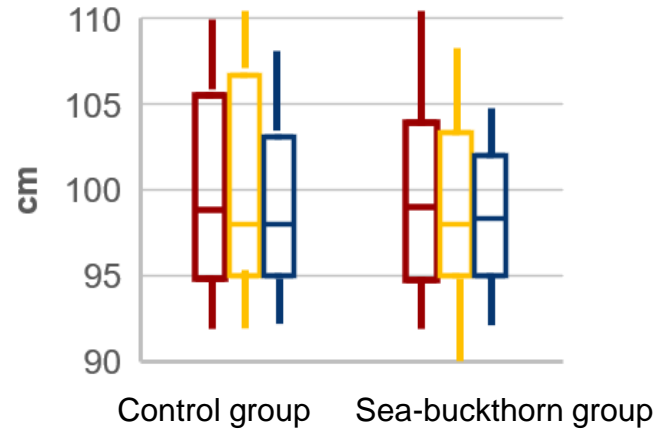


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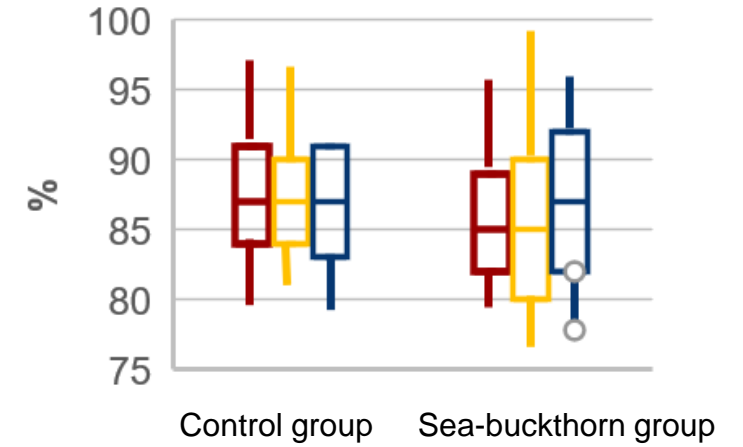
### waist circumference



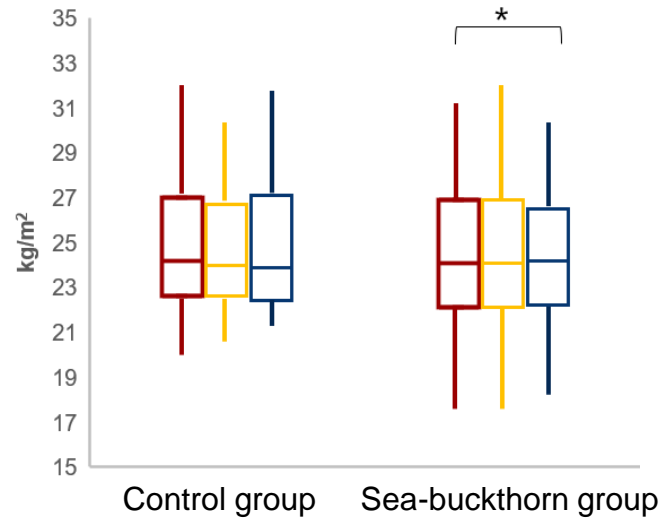
### hip circumference



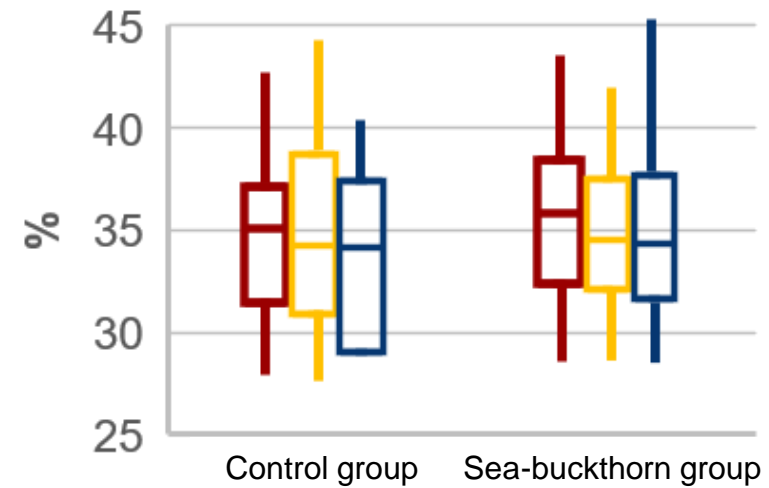
### waist / hip



### BMI

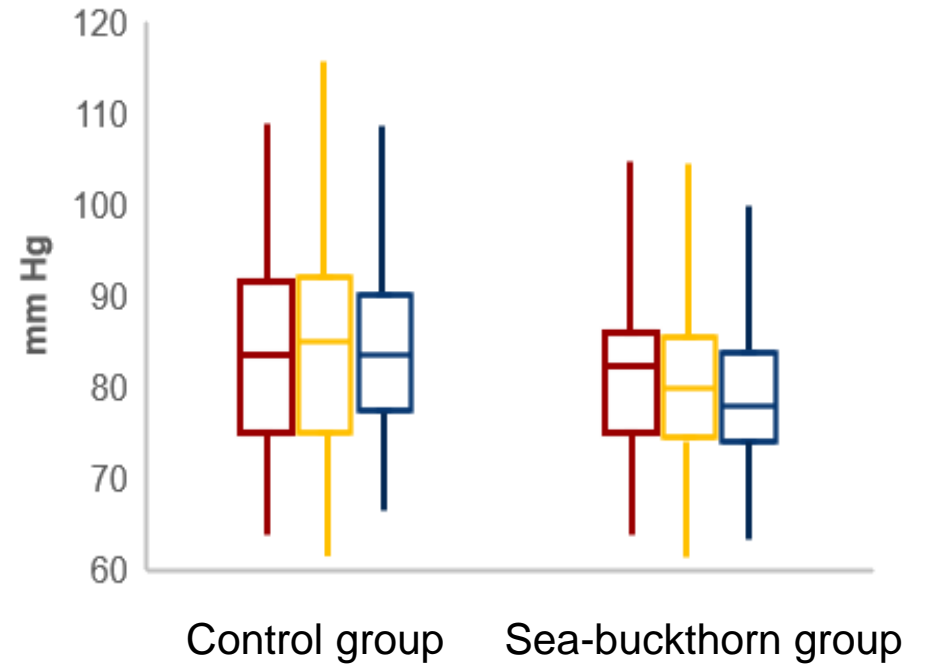
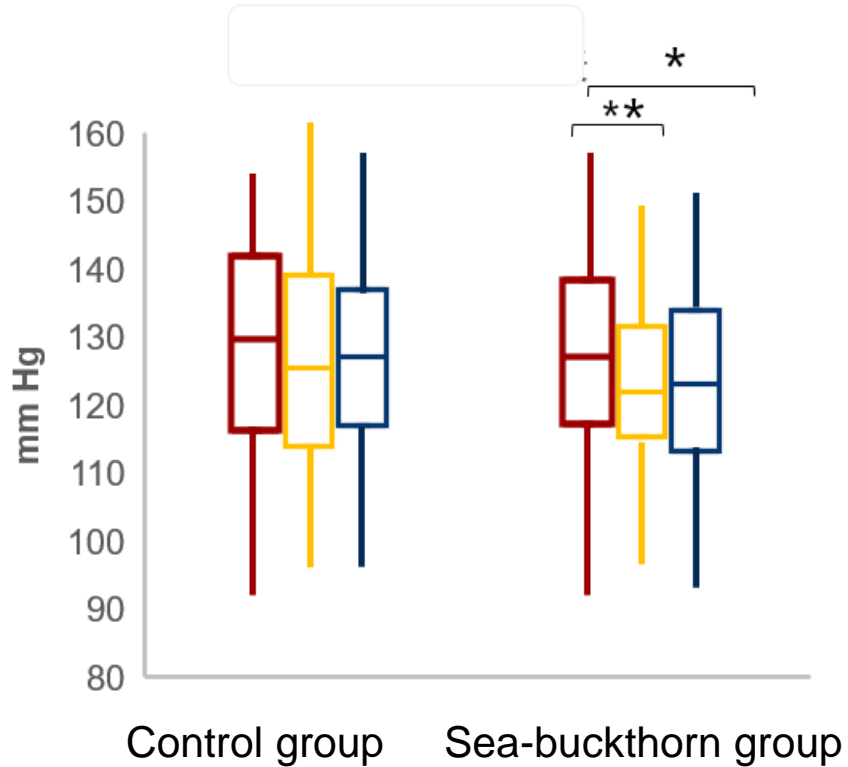


### body fat rate



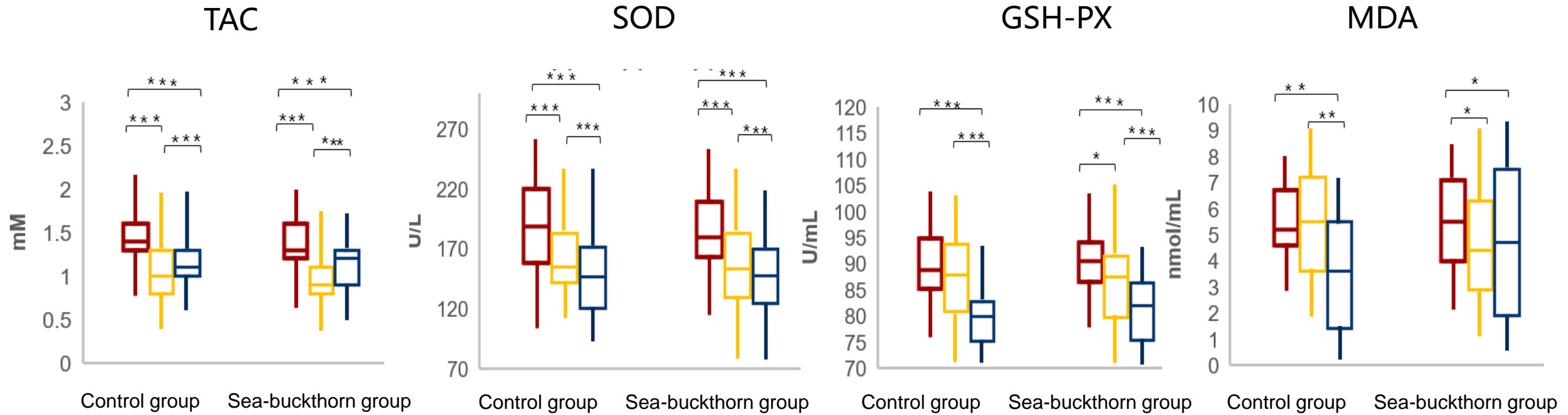
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- Systolic blood pressure was **reduced**, and diastolic blood pressure showed a **downward trend**.



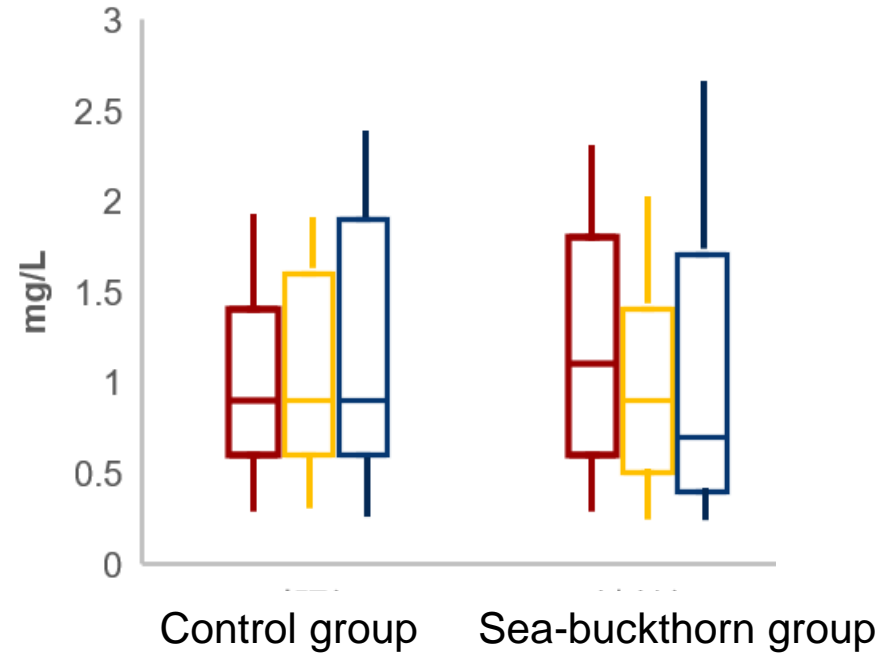
# Results

- There were no significant effects on antioxidants between groups.



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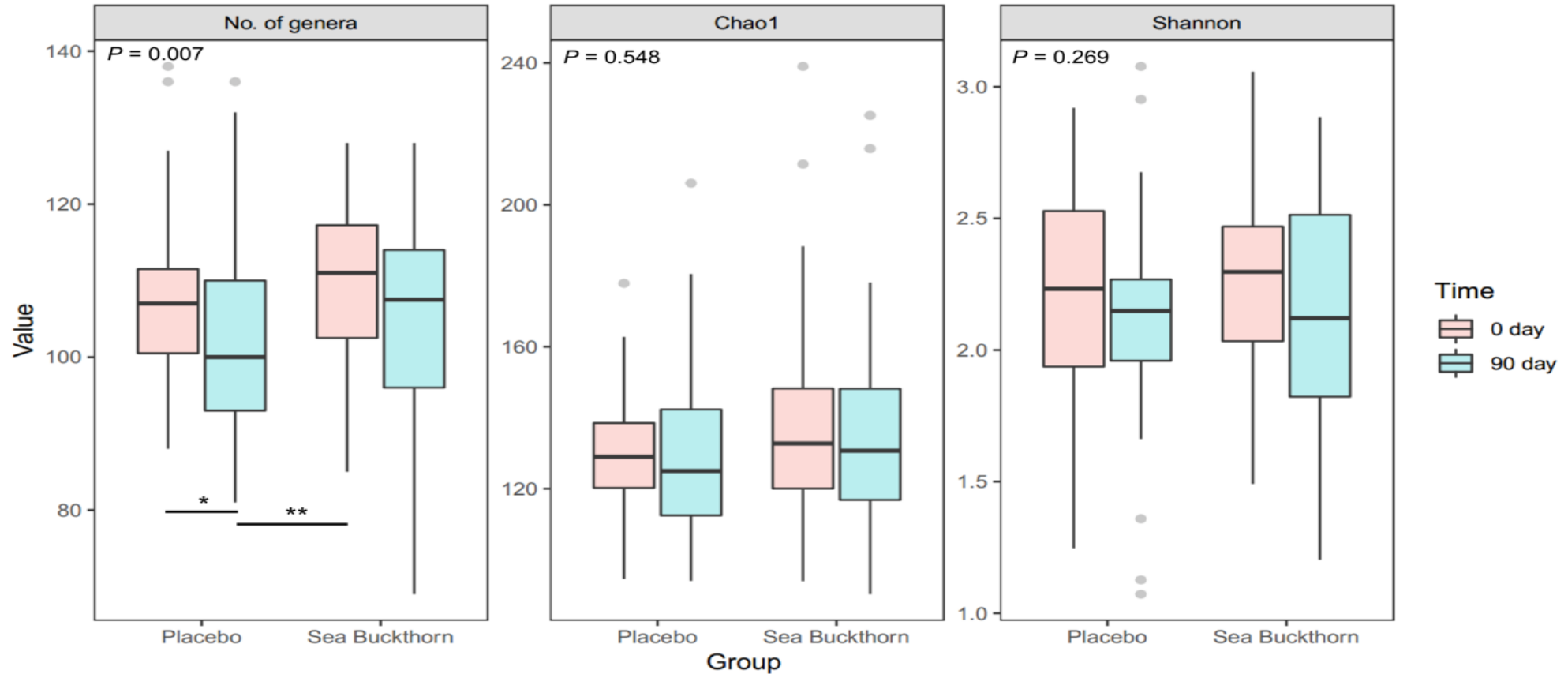
- The level of serum inflammatory factors was **reduced** to a certain extent, especially **hsCRP** decreased significantly.





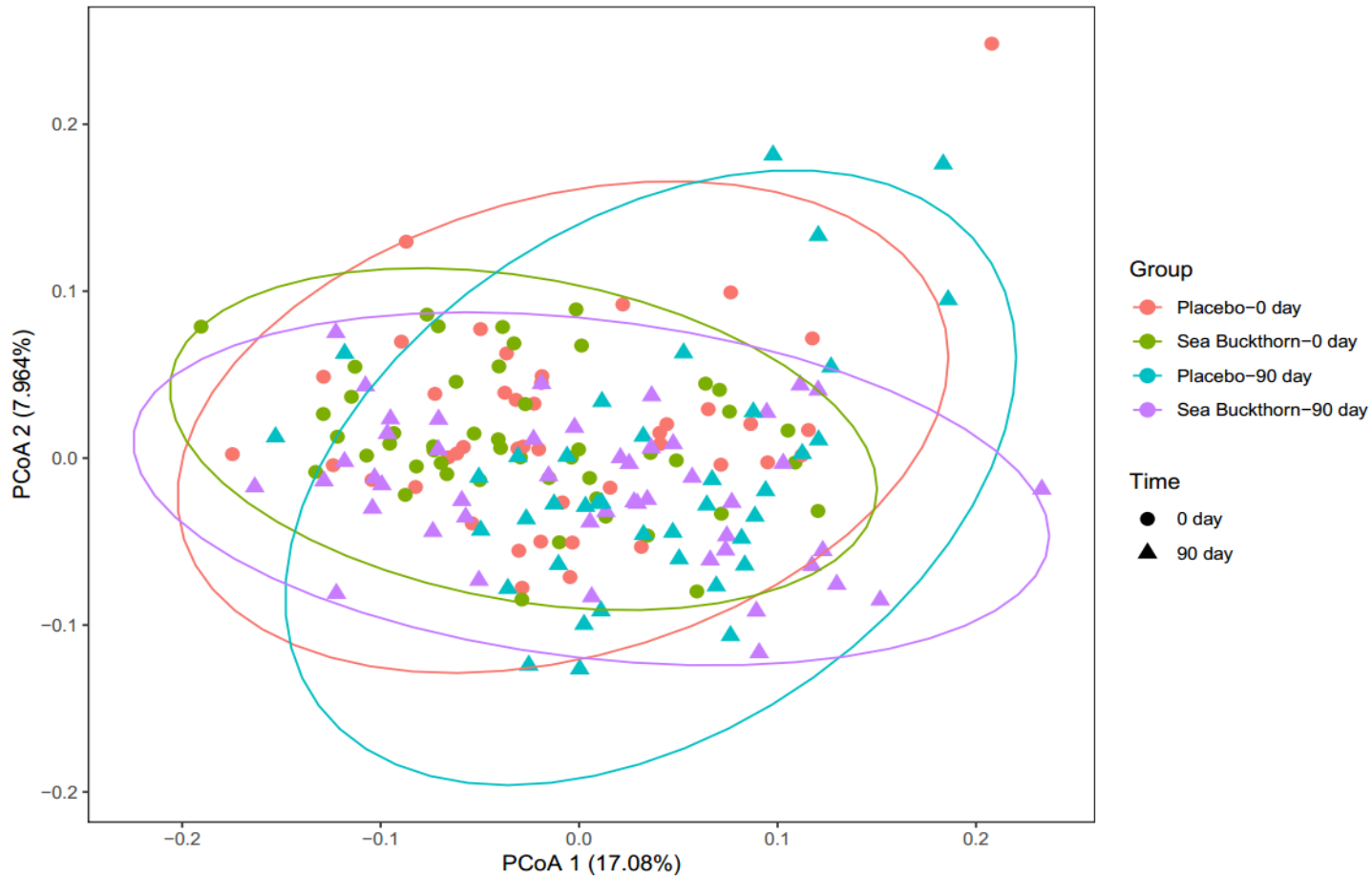
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between groups:  $P=0.017$

within S group:  $P=0.045$

# Results

## Butyric acid-producing bacteria

- *Blautia*
- *unclassified\_Ruminococcaceae*
- *Faecalibacterium*
- *Sporobacte*
- *Butyrivibrio*
- *Coprococcus*

**Positively** correlated with antioxidants

**Negatively** correlated with IL-6

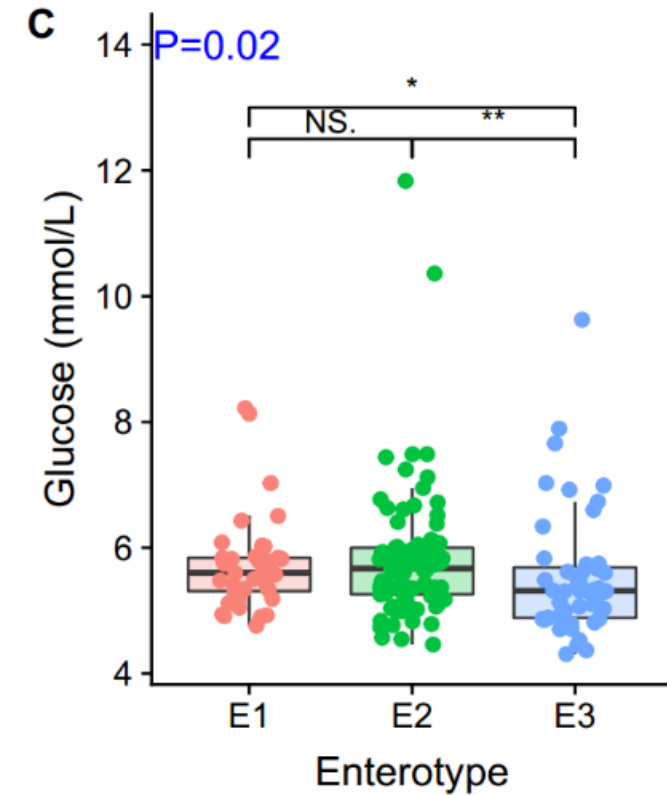
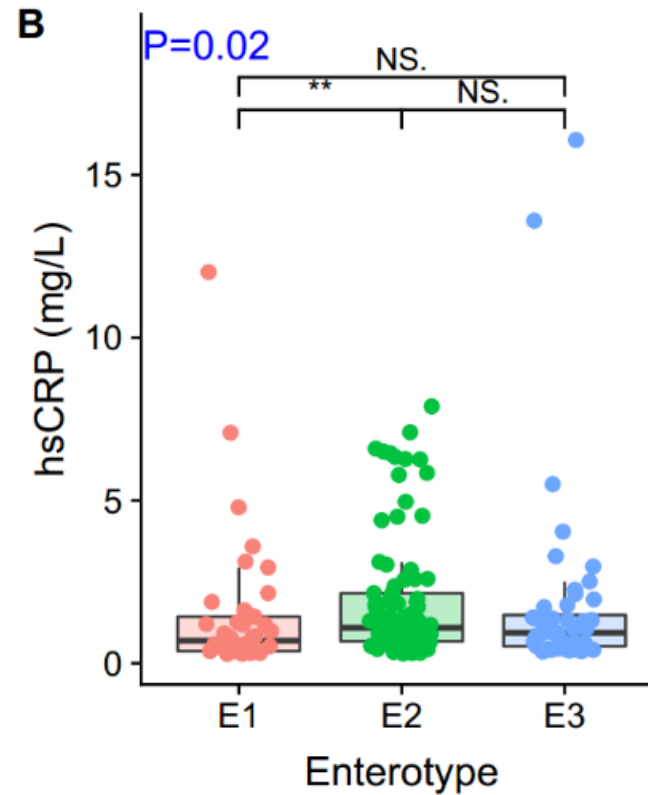
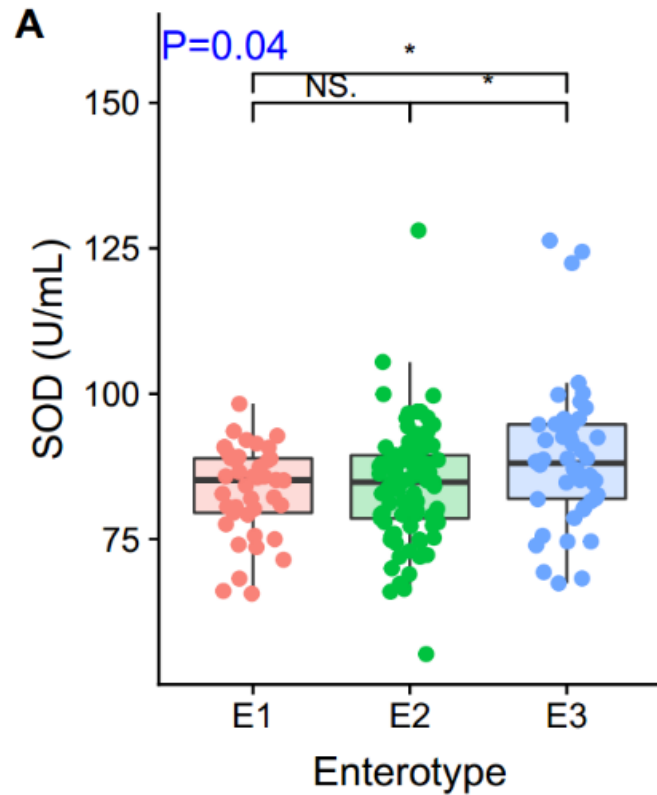
## Pathogenic bacteria

- *Fusicatenibacter*
- *Odoribacter*

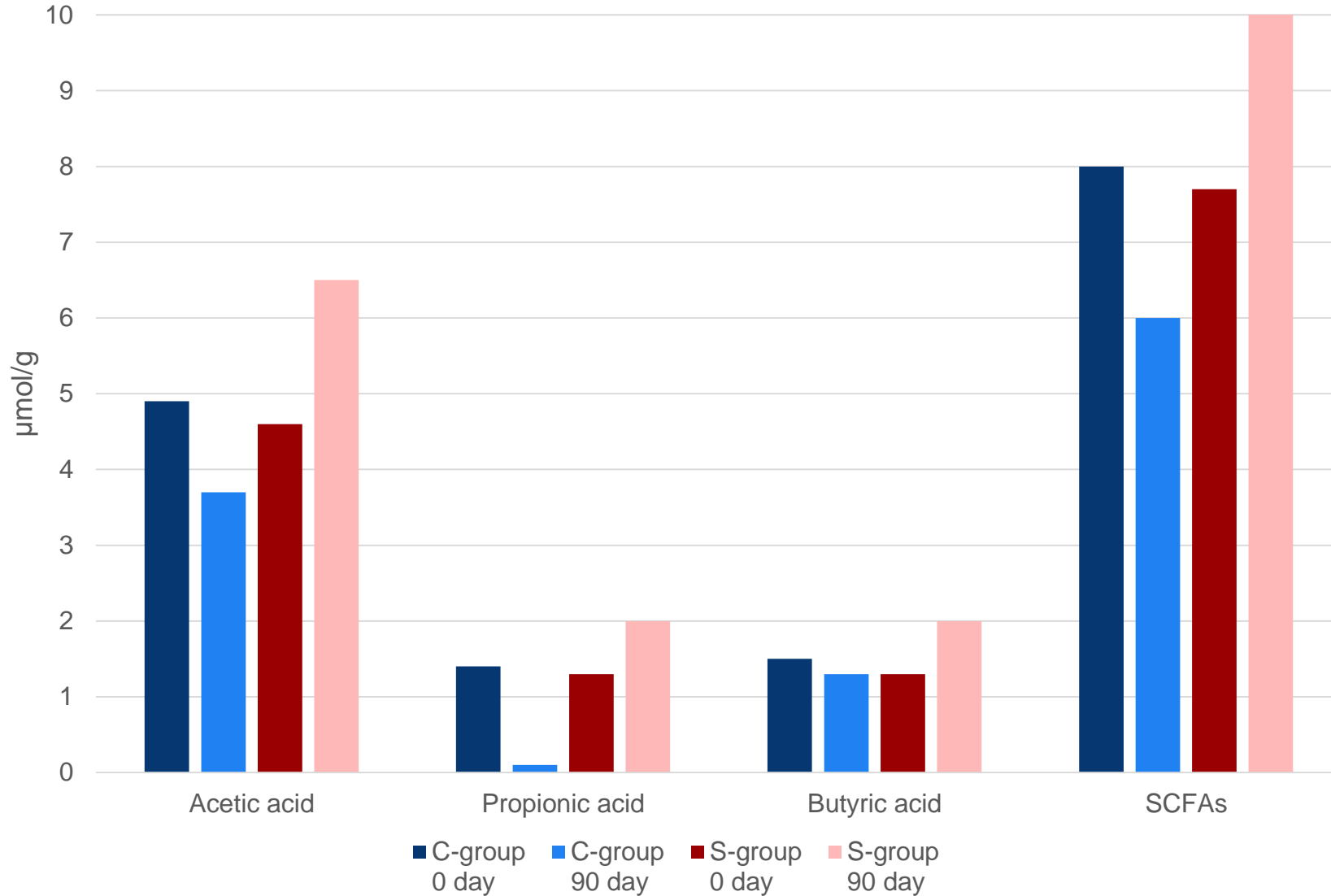
**Positively** correlated with hsCRP & TC

# Results

- E3 (Butyric acid-producing bacteria): **higher SOD** & lower fasting blood glucose

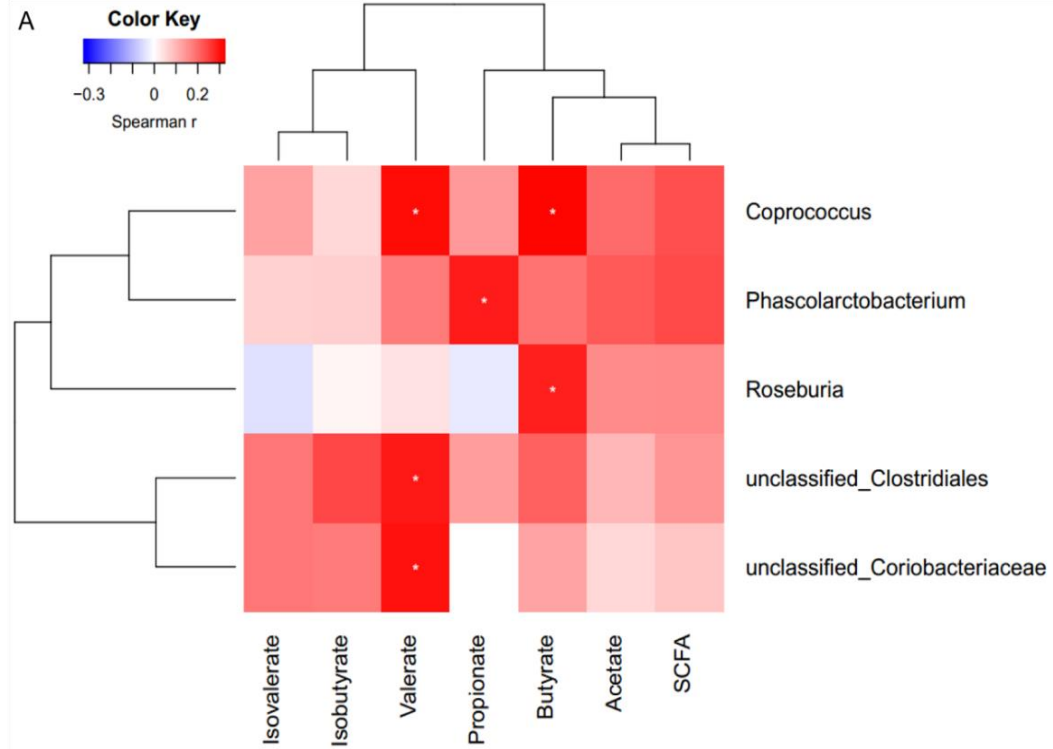


# Results



Acetic acid=0.018  
Propionic acid =0.030  
Butyric acid =0.027  
SCFAs=0.018

# Results



*Phascolarctobacterium*

Positively  
correlated with  
propionic acid

*Coprococcus*  
*Roseburia*

Positively  
correlated with  
Butyric acid

*Coprococcus*  
*unclassified\_*  
*Clostridiales*  
*unclassified\_*  
*Coriobacteriaceae*

Positively  
correlated with  
valeric acid

# Conclusions

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- Sea-buckthorns whole fruit pulp had **no significant effects** on body weight, BMI, body fat rate, waist and hip circumference, blood sugar, antioxidant capacity and other indicators in patients with hypercholesterolemia.
- For patients with **high baseline TC** level, sea-buckthorns whole fruit pulp could **reduce serum TC** to a certain extent, suggesting that sea buckthorn puree may be expected to have a certain **lipid-lowering** effects on patients with hypercholesterolemia at high risk.
- Sea-buckthorns whole fruit pulp also **reduced the level of hsCRP and systolic blood pressure**, suggesting that sea-buckthorns whole fruit pulp might have anti-inflammatory and anti-hypertensive effects on patients with hypercholesterolemia, but more trials are needed to provide more conclusive evidence in the future.
- Sea buckthorn puree could **effectively increase the species and abundance of butyric acid-producing bacteria in intestinal tract** of patients with hypercholesterolemia. There are abundant of evidences indicate that **butyric acid concentration is negatively correlated with inflammation** in human body. The SCFAs concentration changes after intervention also confirmed that sea-buckthorns whole fruit pulp could **promote gut microbiota metabolism of SCFA**, and then play a role in **cardiovascular protection**.



**Thank you!**