

Secondary bacterial pneumonia presents as a significant complication of epidemic and pandemic viral respiratory infections<sup>1</sup>





Virus infection promotes bacterial attachment and colonization<sup>1</sup>



Disruption of epithelial barriers<sup>1</sup>



Alteration of the innate immune response<sup>1</sup>



Improving immune response helps to combat these viral as well as bacterial infections<sup>1</sup>



Use of probiotics can help to control the growth of pathogenic microorganisms and modulate the immune response in such diseases<sup>1</sup>



According to a Cochrane meta-analysis, probiotics show efficacy in reducing the incidence and duration of acute respiratory tract infections of viral origin, as well as the need for several antibiotic courses<sup>1</sup>

## **MECHANISM OF ACTION OF PROBIOTICS**

Inhibition of growth of pathogenic bacteria<sup>1</sup>

Adhesion and co-aggregation ability<sup>1</sup>

Competition for binding sites and nutritional sources<sup>1</sup>

Secretion of antimicrobial substances<sup>1</sup>

Enhancement of intestinal barrier function<sup>1</sup>

Regulation of tight junctions and mucins expression<sup>1</sup>

Immunomodulation by interaction to receptors of microorganism-associated molecular patterns (MAMPs)¹

## PROBIOTICS AND IMMUNITY

Probiotics can modulate the immune system by binding of their MAMPS with pattern recognition receptors (PRRs) expressed<sup>1</sup>



Certain short-chain fatty acids (SCFA) derived microbiota fermentation show immunoregulatory function<sup>1</sup>

Bind to cell surface G protein-coupled receptors and modulate the immune function indirectly<sup>1</sup>

Inhibit histone deacetylases, the cell interior, and regulate gene transcription in the immune response<sup>1</sup>

Promote B-cell differentiation and antibody synthesis, improving the antibody-antigen response<sup>1</sup>

## Probiotic immune functions<sup>1</sup>:

- Act on T helper (Th) and regulatory T (TReg) cells
- Influence mucosal immune responses and T-cell differentiation by the induction of different cytokines secretion
- Induce immunoglobulin A (IgA) secretion, collaborating in maintaining immune surveillance

# Prevent acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)

Probiotics modify the dynamic balance between proinflammatory and immunoregulatory cytokines, allowing viral clearance and minimizing immune response-mediated damage to the lungs<sup>2</sup>

# Reduce COVID-19 burden and severity

In the current COVID-19 pandemic, probiotics present a potential therapy as a part of the armamentarium to reduce the disease burden and severity<sup>2</sup>

# Additional benefits with prebiotics

Additionally, the use of recognized prebiotics should be encouraged to enhance the propagation of probiotic strains and indigenous beneficial microbes to help flatten the COVID-19 curve<sup>2</sup>



# **ViBact-DS**

(Bacillus Mesentericus – 2 million, Clostridium Butyricum – 4 million, Streptococcus Faecalis – 60 million, Lactobacillus Sporogenes – 100 million)

# Synergistic combination of Pre & Probiotic



#### Prebiotic:

Genetically Modified
Bacillus Mesentericus (GMBM)



## Probiotic:

Streptococcus Faecalis



# Probiotic: Clostridium





## **Benefits of Vibact DS**

- Can withstand gastric acid pH as low as 1.2<sup>3</sup>
- Promotes the growth of Bifidobacterium species<sup>4</sup>
- Improves stool consistency and frequency in diarrhea⁵
- Stimulates the mucosal immunity<sup>6</sup>

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