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Opinion

Benefits of probiotics for your overall health

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Abstract

Probiotics are live microorganisms that are beneficial to our health, especially when it comes to our digestive system. These good bacteria can help improve digestion and boost immunity, but they also have some surprising benefits for our overall health. In this article, we will explore some of these lesser-known benefits of probiotics.

Keywords: Probiotics, Bacteria, Immunity.

INTRODUCTION

Probiotics can help reduce stress and anxiety studies have shown that probiotics can have a positive effect on our mood and mental health. A healthy gut microbiome is essential for the production of neurotransmitters, such as serotonin and dopamine, which play a role in regulating mood and emotions. Probiotics can help restore balance to the gut microbiome, which may help alleviate symptoms of stress, anxiety, and depression (Knorr et al, 2004).

probiotics can improve skin health is the health of our skin is closely linked to the health of our gut. A healthy gut microbiome can help reduce inflammation throughout the body, including the skin. Probiotics have been shown to reduce inflammation and redness associated with conditions like acne, eczema, and rosacea. They can also help strengthen the skin barrier and improve hydration, which can lead to smoother, more youthful-looking skin. Probiotics can help manage blood sugar levels and help manage blood sugar levels. The gut microbiome plays a key role in regulating our metabolism and blood sugar levels. Studies have shown that probiotics can help improve insulin sensitivity and reduce blood sugar levels, which is beneficial for those with type 2 diabetes or insulin resistance. Probiotics can also help improve lipid profiles, reducing the risk of heart disease and stroke (Krishnamurthy, 2008).

Probiotics can improve oral health and boost immunity probiotics are well-known for their immune-boosting

properties. They help stimulate the production of antibodies and other immune cells, which can help protect against infections and diseases. Probiotics can also help reduce inflammation in the body, which is linked to a variety of chronic diseases. The health of our mouth and teeth is also linked to the health of our gut microbiome. Probiotics can help reduce the growth of harmful bacteria in the mouth, which can lead to tooth decay and gum disease. They can also help freshen breath and reduce inflammation in the gums (Narayan, 1995).

You can increase the amount of good microbes in your body through foods, drinks and supplements. You may already have certain foods in your daily diet that contain probiotics. Fermented foods in particular (yogurt and pickles, for example) are home to a host of good bacteria that benefit your body. There are also fermented drinks like kombucha (fermented tea) or kefir (fermented dairy drink) that introduce extra probiotics into your diet. Apart from food, you can add probiotics to your diet through dietary supplements. These aren't drugs, so they do not need to be approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA). It's important that you always talk to your healthcare provider before starting any kind of supplement or major change to your diet (Rastogi, 2011).

Several probiotic strains are very fragile and need to be protected from heat, oxygen, light and humidity. The probiotics might start to break down or die if they are exposed to these elements. Because of this, you may need

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to refrigerate your probiotics or store it in a particular place. Refrigerating certain probiotic strains ensures that they're still viable when you go to use them and will still provide the full benefit of the probiotic. Always read the labels on any probiotic product you purchase to make sure you store it correctly and use it within the expiration date (Wilkinson, 2008).

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, probiotics are not just good for our digestion - they have a wide range of benefits for our overall health. By incorporating probiotic-rich foods like yogurt, kefir, and sauerkraut into our diets, or taking a high-quality probiotic supplement, we can reap the many benefits of these beneficial microbes.

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