

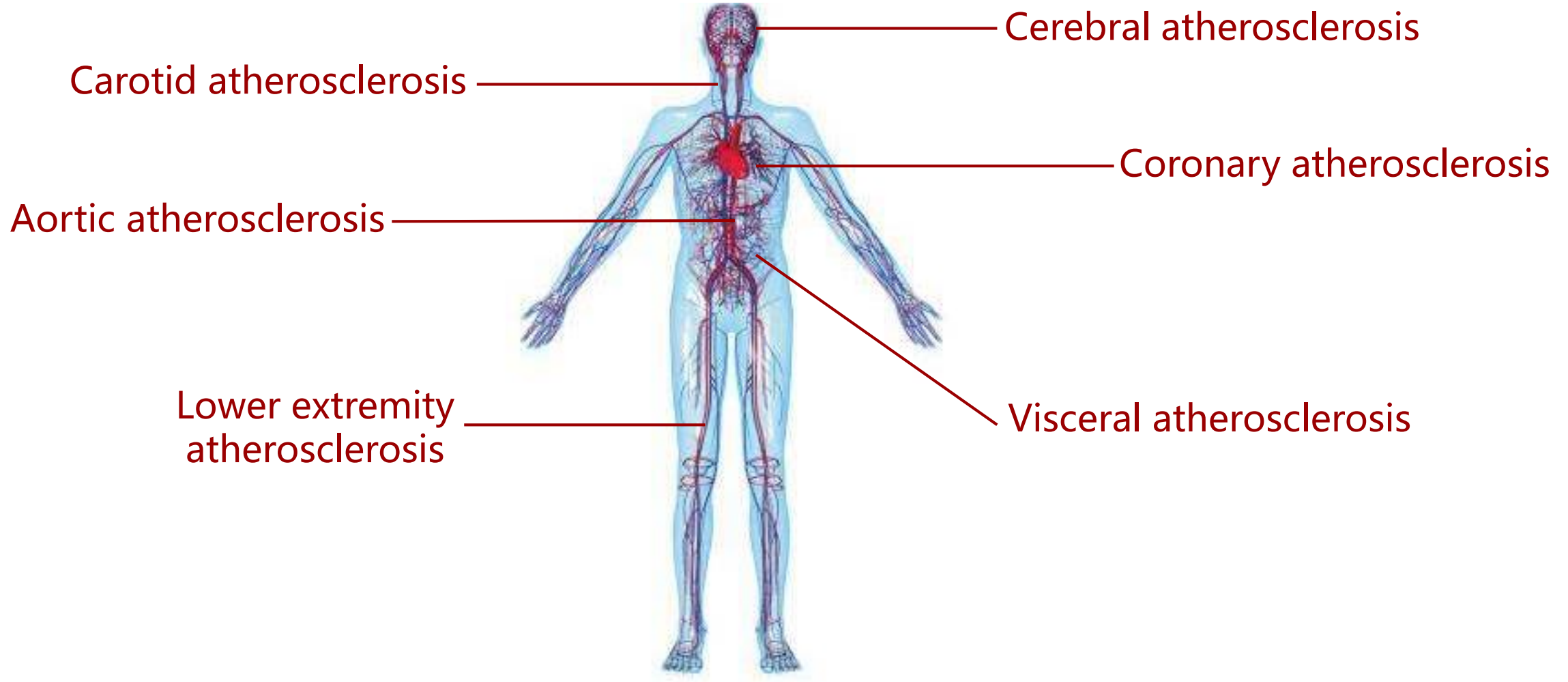


Health effect research development on sea-buckthorn fruit pulp

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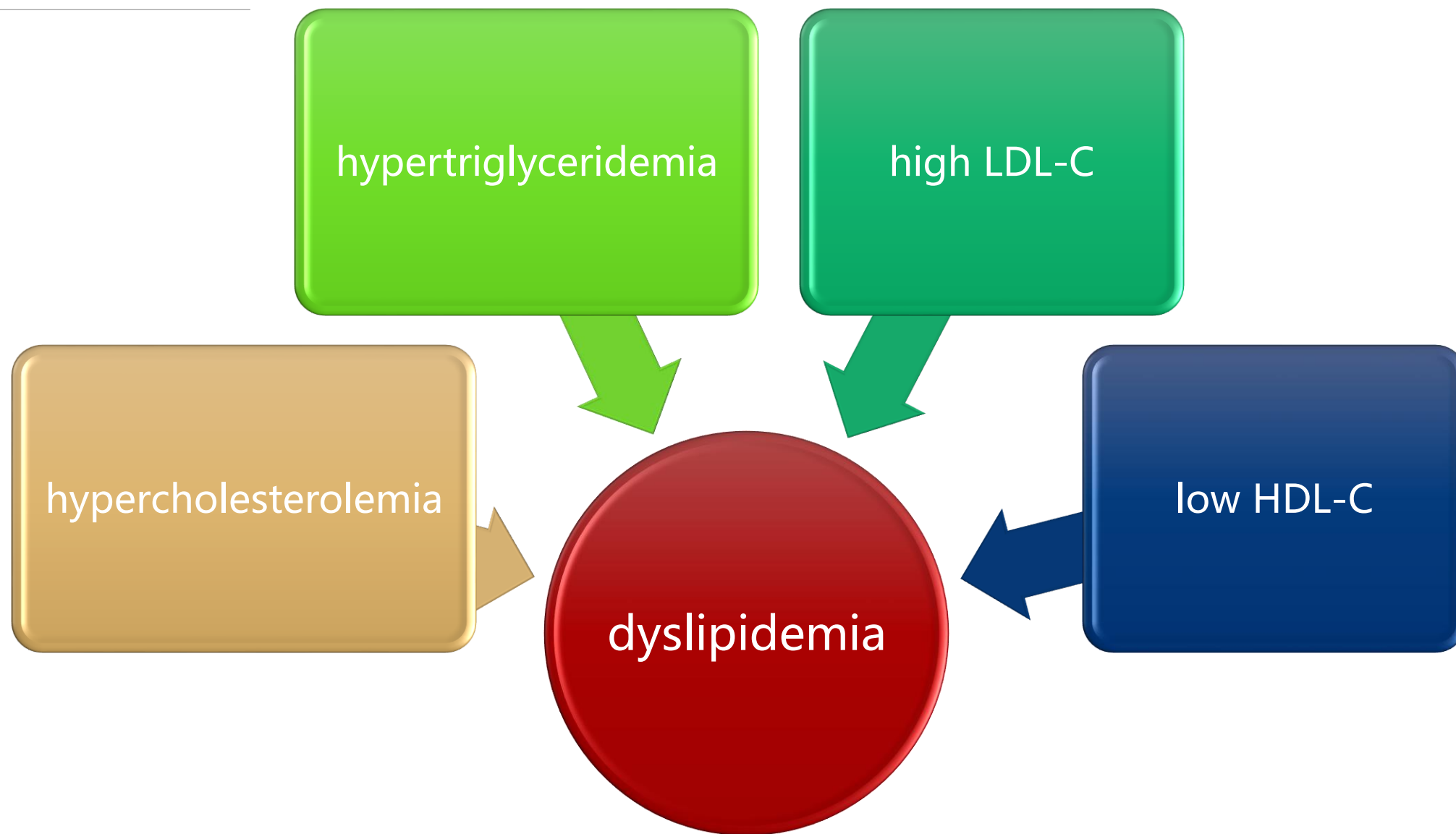
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Background

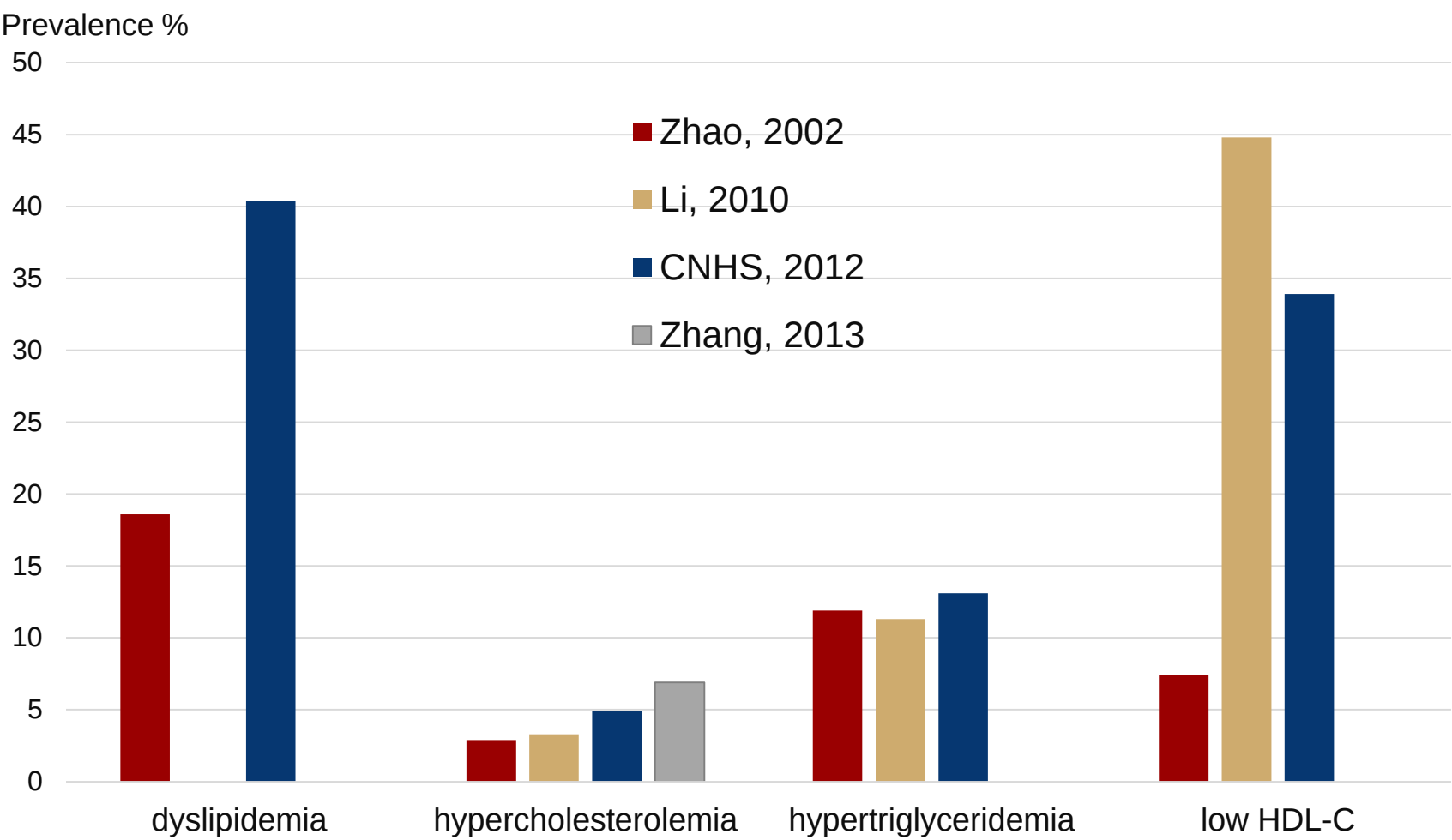


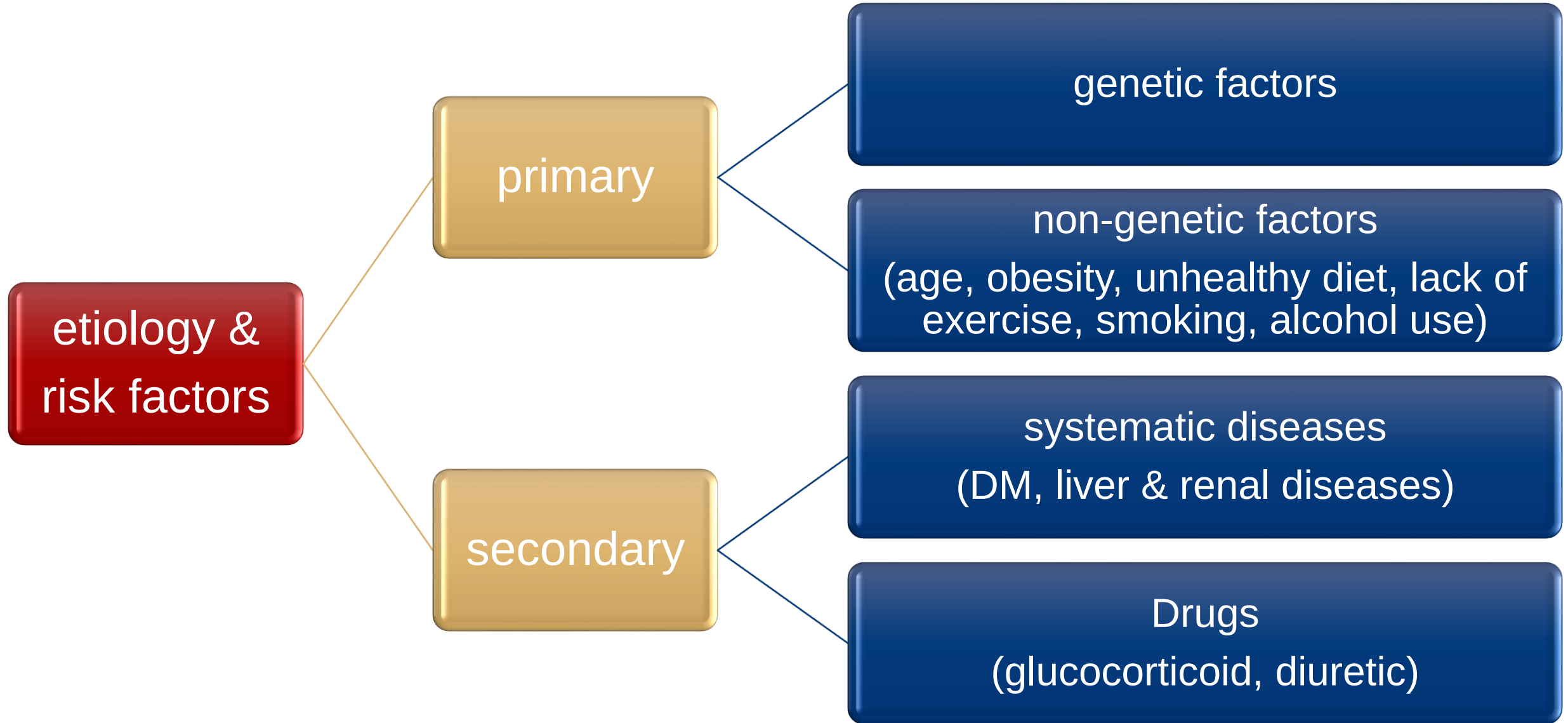
The main hazards of dyslipidemia

Background



The epidemiological status of dyslipidemia in China

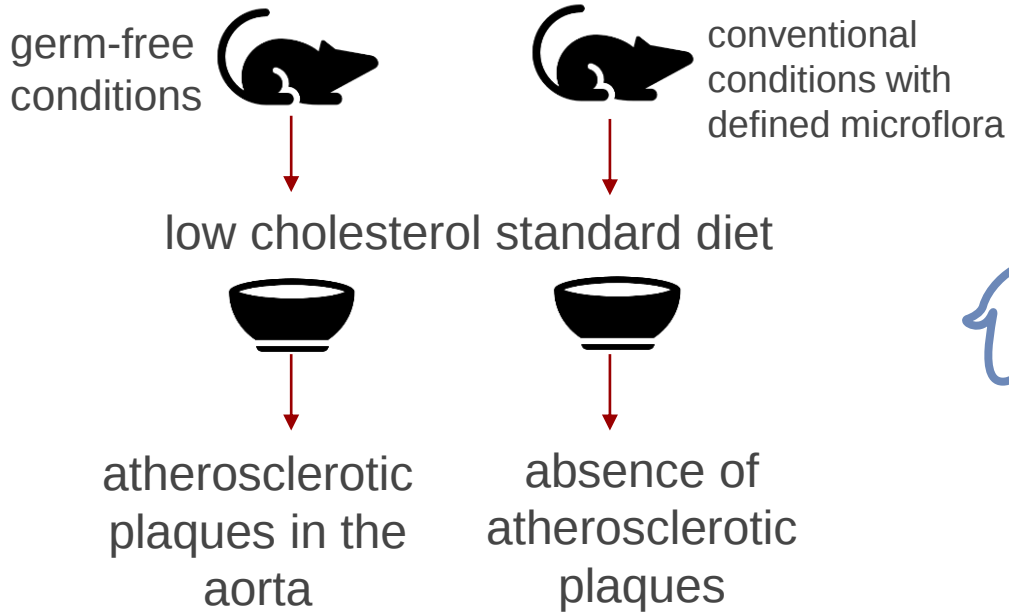




Background——gut microbiota & lipid metabolism

Animal experiment

ApoE^{-/-}-deficient mice



*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.

Population study



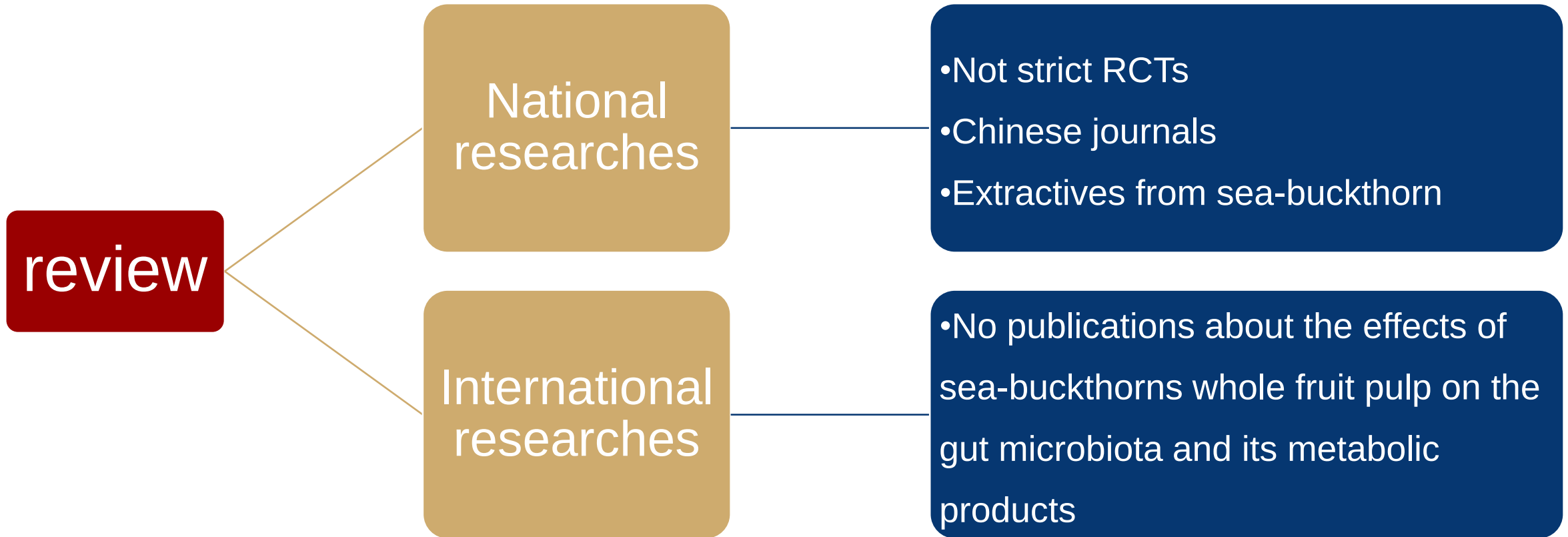
893 subjects
from cohort



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.

*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

01

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

02

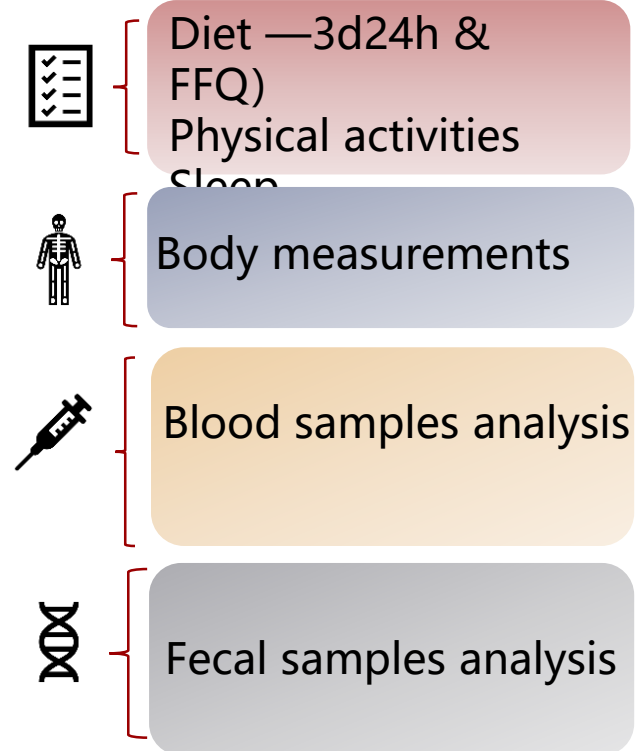
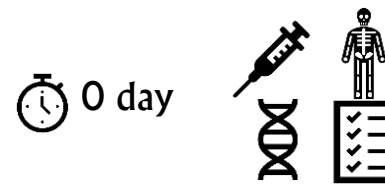
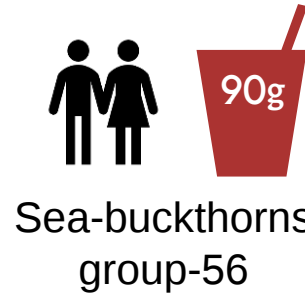
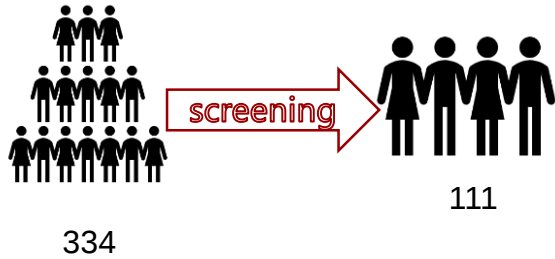
To explore the mechanism of action of sea-buckthorns whole fruit pulp on the gut microbiota and metabolic product changes in patients with hypercholesterolemia.

Methods

randomized, double-blind, controlled trial

follow-up

data



Hippophae rhamnoides
L. subsp. Sinensis

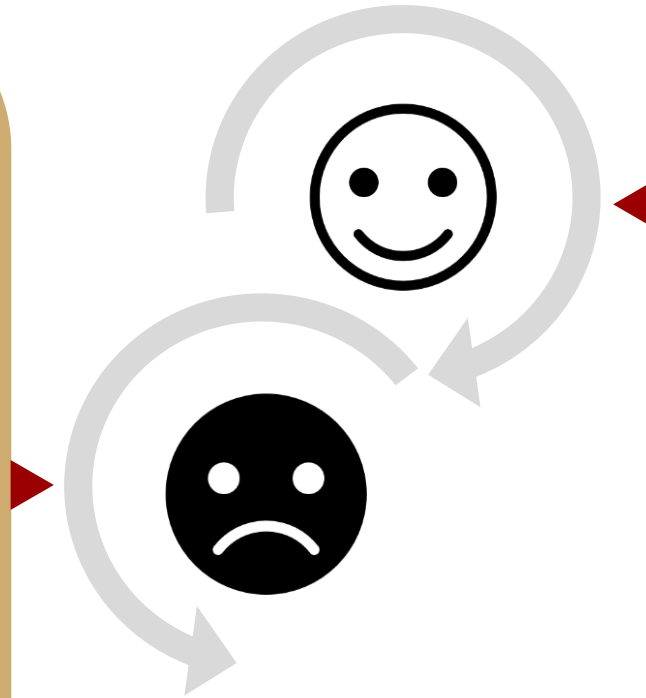
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Exclusion criteria

- 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



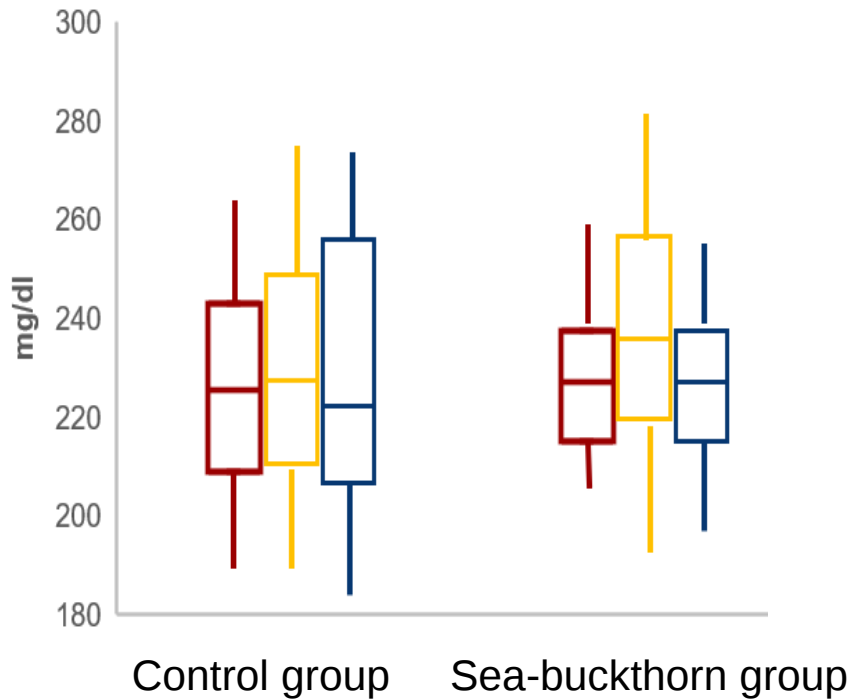
Inclusion criteria

- Age 50-70 years old, both genders are acceptable, and women should be postmenopausal;
- $5.2\text{mmol/L} \leq \text{TC} \leq 7.2\text{mmol/L}$;
- $\text{Insulin} < 25\text{mU/L}$;
- 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 $< 115\mu\text{mol/L}$.

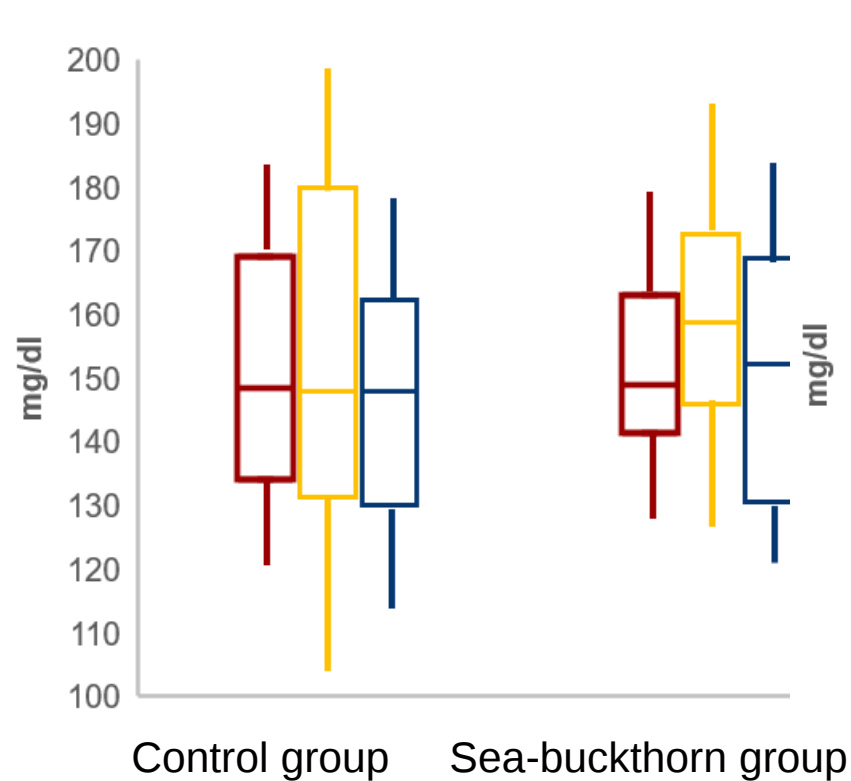
Results

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

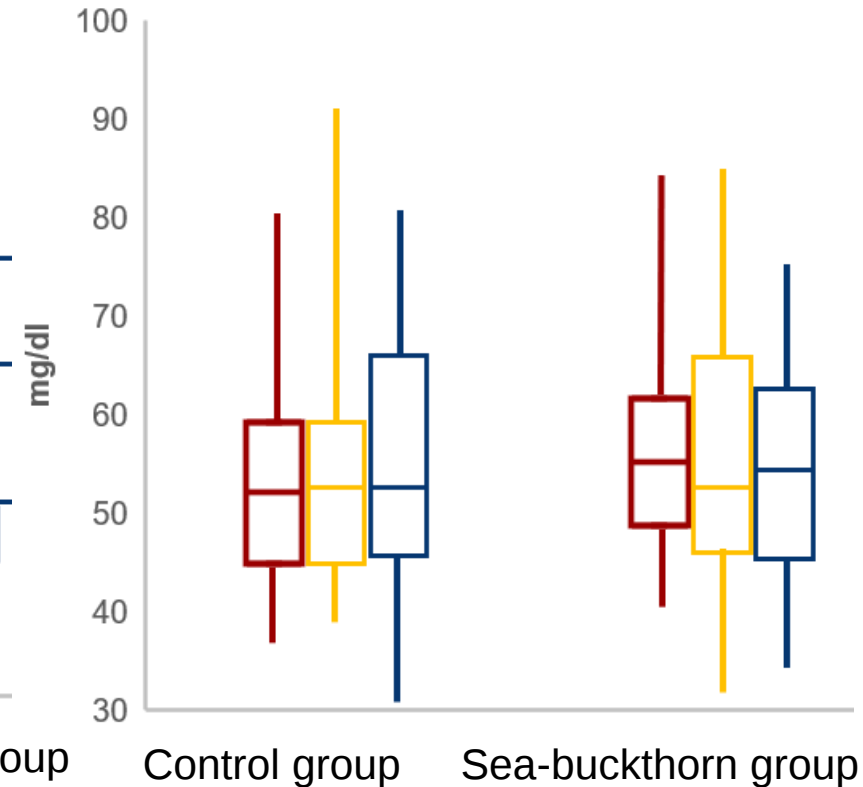
TC



LDL-C

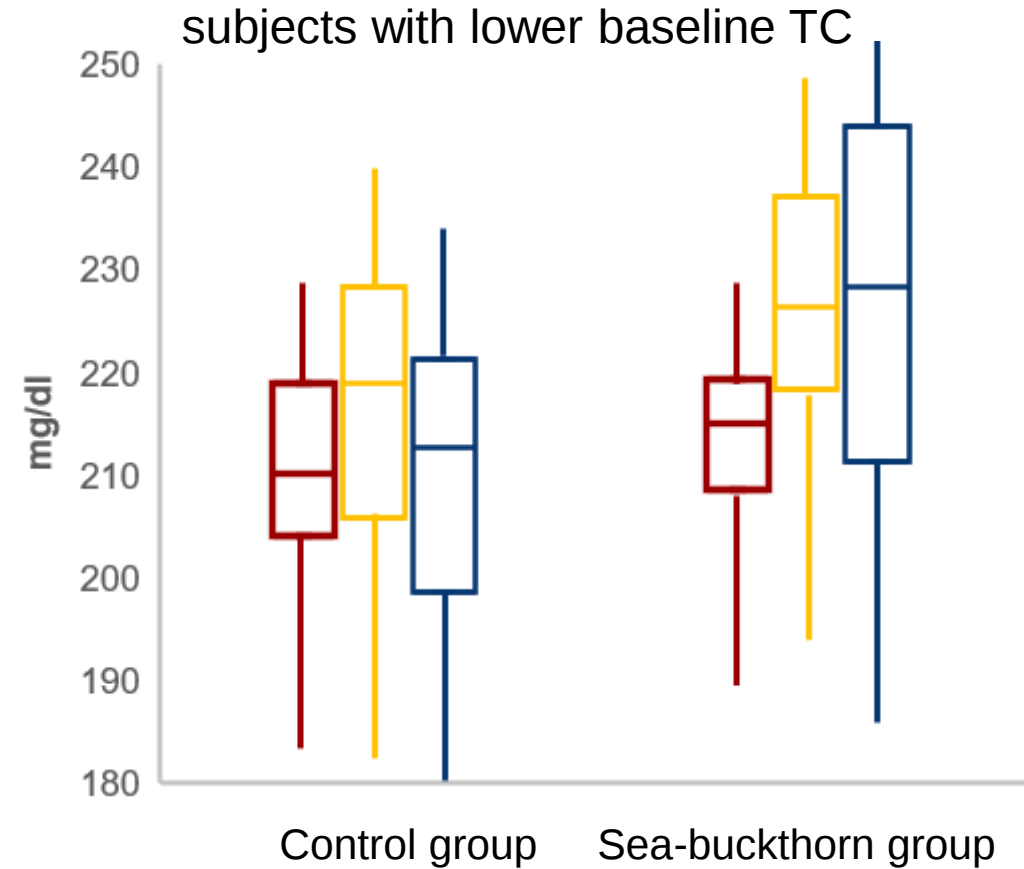
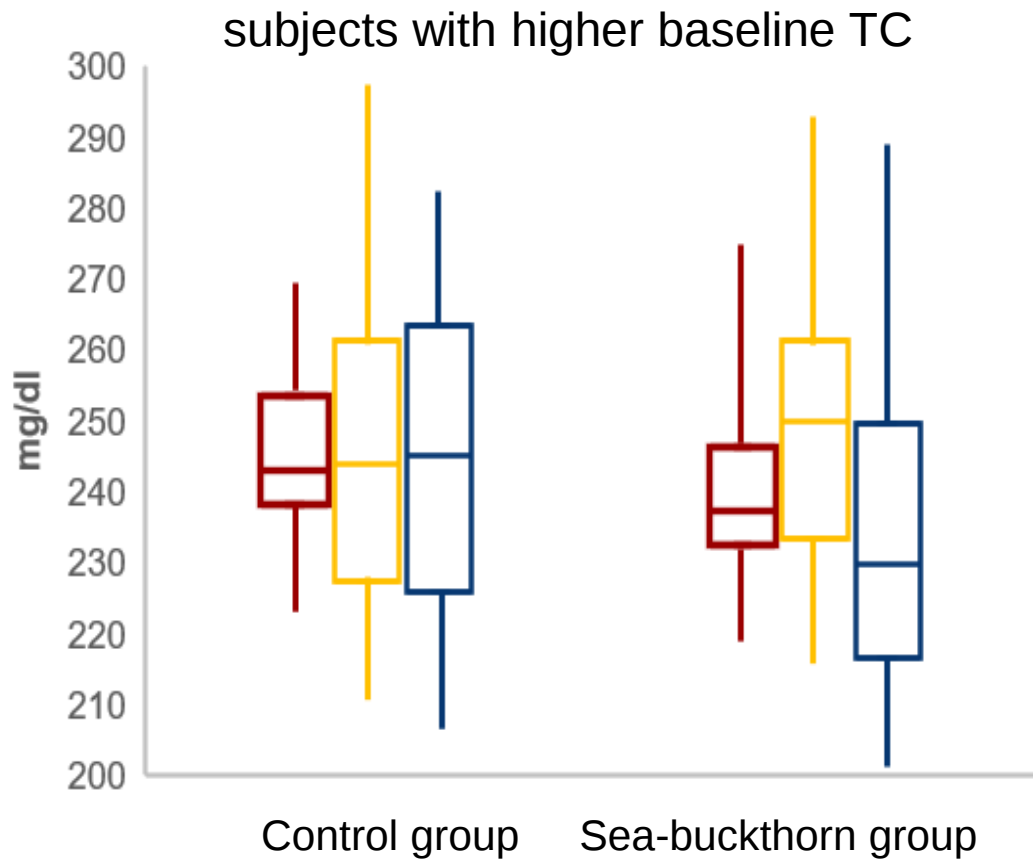


HDL-C



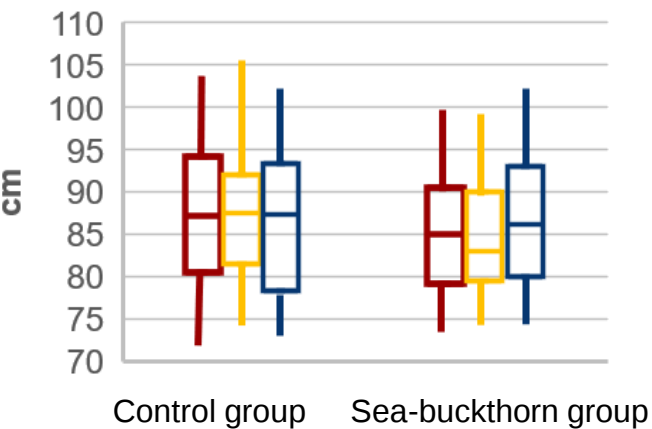
Results

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

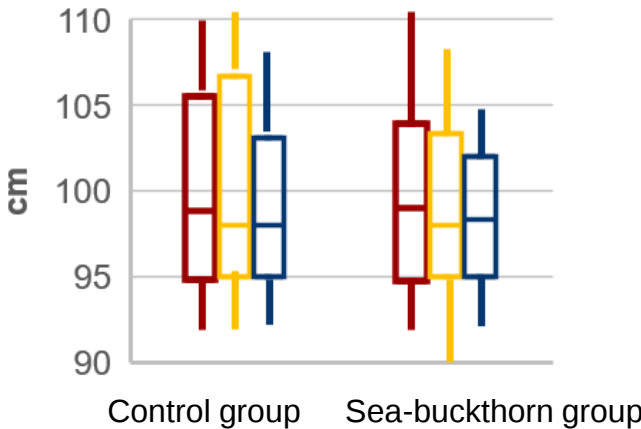


Results

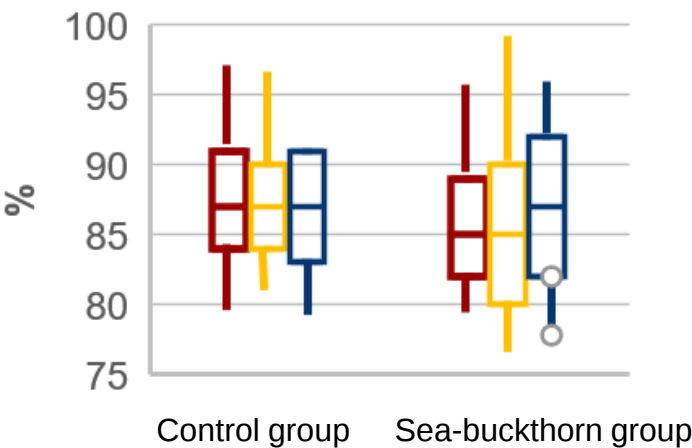
waist circumference



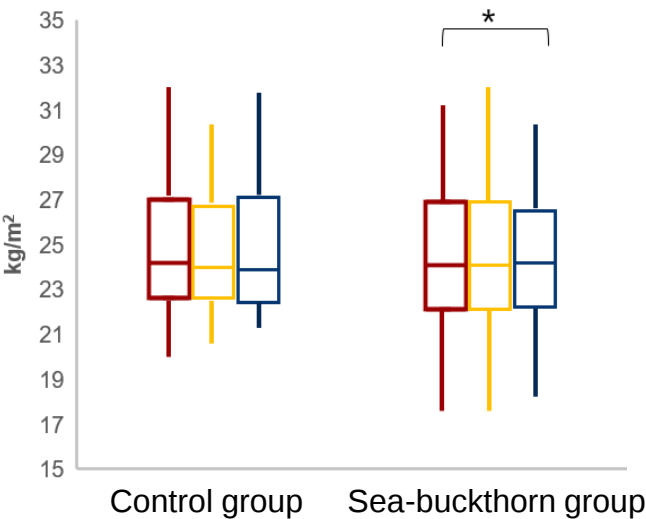
hip circumference



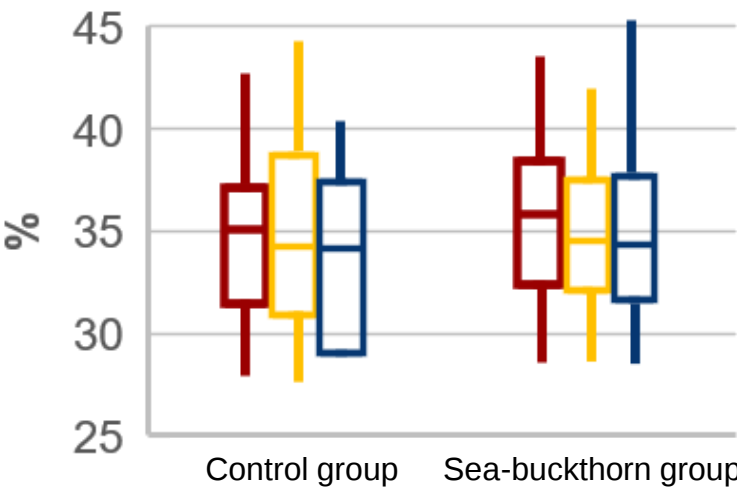
waist / hip



BMI

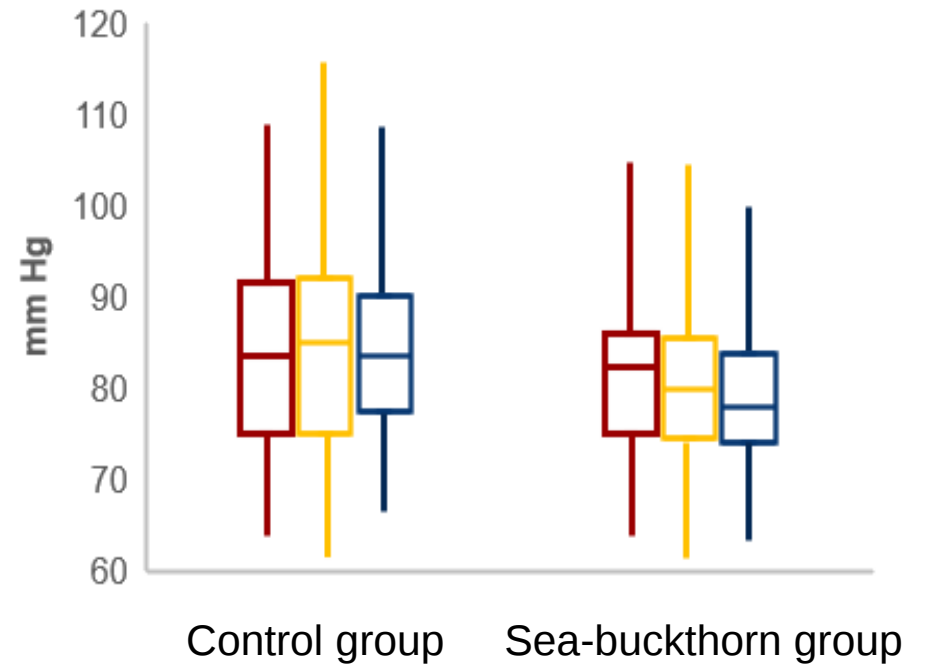
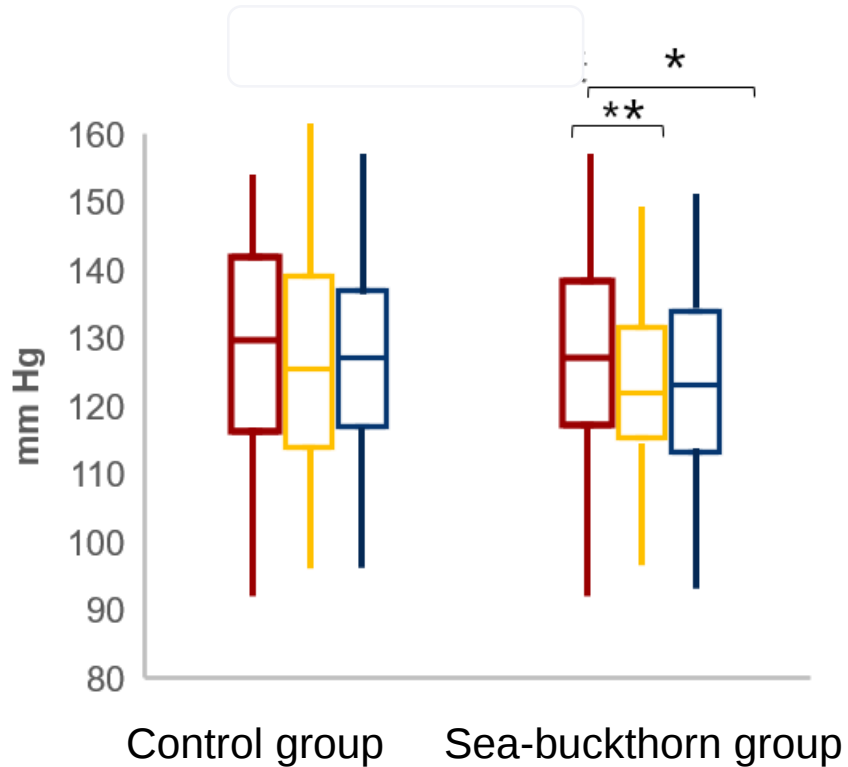


body fat rate



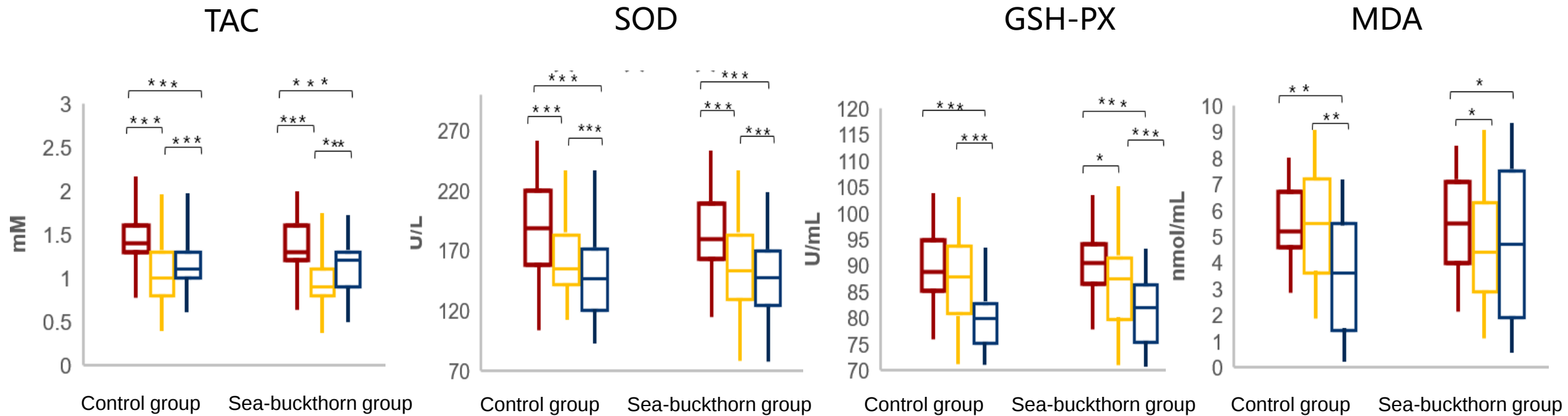
Results

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



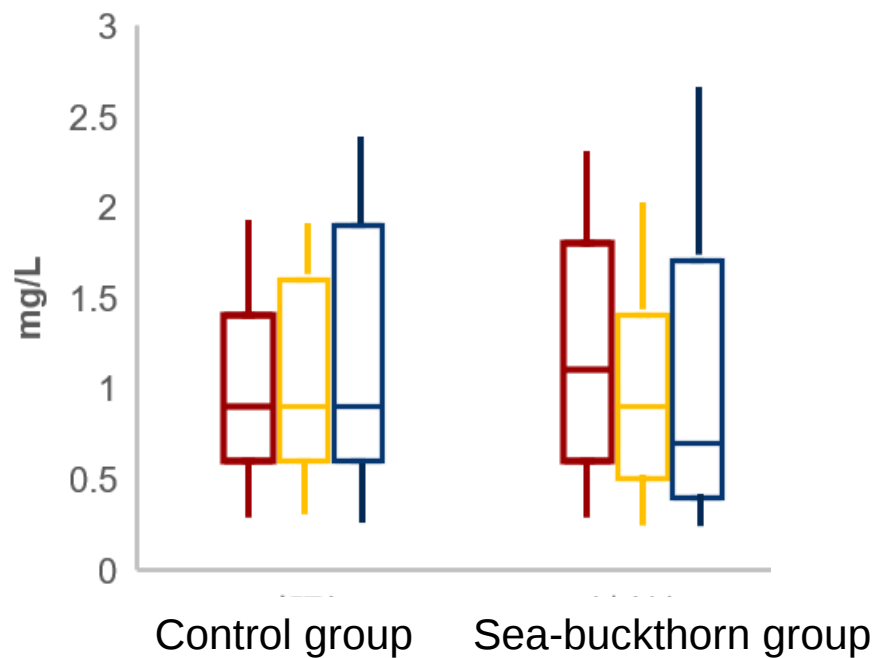
Results

- There were no significant effects on antioxidants between groups.



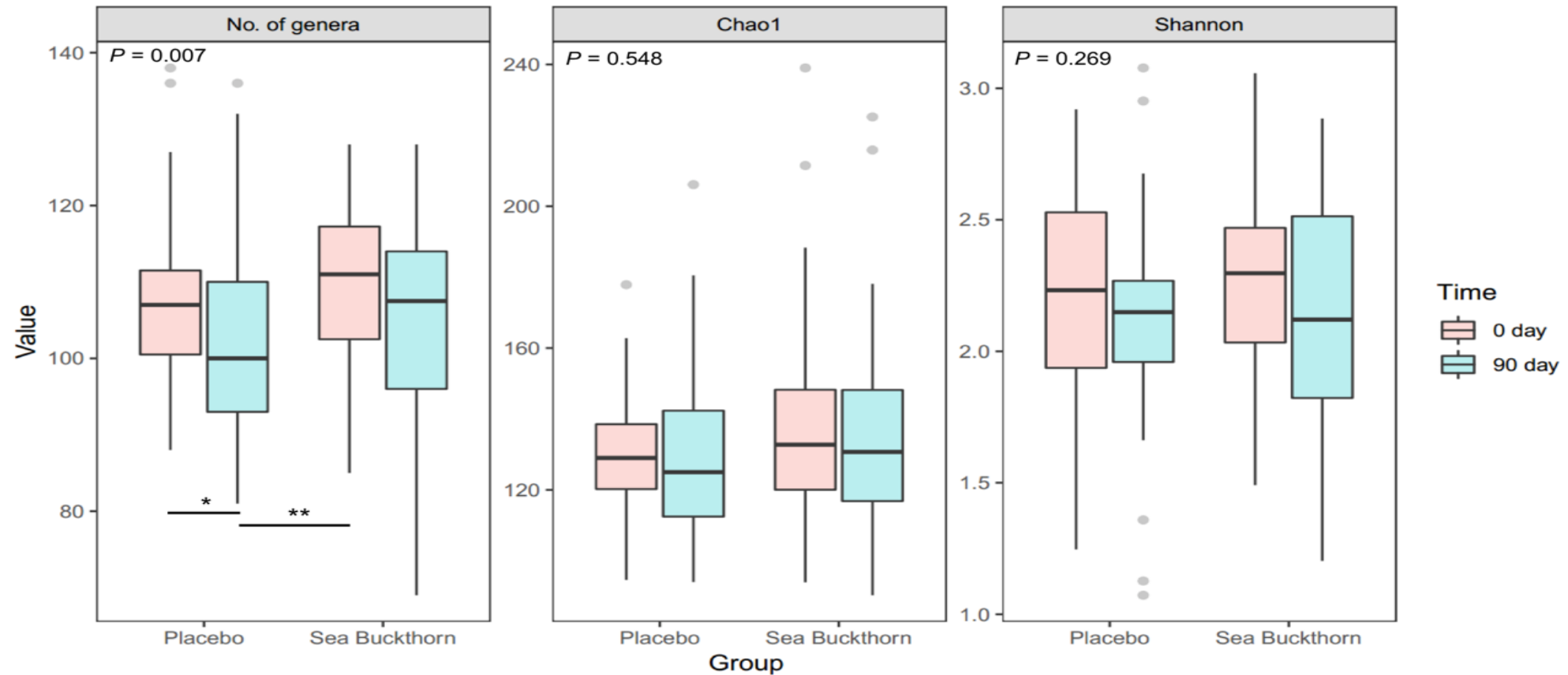
Results

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



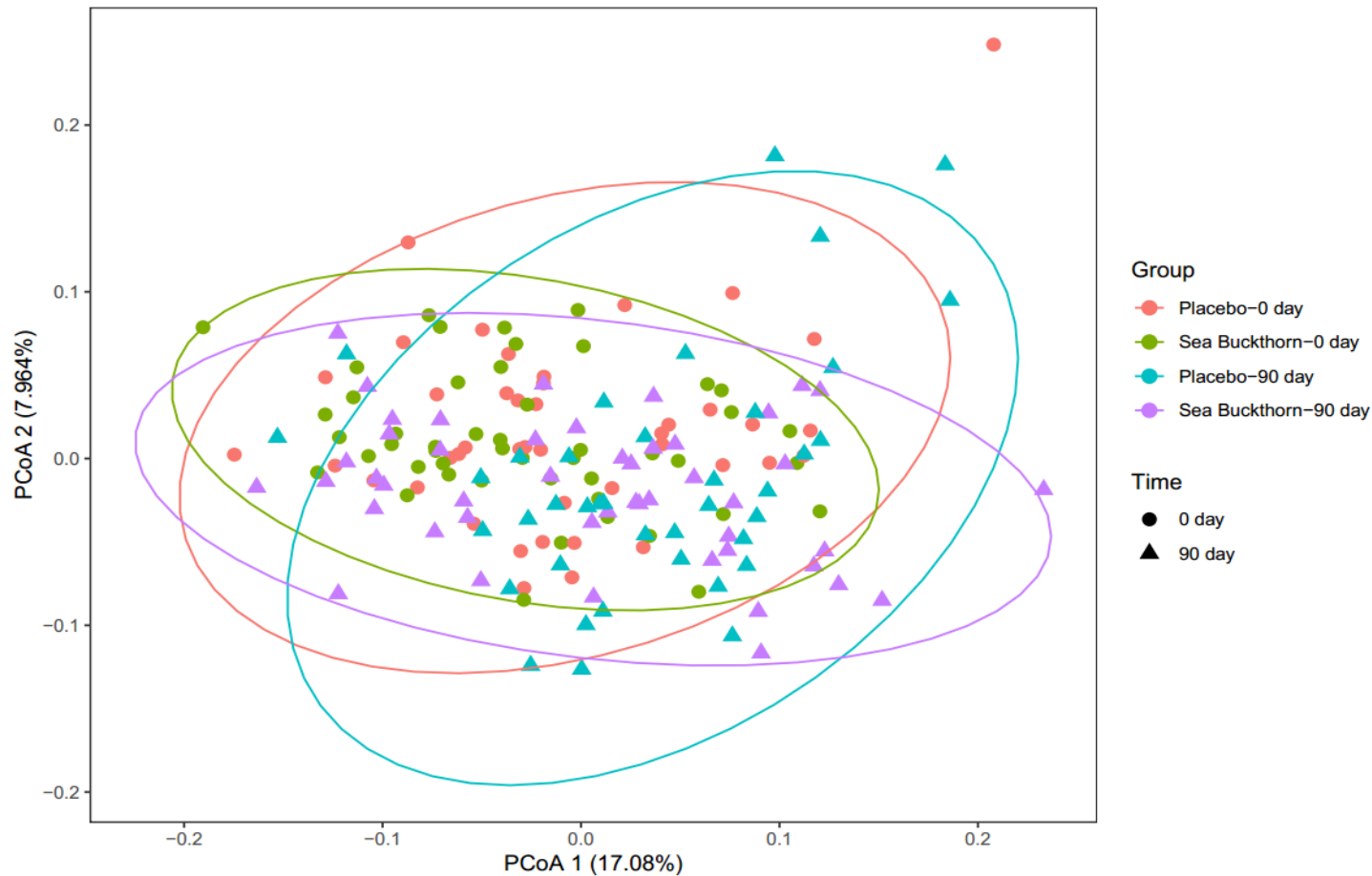
Results

- There were no significant changes in **α diversity** in terms of species diversity.



Results

- There were significant changes in **β diversity** in terms of species diversity.



between groups: $P=0.017$

within S group: $P=0.045$

Results

Butyric acid-producing bacteria

- *Blautia*
- *unclassified_Ruminococcaceae*
- *Faecalibacterium*
- *Sporobacte*
- *Butyrivibrio*
- *Coproccoccus*

Positively correlated with antioxidants

Negatively correlated with IL-6

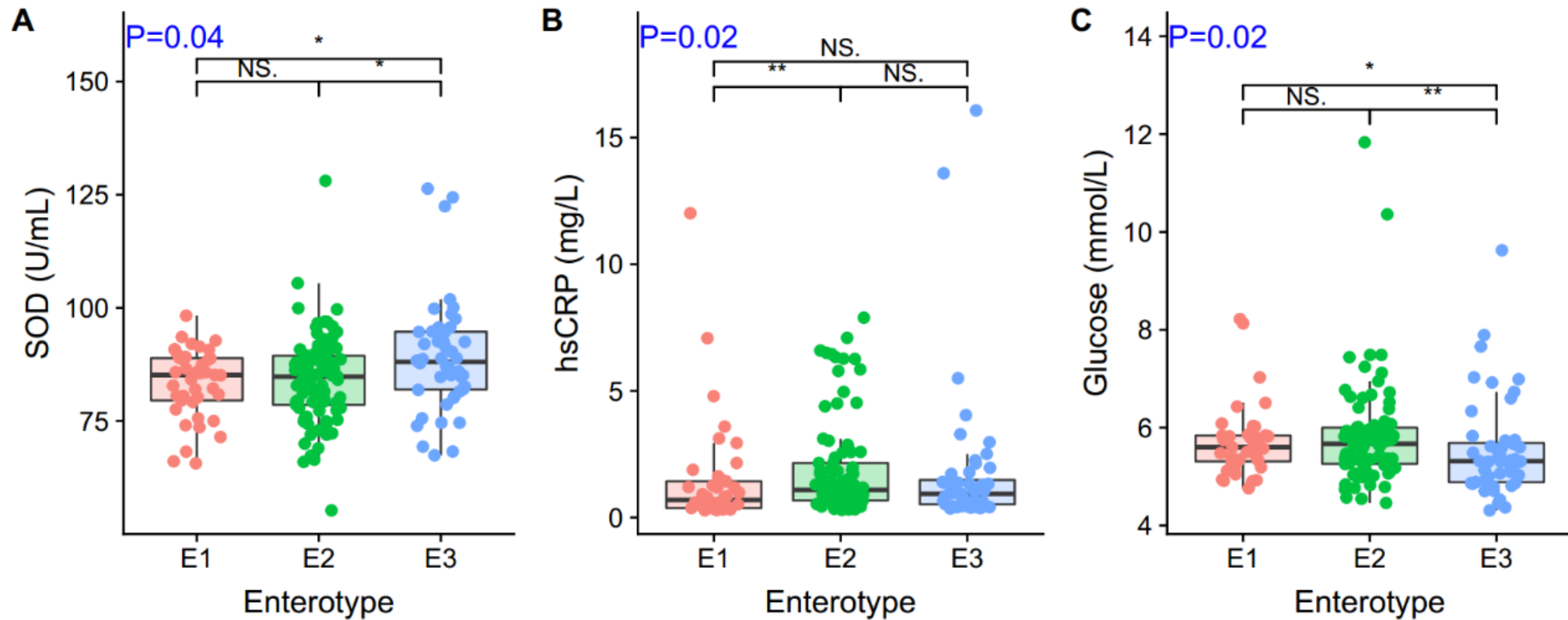
Pathogenic bacteria

- *Fusicatenibacter*
- *Odoribacter*

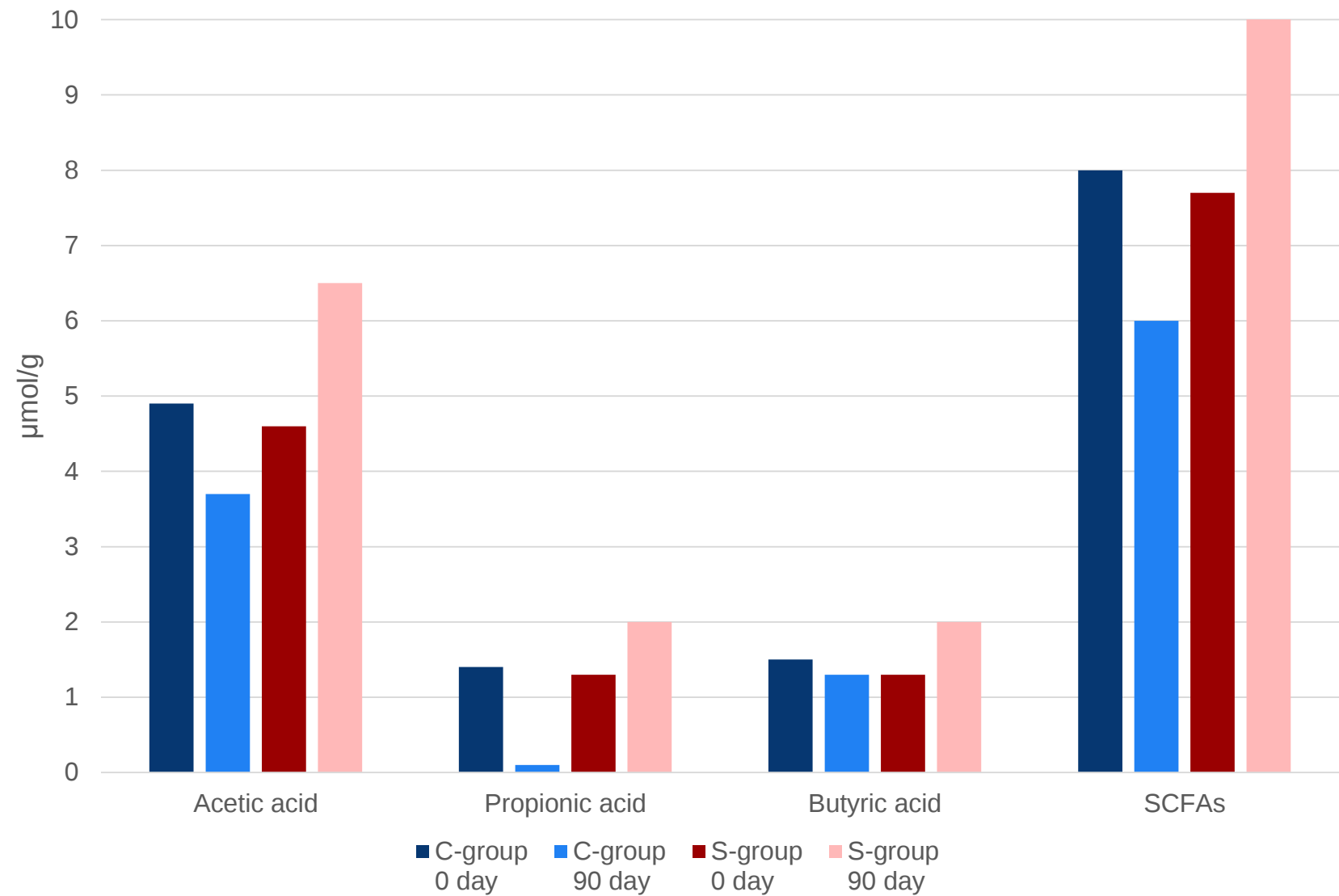
Positively correlated with hsCRP & TC

Results

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

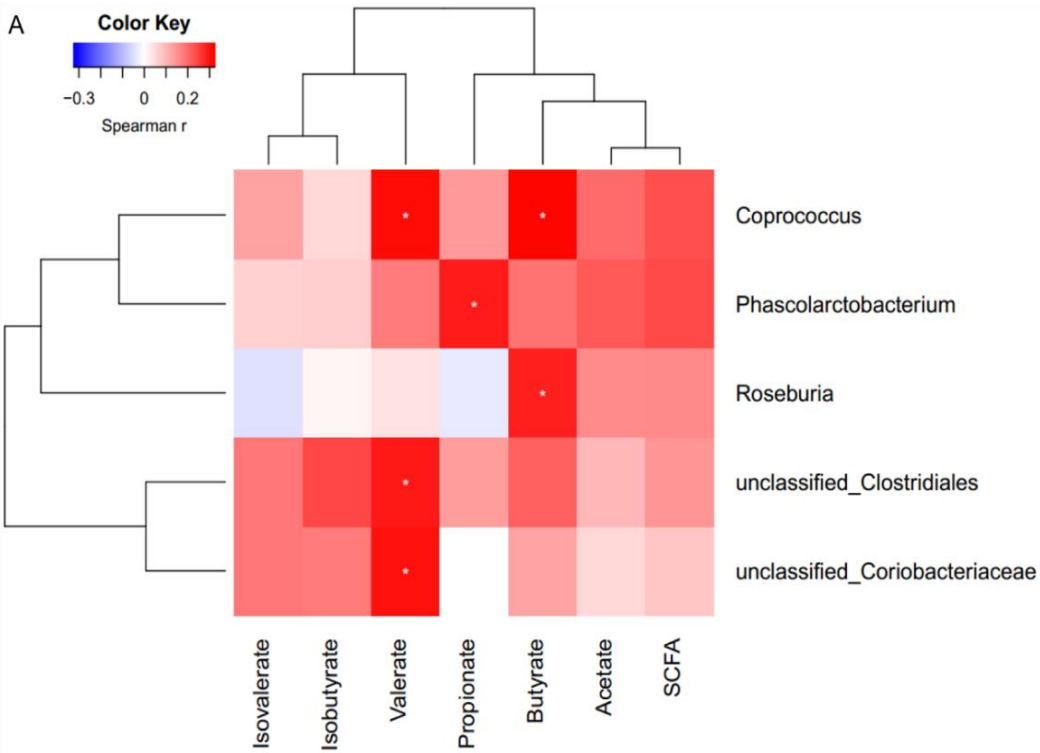


Results



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

- 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!