

 Learning Objectives

- Identify dietary factors that impact the human gastrointestinal (GI) microbiota.
- Compare and contrast how different types of foods, which contain fiber, differentially impact the GI microbiota.
- Establish a connection between the GI microbiota and health.

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 Definitions and Overview

Microbiome - a collection of microbial genomes
Microbiota - a collection of microbes

- **As many bacteria** as host cells in human body¹
- **> 150x more bacterial genes** than our human genome²



¹ Sender, R., et al. (2016). Are we really vastly outnumbered? Revisiting the ratio of bacterial to host cells in humans. *Cell*, 164(3), 337-340.
² Qin, J., et al. (2010). A human gut microbial gene catalog established by metagenomic sequencing. *Nature*, 464(7285), 59.

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Definitions: Fiber & Prebiotic

Dietary Fiber: *Non-digestible soluble and insoluble carbohydrates (≥ 3 monomeric units), and lignin that are intrinsic and intact in plants; isolated or synthetic non-digestible carbohydrates (≥ 3 or more monomeric units) determined by FDA to have **physiological effects that are beneficial to human health.**¹*

Prebiotic: *A substrate that is selectively utilized by host microorganisms **conferring a health benefit.***²

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Diet & GI Microbiota

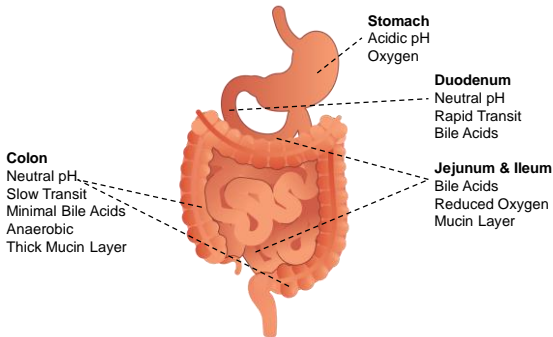
- The composition of the diet impacts **digestive secretions**, **transit time**, and **absorption**.
- Diet provides a **source of nutrients** for us and the GI microbiota.
- Diet provides a **source of microbes**.

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Diet, GI Physiology, & Microbiota

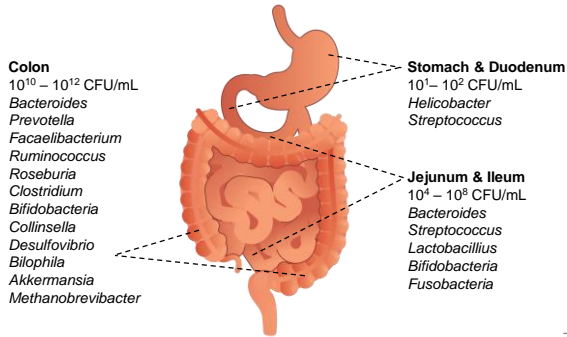
Nutrient composition affects GI secretions & transit time



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Diet, GI Physiology, & Microbiota

Diet affects GI microbiota composition



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A Deeper Dive Into Diet & Microbiota



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Diet Impacts GI Microbiota

- **Habitual diet** is related to the composition of the GI microbiota.¹
- **Acute changes** in macronutrient composition can rapidly (within 2-4 days) change the composition and function of gut microbes.²
- Individuals that consume **more plants** have greater GI bacterial diversity.³
- **Dietary fiber and prebiotic** intake differentially impacts GI microbiota composition and function.⁴

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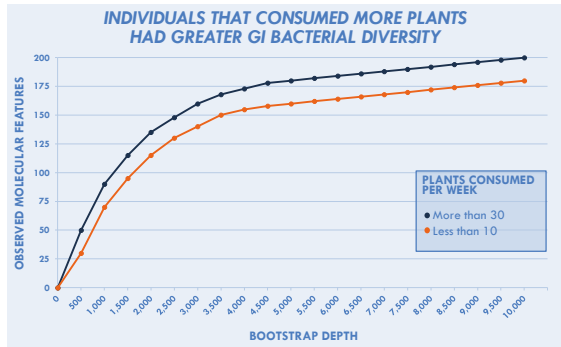
- Cross-sectional analysis of > 10,000 fecal samples from participants in the US, UK, and Australia
- Individuals completed health status and dietary questionnaires

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Plants & Microbiota Diversity



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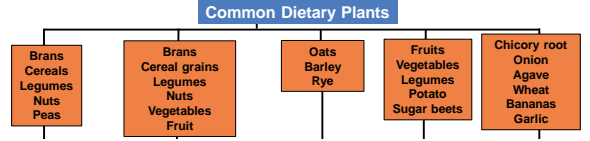
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Common Dietary Plants

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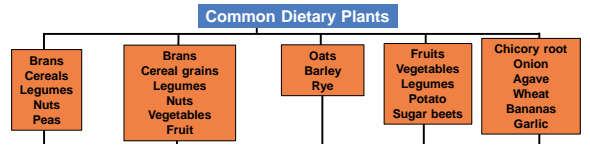
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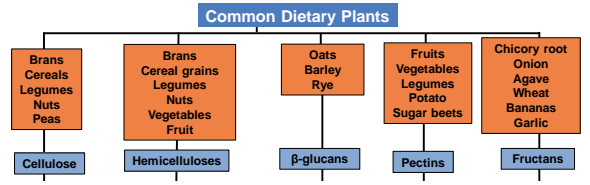
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Which type of fibers are in these foods?
Fructans, pectins, cellulose, β -glucans, hemicelluloses

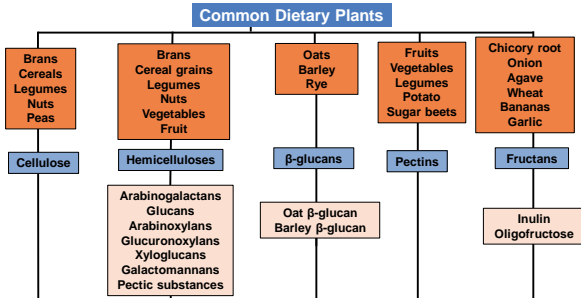
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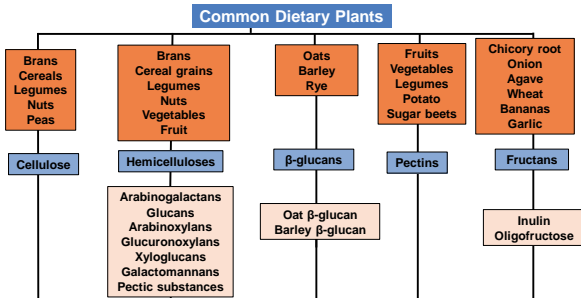
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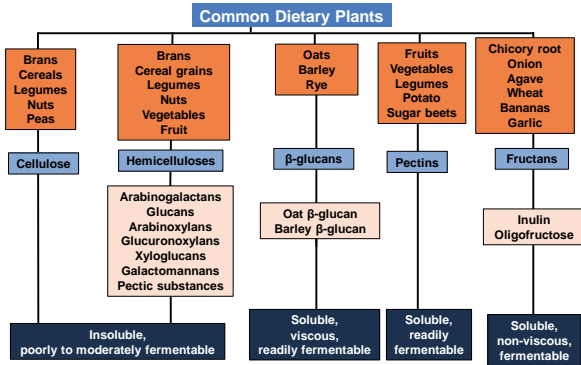
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Which of these are fermentable? Soluble? Insoluble? Viscous?

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Dietary Fiber Health Benefits

- **Insoluble (cellulose, bran)**
 - Laxative effect
- **Soluble, viscous, non-fermented (psyllium)**
 - Cholesterol-lowering, improve glycemia, weight loss, stool normalization
- **Soluble, viscous, readily fermented (β-glucan, pectin)**
 - Cholesterol-lowering, improve glycemia

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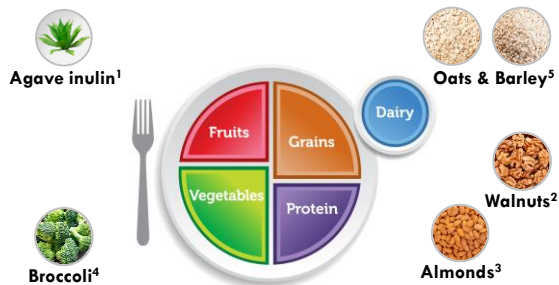
- **Soluble, non-viscous, fermentable:**
 - Fructooligosaccharides (FOS)
 - Galactooligosaccharides (GOS)
 - Inulin
 - Polydextrose
- Accumulating data on health benefits

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Diet & GI Microbiota

Dietary intervention trials allow for characterization of the impact of foods on the GI microbiota



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Inulin Type Fibers

Plant Sources

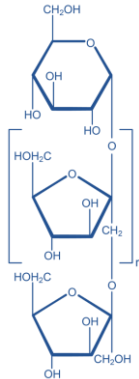
- ▣ Wheat
- ▣ Bananas
- ▣ Garlic
- ▣ Onion
- ▣ Agave
- ▣ Chicory root

Food Sources

- ▣ Bars
- ▣ Cereals
- ▣ Yogurt
- ▣ Ice cream

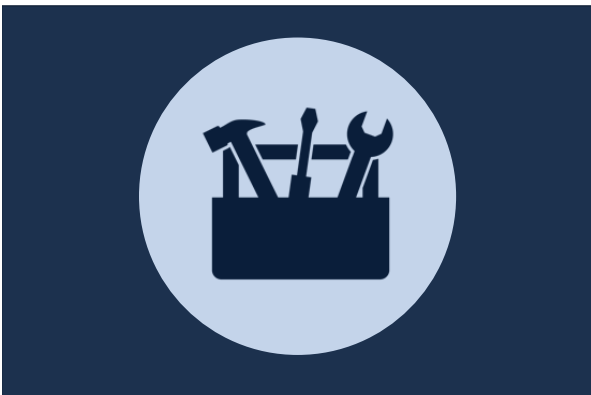
Structures

- ▣ Fructose polymer linked by β -2,1 linkages
- ▣ Varying degrees of polymerization (2-60)
- ▣ Fructooligosaccharides (FOS) \rightarrow Inulin

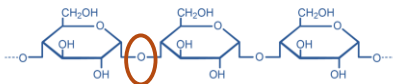


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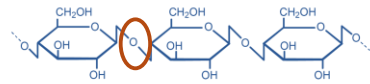
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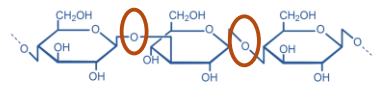
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Amylose: α -1,4 glucosidic bonds



Cellulose: β -1,4 glucosidic bonds



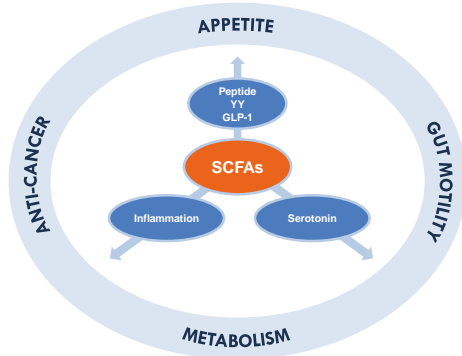
β -Glucan: mixed β -1,3 and β -1,4 glucosidic bonds



Image adapted from Linus Pauling Institute, OSU



Microbiota-Derived Signaling



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Inulin Type Fibers & Microbiota

Microbial

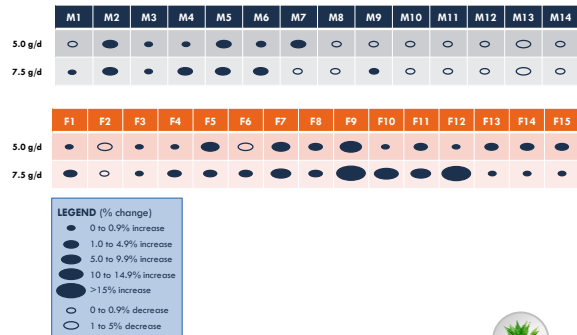
- 16 g/d inulin and oligofructose (50/50) for 12 wk increased *Bifidobacteria spp.* and *Faecalibacterium prausnitzii*¹
- 5 & 7.5 g/d agave inulin increased *Bifidobacteria spp.* and SCFA²
- Positive relations between *Faecalibacterium spp.* and butyrate concentrations²
- 12 g/d inulin increased *Bifidobacteria spp.* and decreased *Bilophila spp.*, no change in SCFA¹

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Inulin: Phenotypic Responses



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Inulin-Type Fibers & Health

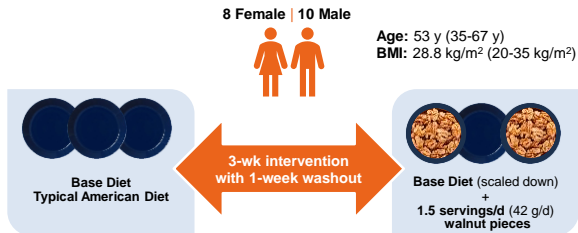
- **Immunomodulation**
 - Reduced high-sensitivity CRP, IL-6 and/or TNF- α , and endotoxin¹
 - 10 g/d for 60 days decreased IL-6 and TNF- α ²
- **Appetite and Food Intake**
 - 21 g/d for 12 wk increased PYY, decreased ghrelin, and reduced food intake.³
 - 16 g/d for 2 wk increased plasma glucagon-like peptide 1 and PYY.⁴
- **Body Composition**
 - 21 g/d oligofructose for 12 wk reduced body weight, fat mass and trunk fat.³
 - 16 g/d combination of inulin and oligofructose for 12 wk did not change body composition, fat mass tended to decrease.⁵
- **Glycemia**
 - 16 g/d for 2 wk decreased postprandial glucose responses after a meal.⁴

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 3. Ferrnandez JA. Weight loss during oligofructose supplementation is associated with decreased ghrelin and increased peptide YY in overweight and obese adults. AJCN 2009; 89:175-89.
 4. Carr P, et al. (2009). Gut microbes fermentation of prebiotics increases satietogenic and incretin gut peptide production with consequences for appetite sensation and glucose response after a meal. AJCN 90(5): 1238-43.
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Walnuts

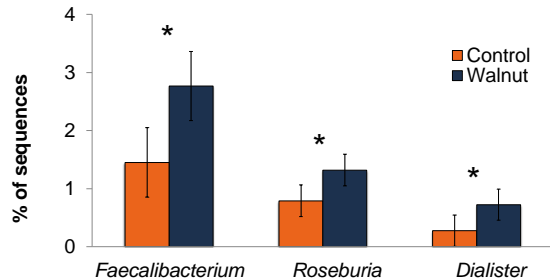
Randomized, controlled, cross-over design



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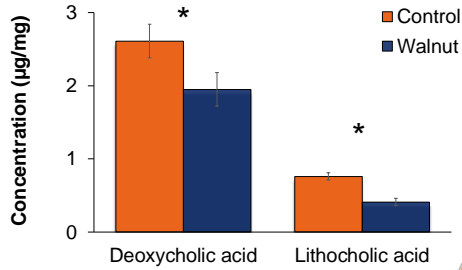
Walnuts Impacted GI Microbiota



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Walnuts Reduced Secondary Bile Acids

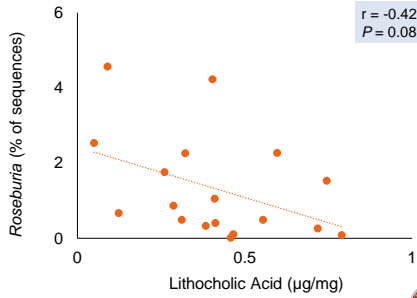


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Almonds

Randomized, controlled, cross-over design



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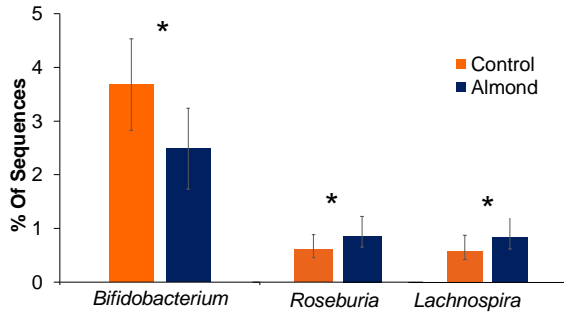
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Almonds Impact GI Microbiota



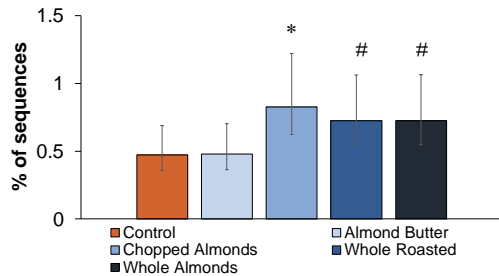
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Chopped Almonds Increased *Roseburia*



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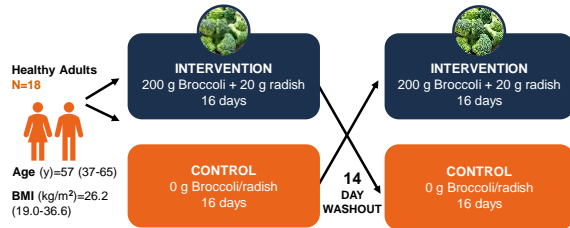
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Broccoli & GI Microbiota

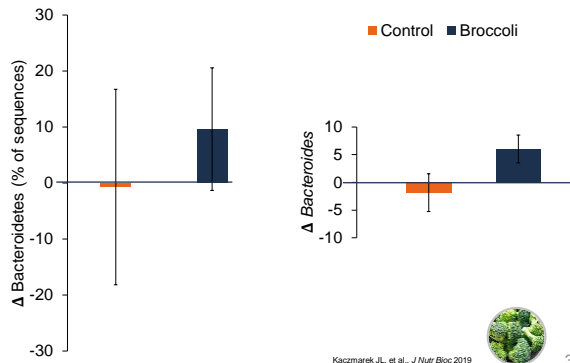
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Broccoli Increased Bacteroides

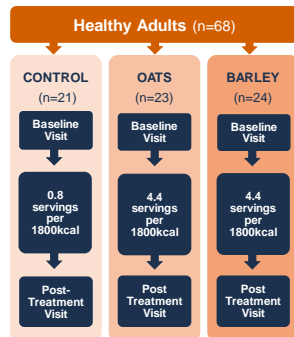


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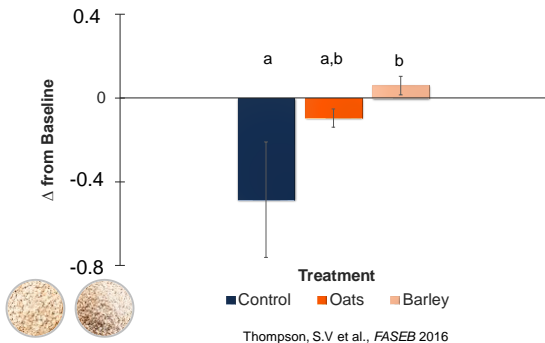
Whole Grain Oats & Barley

- 7-day menu cycle of standard American diet items
- Treatments included cereal, granola, trail mix, and fruit cereal bars



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Whole Grain Barley Increased Roseburia

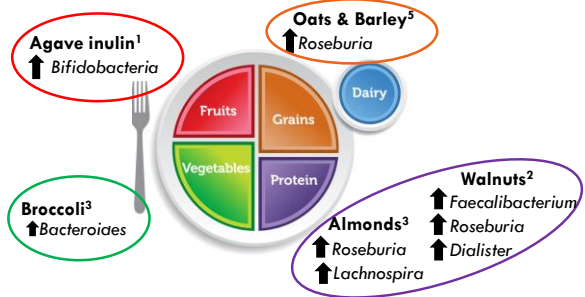


Which macronutrients can impact the GI microbiota?

% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 4g	6%
Saturated Fat 2g	10%
Trans Fat 0g	
Polyunsaturated Fat 0g	
Monounsaturated Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 120mg	5%
Potassium 160mg	5%
Total Carbohydrate 44g	15%
Dietary Fiber 8g	33%
Soluble Fiber 5g	
Insoluble Fiber 3g	
Sugars 12g	
Protein 4g	
Vitamin A 0%	Vitamin C 10%
Calcium 0%	Iron 8%

Diet & GI Microbiota

Eating a diet rich in different types and sources of fibers helps support a more diverse GI microbiota



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Diet & GI Microbiota

Agave inulin¹
↑ Bifidobacteria

Oats & Barley²
↑ Roseburia

Food (fiber) source, dose, & form matter

Broccoli⁴
↑ Bacteroides

Walnuts²
↑ Faecalibacterium
↑ Roseburia
Almonds³
↑ Roseburia ↑ Dialister
↑ Lachnospira

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Key Takeaways

1
Diet impacts the human GI microbiota.

2
Consumption of different types of *foods, which contain fiber*, differentially impact the GI microbiota.

3
Increasingly, microbes and microbial metabolites are linked to *human health*.

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