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## THE ROLE OF MICROBIOME IN RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS DEVELOPMENT. A REVIEW.

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### Summary

**Relevance.** Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is a chronic, autoimmune disease characterized by symmetrical deforming arthritis and systemic manifestations, such as damage to the cardiovascular, respiratory systems, and skin. The prevalence of RA is high. Worldwide incidence ranges from 0.24 to 1% of the population. The disease is 2–3 times more common in women than in men. The peak incidence occurs in working age, from 35 to 64 years. Untreated RA can lead not only to patient disability, but also to death. In this connection, RA is a pressing problem of modern medicine. In recent years, the influence of epigenetic factors on the development of RA, including the influence of the microbiome, has been actively studied.

**Purpose:** The role of the oral and intestinal microbiome in the development of rheumatoid arthritis.

**Search strategy:** A search for scientific publications was carried out in the following databases of scientific publications and specialized search engines: PubMed, Google Scholar, Web of Science, Cochrane Library. A number of original publicly available publications on the research topic were analyzed. The search depth was 15 years. As a result of the search, we studied 459 foreign publications, of which 97 publications were included in this review. *Inclusion criteria:* meta-analyses, systematic reviews, cohort and cross-sectional studies. *Exclusion criteria:* short reports, newspaper articles and expert opinion in the form of short reports.

**Results and conclusions:** Based on the results of the review, it was revealed that in RA there is a change in the composition of the microbiome of both the oral cavity and the intestines. Experimental studies have revealed the role of the microbiome in the pathogenesis of RA development. In particular, the role of oral cavity-dwelling *Porphyromonas gingivalis* (*P.gingivalis*), *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans* (*Aa*), as well as gut microbiome representatives *Prevotella copri* (*P. copri*), *Collinsella aerofaciens*, *Proteobacteria*, *Clostridium cluster XIVa* and *Ruminococcus* genus.

**Keywords:** *rheumatoid arthritis, oral microbiome, intestinal microbiome, role of the microbiome, development of rheumatoid arthritis.*

### Резюме

## РОЛЬ МИКРОБИОМА В РАЗВИТИИ РЕВМАТОИДНОГО АРТРИТА. ОБЗОР ЛИТЕРАТУРЫ.

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**Актуальность.** Ревматоидный артрит (РА) это хроническое, аутоиммунное заболевание, характеризующееся симметричным деформирующим артритом и системными проявлениями, такими как поражение сердечно-сосудистой, дыхательной систем, кожного покрова. Распространённость РА высока. Всемирная частота встречаемости составляет от 0,24 до 1% населения. Заболевание в 2–3 раза чаще встречается у женщин, чем у мужчин. Пик заболеваемости приходится на трудоспособный возраст, от 35 до 64 лет. Своевременно нелеченый РА может приводить не только к инвалидности, но и к летальному исходу. В связи с чем, РА является актуальной проблемой современной медицины. В последние годы активно изучается влияние эпигенетических факторов на развитие РА, в том числе и влияние микробиома.

**Цель:** Роль микробиома ротовой полости и кишечника в развитии ревматоидного артрита.

**Стратегия поиска:** Проведен поиск научных публикаций в следующих базах данных научных публикаций и специализированных поисковых систем: PubMed, Google Scholar, Web of Science, Cochrane Library. Проанализирован ряд оригинальных публикаций, находящихся в открытом доступе по теме исследования. Глубина поиска составила 15 лет. В результате поиска нами было изучено 459 зарубежных публикаций, из них в данный обзор вошли 97 публикаций. *Критерии включения:* мета-анализы, систематические обзоры, когортные и поперечные исследования. *Критерии исключения:* краткие отчеты, газетные статьи и мнение экспертов в виде коротких сообщений.

**Результаты и выводы:** По результатам проведенного обзора литературы выявлено, что при РА отмечается изменение состава микробиома как ротовой полости, так и кишечника. В экспериментальных исследованиях выявлена роль микробиома в патогенезе развития РА. В частности, роль обитающих в ротовой полости *Porphyromonas gingivalis* (*P.gingivalis*), *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans* (*Aa*), а также представителей микробиома кишечника *Prevotella copri* (*P. copri*), *Collinsella aerofaciens*, *Proteobacteria*, *Clostridium cluster XIVa* и *Ruminococcus* genus.

**Ключевые слова:** ревматоидный артрит, микробиом ротовой полости, микробиом кишечника, роль микробиома, развитие ревматоидного артрита.

Түйіндеме

## РЕВМАТОИДТЫ АРТРИТТІҢ ДАМУЫНДАҒЫ МИКРОБИОМНЫҢ РӨЛІ. ӘДЕБИЕТКЕ ШОЛУ.

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**Өзектілігі.** Ревматоидты артрит (РА) – бұл симметриялық деформацияланатын артрит және жүрек-тамыр, тыныс алу жүйелерінің және терінің зақымдануы сияқты жүйелі көріністермен сипатталатын созылмалы, аутоиммунды ауру. РА таралуы жоғары. Дүние жүзіндегі аурушандық халықтың 0,24-тен 1%-ға дейін ауытқиды. Әйелдерде ауру ерлерге қарағанда 2-3 есе жиі кездеседі. Аурудың ең жоғары деңгейі еңбекке қабілетті жаста, 35 пен 64 жас аралығында болады. Уақтылы емделмеген РА мүгедектікке ғана емес, өлімге де әкелуі мүмкін. Осыған байланысты РА қазіргі заманғы медицинаның өзекті мәселесі болып табылады. Соңғы жылдары РА дамуына эпигенетикалық факторлардың әсері, соның ішінде микробиомның әсері белсенді түрде зерттелуде.

**Мақсаты:** Ревматоидты артриттің дамуындағы ауыз және ішек микробиомының рөлі.

**Іздеу стратегиясы:** Ғылыми жарияланымдарды іздеу келесі ғылыми басылымдар мен мамандандырылған іздеу жүйелерінің дерекқорларында жүргізілді: PubMed, Google Scholar, Web of Science, Cochrane Library. Зерттеу тақырыбы бойынша көпшілікке қолжетімді бірқатар түпнұсқа басылымдар талданды. Іздеу тереңдігі 15 жыл болды. Іздестіру нәтижесінде 459 шетелдік басылымды зерттедік, оның ішінде 97 басылым осы шолуға қосылды. *Қосылу критерийлері:* мета-талдаулар, жүйелі шолулар, когорттық және секциялық зерттеулер. *Алып тастау критерийлері:* қысқаша есептер, газет мақалалары және қысқа хабарламалар түріндегі сарапшылардың пікірі.

**Нәтижелер мен қорытындылар:** Әдебиеттерді шолу нәтижелері бойынша РА-да ауыз қуысының да, ішектің де микробиомының құрамының өзгеретіні анықталды. Эксперименттік зерттеулерде РА дамуының патогенезіндегі микробиомның рөлін анықтады. Сонын ішінде, ауыз қуысында тіршілік ететін *Porphyromonas gingivalis* (*P.gingivalis*), *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans* (*Aa*), сондай-ақ ішек микробиомының өкілдері *Prevotella copri* (*P. copri*), *Collinsella aerofaciens*, *Proteobacteria*, *Clostridium cluster XIVa* рөлдері анықталды.

**Түйінді сөздер:** ревматоидты артрит, ауыз қуысының микробиомы, ішек микробиомы, микробиомның рөлі, ревматоидты артриттің дамуы.

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### Introduction.

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is a chronic, systemic autoimmune disease characterized by symmetrical inflammatory arthritis with cartilage and bone deformities, production of autoantibodies such as rheumatoid factor (RF) and anti-citrullinated protein antibody (ACPA) and systemic manifestations including cardiovascular, pulmonary and skin disorders. [34,57] Incompletely treated RA can lead to patient disability due to irreversible joint lesions and premature mortality. [75]

The worldwide prevalence of RA ranges from 0,24 to 1%. [4–6,18] RA most frequently occurs at age 35–64, also very common among older people aged 75 years or above. Women suffer 2–3 times more often than men. [2,59,90]

Even though the exact etiology of RA is still unknown, it has become evident that RA appears based on genetic and epigenetic components. Environmental facts, such as smoking, dust inhalation, especially the microbiome changes (“internal” environment) play an important role in RA development. [71,75] Numerous studies have revealed that RA patients have different oral and gut microbiota compared to healthy controls. [20,55,61,63,82] Chen et al. reported about changes in  $\beta$ -diversity RA patients compared to healthy control. At the genus level, *Bacteroides*, *Faecalibacterium* and some probiotics were decreased, while 97 genera, including *Lactobacillus*, *Streptococcus* and *Akkermansia*, were increased in the RA group. [13] Surveys in animal models suggest that gut colonization of germ-free mice with specific to RA gut microbiome influence local and systemic immune response and trigger joint inflammation. [45,50]

Despite the use of disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs), biologic therapies a significant amount of patients with RA still cannot reach remission. [3,28] That is why the modulation of microbiome is an attractive therapeutic aim in RA treatment. Probiotics are live microorganisms, mainly bacteria, safe for consumption and capable of producing beneficial effects on the host's health when ingested in sufficient quantities (FAO/WHO, 2002). Published data showed that probiotics can influence systemic immune responses, gut permeability via sustaining a balance of ecosystem of gut microbiota, ensuring acceptable interactions between the gut microbiota and the mucosal immune cells. [17,87]

In this review, we endeavor to summarize the role of the microbiome in RA development.

**Aim.** The role of the oral and intestinal microbiome in the development of rheumatoid arthritis.

**Search strategy.** A search for scientific publications was carried out in the following databases of scientific publications and specialized search engines: PubMed, Google Scholar, Web of Science, Cochrane Library. A number of original publicly available publications on the research topic were analyzed. The search depth was 15 years. As a result of the search, we studied 459 foreign publications, of which 97 publications were included in this review. *Inclusion criteria:* meta-analyses, systematic reviews, cohort and cross-sectional studies. *Exclusion criteria:* short reports, newspaper articles and expert opinion in the form of short reports.

### Research results

#### Role of microbiome in RA development.

From birth, humans are populated with commensal bacteria, especially in gastrointestinal tract, that help form

the mucosal immune system and produce crucial nutrients. In the human gut the amount of microbial cells is 10 times more than in the whole human body, representing over 5000 species and consist of bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites. [7,73] The change of the gut microbiome to a dysbiosis condition initiate due to alteration factors, such as stress, infections, diet (excessive consumption of fat and meat), antibiotic treatment and chemotherapy. [26,74,95]

The role of microbiome in RA development has been investigated in depth. A number of animal model experiments hinted at the role of gut microbiota in the induction and progression of RA. Thus, Wu et al revealed that feeding the IL-1 receptor antagonist knockout (IL-1RA<sup>-/-</sup>) and the K/BxN mouse models with *Lactobacillus* and segmented filamentous bacteria (SFB) respectively induced to development of autoimmunity and inflammatory arthritis via induction of a robust TH17 response. [92] In another study, Wu et al. discovered that oral antigen influence combined with gut epithelial barrier dysfunction can produce RA-like inflammation in the articular joints. [91] Recently, Evans- Martin et al. declared that in murine models Th17 cells have a microbiota-dependent role in arthritis. [23]

The impact of the gut and oral microbiota to RA pathogenesis has been found to occur in several pathways. The first mechanism is materialized through gut microbiota diversity alteration that straightly provoke the immune response in the intestinal mucosa where afterwards local inflammatory pathways activation occurs and results to joint destruction and tissue inflammation. [10,11]

The second one is indirect way through microbes such as *Porphyromonas gingivalis*, *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans* and others that generate citrullinated proteins in the periodontal mucosa. [43,89]

In the following sections, we discuss the impact of oral and gut microbiota in RA pathogenesis.

#### Role of oral microbiota.

The oral microbiome is the second most diverse microbiota in the human body consists of over 700 identified germs species. Dominated bacterial phyla are Firmicutes, Bacteroidetes, Proteobacteria, Actinobacteria, Spirochaetes, and Fusobacteria. [1,19,60] Numerous studies have revealed an association between Periodontal disease (PD) and RA. [5,24,27,29,56] In a Finnish cohort study where 124 early and chronic rheumatoid arthritis patients were included, Äyräväinen et al reported a robust affiliation between early rheumatoid arthritis (odds ratio 5.3, 95%, P =0,044) and chronic rheumatoid arthritis (odds ratio 3.6, 95%, P =0,036) with periodontitis. [6] Recent trail made by Tar et al. studied 23 patients with RA from University of Debrecen. The authors found that the patients with RA had frightfull periodontal situation compared to healthy controls (RA: 0.68 ± 0.58; controls: 0.19 ± 0.38; p = 0.010). And that the salivary anti-CCP levels of RA positively matched up with PD staging (R = 0.464, p = 0.039). [81]

PD has been assigned to dysbiosis of oral microbiome and provocation factor of the autoimmune inflammation response in RA patients. [4] Despite PD is a commonly multibacterial infection of the gingival tissue, RA research has focused mostly on *Porphyromonas gingivalis* (*P.gingivalis*). [14] *P.gingivalis* has been marked as a “keystone pathogen” for PD and forms the “red complex” with *Tannerella forsythia* and *Treponema denticola*. Which were initially found by Socransky et al. in 1998. [76]

Experimental studies in animal models continuously have showed the role of *P.gingivalis* in PD development since 1988. [30,51] *P.gingivalis* can be identified in synovial fluid, proposing its probable relationship with RA. [65,83]

McGraw *et al.* in 1999 first described the peptidyl-arginine deiminases (PAD or *P.gingivalis* PPAD) produced by *P.gingivalis* that catalyze the citrullination of bacterial proteins by replacing the amino acid ketamine group with the ketone group. [54] Furthermore, PPAD has a key role in activation of the human proteins citrullination. It hacks the proteinase-activated receptor 2 (PAR2), a neutrophil surface receptor that leads to an increase of the intracellular calcium concentration which activates human PADs such as PAD2 and PAD4, which are dominant in the neutrophil cells. [22,49] Generated neopeptides induce Th17 immune response in the synovial membrane, which leads to aggregation of immune cells such as neutrophils, monocytes, and lymphocytes (T- and B-cells). This response provokes the release of a high level of pro-inflammatory cytokines such as IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-6, IL-22, IL-23, and tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ ). [52,84,97] B cells separated from the synovial fluid of anti-CCP positive RA patients compose IgM antiCCP antibodies. [67] Produced anti-citrullinated autoantibodies (ACPA) are known to cause tissue damage and erosive arthritis. Courbon *et al.* revealed that *P.gingivalis*-induced periodontitis initiate seropositive anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide rheumatoid arthritis with systemic inflammation and elevated bone erosion. [16] PPAD secretion is the link between *P.gingivalis* and RA. Laugisch *et al.* reported that the PPAD enzyme is more active in RA patients, especially in the RA patients who have PD ( $p = 0.038$ ;  $p = 0.004$ ). [42]

Several studies showed that ACCP and *P.gingivalis*-specific IgG can be found long before disease onset, which sustains an aetiological role for *P.gingivalis* in RA occurrence. [8,58] Thus, Johansson *et al.* in case-control study investigated

251 RA patients and 198 controls. Scientists reported that elevated ACCP antibodies were detected in 5% of pre-symptomatic individuals ( $4.33 \pm 0.59$  AU/ml) compared with controls ( $p < 0.001$ ). Additionally, concentration of both antibodies was elevated and stable in the pre-RA cases. [37] Joint MRIs and synovial biopsies of persons with circulating anti-CCP did not verify any signs of tissue damage. [85] These data suggests that autoimmunity in RA has an extra-articular beginning.

Another bacterium that strongly associated with RA development is *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans* (Aa). Aa secretes leukotoxin A (LtxA), a pore-forming protein that assaults all hematopoietic cells, causing cytolysis and cell death, especially neutrophils (Netosis). [65,66,67] Netosis persuades the hypercitrullination of specific proteins, including heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoproteins, vimentin, and histone H2B. Produced proteins are accepted as an autoantigen by the immune system to produce ACPAs. [40,47] Several human studies detected correlation between Aa and RA. Laugisch *et al.* found an escalated presence of the phylum Aa in the RA group, including the comparison between the RA/non-PD and non-RA/ non-PD groups ( $p = 0.013$ ). [42] Whereas Reichert *et al.* observed that infection with Aa is related with an increased creation of anti-CCP ( $p=0.043$ ). [66] Also, anti-LtxA antibodies were strongly associated with RA (43% vs 11% positivity;  $p<0.0001$ ). [35,40,47] However, Volkov *et al.* investigated that anti-LtxA antibodies could be found in a considerable relationship in RA patients, as well as in patients with other forms of arthritis (RA  $p<0.05$ , OA  $p<0.05$ , SpA  $p<0.05$ , PsA  $p<0.001$ , Sarc  $p<0.0001$ , Gout  $p<0.0001$ ). [86] The role of Aa as an aetiological periodontal pathogen is worth investigating further.

Another oral microbiota members that associated with PD and RA are shown in the table №1.

Table №1.

#### Another oral microbiota members that associated with PD and RA.

|    | Name of bacterium                  | Author                        | Year | Results   |
|----|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------|---|
| 1  | Anaeroglobus geminatus             | Jose U. Scher <i>et al.</i>   | 2012 | Was correlated with ACPA/rheumatoid factor (RF) presence in RA patients with PD [70]  |
| 2  | Cryptobacterium curtum             | Isabel Lopez-Oliva B.D.S, PhD | 2018 | capable of producing large amounts of citrulline, emerged as a robust discriminant of the microbiome in individuals with RA [48]    |
| 3  | Lactobacillus salivarius           | Xuan Zhang <i>et al.</i>      | 2015 | was over-represented in individuals with RA at all three sites and was present in increased amounts in cases of very active RA [94] |
|    |                                    | Yanli Tong                    | 2020 | positively correlated with ESR, C-reactive protein (CRP) [82].  |
| 4  | Atopobium spp. and C. curtum       |                               |      |   |
| 5  | Eubacterium nodatum_group          | Yanli Tong                    | 2020 | ACPA concentration was positively correlated [82].  |
| 6  | Peptostreptococcus                 | Yanli Tong                    | 2020 | ACPA concentration was positively correlated [82].  |
| 7  | Tannerella                         | Yanli Tong                    | 2020 | ACPA concentration was positively correlated [82].  |
|    |                                    | José-Iván Martínez-Rivera     | 2017 | is associated with RA activity [53].  |
| 8  | norank_o_Absconditabacteriales_SR1 | Yanli Tong                    | 2020 | ACPA concentration was positively correlated, positively correlated with ESR [82].  |
| 9  | Abiotrophia                        | Yanli Tong                    | 2020 | RF was significantly associated [82].   |
| 10 | Corynebacterium                    | Yanli Tong                    | 2020 | RF was significantly associated [82].   |
| 11 | Fretibacterium                     | Yanli Tong                    | 2020 | RF was significantly associated [82].   |
| 12 | Ruminococcaceae_UCG-014            | Yanli Tong                    | 2020 | DAS28 positively correlated, also associated with CRP and ESR[82].  |

### Role of gut microbiota

The gastrointestinal (GI) tract has more than 100 trillion microbes and approximately 1500 species and consist of four main phyla: the Bacteroidetes, the Firmicutes, the Actinobacteria and the Proteobacteria. The healthy gut also shelters Archaea, Eukarya, macro-parasites, viruses and bacteriophages. [38] This microbiome handle as a functional embellishment of host genomes and is appraised to harbor 50-100 folds more genes than the host. [21]

A growing body of studies has shown evidence for bacterial dysbiosis in RA. The most common findings of these studies show a significant presence of pathogenic bacteria as *Prevotella copri* (*P. copri*), *Clostridium perfringens*, *Clostridium asparagiforme*, segmented filamentous bacteria (SFB), *Lactobacillus salivarius*, *Gordonibacter pamelaeae*, *Eggerthella lenta* and *Lachnospiraceae* bacterium. And a notable decrease in the commensal bacteria such as *Faecalibacteria prausnitzii*, *Eubacterium rectale*, *Clostridium coccoides*, *Bacteroides fragilis*, certain species of *Veillonellaceae* family and *Bifidobacteria*. [12,15,31,46,50,69,79,94] On the other hand, *Zhang et al.* revealed that the global diversity and abundance did not remarkably diverge between RA and healthy samples. They studied faecal, dental and salivary samples of RA patients and healthy controls via metagenomic shotgun sequencing. [94]

Several reports related gut microbiome dysbiosis with RA pathogenesis. In a mice model of arthritis, transplantation of microbiota from RA individuals overpopulated by *P. copri* resulted in severe arthritis. This gave a reason to authors to postulate that *P. copri* might carry an epitope extending cross-reactivity to arthritis-related autoantigens. [50] Pianta et al. identified that *P. copri* produce peptide Pc-p27 presented from peripheral blood mononuclear cells of a HLA-DRB1\*0401/0101b patient with severe chronic RA. Pc-p27 stimulated reactivity of T helper 1 (Th1) cells, RA-correlated proinflammatory T cell subset, in vitro in 42% of patients with new-onset RA. In 32% of new onset RA patients had anti-*P. copri* antibodies, while scarcely detected in other forms of arthritis or in healthy controls. [61,62] Another likely mechanism of involvement of *P. copri* in RA pathogenesis is molecular mimicry. *P. copri* might present an epitope that mimics the structure of 60S ribosomal protein L23a (RPL23A), an autoantigen that enhanced IL-17 responses and reacted to T cells and autoantibodies from RA patient, occurred in lymphocytes from the intestines of pre-clinical RA mice. [33,50,62] *P. copri* epitopes appeared high sequence homology with HLA-DR-presented T cell epitopes of N-acetylglucosamine-6-sulfatase (GNS) and filamin A (FLNA). GNS and FLNA are concentrated in RA patients' inflamed joints, that is why their autoantibody producing can be an indicator of an autoimmune process activation and joint damage in RA. [32,39] Another bacterium related to Th17/Treg imbalance in RA patients is *Bifidobacterium adolescentis*. Tan et al found that *Bifidobacterium adolescentis*, as *P. copri*, can induce Th17 cell production in the small intestine of murine. [80] Th17 cells is the key mediator of the inflammation and bone erosion in the synovial joints of RA patients. The activated Th17 cells discharge pro-inflammatory cytokines such as IL-17, IL-21, and IL-22. IL-17 is the dominant mediator of autoimmune tissue alteration in the arthritic

synovial joints. [93,97]

There are several other microbes that also involved in RA development. The role of *Collinsella aerofaciens* in RA pathogenesis was dedicated in experimental arthritis. The bounty of *Collinsella aerofaciens* strongly corresponded with high producing of the proinflammatory cytokine IL-17A. [12] Li et al found correlation between increased number of Proteobacteria, *Clostridium* cluster XIVa and *Ruminococcus* genus with lower levels of T, B, CD4+ T, and Tregs. [44] *Bacteroides fragilis*, in murine colons, suppress the ability of bile acid metabolites to induce ROR $\gamma$ t+ Treg cells via the vitamin D receptors and blocked out the bile acid metabolic pathways. [77] Wang et al reported that comparative abundance of *Megamonas*, *Monoglobus* and *Prevotella* was positively correlated with CD4+ T cell counts and cytokine levels. Also, the relative amount of regulatory T cells (Tregs) and T helper (Th17)/Treg ratio were negatively correlated with activity of RA. [88]

Several bacteria, such as *Eubacterium*, *Fusobacterium*, *Anaerostipes*, *Roseburia* and *Faecalibacterium*, have shown to support the carrying on of intestinal epithelial barrier stability by producing butyrate. Depression of *Faecalibacterium* level in RA patients leads to loss of gut barrier unity. This allows migration of bacterial antigens to systemic circulation and may accordingly trigger inflammatory immune reaction in extra-intestinal plats. [12,96,97]

Additionally, gut bacteria have ability to create biofilms which capable of altering the Th17/Tregs equilibrium. Unique biofilm constituents, such as amyloid fibrils, building blocks of biofilm, imply autoimmunity via TLR recognition and succeeding Th17 activation. [72,78] Gallo et al. suggested a role for chronic biofilm-producing gut infections in the pathogenesis of autoimmune diseases via demonstration that the curli, a particular type of amyloid fibrils, initiated the producing of autoantibodies in a murine model. [25] The curli also trigger NLRP3 inflammasome in mice macrophages, aimed to fabricate of inflammatory interleukin IL-1 $\beta$ , which assumed in the differentiation of Th17 cells. [64]

### Conclusions

Based on the results of the review, it was revealed that in RA there is a change in the composition of the microbiome of both the oral cavity and the intestines. Experimental studies have revealed the role of the microbiome in the pathogenesis of RA development. In particular, the role of oral cavity-dwelling *Porphyromonas gingivalis* (*P. gingivalis*), *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans* (*Aa*), as well as gut microbiome representatives *Prevotella copri* (*P. copri*), *Collinsella aerofaciens*, Proteobacteria, *Clostridium* cluster XIVa and *Ruminococcus* genus.

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