

Scientific update

## *L. fermentum* CECT5716 in HiPP COMBIOTIC<sup>®</sup> formulae

Three current reviews

Information for healthcare professionals

**Review 1** 

# *L. fermentum* CECT5716: Clinical potential of a probiotic strain isolated from human milk<sup>1</sup>



*Limosilactobacillus fermentum* CECT5716 is a probiotic strain originally isolated from human milk. A review from 2023 provides insights into the **mechanisms and health-promoting effects of this probiotic:** both on the intestinal microbiota and on the development of gastrointestinal and respiratory infections in infants, *L. fermentum* CECT5716 shows positive effects.



Probiotic and postbiotic mechanisms and effects of *L. fermentum* CECT5716 IgA: Immunoglobulin A; IL-10: Interleukin 10; HPLA: p-hydroxyphenyllactic acid; Th1: T-helper type 1; NK-cells: Natural killer cells

#### **Antimicrobial effects**

- production of short-chain fatty acids
- improved immune response
- ✓ pathogen exclusion

#### **Nutritional effects**

- ✓ supports vitamin synthesis (folate, B₂, B₀)
- increased iron absorption

#### **Probiotic effects**

- increased growth of bifidobacteria
- ✓ increase in mucus production
- increase in barrier integrity

# Mechanisms and therapeutic outlook for *L. fermentum* CECT5716<sup>2</sup>





Selection of positive mechanisms of *L. fermentum* CECT5716 in the intestine

#### In clinical and preclinical models, *L. fermentum* CECT5716 has proven its:



- anti-inflammatory effects
- contribution to the innate and acquired immune response
- immunomodulatory properties



#### Beneficial effect on:

- experimental colitis
- metabolic syndrome (including obesity, hyperglycaemia, hyperlipidaemia and high blood pressure)

## **Human studies** were also able to show the positive effects of *L. fermentum* CECT5716 administration in areas such as:



- mastitis prevention and treatment including the relief of inflammation associated symptoms
- enhancement of the effect of influenza vaccinations
- less gastrointestinal and respiratory infections in infants

*"L. fermentum* CECT5716 has become one of the most promising probiotics and it has been described to possess potential beneficial effects on inflammatory processes and immunological alterations." **Review 3** 

### *L. fermentum* CECT5716 proves the preventive effect on gastrointestinal infections<sup>3</sup>



A systematic review and meta-analysis has explored whether early administration of *L. fermentum* CECT5716 is an effective preventive therapy for gastrointestinal infections.

In the three randomised, controlled, double-blind studies included in this meta-analysis, the infants in the intervention group each received a formula fortified with *L. fermentum* CECT5716. The incidence rate ratio of **gastrointestinal infections was significantly reduced (-48%)** compared to those who received a formula without this probiotic strain.

Study	Incidence rate ratio		95%–Cl
Gil-Campos et al. 2012		0.29	[0 09.0 83]
Maldonado et al. 2012		0.25	[0.31:0.95]
Maldonado et al. 2012		0.56	[0.33:0.94]
Meta-analysis		0.50	[0.36:0.74]
$Z = 3.57; p = 0.0004; l^2 = 54.5\%$		0.32	[0.00, 0.71]

Meta-analysis of the incidence rates of gastrointestinal infections in infants in relation to the administration of *L. fermentum* CECT5716



### An ideal combination

The synergistic combination of *L. fermentum* CECT5716 and GOS (galacto-oligosaccharides) enhances the **beneficial effect** of *L. fermentum* CECT5716.



#### HiPP Research Group on Human Milk: understanding nature's example



We consult experts to take into account the latest findings when developing HiPP COMBIOTIC<sup>®</sup> formulae.



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**Important information:** Breastfeeding is best for babies. If breastfeeding is not possible, formulae can be used upon consultation with a paediatrician.