



# Are you planning a microbiota study? Let's talk about it!

Good experimental design

reliable and actionable results (publishable!)







### The common problem: experimental bias

Too often, biostatisticians are consulted... only after the data have been generated

- ➤ Design flaws
- Unbalanced conditions (underrepresented)
- Insufficient statistical power
- Results : limited analyses, difficult to interpret







# The key? Let's plan ahead, together:

- **Determine** the right number of samples
- **Define** the precision of the biological questions
- Assess whether the study is appropriate
- Identify the covariates
- Maximize statistical power (even with few individuals)







#### Significant p-value? Preparation is the Key



Even before the statistical tests, the battle is won or lost here: in the biological QUESTION.

- Clear hypotheses: precisely define the experimental design & select appropriate statistical tests
- Statistical power: calculate the required sample size
- Randomisation & control : ensure proper randomisation & suitable control groups
- Identify and incorporate confounding variables

RESULT: robust p-values, reliable conclusions, accepted publications!

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#### Our added-value:

We support you in:



Co-designing your study



Ensuring statistical rigour



Maximising the value of every sample

A good design = robust results (reproducible science)













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