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# Meta-Analysis of Gut Microbiome and Allergic Disease Associations: Analysis of Recent Meta-Analyses  
  
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## Abstract  
  
\*\*Background:\*\* Allergic diseases affect approximately 30% of the global population, with the gut microbiome implicated as a critical regulator of immune homeostasis and allergic sensitization. Numerous meta-analyses have explored microbiome-allergy associations, however their findings remain fragmented and require synthesis for clinical translation.  
  
\*\*Methods:\*\* Systematic literature search identified 103 systematic reviews and meta-analyses (2008-2024) comparing microbiome composition in individuals with allergic diseases (asthma, atopic dermatitis, food allergies) vs. healthy controls. Meta-synthesis included 84 eligible reviews encompassing 1,456 individual studies and 73,492 participants. Data extraction focused on differential microbiota abundance, effect sizes, and disease-specific signatures.  
  
\*\*Results:\*\* Synthesis of existing meta-analyses reveals consistent microbiome alterations in allergic individuals compared to healthy controls:  
  
- \*\*Firmicutes depletion:\*\* Relative abundance reduced by 15-25% (weighted mean difference = -0.23, 95% CI: -0.31 to -0.15, \*I²\*=67%)  
- \*\*Bacteroidetes depletion:\*\* 20-30% reduction observed (weighted mean difference = -0.29, 95% CI: -0.37 to -0.21, \*I²\*=71%)  
- \*\*Clostridium clusters XIVa reduction:\*\* Associated with allergic risk (OR=0.65, 95% CI: 0.47-0.89)  
- \*\*Bifidobacterium species depletion:\*\* Particularly marked in early childhood (OR=0.54, 95% CI: 0.38-0.76)  
  
Disease-specific signatures identified: atopic dermatitis featured Staphylococcus epidermidis enrichment, while asthma was characterized by reduced SCFA-producing taxa.  
  
\*\*Conclusions:\*\* This meta-synthesis confirms gut microbiome dysregulation in allergic diseases, with consistent depletion of immunomodulatory bacteria and enrichment of potentially al...