Focus of research group (I)

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Size of research group: **3 (2 postdocs, 1 PhD stud)**

**Current mission, vision and aims**

Mission: Use a translational and integrative research (multidisciplinary) approach to study the development of cardiometabolic diseases. Special interest in the gut microbiome, in particular bacteriophages.

Vision: The microbiome field is in need of mechanistic, translational studies to surpass the predominantly associative work that is dominating the field. This is essential to develop a solid basis for gut microbiome-targeted interventions for cardiometabolic diseases and beyond.
Focus of research group (II)

Current expertise

• Preclinical and *in vitro* approaches to study interactions between phages/bacteria/metabolites with mammalian (immune) metabolism
• Phage-bacterium interactions (computational, *in vitro*)
• Human intervention studies

Current funding

Dutch Diabetes Research Foundation
ZonMW
AGEM Innovation Grant
Future plans

**Short term (1-2 year) plan**
Plan: to better understand the transkingdom interaction between intestinal phages and bacteria and consequences thereof for human cardiometabolism.

Necessary infrastructure: Microbial MLII lab to set up state of the art *in vitro* set ups; High Performance Computational machines to process large multiomics datasets (HPC or servers)

**Long term (>2 year) plan**
Plan: move to more in-depth assessment (*eg* molecular mechanisms) of microbiome – CMD relation.

**Collaboration in ACS**
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