UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 19, 2021

Finch Therapeutics Group, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware	**001-40227**	**82-3433558**
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	**(Commission File Number)**	**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

200 Inner Belt Road **Somerville, Massachusetts**	**02143**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	**(Zip Code)**

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (617) 229-6499

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	**Trading Symbol(s)**	**Name of each exchange on which registered**
Common Stock $0.001 par value per share	FNCH	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☒

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Finch Therapeutics Group, Inc. (the "Company") from time to time presents and/or distributes to the investment community, at various industry and other conferences, slide presentations to provide updates and summaries of its business. On October 19, 2021, the Company posted to its website slides presented at the Jefferies Virtual Next Generation IBD Therapeutics Summit. The presentation is available under the "Events & Presentations" tab in the "Investors & News" section of the Company's website, located at www.finchtherapeutics.com.

The information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any other filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission made by the Company, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Jefferies Virtual Next Generation IBD Therapeutics Summit Presentation, dated October 2021.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

FINCH THERAPEUTICS GROUP, INC.

Date: October 19, 2021

By: /s/ Mark Smith
Mark Smith, Ph. D.
Chief Executive Officer

Exhibit 99.1

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Harnessing the Genomic Revolution & Machine Learning to Pioneer Microbiome Therapeutics

Jefferies Virtual Next Generation IBD Therapeutics Summit
October 2021

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements contained in this presentation regarding matters that are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. Words such as "anticipates," "believes," "expects," "intends," "plans," "potential," "projects," "would" and "future" or similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding: the growth, strategy, initiation, timing, progress and results of the Company's current and future research and development programs, preclinical studies and clinical trials and related preparatory work and the period during which the results of such trials will become available; the Company's and its collaborators' ability to obtain regulatory approval of TAK-524, FIN-525 and any other current and future product candidates that it develops; the Company's ability to develop additional product candidates; its expectations regarding the potential market size and the rate and degree of market acceptance for any product candidates that it develops; and the therapeutic value and commercial potential of candidates developed using its *Human-First Discovery* platform. Because such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, among others: the Company's limited operating history and historical losses; the Company's ability to raise additional funding to complete the development and any commercialization of its product candidates; the Company's dependence on the success of its lead product candidate, CP101; the possibility that the Company may be delayed in initiating, enrolling or completing any clinical trials; results of clinical trials may not be sufficient to satisfy regulatory authorities to approve the Company's product candidates in their targeted or other indications (or such authorities may request additional trials or additional information); results of clinical trials may not be indicative of final or future results from later stage or larger clinical trials (or in broader patient populations once the product is approved for use by regulatory agencies) or may not be favorable or may not support further development; the Company's product candidates, including CP101, may not generate the benefits to patients that are anticipated; anticipated regulatory approvals may be delayed or refused; competition from third parties that are developing products for similar uses; the Company's ability to maintain patent and other intellectual property protection and the possibility that the Company's intellectual property rights may be infringed, invalid or unenforceable or will be threatened by third parties; the Company's ability to qualify and scale its manufacturing capabilities in anticipation of commencement of multiple global clinical trials; the Company's lack of experience in selling, marketing and distributing its product candidates; the Company's dependence on third parties in connection with manufacturing, clinical trials and preclinical studies; and risks relating to the impact and duration of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Company's business. These and other risks are described more fully in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including the section titled "Risk Factors" in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 10, 2021, as well as discussions of potential risks, uncertainties, and other important factors in the Company's other filings with the SEC. All forward-looking statements contained in this presentation speak only as of the date on which they were made. Except to the extent required by law, the Company undertakes no obligation to update such statements to reflect events that occur or circumstances that exist after the date on which they were made.

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Management team composed of accomplished biopharma executives and leading microbiome and machine learning experts

Mark Smith, PhD
Chief Executive Officer

OPENBIOME · MIT

Greg Perry
Chief Financial Officer

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Michelle Rose, PhD
Chief Regulatory Officer

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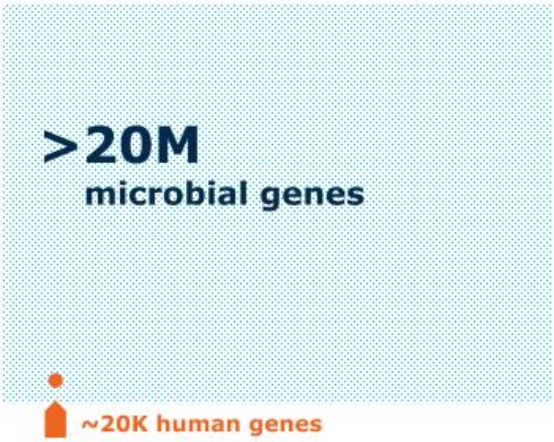
Joe Vittiglio, JD
General Counsel

AVEO · amag

Management team has collectively developed >40 approved therapeutics

The microbiome is an untapped target for therapeutic intervention

Humans carry 1000-fold more microbial genes than host genes



The microbiome is an organ system fundamental to human health

- Immune modulation
- Metabolic function
- Neurologic regulation

Enabled by genomics and data science, Finch is pioneering microbiome therapeutics

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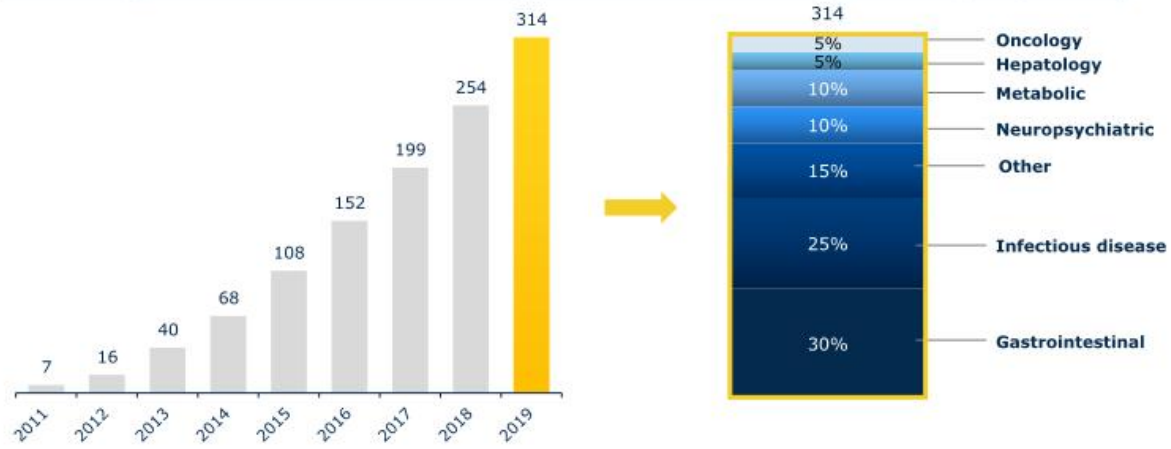
Sources: Tierney Cell Host Microbe 2019

Investment Highlights

- **Positive pivotal data with lead asset provides foundation for future growth**
- **Differentiated discovery process, with proof-of-concept clinical data leveraged to guide product design and de-risk development**
- **Uniquely positioned to harness full diversity and potential of the microbiome across diverse therapeutic areas**
- **Leading machine learning-based platform recognized by Takeda partnership**
- **Data-rich period ahead, with multiple programs advancing towards the clinic**

Growing body of clinical evidence across diverse therapeutic areas fuels our discovery engine and guides product design

Registered clinical trials evaluating Fecal Microbiota Transplantation (FMT)



Finch has proprietary access to data through strategic partnerships with leading providers of FMT in the US, China and Australia

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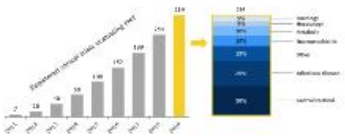
Source: Clinicaltrials.gov

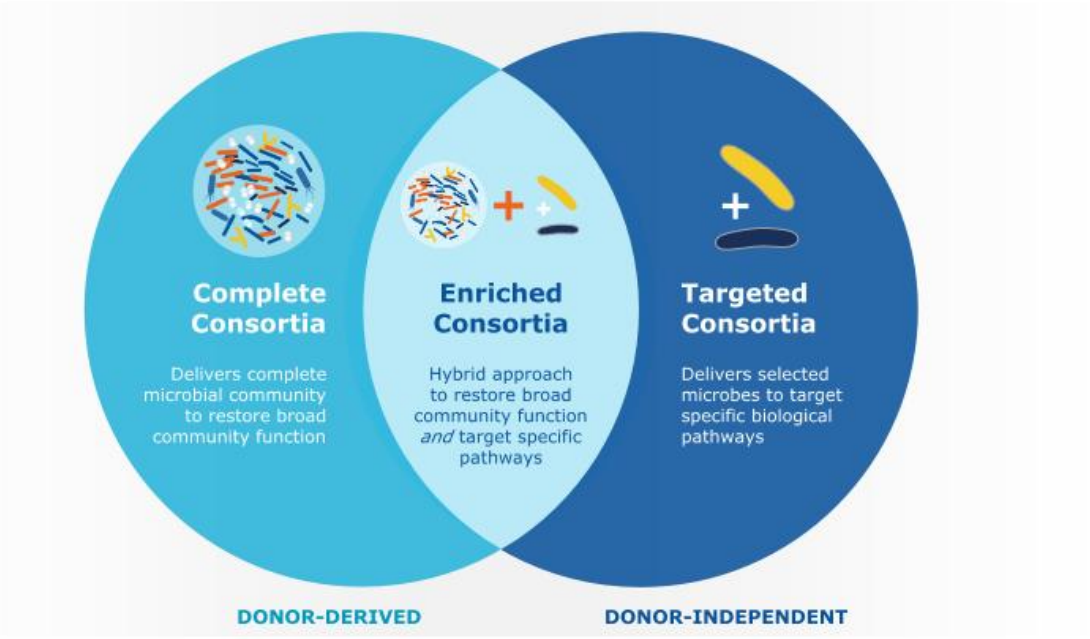
Our *Human-First Discovery* platform enables capital efficient de-risking

Program launch & capital commitment

1. Clinical Proof-of-Concept *(3rd party data)*	2. Data-Mining for Mechanistic Insights	3. Product Development
Enabled by: **Proprietary access to data**	*Enabled by:* **Machine learning engine**	*Enabled by:* **Platform to target full microbiome**
		

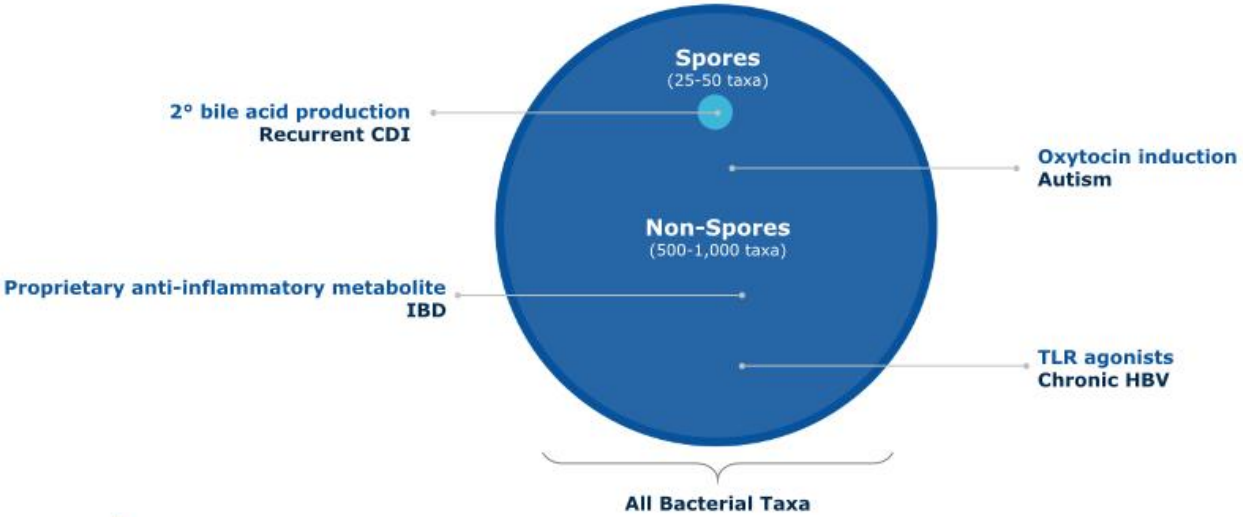
Starting discovery with proof-of-concept human data reduces risk early

Finch is the only company with both complete and targeted approaches for developing microbiome therapeutics



Finch is uniquely positioned to harness the full diversity and potential of the microbiome across diverse therapeutic areas

Discovery platform provides potential for broad pipeline expansion

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TAK-524 & FIN-525 for
Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)

Finch & Takeda working together to develop new therapeutics for IBD

TAK-524 & FIN-525
Targeted Consortia

3.1M
Affected by IBD in the US alone

70,000
Patients diagnosed with IBD per year in US

20%
With ulcerative colitis require colectomy

$31B+
In attributable costs per year in US

Large unmet need for well-tolerated, effective therapeutics administered orally

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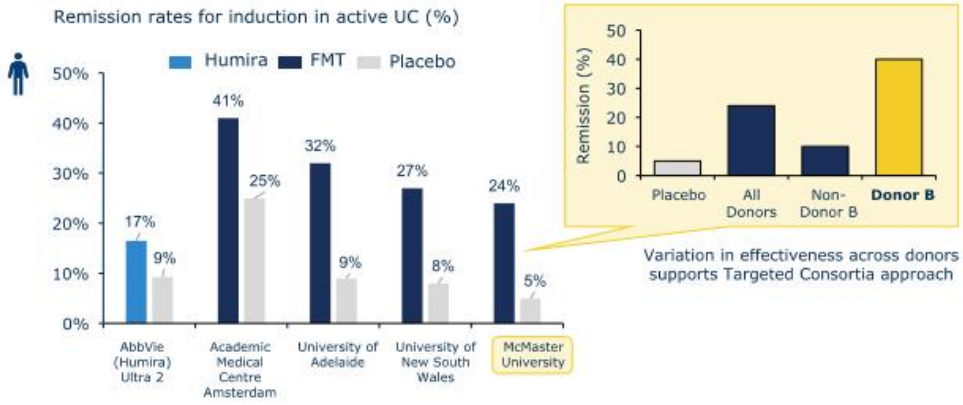
Sources: Dahlhamer MMWR 2016; Crohn's and Colitis Foundation: Facts About IBD 2014; Bernstein Inflamm Bowel Dis 2010

Finch's machine learning platform enables identification and isolation of promising targets from clinical data

TAK-524 illustrates the power of Finch's platform for the development of Targeted Consortia

Four placebo-controlled FMT trials show compelling results compared to current standard of care



Takeda recently accelerated its leadership role in the development of the TAK-524 ulcerative colitis program

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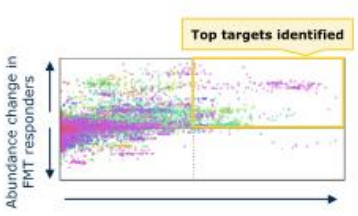
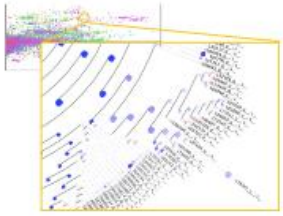
Sources: Rossen Gastroenterology 2015; Moayyedi Gastroenterology 2015; Paramsothy Lancet 2017; Costello JAMA 2017; Sandborn Gastroenterology 2012

Finch's combination of proprietary data and machine learning capabilities enable differentiated Targeted Consortia

1. Reverse Translation Narrows Search Space → **2. Proprietary Algorithms Uncover Strain-Level Hits** → **3. Strain Isolation from Effective Donors** → **4. Mechanism of Action Data Generation**

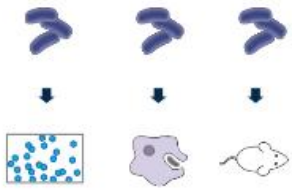


Depletion of microbes in patients with target condition, compared to healthy controls



Phylogenetic analysis to identify strain-level signals

Isolation of specific strains from donor samples that demonstrated promising results in the clinic



High throughput molecular screens | Human cells/tissue | *In vivo* models

Finch's platform brings the power of AI to microbiome therapeutic development

TAK-524 is designed to engage multiple mechanisms that are important to ulcerative colitis

- TAK-524 contains 9 strains isolated directly from donors whose samples induced a response in clinical studies of FMT for UC
  - Consortia includes multiple phyla (spore and non-spore-forming organisms)
- TAK-524 is designed to include multiple strains targeting three key mechanisms and strategies:
  - 1: Production of immunoregulatory microbial metabolite class #1
  - 2: Empirical association with clinical efficacy in UC FMT studies
  - 3: Production of immunoregulatory microbial metabolite class #2

TAK-524 strains	Target mechanisms			Supported by human FMT engraftment data
	1	2	3	
Strain 1	■	■		✓
Strain 2	■	■		✓
Strain 3	■			✓
Strain 4	■			✓
Strain 5		■		✓
Strain 6		■		✓
Strain 7		■		✓
Strain 8	■	■	■	✓
Strain 9			■	✓

■ Mechanism strongly engaged

■ Mechanism engaged

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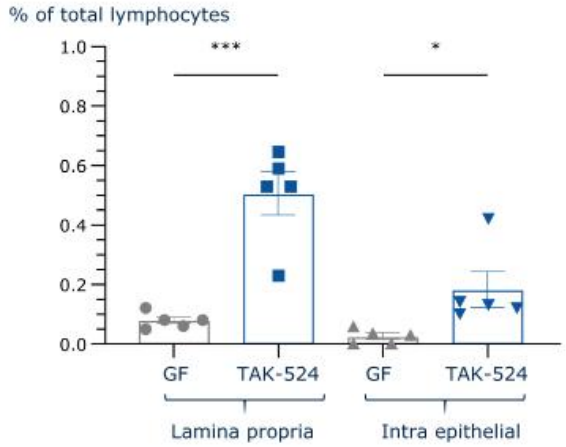
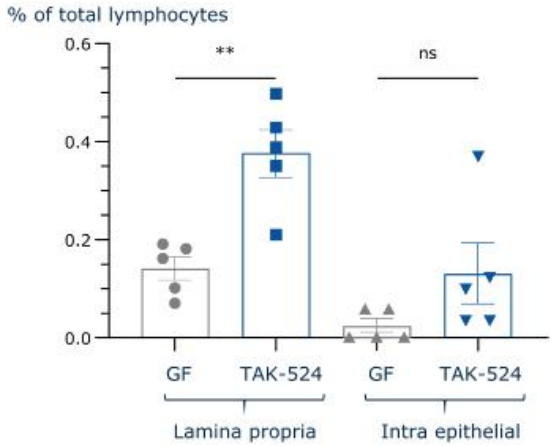
Administration of TAK-524 *in vivo* expands GI regulatory T-cells that are important for immune suppression

TAK-524 expands GI-*resident* Tregs



TAK-524 expands GI-*induced* Tregs



TAK-524 contains strains selected for their potential to provide targeted regulation of the immune system

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Tregs: Regulatory T cells; GF: Germ free

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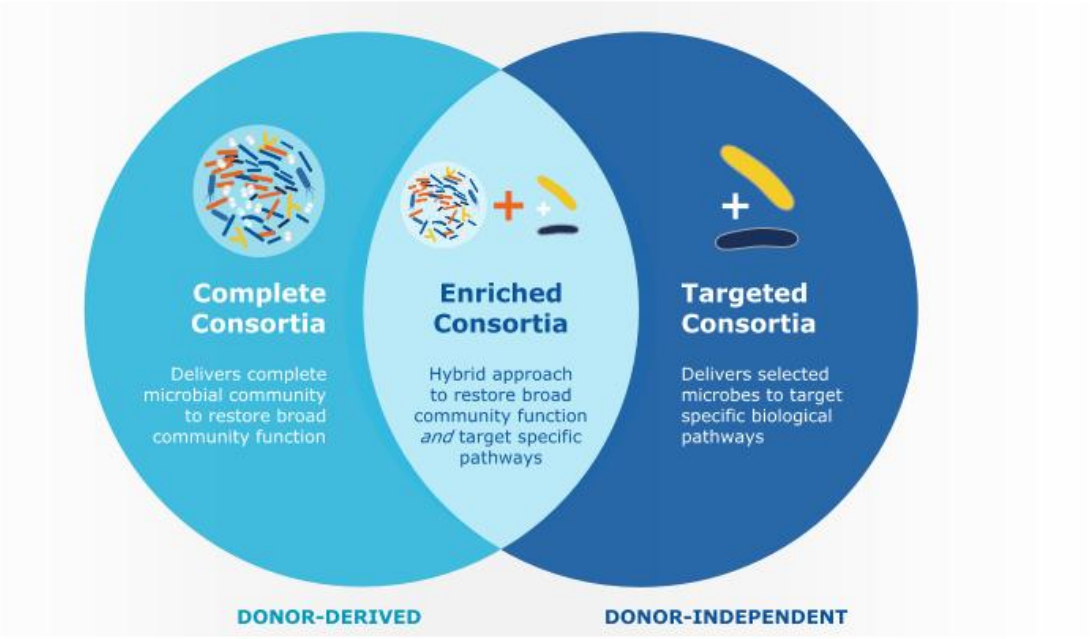

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Harnessing the microbiome to transform patients' lives