

## PROBIOTICS AND ITS ROLE IN DENTAL CARIES

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*ABSTRACT : Probiotics are living micro-organisms added to food, which beneficially affect the host by improving its intestinal microbial balance.*

*Previous studies have suggested that Probiotics may also affect oral ecology by competing with pathogenic microorganisms or by modulating the host immunity response.*

*Although only a few clinical studies have been conducted, the result to date suggest that probiotics could be useful in preventing oral infections, specially dental caries .*

*This article summarizes the currently available data on probiotics and their potential effect on dental caries .*

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