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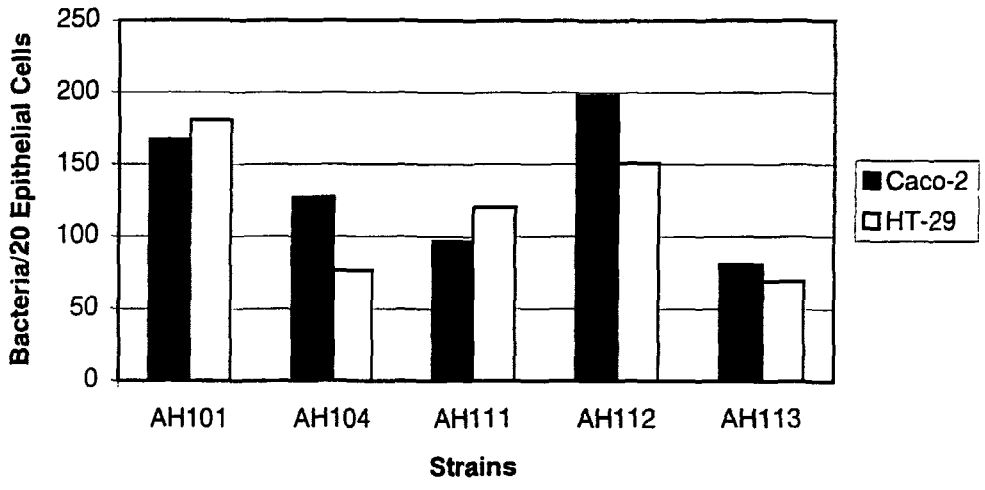
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(57) Abstract: A Lactobacillus casei strain or a mutant or variant thereof isolated from resected and washed human gastrointestinal tract is significantly immunomodulatory following oral consumption in humans. In particular a Lactobacillus casei strain, AH101, AH104, AHlll, AH112 or AH113 or mutants or variants are thereof are useful in the prophylaxis and/or treatment of inflammatory activity especially undesirable gastrointestinal inflammatory activity, such as inflammatory bowel disease or irritable bowel syndrome.

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