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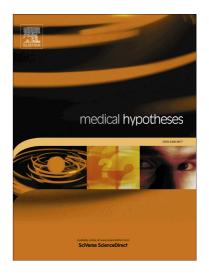
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**ABSTRACT** Inability to have a satisfactory sexual intercourse is a serious problem affecting

many people. Despite enormous efforts for developing effective treatments for pathologic

conditions associated with sexual malfunction, still a lot of patients do not respond well to

such treatments. Microbiota has been shown to affect obesity, diabetes, hypertension,

stress/anxiety and sex hormonal disturbances. Nevertheless, no research has concentrated on

the link between microbiota and human sexuality or sexual dysfunction. We propose another

line of enquiry into sexual dysfunction by hypothesizing a relationship between microbiota

and factors affecting human sexuality. Hence, it can be assumed that microbiota manipulation

may improve sexual behavior and reduce sexual dysfunction. We also discuss the evidence to

back up this hypothesis, and present some predictions.

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