

MetaDAVis: An R shiny web app for efficient visualization and analysis of metagenomic data

Tutorial for MetaDAVis

interactive Metagenome Data Analysis and Visualization (MetaDAVis) application analyzes 16S and whole metagenome sequence results at various levels (kingdom to species). It is a browser-based and user-friendly R Shiny application for researchers to analyze and visualize without programming proficiency. It comprises six functional analyses.

1. Data Summary and Distribution
2. Diversity analysis
3. Dimension reduction
4. Correlation analysis
5. Heatmap
6. Differential abundance (Two and multiple groups)

In this tutorial, we will go through the installation and usage of each functional module using the example dataset. The MetaDAVis is publicly available at (<https://github.com/GudaLab/MetaDAVis>) and <https://www.gudalab-rtools.net/MetaDAVis>. The example dataset is provided on the GitHub page (https://github.com/GudaLab/MetaDAVis/tree/main/www/example_data).

How to start MetaDAVis locally

Download the MetaDAVis application locally from the GitHub page (<https://github.com/GudaLab/MetaDAVis>).

Requirement:

- R ($\geq 4.4.2$), available at (<https://www.r-project.org/>)
- RStudio ($\geq 2024.12.0$) available at (<https://posit.co/download/rstudio-desktop/>)
- Bioconductor (≥ 3.20) and
- Shiny ($\geq 1.10.0$)

This Application was tested in Linux (Red Hat) and Windows 10

Start an R session using RStudio and run the following commands to install the shiny package:
`install.packages("shiny")`

To run MetaDAVis by the following commands in R:

```
library(shiny)
shiny::runGitHub("MetaDAVis","GudaLab")
```

Or

Alternatively, download the source code from GitHub and run the following command in the R session using RStudio:

```
library(shiny)
```

```
runApp('/path/to/the/MetaDAVis-master', launch.browser=TRUE)
```

The Interface of MetaDAVis will pop up. See **Figure S1**

MetaDAVis (Interactive Metagenome Data Analysis and Visualization) is a browser-based and user-friendly R Shiny application for researchers without programming proficiency to analyze and visualize metagenomics results from kingdom to species level. It comprises six functional analyses.

The package includes the following:

- Data summary and abundance distribution
 - The data can be visualized in the stacked bar plot for abundance percentage, value, and relative frequency from 2 to 100 Taxa.
 - Group: Samples are grouped by given conditions based on the metadata.
 - Individual: Sample-based plots.
- Diversity analysis
 - Alpha: Seven different methods were used from the phyloseq package. The results were displayed in a box and violin plot with a summary table.
 - Beta: A total of 42 different diversity metrics were integrated from the phyloseq (unlist(distanceMethodList)) package with six selection methods. Results are visualized by bar and ordination with a summary table.
- Dimension reduction
 - PCA: The ggfortify and plotly package was used to display plots in 2D(with and without labels and frame) and 3D with their summary table.
 - t-SNE: Six different methods was used from the scater package. The samples were displayed in a t-SNE plot (2 and 3 dimensions) with a summary table.
 - UMAP: Six different methods was used from the scater package. Displays the UMAP plot in sample and cluster-based with a summary table.
- Correlation analysis
 - Taxa-based: The ggfortify package was used to display plot (with and without labels and frame) and their summary table.
 - Sample-based: Six different methods was used from the scater package. The result was displayed in 2 and 3 dimensions t-SNE plots with a summary table.
- Heatmap: It was integrated with the ComplexHeatmap package. Display heatmap with and without row and column dendrograms and names.
- Differential abundance
 - Two groups: Six different analyses were provided using the Wilcoxon Rank Sum test, t-test, metagenomeSeq, DESeq2, Limma-Voom, edgeR, LefSe, MaAsLin3. These will perform statistical analysis and generate plots and summary tables based on the significant taxa.
 - Multiple groups comparison: Two different analyses, such as Kruskal-Wallis test and ANOVA was used for more than multiple group comparisons. These will perform statistical analysis and generate plots and summary tables based on the significant taxa.

*It provides publication quality plots in seven formats: JPG, TIFF, PDF, SVG, BMP, EPS, and PS and summary tables (.csv format) to visualize and download.

use [MetaDAVis online](#)

MetaDAVis is deployed at: <https://www.gudalab-rtools.net/MetaDAVis>

Figure S1: Interface of MetaDAVis application

Table S1. List of R packages used to develop this application

R Packages	Used for	Citation	Web link
shiny	To develop the web and interactive application	(Chang et al., 2022)	https://github.com/rstudio/shiny
DT	Interface to the data tables	(Xie et al., 2022)	https://github.com/rstudio/DT
shinyFiles	A server-side file system viewer for shiny	(Pedersen et al., 2022)	https://github.com/thomasp85/shinyFiles
shinythemes	To use the shiny themes	(Chang 2021)	https://github.com/rstudio/shinythemes
ggplot2	To create plots and graphics	(Wickham 2016)	https://github.com/tidyverse/ggplot2
phyloseq	To explore microbiome profiles for alpha and beta diversity	(McMurdie and Holmes, 2013)	https://github.com/joey711/phyloseq
ggpubr	Do the graphics for the correlation plot	(Kassambara 2022)	https://github.com/kassambara/ggpubr
vegan	The beta diversity orientation methods	(Oksanen et al., 2017)	https://github.com/vegandevs/vegan
ggfortify	To plot PCA in 2D	(Tang et al., 2016)	https://github.com/sinhrks/ggfortify
plotly	To plot PCA in 3D	(Sievert 2020)	https://github.com/plotly/plotly.R
ggplotify	Convert plot to ggplot object	(Yu 2021)	https://github.com/GuangchuangYu/ggplotify
reshape2	To transform data into a different structure	Wickham H (2007)	https://github.com/hadley/reshape
tibble	To convert row names to column	(Müller and Wickham 2022).	https://github.com/tidyverse/tibble
scales	Scale functions visualization in a heatmap	(Wickham and Seidel, 2022)	https://github.com/r-lib/scales
dunn.test	Multiple comparisons using rank sums (used in the Kruskal-Wallis test)	(Dinno 2017)	https://github.com/cran/dunn.test
tidyr	Creating tidy data, where each column is a variable, each row is an observation	(Wickham and Girlich 2022)	https://github.com/tidyverse/tidyr
dplyr	Data manipulation: adds new variables that are functions of existing variables	(Wickham et al., 2022)	https://github.com/tidyverse/dplyr
devtools	To install several R packages	(Wickham et al., 2022)	
patchwork	Adding multiple plots together	(Pedersen 2022)	https://github.com/thomasp85/patchwork
RColorBrewer	To select the colors	(Neuwirth 2022)	https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/RColorBrewer/index.html
zip	To extract the output to zip file	(Gábor Csárdi 2024)	https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/zip/index.html
GGally	Creating correlation plots	(Schloerke et al., 2022)	https://github.com/ggobi/ggally
BiocManager	To install Bioconductor packages	(Morgan 2022)	https://bioconductor.org/packages/BiocVersion/
ComplexHeatmap	Creating heatmap	(Gu 2022)	https://bioconductor.org/packages/ComplexHeatmap/
qvalue	Estimates for false discovery used in statistical analysis	(Storey et al., 2022)	https://bioconductor.org/packages/qvalue/

DESeq2	Statistical analysis for two groups or sets	(Love et al., 2014)	https://bioconductor.org/packages/DESeq2/
edgeR	Statistical analysis for two groups or sets	(Robinson et al., 2010)	https://bioconductor.org/packages/edgeR/
limma	Statistical analysis for two groups or sets	(Ritchie et al., 2015)	https://bioconductor.org/packages/limma/
metagenomeSeq	Statistical analysis for two groups or sets	(Paulson et al., 2013)	https://bioconductor.org/packages/metagenomeSeq/
lefser	Statistical analysis for two groups or sets	(Segata et al., 2011)	https://github.com/waldronlab/lefser
maaslin3	Statistical analysis for two groups or sets	(Nickols et al., 2024)	https://github.com/biobakery/biobakery/wiki/maaslin3
bluster	Used in UMAP for creating k-means and graph-based clustering	(Lun 2022)	https://bioconductor.org/packages/bluster/
mia	Used for data wrangling in t-SNE and UMAP	(Ernst et al., 2022)	https://bioconductor.org/packages/mia/
scater	Creating t-SNE and UMAP plots	(McCarthy et al., 2017)	https://bioconductor.org/packages/scater/
microbiome	Utilities for microbiome analysis	(Lahti et al., 2019)	https://bioconductor.org/packages/microbiome/
microbiomeutilities	Pairwise comparison using a non-parametric test (Wilcoxon test) in alpha diversity	(Shetty and Lahti, 2022)	https://github.com/microbiome/microbiome/

Data preparation

This section will introduce how to prepare input data sets: read counts with complete taxonomy (kingdom to species level) and corresponding metadata.

Counts and metadata input formats

Our application will accept the files in .txt, .tsv, or .csv format. The user can directly upload level 7 of Qiime2 results generated using Greengenes or Silva. Likewise, it will support MEGAN data from the whole metagenome sequence (remove the metadata column if it is included in the level7.csv file from Qiime2). If the user has a different output format, they need to prepare their data count file and metadata for analysis. For the file preparation, please refer to our example count data and metadata files from the upload files pages shown in **Figure S2** or example datasets from the GitHub repository (<https://github.com/GudaLab/MetaDAVis>). The metadata files contain two columns. The first column contains the Samples which need to match the sample IDs in the count data input (**Figure S2**). The second column is Condition which indicates any user-specified categorical variable, such as "case" and "control" (two or multiple groups).

The screenshot displays the 'Upload files' section of the MetaDAVis web application. The interface includes a navigation bar at the top with tabs for 'MetaDAVis', 'Upload files', 'Distribution', 'Diversity', 'Dimension reduction', 'Correlation', 'Heatmap', and 'Differential abundance'. The 'Upload files' tab is active. On the left, there are sections for 'Select Input format' (set to 'Qiime2'), 'Upload count file' (with a 'Browse...' button and 'No file selected' status), and 'Upload meta-data' (also with a 'Browse...' button and 'No file selected' status). Below these are radio buttons for 'Choose the level to display', with 'Order' selected. A 'Submit' button is at the bottom left. On the right, there are tabs for 'Summary', 'Taxonomy table', 'Metadata table', 'No. of conditions', and 'Counts in samples'. A red box highlights the 'Download example data' section, which lists several file formats: 'Qiime2 format', 'Qiime2 Greengenes Output format', 'Qiime2 metadata for greengenes', 'Qiime2 Silva Output format', 'Qiime2 metadata for Silva', 'MEGAN output format', 'MEGAN WGS output format', 'Megan metadata', 'Taxa count file (Prepare your input according to our count and metadata format)', 'Count files format', and 'Metadata'. Below this list, there is a note: 'After the data is uploaded and checked, it will be displayed in the table summary below.' and two more tabs: 'Number of OTUs' and 'Metadata'.

Figure S2: Example data were provided for Qiime2, MEGAN output format. If users have a different output format, prepare the files according to the taxa count file format

Run MetaDAVis

This section will introduce step-by-step instructions for each functional analysis using the example dataset provided at the MetaDAVis GitHub repository (<https://github.com/GudaLab/MetaDAVis>). Using our application, users can download the plot in publication quality in seven formats: JPG, TIFF, PDF, SVG, BMP, EPS, and PS. The summary tables were displayed using the DT package to visualize up to 100 rows (default 10) and download the table in .csv files.

This tutorial is described with the MEGAN output files (Megan WGS output format and Megan metadata) available on the Upload files page.

Data upload and their summary

In the "Upload files" tab, the user must select the file format and click the browse button to upload the count and metadata. Then, select the taxonomy level and click the submit button to analyze the metagenomic data. The summary page will provide the following details.

Summary of count data and metadata, Taxonomy tables, metadata tables, No. of conditions, count in samples (**Figure S3 – S7**).

Input files & format (txt, tsv, csv)
Upload files
The file accepts .txt or .tsv or .csv formats.
Select Input format: Megan
Upload count file: Browse... Megan_WGS_output.tsv Upload complete
Upload meta-data: Browse... Megan_WGS_metadata.tsv Upload complete
Fields separated by: tab
Fields separated by: tab
Choose the level to display:
 Kingdom
 Phylum
 Class
 Order
 Family
 Genus
 Species
Submit

Summary tables
Summary Taxonomy table Metadata table No. of Conditions Counts in samples
Download example data
Qiime2 format
Qiime2 Greengenes Output format
Qiime2 metadata for greengenes
Qiime2 Silva Output format
Qiime2 metadata for silva
MEGAN output format
Megan WGS output format
Megan metadata
Taxa count file (Prepare your input according to our count and metadata format)
Count files format
Metadata
After the data is uploaded and checked, it will be displayed in the table summary below.

Number of OTUs Summary of count data and metadata
There are 170 bacterial taxa at the Family level.
Metadata
Number of CD: 88, Number of HC: 21, Number of UC: 48

Figure S3: Data upload page and their summary

Summary Taxonomy table Metadata table No. of conditions Counts in samples

Display the taxonomy counts for each samples

Show 10 entries Search:

	SRR5650021	SRR5650022	SRR5650023	SRR5650024	SRR5650025	SRR5650026	SRR5650027	SRR5650028	SRR5650029
f__(Actinobacteria <phylum>)	1	1	2	2	1	4	21	10	6
f__(Actinobacteria)	5	7	9	5	3	7	30	8	5
f__(Alphaproteobacteria)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
f__(Archaea)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
f__(Bacillales)	0	0	0	5	7	0	0	0	0
f__(Bacilli)	2	6	9	3	3	2	4	2	2
f__(Bacteria)	906	1066	1021	1030	996	817	881	878	936
f__(Bacteroidales bacterium 43_8)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
f__(Bacteroidales)	1318	863	837	743	844	1229	328	1254	880
f__(Bacteroidetes)	109	86	90	81	82	116	31	92	83

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Figure S4: Summary of selected taxonomy table with their counts for each sample

Summary Taxonomy table Metadata table No. of Conditions Counts in samples

Display the metadata file

Show 10 entries Search:

	Condition
SRR5650021	UC
SRR5650022	HC
SRR5650023	HC
SRR5650024	HC
SRR5650025	HC
SRR5650026	HC
SRR5650027	HC
SRR5650028	HC
SRR5650029	HC
SRR5650030	HC

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Figure S5: Summary of metadata table

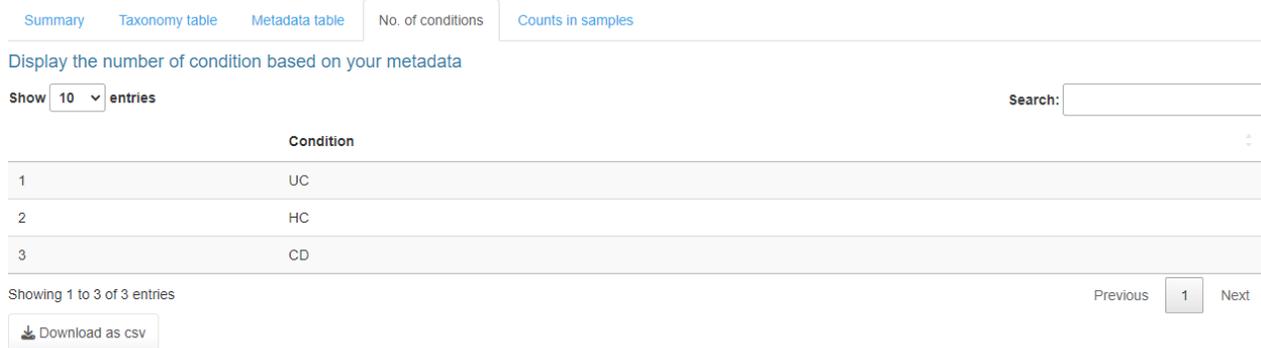


Figure S6: Display the no. of conditions based on the metadata

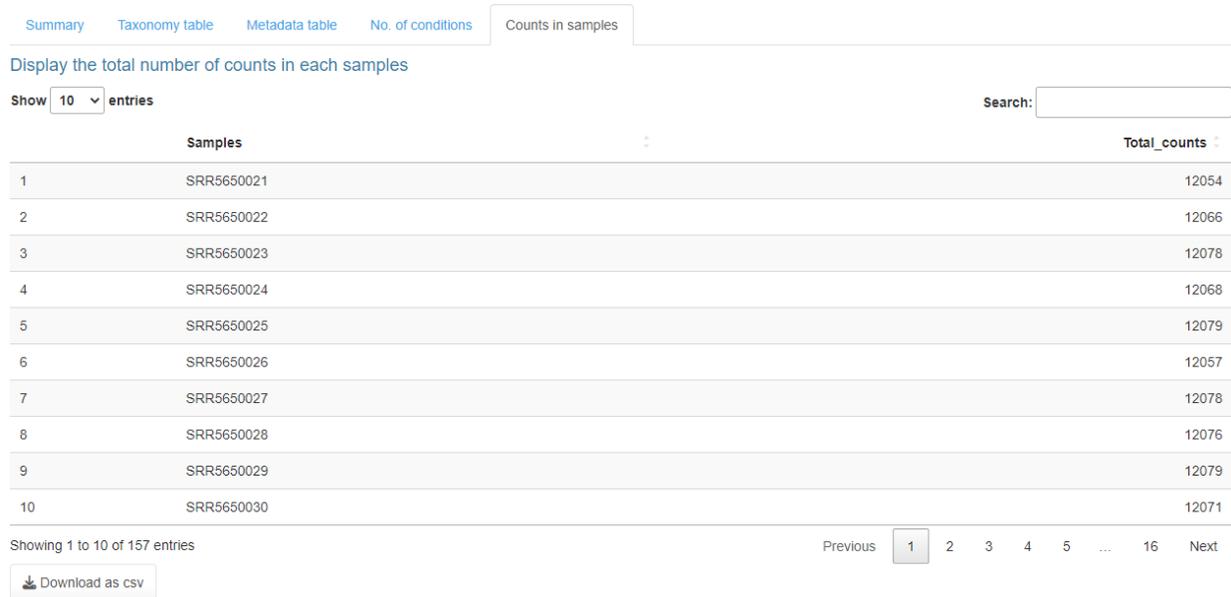


Figure S7: Display the total no. of counts based on the count file

After uploading the count data, metadata file and pre-selected level, the inputs will be automatically saved for accessing the distribution, diversity, dimension reduction, correlation, heatmap and differential abundance tabs.

Distribution:

Under the distribution tab, user can visualize their taxa (two to 100) by grouped (based on the Condition) or individual (based on the individual samples).

Distribution based on groups:

Users need to select the plot types, no. of bacterial taxa to display, the image output format, and click the submit button to visualize the plot (**Figure S8 – S10**).

MetaDAVIS Upload files Distribution Diversity Dimension reduction Correlation Heatmap Differential abundance

Group Subsections Individual

Distribution of top bacterial taxa (groups)

Selected input
Megan_WGS_output.tsv

Types of plot
 Abundance (%) - stacked bar
 Abundance value - stacked bar
 Relative frequency - stacked bar

Colors
RdYIBu

Number of top bacterial taxa (Max = 100)
15

Output image format
JPG

Submit

Selected file based on the input

Colors selection

Select upto two to 100 taxa's (default is 15)

Select file formats (JPG, TIFF, PDF, SVG, BMP, EPS, and PS)

Different types of plots

Subsections

Figure S8: Input selection for group distribution

Downloading images in various formats

Users can download the figure with preferred dimensions up to 49 inches of height and weight in multiple image formats (JPG, TIFF, PDF, SVG, BMP, EPS, and PS) to download the result in publication quality and the journal with a recommended size and dpi (resolution: 72 to 1000). This menu was incorporated into all the tabs, which contain figures.

Figure height (upto 49 inches)

Figure width (upto 49 inches)

Figure resolution (dpi:72 to 300)

Figure S9: Download the plot in preferred dimensions for publication in multiple image formats.

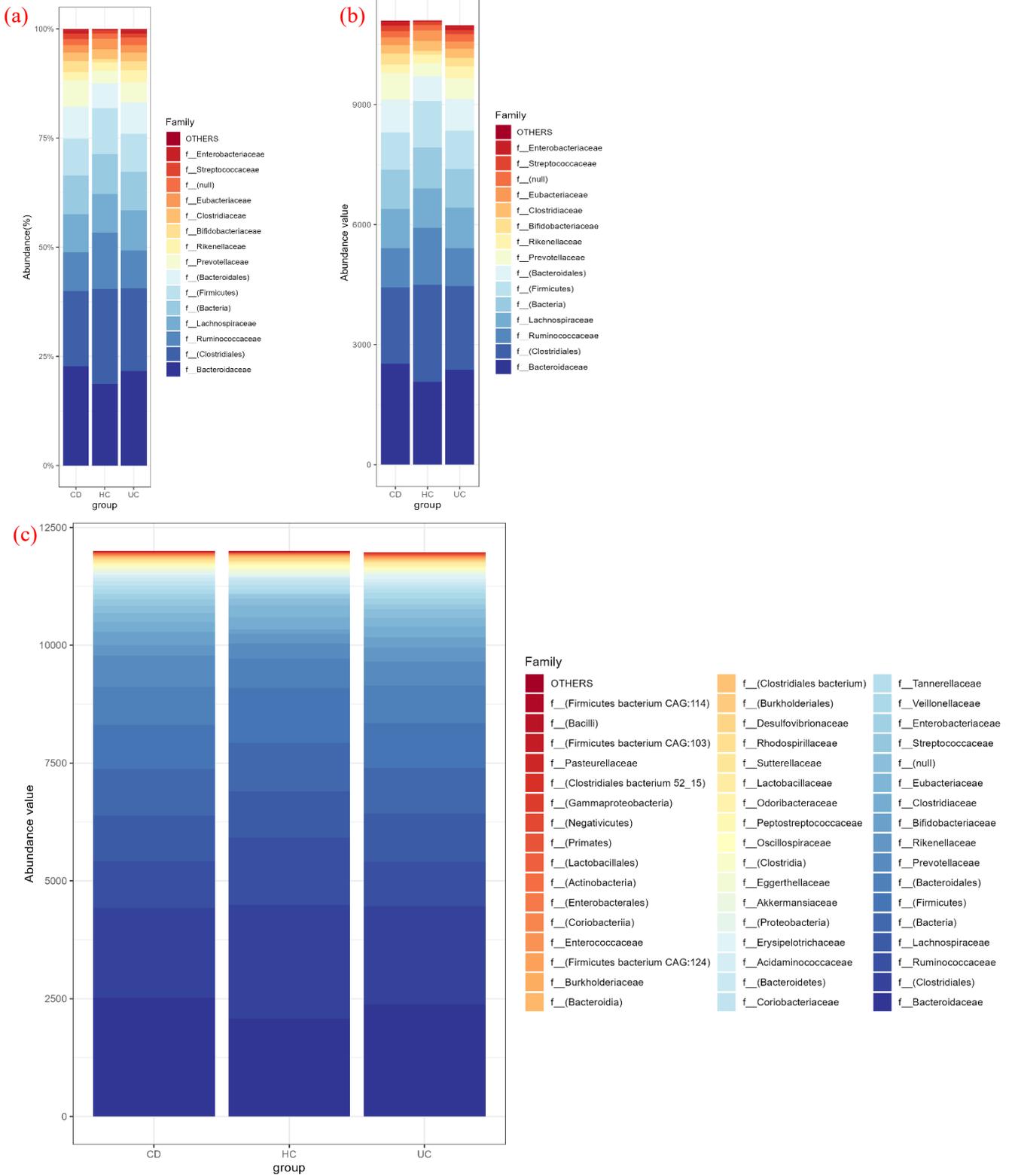


Figure S10: displays the top a) 15 relative abundance percentages, b) 15 relative abundance values, c) 50 relative abundance frequencies grouped by the list of conditions in metadata

Distribution based on individual:

Users need to select the plot types, no. of bacterial taxa to display, image output format, and click the submit button to visualize the plot (**Figure S11 – S12**).

The screenshot shows a web interface for visualizing the distribution of top bacterial taxa. The interface includes the following elements:

- Title:** Distribution of top bacterial taxa (samples)
- Selected input:** A dropdown menu showing 'Megan_WGS_output.tsv'. An annotation points to this menu with the text: 'Selected file based on the input'.
- Types of plot:** A section enclosed in a red box containing three radio button options: 'Abundance (%) - stacked bar' (selected), 'Abundance value - stacked bar', and 'Relative frequency - stacked bar'. An annotation points to this section with the text: 'Different types of plots'.
- Colors:** A dropdown menu showing 'RdYIBu'. An annotation points to this menu with the text: 'Colors selection'.
- Number of top bacterial taxa (Max = 100):** A text input field containing '15'. An annotation points to this field with the text: 'Select upto two to 100 taxa's (default is 15)'.
- Output image format:** A dropdown menu showing 'JPG'. An annotation points to this menu with the text: 'Select file formats (JPG, TIFF, PDF, SVG, BMP, EPS, and PS)'.
- Submit:** A button at the bottom of the form.

Figure S11: Input selection for individual distribution

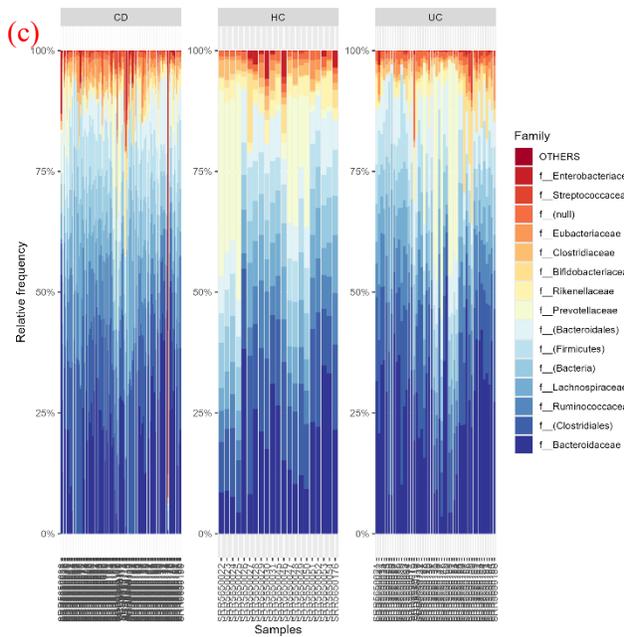
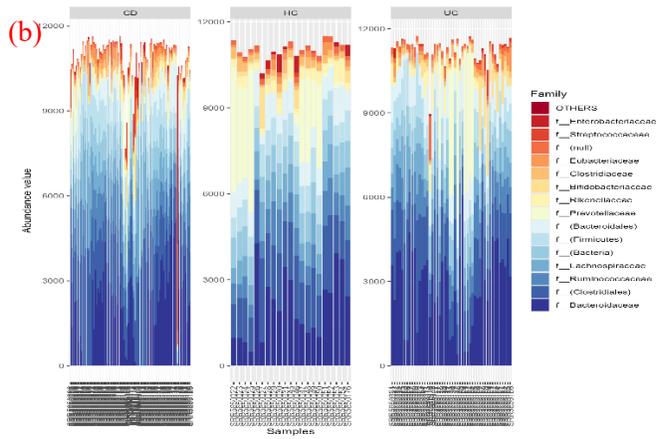
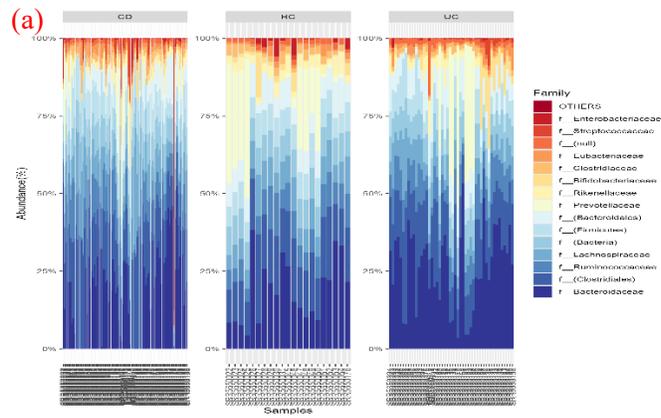


Figure S12: displays the top 15 a) relative abundance percentages, b) relative abundance values, c) relative abundance frequencies for the given samples in metadata

Diversity

Under the distribution tab, there are two subsections (**Figure S13**): 1. Alpha and 2. Beta diversity.

Alpha diversity

Alpha diversity was calculated by the phyloseq package (McMurdie and Holmes, 2013). Users can visualize the alpha diversity by choosing any one of the methods (**Figure S13**), such as Observed, Chao1(**Figure S14 a**), ACE, Shannon (**Figure S14 b**), Simpson, Inverse Simpson, Fisher or All_combined (combined all the listed methods) (**Figure S14 c**). The users can also get the diversity plot with the p-values (either values or *) (**Figure S14 d**), using Wilcoxon tests (from the microbiomeutilities package) (Shetty and Lahti, 2022) considering each pair of groups. Once the output plot types and the image format are selected, then click the submit button to calculate diversity. Users can also get the alpha diversity for each sample by clicking the summary table tab (**Figure S15**).

The screenshot shows the 'Alpha diversity' input form in the MetaDAVIS application. The navigation bar at the top includes 'MetaDAVIS', 'Upload files', 'Distribution', 'Diversity', 'Dimension reduction', 'Correlation', 'Heatmap', and 'Differential abundance'. The 'Diversity' menu is open, showing 'Alpha' and 'Beta' subsections. The 'Alpha diversity' form contains the following fields:

- Selected input:** Megan_WGS_output.tsv
- Select Method:** All_Combined
- Wilcoxon test:** No (selected), Yes (show's Pvalue) (0, 0.0001, 0.001, 0.01, 0.05, Inf), Show * ("****", "****", "****", "*", "ns")
- Types of plot:** Box plot (selected), Violin plot
- Colors:** RdYIBu
- Output image format:** JPG
- Submit** button

Red annotations and arrows point to the following elements:

- Subsection:** Points to the 'Alpha' option in the 'Diversity' dropdown menu.
- Observed, Chao1, ACE, Shannon, Simpson, Inverse Simpson, Fisher or All_combined (combined all the listed methods):** Points to the 'All_Combined' method in the 'Select Method' dropdown.
- Different types of plot:** Points to the 'Box plot' and 'Violin plot' options in the 'Types of plot' section.
- Colors Selection:** Points to the 'RdYIBu' color selection dropdown.
- Select file formats (JPG, TIFF, PDF, SVG, BMP, EPS, and PS):** Points to the 'Output image format' dropdown.

Figure S13: Input selection for alpha diversity

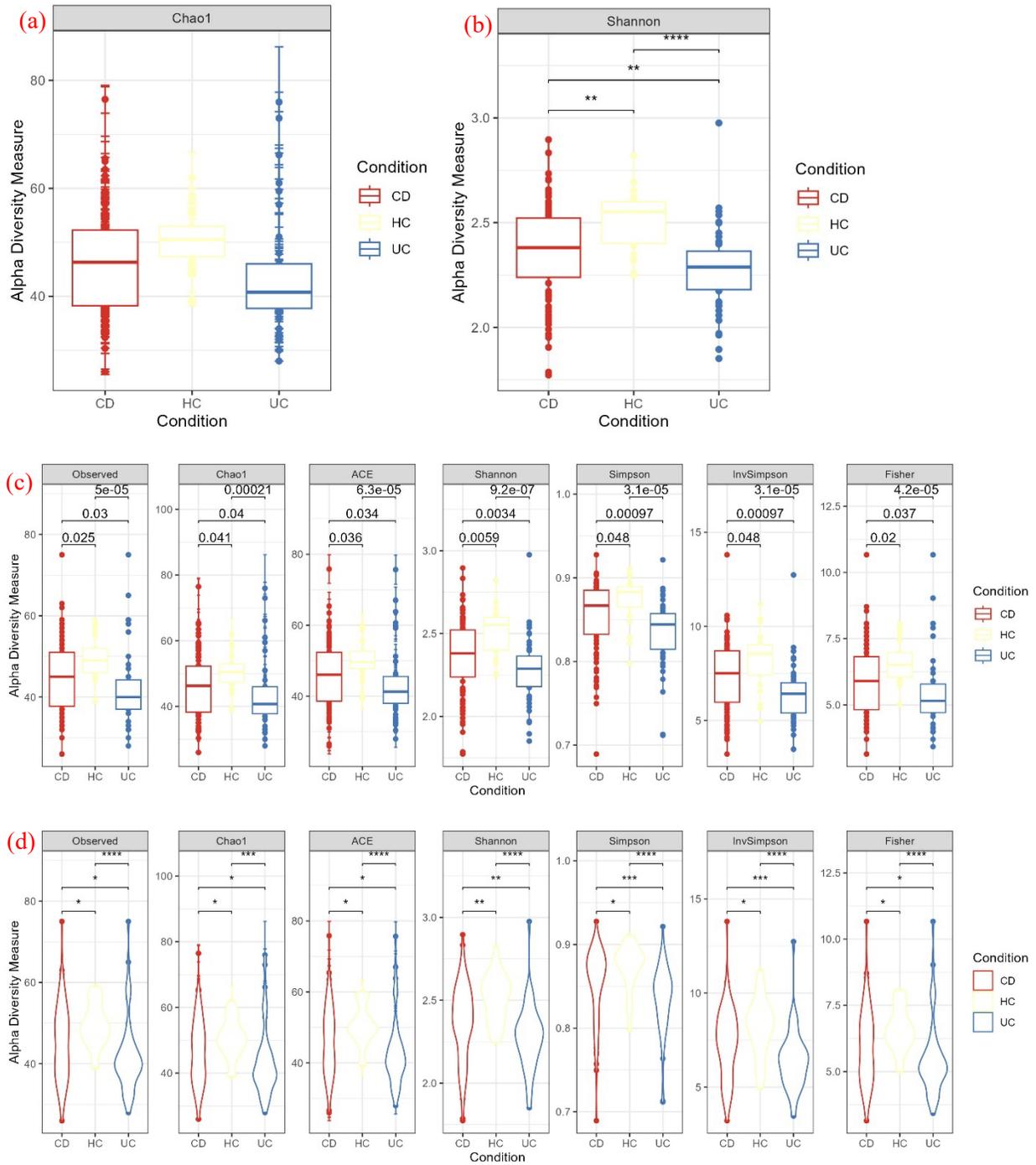


Figure S14. The box plot shows the alpha diversity, which is calculated based on the a) chao1 without p-value, b) Shannon index with p-value (shows: "****", "****", "**", "*", "ns"), c) using all the methods with p-value, d) Plotted in violin with p-value (shows: "****", "****", "**", "*", "ns").

Result - alpha diversity estimates for each metagenome

Show 10 entries

Search:

	Observed	Chao1	se.chao1	ACE	se.ACE	Shannon	Simpson	InvSimpson	Fisher
SRR5650036	55	55.25	0.74	55.6	3.49	2.21	0.76	4.12	7.44
SRR5650037	51	51	0.25	51.24	3.44	2.6	0.89	9.03	6.82
SRR5650038	42	42	0.16	42.28	2.81	2.39	0.85	6.64	5.45
SRR5650039	59	62.33	4.12	61.13	3.73	2.73	0.91	10.59	8.07
SRR5650040	47	48	2.33	47.42	3.19	2.6	0.89	9.39	6.2
SRR5650041	48	48	0.12	48.27	3.38	2.52	0.89	8.98	6.36
SRR5650042	58	59.5	2.23	59.86	3.39	2.49	0.87	7.87	7.91
SRR5650043	59	59.33	0.92	59.67	3.49	2.6	0.89	8.72	8.07
SRR5650044	56	59	4.17	57.73	3.56	2.36	0.85	6.7	7.6
SRR5650065	32	32.5	1.29	32.72	2.77	1.9	0.78	4.56	3.99

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Figure S15: Summary table of alpha diversity for each sample

Beta diversity

Beta diversity was calculated based on phyloseq (`unlist(distanceMethodList)`) (McMurdie and Holmes, 2013) and vegan (Oksanen et al., 2017) packages. Users can visualize the alpha diversity by choosing any one of the methods. In our application, we have integrated 42 distance metrics. Users can use any one of the following methods such as (bray, jaccard, manhattan, euclidean, canberra, kulczynski, gower, altGower, morisita, horn, mountford, raup, binomial, chao, cao, w, -1, c, wb, r, I, e, t, me, j, sor, m, -2, co, cc, g, -3, l, 19, hk, rlb, sim, gl, z, maximum, binary and minkowski) (**Figure S16**). In addition, we have incorporated six different orientation methods using the vegan package, such as (PCoA, NMDS, DCA, CCA, RDA, and MDS) (**Figure S16**). The result will be displayed in the box (**Figure S17 a**) and orientation plot (**Figure S17 b**) with the summary table (**Figure S18**), which contains distance matrices between all the samples.

The screenshot shows a web interface for 'Beta diversity' with the following fields and annotations:

- Selected input:** A dropdown menu with 'Megan_WGS_output.tsv' selected.
- PERMANOVA Options:**
 - Select diversity methods:** A dropdown menu with 'bray' selected. An annotation points to this field: 'Select distance metrics (bray-Curtis, manhattan, euclidean, canberra, clark, kulczynski, jaccard, gower, altGower, morisita, horn, mountford, raup, binomial, chao, cao, mahalanobis, chisq, chord, hellinger, aitchison, and robust.aitchison)'. A second annotation points to the same field: 'Numeric value'.
 - Number of permutations:** A text input field with '99' entered. An annotation points to this field: 'Numeric value'.
 - Square root of dissimilarities:** A dropdown menu with 'No' selected. An annotation points to this field: 'Yes or No'.
 - Select ordination based method:** A dropdown menu with 'PCoA' selected. An annotation points to this field: 'Select orientation methods (PCoA, NMDS, DCA, CCA, RDA, and MDS) (JPG, TIFF, BMP, EPS, and PS)'.
 - Colors:** A dropdown menu with 'RdYlBu' selected. An annotation points to this field: 'Colors selection'.
 - Output image format:** A dropdown menu with 'JPG' selected. An annotation points to this field: 'Select file formats (JPG, TIFF, PDF, SVG, BMP, EPS, and PS)'.
- Submit:** A button at the bottom of the form.

Figure S16: Input selection for beta diversity

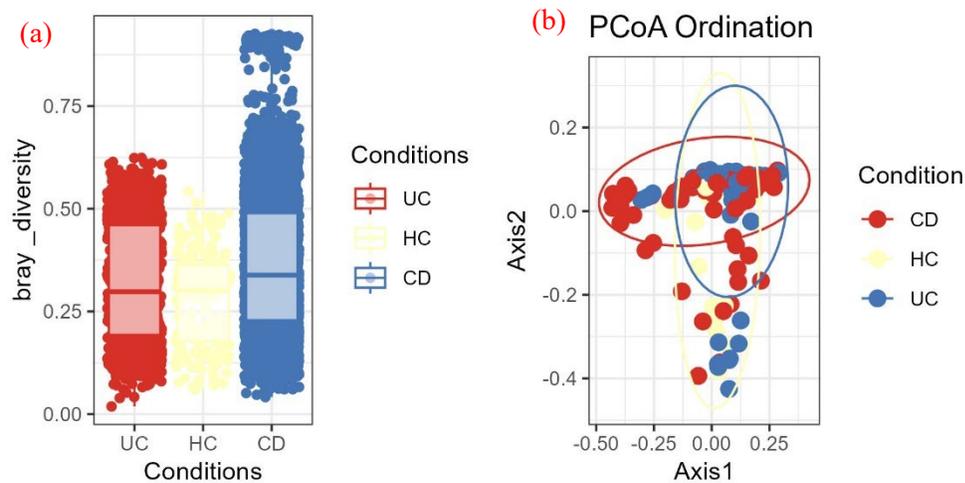


Figure S17 a) The diversity metrics (bray) were plotted in the box plot b) the diversity metrics (bray) with PCoA orientation were plotted.

(a) [Beta diversity Plot](#) [Summary Table](#)

Result - distance between all the samples

Show entries Search:

	SRR5650036	SRR5650037	SRR5650038	SRR5650039	SRR5650040	SRR5650041	SRR5650042	SRR5650043	SRR5650044	SRR5650065
SRR5650036	0	0.56	0.35	0.47	0.52	0.49	0.67	0.64	0.71	
SRR5650037	0.56	0	0.3	0.2	0.32	0.14	0.4	0.38	0.44	
SRR5650038	0.35	0.3	0	0.23	0.22	0.21	0.41	0.39	0.45	
SRR5650039	0.47	0.2	0.23	0	0.26	0.16	0.37	0.35	0.42	
SRR5650040	0.52	0.32	0.22	0.26	0	0.21	0.35	0.32	0.38	
SRR5650041	0.49	0.14	0.21	0.16	0.21	0	0.43	0.4	0.46	
SRR5650042	0.67	0.4	0.41	0.37	0.35	0.43	0	0.1	0.1	
SRR5650043	0.64	0.38	0.39	0.35	0.32	0.4	0.1	0	0.17	
SRR5650044	0.71	0.44	0.45	0.42	0.38	0.46	0.1	0.17	0	
SRR5650065	0.77	0.56	0.53	0.54	0.5	0.56	0.34	0.39	0.25	

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(b) Result - Permutation test for adonis under reduced model

Show entries Search:

	Df	SumOfSqs	R2	F	Pr(>F)
Model	2	0.7827316811354081	0.06589320924942112	5.431688499051073	0.01
Residual	154	11.09605962454507	0.9341067907505788		
Total	156	11.87879130568048	1		

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Figure S18: Summary table of a) beta diversity b) Permutation test for adonis

Dimension reduction

Under this tab, there are three subsections (**Figure S19**) 1. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) 2D and 3D, 2. t-distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE) and 3. Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection for Dimension Reduction (UMAP).

PCA-2D & 3D

The ggfortify (Tang et al., 2016) was used to plot the PCA-2D. The users must select the text label and its size, frame, and output image format and click the submit button (**Figure S19**). The output will be displayed in a PCA-2D plot (**Figure S20**) with a summary table (**Figure S21**). For the PCA-3D plot, we used plotly to create the plot. In this section, the user must click the submit button to see the PCA plot in 3D. The plotly has its function to export the image in png format (**Figure S22**). The PCA summary table contains the PC1, PC2 and PC3 coordinates (**Figure S23**).

The screenshot shows the 'Dimension reduction' tab selected in a blue navigation bar. A dropdown menu is open, showing options for 'PCA-2D', 'PCA-3D', 't-SNE', and 'UMAP'. Below this, the 'PCA-2D' subsection is active, with a 'PCA 2D Plot' button and a 'Summary Table' button. The main content area is titled 'PCA-2D' and contains several input fields: 'Selected input' (Megan_WGS_output.tsv), 'Label' (FALSE), 'Label size' (3), 'Frame' (FALSE), 'Colors' (RdYIBu), and 'Output image format' (JPG). A 'Submit' button is at the bottom. Red arrows point to the 'Label', 'Label size', 'Frame', 'Colors', and 'Output image format' fields with explanatory text.

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Subsection

PCA 2D Plot Summary Table

Principal Component Analysis

PCA-2D

Selected input

Megan_WGS_output.tsv

Label

FALSE

Label size

3

Frame

FALSE

Colors

RdYIBu

Output image format

JPG

Submit

If true it will display sample labels

Sample label size

If true display circular frames

Color selection

Select file formats (JPG, TIFF, PDF, SVG, BMP, EPS, and PS)

Figure S19: Input selection for PCA plot.

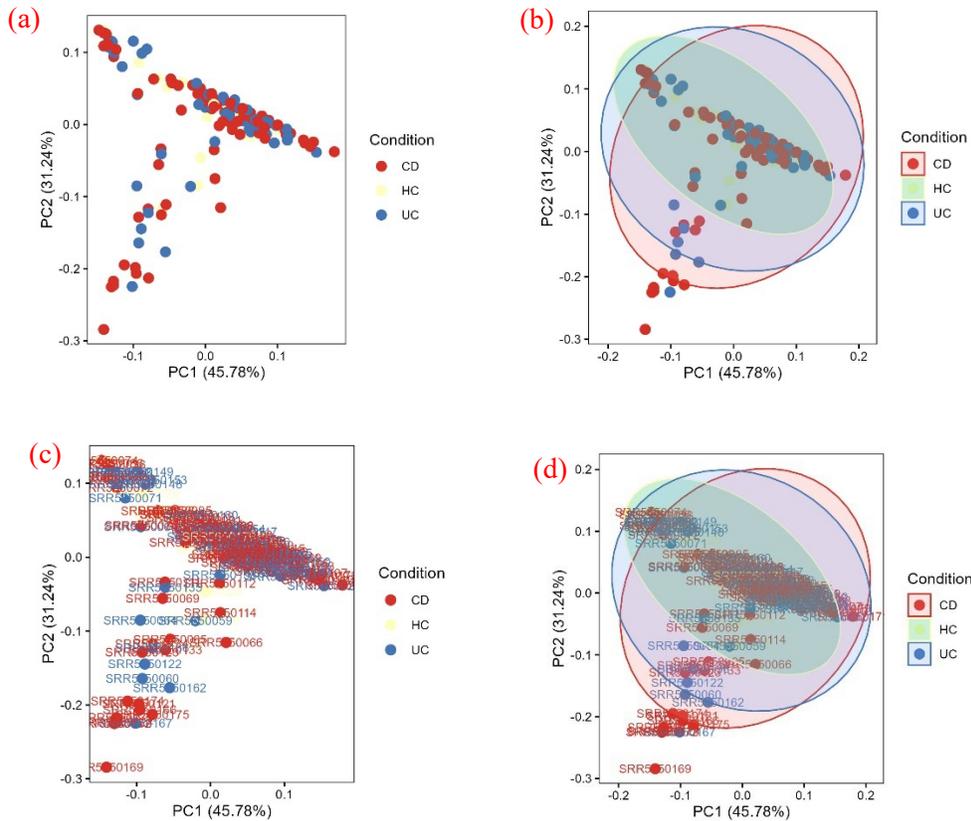


Figure S20. Displays PCA-2D plot with a) no labels and no frame, b) no labels and with a frame, c) with labels and no frame, d) with labels and frame.

PCA 2D Plot | Summary Table

Show 10 entries Search:

	PC1	PC2	Condition
SRR5650036	0.15	-0.04	CD
SRR5650037	-0.06	-0.12	CD
SRR5650038	0.06	-0.02	CD
SRR5650039	-0.01	-0.05	CD
SRR5650040	0	0.01	CD
SRR5650041	-0.01	-0.08	CD
SRR5650042	-0.07	0.06	CD
SRR5650043	-0.05	0.05	CD
SRR5650044	-0.09	0.09	CD
SRR5650065	-0.14	0.13	CD

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Figure S21. Summary table for PCA. Each sample coordinate position was shown in PC1 and PC2.

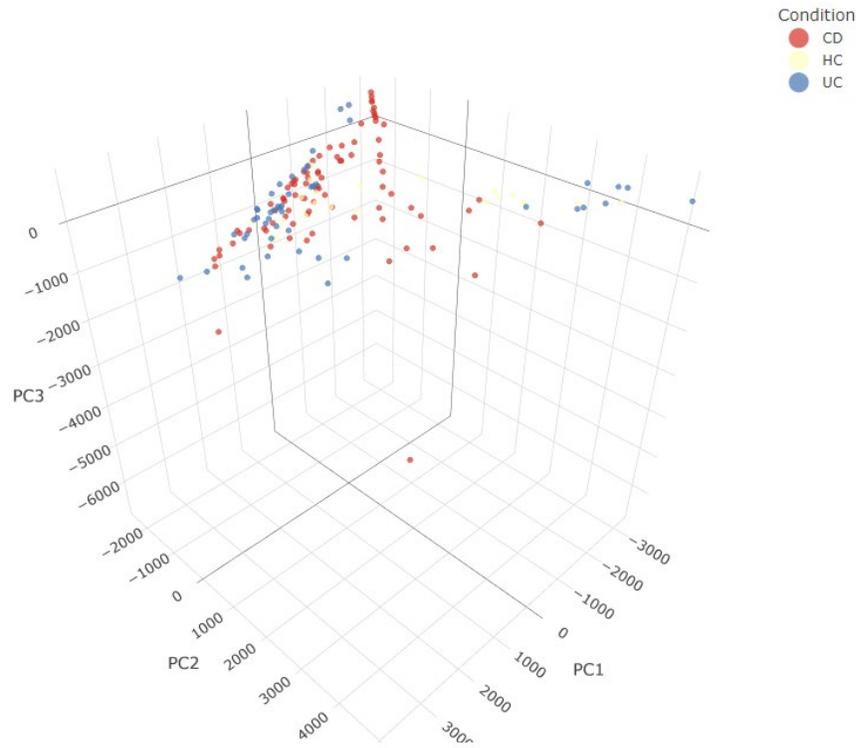


Figure S22. Displays PCA-3D plot. Plotly provides a default menu option in the top-right corner to export the plot.

PCA 3D Plot Summary Table

Show 10 entries Search:

	Samples	PC1	PC2	PC3	Condition
1	SRR5650021	1441.84	-117.4	-187.2	UC
2	SRR5650022	-2127.69	3591.86	-349.4	HC
3	SRR5650023	-1947.49	2618.18	-98.64	HC
4	SRR5650024	-2028.39	2327.14	-137.08	HC
5	SRR5650025	-2789.16	4038.58	-300.38	HC
6	SRR5650026	1924.27	-104.94	-140.55	HC
7	SRR5650027	-1569.94	-1140.54	613	HC
8	SRR5650028	623.74	-275.16	241.54	HC
9	SRR5650029	179.38	-453.86	-5.03	HC
10	SRR5650030	-200.31	-501.6	417.47	HC

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Figure S23. Summary table for PCA-3D. Each sample coordinate position was shown in PC1, PC2 and PC3.

t-SNE

The t-SNE was plotted using a scater package (McCarthy et al., 2017). We have incorporated six methods from the scater to plot the t-SNE: counts, rclr, hellinger, pa, rank, and relabundance in two and three dimension orientations (**Figure S24**). After selecting methods, orientation and output image format, click submit to visualize the t-SNE plot (**Figure S25 a & b**) and their summary tables (**Figure S26 a & b**).

t-SNE

Selected input
Megan_WGS_output.tsv

Select method
counts

Select dimension to display
2

Colors
RdYlBu

Output image format
JPG

Submit

Select method (counts, rclr, hellinger, pa, rank, and relabundance)

Select dimension (2 or 3)

Color selection

Select file formats (JPG, TIFF, PDF, SVG, BMP, EPS, and PS)

Figure S24: Input selection for t-SNE plot

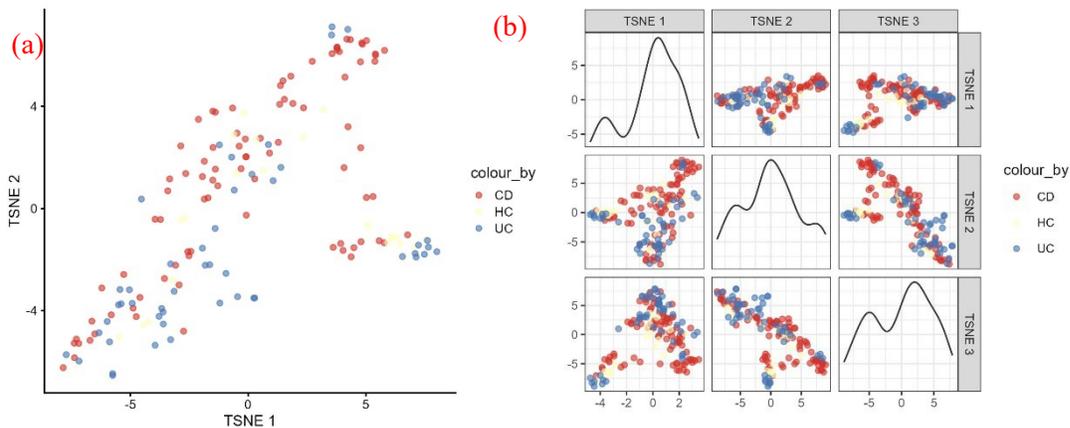


Figure S25. The t-SNE plot in a) two dimensions, b) three dimensions

(a) t-SNE Plot Summary Table

Show 10 entries Search:

	x	y	colour_by	order_by
SRR5650036	7.45	-6.26	CD	1
SRR5650037	-7.02	1.91	CD	2
SRR5650038	4.32	-3.58	CD	3
SRR5650039	-5.42	1.04	CD	4
SRR5650040	-2.13	0.77	CD	5
SRR5650041	-5.96	1.17	CD	6
SRR5650042	0.37	4.6	CD	7
SRR5650043	0.43	4.33	CD	8
SRR5650044	0.16	5.47	CD	9
SRR5650065	-0.17	7.18	CD	10

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(b) t-SNE Plot Summary Table

Show 10 entries Search:

	xvar	yvar	x	y	X1	X2	X3	colour_by	order_by
SRR5650036	TSNE 1	TSNE 2	2.91	11.81	11.81	2.91	2.98	CD	1
SRR5650037	TSNE 1	TSNE 2	4.93	-6.68	-6.68	4.93	1.96	CD	2
SRR5650038	TSNE 1	TSNE 2	1.26	6.48	6.48	1.26	2.73	CD	3
SRR5650039	TSNE 1	TSNE 2	3.84	-4.39	-4.39	3.84	1.22	CD	4
SRR5650040	TSNE 1	TSNE 2	0.62	-1.56	-1.56	0.62	-0.78	CD	5
SRR5650041	TSNE 1	TSNE 2	4.43	-4.98	-4.98	4.43	1.57	CD	6
SRR5650042	TSNE 1	TSNE 2	-4.52	-4.36	-4.36	-4.52	-2.53	CD	7
SRR5650043	TSNE 1	TSNE 2	-4.21	-3.96	-3.96	-4.21	-2.76	CD	8
SRR5650044	TSNE 1	TSNE 2	-4.98	-5.48	-5.48	-4.98	-2.4	CD	9
SRR5650065	TSNE 1	TSNE 2	-6.12	-7.81	-7.81	-6.12	-2.25	CD	10

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Figure S26. Summary table for t-SNE a) two dimensions, b) three dimensions

UMAP

The UMAP was incorporated using two packages, scater (McCarthy et al., 2017) and bluster (Lun, 2022). We have incorporated six methods from the scater to plot the UMAP: counts, rclr, hellinger, pa, rank, and relabundance. The cluster package was used to plot the graph using cluster-based with the selected k-value (**Figure 27**). After selecting methods, k-value and output image format, click submit to visualize the UMAP plot (**Figure S28 a & b**) and their summary tables (**Figure S29 a & b**).

UMAP

Selected input
Megan_WGS_output.tsv

Select method
counts

Select k value (for graph construction)
2

Colors
RdYlBu

Output image format
JPG

Submit

Select method (counts, rclr, hellinger, pa, rank, and relabundance)

K-value (2 to 15)

Color selection

Select file formats (JPG, TIFF, PDF, SVG, BMP, EPS, and PS)

Figure S27: Input selection UMAP plot

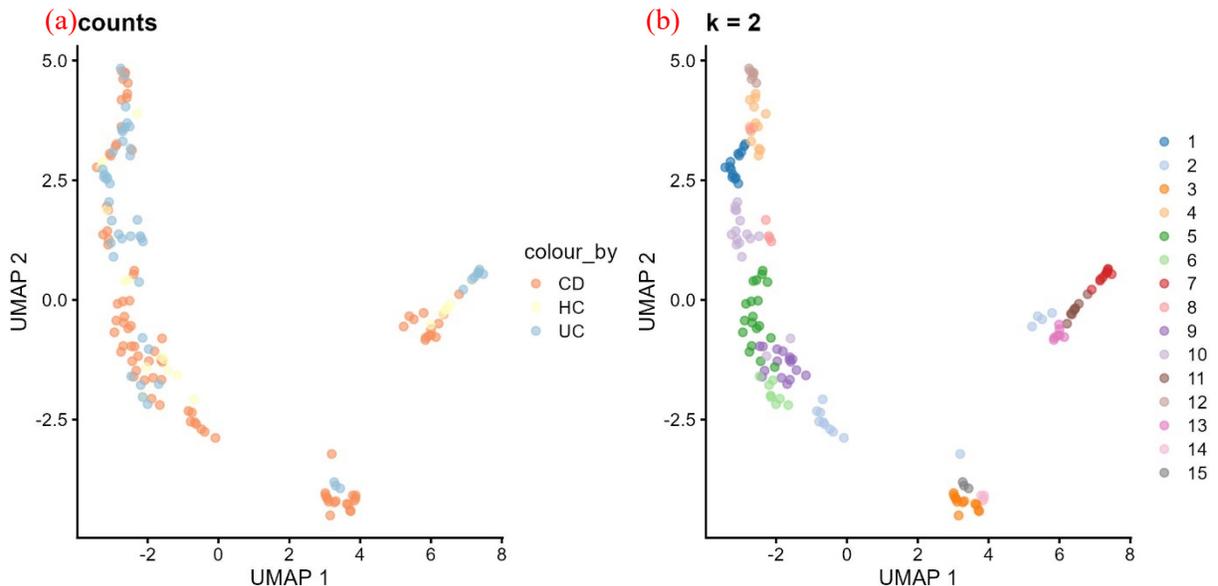


Figure S28. a) UMAP plot based on the selected method (counts), colored by Condition from metadata, b) Plot colored based on cluster-based using the selected K-value

(a) UMAP Plot Summary Table based on condition Summary Table based on cluster

Show 10 entries Search:

	X	Y	colour_by	order_by
SRR5650036	-0.7	-4.34	CD	1
SRR5650037	5.76	-0.31	CD	2
SRR5650038	-1.8	-3.04	CD	3
SRR5650039	4.94	-0.37	CD	4
SRR5650040	-1.4	1.14	CD	5
SRR5650041	5.11	-0.3	CD	6
SRR5650042	-1	2.89	CD	7
SRR5650043	-1.07	2.79	CD	8
SRR5650044	1.3	4.93	CD	9
SRR5650065	1.61	5.45	CD	10

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(b) UMAP Plot Summary Table based on condition Summary Table based on cluster

Show 10 entries Search:

	X	Y	colour_by	order_by
SRR5650036	-0.7	-4.34	7	1
SRR5650037	5.76	-0.31	1	2
SRR5650038	-1.8	-3.04	4	3
SRR5650039	4.94	-0.37	1	4
SRR5650040	-1.4	1.14	6	5
SRR5650041	5.11	-0.3	1	6
SRR5650042	-1	2.89	3	7
SRR5650043	-1.07	2.79	3	8
SRR5650044	1.3	4.93	2	9
SRR5650065	1.61	5.45	2	10

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Figure S29. Summary table for UMAP based on a) conditions from metadata using the selected method (counts), b) Cluster-based using K-value

Correlation analysis

Under this tab are two subsections: 1) Taxa-based and 2) Sample-based correlation (**Figure S30**).

Taxa-based correlation

The taxa-based correlation plot was incorporated using the GGally (Schloerke et al., 2022) package with the ggcorr function to call three different methods: pearson, kendall and spearman. Users can check the correlation for each condition separately or select multiple options together using the dropdown menu. Once the method, label size and output format are selected, click submit (**Figure S30**) to visualize the taxa plot (**Figure S31**) and summary table (**Figure S32**) for the selected taxonomy on the file upload page. We have used ggpubr (Kassambara 2022) to do our graphics.

The screenshot shows the 'Correlation' section of a web application. The 'Correlation' dropdown menu is open, showing 'Taxa-based' and 'Sample-based' options. The 'Taxa-based' option is selected. Below the menu, the 'Compute correlation between taxa for selected condition(s)' form is visible. The form includes the following fields and options:

- Selected input:** Megan_WGS_output.tsv
- Select condition(s):** CD
- Correlation methods:** pearson (selected), kendall, spearman
- Label size:** 3
- Geom shapes:** circle
- Output image format:** JPG
- Submit** button

Red arrows point to the following fields with instructions:

- Enter one or multiple conditions
- Enter the font size to display the sample labels
- Select shapes to display
- Select file formats (JPG, TIFF, PDF, SVG, BMP, EPS, and PS)

Red text annotations include 'Methods used for analysis' and 'Subsection'.

Figure S30. Input selection for taxa-based correlation analysis

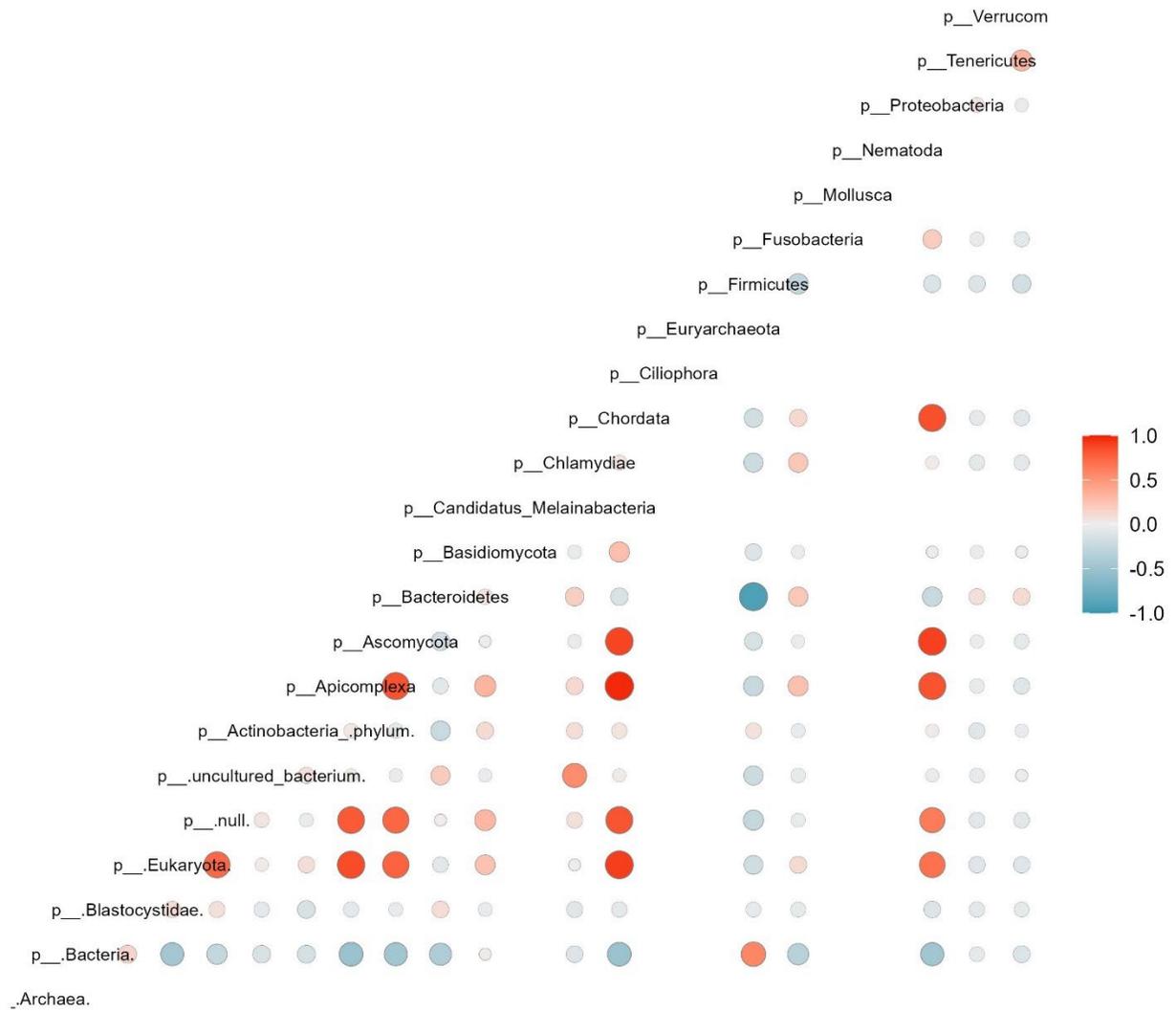


Figure S31. Taxa-based correlation plot using the Pearson method

Correlation plot Summary Table

Show 10 entries Search:

	x	y	coefficient	label
1	p__Blastocystidae.	p__Bacteria.	0.15	0.1
2	p__Eukaryota.	p__Bacteria.	-0.46	-0.5
3	p__Eukaryota.	p__Blastocystidae.	0.09	0.1
4	p__.null.	p__Bacteria.	-0.27	-0.3
5	p__.null.	p__Blastocystidae.	0.08	0.1
6	p__.null.	p__Eukaryota.	0.73	0.7
7	p__.uncultured_bacterium.	p__Bacteria.	-0.14	-0.1
8	p__.uncultured_bacterium.	p__Blastocystidae.	-0.06	-0.1
9	p__.uncultured_bacterium.	p__Eukaryota.	0.02	0
10	p__.uncultured_bacterium.	p__.null.	0.05	0.1

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Figure S32. Taxa-based correlation table using the pearson method

Sample-based correlation

The sample-based correlation plot was incorporated with a similar method used for taxa-based correlation. Sample-based correlations can be calculated separately for each group of samples under specific conditions or combined across conditions. Once the method, label size and output format are selected, click submit (**Figure S33**). It will display the correlation plot for samples provided in the metadata (**Figure S34**) and the summary table (**Figure S35**).

The screenshot shows a web interface for computing sample-based correlations. The interface includes the following elements:

- Selected input:** A dropdown menu with 'Megan_WGS_output.tsv' selected.
- Select condition(s):** A text input field containing 'UC HC CD'. A red arrow points to this field with the text 'Enter one or multiple conditions'.
- Correlation methods:** A section with three radio buttons: 'pearson' (selected), 'kendall', and 'spearman'. A red box highlights this section with the text 'Methods used for analysis'.
- Label size:** A dropdown menu with '3' selected. A red arrow points to this field with the text 'Enter the font size to display the sample labels'.
- Geom shapes:** A dropdown menu with 'circle' selected. A red arrow points to this field with the text 'Select the shapes to display'.
- Output image format:** A dropdown menu with 'JPG' selected. A red arrow points to this field with the text 'Select file formats (JPG, TIFF, PDF, SVG, BMP, EPS, and PS)'.
- Submit:** A button at the bottom left.

Figure S33. Input selection for sample-based correlation analysis

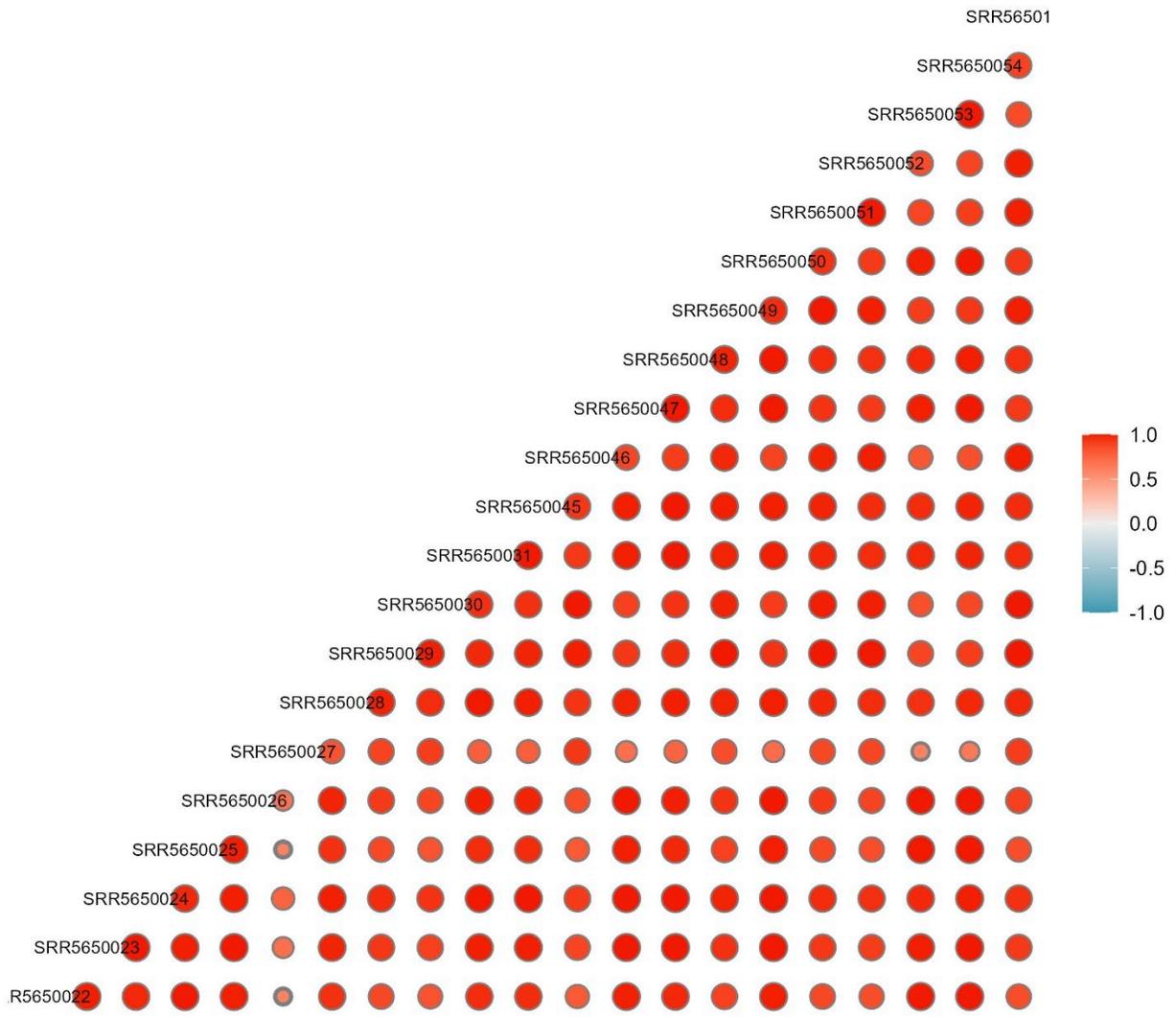


Figure S34. Sample-based correlation plot using the pearson method

Correlation plot

Summary Table

Show 10 entries

Search:

	x	y	coefficient	label
1	SRR5650023	SRR5650022	0.99	1
2	SRR5650024	SRR5650022	0.97	1
3	SRR5650024	SRR5650023	1	1
4	SRR5650025	SRR5650022	1	1
5	SRR5650025	SRR5650023	0.99	1
6	SRR5650025	SRR5650024	0.97	1
7	SRR5650026	SRR5650022	0.99	1
8	SRR5650026	SRR5650023	1	1
9	SRR5650026	SRR5650024	0.99	1
10	SRR5650026	SRR5650025	0.99	1

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Figure S35. Sample-based correlation table using the pearson method

Heatmap

The heatmap was generated with ComplexHeatmap (Gu, 2022), scales (Wickham and Seidel, 2022) and ggplotify. The user modifies the heatmap according to their needs by selecting the label names, text size, and cladogram (Figure S36). Then select the output format and click the submit button to visualize the heatmap (Figure S37).

The image shows a web interface for generating a heatmap. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: MetaDAVIs, Upload files, Distribution, Diversity, Dimension reduction, Correlation, Heatmap (selected), and Differential abundance. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled 'Heatmap - relative abundance' and 'Heatmap using relative abundance'. The interface contains several input fields and dropdown menus, each with a red arrow pointing to it and a corresponding description:

- Selected input:** Megan_WGS_output.tsv
- Clustering method rows:** complete
- Clustering method columns:** complete
- Normalization method:** scale
- Colors:** RdYIBu
- Show row names:** TRUE
- Row name size:** 7
- Show column names:** TRUE
- Column name size:** 7
- Show row cladogram:** TRUE
- Show column cladogram:** TRUE
- Output image format:** JPG

At the bottom left of the form is a 'Submit' button.

Figure S36. Input selection for heatmap analysis

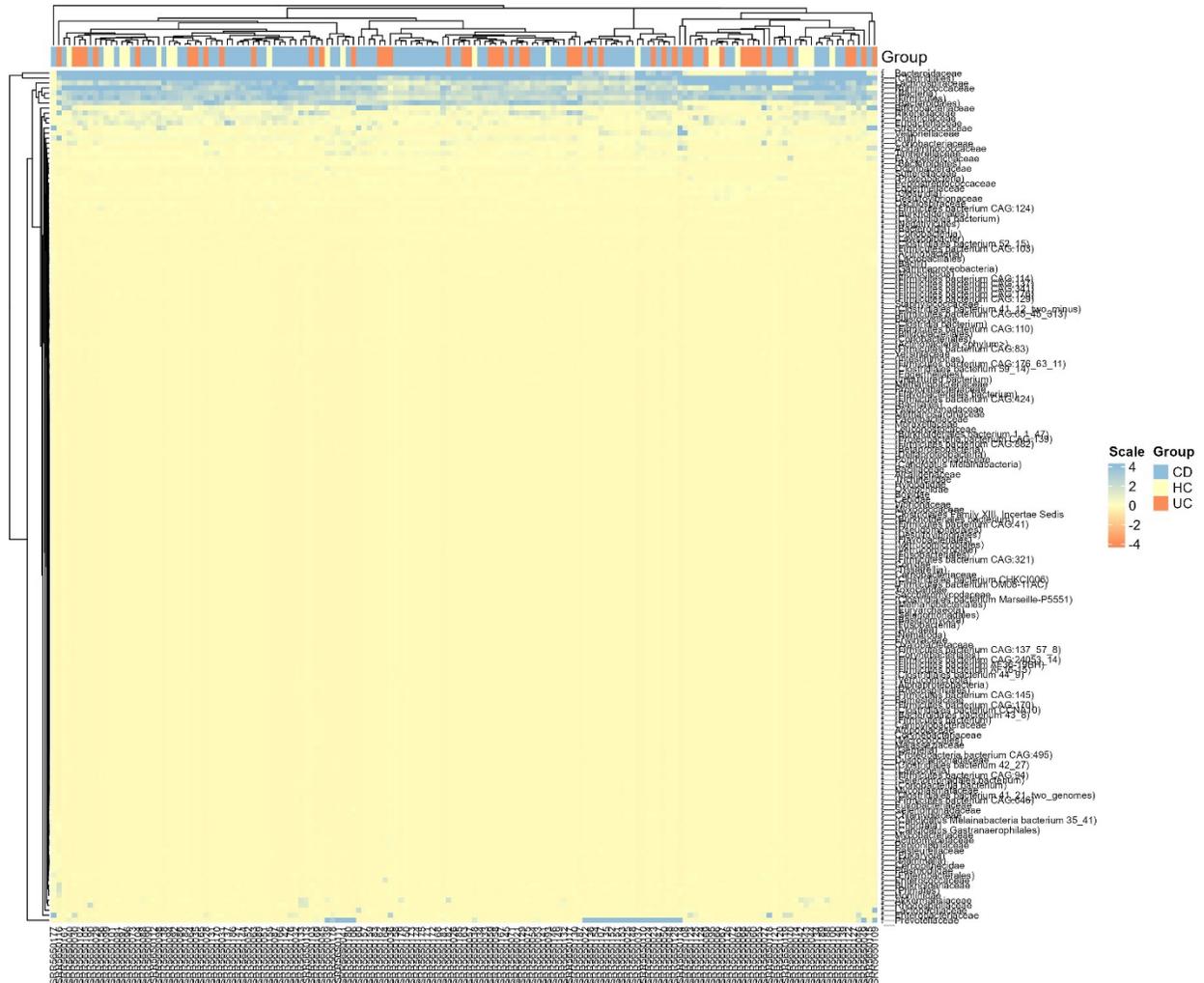


Figure S37. The heatmap for the selected taxonomy level on the upload page shows sample names in rows and family names in columns with a cladogram. Scale values represent the colors in the heatmap and groups represent the no. of conditions in the metadata file

Differential abundance

In differential abundance, we have two subsections: Two groups and Multiple groups (**Figure S38**).

Two groups

The two group methods analyze one set of control and case samples from the metadata. To analyze the metagenome data, we have incorporated six different methods: Wilcoxon Rank Sum test, t-test: Two sample t-test, metagenomeSeq (Paulson et al., 2013), DESeq2 (Love et al., 2016), Limma-Voom (Ritchie et al., 2015) and edgeR (Robinson et al., 2010) (**Figure S38**). For the Wilcoxon Rank Sum test (wilcox.test) and t-test (t.test) statistical analysis, we have converted the raw count value to relative frequency using the formula (**Relative Frequency = (Subgroup frequency/ Total frequency) *100**). For metagenomeSeq, DESeq2, Limma-Voom and edgeR, Linear Discriminant Analysis Effect Size (lefsr) and MaAsLin3 (Microbiome Multivariable Association with Linear Models) into our tool. We have used their package algorithm to find the significant taxonomy. MaAsLin 3 generates multiple tables and figures, and we provide these result files in a compressed zip format for ease of access.

Users must select two different conditions in 1 and 2 (it was a pop-up based on your metadata file, which you uploaded on the upload page). This section uses only two groups for the comparison (HC vs. CD). Then, users need to select the test correction method, either Benjamini-Hochberg FDR or P-value; also, they can adjust the FDR or P-value based on their needs (default is < 0.05). Finally, select any plot type and image format, then click the submit button (**Figure S38**) to visualize the grouped box plot (**Figure S39a**), individual box blot for each taxon (**Figure S39b**), volcano plot (**Figure S39c**) and the heatmap of significantly identified taxa (**Figure S39d**). We have similar input methods for all these six methods, and similar plots will be generated. Only the summary tables (**Figure S40**) columns will differ (**Table 2**).

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Wilcoxon Rank Sum test

Selected input
Megan_WGS_output.tsv

Select condition1
HC

Select condition2
CD

Test correction
Benjamini-Hochberg FDR

FDR or Pvalue
0.05

Colors
RdYIBu

Types of plot
 Grouped box plot
 Individual box plot
 Volcano plot
 Heatmap

Output image format
JPG

Submit

Summary Table
Result - OTUs
Download significant
Download as csv

Differential abundance
Two groups
Wilcoxon Rank Sum test
t-test
metagenomeSeq
DESeq2
LEfSe
MaAsLin3
Limma-Voom
edgeR
Multiple groups
Kruskal-Wallis test
ANOVA

Subsection

Select two different conditions in 1 and 2

Select Benjamini-Hochberg FDR or P-value

Color selection

User can adjust the value based on their needs

Select plot type to display

Select file formats (JPG, TIFF, PDF, SVG, BMP, EPS, and PS)

Figure S38. Input selection for the Wilcoxon Rank Sum test and similar input is needed for the remaining methods

Multiple groups

The multiple-group methods analyze more than two sets of conditions from the metadata, e.g. (Control, case1 and case2). In this tutorial, we have used Healthy control (HC), Crohn's Disease (CD) and Ulcerative Colitis (UC). To analyze the metagenome data, we have incorporated the Kruskal-Wallis test and ANOVA (Analysis of variance). The counts were converted to relative frequency, as mentioned above. Then we used the Kruskal-Wallis test (`kruskal.test`) and ANOVA (`aov`) function for statistical analysis. In addition, we also incorporated the Post-hoc test used to calculate the p-value for pairwise comparison between multiple groups, e.g. (CD vs. HC, CD vs. UC and HC vs. UC). For the Post-hoc test `Dunn.test` from `dunn.test` package used in the Kruskal-Wallis test. Likewise, `TukeyHSD` was used under ANOVA (**Figure S41**).

Users need to select the test correction method, either Benjamini-Hochberg FDR or P-value and the Post-hoc test; also, they can adjust the FDR or P-value based on their needs (default is < 0.05). Finally, select any plot type and image format, then click the submit button (**Figure S41**) to visualize the grouped box plot (**Figure S42a**), individual box blot for each taxon (**Figure S42b**) and heatmap (**Figure S42c**). We have similar input methods for the ANOVA methods. It also generates similar plots and summary tables (**Figure S43**).

The image shows a web form titled "Kruskal-Wallis test" with several input fields and options. Red arrows point to specific fields with explanatory text:

- Test correction:** A dropdown menu set to "Benjamini-Hochberg FDR". An arrow points to it with the text "Select Benjamini-Hochberg FDR or P-value".
- FDR or Pvalue:** A text input field containing "0.05". An arrow points to it with the text "User can adjust the value based on their needs".
- Post-hoc test:** Radio buttons for "Yes" and "No". The "No" option is selected. A red box highlights this section with the text "If yes perform pairwise comparison".
- Colors:** A dropdown menu set to "RdYlBu". An arrow points to it with the text "Color selection".
- Types of plot:** Radio buttons for "Grouped box plot", "Individual box plot", and "Heatmap". The "Grouped box plot" option is selected. A red box highlights this section with the text "Select plot type to display".
- Output image format:** A dropdown menu set to "JPG". An arrow points to it with the text "Select file formats (JPG, TIFF, PDF, SVG, BMP, EPS, and PS)".

At the bottom of the form is a "Submit" button.

Figure S41. Input selection for the Kruskal-Wallis test and similar input is needed for the ANOVA

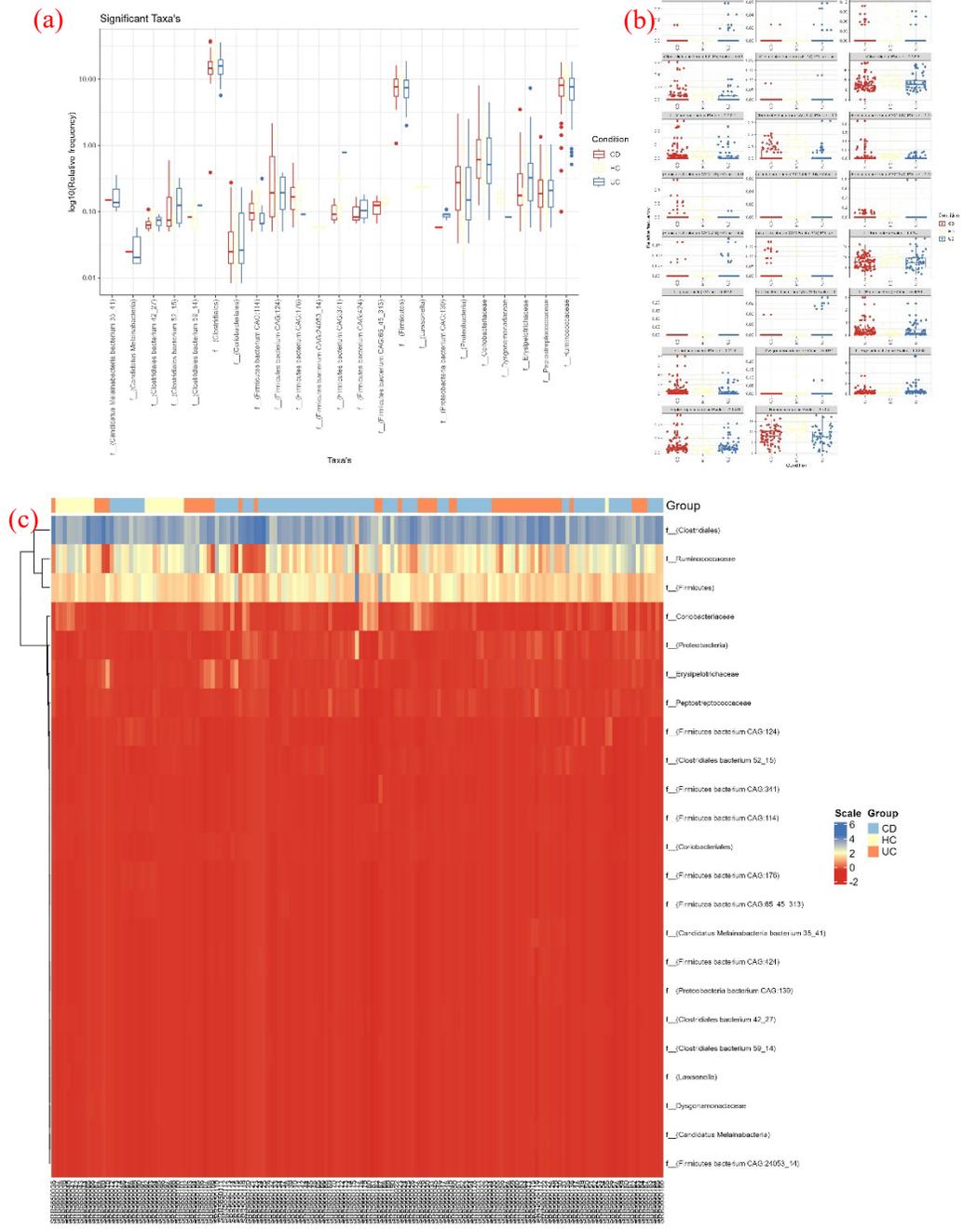


Figure S42. a) Taxa were identified as significant by using the Kruskal-Wallis test. The results were visualized in the grouped box plot in which the x-axis represents the taxa and the y-axis represents the $\log_{10}(\text{relative frequency})$. b) A box plot for each taxon in which the x-axis represents the Condition and the y-axis represents the relative frequency c) the heatmap for significantly identified taxa. Likewise, similar plots were generated for the remaining methods.

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