

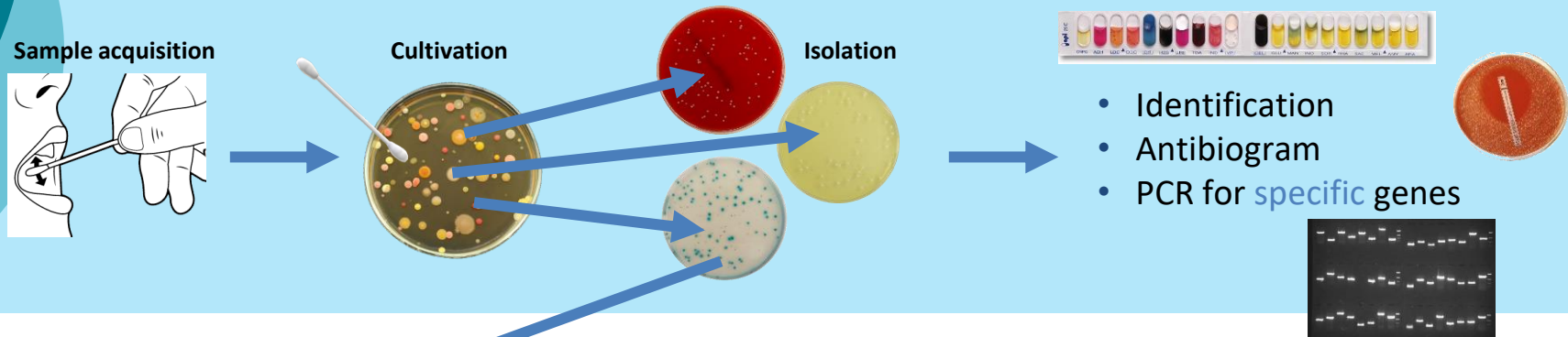
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"Metagenomica e culturomica: aspetti complementari della microbiologia omica"

Metagenome-assembled genomes (MAGs) to uncover the hidden human microbiome diversity

Introduction to metagenomics

Clinical practice



Sequencing
from isolate



Sequencing



Computational analysis

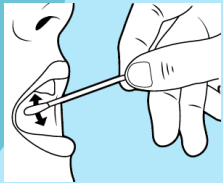
- **Genome** reconstruction
- Identification of **genes of interest**



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Metagenomics

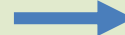
Metagenomics



Sequencing



Computational analysis



- **Unknown** microbes ("microbial dark matter")
- Reconstruction of **multiple** genomes

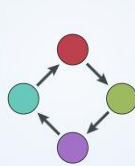
Strengths and weaknesses of metagenomic studies

Strengths

Inclusion of a large number of samples



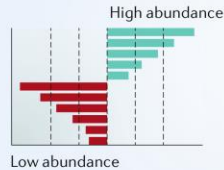
Integrative workflows



Time to result



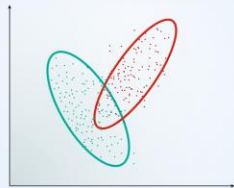
Detection of differentially abundant taxa



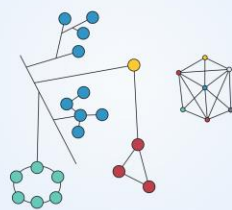
Detection of uncultured bacteria



Detection of microbial signatures and clustering

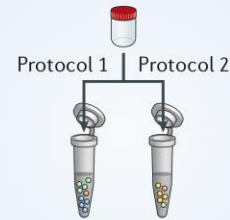


Functional analysis



Weaknesses

Extraction bias



The bacterial diversity that is captured is a function of the extraction protocol

Primer bias



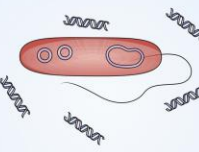
Species identification is dependent on the targeted hypervariable region

Bioinformatics biases

Variations in methodology
Discrimination between species is difficult owing to amplicon length

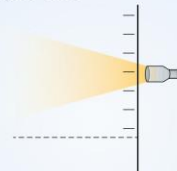


Viability bias



Cannot discriminate between live bacteria and transient DNA

Depth bias



Minority populations are insufficiently detected

Lagier et al., **Culturing the human microbiota and culturomics**, *Nature Reviews Microbiology*, 2018

The shotgun metagenomics framework

Caption of the previous figure. Summary of a metagenomics workflow.

Step (1): study design and experimental protocol. The importance of this step is often underestimated in metagenomics.

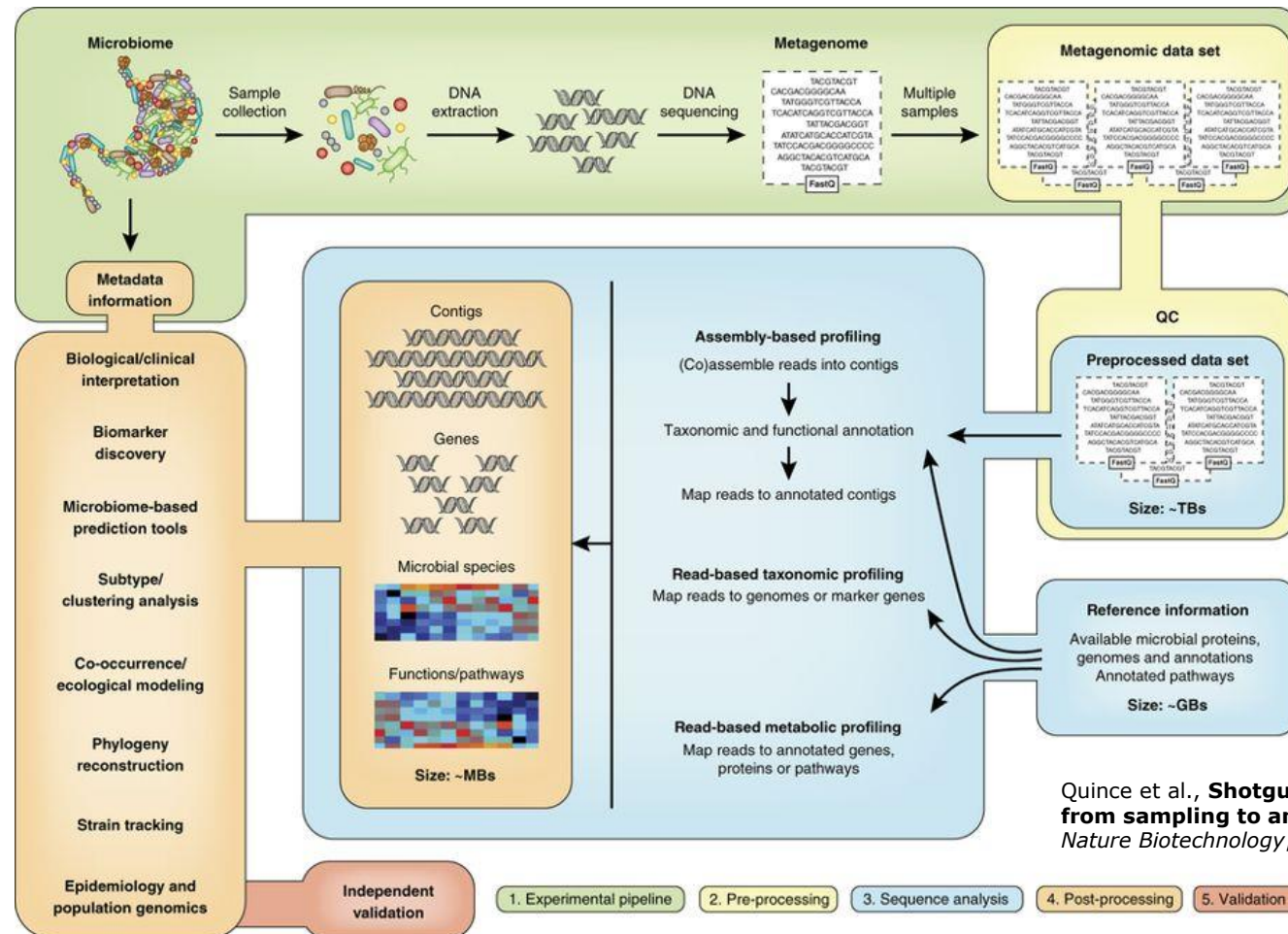
Step (2): computational pre-processing. Computational quality control (QC) steps minimize fundamental sequence biases or artifacts such as removal of sequencing adaptors, quality trimming, removal of sequencing duplicates (using for example, FastQC, Trimmomatic or Picard tools). Foreign or non-target DNA sequences are also filtered, and samples are subsampled to normalize read numbers if the diversity of taxa or functions is compared.

Step (3): sequence analysis. This should comprise a combination of 'read-based' and 'assembly-based' approaches depending on the experimental objectives. Both approaches have advantages and limitations.

Step (4): post-processing. Various multivariate statistical techniques can be used to interpret the data.

Step (5): validation. Conclusions from high-dimensional biological data are susceptible to study-driven biases, so follow-up analyses are vital.

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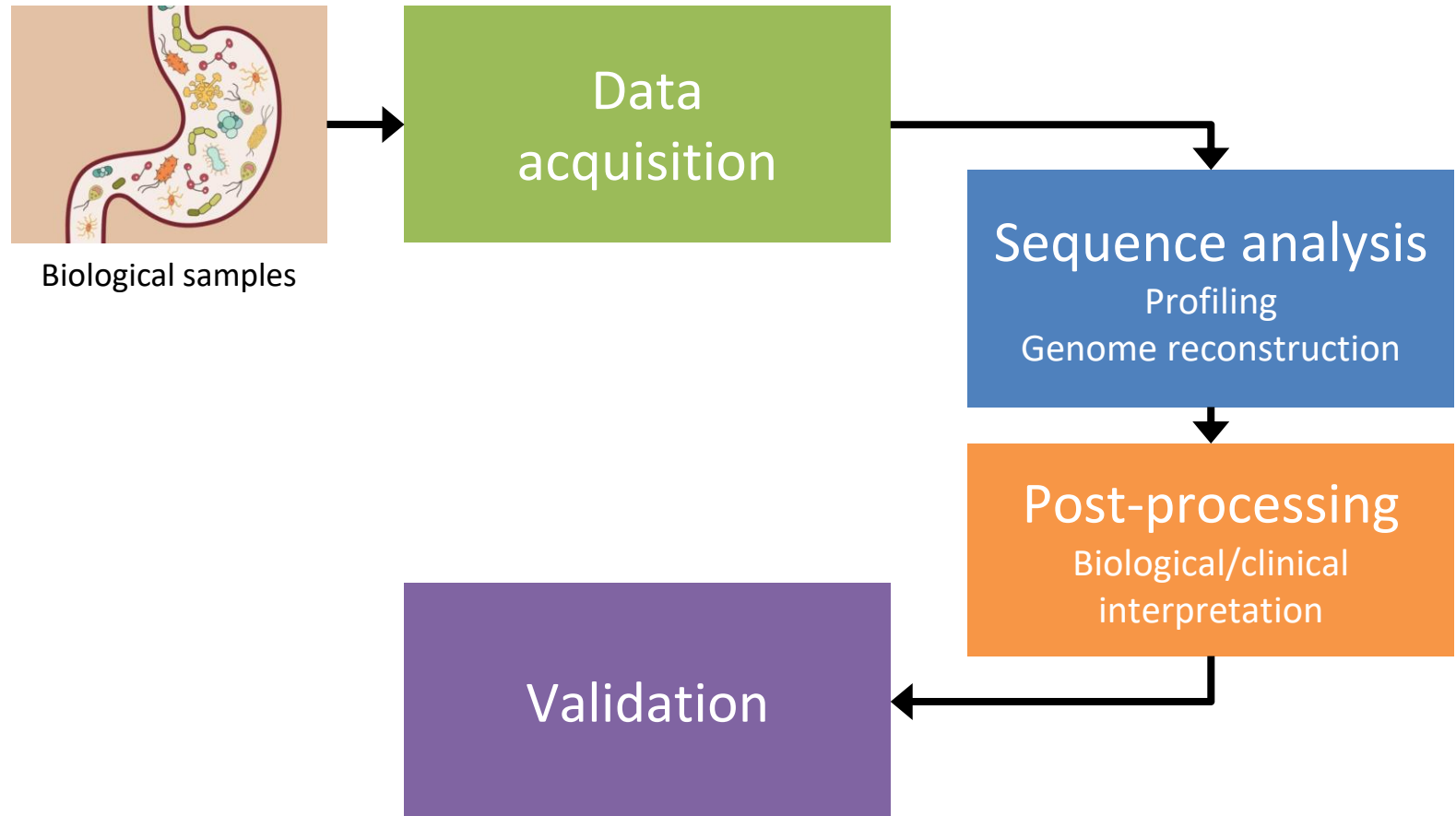
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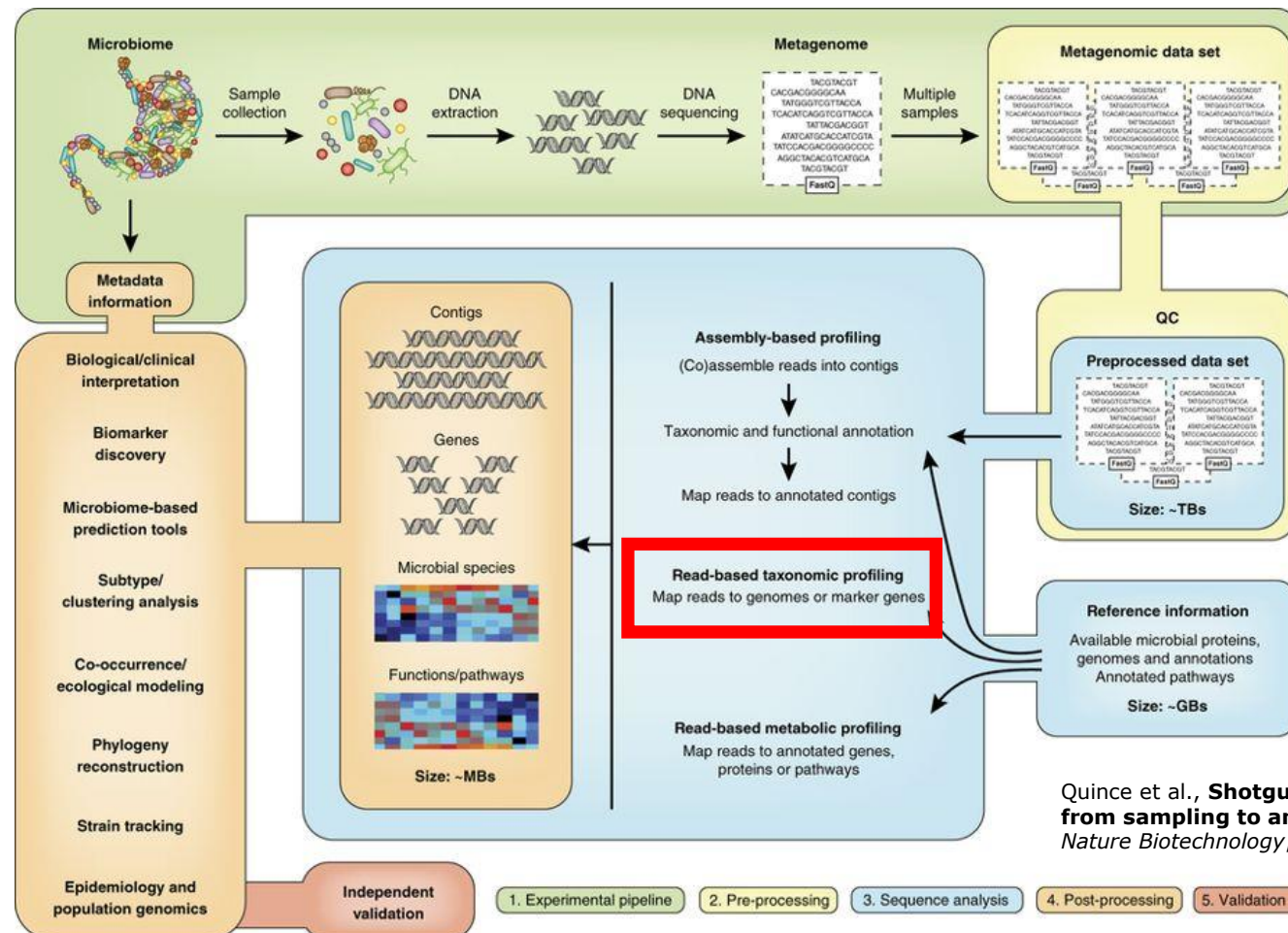
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High- throughput sequencing methods have enabled comparisons of large cohorts in record time, as the time it takes to generate results has substantially decreased over the past decade owing to integrative workflows. Sequencing enables uncultured bacteria to be identified and associates microbial signatures with a particular physiological state or disease as the relative abundance of each taxon can be measured. In addition, bacterial species can be grouped without taxonomic assignment. Shotgun sequencing enables the function of microbial communities to be inferred through the analysis of genomes and the coding potential. However, these methods are limited by the heterogeneity of the protocols used. Discrepant results can be obtained depending on the method used to extract DNA or the primers that are used for amplification. The variety of methodologies proposed for bioinformatics analyses (for example, operational taxonomic unit clustering, taxonomic assignment or statistical analysis) can substantially affect the results. Sequencing methods cannot discriminate between live bacteria and transient DNA , and despite recent progress, they cannot easily detect minority populations.

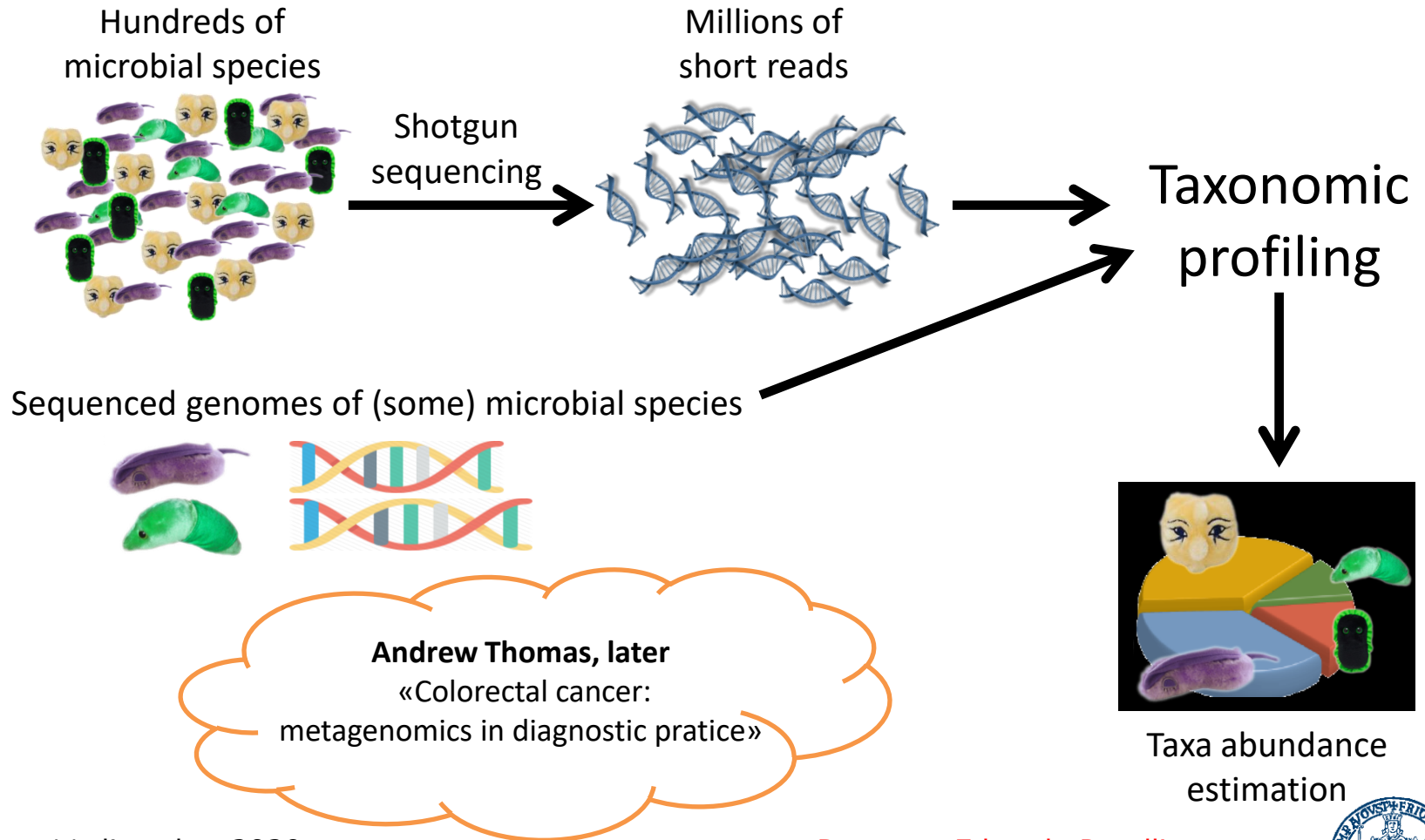
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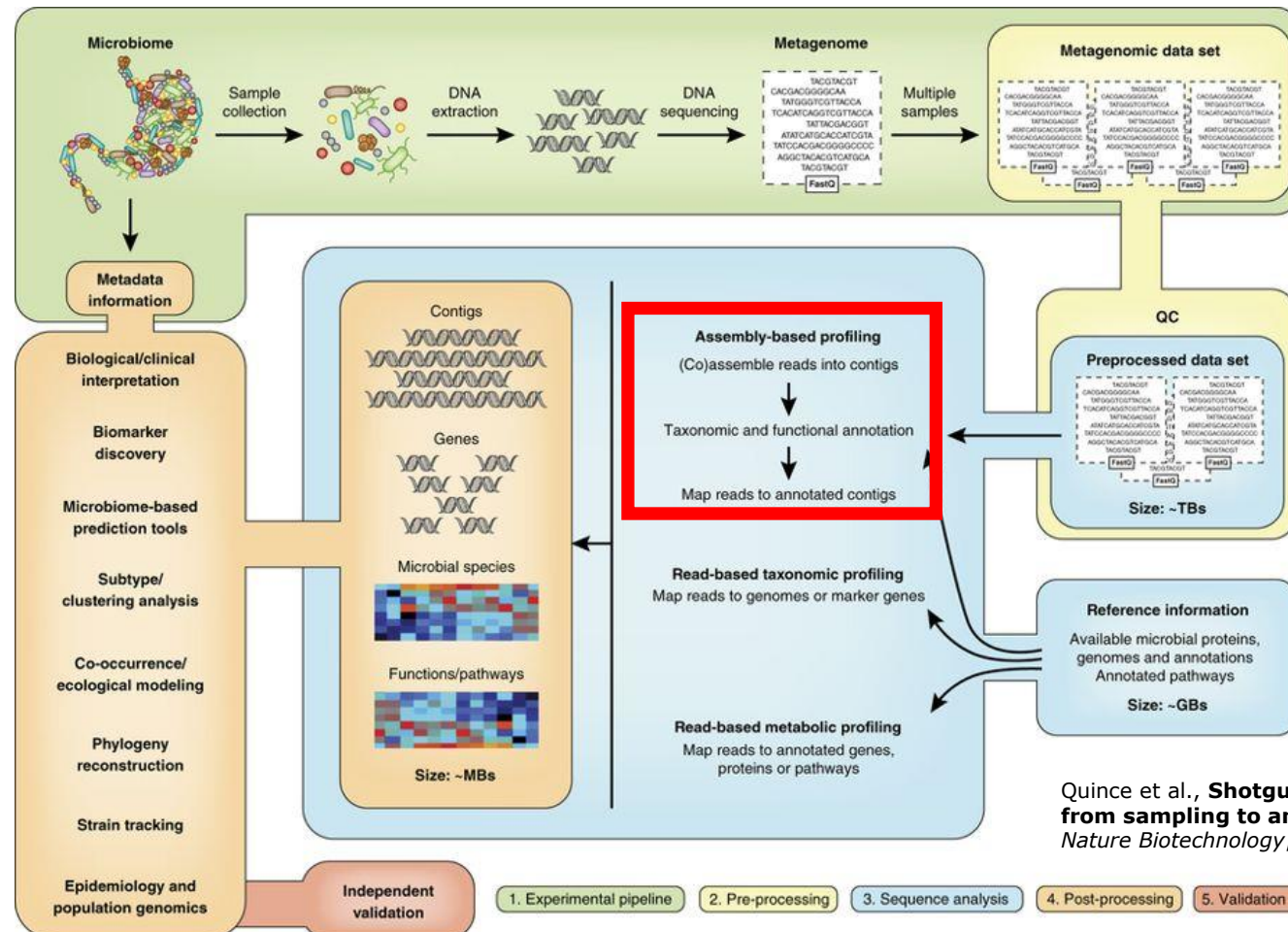
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Mapping-based taxonomic profiling

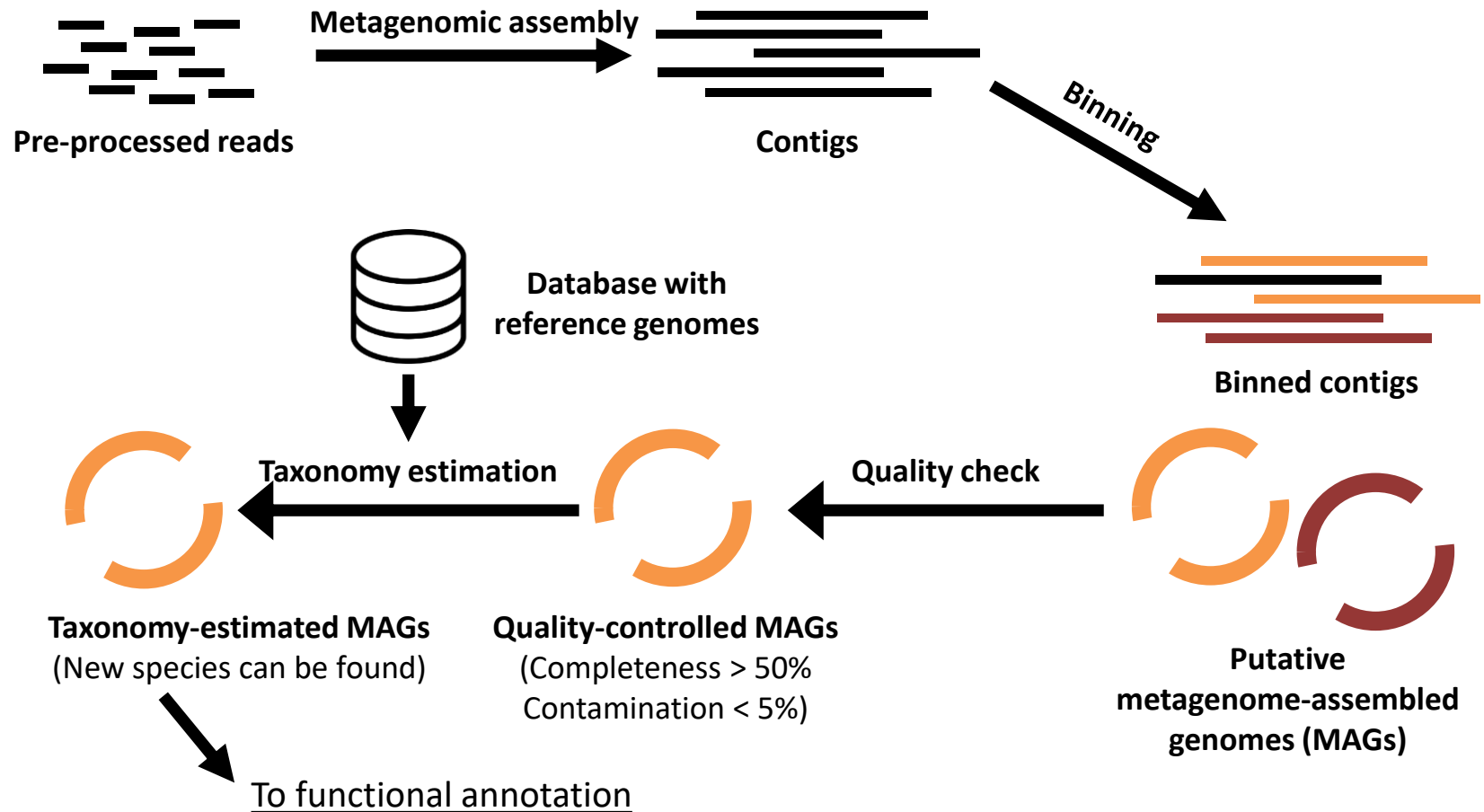


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Metagenomic assembly and genome reconstruction



Some examples, different environments

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Recovery of nearly 8,000 metagenome-assembled genomes substantially expands the tree of life

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A genomic catalog of Earth's microbiomes

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A new genomic blueprint of the human gut microbiota

nature

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New insights from uncultivated genomes of the global human gut microbiome

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Rumen

Assembly of 913 microbial genomes from metagenomic sequencing of the cow rumen

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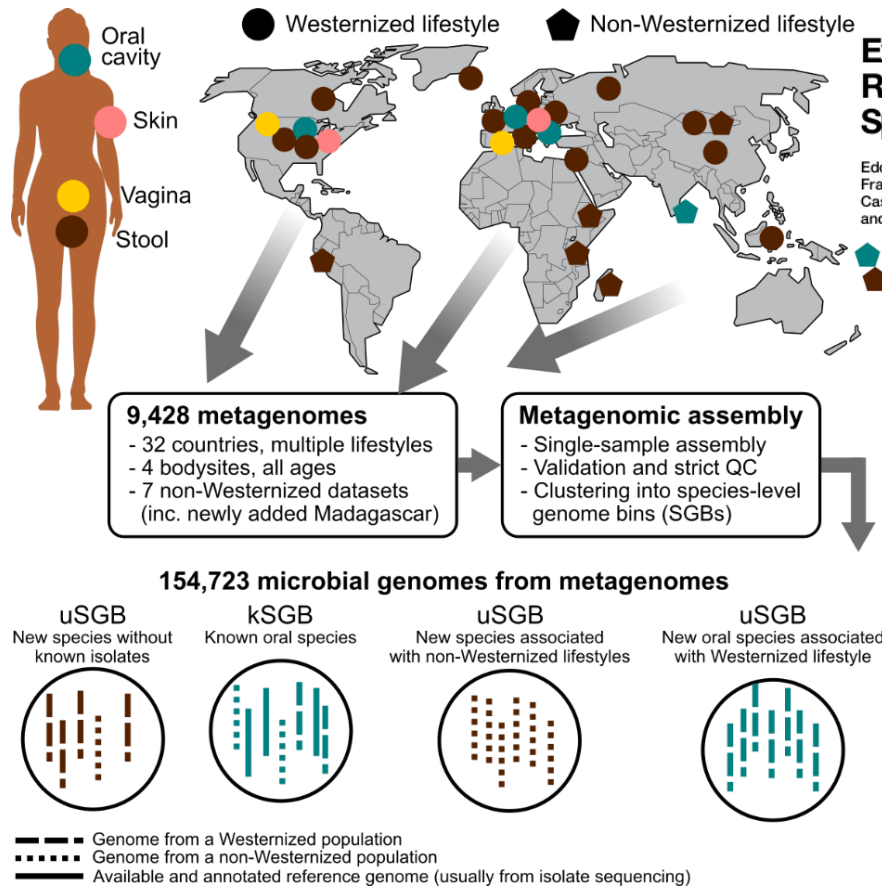
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Meta-analysis of cheese microbiomes highlights contributions to multiple aspects of quality

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The largest genome catalogue



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Age category

- Newborn
- Child
- School age
- Adult

Body site

- Oral cavity
- Skin
- Stool
- Vagina

Westernized

- Yes
- No

Phylum

- Actinobacteria
- Bacteroidetes
- Cand. Melainabacteria
- Cand. Saccharibacteria
- Chlamydiae
- Elusimicrobia
- Euryarchaeota
- Firmicutes
- Fusobacteria
- Proteobacteria
- Spirochaetes
- Synergistetes
- Tenericutes
- Verrucomicrobia
- Others

genomes

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Unknownness

Age category

Body site

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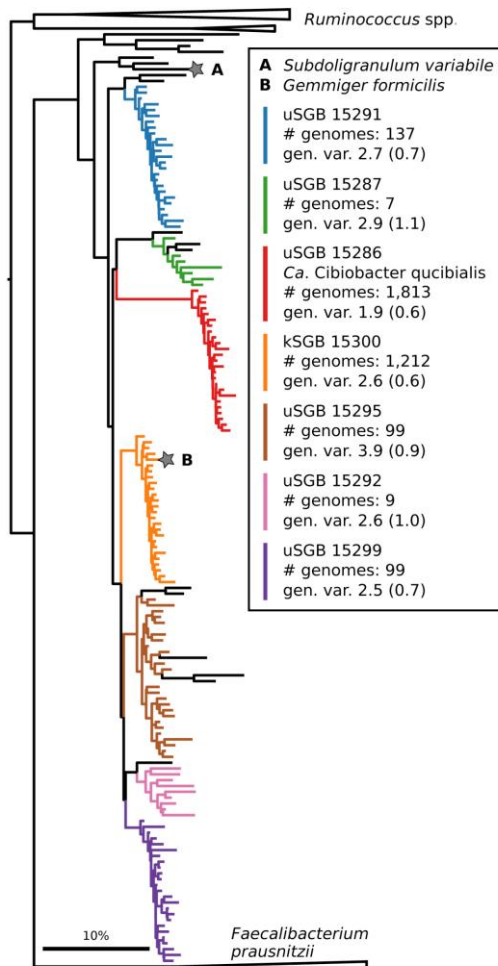
SGB

- 154,723 genomes reconstructed from 9,428 metagenomes
- Doubled the number of available genomes
- Identified 4,930 species (77% new)
- New species prevalent in non-westernized populations
- Mappability from 68% to 88% (median 94%) in the gut
- From 65% to 82% in the oral cavity

Docente: Edoardo Pasolli

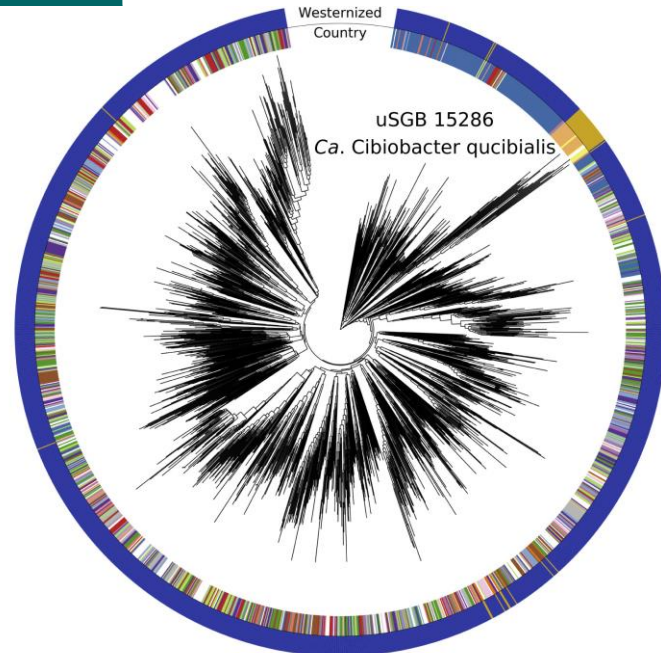


More insights from uncharacterized species



- Several uncharacterized taxa fall into the Clostridiales order
- As example, six prevalent species are between *Ruminococcus* and *Faecalibacterium* spp.
- *Candidatus Cibiobacter qucibialis* is the most prevalent uSGB

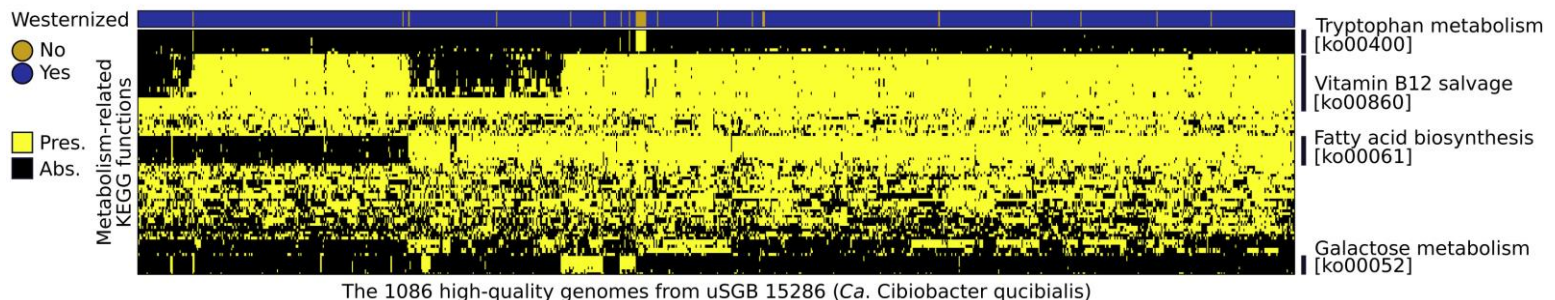
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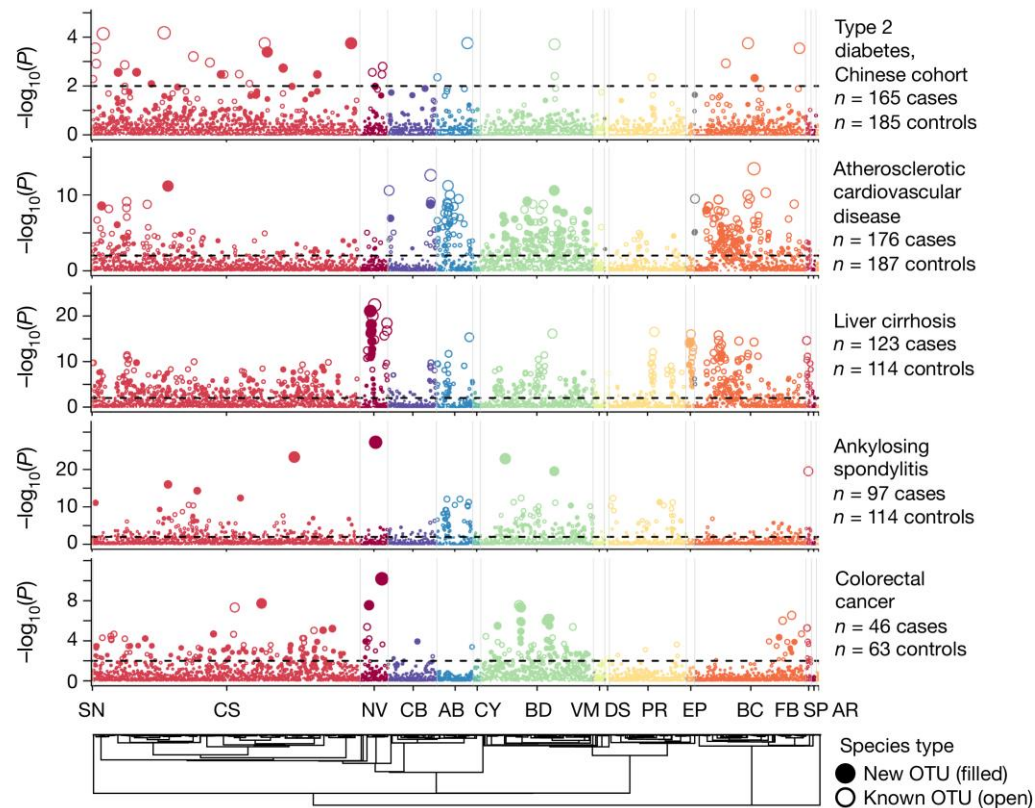
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● SWE
● USA
● Other

- Prevalent and uncharacterized species may be associated to different lifestyles
- The operon *trp* for tryptophan metabolism found only in non-westernized populations



The 1086 high-quality genomes from uSGB 15286 (*Ca. Cibiobacter qucibialis*)

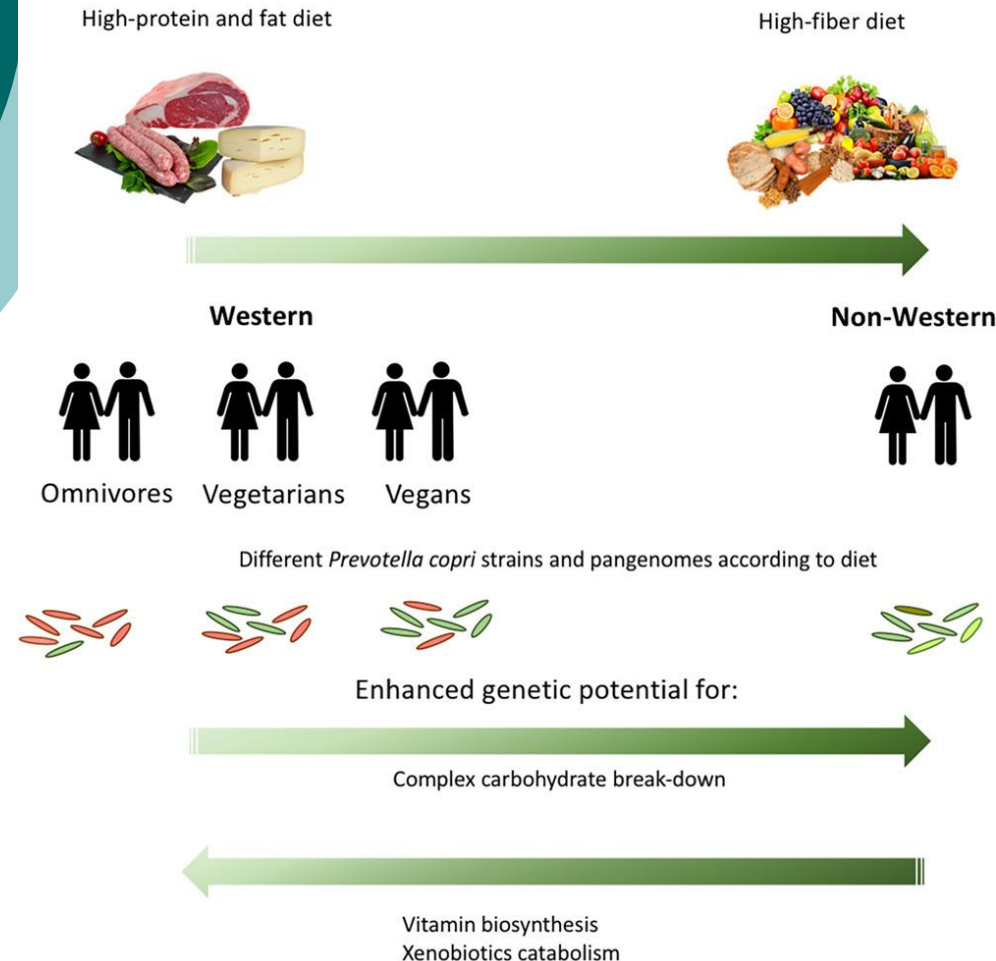
Association of gut taxa with human diseases



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Prevotella copri & habitual diet



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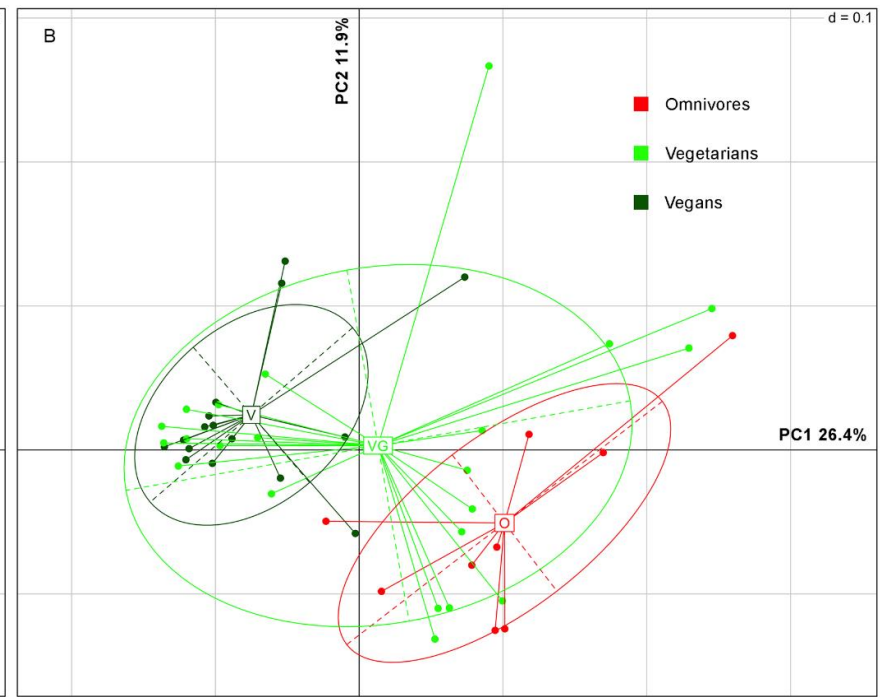
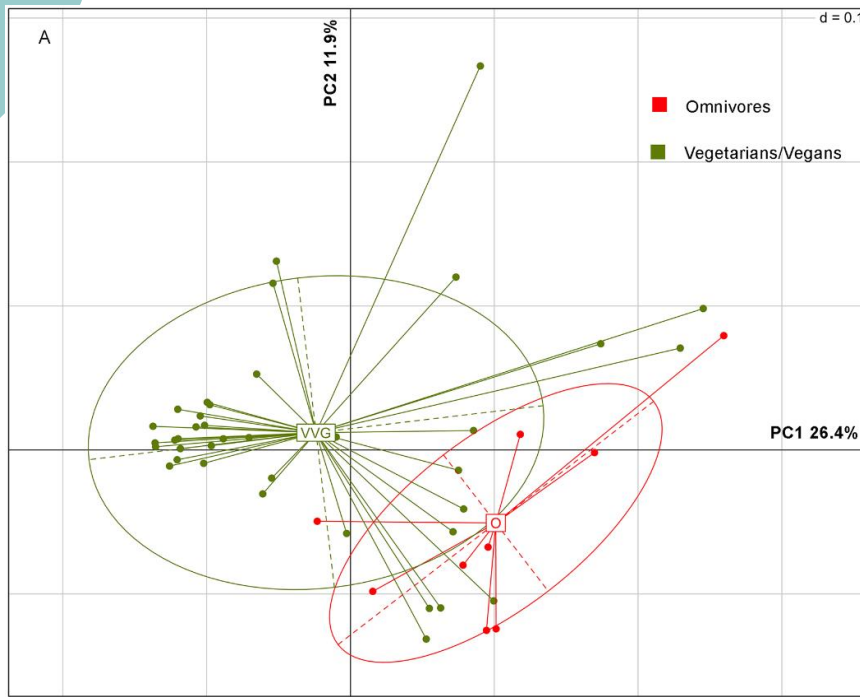
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Newly explored *Faecalibacterium* diversity

- ✓ 22 genetically distinct *Faecalibacterium* species exist
- ✓ 12 species are prevalent in human gut
- ✓ On average, 5 species co-occur in the same subject

Current Biology

Newly Explored *Faecalibacterium* Diversity Is Connected to Age, Lifestyle, Geography, and Disease

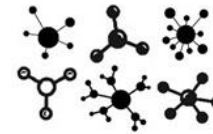
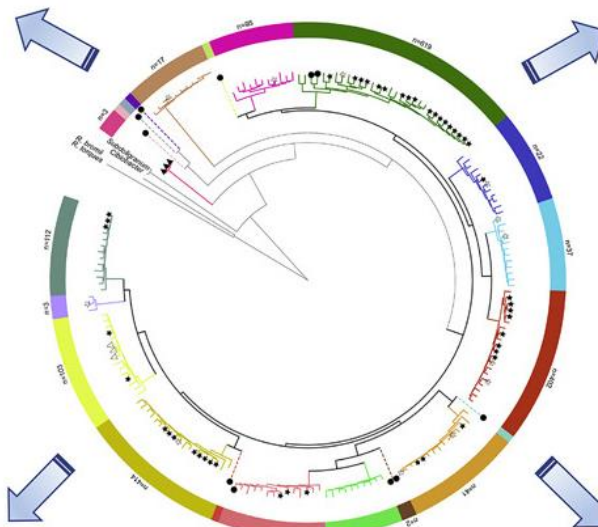
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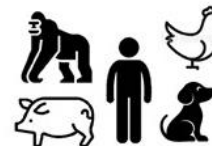
Faecalibacterium diversity varies with age, geographical origin and lifestyle



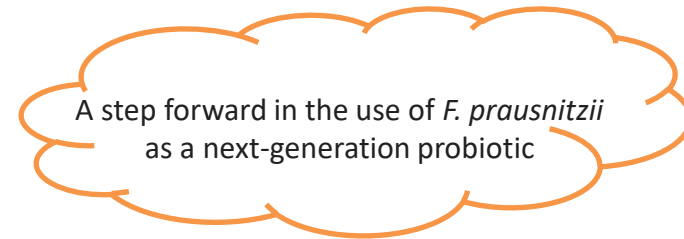
Faecalibacterium diversity is improved by diet and decreases in obesity and inflammatory conditions



Different species harbor distinct functional potential



Host-specific species are identified



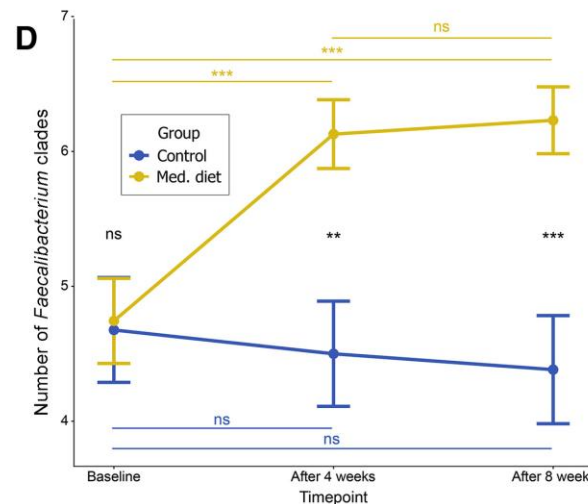
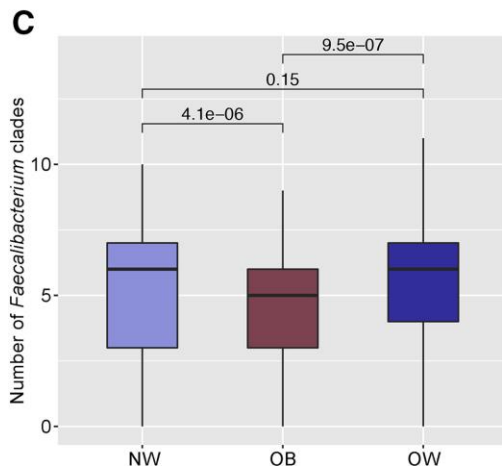
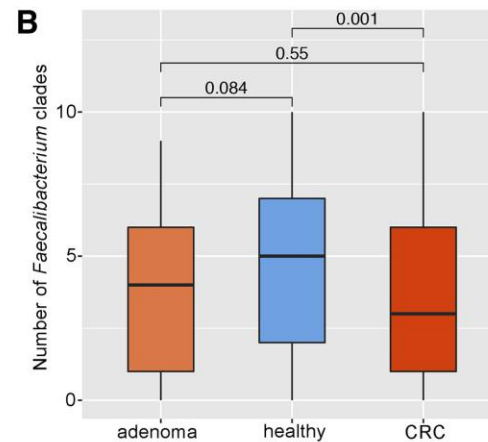
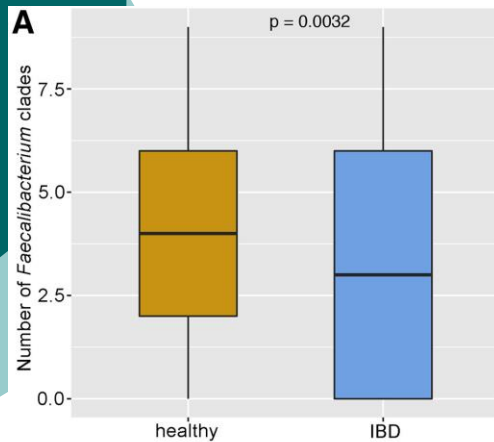
A step forward in the use of *F. prausnitzii* as a next-generation probiotic

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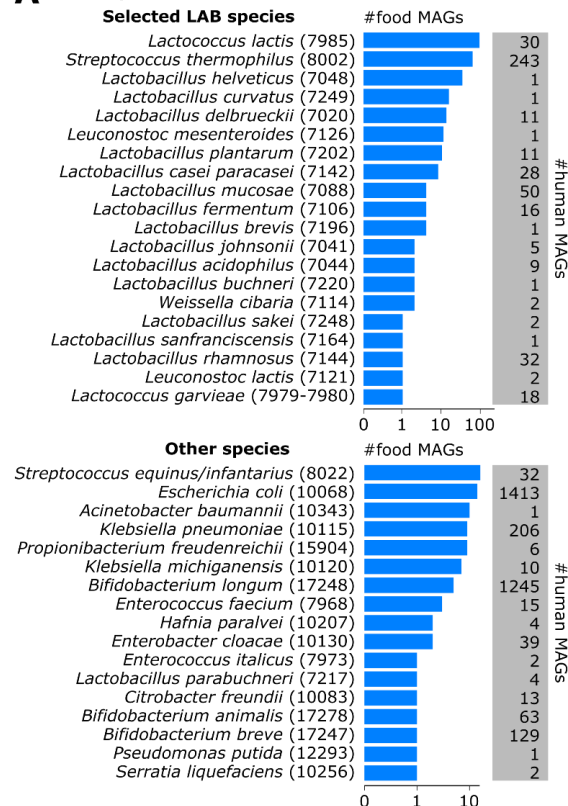
Linking food and human microbiomes

Large-scale genome-wide analysis links lactic acid bacteria from food with the gut microbiome

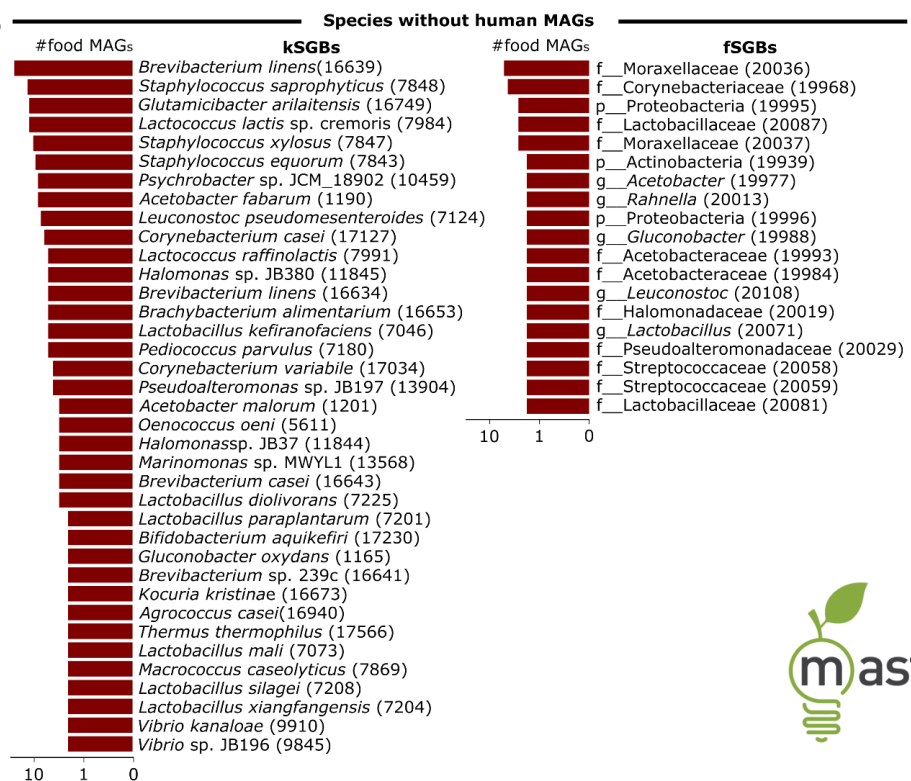
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N = 303 food metagenomes (from 11 public available datasets)
N = 9,445 human metagenomes

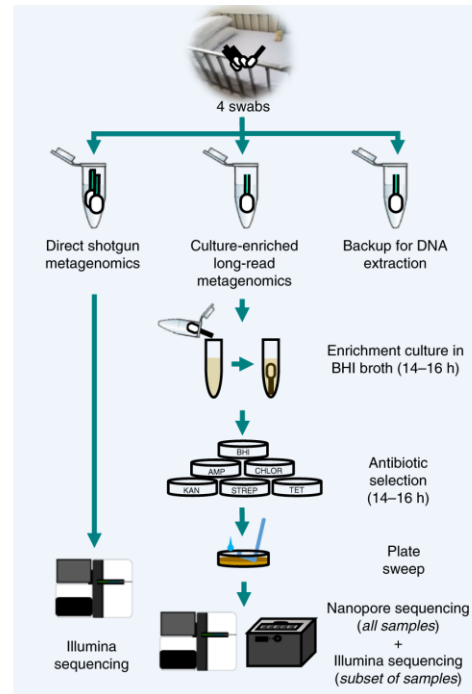
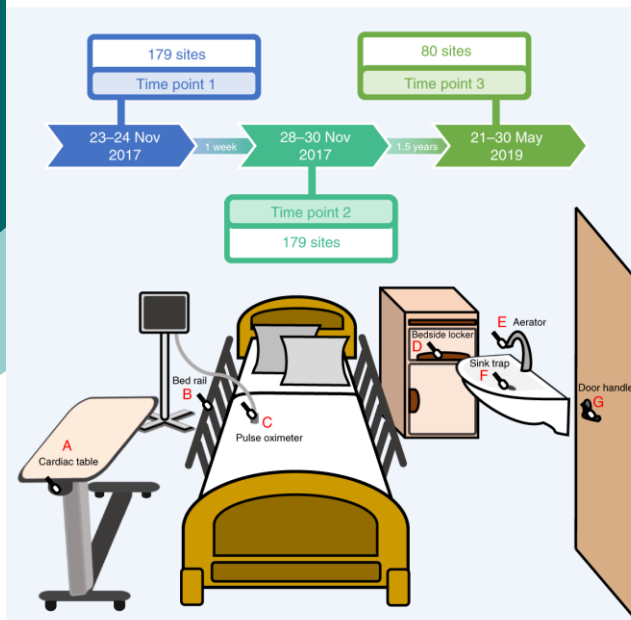
A Species with food and human MAGs



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Large-scale analysis in a tertiary-care hospital in Singapore



- Most extensive genomic characterization of microbiomes, pathogens and antibiotic resistance cassettes in a tertiary-care hospital
- Repeated sampling (up to 1.5 years apart) of 179 sites associated with 45 beds
- Shotgun + nanopore sequencing provided thousands of MAGs + phage and plasmid sequences (>60% novel)
- Enabling characterization of resistome diversity and spatio-temporal patterns
- Identification of widely distributed and stably colonizing multidrug-resistant strains

Cartography of opportunistic pathogens and antibiotic resistance genes in a tertiary hospital environment

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2012	Global human microbiome (MILESTONE 20)
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