

Molecular profiling of microbiota in human oral cavity, stomach and intestine

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16 Abstract

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Introduction

The microbiota in the human gut is not only a complicated microecological system, but also plays critical roles in both health and disease. The fundamental functions of gut microflora include

salvaging energy and absorbing nutrients, exerting important trophic effects on intestinal epithelia



and immune structure and function to protect the host from alien microbes' invasion. Imbalanced 41 gut flora are highly related to certain diseases such as colon cancer, inflammatory bowel diseases 42 43 (Guarner & Malagelada, 2003), rheumatoid arthritis (Zhang et al., 2015) and type 2 diabetes (Qin 44 et al., 2012). Before the discovery of Helicobacter pylori (Hp), human stomach was considered sterile 45 because the acidic environment was assumed unfavorable to the survival of microorganisms from 46 47 the oral cavity. After the finding of the Hp in the stomach, the microbial ecosystem of the stomach became the focus of the research. Myriad bacteria such as Enterococcus, Pseudomonas, 48 Streptococcus, Staphylococcus genera, Proteobacteria, Firmicutes, Actinobacteria, Bacteroidetes 49 and Fusobacteria have been identified in the stomach by analyzing the 16S rRNA gene sequences 50 (Bik et al., 2006; Monstein et al., 2000). In the past few decades, molecular biology techniques 51 52 have become more popular in identifying microorganisms. However, these techniques are not only complicated but also expensive. Therefore, metagenomic analysis based on high-throughput 53 sequencing, bioinformatics and large-data statistics have gained popularity. We were interested in 54 developing a rapid, high-sensitive, cheap and culture-free method for analyzing human microbiota 55 56 to dissect the relationship between microecology and digestive diseases (Wu et al., 2016; Yu et al., 2017; Sun et al., 2016). 57 Gut microbiota start to develop immediately after birth and evolve throughout the lifespan. 58 59 Mainly due to food consumption, the sterile digestive tract is populated with bacteria from the oral cavity to the stomach and eventually to the intestine. It is reasonable to assume that microbiota of 60 oral cavity, stomach, and intestine share some similarity. Indeed, it has been reported that the 61 stomach microbiota were dissimilar to those in the oral cavity and the intestine (Yu et al., 2017; 62 63 Stearns et al., 2011). In this study, the gastric juice samples were collected from 28 healthy individuals and the 16S rRNA gene V4 region of their microbiota was sequenced by Miseq 64 platform. The 16S rRNA gene V4 region sequences of saliva and stool microbiota of healthy 65 individuals were obtained from the Human Microbiome Project (HMP). Since the 16S rRNA gene 66 V4 region sequences are unavailable in HMP, the V4 regions were abstracted from the V3-V5 67



- 68 sequences in HMP by a program designed by Perl language. Therefore, the V4 region sequences
- of 248 saliva samples and 271 stool samples from healthy individuals were used for the analyses.
- 70 To our knowledge, this is the first comprehensive comparison of microbiota in human oral cavity,
- 71 stomach, and intestine.

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Materials and methods

Gastric juice samples collection and bacterial DNA isolation

Twenty-eight healthy individuals were recruited in the Department of Gastrointestinal Endoscope 75 of Xiangya Hospital, Changsha, Hunan, China, from October 2015 to November 2016 76 (Supplementary S1 Table). The study was approved by the independent Ethics Committee of 77 Xiangya Hospital of Central South University in accordance with the ethical guidelines of the 78 Declaration of Helsinki (No. 201512548). Participation was voluntary and written informed 79 consent was obtained from all participants. The following criteria were used for exclusion: (1) age 80 under 18 years; (2) the presence of a serious illness such as severe cardiopulmonary, renal or 81 82 metabolic diseases; (3) prior medication history of antibiotics, acid drugs (proton pump inhibitors and H2 receptor antagonists), (4) probiotics, or anti-inflammatory drugs (aspirin, nonsteroidal and 83 steroids) for past one month; (5) a large amount of alcohol consumption and smoking for past one 84 month. Participants fasted for more than 12 h before the endoscopic examination. Approximately 85 10 mL of gastric juice was collected from the stomach during gastroscopy using a sterile syringe, 86 87 filtered by double sterile gauze to remove food debris, stored in sterile 10-15 mL tubes and maintained at 0 °C no more than 12 h before DNA isolation. The bacterial sediments were collected 88 by centrifugation of the gastric juice at 12000 rpm for 10 min at 4 °C. DNA isolation was followed 89 90 by using the QIAamp® FAST DNA Stool Mini Kit (QIAGEN) according to the manufacturer's 91 protocol.

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Sequencing 16S rRNA gene V4 region of gastric juice microbiota



Bacterial 16S rRNA gene V4 region of gastric juice was amplified by PCR with the forward 515F (5'-gtgccagcmgccgcggtaa-3') and reverse 806R (5'-ggactachvgggtwtctaat-3') primers. The PCR product was purified by a QIAquick PCR Purification Kit (QIAGEN). The jagged ends of the amplicons were converted into blunt ends using T4 DNA polymerase, Klenow Fragment and T4 Polynucleotide Kinase. Then, an 'A' base was added to each 3' end to make it easier to add adapters, and special sequencing adapters were added to each end of amplicons to construct libraries. However, too short fragments were removed by Ampure beads. The libraries were screened and only the qualified library was used for constructing cluster and high-throughput sequencing. The high-throughput sequencing was conducted at the Beijing Genomics Institute (BGI, Wuhan, China) on the Illumina Miseq PE250 sequencer platform (Supplementary S2 Table).

The 16S rRNA gene V4 region sequences of saliva and stool microbiota

The 16S rRNA gene V3-V5 sequences from saliva and stool microbiota in healthy individuals were downloaded from HMP and the V4 sequences were derived from the V3-V5 sequences by a program designed by Perl language. Briefly, the PCR primers for the V4 region, the forward 515F (5'-gtgccagcmgccgcggtaa-3') and reverse 806R (5'-ggactachvgggtwtctaat-3'), were mapped to tag two sides of the V3-V5 region. If 4 consecutive bases at the 3'-end of the primers could completely match the tags and the mismatching bases of the remaining primer were less than 2, the tags were retained and the sequences between 515F-806R were cut from the V3-V5 sequences. Otherwise, the sequence was discarded. In addition, samples with V4 tags less than 3000 were discarded. Therefore, the V4 region sequences of 248 saliva samples and 271 stool samples from healthy individuals were used for the following analyses (Supplementary S2 Table).

Bioinformatical analyses

- After sequencing, the reads were de-multiplexed according to the barcodes using the Quantitative
- Insights into Microbial Ecology (QIIME) pipeline (Denver, CO, USA) with the default parameters



(Caporaso et al., 2010). The raw data were filtered to eliminate adapter pollution and low-quality 120 reads to obtain clean reads, then paired-end clean reads with overlap were merged to tags. The 121 122 QIIME pipeline was used to cluster and annotate the tags to the Operational Taxonomic Units 123 (OTUs), map the taxonomic profiles of microbiota, compare the relative abundance of taxa as well as calculate the beta diversity. Briefly, the tags with at least 97% sequence identity were clustered 124 and annotated into species-level OTUs according to the Greengenes database version 13 8 125 126 (McDonald et al., 2011). Rank curves were plotted by the script of plot rank abundance graph.py. 127 Area maps of the taxa were plotted by the script of plot taxa summary.py. The comparisons of the taxonomic relative frequencies were performed by the script of group significance.py with 128 Kruskal-Wallis nonparametric Analysis of Variance (ANOVA). The beta diversity and principal 129 component analysis (PCA) was detected with a rarefaction depth of 3000 by the script of 130 131 core diversity analyses.py. The comparison of the beta diversity was not only performed by the scripts of compare categories.py with the Permutational Multivariate Analysis of Variance 132 (PERMANOVA) using permutations of 999, but also was carried out by the script of 133 make distance boxplots.py with two-sample t-tests. Multiple comparison was corrected by 134 Bonferroni and Bonferroni P < 0.05 was considered significant. 135 The biomarkers were discovered by the Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) Effect Size 136 (LEfSe). LEfSe is an algorithm for high-dimensional biomarker discovery and an explanation that 137 138 identifies genomic features characterizing the differences between two or more biological conditions (http://huttenhower.sph.harvard.edu/galaxy/) (Segata et al., 2011). The threshold on the 139 logarithmic LDA score for discriminative features was set to 3.0. The metagenomic functions of 140 saliva, gastric juice and stool microflora were predicted and annotated by the Phylogenetic 141 Investigation of Communities by Reconstruction of Unobserved States (PICRUSt) with the Kyoto 142 Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) database (Langille et al., 2013). In addition, the 143 Venn diagrams Venn online software 144 were plotted by (http://bioinformatics.psb.ugent.be/webtools/Venn/). 145



Results

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Rank of species in the gut

- In this study, it was the inclusion criteria that the V4 tags of an individual were not less than 3000
- after being cut from the V3-V5 sequences. As a result, V4 tags of the saliva were 6355±3432
- (mean \pm SD) and V4 tags of the stool were 8343 \pm 6645 (mean \pm SD) in this study (Supplementary
- 152 S2 Table). However, the V4 tags of gastric juice were as much as 34976±3814 (mean ± SD),
- because they were obtained by the high-throughput sequencing (Supplementary S2 Table).
- 154 Therefore, we raised the question whether the different amount of tags in the 3 groups would affect
- the analyses of this study.
- The Rank curves of the species-level OTUs were plotted to answer the question (Fig. 1).
- 157 According to the Rank diagram, all sample tags covered the major species well whose relative
- abundance was higher than 0.1%. Nevertheless, minor species, whose relative abundance was less
- than 0.1%, were covered differently regarding the number of sample tags. The more the sample
- tags were present, the more minor species were identified (Fig. 1A, 1B and 1C). As a result, though
- the number of sample tags was different in the 3 groups, the major species of 3 groups were
- profiled well. However, some minor species were profiled poorly due to insufficient tags. This fact
- did not affect most analyses much in this study, because the abundance of minor species was too
- low and people's interests focused on the major species. However, a few analyses might have been
- affected, such as the Venn diagram and alpha diversity.

Taxonomic profiles of gut microbiota

- As the bacterial taxa are quite a lot in the gut, only the major taxa (mean of relative frequency is
- more than 1% in one group) are shown in the area diagram (Fig. 2A and 2B) and were analyzed
- by Kruskal-Wallis nonparametric ANOVA (Table 1 and 2) and LEfSe (Fig. 3).
- In the gut, the major bacterial phyla are Actinobacteria, Bacteroidetes, Firmicutes,
- 172 Fusobacteria, Proteobacteria and Spirochaetes (Fig. 2A). At the phylum level, the frequency of



some taxa was significantly different among the three groups with the Firmicutes and 173 Actinobacteria most abundant in the saliva; the Proteobacteria and Spirochaetes most abundant 174 in the gastric juice; and the *Bacteroidetes* most abundant in the stool (Table 1). For the frequency 175 176 of Fusobacteria, the saliva and the gastric juice had no significant differences, but both were significantly higher than the stool (Table 1). At the genus level, the frequency of some taxa was 177 significantly different among the three groups with the Streptococcus, Veillonella, Oribacterium, 178 179 Selenomonas, Actinomyces, and Granulicatella most abundant in the saliva; the Prevotella, 180 Neisseria, Actinobacillus, Treponema, and Helicobacter most abundant in the gastric juice; and 181 the Bacteroides, Parabacteroides, Faecalibacterium, Sutterella, Ruminococcus, Oscillospira, and Phascolarctobacterium most abundant in the stool (Table 2). Some genera had no significant 182 differences between the saliva and the gastric juice, but were least abundant in the stool, such as 183 184 Porphyromonas, Capnocytophaga, Fusobacterium, Leptotrichia, Lautropia, Campylobacter, Aggregatibacter, and Haemophilus (Table 2). It is indicated that the microbiota of the gastric juice 185 is more similar to that of the saliva than that of the stool (Fig. 2A and 2B, Table 2). In addition, 186 187 the results of LEfSe (Fig. 3) were consistent with the results of the Kruskal-Wallis nonparametric 188 ANOVA (Table 2). The Venn diagram reflects the partial situations of the genera in the 3 groups for the reason 189 above. In brief, there were 151 common genera in the saliva and gastric juice, 108 common genera 190 191 in the saliva and stool, 89 common genera in the gastric juice and stool, and 76 common genera in 192 the three groups (Supplementary S1 Fig).

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Diversity of gut microbiota

Beta diversity was figured out to show the dissimilarities of microbial profiles in the saliva, gastric juice and stool. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) suggested that the microbial profile of the saliva was more similar to the gastric juice than that of the stool (Fig. 4A), consistent with the results of the Kruskal-Wallis nonparametric ANOVA (Table 1 and 2). However, according to the PERMANOVA, the beta diversity between each pair of the 3 groups all reached a highly



significant level (Bonferroni_P = 0.003, Fig. 4B).

Furthermore, the beta diversity between each pair of the 3 groups was significant different with the least dissimilarities between the gastric juice and the saliva; the most dissimilarities between the stool and the gastric juice; and the medium dissimilarities between the stool and the saliva (Fig. 4C). In addition, alpha diversity was not measured for the mentioned reasons.

Functional profiles of gut microbiota

PICRUSt provides a cost-saving way to study the metagenomic functions using 16S rRNA gene sequences because the metagenomic sequencing is very expensive. After the annotation by KEGG, it is showed that the cellular pathways were different in the microbiota of the saliva, gastric juice and stool. The carbohydrate metabolism and amino acid metabolism in the stool microbiota were higher than those of the saliva and those of gastric juice, but the replication, repair and translation in the stool microbiota were lower than those of the saliva and those of gastric juice. Specially, the membrane transport in the saliva microbiota was higher than that of the stool and that of gastric juice (Fig. 5A). It is indicated by the PCA that the cellular functions of the gastric juice microbiota were similar to those of saliva microbiota rather than those of stool microbiota (Fig. 5B), consistent with the PCA of β -diversity (Fig. 4A).

Discussion

We showed in this study that molecular profile of gastric juice microbiota is more similar to saliva microbiota than stool microbiota; presumably that many gastric bacteria were originated from the oral cavity carried by foods and drinks. This finding is consistent with the previously published data (Yu et al., 2017; Stearns et al., 2011). In addition, Stearns JC et al. found that the highest OTU richness and phylogenetic diversity of microflora were oral bacteria. In contrast, the bacteria in the gut showed lowest OTU richness (Stearns et al., 2011). In our study, the α-diversity analysis was not performed due to insufficient tags in the saliva and the stool.



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Most of our results are generally consistent with findings of the others (Yu et al., 2017; Stearns et al., 2011). Of note, specific analytical methods used in our research: (1) the major bacteria in the saliva, gastric juice and stool were compared comprehensively by Kruskal-Wallis nonparametric ANOVA; (2) LEfSe was applied to find the biomarkers of the saliva, gastric juice and stool; and (3) PICRUSt was used to predict the differential cellular pathways of the saliva, gastric juice and stool. This enabled us to define specific bacteria in the oral cavity, stomach and intestine, such as Oribacteriumin in the oral cavity, Helicobacter in the stomach, and 232 Parabacteroides, Faecalibacterium, and Sutterella in the intestine (Table 2). These bacteria might have unique functions for the organs which they inhabited. For example, Helicobacter pylori is related to gastric ulcers and gastric cancer (Hwang et al., 2015), and Faecalibacterium prausnitzii is an anti-inflammatory commensal bacterium in Crohn's Disease (Sokol et al., 2008). These findings will be help in better understanding the distributions of microbiota and the importance of maintaining a balanced microbiota in the gastro-enteral system.

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- data. L.Z. et al. collected samples. The final manuscript is an end product of joint writing efforts 242
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257 Data availability

- All 16S rRNA gene V4 sequences of gastric juice bacterial flora had been submitted to Sequence
- Read Archive (SRA) with accession number SRP139893 (the SRA submission will be released on
- 260 2019-04-02 or upon publication, whichever is first). All 16S rRNA gene sequences of saliva and
- stool bacterial flora in this study are available in the HMP.

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263 Supplementary data

- Additional supporting data may be found in the online version of this article:
- 265 **Fig. S1.** A Venn diagram of genera in the gut microbiota.
- Table S1. Demographics of healthy people donating gastric juices.
- 267 **Table S2.** Statistics of sample sequences

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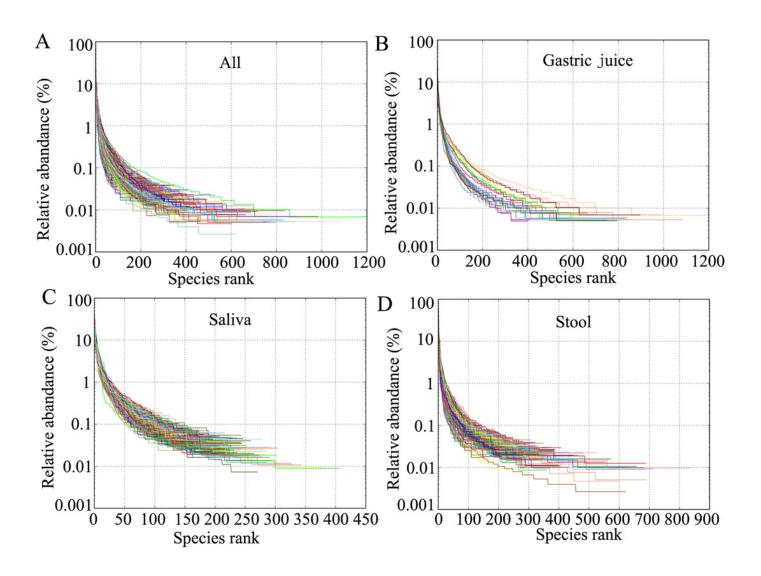


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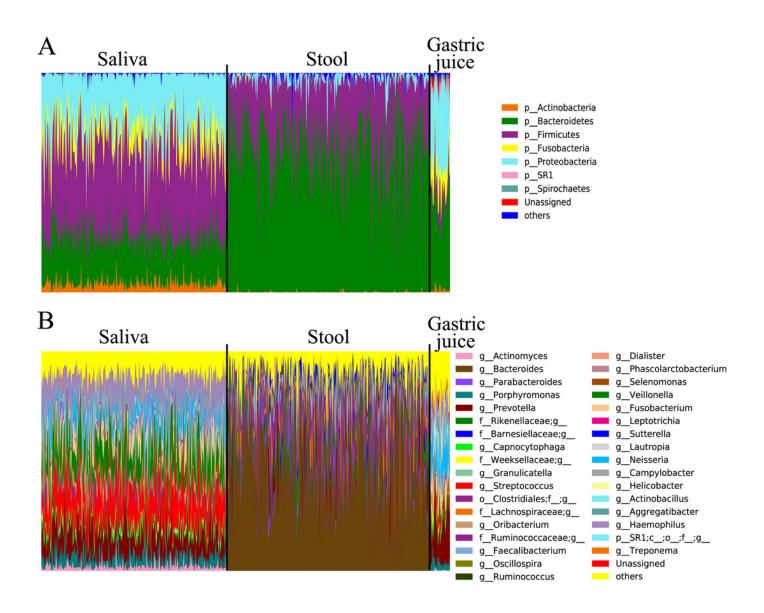
Rank of bacterial species-level OTUs in the gut.

(A) The rank of bacterial species-level OTUs in the gut. (B) The rank of bacterial species-level OTUs in the gastric juice. (C) The rank of bacterial species-level OTUs in the saliva. (D) The rank of bacterial species-level OTUs in the stool.





Profiles of bacterial flora in the gut at the phylum (A) and genus (B) level.

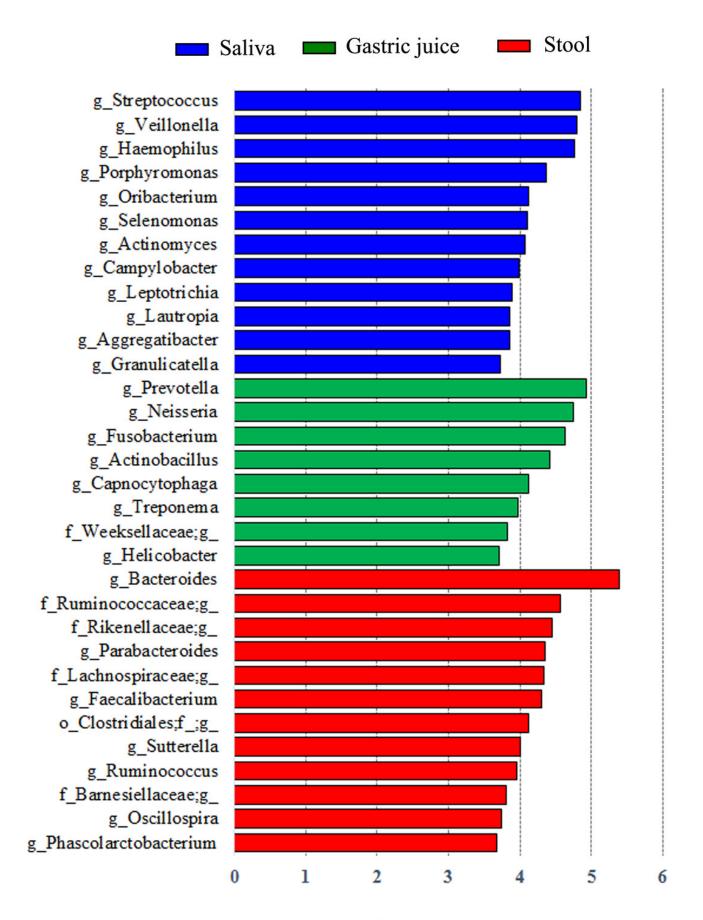




Biomarkers discovery by LEfSe.

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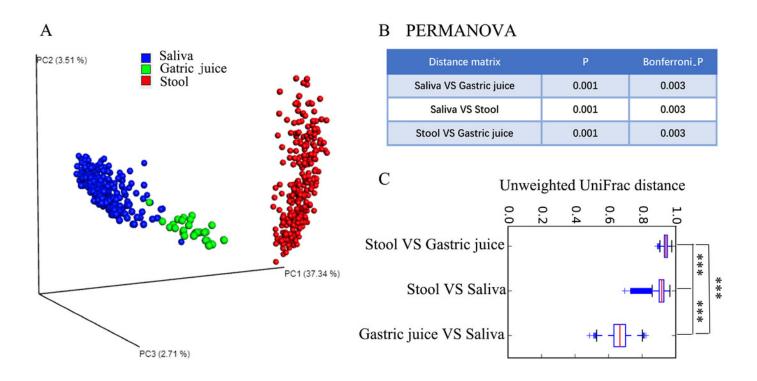






Beta-diversity of microbiota in the gut.

(A) The PCA of microbiota in the human oral cavity, stomach, and intestine. (B) The PERMANOVA of microbiota in the human oral cavity, stomach, and intestine. (C) The unweighted Unifrac distances were compared to evaluate the dissimilarities of microbiota profiles in the human oral cavity, stomach, and intestine. Multiple comparison was corrected by Bonferroni and Bonferroni P < 0.05 was considered significant. ***: Bonferroni P < 0.001.





Functional analysis of the microbiota in the gut using PICRUSt.

A heatmap (A) and PCA (B) of the bacterial cellular pathway in microbiota of saliva, gastric juice and stool were analyzed by PICRUSt using 16S rRNA gene V4 sequences.

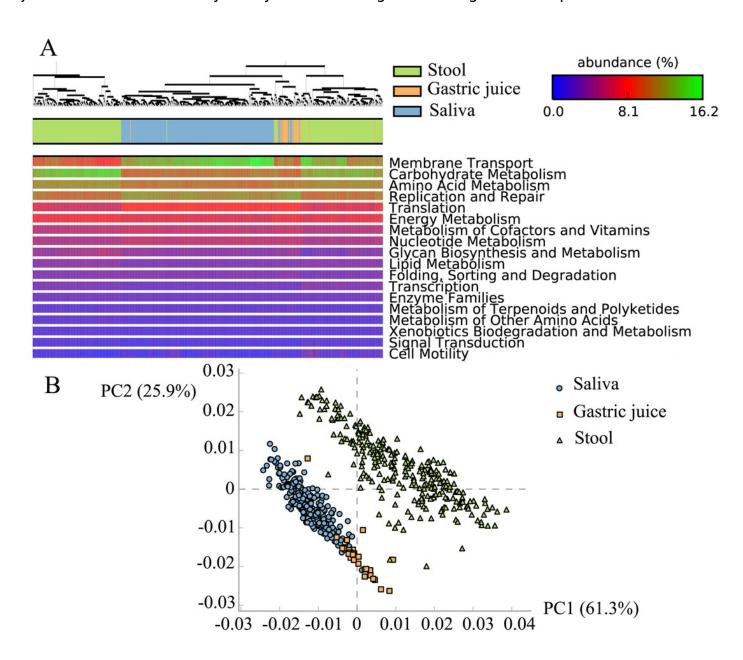




Table 1(on next page)

Comparison of bacterial phyla across the saliva, gastric juice and stool.

Comparisons were conducted by Kruskal-Wallis nonparametric ANOVA, and P < 0.05 after Bonferroni corrections (Bonferroni_P) were considered significant.

Phylum	Saliva	Gastric	Stool	Saliva vs.	Gastric juice	Saliva	vs. Stool	Stool vs. Gastric juice		
Filylulli	mean	juice mean	mean	P	Bonferroni_P	P	Bonferroni_P	P	Bonferroni_P	
p_Actinobacteria	0.0404	0.0127	0.0021	2.24E-10	1.56E-09	1.44E-82	1.01E-81	1.12E-12	7.85E-12	
pBacteroidetes	0.2187	0.4025	0.6732	9.46E-14	6.62E-13	2.63E-76	1.84E-75	1.52E-11	1.07E-10	
pFirmicutes	0.4099	0.0813	0.2843	1.18E-17	8.27E-17	4.70E-22	3.29E-21	2.41E-11	1.68E-10	
pFusobacteria	0.0814	0.0992	0.0007	0.1567	1.0000	3.93E-94	2.75E-93	6.47E-35	4.53E-34	
pProteobacteri a	0.2405	0.3379	0.0283	3.56E-06	2.49E-05	1.90E-80	1.33E-79	8.40E-18	5.88E-17	
pSpirochaetes	0.0041	0.0191	4.07E-06	4.17E-11	2.92E-10	8.73E-67	6.11E-66	1.62E-64	1.14E-63	
pSR1	0.0006	0.0194	0.00E+00	3.28E-20	2.30E-19	7.56E-17	5.29E-16	1.58E-61	1.10E-60	

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Table 2(on next page)

Comparison of bacterial genera across the saliva, gastric juice and stool.

Comparisons were conducted by Kruskal-Wallis nonparametric ANOVA, and P < 0.05 after Bonferroni corrections (Bonferroni_P) were considered significant.

Genus	Saliva	Gastric	Stool	Saliva vs. Gastric juice		Saliva vs. Stool		Stool vs. Gastric juice	
	mean	juice Mean	mean	P	Bonferroni_P	P	Bonferroni_P	P	Bonferroni_P
gActinomyces	0.0231	0.0034	1.62E-05	4.95E-14	1.68E-12	5.95E-98	2.02E-96	2.05E-46	6.95E-45
fBarnesiellaceae;g	7.24E-05	0.0000	0.0125	0.1818	1	1.33E-28	4.51E-27	3.91E-06	0.000133
gBacteroides	0.0027	0.0003	0.4993	0.4540	1	2.35E-87	7.98E-86	3.01E-18	1.02E-16
gParabacteroides	0.0004	0.0000	0.0457	0.0058	0.1983	1.51E-71	5.13E-70	3.62E-15	1.23E-13
gPorphyromonas	0.0465	0.0352	3.33E-05	0.2374	1	9.23E-97	3.14E-95	1.29E-41	4.38E-40
gPrevotella	0.1422	0.3235	0.0302	4.03E-12	1.37E-10	6.74E-62	2.29E-60	1.46E-19	4.97E-18
fRikenellaceae;g	0.0003	4.73E-06	0.0570	0.2055	1	5.83E-77	1.98E-75	2.08E-15	7.08E-14
fWeeksellaceae;g	0.0044	0.0126	9.57E-07	0.9821	1	1.75E-96	5.94E-95	1.51E-64	5.12E-63

g_Capnocytophaga	0.0190	0.0253	6.12E-06	0.1626	1	3.29E-97	1.12E-95	6.91E-55	2.35E-53
g_Granulicatella	0.0107	0.0028	3.34E-05	2.17E-11	7.39E-10	1.80E-97	6.11E-96	4.03E-49	1.37E-47
gStreptococcus	0.1415	0.0299	0.0002	1.01E-14	3.43E-13	2.55E-90	8.66E-89	2.03E-23	6.90E-22
oClostridiales;f;g	0.0239	0.0024	0.0290	5.13E-08	1.74E-06	1.97E-06	6.71E-05	1.17E-12	3.99E-11
f_Lachnospiraceae;g_	0.0077	0.0015	0.0442	1.22E-12	4.13E-11	1.04E-49	3.55E-48	2.82E-17	9.59E-16
gOribacterium	0.0265	0.0011	6.39E-07	4.87E-17	1.65E-15	9.84E-99	3.34E-97	1.33E-62	4.51E-61
fRuminococcaceae;g	0.0002	6.32E-05	0.0742	0.0002	0.0068	4.27E-91	1.45E-89	6.69E-18	2.28E-16
gFaecalibacterium	0.0002	4.73E-06	0.0409	0.5383	1	1.01E-85	3.42E-84	7.58E-17	2.58E-15
gOscillospira	3.86E-05	0	0.0108	0.2801	1	4.72E-93	1.60E-91	6.74E-18	2.29E-16
gRuminococcus	7.78E-05	3.66E-06	0.0183	0.7821	1	1.23E-76	4.19E-75	4.65E-15	1.58E-13
gDialister	0.0026	0.0010	0.0100	0.0113	0.3835	0.0734	1	0.7902	1

g_Phascolarctobacterium	2.14E-05	3.80E-06	0.0099	0.3234	1	9.66E-42	3.28E-40	3.20E-07	1.09E-05
gSelenomonas	0.0254	0.0025	0.0000	6.33E-10	2.15E-08	4.31E-96	1.46E-94	1.58E-61	5.36E-60
gVeillonella	0.1262	0.0203	0.0008	1.55E-16	5.27E-15	1.75E-91	5.95E-90	1.00E-25	3.41E-24
gFusobacterium	0.0654	0.0869	0.0007	0.0573	1	1.23E-93	4.18E-92	3.91E-36	1.33E-34
gLeptotrichia	0.0155	0.0117	2.27E-06	0.0839	1	1.28E-99	4.36E-98	2.92E-59	9.92E-58
gSutterella	9.17E-05	0.0000	0.0199	0.1197	1	2.79E-66	9.50E-65	3.94E-13	1.34E-11
gLautropia	0.0149	0.0052	6.48E-06	0.0136	0.4640	2.70E-83	9.19E-82	2.94E-52	9.99E-51
gNeisseria	0.0581	0.1159	5.40E-06	1.77E-06	6.01E-05	5.22E-98	1.78E-96	2.94E-56	9.99E-55
g_Campylobacter	0.0198	0.0189	1.53E-05	0.1806	1	2.78E-73	9.45E-72	1.36E-53	4.63E-52
gHelicobacter	4.99E-06	0.0097	0	1.09E-25	3.70E-24	0.1389	1	1.21E-32	4.10E-31
gActinobacillus	0.0096	0.0534	3.24E-06	3.22E-06	0.0001	7.78E-89	2.65E-87	8.74E-61	2.97E-59

gAggregatibacter	0.0143	0.0132	2.93E-05	0.6748	1	8.09E-97	2.75E-95	4.66E-56	1.59E-54
gHaemophilus	0.1152	0.0826	0.0007	0.0289	0.9809	3.40E-91	1.16E-89	2.46E-25	8.37E-24
gTreponema	0.0041	0.0190	0	4.17E-11	1.42E-09	2.14E-67	7.26E-66	1.45E-66	4.94E-65
pSR1;c;o;f;g	0.0006	0.0194	0	3.28E-20	1.12E-18	7.56E-17	2.57E-15	1.58E-61	5.36E-60

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