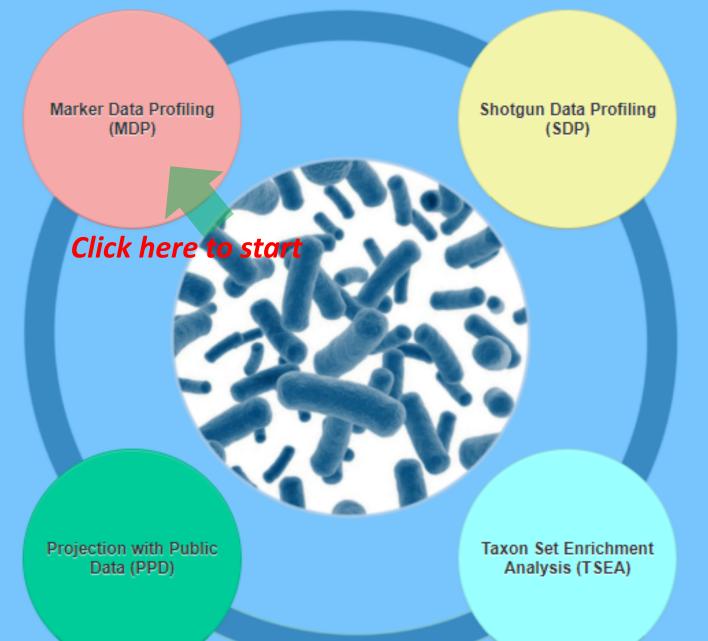


## Goals of this tutorial

To perform a comprehensive analysis on data from 16S rRNA sequencing data, including:

- Compositional and structure analysis
- biodiversity (alpha and beta) analysis
- Comparative analysis
- Predictions of metabolic potentials

Starting from marker gene abundance data (OTU table, BIOM file, mothur output)



Starting from gene list or gene abundance data annotated by KO, EC or COG

Visually exploring your 16S rRNA data with a public data in a 3D PCoA plot Starting with a list of taxa of interest (strains, species or higher level taxa)

## Data Formatting

### User can upload their 16S data in multiple formats:

- Tab-delimited text file (abundance, taxonomy and metadata file)
- BIOM format (containing at least abundance and taxonomy information)
- Mothur output files.
- Details about each format are in the next few slides.

## **Data Formatting**

#### 1. Tab-delimited text file

- Manipulate data headings in a spreadsheet program like MS Excel
- Save as a tab delimited (.txt) or comma-separated (.csv) file
- The headings **#NAME** (all capital letters) must be used
- #NAME is for sample names (first column in abundance; first row in metadata file)
- 2nd Column of metadata file is for the clinical metadata.
- Taxonomy information can be present within abundance table or uploaded

#### For Example:

#NAME	Sample1	Sample2	Sample3	Sample4	Sample5	Sample6	Sample7	Sample8				
#CLASS	Υ	N	N	Y	N	Υ	Υ	N				
Archaea;	219	49	42	50	6	17	22	21				
Archaea;Crenarchaeota;Thermoprotei;				4	24	0	191	0	0	0	0	0
Bacteria;Acido	bacteria;		32	4	4	22	76	16	1	0		
Bacteria;Actin	obacteria	;	47	0	0	4	0	0	0	0		

Taxonomic profiles with valid taxonomy identifier labelled names

#NAME	SampleType	Primer
Sample1	skin	ILBC_02
Sample2	gut	ILBC_06
Sample3	skin	ILBC_01
Sample4	gut	ILBC_07
Sample5	gut	ILBC_05
Sample6	gut	ILBC_09
Sample7	skin	ILBC_08
Sample8	skin	ILBC_03

Metadata file

## **Data Formatting**

#### 2. BIOM format

- General-use format (standard) for representing biological sample by observation contingency tables.
- For details, please check BIOM format page (http://biom-format.org/)
- QIIME and mothur can also generate output in this format.
- Must contain at least abundance and taxonomy information. (metadata file can be uploaded separately.)

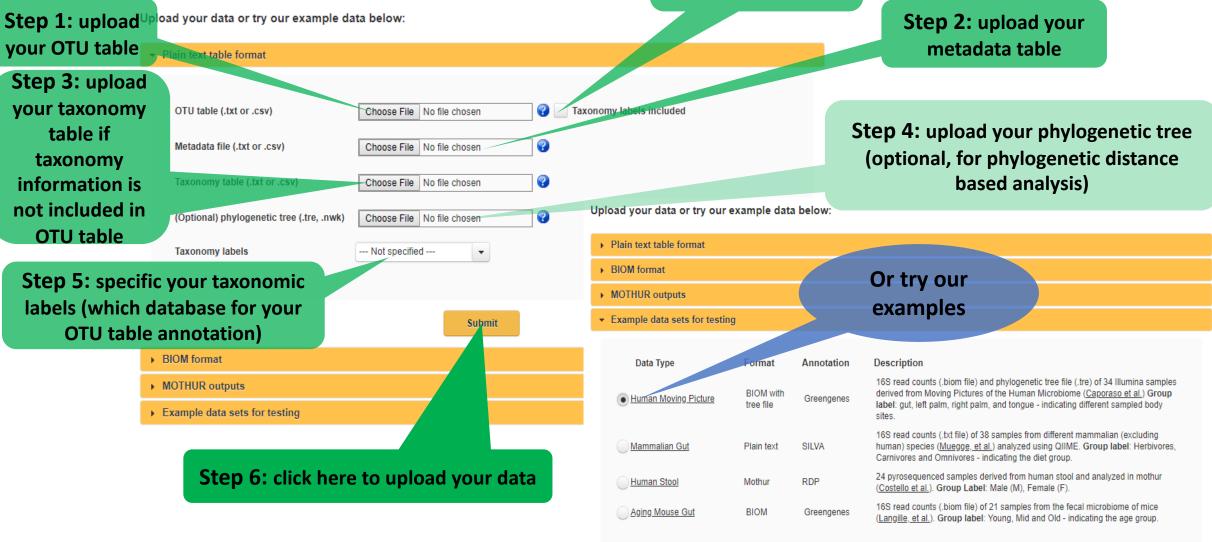
#### 3. Mothur output file

- Two files needed: a consensus taxonomy (taxonomy) file and a .shared (abundance) file.
- Metadata file can be uploaded separately.
- For details, please visit the mothur home page (https://mothur.org/wiki/Main\_Page)

## 1. Data upload

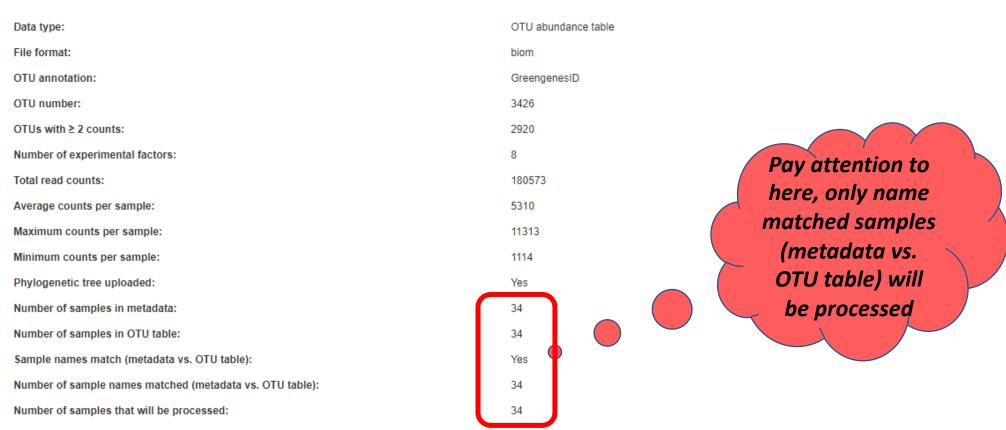
Step 1: check here if your OTU table contains taxonomy information

Submit



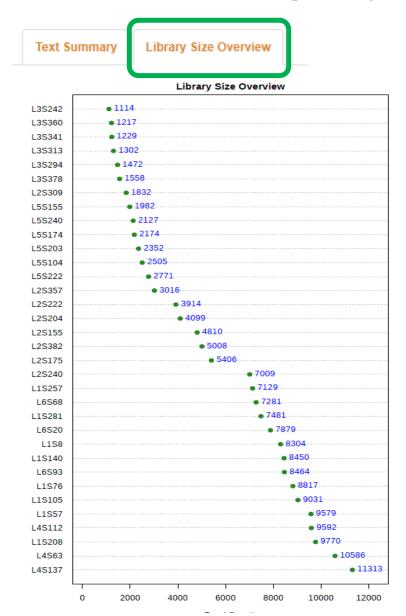
## 2. Data Integrity Check





• Provides processing and summary information for user uploaded data.

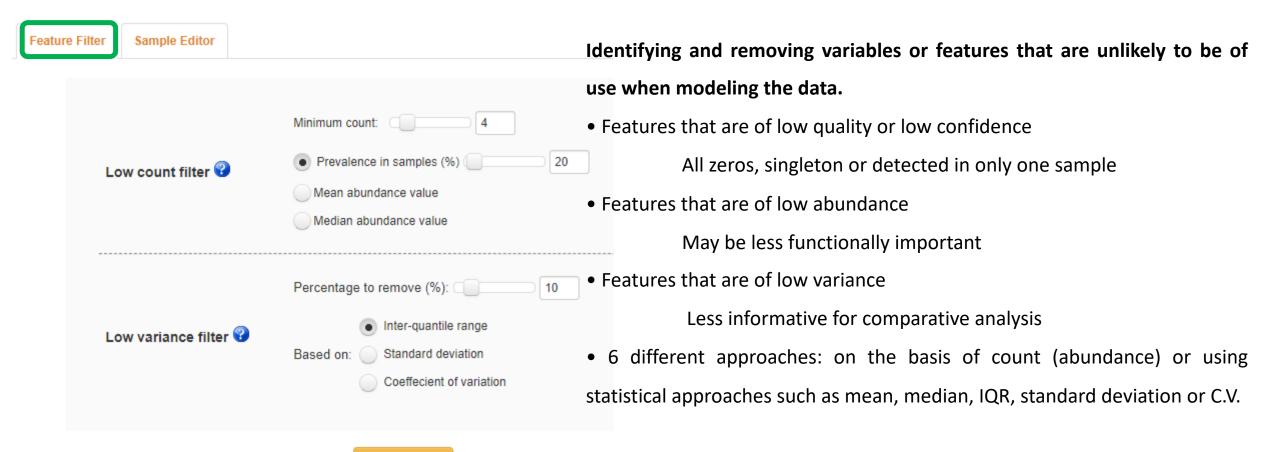
## 2. Data Integrity Check



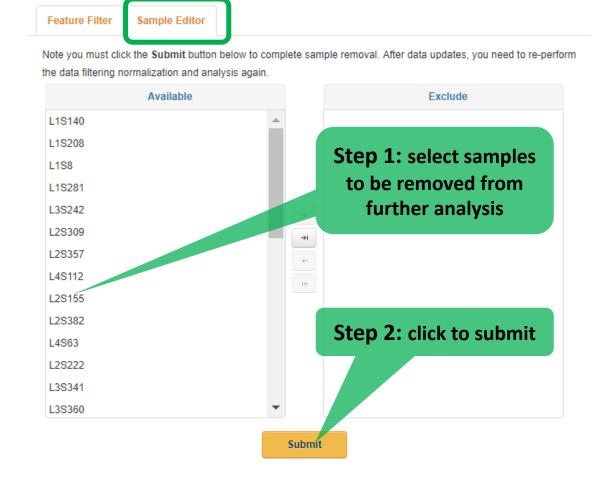
- Provides user the information about library size or total number of reads
   present in of each sample
- help in identifying the potential outliers due to undersampling or sequencing errors

## 3. Data Filtering (Features)

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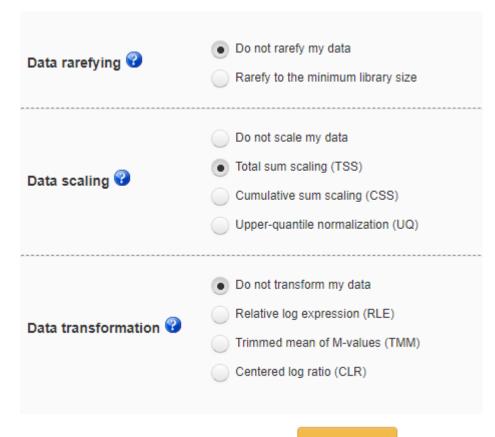


## 3. Data Filtering (Editor)



- Users can remove samples that are detected as outlier via results from **graphical summary** or **rarefaction curve analysis**.
- These samples will be excluded from downstream analysis (e.g. alpha-, beta- diversity analysis).

## 4. Data Normalization

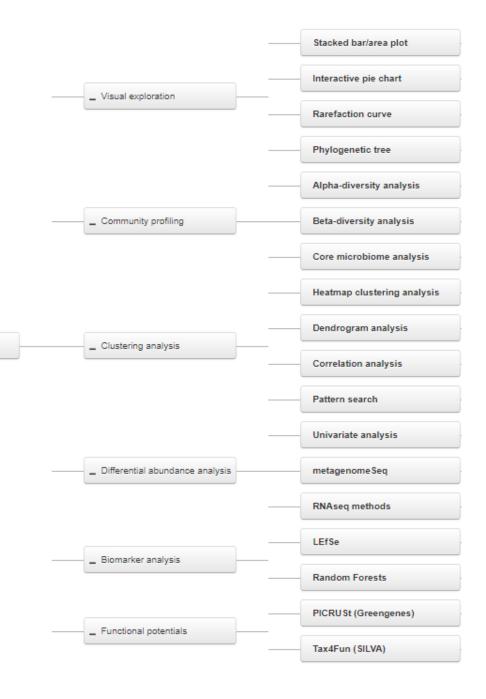


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- Normalizing is required to account for uneven sequencing depth,
   undersampling and sparsity present in such data. (useful before any meaningful comparison)
- Several normalization methods which have been commonly used in the field are present. (3 categories: rarefaction, data scaling and data transformation )
- Check **rarefaction curve** to get the minimum sequence depth of your libraries. If the minimum library size is too small, you can either resequence your samples or exclude them from downstream analysis.

Six analysis pathway supported. We will go through individual pathways and their components.

\_ Marker Gene Analysis



ReportedAntibioticUsage

Rarefaction Curve Analysis

Select original or filtered data for rarefaction curve generation

Separate by multiple

metadata variables

Step determines the number of subsamples for generating rarefaction curve

Data Original Filtered

Step 5 10 20

Facet SampleType 
Submit

1. Rarefaction curve

 Helps in determining number of observed OTUs (alpha diversity)

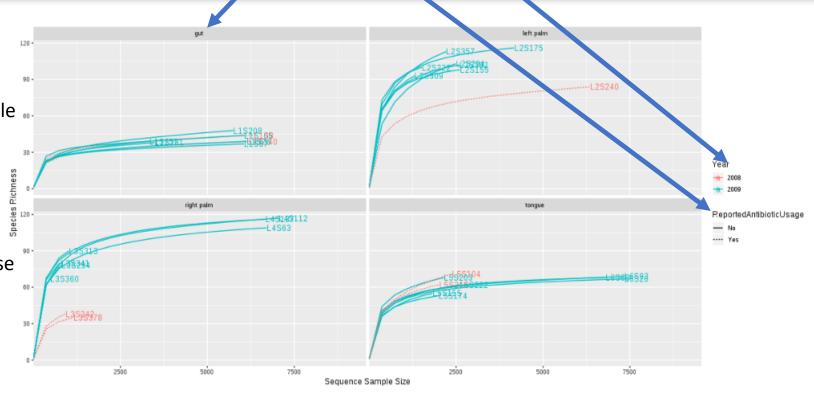
Line color

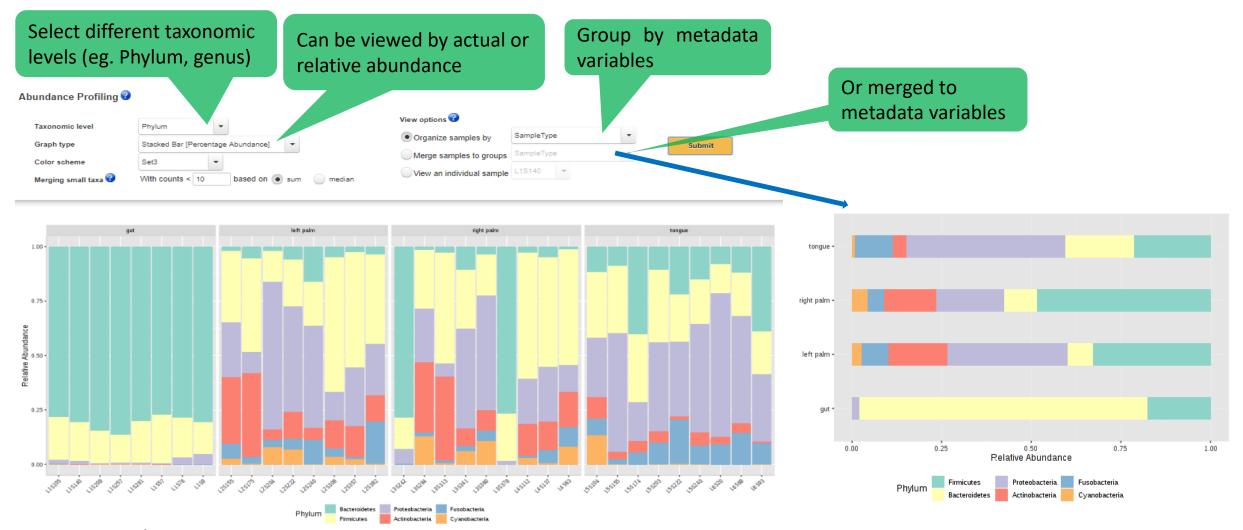
• Determining sequence depth of each sample ...

• Determining if sample reaches sequencing **plateau** (with increasing sequence depth, number of recovered OTUs will not be increased)

• If sequence depth is not enough to reach plateau, you can consider to **resequence** these samples to increase sequence depth

• Helps in deciding if the dataset should be rarefied or excluding samples (not enough reads and have not reach plateau) from downstream analysis





#### 2. Stacked Bar/Area plot

- Provides exact composition of each community through direct quantitative comparison of abundances.
- It can be created for all samples, sample-group wise or individual sample-wise at multiple taxonomic level present in data.(i.e. phylum to OTU)

Can be viewed at 3 different levels: Community-wise, sample-group wise and individual sample wise

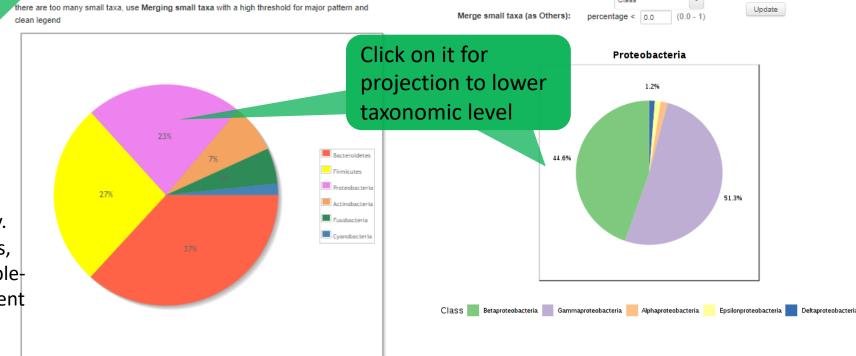
levels (eg. Phylum) Interactive piechart exploration @ Taxonomic level Phylum All samples Experimental Factor | SampleType Submit With counts < 10 based on 
sum median

k a section to view its lower-level compositions (except those Not Assigned

Less abundant taxa can be merged into "Others" category based on sum or median of their count

#### 3. Pie Chart

- Helps in visualizing the taxonomic compositions of microbial community.
- It can also be created for all samples, sample-group wise or individual samplewise at multiple taxonomic level present in data.(i.e. phylum to OTU)



Lower taxonomic level:

Select different taxonomic

Select different taxonomic levels (eg. Species)

## Group by metadata variables

Color scheme

Layout

Taxonomy level Species

Group SampleType Submit

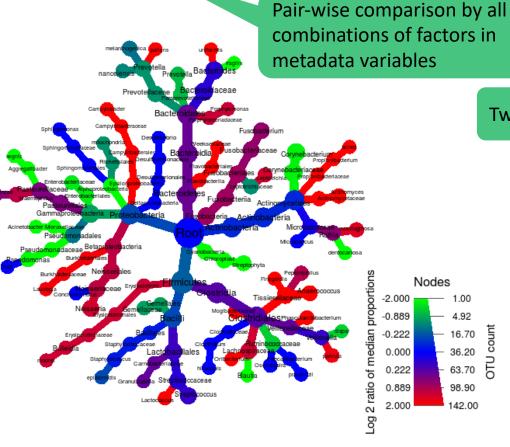
Comparison gut\_vs\_rightpalm

Heat Tree Analysis 😮

blue-gray-red Update

#### 4. Heat tree

- Heat tree is actually a hierarchical tree of taxonomic levels with abundance indicated by colors.
- It presents abundance ratios of two groups at each taxonomic level
- It can compare every pair of factors in each metadata variable



Two common used layouts

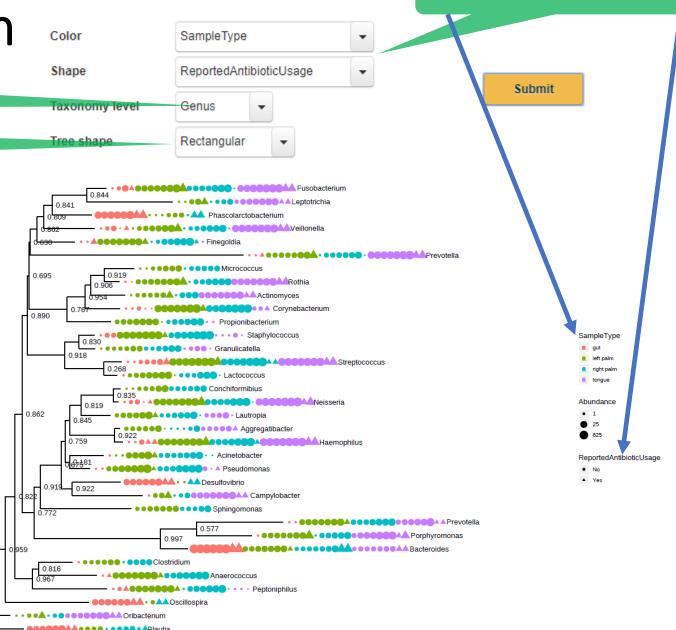
Select different taxonomic levels (eg. Genus)

Two types of tree shapes are provided: Rectangular and Redial

0.797

#### 5. Phylogenetic tree

• Helps in determining evolutional relations among different taxonomic groups at different levels.



#### Select original or filtered B. Community Profiling data for rarefaction curve generation Alpha diversity profiling & significance testing Grouped by different metadata variables Data input Original **Experimental factor** SampleType Select different taxonomic Taxonomic level Submit Species levels (eg. Phylum) Diversity measure Chao1 Total 6 different alpha Statistical method T-test / ANOVA diversity indexes ndex Chao1 Alpha Diversity Measure CLASS 25 -

- 1. Alpha-diversity analysis & significance testing: assessing diversity within community or sample.
- Supporting 6 widely used metrics to calculate the alpha diversity supported such as Chao1 (estimated number of OTUs), and Observed number of OTUs for richness, while Shannon and Simpson take account for both evenness and richness.
- Statistical significance testing between groups using parametric and non-parametric tests.

B. Community Profiling

Beta Diversity & Significance Testing Ordination method:
PCoA or NMDS

Ordination method PCoA

Distance method Weighted Unifrac Distance
Taxonomic level
Species
Statistical method Permutational MANOVA (PERMANOVA)
Label samples by

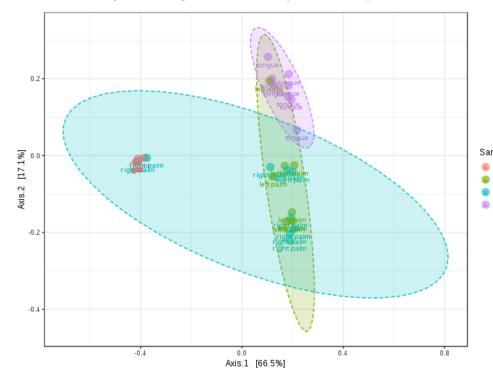
SampleType

Interactive PCoA 3D

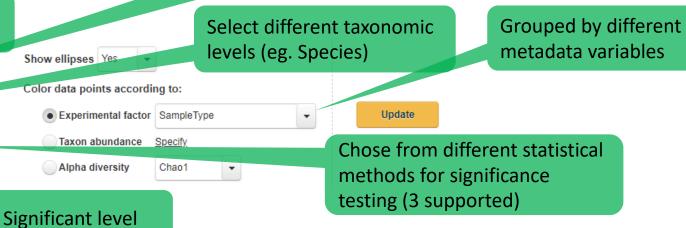
Ordination method:
PCoA or NMDS

Significance Testing

[PERMANOVA] F-value: 17.327; R-squared: 0.63406; p-value < 0.001



Different distance methods

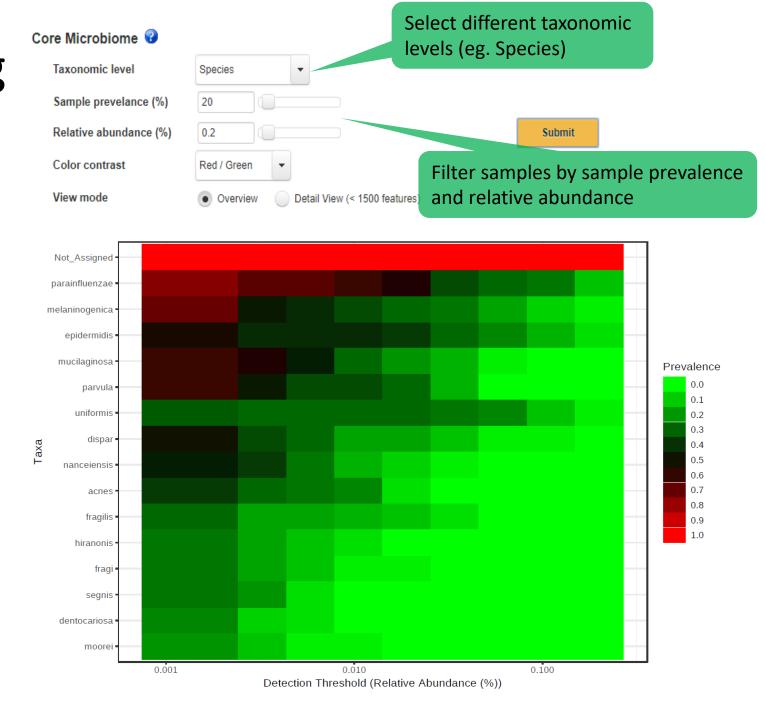


- 2. Beta diversity analysis & significance testing: assessing the differences between microbial communities (between samples).
- Dissimilarity matrix can be calculate via multiple distance method and can be visualized using PCoA (Principal Coordinate Analysis) or NMDS (Nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling)
- 5 widely used methods: compositional-based distance metrics such as Bray-Curtis or phylogenetic-based (Unweighted Unifrac) supported.
- Of these distance, unweight- and weight unifrac distances are based on phylogenetic tree, therefore, phylogenetic tree must be provided.
- 3 statistical methods supported to tests the strength and statistical significance of sample groupings based on ordination based distances.
- ANOSIM/adonis, PERMANOVA and PERMDISP supported.
- Helps in understanding the underlying reasons for pattern present in PCoA or NMDS plot.

## B. Community Profiling

#### 3. Core microbiome analysis

- Helps in identifying core taxa or features that remain unchanged in their composition across different sample groups based on sample prevalence and relative abundance.
- Can be performed at various taxonomical level. (Phylum to OTU)



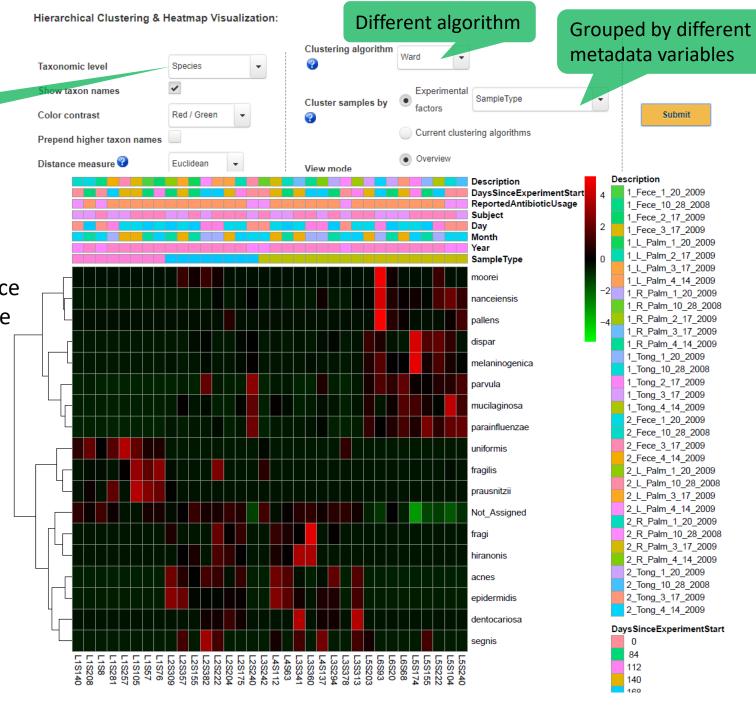
C. Clustering analysis Select different taxonomic

#### 1. Heatmap and clustering analysis

• Visualize the relative patterns of high-abundance features against a background of features that are mostly low-abundance or absent.

levels (eg. Species)

- Identify abundance patterns, clusters
- Various distance and clustering methods supported.(both sample and feature-wise)
- Features can be merged at multiple taxonomic levels also.(can also be visualized at individual OTU-level)

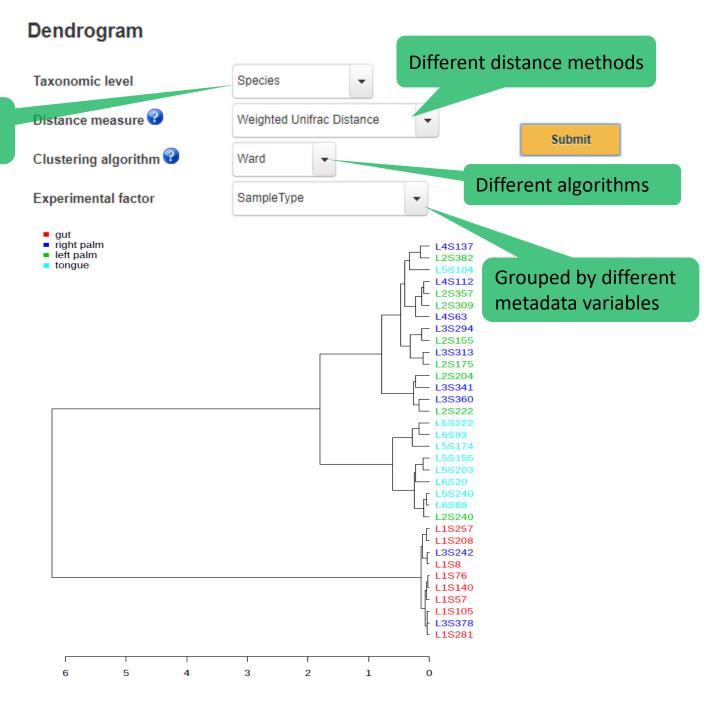


# C. Clustering analysis

Select different taxonomic levels (eg. Species)

#### 2. Dendrogram and clustering analysis

- Performs phylogenetic analysis on samples using either various phylogenetic or nonphylogenetic distance measures. (support for 5 most widely used)
- Unweighted and weighted unifrac distances are based on phylogenetic tree, therefore, phylogenetic tree must be provided to calculate these distances.



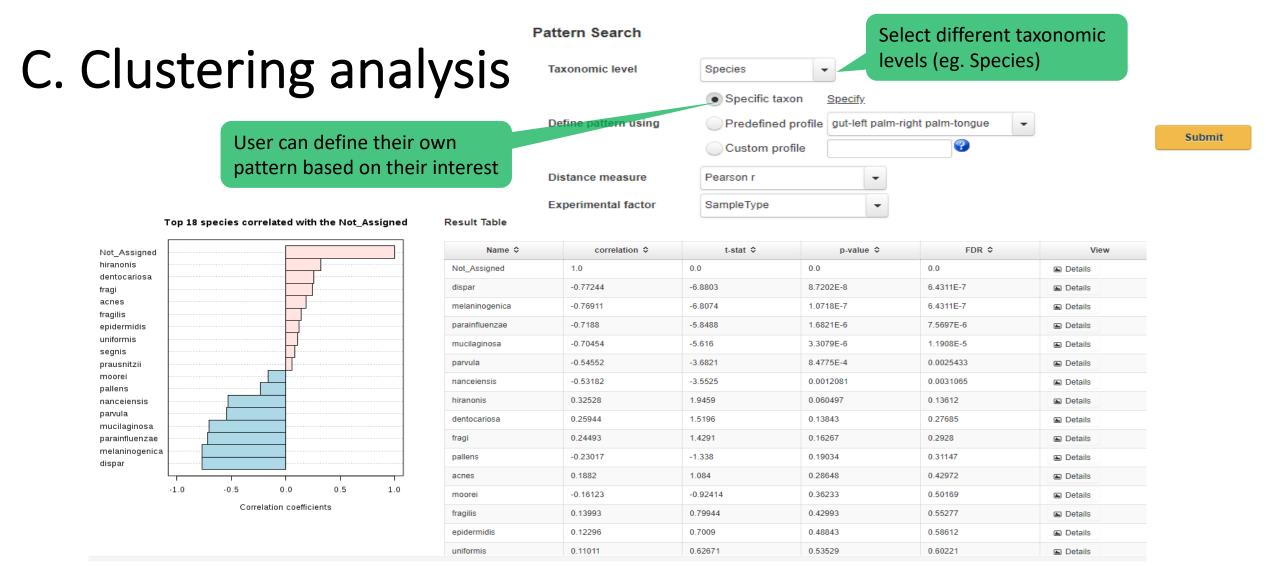
## C. Clustering analysis

3 most common methods supported for performing Correlation analysis

#### 3. Correlation analysis

- Helps in identifying biologically or biochemically meaningful relationship or associations between taxa or features.
- Can be analyzed at various level (Phylum to OTU) by merging data based on taxonomic rank.

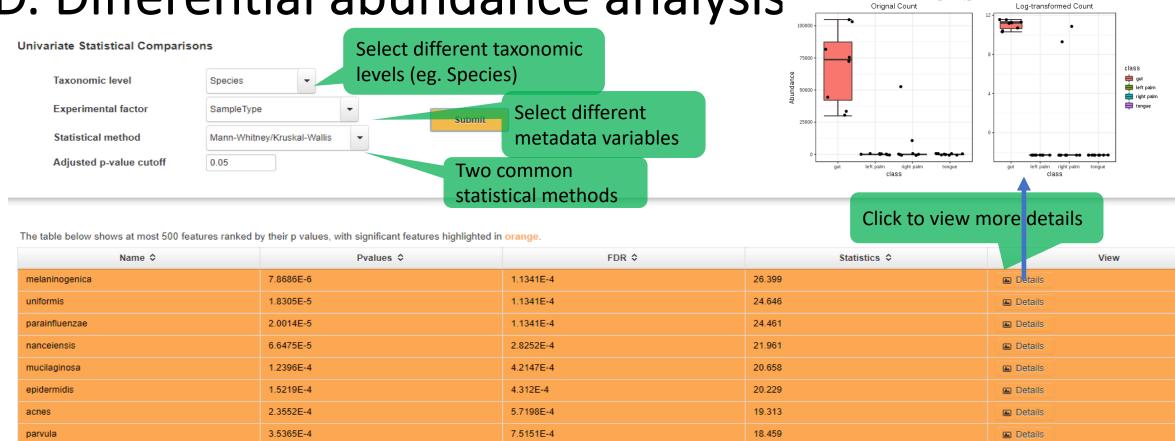




#### 4. Pattern Search

- Helps in identifying or search for a pattern based on correlation analysis on defined pattern.
- Pattern can be defined based on either feature (gene) of interest or based on predefined or custom profile of experimental factors.

D. Differential abundance analysis



15.463

15.212

12.174

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New CleanUp ReferenceOTU667

Details

Details

Details

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#### 1. Univariate Statistical Comparisons

prausnitzii

dispar

pallens

0.0014611

0.0016441

0.0068093

- t-test/ANOVA (parametric) or Mann-Whitney/KW test (non-parametric) can be done.
- Depending upon no. of sample groups, statistical test is chosen from parametric or nonparametric test options.

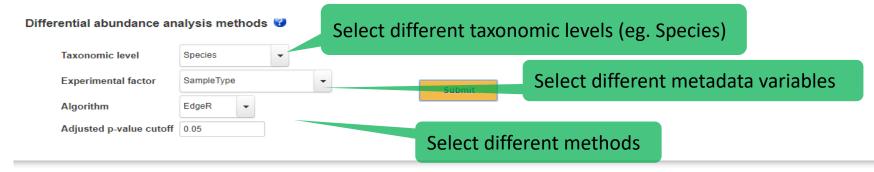
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0.0027949

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• P-values adjusted using FDR method.

## D. Differential abundance analysis

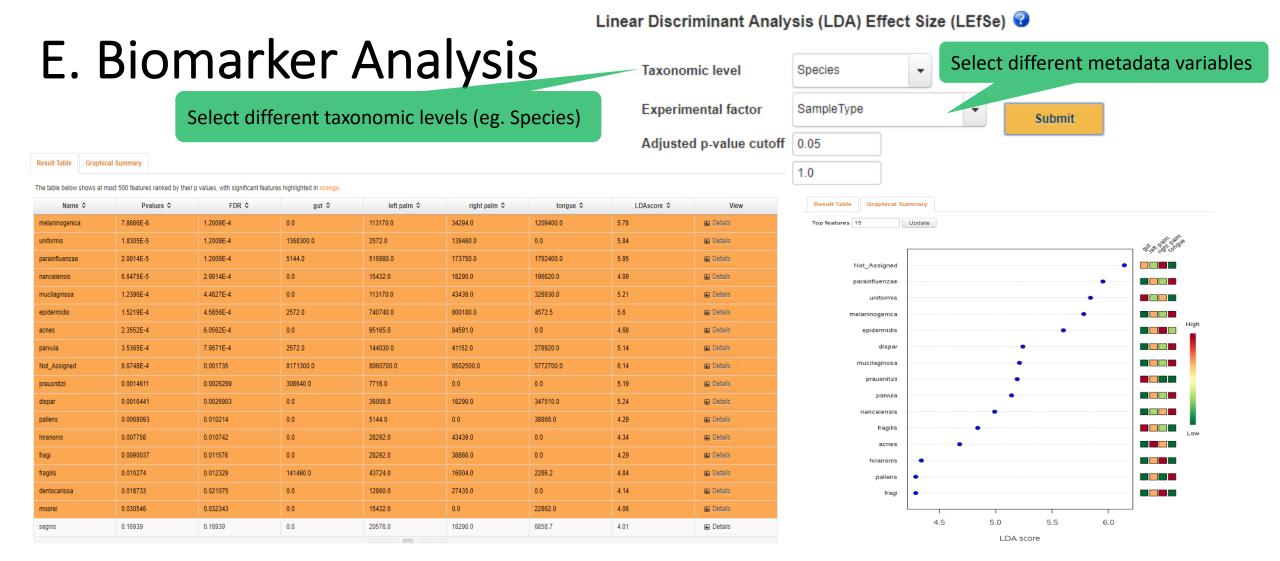


The table below shows at most 500 features ranked by their p values, with significant ones highlighted in orange

Name ≎	log2FC ≎	logCPM ≎	Pvalues \$	FDR ≎	View
uniformis	-6.1927	15.49	1.2706E-11	2.2872E-10	■ Details
epidermidis	4.6211	15.319	1.9513E-8	1.7561E-7	■ Details
parainfluenzae	3.9407	16.023	3.4941E-8	2.0964E-7	Details
prausnitzii	-3.811	13.736	1.0642E-7	4.7888E-7	■ Details
parvula	2.2585	14.031	0.0011635	0.0041884	■ Details
mucilaginosa	2.2333	14.108	0.0017577	0.0052731	■ Details
acnes	1.8684	13.247	0.0028033	0.0072086	■ Details
fragilis	-1.9564	13.35	0.0036537	0.0082209	■ Details
melaninogenica	2.1397	15.288	0.0041761	0.0083522	■ Details
Not_Assigned	-0.45305	19.512	0.050145	0.090261	■ Details
dispar	0.90192	13.955	0.28292	0.46295	■ Details

#### 2. EdgeR

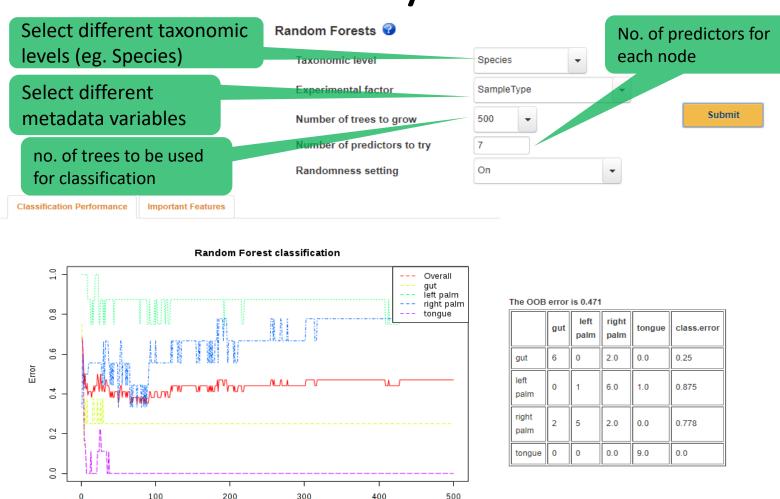
- Developed for RNAseq data analysis.
- Powerful statistical method (outperforms others methods with appropriate data filtration and normalization techniques)
- By default, RLE (Relative Log Expression) normalization is performed on the data.

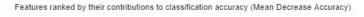


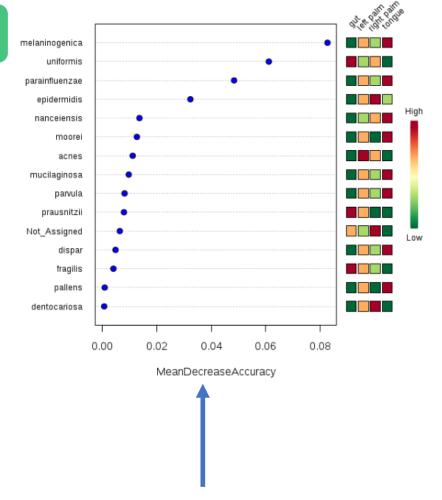
#### 1. LEfSe

- Compare the metagenomics (16S or shotgun) abundance profiles between samples in different state.
- Performs a set of statistical tests for detecting differentially abundant features (KW sumrank test: statistical significance) and biomarker discovery. (Linear Discriminant analysis: Effect Size)

## E. Biomarker Analysis







#### 2. Random forests

- Ensemble learning method used for classification, regression and other tasks.
- It operate by constructing a multitude of decision trees at training time and outputting the class that is the mode of the classes (classification) of the individual trees.
- Random forests correct for decision trees habit of overfitting to their training set.

#### 2. Random Forest

Classification Performance

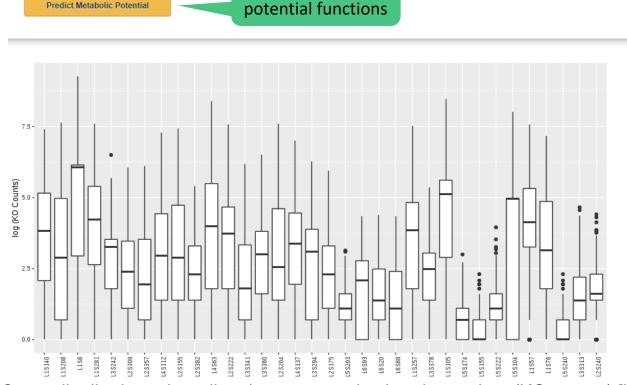
Important Features

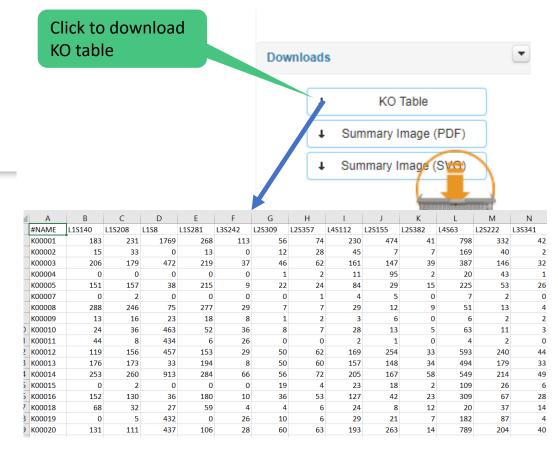
- It provides estimates of what variables are important in the classification of data.
- It computes proximities between pairs of cases that can be used in clustering, locating outliers, or give interesting views of the data.

## F. Functional potential

Predict Metabolic Potentia

Click to predict





Count distribution od predicted metagenomic abundance data (KO counts) [log-scale]

#### After, prediction the result data is similar as shotgun metagenomic data.

- User have to go through the Shotgun Data Profiling module to perform comprehensive analysis.
- Please check, Tutorial II on (Shotgun data profiling) for stepwise detailed analysis on such data.

## ==THE END==