# DNA metabarcoding diet analysis in reindeer is quantitative and integrates feeding over several weeks

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#### Abstract

Filtering of the EUKA02 DNA metabarcoding raw data.

## 1. Setting up the R environment

1.1. Install missing packages

- 1.2. Loading of the R libraries
  - $\bullet\,$  ROBITools package is used to read result files produced by OBITools.
  - ROBITaxonomy package provides function allowing to query OBITools formated taxonomy.

```
if (!"ROBITools" %in% rownames(installed.packages())) {
    # ROBITools are not available on CRAN and have to be installed
    # from http://git.metabarcoding.org using devtools

metabarcoding_git <- "https://git.metabarcoding.org/obitools"</pre>
```

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```
devtools::install_git(paste(metabarcoding_git,
                                  "ROBIUtils.git",
                                  sep="/"))
    devtools::install_git(paste(metabarcoding_git,
                                  "ROBITaxonomy.git",
                                  sep="/"))
    devtools::install_git(paste(metabarcoding_git,
                                  "ROBITools.git",
                                  sep="/"))
  }
  library(ROBITools)
  library(ROBITaxonomy)
  • tidyverse 1 provides various method for efficient data manipulation and plotting via ggplot2 2
  library(tidyverse)
  library(R.utils)
  library(vegan)
  library(magrittr)
  source("methods.R")
Attaching package: 'matrixStats'
The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
    count
Attaching package: 'vctrs'
The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
    data_frame
The following object is masked from 'package:tibble':
    data_frame
```

## 2. Loading the data

# 2.1. Load the NCBI taxonomy

```
if (! file.exists("Data/ncbi20210212.adx")) {
   gunzip("Data/ncbi20210212.adx.gz",remove=FALSE)
   gunzip("Data/ncbi20210212.ndx.gz",remove=FALSE)
   gunzip("Data/ncbi20210212.rdx.gz",remove=FALSE)
   gunzip("Data/ncbi20210212.tdx.gz",remove=FALSE)
}

taxo <- read.taxonomy("Data/ncbi20210212")</pre>
```

#### 2.2. Loading the metabarcoding data

## 2.3. Loading the metadata

# 3. Sample description

Normalization of samples names

Extract information relative to PCR replicates and sample names.

```
sample_names_split = strsplit(as.character(sample_names), "_R")

replicate = sapply(sample_names_split, function(x) x[length(x)])
sample_id = sapply(sample_names_split, function(x) x[1])

samples_desc = data.frame(name = samples(EUKA02.raw)$sample, replicate = replicate, sample_id = sam

EUKA02.raw@samples = samples_desc
EUKA02.raw@motus <- EUKA02.raw@motus %>% select(-starts_with("obiclean_status:"))
```

#### 3.1. Categorize MOTUs

DNA Sequence of the synthetic sequence used as EUKA02 positive controls.

```
Standard1 = "taagtctcgcactagttgtgacctaacgaatagagaattctataagacgtgttgtcccat"
```

• Identify which MOTU is corresponding to the positive control sequence and associated it to category standard1.

- All the MOTUs exhibiting a similarity with one of the reference SPER01 database greater than 80% is tagged as EUKA02
- The remaining sequences are tagged as Unknown

```
sequence_type = rep("Unknown", nrow(motus(EUKA02.raw)))
  sequence_type[which(motus(EUKA02.raw)$`best_identity:db_EUKA`> 0.80)] = "EUKA02"
  sequence_type[which(motus(EUKA02.raw)$sequence == Standard1)] = "standard1"
  EUKA02.raw@motus$sequence_type = as.factor(sequence_type)
  table(EUKA02.raw@motus$sequence_type)
 EUKA02 Unknown
 252502 223912
  spermatophyta.taxid <- ecofind(taxo,patterns = "^Spermatophyta$")</pre>
  lecanoromycetidae.taxid = ecofind(taxo, "^Lecanoromycetidae$")
  to keep = (is.subcladeof(taxo,EUKAO2.raw@motus$taxid,spermatophyta.taxid) |
                EUKA02.raw@motus$taxid == spermatophyta.taxid) |
              (is.subcladeof(taxo,EUKAO2.raw@motus$taxid,lecanoromycetidae.taxid) |
                 EUKA02.raw@motus$taxid == lecanoromycetidae.taxid)
  table(to_keep)
to_keep
FALSE
         TRUE
429806 46077
  EUKA02.plant_lichen <- EUKA02.raw[,which(to_keep)]</pre>
4. Curation procedure
4.1. Select motus occuring at least at 1% in at least one PCR
```

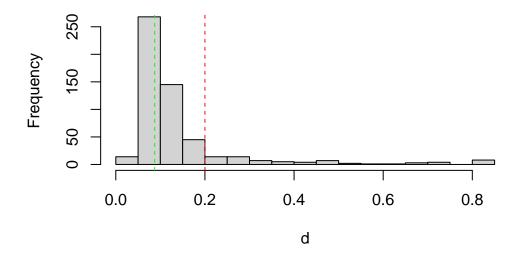
```
norare = apply(decostand(reads(EUKAO2.plant_lichen),method = "total"),
                  MARGIN = 2,
                  FUN = max) >= 0.01
  table(norare)
norare
FALSE TRUE
45862
        215
  EUKA02.norare <- EUKA02.plant_lichen[,which(norare)]</pre>
```

4.2. Filtering for PCR outliers

Only library 1 and 2 have individually tagged PCR replicates

```
library_3.ids = read.csv("Data/samples_library_3.txt",
                            stringsAsFactors = FALSE,
                            header = FALSE)[,1]
  library3.keep = gsub("_R.?$","_R",rownames(EUKA02.norare)) %in% library_3.ids
  EUKA02.lib3 = EUKA02.norare[library3.keep,]
  EUKA02.lib12= EUKA02.norare[!library3.keep,]
  dim(EUKA02.lib3)
[1] 63 215
  dim(EUKAO2.lib12)
[1] 542 215
Load the script containing the selection procedure implemented in function tag_bad_pcr.
  source("Select_PCR.R")
4.2.1. First selection round
  keep1 = tag_bad_pcr(samples = samples(EUKA02.lib12)$sample_id,
                      counts = reads(EUKA02.lib12),
                      plot = TRUE,
                      threshold=0.2
```

# Histogram of d



Histogram shows the empirical distribution of the PCR replicate distances. The red vertical dashed line indicates the threshold used to discard outlier PCRs. The green vertical dashed line indicates the mode of the observed distribution.

```
table(keep1$keep)
```

```
FALSE TRUE 45 497
```

FALSE is the count of PCR to discard, TRUE the count of PCR conserved at the end of this selection round.

```
samples(EUKA02.lib12)$name[!keep1$keep]
```

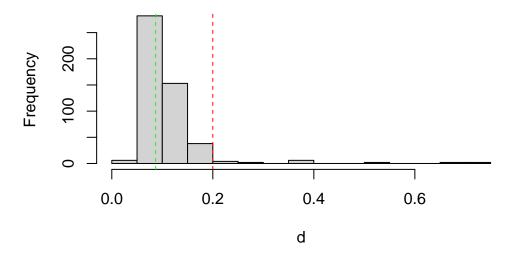
```
[1] "DNANC11 R3"
                   "DNANC12_R3"
                                  "DNANC13 R3"
                                                 "DNANC15 R3"
                                                                "DNANC_10_R2"
[6] "DNANC_12_R3" "DNANC_13_R3" "DNANC_15_R3" "DNANC_7_R2"
                                                                "DNANC_8_R2"
[11] "DNANC_9_R2"
                   "PCRNC_3_R2"
                                  "PCRNC_4_R1"
                                                 "PCRNC_4_R2"
                                                                "PCRNC_5_R3"
[16] "PCRNC_6_R3"
                   "PCRPOS_3_R2" "X_28_R3"
                                                 "X_37_R3"
                                                                "X_3_R3"
                                  "Y_29_R2"
                                                 "Y_2_R2"
                                                                "Y_33_R2"
[21] "X_9_R3"
                   "Y_24_R3"
[26] "Y_36_R2"
                   "Y_44_R2"
                                  "Y_45_R3"
                                                 "Y_46_R2"
                                                                "Y_47_R3"
                   "Y_49_R3"
                                  "Y_51_R2"
                                                 "Y_52_R1"
[31] "Y_48_R2"
                                                                "Y_56_R1"
[36] "Y_8_R1"
                    "Z_19_R3"
                                  "Z 21 R2"
                                                 "Z_30_R1"
                                                                "Z 33 R3"
                                                 "Z_53_R2"
                                                                "Z_5_R2"
[41] "Z_45_R3"
                   "Z_46_R3"
                                  "Z_51_R2"
```

Above is the list of the ids of the discarded PCRs.

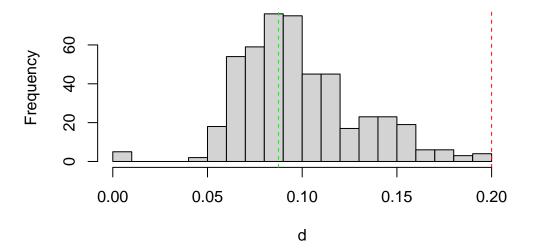
```
EUKA02.lib12.k1 = EUKA02.lib12[keep1$keep,]
```

```
4.2.2. Second selection round
```

# Histogram of d



# Histogram of d



```
table(keep3$keep)
FALSE TRUE
        479
    1
  keep3[!keep3$keep,]
        samples distance maximum repeats keep
Y_46_R1
           Y_46
                                0
                        0
  EUKA02.lib12.k3 = EUKA02.lib12.k2[keep3$keep,]
4.2.4. Merge remaining PCR replicates
  freq = decostand(reads(EUKA02.lib12.k3),
                    method = "total")
  EUKA02.lib12.k3$count = reads(EUKA02.lib12.k3)
  EUKA02.lib12.k3@reads = freq
  EUKA02.merged = aggregate(EUKA02.lib12.k3, MARGIN = 1, by = list(sample_id=samples(EUKA02.lib12.k3)
4.3. Merge lib 1,2 and 3
4.3.1. Remove controls in library 3
 Look for controls left in library 1 and 2 \,
```

rownames(EUKA02.merged)

```
[1] "DNANC_14" "X_10"
                             "X_11"
                                         "X_12"
                                                     "X_14"
                                                                "X_15"
 [7] "X_16"
                 "X_17"
                             "X_18"
                                         "X_19"
                                                     "X_2"
                                                                "X_20"
                             "X_23"
 [13] "X_21"
                 "X_22"
                                         "X_24"
                                                     "X_25"
                                                                "X_26"
 [19] "X<sub>27</sub>"
                             "X_29"
                                         "X_3"
                                                     "X_30"
                 "X_28"
                                                                "X_31"
 [25] "X_33"
                 "X_34"
                             "X_35"
                                         "X_36"
                                                     "X_37"
                                                                "X_38"
 [31] "X_39"
                 "X_4"
                             "X_41"
                                         "X_42"
                                                     "X_44"
                                                                "X_50"
 [37] "X_51"
                 "X_53"
                             "X_54"
                                         "X_56"
                                                     "X_57"
                                                                "X_59"
 [43] "X_60"
                             "X_64"
                                         "X_65"
                                                     "X_66"
                                                                "X_68"
                 "X_63"
 [49] "X_70"
                 "X_74"
                             "X_75"
                                         "X_76"
                                                     "X_77"
                                                                "X_78"
[55] "X_79"
                 "X_80"
                             "X_9"
                                         "Y_1"
                                                     "Y_11"
                                                                "Y_13"
                             "Y_21"
                                                    "Y_24"
 [61] "Y_14"
                 "Y_18"
                                         "Y_23"
                                                                "Y_25"
[67] "Y 26"
                 "Y_28"
                             "Y 3"
                                         "Y 31"
                                                    "Y 32"
                                                                "Y 33"
[73] "Y_34"
                 "Y_36"
                             "Y_38"
                                         "Y_39"
                                                    "Y 4"
                                                                "Y 40"
[79] "Y_41"
                 "Y_42"
                             "Y_43"
                                         "Y_45"
                                                     "Y_5"
                                                                "Y_50"
[85] "Y_52"
                 "Y_53"
                             "Y_56"
                                         "Y_57"
                                                                "Y 59"
                                                     "Y_58"
                                                    "Y_70"
[91] "Y_6"
                             "Y_69"
                                         "Y_7"
                                                                "Y_71"
                 "Y_61"
                 "Y_74"
                                                                "Z_10"
[97] "Y_72"
                             "Y_8"
                                         "Y_9"
                                                     "Z_1"
                                                                "Z_16"
[103] "Z_11"
                 "Z_12"
                             "Z_13"
                                         "Z_14"
                                                    "Z_15"
[109] "Z_17"
                             "Z_19"
                                         "Z_20"
                                                    "Z_21"
                                                                "Z_22"
                 "Z_18"
[115] "Z_23"
                 "Z_24"
                             "Z_25"
                                         "Z_27"
                                                    "Z_28"
                                                                "Z_3"
[121] "Z_31"
                             "Z_33"
                                         "Z_34"
                                                     "Z_35"
                 "Z_32"
                                                                "Z_36"
[127] "Z_37"
                             "Z_4"
                                         "Z_40"
                                                     "Z_42"
                                                                "Z_43"
                 "Z_38"
[133] "Z_44"
                             "Z_46"
                                         "Z_48"
                 "Z_45"
                                                     "Z_49"
                                                                "Z 5"
[139] "Z_51"
                 "Z_52"
                             "Z_54"
                                         "Z_55"
                                                    "Z_56"
                                                                "Z 59"
[145] "Z_6"
                 "Z_60"
                             "Z 61"
                                         "Z_62"
                                                     "Z_63"
                                                                "Z 65"
[151] "Z_66"
                 "Z_67"
                             "Z_68"
                                         "Z_69"
                                                    "Z_7"
                                                                "Z_70"
                             "Z_73"
[157] "Z_71"
                 "Z_72"
                                         "Z_74"
                                                    "Z_75"
                                                                "Z_76"
[163] "Z_77"
                 "Z_78"
                             "Z_79"
                                         "Z_8"
                                                    "Z_80"
```

#### 4.4. Remove controls in library 3

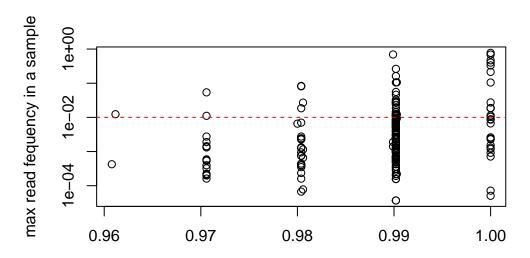
#### rownames (EUKA02.1ib3)

```
[1] "DNANC 1 R1"
                   "DNANC_2_R1"
                                  "DNANC_3_R1"
                                                "DNANC_4_R1"
                                                              "DNANC 5 R1"
[6] "DNANC_6_R1"
                   "DNANC_6_R2"
                                 "PCRNC_1_R1"
                                                "PCRNC_2_R1"
                                                              "PCRPOS 2 R1"
[11] "X_1_R1"
                   "X_32_R1"
                                 "X_40_R1"
                                                "X_43_R1"
                                                              "X_45_R1"
[16] "X_46_R1"
                   "X_47_R1"
                                 "X_48_R1"
                                                "X_49_R1"
                                                              "X_52_R1"
[21] "X_55_R1"
                   "X_58_R1"
                                 "X_5_R1"
                                                "X_62_R1"
                                                              "X_67_R1"
[26] "X_69_R1"
                   "X_6_R1"
                                 "X_71_R1"
                                                "X_72_R1"
                                                              "X_73_R1"
[31] "X_7_R1"
                   "X_8_R1"
                                 "Y_10_R1"
                                                "Y_12_R1"
                                                              "Y_15_R1"
[36] "Y_16_R1"
                                 "Y_19_R1"
                                                              "Y_22_R1"
                   "Y_17_R1"
                                                "Y_20_R1"
[41] "Y_27_R1"
                   "Y_35_R1"
                                 "Y_37_R1"
                                                "Y_54_R1"
                                                              "Y_55_R1"
[46] "Y_60_R1"
                   "Y_62_R1"
                                 "Y_63_R1"
                                                "Y_64_R1"
                                                              "Y_65_R1"
[51] "Y_66_R1"
                   "Y_67_R1"
                                 "Y_68_R1"
                                                "Y_73_R1"
                                                              "Z_26_R1"
[56] "Z_29_R1"
                   "Z_2_R1"
                                 "Z_41_R1"
                                                "Z_47_R1"
                                                              "Z_50_R1"
[61] "Z_57_R1"
                   "Z 58 R1"
                                 "Z 9 R1"
```

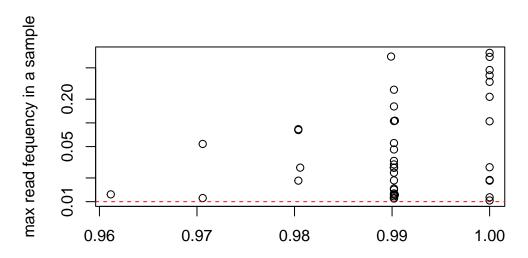
```
EUKA02.lib3.samples = EUKA02.lib3[-(1:10),]
rownames(EUKA02.lib3.samples@reads) = sub("_R.?$","",rownames(EUKA02.lib3.samples))
rownames(EUKA02.lib3.samples)
```

```
[1] "X_1" "X_32" "X_40" "X_43" "X_45" "X_46" "X_47" "X_48" "X_49" "X_52"
```

```
[11] "X_55" "X_58" "X_5" "X_62" "X_67" "X_69" "X_6" "X_71" "X_72" "X_73"
[21] "X_7" "X_8" "Y_10" "Y_12" "Y_15" "Y_16" "Y_17" "Y_19" "Y_20" "Y_22"
[31] "Y_27" "Y_35" "Y_37" "Y_54" "Y_55" "Y_60" "Y_62" "Y_63" "Y_64" "Y_65"
[41] "Y_66" "Y_67" "Y_68" "Y_73" "Z_26" "Z_29" "Z_2" "Z_41" "Z_47" "Z_50"
[51] "Z_57" "Z_58" "Z_9"
4.4.1. Merge library 1, 2 and 3
  EUKA02.lib123.reads = rbind(EUKA02.merged@reads,
                               decostand(EUKA02.lib3.samples@reads,method = "total"))
  common = intersect(names(EUKA02.merged@samples),
                     names(EUKA02.lib3.samples@samples))
  EUKA02.lib123.samples = rbind(EUKA02.merged@samples[,common],
                             EUKA02.lib3.samples@samples[,common])
  EUKA02.lib123 = metabarcoding.data(reads = decostand(EUKA02.lib123.reads,method = "total"),
                                  samples = EUKA02.lib123.samples,
                                  motus = EUKA02.merged@motus)
  dim(EUKA02.lib123)
[1] 220 215
  EUKA02.lib123@samples$animal_id = sapply(EUKA02.lib123@samples$sample_id,
                                                   function(x) strsplit(as.character(x),"_")[[1]][1])
4.4.2. Check for empty MOTUs
  zero = colSums(reads(EUKA02.lib123)) == 0
  table(zero)
zero
FALSE TRUE
 174
        41
  EUKA02.nozero = EUKA02.lib123[,!zero]
5. Filter out rare species
  plot(EUKA02.nozero@motus$`best_identity:db_EUKA`,
       apply(reads(EUKAO2.nozero),2,max),
       col=as.factor(EUKA02.nozero@motus$sequence_type),
       log="y",
       ylab="max read fequency in a sample",
       xlab="best identity with the reference database")
  abline(h=0.01,col="red",lty=2)
  abline(v=0.95,col="red",lty=2)
```



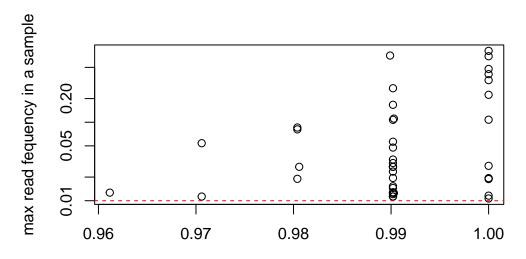
best identity with the reference database



best identity with the reference database

5.1. Keep only MOTUs Strictly identical to one of the reference sequence

5.1.1. First level stringency filter (95% identity)



best identity with the reference database

#### 5.1.2. High stringency filtering

```
spermatophyta.taxid <- ecofind(taxo,patterns = "^Spermatophyta$")
EUKA02.merged4@motus$is_spermatophyta <- is.subcladeof(taxo,EUKA02.merged4@motus$taxid,spermatophyta)</pre>
table(EUKA02.merged4@motus$is_spermatophyta)
```

```
FALSE TRUE 2 42
```

EUKAP1\_00050174

```
EUKA02.merged4@motus %>% filter(!is_spermatophyta)
```

<NA> 39934

```
id definition best_identity:db_EUKA
EUKAP2_00000018 EUKAP2_00000018
                                                         0.989899
EUKAP1_00050174 EUKAP1_00050174
                                                         1.000000
                best_match:db_EUKA count family
                                                  family_name genus genus_name
EUKAP2_0000018
                          AJ549807 296011
                                              NA
                                                          <NA>
                                                                  NA
                                                                           <NA>
EUKAP1_00050174
                          AF515608
                                      274
                                           39933 Lecanoraceae 39934
                                                                       Lecanora
                match_count:db_EUKA
                                        rank
                                               scientific_name species
EUKAP2_0000018
                                 13 subclass Lecanoromycetidae
EUKAP1_00050174
                                                                     NA
                                       genus
                                                       Lecanora
EUKAP2_00000018 ['Usnea florida', 'Pyxine farinosa', 'Cladia aggregata', 'Allocetraria madreporiformia
EUKAP1 00050174
                species_name taxid
EUKAP2_0000018
                        <NA> 388435
```

```
EUKAP1_00050174 ataacgaacgagaccttaacctgctaaatagccaggccagctccggcttggtcgccggcttcttagaggggactatcggctcaagccq
                sequence_type is_spermatophyta
EUKAP2_0000018
                                          FALSE
                        EUKA02
                                          FALSE
EUKAP1_00050174
                        EUKA02
  to_keep <- EUKAO2.merged4@motus$`best_identity:db_EUKA` > 0.95
  table(to_keep)
to keep
TRUE
  44
  EUKA02.merged4@motus %>% filter(!to_keep)
 [1] id
                            definition
                                                   best_identity:db_EUKA
 [4] best_match:db_EUKA
                                                   family
                            count
 [7] family_name
                            genus
                                                   genus_name
[10] match_count:db_EUKA
                            rank
                                                   scientific_name
                            species_list:db_EUKA species_name
[13] species
[16] taxid
                            sequence
                                                   sequence_type
[19] is_spermatophyta
<0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
  EUKA02.final <- EUKA02.merged4[,which(to_keep)]</pre>
  EUKA02.final@reads <- decostand(EUKA02.final@reads,method = "total")</pre>
6. Saving the filtered dataset
6.1. Updating the sample metadata
6.1.1. Adding samples metadata
  metadata <- read_csv("Data/Faeces/metadata.csv",</pre>
                         show_col_types = FALSE)
  EUKA02.final@samples %<>%
    select(sample_id,animal_id) %>%
    left_join(metadata,by = "sample_id") %>%
    mutate(id = sample_id) %>%
    column_to_rownames("id") %>%
    select(sample_id,animal_id,Sample_number,Date,Sample_time,times_from_birch, Fed_biomass)
6.1.2. Homogenize time from burch
 Adds: -6 hours to animal X, -3 hours to animal Y, -4 hours to animal 2
  EUKA02.final@samples %<>%
    mutate(times_from_birch = times_from_birch +
              ifelse(animal_id == "X",6,
            ifelse(animal_id == "Y",3,4)))
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EUKA02.final@samples %<>%
    mutate(Animal_id = ifelse(animal_id == "X", "9/10",
           ifelse(animal_id == "Y","10/10","12/10")))
6.1.3. Adds pellets consumption data
  pellets <- read_tsv("Data/pellet_weigth.txt", show_col_types = FALSE) %>%
             mutate(Date = str_replace(Date,"2018","18")) %>%
             separate(Date, c("d", "m", "y"), sep = "/") %>%
             mutate(d = as.integer(d)+1,
                    m = as.integer(m),
                    m = ifelse(d==32,m+1,m),
                     d = ifelse(d==32,1,d),
                     d = sprintf("%02d",d),
                     m = sprintf("%02d",m)) %>%
             unite(col="Date",d,m,y,sep="/") %>%
             pivot_longer(-Date,names_to = "Animal_id",values_to = "pellets")
  EUKA02.final@samples %<>%
     left_join(pellets)
Joining with `by = join_by(Date, Animal_id)`
6.2. Add MOTUs Metadata
  EUKA02.final@motus %<>%
    mutate(category = ifelse(is.subcladeof(taxo,taxid,spermatophyta.taxid),
                              "Plant",
                              "Lichen"))
6.3. Only keep samples
  EUKA02.final <- EUKA02.final[which(str_detect(EUKA02.final@samples$sample_id,"^[XYZ]")),]</pre>
6.4. Updating count statistics
  EUKA02.final %<>%
    update_motus_count() %>%
    update_samples_count() %>%
    clean_empty()
6.5. Write CSV files
  write_csv(EUKA02.final@samples,
            file = "Data/Faeces/FE.Eukaryota.samples.csv")
  write_csv(EUKA02.final@motus,
            file = "Data/Faeces/FE.Eukaryota.samples.motus.csv")
  write_csv(EUKA02.final@reads %>%
              decostand(method = "total") %>%
              as.data.frame()%>%
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rownames_to_column("id"),
file = "Data/Faeces/FE.Eukaryota.samples.reads.csv")
```

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