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Study	Citation	Virome Quality Control Measures
Diet & the Gut Virome	Minot, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16S rRNA gene qPCR revealed reduction in bacterial DNA of at least 10,000X. • Alignment of shotgun sequences revealed 35X reduction in 16S rRNA gene alignments in virome compared to bacteria shotgun. • Electron microscopy and nucleic acid stain techniques visually confirmed lack of bacteria in virome samples.
Skin Virome	Hannigan, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant reduction in reads mapping to 16S rRNA gene sequence, compared to bacteria shotgun dataset. • Significant reduction in reads mapping to human genome, compared to bacteria shotgun dataset. • Average viral relative abundance of 0.4% in bacterial shotgun dataset.
Twin Gut Virome	Reyes, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation that 2.5% of bacterial shotgun reads mapped to virome, and 76% of virome reads matched the shotgun 2.5%.