

# Microbiome Diet Study Participant Report MCTs18

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Thank you for participating in the Knights Lab's citizen science project. We are glad you were willing to take part in our Microbiome Diet Study!

Included in this report is information about your daily dietary intake and your daily microbiome variation. This report does not provide any medical advice and is not intended to be used to diagnose or treat disease. If you have any questions about your report, or you would like access to your raw data, please contact the study coordinator Abby Johnson at [cole0463@umn.edu](mailto:cole0463@umn.edu)

## Your Dietary Intake Data

This first table shows your average macronutrient intake as a percentage of calories and the typical macronutrient intake ranges for US adults:

Type	Your Macronutrient Intake Proportions	Typical Intake Range
CALORIES (kcal)	2338.84	
PROTEIN (%)	26.59%	10 - 35%
TOTAL FAT (%)	21.14%	20 - 35%
CARBS (%)	52.27%	45 - 65%

Please note, it is common for people who follow some diets, like the low carbohydrate diet, to have intake ranges that differ from the typical intake ranges. As long as your diet is nutritionally adequate (see next table), it's usually OK if your intake ranges are different.

This second table shows your average daily intake of key micronutrients from food. Also shown are the average intake levels for all of our study participants and the recommended dietary allowance levels by gender. If you take a vitamin and mineral supplement, your intake from that supplement is not reflected here. For your reference, included here are the overall average intake levels of micronutrients for the other participants in the study and the recommended intake levels for each gender:

Nutrient	Your Average	Study Average	Recommended Dietary Allowance(Male/Female)
FOLATE (mcg)	574.61	437.96	400
CHOLINE (mg)	514.09	366.66	550 / 425
CALCIUM (mg)	1116.63	1064.4	1000 *
SODIUM (mg)	4456.68	3465.41	1500 *
POTASSIUM (mg)	3232.93	2916.33	4700
MAGNESIUM (mg)	378	366.89	400 / 310 *
IRON (mg)	17.14	15.23	8 / 18 *
SELENIUM (mcg)	193.98	112.56	55
ZINC (mcg)	12.23	12.72	11 / 8 *
VITAMIN B12 (mcg)	8.75	4.99	2.4
VITAMIN A (mcg)	677.89	952.14	900 / 700
VITAMIN C (mg)	61.33	89.72	90 / 75
VITAMIN D (mcg)	16.43	5.44	15 *
VITAMIN E (mg)	15.42	10.81	15
VITAMIN K (ug)	174.99	227.23	120 / 90

Please note, values marked with asterisks are the recommended dietary allowance values for adults between 18 and 30 years old. These values are the daily intake level that is sufficient to meet the needs of 97-98% of the population. If you are older than 30, your recommended dietary allowance may be higher or lower than what's shown here. You can visit [https://ods.od.nih.gov/Health\\_Information/Dietary\\_Reference\\_Intakes.aspx](https://ods.od.nih.gov/Health_Information/Dietary_Reference_Intakes.aspx) for a comprehensive breakdown of dietary reference intakes by age and gender.

If your intake of a vitamin or mineral falls below the recommended level for your gender you should consider increasing your intake of foods that contain are a good source of that vitamin or mineral. For example, the study average intake of vitamin D falls below the recommended level of 15 mcg. So many of the participants in our study could benefit by eating more vitamin D containing foods like fatty fish (such as salmon, tuna, and mackerel), fortified milk products, beef liver, egg yolks, and some mushrooms.

**Figure 1:**

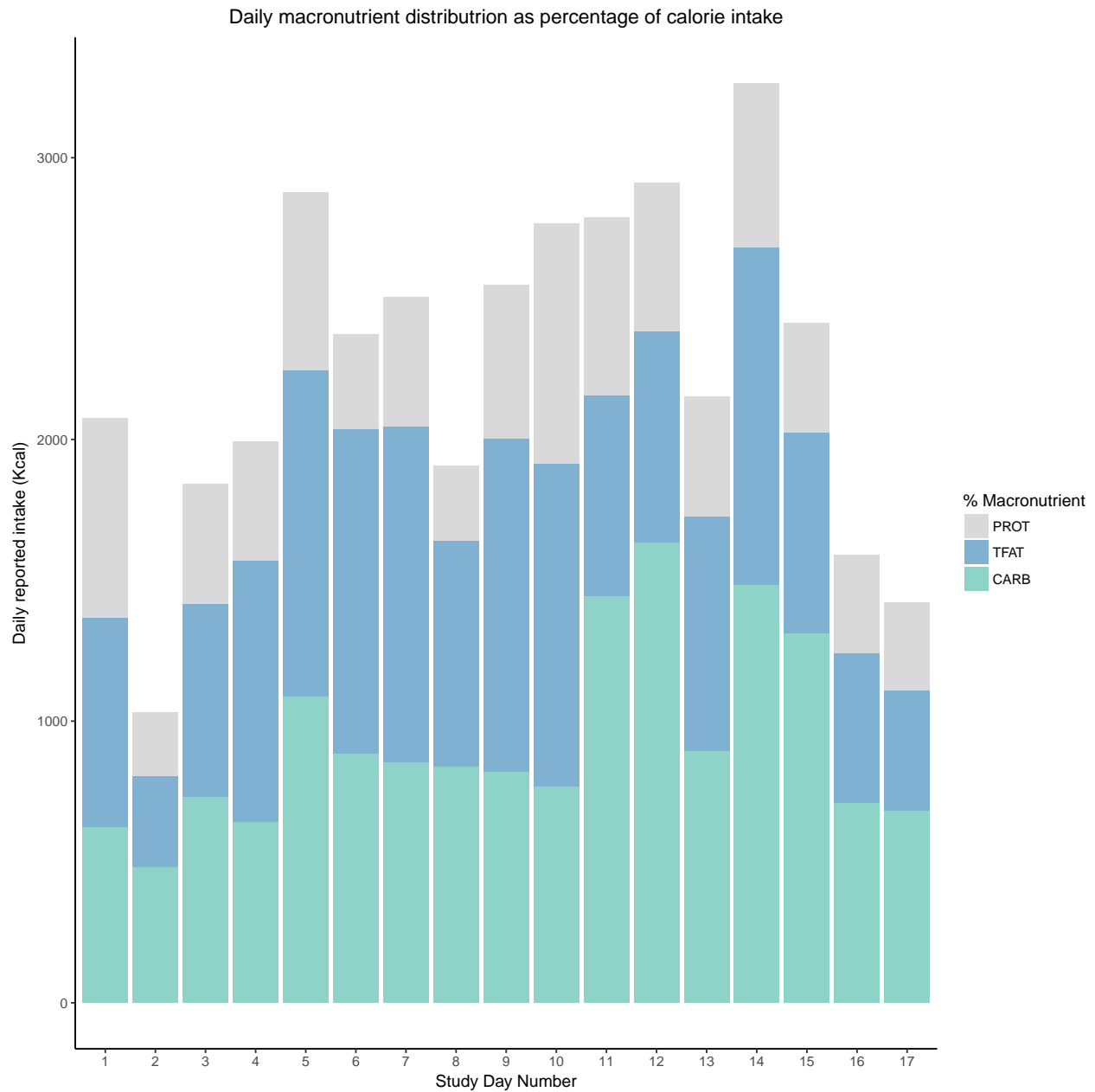


Figure 1 shows the day to day variation in your consumption of macronutrients viewed as a percentage of total kilocalorie intake. Protein intakes are abbreviated as “PROT”, Carbohydrate intakes are abbreviated as “CARB”, and Total Fat intakes are abbreviated as “TFAT” in the figure legend.

**Figure 2:**

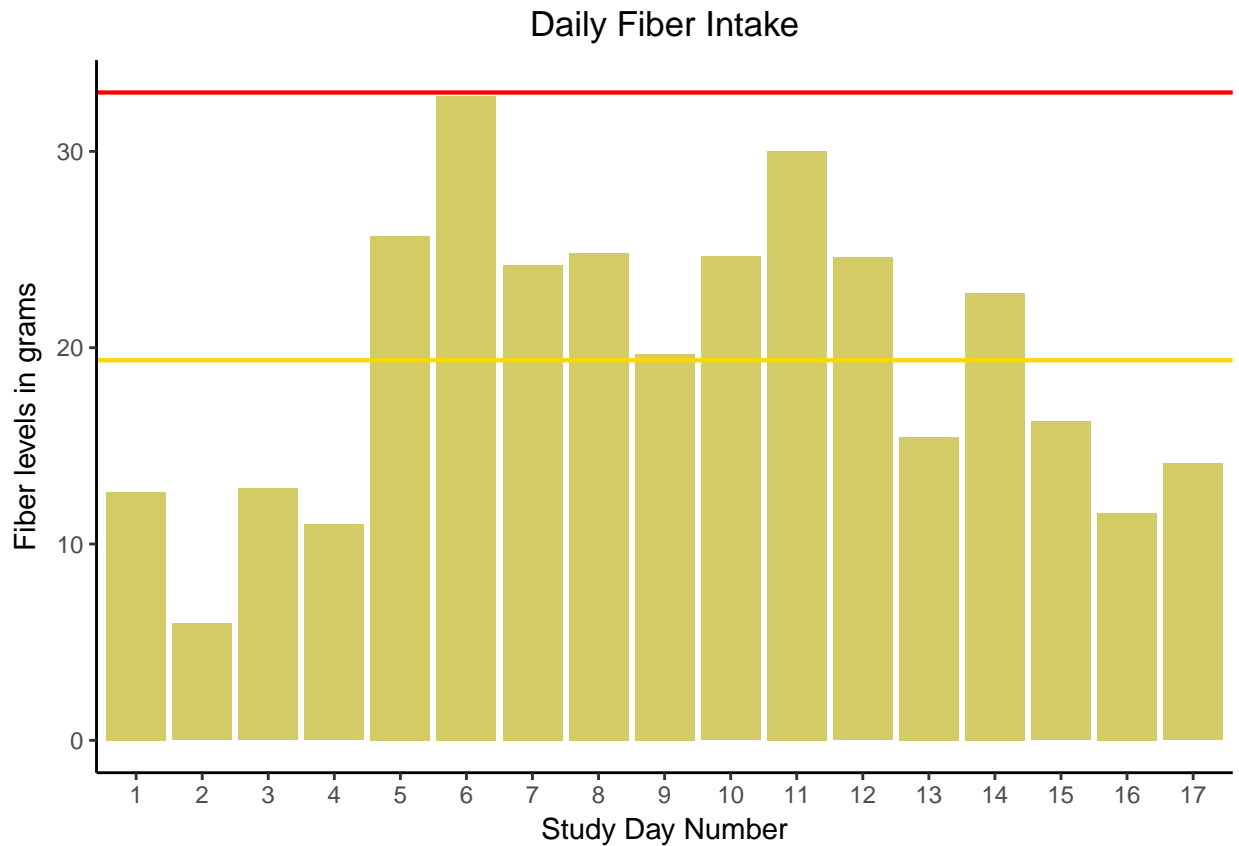


Figure 2 shows your fiber intake each day throughout the study. You had an average fiber consumption of 19.36 grams per day. The red line in this plot shows the recommended level of fiber consumption in grams, while the gold line shows your average daily fiber intake. The current recommendation for fiber intake is to consume 14g per 1000kcal. We have calculated your fiber needs from your average reported calorie intake throughout the study.

Fiber is an important energy source for the bacteria that live within your microbiome. Meeting the recommended intake of fiber may help to support a healthy microbiome. If your average fiber intake falls below the recommended intake level, you should consider increasing your intake of fiber by eating more fibrous vegetables and increasing your intake of whole grains.

**Figure 3:**

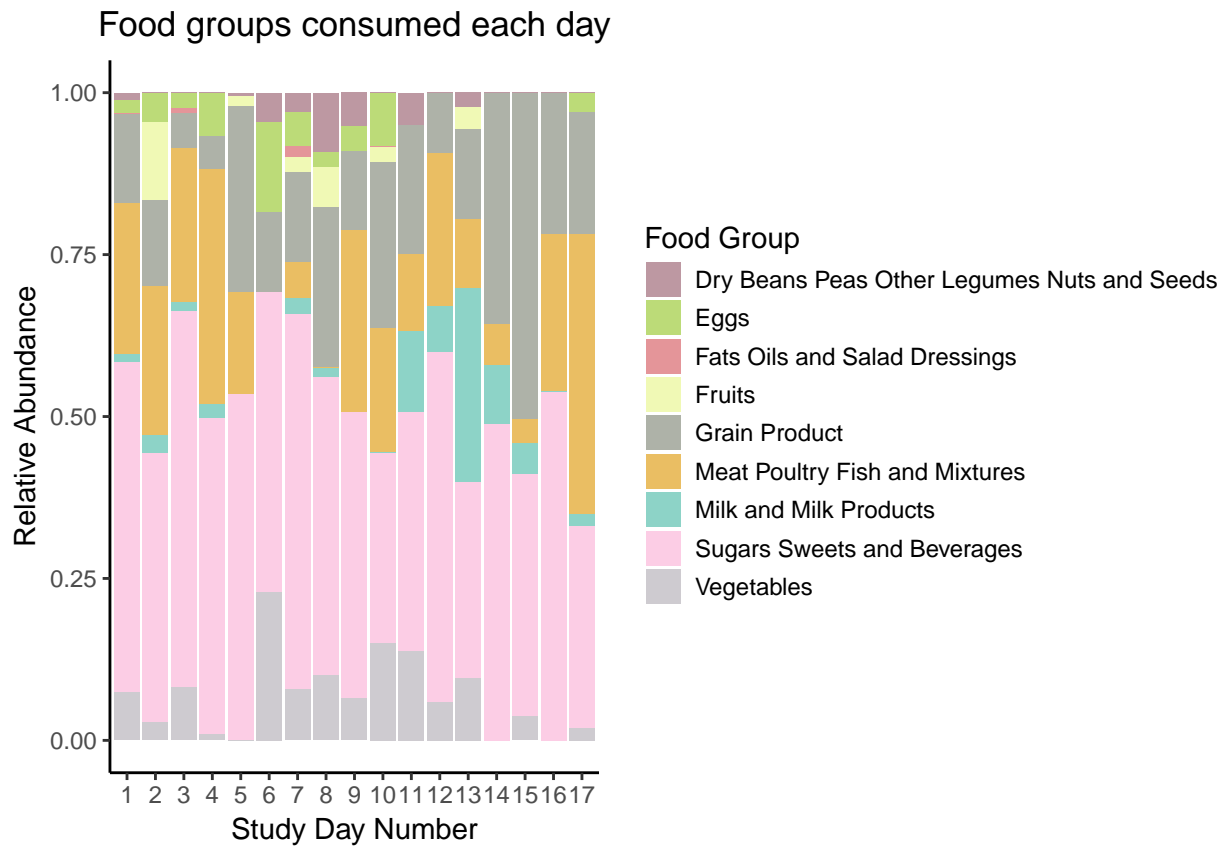


Figure 3 shows the relative abundance of the major food groups you consumed on a day to day basis during the study, excluding water. Each color is representative of a unique food group as annotated on the figure legend. Please note that these food groups are displayed by their weight, so the plot tends to over-represent the contribution of liquid foods and foods with high water content to your diet. You may notice that the largest food component each day is called “Sugars, sweets and beverages”. For most participants in this study, the size of that bar is driven by intake of coffee and tea, not sugar and candy.

## Your Microbiome Composition Data

The next series of plots show information about the composition of your microbiome.

We sequenced the DNA of the microbes that live within your gut from the daily stool samples you provided. We used a type of sequencing called Shallow-shotgun sequencing coupled with programs developed in the Knights's lab to identify the species of bacteria that live inside you.

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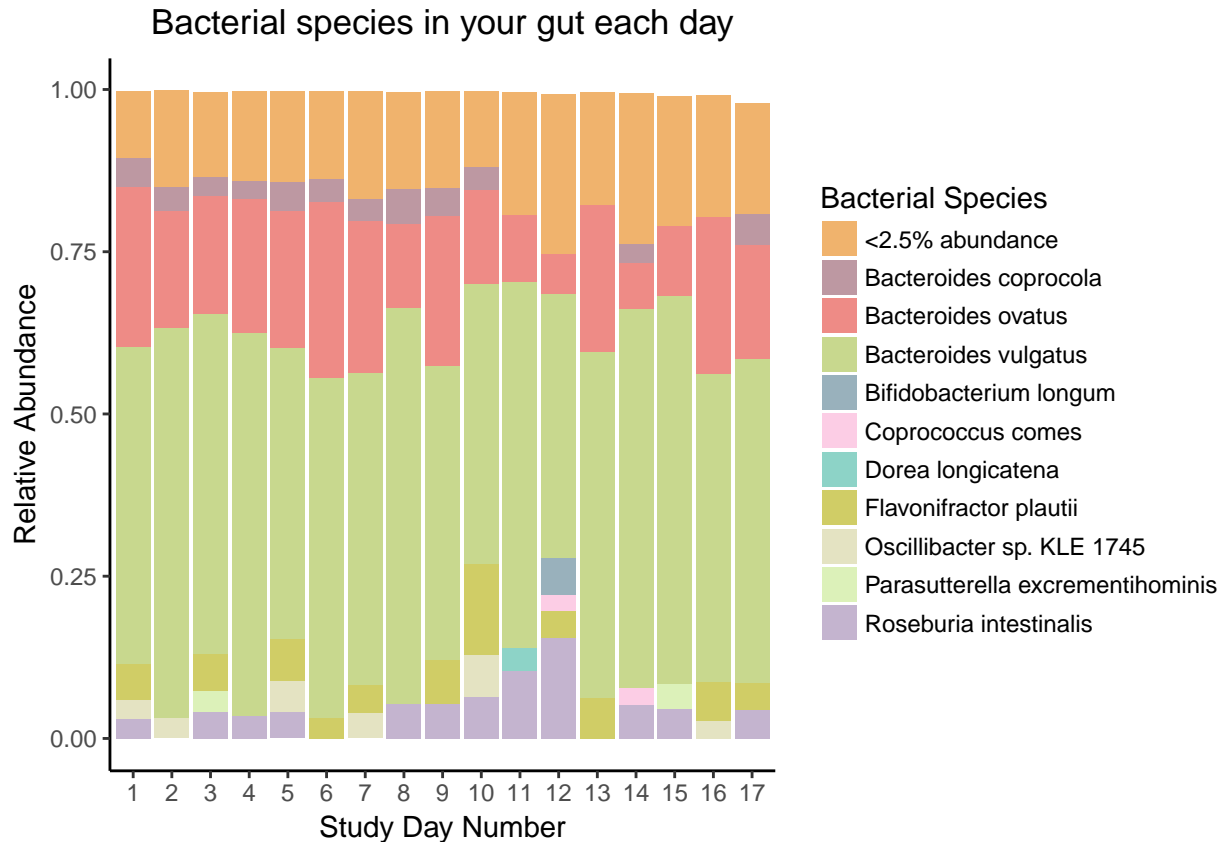


Figure 4 shows the most abundant bacterial species within your gut per each day of the study. The "<2.5% abundance" column represents a sum of bacterial species that individually account for less than 2.5% of the bacterial population within your gut microbiome. If you don't have data for 1 day it's either because you did not submit a sample for that day, your sample wasn't able to be sequenced, or we did not get enough sequence data from your sample to reliably use it for data analysis.

**Figure 5:**

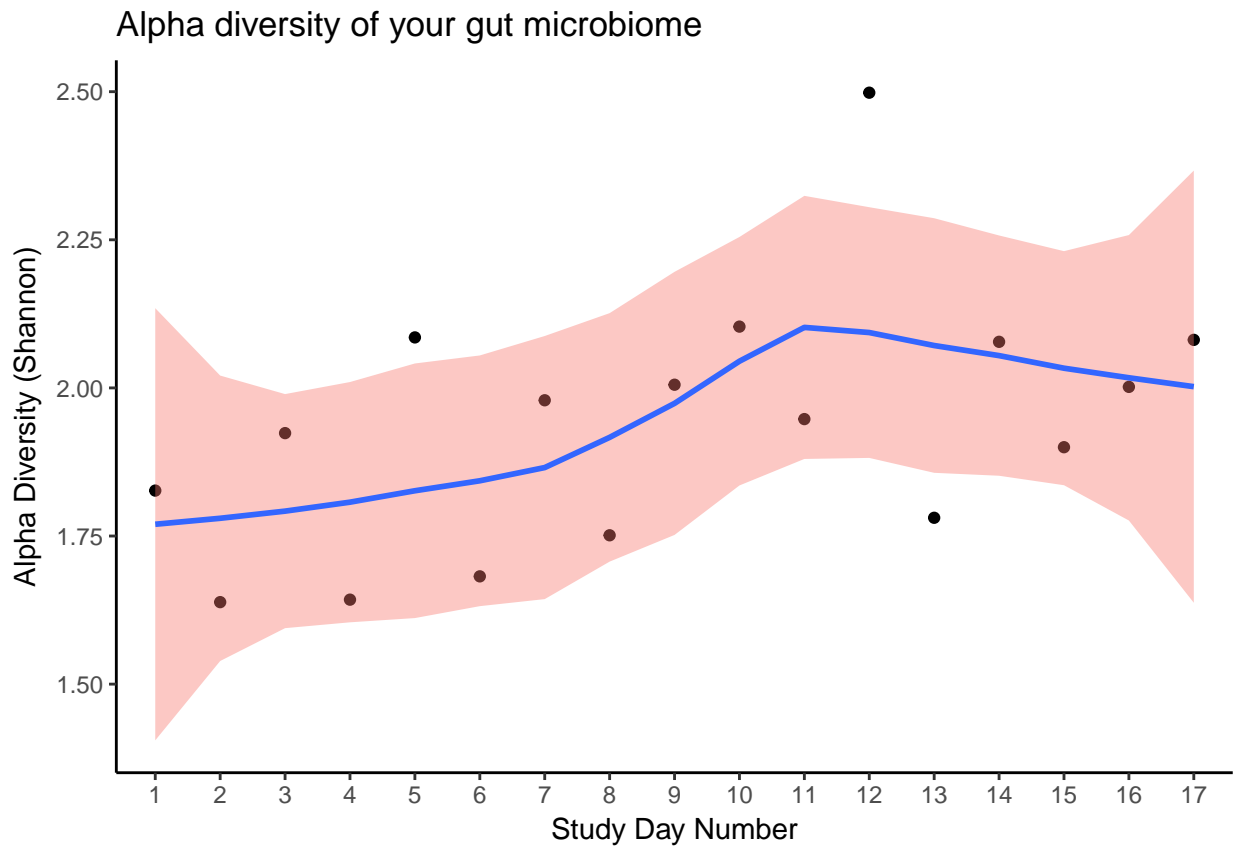


Figure 5 shows how the bacterial diversity exhibited within your gut changes on a daily basis. The measure of diversity shown here is called the Shannon index of alpha diversity. The Shannon index accounts for both the abundance and evenness of bacterial species present within the gut microbiome. A higher Shannon index typically indicates a more diverse microbiome community.

**Figure 6:**

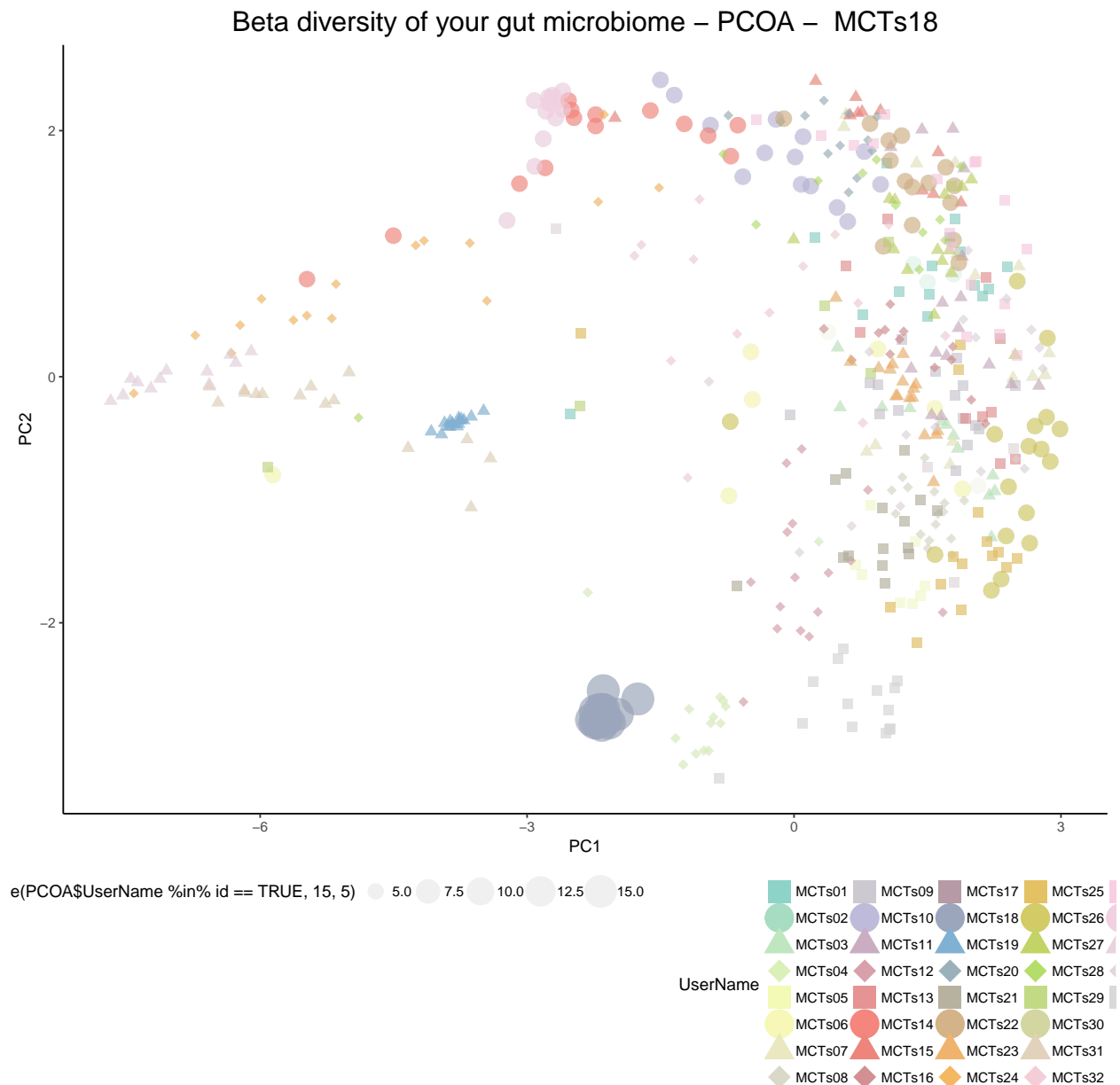


Figure 6 is a PCoA plot. A PCoA plot summarizes variability within a given dataset by producing a set of uncorrelated axes. Essentially, the PCoA plot can be utilized to interpret similarity of data points – data points closer to one another are more similar to one another, while points further away from each other are more dissimilar. Each data point in this plot represents a unique sample collected by a study participant. Samples from the same study participant are the same color and shape. The shape corresponding to your subject ID, MCTs18, represents data points pertaining to your gut microbiome and has been enlarged to help you find yourself on this plot in comparison to the other study participants. When viewing this plot, keep in mind that it is a 2-dimensional representation of a 3-dimensional plot. So if your points look like they are all in the same place, they might actually extend into or out of the page!