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Distangling contaminants from true intratumoural microbial signals in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma – A benchmarking approach

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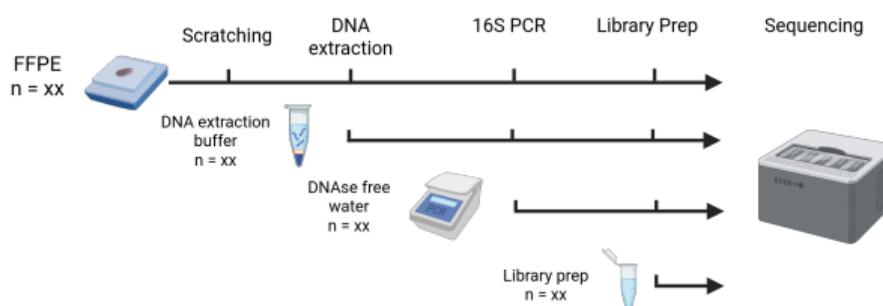
Cubersome!!

- Low bio-mass samples, prone to contamination.

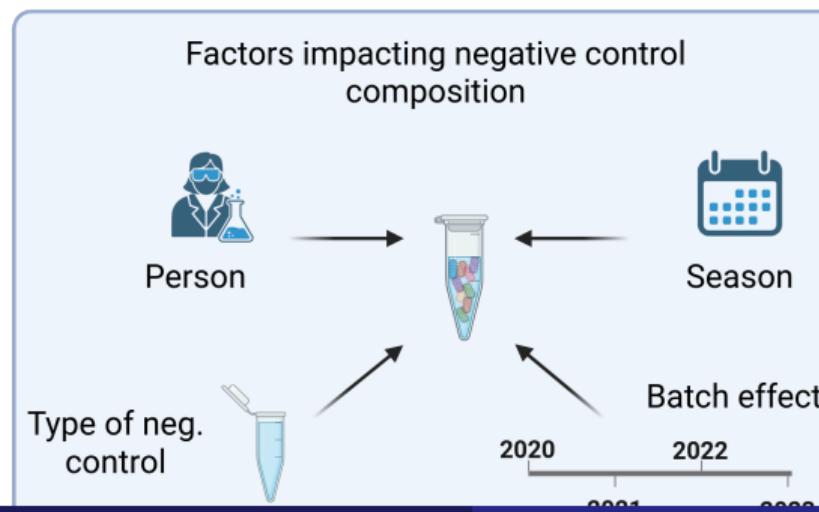
Section 1

Negative Control Survey in the Lab

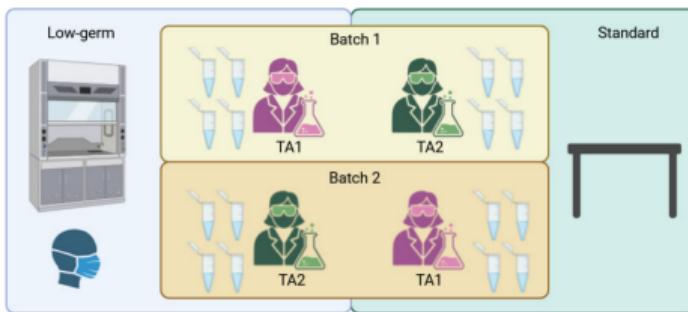
Negative Sample Collection



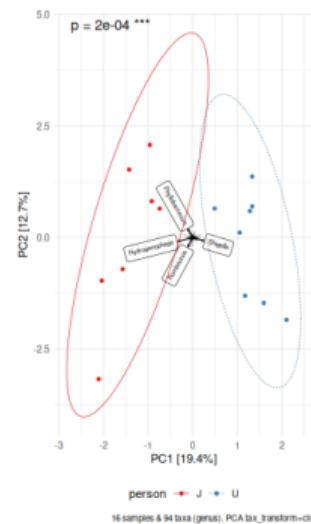
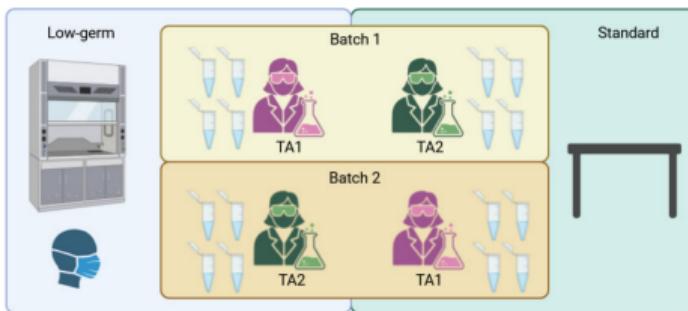
- In total 203 negative control samples over 4 years
 - 113 buffer controls,
 - 84 paraffin controls,
 - 6 PCR control.



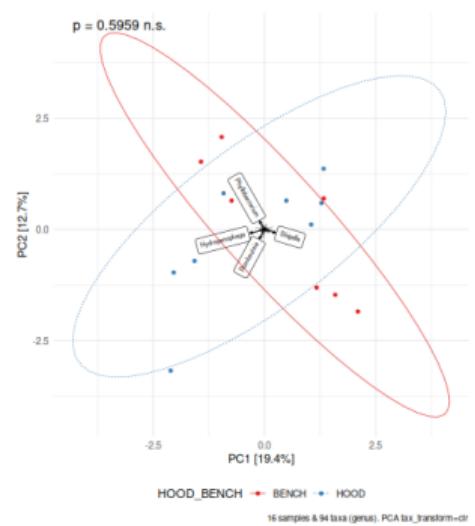
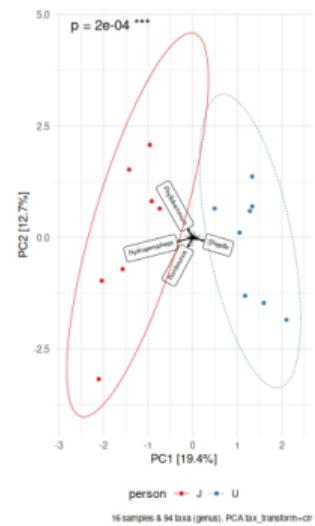
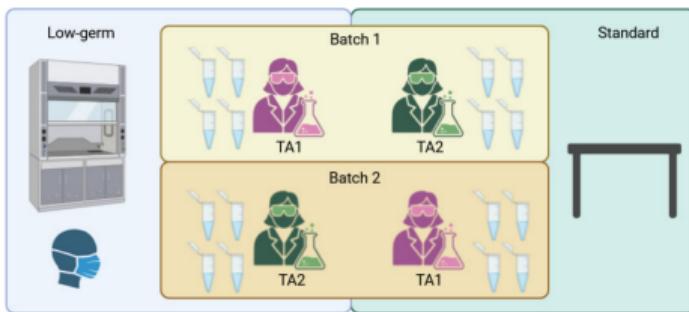
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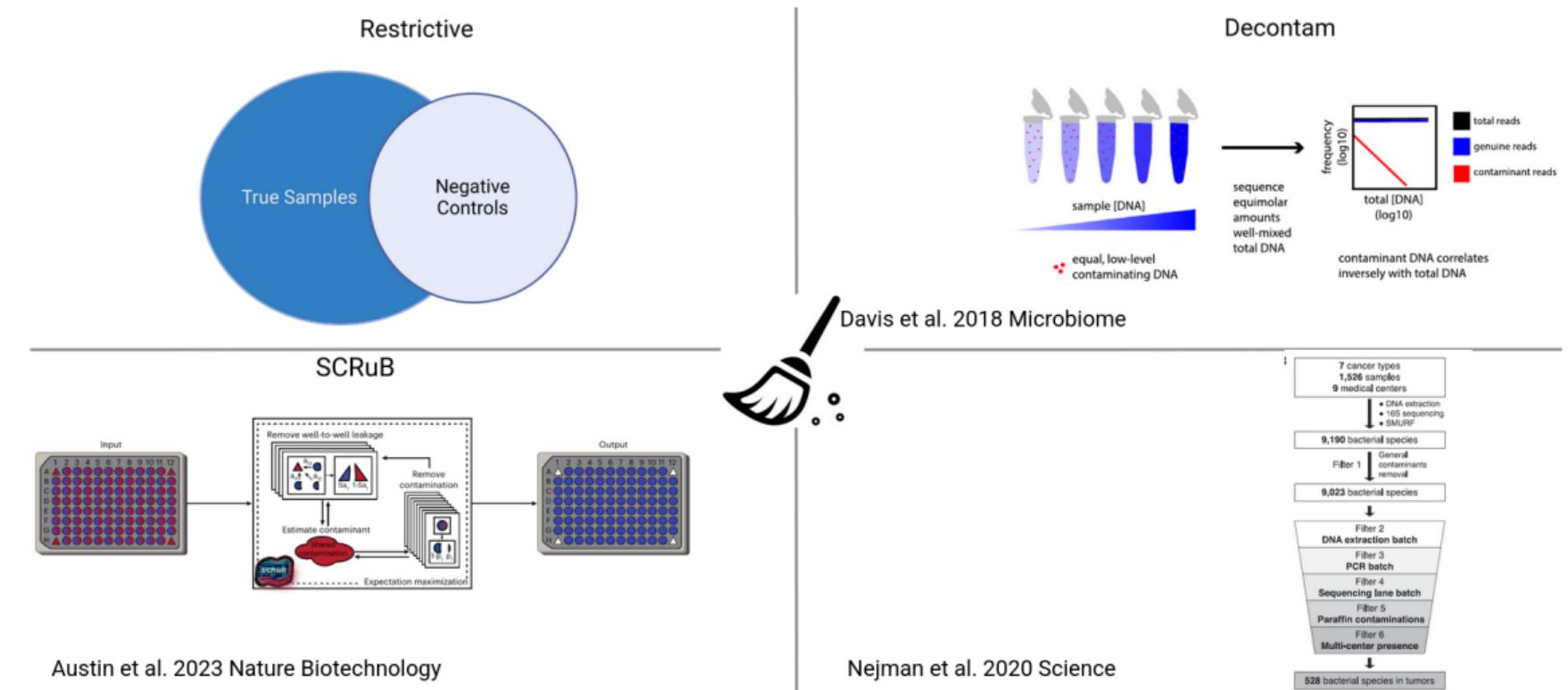
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Section 2

Assessment of Decontamination Methods and Intratumor Microbiome
in PDAC

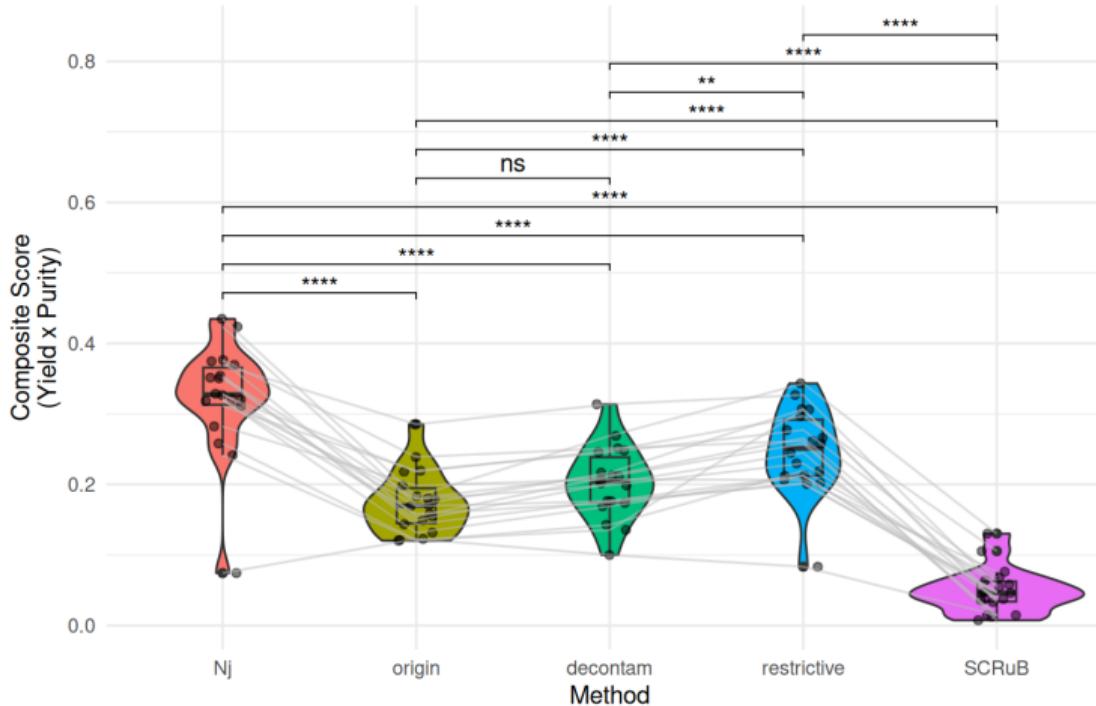
Decontamination Strategies



Assessment of Decontamination Approach

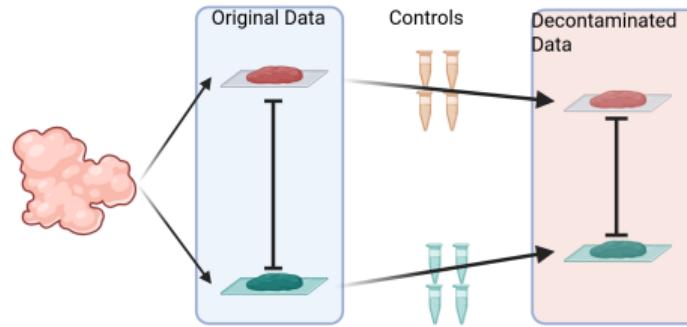
Comparison of Decontamination Methods - LMM

Metric: Penalized Clean Yield (Higher is Better)



Involving Technical Replica

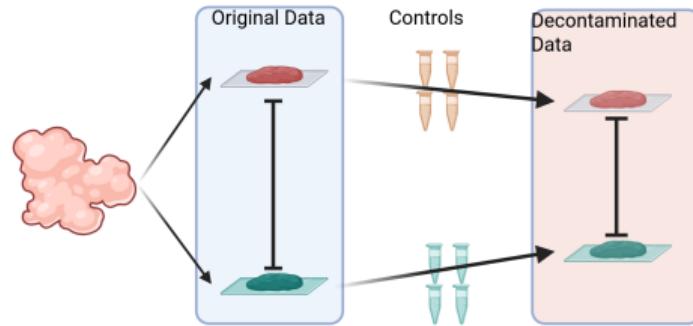
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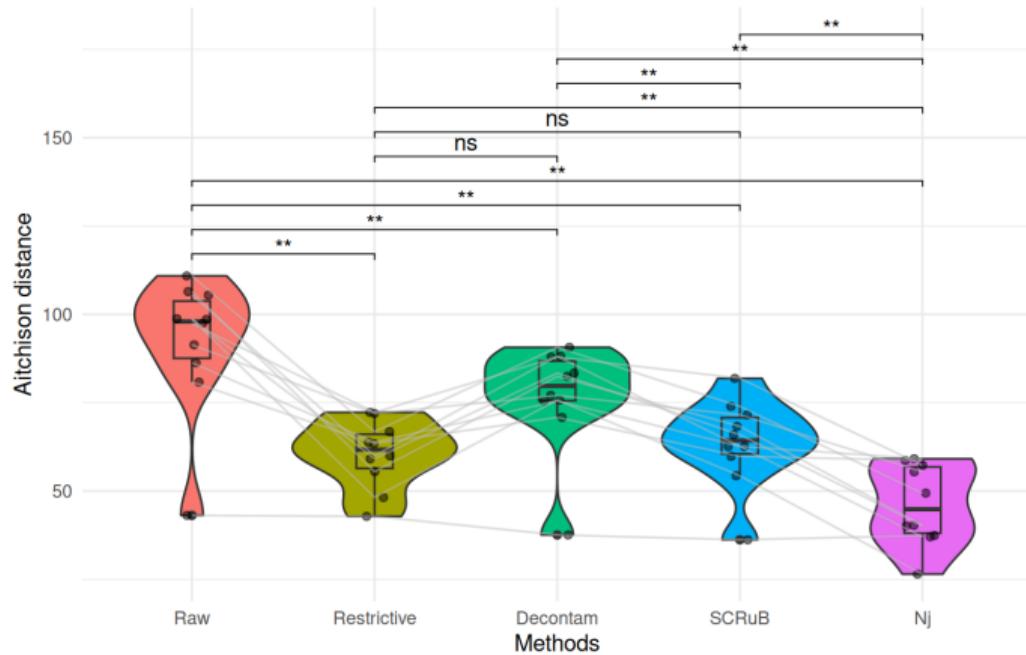
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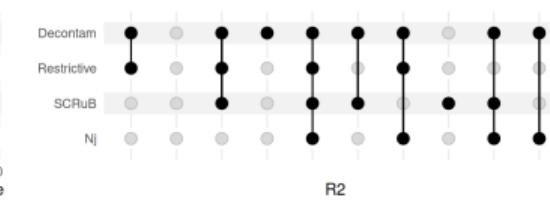
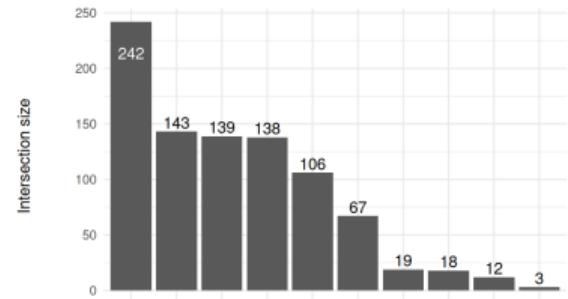
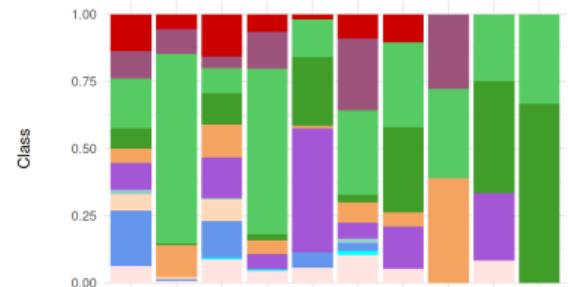
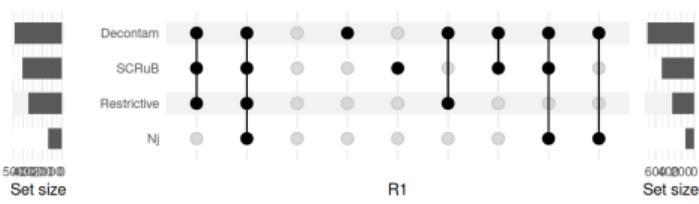
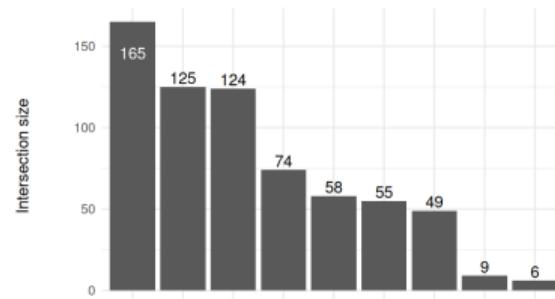
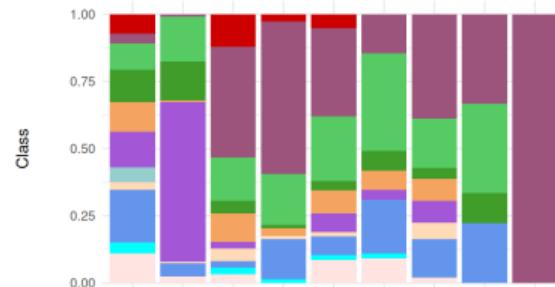
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Paired Wilcox test

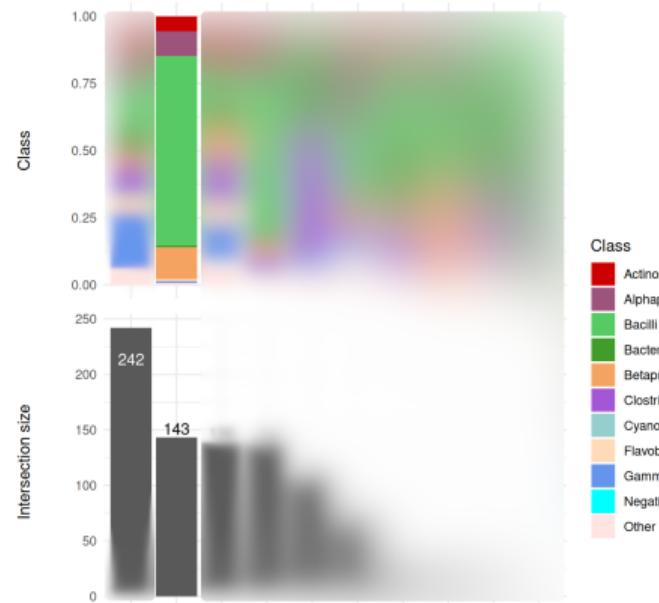
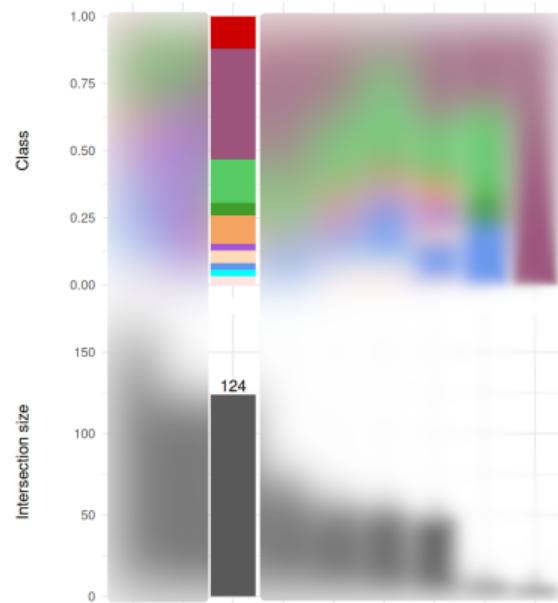
The lower the better



Overlap - Microbial profile of Mice-model PDAC

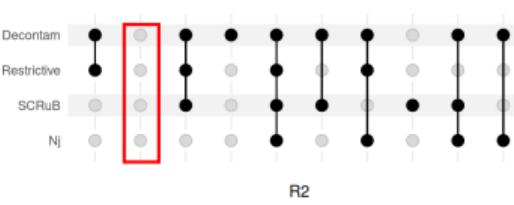
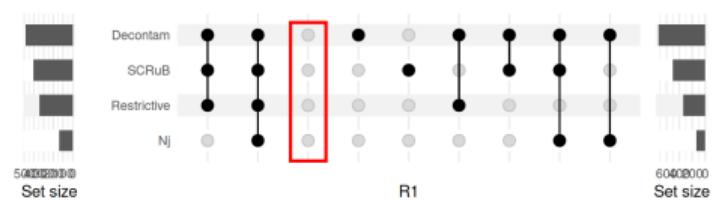


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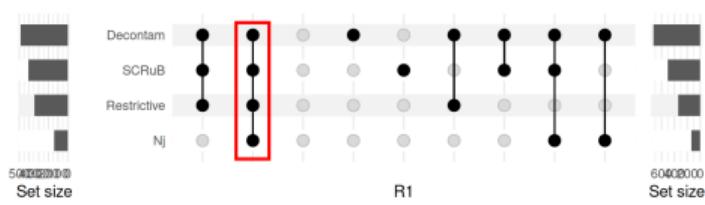
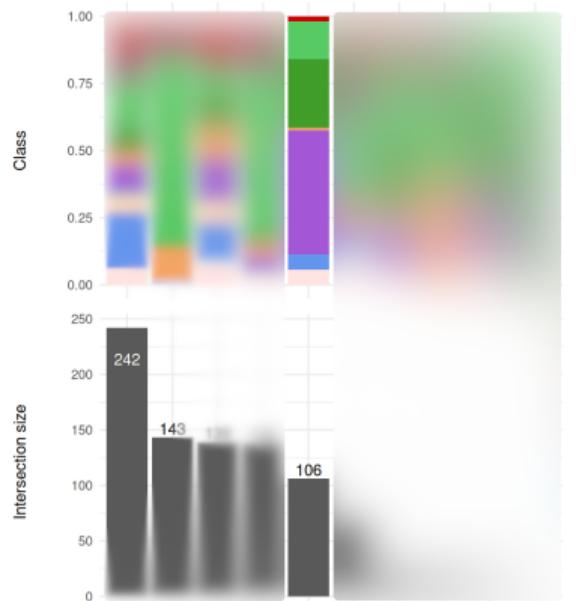
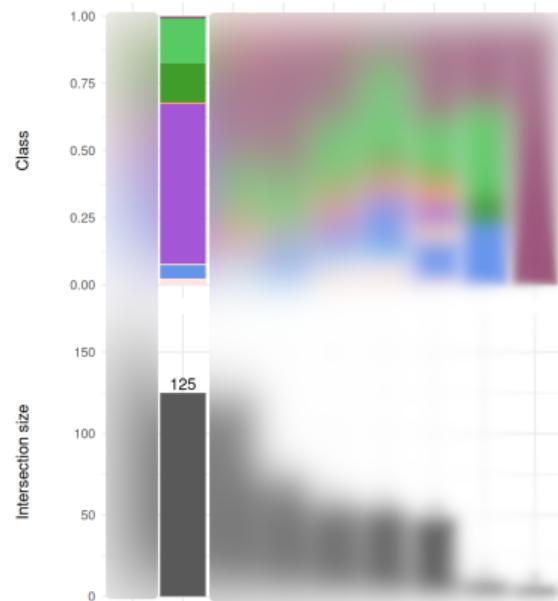


Class

- Actinomycetes
- Alphaproteobacteria
- Bacilli
- Bacteroidia
- Betaproteobacteria
- Clostridia
- Cyanophyceae
- Flavobacteriia
- Gammaproteobacteria
- Negativicutes
- Other



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Intratumor microbiome in PDAC

- Technical replica and various decontamination methods with proper negative controls could yield a reliable set of intratumor microbiota.
- Most of identified taxa are well-known gut microbiota.

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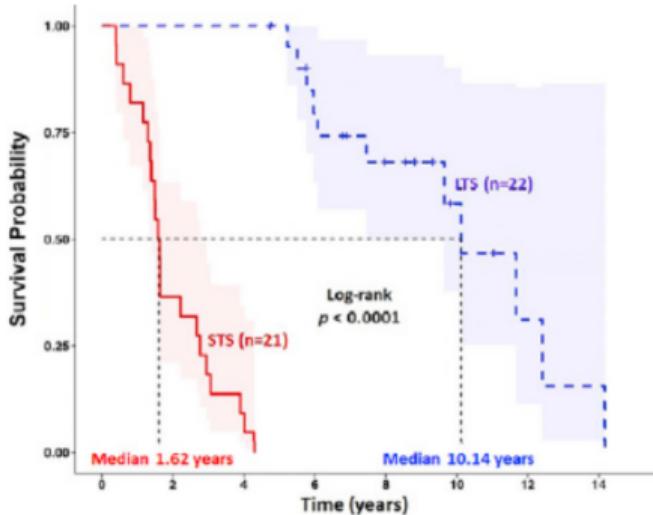
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Backup Slides

Contamination in Microbiome Study

Cell

Tumor Microbiome Diversity and Composition Influence Pancreatic Cancer Outcomes



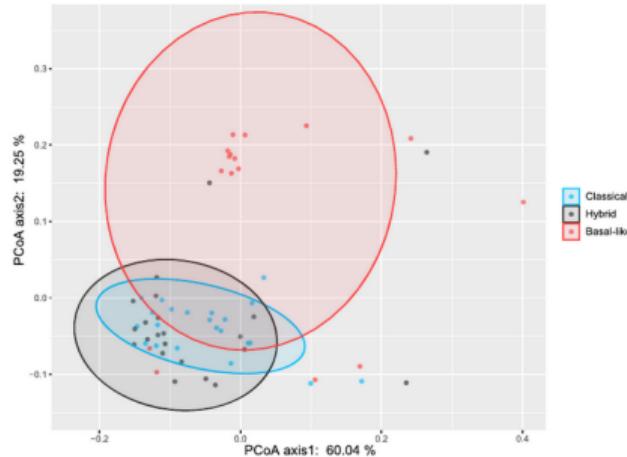
Riquelme et al. Cell 2019

Key taxa: Streptomyces, Pseudoxanthomonas, Saccharopolyspora

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Tumor microbiome contributes to an aggressive phenotype in the basal-like subtype of pancreatic cancer

Wei Guo, Yuchao Zhang, Shiwei Guo, Zi Mei, Huiping Liao, Hang Dong, Kai Wu, Haocheng Ye, Yuhang Zhang, Yufei Zhu, Jingyu Lang, Landian Hu, Gang Jin & Xiangyin Kong



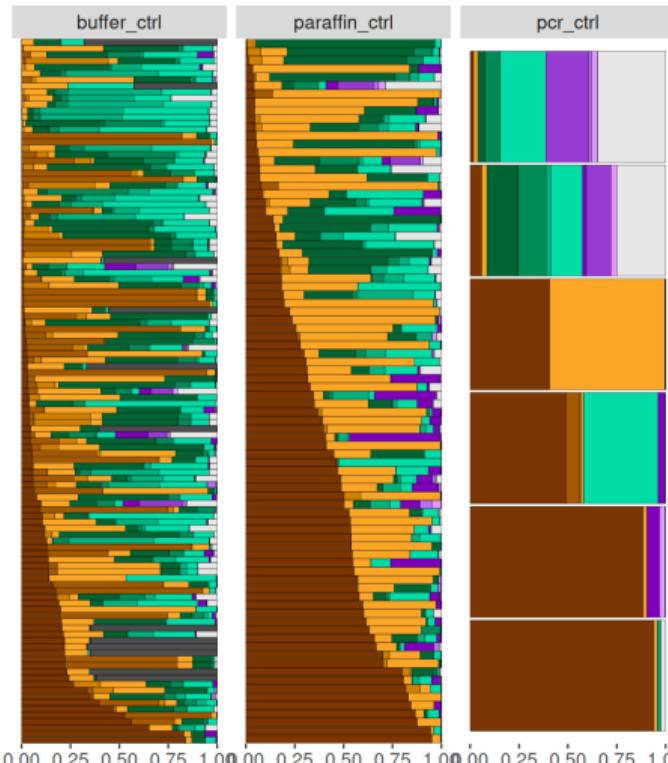
Guo Communication biology 2021

Key taxa: Acinetobacter, Pseudomonas, Sphingopyxis

Bacterial Composition

Composition of NCT Samples

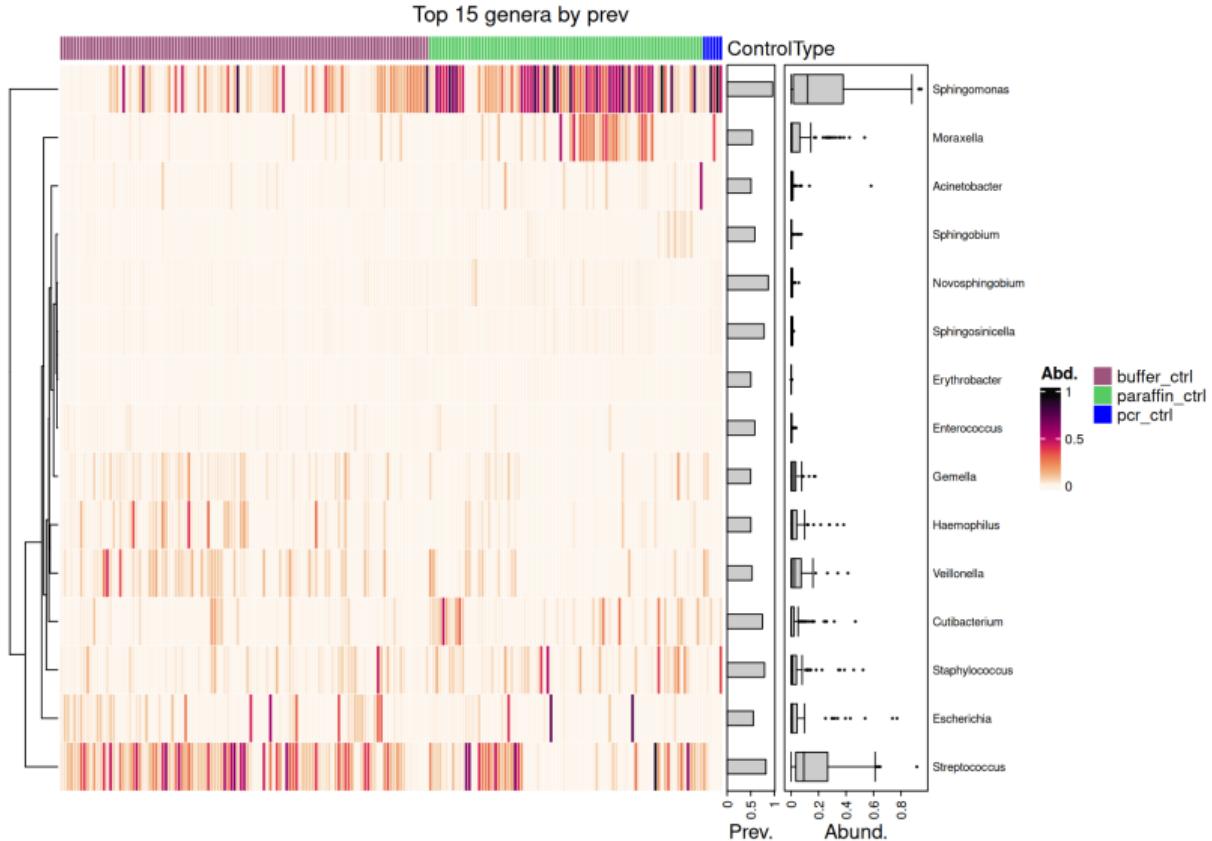
Order by sum



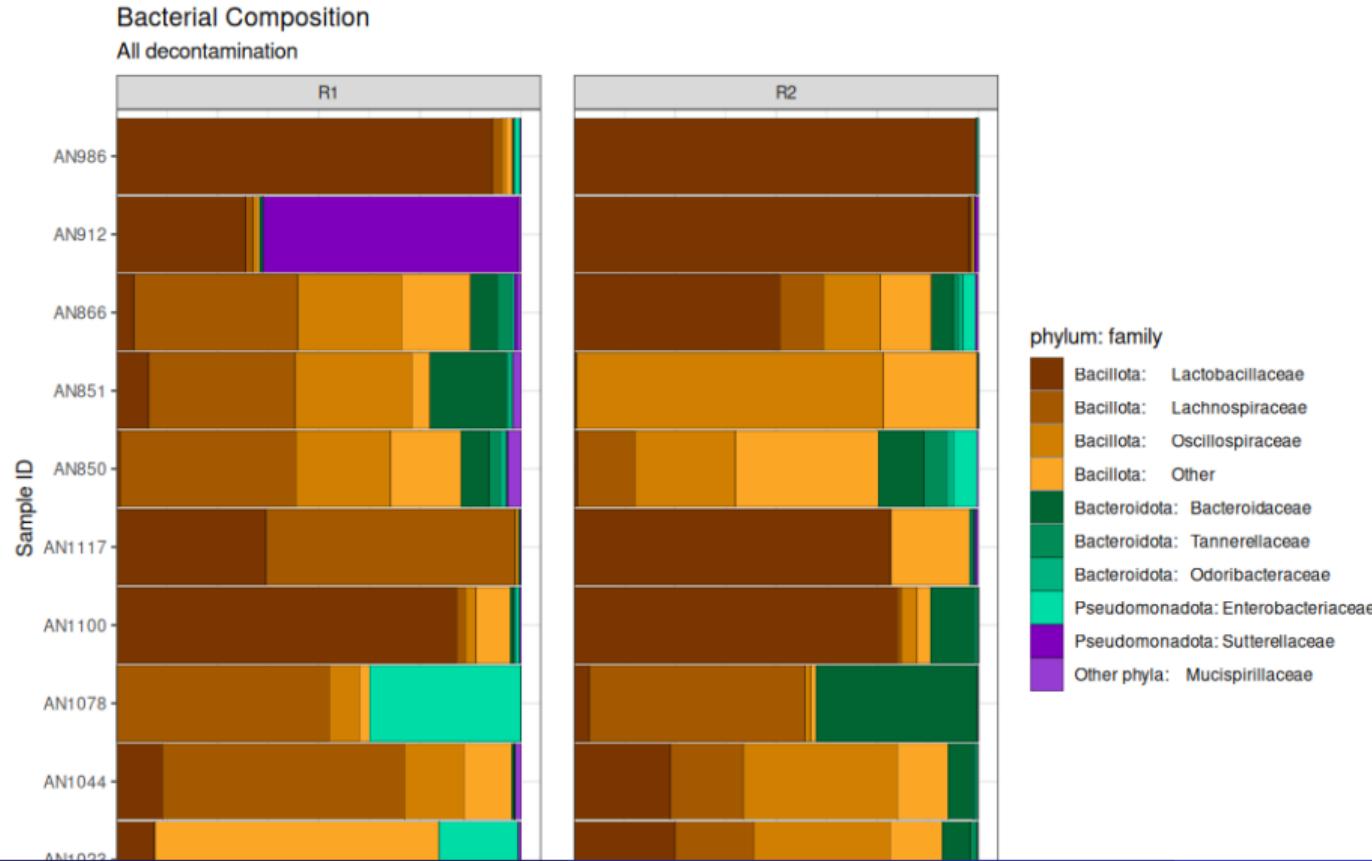
phylum: family

- Pseudomonadota: Sphingomonadaceae
- Pseudomonadota: Burkholderiaceae
- Pseudomonadota: Pasteurellaceae
- Pseudomonadota: Other
- Bacillota: Streptococcaceae
- Bacillota: Veillonellaceae
- Bacillota: Peptoniphilaceae
- Bacillota: Other
- Actinomycetota: Propionibacteriaceae
- Actinomycetota: Actinomycetaceae
- Actinomycetota: Micrococcaceae
- Actinomycetota: Other
- Other phyla: Bacteria_unclassified_superkingdom
- Other phyla: Candidatus Babeliaceae
- Other phyla: Deltaproteobacteria_unclassified_class
- Other phyla: Other

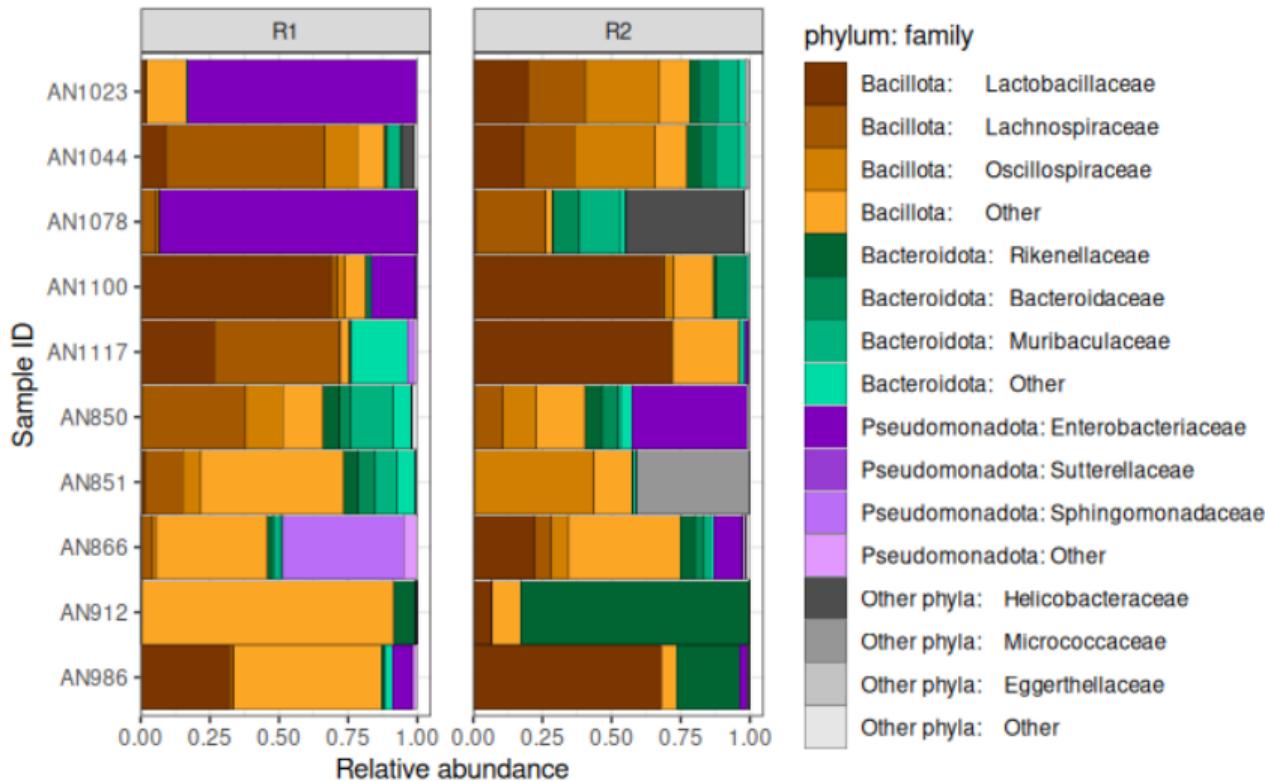
Heatmap from Negative Controls



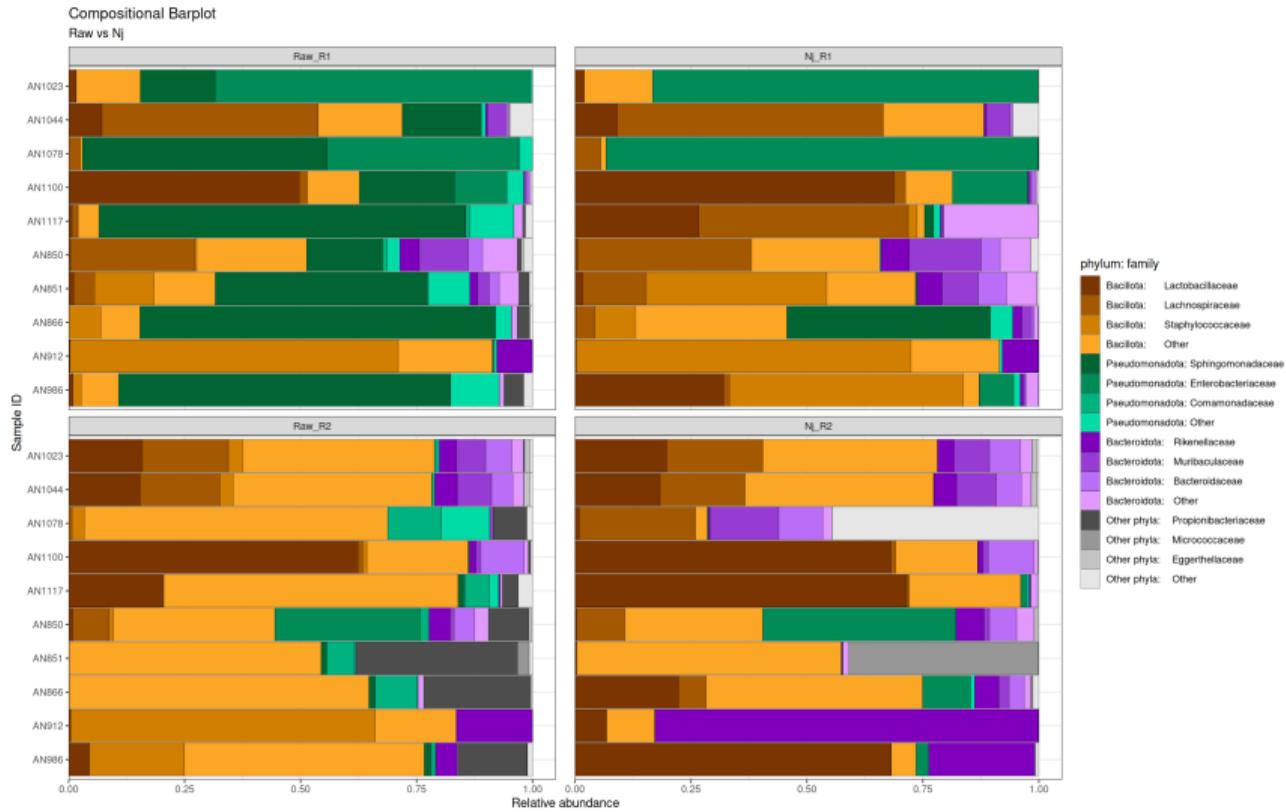
Core microbiome - All decontamination method - phylum: family



Core microbiome after Nj approach



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Assessment of Decontamination Approach

- **Yield:**
$$\frac{\# \text{ putative true taxa} \notin \text{NCT}}{\# \text{observed species}}$$
- **Purity:**
$$\frac{\# \text{ putative true taxa} \notin \text{NCT}}{\# \text{putative contaminants}}$$
- **Composite Score =**
$$\text{Yield} \times \text{Purity}$$

