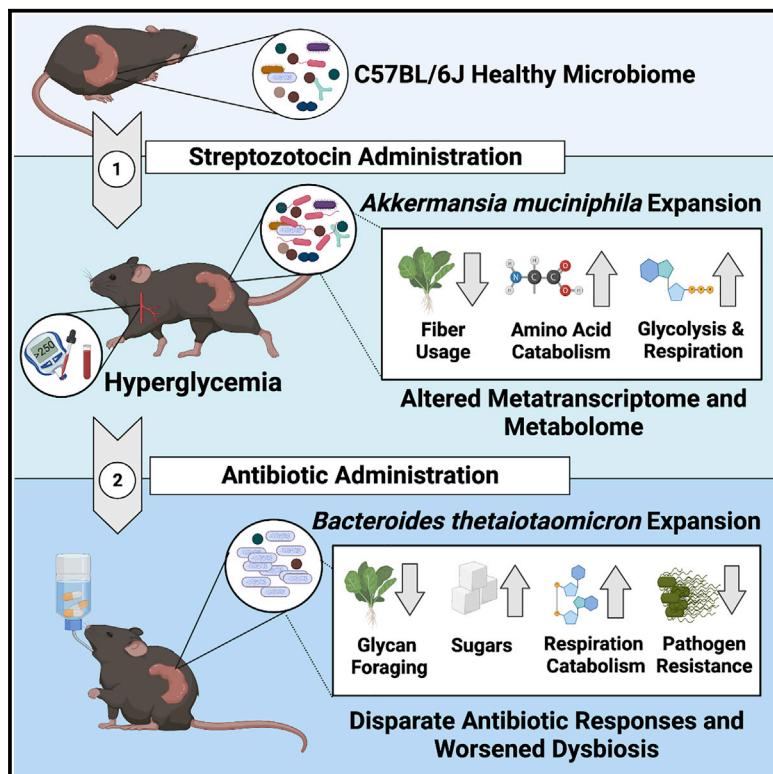


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Graphical abstract



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In brief

Wurster et al. find that streptozotocin-induced hyperglycemia significantly changes the metabolome and transcriptional behavior of the cecal microbiome. These changes potentially exacerbate amoxicillin-induced dysbiosis and decrease colonization resistance against *Salmonella enterica*. Together these data suggest that modifications to host metabolism may perturb microbiome metabolism and potentiate antibiotic susceptibility.

Highlights

- The cecal metatranscriptome and metabolome are altered in hyperglycemic mice
- The hyperglycemic microbiota has more simple sugars and shows higher respiratory activity
- Hyperglycemia-related changes are associated with worsened antibiotic dysbiosis
- Amoxicillin promotes *Salmonella* susceptibility in hyperglycemic mice



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SUMMARY

It is well established in the microbiome field that antibiotic (ATB) use and metabolic disease both impact the structure and function of the gut microbiome. But how host and microbial metabolism interacts with ATB susceptibility to affect the resulting dysbiosis remains poorly understood. In a streptozotocin-induced model of hyperglycemia (HG), we use a combined metagenomic, metatranscriptomic, and metabolomic approach to profile changes in microbiome taxonomic composition, transcriptional activity, and metabolite abundance both pre- and post-ATB challenge. We find that HG impacts both microbiome structure and metabolism, ultimately increasing susceptibility to amoxicillin. HG exacerbates drug-induced dysbiosis and increases both phosphotransferase system activity and energy catabolism compared to controls. Finally, HG and ATB co-treatment increases pathogen susceptibility and reduces survival in a *Salmonella enterica* infection model. Our data demonstrate that induced HG is sufficient to modify the cecal metabolite pool, worsen the severity of ATB dysbiosis, and decrease colonization resistance.

INTRODUCTION

Exposure to antibiotics (ATB) is one of the most significant known microbiome perturbations. Drug-induced dysbiosis occurs within hours of treatment, and is characterized by loss of total bacterial load, taxonomic diversity, and significant transcriptional changes (Cabral et al., 2019, 2020; Dethlefsen and Relman, 2011). This alters the intestinal metabolome, placing the host at higher risk for opportunistic infection (Bäumler and Sperandio, 2016; Buffie et al., 2012; Chang et al., 2008; Croswell et al., 2009; Kaiko and Stappenbeck, 2014; Rivera-Chávez et al., 2016; Theriot et al., 2016; Theriot and Young, 2015). Given the severity of ATBs on the microbiome and the near ubiquitous use of these drugs, it is critical to mechanistically understand ATB activity within the gut and the external factors that dictate susceptibility.

Microbial metabolism is a key determinant of ATB susceptibility (Stokes et al., 2019). Microbes performing ATP-generating processes like aerobic respiration have increased bactericidal drug sensitivity and experience a lethal respiratory burst during *in vitro* exposure (Adolfsen and Brynildsen, 2015; Belenky et al., 2015; Dwyer et al., 2014; Kohanski et al., 2007; Lam

et al., 2020; Lobritz et al., 2015). Meanwhile, fermentation, diversion away from the tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle, or overall reduction in metabolism can confer drug tolerance in some species (Ahn et al., 2016; Conlon et al., 2016; Lobritz et al., 2015; Meylan et al., 2017; Thomas et al., 2013). We demonstrated that this trend holds true within the context of the microbiome, where ATB exposure dramatically reduces community metabolic capacity (Cabral et al., 2019). Surviving taxa like *Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron* (*B. theta*) can endure amoxicillin (AMX) exposure by transcriptional adaptation that prioritizes fiber fermentation over the utilization of simple sugars (Cabral et al., 2019). When considering mechanisms of *in vivo* susceptibility, it is important to consider the role of local nutrients on microbial metabolism. Host diet is likely one of the largest factors shaping the cecal nutrient pool; dietary changes can perturb microbiome diversity and activity, and thus may impact ATB susceptibility (Albenberg and Wu, 2014; Bisanz et al., 2019; Collins et al., 2018; David et al., 2014; Ley, 2014; Smits et al., 2017; Tanes et al., 2021). Congruently, we showed that added dietary glucose potentiates AMX toxicity within the cecum, reducing total bacterial load and *B. theta*'s drug tolerance (Cabral et al., 2019). This also occurs with the bactericidal drug ciprofloxacin, where



consumption of a high fat/sugar diet increases mucus and simple sugar breakdown, increases gut glycolysis, and enhances microbiome drug susceptibility (Cabral et al., 2020). This suggests that the local nutrient pool can drive the severity of ATB activity in the microbiome by altering the metabolic rate of resident taxa.

Diet composition is not the sole determinant of nutrient availability within the gut. Normally, a small fraction of digested material reaches the dense communities of the lower gastrointestinal tract (GI). The composition of dietary molecules presented to the lower GI is impacted by multiple small intestinal (SI) digestive gradients and pancreaticobiliary secretions (Reese and Carmody, 2019; Shin et al., 2019). For example, the host controls colonic sugar concentrations via a combination of SI transporter expression, gastric emptying rate, and enteroendocrine function (Chen et al., 2016; Holst et al., 2016; Koepsell, 2020; Ussar et al., 2017). Disruptions of host metabolism, like digestive and metabolic disorders, are correlated with microbial dysbiosis, highlighting the connection between host and microbial systems in the GI (Brestoff and Artis, 2013; Westfall et al., 2015; Qin et al., 2012; Sabatino et al., 2017). For example, dysglycemic patients demonstrate bacterial infiltration of the intestinal epithelial mucosa, suggesting that dysglycemia triggers an inflammatory intestinal phenotype by prompting microbial breakdown of mucus glycoproteins (Chassaing et al., 2017).

Host hyperglycemia (HG) may cause potent modulation of the lower GI metabolic environment. Currently, the relationship between dysregulated host metabolism, the local metabolite environment of the GI, and the severity of ATB-induced dysbiosis remains relatively understudied. We hypothesize that changes in host metabolism associated with induced HG will alter the microbiota-accessible cecal metabolite pool and place the community in a metabolically permissive state that increases susceptibility to bactericidal ATBs. To test this, we used the single-dose streptozotocin (STZ) model rather than a diet- or genetically based model of glucose disruption (Deeds et al., 2011; Kobayashi et al., 2000; Wang and Liao, 2011). STZ is a glucosamine nitrosourea compound that induces HG via the selective and irreversible destruction of insulin-producing pancreatic β cells (Eleazu et al., 2013; Wu and Yan, 2015). STZ is quickly metabolized by the host, with a serum clearance time of about 15 minutes (Lee et al., 2010; Eleazu et al., 2013). Thus, STZ provides the benefit of rapidly-induced and irreversible HG without potentially microbiome-confounding factors like diet and host genetics (Deeds et al., 2011; Xiao et al., 2017; Yang et al., 2019). Existing research on glucose dysregulation and the microbiome is impacted by the use of dietary metabolic animal models like the high-fat diet-induced diabetes mouse (Fujisaka et al., 2016). In this study we used a multi-omic approach that profiled the taxonomic composition, transcriptional activity, and small molecule repertoire of the cecum to characterize the impact of STZ-induced HG on microbiome disruption during AMX treatment. We then profiled the effects of HG on AMX-induced pathogen susceptibility by challenging mice with *Salmonella enterica*. Our data show that HG is sufficient to modulate the cecal metabolite pool, and that these changes both potentiate ATB-induced dysbiosis and worsen the dysbiosis-related complication of opportunistic infection.

RESULTS

To examine the combined effect of HG and ATBs on microbiome structure and function, male C57BL/6J mice were given an intra-peritoneal injection of either STZ or a sham (control). Mice were checked for HG 48 hours post injection and were then randomized. The next day, animals were given AMX or a sham (vehicle) for 24 hours *ad libitum*, which is sufficient to profile acute microbiome ATB responses without encountering significant extinction events (Cabral et al., 2020; 2019). After AMX delivery, mice were sacrificed and cecal contents were harvested for multi-omic profiling (Figure 1A).

STZ caused significant and sustained HG (Figures 1B and S1A). Because STZ's mechanism of action involves organ cytotoxicity, we quantified plasma cytokines to evaluate systemic inflammation (Eleazu et al., 2013). We found no statistical difference in cytokine levels prior to ATB administration (Figures S1B and S1C), but did observe an increase in IFN- γ 24 hours later (Figure S1D) that is likely correlated with the early stages of disease progression in this model (Hanafusa and Imagawa, 2008). We then assessed GI histopathology and quantified GI lipocalin-2 to profile for localized inflammation. STZ-treated mice had minimal to no edema or inflammation compared to controls (Figure S1E), and no difference in lipocalin-2 levels (Figure S1F). Together, these data show minimal differences in inflammatory phenotypes between STZ-treated and control mice during the time frame used in this study.

We profiled the effect of HG and AMX on microbiome structure using 16S rRNA sequencing. STZ treatment did not reduce diversity (Figure S1G) but did alter community composition when combined with AMX (Figures 1C, S1H, and S1I). Because 16S sequencing has limited phylogenetic resolution, we conducted the remaining analyses with whole metagenomic sequencing (WMGS) (Cabral et al., 2020; 2019; Clooney et al., 2016; Poretsky et al., 2014; Ranjan et al., 2016). WMGS showed that STZ alone did not impact α -diversity but bolstered the reduction in diversity and taxonomic shifts caused by AMX (Figures 1D and 1E).

Since STZ ablates insulin synthesis, and insulin helps regulate intestinal glucose absorption (Ussar et al., 2017), we asked if GI-localized glucose levels were altered by HG. However, we found that STZ-treated mice and controls had no significant difference in cecal glucose levels (Figure 1F). Therefore, glucose availability cannot explain the changes in community composition between experimental groups. Thus, we profiled the metabolome using quadrupole time-of-flight mass spectrometry (Q-TOF-MS) and liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) (Tables S1 and S2). By assessing cecal metabolite diversity using Principal Coordinates Analysis, we found that both STZ and AMX significantly impacted the cecal metabolome's composition (Figure 2A). We hypothesized that STZ-induced HG establishes a transcriptional and metabolic environment that alters the microbiome's response to ATB exposure. To confirm this, we assessed the impact of HG on microbiome function both pre- and post-AMX treatment.

HG significantly modifies the cecal metabolome and metatranscriptome

Unlike dietary models, STZ was associated with a single significant phylum-level change: the expansion of Verrucomicrobia

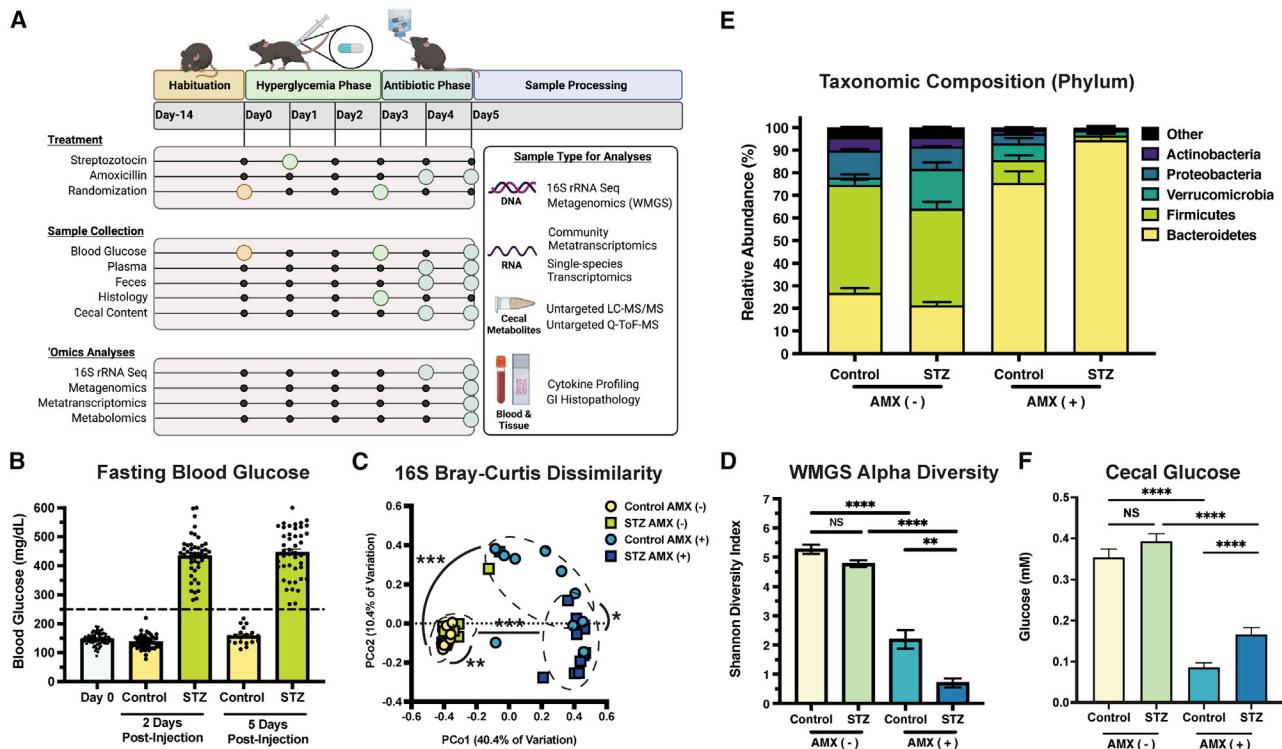


Figure 1. STZ modifies glucose levels and impacts microbiome composition after AMX

(A) Experimental design of this study. Figure was created with BioRender.com (BioRender, Toronto, Canada).

(B) Murine fasting blood glucose pre-STZ injection (Day 0), 2, and 5 days postinjection. Data represent mean \pm SEM.

(C) Bray-Curtis Dissimilarity between 16S rRNA amplicons.

(D) α -diversity of WMGS experimental groups. Data represent mean \pm SEM.

(E) Relative abundance of the five most-prominent bacterial phyla. Data represent mean \pm SEM.

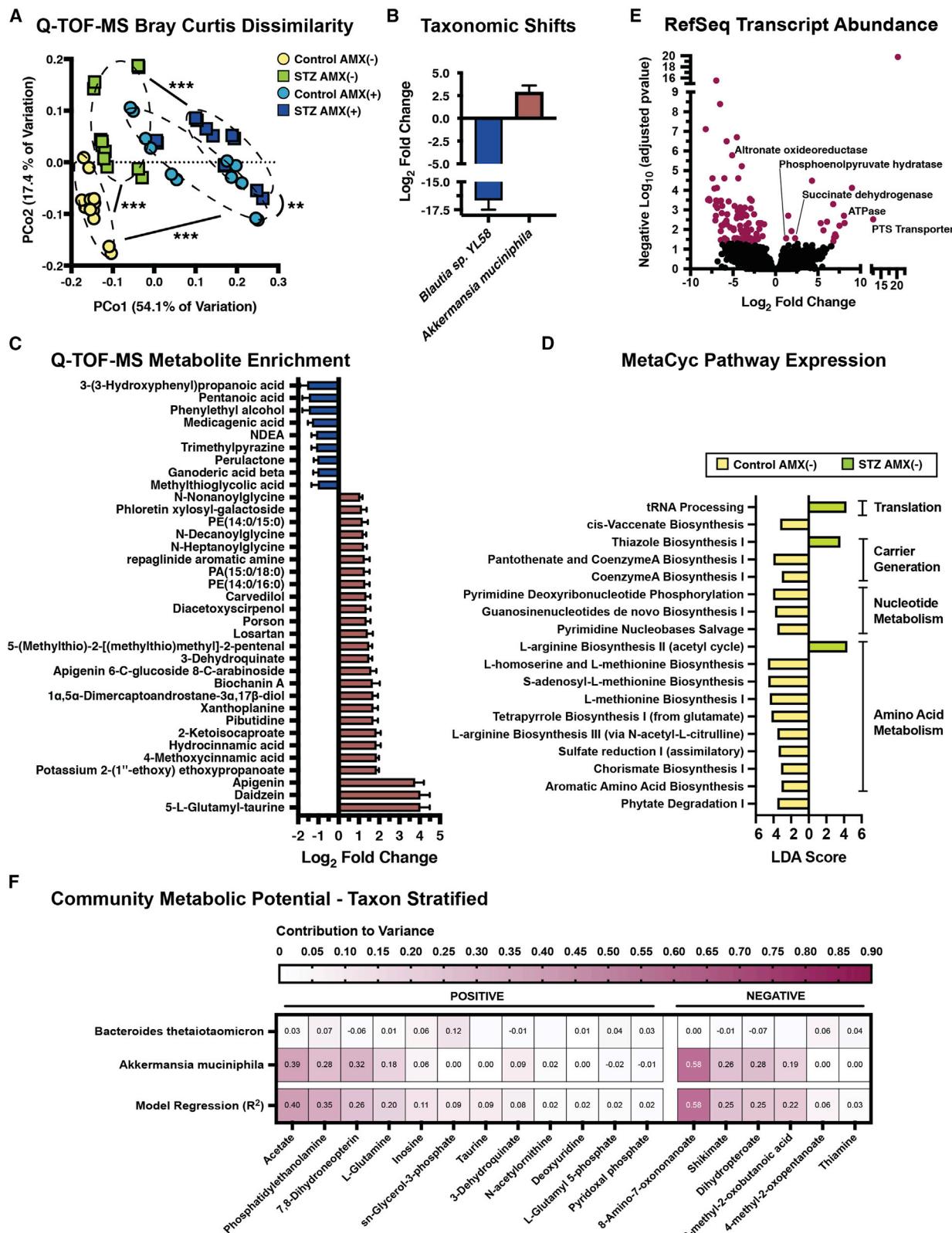
(F) Quantification of cecal glucose concentrations from experimental groups. Data represent mean \pm SEM.

* $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$; **** $p < 0.0001$. For (B): $n = 44$ control and 44 STZ-treated samples per time point; for (C): $n = 8$ to 11 per group; permutational ANOVA; for (D–F): $N = 5$ to 8 per group; Welch's ANOVA with Dunnett T3 test for multiple hypothesis testing.

(Figures 1E and S1I) (Xiao et al., 2017; Yang et al., 2019). We confirmed that this expansion was driven by *Akkermansia muciniphila* using differential abundance testing (Figure 2B) (Love et al., 2014). *A. muciniphila* forages carbon from epithelial mucus and has been proposed to breakdown gut lining integrity, which may contribute to cecal metabolome divergence via imbalances in the local carbon pool that impact microbial cross-feeding networks (Belzer et al., 2017; Cabral et al., 2020; Desai et al., 2016; Zhang et al., 2019). For example, we observed a reduction in the abundance of *Blautia* sp. YL58 after STZ (Figure 2B). Members of this genus are short-chain fatty acid (SCFA) producers that use mucin as a carbon substrate (Bui et al., 2019; Oliphant and Allen-Vercoe, 2019; Rey et al., 2010; Vacca et al., 2020). *A. muciniphila* may outcompete *Blautia* for mucus in the HG host, which would disrupt any syntropic reactions *Blautia* participates in. Because the pre-AMX community structure was similar between hosts, we felt that the disparity in ATB susceptibility was due to modified metabolic and transcriptional activity, rather than baseline taxonomic differences.

We paired differential abundance testing (Love et al., 2014) and pathway-level projection (Aggio et al., 2010) of our Q-TOF-MS

data with random forest classification of LC-MS/MS features to identify distinctive metabolites between HG mice and controls (Figures S2A–S2C; Tables S1, S2, and S3). We then paired these findings with community- and species-level transcriptomics to better profile the microbiome's functional capacity prior to ATB exposure. Despite consuming identical diets, HG and normoglycemic (NG) mice had varied levels of metabolites related to polysaccharide processing. We saw STZ-specific enrichment of the flavones apigenin, schaftoside, and daidzein; and significant reduction of major metabolites from apigenin breakdown such as 3-hydroxyphenyl propanoate (Figure 2C; Table S1). These metabolites can generate either hydroxyphenylacetic acids or phenolic intermediates that are converted to SCFAs by Firmicutes (Braune and Blaut, 2016), and their accumulation may indicate diminished SCFA generation. To that end, STZ-treatment reduced valerate levels (Figure 2C). HG also lowered phytate degradation and multiple polysaccharide-targeted carbohydrate-active enzymes (CAZymes; Figures 2C, 2D, and S2D; Tables S1, S4, and S6). Polysaccharide-fermenting taxa like *B. theta* (Martens et al., 2008; Sonnenburg et al., 2005) had reduced expression of targeted fiber import loci (Figure S2E: BT3086, BT3087, BT3090,



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and BT4581; [Table S5](#)). These data suggest that STZ may impair microbial fiber fermentation and alter the level of polysaccharide-derived carbon sources.

Amino acids (aa) are another significant bacterial carbon source ([Wang et al., 2019a](#)) that was impacted by STZ treatment. Multiple metabolites related to aromatic amino acid (AAA) generation, like 3-(3-hydroxyphenyl)propanoic acid and phenylethyl alcohol, were reduced by STZ ([Figure 2C; Table S1](#)). We saw enrichment of metabolites involved in aa catabolism like 6-methylnicotinamide, 2-ketoisocaproate and α -ketovaline, as well as pathway enrichment of AAA degradation and protein digestion, suggesting a shift toward aa catabolism rather than *de novo* synthesis ([Figures S2A and S2B; Tables S1 and S3](#)). Shikimate pathway intermediates like 3-dehydroquinate, 3-dehydroshikimate, and shikimate were enriched after STZ treatment, and likely caused by a block in a terminal component of the pathway, as transcription of both AAA and chorismate synthesis were reduced ([Figures 2C and 2D; Tables S1 and S6](#)). The shikimate pathway feeds directly into AAA generation via chorismate; thus, reduced transcription and accumulation of metabolic intermediates suggests a shift from anabolic to catabolic aa metabolism.

The shikimate pathway is also involved in B-vitamin generation and impacts the availability of energy carriers like coenzyme A (CoA) ([Tzin and Galili, 2010](#)). We observed enrichment of metabolites involved in pantothenate and CoA biosynthesis coupled with reduced pathway transcription ([Figures 2D and S2B; Tables S3 and S6](#)). STZ increased expression of thiazole biosynthesis, which is critical for generating vitamin B1 and thus key metabolic enzymes like pyruvate dehydrogenase, pyruvate decarboxylase, and α -ketoglutarate dehydrogenase ([Andersen et al., 2015; Allaway et al., 2020; Yoshii et al., 2019](#)) ([Figure 2D; Table S6](#)). We observed increased pyruvate, glycolysis, and gluconeogenesis-related metabolites, including glutamine and glycerol-3-phosphate ([Figures S2A and S2B](#)). This enrichment was coupled with elevated ATPase, phosphoenolpyruvate hydratase, and succinate dehydrogenase transcription ([Figure 2E; Table S8](#)), that, when considered in tandem with increased inosine and tRNA processing ([Figure 2D; Tables S1 and S6](#)), suggests that STZ bolsters respiration within the microbiome.

These data describe community-level changes to microbiome function. To identify species-specific contributors to metabolome variation, we taxon stratified our Q-TOF-MS data using MIMOSA ([Figure 2F](#)) ([Noecker et al., 2016](#)). *A. muciniphila* had the largest contribution to community metabolism, followed by *B. theta* ([Figure 2F; Table S9](#)). *A. muciniphila* significantly contributed to acetate variation between hosts, speaking to STZ-related difference in SCFAs. Metabolic signatures of increased metabolism, including glutamine, inosine, and glyc-

erol-3-phosphate accumulation, could be explained by synthesis and degradation from *A. muciniphila* (glutamate and inosine) and synthesis from *B. theta* (inosine and glycerol-3-phosphate). Finally, variation in phosphatidylethanolamine, a major component of microbial cell walls, could be somewhat explained by *A. muciniphila* ([Figure 2F](#)), suggesting increased cell wall synthesis by this taxon. These data highlight that these two taxa are key in HG-specific changes to microbiome function. STZ has robust impacts on cecal microbiome function. While *A. muciniphila* and *B. theta* are involved in this phenotype, it is important to consider that there is redundancy in species function and in substrate utilization across biochemical pathways ([Tian et al., 2020](#)). Thus, it is likely that the cumulative effect of multiple metabolic disruptions incurred from STZ increases metabolic demand on the community and leads to increased AMX susceptibility.

HG modifies the composition of Bacteroidetes and Firmicutes after AMX exposure

Given the connection between microbial metabolism and ATB susceptibility ([Belenky et al., 2015; Cabral et al., 2019; Lobritz et al., 2015; Stokes et al., 2019](#)), we hypothesized that STZ-induced metabolic disruption bolstered AMX susceptibility. HG mice had a highly divergent microbial composition after ATB exposure compared to controls ([Figures 3A and S3](#)). Specifically, HG exacerbated the AMX-related reduction in α -diversity ([Figure 1D](#)). Only HG mice had a reduction in Verrucomicrobia, although this may be due to the pre-AMX expansion of *A. muciniphila* ([Figures 1E and 3B](#)). Interestingly, the loss of Actinobacteria, Firmicutes, and Proteobacteria, and the bloom in Bacteroidetes that was expected after AMX were greater in HG mice ([Figures 3C–3F](#)) ([Cabral et al., 2019](#)). Consistent with our previous work ([Cabral et al., 2019](#)), the Bacteroidetes bloom was driven by expansion of *B. theta* in both hosts ([Figure 3G](#)).

We calculated the interaction of HG and AMX to examine host-specific changes in species abundance ([Love et al., 2014](#)). In addition to *B. theta*, many members of the *Bacteroides* genus increased after AMX, with significantly elevated abundance in HG mice ([Figures 3H and S3A](#)). Meanwhile, the species with reduced abundance in HG mice after AMX treatment were primarily within the order Clostridiales ([Figures 3H, S3B, S3C, S3D, S3E, S3F, S3G, S3H, and S3I](#)). These taxa are key starch degraders and SCFA producers, and their reduction suggests an increased dysbiotic state in STZ and AMX co-treated mice ([Bui et al., 2016; Iino et al., 2007; Kazemian et al., 2020; Newman et al., 2018](#)). Overall, these data show that STZ-induced metabolic shifts can exacerbate the post-AMX bloom of *Bacteroides* and significantly worsen the loss of key SCFA-producing Firmicutes. This likely impacts the local metabolome and metatranscriptome, and thus AMX susceptibility, given the syntrophic

Figure 2. STZ modifies the cecal metabolome and metatranscriptome

- (A) Bray-Curtis Dissimilarity of Q-TOF-MS extracts from experimental groups.
- (B) Differentially abundant bacterial species following STZ treatment. Data represent \log_2 fold change \pm SEM versus NG controls.
- (C) Differentially abundant Q-TOF-MS metabolites following STZ treatment. Data represent \log_2 fold change \pm SEM. See [Table S1](#) for full results.
- (D) Linear discriminant analysis of MetaCyc pathways following STZ treatment. See [Table S6](#) for full results.
- (E) Volcano plot of the cecal metatranscriptome following STZ treatment. Purple points represent differentially abundant transcripts. See [Table S8](#) for full results.
- (F) Taxon Stratified Community Metabolic Potential as calculated by MIMOSA. See [Table S9](#) for full results.

* $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$. For (A and C): $n = 6$ per group, 2 replicates per sample; for (B): $n = 5$ to 8 per group; for (D–F): $n = 4$ per group.

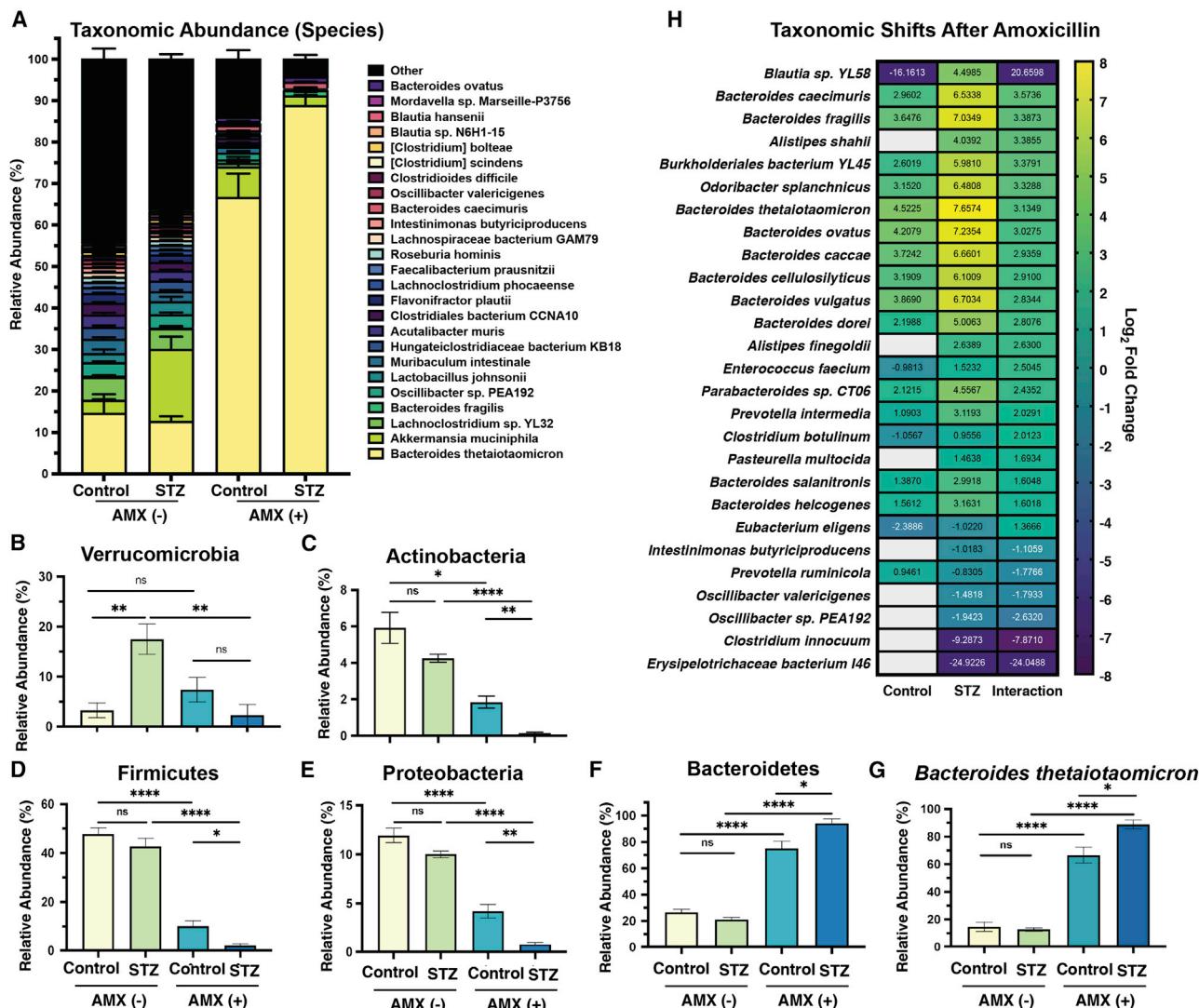


Figure 3. STZ and AMX treatment modify the composition of the cecal microbiome

- (A) Relative abundance of the 25 most-abundant species in our dataset. Data are represented as mean \pm SEM for each species.
- (B) Relative abundance of Bacteroidetes.
- (C) Relative abundance of Actinobacteria.
- (D) Relative abundance of Firmicutes.
- (E) Relative abundance of Proteobacteria.
- (F) Relative abundance of Verrucomicrobia.
- (G) Relative abundance of *B. theta*.
- (H) Differentially abundant bacterial species following AMX treatment in control and STZ mice, with interaction value. Data represent \log_2 fold change \pm SEM versus vehicle-treated controls.
- For all panels: n = 5 to 8 per group; for (B–G): *p < 0.05; **p < 0.01; ***p < 0.001; ****p < 0.0001; Welch's ANOVA with Dunnet T3 test for multiple hypothesis testing. Data represent mean \pm SEM.

nature of *Bacteroides* and Firmicutes metabolism (Fischbach and Sonnenburg, 2011).

HG exacerbates ATB dysbiosis and shifts microbial metabolism

As with taxonomic changes, the majority of detected functional AMX responses were highly host dependent. We used the same interaction calculation to profile host-specific changes in

CAZyme and SEED subsystem transcript abundances (Figures 4A and 4B). Interestingly, HG animals lack the reduction in glycoside hydrolase (GH) 43 seen in controls, suggesting modified processing of hemicelluloses, pectins, xylans, and arabinose (Figure 4A; Table S4; Mewis et al., 2016). Given the reduced polysaccharide foraging in the STZ baseline, it is likely that the HG microbiota is unable to adapt its CAZyme expression in response to AMX. HG communities had overall fewer GH

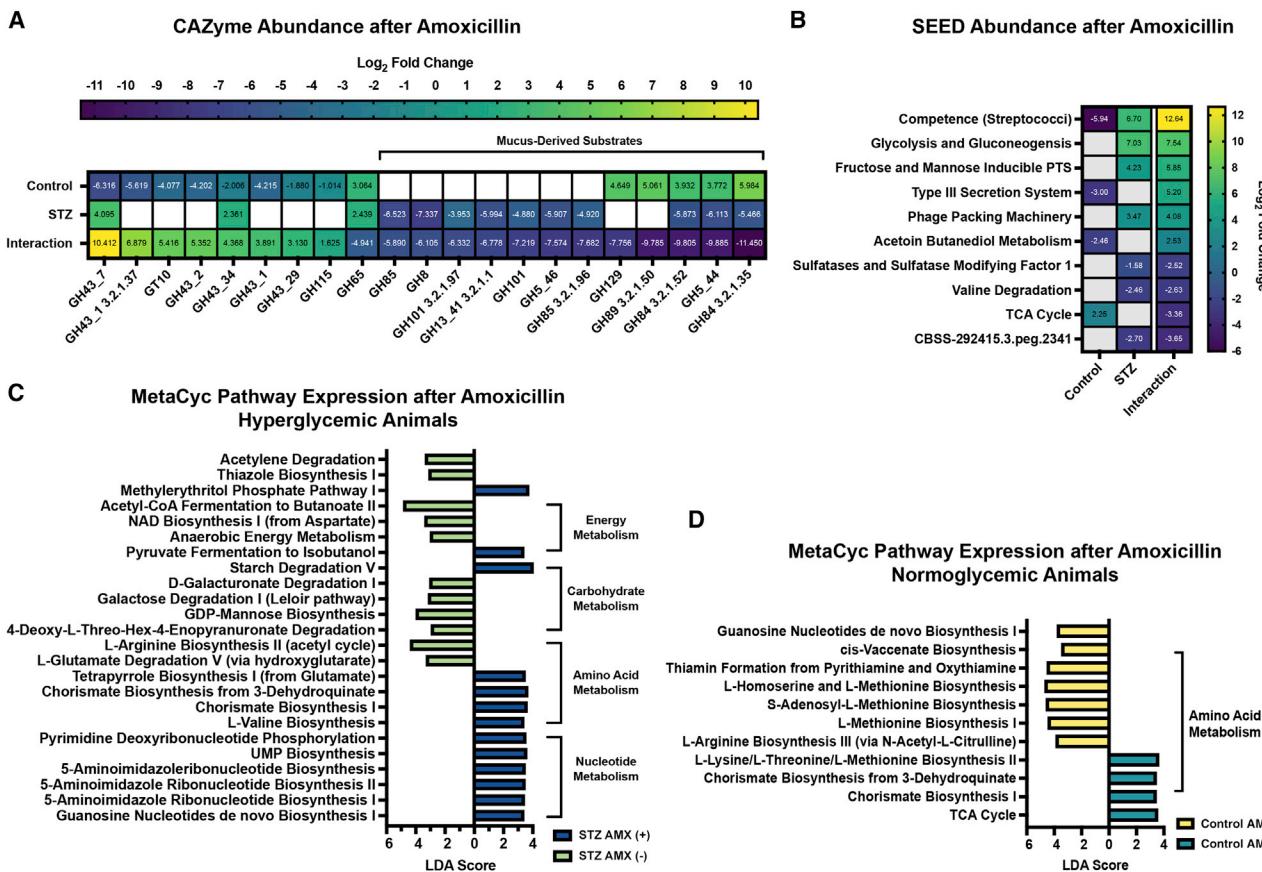


Figure 4. AMX differentially alters the cecal metatranscriptome

- (A) Differentially abundant CAZyme transcripts in control and STZ mice after AMX, with interaction values. See Table S4 for full results.
- (B) Differentially abundant level 3 SEED Subsystem transcripts in control and STZ mice after AMX, with interaction values. See Table S7 for full results.
- (C) Linear discriminant analysis of MetaCyc pathways following AMX treatment in STZ mice. See Table S6 for full results.
- (D) Linear discriminant analysis of MetaCyc pathways following AMX treatment in control mice. See Table S6 for full results.

For all panels: n = 4 per group; for (A and B): Data represent \log_2 fold change \pm SEM versus vehicle-treated controls. Blank panels are non-significant.

transcripts at the SEED subsystem level, and a greater loss of GH abundance relative to controls (Figures S4A and S4B; Tables S4 and S7). We saw STZ-specific accumulation of polyphenols and polysaccharides, providing further support for host-dependent modifications in polysaccharide metabolism (Figure 5A; Table S1). HG mice had accumulations of multiple phenylpropanoids, phenylacetic acids, polyphenols, alkaloids, flavonoids, and isoprenoids (Figure 5A; Table S1) and pathway-level enrichment of metabolites related to flavonoid/isoflavanoid synthesis after AMX treatment (Table S3). Because fiber metabolism can confer a protective phenotype to select gut microbes (Cabral et al., 2019), we anticipated that reduced fiber and polyphenol metabolism may directly contribute to the severity of AMX-induced dysbiosis in HG mice.

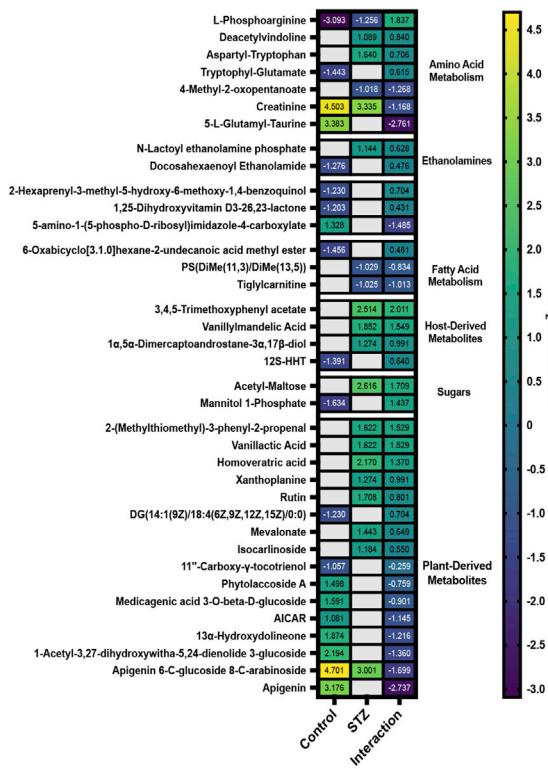
Mucus foraging by the microbiota after AMX was also perturbed. In our CAZyme dataset, HG mice had a loss of GHS that target the chitobiose core of mucins (GH115), and did not upregulate GH84, GH129, and GH89 which target N-acetylglucosamine, class-III mucins, and mucus glycoproteins, respectively (Figure 4A, Table S4). Simultaneously, STZ and AMX co-treatment

downregulated expression of multiple pathways involved in mucin-derived carbon metabolism, including the Leloir pathway (foraging of mucus galactose residues), 4-deoxy-L-theo-hex-4-enopyranuronate degradation (breakdown of heparin and hyaluron into pyruvate), and D-galacturonate degradation (Figures 4C and 4D; Table S6; Tang et al., 2016). The sialic acid residue N-acetylneurameric acid (NANA) was enriched in NG but not HG animals after AMX (Table S1). Because NANA is liberated by mucus breakdown (Crost et al., 2016), this suggested reduced mucinophilic activity by STZ and AMX co-treated communities. Ultimately, HG-related modifications in glycan foraging occur both before and after AMX, indicating that STZ-induced HG impacts the composition of the cecal carbon pool.

Further evidence of perturbed carbon foraging in the HG AMX-treated microbiome arose from examination of host and ATB interaction for SEED subsystem transcript abundances (Figure 4B; Table S7). We found an STZ-specific increase in phosphotransferase system (PTS) transcripts (Figure 4B, Table S7) as well as enrichment of PTS metabolites like mannitol 1-phosphate (Figure 5A; Table S1). PTS systems function to rapidly

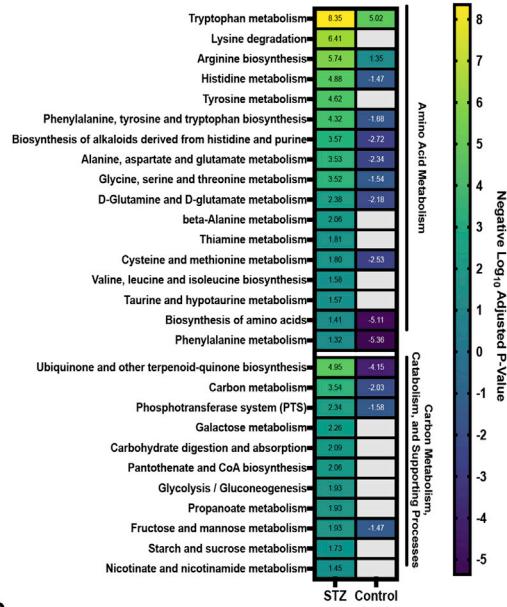
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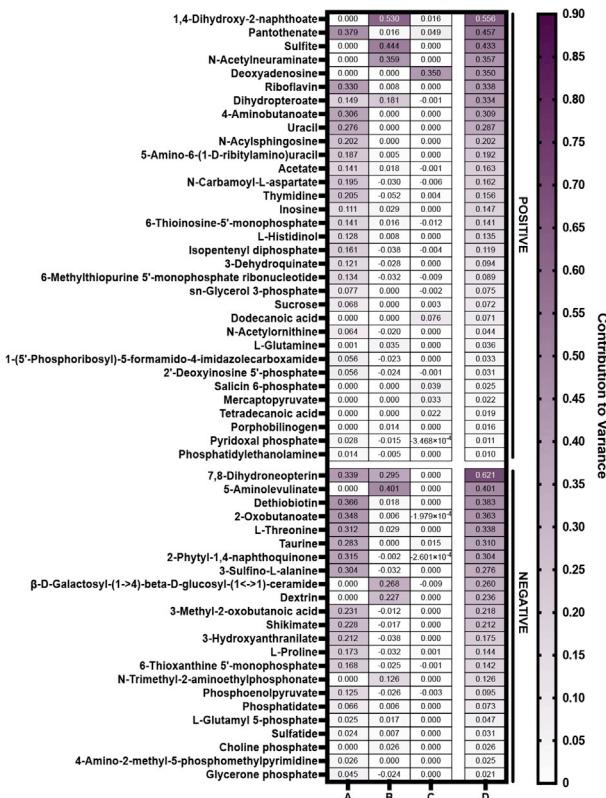
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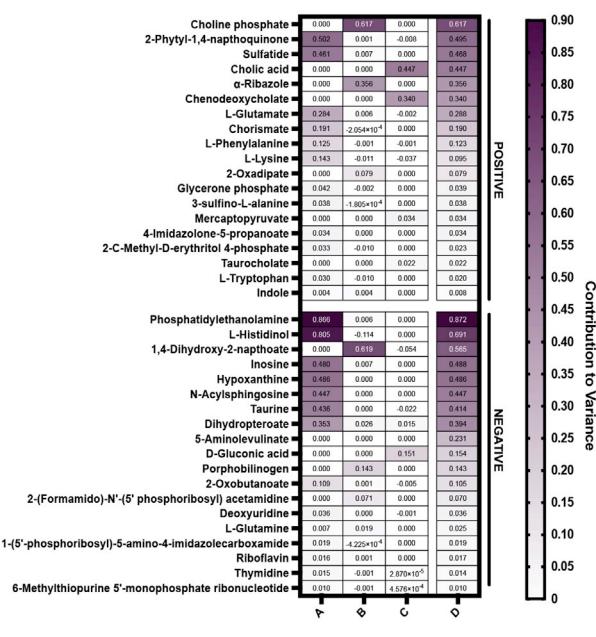
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Community Metabolic Potential after Amoxicillin - Taxon Stratified (STZ)



C

Community Metabolic Potential after Amoxicillin - Taxon Stratified (Control)



A = *Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron*
B = *Akkermansia muciniphila*
C = *Lactobacillus johnsonii*
D = Model Regression (R^2 value)

import target saccharides into bacterial cells, and increased PTS activity may be the result of higher environmental sugar concentrations (McCoy et al., 2015). Although AMX reduced cecal glucose concentrations in both hosts, HG mice had significantly higher glucose levels than controls (Figure 1F) and we observed STZ-specific enrichment of sugars like acetylated maltose (Figure 5A; Table S1).

Elevated sugars and PTS likely also increased catabolism. To that end, we observed significant HG-specific increases in glycolysis and gluconeogenesis (Figure 4B; Table S7) and pyruvate fermentation transcripts compared to controls (Figures S4A and S4B; Table S7). The metabolome of HG AMX-treated mice was specifically enriched in catabolism and catabolism-supporting pathways like 2-oxocarboxylic acid metabolism, glycolysis, starch/sucrose utilization, nicotinate/nicotinamide, and propionate generation (Figure 5B; Table S3). The abundance of vitamin cofactors was also impacted; in our LC-MS/MS dataset, we saw HG-specific enrichment in riboflavin (Figure S4C: Cluster 699, Figure S4D; Table S2) (Steinert et al., 2020). The enrichment of nicotinate/nicotinamide, propionate generation, and cofactor-related metabolites may impact the abundance of energy carriers (Belenky et al., 2007). Together these data suggest that carbon metabolism is disturbed in the HG AMX-treated microbiome, in part due to higher environmental concentrations of readily-metabolized sugars.

We stratified our metabolomics and transcriptional data with MIMOSA to identify taxonomic drivers of community behavior during AMX treatment (Figures 5C and 5D; Table S9). Regardless of host, *B. theta* was the major metabolome-contributing taxa, which is congruent with its dominance of the microbiome during AMX perturbation (Figures 3A, 3G, 5C, and 5D; Table S9). Of the metabolites correlated with differential community activity in HG mice, *B. theta* was responsible for enrichment of B-vitamins like riboflavin (via synthesis) and pantothenate (via synthesis and degradation). Additionally, sucrose and glycerol-3-phosphate levels could be partially explained by synthetic reactions from *B. theta* (Figure 5D; Table S9).

The fact that *B. theta* significantly shapes the metabolic function of the microbiome after AMX in both hosts prompted us to compare the post-ATB transcriptome and metabolome (Figure 6). We found that HG AMX-treated metabolomes were significantly enriched for metabolites involved in multiple aa generation pathways, nucleotide biosynthesis, and linoleic acids (Figure 6A; Table S3). Additionally, we saw significant enrichment of metabolites related to carbon processing (fructose/mannose metabolism, ABC transporters, PTS) and metabolic homeostasis (pyruvate metabolism, ubiquinone/terpenoid-quinone biosynthesis, and glutathione metabolism) (Figure 6A). At the MetaCyc pathway level, we observed HG-related in-

creases in pyruvate fermentation and nucleotide biosynthesis (Figure 6B; Table S6). Unsurprisingly, *B. theta* was the major contributing taxon to this variation (Figure 6C; Table S9). Thus, we performed single-species transcriptomics on *B. theta* during AMX challenge in HG and NG mice. Interestingly, *B. theta* downregulated the expression of multiple polysaccharide utilization loci (BT4293-BT4299, BT4296-4298, BT3025, BT1761, and BT1762) and sugar import systems for fructose (BT1759-1763, and BT1759), ribose (BT2804), and fucose (BT3665) (Figure 6D; Table S5) only in HG mice (Figure 6D; Table S5; Lynch and Sonnenburg, 2012; Mardo et al., 2017; Mimee et al., 2015; Townsend et al., 2020). The combination of STZ and AMX treatment also coincided with significant upregulation of the NADH dehydrogenase complex (BT4058-4067) which is a primary redox balance locus (Fischbach and Sonnenburg, 2011). We also saw elevation of another NADH ubiquinone reductase operon (BT0616) (Goodman et al., 2009), and ATPase (BT1746) (Figure 6D; Table S5). Our community-level metabolomics indicated HG-specific loss of phosphoenolpyruvate (Table S1), which may be related to the differential regulation of respiration-related complexes in *B. theta*. Together these data show that HG, and the resultant changes in environmental metabolites, are sufficient to dramatically modify the transcriptional and metabolic behavior of *B. theta* during AMX treatment. This change ultimately impacts the AMX susceptibility of other taxa within the community and greatly perturbs the functional response of the larger community to ATB pressure.

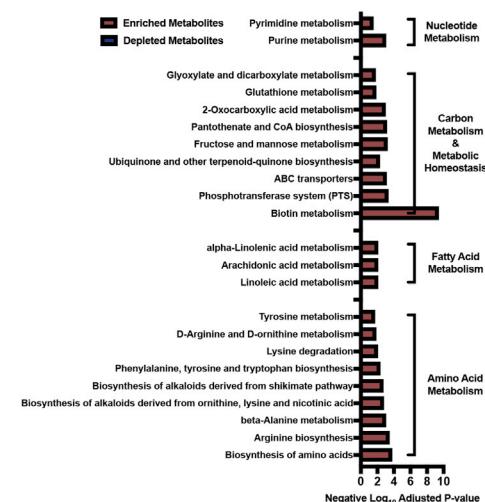
STZ and AMX co-treatment increases susceptibility to *Salmonella enterica* infection

We noticed that fatty acid metabolism was differentially impacted by STZ and AMX treatment. Specifically, co-treated communities were enriched for multiple N-acylethanolamines (Figure 5A; Table S1) and the precursor phosphatidylethanolamine (Table S1). Higher ethanolamine concentrations may suggest more fatty acid epoxidation and dysbiosis-associated inflammation within the GI (Ormsby et al., 2019; Thiennimitr et al., 2011). Ethanolamines are naturally generated by phosphatidylethanolamine breakdown during cell turnover, however, most of the microbiota is unable to ferment ethanolamines, and these compounds can increase the colonization and virulence of multiple enteric pathogens (Anderson et al., 2015, 2018; Nawrocki et al., 2018; Rowley et al., 2018; Garsin, 2010). Specifically, some *Enterobacteriaceae* are enriched for the genetic machinery required to use ethanolamines, and can funnel their breakdown products into both nitrogen metabolism and respiration (Anderson et al., 2015; Garsin, 2010; Srikanth and Fuchs, 2011; Thiennimitr et al., 2011). In *Salmonella*, exogenous ethanolamine signals a cascade of metabolic and virulence

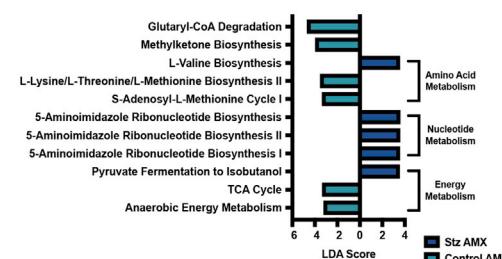
Figure 5. AMX differentially alters the cecal metabolome

- (A) Differentially abundant Q-TOF-MS metabolite features in control and STZ mice after AMX treatment with interaction value. Data represent log₂ fold change ± SEM versus vehicle controls. See Table S1 for full results.
 - (B) KEGG pathway enrichment of differentially abundant Q-TOF-MS metabolites in STZ mice after AMX treatment versus the enrichment score in control and AMX-treated mice. Blank panels represent a lack of statistical significance. See Table S3 for full results.
 - (C) Taxon Stratified Community Metabolic Potential of control mice after AMX treatment as calculated by MIMOSA. See Table S9 for full results.
 - (D) Taxon Stratified Community Metabolic Potential of STZ-treated mice after AMX treatment as calculated by MIMOSA. See Table S9 for full results.
- For (A and B): n = 6 per group, 2 replicates per sample; for (C and D): n = 4 per group; for (B): Significant = p < 0.05.

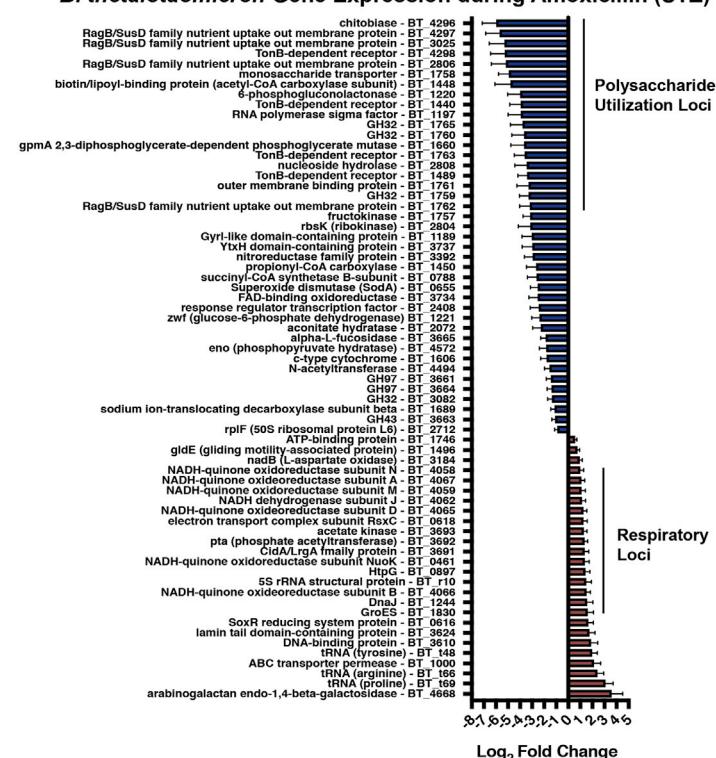
A Metabolite Pathway Enrichment



B MetaCyc Pathway Expression



D B. thetaiotaomicron Gene Expression during Amoxicillin (STZ)



C Community Metabolic Potential - Taxon Stratified

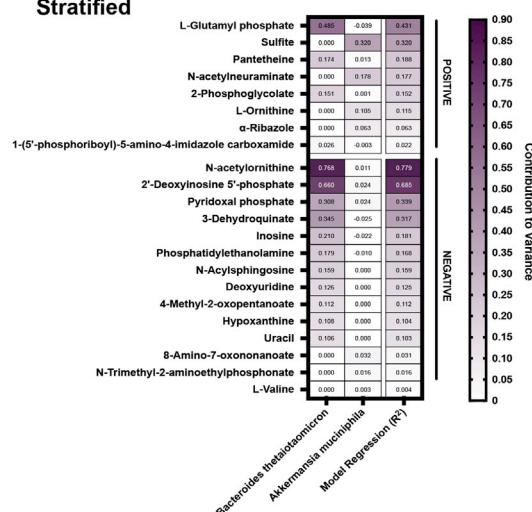


Figure 6. STZ treatment modifies transcriptomic and metabolomic responses of the microbiome to AMX.

(A) KEGG pathway enrichment of differentially abundant Q-TOF-MS features in STZ AMX (+) mice compared to control AMX (+) mice. See Table S3 for full results.

(B) Linear discriminant analysis score of MetaCyc pathways in STZ AMX (+) mice compared to control AMX (+) mice. See Table S6 for full results.

(C) Taxon Stratified Community Metabolic Potential of STZ AMX (+) mice compared to control AMX (+) mice as calculated by MIMOSA. See Table S9 for full results.

(D) Differentially abundant *B. theta* transcripts after AMX treatment in STZ mice. Data represent log₂ fold change ± SEM of STZ AMX (+) mice versus vehicle controls. See Table S5 for full results.

For (A): n = 6 per group with 2 technical replicates per sample; Significant = p < 0.05; for (B-D): n = 4 per group.

genes that promote intestinal colonization (Anderson and Kendall, 2016). ATB-induced dysbiosis is also associated with increased *S. enterica* colonization, likely through the induction of a respiratory-favorable environment and disruption of the endogenous microbiota (Yoon and Yoon, 2018; Zeng et al., 2017). The transcriptional changes we observed in *B. theta* are highly indicative of a respiratory-favorable environment in the HG AMX-treated GI (Figure 6D). Thus, we asked if the microbiome modifications in HG AMX-treated mice would increase infection susceptibility to *S. enterica* (Figure 7A).

We found that co-treatment with STZ and AMX lowered the infective dose required to establish *S. enterica* colonization and significantly increased intestinal, hepatic, and splenic pathogen burden (Figures 7B and S5A). Host HG increased lethality by day 7 of infection (Figures 7C and 7D). In the control group, all vehicle-treated mice survived, and AMX-treated mice in the high dosage groups (1×10^4 and 1×10^5) experienced 75 and 50 percent survival respectively (Figure 7C). In the STZ group, vehicle-treated mice in the highest dosage groups (1×10^5 and 1×10^6) had 75 and 40 percent survival, while the

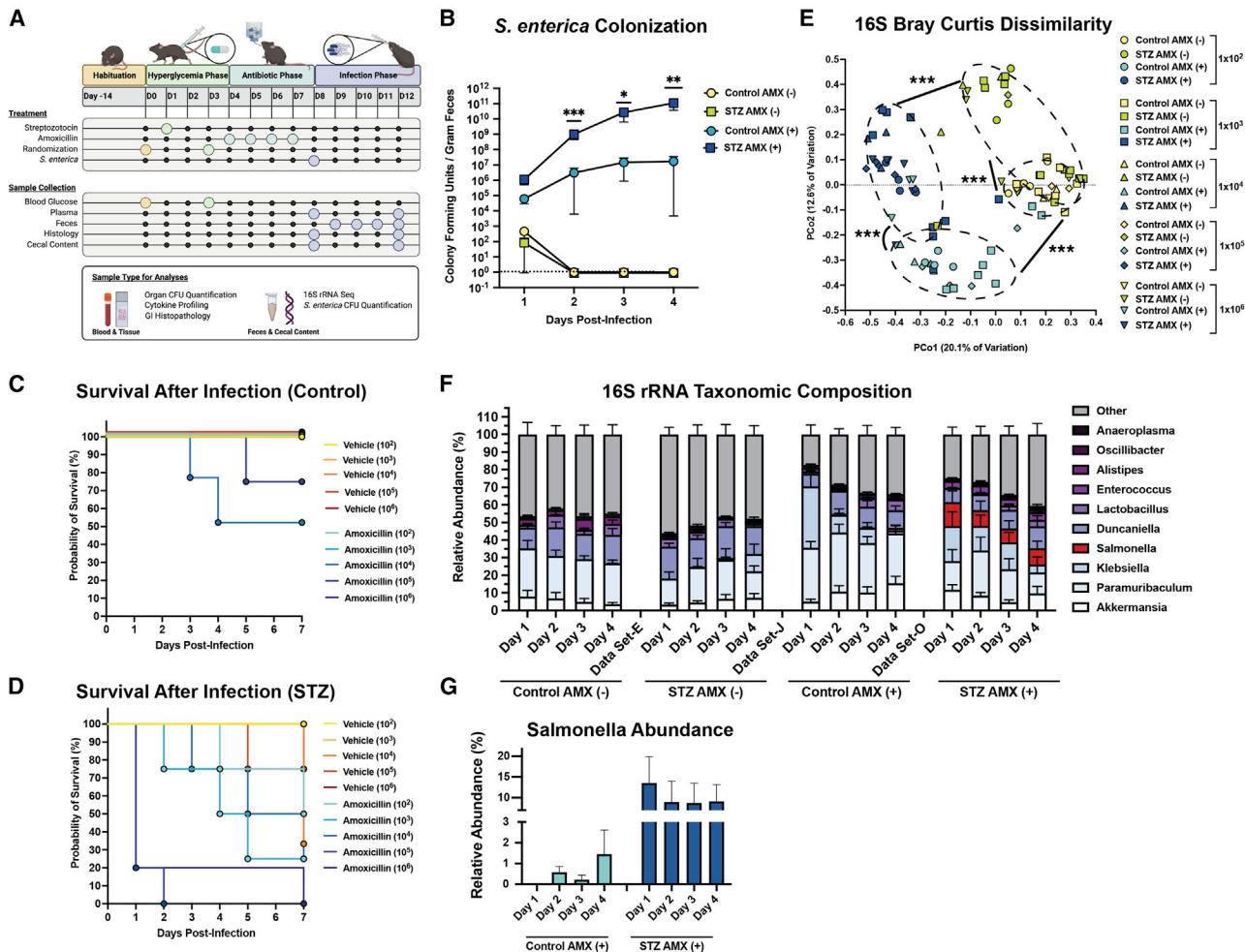


Figure 7. STZ and AMX increase susceptibility to *Salmonella enterica* infection

(A) Experimental design of pathogen challenge study. Figure was created with BioRender.com (BioRender, Toronto, Canada).

(B) *S. enterica* colony forming units (CFU) per gram of feces in control AMX(+/−), and STZ AMX(+/−) mice after infection with 1×10^3 cells. Data represent mean CFU ± SEM.

(C) Kaplan Meier survival curve of NG mice.

(D) Kaplan Meier survival curve of STZ mice.

(E) Bray-Curtis Dissimilarity between 16S rRNA amplicons from experimental groups.

(F) Taxonomic composition of the fecal microbiome based of genus-level 16S rRNA identity between 1 and 4 days post-infection with 1×10^3 cells. Data represented mean ± SEM.

(G) Contribution of *Salmonella* assigned reads in STZ AMX(+) and control AMX(+) mice 4 days post-infection. Data represent mean ± SEM.

* $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$; for (B): $n = 8$ to 10 per group, Mann-Whitney U test of STZ AMX(+) versus Control AMX(+); for (C and D): $n = 4$ to 5 per group; for (E-G): $n = 8$ to 10 per group; for (E): permutational ANOVA.

AMX-treated mice experienced between 25 to 80 percent survival with lethality events starting as early as 24 hours (Figure 7D).

To check for any significant differences in GI physiology or immunocompetence, we assessed GI edema and inflammation between HG and control mice (Figure S5B). We saw no differences in GI physiology, but noticed slight differences in some serum cytokines (Figures S5C-S5I). For IL-1 α , IL-6, and IL-12p70, variation was between vehicle-treated mice and may represent progression of the STZ model rather than responses to infection. For GM-CSF, IFN- β , IL-10, and IL-17A, plasma concentrations were only elevated in HG AMX-treated mice after

infection and thus may be the result of differential susceptibility (Figure S5C-S5I).

Infection with *S. enterica* represents another form of microbiome dysbiosis in conjunction with ATBs. Thus, we profiled the fecal microbiome during the first 4 days of infection to assess if HG worsened infection-related dysbiosis (Figures 7E, 7F, 7G, S5J, S5K, and S5L). The initial infection significantly impacted microbiome β -diversity (Figure S5). However, diversity remained divergent in accordance with preinfection experimental treatment (Figure 7E). This indicates that regardless of infective dose, the microbiome changes induced by STZ or AMX remain

the drivers of β -diversity. Interestingly, we noticed that only HG mice experienced significant reduction in α -diversity (Figure S5K). During the 4-day period following infection, *Salmonella* expansion was only detected in AMX-treated animals (Figure 7F). We then quantified the difference in *Salmonella* reads between control and HG mice after AMX, and found that HG mice had notably higher levels of *Salmonella* (Figure 7G). Together, these data suggest that the combination of STZ and AMX severely reduces the probability of survival after *S. enterica* challenge and increases pathogen burden and microbiome dysbiosis relative to NG controls. It is possible that the enrichment of favorable metabolites or change in respiratory potential in HG AMX-treated communities promotes the expansion and virulence of *S. enterica*, although more work is required to confirm this hypothesis.

DISCUSSION

Recent estimates of HG global prevalence suggest that metabolic disruption occurs in approximately 10 percent of all people, with incidence increasing annually (Saeedi et al., 2019). Thus, understanding how host metabolism impacts ATB-induced dysbiosis is key to the development of microbiome-protective therapeutic strategies. To address this knowledge gap, we used an integrated multi-omic strategy to examine how HG modifies the microbiome's response to AMX. Specifically, we combined WMGS, metatranscriptomics, and untargeted metabolomics to examine differences in microbiome composition and function, both pre- and post-ATB treatment, and to characterize the severity of dysbiosis-related complications like enteric infection.

A key goal of this study was to profile the impact of altered host metabolism and the microbiota-accessible metabolite pool on microbiome function during ATB treatment. Since dietary modulation has inherent limitations involved in restructuring microbiome composition, we opted for a rapid-chemotherapeutic method to perturb the GI metabolite pool. We chose STZ, in part, due to its widespread use and quick onset of changes. However, it is critical to address limitations of the model, as it does not perfectly replicate the pathology of clinical HG. STZ has been used to replicate both type-1 and type-2 diabetic phenotypes in animals since the mid-1960s (Deeds et al., 2011; Eleazu et al., 2013). Models of STZ administration vary widely in their dosage concentration, injection frequency, and inclusion or exclusion of high-fat feed typically due to differences in research goals (Deeds et al., 2011; Furman, 2021). Because STZ does not perfectly mimic type-2 diabetes, the inclusion of a high-fat feeding period before injection was recently proposed as a method to induce hyperinsulinemia and insulin resistance in STZ-treated animals (Furman, 2021; Chao et al., 2018). Regardless, STZ consistently induces the characteristic symptoms of HG, insulin deficiency, polydipsia, and polyuria (Furman, 2021; Kolb, 1987). Although there is conservation of immunological responses to β cell ablation (Eleazu et al., 2013), one must consider that microbiome-related phenotypes derived from STZ-induced HG are likely specific to the sub-model and may not readily translate across studies. For example, the only taxonomic changes we found after STZ treat-

ment were the expansion of *A. muciniphila* and collapse of *Blaautia* sp YL58. This contrasts with the many taxonomic shifts seen in existing work examining STZ-treated rats, but this may be due to inherent differences between mice and rats, use of multiple STZ doses, sample collection, sequencing depth, use of a diet in combination with STZ, or the time frame of weeks rather than days (Liu et al., 2019a; Ma et al., 2020; Patterson et al., 2015; Yin et al., 2020).

Interestingly, serum metabolomics in multiple low-dose STZ treated mice found enrichment of AAAs, bile acids, dipeptides, fatty acids, nucleotides, sphingolipids, and vitamins (Ugarte et al., 2012). These results are congruent with our pre-AMX metabolomics data and may represent true HG-related changes. Metabolomic studies focused on prediabetic patients have found shifts in aa catabolism as a potential biomarker of progression to type-1 diabetes, and spikes in both aromatic and branched-chain aa as predictive of type-2 diabetes (Wang et al., 2011; Neis et al., 2015), supporting our observed aa changes as a true HG phenotype. A potential explanation for this enrichment is that fiber use within the GI impacts the production of several aa-based metabolites by members of the Firmicutes phylum (Neis et al., 2015; Tanes et al., 2021), suggesting an intrinsic link between metabolic dysregulation and shifts in gut aa metabolism.

We found that STZ initiated a cascade of changes related to fiber and SCFA generation. Specifically, the loss of SCFA-producing Firmicutes may perturb syntropic reactions involved in fiber-fermentation (Bui et al., 2016; Ollphant and Allen-Vercoe, 2019; Rey et al., 2010; Vacca et al., 2020). Because the microbiome is responsible for this fermentation (Holscher, 2017), we anticipate that disturbances in polysaccharide processing are microbially-driven rather than host-derived. In the case of polyphenol substrates and metabolites, bacteria can coopt and liberate sugars from these compounds for use in their own metabolism (Fraser and Chapelle, 2011; Braune and Blaut, 2016; Moore et al., 2002; Wang et al., 2019b; Lundgren and Thaissa, 2020; Vollmer et al., 2018) For example, some taxa can directly utilize flavones as a carbon source, fueling them into their respiratory cycle (Burlingame and Chapman, 1983). Thus, shifts in the abundance of dietary-derived polyphenols could modify microbial metabolism in the GI.

Reduced fiber use by the microbiota may be partially explained by a side-effect of STZ treatment. Rodents receiving a multiple low-dose regime (i.e., 50 mg/kg/day for 5 days) of STZ exhibit an initial reduction in food consumption (Motyl and McCabe, 2009). However animals exhibit hyperphagia one week post-injection (Motyl and McCabe, 2009; Zhang et al., 2008). It is possible that our experimental time point for AMX administration and sample collection (3 and 4 days-post injection, respectively) is associated with reduced food intake, which would lower the availability of fiber. Regardless, reduced fiber and polyphenol intake has been recognized as a form of dysbiosis, increasing susceptibility to bactericidal ATBs via modification of microbial metabolism (Cabral et al., 2020; 2019; Makki et al., 2018; Ng et al., 2019), and we propose that a similar disruption of the microbiome occurs here.

We observed that the HG microbiome was enriched for transcripts and metabolites involved in pyruvate metabolism and

glycolysis. It is likely that the overall enrichment of aa catabolism directly contributes to increased community respiration because many of the altered amino acids are glucogenic (Berg et al., 2002). A key consideration of any ecological network is its taxonomic composition (Coyte and Rakoff-Nahoum, 2019). Polymicrobial interactions are a significant component of the microbiome's ecology and changes to taxonomic structure or function will directly impact the overall activity (Coyte and Rakoff-Nahoum, 2019; Layeghifard et al., 2017; Boon et al., 2014). Because Firmicutes have been characterized to perform a bulk of aa, nitrogen, and sulfur metabolism reactions within the GI, it is possible that these taxa are driving the increased metabolic rate. This may prime the microbiome as a whole for increased AMX susceptibility, but more work is needed to confirm this hypothesis (Bernal et al., 2007; Böttcher et al., 2014; Gao et al., 2018; Meadows and Wargo, 2015). Overall, these data make a strong argument for the degree of control that changes in the baseline function of the microbiome has on compositional restructuring after ATB perturbation.

When comparing HG and NG communities during and after AMX treatment, the increased dysbiosis in HG mice was expected given both the increased basal metabolic rate and the elevation of simple sugars and PTS activity during AMX. Increased sugar availability and decreased polysaccharide utilization have been demonstrated to potentiate ATB toxicity within the GI (Cabral et al., 2019; 2020). The most striking finding to us was how divergent the transcriptional behavior of *B. theta* was between hosts. We previously identified that polysaccharide fermentation by *B. theta* functions as an amoxicillin tolerance response in NG animals (Cabral et al., 2019). However, this study complicates that understanding, as STZ-specific reductions in *B. theta*'s polysaccharide and mucus foraging suggests that these may not be universal amoxicillin tolerance responses. There may be non-mucosal or non-polysaccharide metabolite species that induce a protective phenotype to members of the *Bacteroides* genus. Alternatively, members of this genus possess β -lactamases, and differences in the expression of these resistance genes may be involved in the observed enrichment of *Bacteroides* in HG AMX-treated mice (Edwards, 1997). Regardless, reduction in fiber fermentation by *Bacteroides* disrupts the balance of nutrients available for syntrophic metabolism with Firmicutes and Actinobacteria (Fischbach and Sonnenburg, 2011). These changes may induce a proinflammatory state and contribute to the increased dysbiosis experienced by HG mice during ATB exposure. Given the total ecological complexity of the gut microbiome, a more robust understanding of cross-feeding networks will be integral to the full characterization of a given perturbation's impact on the microbiome.

Lastly, we examined if the increased severity of AMX toxicity in HG mice would increase susceptibility to enteric infection. Overall, HG AMX-treated animals had both increased susceptibility to *S. enterica* and reduced overall survival after one-week of infection (Figure 7). Recent work by Thaiss et al. has shown that decreased barrier function caused by STZ increases *S. enterica* susceptibility (Thaiss et al., 2018). However, this study used a multiple-dose STZ model and did not infect mice until a few weeks after STZ treatment, thus these

results may not translate to our study. For example, we found that, at low infection doses, STZ treatment had no impact on susceptibility in the absence of ATBs. Thus, it is possible that the HG ATB-treated microbiome is structurally, functionally, and metabolically perturbed in a way that promotes the pathogen colonization and expansion. For example, we found enrichment of multiple ethanolamines, which are a carbon source that cannot be used by the microbiota but can be utilized by *Salmonella* (Anderson et al., 2015; Srikumar and Fuchs, 2011; Thienennimitr et al., 2011). *S. enterica* has flexible metabolism compared to the bulk of the microbiota (Taylor and Winter, 2020), and can use inaccessible carbon sources like ethanolamines to promote colonization and niche adaptation in mammals (Anderson et al., 2015). Other metabolites that may have impacted *S. enterica* infection severity include acetyl-maltose, as *Salmonella* are equipped with tightly controlled maltose import systems and readily fuel this carbon source into their respiratory cycle (Erhardt and Dersch, 2015; Jain et al., 2020; Miller et al., 2013). Another metabolite of interest was pantetheine, which *Salmonella* can shunt into its CoA synthesis, potentially providing a fitness advantage through competitor exclusion (Ernst and Downs, 2015) (Table S1). An alternate explanation for the increased expansion of *Salmonella* is an overall increase in ATB-induced intestinal oxygenation. *Salmonella* are facultative anaerobes and can readily switch to aerobic respiration when needed (Rhen, 2019). Additionally, *Salmonella* can use inflammation-related metabolites like tetrathionate as terminal electron acceptors, and can coopt the oxygenated and inflamed gut for growth (Winter et al., 2010). Although more work is required to parse what components of the HG microbiome provide a competitive advantage to *Salmonella* after AMX treatment, our data provides strong preliminary evidence that STZ-induced HG can directly impact the acute consequences of ATB dysbiosis. Ultimately, our study shows that host-related physiology and metabolic state must be a key consideration of any current and future therapeutic strategy aimed at mitigating ATB-induced microbiome damage.

Limitations of the study

While our multi-omic approach robustly characterizes the cecal microbiome during dysglycemia and ATB perturbation, there are limitations in the study design and methodology that complicate the interpretation of the results. First, our study exclusively uses male mice. Female mice are partially resistant to STZ-induced HG and require significantly higher doses and (or) repetitive dosing regimens compared to males to induce a metabolic phenotype (Deeds et al., 2011; Goyal et al., 2016). An additional consideration is that STZ's mechanism of action involves organ cytotoxicity (Deeds et al., 2011). Although STZ is rapidly eliminated from the host, it is nearly impossible to guarantee that off-target effects of pancreatic toxicity are not contributing to some microbiome phenotypes.

A key consideration of our metagenomic and metatranscriptomic-reliant analyses is the dependence on existing databases that possess annotation-based limitations and the need for imperfect alignment algorithms (HMP (Human Microbiome Project Consortium), 2012). While WMGS provides increased

resolution over 16S rRNA sequencing, the taxonomic classification of sequencing reads is still subject to currently available reference genomes, which are biased toward some taxa over others ([HMP \(Human Microbiome Project Consortium\), 2012](#); [McLaren et al., 2019](#)). Further, WMGS data is complicated by the fact that taxonomic levels are reported as relative abundances. Even metabolomic-focused pipelines like MIMOSA are limited by their reference databases. Specifically, full reaction annotations within the KEGG database are required for this pipeline ([Noecker et al., 2016](#)).

For untargeted metabolomics, ion annotation is still considered the primary bottleneck of analysis ([Gertsman and Barshop, 2018](#); [Schrime-Rutledge et al., 2016](#)). The diversity in chemical modification, polarity, solubility, and ionization of chemical structures from complex biological samples often requires multiple analytical modes (i.e., positive versus negative ion mode) to be run in order to characterize all structures, and that can subsequently complicate ion identification ([Gertsman and Barshop, 2018](#); [Lei et al., 2011](#); [Luan et al., 2019](#)). While metabolomics offers a powerful examination of the small molecule repertoire of the cecum, it does not distinguish between bacterially-derived, fungal-derived and host-derived metabolites ([Gertsman and Barshop, 2018](#)). While pairing these data with metatranscriptomics and using networking models like MIMOSA helps improve inference of metabolite origin it does not eliminate the possibility of host-derived metabolites being mistaken for bacterially derived compounds and vice versa. Additionally, our metabolomics preparation is unable to separate intracellular- and extracellular-derived metabolites, potentially complicating biological interpretation. Ultimately, further work will be required to correlate STZ and AMX-induced metabolomic changes with individual taxa, and greater annotation of metabolic syntrophy in the gut will aid in the biological interpretation of subsequent metabolomic analyses.

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STAR★METHODS

KEY RESOURCES TABLE

Reagent or resource	Source	Identifier
Bacterial and virus strains		
<i>Salmonella enterica</i> Typhimurium SL1344	Vanessa Sperandio, PhD (University of Texas, Southwestern)	N/A
Chemicals, peptides, and recombinant proteins		
Acetone, LCMS-grade	Fisher Scientific	K50738120840
Acetonitrile, LCMS-grade	Fisher Scientific	PI86188
Agar	Fisher Scientific	BP1423-2
Agarose	Fisher Scientific	14-223-040
Agencourt AMPure XP Beads	Beckman Coulter	A63880
Ammonium Fluoride	Sigma Aldrich	338869
Amoxicillin	Sigma Aldrich	A8523-5G
Deoxynucleotide (dNTP) Solution Mix	New England BioLabs	N0447S
Ethanol, 200 proof, molecular biology grade	Fisher Scientific	07-678-003
Formic acid	Fisher Scientific	RMB11202101
Hematoxylin & Eosin Stain Solution	AbCam	Ab245880
Heparin	Sigma Aldrich	H3393-25KU
Hydrochloric Acid	Fisher Scientific	A144-500
Industrial Grade Nitrogen, Liquid	AirGas	NI240LT22
Isopropanol, LCMS-grade	Fisher Scientific	A461-1
Luria Bertani (LB) Broth	Fisher Scientific	BP1426-2
Methacarn	Fisher Scientific	NC0547175
Methanol, LCMS-grade	Fisher Scientific	A456-500
Paraffin Wax	Fisher Scientific	22-90-700
Phosphate Buffered Saline, 10X	Fisher Scientific	BP399
Sodium Citrate Dihydrate	Fisher Scientific	5279-500
Streptozotocin	Alfa Aesar	J61601-03
Sucrose	Fisher Scientific	BP220-212
TE Buffer, 1X Solution, pH 8.0, low EDTA	Fisher Scientific	AAJ75793AE
Tween20	Fisher Scientific	BP337-100
Water, LCMS-grade	Fisher Scientific	PI51140
Water, Molecular Biology Grade	Fisher Scientific	BP2891-1
Critical commercial assays		
10KD Spin Column	AbCam	Ab93349
API-TOF Reference Mass Solution Kit	Agilent	AGG1969-85001
DNA/RNA Shield Collection and Lysis Tube	Zymo Research	R1102
DuoSet ELISA Ancillary Reagent Kit 2	R&D Systems	DY008
Glucose Assay Kit - Reducing Agent Compatible	AbCam	Ab102517
HiSeq X Ten Reagent Kit v2.5	Illumina	FC-501-2501
Legendplex Mouse Inflammation Panel 13-plex with Filter Plate	BioLegend	740150
MICROBExpress Bacterial mRNA Enrichment Kit	Thermo Fisher Scientific	AM1905
MiSeq Reagent Kit v2 (500 cycles)	Illumina	MS-102-2003
Mouse Lipocalin-2/NGAL DuoSet ELISA Kit	R&D Systems	DY1857-05

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Reagent or resource	Source	Identifier
NEBNEXT® rRNA Depletion Kit (Human/Mouse/Rat) (Includes Purification Beads)	New England BioLabs	E6350
NEBNEXT® Ultra II Directional RNA Seq Library Prep Kit for Illumina (Includes Purification Beads)	New England BioLabs	E7765
NEBNEXT® Ultra II FS DNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina (Includes Purification Beads)	New England BioLabs	E6177
NucleoSpin® Gel and PCR Clean-up Kit	Machery-Nagel GmbH & Co	740609
Phusion High-Fidelity PCR Kit	Thermo Fisher Scientific	F553L
Qubit dsDNA Broad Range Assay Kit	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Q32850
Qubit dsDNA High Sensitivity Assay Kit	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Q32851
Qubit RNA High Sensitivity Assay Kit	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Q32852
Sin-X UF 500 10k MWCO PES Spin Filter	Corning	431478
Spin-X Centrifuge Tube Filter, 0.22 µM	Costar	8160
ZymoBiotics Collection Tubes	Zymo Research	S6012-50
ZymoBiotics DNA Miniprep Kit	Zymo Research	D4300
ZymoBiotics DNA/RNA Miniprep Kit	Zymo Research	R2002
Deposited data		
16S rRNA Reads	NCBI BioProject ID	PRJNA720755
Metagenomic / Metatranscriptomic Reads	NCBI BioProject ID	PRJNA72012
Q-TOF-MS Raw Data	This Study	Table S1
GNPS Molecular Networking Data	GNPS.UCSD.edu	https://gnps.ucsd.edu/ProteoSAFe/status.jsp?task=e4efce0c33fb4ada96e373d53460f2d5
LC-MS/MS Files	Massive.UCSD.edu	MSV000087093
LC-MS/MS Data and Analysis Scripts	This Study	https://github.com/guziordo/Belenky-Brown-Diabetes-Antibiotics
Experimental models: Mouse Strains		
C57BL/6	Jackson Laboratories	Cat.# 000664
Oligonucleotides		
Earth Microbiome Project: 806R	Caporaso et al., 2012	https://earthmicrobiome.ucsd.edu/protocols-and-standards/primer-ordering-and-resuspension
Earth Microbiome Project: 515F with Barcode	Caporaso et al., 2012	https://earthmicrobiome.ucsd.edu/protocols-and-standards/primer-ordering-and-resuspension
Software and algorithms		
BBMap (version 37.96)	Bushnell, 2014	https://sourceforge.net/projects/bbmap
Bowtie2 (version 2.2.0)	Langmead and Salzberg, 2012	http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml
Bracken (version 2.0.0)	Lu et al., 2017	http://ccb.jhu.edu/software/bracken/index.shtml?t=manual
BWA-Mem (version 0.7.15)	Li and Durbin, 2010	http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/bwa.shtml
DIAMOND (version 0.9.11)	Buchfink et al., 2014	https://github.com/bbuchfink/diamond
Global Natural Products Social Molecular Networking (GNPS)	Wang et al., 2016	https://gnps.ucsd.edu
HUMAnN2 (version 0.11.1)	Franzosa et al., 2018	https://bitbucket.org/biobakery/humann2/wiki/home
Kneadata (version 0.6.1)	McIver et al., 2018	https://bitbucket.org/biobakery/kneadata/wiki/home

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Reagent or resource	Source	Identifier
Kraken (version 2.0.7-beta)	Wood et al., 2019	https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken2
LDA Effect Size (LEfSe, version)	Segata et al., 2011	https://huttenhower.sph.harvard.edu/galaxy
MetaPhlan2 (version)	Segata et al., 2012	https://bitbucket.org/biobakery/metaphlan2
MATLAB	MathWorks	https://www.mathworks.com/products/matlab.html
MATLAB Toolbox: Bioinformatics	MathWorks	https://www.mathworks.com/products/bioinfo.html
MZmine (version 2.52)	Pluskal et al., 2010	http://mzmine.github.io/
Paired-End Read Merger (PEAR; version 0.9.12)	Zhang et al., 2014	https://cme.h-its.org/exelixis/web/software/pear
Prism (version 9.0.2)	GraphPad	https://www.graphpad.com/scientific-software/prism
R (version 4.0.3)	The R Project for Statistical Computing	https://www.r-project.org
R package: DADA2 (version 1.8.0)	Callahan et al., 2016	https://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/dada2.html
R package: DESeq2 (version 1.26.1)	Love et al., 2014	https://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/DESeq2.html
R package: phyloseq (version 1.28.0)	McMurdie and Holmes, 2013	https://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/phyloseq.html
R package: randomForest (version 4.6-16)	Breiman, 2001	https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/randomForest/index.html
R package: vegan (version 2.5-7)		https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/vegan/index.html
R package: PAPI	Aggio et al., 2010	https://www.bioconductor.org/packages/2.12/bioc/html/PAPI.html
R package: Mimosa (version 2.0)	Noecker et al., 2016	https://borenstein-lab.github.io/MIMOSA2shiny
Rstudio (version)	Rstudio	https://www.rstudio.com/
SAMSA2 (version 1.0)	Westreich et al., 2018	https://github.com/transcript/samsa2
Subread (featureCounts) (version 1.6.2)	Liao et al., 2014	https://bioinf.wehi.edu.au/featureCounts
Trimmomatic (version 0.36)	Bolger et al., 2014	https://www.usadelab.org/cms?page=trimmomatic
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Other		
6550 iFunnel Q-TOF LC/MS	Agilent	G6550BA
Accuspin Micro17 Microcentrifuge	Fisher Scientific	13-100-675
Acquity UPLC columns, BEH C18, 1.7 µM (2.1x100mm)	Waters	186002352
Attune NxT Flow Cytometer	Invitrogen	N/A
ChemiDoc MP Imaging System	BioRad	12003154
Class II Type A2 Biological Safety Cabinet	Labguard	NU-540
CleanPrep PCR Workstation	MyStaire	MY-DB24
ContourNext® EZ Glucose Meter	Contour	N/A
ContourNext® EZ Glucose Meter Strips	Contour	N/A
Electrospray Ionization Source	Agilent	G1948B
GyroMax 737 Incubator	Amerex	N/A
Insulin Syringe, 0.5mL, 28G	BD	329461
Insulin Syringe, 1mL, 26G	BD	329652
Laboratory Rodent Diet 5001	LabDiet	0001319
Lo-Bind 96-well plate, skirted	Eppendorf	30129512
Lo-Bind Microcentrifuge Tubes, nuclease-free	Eppendorf	22431021
Polypropylene Feeding Tubes, 20 ga x 30mm	Instech	FTP-20-38

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Reagent or resource	Source	Identifier
QE Basic, Exactive Hybrid Quadrupole-Orbitrap MS	Thermo Fisher Scientific	IQLAAEGAAPPALGMBDK
Qubit 3.0 Fluorometer	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Q33216
SpectraMax M3 Multi-Mode Microplate Reader	Molecular Devices	89429-536
T100 Thermal Cycler	BioRad	1861096
Vanquish Autosampler	Thermo Fisher Scientific	8308123

RESOURCE AVAILABILITY

Lead Contact

Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to and will be fulfilled by the Lead Contact, Peter Belenky (peter_belenky@brown.edu).

Materials availability

This study did not generate new, unique reagents.

Data and code availability

- Illumina sequencing read data have been deposited at the NCBI Short Read Archive (SRA) and are publicly available as of the date of publication. Accession numbers are listed in the key resources table. LC-MS/MS and GNPS data have been deposited to MassIVE: <https://massive.ucsd.edu> and GNPS: <https://gnps.ucsd.edu>, respectively, and are publicly available as of the date of publication. DOIs are listed in the key sources table.
- This paper does not report original code.
- Any additional information required to reanalyze the data reported in this paper is available from the lead contact upon request.

EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS

Animal housing

Experimental procedures involving mice were conducted in accordance with protocols approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of Brown University. Five-week-old male C57BL/6J mice were purchased from the Jackson Laboratories (Bar Harbor, ME, USA) and given a two-week habituation period immediately following their arrival at Brown University. All animals were cohoused together in specific-pathogen-free (SPF), temperature controlled ($21 \pm 1.1^\circ\text{C}$), and 12-hour light/dark cycling conditions within Brown University's animal care facility, while being fed a standard chow (Laboratory Rodent Diet 5001, LabDiet, St. Louis, MO, USA). After habituation, mice were randomized into new cages to reduce potential cage effects.

Bacterial strains

S. enterica Typhimurium SL1344 (GFP+, AmpR) was generously donated by Dr. Venessa Sperandio (University of Texas, Southwestern). Cells were grown at 37°C under shaking aerobic conditions in Luria-Bertani (LB) broth containing ampicillin (100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$). Colony forming units (CFU) were quantified on LB agar plates containing ampicillin (100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$). Because *S. enterica* Typhimurium SL1344 constitutively expresses green-fluorescent protein, CFU counts were confirmed by UV-imaging using the ChemiDoc Imaging System (Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA, USA).

METHOD DETAILS

Animal experiments

All animal work was conducted in accordance with protocols approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of Brown University. To induce HG, 7-week-old male C57BL/6J mice were fasted for 4-6 hours, then given an intraperitoneal injection of either Na-Citrate buffered streptozotocin (STZ) (150 mg/kg, pH 4.5) or a Na-Citrate sham (pH 4.5). All mice were given overnight supplementation of 10% sucrose water to avoid post-procedural hypoglycemia. Sucrose water was then replaced with standard filter-sterilized water the following morning. Two days post-injection, fasting blood glucose was assessed in all mice using the CONTOUR®NEXT blood glucose monitoring system (Bayer AG, Whipppany, NJ, USA). Mice with HG (fasting blood glucose $\geq 250 \text{ mg/dL}$) were selected for subsequent ATB treatment along with NG controls. 24-hours after glycemic assessment, all mice were randomized again to reduced potential cage effects and given either amoxicillin (25 mg/kg/day) or a pH-adjusted vehicle via

filter-sterilized drinking water *ad libitum* for 24 hours (Cabral et al., 2019). Mice were subsequently sacrificed and dissected to collect blood, tissues, and cecal contents. Cecal contents were weighed then divided to be processed according to their downstream application (nucleic acid extraction, Q-TOF-MS, or LC-MS/MS). Exact processing methods are described in each application section below.

The 16S ribosomal RNA sequencing, whole metagenome sequencing, metatranscriptomic sequencing, metabolomics, and infection studies are the result of independent biological replicates conducted several months apart from one another. The 16S rRNA sequencing results were derived from two independent animal experiments performed in 2017 and 2018. Whole metagenomic sequencing results were derived from two independent animal experiments performed in 2018 and 2019. Metatranscriptomic results were paired from respective metagenomic samples. Metabolomics data were acquired from a separate animal experiment performed in 2020. Finally, infection data were acquired from two independent animal experiments performed in 2020 and 2021.

Multi-omic analysis: Pipelines/purpose/scope

Our multi-omic approach to microbiome analysis features the combinatory usage of the *Kraken2* and *Bracken* annotation pipelines for whole metagenomic sequencing (Lu et al., 2017; Wood et al., 2019), and the *HMP Unified Metabolic Analysis Network* (HUMAnN2) (Franzosa et al., 2018) and *Simple Annotation of Metatranscriptomes by Sequencing Analysis* (SAMSA2) pipelines for metatranscriptomics (Westreich et al., 2018). Combined utilization of these pipelines facilitates examination of species-level taxonomic shifts (*Kraken2/Bracken*), community-level changes in transcript abundances (SAMSA2) and community-level gene expression that is normalized to the abundance of each taxon (HUMAnN2). We also used the pipeline developed by Deng et al. (Deng et al., 2018) to examine species-level transcriptional responses to STZ and amoxicillin challenge for high-abundance and transcriptionally active members of the microbiota.

Sequencing pipelines were used in conjunction with both *quadrupole flow injection electrospray time-of-flight mass spectrometry* (Q-TOF-MS) (Fuhrer et al., 2011) and *liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry* (LC-MS/MS) paired with spectral annotation and networking analysis via the *Global Natural Products Social Metabolic Network* (GNPS; <http://gnps.ucsd.edu>) (Wang et al., 2016). While recent advances in mass spectrometry methods have vastly increased the range and accuracy of metabolite detection, no single analytical method is currently capable of capturing the entirety of small molecules in a complex biological sample (Luan et al., 2019). Thus, we opted to increase our metabolite coverage through the combinatory use of a tandem (LC-MS/MS) and a high-resolution (Q-TOF-MS) method (Chen et al., 2019). The Q-TOF-MS data is presented at the metabolite level where unknown features are ignored. For pathway-level comparisons, available Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes compound identifiers were used to perform Pathway Activity Profiling (Aggio et al., 2010) of known features (Table S3). A deeper metabolome analysis including unknown molecules or related metabolites to known compounds is presented with the and data originating from our LC-MS/MS dataset using GNPS cluster identification.

Finally, integration of transcriptomic (HUMAnN2) and metabolomic (Q-TOF-MS) data was performed using the R implementation of *Model-based Integration of Metabolite Observations and Species Abundances* (Noecker et al., 2016). This software calculates the potential metabolic capacity of a microbiome by examining which enzymatic reactions are present in a community (i.e., the sum of all synthetic and degradation machinery present). This output is then compared against observed metabolite variations from KEGG-annotated metabolomics data.

Nucleic acid extraction and purification

For nucleic acid extraction, cecal contents were transferred to ZymoBIOMICS DNA/RNA Miniprep Kit (Zymo Research, Irvine, CA, USA) Collection Tubes containing DNA/RNA Shield. These tubes were then processed via vortex at maximum speed for 5 minutes to homogenize cecal contents, which were subsequently placed on ice until permanent storage at -80°C . Using the parallel extraction protocol as per the manufacturer's instructions, the ZymoBIOMICS DNA/RNA Miniprep Kit was used to isolate total nucleic acids (DNA and RNA) from cecal slurry. Total DNA/RNA were eluted in nuclease-free water and quantified using the dsDNA-HS and RNA-HS kits on the Qubit 3.0 fluorometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA).

16S rRNA amplicon generation and sequencing

The V4 hypervariable region of the 16S ribosomal RNA was amplified from extracted total DNA using the 806R and 515F barcoded primers published under the Earth Microbiome Project (Caporaso et al., 2012; Thompson et al., 2017). Amplicons were generated using Phusion high-fidelity polymerase and the following cycling protocol: 98°C for 30 s initial denaturation, then 25 cycles of 98°C for 10 s (denaturation), 57°C for 30 s (annealing), and 72°C for 30 s (extension). This was followed by a final extension of 72°C for 5 minutes. Amplicon libraries were submitted to the Rhode Island Genomics and Sequencing Center at the University of Rhode Island (Kingston, RI, USA) for pair-end sequencing (2x250 bp) on the Illumina MiSeq platform using the 500-cycle kit with standard protocols. We obtained an average of $11,511 \pm 10,632$ reads per sample for sequences related to Figures 1 and S1, and an average of $6,167 \pm 3,498$ reads per sample for sequences related to Figures 7 and S5.

16S rRNA read processing and analysis

Raw reads underwent quality filtering, trimming, de-noising and merging using the R (version 3.5.0) package implementation of DADA2 (version 1.8.0) (Cabral et al., 2020; 2019; Callahan et al., 2016). The resulting ribosomal sequence variants underwent

taxonomic assignment by using the `assignTaxonomy` function in DADA2 with the RDP Classifier algorithm with RDP training set 18 (Wang et al., 2007). Both α (Shannon) and β (Bray-Curtis Dissimilarity) diversity were calculated using the R package phyloseq (version 1.24.2) (McMurdie and Holmes, 2013).

Metagenomic/transcriptomic library preparation

Libraries for metagenomics and metatranscriptomics were prepared as described in our recent work (Cabral et al., 2020). We prepared metagenomic libraries from DNA (100 ng) using the NEBNext® Ultra II FS DNA Library Prep Kit (New England BioLabs, Ipswich, MA, USA) and the > 100 ng input protocol as per the manufacturer's instructions, which generated a pool of fragments whose average size was between 250 and 500 bp. Meanwhile, we prepared metatranscriptomic libraries from total RNA (≤ 1 μ g) using a combination of the MICROBExpress kit (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, USA), NEBNext® rRNA Depletion Kit for Human/Mouse/Rat (New England BioLabs, Ipswich, MA, USA), and the NEBNext® Ultra II Direction RNA Sequencing Prep Kit as per the manufacturers' instructions. This generated a pool of fragments with an average size between 200 and 450 bp. Both metagenomic and metatranscriptomic libraries were pair-end sequenced (2x150 bp) on the Illumina HiSeq X Ten platform, yielding an average of 1,464,061 \pm 728,330 reads per metagenomic sample and 35,884,874 \pm 27,059,402 reads per metatranscriptomic sample.

Metagenomic/transcriptomic read processing

Raw metagenomic and metatranscriptomic reads underwent trimming and decontamination using KneadData (version 0.6.1) as previously described (Cabral et al., 2020; 2019; McIver et al., 2018). Illumina adaptor sequences were removed using Trimmomatic (version 0.36), then depleted of reads that mapped to C57BL/6J, murine mammary tumor virus (MMTV, accession NC_001503) and murine osteosarcoma virus (MOV, accession NC_001506.1) using Bowtie2 (version 2.2) (Bolger et al., 2014; Cabral et al., 2020; Langmead and Salzberg, 2012). Metatranscriptomic reads were additionally depleted of sequences that aligned to the SILVA 128 LSU and SSU Parc ribosomal RNA databases as previously described (Cabral et al., 2020; 2019; Pruesse et al., 2007).

Taxonomic classification of reads

We taxonomically classified trimmed and decontaminated metagenomic reads against a database of all completed bacterial, archaeal, and viral genomes contained within NCBI RefSeq using Kraken2 (version 2.0.7-beta, "Kraken2 Standard Database") with a k-mer length of 35 (Wood et al., 2019). Bracken (version 2.0.0) was then used to calculate phylum- and species-level abundances from Kraken2 reports, and the R package phyloseq (version 1.28.0) was used to calculate α - and β -diversity metrics (Lu et al., 2017; McMurdie and Holmes, 2013).

We then performed differential abundance testing on species-level taxonomic assignments (Cabral et al., 2020; 2019). First, low-abundance taxa (< 1,000 reads in $\geq 20\%$ of samples) were removed, then differential abundance testing of filtered counts was performed with the DESeq2 package (version 1.24.0) using default parameters (Love et al., 2014). All p values were corrected for multiple hypothesis testing using the Benjamini-Hochberg method (Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995). Features with an adjusted p value of less than 0.05 were considered statistically significant.

Metatranscriptomic analysis: SAMSA2

We used a modified version of the Simple Annotation of Metatranscriptomes by Sequences Analysis 2 (SAMSA2) pipeline to annotate trimmed and decontaminated metatranscriptomics reads as previously described (Cabral et al., 2020; 2019; Westreich et al., 2018). This modified pipeline involves implementation of the Paired-End Read Merger (PEAR) utility to generate merged reads and DIAMOND (version 0.9.12) aligner algorithm (Buchfink et al., 2014; Zhang et al., 2014) to generate alignments against RefSeq, SEED Subsystem, and CAZyme databases (Cantarel et al., 2009; Overbeek et al., 2013). The resulting alignments were subjected to differential abundance testing using DESeq2 (version 1.24.0) with standard parameters and Benjamini-Hochberg multiple hypothesis testing correction (Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995; Love et al., 2014). Features with an adjusted p value of less than 0.05 were considered statistically significant.

Metatranscriptomic analysis: HUMAnN2

We used the HMP Unified Metabolic Analysis Network 2 (HUMAnN2, version 0.11.1) pipeline to assess the impact of STZ-based HG and amoxicillin treatment on gene expression within the gut microbiome (Franzosa et al., 2018). We supplied the taxonomic profiles generated for each sample into the HUMAnN2 algorithm in order to assure consistent taxonomic assignment between paired samples (Segata et al., 2012; Cabral et al., 2020; 2019). Then, using HUMAnN2, we generated MetaCyc pathway abundances and used these to estimate community-level gene expression and normalized this to metagenomic abundance using the Witten-Bell method (Witten and Bell, 1991). Unstratified smoothed RPKM values were converted to relative abundances then analyzed using linear discriminant analysis as described (Cabral et al., 2020; 2019). This was performed with the LEfSe (version 1) toolkit hosted on the Huttenhower Galaxy server (Segata et al., 2011).

Single-species transcriptomics

We performed transcriptional analysis at the individual species level using a modified version of the pipeline developed by Deng et al. (Deng et al., 2018). First, species whose metagenomic abundance was subjected to an interaction between host glycemia and ATB

usage were selected. We then calculated total RNA read abundance for each of these species and performed transcriptional analysis only on those with 500,000 or greater reads per sample (Table S5). First, reads that mapped to candidate taxa were extracted from our metatranscriptomes using the BBSSplit utility within BBMap (version 37.96) (Bushnell, 2014). Reads from *B. theta*, *O. valericigenes*, and *O. spp.* PEA192 were aligned to their corresponding reference genomes using BWA-MEM (version 0.7.15) (Cabrera et al., 2020; Li and Durbin, 2010). Then, we used subread program (version 1.6.2) command *featureCounts* was used to generate a count table from alignments, and this count table was assessed for differential abundance using DESeq2 (Liao et al., 2014; Love et al., 2014). All p values were corrected for multiple hypothesis testing using the Benjamini-Hochberg method (Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995). Features with an adjusted p value of less than 0.05 were considered statistically significant.

Metabolite extraction and annotation: Q-TOF-MS

For untargeted Q-TOF-MS metabolomics, cecal samples were flash frozen upon collection and stored at -80°C until extraction. To extract metabolites, flash-frozen samples were removed from -80°C and placed on ice. A 10-20 mg sample was taken and submerged in 300 μl of fresh-made LC/MS-grade acetone:isopropanol (2:1) extraction solvent, then homogenized via vortex two times for 15 s each at 4°C . Supernatant extraction solvent was transferred to a new tube and was placed at -80°C temporarily. The 300 μl wash and homogenization was repeated, and this supernatant was then added to the original aliquot. Combined samples underwent centrifugation at 4°C for 10 minutes at 13,500 \times G. After centrifugation, supernatant was moved to a fresh microcentrifuge tube, sealed with parafilm, and placed on dry ice before immediate delivery to General Metabolics Inc. (Boston, MA, USA) where samples were stored at -80°C .

Extracted metabolites were quantified as described in Fuhrer et al. (Fuhrer et al., 2011) using flow injection Time-of-Flight mass spectrometry on the Agilent G6550A iFunnel Quadrupole Time-of-Flight mass spectrometer (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA, USA) equipped with a dual AJS electrospray ionization source operated in negative ion mode. Samples were injected at a flowrate of 0.15 mL/minute in a mobile phase containing isopropanol and water (60%:40% ratio) buffered in 1mM Ammonium Fluoride, 15nM HP-0921, and 5 μM homotaurine. Mass spectra data was recorded in 4 GHz high-resolution Ms mode at a rate of 1.4 spectra/second. We detected 714.3 ms/spectra and 9652 transients/spectra between 50 and 1000 m/z. Source operating parameters included a temperature of 225°C , drying gas rate of 11 L/min, nebulizer pressure of 20 psi, sheath gas temperature of 350°C and flow of 10 L/min. The source Vcap and Nozzle voltage were 3500V and 2000V. The ms TOF operating parameters include fragmentor, collision, RF peak-to-peak voltages of 350V, 0V, and 750V, respectively and the Skimmer was disabled.

Data processing and analysis was performed as described by Fuhrer et al. in MATLAB (The Mathworks, Natick, MA, USA) using functions from the following toolkits: Bioinformatics, Statistics, Database, and Parallel Computing (Fuhrer et al., 2011). Ions were additionally referenced against the Human Metabolome Database in addition to KEGG. Data analyses were run on an automated embedded platform by General Metabolics Inc. then delivered upon run completion. Finally, Principal Coordinate Analysis was performed on ion intensities by using Bray-Curtis dissimilarity paired with PERMANOVA analysis using the phyloseq (version 1.26.1) R package and subsequently visualized in Prism GraphPad (version 9.0.2) (McMurdie and Holmes, 2013).

Metabolite extraction and annotation: LC-MS/MS

For untargeted LC-MS/MS metabolomics, cecal samples were placed into 300 μl of LMCS-grade methanol then supplemented with 600 μl of 70% cold LC-MS-grade methanol. Samples were homogenized via vortex for 5 minutes, then placed at 4°C for an overnight incubation. Following incubation, samples were subjected to centrifugation at 1000 \times G for 3 minutes. 500 μl of the supernatant was moved to a sterile microcentrifuge tube and stored at -80°C for long-term preservation.

Samples were thawed and diluted 1:1 (v/v) in 50% methanol prior to LC-MS/MS. Liquid chromatography was performed using a Vanquish Autosampler (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) and an Acuity UPLC column (Waters, Milford, MA, USA). Mass spectrometry was performed using a Q Exactive® Hybrid Quadrupole-Orbitrap Mass Spectrometer (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) in positive ion mode. All analysis used a 5 μL injection volume. Samples were eluted via water-acetonitrile gradient (98:2 to 2:98) containing 0.1% formic acid at a 0.4 mL min $^{-1}$ flow rate. RAW files were converted via GNPS Vendor Conversion and mined with MZmine (ver. 2.52) prior to submission for feature based molecular networking (Pluskal et al., 2010; Nothias et al., 2020). Briefly, MS1 and MS2 feature extraction was performed for a centroid mass detector with a signal threshold of 5.0×10^5 and 5.0×10^4 respectively. Chromatogram builder was run with an *m/z* tolerance of 0.02 Da or 7 ppm and a minimum height of 1.0×10^5 . Then, chromatograms were deconvoluted utilizing a baseline cut-off algorithm of 1.0×10^5 and a peak duration range of 0 to 1.00 minutes. Following this, isotopic peaks were then grouped with an *m/z* tolerance of 0.02 Da or 7 ppm and a retention time percentage of 0.1. The Join Aligner Module was then utilized with a 0.02 Da or 7 ppm *m/z* tolerance and a retention time tolerance of 0.1 minutes. Feature-based molecular networking on GNPS was performed with the following parameters: precursor and fragment ion mass tolerance 0.02 Da; minimum cosine of 0.7 and minimum matched peaks of 4, all others were defaults. Library searching was performed with the same parameters as described above.

Analysis of Q-TOF-MS metabolite data

Differentially abundant metabolites were identified using the DESeq2 package (version 1.22.2) with standard parameters (Love et al., 2014). All p values were corrected for multiple hypothesis testing using the Benjamini-Hochberg method (Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995). Features with an adjusted p value of less than 0.05 were considered statistically significant. KEGG compound identifiers that

were feature-matched by the Bioinformatics MATLAB toolkit were used to create a list of all KEGG IDs associated with differentially abundant metabolites. This list (and associated ion intensities) were used to perform KEGG pathway enrichment analysis using the PAPi R package (version 1.22.1) with standard parameters (Aggio et al., 2010). Pathways with an adjusted p value of less than 0.05 were considered statistically significant.

To link our transcriptional data and metabolomics data, we used the R package implementation of Mimosa (version 2.0.0) and the publicly available KEGG reaction database (circa 2010) (Noecker et al., 2016). The configuration table settings were as follows: *File1*) taxon-stratified output from HUMANN2 based of KEGG Orthology annotation. *File2*) per-sample ion counts of differentially abundant Q-TOF-MS metabolites. *File1_type*) “taxon stratified KO abundance (HUMANN2 or PICRUST/PICRUST2.” *Ref_choices*) PICRUST KO genomes and KEGG metabolic model. *metType*) KEGG compound ID. *data_prefix*) complete file path to the KEGG reaction database. *Vsearch_path*) complete file path to the vsearch executable (<https://github.com/torognes/vsearch>). The *run_mimosa2* function was used with standard parameters to calculate the community metabolic potential within each sample, score this against the input metabolite table, and calculate the level of metabolic variation attributable to individual taxa using a linear rank regression as described (Noecker et al., 2016). All data tables produced by the *run_mimosa2* function were then exported and data visualization was performed in Prism GraphPad (version 9.0.2). “Positive” metabolites have observed abundances that match the predictive model. “Negative” metabolites are those whose observed abundance diverges from the predictive model.

Analysis of LC-MS/MS metabolite data

First, principal coordinate analysis was performed on ion intensities by using Bray-Curtis dissimilarity paired with PERMANOVA analysis. These analyses were performed using the phyloseq (version 1.26.1) R package and subsequently visualized in Prism GraphPad (version 9.0.2) (McMurdie and Holmes, 2013). Random forest classification models on treatment mouse treatment group were then generated using the randomForest (version 4.6-16) R package (Breiman, 2001). Variable importance plots from the models were used to identify metabolites that best contributed to group classification. Each metabolite feature of interest was then checked for annotation in GNPS, if not directly annotated from MS/MS library searching, the node of interest was identified in the molecular network and assessed for spectral similarity to other annotated nodes. This provided a molecular family annotation of each unknown cluster. Models classifying HG mice treated with amoxicillin and not treated with amoxicillin resulted in out-of-bag prediction error of 2.7%. Classification of nonHG treated with amoxicillin and not treated with amoxicillin resulted in out-of-bag prediction error of 6.25%. Classification of HG mice and nonHG mice, both treated with ATBs, resulted in out-of-bag prediction error of 7.96%. Classification of HG mice and nonHG mice, neither treated with ATBs, resulted in out-of-bag prediction error of 16.67%.

Cecal glucose assessment

Cecal glucose levels were assessed using the Abcam Glucose Detection Kit (Abcam, Cambridge, United Kingdom). First, cecal material was weighed out and resuspended in glucose assay buffer at a concentration of 100 mg/mL, then homogenized via vortex until no visible clumps were present. Samples were spun at maximum speed for 1 minute to pellet any residual debris, and 500 μ L of supernatant was transferred to a Corning Costar Spin-X 0.22 μ M centrifuge tube filter (Corning Brand, Corning, New York, USA). The costar tubes containing supernatant were spun via centrifugation at 15,000 \times G for 10 minutes, after which up to 500 μ L of flow-through was transferred to an abcam 10kD spin column to deproteinize the samples. Samples were again spun at 15,000 \times G for 10 minutes and flow-through was quantified using the Abcam Glucose Assay kit as per the manufacturer’s instructions.

Plasma cytokine profiling

Upon animal sacrifice, whole blood was collected via cardiac puncture and placed in a microcentrifuge tube containing up to 15 μ L of 1X heparin. Collection tubes were then spun via centrifugation at 13,000 \times G for 10 minutes to isolate plasma. The plasma-containing supernatant was transferred to a new microcentrifuge tube and frozen at -80° C until ready to process. Once ready, samples were thawed on ice, split into a working aliquot and a re-frozen stock aliquot. The working aliquot was assessed for signatures of inflammation in mice using the LEGENDplex Mouse Inflammation Panel (13-plex) (BioLegend, San Diego, CA) flow cytometry kit as per the manufacturer’s instructions. Samples were processed on the Attune NxT Flow Cytometer (ThermoFisher, Waltham, MA) and subsequently analyzed using the LegendPlex cloud software cool (BioLegend, San Diego, CA). This panel allows for simultaneous profiling of IL-1 α , IL-1 β , IL-6, IL-10, IL-12p70, IL-17A, IL-23, MCP-1, IFN- β , IFN- γ , TNF- α , and GM-CSF. Cytokine concentrations were compared across samples using Welch’s ANOVA with Dunnet T3 test for multiple hypothesis testing. Only cytokines with a p value < 0.05 were included in the manuscript discussion.

Lipocalin-2 quantification

Cecal lipocalin-2 levels were assessed using the Mouse Lipocalin-2/NGAL DuoSet ELISA kit (R&D Systems, Minneapolis, MN). First, flash-frozen cecal contents were weighed and reconstituted into a freshly made working solution of 1X phosphate buffered saline (PBS) and 0.1% Tween 20 at a concentration of 100 mg/mL. This working solution was vigorously pipetted to aid in resuspension. Samples were mixed by vortex at max speed for at 5 minutes until fully homogenized, then spun via centrifugation at 12,000 rpm for 10 minutes. The supernatant was transferred to sterile microcentrifuge tubes and used as input for the DuoSet kit. Lipocalin-2 was quantified from these samples as per the manufacturer’s instructions. Concentrations were compared across samples using Welch’s ANOVA with Dunnet T3 test for multiple hypothesis testing.

GI histopathology assessment

During animal necropsy an approximate 1-inch section of the distal colon was collected and fixed in methacarn. Fixed tissues were incubated at room temperature for 24 hours, then washed twice with a 70% ethanol solution. Samples were placed in 70% ethanol and stored in a light-safe box at 4°C until ready to process. To process, tissues were transferred to histology cassettes, submerged in 70% ethanol, and submitted to the Molecular Pathology Core at Brown University. Core staff embedded the sample cassettes in paraffin, then sectioned the blocks at 4-5 µM thickness. Tissues sections were mounted on microscopy slides and stained with hematoxylin and eosin. Stained slides were dried for 24 hours before being shipped to the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center for pathology scoring.

Enteric pathogen challenge

Salmonella enterica serovar Typhimurium SL1344 was grown overnight in 5 mL Luria-Bertani (LB) broth supplemented with fresh-made ampicillin (100 µg/mL) and grown at 37°C. This culture was diluted 1:1000 into fresh LB+ampicillin (100 µg/mL) the morning of infections and grown until cells were approximately at mid-log phase (OD₆₀₀ = 0.3-0.4).

Rather than sacrificing animals after the 24-hours of amoxicillin treatment as outlined above (See *Animal Procedures*), animals were given an additional 48 hours of *ad libitum* amoxicillin within their drinking water followed by ATB-free filter-sterilized water for 24 hours. Subsequently, animals were moved to clean cages and placed under a 4-hour fast, at which point they were infected with an inoculum between 10² and 10⁶ cells/dose via oral gavage (volume ≤ 200 µL). Animals were transferred to clean cages and weighed daily throughout the course of pathogen challenge. Fecal samples were collected daily then resuspended in 1 mL of 1X PBS and homogenized via vortex at maximum speed for at least 5 minutes. Fecal slurry was then serially diluted and plated onto ampicillin-supplemented (100 µg/mL) LB agar plates and grown at 37°C for 24 hours. After growth, colonies were counted and the total colony forming units (CFU) were quantified per gram of feces to assess pathogen burden. To quantify non-intestinal *S. enterica* burden, fresh liver and spleen were collected during post-sacrifice necropsy, weighed, then placed into 1mL of 1X PBS, mixed via vortex for 5 minutes, serially diluted, and plated onto LB agar plates supplemented with ampicillin (100 mg/mL). CFUs were quantified 24 hours later.

During the course of infection, any animal that experienced a loss of ≥ 20 percent of total body weight was sacrificed as per our IACUC protocol. These qualified as “lethality events” and were logged accordingly.

QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Specific details of the statistical analyses for all experiments are outlined in the figure legends and Results section. Sample numbers represent biological replicates, and instances of technical replicates are specifically stated in corresponding figure legends. LEfSe (version 1.0) was used to analyze MetaCyc pathway abundance data generated by HUMAnN2 on the Galaxy web server using default settings (<http://huttenhower.sph.harvard.edu/galaxy>). Metatranscriptomic outputs generated by SAMSA2 and single-species sequencing, along with Q-TOF-MS abundances were subjected to differential abundance testing using the DESeq2 package (1.24.0) in R (version 3.5.2) under default parameters and included contrast:interaction comparisons (Love et al., 2014). All DESeq2 results were corrected using the Benjamini-Hochberg method (Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995) to account for multiple hypothesis testing and significance was considered when the adjusted p value was below 0.05. LC-MS/MS Random Forest testing was conducted using the R package implementation (Breiman, 2001). Permutational ANOVA calculations were made using the vegan R package (version 2.5.2). ANOVA, unpaired t tests, and Mann-Whitney U tests were performed in Prism Graphpad (version 9.0) without sample size estimation.