Type 1 Diabetes: Mice Study on the cage effect

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Introduction

- RNA sequencing of gut bacteria allows to study the microbiome evolution with and without interventions over time.
- Important to understand the factors that might potentially affect the observed OTUs in the gut.
- ► Constraint: OTU not observed at a certain time point in a subject (mouse) might actually have positive abundance.
- Although zero abundance not necessarily means OTU was not present, it is important to also understand the factors (other than interventions under study) that might explain the "appearance" of an OTU between two consecutive time points.

Objective

➤ To answer whether "transmission" of bacteria between mice sharing the same cage is one of the factors that may influence the appearance of an OTU in a mouse.

Data

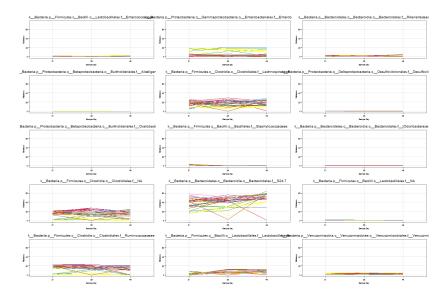
- ▶ OTU abundance measured in mice at 3 bi-monthly time points (Day 21, 35, and 49)
- ► Two groups: control (without antibiotic treatment) and antibiotics group. Only control group is used in this analysis

OTU Richness

Time Point	Richness	Min.	Q1	Median	Mean	Q3	Max
Day 21	Absolute	48.0	75.0	100.0	98.9	120.0	167.0
	Chao1	53.6	91.2	123.3	120.8	140.1	228.2
Day 35	Absolute	4.0	86.8	109.5	105.2	124.0	157.0
	Chao1	4.0	109.6	127.7	126.8	147.5	206.5
Day 49	Absolute	5.0	94.8	121.0	114.0	132.0	169.0
	Chao1	8.0	121.0	140.4	136.2	156.7	190.0
Overall	Absolute	4.0	85.0	110.0	106.0	127.0	169.0
	Chao1	4.0	104.7	130.1	127.9	150.1	228.2

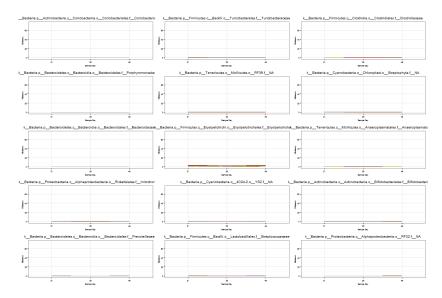
Richness on Family Level

Control group only



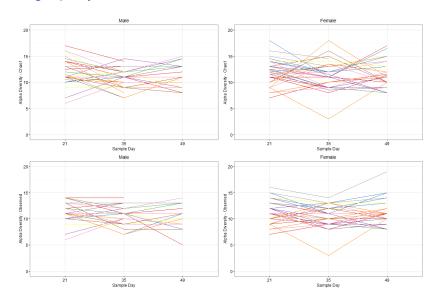
Richness on Family Level (cont'd)

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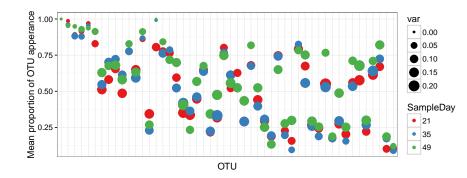


Alpha diversity on family level

Control group only



Proportion of OTU presence in a cage by OTU



Fisher's exact test

Group	Day	Number of mice	Number of OTUs	Dependency between mice in same cage and mice with OTU in common, by OTU				
				Mean number of common	Mean number of common OTUs for mice	Number of OTUs with significant p-value Fisher exact test		
				OTUs for mice in same cage	in different cages	Not adjusted for multiplicity	Adjusted for multiplicity (Hochberg)	
Control	Day 21	88	348	66	42	191 (55%)	70 (20%)	
	Day 35	84	348	78	50	187 (54%)	77 (22%)	
	Day 49	87	348	87	56	214 (61%)	72 (21%)	

Linear mixed effect models

Model comparison:

$$M_0: g(\pi) = eta_0 + eta_t ext{Time}$$
 $M_1: g(\pi) = eta_0 + eta_t ext{Time} + a_k$ $M_2: g(\pi) = eta_0 + eta_t ext{Time} + a_k + b_i$

where:

- ▶ $g(\pi)$ is 0/1 value for OTU appearance (1: OTU appears)
- \triangleright β_t is the mean effect of time
- $ightharpoonup a_k$ is a random effect of **cage**
- \triangleright b_i is a random effect of **mouse**

No OTU is having a significant random effect on neither Cage nor Mouse.

Linear mixed effect models

Model comparison:

$$M_0 : g(\pi) = \beta_0$$

 $M_1 : g(\pi) = \beta_0 + a_k$

where:

- ▶ $g(\pi)$ is 0/1 value for OTU appearance (1: OTU appears)
- \triangleright β_t is the mean effect of time
- ▶ a_k is a random effect of cage

Same case as before, no OTU is having a significant random effect on neither Cage.

Thank you