Microbial community analysis

Workflow has been built with help of "Orchestrating microbiome analysis with R and Bioconductor" (Leo Lahti et. al), various analysis tool guides and own modifications.

<pre>#load required libraries library(mia); packageVersion("mia")</pre>
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[1] '2.6.0'
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library(Maaslin2);packageVersion("Maaslin2")
[1] '1.18.0'

Set file locations

Set necessary file paths before running code.

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# Path variables
asvfile <- "result_tables/asvs.tsv"
metafile <- "result_tables/metadata.tsv"
taxafile <- "result_tables/taxonmy.tsv"
treefile <- "result_tables/taxenmy.tsv"</pre>
```

Import data

Data is imported and a TreeSummarizedExperiment object is created.

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#Abundance data is imported from tabular txt file, rownames stored and emptied
counts <- read_tsv(asvfile, show_col_types = FALSE)
ASV_names <- counts$ASV_names</pre>
counts$ASV_names <- NULL
#Metadata is imported from tabular txt file, rownames stored and emptied</pre>
samples <- read_tsv(metafile, show_col_types = FALSE)
sampleid <- samples$sampleid</pre>
samples$sampleid <- NULL
#Taxonomy table is imported tabular txt file, rownames stored and emptied
taxonomy <-read_tsv(taxafile, show_col_types = FALSE)</pre>
taxanames <- taxonomy$ASV_names
taxanames <- NULL
#Check if there are discrepancies between data tables
if( any( colnames(counts) != sampleid ) ){
counts <- counts[ , sampleid ]}
if( any( ASV_names != taxanames ) ){
  counts <- counts[ taxanames, ]}</pre>
#Abundance values should be in numeric matrix format counts <- as.matrix(counts)
#And should be added to a SimpleList
assays <- SimpleList(counts = counts)
#colData and rowData should be in DataFrame format</pre>
colData <- DataFrame(colData)
rowData <- DataFrame(rowData)</pre>
#Create a TreeSummarized Experiment object
#Add amplicon variant names as rownames
rownames(tse) <- ASV_names
```

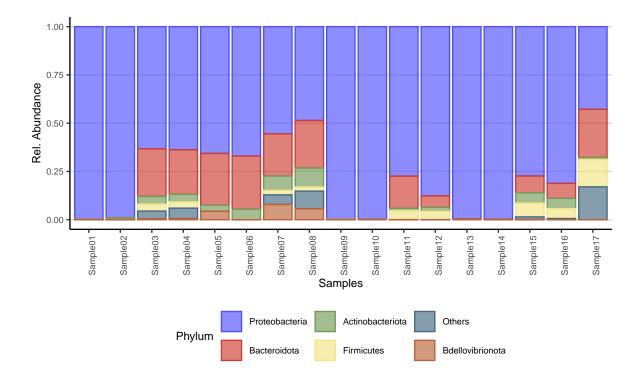
Add phylogenetic tree

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#tree in newick format was created with mafft & fasttree
phytree <- read.tree(treefile)
rowTree(tse) <- phytree
#view tse
#save as rds object
saveRDS(tse,"rds/tse.rds")</pre>
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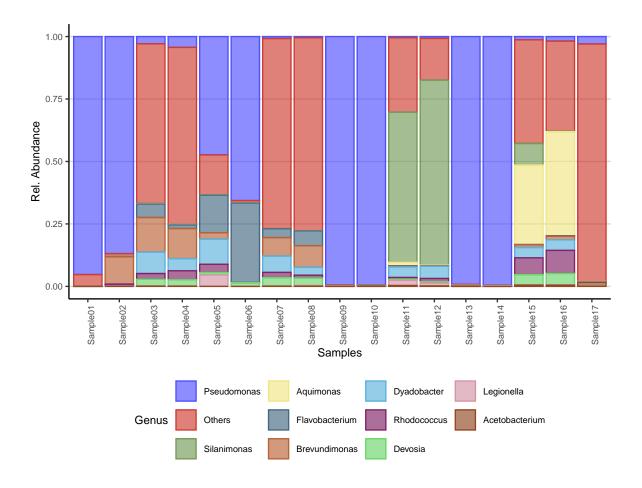
Community composition

Community composition can be visualised at different taxonomic ranks by agglomerating information and using getTopFeatures function. Barplots can be created either by arranging assay data to a long data table or straight by using plotAbundance function from miaViz package.

Here we plot top 5 phyla from samples. Rest have been relabeled to Others group.



Top 10 genera



Abundance information can be presented also in tables. Next, samples are merged to groups, taxonomy agglomerated and arranged by abundance.

Top taxa in filtered samples vs non-filtered.

Table 1: Common taxa

Non-filtered	Rel Abundance	Filtered	Rel Abundance
Family:Rhodobacteraceae	0.15	Genus:Pseudomonas	0.63
Genus:Silanimonas	0.09	Genus:Flavobacterium	0.10
Family:Comamonadaceae	0.08	Family:Pseudomonadaceae	0.07
Genus:Brevundimonas	0.04	Family:Sphingomonadaceae	0.04
Genus:Pedobacter	0.03	Family:Comamonadaceae	0.04
Genus:Dyadobacter	0.03	Genus:Brevundimonas	0.02
Family:Rhizobiaceae	0.03	Genus:Dyadobacter	0.02
Genus:Algoriphagus	0.03	Family:Microbacteriaceae	0.02
Genus:Aquimonas	0.03	Genus:Chryseobacterium	0.02
Genus:Alishewanella	0.02	Genus:Peredibacter	0.01

Top taxa in microalgae categories.

Table 2: Common taxa

Chlorella	Rel Abundance	Selenatrum	Rel Abundance
Genus:Pseudomonas	0.43	Genus:Pseudomonas	0.29
Genus:Silanimonas	0.09	Genus:Flavobacterium	0.10
Family:Rhodobacteraceae	0.08	Family:Comamonadaceae	0.07
Family:Pseudomonadaceae	0.06	Family:Rhodobacteraceae	0.06
Family:Sphingomonadaceae	0.05	Genus:Dyadobacter	0.03
Genus:Brevundimonas	0.04	Family:Microbacteriaceae	0.03
Family:Comamonadaceae	0.03	Family:Pseudomonadaceae	0.03
Genus:Algoriphagus	0.03	Genus:Chryseobacterium	0.02
Genus:Alishewanella	0.02	Genus:Brevundimonas	0.02
Genus:Dyadobacter	0.02	Family:Rhizobiaceae	0.02

Top taxa in culture age categories (Note that numeric values need to be converted to characters).

Table 3: Common taxa

Day5	Rel Abundance	Day30	Rel Abundance
Genus:Pseudomonas	0.34	Genus:Pseudomonas	0.38
Genus:Flavobacterium	0.08	Family:Rhodobacteraceae	0.21
Family:Comamonadaceae	0.07	Genus:Silanimonas	0.16
Family:Pseudomonadaceae	0.05	Genus:Aquimonas	0.05
Genus:Brevundimonas	0.04	Genus:Algoriphagus	0.03
Family:Sphingomonadaceae	0.03	Genus:Roseococcus	0.02
Genus:Dyadobacter	0.03	Family:Clostridiaceae	0.02
Family:Microbacteriaceae	0.02	Genus:Dyadobacter	0.02
Family:Rhodobacteraceae	0.02	Family:Comamonadaceae	0.01
Genus:Chryseobacterium	0.02	Genus:Rhodococcus	0.01

Alpha diversity

Diversity can be studied using diversity indexes. Values can be added to **colData** under defined names. We create table with Shannon, Faith and observed features diversity indexes.

	Shannon	Faith	Observed_features
Sample01	0.79	7.71	40
Sample02	1.43	7.71	51
Sample03	4.64	18.86	353
Sample04	4.58	19.61	362
Sample05	2.67	11.33	65
Sample06	1.68	12.12	52
Sample07	5.34	34.92	718
Sample08	5.24	34.36	690
Sample09	0.12	7.18	33
Sample10	0.12	6.34	29
Sample11	2.03	9.13	92
Sample12	1.95	10.44	102
Sample13	0.15	6.66	29
Sample14	0.10	6.63	31
Sample15	3.51	18.13	194
Sample16	3.38	17.47	164
Sample17	3.92	26.79	411

Boxplots can be used to compare sample categories

```
#Shannon boxplot I

plot1 <- ggplot(as.data.frame(colData(tse)), aes(x = Algae, y = Shannon, fill = Algae)) +

geom_boxplot(alpha = 0.7, show.legend = FALSE) +

geom_dotplot(binaxis = "y", stackdir = "center", binwidth = 0.3, dotsize = 0.5) +

labs (title = "Algae", y = "Shannon", x = "Algae")

#Shannon boxplot II

plot2 <- ggplot(as.data.frame(colData(tse)), aes(x = Filtered, y = Shannon, fill = Filtered) +

geom_dotplot(binaxis = "y", stackdir = "center", binwidth = 0.3, dotsize = 0.5) +

labs (title = "Culture filtering", y = "Shannon", x = "Filtering")

#Shannon boxplot III

plot3 <- ggplot(as.data.frame(colData(tse)), aes(x = Name, y = Shannon, fill = Name)) +

geom_boxplot(alpha = 0.7, show.legend = FALSE) +

geom_dotplot(binaxis = "y", stackdir = "center", binwidth = 0.3, dotsize = 0.5) +

labs (title = "Samples", y = "Shannon", x = "Sample")

#Shannon boxplot IV

plot4 <- ggplot(as.data.frame(colData(tse)), aes(x = as.character(Age), y = Shannon, fill = Algae)) +

geom_dotplot(binaxis = "y", stackdir = "center", binwidth = 0.3, dotsize = 0.5) +

labs (title = "Algae and age", y = "Shannon", x = "Age of culture") +

scale x_discrete(limits = rev)

#Shannon boxplot V

plot5 <- ggplot(as.data.frame(colData(tse)), aes(x = as.character(Age), y = Shannon, fill = Filtered) +

geom_dotplot(binaxis = "y", stackdir = "center", binwidth = 0.3, dotsize = 0.5) +

labs (title = "Algae and age", y = "Shannon", x = "Age of culture") +

scale x_discrete(limits = rev)

#Shannon boxplot (alpha = 0.7, show.legend = FALSE) +

geom_dotplot(binaxis = "y", stackdir = "center", binwidth = 0.3, dotsize = 0.5) +

labs (title = "Filtering and age", y = "Shannon", x = "Age of culture") +

scale x_discrete(limits = rev)

#Shannon boxplot(alpha = 0.7, show.legend = FALSE) +

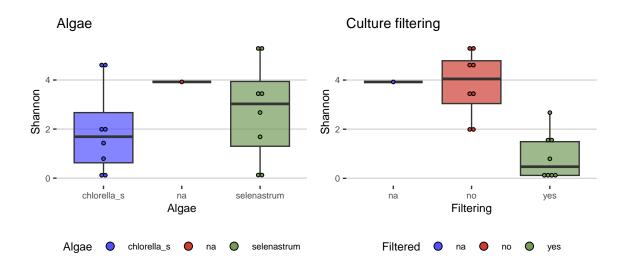
geom_dotplot(binaxis = "y", stackdir = "center", binwidth = 0.3, dotsize = 0.5) +

labs (title = "Filtering and age", y = "Shannon", x = "Age of culture") +

scale x_discrete(limits = rev)
```

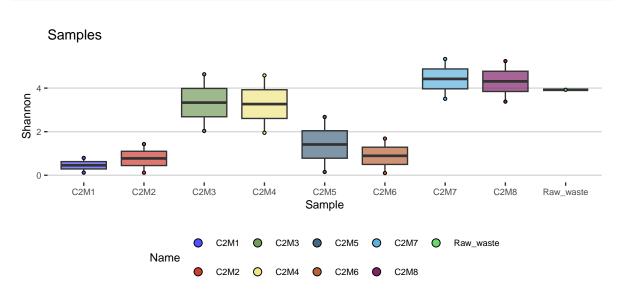
Algae and culture filtering boxplots (n=8).

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plot1 + theme_hc(base_size=9) + scale_fill_igv() + plot2 + theme_hc(base_size=9) + scale_fill_igv()
```



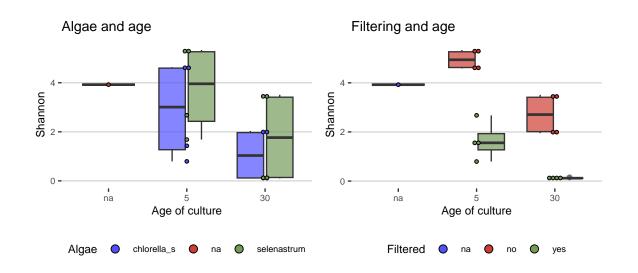
Sample comparison boxplot (n=2)

plot3 + theme_hc(base_size = 9) + scale_fill_igv()



Dual boxplots (n=4)

plot4 + theme_hc(base_size = 9) + scale_fill_igv() + plot5 + theme_hc(base_size = 9) + scale_fill_igv()



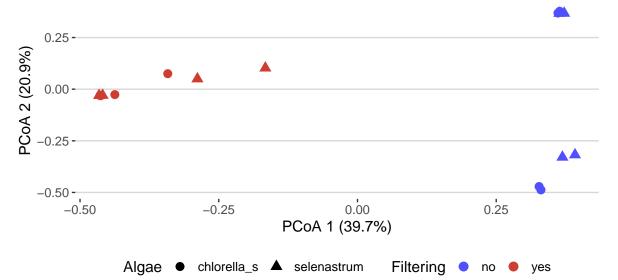
Filtering has an effect on diversity. Both microalgae seem also to decrease diversity compared to untreated. However, there is only one control sample and decrease is not statistically significant. Culture age also decreases diversity. This is most evident in final boxplots.

Beta diversity

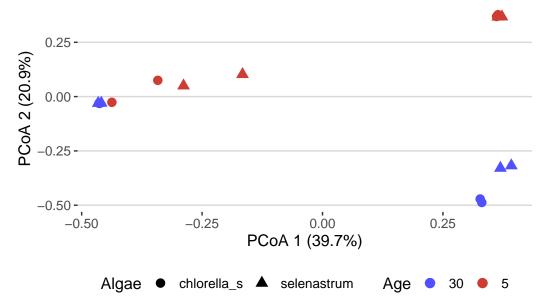
Bray-Curtis dissimilarity analysis

Results.

Filtering and Algae



Filtering and Age



Filtering change community composition.

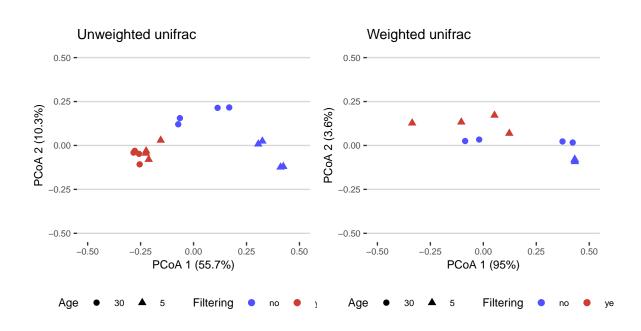
Beta diversity using unifrac

```
eu <- attr(reducedDim(tse, "unweighted_uni"), "eig");
urel_eig <- eu/sum(eu[eu>0])
ew <- attr(reducedDim(tse, "weighted_uni"), "eig");
wrel_eig <- ew/sum(ew[ew>0])
# Removing wastewater from plots
unweighted_attributes <- unweighted_attributes[1:16,]
weighted_attributes <- weighted_attributes[1:16,]</pre>
```

Next create ggplot objects

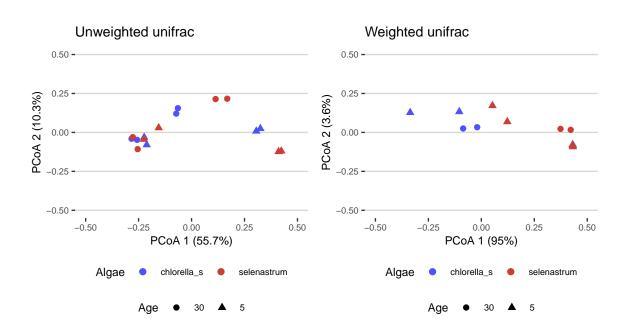
First, comparison of culture filtering and age

uni1 + uni2



Next algae species along with culture age

uni3 + uni4



Results are similar to Bray-Curtis. Weighted plots show smaller differences.

Permanova analysis

Permanova measures importance of each variable to total variance.

	Df	SumOfSqs	F	Pr(>F)	Total variance	Explained variance
Model	4	3.99	6.10	0.00	5.95	0.67
Filtered	1	2.25	13.76	0.00	5.95	0.38
Age	1	0.89	5.45	0.00	5.95	0.15
Algae	1	0.28	1.72	0.13	5.95	0.05
Residual	12	1.96	NA	NA	5.95	0.33

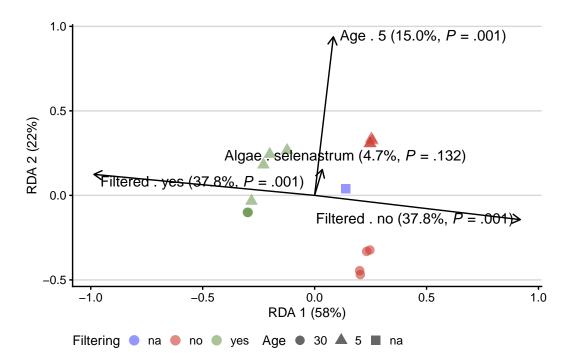
Filtering is most important factor. Culture age is also statistically significant, while Algae is not.

From same df, we can extract information, if homogeneity assumption is fulfilled.

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F	N.Perm	Pr(>F)	Total variance	Explained variance
Filtered	2	0.38	0.19	3.80	999	0.05	1.09	0.35
Age	2	0.25	0.13	0.96	999	0.59	2.09	0.12
Algae	2	0.29	0.15	7.19	999	0.01	0.58	0.51

Filtering fulfiill homogeneity assumption, Age doesn't

We can also plot results using plotRDA function from miaViz package.



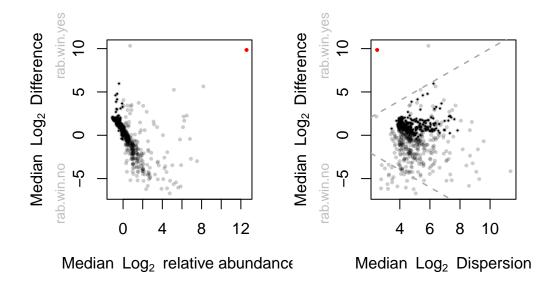
Differential abundance

Differential abundances of microbial features can be studied with several R packages. ALDEx2 is one of the them.

Data is preprocessed by removing taxa based on low prevalenc. Also, raw wastewater sample is dropped.

Aldex2 analysis on filtered category.

```
#ALDEx2 analysis can be performed in modular fashion
#aldex.clr - generates random instances of the centred log-ratio transformed values
filter_aldex <- aldex.clr(assay(tse_daa), tse_daa$Filtered, useMC = TRUE, mc.samples=256, verbose = FALSE)
#aldex.ttest - perform Welch's t and Wilcoxon test when there are only two conditions
filter_tt <- aldex.ttest(filter_aldex, paired.test = FALSE, verbose = FALSE)
#aldex.effect - estimate effect size and the within and between condition values
filter_effect <- aldex.effect(filter_aldex, CI = TRUE, verbose = FALSE)
#Merge two outputs
filter_aldex_out <- data.frame(filter_tt, filter_effect)
#Create plots
par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
    aldex.plot(filter_aldex_out, type = "MA", test = "welch")
    aldex.plot(filter_aldex_out, type = "MM", test = "welch")</pre>
```



In figure, red dots represent significantly changed taxa, grey dots are abundant taxa and black dots are rare taxa.

We have five variants in which wilcoxon probability test result is $p \le 0.05$.

genus	taxon	we.eBH	wi.eBH	effect	overlap
ASV29	Family:Carnobacteriaceae	0.07	0.01	-1.83	0.00
ASV64	Genus:Brevundimonas	0.05	0.00	-2.08	0.00
ASV70	Genus:Dyadobacter	0.06	0.00	-1.90	0.00
ASV78	Family:Comamonadaceae	0.17	0.03	-1.40	0.03
ASV86	Family:Devosiaceae	0.10	0.01	-1.81	0.00

Testing algae types or culture age did not provide significantly different features

Ancom-BC2 (Analysis of Compositions of Microbiomes with Bias Correction)

Results are collected into out\$res data frame. We can filter statistically significant variants.

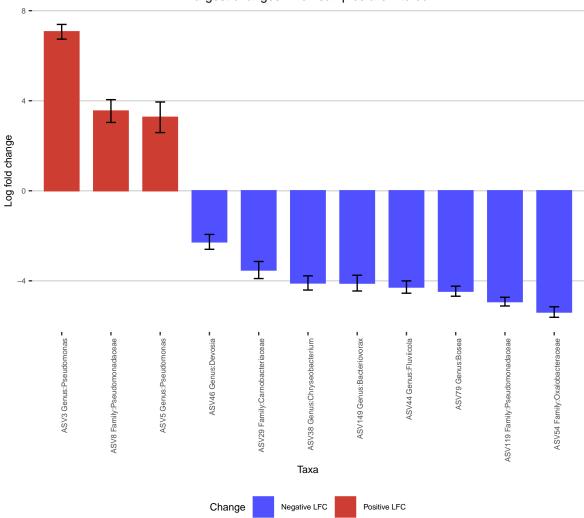
First variable is Filtering (yes/no)

Table 4: Taxa that are changed by filtering

ASV	Lfc	SE	Q	Diff	Change
ASV3 Genus:Pseudomonas	7.06	0.33	0.00	TRUE	Positive LFC
ASV8 Family:Pseudomonadaceae	3.54	0.51	0.01	TRUE	Positive LFC
ASV5 Genus:Pseudomonas	3.26	0.68	0.04	TRUE	Positive LFC
ASV46 Genus:Devosia	-2.27	0.33	0.04	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV29 Family:Carnobacteriaceae	-3.52	0.38	0.00	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV38 Genus:Chryseobacterium	-4.09	0.32	0.02	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV149 Genus:Bacteriovorax	-4.10	0.35	0.03	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV44 Genus:Fluviicola	-4.28	0.27	0.01	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV79 Genus:Bosea	-4.46	0.22	0.03	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV119 Family:Pseudomonadaceae	-4.92	0.19	0.01	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV54 Family:Oxalobacteraceae	-5.39	0.23	0.02	TRUE	Negative LFC

Bar plot of log fold changes including standard error

Largest changes when samples are filtered



Examination of Algae did not produce significant changes

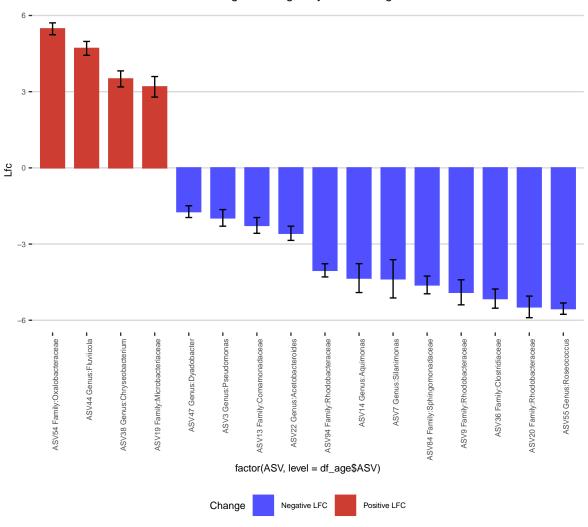
Culture age variable.

Table 5: Taxa that are changed by culture length

ASV	Lfc	SE	Q	Diff	Change
ASV54 Family:Oxalobacteraceae	5.48	0.23	0.02	TRUE	Positive LFC
ASV44 Genus:Fluviicola	4.71	0.27	0.01	TRUE	Positive LFC
ASV38 Genus:Chryseobacterium	3.50	0.32	0.03	TRUE	Positive LFC
ASV19 Family:Microbacteriaceae	3.19	0.41	0.05	TRUE	Positive LFC
ASV47 Genus:Dyadobacter	-1.72	0.23	0.03	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV3 Genus:Pseudomonas	-1.97	0.33	0.01	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV13 Family:Comamonadaceae	-2.27	0.31	0.00	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV22 Genus:Acetobacteroides	-2.58	0.28	0.02	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV94 Family:Rhodobacteraceae	-4.03	0.26	0.00	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV14 Genus:Aquimonas	-4.34	0.57	0.00	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV7 Genus:Silanimonas	-4.37	0.75	0.01	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV84 Family:Sphingomonadaceae	-4.61	0.35	0.00	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV9 Family:Rhodobacteraceae	-4.90	0.49	0.00	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV36 Family:Clostridiaceae	-5.15	0.38	0.00	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV20 Family:Rhodobacteraceae	-5.47	0.42	0.00	TRUE	Negative LFC
ASV55 Genus:Roseococcus	-5.54	0.22	0.00	TRUE	Negative LFC

Bar plot of LFC including standard error.

Largest changes by culture length



MaAsLin2 package is another DAA analysis package.

```
#Maaslin requires data frame as metadata input
meta_data <- data.frame(colData(tse_daa))
#Counts table needs to be transposed
variant_table <- t(assay(tse_daa))
#Maaslin settings
maaslin_filtering <- Maaslin2(
variant_table,
    meta_data,
    output = "Maaslin2-filtering",
    transform = "AST",
    fixed_effects = c("Filtered"),
    reference = c("Filtered", "no"),
    normalization = "TSS",
    standardize = FALSE,
    min_prevalence = 0
)
saveRDS(maaslin_filtering, "rds/maaslin_filtering.rds")</pre>
```

Note: Maaslin2 will also write results to output folder defined. If you use several fixed effects, it will create additional heatmap plot.

```
maaslin_filtering <- readRDS("rds/maaslin_filtering.rds")</pre>
```

Filtering significant results to table by qval value (<= 0.05).

ASV	Coef	SE	qval	Ν	Nonzero
ASV3	1.03	0.14	0.00	16	16
ASV382	-0.01	0.00	0.03	16	6
ASV464	-0.01	0.00	0.03	16	6
ASV378	-0.02	0.00	0.03	16	6
ASV98	-0.02	0.00	0.02	16	7
ASV194	-0.02	0.00	0.01	16	7
ASV245	-0.02	0.00	0.00	16	9
ASV249	-0.02	0.01	0.03	16	6
ASV307	-0.02	0.00	0.01	16	7
ASV242	-0.03	0.01	0.03	16	6
ASV239	-0.03	0.01	0.03	16	6
ASV262	-0.03	0.00	0.00	16	8
ASV184	-0.03	0.01	0.03	16	6
ASV193	-0.03	0.01	0.03	16	6
ASV52	-0.03	0.01	0.03	16	10
ASV183	-0.03	0.01	0.03	16	9
ASV85	-0.04	0.01	0.01	16	7
ASV101	-0.04	0.01	0.03	16	7
ASV87	-0.04	0.01	0.01	16	11
ASV119	-0.04	0.01	0.03	16	7
ASV106	-0.05	0.01	0.03	16	8
ASV79	-0.06	0.01	0.03	16	7
ASV78	-0.06	0.01	0.01	16	10
ASV70	-0.06	0.01	0.03	16	8
ASV46	-0.06	0.01	0.03	16	10
ASV64	-0.06	0.01	0.02	16	8
ASV29	-0.09	0.01	0.00	16	12
ASV47	-0.09	0.01	0.00	16	10

Testing algae and age did not provide significantly different variants

For filtering, we can summarize results from different DAA functions and look for common features.

Table 6: Differential taxa with score of 2

ASV	taxon	Aldex2	Ancombc2	Maaslin2	Score
ASV119	Family:Pseudomonadaceae	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	2
ASV29	Family:Carnobacteriaceae	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	3
ASV3	Genus:Pseudomonas	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	2
ASV46	Genus:Devosia	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	2
ASV64	Genus:Brevundimonas	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	2
ASV70	Genus:Dyadobacter	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	2
ASV78	Family:Comamonadaceae	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	2
ASV79	Genus:Bosea	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	2