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Outline

- Microbial effects on human health
- Previously shown methods and their shortcomings
- Overview of new method
- Results
- Discussion

Intestinal microbiome: Friend or foe

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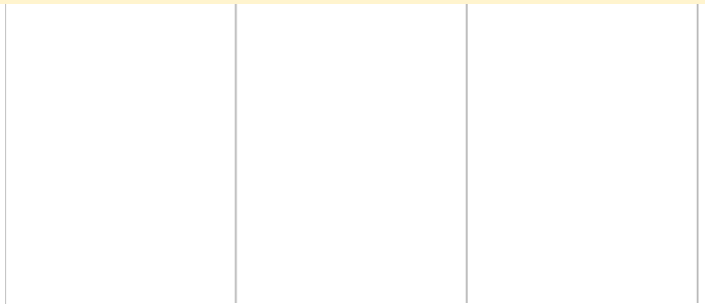
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Diet, Microbiota and Gut-Lung Connection

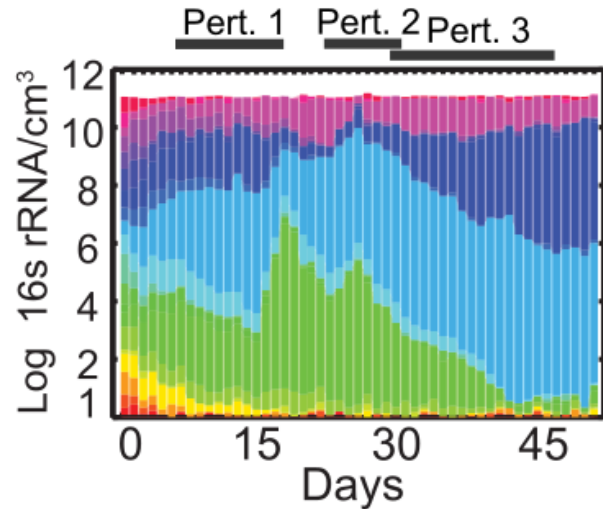
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The methods discussed thus far

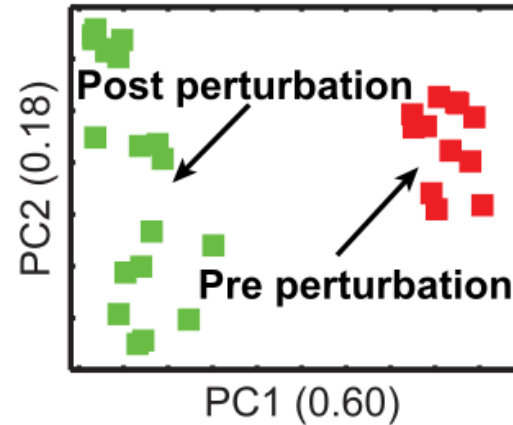
High-throughput community data and perturbation profiles



A: Current Analysis

Cross-sectional analysis

Correspondence analysis



+ Statistical Tests

(Kruskal–Wallis, Wilcoxon,...)

+ PCoA/NMDS

(Unifrac, Bray–Curtis, Euclidean)

+ Diversity Indices

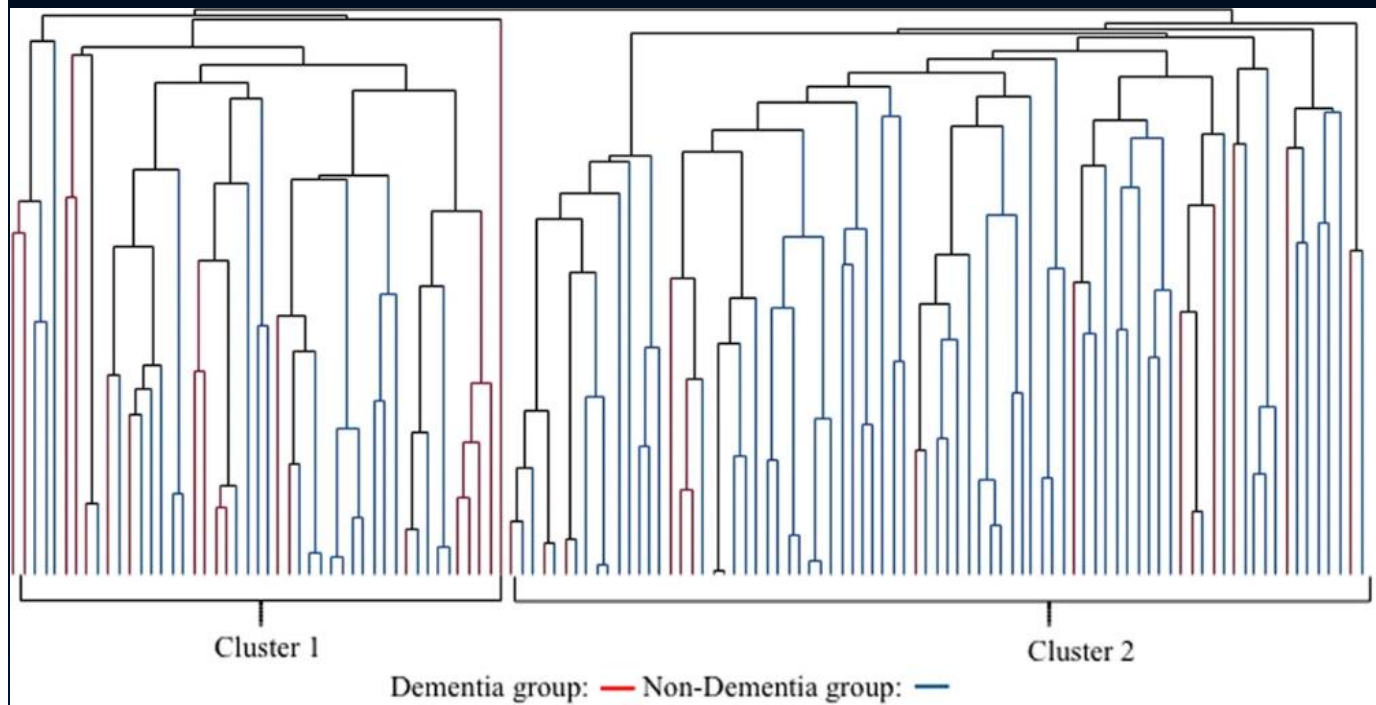
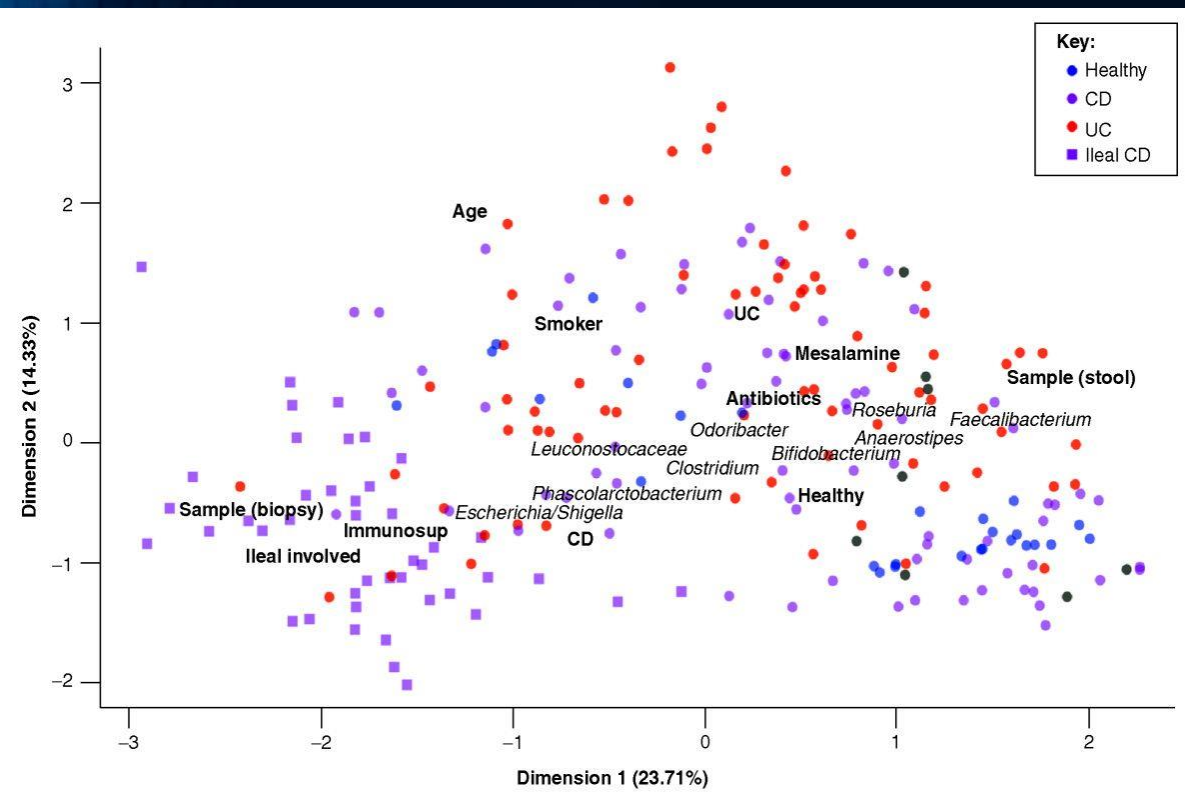
(Shannon, Chao,...)

+ Community Similarity Time Decay

+ Co-occurrence (correlation) networks

- Exclusively correlative (non-directional) inference of interaction
- No predictive power
- Limited to a single time-frame

Static analyses

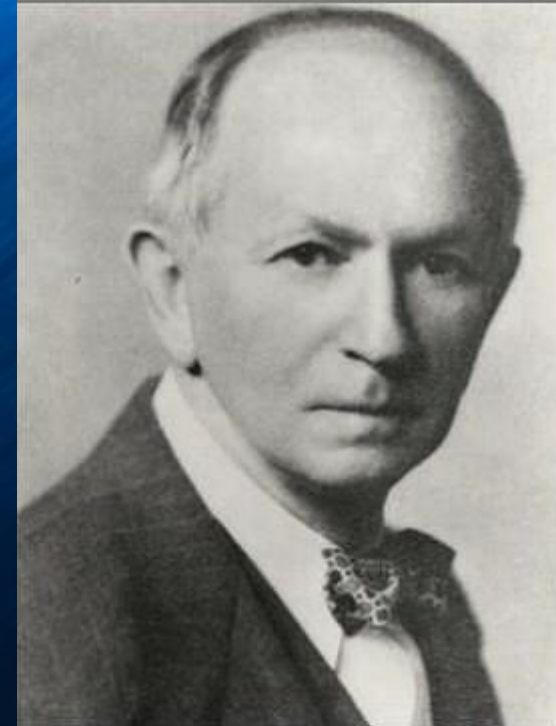
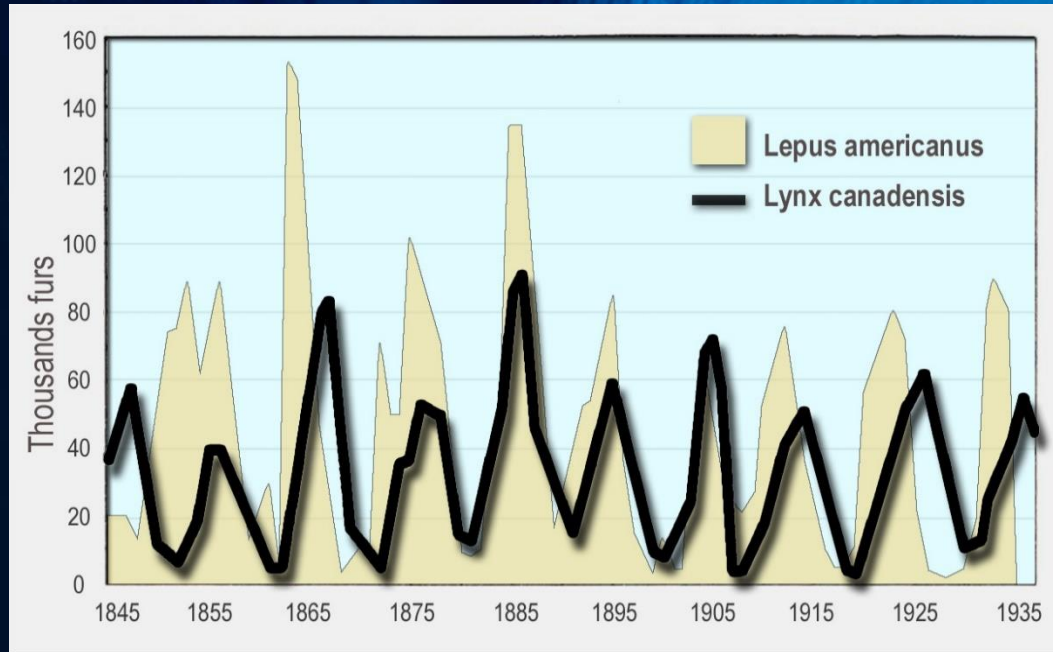


Microbes are alive

The microbiome is highly dynamic, effected by various factors:

- Diet
- Competition
- Drugs
- Infections

Lotka-Volterra Predator-prey model (1910)



Modelling an ecological community

$$\frac{d}{dt} x_i(t) = \mu_i x_i(t) + x_i(t) \sum_{j=1}^L M_{ij} x_j(t) + x_i(t) \sum_{l=1}^P \varepsilon_{il} v_l(t)$$

$i = 1, \dots, L$ Species of interest

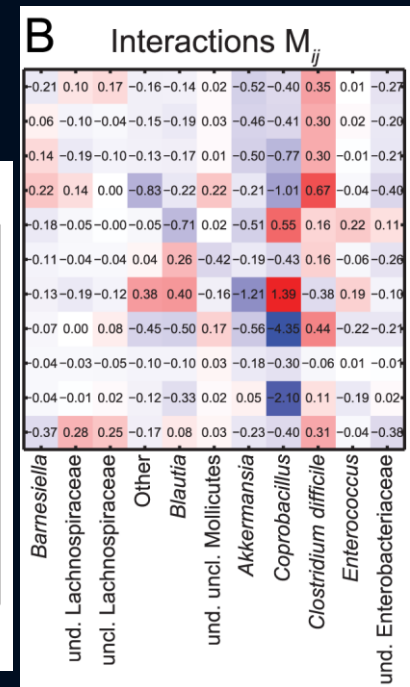
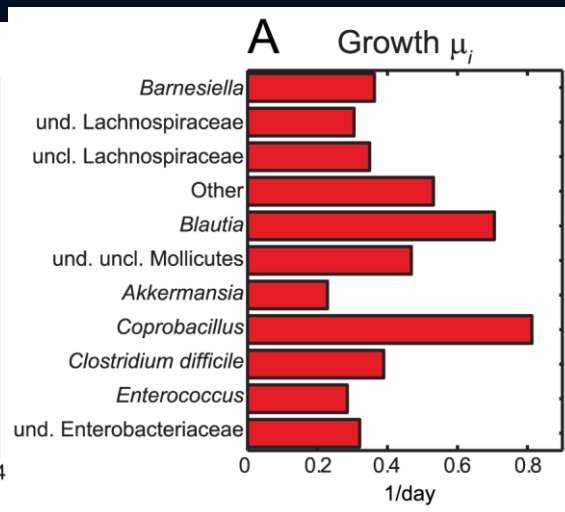
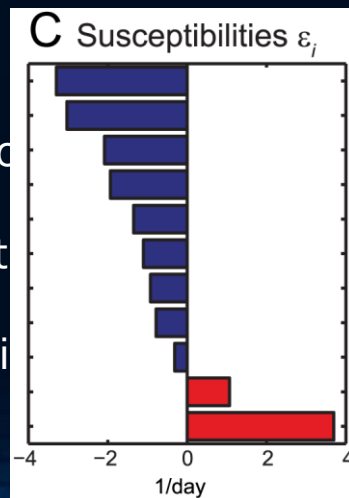
$x_i(t)$ Concentration of i at time point t

μ_i Growth rate of i

M_{ij} Effect of j on i during interaction

ε_{il} Susceptibility of i to perturbation l

$v_l(t)$ Susceptibility of i to perturbation l at time point t



Converting continuous to discrete

$$\frac{\Delta \ln x_i(t_k)}{\Delta t_k} = \mu_i + \sum_{j=1}^L M_{ij} x_j(t_k) + \sum_{l=1}^P \varepsilon_{il} v_l(t_k)$$

Estimating parameters with regularized regression

$$\min \left\| \left(\begin{matrix} M & \mu & E \end{matrix} \right) Y - F \right\|_2^2 + \lambda_M \left\| M \right\|_2^2 + \lambda_\mu \left\| \mu \right\|_2^2 + \lambda_E \left\| E \right\|_2^2$$

K-Fold cross validation



Shown with $k=5$, authors used $k=3$

Mouse experiment

[Infect Immun.](#) 2012 Jan; 80(1): 62–73. PMCID: PMC3255689
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Profound Alterations of Intestinal Microbiota following a Single Dose of Clindamycin Results in Sustained Susceptibility to *Clostridium difficile*-Induced Colitis

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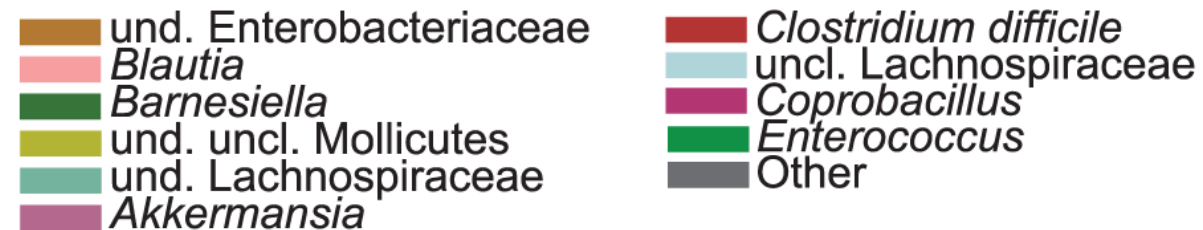
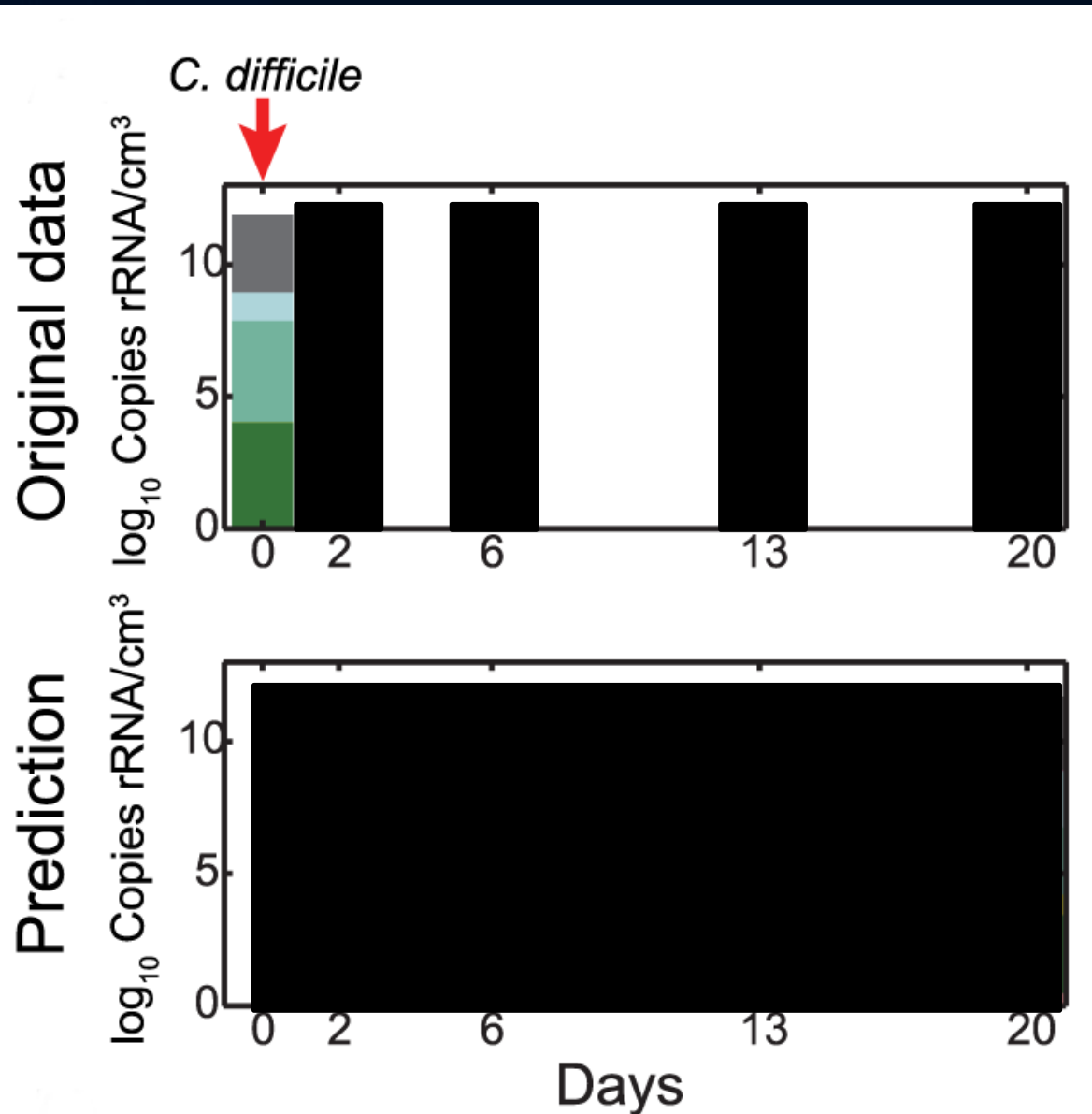
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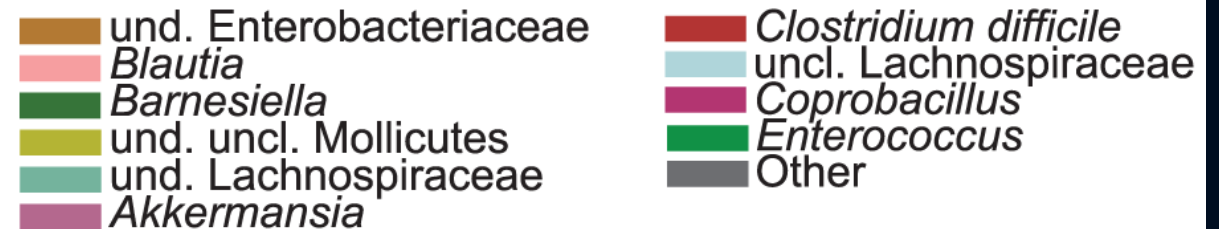
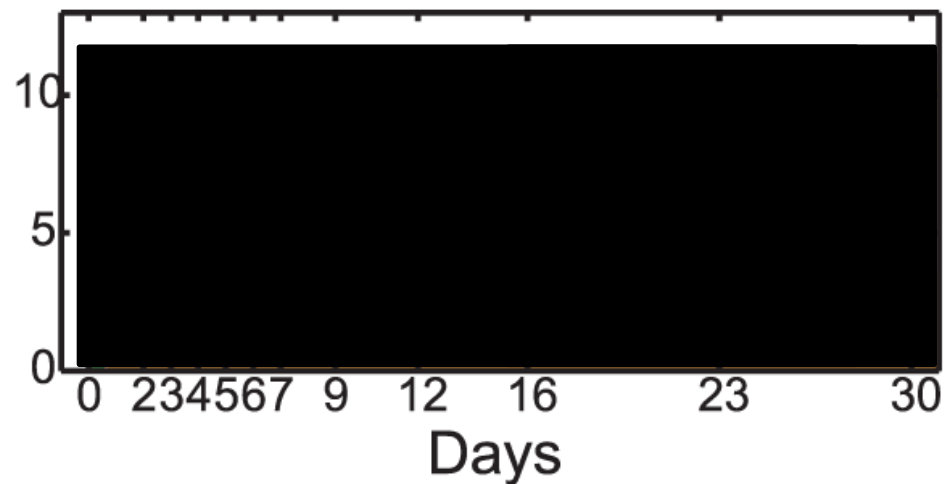
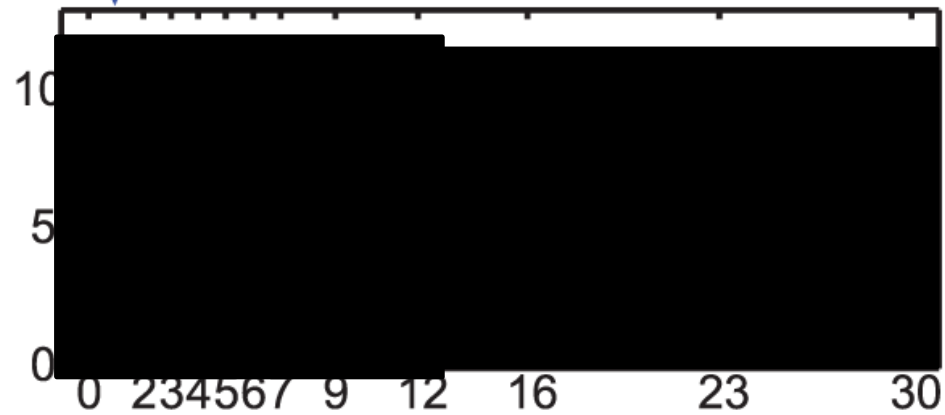
- Administration of *Clostridium difficile*, a bacterial pathogen.
- Administration of Clindamycin, an antibiotic.
- Administration of Clindamycin, followed by an administration of *C. difficile* the day after.

Effects of *Clostridium difficile*

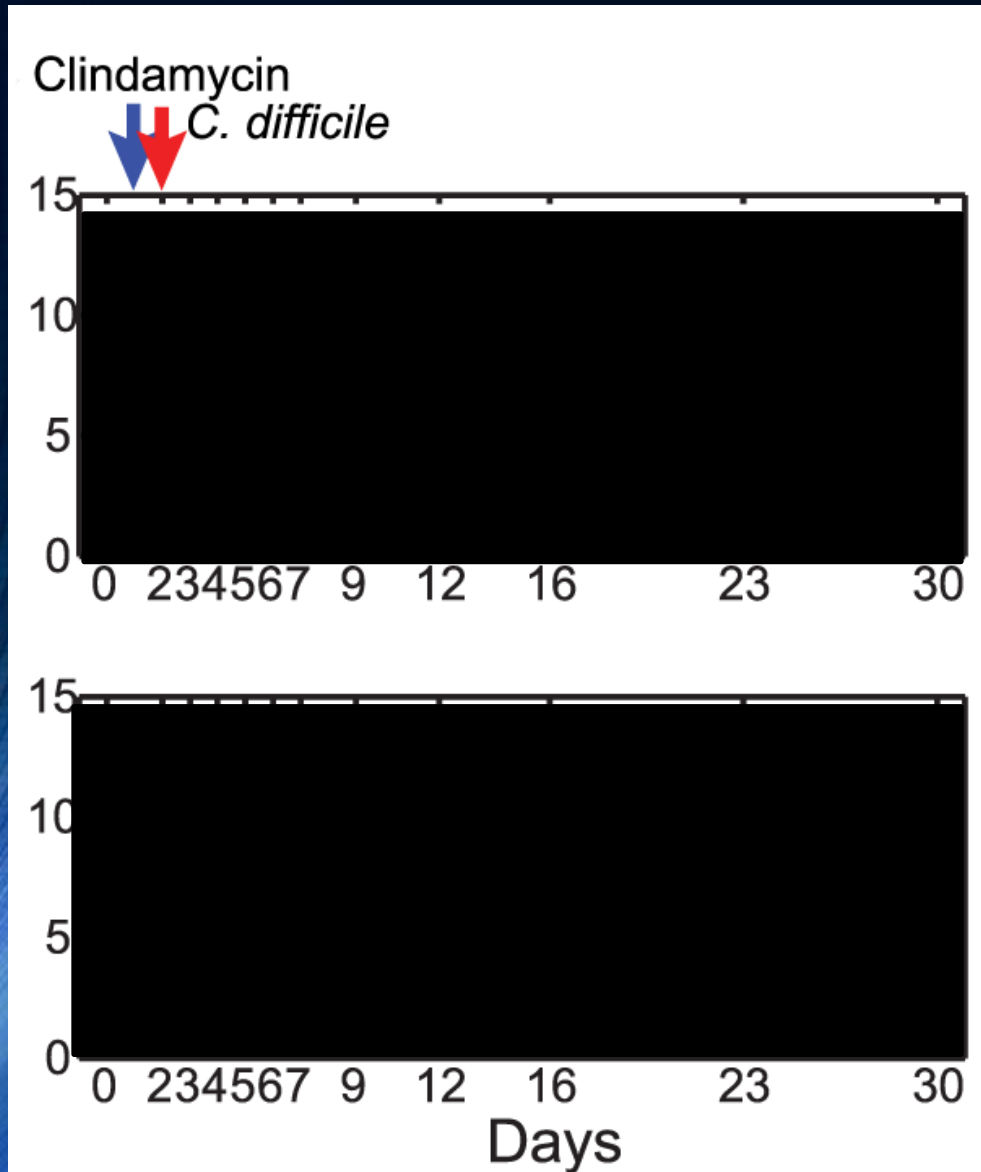


Effects of Clindamycin

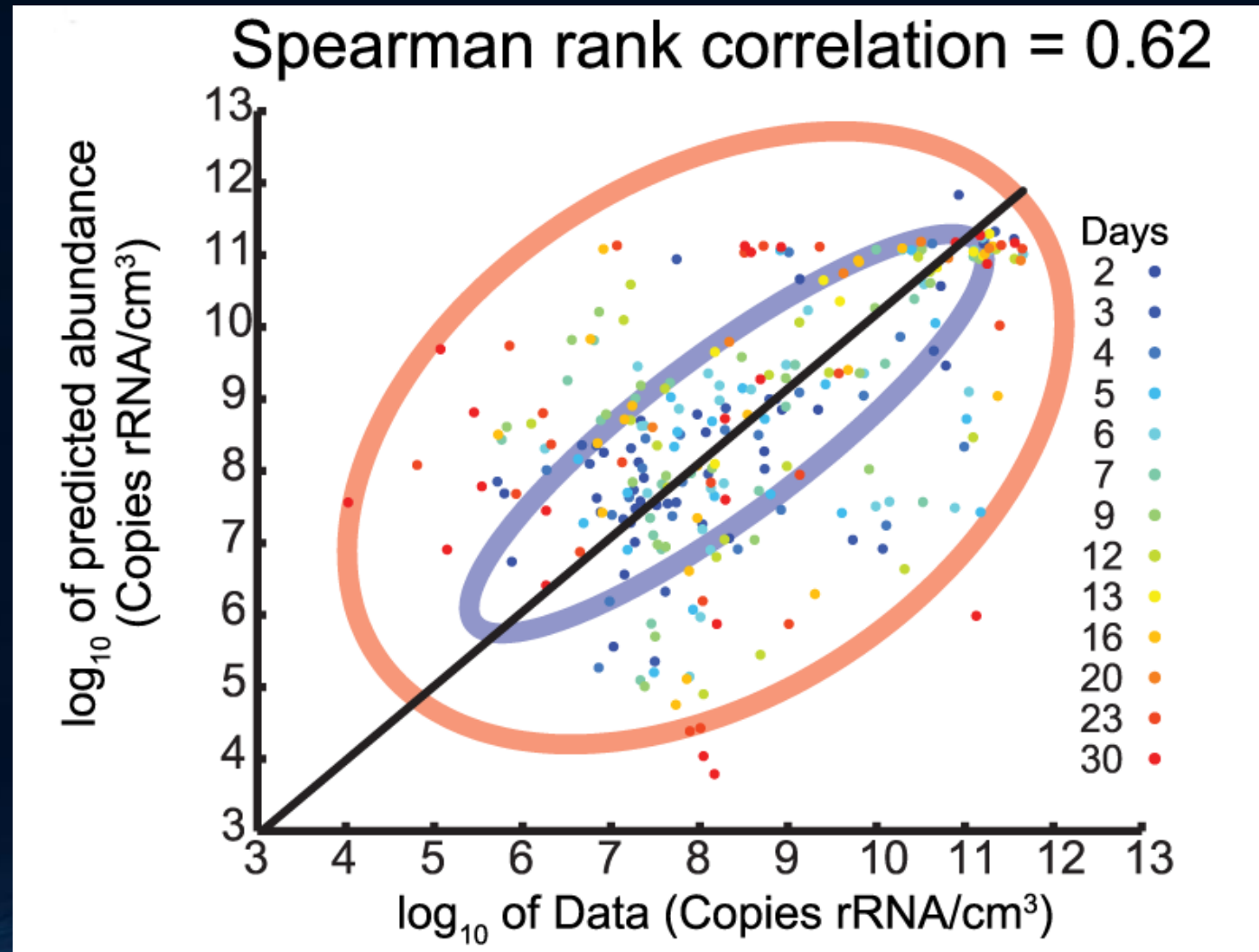
Clindamycin



Effects of Clindamycin + Clostridium difficile

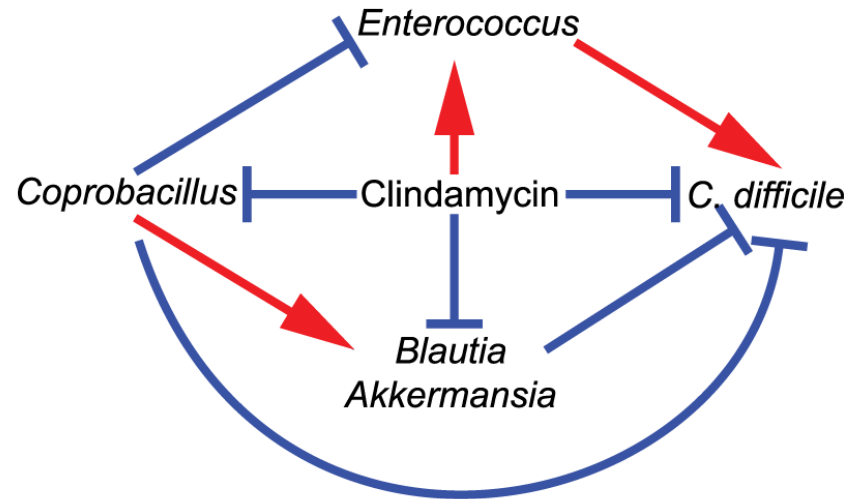


Predictive power

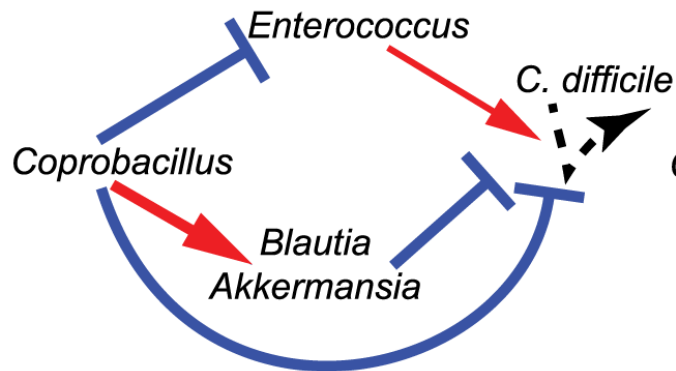


The interplay between microbial taxa

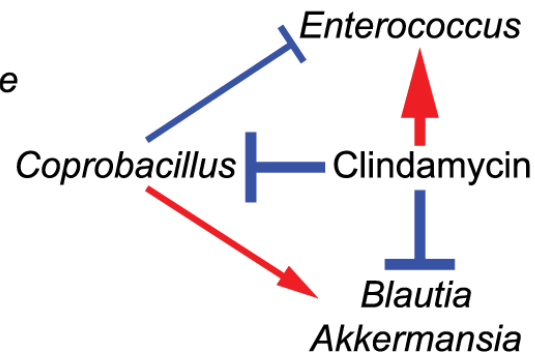
A Sub-network obtained from mouse experiments



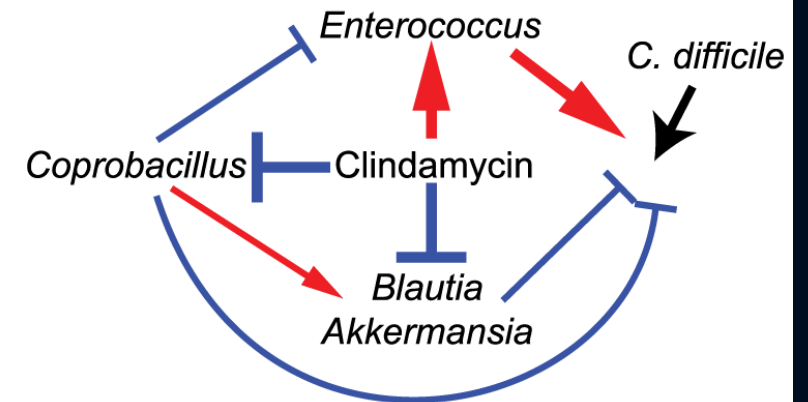
B Intact microbiota prevents *C. difficile* colonization



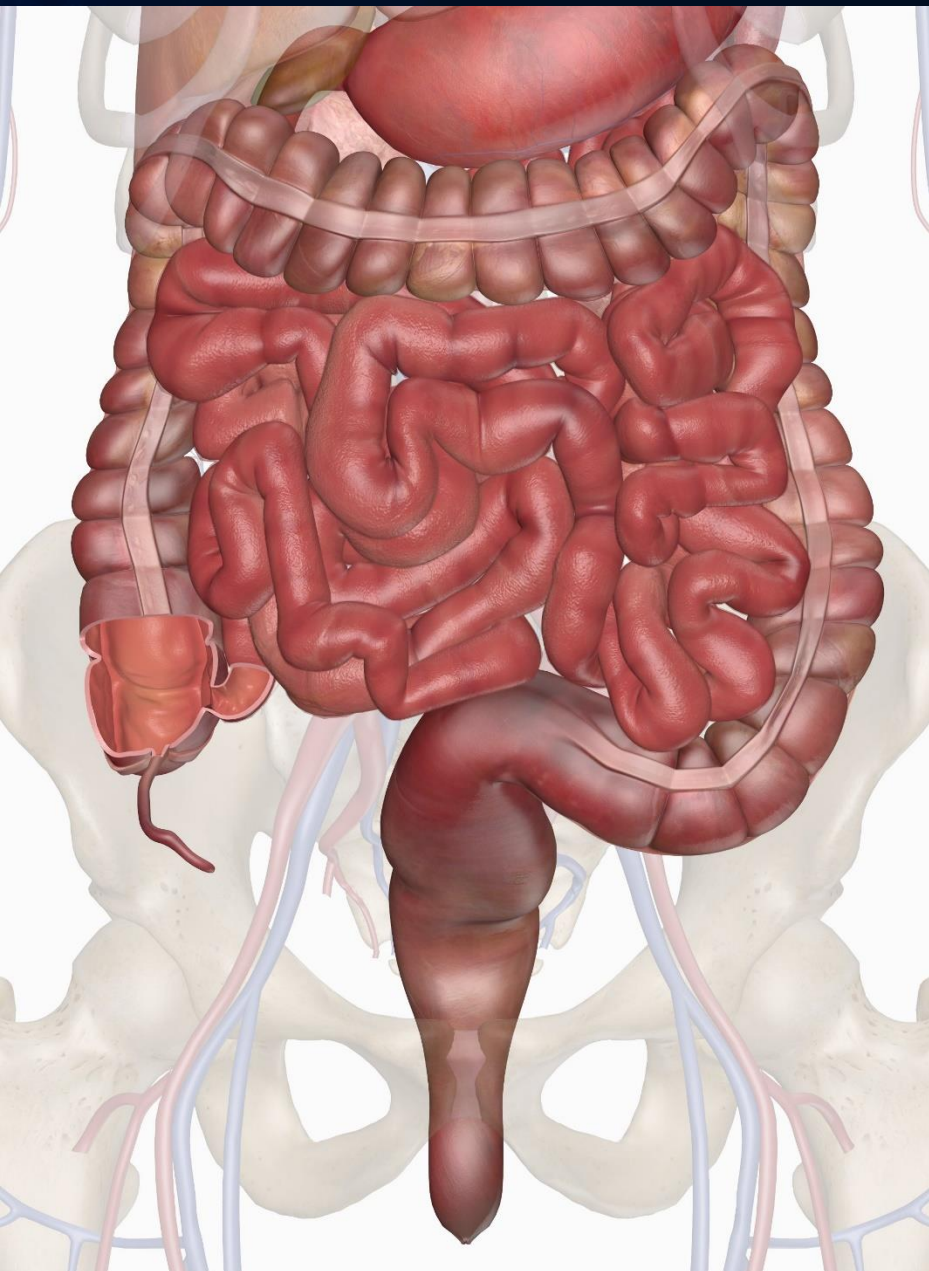
Clindamycin treatment leads to *Enterococcus* increase



Clindamycin treated microbiota is susceptible to *C. difficile*



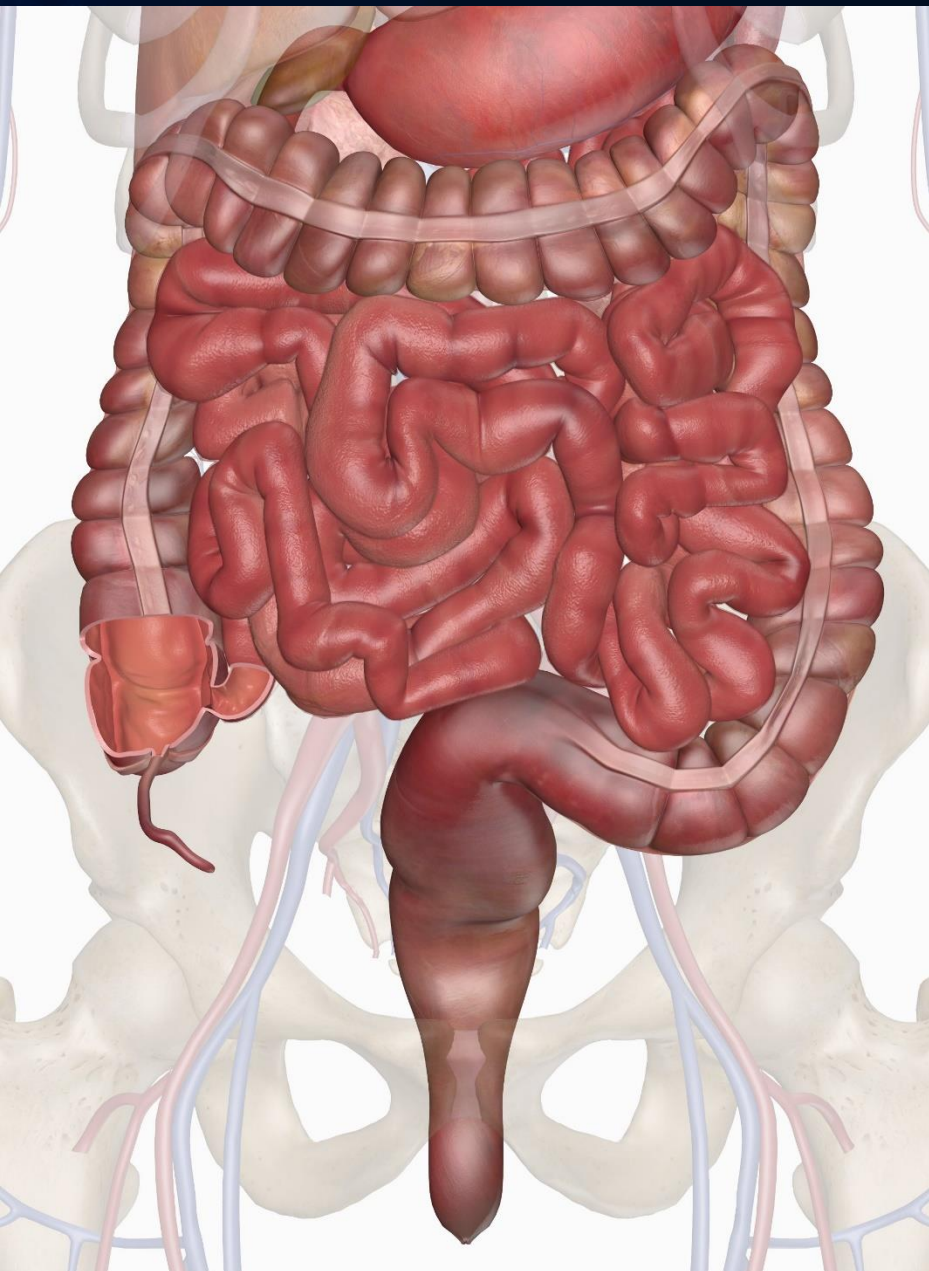
The microbial drama unfolds



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Current shortcomings and possibilities for improvement

- Currently tested with absolute data only (antibiotically treated to extinction).
- Only supports with pairwise, second order interactions.
- Currently only works with roughly estimated and transformed count data
- Works in a rough genus-level resolution and includes only the most common of those
- More specific and gradual experimental data for empirical modeling of specific effects

Discussion

- What is the best possible way to improve the current method (whether it's a model improvement, addition, data consideration)?
- Are you more averse to antibiotic treatment after seeing the results of the experiment