

UC Davis Microbiome Project

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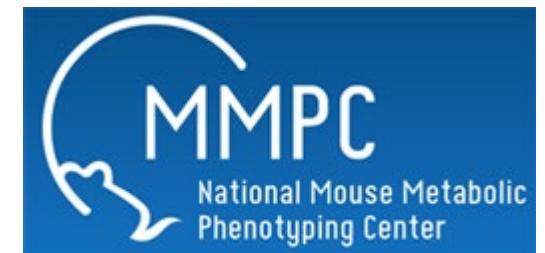
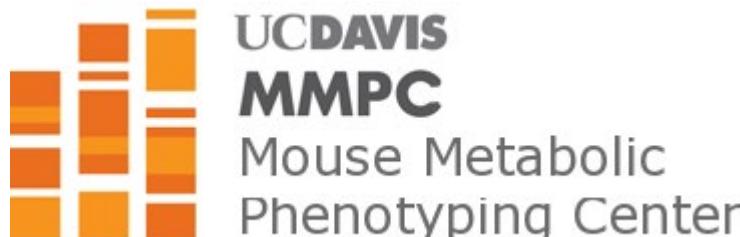


Image from <http://sustainablebalance.ca/the-human-microbiome-an-introduction/>

Microbiome & Host Response

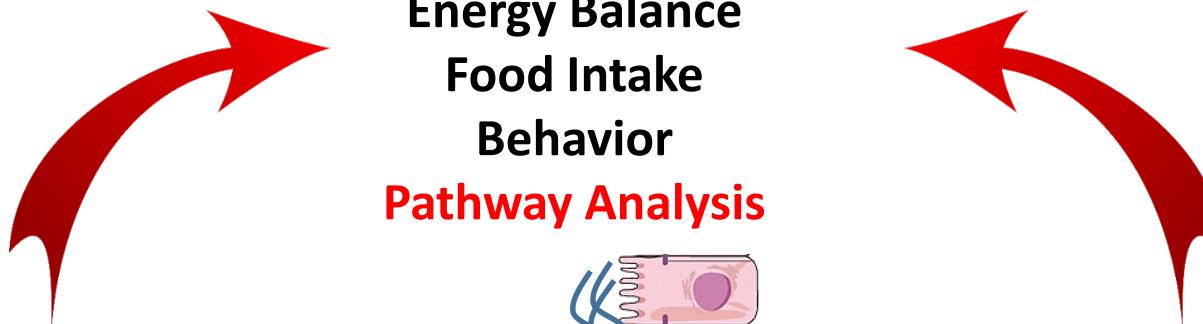
Integrated Physiology

Energy Balance

Food Intake

Behavior

Pathway Analysis



Microbiome & Metabolomics

- Microbiota community profiling
 - 16S rDNA sequencing
- Multi-omics pipeline development
 - Metabolomics
 - Microbiota-derived metabolites
 - Metagenomics
 - Metatranscriptomics
- Microbiome Project

Host Response

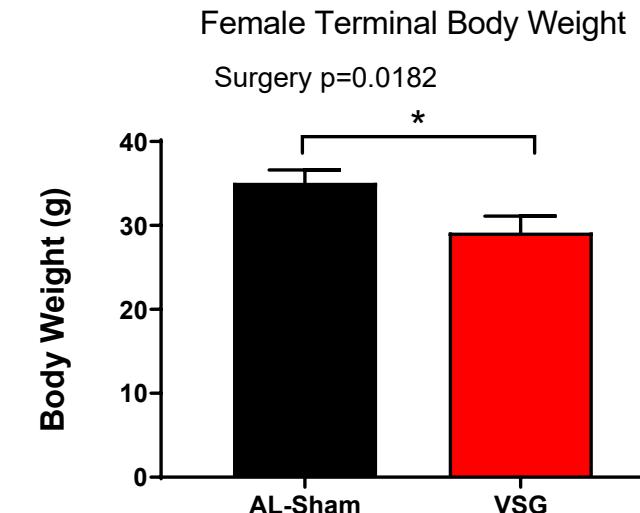
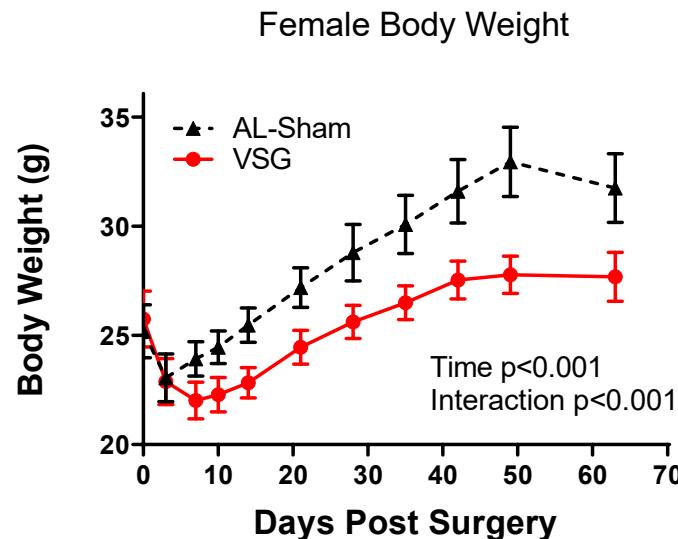
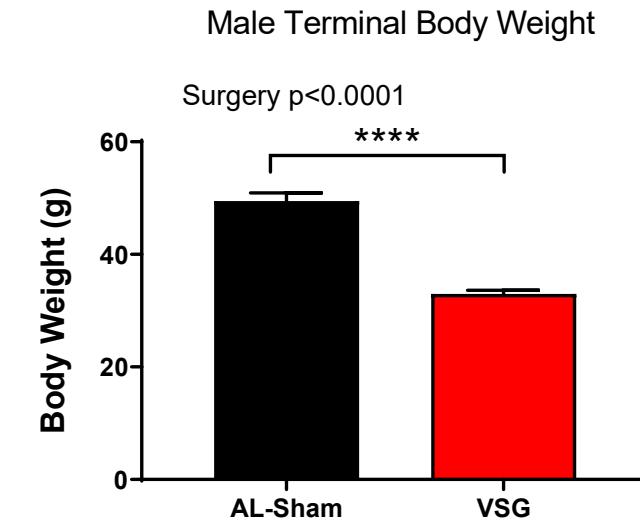
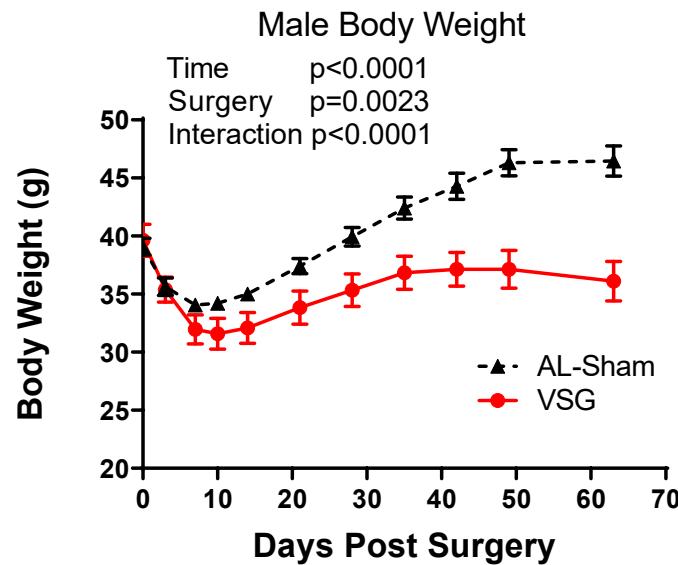
- Focus on gut & GI function
 - Regional effects
- Gut permeability:
 - *Ex vivo* Ussing chambers
 - Tight junction proteins
 - Leak/Metabolic endotoxemia
- Transit time
- Gastric emptying
- Gut-brain axis
- Inflammatory profiling
- Transcriptomics

Microbiome Research Project:

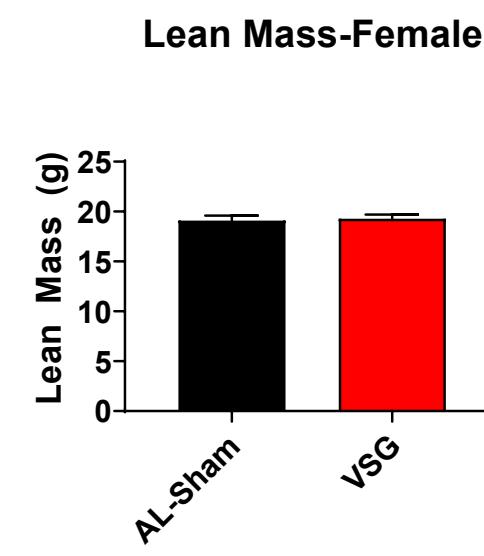
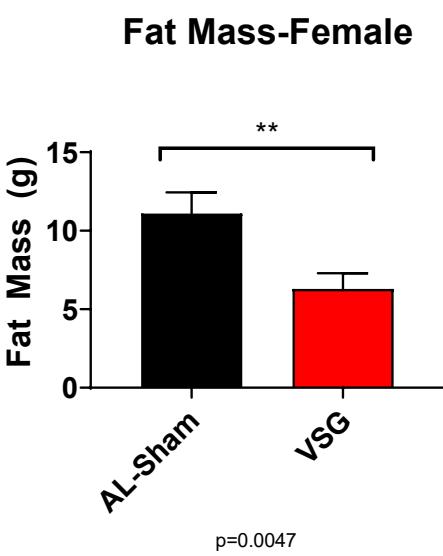
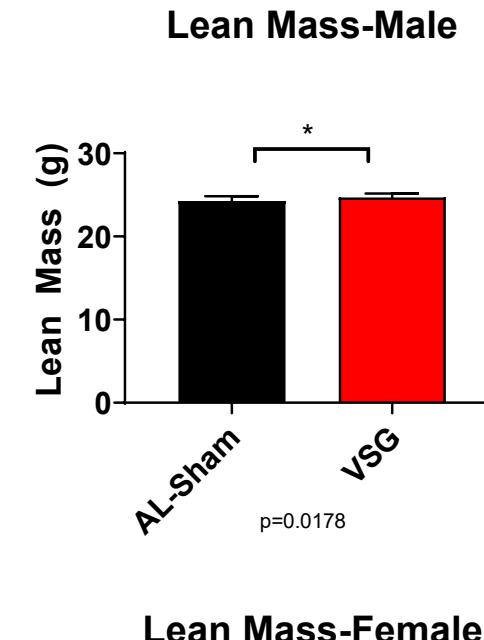
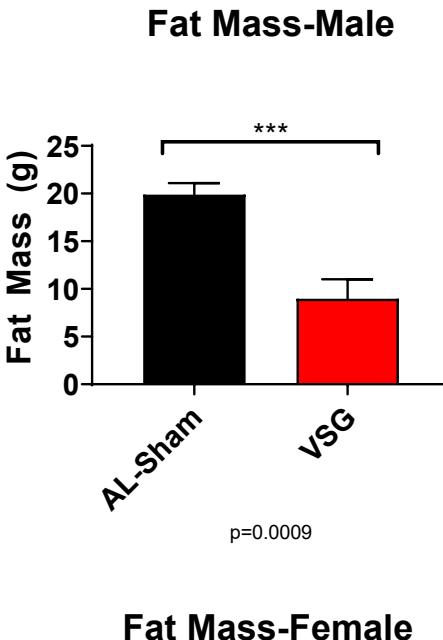
Targeted manipulation of microbiota vs host

- Microbiota- e.g. antibiotics, prebiotics, probiotics
- Host- state of altered metabolism- examine effect on microbiota
 - Energy Balance
 - Positive Energy Balance- OBESITY/HFD
 - Negative Energy Balance- weight loss- calorie restriction, bariatric surgery
- Bariatric surgery model- VSG
 - Cecal tissue and contents
 - Sham vs VSG

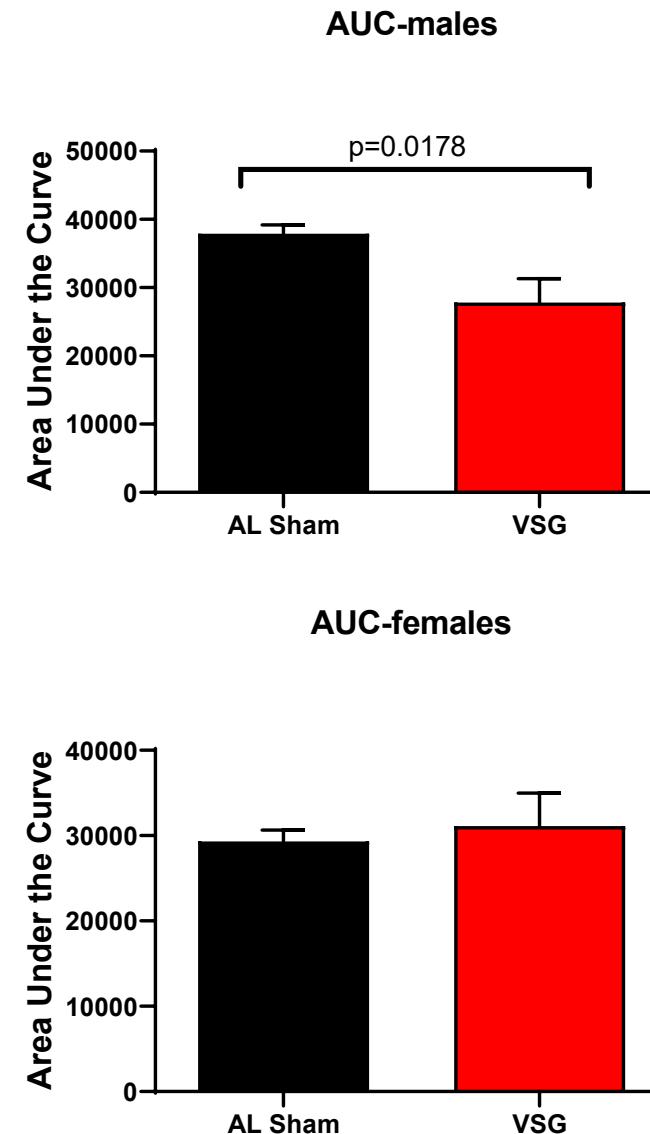
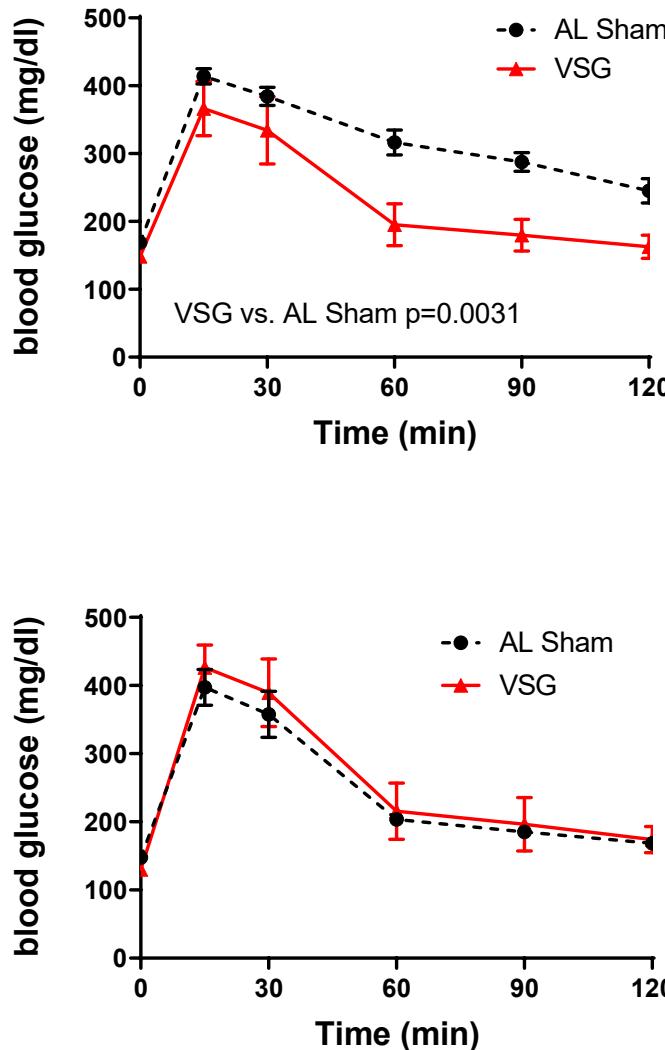
VSG surgery results in sustained weight reduction in males and females compared to sham controls.



VSG surgery promotes reduction in fat depots in male and female mice compared to sham controls.



VSG surgery improved glucose tolerance in males. Glucose intolerance was not observed in females.



Study Goals

1. To understand how the changes in the intestinal milieu after intervention alters the microbial community structure, microbial and host transcription, and host-microbe interactions.
 1. **Cecal Tissue Transcriptomics**
 2. **Cecal Content Metatranscriptomics**
 3. **Cecal Content 16S Microbial Community Analysis**
 4. Cecal Content Metagenomics
 5. Targeted metabolomics for bile acids
2. To establish a pipeline to measure, analyze and integrate data from transcriptomics with the microbial community taxonomic profiles using bioinformatics tools and multivariate modeling

Hypotheses

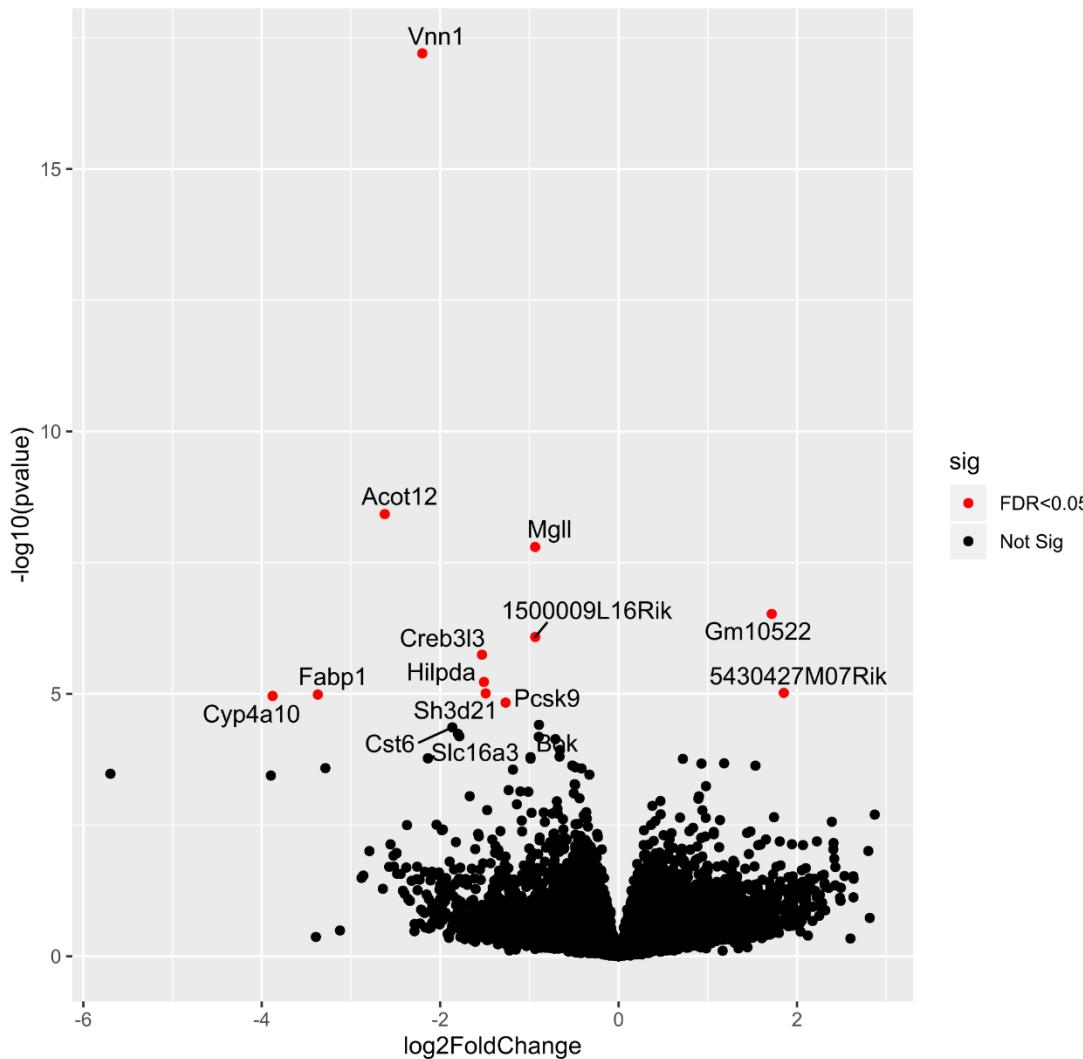
- The functional activity (gene expression and metabolism) of the microbiota induce changes in energy balance in the host.
- Explore the sex differences in microbe-host responses in response to surgery

Cecal Tissue Transcriptomics- Tag-Seq

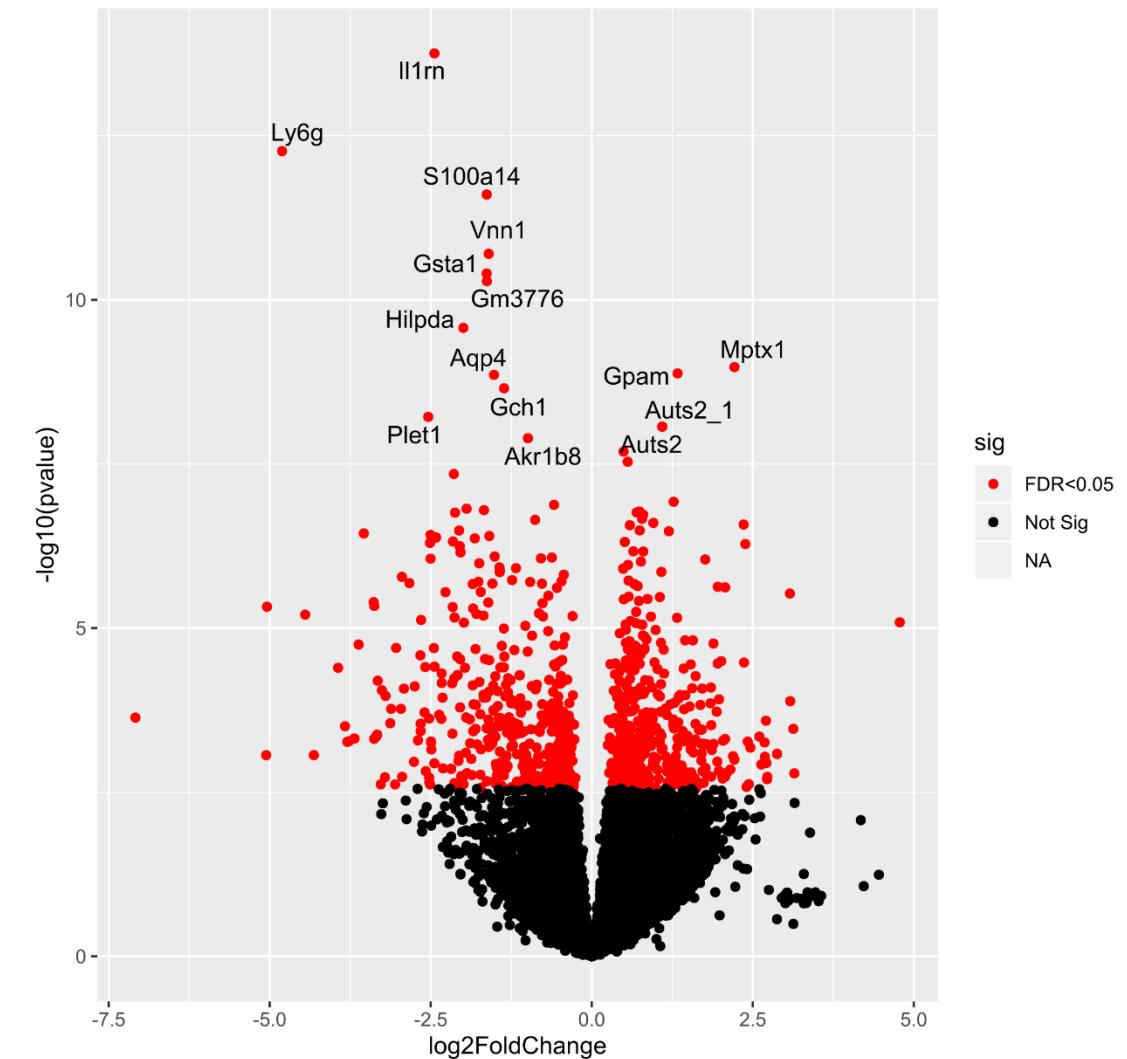
- Tag-seq transcriptome analysis of ribodepleted polyA RNA
 - Gene mapping/Annotation using STAR RNA-seq aligner (<https://github.com/alexdobin/STAR/releases>)
 - Differential gene expression (DGE) analysis using DeSeq2
- Post-analysis
 - Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA)- Broad Institute(MIT/Harvard)
 - Pathway analysis using ClusterProfileR using GO (Gene Ontology) and KEGG pathways

Cecal Tissue Transcriptomics- Tag-Seq (Host)

Volcano Plot- Males Cecal Tissue DeSeq2 Analysis

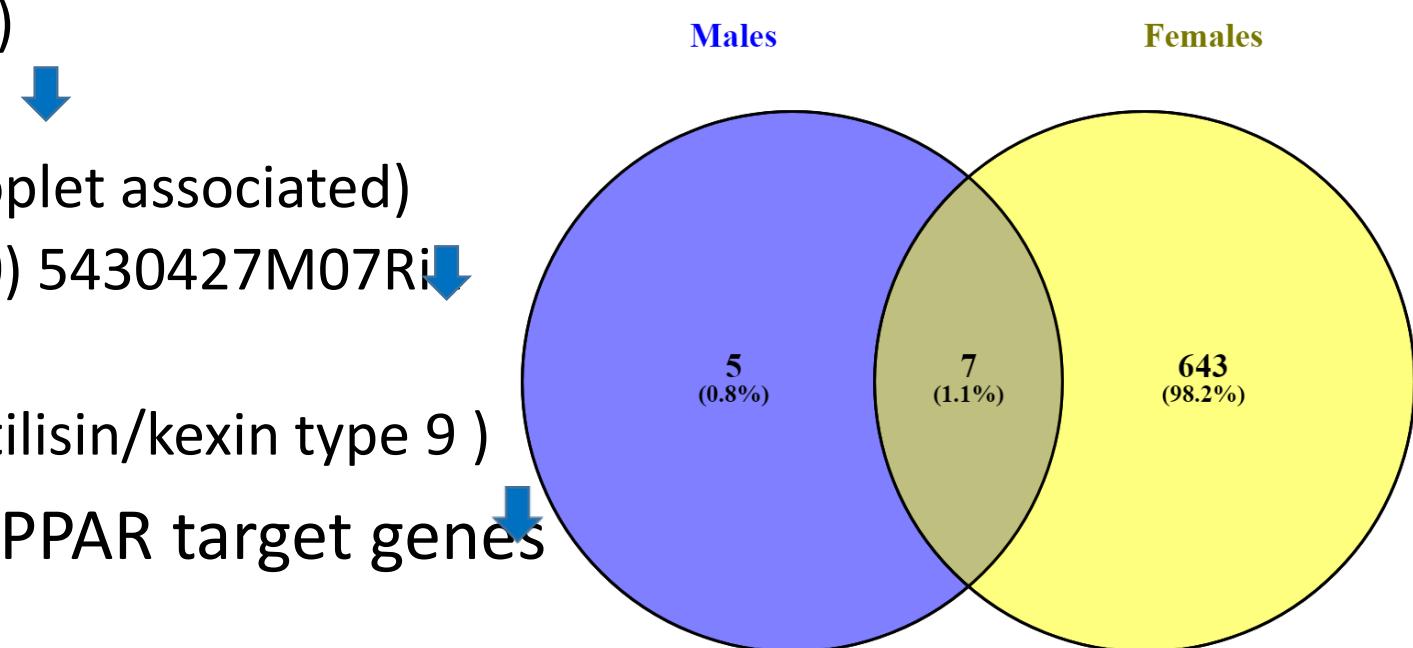


Volcano Plot- Female Cecal Tissue DeSeq2 analysis



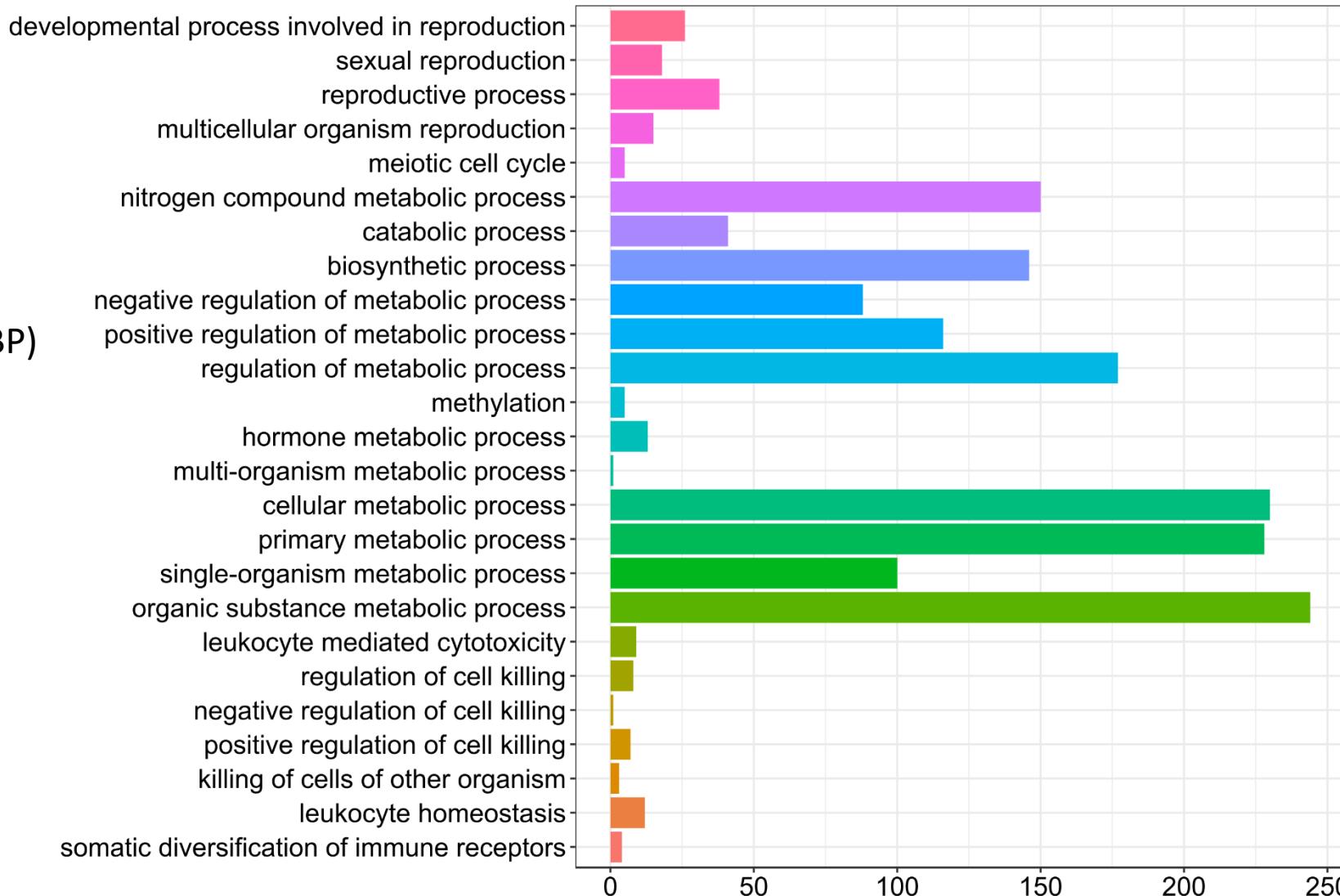
Cecal Tissue Transcriptomics- Tag-Seq (Host)

- Males- 12 genes as differentially expressed
- Females- 650 differentially expressed
- 7 common differentially expressed genes in males and females
 - Vnn1 (Vanin-1)
 - Acot12 (Acyl-CoA Thioesterase 12)
 - 1500009L16Rik
 - Hilpda (hypoxia-inducible lipid droplet associated)
 - Cyp4a10 (Cytochrome P450 4A10) 5430427M07Rik
 - 5430427M07Rik (LncRNA)
 - Pcsk9 (Proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9)
- Significant number of predicted PPAR target genes



Cecal Tissue Transcriptomics- Tag-Seq (Host)

Gene Ontology (GO):
Biological Processes (BP)



Cecal Tissue Transcriptomics- Tag-Seq (Host)

Gene Ontology (GO):

Molecular Function (MF)

RNA polymerase II transcription factor activity, ligand-activated sequence-specific DNA binding

signal transducer activity, downstream of receptor

transmembrane receptor protein tyrosine kinase adaptor activity

receptor agonist activity

signaling receptor activity

structural constituent of ribosome

structural constituent of cytoskeleton

structural constituent of muscle

structural constituent of myelin sheath

protein complex scaffold

transmembrane transporter activity

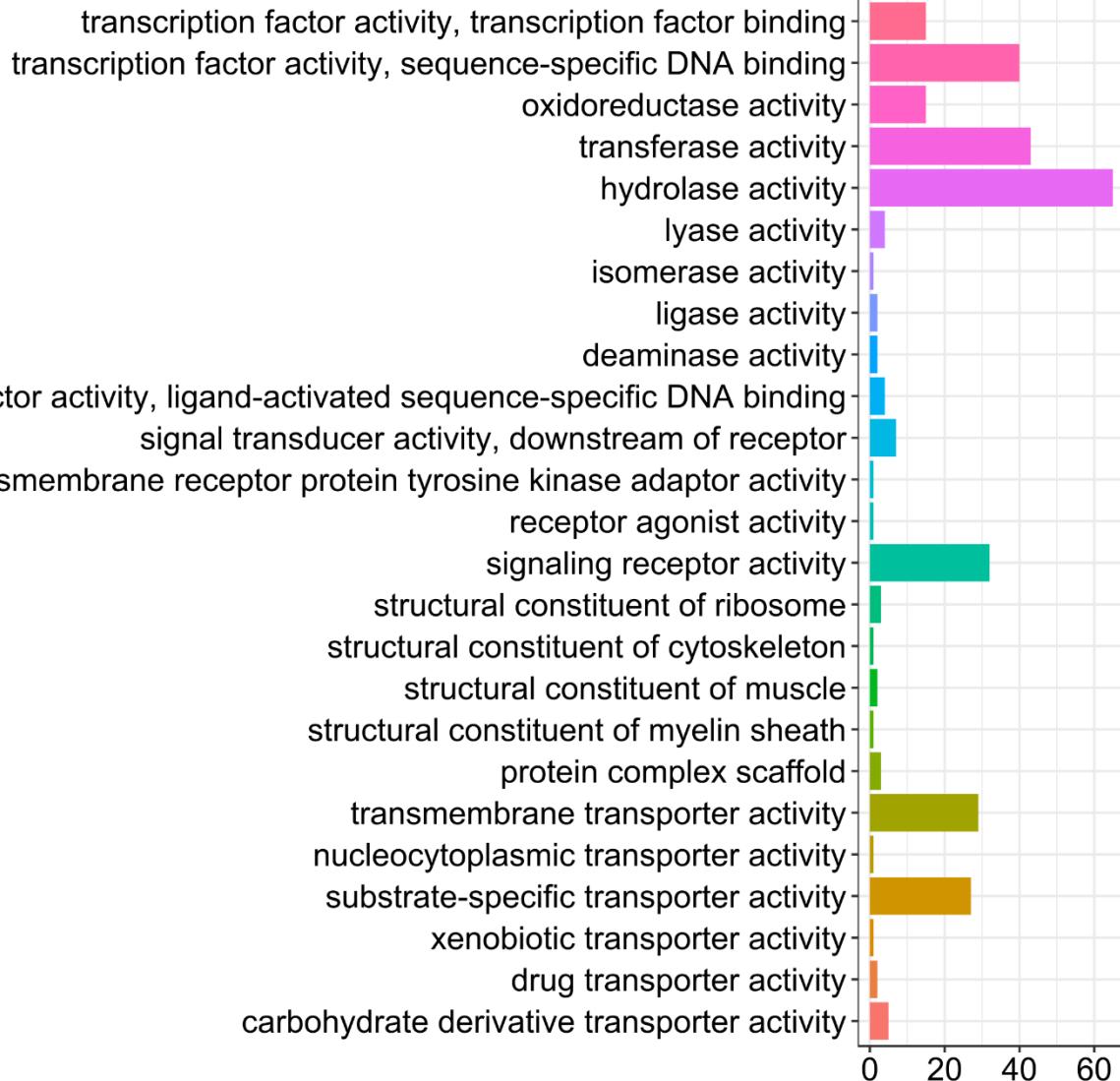
nucleocytoplasmic transporter activity

substrate-specific transporter activity

xenobiotic transporter activity

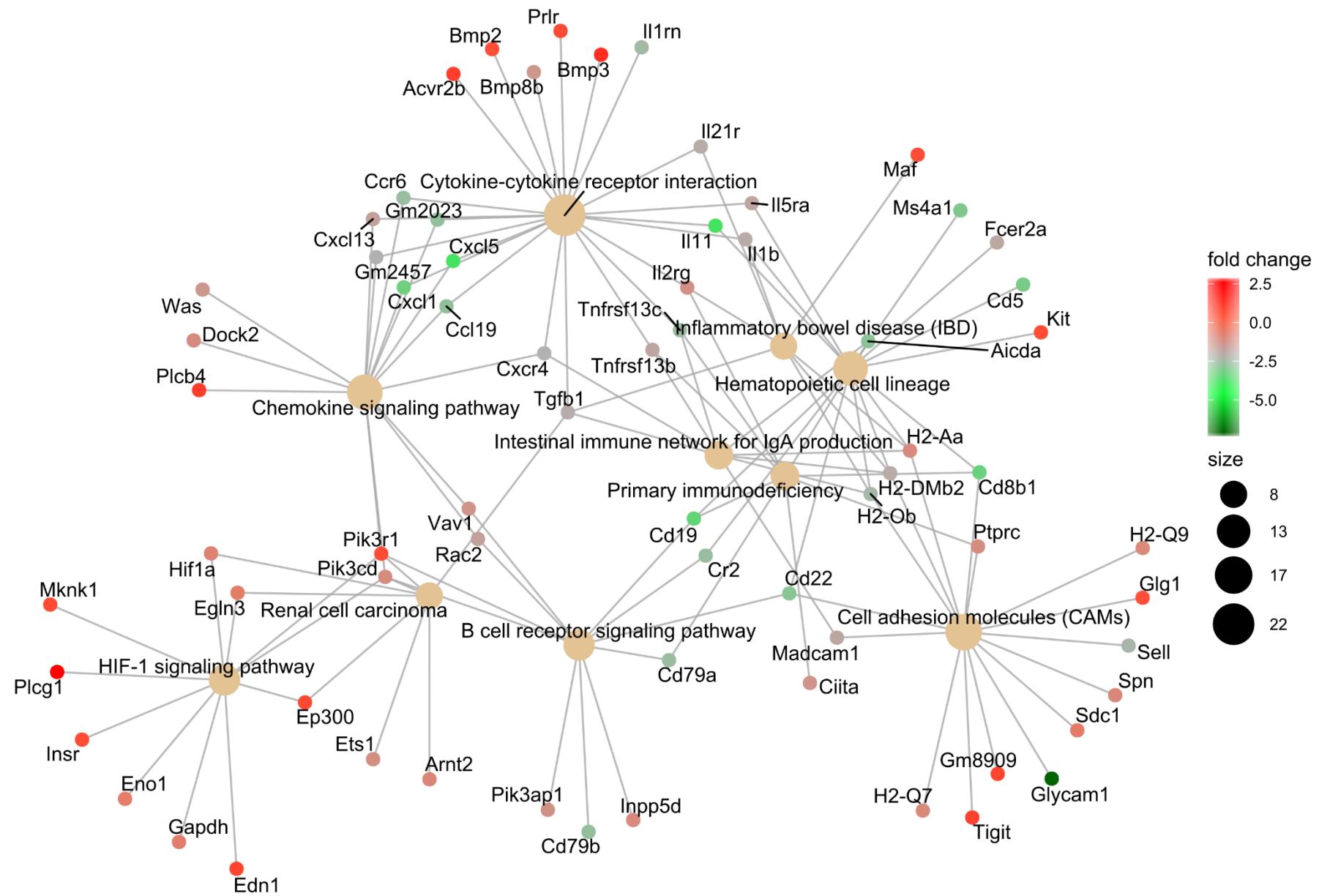
drug transporter activity

carbohydrate derivative transporter activity



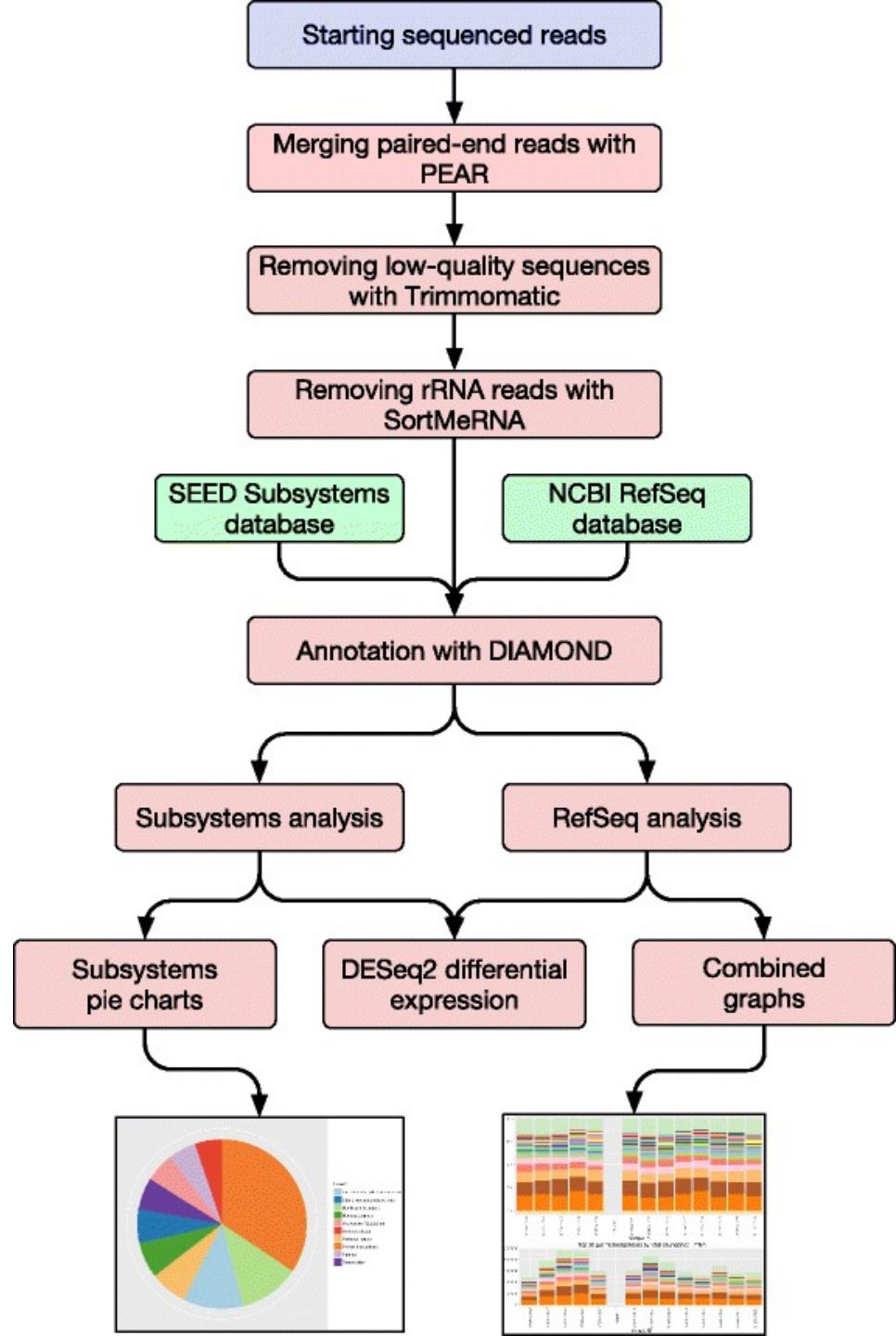
Cecal Tissue Transcriptomics- Tag-Seq (Host)- Initial Pathway Analysis

Gene function enrichment analysis using KEGG pathways

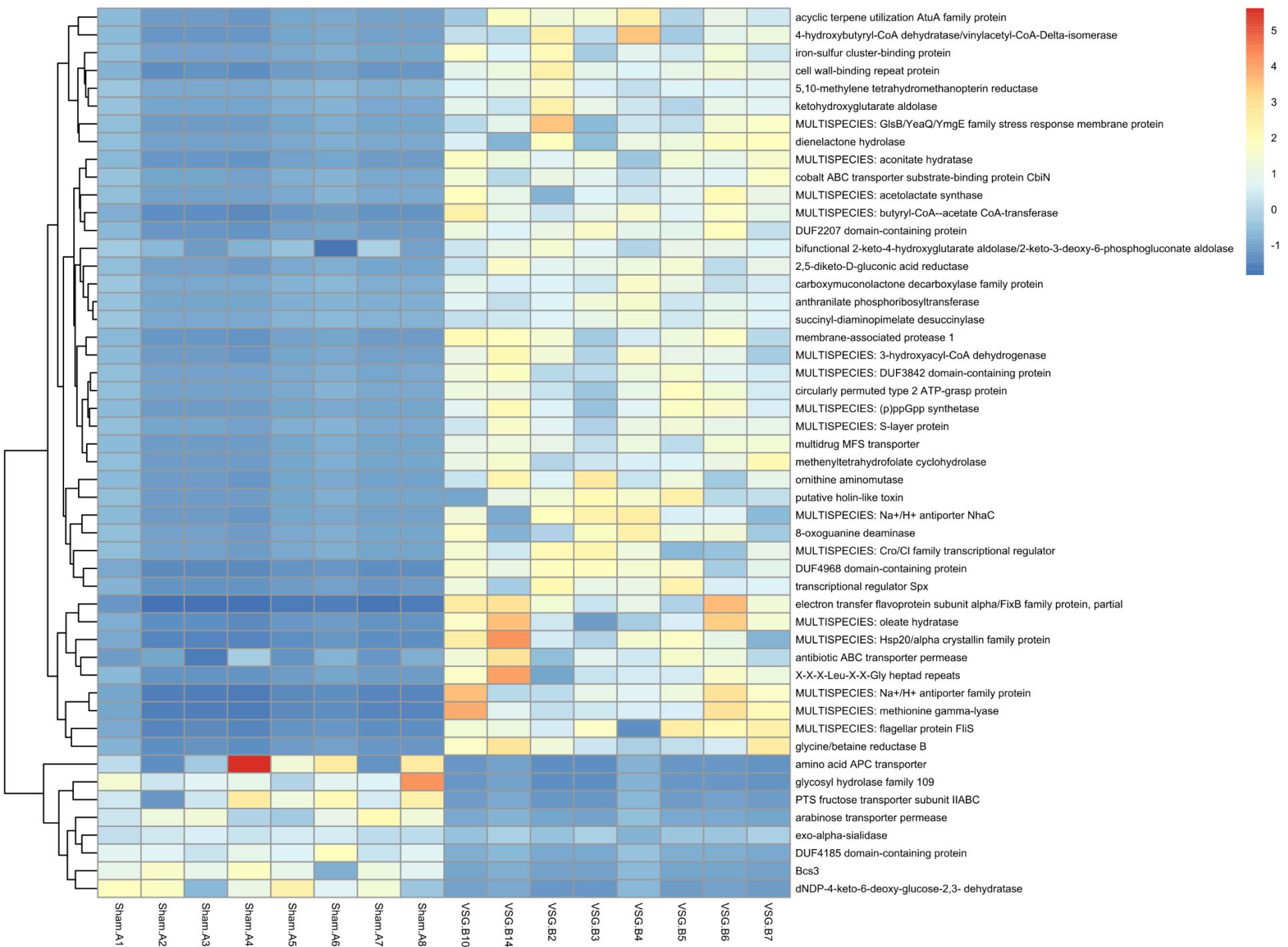


Cecal Content Metatranscriptomics

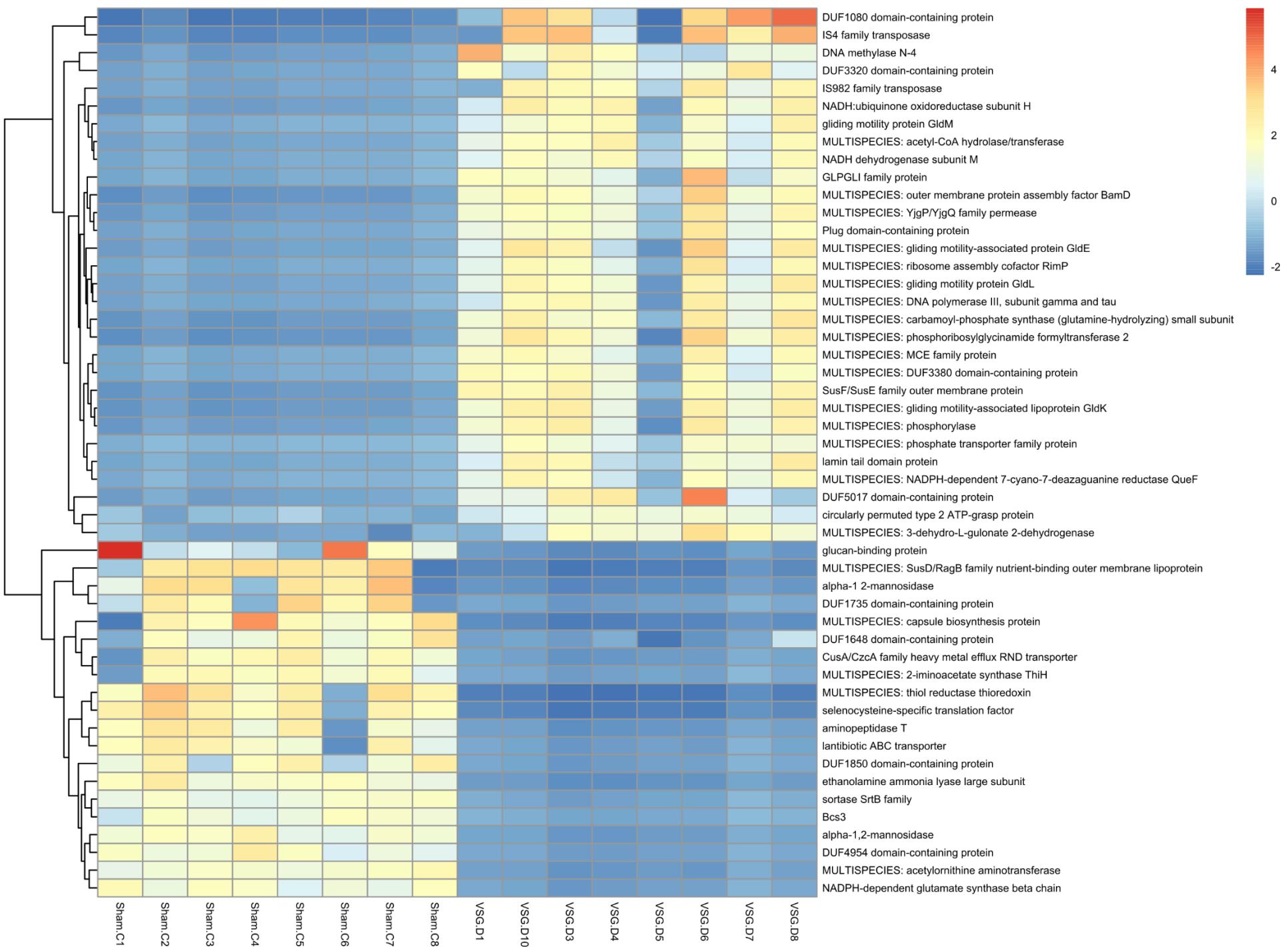
- Ribodepleted total RNA
- SAMSA2 (Simple Annotation of Metatranscriptomes by Sequence Analysis) pipeline for analysis
(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5963165/>)
- <https://github.com/transcript/samsa2>
- Additional analysis in R



Males



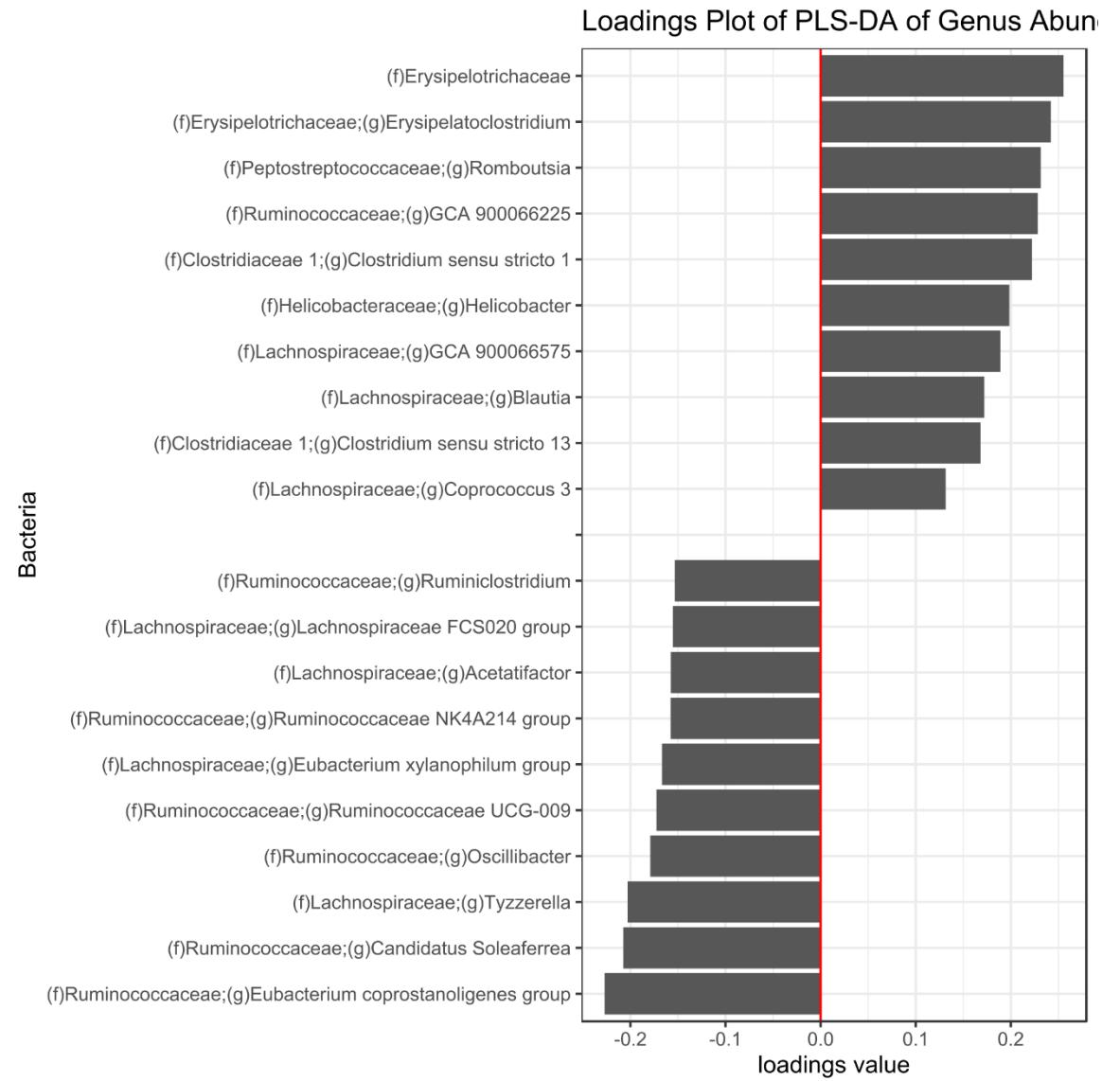
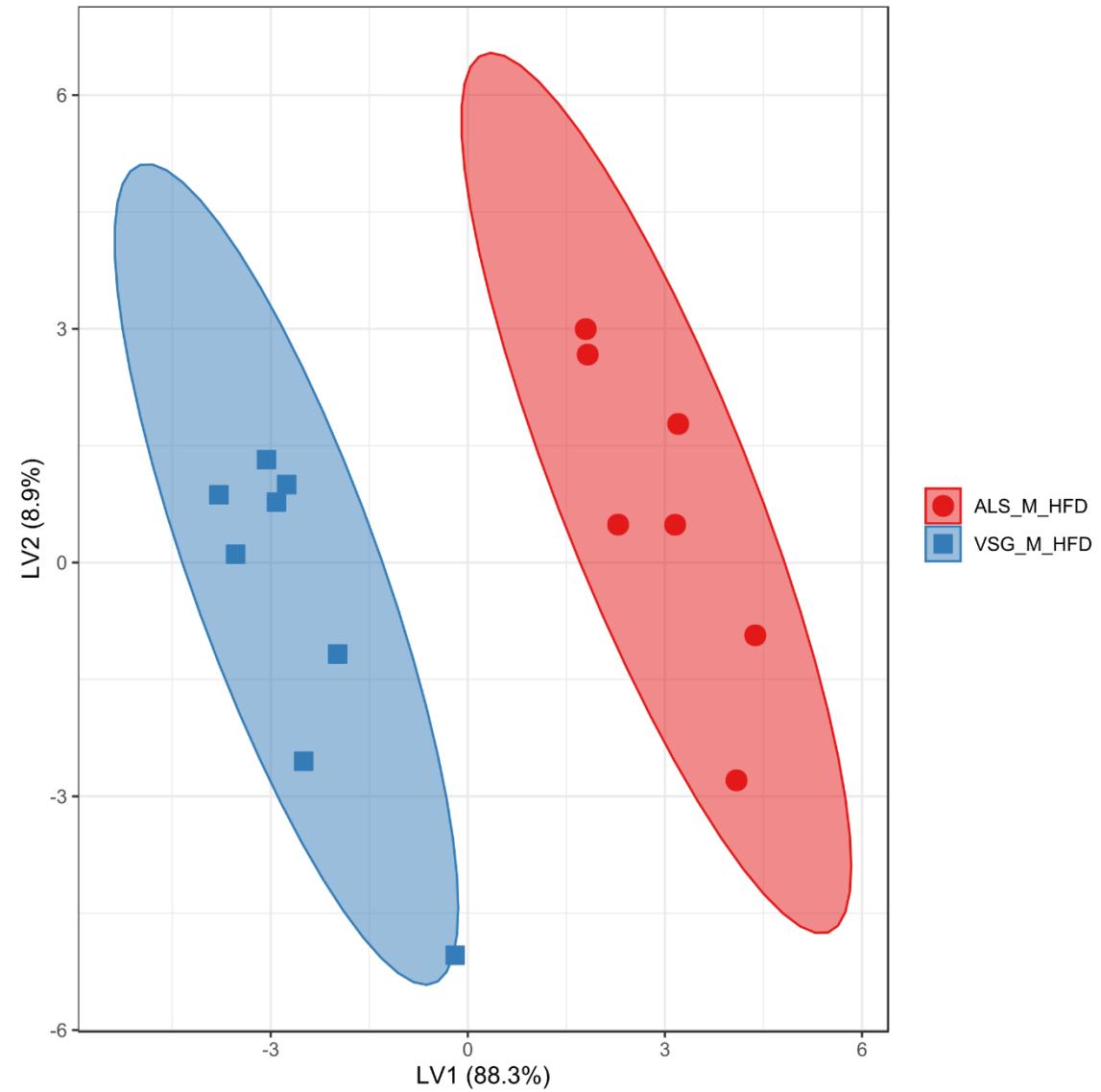
Females



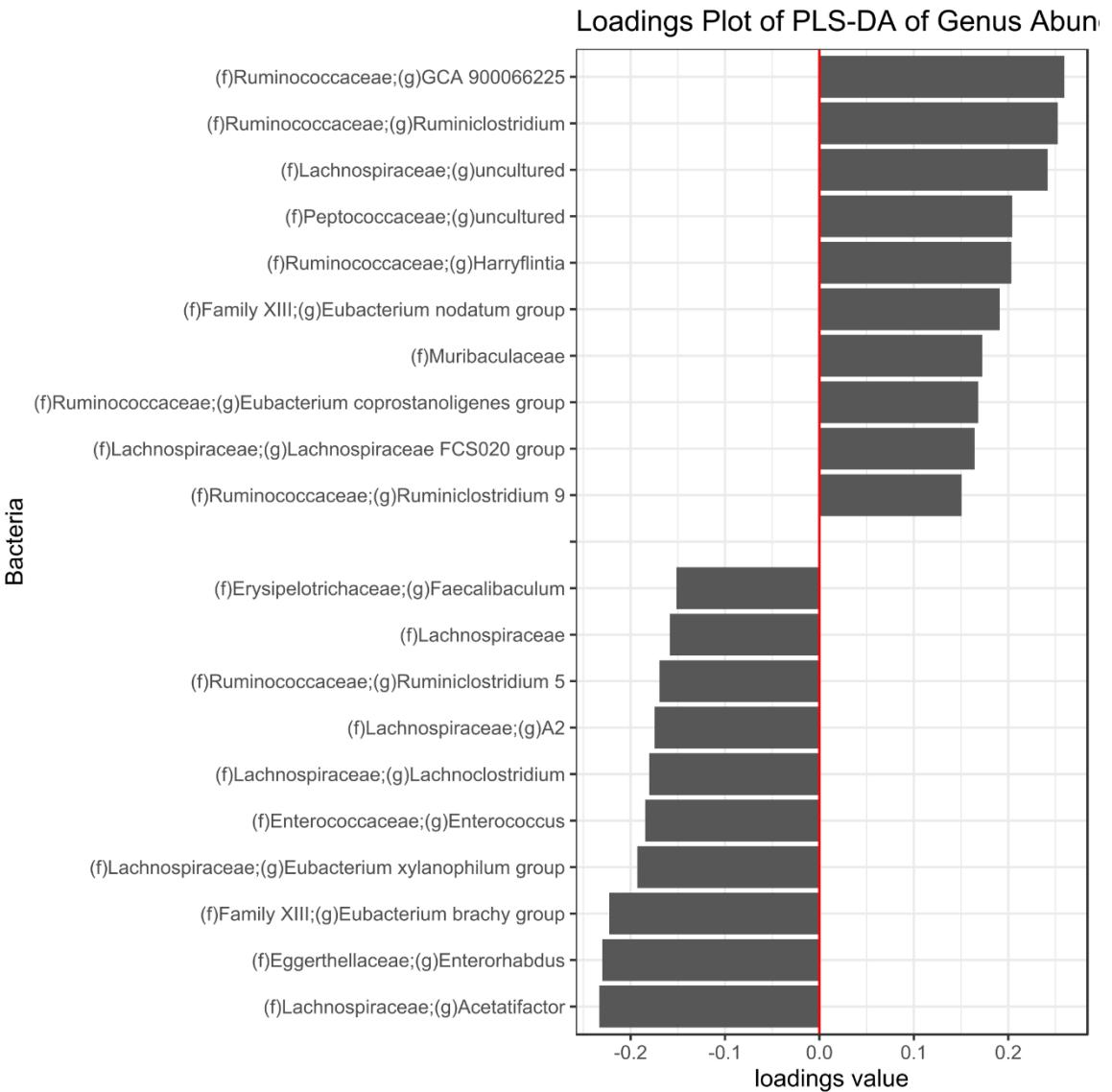
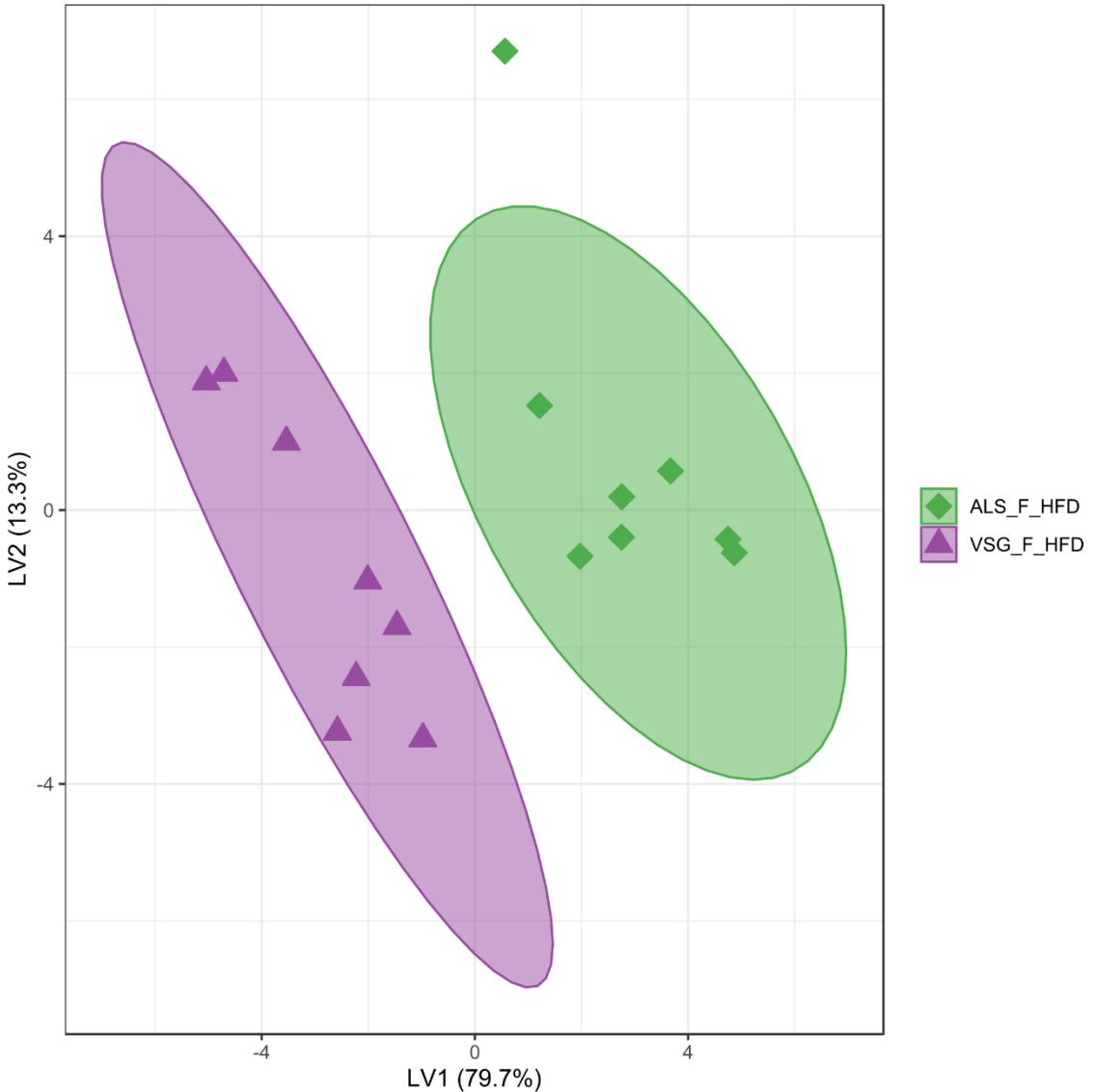
Bacterial community profiling- 16S rDNA sequencing

- Microbiota community composition & diversity
 - Illumina paired end 300bp reads (PE300)
 - QIIME2 pipeline using Silva alignment databases
 - Taxonomical classification- % Abundance
 - Diversity- phylogenetic and non-phylogenetic measures
 - Statistical analysis
- Multivariate Analysis
 - Partial least squares discriminant analysis (PLS-DA) using R software
- Metadata correlations
 - Microbiota composition with measured physiological parameters
 - Spearman correlation with heatmap visualization (R)

Males



Females



Moving forward

- Continue pathway analysis
- Correlations to the physiological metadata
 - BW, body comp, OGTT
 - Plasma analytes
 - TG
 - FFAs
 - Fasting glucose
 - Bile acids
 - Energy expenditure
- Combine with microbial community data
- Streamline analysis process for pipeline development

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