

Additional file 6 Mean relative abundance of phylogenetic clusters among Alpha- and Beta-Proteobacteria with significant differences between experimental groups.

| Class / Order / Family / Genus / OTU | LH1-LH2 | C1-LH2 | C1-C2 | C1-HG2 | HG1-HG2 | Test | <i>p</i> * |
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| Proteobacteria / Alphaproteobacteria / | 32.7 ^{yz} ± 5.4 | 44.6 ^y ± 7.5 | 23.1 ^z ± 6.2 | 40.1 ^{yz} ± 6.4 | 35.9 ^{yz} ± 6.0 | LEfSe | 0.035 |
| Alphaproteobacteria / Sphingomonadales | 22.8 ^{yz} ± 5.8 | 34.0 ^{yz} ± 7.5 | 17.3 ^z ± 5.8 | 37.2 ^y ± 6.7 | 29.8 ^{yz} ± 5.7 | LEfSe | 0.024 |
| Alphaproteobacteria / Sphingomonadales / Sphingomonadaceae / <i>Sphingomonas</i> / OTU_2 | 21.8 ^{yz} ± 6.0 | 33.8 ^{yz} ± 7.5 | 16.2 ^z ± 5.7 | 36.8 ^{yz} ± 6.7 | 28.9 ^y ± 5.4 | LEfSe | 0.042 |
| Alphaproteobacteria / Sphingomonadales / Sphingomonadaceae / <i>Sphingomonas</i> / OTU_169 | 0.0149 ^{yz} ± 0.0042 | 0.0250 ^{yz} ± 0.0078 | 0.0102 ^z ± 0.0040 | 0.0362 ^{yz} ± 0.0131 | 0.0374 ^y ± 0.0103 | LEfSe | 0.048 |
| Alphaproteobacteria / Sphingomonadales / Sphingomonadaceae / <i>Sphingomonas</i> / OTU_201 | 0.0063 ^z ± 0.0020 | 0.0190 ^{yz} ± 0.0051 | 0.0149 ^{yz} ± 0.0067 | 0.0276 ^y ± 0.0073 | 0.0381 ^{yz} ± 0.0114 | LEfSe | 0.026 |
| Alphaproteobacteria / Sphingomonadales / Sphingomonadaceae / <i>Sphingomonas</i> / OTU_271 | 0.0008 ^z ± 0.0008 | 0.0035 ^{yz} ± 0.0014 | 0.0031 ^{yz} ± 0.0021 | 0.0069 ^{yz} ± 0.0042 | 0.0065 ^y ± 0.0022 | LEfSe | 0.028 |
| Alphaproteobacteria / Sphingomonadales / Sphingomonadaceae / <i>Sphingobium</i> / OTU_31 | 0.643 ^{yz} ± 0.641 | 0 ^z | 0.932 ^{yz} ± 0.932 | 0.007 ^{yz} ± 0.007 | 0.028 ^y ± 0.026 | LEfSe | 0.0499 |
| Alphaproteobacteria / Rhodospirillales / Rhodospirillaceae | 0 ^z | 0.18 ^{yz} ± 0.12 | 0 ^z | 0.23 ^{yz} ± 0.23 | 0.31 ^y ± 0.22 | LEfSe | 0.040 |
| Betaproteobacteria | 1.36 ^{yz} ± 0.37 | 2.15 ^{yz} ± 1.01 | 3.77 ^y ± 1.37 | 1.09 ^z ± 0.38 | 2.41 ^{yz} ± 0.85 | LEfSe | 0.049 |
| Betaproteobacteria / Burkholderiales / Comamonadaceae | 0.50 ^{ab} ± 0.29 | 0.08 ^b ± 0.05 | 2.31 ^a ± 0.87 | 0.16 ^b ± 0.15 | 0.78 ^{ab} ± 0.50 | KW | 0.042 |
| Betaproteobacteria / Burkholderiales / Oxalobacteraceae / <i>Herbaspirillum</i> / OTU_10 | 0.19 ^z ± 0.13 | 0.93 ^{yz} ± 0.77 | 0.78 ^y ± 0.35 | 0.22 ^{yz} ± 0.12 | 1.26 ^{yz} ± 0.83 | LEfSe | 0.043 |
| Betaproteobacteria / Burkholderiales / Oxalobacteraceae / <i>Undibacterium</i> / OTU_50 | 0.0008 ^{yz} ± 0.0008 | 0 ^z | 0.513 ^y ± 0.509 | 0.0862 ^{yz} ± 0.0862 | 0.0014 ^{yz} ± 0.0010 | LEfSe | 0.040 |

The differences were compared between all groups, simultaneously (KW: Kruskal-Wallis test), and between pairs after Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) Effective Size (LEfSe) comparisons. The mean percentages with a single superscript a or b on the same line corresponded to the significant differences according to the post-hoc pairwise comparisons (Dunn's method). The means with a single superscript y or z on the same line corresponded to significant differences after LEfSe pairwise comparisons (not shown in case of significant difference with KW on the 3 groups); *in case of LEfSe, only the lowest *p* among the multiple pairwise comparisons was shown.