

## Supplementary Materials for

### **The gut microbiome defines social group membership in honey bee colonies**

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**Table S1. Individual microbial taxa differ in read counts between foragers from three different honey bee colonies.** Only taxa that significantly differ between groups are included. Numbers represent mean read count  $\pm$  standard error across ten biological replicates. All p-values are from nonparametric Kruskal Wallis ANOVA (KW). Letters denote statistically significant age groups across individual compounds via Dunn's Test with FDR adjustment (KW post-hoc) ( $p < 0.05$ ).

ASV	Likely microbe	Relationship to Honey bee	Colony 1	Colony 2	Colony 3	KW p-value
9f6cc04b4b4b011455a72b5a60460c23	<i>Fructobacillus</i> sp.	NA	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	22.2 $\pm$ 11.9 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	0.001
84ec1399e8ee3618cc0686f28b89dbcb	<i>Erwinia</i> sp.	Opportunistic, plant pathogen	2.3 $\pm$ 2.3 (A)	13.9 $\pm$ 6.1 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	0.044
3d6c6053fcc0b58354ac9db e2d2f699e	<i>Acinetobacter</i> sp.	NA	0.6 $\pm$ 0.6 (A)	229.9 $\pm$ 98.4 (B)	18.7 $\pm$ 18.7 (A)	0.001
35a3d8346211c36fb8c761f16cf80a78	<i>Lactobacillus kunkeei</i>	Symbiont	54.7 $\pm$ 14.6 (A)	1 $\pm$ 1 (B)	16.4 $\pm$ 13 (B)	0.001
74b24ccc7660cd841e826ef e9a2ab1b0	<i>Bombella apis</i>	Symbiont	51.5 $\pm$ 24.5 (A)	0 $\pm$ 0 (B)	0.3 $\pm$ 0.3 (B)	0.002
bc33fe4f622661dee912ccfb ead7c189	<i>Lactobacillus Firm-5</i>	Symbiont	55.2 $\pm$ 33 (A)	21.8 $\pm$ 6.5 (A)	117.2 $\pm$ 24.9 (B)	0.023
49ba1666cb48aa5757c0f882dc2362	<i>Lonsdalea</i> sp.	Opportunistic, plant pathogen	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	198.5 $\pm$ 91.6 (B)	619.7 $\pm$ 160.3 (B)	0.001
4c93c2752e221ba62f741be f52a062ae	<i>Bacillus</i> sp.	NA	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	4.1 $\pm$ 2.6 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	0.04
1bfdde56f0549c7953359140bb8c64b1	<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	Opportunistic, pathogen	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	12.1 $\pm$ 7.2 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	0.04
add077c21c9d0c2e6d5a9c3073a9f2ff	<i>Bartonella apis</i>	Symbiont	216.5 $\pm$ 70.9 (A)	20.6 $\pm$ 12.9 (B)	37.1 $\pm$ 22.3 (B)	0.002
d945fa3999147e0e192657a812a81864	<i>Erwinia</i> sp.	Opportunistic, plant pathogen	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	9.7 $\pm$ 5 (B)	0.012
60f0a102e1b3118286adc774264b5b7d	<i>Leuconostoc</i> sp.	NA	4.5 $\pm$ 2.5 (A)	0 $\pm$ 0 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (B)	0.04
e0f189a223266cebe35ecce782442771	<i>Lactobacillus Firm-4</i>	Symbiont	156.5 $\pm$ 81 (A)	48.8 $\pm$ 16.4 (A)	294.2 $\pm$ 86.8 (B)	0.03
cbc8ca79561859eef1323f7b78e61b0c	<i>Bombella</i> sp.	Symbiont	302.9 $\pm$ 144.4 (A)	190.6 $\pm$ 139.1 (AB)	0 $\pm$ 0 (B)	0.05
677929eac52be081cdae08a0b9c70eb2	<i>Klebsiella</i> sp.	NA	22.2 $\pm$ 22.2 (A)	57.9 $\pm$ 30.4 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	0.02
53487488977aaff4786546cbeeb53194	Bacteroidetes	NA	135.6 $\pm$ 70.1 (A)	0 $\pm$ 0 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (B)	0.001
8fc75f0f847f0a7817148a589a678a9b	Halomonadaceae ( <i>Zymobacter</i> sp.)	Environmental, found in beebread	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	93.6 $\pm$ 40.9 (B)	91.1 $\pm$ 73.2 (B)	0.001
1357277b4f47cd8732a2707eca12fcdff	<i>Leuconostoc mesenteroides</i>	NA	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	159.3 $\pm$ 70.3 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	0.001
e10a68e9c495ac6e874cd1fc707f2ed0	Acetobacteraceae ( <i>Gluconobacter</i> sp.)	Possible symbiont	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	0.2 $\pm$ 0.2 (A)	6.9 $\pm$ 3.8 (B)	0.038
255710e5f82efe52eed0fba9c739b4b	<i>Fructobacillus</i> sp.	NA	0.3 $\pm$ 0.3 (A)	6.2 $\pm$ 2.5 (B)	0.7 $\pm$ 0.7 (A)	0.039
59cc3eb4a94a68b8e3f5a8a2559211f8	<i>Bartonella apis</i>	Symbiont	1136.6 $\pm$ 478.5 (A)	368.5 $\pm$ 193.3 (A)	375.8 $\pm$ 374.9 (B)	0.011
c40e998dab561c150123e6f1d70eb023	<i>Fructobacillus</i> sp.	NA	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	41.8 $\pm$ 18.7 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	0.003
5228abf2f3f8c49b39b8b28a2d51ca69	<i>Dickeya</i> sp.	Opportunistic, plant pathogen	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	1.1 $\pm$ 1.1 (A)	20.9 $\pm$ 13.5 (B)	0.014

1ebd3e8b2c26aad6622cd55 14b794a67	Erwinia sp.	Opportunistic, plant pathogen	0 ± 0 (A)	2.2 ± 2.2 (A)	24 ± 11.5 (B)	0.004
a310dd8d6ac8e59532216a8 7b485e069	Lactobacillus Firm-5	Symbiont	114.4 ± 53.1 (A)	65.2 ± 16.1 (A)	195.7 ± 26.4 (B)	0.004
cc1f555fcb571340d624aafc e016fbfa	Lactococcus sp.	Symbiont	0 ± 0 (A)	49.1 ± 30.9 (B)	0 ± 0 (A)	0.001

**Table S2. Individual microbial taxa differ in read counts between cross-fostered foragers.** Only taxa that significantly differ between groups are included. Numbers represent mean read count  $\pm$  standard error across ten biological replicates. All p-values are from nonparametric Kruskal Wallis ANOVA (KW). Letters denote statistically significant age groups across individual compounds via Dunn's Test with FDR adjustment (KW post-hoc) ( $p < 0.05$ ).

ASV	Likely microbe	Relationship to Honey bee	Colony 1 raised in Colony 1	Colony 2 raised in Colony 1	Colony 1 raised in Colony 2	Colony 2 raised in Colony 2	KW p-value
11c8b11583b08e1c7c27279aa9419a7a	<i>Frischella perrara</i>	Symbiont	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	42.4 $\pm$ 28.2 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	0.031
202f673d1c8c89a33736db2940b04f04	<i>Snodgrassella alvi</i>	Symbiont	23.6 $\pm$ 8.5 (A)	19.3 $\pm$ 5.6 (A)	2.1 $\pm$ 2.1 (B)	2.9 $\pm$ 2.1 (B)	0.020
35a3d8346211c36fb8c761f16cf80a78	<i>Lactobacillus kunkeei</i>	Symbiont	4.6 $\pm$ 2 (A)	6.6 $\pm$ 2 (A)	0 $\pm$ 0 (B)	0.2 $\pm$ 0.2 (B)	0.004
49ba1666cb48aa5757c0f882dc2362	<i>Lonsdalea</i> sp.	Opportunistic, plant pathogen	0.1 $\pm$ 0.1 (A)	0.4 $\pm$ 0.4 (A)	155.6 $\pm$ 73.6 (B)	28.8 $\pm$ 13.3 (A)	0.002
53487488977aff4786546cbeeb53194	<i>Apibacter</i> sp.	Symbiont	30.1 $\pm$ 15 (A)	16.1 $\pm$ 9.3 (A)	0 $\pm$ 0 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (B)	0.008
59cc3eb4a94a68b8e3f5a8a2559211f8	<i>Bartonella apis</i>	Symbiont	179.7 $\pm$ 73.8 (A)	116 $\pm$ 51.2 (A)	2.4 $\pm$ 1.4 (B)	13.5 $\pm$ 10 (B)	0.007
6d9c4b079d57e3814cf9b4ee45e6f4c9	<i>Apibacter</i> sp.	Symbiont	24.7 $\pm$ 16	19 $\pm$ 9.6	0 $\pm$ 0	0 $\pm$ 0	0.044
7931a772085e7c872f91e125c9d82ba9	Acetobacteraceae ( <i>Gluconobacter</i> sp.)	Possible symbiont	14 $\pm$ 13.7 (A)	0 $\pm$ 0 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (B)	0.047
8a26a9bd241e9a9d74a91777512498d6	<i>Frischella perrara</i>	Symbiont	49.1 $\pm$ 25.3 (A)	79.4 $\pm$ 42.2 (A)	22.5 $\pm$ 16.2 (A)	247.1 $\pm$ 39 (B)	0.002
8fc75f0f847f0a7817148a589a678a9b	Halomonadaceae ( <i>Zymobacter</i> sp.)	Environmental, found in beebread	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	11.5 $\pm$ 7.1 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	0.016
a175afda351eb929ddb684ce81f739f3	<i>Lonsdalea</i> sp.	Opportunistic, plant pathogen	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	146.4 $\pm$ 73.9 (B)	34.6 $\pm$ 11.3 (B)	0.002
b4cc73c05f74abaa779ff9ed5f745c21	<i>Bartonella apis</i>	Symbiont	18.3 $\pm$ 13.2 (A)	0 $\pm$ 0 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (B)	0.047
caa792085f9da84dffef5d8a536329d5	<i>Frischella perrara</i>	Symbiont	58.9 $\pm$ 23 (A)	84.7 $\pm$ 41.3 (A)	21.5 $\pm$ 14.4 (A)	252.1 $\pm$ 38.5 (B)	0.003
ff06926c491e77646be2105dfc0c2635	<i>Dickeya</i> sp.	Opportunistic, plant pathogen	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	25.8 $\pm$ 14.7 (B)	0 $\pm$ 0 (A)	0.003

**Table S3. Individual microbial taxa differ in read counts between sister bees inoculated with heat killed- or live- inoculum.** Only taxa that significantly differ between groups are included. Numbers represent mean read count  $\pm$  standard error across ten biological replicates. All p-values are from nonparametric Mann-Whitney U test (MWU).

ASV	Likely microbe	Relationship to Honey bee	Heat killed	Live	MWU p-value
35a3d8346211c36fb8c761f16cf80a78	<i>Lactobacillus kunkeei</i>	Symbiont	290.4 $\pm$ 27.4	93.3 $\pm$ 8.8	0.001
41bdbe7bfb2c3adb74951a708a05174	<i>Klebsiella</i> sp.	NA	0 $\pm$ 0	5.8 $\pm$ 3.1	0.04
45d402e9427dc221dc55fa21dcbd25c9	<i>Pantoea</i> sp.	NA	0 $\pm$ 0	77.6 $\pm$ 19.8	0.004
59cc3eb4a94a68b8c3f5a8a2559211f8	<i>Bartonella apis</i>	Symbiont	217.5 $\pm$ 61.8	468.9 $\pm$ 66.8	0.017
5dd1c7e6606cce8fae641fab62e3ff5b	<i>Spiroplasma</i> sp.	NA	0 $\pm$ 0	9.7 $\pm$ 4.5	0.01
668c3a8ab32d4d8fc8d35aed81618ca4	Halomonadaceae ( <i>Zymobacter</i> sp.)	Environmental, found in beebread	0 $\pm$ 0	1.6 $\pm$ 1.1	0.02
68f99c11da883663f9f535d4b6c3f942	<i>Pantoea</i> sp.	NA	0 $\pm$ 0	75 $\pm$ 18.6	0.001
add077c21c9d0c2e6d5a9c3073a9f2ff	<i>Bartonella apis</i>	Symbiont	0 $\pm$ 0	2.8 $\pm$ 1.4	0.04
c8bb41a915e4bc6b63d2e697332979c9	Acetobacteraceae ( <i>Gluconobacter</i> sp.)	Possible symbiont	0 $\pm$ 0	16.5 $\pm$ 7.1	0.001
caa792085f9da84dffef5d8a536329d5	<i>Lonsdalea quercina</i>	Opportunistic, plant pathogen	74.4 $\pm$ 28	23 $\pm$ 10.7	0.025
d74973c26f94dd14c74b70f136599b53	<i>Serratia</i> sp.	Opportunistic, plant pathogen	0 $\pm$ 0	5.8 $\pm$ 2.7	0.02
d945fa3999147e0e192657a812a81864	<i>Serratia</i> sp.	Opportunistic, plant pathogen	0 $\pm$ 0	3.5 $\pm$ 2	0.04
e4d48ac9b1335045533830ed6d8617ac	<i>Bombella apis</i>	Symbiont	37.5 $\pm$ 13.3	0 $\pm$ 0	0.001

**Table S4. Individual microbial taxa differ in read counts between sister bees raised with foragers from two different honey bee colonies.** Only taxa that significantly differ between groups are included. Numbers represent mean read count  $\pm$  standard error across ten biological replicates. All p-values are from nonparametric Mann-Whitney U test (MWU).

ASV	Likely microbe	Relationship to Honey bee	Raised with colony 1 bees	Raised with colony 2 bees	MWU p-value
35a3d8346211c36fb8c761f16cf80a78	<i>Lactobacillus kunkeei</i>	Symbiont	0.2 $\pm$ 0.2	19.1 $\pm$ 12.9	0.026
3e465a6bd730f0113d854c9535cc91f9	<i>Lactobacillus mellis</i>	Symbiont	19.8 $\pm$ 3.6	0 $\pm$ 0	0.001
59cc3eb4a94a68b8e3f5a8a2559211f8	<i>Bartonella apis</i>	Symbiont	489.9 $\pm$ 90.9	11.7 $\pm$ 11.7	0.001
74b24ccc7660cd841e826efe9a2ab1b0	<i>Bombella apis</i>	Symbiont	0 $\pm$ 0	6.2 $\pm$ 2.9	0.035
7fc460b386431099c45986947f6d800f	<i>Bifidobacterium asteroides</i>	Symbiont	48.8 $\pm$ 7.6	0.7 $\pm$ 0.7	0.001
829b1795d54b70a746e61cfd52e45ea9	<i>Snodgrassella alvi</i>	Symbiont	143.1 $\pm$ 43.8	0 $\pm$ 0	0.001
a310dd8d6ac8e59532216a87b485e069	<i>Lactobacillus apis</i>	Symbiont	60.1 $\pm$ 22	2.6 $\pm$ 2.6	0.001
b7420af7805b65881f319c0276233813	<i>Lactobacillus kullabergensis</i>	Symbiont	35.1 $\pm$ 11.5	5.8 $\pm$ 5.8	0.001
be33fe4f622661dee912ccfbeat7c189	<i>Lactobacillus melliventris</i>	Symbiont	32.8 $\pm$ 8.5	22.8 $\pm$ 19.3	0.009
e4d48ac9b1335045533830ed6d8617ac	<i>Bombella apis</i>	Symbiont	0.4 $\pm$ 0.2	390.1 $\pm$ 148.1	0.001

**Table S5. *G. apicola* and *L. quercina* were common in the guts of all forager bees used throughout this study.** Proportion of 16S rRNA sequencing reads that corresponded to *G. apicola* and *L. quercina*. Numbers represent mean proportion of reads per sample  $\pm$  standard error.

Experiment	Corresponding figure	Treatment	Collection Location	Year collected	<i>G. apicola</i>	<i>L. quercina</i>
Foragers from 3 colonies	Fig. 1A-C	Colony 1	Residence in St. Louis, MO	2017	0.394 $\pm$ 0.047	0 $\pm$ 0
		Colony 2	Field station in Eureka, MO	2017	0.423 $\pm$ 0.052	0.018 $\pm$ 0.008
		Colony 3	Field station in Eureka, MO	2017	0.326 $\pm$ 0.052	0.053 $\pm$ 0.014
Cross-fostered foragers	Fig. 1D	Colony 1 raised in Colony 1	Residence in St. Louis, MO	2018	0.307 $\pm$ 0.050	0.001 $\pm$ 0.001
		Colony 2 raised in Colony 1	Residence in St. Louis, MO	2018	0.342 $\pm$ 0.052	0.001 $\pm$ 0.001
		Colony 1 raised in Colony 2	Field station in Eureka, MO	2018	0.319 $\pm$ 0.059	0.168 $\pm$ 0.082
		Colony 2 raised in Colony 2	Field station in Eureka, MO	2018	0.342 $\pm$ 0.052	0.035 $\pm$ 0.012

**Table S6. Specific microbial taxa that differed in read counts between sister bees inoculated with either *G. apicola* or *L. quercina*.** Only taxa that significantly differed between groups are included. Numbers represent mean read count  $\pm$  standard error across ten biological replicates. All p-values are from nonparametric Mann-Whitney U test (MWU).

ASV	Likely microbe	Relationship to Honey bee	Inoculated with <i>G. apicola</i>	Inoculated with <i>L. quercina</i>	MWU p-value
d945fa3999147e0e192657a812a81864	<i>Gibbsiella</i> sp.	Opportunistic	134.2 $\pm$ 42.9	1.4 $\pm$ 1	0.001
3e465a6bd730f0113d854c9535cc91f9	<i>Lactobacillus</i> sp.	Symbiont	13.1 $\pm$ 4.5	3 $\pm$ 3	0.033
1b158b8b2922d4fcad5d9cea607cbb7d	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Opportunistic	9.3 $\pm$ 9.3	25.7 $\pm$ 6.7	0.006
1bfdde56f0549c7953359140bb8c64b1	<i>Lonsdalea quercina</i>	Opportunistic, plant pathogen	0 $\pm$ 0	106.1 $\pm$ 32.3	0.001
1c2d9bebac9fdb263c581d255419c9a5	<i>Gilliamella apicola</i>	Symbiont	130.5 $\pm$ 56.3	29.9 $\pm$ 29.9	0.009

**Table S7. Microbial taxa present in gut inoculum.** Numbers represent read count in freshly dissected guts (fresh) and inoculum in 25% sugar water after 24 hours of incubation (inoculum).

ASV	Likely microbe	Relationship to honey bee	Fresh	Inoculum 1	Inoculum 2	Inoculum 3
0c824386f57c0616a1aa709e2c459462	<i>Lactobacillus mellifer</i>	Symbiont	3	11	5	8
1c2d9bebac9fdb263c581d255419c9a5	<i>Gilliamella apicola</i>	Symbiont	304	125	158	176
233b3fd5526a90bb3849012302ef242e	<i>Snodgrassella alvi</i>	Symbiont	0	0	7	0
37882b6bb8cddbfbff3072efb27e6a400	<i>Snodgrassella alvi</i>	Symbiont	331	303	43	44
3e465a6bd730f0113d854c9535cc91f9	<i>Lactobacillus mellis</i>	Symbiont	0	0	14	7
43ff6815fcebfb8aeba2478e36cd54ed	<i>Acetobacteraceae</i>	Symbiont	0	17	0	0
4f692b53bc7ee9a4e46d65412d545dc5	<i>Acetobacteraceae</i>	Symbiont	0	0	12	13
59cc3eb4a94a68b8e3f5a8a2559211f8	<i>Bartonella apis</i>	Symbiont	234	22	173	77
5e88989304bf0cde12cf8a2e6c9c5057	<i>Acetobacteraceae</i>	Symbiont	13	60	18	16
615351b38041069cae7587f6f11d7e2f	<i>Lactobacillus helsingborgensis</i>	Symbiont	0	0	13	0
7ccf0063aba554936f596a61eba2509e	<i>Bartonella apis</i>	Symbiont	0	0	0	3
7fc460b386431099c45986947f6d800f	<i>Bifidobacterium asteroides</i>	Symbiont	26	26	24	13
95e79d59da51887288b04f13cd68a88e	<i>Lactobacillus</i> sp.	Symbiont	2	6	7	6
a310dd8d6ac8e59532216a87b485e069	<i>Lactobacillus apis</i>	Symbiont	13	63	200	175
a51341f0383360824e05da5bb63d2f80	<i>Bombella apis</i>	Symbiont	0	216	24	58
add077c21c9d0c2e6d5a9c3073a9f2ff	<i>Bartonella</i> sp.	Symbiont	0	3	7	0
af8df7f3730061d26b9655ec5b4a5c25	<i>Bifidobacterium coryneforme</i>	Symbiont	0	0	6	2
b7420af7805b65881f319c0276233813	<i>Lactobacillus kullabergensis</i>	Symbiont	9	22	0	16
be33fe4f622661dee912ccfbeat7c189	<i>Lactobacillus melliventris</i>	Symbiont	26	7	11	11
c386dac39b3ebd27095ac8c251446b5c	<i>Snodgrassella alvi</i>	Symbiont	11	0	0	0
caa792085f9da84dffef5d8a536329d5	<i>Frischella perrara</i>	Symbiont	23	0	8	4
e0f189a223266cebe35ecce782442771	<i>Lactobacillus mellis</i>	Symbiont	0	13	0	0
e4d48ac9b1335045533830ed6d8617ac	<i>Bombella</i> sp.	Symbiont	0	190	396	497
fda0746dace4494eb6cfd64b8b7d6036	<i>Providencia</i> sp.	Opportunisti c	0	42	0	0

**Data S1: Cuticular hydrocarbon data.** Amount (ng) of each cuticular hydrocarbon extracted from every sample.

**Data S2: 16S rRNA sequencing data.** Number of reads sequenced for each ASV in every sample. Taxonomic classifications for abundant ASVs as determined by the Greengenes database (45) (“Greengenes classification”) and by NCBI BLAST (“Likely microbe”).

**Data S3: *G. apicola tuf* gene pairwise alignment data.** Sheet 1: Proportion of sequence overlap in the *tuf* gene for every *G. apicola* strain sequenced in Fig. 4. Sheet 2: Sample information.

**Data S4: Acceptance assay data.** Behavioral scoring (accepted/rejected) for all intruder bees used in acceptance assays in Figs. 3 and 4.