

1 **Title:** Multi-omics analysis of mouse fecal microbiome reveals supplier-dependent functional
2 differences and novel metagenome-assembled genomes

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19 **Abstract**

20 Host genetics, sex, and other within-source factors have been associated with characteristic effects on
21 the fecal microbiome in mice, however, the commercial source of mice remains the dominant factor.
22 Increasing evidence indicates that supplier-specific microbiomes in particular confer differences in
23 disease susceptibility in models of inflammatory conditions, as well as baseline behavior and body
24 morphology. However, current knowledge regarding the compositional differences between suppliers is
25 based on 16S rRNA amplicon sequencing data, and functional differences between these communities
26 remain poorly defined. Here, we applied a meta-omic (metagenomic and metatranscriptomic) approach
27 to biomolecules (DNA/RNA) extracted from murine fecal samples representative of two large U.S.
28 suppliers of research mice, which differ in composition, and influence baseline physiology and behavior
29 as well as disease severity in mouse models of intestinal disease. We reconstructed high-quality
30 metagenome-assembled genomes (MAGs), frequently containing genomic content unique to each
31 supplier. These differences were observed both within pangenomes of dominant taxa as well as the
32 epibiont *Saccharimonadaceae*. Additionally, transcriptional activity and pathway analyses revealed key
33 functional differences between the metagenomes associated with each supplier, including differences

34 in carbohydrate enzyme activity and dissimilatory sulfate reduction by sulfate-reducing bacteria (SRB).
35 These data provide a detailed characterization of the baseline differences in the fecal metagenome of
36 laboratory mice from two U.S. commercial suppliers suggesting that these functional differences are
37 influenced by differences in the initial inoculum of colony founders, as well as additional taxa gained
38 during growth of the production colony.

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41 Introduction

42 Host-associated microbiomes, such as the gut microbiome (GM), exert strong effects on host
43 physiology, susceptibility or resistance to various conditions, and response to treatment and dietary
44 challenges. Investigations at the population-level suggest that differences in the human GM are
45 responsible for a large portion of the variability within individual host responses to a given dietary
46 challenge^{1,2} or medical treatment,³⁻⁵ implying that the GM is an important consideration in precision
47 health and medicine strategies. Similarly, the GM of laboratory mice within the biomedical research
48 community is highly variable due to numerous covariates,^{6,7} and these compositional differences have
49 been associated with differences in host fitness in the context of uniform host genetics and
50 environment.⁸⁻¹² One of the dominant factors contributing to the population-level variability in specific
51 pathogen-free (SPF) mouse microbiomes is the commercial source of mice.¹³⁻¹⁵ Previous studies have
52 demonstrated reproducible differences in the GM richness and beta-diversity, irrespective of host
53 genotype (i.e., strain) within each supplier.^{12,13} Specifically, the GM of mice supplied by the Jackson
54 Laboratory (Jackson) and Envigo are characteristically of low and high richness, relative to each other,
55 and each comprises unique taxa, in addition to an apparent core population of bacteria common to both
56 sources. The latter includes members of the semi-standardized altered Schaedler flora (ASF),^{16,17}
57 reflecting the common procedures used to establish mouse production colonies on a commercial scale.
58 Suppliers often surgically transfer embryos of the desired genotype to a pseudopregnant surrogate dam
59 colonized with ASF, which then seeds the initial generation of offspring with that limited microbiome
60 comprising 8 to 10 cultivable bacteria.¹⁸ These mice are then used to establish multiple generations of
61 filial mating to expand the colony, during which time mice are housed in large open-top caging systems
62 and allowed to become colonized with additional bacteria from the environment. It is believed that
63 subtle environmental differences are responsible for the reported supplier-origin differences, as well as
64 the differences between multiple distribution facilities of the same supplier¹³ or changes within a
65 supplier over time.^{19,20}

66 However, GMs with different taxonomic compositions may possess qualitatively similar functional
67 capacities.^{21,22} It is therefore unclear whether the different GMs colonizing mice from Jackson and
68 Envigo are functionally different. Owing to the reported influence of these GMs in multiple mouse
69 models of disease,^{23–25} we hypothesized that the compositional differences result in substantial
70 functional differences, as evaluated by the metatranscriptome. Any detected differences in the
71 functional capacity of the fecal microbiome could therefore be due to differences in the ASF isolates
72 maintained by each institution, the environmental exposures during colony expansion, or both. As
73 researchers continue to leverage the inherent differential effects of these complex GMs as a
74 population-level model of human host/microbe interactions, it is important to understand the differences
75 in the metagenome and transcriptional activity of mice from these different suppliers, and the origin of
76 any detected differences. With those goals in mind, fecal samples from healthy adult CD-1 mice
77 colonized with a Jackson-origin or Envigo-origin GM (GM1 and GM4, respectively) were collected and
78 used as the source of DNA and RNA for metagenomic and metatranscriptomic analyses using a re-
79 iterative co-assembly procedure. We report here the identification of 86 high- and medium-quality novel
80 and previously identified metagenome-assembled genomes (MAGs), analyzed and compared in the
81 context of the two source GMs, and a detailed description of the functional differences between mice
82 from these two commercial sources of SPF mice.

83 **Results**

84 *Metagenomic, metatranscriptomic and taxonomic summary*

85 To establish a taxonomic and functional profile, using IMP²⁶ (v3, commit #9672c874; available at
86 <https://git-r3lab.uni.lu/IMP/imp3>) 2.09 x 10⁹ metagenomic and metatranscriptomic reads were co-
87 assembled and binned into MAGs. Subsequently, the completeness and contamination were assessed
88 using CheckM. Per established criteria in the field,²⁷ **Table 1** lists the 29 high-quality (>90% completion
89 and < 5% contamination) MAGs from the entire dataset (**Figure 1A**). An additional 35 medium-quality
90 (> 80% completion and <10% contamination) MAGs, 22 medium-quality MAGs with completeness
91 >50%, 17 low-quality (partial) MAGs with between 31% and 49% completeness, and 25 MAGs with
92 >50% completeness but >10% contamination were identified (**Figure 1A**). A complete list of the 128
93 identified MAGs is provided as **Supplementary Table 1**. Over 75% of MAGs contained greater than 20
94 tRNA-encoding genes, with over half encoding 30 or more tRNA genes (**Figure 1B**). Over 75% of the
95 128 assembled MAGs had an average coverage of 10x or greater (median 24.4x, range 2.1x to 1540x;
96 **Supplementary Table 1**) and roughly 65% of MAGs (including the majority of high-quality MAGS) were
97 assembled from less than 200 scaffolds (**Figure 1C**). Comparison of metagenomic composition and the
98 metatranscriptome revealed a strong correlation, suggesting transcriptional activity of the majority of

99 detected genes (**Figure 1D**). As expected, there was also a strong correlation between the number of
100 genes detected and total size of the assembled MAGs (**Supplementary Figure 1**).

101 Of the 64 high- and medium-quality MAGs with > 80% completion and <10% contamination listed in
102 **Supplementary Table 1**, over one third (23/64) were identified as members of the Gram-positive family
103 *Lachnospiraceae* (phylum *Bacillota*). The second most common family was the Gram-negative
104 *Muribaculaceae*, within the phylum *Bacteroidota*. Other MAGs within the phylum *Bacillota* included
105 several members of the *Ruminococcaceae*, *Clostridiaceae*, *Bacillaceae*, and *Lactobacillaceae*, among
106 others. Additional MAGs within the *Bacteroidota* included members of the genera *Alistipes*,
107 *Bacteroides*, *Parabacteroides*, *Odoribacter*, and *Prevotella*. Six of the high- and medium-quality 64
108 MAGs in **Supplementary Table 1** were external to either of those two dominant phyla, including one
109 identified as *Parasutterella excrementihominis* (*Burkholderiaceae* within phylum *Pseudomonadota*), and
110 five identified as members of the family *Saccharimonadaceae* (phylum *Patescibacteria*).

111 Candidate Phyla Radiation taxa demonstrate strain-level differences between vendors

112 As newly recognized epibionts within the candidate phylum radiation (CPR), the *Saccharimonadaceae*
113 were of particular interest since their reports in laboratory mouse strains are limited. MAGs identified as
114 *Saccharimonadaceae* have been found in diverse environmental samples including deep sea
115 hydrothermal vents, glacial-fed stream biofilms,²⁸ and petrochemical plant sludge.²⁹ Regarding host-
116 associated samples, *Saccharimonadaceae* are most commonly identified in human oral cavity
117 samples,^{30,31} although a handful of rumen³² and fecal³³ samples have also yielded MAGs. A thorough
118 search of the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Sequence Read Archive (SRA)
119 found 321 MAGs within this phylum, including four MAGs from mouse feces. Comparison of the
120 phylogenetic relationship of the newly generated five MAGs within *Saccharimonadaceae* revealed
121 similarity to other host-associated isolates, and particularly the mouse-origin MAGs (**Figure 2A**).
122 Construction of a *Saccharimonadaceae* pangenome from the current data revealed portions of highly
123 conserved core genomic content, and regions of genomic material specific to MAGs from either of the
124 two supplier-dependent microbiomes (**Figure 2B**), suggesting the vendors each harbor distinct strains
125 of this taxonomy, with distinct functional capacities. These data also suggested the co-evolution and
126 transfer of genetic material between bacterial strains within each source.

127 Distinct source-dependent MAGs within multiple taxonomies

128 To further investigate the genomic heterogeneity within other common taxonomies, separate
129 pangenomes were created for various members of the Gram-negative phylum *Bacteroidota*, including
130 *Alistipes* spp. (10 MAGs, **Figure 3A**), *Prevotella* spp. (9 MAGs, **Figure 3B**), and family *Muribaculaceae*

131 (17 MAGs, **Figure 3C**). As in the *Saccharimonadaceae* pangenome comparison, each genus or family
132 revealed regions of genomic content conserved between multiple MAGs from each of the supplier-
133 origin microbiomes, along with conserved core genomic content encoding for single copy gene (SCG)
134 clusters, suggesting that the transfer of genetic material is an ongoing process within each of these
135 taxonomies, at each production source. Similarly, pangenomes were constructed from dominant
136 members of the Gram-positive phylum *Bacillota*, including *Lactobacillus* spp. (14 MAGs, **Figure 4A**)
137 and family *Lachnospiraceae* (20 MAGs, **Figure 4B**). These pangenomes revealed conserved genomic
138 content including highly conserved SCG clusters within each taxonomy, as well as source-dependent
139 differences in the genomic content of MAGs, which may be interpreted as evidence of distinct lineages
140 of Gram-positive taxonomies in mice from each supplier. Collectively, these data indicate the presence
141 of substantial differences in the functional capacity of the dominant bacterial families detected in the
142 microbiome of mice from different suppliers.

143 Functional differences between source-dependent GM

144 Based on the above observations and our original hypothesis, the metatranscriptome was compared
145 between GM profiles to determine if the detected differences in metagenomic content were also
146 associated with differences in transcriptional activity. Transcripts were compared to (and cross-
147 referenced against) multiple databases including the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes
148 (KEGG),^{34,35} the Protein family (Pfam) database,³⁶ and the CAZy database³⁷ of carbohydrate active
149 enzymes and accessory molecules. **Figure 5A** shows KEGG-identified microbial-associated pathways
150 comprising a multitude of differentially expressed KEGG orthologs (**Figure 5B**). A list of differentially
151 expressed KEGG-identified host-associated pathways is shown in **Supplementary Figure 2**. Similarly,
152 comparison of the bulk metatranscriptome annotations against the Pfam (**Figure 5C**) and CAZy (**Figure**
153 **5D**) databases resulted in many differences, with greater transcriptional activity of different genes in
154 each GM. **Supplementary File 1** lists all significantly differing KEGG, Pfam, and CAZyme annotations
155 as determined by DESeq2³⁸ ($p < 0.05$).

156 Source-dependent differences within the KEGG annotations included several GM1- and GM4-specific
157 genes involved in a wide range of functions. To increase our ability to discern biologically meaningful
158 differences in the function of these GMs, the top 25% most significant KEGG IDs (lowest p values
159 identified by DESeq2) found to significantly differ between GM1 and GM4 were manually reviewed and
160 curated to identify multiple KEGG IDs within a pathway, and thus likely representing true differences in
161 the functional activity of that pathway (**Figure 5A-B**). Several GM1-specific genes involved in diverse
162 metabolic functions were identified including starch and sucrose (CBH1, K01225; SI, K01203), and

163 fructose and mannose (algG, K01795; mtlK, K00045), arachidonic acid (EPHX2, K08726), and
164 phenylalanine (mhpF, K04073; DDC, K1593) metabolism.

165 Source-dependent differences within the KEGG annotations also included several GM4-specific genes
166 involved in numerous functions including flagellar assembly (flgH, K02393; flgI, K02394, flgA, K02386),
167 quorum sensing (srfATE, K15657), lipopolysaccharide biosynthesis (lpxC, K02535; lpxI, K09949), and
168 sulfur metabolism (dsrA, K11180). Pfam annotations also identified increased expression of genes
169 within the dissimilatory sulfite reduction pathway (DsrC, DsrD, and FdhE) and chemotactic responses
170 (CheZ, TarH) by bacteria within GM4. Among the many genes found to be differentially expressed,
171 patterns emerged suggesting increased activity of certain pathways in GM4, including the tricarboxylic
172 acid (TCA) cycle and cytochrome c oxidase activity. Increased TCA cycle activity is suggested by
173 increased expression of enzymes within the TCA cycle (succinate dehydrogenase D; sdhD); enzymes
174 involved in acetyl-CoA production (malonyl-CoA/succinyl-CoA reductase; mcr); three different ccb-type
175 cytochrome c oxidase subunits (I, II, and III) and the fixS cytochrome c oxidase maturation protein; and
176 the cytochrome c-type biogenic protein ccmE. Additionally, GM4 had increased expression of enzymes
177 associated with acetate (acetoacetate decarboxylase, adc), propanoate (methylmalonyl-CoA mutase,
178 mcmA1), and butanoate production (mcr) using TCA cycle compounds, suggesting that the increased
179 release of stored energy by the GM may be associated with increased production of compounds
180 beneficial to the host such as short chain fatty acids (SCFAs).

181 Lastly, numerous source-dependent differences in carbohydrate active enzymes (CAZymes) and
182 accessory molecules were identified (**Figure 5D**). The glycoside hydrolase (GH) family 48 (GH48.hmm)
183 including chitinase and cellulobiohydrolases enzymes was differentially expressed in GM1 using both
184 CAZyme and Pfam (Glyco_hydro_48) annotations. Other GM1-associated CAZyme molecules included
185 the auxiliary activities (AA) of multicopper oxidases (AA1.hmm) and glycosyltransferase (GT) families
186 that bind the LPS inner core polysaccharide³⁹ (GT99.hmm) and the host-produced extracellular
187 polysaccharide heparan⁴⁰ (GT64.hmm). GM4-associated CAZymes included multiple non-catalytic
188 carbohydrate binding motifs (CBMs) with diverse targets including β -1,3-glucan and LPS
189 (CBM39.hmm), cyclodextrins (CBM20.hmm), lactose (CBM71.hmm), and fucose (CBM47.hmm). CBMs
190 specific to cellulose and chitin were identified in both GM1 (CBM2.hmm, CBM72.hmm) and GM4
191 (CBM28.hmm). Collectively, these data demonstrate extensive differences in the baseline
192 transcriptional activity at the enzyme and pathway levels of supplier-origin gut microbiomes.

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195 Supplier-origin GMs indicate variable levels of enzymatic activity associated with eukaryotes

196 While most studies focus on bacterial abundances and differences, we observed eukaryotic organisms
197 present within each GM (*Methods*). The largest portion of eukaryotes identified belonged to the phylum
198 *Ochrophyta* followed by *Dinoflagellata* and *Chlorophyta*, all within the kingdom Protista (**Supplemental**
199 **Figure 3**). Eukaryotes identified within the kingdom Fungi were constrained to the phylum *Ascomycota*
200 with limited taxonomic resolution. No significant differences in the relative abundance of eukaryotic
201 phyla were observed between GMs. Interestingly, while no differences in the relative abundance of
202 eukaryotic phyla were observed between GM1 and GM4 (**Supplemental Figure 3**), glycoside
203 hydrolase CAZyme expression was negatively correlated with GM1 eukaryotes while positively
204 correlated to GM4 eukaryotes (**Supplemental Figure 4**). Lastly, we identified several genes with
205 increased expression in GM1 previously associated with a wide range of host metabolism and disease
206 pathways (**Supplementary Figure 2**), however, the biological significance of the differential expression
207 of these pathways remains unclear.

208 **Discussion**

209 The Jackson (GM1)- and Envigo (GM4)-origin GMs influence many host phenotypes including intestinal
210 inflammation,²³ colonization resistance,²⁵ and behavior and body morphology.²⁴ The robust taxonomic
211 differences between these supplier-origin GMs influencing phenotypic differences have previously been
212 identified using targeted amplicon (e.g., 16S rRNA) sequencing, however, this approach yields limited
213 taxonomic resolution of detected amplicons, and a complete lack of information regarding functional
214 capacity or transcriptional activity. Using an iterative co-assembly procedure, we combined
215 metagenomic and metatranscriptomic sequencing of the fecal microbiome of laboratory mice to provide
216 a valuable resource describing the baseline metagenomic and transcriptional differences of Jackson-
217 and Envigo-origin GMs (GM1 and GM4, respectively). The current data build upon earlier reports of
218 differences in the composition of the GM in mice from different suppliers^{25,41,42} by providing a more
219 detailed assessment of those differences as well as functional differences.

220 Many of those functional differences were attributable to differences in bacteria associated with the
221 ancestral ASF used in the colony founders, including *Lactobacillus murinus* [ASF361] and *L. intestinalis*
222 [ASF360]. These differences could therefore ostensibly be controlled or changed during the initiation of
223 new production colonies. An additional notable aspect of the source-dependent differences in
224 *Lactobacillus* function is the growing body of evidence supporting *Lactobacillus* spp. as psychobiotics,⁴³
225 or live organisms capable of conferring benefits to mental health when ingested. Recent studies have
226 demonstrated differences in anxiety-related behavior and spontaneous locomotor and exploratory
227 behavior between isogenic mice harboring GM1 or GM4²⁴ and *L. intestinalis* and related species have

228 both been shown to confer vagus nerve-dependent effects on behavior.^{44–46} Differences in the genomic
229 content of these MAGs provides one possible explanation for the host phenotypic differences.

230 Numerous differentially expressed KEGG orthologs representing several microbial- and host-
231 associated pathways were identified between the supplier-origin GMs (**Figure 5A-B, Supplemental**
232 **Figure 2**). Consistent with the previously reported differences in *Pseudomonadota*¹³ of GM1 relative to
233 GM4, the Jackson-origin GM was associated with decreased expression of lipopolysaccharide
234 biosynthesis and flagellar assembly. Low richness microbiomes have been associated with increased
235 body weight, growth,⁴⁷ and intestinal inflammation.²³ Here we have identified that, in addition to fatty
236 acid degradation, multiple carbohydrate metabolic pathways including starch and sucrose, galactose,
237 and fructose metabolism were increased in the low-richness GM. The differential expression of these
238 metabolic pathways may increase energy availability to the host likely contributing to the GM1-
239 associated increase in body weight and growth²⁴ and increased intestinal inflammation in models of
240 intestinal disease.^{10,48,49}

241 A differentially expressed KEGG pathway in GM4 that can be linked to previously recognized
242 compositional differences is the dissimilatory sulfite reduction (DSR) pathway, expressed by sulfate-
243 reducing bacteria (SRB) such as *Desulfovibrio* and *Bilophila* spp. These taxa, identified as unique GM4-
244 associated features⁵⁰ are responsible for production of H₂S, a compound with biphasic effects on
245 inflammation, hypertension, and tumorigenesis depending on its intra- and extracellular
246 concentrations.^{51–57} Thus, augmentation of intracellular H₂S production by luminal SRB may result in
247 the low levels adequate to confer protective effects in certain scenarios, or sufficiently high to adversely
248 influence disease susceptibility in others.

249 These data are also of interest from an evolutionary perspective, as they provide a glimpse of the short-
250 term evolutionary landscape within the GM at each supplier. Pathogenic bacteria frequently undergo
251 rapid evolution within a host organism through recombination and mutation,^{58,59} and the same events
252 occur between and within commensal members of the microbiota.^{60,61} Moreover, pathobionts can arise
253 from commensal organisms through the same mechanisms.⁶² In the data presented here, the
254 consistent finding of source-specific genomic content within genera suggests separate evolutionary
255 trajectories at each supplier, occurring in all dominant taxonomies with multiple closely related
256 members. Notably, this feature was particularly evident in the relatively small pangenome of
257 *Saccharimonadaceae*. These findings are in agreement with the recent study from Yilmaz et al.
258 demonstrating the long-term evolution of microbiota and development of multiple co-existing substrains
259 of bacteria within individual taxonomies.⁶³

260 Lastly, we were surprised to recover a large number of high-quality MAGs associated with the family
261 *Saccharimonadaceae* (formerly known as TM7), epibionts^{64,65} which were unrecognized until their
262 identification using molecular methods. Successful culture requires co-culture with the cognate host
263 bacteria, including *Actinomyces odontolyticus* and other members of the human oral cavity.^{65,66} That
264 being said, these highly auxotrophic epibionts with extremely limited genomes are found in virtually all
265 environmental conditions while being surprisingly scarce in metagenomic data from fecal microbiomes.
266 Our analysis agrees with that by Dinis *et al.*,⁶⁷ which demonstrated that the vast majority of host-
267 associated MAGs from this phylum were from human oral cavity samples or rumen contents, with much
268 fewer fecal samples represented. It is unclear which bacteria serve as the host for fecal members of
269 *Saccharibacteria*.

270 Detecting differences in microbial diversity and composition between Jackson- and Envigo-origin GMs
271 has previously relied upon targeted amplicon sequencing of the 16S rRNA gene.^{13,24} While informative,
272 this approach is limited by taxonomic resolution and does not provide the baseline functional capacity
273 or transcriptional activity of these GMs. Our metagenomic and metatranscriptomic sequencing of
274 Jackson- and Envigo origin GMs has established that distinct differences in both the functional capacity
275 and baseline transcriptional activity at the gene and metabolic pathway levels exist amongst the
276 dominant taxa within supplier-origin GMs. Collectively, these data will serve as a valuable resource to
277 leverage the host-microbiome relationship in mouse models of disease and behavior in future.

278 **Methods**

279 *Mice and sample collection*

280 Mice contributing fecal samples were eight-week-old, female, CD-1 mice produced by breeding
281 colonies maintained at the MU Mutant Mouse Resource and Research Center in accordance with the
282 Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals approved by the University of Missouri Institutional
283 Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC, protocol 9587). Mice colonized with a Jackson-origin GM
284 (GM1) or Envigo-origin GM (GM4)⁴² were housed in microisolator polycarbonate cages on individually
285 ventilated racks, under positive pressure. A sample size of three mice per GM was selected to attain a
286 power of 80% and a 5% alpha error rate reflecting changes in microbial composition, based on
287 previously observed robust differences in beta-diversity and the presence of unique taxa within each
288 supplier-origin GM.^{24,25,42} All husbandry was performed in accordance with barrier conditions including
289 use of autoclaved, irradiated chow, autoclaved, acidified water, and autoclaved bedding. Biweekly
290 cage changes occurred in a laminar flow hood using bead-sterilized forceps to transfer mice between
291 cages, by personnel wearing bleach-disinfected latex gloves. Mice were on a 14:10 light/dark cycle and

292 were determined to be free of all known pathogens based on comprehensive quarterly sentinel testing
293 through IDEXX BioAnalytics.

294 Fecal samples were collected by placing each mouse into an empty, autoclaved, microisolator cage,
295 allowing the mouse to defecate normally, and collecting the pellet into a sterile 1 mL cryovial using an
296 autoclaved wooden toothpick. Cryovials were then sealed and flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen. Separate
297 fecal pellets were collected from each mouse for DNA and RNA extraction.

298 *DNA extraction*

299 Fecal DNA was extracted using PowerFecal kits (Qiagen) per the manufacturer's protocol, with the
300 exception that the initial sample disaggregation was performed with a TissueLyser II (Qiagen), operated
301 at 30 Hz. DNA yields were eluted in 50 μ L sterile water, quantified using Qubit 2.0 fluorometer and
302 Quant-iT dsDNA Broad Range (BR) Assay kits, and diluted to a uniform volume and concentration.

303 *RNA extraction*

304 Fecal RNA was extracted using MagMAX mirVana Total RNA Isolation kits (Thermo Fisher) per the
305 manufacturer's protocol. RNA yields were eluted in 50 μ L sterile water, quantified using Qubit 2.0
306 fluorometer and Quant-iT RNA Broad Range (BR) Assay kits, and diluted to a uniform volume and
307 concentration.

308 *Metagenomic library preparation*

309 Metagenomic libraries were generated from genomic DNA (250 ng) per manufacturer's protocol with
310 reagents supplied in the Illumina DNA Prep, Tagmentation Kit. The sample concentration was
311 determined using the Qubit dsDNA high-sensitivity (HS) assay kit. Genomic DNA was fragmented, and
312 short adapter sequences ligated to the ends by bead-link transposomes. Tagmented DNA was
313 amplified using a minimum number of PCR cycles (5) to complete adapter sequences required for
314 cluster generation and the addition of unique dual indexes. Final libraries were purified by addition of
315 Axyprep Mag PCR Clean-up beads. The final construct of each purified library was evaluated using the
316 Fragment Analyzer, quantified using the Qubit HS dsDNA assay kit, and diluted according to Illumina's
317 standard sequencing protocol.

318 *Metatranscriptomic library preparation*

319 Metatranscriptomic libraries were generated from total RNA (800 ng) per manufacturer's protocol with
320 reagents supplied in NEBNext® rRNA Depletion Kit (Bacteria) followed by fragmentation and synthesis
321 of cDNA using the Illumina Stranded mRNA Prep, Ligation Kit. The sample concentration was
322 determined using the Qubit RNA high-sensitivity (HS) assay kit, and the RNA integrity checked using

323 the Agilent Fragment Analyzer automated electrophoresis system. The rRNA was first removed from
324 total RNA by hybridization probes using the NEBNext kit instead of poly-A RNA enrichment. The rRNA-
325 depleted samples were then precipitated and fragmented, and double-stranded cDNA was generated
326 from fragmented RNA, and short adapter sequences ligated to the ends. The cDNA constructs were
327 amplified using a minimum number of PCR cycles (10) to complete adapter sequences required for
328 cluster generation and the addition of unique dual indexes. Final libraries were purified by addition of
329 Axyprep Mag PCR Clean-up beads. The final construct of each purified library was evaluated using the
330 Fragment Analyzer, quantified using the Qubit HS dsDNA assay kit, and diluted according to Illumina's
331 standard sequencing protocol. Paired-end 150 base pair length reads were sequences using an
332 Illumina NovaSeq 6000 instrument. All six metagenomic and six metatranscriptomic libraries were
333 pooled to yield approximately 40 Gb per metagenomic library and 190 million paired end reads per
334 metatranscriptome library.

335 *Meta-omic preprocessing, assembly, binning, and analyses*

336 For processing metagenomic sequence data, we used the Integrated Meta-omic Pipeline (IMP)
337 workflow⁶⁸ to process paired forward and reverse reads using version 3.0 (commit# 9672c874;
338 available at <https://git-r3lab.uni.lu/IMP/imp3>). IMP includes pre-processing, assembly, genome
339 reconstructions and additional functional analysis of genes based on custom databases in a
340 reproducible manner. Briefly, adapter trimming is followed by filtering the reads against the mouse
341 reference genome (GRCm38, https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/assembly/GCF_000001635.20/) to remove
342 any reads mapping to the host, i.e. mice. Thereafter, an iterative co-assembly of both the metagenomic
343 and metatranscriptomic reads using MEGAHIT v1.2.9⁶⁹ is performed. Concurrently, MetaBAT2
344 v2.12.1,⁷⁰ MaxBin2 v2.2.7,⁷¹ and binny⁷² were used for binning the assembly, for reconstructing
345 metagenome-assembled genomes (MAGs). Upon completion of binning, we used DASTool⁷³ to select
346 a non-redundant set of MAGs using a recommended threshold score of 0.7. Furthermore, CheckM
347 v1.1.3⁷⁴ was used to assess the quality of the MAGs, and the GTDB-toolkit⁷⁵ was used to assign the
348 taxonomy per MAG. To estimate the overall abundances of eukaryotes, EUKulele v1.0.5⁷⁶ was used on
349 the assemblies, with both the MMETSP and the PhyloDB databases. Each of the databases were run
350 separately to confirm the detected eukaryotic profiles, whereby conflicts in assigned taxonomy were
351 resolved by selecting the best hit score. To understand the overall metabolic and functional potential of
352 the metagenome and reconstructed MAGs we used MANTIS⁷⁷ which annotates both assemblies and
353 MAGs alike using several databases such as KEGG,^{34,35} PFAM,³⁶ and CAZyme.³⁷ All the parameters,
354 databases, and relevant code for the analyses described above are openly available at
355 https://github.com/susheelbhanu/mice_multiomics_mmrrc and included in the Code availability section.

356 *Phylogenomics, pangenome construction and differential analyses*

357 To perform the pangenome analyses, bins with the same level of taxonomic resolution, i.e., genus or
358 family level, were collected. They were subsequently subjected to the pangenome workflow as
359 described here <http://merenlab.org/2016/11/08/pangenomics-v2>, by Meren *et al.* within the anvio⁷⁸
360 ecosystem. For the *Saccharibacteria* pangenome analysis, two existing genomes (accession IDs:
361 CP040003 and CP040004.1) from Genbank were downloaded. The pangenome was run using the --
362 min-bit 0.5, --mcl-inflation 10 and --min-occurrence 2 parameters, excluding the partial gene calls. A
363 phylogenomic tree was built using MUSCLE v3.8.1551⁷⁹ and FastTree2 v2.1.10⁸⁰ on all single-copy
364 gene clusters in the pangenome that were present in at least 30 genomes and had a functional
365 homogeneity index below 0.9, and geometric homogeneity index above 0.9. The phylogenomic tree
366 was used to order the genomes, the frequency of gene clusters (GC) to order the GC dendrogram. For
367 the *Saccharibacteria* phylogenetic tree, we used the *Entrez Direct* tools available at
368 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK179288/>, to fetch all genomes labelled as 'Saccharibacteria',
369 within NCBI. Following this, the genomes were input to GToTree v1.5.51130⁸¹ pipeline with the -D
370 parameter, allowing to retrieve taxonomic information for the NCBI accessions, where the tree was built
371 using 'Bacteria and Archaea' marker genes. Briefly, HMMER3 v3.3.2⁸² was used to retrieve the single-
372 copy genes after gene-calling with Prodigal v2.6.3⁸³ and aligned using TrimAl v1.4.rev15.⁸⁴ The entire
373 workflow is based on GNU Parallel v20210222134.

374 *Data analyses and figures*

375 The heatmaps were generated using the ggplot2 package while the volcano plots were built using the
376 EnhancedVolcano package found at <https://github.com/kevinblighe/EnhancedVolcano>. The correlation
377 matrices were generated using the corrplot package. Furthermore, for the differential analyses, we
378 used DESeq2³⁸ with FDR and multiple-testing adjustments to assess enriched KOs, pathways, and
379 expression levels. For the *Saccharibacteria* tree visualization the following packages from the R
380 environment were used: ape, ggree, ggtreeExtra and treeio.

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388 **Data Availability**

389 Raw sequencing data samples and the MAGs are available at NCBI's sequence read archive under
390 BioProject accession PRJNA876568. The BioSample accession IDs and the metadata associated with
391 each sample are listed in **Supplementary Table 2**.

392 **Code Availability**

393 The detailed code for the downstream analyses including the assemblies using IMP is available at
394 https://github.com/susheelbhanu/mice_multiomics_mmrrc. The code used to generate the Figure 5 and
395 Supplemental Figures 1-3 is available at https://github.com/ericsson-lab/metaG_metaT.

396 **Figure and Table Legends**

397 **Figure 1.** Dot plot showing the completeness (%) and contamination (%) among the 128 metagenome-
398 assembled genomes (MAGs) recovered from all six samples, legend in inset, dot size correlates to the
399 number (1 to 6) MAGs represented (**A**); bar charts showing the number of tRNAs found in low-,
400 medium-, and high-quality MAGs (**B**), and the number of contigs used to construct MAGs (**C**); and dot
401 plot showing the number of expressed genes in relation to total detected genes in each MAG (**D**).

402 **Figure 2.** Phylogenetic tree (ignoring branch lengths) showing the relationship between the newly
403 identified *Saccharimonadaceae* MAGs and 321 MAGs within the NCBI Sequence Read Archive (SRA)
404 annotated to the *Saccharimonadaceae* family, asterisk represents gut-associated samples (**A**); and
405 pangenome of novel *Saccharimonadaceae* MAGs showing genomic content specific to MAGs from
406 each source (**B**).

407 **Figure 3.** Pangenomes of *Alistipes* (**A**), *Prevotella* (**B**), and family *Muribaculaceae* (**C**) constructed from
408 the present data, each showing the conserved core genomic content, and additional genomic content,
409 common to multiple MAGs from each supplier

410 **Figure 4.** Pangenome of *Lactobacillus* (**A**) and family *Lachnospiraceae* (**B**) constructed from the
411 present data, each showing the conserved core genomic content, and additional genomic content,
412 common to multiple MAGs from each supplier.

413 **Figure 5.** Heat map of differentially expressed select KEGG pathways (A) and volcano plots of
414 individual KEGG (B), Pfam (C), and CAZyme (D) IDs between Jackson (GM1)- and Envigo (GM4)-
415 origin microbiomes. Differentially abundance testing was performed using DESeq2 with $p < 0.05$
416 considered significant.

417 **Supplemental Figure 1.** Dot plot representing the significant correlation between the number of
418 detected genes and assembled MAG size (Mb). Spearman correlation. $R = 0.92$, $p < 0.001$.

419 **Supplementary Figure 2.** Heatmaps of host-associated pathways differentially expressed in fecal
420 metatranscriptomic data in Jackson (GM1)- and Envigo (GM4)-origin microbiomes.

421 **Supplementary Figure 3.** Relative abundance heatmaps of phyla representing greater than 1% of
422 eukaryotes in Jackson (GM1)- and Envigo (GM4)-origin microbiomes.

423 **Supplementary Figure 4.** Heatmaps demonstrating correlations between classes of CAZyme
424 molecules and detected eukaryotes in GM1 **(A)** and GM4 **(B)**. *: $p < 0.05$.

425 **Table 1.** High quality MAGs (>90% completion and < 5% contamination) identified in GM1- and GM4-
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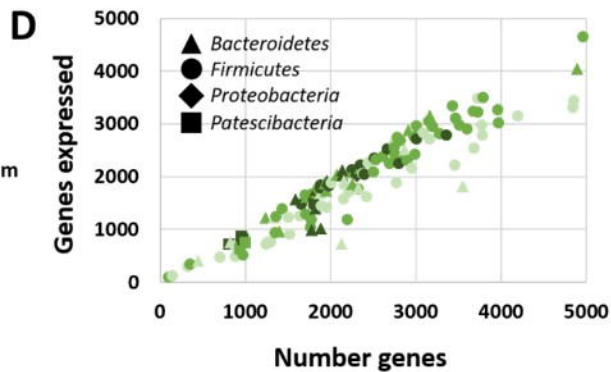
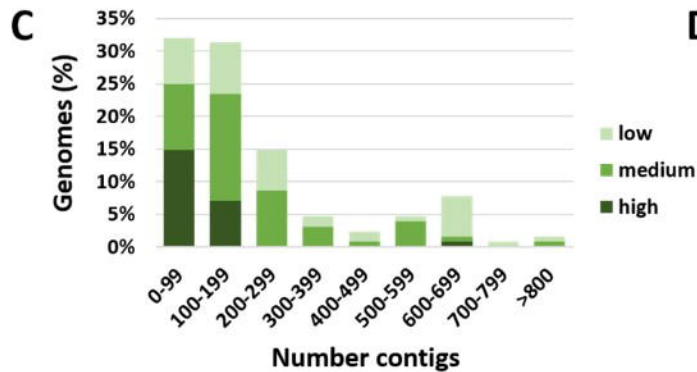
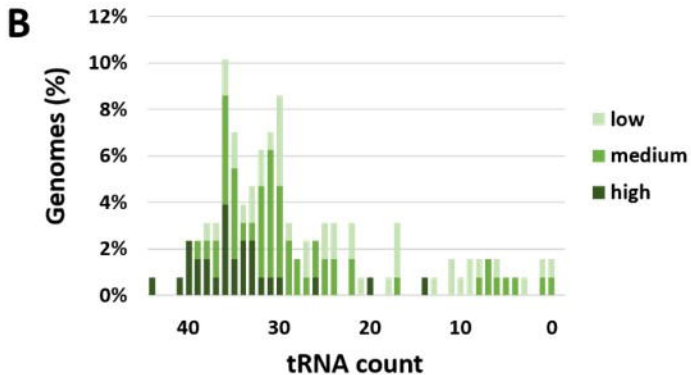
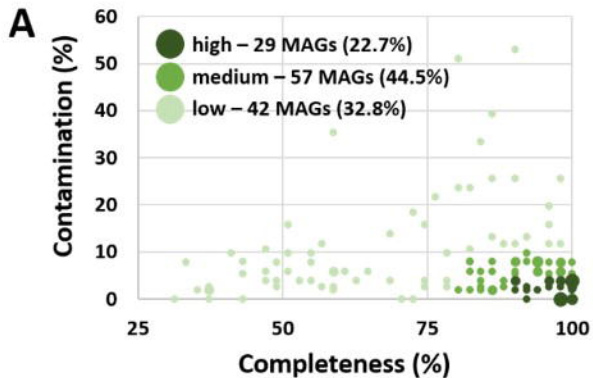
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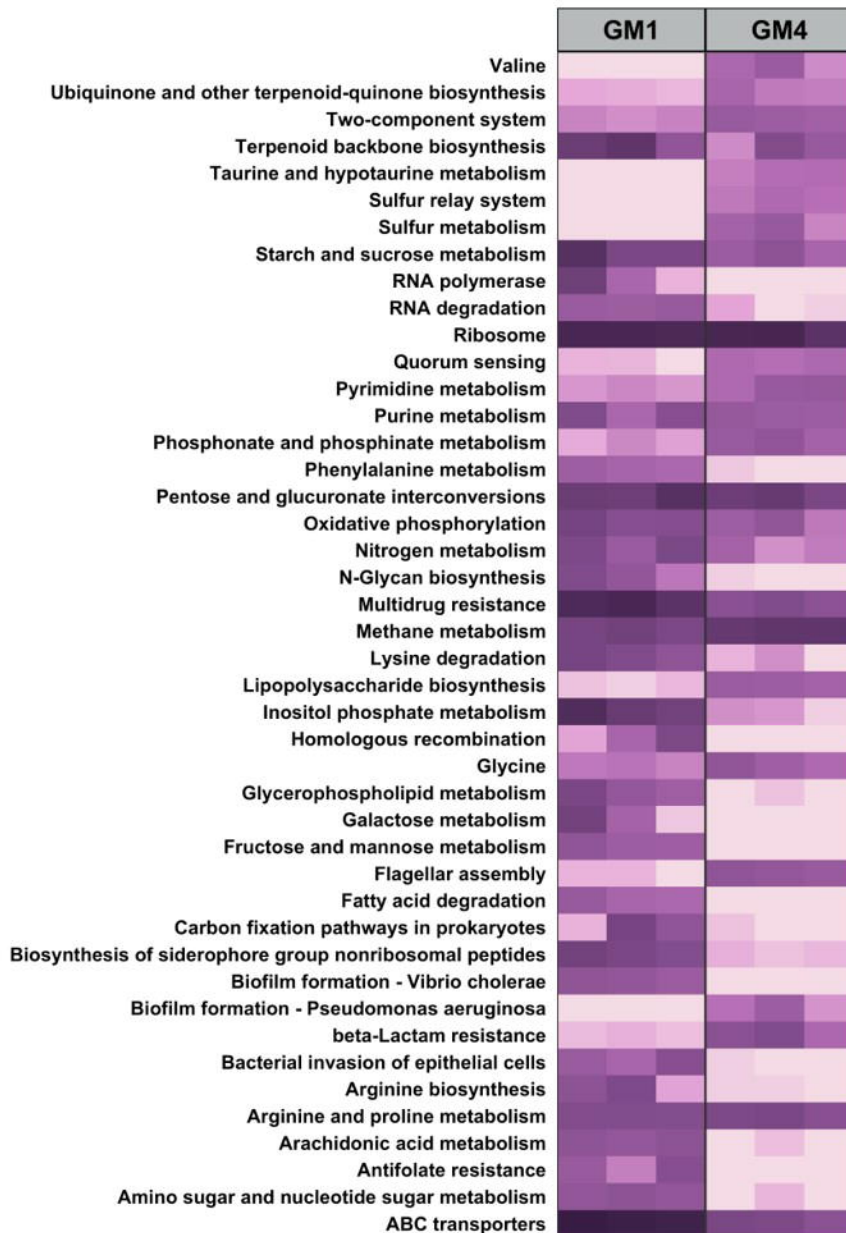
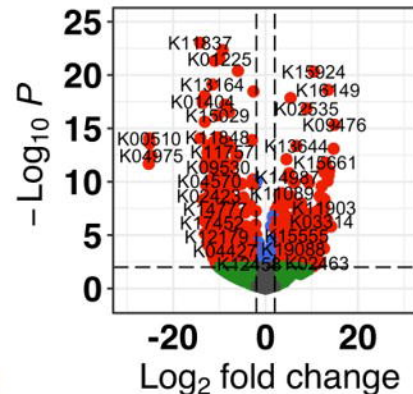
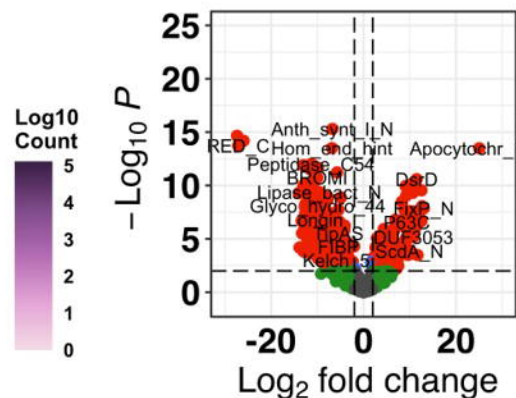
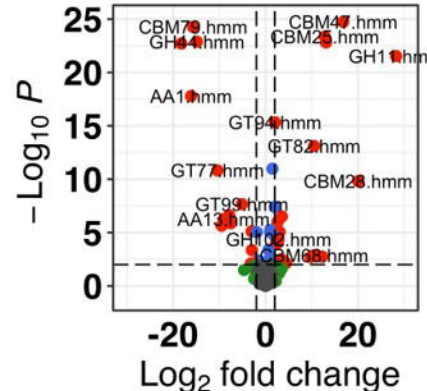
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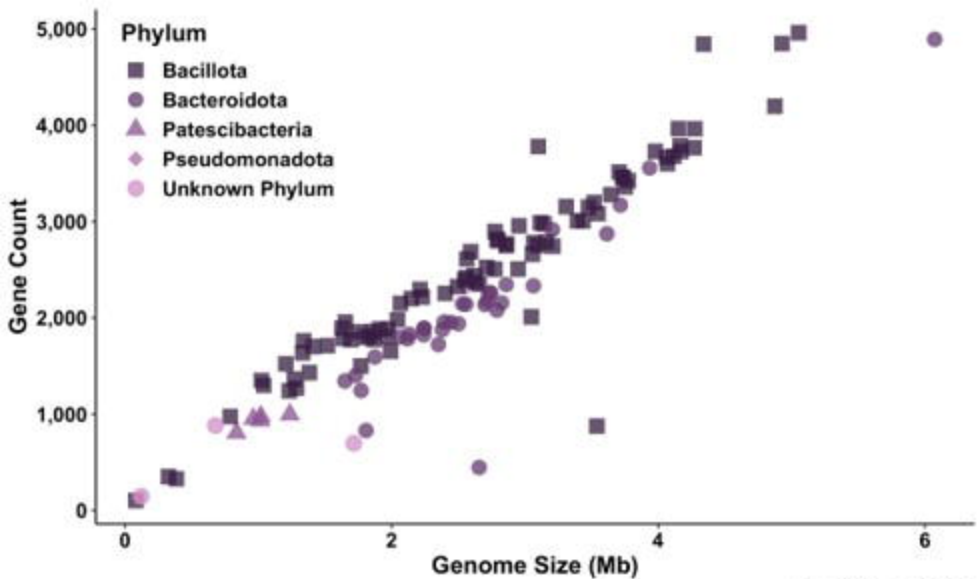
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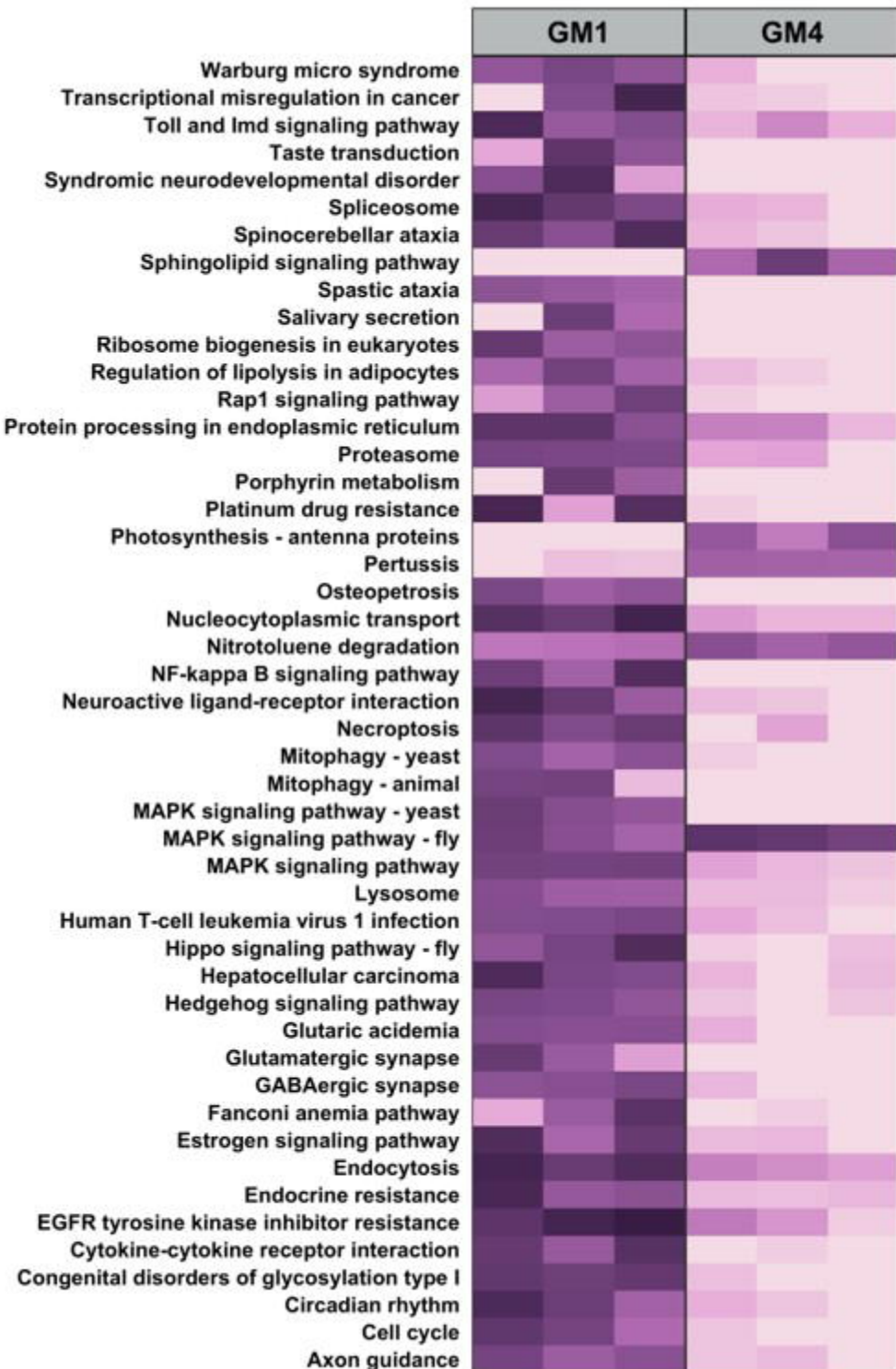
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