

*Supplementary Material*  
**Diet Can Impact Microbiota  
Composition in Children With Autism  
Spectrum Disorder**

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**1 Supplementary Figures and Tables**

**1.1 Supplementary Tables**

**Supplemental Table 1.** Primer for Real-time quantitative analysis of microbial populations.

| Target Group                   | Primer    | Sequence (5' – 3')               | Annealing Temperature (°C) | Reference             |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Total Bacteria                 | Uni331F   | TCCTACGGGAGGCAGCAGT              | 60                         | Nadkarni et al, 2002  |
|                                | Uin797R   | GGACTACCAGGGTATCTATCCTGTT        |                            |                       |
| <i>Lactobacillus</i> spp.      | LacF      | AGCAGTAGGGAATCTTCCA              | 58                         | Kok et al, 1996       |
|                                | LacR      | CACCGCTACACATGGAG                |                            |                       |
| <i>Bifidobacterium</i> spp.    | Bif164F   | GGGTGGTAATGCCGGATG               | 60                         | Kok et al, 1996       |
|                                | Bif662R   | CCACCGTTACACCGGGAA               |                            |                       |
| <i>Prevotella</i> spp.         | g_prevF   | GGTTCTGAGAGGAAGGTCCCC            | 55                         | Rinttila et al., 2004 |
|                                | g_prevR   | TCCTGCACGCTACTTGGCTG             |                            |                       |
| <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> | s-Clper-F | GGGGGTTTCAACACCTCC               | 60                         | Matsuda et al., 2009  |
|                                | CIPER-R   | GCAAGGGATGTCAAGTGT               |                            |                       |
| <i>Clostridium difficile</i>   | Cdiff_F   | TTGAGCGATTTACTTCGGTAAAGA         | 58                         | Rinttila T, 2004      |
|                                | Cdiff_R   | CCATCCTGTACTGGCTCACCT            |                            |                       |
| mmdA                           | mmdAF     | AATGACTCGGGIGGIGCIMGNATHCARGA    | 56                         | Reichardt et al, 2014 |
|                                | mmdAR     | GATTGTTACYTTIGGIACNGTNGCYTC      |                            |                       |
| BCoAT                          | BCoATscrF | GCIGAICATTTACITGGAAYWSITGGCAYATG | 53                         | Louis and Flint 2007  |
|                                | BCoATscrR | CCTGCCTTTGCAATRTCIACRAANGC       |                            |                       |

## Supplemental Table 2.

(A) Relative abundances of bacterial taxa detected in feces of children in the ASD and CONT groups.

| <b>Phyla</b>    | <b>ASD (n=7)</b> | <b>CONT (n=32)</b> |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Euryarchaeota   | 0.51 ± 2.03      | 0.11 ± 0.63        |
| Actinobacteria  | 5.98 ± 5.96      | 3.92 ± 5.85        |
| Bacteroidetes   | 39.88 ± 20.75†   | 49.5 ± 19.02       |
| Cyanobacteria   | 0.003 ± 0.007    | 0.01 ± 0.02        |
| Firmicutes      | 50.53 ± 18.16*   | 40.42 ± 14.47      |
| Fusobacteria    | 0.0002 ± 0.0008  | 0.0003 ± 0.001     |
| Proteobacteria  | 0.85 ± 1.03      | 0.99 ± 1.23        |
| Tenericutes     | 0.0002 ± 0.0004  | 0.0002 ± 0.0003    |
| Verrucomicrobia | 2.26 ± 4.18      | 5.39 ± 10.3        |

  

| <b>Order</b>  | <b>ASD (n=26)</b> | <b>CONT (n=32)</b> |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Bacteroidales | 0.02 ± 0.06       | 0.00 ± 0.00        |
| Streptophyta  | 0.00 ± 0.01†      | 0.01 ± 0.02        |
| Clostridiales | 3.98 ± 2.73†      | 2.47 ± 1.3         |
| RF32          | 0.02 ± 0.05       | 0.01 ± 0.05        |
| RF39          | 0.00 ± 0.00       | 0.00 ± 0.00        |

  

| <b>Family</b>         | <b>ASD (n=26)</b> | <b>CONT (n=32)</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Coriobacteriaceae     | 0.29 ± 0.54*      | 0.05 ± 0.1         |
| RF16                  | 0.01 ± 0.02       | 0.00 ± 0.01        |
| Rikenellaceae         | 2.95 ± 4.67*      | 3.83 ± 3.27        |
| S247                  | 0.00 ± 0.00       | 0.03 ± 0.12        |
| Barnesiellaceae       | 0.88 ± 1.62       | 1.57 ± 3.58        |
| Christensenellaceae   | 0.13 ± 0.3        | 0.19 ± 0.93        |
| Clostridiaceae        | 1.65 ± 2.96†      | 0.32 ± 0.36        |
| EtOH8                 | 0.01 ± 0.03       | 0.00 ± 0.01        |
| Lachnospiraceae       | 8.39 ± 4.62       | 6.71 ± 3.48        |
| Peptostreptococcaceae | 0.12 ± 0.21*      | 0.03 ± 0.05        |
| Mogibacteriaceae      | 0.03 ± 0.06       | 0.03 ± 0.04        |
| Erysipelotrichaceae   | 0.86 ± 1.11       | 0.68 ± 0.89        |
| Enterobacteriaceae    | 0.26 ± 0.49       | 0.10 ± 0.25        |

  

| <b>Genera</b>             | <b>ASD (n=26)</b> | <b>CONT (n=32)</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Archea – Euryarchaeota    |                   |                    |
| <i>Methanobrevibacter</i> | 0.51 ± 2.03       | 0.12 ± 0.63        |
| Actinobacteria            |                   |                    |
| <i>Bifidobacterium</i>    | 3.33 ± 3.89       | 3.20 ± 4.61        |
| <i>Adlercreutzia</i>      | 0.16 ± 0.24       | 0.14 ± 0.27        |
| <i>Collinsella</i>        | 1.93 ± 3.6        | 0.39 ± 1.6         |
| <i>Eggerthella</i>        | 0.15 ± 0.27       | 0.08 ± 0.13        |
| <i>Slackia</i>            | 0.13 ± 0.39       | 0.06 ± 0.31        |

|                                          |                            |               |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Bacteroidetes</b>                     |                            |               |
| <i>Bacteroides</i>                       | 30.50 ± 19.44 <sup>b</sup> | 38.14 ± 19.23 |
| <i>Parabacteroides</i>                   | 2.05 ± 2.85                | 2.09 ± 1.86   |
| <i>Prevotella</i>                        | 3.16 ± 8.81                | 2.98 ± 7.97   |
| <i>Alistipes</i>                         | 0.05 ± 0.16                | 0.02 ± 0.04   |
| <i>Butyricimonas</i>                     | 0.01 ± 0.04*               | 0.03 ± 0.11   |
| <i>Odoribacter</i>                       | 0.11 ± 0.2                 | 0.29 ± 0.52   |
| <i>Paraprevotella</i>                    | 0.03 ± 0.11                | 0.15 ± 0.58   |
| <i>Prevotella</i>                        | 0.11 ± 0.4                 | 0.01 ± 0.05   |
| <b>Firmicutes</b>                        |                            |               |
| <i>Staphylococcus</i>                    | 0.02 ± 0.06                | 0.01 ± 0.02   |
| <i>Enterococcus</i>                      | 0.16 ± 0.52                | 0.00 ± 0.02   |
| <i>Lactobacillus</i>                     | 0.09 ± 0.27                | 0.00 ± 0.00   |
| <i>Leuconostoc</i>                       | 0.03 ± 0.15                | 0.00 ± 0.00   |
| <i>Lactococcus</i>                       | 0.09 ± 0.26                | 0.01 ± 0.00   |
| <i>Streptococcus</i>                     | 0.51 ± 0.87                | 0.29 ± 0.43   |
| <i>Turicibacter</i>                      | 0.34 ± 0.98                | 0.14 ± 0.46   |
| <i>02d06</i>                             | 0.01 ± 0.01                | 0.00 ± 0.00   |
| <i>Clostridaceae_Clostridium</i>         | 0.86 ± 1.87*               | 0.20 ± 0.41   |
| <i>SMB53</i>                             | 2.64 ± 3.59†               | 1.24 ± 1.59   |
| <i>Sarcina</i>                           | 0.05 ± 0.13                | 0.00 ± 0.00   |
| <i>Eubacterium</i>                       | 0.01 ± 0.03                | 0.00 ± 0.01   |
| <i>Anaerostipes</i>                      | 0.10 ± 0.16                | 0.12 ± 0.19   |
| <i>Blautia</i>                           | 1.84 ± 1.41*               | 1.18 ± 0.93   |
| <i>Butyrivibrio</i>                      | 0.01 ± 0.02*               | 0.05 ± 0.05   |
| <i>Coprococcus</i>                       | 3.88 ± 2.32                | 2.97 ± 1.9    |
| <i>Dorea</i>                             | 1.13 ± 0.98                | 0.84 ± 0.57   |
| <i>Lachnospira</i>                       | 0.47 ± 0.9                 | 0.49 ± 0.57   |
| <i>Roseburia</i>                         | 1.02 ± 1.94*               | 0.43 ± 0.55   |
| <i>Peptococcus</i>                       | 0.06 ± 0.22                | 0.00 ± 0.01   |
| <i>Anaerotruncus</i>                     | 0.02 ± 0.04                | 0.01 ± 0.01   |
| <i>Peptostreptococcaceae_Clostridium</i> | 0.007 ± 0.03               | 0.002 ± 0.003 |
| <i>Faecalibacterium</i>                  | 8.02 ± 7.03*               | 11.13 ± 6.46  |
| <i>Oscillospira</i>                      | 0.49 ± 0.34                | 0.47 ± 0.26   |
| <i>Ruminococcus</i>                      | 2.83 ± 2.9                 | 2.55 ± 2.97   |
| <i>Acidaminococcus</i>                   | 0.02 ± 0.07                | 0.00 ± 0.02   |
| <i>Dialister</i>                         | 0.61 ± 1.04*               | 1.23 ± 1.57   |
| <i>Megamonas</i>                         | 0.57 ± 2.87                | 0.15 ± 0.59   |
| <i>Megasphaera</i>                       | 0.18 ± 0.92                | 0.00 ± 0.00   |
| <i>Phascolarctobacterium</i>             | 0.31 ± 0.92                | 0.34 ± 0.94   |
| <i>Succiniclasicum</i>                   | 0.00 ± 0.00                | 0.04 ± 0.24   |
| <i>Veillonella</i>                       | 0.10 ± 0.32                | 0.04 ± 0.07   |
| <i>Catenibacterium</i>                   | 0.04 ± 0.14                | 0.00 ± 0.00   |
| <i>Coprobacillus</i>                     | 0.01 ± 0.03                | 0.01 ± 0.02   |
| <i>Holdemania</i>                        | 0.01 ± 0.01                | 0.01 ± 0.01   |
| <b>Fusobacteria</b>                      |                            |               |
| <i>Fusobacterium</i>                     | 0.00 ± 0.00                | 0.00 ± 0.00   |

|                      |              |             |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Proteobacteria       |              |             |
| <i>Sutterella</i>    | 0.28 ± 0.37  | 0.61 ± 0.76 |
| <i>Bilophila</i>     | 0.03 ± 0.06* | 0.04 ± 0.06 |
| <i>Campylobacter</i> | 0.05 ± 0.23  | 0.00 ± 0.00 |
| <i>Haemophilus</i>   | 0.22 ± 0.68  | 0.22 ± 0.87 |
| Verrucomicrobia      |              |             |
| <i>Akkermansia</i>   | 2.26 ± 4.18  | 5.39 ± 10.3 |

(B) Bacterial Densities in feces of children in the CONT and ASD groups.

|                                       | ASD          | CONT         |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Log <sub>10</sub> gene copy numbers/g |              |              |
| Total Bacteria                        | 12.34 ± 0.83 | 12.71 ± 0.67 |
| <i>Lactobacillus</i>                  | 7.39 ± 1.14  | 7.59 ± 0.93  |
| <i>Bifidobacterium</i>                | 9.15 ± 1.04* | 9.82 ± 0.56  |
| <i>Prevotella</i>                     | 10.45 ± 0.94 | 11.03 ± 0.78 |
| <i>Clostridium perfringens</i>        | 6.62 ± 0.58* | 7.38 ± 1.14  |

Data expressed as mean ± SD; data was analyzed using proc glimmix (non-normal data); within same segment and row, different from CONT at \*p≤0.05 and †≤0.1; age, gender, height, weight, BMI and season were included as covariates; ASD=Autism Spectrum Disorder group; CONT=unaffected control group

**Supplemental Table 3.** Comparison of Nutrient Intake and Food Groups Consumed by Children in the ASD and CONT groups.

## (A) Nutrient intake

| Variable                | ASD (n=26)   | CONT (n=32)  |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Macronutrients</b>   |              |              |
| Energy                  | 1371 ± 311   | 1489 ± 306   |
| Total Fat               | 51 ± 16      | 56 ± 17      |
| Omega-6 Fatty Acids     | 11 ± 4.4     | 11 ± 4.7     |
| Omega-3 Fatty Acids     | 1.1 ± 0.5    | 1.2 ± 0.6    |
| SFA                     | 18 ± 7       | 14 ± 4       |
| MUFA                    | 18 ± 5       | 20 ± 7       |
| PUFA                    | 12 ± 5       | 9 ± 2        |
| Total Carbohydrate      | 184 ± 44     | 147 ± 67     |
| Total Sugars            | 79 ± 32      | 88 ± 28      |
| Added Sugars            | 44 ± 24      | 46 ± 24      |
| Total Grains            | 5.6 ± 2.1    | 6 ± 1.9      |
| Whole Grains            | 1.2 ± 1.6    | 1.3 ± 1.1    |
| Refined Grains          | 4.4 ± 2      | 4.7 ± 2      |
| Total Protein           | 49 ± 16      | 55 ± 18      |
| <b>Dietary Fiber</b>    |              |              |
| Total Dietary Fiber     | 12.3 ± 4.9   | 14.6 ± 5.6   |
| Soluble Dietary Fiber   | 4 ± 1.6      | 3.1 ± 1.6    |
| Insoluble Dietary Fiber | 8.2 ± 3.6†   | 10.3 ± 4.2   |
| Pectin                  | 1.5 ± 0.8†   | 0.6 ± 0.6    |
| <b>Vitamins</b>         |              |              |
| Vitamin A               | 523 ± 400    | 405 ± 177    |
| Vitamin D               | 4.0 ± 3.1    | 4.8 ± 2.1    |
| Vitamin E               | 6.4 ± 2.5    | 5.9 ± 1.8    |
| Vitamin K               | 43.7 ± 32    | 58.8 ± 53.1  |
| Vitamin C               | 52.4 ± 43.6† | 80.5 ± 51.1  |
| Thiamin                 | 1.2 ± 0.4    | 1.3 ± 0.4    |
| Riboflavin              | 1.5 ± 0.5    | 1.6 ± 0.4    |
| Niacin                  | 15.3 ± 5.1   | 15.9 ± 6.1   |
| Pantothenic Acid        | 3.3 ± 1.2    | 3.6 ± 1.1    |
| Vitamin B <sub>6</sub>  | 1.3 ± 0.5    | 1.3 ± 0.6    |
| Folate                  | 304 ± 231    | 344 ± 195    |
| Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> | 3.5 ± 2.7    | 3.5 ± 1.4    |
| <b>Minerals</b>         |              |              |
| Calcium                 | 736 ± 318    | 798 ± 276    |
| Phosphorus              | 875 ± 310    | 956 ± 235    |
| Magnesium               | 178.6 ± 65   | 202.9 ± 61.4 |
| Iron                    | 12.3 ± 7.8   | 11.9 ± 6.5   |
| Zinc                    | 6.8 ± 3.4    | 8 ± 3.1      |
| Copper                  | 0.8 ± 0.6    | 0.9 ± 0.3    |
| Selenium                | 67.5 ± 21.1  | 78.7 ± 25.9  |

|           |            |              |
|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Sodium    | 2029 ± 669 | 2092 ± 642   |
| Potassium | 1628 ± 628 | 1821.8 ± 585 |
| Manganese | 2.2 ± 0.9  | 2.7 ± 1.3    |
| Choline   | 186 ± 71   | 216 ± 90     |

(B) Food Groups

| Food Group            | ASD (n=26)   | CONT (n=32) |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Fruit                 | 2.27 ± 1.31  | 2.4 ± 1.04  |
| Vegetables            | 1.16 ± 0.82  | 1.7 ± 0.85  |
| Legumes               | 0.38 ± 0.49  | 0.40 ± 0.31 |
| Starchy Foods         | 0.29 ± 0.33  | 0.35 ± 0.39 |
| Starchy Vegetables    | 0.73 ± 0.64  | 0.53 ± 0.35 |
| Juice                 | 0.66 ± 0.61  | 0.39 ± 0.35 |
| Sweetened Beverages   | 0.27 ± 0.31  | 0.26 ± 0.29 |
| Grains                | 0.86 ± 0.94  | 0.8 ± 0.70  |
| Refined Carbohydrates | 1.13 ± 0.72  | 0.99 ± 0.41 |
| Fried Foods           | 0.33 ± 0.31  | 0.25 ± 0.19 |
| Protein               | 1.39 ± 0.89  | 1.2 ± 0.63  |
| Dairy                 | 3.26 ± 1.68* | 4.5 ± 1.94  |
| Snack                 | 1.17 ± 0.71† | 0.8 ± 0.51  |
| Sweets                | 2.17 ± 0.57† | 1.7 ± 0.8   |
| Kid's Meal            | 0.87 ± 0.57  | 1 ± 0.52    |
| Fish                  | 0.12 ± 0.12  | 0.16 ± 0.14 |
| Condiments            | 0.40 ± 0.39  | 0.38 ± 0.29 |

Food groups consumed were derived from YAQ; nutrient intake derived from three day food record; Differences between groups examined with proc glimmix (non-normal data) and proc mixed (normal data) with age, gender, height, weight, BMI and season were included as co-variates; within same segment and row, different from CONT at \*p≤0.05 and †≤0.1; ASD, Autism Spectrum Disorder group; CONT, unaffected control group

**Supplemental Table 4.** Correlations between dietary intake and food groups with bacterial phyla/genera in ASD (a) and CONT (b).