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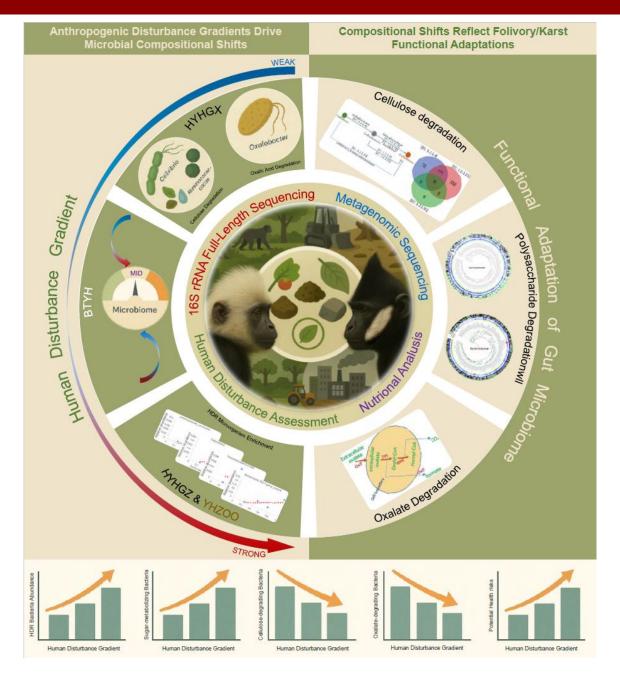
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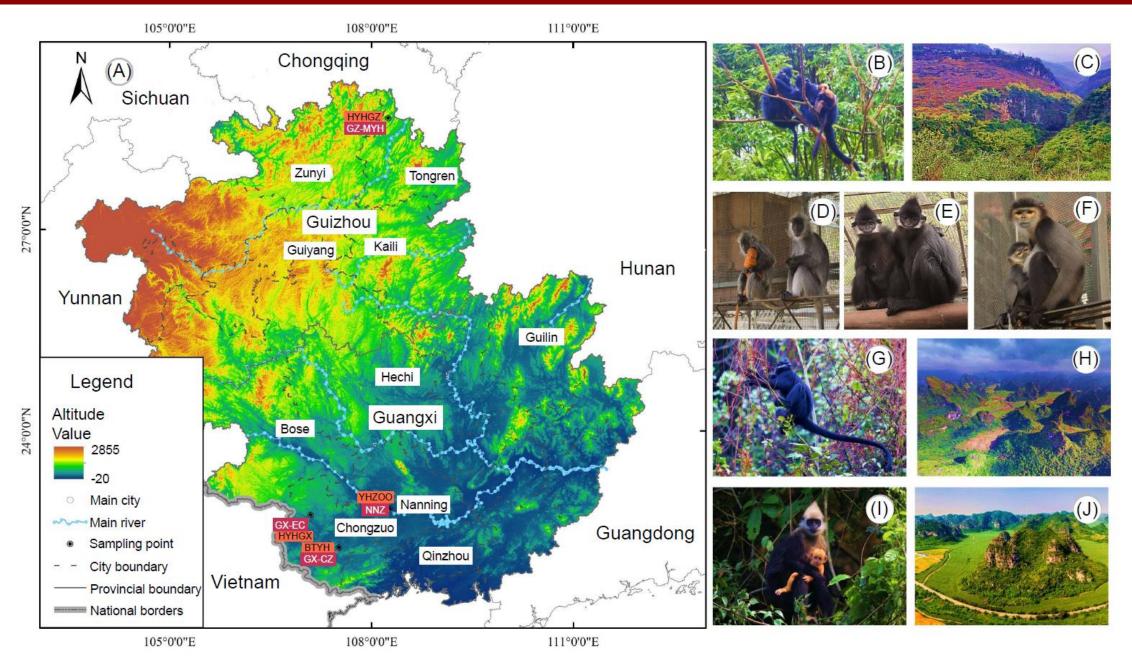
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Introduction



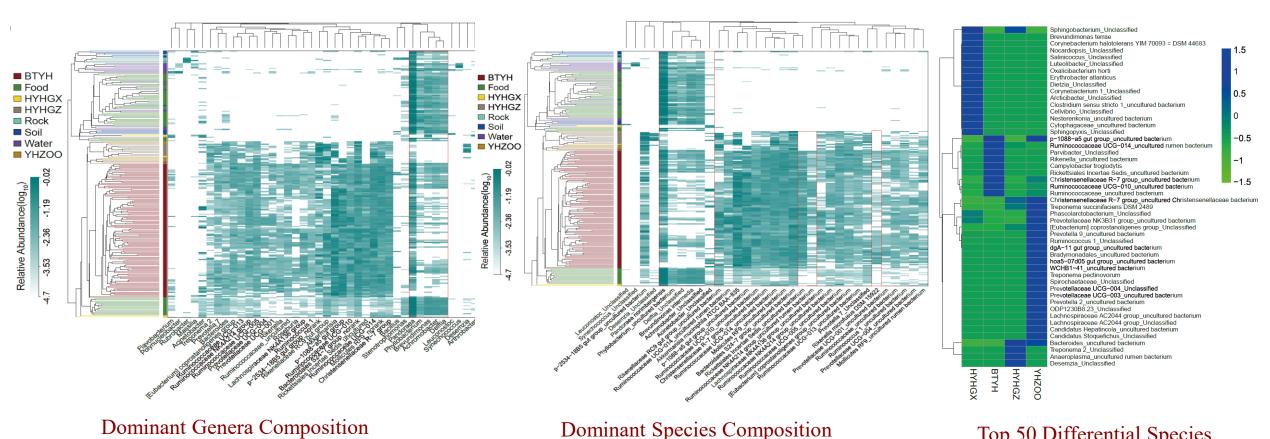


Highlights





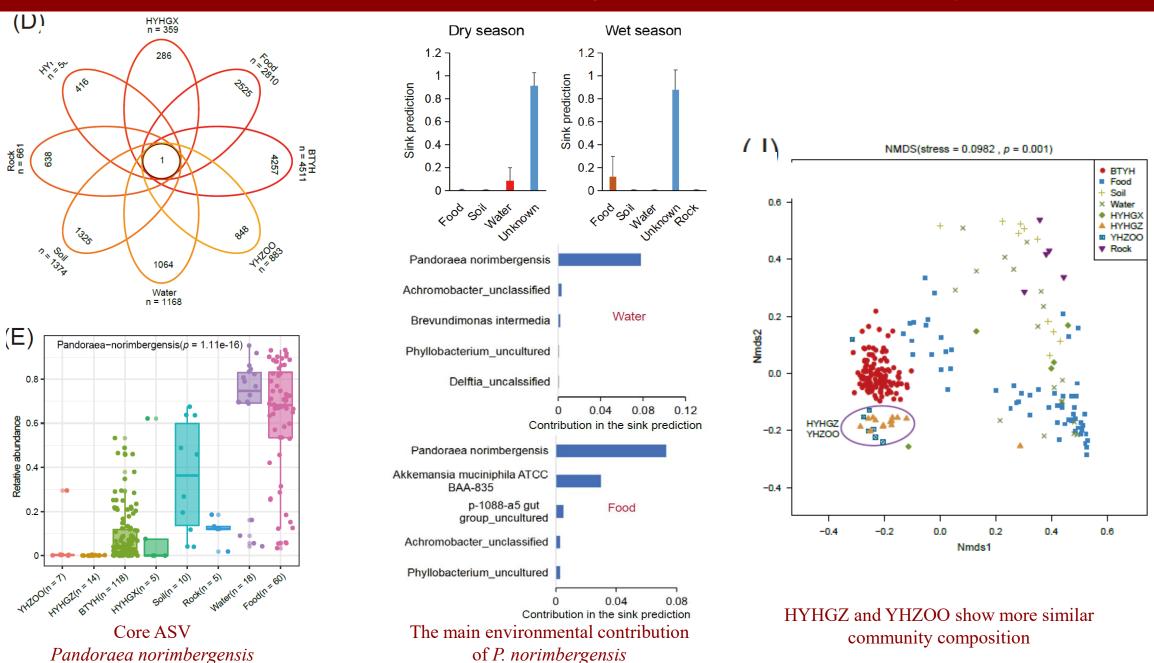
Case 1:The between-group differences in microbial community structure are significant



Top 50 Differential Species Composition



Case 2: Host environment influences gut microbial community structure

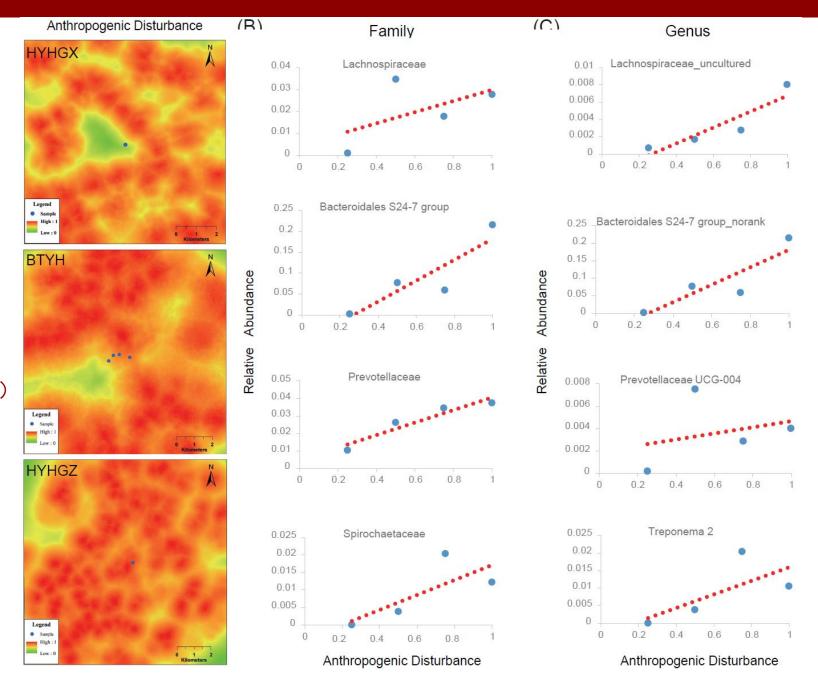




Case 3: Human disturbance drives enrichment of HDR microbes

Human disturbance gradient

- HYHGX (Low)
- BTYH (Medium)
- HYHGZ (High)
- YHZOO (Stronget)



Human disturbance-related

(HDR) gut microbial taxa

increase significantly with

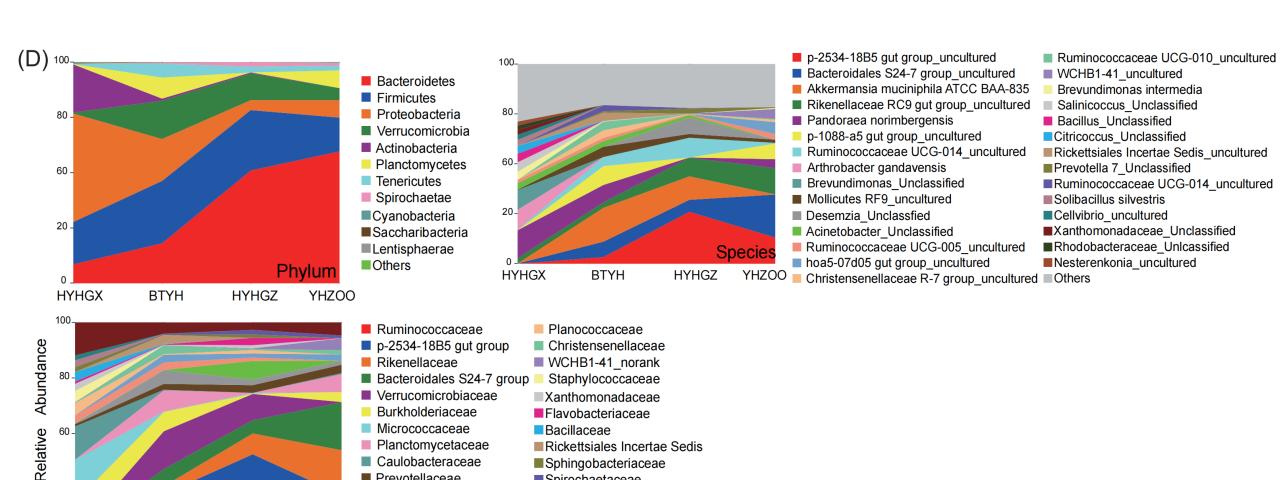
disturbance intensity



HYHGX

BTYH

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■ Spirochaetaceae

■ Cellvibrionaceae

■Others

■ Rhodobacteraceae

Prevotellaceae

Moraxellaceae

Lachnospiraceae

Family

YHZOO

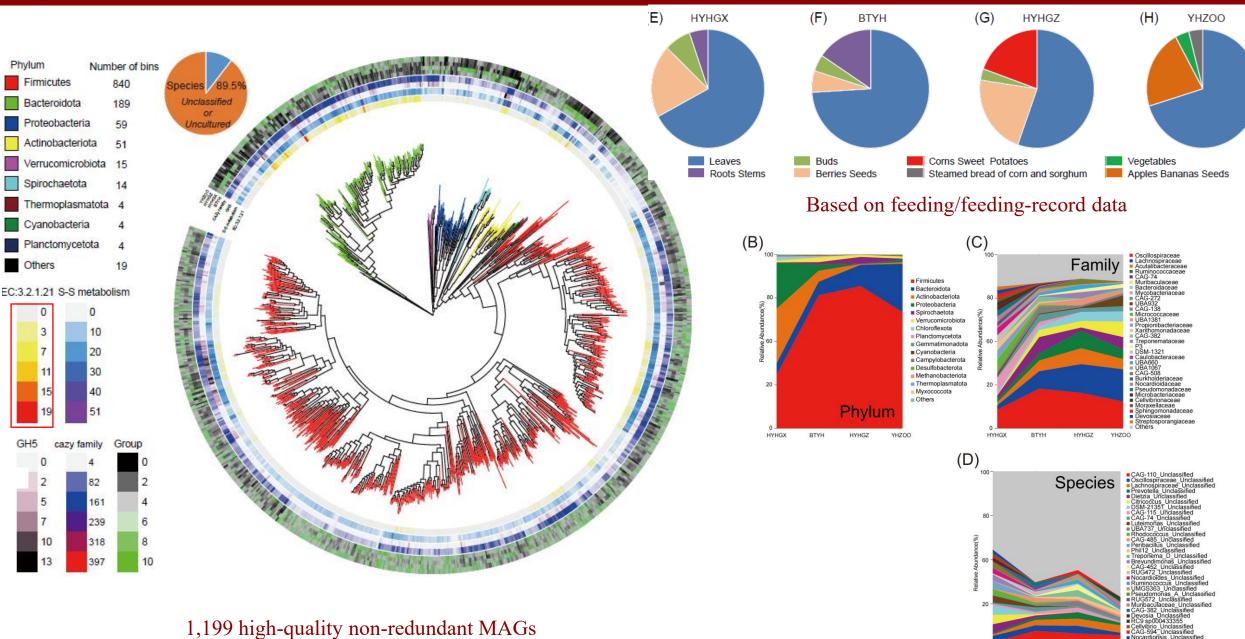
HYHGZ

■ Mollicutes RF9_norank

Carnobacteriaceae

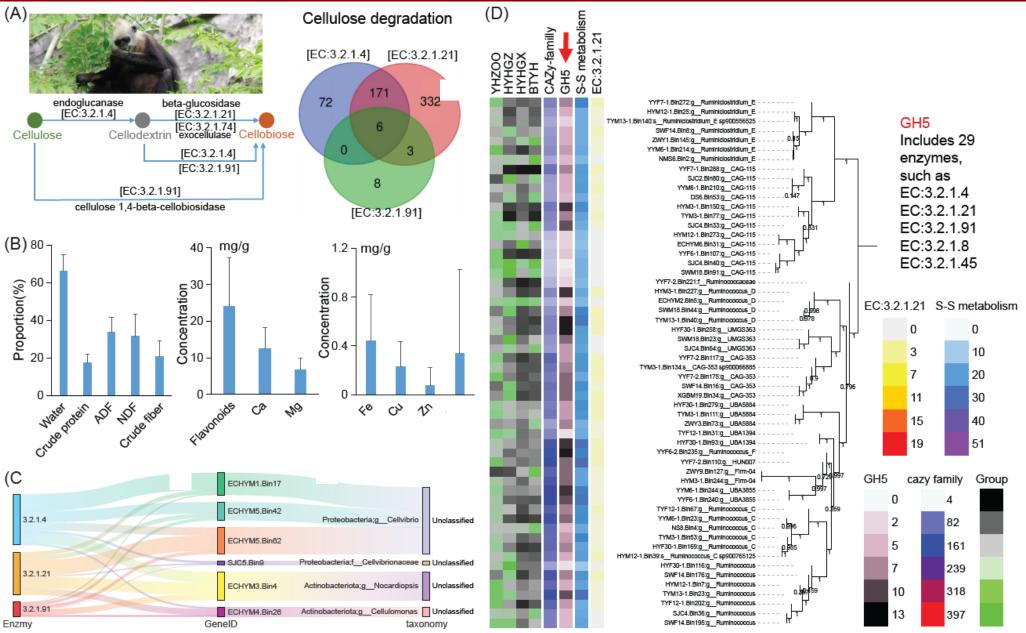


Case 4: Cellulose degradation function



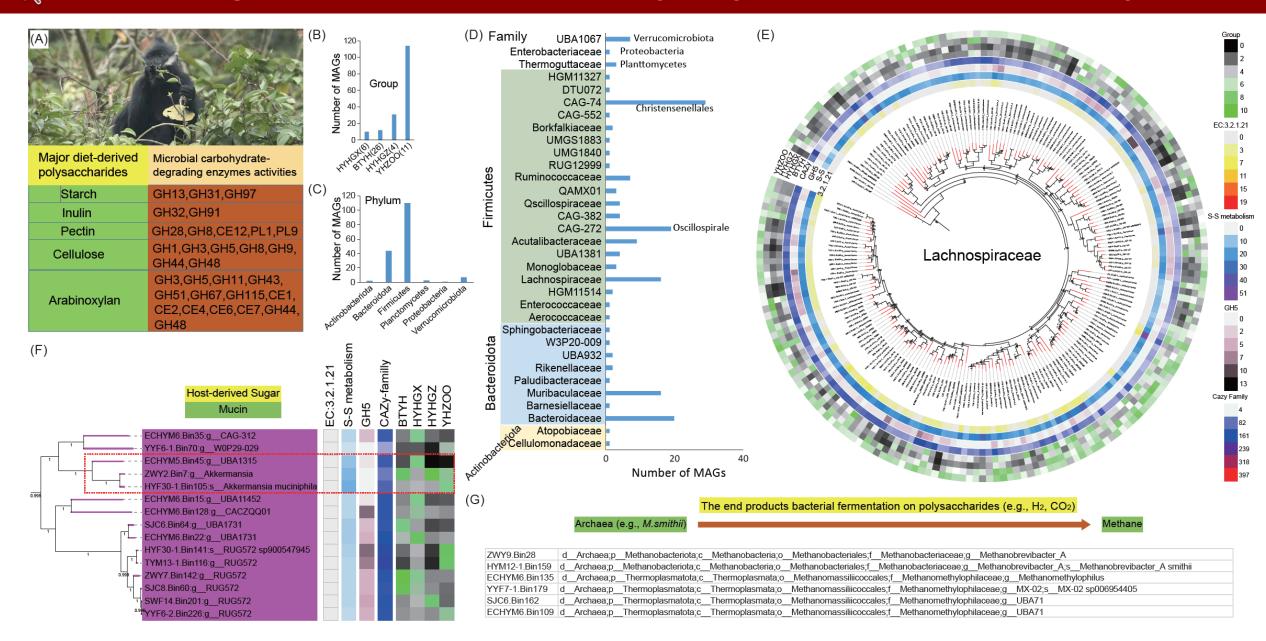


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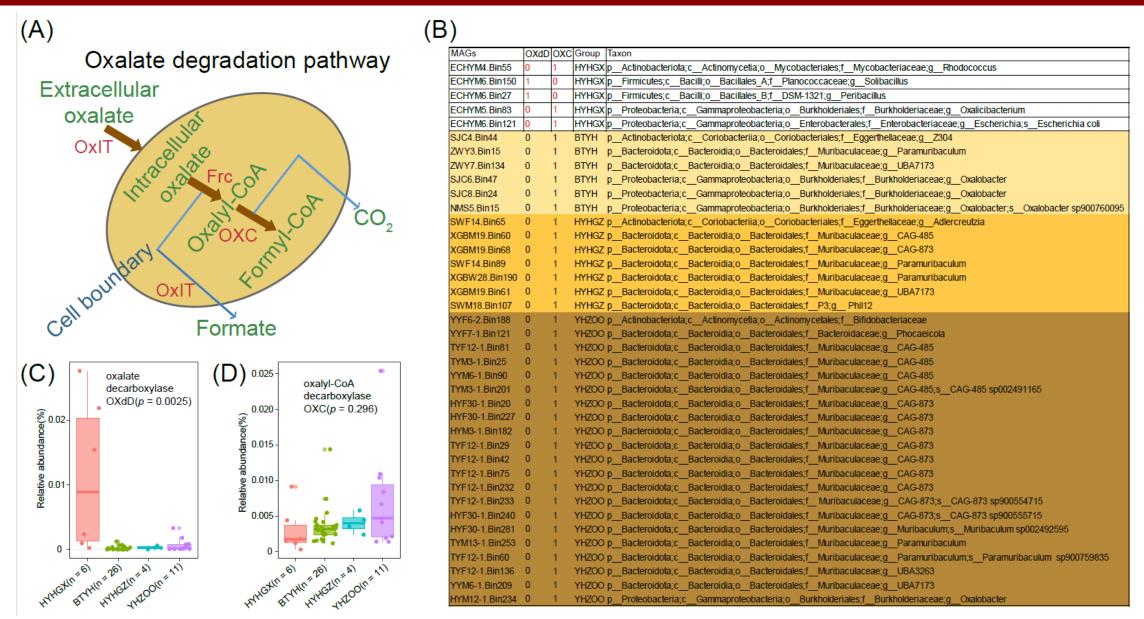
1,199 MAGs reveal potential roles in cellulose degradation

Case 5: Degradation Potential of Dietary Polysaccharides and Host Glycans





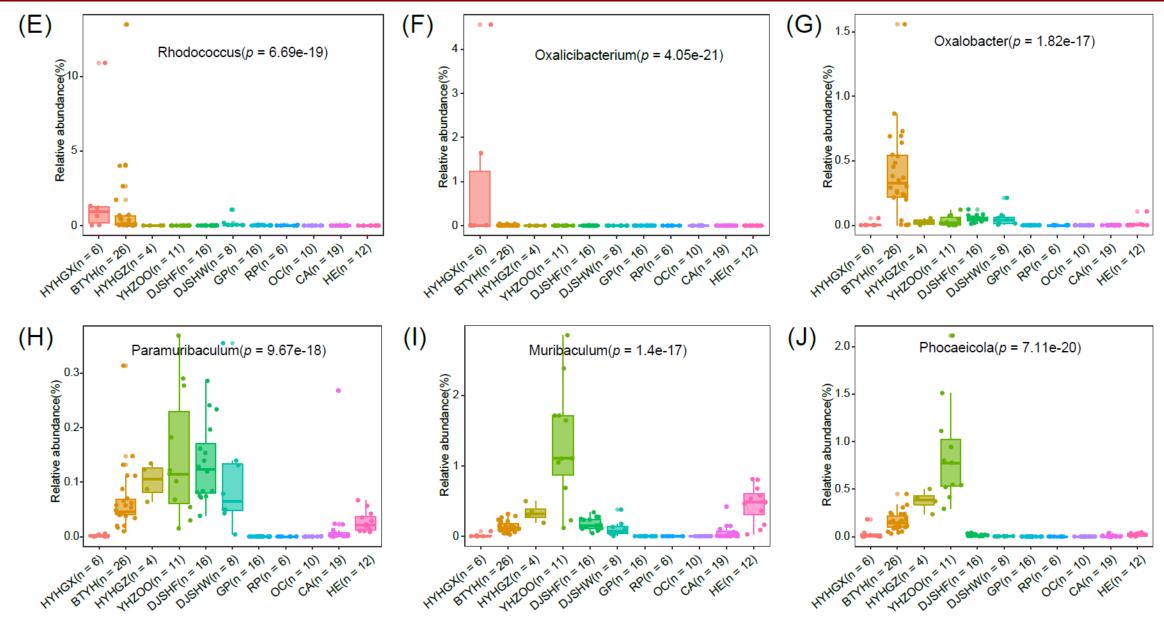
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Summary

- Significant differences in gut microbial diversity and functions across langur populations.
- ☐ With increasing human disturbance, we found a significant enrichment of human disturbance-related microbes in langurs, suggesting that human activities are directly driving the "humanization" of their gut microbiota.
- ☐ The langur gut microbiome not only degrades polysaccharides but also supports oxalate metabolism and mucin utilization. These functions provide adaptive strategies that help langurs in karst limestone regions cope with high-fiber and oxalate-rich diets.

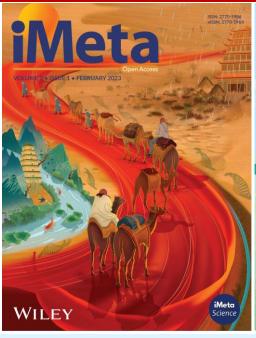
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