An Introduction to Microbial Community Analyses

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Everything you ever wanted to know about microbial community analysis methods but were afraid to ask

- Community composition and ecology by 16S
 - Organism identification
 - Alpha- and beta-diversity
 - Ordination

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- Meta'omics: shotgun DNA and RNA seq.
 - Taxonomic profiling
 - Assembly
 - Metabolic profiling
- Downstream analyses
 - Statistical association testing
 - Microbial association networks
 - The Human Microbiome Project

What's metagenomics?

Total collection of **microorganisms** within a **community**

Also microbial community or microbiota

THE MICROFLORA AND THE PRODUCTIVITY OF LEACHED AND NON-LEACHED ALKALI SOIL

J. E. GREAVES¹

Utah Agricultural Experiment Station

Received for publication July 2, 1926

Chemistry & Biology October 1998, 5:R245-249

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Molecular biological access to the chemistry of unknown soil microbes: a new frontier for natural products

Jo Handelsman¹, Michelle R Rondon¹, Sean F Brady², Jon Clardy² and Robert M Goodman¹



www.sciencemag.org SCIENCE VOL 292 11 MAY 2001

Commensal Host-Bacterial Relationships in the Gut

Lora V. Hooper and Jeffrey I. Gordon*

ber our somatic and germ cells (3). The Nobel laureate Joshua Lederberg has suggested using the term "microbiome" to describe the collective genome of our indigenous microbes (microflora), the idea being that a comprehensive genetic view of *Homo sapiens* as a life-form should include the genes in our microbiome (4).

Total **biomolecular repertoire** of a microbial community

ness that they are thought to contain. The methodology has been made possible by advances in molecular biology and eukaryotic genomics, which have laid the groundwork for cloning and functional analysis of the collective genomes of soil microflora, which we term the metagenome of the soil.

Total **genomic potential** of a microbial community

Study of **uncultured microorganisms** from the environment, which can include humans or other living hosts

Examples of metagenomic studies: Global Ocean Sampling

2003/2004 - ongoing

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J. Craig Venter"

The Sorcerer II Expedition Global Ocean Sampling Route







The Biodiversity of Each New Region is Different



Proteorhodopsins Vary by Region



JTC Sequencer Lab
Capacity: 240,000 sequences/day or 80 million lanes/year at 24 runs per day



Metagenomic methods: Early work and *in situ* fluorescence

ON THE MICROSCOPIC METHOD OF STUDYING BACTERIA IN SOIL

H. J. CONN New York Agricultural Experiment Station

Received for publication May 31, 1928

Several years ago the writer (1) proposed a method for the microscopic examination of bacteria in soil. The technic has recently assumed considerable importance because of its adoption with a few slight modifications by Winogradsky (5) in his "direct method" of studying soil bacteria. The method has



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A Technique for the Quantitative Estimation of Soil Micro-organisms

BY P. C. T. JONES AND J. E. MOLLISON Soil Microbiology Department, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts

APPLIED MICROBIOLOGY, June 1971, p. 1040-1045 Copyright © 1971 American Society for Microbiology Vol. 21, No. 6 Printed in U.S.A.

Microorganisms in Unamended Soil as Observed by Various Forms of Microscopy and Staining¹

L. E. CASIDA, JR. Department of Microbiology, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802 Received for publication 23 March 1971

Identification *in situ* and phylogeny of uncultured bacterial endosymbionts

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Lehrstuhl für Mikrobiologie, Technische Universität München, Arcisstr. 21, 8000 München 2, Germany * Zoologisches Institut der Universität, Schloßplatz 5, 4400 Münster, Germany Phylogenetic Identification and In Situ Detection of Individual Microbial Cells without Cultivation RUDOLF I. AMANN,* WOLFGANG LUDWIG, AND KARL-HEINZ SCHLEIFER Lehrstuhl für Mikrobiologie, Technische Universität München, D-80290 Munich, Germany













Metagenomic methods: 16S rRNA gene



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- Structural component of the prokaryotic ribosome
- Used as molecular clock to identify phylogeny:
 - Large, good scale for mutations
 - Range of mutation rates
 - Portions are constant, allowing amplification

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• Not single copy! Researcher beware...



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Metagenomic methods: shotgun sequencing



Analysis of a Marine Picoplankton Community by 16S rRNA

Gene Cloning and Sequencing

THOMAS M. SCHMIDT.[†] EDWARD F. DELONG.[‡] AND NORMAN R. PACE*

FIG. 1. Flow chart of the protocols used to characterize marine picoplankton without cultivation and a summary of some results.





PFGE, pulsed-field gel electrophoresis.

An obesity-associated gut microbiome with increased capacity for energy harvest

eter J. Turnbaugh¹, Ruth E. Ley¹, Michael A. Mahowald¹, Vincent Magrini², Elaine R. Mardis^{1,2} & Jeffrey I. Gordon¹

Environmental Genome Shotgun Sequencing of the Sargasso Sea

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We have applied "whole-genome shotgun sequencing" to microbial populations collected en masse on tangential flow and impact filters from seawater samples collected from the Sargasso Sea near Bermuda. A total of 1.045 billion base pairs of nonredundant sequence was generated, annotated, and analyzed to elucidate the gene content, diversity, and relative abundance of the organisms within these environmental samples. These data are estimated to derive from at least 1800 genomic species based on sequence relatedness, including 148 previously unknown bacterial phylotypes. We have identified over 1.2 million previously unknown genes represented in these samples, including more than 782 new rhodopsin-like photoreceptors. Variation in species present and stoichiometry suggests substantial oceanic microbial diversity.







Supplementary Table 3 – Assembly of reads from capillary sequencer and pyrosequencer datasets.

Sample	Contigs	Average contig length	Contiged bases ¹	Largest Assembly	N50 contig length (kb) ²
lean1 (GS20)	102,299	117	11,966,580	2,793	0.109
ob1 (GS20)	56,425	116	6,518,469	2,174	0.109
lean1 (3730xl)	167	1527	254,985	5,500	1.62
lean2 (3730xl)	407	1598	650,499	5,522	1.71
lean3 (3730xl)	224	1528	342,172	3,281	1.59
ob1 (3730xl)	320	1393	445,814	3,225	1.49
ob2 (3730xl)	269	1644	442,210	4,186	1.70
All (3730xl)	2,575	1734	4,465,685	11,213	1.78
All (GS20)	159,245	118	18,809,438	2,708	0.110
All (GS20 and	13,667	898	12,275,469	14,755	0.903

Sequencing as a tool for microbial community analysis



Lyse cells Extract DNA (and/or RNA)

Meta'omic

Amplicons

George Rice, Montana State Universit

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Reservoir of gene and protein functional information Comprehensive snapshot of microbial ecology and evolution

Public health tool monitoring population health and epidemiology

Diagnostic or prognostic biomarker for host disease





Composition-based analyses



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Microbiome composition analyses: phylotypes and binning



rdp.cme.msu.edu

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greengenes.lbl.gov greengenes.lbl.gov



Binning: nontrivial assignment of reads to phylotypes

> Phylotype or operational taxonomic unit (OTU): organisms clonal to within some tolerance (e.g. 95%); "species"



Indirect binning: BLAST etc. Relies on high similarity, reference seq.

Direct binning: analyzes seq. characteristics (GC, codons, etc.) Relies on long reads

Hamady, 2009

PhyloPythia: McHardy, 2007

TETRA: Chan, 2008

Phymm: Brady, 2009

MetaPhIAn: Segata, 2012 11

Microbiome composition analyses: OTU clustering

Open reference

Clustering

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Closed reference Classification







Microbiome composition analyses: diversity

5.000

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Actinobacteria

Mitra, 2009

Buccal

Anterior

50 100

Number of samples

150

Diversity: broadly, a community's number and distribution of taxa

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Also community composition or structure

Coupon collector's problem or rarefaction curve: estimate population diversity based on a subsample





Number of Sequences

13

Microbiome composition analyses: ordination

Ordination is the constrained projection of high-dimensional data into fewer dimensions.

PCA or Principal Component Analysis guarantees the new dimensions maximize normal variation.

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NMDS or Nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling, also called PCoA or Principal Coordinates Analysis, guarantees the new dimensions maximize an arbitrary similarity score (such as UniFrac beta-diversity).









Meta'omic analyses

Cost per Raw Megabase of DNA Sequence



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What can you do with thousands of microbial genomes that you can't do with one?

- NCBI now contains ~17,000 bacterial genomes
 - Plus ~300 archaeal, ~200 eukaryotic, and a few thousand viruses
 - About half final and half draft
- These comprise about 4,100 species
 - >1,200 genera, >380 families, 50 phyla
- And roughly 55M genes



- These genes and genomes are a tremendous resource to:
 - Identify conserved markers that can be used to infer phylogeny
 - Identify unique markers that can be used to infer taxonomy
 - Relate the microbial members of a community to their metagenomic functional potential

MetaPhIAn2: Taxonomic profiling using unique marker gene sequences ~1M most representative markers used for identification

- 184±45 markers per species (target 200)
- ~7,100 species (excludes incomplete annotations, spp., etc.)
- FP/FN rates of ~1 in 10⁶
- Profiles all domains of life: bacteria, viruses, euks, archaea
- Strain level profiling using marker combination barcodes
- Quasi-markers used to resolve ambiguity in postprocessing



MetaPhIAn2: Taxonomic profiling using unique marker gene sequences

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MetaPhIAn2: Taxonomic profiling using unique marker gene sequences

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Gene-based fingerprints capture strain variation in individuals' most abundant (stable) bugs

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Supragingival plaque, Leptotrichia buccalis marker gene-based fingerprint contributions	FIRST SUBJECT (2 VISITS)	SECOND SUBJECT (3 VISITS)
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PhyloPhIAn: From markers for taxonomy to markers for phylogeny

- Hundreds of unique markers per clade provide great taxonomic classification
- What if we use hundreds of *conserved* markers for phylogenetic classification?
 - PhyloPhIAn identifies the most informative residues of the most conserved 400 proteins
 - These can then be used for phylogenetic reconstruction, placement, and taxonomy



Bacteroides super-phylum Proteobacteria super-phylum

http://huttenhower.sph.harvard.edu/phylophlan 22



PhyloPhIAn: Taxonomic curation and reannotation

 Taxa with at least one 'unknown' taxonomic level: 445

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 Additional taxa we detected as suspicious: 111

	Example	Very high confidence	High confidence	Medium confidence
Corrected	A B C→A B D	26	3	26
Refined	A B ?→A B C	67	25	75
Removed	A B C→A B ?	11	1	1
Incomplete	A ? ?→A ? ?	224	10	66

Man cannot live on bacteria alone – don't forget the viruses and eukaryotes!



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The human gut virome: Inter-individual variation and dynamic response to diet

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Interactions Between Commensal Fungi and the C-Type Lectin Receptor Dectin-1 Influence Colitis

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Characterization of the Oral Fungal Microbiome (Mycobiome) in Healthy Individuals

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Microbiome meta'omic analyses: molecular functions and biological roles

Orthology: Grouping genes by conserved sequence features COG, KO, FIGfam...

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Structure: Grouping genes by similar protein domains Pfam, TIGRfam, SMART, EC...

Biological roles:

Grouping genes by pathway and process involvement GO, KEGG, MetaCyc, SEED...



Warnecke, 2007



DeLong, 2006

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"Who's there," versus, "What they're doing," in the inflamed gut

- Over <u>six times</u> as many microbial metabolic processes disrupted in IBD as microbes.
 - If there's a transit strike, everyone working for the MBTA is disrupted, not everyone named Smith or Jones.



Microbiome meta'omic analyses: metabolic profiling (with HUMAnN)

LEfSe:

LDA Effect Size

Nonparametric test for microbial and metagenomic biomarkers http://huttenhower.sph.harvard.edu/lefse



• Most processes are habitat-adapted: >66% are differentially abundant by body site

Proteoglycan degradation by the gut microbiota



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Samples



Proteoglycan degradation: From pathways to enzymes

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Functional meta'omics in human populations







2) Investigate links 1) Evaluate stability of 3) Relate the gut between the meta'omic samples metagenome and mouth and gut under subject-shipped metatranscriptome microbiomes conditions

Genes & transcripts are generally well correlated



Some functions are highly under-expressed

Other functions are highly over-expressed

Other functions are highly over-expressed



Functional potential is stable, activity is variable





- Microbial membership varies.
 - Early colonization? Genetics?
- Over time, the community "solves" for a habitat-specific metagenome.
- It then differentially regulates that metagenome.
 - These two types of regulation differ *at least* in time scale.

PICRUSt: Inferring community metagenomic potential DOX) from marker gene sequencing

With Rob Knight, Rob Beiko

<u>One can recover **general**</u> community function with reasonable accuracy from 16S profiles.

http://picrust.github.com





Average 16S distance to nearest reference genome (NSTI)



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Microbiome meta'omic analyses: assembly

Scaling metagenome sequence assembly with probabilistic de Bruijn graphs

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khmer (Pell 2012)

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MetAMOS: a metagenomic assembly and analysis pipeline for AMOS

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Genome Biology 2011, 12(Suppl 1):P25

MetaAMOS (Treangen 2012?)

MetaVelvet: an extension of Velvet assembler to de novo metagenome assembly from short sequence reads

Toshiaki Namiki^{1,2}, Tsuyoshi Hachiya¹, Hideaki Tanaka¹ and Yasubumi Sakakibara^{1,*}

MetaVelvet (Namiki 2012)

Vol. 27 ISMB 2011, pages i94-i101 doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btr216

Meta-IDBA: a de Novo assembler for metagenomic data Yu Peng, Henry C. M. Leung, S. M. Yiu and Francis Y. L. Chin*

Department of Computer Science, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Meta-IDBA (Peng 2011)

Genovo: De Novo Assembly for Metagenomes

*JONATHAN LASERSON, *VLADIMIR JOJIC, and DAPHNE KOLLER

Genovo (Laserson 2011)

Individual genome assembly from complex community short-read metagenomic datasets

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Evaluating the Fidelity of *De Novo* Short Read Metagenomic Assembly Using Simulated Data Miquel Pignatelli^{1,2,3}*, Andrés Moya^{1,2}







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N50 length (kbp)



Reference assembly

Assembly from

Assembly from

soil metagenome

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Reference genome coverage

lake metagenome

Microbiome meta'omic analyses: gene calling and proxygenes





Orphelia: Hoff, 2009 MetaGene: Noguchi, 2006

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Downstream analyses

Mardis Genome Medicine 2010, 2:84 http://genomemedicine.com/content/2/11/84



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The \$1,000 genome, the \$100,000 analysis?

Elaine R Mardis*







Who is there? What are they doing?

Sample #	1	2	3	4	5	6
Clade1	0.40	0.87	0.43	0.68	0.47	0.32
Clade1 Bug1	0.40	0.56	0.07	0.31	0.42	0.27
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Clade2	0.60	0.13	0.57	0.32	0.53	0.68
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Clade2 Bug4	0.49	0.13	0.47	0.00	0.39	0.45



Who is there? What are they doing? What does it all mean?

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Gender	Male	Female	Female	Male	Male	Female
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Properties of microbiome data

- Compositional nature (Σ = 1)
 - Abundance is relative, not absolute
- High dynamic range
- Often sparse (sample dominated by a few species)
- Noisy
- Hierarchical organization

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Properties of microbiome data

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- General problem: correlate microbiome features with metadata (potentially controlling for other features)
- Intuitively summarize the results

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Nicola Segata





Microbiome downstream analyses: statistical association testing (with LEfSe)

Bacteria. Actinobacteria. Actinobacteria. Bifidobacteriales. Bifidobacteriaceae. Bifidobacterium

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Bifidobacterium animalis subsp. *lactis* fermented milk product reduces inflammation by altering a niche for colitogenic microbes

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MaAsLin: Multivariate (microbial) Association with Linear Models

Overview of MaAsLin Association Methodology





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Microbiome downstream analyses: interaction network reconstruction



It's a jungle in there – microbial interactions follow patterns from classical macro-ecology.

Mutualism

Predation

Competition



Given microbial relative abundance measurements over many samples, can we detect *co-occurrence and co-exclusion relationships?*

Sequencing assays provide only compositional measurements, in which information is lost



MM Friends, neighbors, and enemies: Microbial co-occurrence and exclusion in the human microbiome With Jeroen Raes, Karoline Faust



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Typical microbial community analysis tasks

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Bringing it all together: The Human Microbiome Project





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Nasal

Oral

Skin

Gastro-

intestinal

Urogenital

HUMAN MICROBIOME

The NIH Human Microbiome Project (HMP): A comprehensive microbial survey

- What is a "normal" human microbiome?
- 300 healthy human subjects
- Multiple body sites
 - 15 male, 18 female
- Multiple visits
- Clinical metadata

5,200 16S samples Spanning 300 subjects, 18 sites 700 shotgun samples

Subset of 100 subjects, six sites

http://www.nature.com/nature/focus/humanmicrobiota/

www.hmpdacc.org



Figure 1. Timeline of microbial community studies using high-throughput sequencing.

Gevers D, Knight R, Petrosino JF, Huang K, et al. (2012) The Human Microbiome Project: A Community Resource for the Healthy Human Microbiome. PLoS Biol 10(8): e1001377. doi:10.1371/journal.pbio.1001377 http://www.plosbiology.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pbio.1001377



... for mining metagenomic data





What aspects of a human host most influence microbial community composition?



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~5,200 microbial communities



Which human body sites harbor the greatest microbial diversity per individual?

Within-Sample Alpha Diversity

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Which human body sites share the greatest microbial diversity among individuals?

Between-Sample Beta Diversity



Microbiome meta'omic analyses: taxonomic profiling (with MetaPhlAn)

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Mean nonzero abundance (size) and population prevalence (intensity)



How unique is your personal microbiome?

Rel. abundance of oral *Streptococcus* in 127 subjects

Relative Streptococcus species abundance (%)

60

50

40

30

20

10

How unique is your personal microbiome?



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How unique is your personal microbiome?

40 genes in the "same" microbe, *Prevotella copri*

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60 gut microbiomes with abundant *P. copri*

Are there discrete "types" of typical human microbiomes?

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http://hmpdacc.org/HMSMCP



supragingival plague 🛛 attached keratinized gingiva 🗖 stool

mid vagina

retroauricular crease





What defines the core "normal" human microbiome that we all share?

 \leftarrow Subjects \rightarrow





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What high-impact outcomes can we reasonably expect from the microbiome?



Translation

<u>Risk diagnosis</u>

- Lifetime, onset, activity, and outcome
- Prospective epi. study design
- Dense longitudinal measures, multiple nested outcomes



<u>Treatment</u>

- More and simpler model systems
- Systematic understanding of current models
- More perturbation experiments, "knock ins" and "knock outs"



Public health and policy

Health policy

- Early life exposures Pharma. best practices
- Ethics and privacy

Identifiability Tracking



Basic biology and molecular mechanism

Microbial experiments

 Systematic application of computational tools



Meta-analysis of genomes and metagenomes

Host-microbe-microbiome interactions

- Immunity in more human tissues
- Non-immune mechanisms (metabolites, peptides)



Thanks!





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Georae Emma Schwager Weingart



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Afrah Randall Shafquat Schwager



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