

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

### **Identification of three bacterial species associated with increased appendicular lean mass: the HUNT study**

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### Supplementary Note 1. Representativity

Comparison of the participants who agreed to participate in the HUNT4 baseline visit with those that did not participate is described in the recent cohort description article.<sup>11</sup> Age, gender, appendicular lean mass (ALM; main outcome), and total lean mass for the HUNT 4 participants that participated in the feces sub-study and those that did not participate is described in Supplementary Table 12. Subjects with available feces samples were slightly older and included a higher proportion of women than subjects without available feces samples. Comparisons between the participants in the present study with performed quantitative PCR (qPCR) analyses showed that the subjects in the discovery cohort were representative of the subjects with available feces samples. The subjects in the replication cohort were younger and included a higher proportion of women than the pool of subjects with feces samples available (Supplementary Table 12). Individuals in the combined cohorts with qPCR analyses and bone mineral density data included a high proportion of women. When stratifying on gender, ALM and total lean mass was similar in all subgroups (Supplementary Table 12).

### Supplementary Note 2. Assay design

For the assays of the three anabolic species identified in this study, bioinformatic analyses identified conserved and unique target regions. ThermoFischer Scientific (Waltham, MA, USA) developed specific and unique primers and probes targeting these amplicon regions. The target region for *C. comes* was AAGAATTGCTGCATTCCATTGTCAGGATATCTCCCAATGTCACATTTGGTCTTTACCTCGGTATTCTTTTCCCCTTTGATATAAAGTATTTTCATTTCCCGAAGACATCTGTATCCGTCCTTTCTTTTACCGGTAGCGCCTGCCAGATCAGCGTTCCTTCACTTACCTGGTCTGTCCCGGACXTCATTATAATAGTAGATCATTCCGATCAGAACAGCTGTCAGCAGGGCACAAAGAACACAGCCCCAGATATAATTTTTTCTTCTTTCCAATCGCATCCGCCTCCTTTGTGATCTGTTTCAGATAGGAAATAGTATCCCTGTTTTTCCAGAAAACATACATCCTTTTATTCTTTTGGCGTGTCCCGCATGGTTTTTCAGGATCTTTTTCTCCATCCGXGATACCTGCACCTGGGAAA. The target region for *E. ventriosum* was TTTATTCCTGTGATGAGAACCAGTAATCTGCTGTATCCTTAAGGAATCCGTCTTTATCCATCTGTTCTAATGCTTTGTTAATAGCTTCCTGAAGTTTTGCATTGTTTTTCCAATAGCAATACCGAATTCTTCAGGTTCTGTCTTATCTGAAAATGCCTTTTCATACTTGTGAGGATTCTTTGCTACGAAACCGTCAGCAACAGTACTATCAACTACTACTGCATCAATTCACCATTTGTTAACTGTGTAAGCAXTTAAATAACTTGTGATTAGCTGCTACTTCTACATT AATAGTCTTTGTTGACTTGTATTCTGACATAAGCTGATCTGATGTTGTACCTTTCTGTACACCAACTGATTTCCGTCAAGATCCTTTAAGCTGTTAATCTTTAAGTCGCTACCCTTCTTAACTACTA. The target region for *D. longicatena* was TCCGTTCCGGTATATCCCGGATCACAGCCATGGTCTGCCGTAATCATCAACATATCGTCCCGCATATTTGCGAGGAATCCCTAACTGTTTCATCGAATCTCGTCAGTCTCCTGCATATCCTGCAATATCACGCCGGTGTCCATAGATCATATCCCCATCTACTAAGTTACATA GCAAAGTCCGTGCAACTCTTTCTTCTGTATCTCGATCGTCTTTTCCATATTCTTTTCAATTTCCCTGATTCGGGTAGGTTCCGTCACCTCCCTGCCCTTCAAAGATATCATAGATCTTTCCGACACCGATCACATCTTTTCTTCTGCTTTTAAATGCATCCAACACCGTCTGTCTCGGCGGTGCAAGTGAAAAGTCATGCCGTCTGATTGTCCGTTGTAATTTGGCCATGTTCCGATGAATGGTCTTGGCAGTCACTCTTCCGACTCCGATCTCCAGTCAGCATCTCTGGAATCTTACAATATT. Further, assay information is given in previous publications.<sup>1,2</sup> The 50 validated qPCR assays can be ordered from ThermoFisher Scientific (catalogue number 4471120 Custom OpenArray and referring to specific Custom OpenArray ID name: BIOMEPPM-001 ver 1).

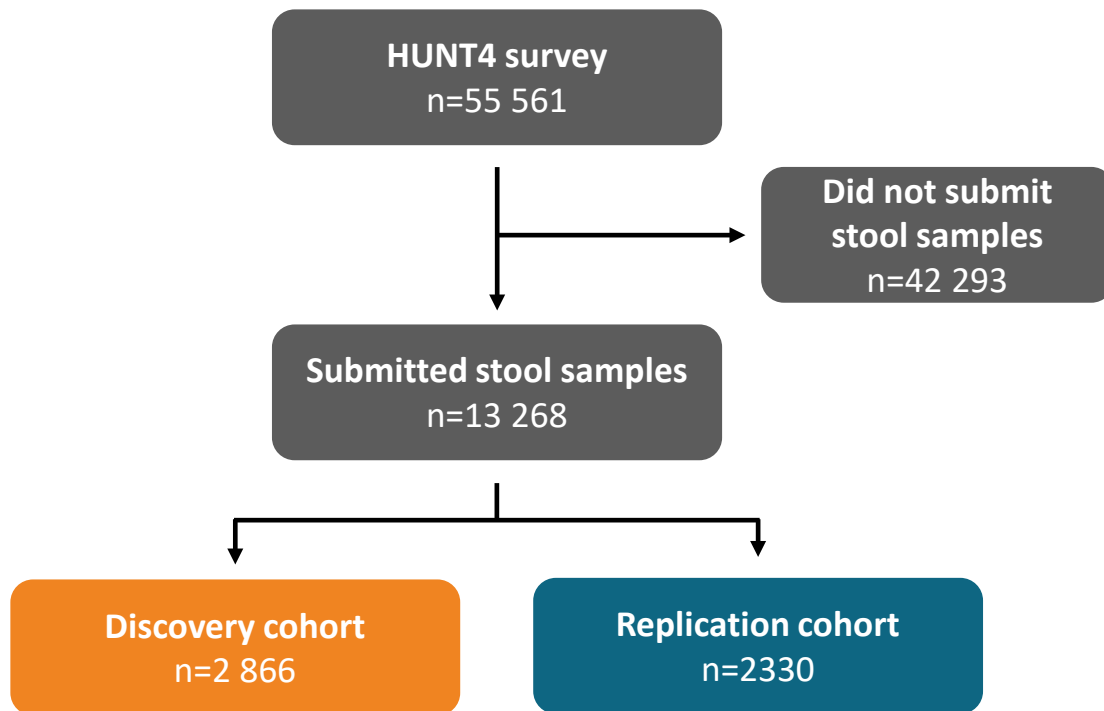
### Supplementary Note 3. Comparison of the quantitative PCR analyses and metagenome sequencing

Our major finding was that *C. comes*, *D. longicatena*, and *E. ventriosum* associated with ALM. To further validate the assays for these bacteria, we compared the quantitative PCR method with gold standard shotgun metagenome sequencing. The shotgun sequencing library was prepared using MGIEasy FS DNA Library Prep Set (MGI Tech Co., Ltd, China) following the manufacturer's instructions. The sample sequencing libraries together with PCR controls were pooled and sequenced using DNBSEQ-G400 (MGI Tech Co., Ltd) producing at least 20M reads (PE150) per sample. The sequencing reads were processed using StaG-mwc workflow<sup>3</sup> (v0.4.0), which conducts reads quality trimming and filtering using fastp<sup>4</sup> (version 0.20.0), host reads removal using Kraken 2<sup>5</sup> (version 2.0.8\_beta), and bacterial taxonomic profiling using MetaPhlan2<sup>6</sup> (version 2.9.21). Default parameters from the workflow were used for reads processing and taxonomic classification. The relative abundance value for the metagenomic sequencing data was calculated for the 50 species used in the qPCR assay. When evaluated in 130 samples, the quantitative PCR analysis and metagenome sequencing showed high correlation for these three bacteria (*C. comes*:  $r=0.99$ ,  $P=3.2 \times 10^{-115}$ ; *D. longicatena*:  $r=0.77$ ,  $P=4.9 \times 10^{-27}$ ; *E. ventriosum*:  $r=0.95$ ,  $P=2.1 \times 10^{-64}$ ).

### Supplementary Note 4. Genotyping

DNA was obtained from blood and genotyping was performed using one of three Illumina HumanCoreExome arrays (Illumina, Inc., San Diego, CA, USA): 12 v.1.0, 12 v.1.1, and 24 with custom content (UM HUNT

Biobank v1.0) at the NTNU Genomic Core Facility (Trondheim, Norway).<sup>7</sup> Samples were excluded if they had contamination > 2.5% as estimated with BAF Regress,<sup>8</sup> large chromosomal copy number variants, lower call rate of a technical duplicate pair and twins, or gonosomal constellations other than XX and XY. Samples were also excluded if they failed to reach a 99% call rate or whose inferred sex contradicted the reported gender. Samples that passed quality control were analyzed in a second round of genotype calling following the Genome Studio quality control protocol.<sup>9</sup> Genomic position, strand orientation, and the reference allele of genotyped variants were determined by aligning their probe sequences against the human genome (Genome Reference Consortium Human genome (build 37) and revised Cambridge Reference Sequence of the human mitochondrial DNA (GenBank ID NC\_012920); <http://genome.ucsc.edu>, accessed Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 2022) using BLAT (build 2016).<sup>10</sup> Variants were excluded if (1) their probe sequences could not be perfectly mapped to the reference genome, cluster separation was < 0.3, Gentrain score was < 0.15, showed deviations from Hardy Weinberg equilibrium in unrelated samples of European ancestry with p-value < 0.0001), their call rate was < 99%, or another assay with higher call rate genotyped the same variant. The genotyping resulted in approximately 600,000 genetic variants; following imputation (HRC V1.1), approximately 25 million gene variants were obtained.



Supplementary Figure 1. Flow chart.

**Supplementary Table 1. Study characteristics**

	Discovery		Replication		Combined	
	Women (n=1703)	Men (n=1163)	Women (n=1614)	Men (n=716)	Women (n=3317)	Men (n=1879)
<b>Continuous variable</b>	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)
Age (years)	58.6 (14.1)	62.9 (13.1)	53.4 (13.9)	54.7 (14.3)	56.1 (14.2)	59.7 (14.2)
Height (cm)	164.9 (6.2)	177.6 (6.6)	166.0 (6.0)	178.5 (6.9)	165.4 (6.1)	178 (6.7)
Weight (kg)	74.2 (14.4)	87.3 (13.9)	72.1 (13.0)	85.9 (13.9)	73.1 (13.8)	86.8 (13.9)
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	27.3 (4.9)	27.7 (4.0)	26.2 (4.5)	26.9 (4.1)	26.7 (4.8)	27.4 (4.0)
Appendicular lean mass (kg)	19.0 (2.7)	26.6 (3.5)	19.2 (2.4)	27.3 (3.5)	19.1 (2.6)	26.9 (3.5)
Total lean mass (kg)	43.7 (5.6)	59.8 (7.3)	44.0 (5.1)	61.0 (7.4)	43.8 (5.4)	60.3 (7.4)
Femoral neck BMD (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.78 (0.12) <sup>h</sup>	0.88 (0.14) <sup>h</sup>	0.80 (0.12) <sup>h</sup>	0.89 (0.14) <sup>g</sup>	0.79 (0.12) <sup>i</sup>	0.88 (0.14) <sup>i</sup>
Total hip BMD (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.85 (0.13) <sup>h</sup>	0.98 (0.15) <sup>h</sup>	0.87 (0.13) <sup>h</sup>	0.98 (0.14) <sup>g</sup>	0.86 (0.13) <sup>i</sup>	0.88 (0.14) <sup>i</sup>
<i>Coprococcus comes</i> relative abundance (%)	0.7 (0.3-1.2)	0.7 (0.3-1.3)	0.7 (0.3-1.1)	0.7 (0.3-1.2)	0.7 (0.3-1.2)	0.7 (0.3-1.3)
<i>Dorea longicatena</i> relative abundance (%)	1.0 (0.5-1.8)	1.1 (0.5-1.9)	1.1 (0.6-1.8)	1.1 (0.6-1.8)	1.1 (0.5-1.8)	1.1 (0.6-1.9)
<i>Eubacterium ventriosum</i> relative abundance (%)	0.1 (0.0-0.6)	0.1 (0.0-0.6)	0.2 (0.0-0.6)	0.2 (0.0-0.6)	0.1 (0.0-0.6)	0.2 (0.0-0.6)
<b>Categorical variables</b>	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)
<i>Coprococcus comes</i> presence	1512 (88.8)	1061 (91.2)	1465 (90.8)	667 (93.2)	2977 (89.8)	1728 (92.0)
<i>Dorea longicatena</i> presence	1547 (90.8)	1070 (92.0)	1484 (91.9)	681 (95.1)	3031 (91.4)	1751 (93.2)
<i>Eubacterium ventriosum</i> presence	942 (55.3)	684 (58.8)	980 (60.7)	488 (68.2)	1922 (57.9)	1172 (62.4)
Involuntary weight loss	67 (4.1) <sup>c</sup>	43 (3.9) <sup>d</sup>	46 (2.9) <sup>d</sup>	28 (4.0) <sup>b</sup>	113 (3.5) <sup>f</sup>	71 (3.9) <sup>e</sup>
Living in Norway at 1 year of age	1638 (96.2) <sup>a</sup>	1134 (97.6) <sup>a</sup>	1547 (95.8)	684 (95.5)	3185 (96) <sup>a</sup>	1818 (96.8) <sup>a</sup>
Chronic disease	822 (48.9) <sup>c</sup>	531 (46.5) <sup>c</sup>	573 (36) <sup>c</sup>	205 (28.8) <sup>a</sup>	1395 (42.6) <sup>d</sup>	736 (39.7) <sup>c</sup>
Use of prescription medication	1225 (72.3) <sup>a</sup>	846 (73.1) <sup>a</sup>	770 (48.0) <sup>a</sup>	195 (27.3) <sup>a</sup>	1995 (60.5) <sup>b</sup>	1041 (55.7) <sup>a</sup>
Current smoker	160 (9.4) <sup>a</sup>	65 (5.6) <sup>a</sup>	138 (8.6) <sup>a</sup>	43 (6.0) <sup>a</sup>	298 (9.0) <sup>b</sup>	108 (5.8) <sup>b</sup>
Stool consistency						
Hard	351 (22.0)	156 (14.5)	303 (19.9)	87 (12.9)	654 (21.0)	243 (13.9)
Intermediate	1072 (67.1)	787 (73.1)	1041 (68.4)	493 (73.4)	2113 (67.7)	1280 (73.2)
Loose	174 (10.9)	134 (12.4)	178 (11.7)	92 (13.7)	352 (11.3)	226 (12.9)
Fruit/berries intake frequency						
<1 time/week	76 (4.5)	96 (8.3)	61 (3.8)	56 (7.9)	137 (4.2)	152 (8.2)
1-3 times/week	472 (27.9)	406 (35.3)	449 (28.1)	286 (40.2)	921 (28.0)	692 (37.1)
4-6 times/week	615 (36.4)	402 (34.9)	620 (38.8)	236 (33.1)	1235 (37.5)	638 (34.2)
7 or more times/week	526 (31.1)	247 (21.5)	470 (29.4)	134 (18.8)	996 (30.3)	381 (20.5)
Vegetables intake frequency						
<1 time/week	21 (1.2)	29 (2.5)	14 (0.9)	15 (2.1)	35 (1.1)	44 (2.4)
1-3 times/week	274 (16.2)	290 (25.3)	284 (17.7)	198 (27.7)	558 (17.0)	488 (26.2)
4-6 times/week	828 (49)	606 (52.8)	779 (48.7)	369 (51.6)	1607 (48.8)	975 (52.3)
7 or more times/week	568 (33.6)	223 (19.4)	524 (32.7)	133 (18.6)	1092 (33.2)	356 (19.1)
Red meat intake frequency						
<1 time/week	445 (26.5)	218 (19.1)	398 (24.8)	127 (17.9)	843 (25.7)	345 (18.6)
1-3 times/week	1088 (64.9)	819 (71.6)	1054 (65.8)	503 (70.9)	2142 (65.3)	1322 (71.3)
4-6 times/week	143 (8.5)	98 (8.6)	142 (8.9)	72 (10.2)	285 (8.7)	170 (9.2)
7 or more times/week	1 (0.1)	9 (0.8)	8 (0.5)	7 (1.0)	9 (0.3)	16 (0.9)
White meat intake frequency						
<1 time/week	695 (41.4)	533 (46.6)	574 (36)	269 (38)	1269 (38.8)	802 (43.3)
1-3 times/week	909 (54.2)	579 (50.6)	951 (59.6)	424 (60)	1860 (56.8)	1003 (54.2)
4-6 times/week	70 (4.2)	29 (2.5)	66 (4.1)	14 (2)	136 (4.2)	43 (2.3)
7 or more times/week	4 (0.2)	3 (0.3)	4 (0.3)	0 (0.0)	8 (0.2)	3 (0.2)
Processed meat intake frequency						
<1 time/week	530 (31.6)	330 (28.7)	442 (27.8)	164 (23.1)	972 (29.7)	494 (26.6)
1-3 times/week	1074 (64.0)	763 (66.4)	1081 (68)	502 (70.7)	2155 (65.9)	1265 (68)
4-6 times/week	74 (4.4)	51 (4.4)	66 (4.2)	42 (5.9)	140 (4.3)	93 (5)
7 or more times/week	0 (0.0)	5 (0.4)	1 (0.1)	2 (0.3)	1 (0.0)	7 (0.4)
Low-fat fish intake frequency						
<1 time/week	529 (31.3)	309 (26.8)	576 (36.0)	250 (35)	1105 (33.6)	559 (29.9)
1-3 times/week	1071 (63.4)	777 (67.3)	956 (59.7)	441 (61.8)	2027 (61.6)	1218 (65.2)
4-6 times/week	87 (5.1)	63 (5.5)	66 (4.1)	23 (3.2)	153 (4.6)	86 (4.6)
7 or more times/week	3 (0.2)	6 (0.5)	4 (0.2)	0 (0.0)	7 (0.2)	6 (0.3)
High-fat fish intake frequency						
<1 time/week	492 (29.1)	360 (31.2)	483 (30.1)	248 (34.7)	975 (29.6)	608 (32.6)
1-3 times/week	1057 (62.5)	690 (59.8)	992 (61.8)	422 (59.1)	2049 (62.2)	1112 (59.6)
4-6 times/week	121 (7.2)	79 (6.9)	118 (7.4)	34 (4.8)	239 (7.3)	113 (6.1)
7 or more times/week	20 (1.2)	24 (2.1)	11 (0.7)	10 (1.4)	31 (0.9)	34 (1.8)
Intake frequency of ≤6 glasses of alcohol						
Never	1132 (68.4)	563 (49.6)	971 (61.4)	284 (39.9)	2103 (65.0)	847 (45.9)
Less than monthly	446 (27)	425 (37.4)	518 (32.7)	308 (43.3)	964 (29.8)	733 (39.7)
Monthly	67 (4.1)	119 (10.5)	82 (5.2)	97 (13.6)	149 (4.6)	216 (11.7)
Weekly	7 (0.4)	25 (2.2)	10 (0.6)	22 (3.1)	17 (0.5)	47 (2.5)
Daily	2 (0.1)	3 (0.3)	1 (0.1)	0 (0.0)	3 (0.1)	3 (0.2)

Continuous parameters are given as mean (standard deviation, SD) except for the relative abundance of bacteria where data are median (interquartile range). Categorical variables are given as number of events (%). Missing n: <sup>a</sup>≤ 10, <sup>b</sup>11-20, <sup>c</sup>21-28, <sup>d</sup>32-55, <sup>e</sup>65-92, <sup>f</sup>104-198, <sup>g</sup>414, <sup>h</sup>754-999, <sup>i</sup>1168, <sup>j</sup>1878-1883

Supplementary Table 2. Associations between microbes and appendicular mass in the discovery cohort

Kingdom	Domain	Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Genus	Species	% detectable	Microbial abundance (binary) vs appendicular lean mass					Microbial abundance (quartile) vs appendicular lean mass				
									$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P
Bacteria	Bacteria	Actinobacteria	Actinobacteria	Bifidobacteriales	Bifidobacteriaceae	Bifidobacterium	<i>Bifidobacterium adolescentis</i>	52.7	0.09	0.07	-0.05	0.23	0.211	0.03	0.03	-0.03	0.09	0.266
Bacteria	Bacteria	Actinobacteria	Actinobacteria	Bifidobacteriales	Bifidobacteriaceae	Bifidobacterium	<i>Bifidobacterium angulatum</i>	2.5	< 10% frequency					< 10% frequency				
Bacteria	Bacteria	Actinobacteria	Actinobacteria	Bifidobacteriales	Bifidobacteriaceae	Bifidobacterium	<i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i>	23.7	0.01	0.08	-0.15	0.18	0.867	-0.03	0.04	-0.10	0.05	0.465
Bacteria	Bacteria	Actinobacteria	Actinobacteria	Bifidobacteriales	Bifidobacteriaceae	Bifidobacterium	<i>Bifidobacterium catenulatum</i>	10.2	0.11	0.12	-0.12	0.34	0.351	0.03	0.05	-0.07	0.14	0.515
Bacteria	Bacteria	Actinobacteria	Actinobacteria	Bifidobacteriales	Bifidobacteriaceae	Bifidobacterium	<i>Bifidobacterium longum</i>	82.3	0.07	0.09	-0.11	0.25	0.469	-0.04	0.03	-0.11	0.02	0.189
Bacteria	Bacteria	Actinobacteria	Actinobacteria	Bifidobacteriales	Bifidobacteriaceae	Bifidobacterium	<i>Bifidobacterium pseudocatenulatum</i>	17.0	-0.10	0.09	-0.28	0.09	0.296	-0.06	0.04	-0.14	0.02	0.155
Bacteria	Bacteria	Actinobacteria	Actinobacteria	Coriobacteriales	Coriobacteriaceae	Collinsella	<i>Collinsella aerofaciens</i>	81.6	0.27	0.09	0.09	0.45	0.003	0.06	0.03	-0.01	0.12	0.093
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Bacteroidaceae	Bacteroides	<i>Bacteroides caccae</i>	71.4	0.17	0.08	0.02	0.32	0.031	-0.01	0.03	-0.07	0.05	0.835
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Bacteroidaceae	Bacteroides	<i>Bacteroides cellulosilyticus</i>	48.4	0.15	0.07	0.01	0.29	0.031	0.06	0.03	0.00	0.12	0.061
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Bacteroidaceae	Bacteroides	<i>Bacteroides eggertii</i>	22.5	0.08	0.08	-0.08	0.25	0.326	0.05	0.04	-0.03	0.12	0.194
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Bacteroidaceae	Bacteroides	<i>Bacteroides finegoldii</i>	14.6	0.03	0.10	-0.17	0.23	0.772	0.02	0.05	-0.07	0.11	0.631
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Bacteroidaceae	Bacteroides	<i>Bacteroides ovatus</i>	77.9	0.10	0.09	-0.07	0.27	0.242	0.01	0.03	-0.06	0.07	0.831
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Bacteroidaceae	Bacteroides	<i>Bacteroides stercorisoris</i>	1.0	< 10% frequency					< 10% frequency				
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Bacteroidaceae	Bacteroides	<i>Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron</i>	76.0	0.16	0.08	0.00	0.33	0.047	-0.03	0.03	-0.09	0.04	0.403
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Bacteroidaceae	Bacteroides	<i>Bacteroides xylanisolvens</i>	67.3	0.19	0.08	0.05	0.34	0.010	0.01	0.03	-0.05	0.07	0.854
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Bacteroidaceae	Phocaeicola	<i>Phocaeicola dorei</i>	73.2	0.18	0.08	0.02	0.34	0.025	-0.01	0.03	-0.07	0.05	0.839
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Bacteroidaceae	Phocaeicola	<i>Phocaeicola massiliensis</i>	28.3	0.19	0.08	0.04	0.35	0.014	0.09	0.04	0.02	0.16	0.013
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Bacteroidaceae	Phocaeicola	<i>Phocaeicola vulgata</i>	86.4	0.06	0.10	-0.15	0.26	0.583	0.05	0.03	-0.02	0.11	0.185
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Porphyromonadaceae	Barnesiella	<i>Barnesiella intestinihominis</i>	67.4	0.11	0.08	-0.04	0.25	0.159	0.00	0.03	-0.06	0.06	0.983
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Porphyromonadaceae	Parabacteroides	<i>Parabacteroides distasonis</i>	88.2	0.16	0.11	-0.06	0.37	0.152	-0.04	0.04	-0.11	0.03	0.279
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Porphyromonadaceae	Parabacteroides	<i>Parabacteroides merdae</i>	70.7	0.20	0.08	0.04	0.35	0.012	0.05	0.03	-0.01	0.11	0.132
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Prevotellaceae	Prevotella	<i>Prevotella copri</i>	48.7	0.18	0.07	0.04	0.31	0.013	0.08	0.03	0.02	0.14	0.012
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Rikenellaceae	Alistipes	<i>Alistipes finegoldii</i>	12.2	0.18	0.11	-0.03	0.40	0.090	0.05	0.05	-0.05	0.15	0.310
Bacteria	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Bacteroidia	Bacteroidales	Rikenellaceae	Alistipes	<i>Alistipes putredinis</i>	80.1	0.17	0.09	0.00	0.34	0.055	0.03	0.03	-0.03	0.10	0.297
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Bacilli	Lactobacillales	Lactobacillaceae	Lactobacillus	<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i>	6.7	< 10% frequency					< 10% frequency				
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Bacilli	Lactobacillales	Lactobacillaceae	Lactobacillus	<i>Lactobacillus paracasei</i>	8.0	< 10% frequency					< 10% frequency				
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Bacilli	Lactobacillales	Lactobacillaceae	Ligilactobacillus	<i>Ligilactobacillus ruminis</i>	4.7	< 10% frequency					< 10% frequency				
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Bacilli	Lactobacillales	Streptococcaceae	Streptococcus	<i>Streptococcus thermophilus</i>	48.3	0.15	0.07	0.01	0.28	0.040	0.05	0.03	-0.01	0.11	0.097
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Clostridiales	Christensenellaceae	Christensenella	<i>Christensenella minuta</i>	11.3	-0.25	0.11	-0.47	-0.03	0.024	-0.10	0.05	-0.19	-0.01	0.027
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Clostridiales	Clostridiaceae	Clostridium	<i>Clostridium leptum</i>	80.6	-0.22	0.09	-0.39	-0.04	0.014	-0.07	0.03	-0.13	-0.01	0.033
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Clostridiales	Clostridiaceae	Clostridium	<i>Clostridium scindens</i>	14.5	-0.31	0.10	-0.51	-0.12	0.002	-0.13	0.04	-0.22	-0.04	0.003
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Clostridiales	Eubacteriaceae	Eubacterium	<i>Eubacterium ventriosum</i>	56.7	0.36	0.07	0.22	0.50	<b>5.2E-07</b>	0.11	0.03	0.06	0.17	<b>1.5E-04</b>
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Anaerobutyricum	<i>Anaerobutyricum hallii</i>	38.8	0.09	0.07	-0.06	0.23	0.235	0.03	0.03	-0.03	0.09	0.362
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Blautia	<i>Blautia hydrogenotrophica</i>	13.0	-0.22	0.11	-0.43	-0.02	0.035	-0.13	0.05	-0.22	-0.03	0.008
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Coproccoccus	<i>Coproccoccus comes</i>	89.8	0.57	0.12	0.34	0.80	<b>1.1E-06</b>	0.17	0.04	0.10	0.24	<b>1.5E-06</b>
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Dorea	<i>Dorea formicigenerans</i>	83.8	0.24	0.10	0.05	0.43	0.012	0.06	0.03	0.00	0.13	0.062
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Dorea	<i>Dorea longicatena</i>	91.3	0.46	0.13	0.22	0.71	<b>2.1E-04</b>	0.12	0.04	0.05	0.19	<b>1.1E-03</b>
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Mediterraneibacter	<i>Ruminococcus gnavus</i>	34.9	-0.28	0.07	-0.42	-0.13	<b>1.9E-04</b>	-0.13	0.03	-0.20	-0.07	<b>4.5E-05</b>
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Roseburia	<i>Roseburia hominis</i>	85.9	-0.05	0.10	-0.25	0.15	0.613	0.00	0.03	-0.07	0.07	0.978
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Clostridiales	Lachnospiraceae	Roseburia	<i>Roseburia intestinalis</i>	86.5	0.17	0.10	-0.03	0.38	0.095	0.03	0.03	-0.04	0.10	0.418
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Clostridiales	Ruminococcaceae	Faecalibacterium	<i>Faecalibacterium prausnitzii</i>	83.8	0.27	0.10	0.08	0.46	0.005	0.05	0.03	-0.02	0.11	0.179
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Clostridiales	Ruminococcaceae	Subdoligranulum	<i>Subdoligranulum variabile</i>	0.4	< 10% frequency					< 10% frequency				
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Eubacteriales	Clostridiaceae	Clostridium	<i>Clostridium ramosum</i>	15.7	-0.35	0.10	-0.54	-0.16	<b>2.8E-04</b>	-0.14	0.04	-0.22	-0.05	0.002
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Eubacteriales	Lachnospiraceae	Agathobacter	<i>Agathobacter rectalis</i>	97.0	0.26	0.21	-0.15	0.67	0.216	0.02	0.04	-0.06	0.10	0.574
Bacteria	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Clostridia	Eubacteriales	Lachnospiraceae	Lachnospira	<i>Lachnospira eligens</i>	81.0	0.14	0.09	-0.04	0.31	0.135	-0.01	0.03	-0.07	0.05	0.754
Bacteria	Bacteria	Proteobacteria	Beta Proteobacteria	Burkholderiales	Sutterellaceae	Sutterella	<i>Sutterella wadsworthensis</i>	46.4	0.17	0.07	0.03	0.31	0.017	0.04	0.03	-0.02	0.10	0.163
Bacteria	Bacteria	Proteobacteria	Gammaproteobacteria	Enterobacteriales	Enterobacteriaceae	Escherichia	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	57.1	-0.03	0.07	-0.17	0.11	0.707	-0.04	0.03	-0.10	0.02	0.174
Bacteria	Bacteria	Proteobacteria	Gammaproteobacteria	Enterobacteriales	Enterobacteriaceae	Klebsiella	<i>Klebsiella variicola</i>	2.6	< 10% frequency					< 10% frequency				
Bacteria	Bacteria	Verrucomicrobia	Verrucomicrobiae	Akkermansiales	Akkermansiaceae	Akkermansia	<i>Akkermansia muciniphila</i>	74.0	-0.04	0.08	-0.20	0.12	0.645	-0.05	0.03	-0.11	0.01	0.098
Euryarchaeota	Archaea	Euryarchaeota	Methanobacteria	Methanobacteriales	Methanobacteriaceae	Methanobrevibacter	<i>Methanobrevibacter smithii</i>	46.9	-0.09	0.07	-0.23	0.05	0.194	-0.09	0.03	-0.15	-0.02	0.006

Linear regressions (for microbes with >10% frequency in the discovery cohort) including bacterial relative abundance as exposure and appendicular lean mass as outcome, adjusted for age, gender, height, and body fat mass. The tests were 2-sided. The relative abundance data were divided into 2 (binary) or 4 quantiles (quartiles), with all the non-detectable values in the first quantile. The data from the linear regression are presented as the estimated associations ( $\beta$  values in kg/microbial quartile or binary step with standard error of mean [SE] and 95% confidence intervals [CIs]). Undetectable values are represented as 0. Bonferroni correction was used to adjust for multiple comparisons and 0.0012 (0.05/43) was considered significant; significant results are in shown in bold. SE, standard error; LCI, lower 95% confidence interval; UCI, upper 95% confidence interval

**Supplementary Table 3. Associations between microbial species and appendicular lean mass without adjustment for body fat mass**

	Microbial abundance (binary)					Microbial abundance (quartiles)				
	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P
<i>Clostridium ramosum</i>	-0.15	0.11	-0.37	0.06	0.16	-0.06	0.05	-0.16	0.04	0.23
<b><i>Coprococcus comes</i></b>	0.47	0.13	0.21	0.73	4.3E-04	0.14	0.04	0.06	0.22	4.3E-04
<i>Dorea longicatena</i>	0.40	0.14	0.13	0.68	4.6E-03	0.09	0.04	0.01	0.17	0.028
<b><i>Eubacterium ventriosum</i></b>	0.34	0.08	0.18	0.50	3.3E-05	0.08	0.03	0.01	0.15	0.017
<i>Ruminococcus gnavus</i>	-0.05	0.08	-0.21	0.12	0.59	-0.02	0.04	-0.10	0.05	0.54

Microbial species significantly associated (passing Bonferroni correction) with appendicular lean mass using the basic model (adjusted for gender, age, height, and body fat mass) were further analyzed using the basic model without body fat mass adjustment. The tests were 2-sided. The relative abundance data were divided into 2 (binary) or 4 (quartile) quantiles, with all the non-detectable values in the first quantile, and analyzed using linear regression. The  $\beta$  values are given in kg/microbial quartile or binary step. Bacterial species in bold were significantly associated with appendicular lean mass and thus fulfilled the criteria for being eligible for replication. n=2866. SE, standard error; LCI, lower 95% confidence interval; UCI, upper 95% confidence interval

**Supplementary Table 4. Replication of significant associations between the presence of microbial species and appendicular lean mass using binary data**

	Discovery (n=2866)					Replication (n=2330)					Combined (n=5196)				
	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P
<i>Coprococcus comes</i>	0.57	0.12	0.34	0.80	1.1E-06	0.35	0.14	0.08	0.62	1.1E-02	0.48	0.09	0.30	0.65	7.9E-08
<i>Dorea longicatena</i>	0.46	0.13	0.22	0.71	2.1E-04	0.40	0.15	0.11	0.69	7.3E-03	0.45	0.10	0.26	0.64	3.1E-06
<i>Eubacterium ventriosum</i>	0.36	0.07	0.22	0.50	5.2E-07	0.17	0.08	0.01	0.33	3.2E-02	0.28	0.05	0.18	0.39	1.1E-07

Replication of associations in the discovery cohort using linear regressions with relative abundance of microbial species (as binary data, i.e. presence/absence) as exposure and appendicular lean mass as the outcome, adjusted for age, gender, height, and body fat mass (and cohort- and batch-specific covariates when needed, i.e. basic adjustment) for the discovery, replication, and combined cohorts. The tests were 2-sided. The  $\beta$  values are given in kg for presence of microbes. SE, standard error; LCI, lower 95% confidence interval; UCI, upper 95% confidence interval



**Supplementary Table 5. Replication of significant associations between relative abundance of microbial species and appendicular lean mass using quartile data**

	Discovery (n=2866)					Replication (n=2330)					Combined (n=5196)				
	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P
<i>Coprococcus comes</i>	0.17	0.04	0.10	0.24	1.5E-06	0.07	0.040	-0.01	0.15	7.8E-02	0.13	0.03	0.08	0.18	1.2E-06
<i>Dorea longicatena</i>	0.12	0.04	0.05	0.19	1.1E-03	0.14	0.040	0.06	0.21	8.5E-04	0.13	0.03	0.08	0.18	2.1E-06
<i>Eubacterium ventriosum</i>	0.11	0.03	0.06	0.17	1.5E-04	0.01	0.033	-0.06	0.07	8.8E-01	0.07	0.02	0.03	0.11	2.0E-03

Replication of associations in the discovery cohort using linear regressions with relative abundance of microbial species (in quartiles) as exposure and appendicular lean mass as the outcome, adjusted for age, gender, height, and body fat mass (and cohort- and batch specific covariates when needed, i.e. basic adjustment) for the discovery, replication, and combined cohorts. The tests were 2-sided. The microbial relative abundance data was divided into quartiles, with all the non-detectable values in the first quartile. The  $\beta$  values are given in kg/microbial quartile. SE, standard error; LCI, lower 95% confidence interval; UCI, upper 95% confidence interval

**Supplementary Table 6. Sensitivity analyses of significant associations between relative abundance of microbial species and appendicular lean mass using CLR-transformed data**

	Discovery (n=2866)					Replication (n=2330)					Combined (n=5196)				
	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P
<i>Coprococcus comes</i>	0.17	0.03	0.10	0.23	9.4E-07	0.09	0.04	0.01	0.17	2.7E-02	0.14	0.03	0.08	0.19	1.8E-07
<i>Dorea longicatena</i>	0.11	0.03	0.05	0.18	8.5E-04	0.13	0.04	0.05	0.21	1.2E-03	0.12	0.03	0.07	0.17	2.4E-06
<i>Eubacterium ventriosum</i>	0.15	0.03	0.08	0.22	1.7E-05	0.02	0.04	-0.05	0.10	5.7E-01	0.10	0.03	0.05	0.15	1.8E-04

Sensitivity analyses of associations in the discovery and replication cohorts using linear regressions with CLR-transformed relative abundance of microbial species as exposure and appendicular lean mass as the outcome, adjusted for age, gender, height, and body fat mass (and cohort- and batch-specific covariates when needed, i.e. basic adjustment) for the discovery, replication, and combined cohorts. The tests were 2-sided. The  $\beta$  values are given in kg/standard deviation CLR-transformed relative abundance. SE, standard error; LCI, lower 95% confidence interval; UCI, upper 95% confidence interval

**Supplementary Table 7. Associations for the presence of *Coprococcus comes*, *Dorea longicatena*, and *Eubacterium ventriosum* with appendicular lean mass and total lean mass after different adjustments**

	Appendicular mass					Total lean mass					
	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P	N
<i>Coprococcus comes</i>											
Basic model	0.48	0.09	0.30	0.65	7.9E-08	0.97	0.18	0.61	1.34	1.3E-07	5196
Intermediate model	0.45	0.09	0.27	0.63	1.6E-06	0.93	0.19	0.55	1.31	1.9E-06	4773
Full model	0.43	0.10	0.24	0.61	1.0E-05	0.88	0.20	0.49	1.27	1.1E-05	4535
<i>Dorea longicatena</i>											
Basic model	0.45	0.10	0.26	0.64	3.1E-06	0.91	0.20	0.52	1.30	4.9E-06	5196
Intermediate model	0.42	0.10	0.22	0.62	3.3E-05	0.86	0.21	0.45	1.27	4.4E-05	4773
Full model	0.38	0.10	0.18	0.59	2.1E-04	0.78	0.21	0.36	1.20	2.9E-04	4535
<i>Eubacterium ventriosum</i>											
Basic model	0.28	0.05	0.18	0.39	1.1E-07	0.57	0.11	0.35	0.78	2.8E-07	5196
Intermediate model	0.25	0.06	0.14	0.36	4.7E-06	0.52	0.11	0.29	0.74	7.0E-06	4773
Full model	0.22	0.06	0.11	0.33	8.0E-05	0.46	0.12	0.23	0.69	9.9E-05	4535

The linear regressions for the combined cohort (discovery and replication cohorts) included presence or absence of *Dorea longicatena*, *Coprococcus comes*, or *Eubacterium ventriosum* as exposure and appendicular lean mass or total lean mass as the outcome. The tests were 2-sided. Adjustments were: the basic model – age, gender, height, body fat mass, and cohort- and batch-specific covariates; the intermediate model – basic model plus chronic disease, smoking status, stool consistency, and use of prescription medication; and the full model – intermediate model plus alcohol and food intake frequency. The  $\beta$  values are given in kg for presence of microbes. SE, standard error; LCI, lower 95% confidence interval; UCI, upper 95% confidence interval

**Supplementary Table 8. Stratified associations for the presence of *Coprococcus comes*, *Dorea longicatena*, and *Eubacterium ventriosum* with appendicular lean mass and total lean mass**

	Appendicular lean mass					Total lean mass					
	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P	N
<i>Coprococcus comes</i>											
All	0.168	0.030	0.110	0.226	1.7E-08	0.164	0.029	0.106	0.221	2.3E-08	5196
Women	0.173	0.035	0.104	0.242	9.5E-07	0.171	0.035	0.103	0.239	8.8E-07	3317
Men	0.139	0.054	0.033	0.246	1.0E-02	0.135	0.054	0.030	0.240	1.2E-02	1879
Young	0.165	0.043	0.080	0.251	1.4E-04	0.167	0.043	0.084	0.251	8.9E-05	2591
Old	0.164	0.039	0.088	0.240	2.6E-05	0.156	0.039	0.080	0.233	6.1E-05	2605
<i>Dorea longicatena</i>											
All	0.164	0.032	0.101	0.227	3.2E-07	0.159	0.032	0.098	0.221	4.6E-07	5196
Women	0.154	0.038	0.079	0.228	5.8E-05	0.150	0.038	0.076	0.223	6.8E-05	3317
Men	0.163	0.058	0.048	0.277	5.4E-03	0.161	0.058	0.047	0.274	5.5E-03	1879
Young	0.152	0.050	0.054	0.250	2.3E-03	0.152	0.049	0.056	0.248	1.9E-03	2591
Old	0.140	0.040	0.062	0.218	4.3E-04	0.137	0.040	0.059	0.215	5.6E-04	2605
<i>Eubacterium ventriosum</i>											
All	0.090	0.018	0.056	0.125	3.5E-07	0.086	0.017	0.052	0.120	9.4E-07	5196
Women	0.081	0.022	0.039	0.124	1.8E-04	0.076	0.021	0.034	0.118	3.8E-04	3317
Men	0.105	0.030	0.045	0.164	6.0E-04	0.102	0.030	0.043	0.161	7.6E-04	1879
Young	0.102	0.026	0.050	0.154	1.1E-04	0.098	0.026	0.047	0.149	1.6E-04	2591
Old	0.064	0.023	0.019	0.109	5.1E-03	0.062	0.023	0.017	0.107	7.2E-03	2605

Linear regressions with presence or absence of microbial species as exposure and appendicular lean mass and total lean mass as the outcome, adjusted for age, gender, height, body fat mass, and cohort- and batch-specific covariates for the combined cohorts. The tests were 2-sided. The  $\beta$  values are given in standard deviations for the presence of microbes. SE, standard error; LCI, lower 95% confidence interval; UCI, upper 95% confidence interval

**Supplementary Table 9. Combined model evaluating the associations between the presence of *Coprococcus comes*, *Dorea longicatena*, and *Eubacterium ventriosum* and lean mass**

	Appendicular lean mass					Total lean mass				
	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P
<i>Coprococcus comes</i>	0.33	0.10	0.14	0.52	6.1E-04	0.67	0.20	0.28	1.06	7.0E-04
<i>Dorea longicatena</i>	0.24	0.10	0.04	0.44	2.1E-02	0.49	0.21	0.06	0.91	2.4E-02
<i>Eubacterium ventriosum</i>	0.21	0.05	0.11	0.32	9.4E-05	0.43	0.11	0.20	0.65	1.8E-04

Combined linear regression model including presence or absence of *Dorea longicatena*, *Coprococcus comes*, and *Eubacterium ventriosum* as exposures and appendicular lean mass or total lean mass as the outcomes. The tests were 2-sided. Adjustments – age, gender, height, body fat mass, and cohort- and batch-specific covariates. The b values are given in kg for presence of microbes. n=5196. SE, standard error; LCI, lower 95% confidence interval; UCI, upper 95% confidence interval

**Supplementary Table 10. Associations between anabolic species count and lean mass in individuals living in Norway at 1 year of age**

	Appendicular lean mass					Total lean mass					
	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P	$\beta$	SE	LCI	UCI	P	N
All	0.052	0.007	0.038	0.066	5.6E-13	0.050	0.007	0.036	0.064	2.2E-12	5196
Living in Norway at 1 year of age	0.053	0.007	0.039	0.068	5.7E-13	0.051	0.007	0.036	0.065	2.8E-12	5003

Linear regressions with anabolic species count as exposure and appendicular lean mass and total lean mass as the outcome, adjusted for age, gender, height, body fat mass, and cohort- and batch-specific covariates. The tests were 2-sided. The  $\beta$  values are given in standard deviations per anabolic species count. SE, standard error; LCI, lower 95% confidence interval; UCI, upper 95% confidence interval

**Supplementary Table 11. Correlation between anabolic bacterial species and circulating metabolites**

Metabolite	Spearman's rho	<i>p</i> -value
<i>Coprococcus comes</i>		
Negative associations		
p-cresol sulfate	-0.16	1.72E-46
phenylacetate	-0.14	5.09E-39
p-cresol glucuronide	-0.13	7.32E-35
5-hydroxyhexanoate	-0.13	1.91E-32
Positive associations		
cortolone glucuronide (1)	0.12	4.54E-29
metabolonic lactone sulfate	0.12	8.85E-27
N-stearoyl-sphingosine (d18:1/18:0)	0.11	1.44E-22
4-hydroxyglutamate	0.10	9.14E-21
<i>Dorea longicatena</i>		
Negative associations		
p-cresol sulfate	-0.15	1.07E-42
3b-hydroxy-5-cholenoic acid	-0.13	2.47E-32
p-cresol glucuronide	-0.12	2.72E-28
5-hydroxyhexanoate	-0.12	2.69E-28
Positive associations		
2-piperidinone	0.16	3.55E-50
ursodeoxycholate	0.14	8.41E-36
metabolonic lactone sulfate	0.12	1.21E-29
cortolone glucuronide (1)	0.11	5.99E-24
<i>Eubacterium ventriosum</i>		
Negative associations		
phenylacetylglutamine	-0.10	2.29E-21
p-cresol sulfate	-0.10	1.88E-19
p-cresol glucuronide	-0.10	1.27E-19
phenylacetate	-0.10	1.28E-18
Positive associations		
1,5-anhydroglucitol (1,5-AG)	0.07	7.32E-11
xanthurenate	0.06	5.08E-09
indolepropionate	0.06	4.77E-09
2-piperidinone	0.06	5.15E-08

Table shows top 4 negative and top 4 positive correlations (2-sided) per bacteria from the dataset by Dekkers et al (Nat Commun 2022). Ranking is based on Spearman's rho for negative and positive associations, respectively, among the 1052 annotated metabolites out of the 1321 total metabolites. n=8583

**Supplementary Table 12. Descriptives comparing the different subgroups of the HUNT4 study**

	HUNT4 (n=55561)	Individuals without feces samples (n=42293)	Individuals with feces samples (n=13268)	Discovery (n=2866)	Replication (n=2330)	Combined (n=5196)	Combined cohort with BMD data (n=1028)
<b>All</b>							
Women (% <sup>a</sup> , n) <sup>a</sup>	55.0 (30534)	53.1 (22440)	61.0 (8094)	59.4 (1703)	69.3 (1614)	63.8 (3317)	71.4 (734)
Age (yr)	54.9 (17.8)	53.5 (18.6)	59.6 (14.2)	60.3 (13.9)	53.8 (14.0)	57.4 (14.3)	60.7 (12.3)
Appendicular lean mass (kg)	22.8 (5.2) <sup>b</sup>	23.1 (5.3) <sup>c</sup>	22.0 (4.8) <sup>d</sup>	22.1 (4.8)	21.7 (4.7)	21.9 (4.8)	21.2 (4.6)
Total lean mass (kg)	51.6 (10.9) <sup>b</sup>	52.2 (11.1) <sup>c</sup>	50.0 (10.2) <sup>d</sup>	50.2 (10.2)	49.2 (9.8)	49.8 (10.0)	48.4 (9.8)
<b>Women</b>							
Age (yr)	54.6 (18.1)	53.2 (19.1)	58.4 (14.4)	58.6 (14.1)	53.4 (13.9)	56.1 (14.2)	60.1 (12.5)
Appendicular lean mass (kg)	19.0 (2.7) <sup>c</sup>	19.1 (2.8) <sup>f</sup>	18.9 (2.5) <sup>g</sup>	19.0 (2.7)	19.2 (2.4)	19.1 (2.6)	18.9 (2.4)
Total lean mass (kg)	43.8 (5.7) <sup>c</sup>	43.8 (5.8) <sup>f</sup>	43.6 (5.4) <sup>g</sup>	43.7 (5.6)	44.0 (5.1)	43.8 (5.4)	43.4 (5.1)
<b>Men</b>							
Age (yr)	55.3 (17.5)	53.7 (18.0)	61.6 (13.6)	62.9 (13.1)	54.7 (14.3)	59.7 (14.2)	62.3 (11.8)
Appendicular lean mass (kg)	27.3 (3.8) <sup>h</sup>	27.4 (3.8) <sup>i</sup>	26.8 (3.5) <sup>j</sup>	26.6 (3.5)	27.3 (3.5)	26.9 (3.5)	27.1 (3.5)
Total lean mass (kg)	61.0 (7.9) <sup>h</sup>	61.3 (8.0) <sup>i</sup>	60.2 (7.4) <sup>j</sup>	59.8 (7.3)	61.0 (7.4)	60.3 (7.4)	60.8 (7.2)

Data are mean (standard deviation), unless otherwise specified. <sup>a</sup>Data are % (n), missing n = <sup>b</sup>4399, <sup>c</sup>3901, <sup>d</sup>498, <sup>e</sup>2673, <sup>f</sup>2375, <sup>g</sup>298, <sup>h</sup>1726, <sup>i</sup>1526, <sup>j</sup>200



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