SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Supplemental Methods

<u>*C. innocuum* isolation from stool</u>. Clinical stool samples were saved by the clinical microbiology laboratory and stored at 4°C for up to 1 week prior to being aliquoted and stored at -80°C. To isolate *C. innocuum*, patient stool samples were thawed, and 200 mg aliquots were resuspended in 1 ml of saline. Sterile swabs were used to plate on pre-reduced cycloserine-cefoxitin-fructose agar with sodium taurocholate (TCCFA) with or without 1µg/ml vancomycin to further select for *C. innocuum*. Plates were then incubated for 72 h at 37°C in an anaerobic chamber (5% hydrogen, 5% CO₂, 90% N₂). Stools that did not grow *C. innocuum* underwent ethanol shock for culture enrichment. An equal volume of 95% ethanol was added, and the mixture was incubated with shaking at 220 rpm at room temperature for 45 min. Samples were then centrifuged at 2,000xg for 15 min, and pellets were washed twice with saline and plated onto TCCFA and incubated as described above. Individual colonies were then selected and re-streaked onto Blood Agar Plates (TSA w/5% sheep blood). Single colonies were then picked and grown in Tryptic Soy Broth (TSB) (Millipore Sigma, Burlington, MA) as described below. *C. innocuum* was identified by matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization- time of flight (MALDI-TOF) using the Bruker biotyper (Bruker, Billerica, MA). Further confirmation was identified by whole genome sequencing (see below).

<u>Bacterial isolates and culture conditions</u>. All bacterial isolates and plasmids used are listed in **Table S3**. In an anaerobic chamber, *C. innocuum* isolates were first cultured on blood agar plates and incubated for 24 h at 37°C. Single colonies were re-cultured for 24-48 h when indicated. For cloning, TOPO[®]10 *Escherichi coli* (Life Technologies Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA) was grown at 37°C shaking in Luria-Bertani (LB) broth with 50–100 µg/ml ampicillin, when needed for plasmid maintenance.

<u>Strain construction</u>. *C. innocuum* (CI) amplicon was generated by identifying the core genome from 5 publicly available whole genome sequences (NCBI accessions CP022722.1, CZBW01, AGYV01, JQIF01, and FOTN01) using Spine [1]. Primer3 v2.5.0 was used to generate primer sets from the consensus core genome. Primer sets were screened using *in silico* PCR (https://github.com/egonozer/in_silico_pcr) against all available reference and draft genome sequences and one set was selected that was found in each genome with no mismatches or indels.

The primer set was found to amplify an intergenic region upstream of the tRNA-Ser gene with locus ID G4D54_RS11630. NCBI Primer Blast was used to screen the primer set for amplification against the RefSeq representative genomes database filtered for all bacteria (taxid 2) and *Homo sapiens* (taxid 9606) with only *C. innocuum* species producing an amplicon. To further confirm our primer set was specific to *C. innocuum*, we performed *in silico* PCR against 60,664 draft genome assemblies produced from metagenomic sequencing of human gut samples from multiple experiments [2]. Our amplicon primers amplified unique nucleotide sequences only found in *C. innocuum*. The CI amplicon sequence was generated using the primers indicated in **Table S4**, and was cloned into pCR[™]II-TOPO[®] TA. PCR and sequencing confirmed the identity of vector inserts. Plasmids were introduced into TOPO[®]10 *E. coli* using Rapid One Shot[®] TOPO[®] TA Cloning[®] (Life Technologies Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA) chemical transformation protocol. The plasmid containing CI amplicon was used as a positive control for qPCR experiments.

<u>*C. innocuum* Quantitative PCR</u>: Genomic DNA (gDNA) was extracted from stool samples (100 mg) using QIAaMP PowerFecal Pro DNA Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) following the manufacturer's protocol. Quantitative PCR (qPCR) for *C. innocuum* was performed using PowerUp[™] SYBR[™] Green Master Mix (Applied Biosystems[™], Waltham, MA) and qPCR amplicon primers listed in **Table S4**. qPCR samples were then run on a QuantStudio 6 Flex using QuantStudio Real-Time PCR Software v1.7.1 for analysis (Applied Biosystems[™], Waltham, MA).

<u>*C. difficile tcdB* PCR</u>: *C. difficile tcdB* endpoint PCR was performed on either gDNA extracted from stool samples using QIAaMP PowerFecal Pro DNA Kit or from a 2 ml bacterial culture overnight using the QIAamp BiOstic Bacteremia DNA Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) following the manufacturer's instructions. Primers used to amplify *tcbB* are indicated in **Table S4**. Cycling Conditions: 95°C 5 min; 40 cycles of: (95°C for 1 min, 55°C for 1 min, 72°C for 1 min); 72°C 10 min; Hold at 4°C.

Whole genome sequencing and analyses

<u>Genomic DNA extraction</u>: The gDNA was extracted from single colonies cultured overnight using appropriate growth conditions as described above and the QIAamp BiOstic Bacteremia DNA Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) following the manufacturer's protocol.

Library preparation and whole genome sequencing (WGS): Libraries for Illumina sequencing were prepared using Nextera XT library kits (Illumina, Inc., San Diego, CA) or plexWell library kits (seqWell, Beverly, MA) and sequenced on the Illumina MiSeq platform to generate paired-end 300 bp reads. Reads were quality trimmed and adapters removed using Trimmomatic (v0.36) [3], and *de novo* assembly was performed using SPAdes version 3.9.1 [4]. Assembly sequences were annotated with prokka v1.14.6 [5] using the *C. innocuum* strain ATCC 14501 (NCBI accession NZ_CP048838) as reference. WGS data, analyses, and genome accession numbers are contained in **Table S5**.

<u>Phylogenomic and comparative genomics analyses</u>: Core genome plylogenomic relationships between sequenced *C. innocuum* isolates were determined from whole genome assemblies using kSNP v3.01 [6]. Two additional *C. innocuum* strains were included in the analyses, the ATCC reference strain 14501 [7, 8] and LC-LUMC-CI-001 (LC-CI), a strain isolated from the stool of an adult thought to have *C. innocuum*-associated diarrhea [9]. Cladogram figures were generated using EvolView [10, 11].

To identify accessory genomic elements, the core genome of the 119 assembled genome sequences was determined using Spine v0.3.2 and accessory genome sequences of each isolate were determined using AGEnt v0.3.1 [1] ClustAGE v0.8.1 [12] as used to identify unique accessory genomic elements (AGEs) and determine their distributions among the set of assembled sequences. Cramer's V statistic for association with isolates from individuals with diarrheal illness was calculated for each accessory element in R using the *rcompanion* package v2.4.1 [13].

Supplemental Results

Prevalence of C. innocuum: Adult and Pediatric Subgroup Analyses

Overall, *C. innocuum* was isolated by culture from stool from 126/300 (42%) subjects. Among these, *C. innocuum* was isolated by culture from the stool of 71/150 (47%) adults and 55/150 (36%) children (p=0.06). Children had a lower median (IQR) ct values than the adult group (24.34 [19.85-27.31] vs. 25.33 [21.58-28.29]; p=0.03).

Among adults, *C. innocuum* was isolated by culture more frequently among asymptomatic controls: 30/50 (60%) from subjects with AAD and 41/100 (41%) from asymptomatic controls (*p*=0.03; **Figure S1A**). However, qPCR ct values between asymptomatic and diarrheal symptomatic adults were not significantly different, with median (IQR) ct values of 24.9 (22.5-26.1) vs. 25.6 (21.4-28.7), respectively (*p*=0.42; **Figure S1C**). From subjects with AAD who were colonized with *C. difficile*, *C. innocuum* was isolated more frequently and had lower median (IQR) ct values (56% and 24.9 [21.2-27.6]) than those who were not colonized with *C. difficile* (26% [*p*=0.04]; and 27.9 [23-29.5], *p*=0.002; **Figure S1B and Figure S1D**).

Among children with or without AAD, *C. innocuum* was isolated by culture at a similar frequency: 20/50 (40%) subjects with AAD and 35/100 (35%) asymptomatic controls (p=0.06; **Figure S2A**). Asymptomatic controls had lower median (IQR) ct values than the diarrheal group (23.2 [18.9-26.8] vs. 25.2 [21.3-28.0], p=0.02; **Figure S2C**). From subjects with AAD who were colonized with *C. difficile*, *C. innocuum* was isolated at a similar frequency and had similar stool qPCR ct values (42% and 24.3 [19.9-28.1]) than those who were not colonized with *C. difficile* (28% [p=0.15]; and 25.7 [23.1-27.5], p>0.9999; **Figure S2B and Figure S2D**).

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Supplemental Tables

Table S1: Demographic and clinical characteristics of included subjects in AAD and asymptomatic control pediatric and adult subgroups

	Study Cohort (n=300)	Pediatric: AAD, C. diff colonized (n=50)	Pediatric: AAD, C. diff non- colonized (n=50)	Pediatric: Asymptomatic controls (n=50)	Adult: AAD, C. diff colonized (n=50)	Adult: AAD, C. diff non- colonized (n=50)	Adult: Asymptomatic controls (n=50)
Age (y)							
Median (IQR)	20 (9-59)	11 (6-16)	12 (6-15)	6 (4-11)	58 (47-71)	60 (48-69)	20 (11-59)
Age (y) range	2-94	(2-18)	(2-18)	(2-17)	(24-94)	(22-92)	2-94
Sex (male)	155 (51.7%)	36 (72%)	25 (50%)	25 (50%)	18 (36%)	26 (52%)	25 (50%)
Race/Ethnicity							
Asian	11 (3.7%)	3 (6%)	1 (2%)	4 (8%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)
American Indian/Alaska Native	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Black	64 (21.3%)	6 (12%)	4 (8%)	8 (16%)	14 (28%)	12 (24%)	20 (40%)
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
White	169 (56.3%)	25 (50%)	31 (62%)	25 (50%)	31 (62%)	32 (64%)	25 (50%)
Unknown	6 (2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (2%)	2 (4%)	3 (6%)	0 (0%)
Other	50 (16.7%)	16 (32%)	14 (28%)	12 (24%)	2 (4%)	2 (4%)	4 (8%)
Ethnicity							
Hispanic or Latino	57 (19%)	16 (32%)	15 (30%)	11 (22%)	6 (12%)	5 (10%)	4 (8%)
Not Hispanic or Latino	237 (79%)	34 (68%)	34 (68%)	39 (78%)	42 (84%)	42 (84%)	46 (92%)
Unknown	6 (2%)	0 (0%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	2 (4%)	3 (6%)	0 (0%)
Comorbidities							
Any comorbid condition	273 (91%)	48 (96%)	45 (90%)	45 (90%)	47 (94%)	46 (92%)	42 (84%)
Malignancy/stem cell transplant	95 (31 7%)	18 (36%)	19 (38%)	16 (32%)	14 (28%)	23 (46%)	5 (10%)
IBD	6 (2%)	2 (4%)	3 (6%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)
Non-IBD gastrointestinal condition	34 (11.3%)	10 (20%)	9 (18%)	2 (4%)	5 (10%)	6 (12%)	2 (4%)
Solid organ transplant	32 (10.7%)	5 (10%)	4 (8%)	2 (4%)	10 (20%)	6 (12%)	5 (10%)
Other immunocompromising condition	21 (7%)	5 (10%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	9 (18%)	3 (6%)	3 (6%)
Cardiovascular	99 (33%)	6 (12%)	4 (8%)	7 (14%)	25 (50%)	25 (50%)	32 (64%)

Liver	7 (2.3%)	0 (0%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	3 (6%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)
Kidney	32 (10.7%)	1 (2%)	4 (8%)	2 (4%)	9 (18%)	8 (16%)	8 (16%)
Pulmonary	20 (6.7%)	1 (2%)	2 (4%)	9 (18%)	0 (0%)	3 (6%)	5 (10%)
Endocrine/Diabetes	34 (11.3%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	11 (22%)	8 (16%)	13 (26%)
Antibiotic exposure (past 30d)							
Any systemic antibiotic	263 (87.7%)	50 (100%)	50 (100%)	37 (74%)	50 (100%)	50 (100%)	26 (52%)
Third/fourth generation cephalosporin	103 (34.3%)	19 (38%)	23 (46%)	17 (34%)	13 (26%)	23 (46%)	8 (16%)
Clindamycin	16 (5.3%)	4 (8%)	3 (6%)	6 (12%)	0 (0%)	1 (2%)	2 (4%)
Fluoroquinolone	45 (15%)	2 (4%)	7 (14%)	4 (8%)	12 (24%)	18 (36%)	2 (4%)

Table S2. tcdB Endpoint PCR of asymptomatic control subjects

	<i>C. difficile tcdB</i> PCR positive	<i>C. difficile tcdB</i> PCR negative	Total
C. innocuum culture positive	10	40	50 (50%)
C. innocuum culture negative	9	41	50 (50%)
Total	19 (19%)	81 (81%)	100

Association between *C. difficile tcdB* PCR and *C. innocuum* culture positivity: Cramer's V = 0.03 (no association)

Table S3. Bacterial strains and plasmids used in this study

Strain or plasmid		Relevant genotype or description	Source or reference
	E. coli		
Strains	One Shot [®] TOP10 Competent Cells	F- mcrA Δ (mrr-hsdRMS-mcrBC) φ 80lacZ Δ M15 Δ lacX74 recA1 araD139 Δ (araleu)7697 galU galK rpsL (StrR) endA1 nupG	Life Technologies
	pCR™II-TOPO [®]		Life Technologies
Plasmids	pCR™II- TOPO [®] /CI amplicon	pCR™II-TOPO/CI-amplicon cloned; amp ^R	This study

Table S4. Primers used for *C. difficile* endpoint PCR and *C. innocuum* qPCR

Primer Name	Primer Sequence
tcdB-F5670	CCAAARTGGAGTGTTACAAACAGGTG
tcdB-R6079A	GCATTTCTCCATTCTCAGCAAAGTA
tcdB-R6079B	GCATTTCTCCGTTTTCAGCAAAGTA
Cl_amplicon F	TTTGAAGCAGACCTCTTCCG
CI_amplicon R	ATACAGCGGTATGCAGATTCC

Table S5: Accession numbers and whole genome sequencing read data for included samples

Genome Accession	Biosample Accession	Isolate ID	Study Tree Label	Trimmed Reads (bp)	Contigs (n)	Genome Assembly size (bp)	Fold coverage
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SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURES

Figure S1. C. innocuum culture positivity rates and cycle threshold values from adult subjects with AAD and asymptomatic controls.

(A-B) Percent C. innocuum (CI) culture positivity rates for a cohort of subjects with (panel A) diarrhea (Di) or asymptomatic controls (As), and (panel B) subjects with diarrhea who are either C. difficile colonized (Di-CDC) or C. difficile negative (Di-CDN). (C-D) Box plots of CI cycle threshold (Ct) values as determined by qPCR of (panel C) As and Di subjects, and (panel D) As, Di-CDC, and Di-CDN. Boxes show the median, 25th and 75th percentiles. The whiskers represent the maximum and minimum data values.

Ns, not significant; *p-value < 0.05 (or Bonferroni-corrected p value <0.25 for pairwise comparisons of multiple groups in panels B and D); **p-value < 0.01; ***p-value < 0.001





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Figure S2. C. innocuum culture positivity rates and cycle threshold values from pediatric subjects with

AAD and asymptomatic controls.

(A-B) Percent *C. innocuum* (CI) culture positivity rates for a cohort of subjects with (panel A) diarrhea (Di) or asymptomatic controls (As), and (panel B) subjects with diarrhea who are either *C. difficile* colonized (Di-CDC) or *C. difficile* negative (Di-CDN). (C-D) Box plots of CI cycle threshold (Ct) values as determined by qPCR of (panel C) As and Di subjects, and (panel D) As, Di-CDC, and Di-CDN. Boxes show the median, 25th and 75th percentiles. The whiskers represent the maximum and minimum data values.

ns, not significant; *p-value < 0.05 (or Bonferroni-corrected p value <0.25 for pairwise comparisons of multiple groups in panels B and D); **p-value < 0.01; ***p-value < 0.001





Figure S3. Cladogram of *C. innocuum* isolates stratified by age group.

C. innocuum isolates from children (n=55) and adults (n=64) are identified by pink and gray bars,

respectively. The two reference strains, LC-CI [9] and CI-ATCC [8], are indicated by the black bar.

