

**S5 Table:** Linear model statistics of species richness (SR) estimates from ARISA and Illumina sequencing at different sequence similarity threshold (SST) clustering values.

16S region	SST	slope	R <sup>2</sup>	F-value	p-value
V3	85	0.76	0.20	4.59	0.05
V3	90	0.95	0.18	3.85	0.07
V3	95	1.27	0.18	3.81	0.07
<b>V3</b>	<b>97</b>	1.42	0.18	3.99	0.06
V3	99	1.38	0.19	4.09	0.06
V4	85	0.71	0.12	2.54	0.13
V4	90	0.67	0.08	1.66	0.21
V4	95	0.10	0.00	0.03	0.87
<b>V4</b>	<b>97</b>	-0.25	0.01	0.14	0.72
V4	99	-0.66	0.05	0.86	0.37
V5	85	0.40	0.09	1.85	0.19
V5	90	0.65	0.13	2.68	0.12
V5	95	1.01	0.15	3.21	0.09
<b>V5</b>	<b>97</b>	1.22	0.18	3.89	0.06
V5	99	1.37	0.19	4.24	0.05