## This document contains Supplementary Table 1, Figure 1 and Figure 2.

## Subtractive assembly for comparative metagenomics, and its application to type 2 diabetes metagenomes

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**Supplementary Table 1**. Functional roles involved in the 'Fructooligosaccharides (FOS) and Raffinose Utilization' subsystem.

Column	Abbrev	Functional Role	#Hits
1	MsmR	MSM (multiple sugar metabolism) operon regulatory protein	3
2	MsmE	Multiple sugar ABC transporter, substrate-binding protein	8
3	MsmF	Multiple sugar ABC transporter, membrane-spanning permease protein MsmF	4
4	MsmG	Multiple sugar ABC transporter, membrane-spanning permease protein MsmG	4
5	MsmK	Multiple sugar ABC transporter, ATP-binding protein	6
6	SacA	Sucrose-6-phosphate hydrolase (EC 3.2.1.B3)	10
7	GtfA	Sucrose phosphorylase (EC 2.4.1.7)	8
8	DexB	Glucan 1,6-alpha-glucosidase (EC 3.2.1.70)	0
9	RafR	Raffinose operon transcriptional regulatory protein RafR	0
10	RafB	Raffinose permease	0
11	LacY	Lactose permease	0
12	Aga	Alpha-galactosidase (EC 3.2.1.22)	20
13	yesM	Two-component sensor kinase YesM (EC 2.7.3)	5
14	Man	Alpha-mannosidase (EC 3.2.1.24)	5
15	BG	Beta-glucosidase (EC 3.2.1.21)	30
16	Hyl	Hyaluronoglucosaminidase (EC 3.2.1.35)	0



**Supplementary Figure 1**. Percentage of extracted reads from non-differential genomes by subtractive assembly on S1 vs. S2 in Group 2 of Simulation 1 (see Table 1 for more information). The x-axis shows the values of *k*-mer ratio parameter r (2 to 5) and y-axis shows the fraction (%) of reads from non-differential genomes in the extracted reads.



**Supplementary Figure 2**.Comparison of the cumulative contig length between subtractive assembly (red) and direct assembly (blue) of *R. palustris* HaA2 (Simulation 2) by using MEGAHIT as the assembler. On the x-axis, contigs are ordered from largest to smallest. The y-axis gives the size of the x largest contigs in the assembly.