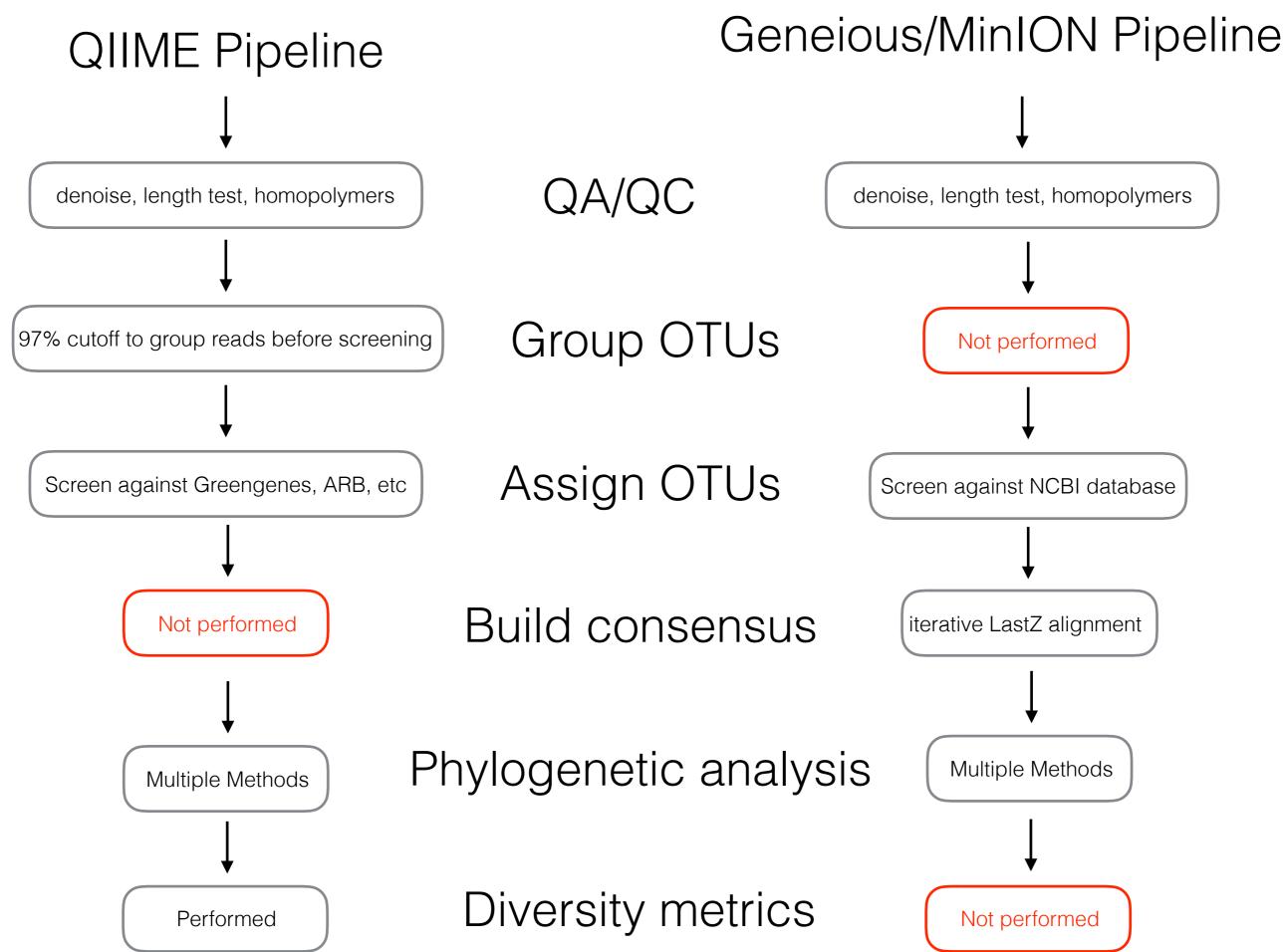
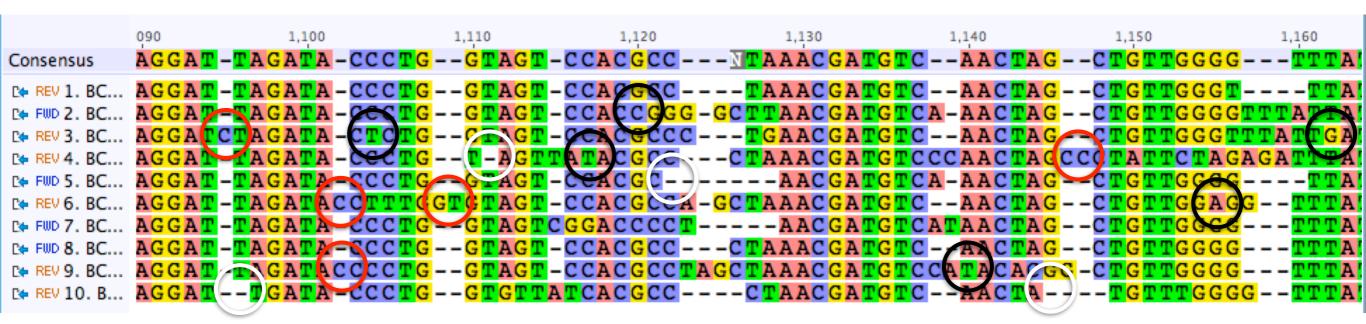
Figure S1:



## Figure S2:

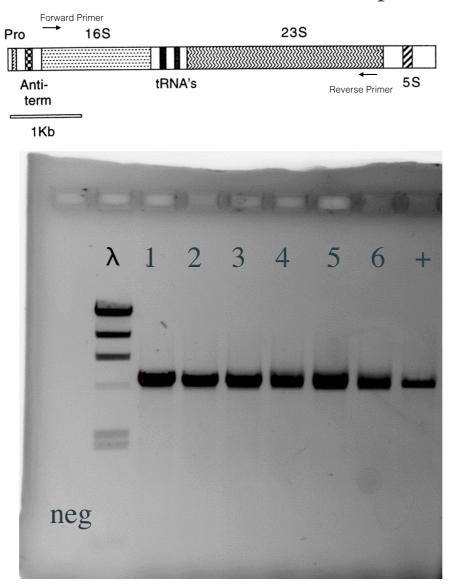


Insertions (red circle), deletions (white circle), and miscalled bases (black circle).

The consensus sequence is shown on the top row.

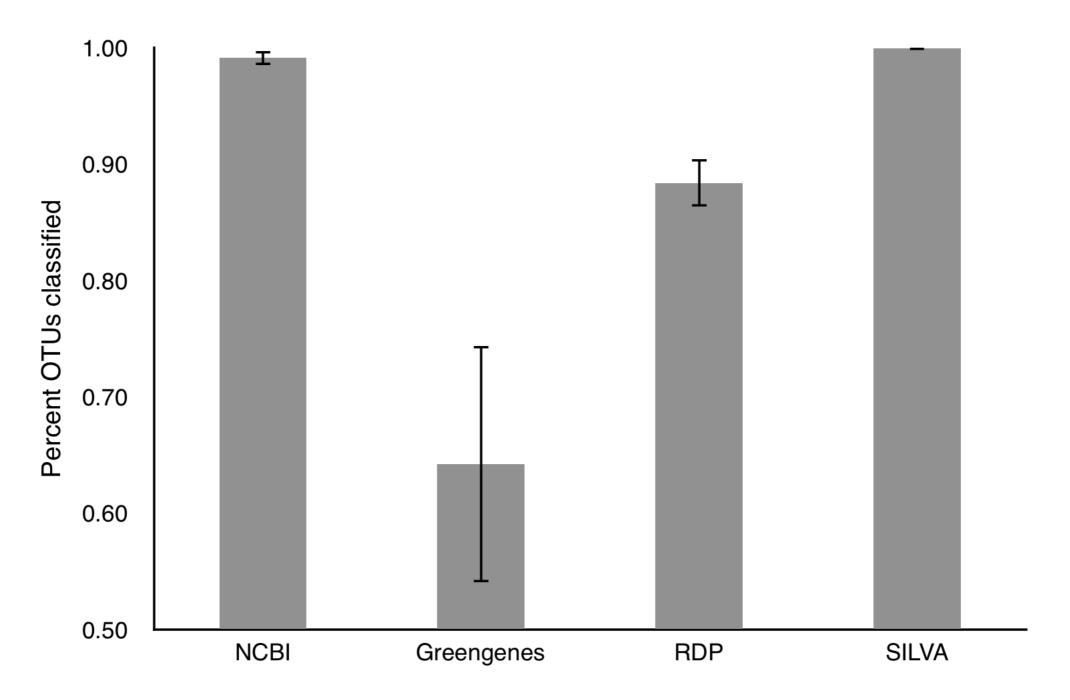
# Figure S3:

### Schematic of a bacterial rRNA operon



The lanes indicate the various barcoded samples, the PCR negative (neg) and positive (+) controls, and lambda molecular weight standard.

Figure S4:



Unclassified OTUs are either defined as unclassified in the database or <70% identity over 500 bp. Data represents averages for the various biological replicates and the error bars are the standard deviation.

Figure S5:

C+ Cnitrati93

C+ cNitrati92

C Cnitrati91

C+ Cnitrati90

C+ Cnitrati89
C+ Cnitriti87

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#### Stenotrophomonas maltophilia (100-79% similarity)

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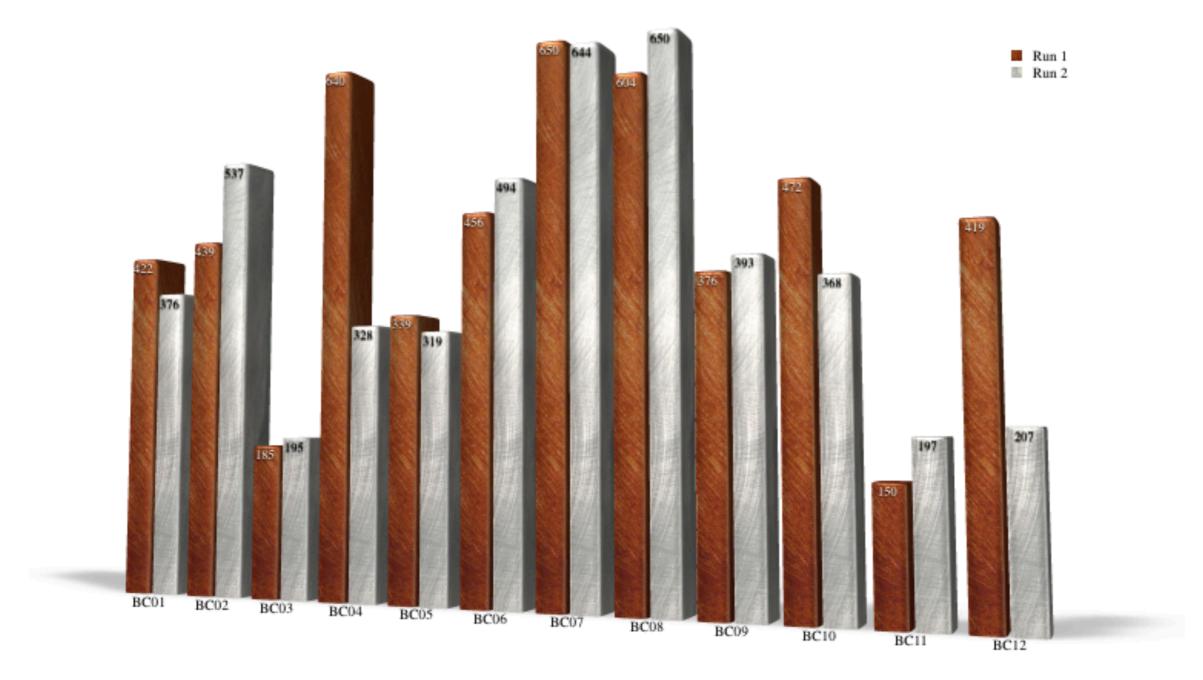
#### Comomonas denitrificans (100-79% similarity)



Random substitutions and insertions/deletions were created in three 16S rRNA genes to generate 12-13 sequences between 79-100% identity.

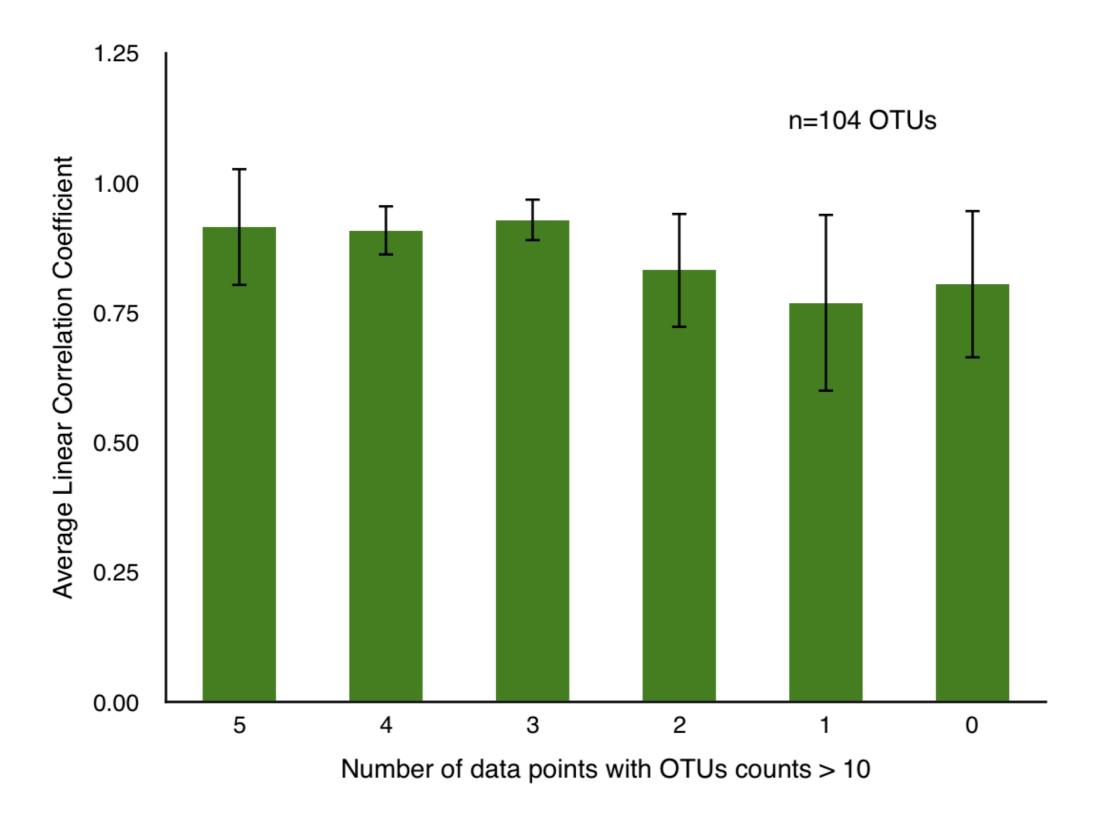
The positions of the substitutions are indicated below by the black lines. All sequences were then screened in Geneious and the results are shown in Additional Table 2.

## Figure S6:



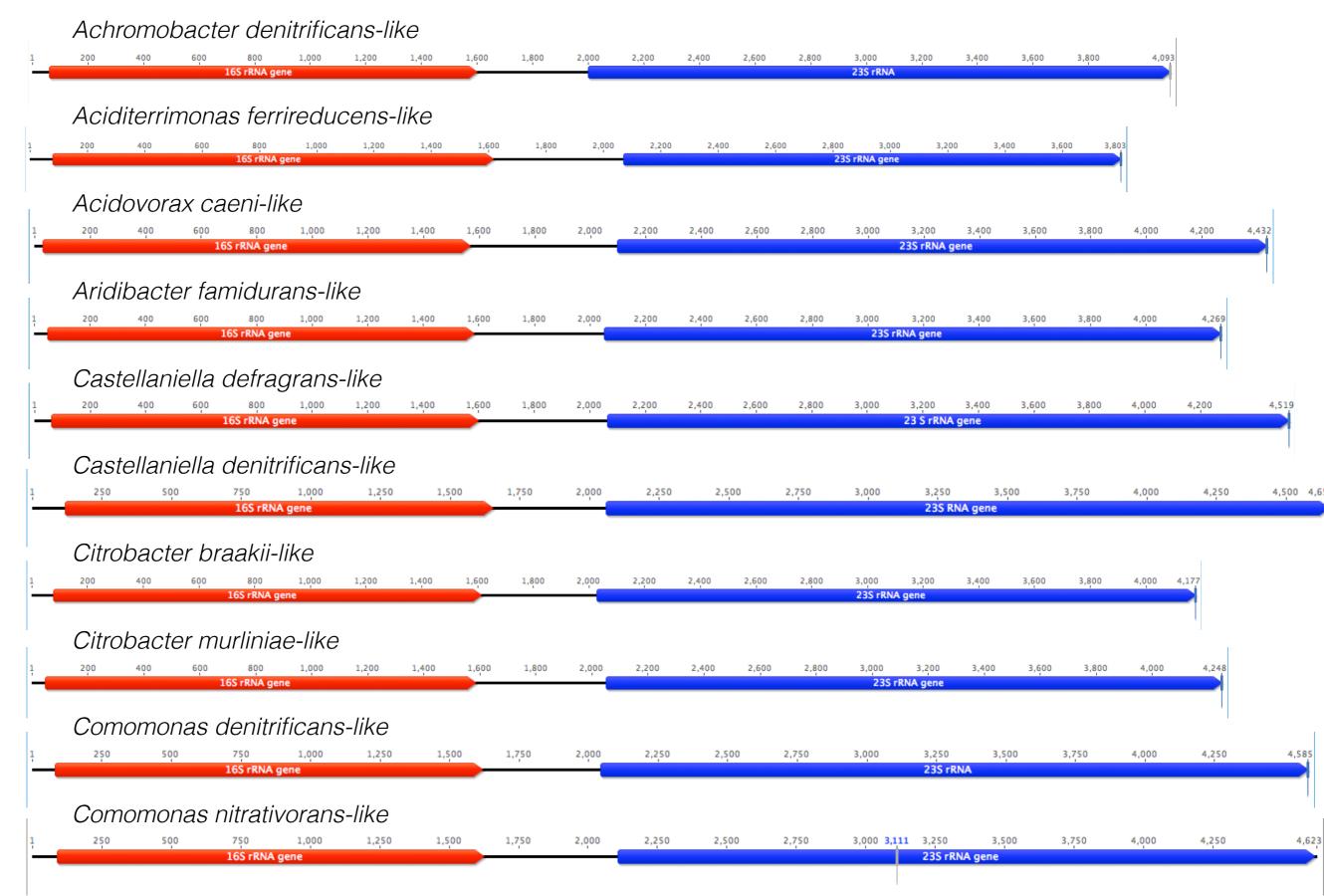
Barcode for different DNA samples

## Figure S7:



Samples are grouped into the number of data points with >10 OTUs. Error bars represent the standard deviation.

# Figure S8:



16S rRNA genes (red) and the 23S rRNA genes (blue) indicated.

## Figure S9: Acidovorax wautersii

	Biological Rep 1	Biological Rep 2	Biological Rep 3	Biological Rep 4	
Biological Rep 1	-	100	100	100	
Biological Rep 2	100	-	100	100	
Biological Rep 3	100	100	-	100	
Biological Rep 4	100	100	100	-	

#### Comomonas nitrativorans

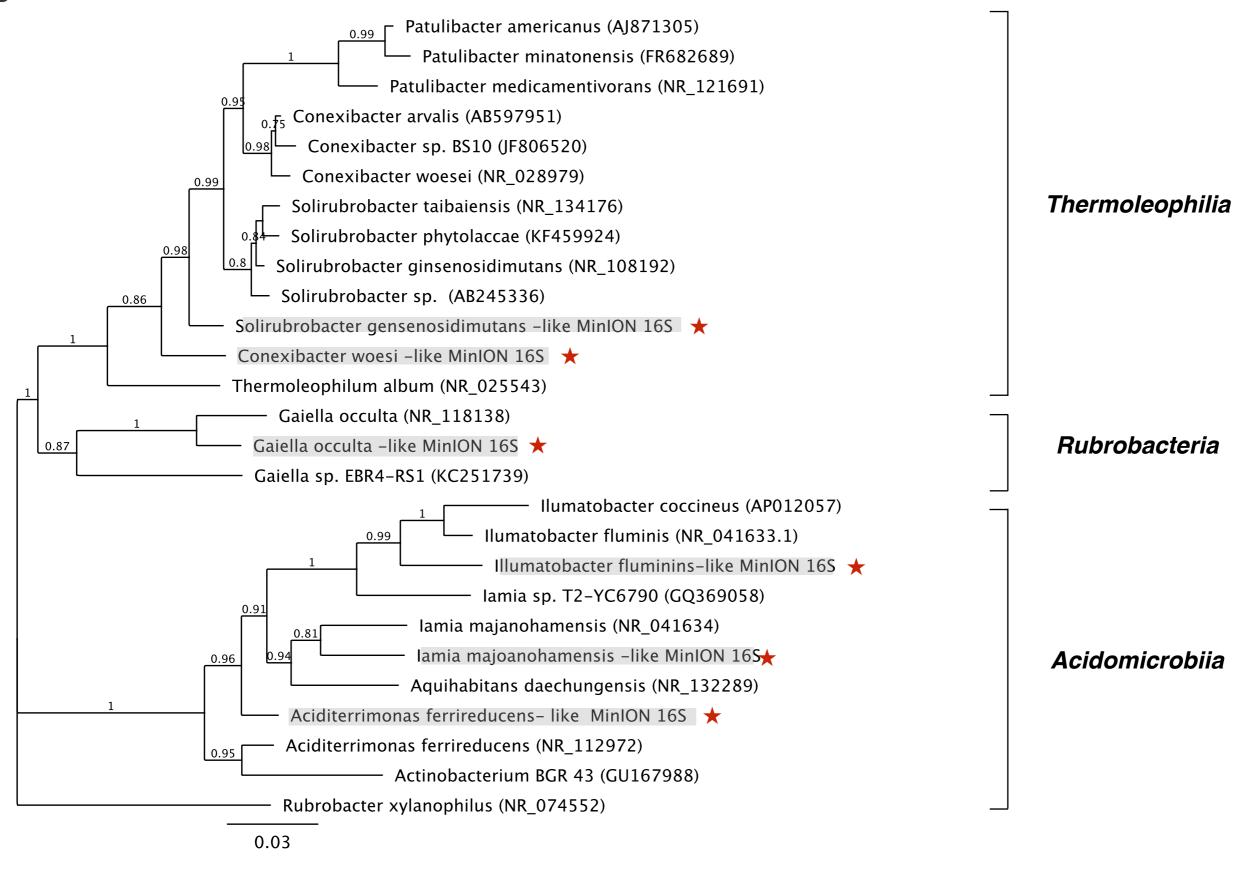
	Biological Rep 1	Biological Rep 2	Biological Rep 3	Biological Rep 4	
Biological Rep 1	-	100	100	100	
Biological Rep 2	100	-	100	100	
Biological Rep 3	100	100	-	100	
Biological Rep 4	100	100	100	-	

### Stenotrophomonas rhizophilia

	Biological Rep 1	Biological Rep 2	Biological Rep 3	Biological Rep 4
Biological Rep 1	-	100 100		100
Biological Rep 2	100	- 100		100
Biological Rep 3	100	100	-	100
Biological Rep 4	100	100	100	-

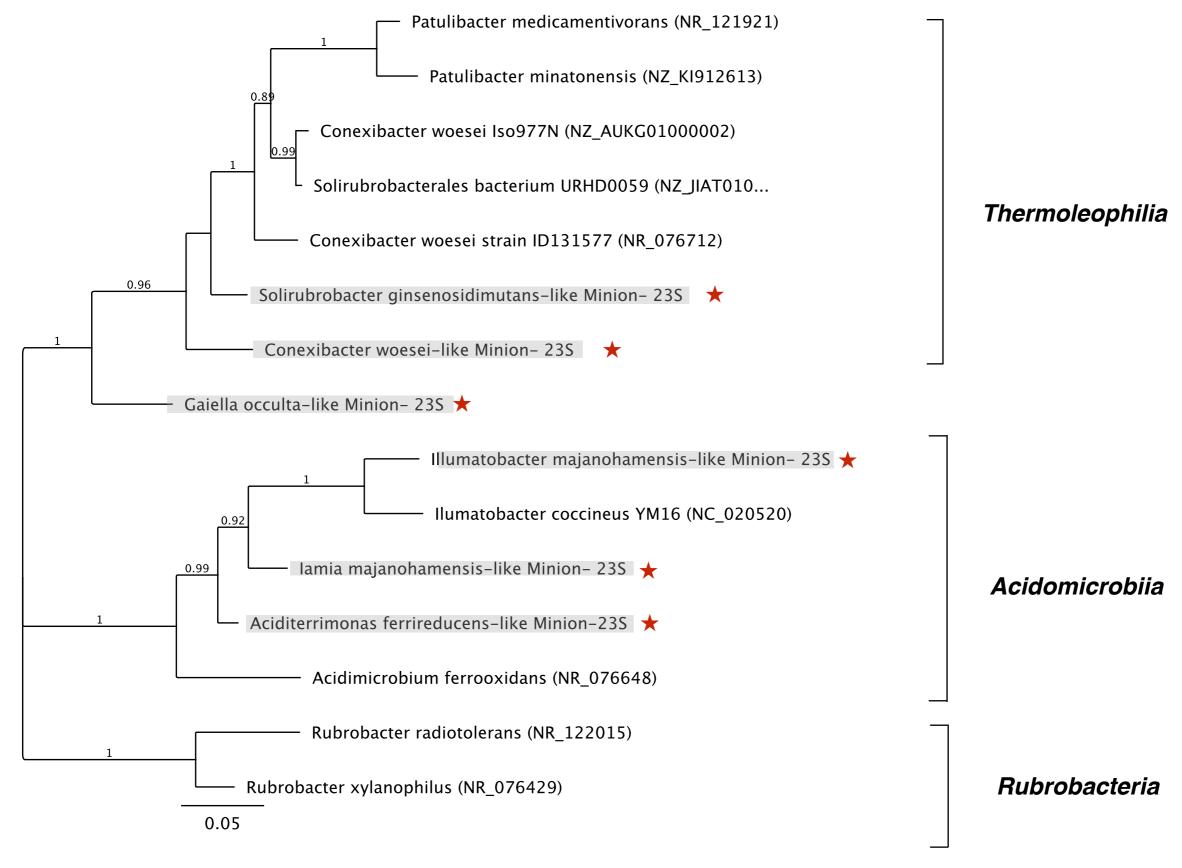
DNA from each biological replicate was amplified, sequenced, and processed separately to assess errors from consensus building. All 16S rRNA gene consensus sequences from the replicates were found to be identical.

Figure S10:



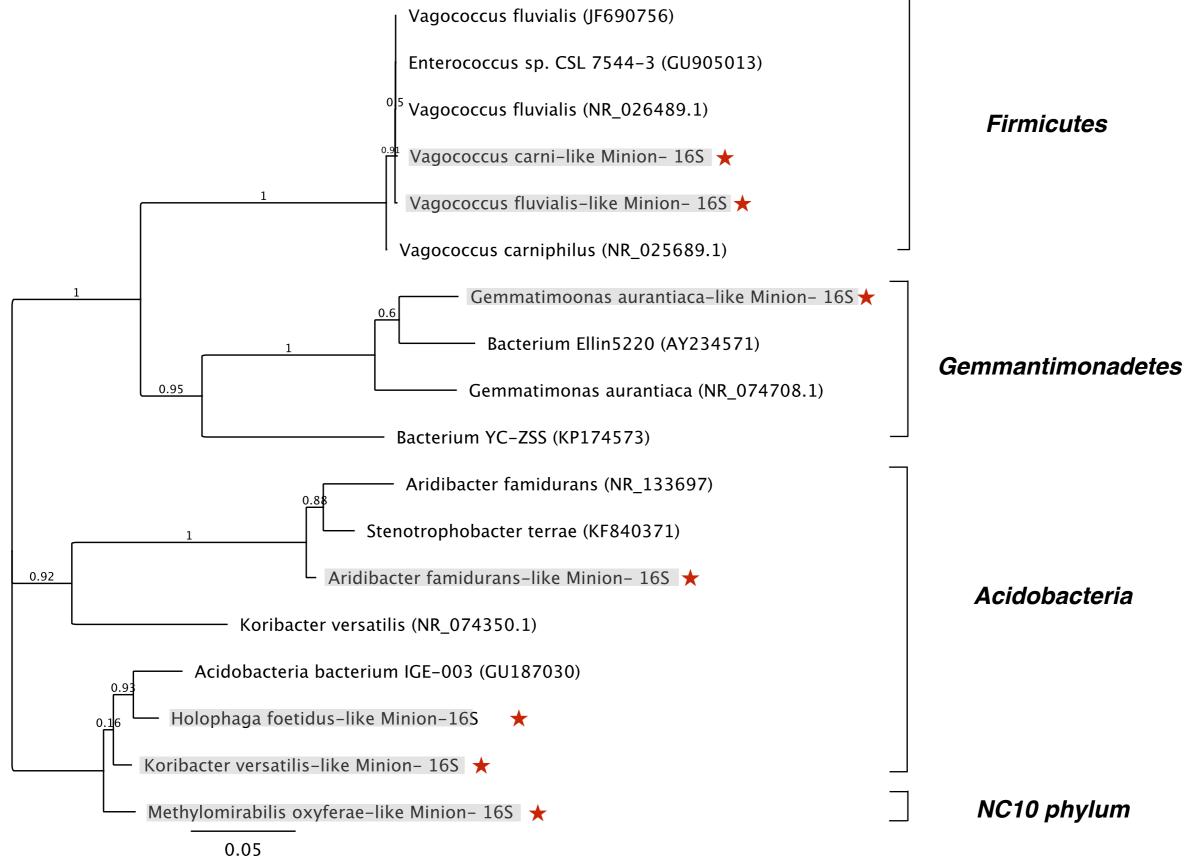
Tree reconstructions using FastTree for 1252 unambiguously aligned bases.

Figure S11:



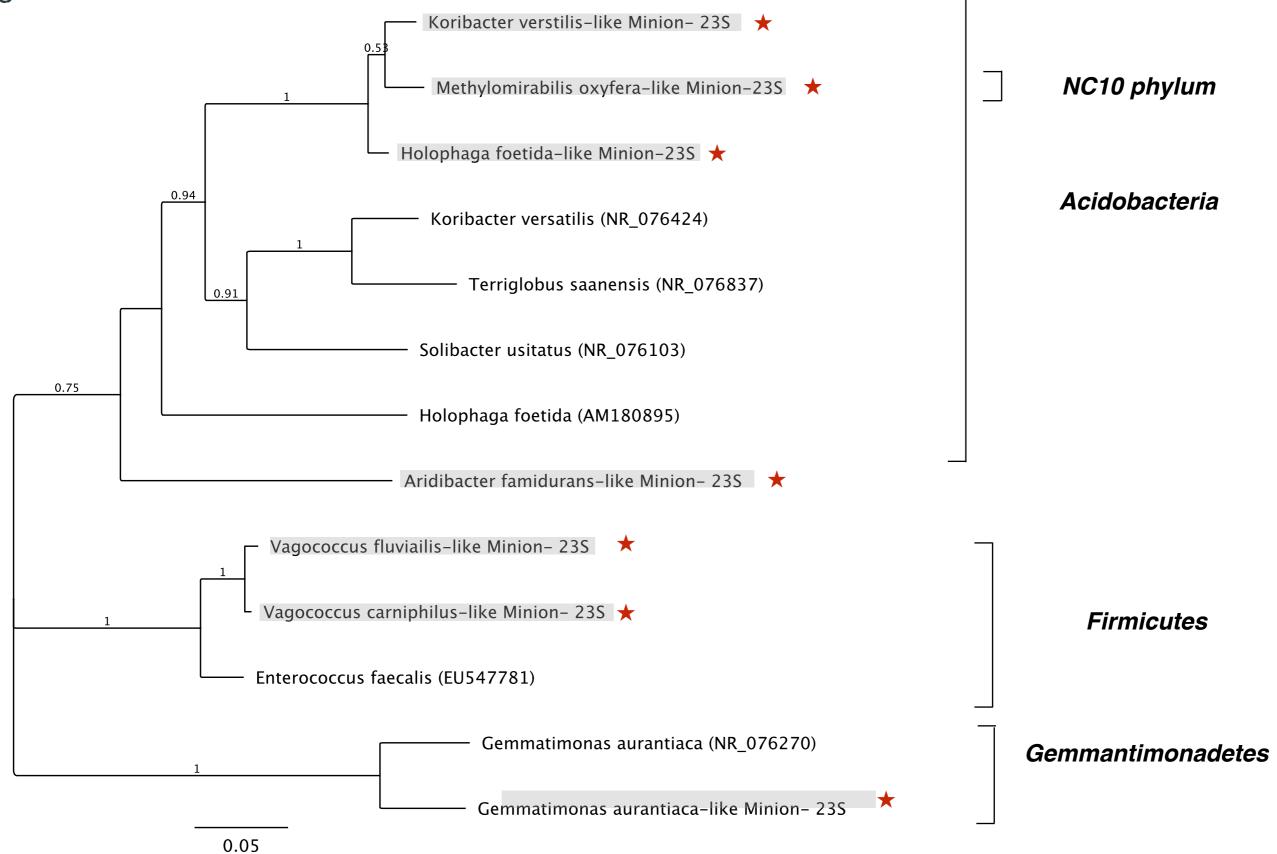
Tree reconstructions using FastTree for 1553 unambiguously aligned bases.

Figure S12:



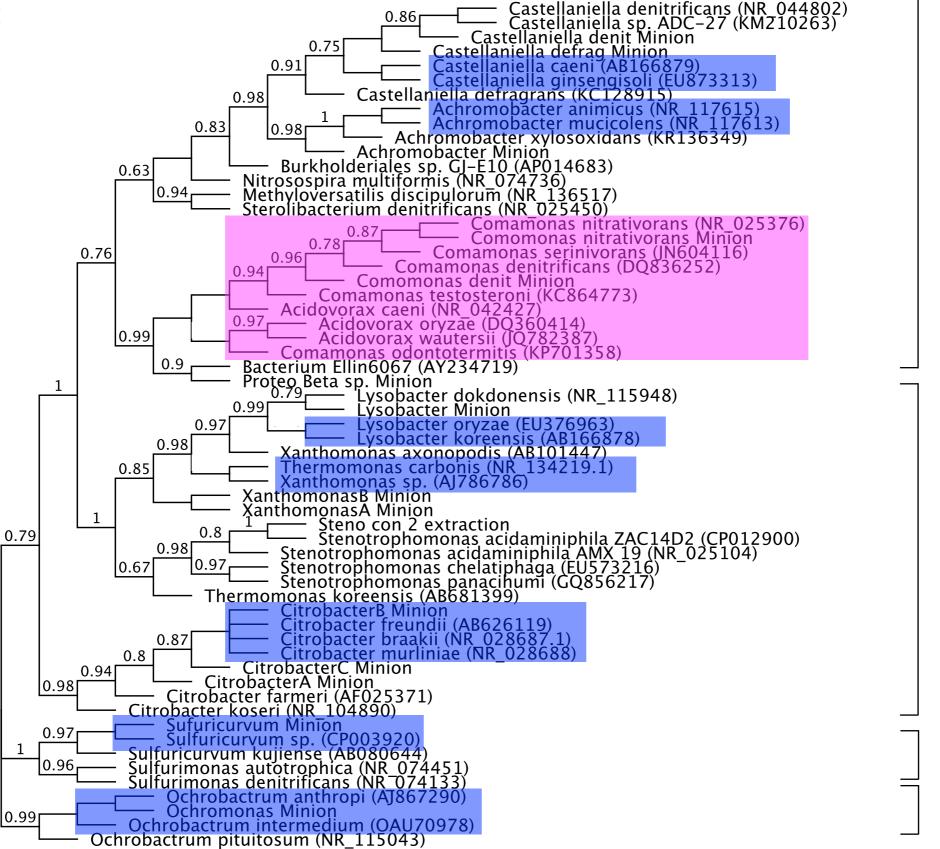
Tree reconstructions using FastTree for 1181 unambiguously aligned bases.

Figure S13:



Tree reconstructions using FastTree for 1518 unambiguously aligned bases.

Figure S14:



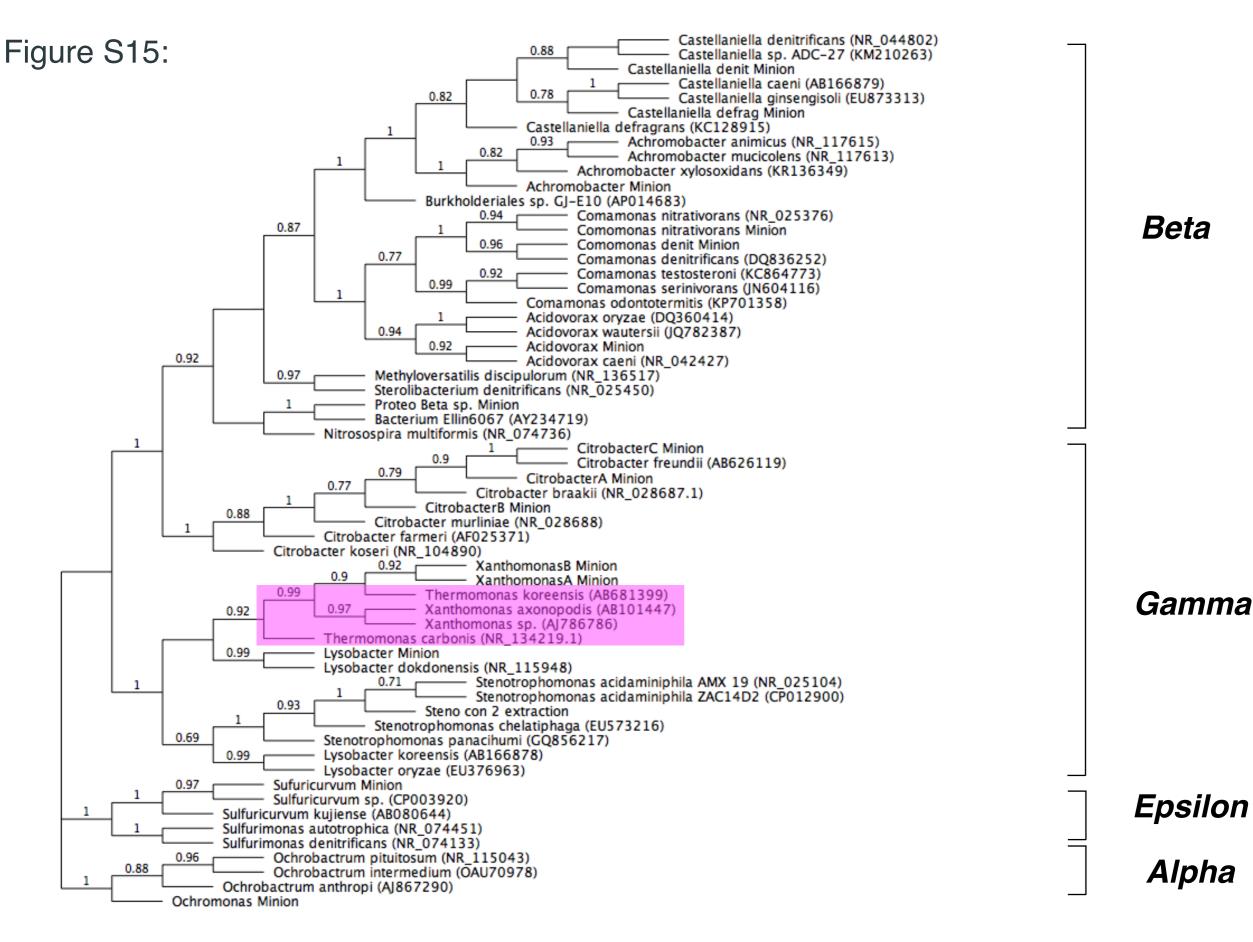
Beta

Gamma

**Epsilon** 

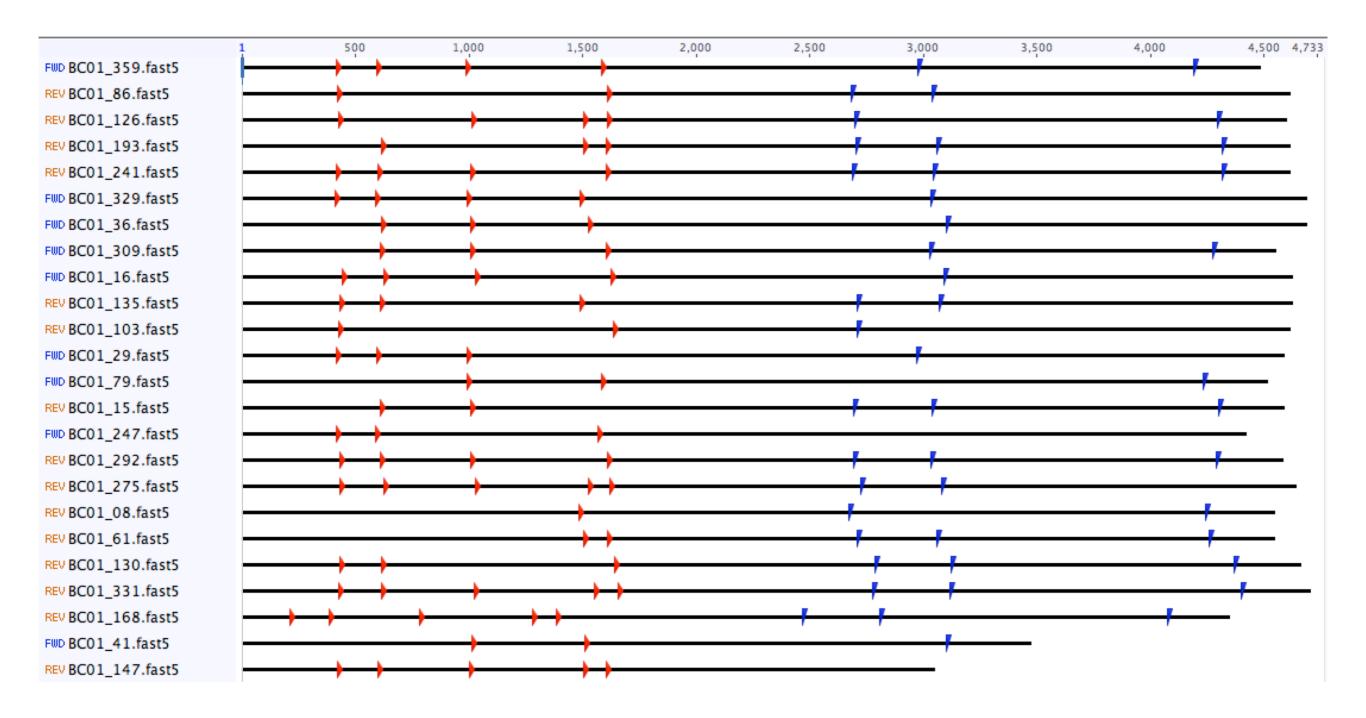
**Alpha** 

The portion of the tree not supported by bootstrap analysis is highlighted in blue while the portion of the tree not resolving bacterial genera is highlighted in pink.



The portion of the tree not resolving bacterial genera is highlighted in pink.

## Figure S16:



Universal 16S (red) and 23S (blue) rRNA gene priming sets are indicated.

Short sequences (<4000 bp) and those without priming sites are removed during QA/QC.

## Table S1:

	2D	1D	Totals
Total Reads	32991	56866	8.99E+04
Total bp	140533277	212346402	3.53E+08
Mean	4238	3698	
Median	4393	4090	
Min	828	13	
Max	8478	169741	
N25	4622	4767	
N50	4433	4383	
N75	4222	3811	

### Table S2

Query	Description	Name	Grade	Query coverage	% Pairwise Identity
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Sm98	NR_041577.1 Stenotrophomonas maltophilia strain IAM 12423 16S ribosomal RNA gene, complete sequence	9773	98.9%	100%	97.8%
Sm96	NR_041577.1 Stenotrophomonas maltophilia strain IAM 12423 16S ribosomal RNA gene, complete sequence	9773	97.9%	100%	95.8%
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Sm93	NR_041577.1 Stenotrophomonas maltophilia strain IAM 12423 16S ribosomal RNA gene, complete sequence	9773	96.4%	100%	92.8%
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