

Basal diet determined long-term composition of the gut microbiome and mouse phenotype to a greater extent than fecal microbiome transfer from lean or obese human donors

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SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Table S1 Parameters of donors

Donor	Age	BMI	Waist circumference (cm)	Ethnicity	Sex
Lean					
L1	65	22.5	89.2	White	Male
L2	32	20.1	82.7	White	Male
L3	29	22.6	75.0	Asian	Male
Obese					
O4	28	34.8	113.7	White	Male
O5	28	30.6	101.5	White	Male
O6	65	31.0	109.5	White	Male

Abbreviations: *BMI* body mass index

Table S2 Composition of experimental diets

Nutrient	AIN93G	DIO	TWD
Energy density (kcal/g)	3.8	4.6	4.4
Macronutrient			
Carbohydrates (g/kg diet)			
Corn starch	398	85	230
Maltodextrin	132	115	70
Sucrose	100	200	261
Cellulose	50	58	30
<i>kcal (% of total)</i>	<i>60.1%</i>	<i>36.2%</i>	<i>54.5%</i>
Proteins (g/kg)			
Casein	200	245	190
L-cystine	3	3.5	2.8
<i>kcal (% of total)</i>	<i>18.8%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>15.4%</i>
Fats (g/kg)			
Soybean oil	70	30	31.4
Anhydrous milk fat			36.3
Olive oil			28.0
Lard		195	28.0
Beef tallow			24.8
Corn oil			16.5
Cholesterol			0.4
<i>kcal (% of total)</i>	<i>17.2%</i>	<i>44.8%</i>	<i>34.5%</i>
Micronutrients			
Minerals (mg/kg)			
Calcium	5000	5000	2011
Phosphorus	3000	3000	2757
Sodium	1019	1019	7078
Potassium	3600	3600	5333
Magnesium	507	507	589
Iron	35	35	31
Zinc	30	30	25
Copper	6	6	2.6
Selenium	0.15	0.15	0.2
Vitamins (unit/kg)			
Thiamin (mg)	5	5	3.5
Riboflavin (mg)	6	6	4.4
Niacin (mg)	30	30	50.6
Pyridoxine (mg)	6	6	3.9
Folate (mg)	2	2	1.3
Vitamin B ₁₂ (µg)	25	25	11
Vitamin A (IU)	4000	4000	4300
Vitamin D (IU)	1000	1000	391
Vitamin E (IU)	75	75	24.6
Vitamin K (µg)	750	750	189
Choline (mg)	1027	1027	648

Abbreviations: AIN American Institution of Nutrition, DIO diet-induced obesity, TWD total Western diet.

Notes: Composition of the TWD was published previously [66] No data are available in NHANES for chloride, manganese, iodine, pantothenic acid, biotin, or ultra-trace minerals. Thus, levels of these components in the AIN93G diet were used in the formulation of all experimental diets.

Table S3 Primer sequences and barcodes for microbiome sequencing ¹

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Table S3 Primer sequences and barcodes for microbiome sequencing ¹

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¹ Ion Torrent Primer A-Key CCATCTCATCCCTGCGTGTCTCCGAC; Ion Torrent Primer P-1 Key CCTCTCTATGGGCAGTCGGTGAT; key sequence TCAG; linker GAT; reverse primer sequence was ATTACCG.

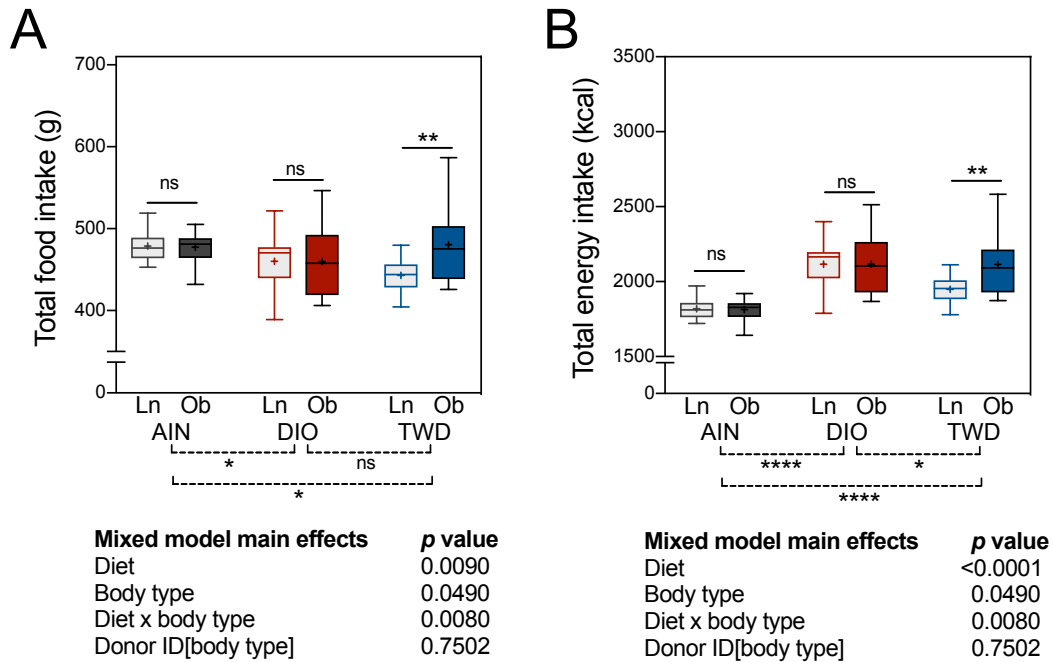


Fig. S1 Food and energy intake. Data are presented in Tukey box-plots (box, 25th to 75th percentiles; whiskers, 1.5 IQR; +, mean) ($n = 6$ to 9) for total food intake (A) and total energy intake (B). The table beneath each panel shows p values for main effects of each experimental factor as determined by the mixed model analysis. Below the plot, brackets indicate results of Tukey post-hoc tests for overall effects of each diet. Within each diet group, symbols above the box-and-whisker bars indicate results of post-hoc tests comparing mice that received bacteria from lean (Ln) or obese (Ob) human donors. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$, **** $p < 0.0001$, ns=not significant.

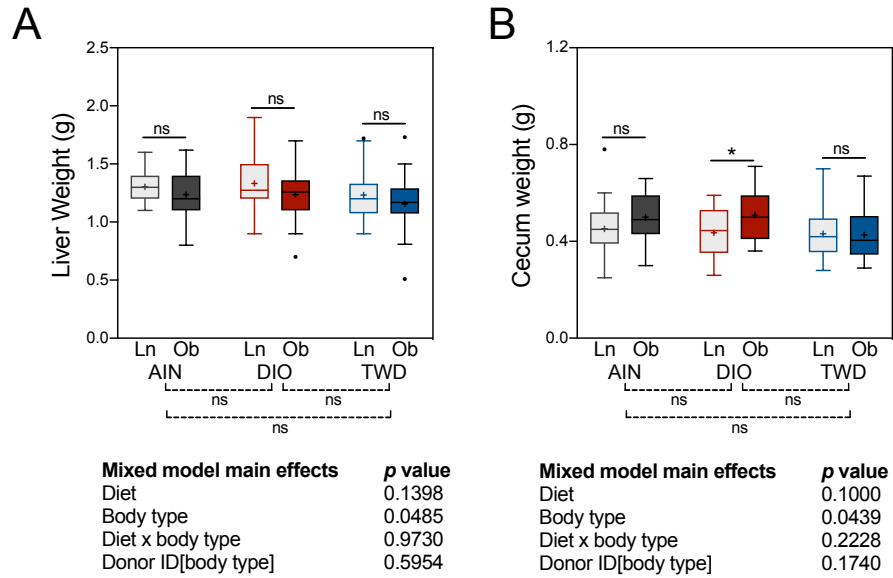


Fig. S2 Liver and cecum weights. Data for liver weight (A) and cecum weight (B) are shown in Tukey box-plots (box, 25th to 75th percentiles; whiskers, 1.5 IQR; +, mean) ($n = 6$ to 9). The tables below each panel show p values for main effects of each experimental factor as determined by the mixed model analysis. Below each plot, brackets indicate results of Tukey post-hoc tests for overall effects of each diet. Within each diet group, symbols above the box-and-whisker bars indicate results of post-hoc tests comparing mice that received bacteria from lean (Ln) or obese (Ob) human donors. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$, **** $p < 0.0001$, ns=not significant.

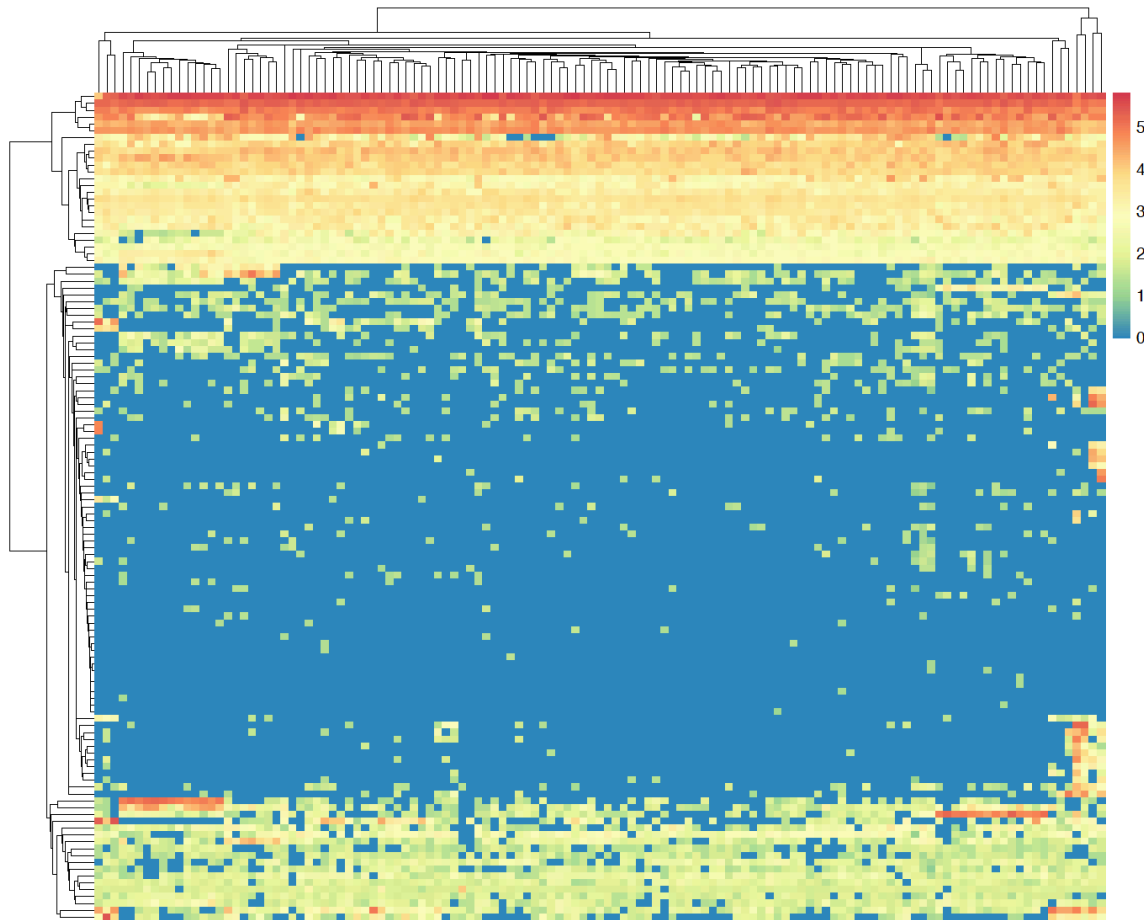


Fig. S3 Heatmap depicting bidirectional, unsupervised hierarchical cluster analysis of initial mouse fecal microbiomes. Values shown are the normalized reads for all mapped OTUs in the initial fecal mouse microbiomes, prior to antibiotic or diet treatments. Clustering was performed using Euclidian distance with average linkage. Heatmap color scale indicates relative abundance calculated as the \log_{10} reads per million for better visualization of lower abundance OTUs.

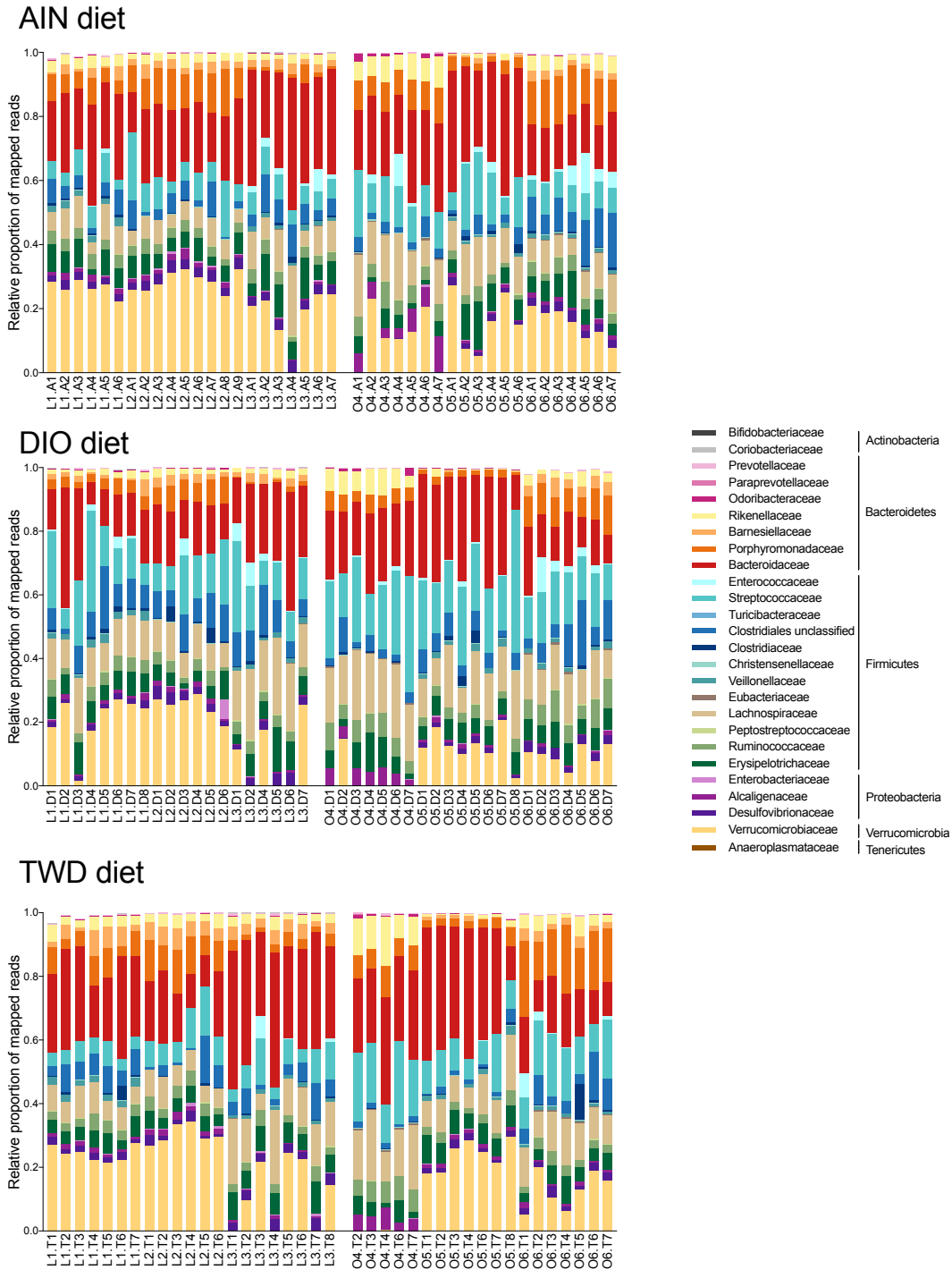


Fig. S4 Classification of human or mouse fecal bacteria by family for individual mice post fecal microbiome transfer. Data shown are the relative abundance of bacteria to annotated taxa (phylum and family) for individual mice for each experimental diet group. Mouse identification codes that begin with *L* indicate recipients of FMT from lean human donors, and codes that begin with *O* indicate recipients of FMT from obese human donors.

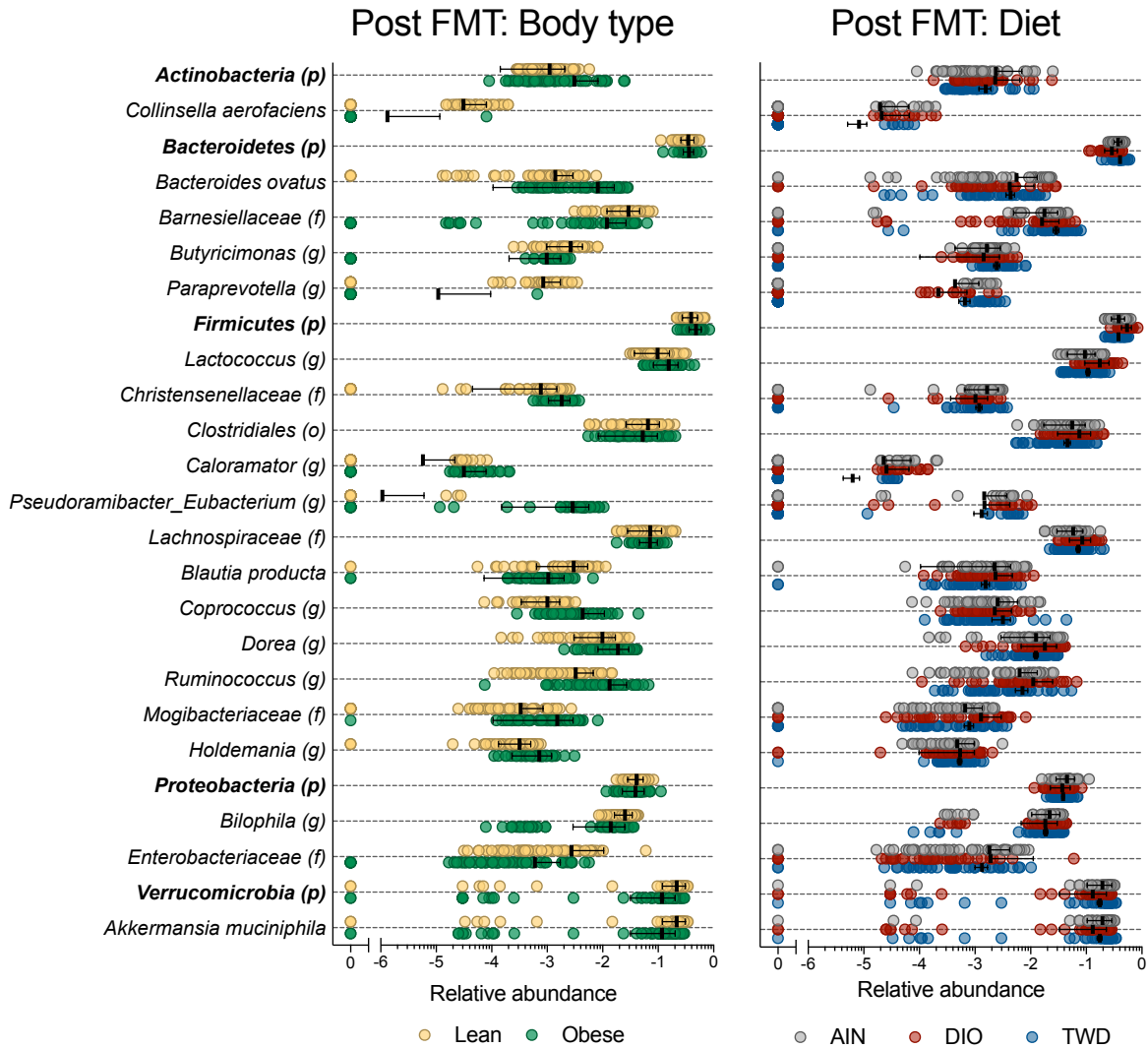


Fig. S5 Relative abundance of selected bacteria taxa by main factors, body type and experimental diet, post fecal microbiome transfer. Data shown are individual relative abundance values for each mouse, with the black bar and whiskers representing the mean \pm SEM on a \log_{10} scale to facilitate visualization of less abundant species. Bold titles indicate the major represented phyla, with members of interest listed below.

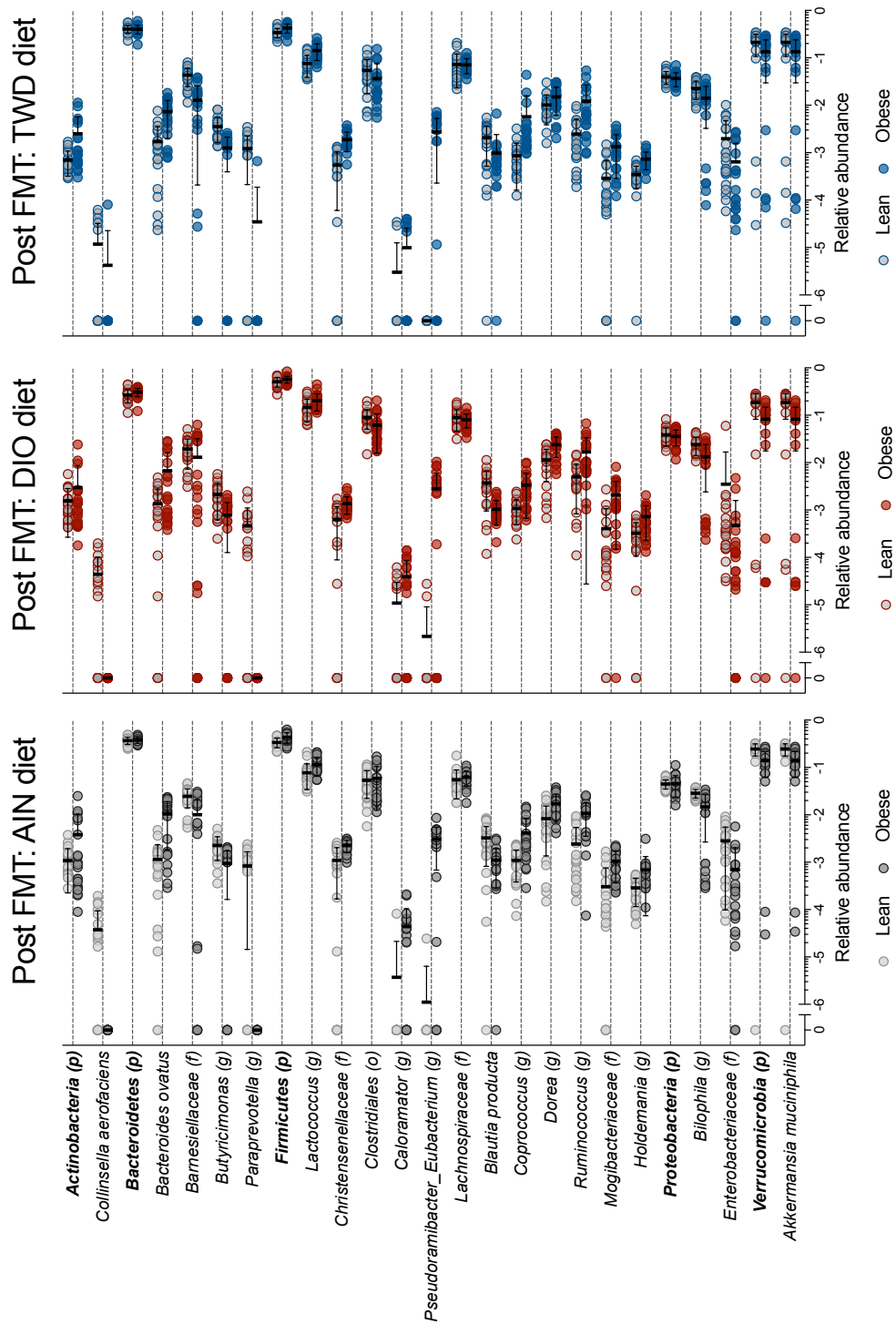


Fig. S6 Relative abundance of selected bacteria taxa in lean or obese recipient mice stratified by experimental diet post fecal microbiome transfer. Data shown are individual relative abundance values for each mouse, with the black bar and whiskers representing the mean \pm SEM on a log₁₀ scale to facilitate visualization of less abundant species. Bold titles indicate the major represented phyla, with members of interest listed below.

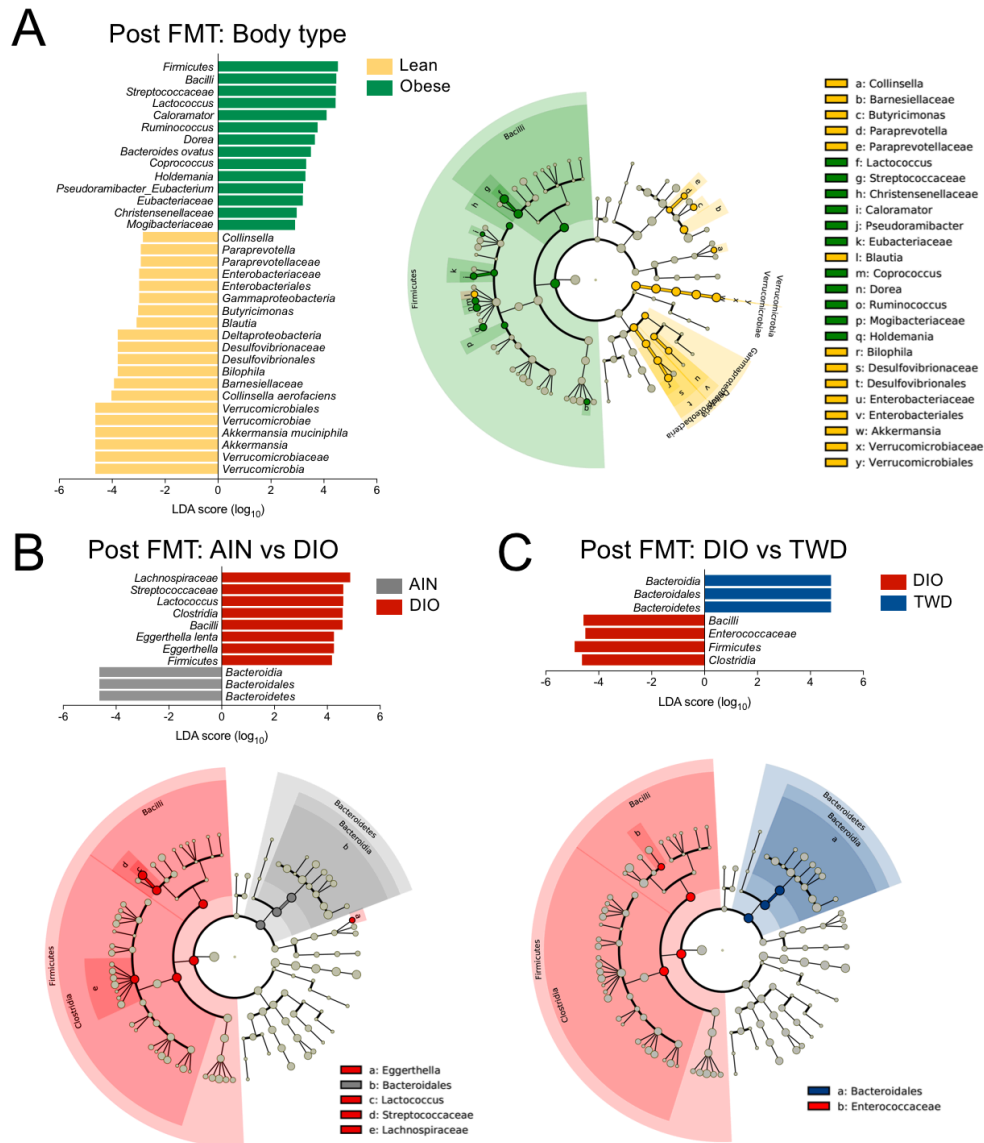
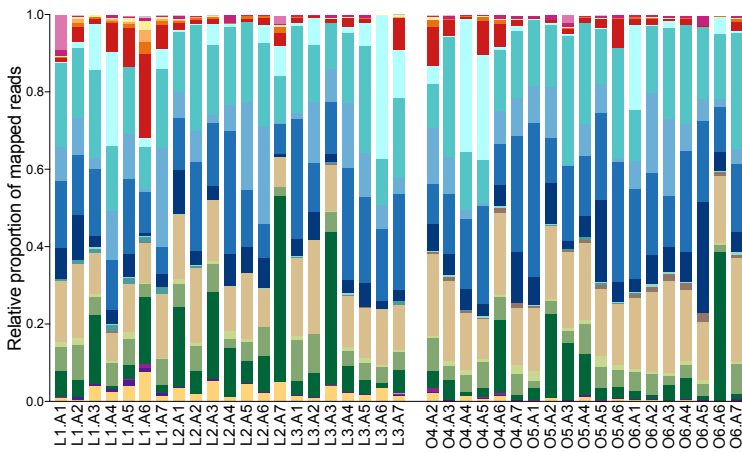
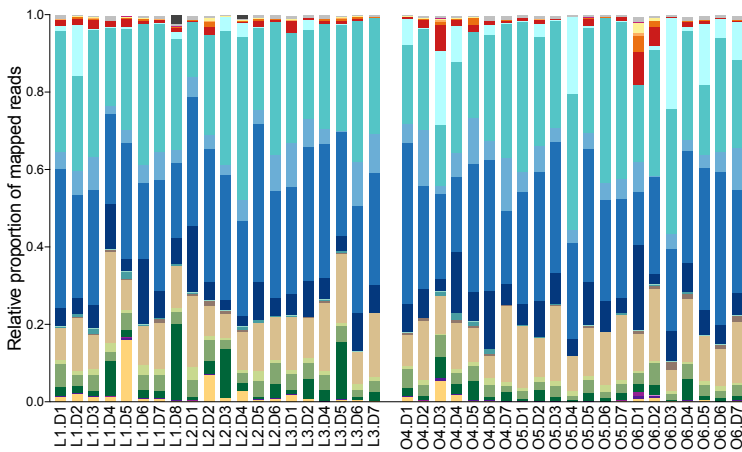


Fig. S7 Discriminating taxa for recipient mouse microbiomes post fecal transfer. LEfSe analyses were performed using relative abundance data averaged by human donor at the highest classification level taxonomy available. Data shown are the \log_{10} linear discriminant analysis (LDA) scores following LEfSe analyses and the hierarch of discriminating taxa visualized as cladograms for the following class comparisons: (A) all lean donor recipient mice compared to all obese donor recipient mice, (B) all mice fed AIN diet compared to those fed DIO diet, and (C) all mice fed DIO diet compared to those fed TWD. (No discriminating features were identified for all mice fed AIN compared to those fed TWD.) The structure of these comparisons was designed to mimic tests for main effects of body type and diet (including diet pairwise tests), as was done for other study parameters using the linear mixed model. Relative abundance data of selected taxa of interest are shown in Fig. S4.

AIN diet



DIO diet



TWD diet

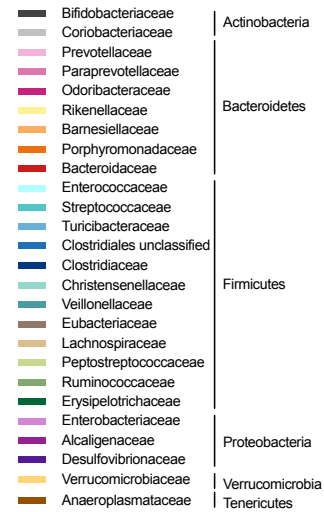
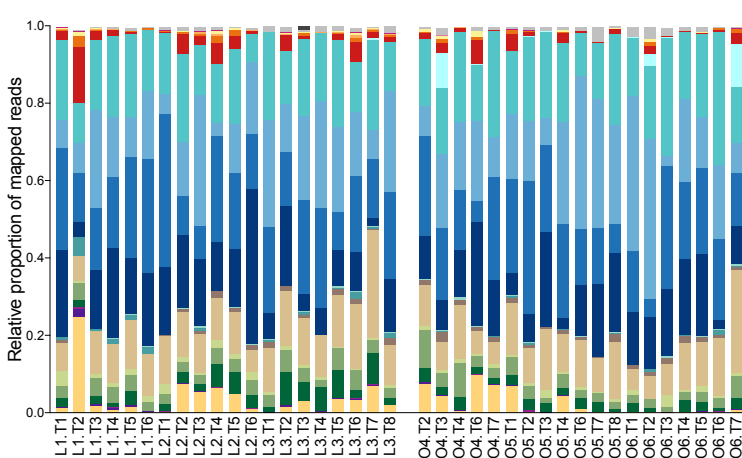


Fig. S8 Classification of human or mouse fecal bacteria by family for individual mice at necropsy. Data shown are the relative abundance of bacteria to annotated taxa (phylum and family) for individual mice for each experimental diet group. Mouse identification codes that begin with *L* indicate recipients of FMT from lean human donors, and codes that begin with *O* indicate recipients of FMT from obese human donors.

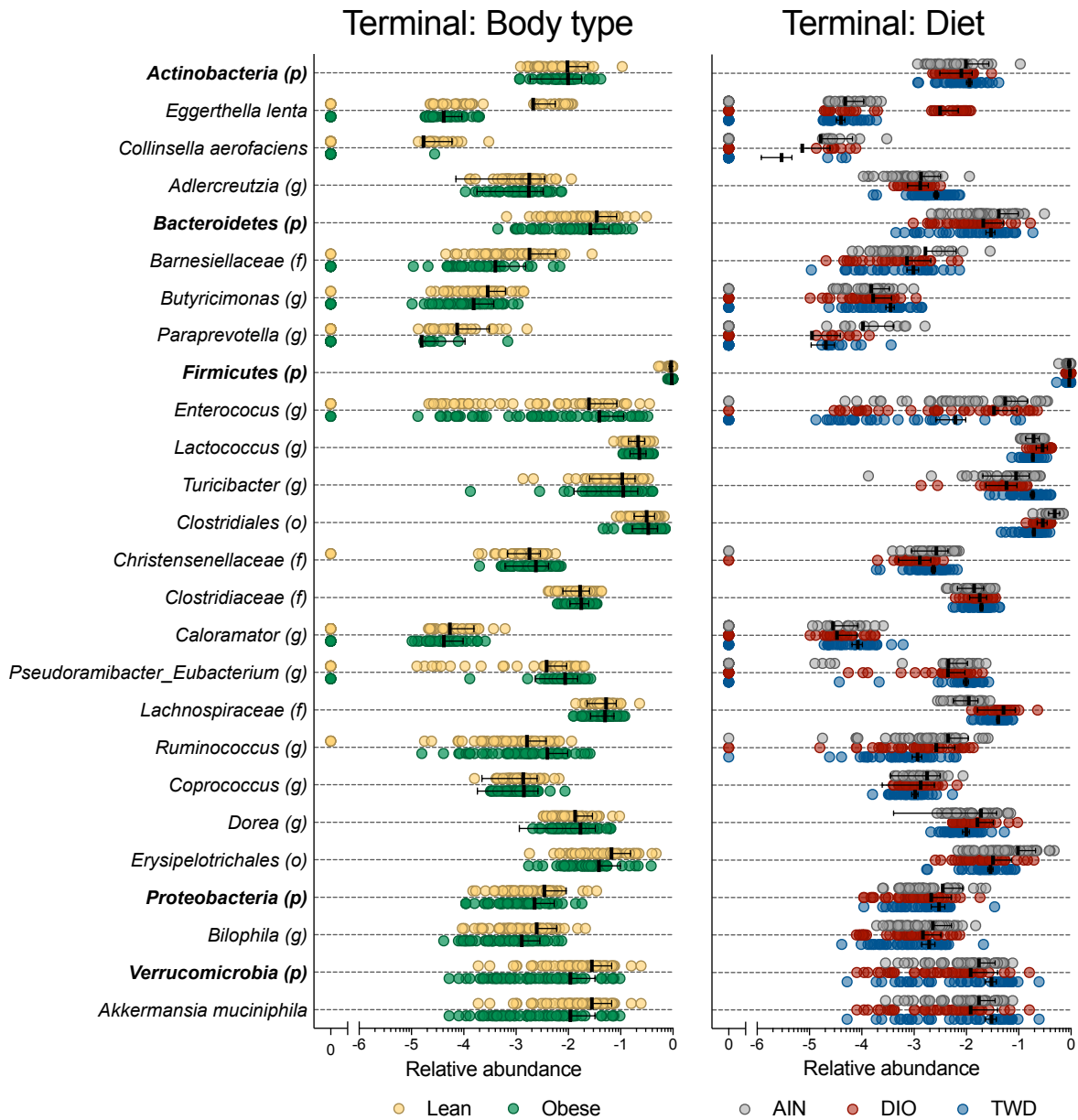


Fig. S9 Relative abundance of selected bacteria taxa by main factors, body type and experimental diet, at necropsy. Data shown are individual relative abundance values for each mouse, with the black bar and whiskers representing the mean \pm SEM on a log₁₀ scale to facilitate visualization of less abundant species. Bold titles indicate the major represented phyla, with members of interest listed below.

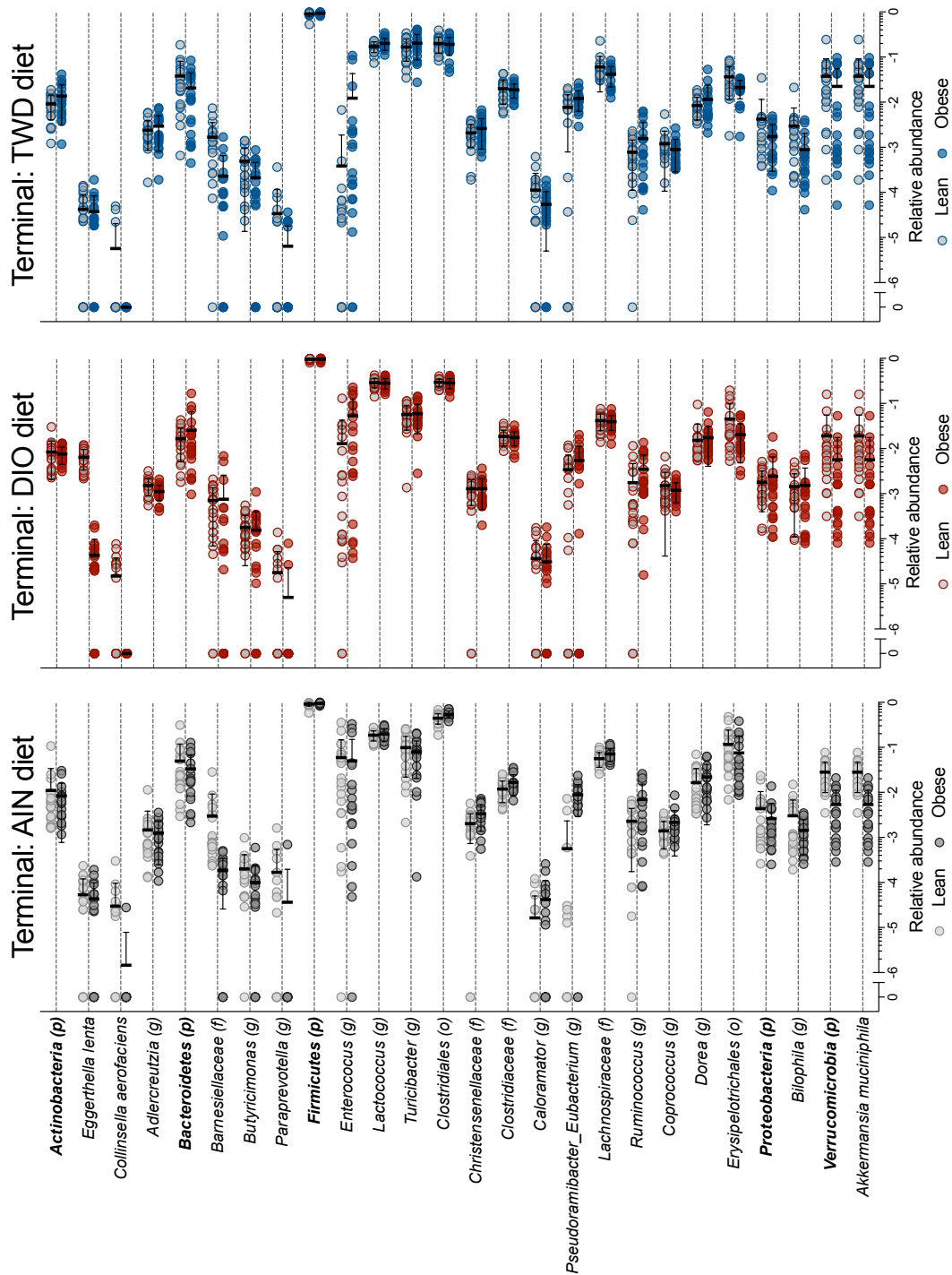
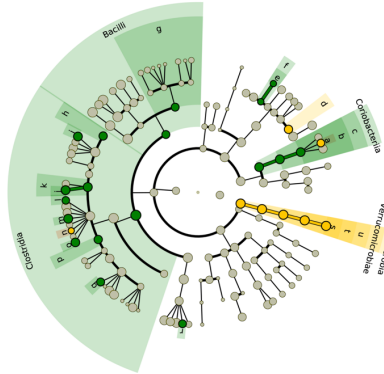
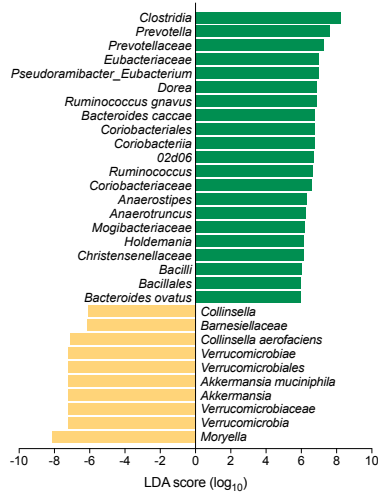


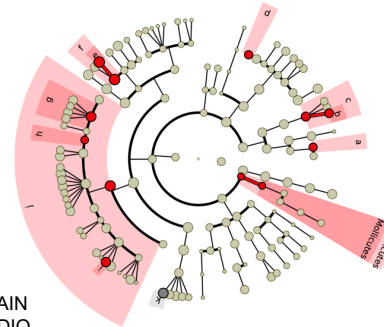
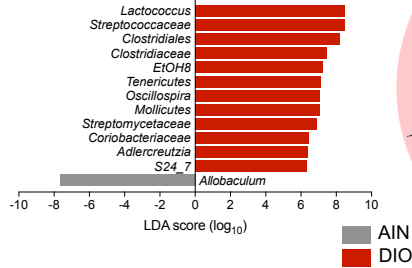
Fig. S10 Relative abundance of selected bacteria taxa in lean or obese recipient mice stratified by experimental diet at necropsy. Data shown are individual relative abundance values for each mouse, with the black bar and whiskers representing the mean \pm SEM on a log₁₀ scale to facilitate visualization of less abundant species. Bold titles indicate the major represented phyla, with members of interest listed below.

A Terminal: Body type



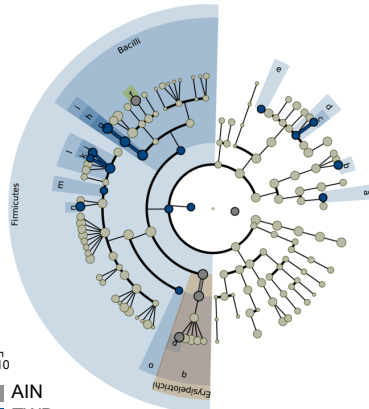
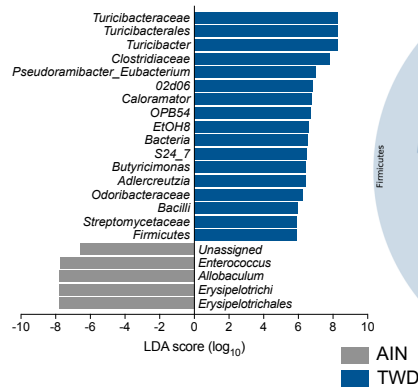
- a: Collinsella
- b: Coriobacteriaceae
- c: Coriobacteriales
- d: Barnesiellaceae
- e: Prevotella
- f: Prevotellaceae
- g: Bacillales
- h: Christensenellaceae
- i: O2d06
- j: Pseudoramibacter
- k: Eubacteriaceae
- l: Anaerostipes
- m: Dorea
- n: Moryella
- o: Ruminococcus
- p: Mogibacteriaceae
- q: Anaerotruncus
- r: Holdemania
- s: Akkermansia
- t: Verrucomicrobiaceae
- u: Verrucomicrobiales

B Terminal: AIN vs DIO



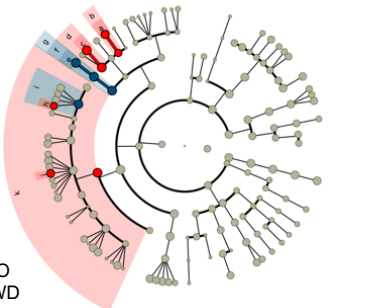
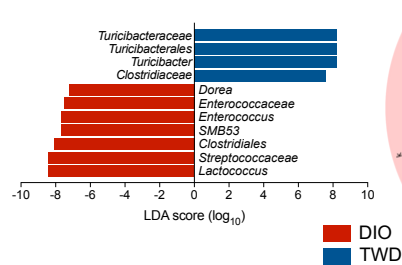
- a: Streptomycetaceae
- b: Adlercreutzia
- c: Coriobacteriaceae
- d: S24_7
- e: Lactococcus
- f: Streptococcaceae
- g: Clostridiaceae
- h: EtOH8
- i: Oscillospira
- j: Clostridiales
- k: Allobaculum

C Terminal: AIN vs TWD



- a: Streptomycetaceae
- b: Adlercreutzia
- c: Butyrivimonas
- d: Odoribacteraceae
- e: S24_7
- f: Enterococcus
- g: Turicibacter
- h: Turicbacteraceae
- i: Turicibacteriales
- j: O2d06
- k: Caloramator
- l: Clostridiaceae
- m: EtOH8
- n: Pseudoramibacter
- o: OPB54
- p: Allobaculum
- q: Erysipelotrichales

D Terminal: DIO vs TWD



- a: Enterococcus
- b: Enterococcaceae
- c: Lactococcus
- d: Streptococcaceae
- e: Turicibacter
- f: Turicbacteraceae
- g: Turicbacteriales
- h: SMB53
- i: Clostridiaceae
- j: Dorea
- k: Clostridiales

Fig. S11 Discriminating taxa for recipient mouse microbiomes at necropsy. LEfSe analyses were performed using relative abundance data averaged by human donor at the highest classification level taxonomy available. Data shown are the \log_{10} linear discriminant analysis (LDA) scores following LEfSe analyses and the hierarch of discriminating taxa visualized as cladograms for the following class comparisons: (A) all lean donor recipient mice compared to all obese donor recipient mice, (B) all mice fed AIN diet compared to those fed DIO diet, and (C) all mice fed DIO diet compared to those fed TWD. (No discriminating features were identified for all mice fed AIN compared to those fed TWD.) The structure of these comparisons was designed to mimic tests for main effects of body type and diet (including diet pairwise tests), as was done for other study parameters using the linear mixed model. Relative abundance data of selected taxa of interest are shown in Fig. S6.

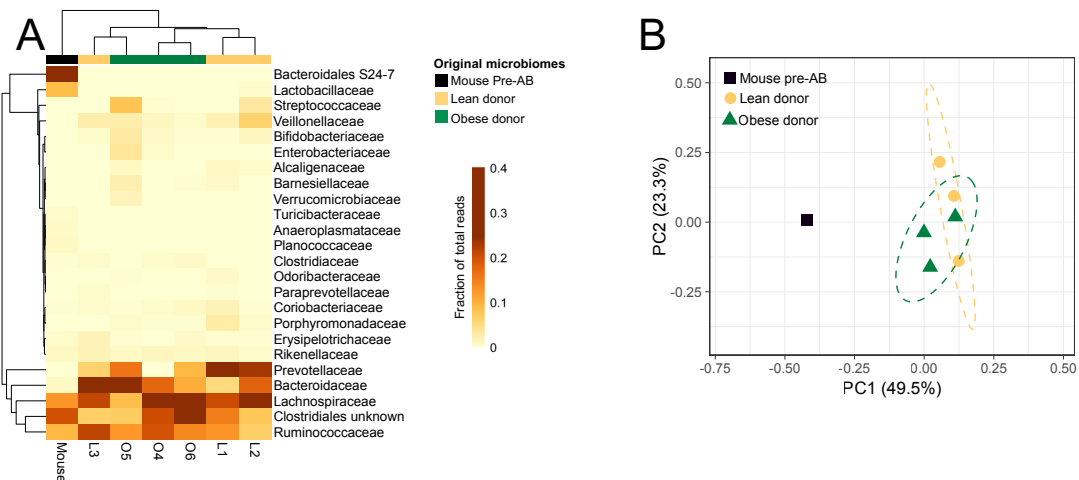


Fig. S12 Hierarchical clustering and principal components analysis of original mouse and human donor microbiomes. (A) Unsupervised, bidirectional hierarchical cluster analysis of taxonomy relative abundance data for bacteria families comprising a least 1% of the fecal microbiome from all mice prior to antibiotic treatment (pre-AB) and from each of the six human donors (lean: L1, L2, L3; obese, O4, O5, O6). Clustering was performed using Euclidian distance with average linkage. Heatmap color scale indicates relative abundance as fraction of total reads. (B) PCA of family-level taxonomy data plotted according to the first two principal components. Variation attributed to each component is shown. Dashed lines represent the 95% confidence ellipse.

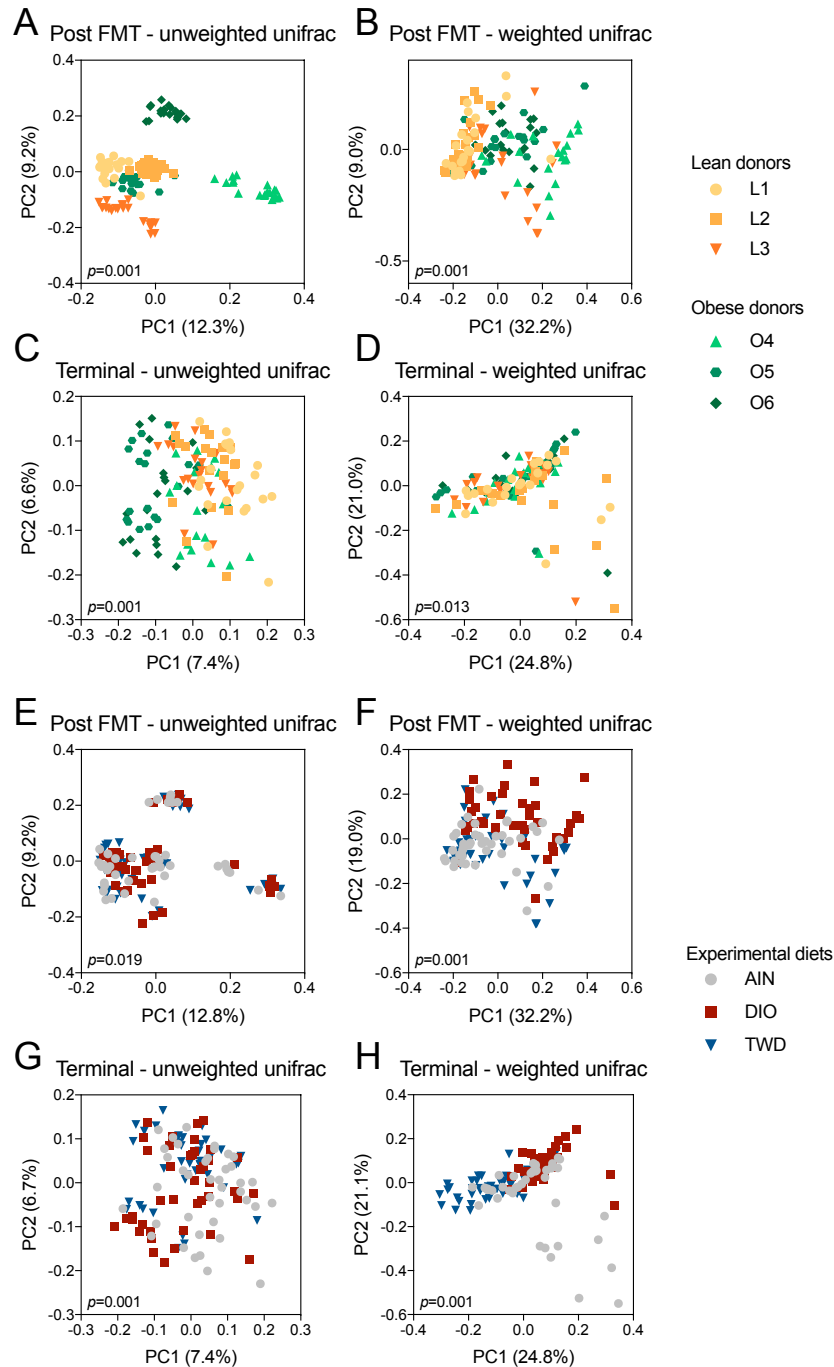


Fig. S13 Beta diversity principal coordinates plots for weighted and unweighted unifrac distances for post FMT and terminal recipient mouse microbiomes. Data shown are the first two principal components of unweighted or weighted unifrac distances for post FMT and terminal fecal microbiomes categorized by human donor body type (A-D) or experimental diet (E-H). Variation attributed to each coordinate is shown. Permanova p values are shown for each plot.