

## **Antibiotic Resistome Biomarkers associated to the Pelagic Sediments of the Gulfs of Kathiawar Peninsula and Arabian Sea**

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**Supplementary Information 1:** (a) Sampling regions of study with the 4 Gulf of Kutch sites indicated (Mapdata: Google, Imagery; Attribution: Map data©2017 Google Imagery ©2017 TerraMetrics). (b) Sampling site details (Wherein GOKS1-4 stands for Gulf of Kutch Sample 1 to Sample 4) (c) Sampling methodology

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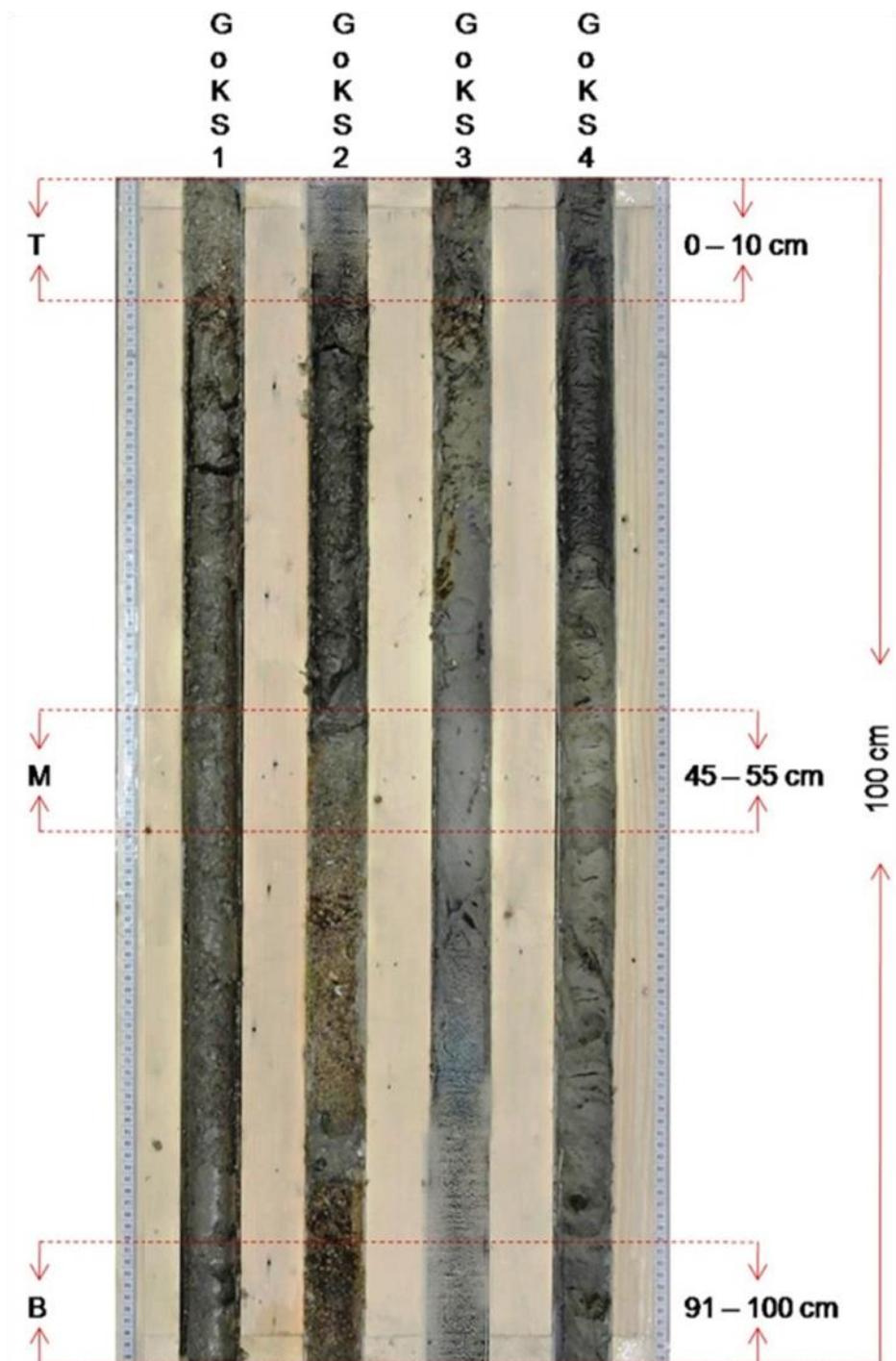


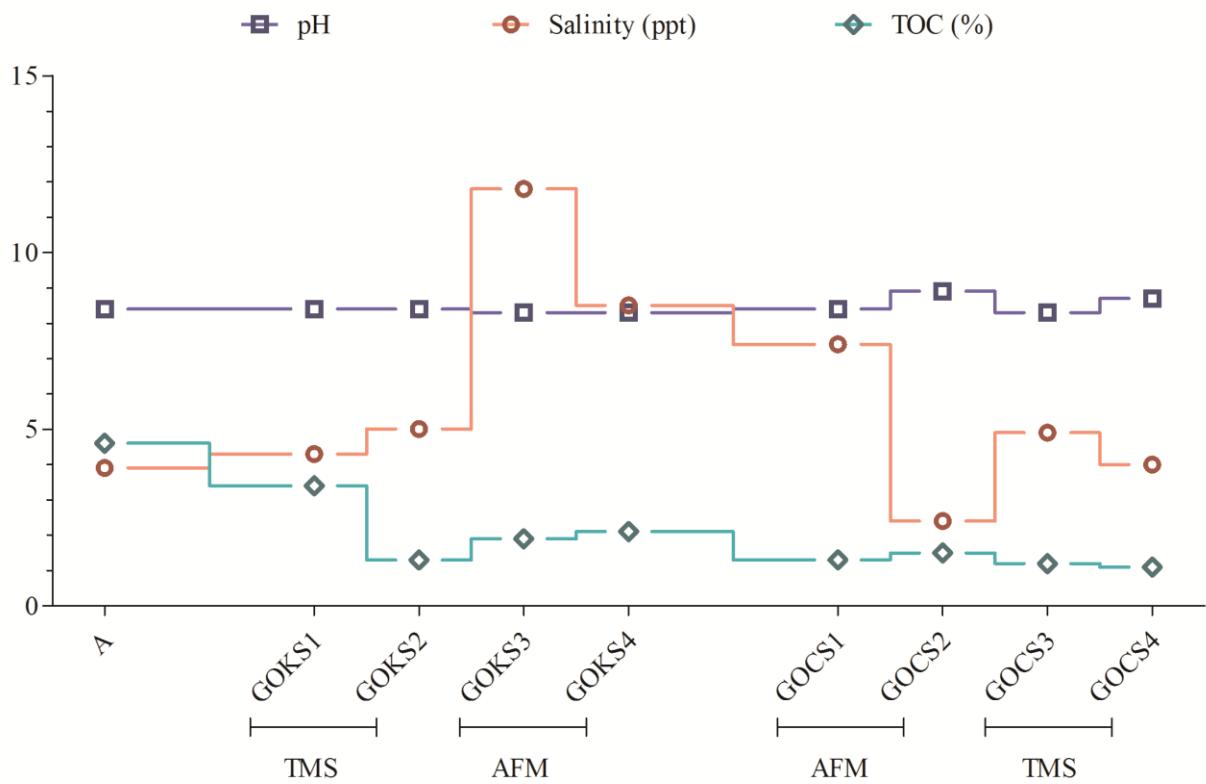
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Sample	Collection Date	Time	Latitude	Longitude	Depth	Elevation
GOKS1	03.05.2017	11:15 am	22°41'33.3"N	69°14'58.5"E	32m	-48m
GOKS2	04.05.2017	12:06 am	22°37'40.6"N	69°42'29.7"E	28m	-40m
GOKS3	08.05.2017	04:10 pm	22°49'06.9"N	70°07'32.6"E	15m	-10m
GOKS4	09.05.2017	05:05 pm	22°57'05.7"N	70°24'23.6"E	5m	-5m

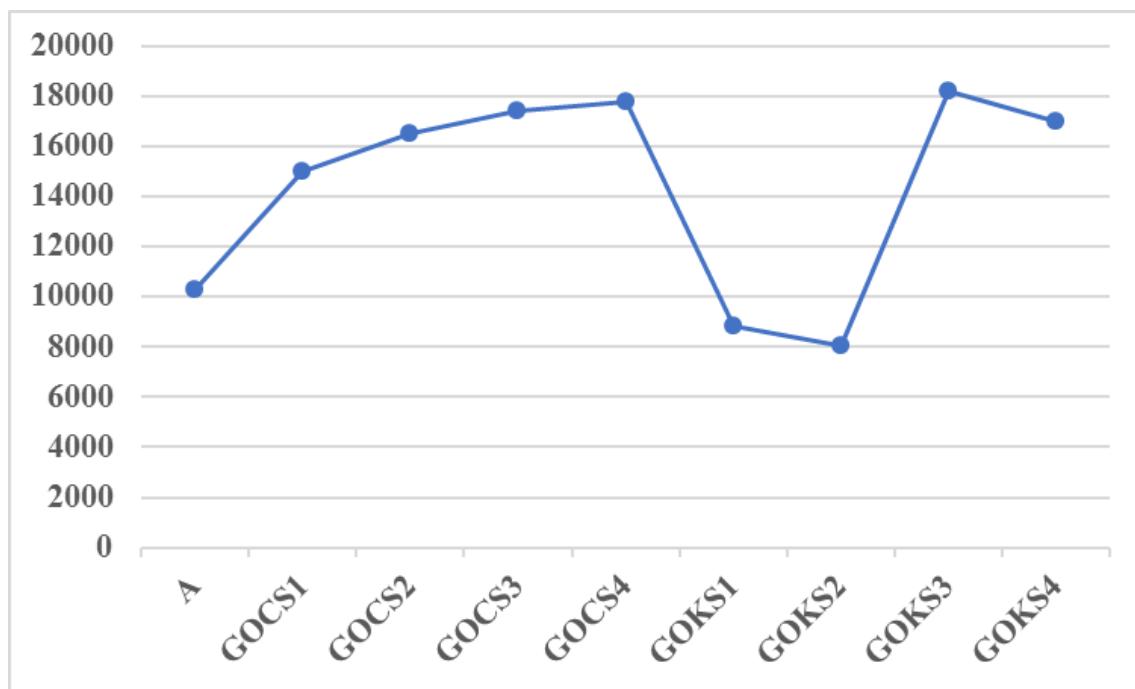
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After the 100 cm corer sediments were collected, the internal pp liner was dismantled from the corer sampler and the pp liner edges were sealed. These were further stored in customized (>1m in length) insulated ice cabinet to maintain the sediment samples under low temperature during the sail and immediately transferred to deep freezer upon reaching the laboratory until further processing. The internal pp liners of each sediment samples were cut down vertically into two equal sections with utmost care taken to not disturb the sediments and then the sediment was separated into two halves vertically using thin metal wire by slipping right down through the vertical core length with the purpose to get a clear view of sediment texture and color for proper documentation. The sediment were further transferred into sterile containers by collecting 10 cm portions each from Top (T), Middle (M) and Bottom (B) sediments in the vertical core halves as shown below with care taken that sediment from different lengths do not mix.





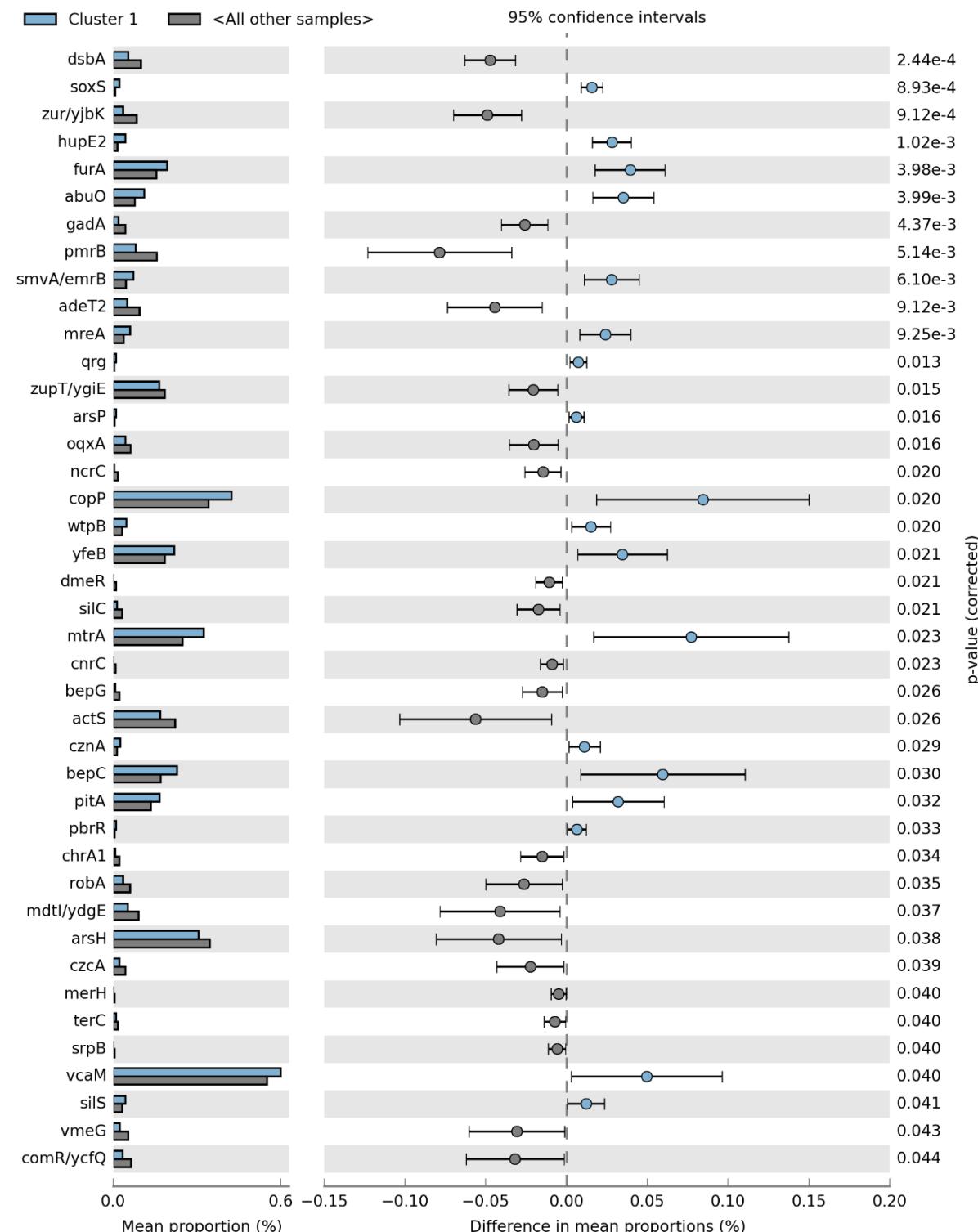
**Supplementary Figure 1:** Trend of the major physico-chemical parameters in the studied samples (values are mean of top, middle and bottom of respective samples)



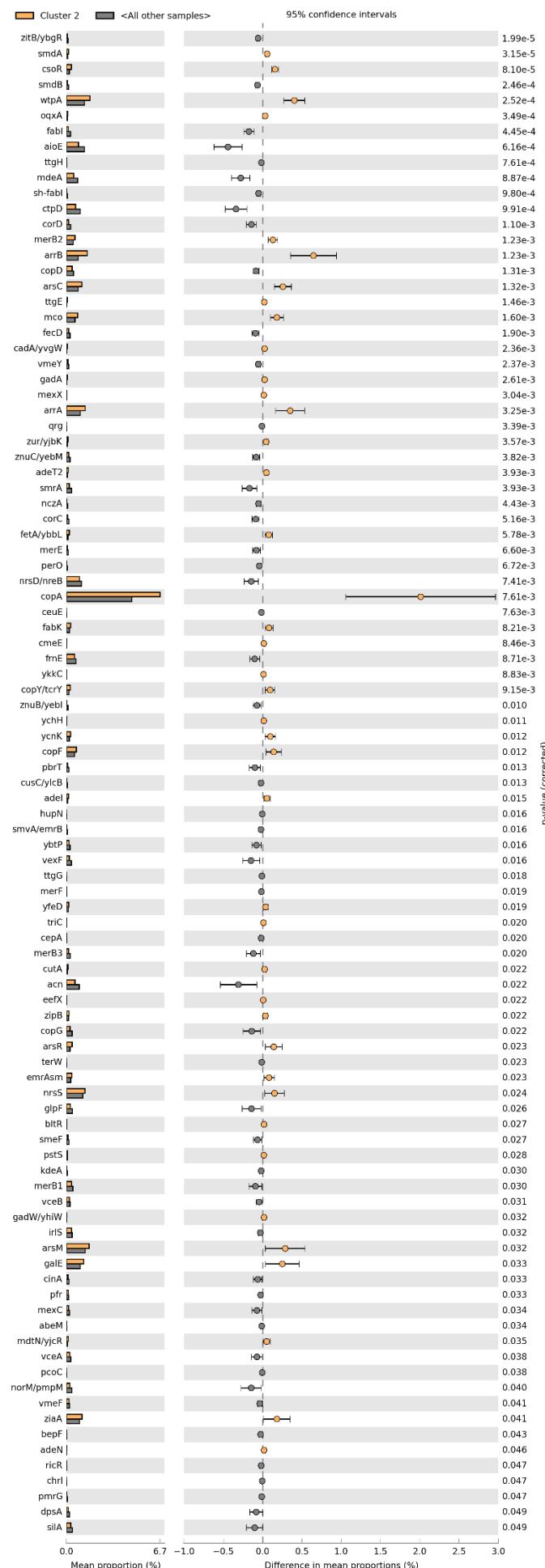
**Supplementary Figure 2:** Hits to bacmet genes across the studied samples

**Supplementary Figure 3.** Significantly varying metal resistant genes between (a) Cluster 1 and other samples (b) Cluster 2 and other samples (c) Cluster 3 and other samples

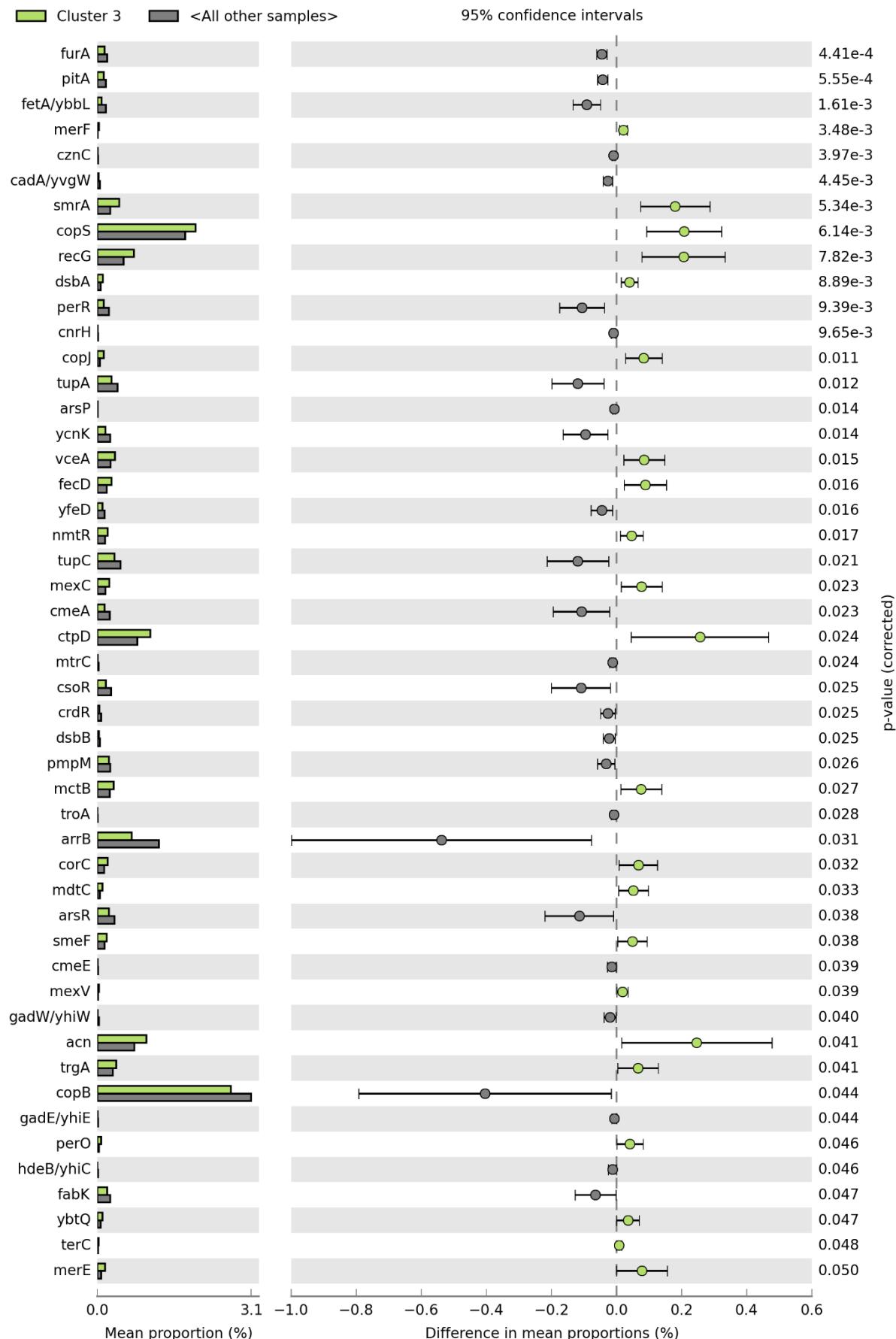
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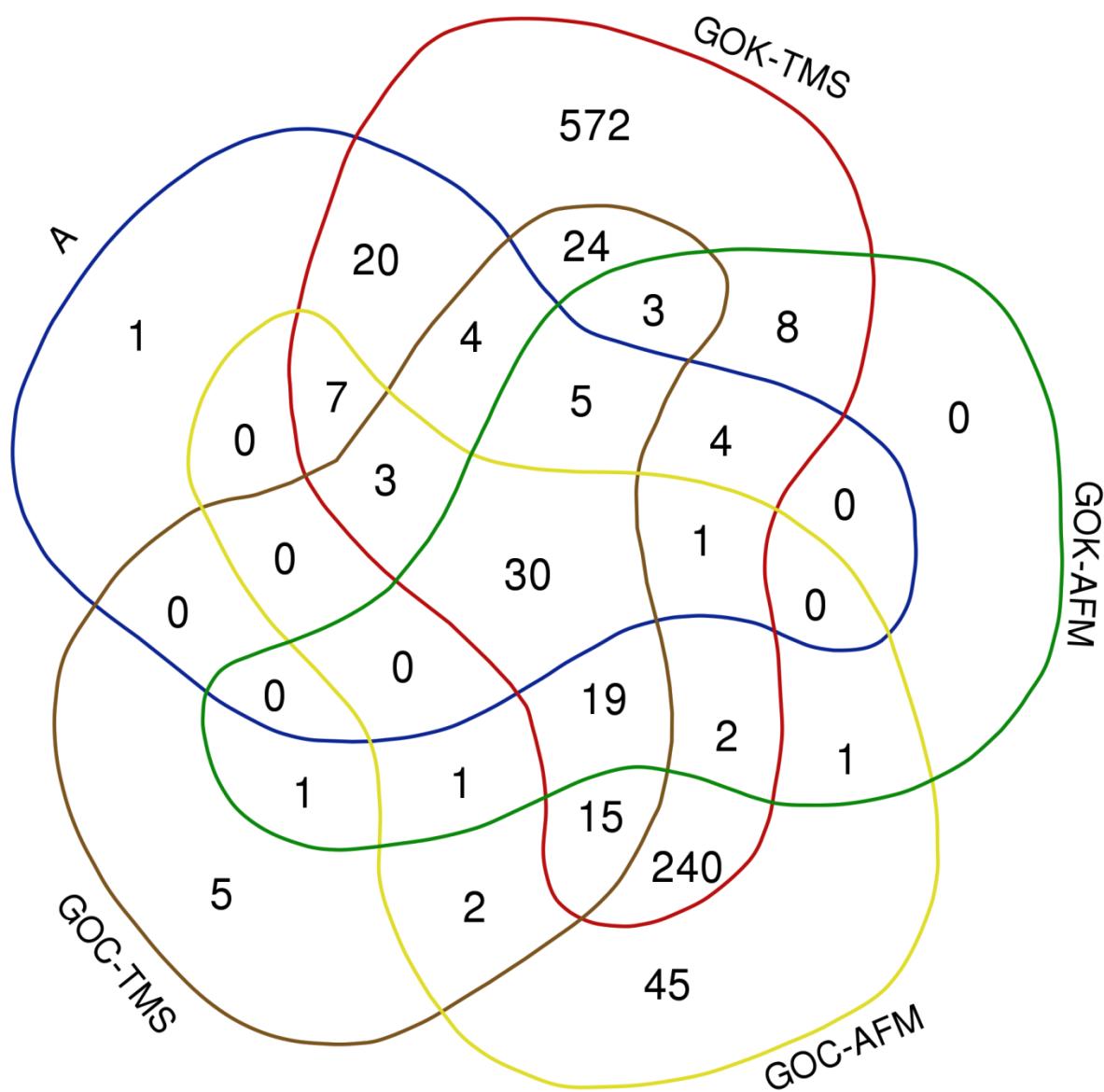


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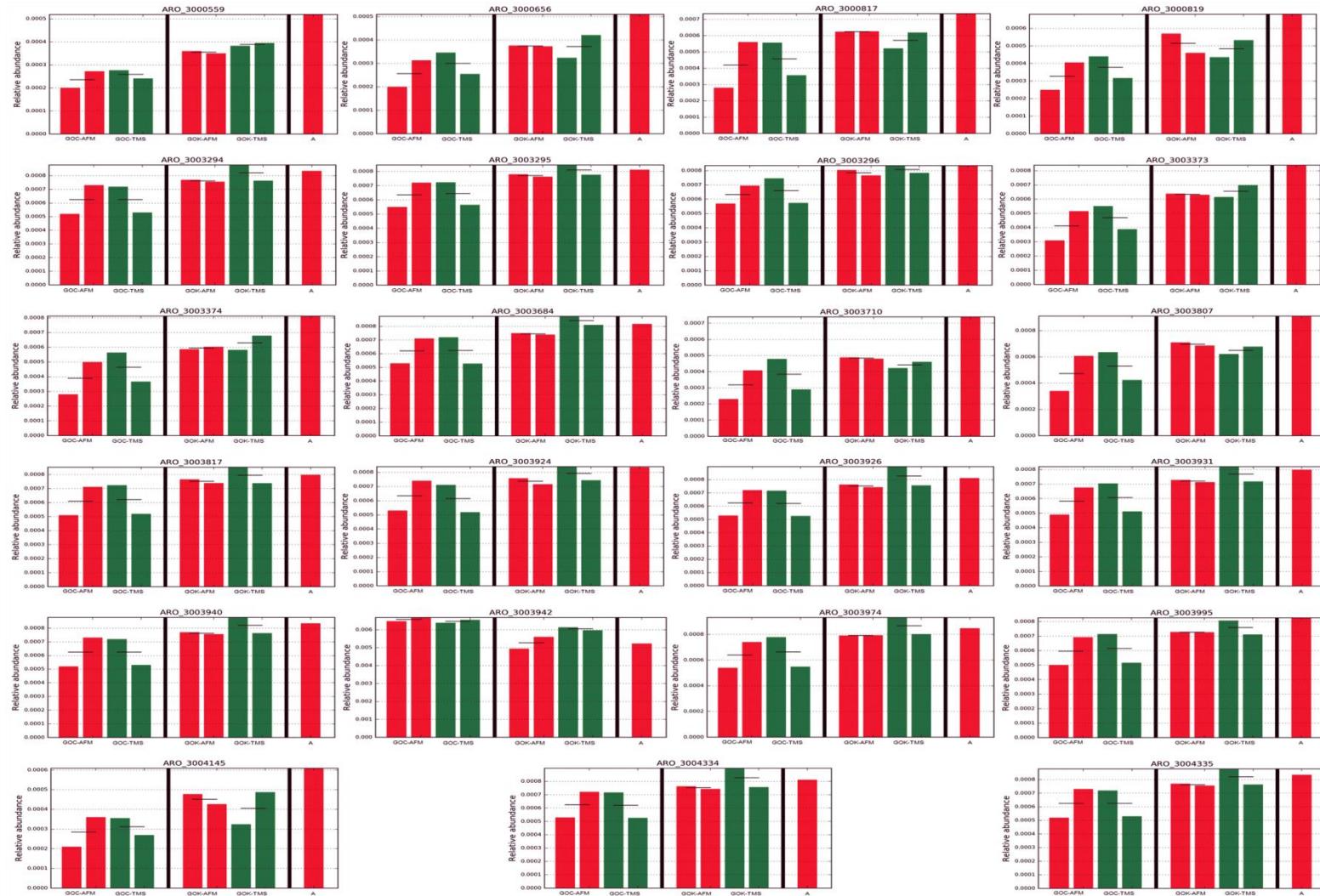


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**Supplementary Figure 4:** Venn diagram showing the unique and shared ARGs absent among studied samples (the comparison was considered between A and following groups **GOK-TMS**: GOKS1 and S2; **GOK-AFM**: GOKS3 and S4; **GOC-AFM**: GOCS1 and S2; **GOC-TMS**: GOCS3 and S4)



**Supplementary Figure 5:** Proportion of individual differentially expressed biomarker ARGs in subclasses (GOK-TMS, GOK-AFM, GOC-TMS and GOC-AFM)

**Supplementary Table 1:** Physicochemical properties of the studied sediment samples (mean±SD)

Sample ID	pH	EC (mS)	TDS (ppt)	Salinity (ppt)	Res (Ohm)	%TOC
AT	8.47±0.02	7.45±0.05	3.73±0.1	4.10±0.05	133±3	4.74±0.02
AM	8.53±0.01	5.04±0.07	2.52±0.00	2.70±0.02	197±1	3.27±0.02
AB	8.05±0.01	8.58±0.10	4.28±0.00	4.77±0.03	116±10	5.65±0.03
GOKS1T	8.48±0.01	7.26±0.02	3.63±0.00	4.01±0.01	137±4	6.49±0.03
GOKS1M	8.47±0.02	7.27±0.01	3.64±0.00	4.00±0.03	136±3	1.80±0.00
GOKS1B	8.35±0.01	8.53±0.03	4.28±0.01	4.76±0.03	116±2	1.86±0.01
GOKS2T	8.41±0.02	12.30±0.05	6.15±0.01	7.03±0.04	81±1	1.45±0.00
GOKS2M	8.12±0.01	10.05±0.03	5.02±0.01	5.69±0.01	98±1	1.84±0.01
GOKS2B	8.57±0.01	4.39±0.00	2.22±0.00	2.38±0.00	222±3	0.55±0.00
GOKS3T	8.09±0.01	20.80±0.04	10.43±0.03	12.51±0.02	47.8±1	1.87±0.01
GOKS3M	8.51±0.02	20.00±0.03	9.99±0.02	11.93±0.02	49.9±2	1.63±0.01
GOKS3B	8.33±0.01	18.65±0.03	9.31±0.02	11.01±0.01	53±8	2.21±0.02
GOKS4T	8.09±0.00	11.65±0.01	5.82±0.00	6.63±0.01	85±2	2.14±0.03
GOKS4M	8.35±0.01	12.60±0.01	6.30±0.01	7.21±0.02	79±1	2.27±0.02
GOKS4B	8.49±0.01	19.58±0.03	9.80±0.02	11.65±0.02	51±1	1.90±0.01
GOCS1T	8.32±0.00	13.40±0.02	6.71±0.03	7.73±0.05	74±5	1.30±0.00
GOCS1M	8.30±0.01	13.59±0.05	6.79±0.01	7.86±0.04	73±9	1.37±0.00
GOCS1B	8.44±0.03	11.49±0.05	5.75±0.02	6.54±0.05	87±3	1.29±0.00
GOCS2T	8.99±0.01	3.69±0.06	1.86±0.00	1.95±0.03	270±2	1.64±0.00
GOCS2M	8.88±0.00	4.37±0.03	2.19±0.01	2.33±0.01	227±3	1.28±0.00
GOCS2B	8.73±0.01	5.34±0.02	2.68±0.04	2.90±0.01	185±3	1.70±0.02
GOCS3T	8.10±0.02	11.02±0.03	5.52±0.01	6.26±0.03	90±3	1.14±0.01
GOCS3M	8.48±0.01	6.82±0.08	3.41±0.00	3.73±0.02	146±7	1.24±0.01
GOCS3B	8.34±0.02	8.48±0.05	4.24±0.02	4.67±0.02	118±8	1.24±0.01
GOCS4T	8.85±0.01	5.46±0.03	2.73±0.01	2.94±0.01	182±6	1.07±0.01
GOCS4M	8.45±0.01	9.26±0.01	4.65±0.00	5.21±0.03	107±5	0.96±0.00
GOCS4B	8.68±0.02	6.77±0.06	3.40±0.02	3.73±0.01	146±4	1.21±0.01

EC: Electrical Conductivity; TDS: Total Dissolved Salts; Res: Resistance; TOC: Total Organic Carbon; mS: Milli Simon; ppt: parts per trillion.

**Supplementary Table 2:** Abundance (%) of observed phyla in the samples

Phylum	A	GOKS1	GOKS2	GOKS3	GOKS4	GOCS1	GOCS2	GOCS3	GOCS4
<i>Acidobacteria</i>	0.777654	0.817228	0.928162	0.761682	1.115457	1.282692	0.937192	1.514857	1.156734
<i>Actinobacteria</i>	13.58752	9.130458	5.2438	4.854996	6.900127	4.242318	12.43604	7.989602	4.716442
<i>Aquificae</i>	0.479655	0.509582	0.778204	0.522001	0.494827	1.036995	0.597059	0.624468	0.932349
<i>Bacteroidetes</i>	7.085634	6.394167	6.274566	11.5609	6.736202	8.73878	6.355243	6.676427	8.431541
<i>Calditrichaeota</i>	0.966455	0.830781	1.72373	1.615102	0.980504	2.099335	1.211635	1.168263	1.926233
<i>Candidatus</i>	0.011226	0.014908	0.026835	0.014213	0.007624	0.032384	0.005839	0.008964	0.040402
<i>Chlorobi</i>	0.865421	0.818583	1.322789	1.26624	0.852414	1.316484	0.886829	0.955376	1.23443
<i>Crenarchaeota</i>	0.200027	1.410837	1.659011	0.423157	0.24627	1.787462	0.597788	0.277873	1.954203
<i>Cyanobacteria</i>	4.89963	4.041417	6.823886	4.717389	4.822465	5.406737	5.05748	4.909841	5.25161
<i>Deferribacteres</i>	0.725606	0.618003	1.07812	0.783001	0.844027	1.339012	0.764206	0.817186	1.302802
<i>Deinococcus-Thermus</i>	0.71438	0.544819	0.798725	0.534276	0.761683	0.834947	0.892668	0.599818	0.848437
<i>Euryarchaeota</i>	4.716952	8.909549	16.67535	6.711717	4.622704	16.67852	9.250027	5.0555	17.27145
<i>Firmicutes</i>	8.657271	7.218171	12.82379	6.712363	7.735005	13.8604	8.606255	7.132826	13.27292
<i>Fusobacteria</i>	0.137773	0.191093	0.252561	0.144713	0.189849	0.290753	0.14306	0.181514	0.271003
<i>Nanoarchaeota</i>	0	0.001355	0.006314	0.001938	0.000762	0.006336	0.00073	0.001494	0.006216
<i>Planctomycetes</i>	0.097972	0.117909	0.232041	0.105305	0.131141	0.324545	0.105106	0.22185	0.26603
<i>Proteobacteria</i>	52.81517	51.8635	36.31829	54.16276	59.43716	32.06941	46.71289	56.16998	32.9722
<i>Spirochaetes</i>	0.392909	0.429621	0.722956	0.573684	0.41477	0.703298	0.456188	0.408593	0.668805
<i>Synergistetes</i>	0.174513	0.224975	0.288867	0.169263	0.154014	0.396353	0.231378	0.220356	0.397181
<i>Tenericutes</i>	0.035719	0.042013	0.096289	0.03424	0.04041	0.044352	0.033575	0.04183	0.045996
<i>Thaumarchaeota</i>	0.191862	2.234841	1.002352	1.588614	0.991179	1.652997	1.694099	2.454547	1.593073
<i>Thermodesulfobacteria</i>	0.43271	0.363213	0.778204	0.443184	0.429257	0.960963	0.498522	0.519145	0.918053
<i>Thermotogae</i>	1.684917	2.232131	3.591104	1.881917	1.577499	4.278222	2.20138	1.58582	4.030233
<i>Verrucomicrobia</i>	0.349026	1.040848	0.554056	0.417342	0.51465	0.616706	0.324806	0.463869	0.491659