

Altered oral and gut microbiota and its association with SARS-CoV-2 viral load in COVID-19 patients during hospitalization

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Supplementary Table 1. Samples and subjects characteristics by sample types

Group	PT	HT	PF	HF
Samples characteristics				
Sample collected	140	44	81	32
Viral RNA nucleic acid test, n/N (%)				
Viral RNA positive	52/140 (37.1)	/	50/81 (61.7)	/
Viral RNA negative	88/140 (62.9)	/	31/81 (38.3)	/
Subjects characteristics				
Individual enrolled	52	44	36	32
Gender				
Female, n/N (%)	22/52 (42.3)	13/44 (29.5)	13/36 (36.1)	11/32 (34.4)
Male, n/N (%)	30/52 (57.7)	31/44 (70.5)	23/36 (63.9)	21/32 (65.6)
Median age, y (IQR)	48.5 (32.0-64.0)	41.5 (36.3-51.0)	45.0 (32.0-63.5)	46.5 (42.3-53.0)
Antibiotic therapy, n/N (%)				
Yes	35/52 (67.3)	/	23/36 (63.9)	/
No	17/52 (32.7)	/	13/36 (36.1)	/
Antivirus therapy, n/N (%)				
Yes	45/52 (86.5)	/	33/36 (91.7)	/
No	7/52 (13.5)	/	3/36 (8.3)	/
Disease severity, n/N (%)				
Severe patients	22/52 (42.3)	/	10/36 (27.8)	/
Non-severe patients	30/52 (57.7)	/	26/36 (72.2)	/

Supplementary Table 2. Significantly distinct bacterial taxa identified between PT and HT groups

Taxonomy	Group	LEfSe analysis		MaAsLin2	
		LDA	p-value	Coefficient	p-value
<i>Haemophilus_para</i> <i>influenzae</i>	PT	4.058623	6.36E-06	0.125162812	0.001951781
<i>g__Veillonella</i>	PT	3.85207	3.05E-05	0.09671795	0.000675973
<i>g__Campylobacter</i>	PT	3.745349	4.85E-10	0.048989136	0.031114751
<i>Rothia_mucilaginosa</i>	PT	3.689566	1.62E-07	0.096630977	0.001737089
<i>g__Granulicatella</i>	PT	3.63394	6.66E-14	0.118068456	2.48E-09
<i>Neisseria_subflava</i>	PT	3.515048	5.66E-15	0.08987035	0.000444571
<i>g__Kingella</i>	PT	2.418025032	0.017809877	0.027200862	0.001758148
<i>g__Filifactor</i>	PT	2.073658868	0.003775443	0.019049393	0.019959509
<i>g__Neisseria</i>	HT	4.472161	8.38E-10	0.176739452	0.002368994
<i>g__Corynebacterium</i>	HT	4.09779	3.77E-09	0.145215834	0.001622564
<i>g__Actinobacillus</i>	HT	3.298003	8.70E-08	0.060967757	0.001859568
<i>g__Moryella</i>	HT	2.977811	0.000114	0.049638066	2.08E-05
<i>g__Aggregatibacter</i>	HT	2.952906432	0.000193928	0.046915302	0.002470034
<i>Prevotella_intermedia</i>	HT	2.88642374	0.000239621	0.057586129	0.00011425
<i>g__Treponema</i>	HT	2.84726	4.07E-05	0.068294957	0.000158995
<i>g__Pseudomonas</i>	HT	2.371535	6.24E-06	0.01469195	0.020469811
<i>Treponema_amylovorum</i>	HT	2.2748496	0.000737184	0.02417771	0.004387391

Supplementary Table 3. Significantly distinct bacterial taxa identified between PT(NS) and PT(S) groups as well as PT(abx-) and HT groups

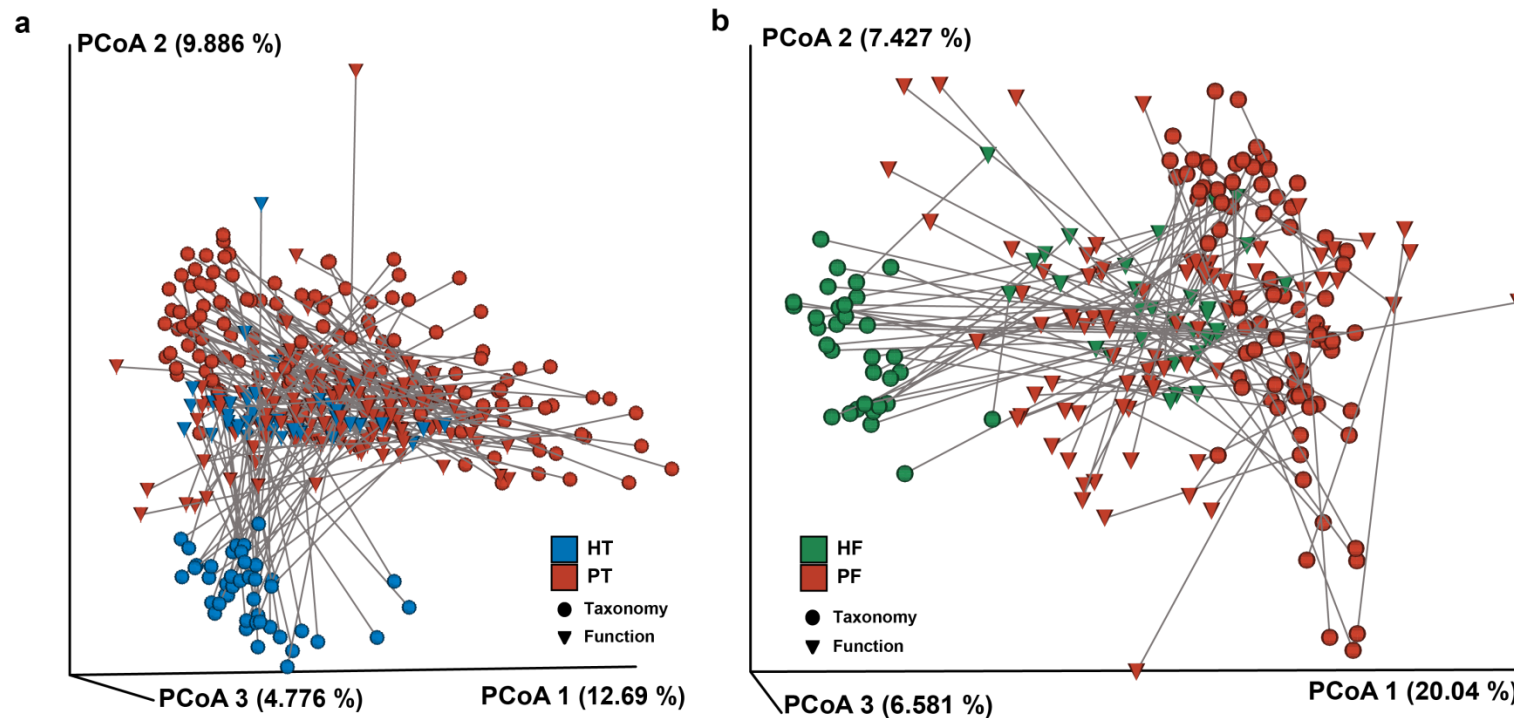
Taxonomy	Group	LEfSe analysis		MaAsLin2	
		LDA	p-value	Coefficient	p-value
PT(NS) vs. PT(S)					
<i>g__Treponema</i>	PT(NS)	2.984098	5.17E-05	0.048845779	0.002277567
<i>g__Aggregatibacter</i>	PT(NS)	2.900273	1.43E-07	0.038650386	0.001778637
<i>Aggregatibacter_segis</i>	PT(NS)	2.866217	5.00E-06	0.037485104	0.002347917
<i>Prevotella_intermedia</i>	PT(NS)	2.844975	3.00E-06	0.052287605	6.30E-06
<i>Streptococcus_anginosus</i>	PT(NS)	2.67914	0.002821	0.036319592	9.70E-05
<i>g__Selenomonas</i>	PT(NS)	2.67119	0.001722	0.027628854	0.004508061
<i>g__Filifactor</i>	PT(NS)	2.499093	6.39E-05	0.020426422	0.003365447
<i>Treponema_amylovorum</i>	PT(NS)	2.465991	0.001781	0.020520184	0.001860472
<i>g__Peptococcus</i>	PT(NS)	2.276831	0.002267	0.017592997	0.003143184
PT(abx-) vs. HT					
<i>Neisseria_subflava</i>	PT(abx-)	3.772602791	7.55E-16	0.134291103	0.001160573
<i>g__Granulicatella</i>	PT(abx-)	3.728665341	5.55E-14	0.089398883	0.000787813
<i>g__Veillonella</i>	PT(abx-)	3.708256093	5.53E-05	0.149621381	9.72E-05
<i>g__Campylobacter</i>	PT(abx-)	3.688631824	6.16E-06	0.140870823	0.000120171
<i>Rothia_mucilaginoso</i>	PT(abx-)	3.461218724	6.00E-08	0.15283721	6.75E-07
<i>Veillonella_dispar</i>	PT(abx-)	3.383724644	0.03595859	0.150075686	0.001992298
<i>g__Peptoniphilus</i>	PT(abx-)	2.428251	0.002413	0.035286204	0.009795435
<i>g__Moryella</i>	HT	3.086687563	5.56E-05	0.055519744	0.018107181
<i>g__Treponema</i>	HT	2.922628735	0.001077494	0.076820179	0.004423529
<i>Prevotella_intermedia</i>	HT	2.8154732	0.004906798	0.065129511	0.011724276

Supplementary Table 4. Significantly distinct bacterial taxa identified between PF and HF groups

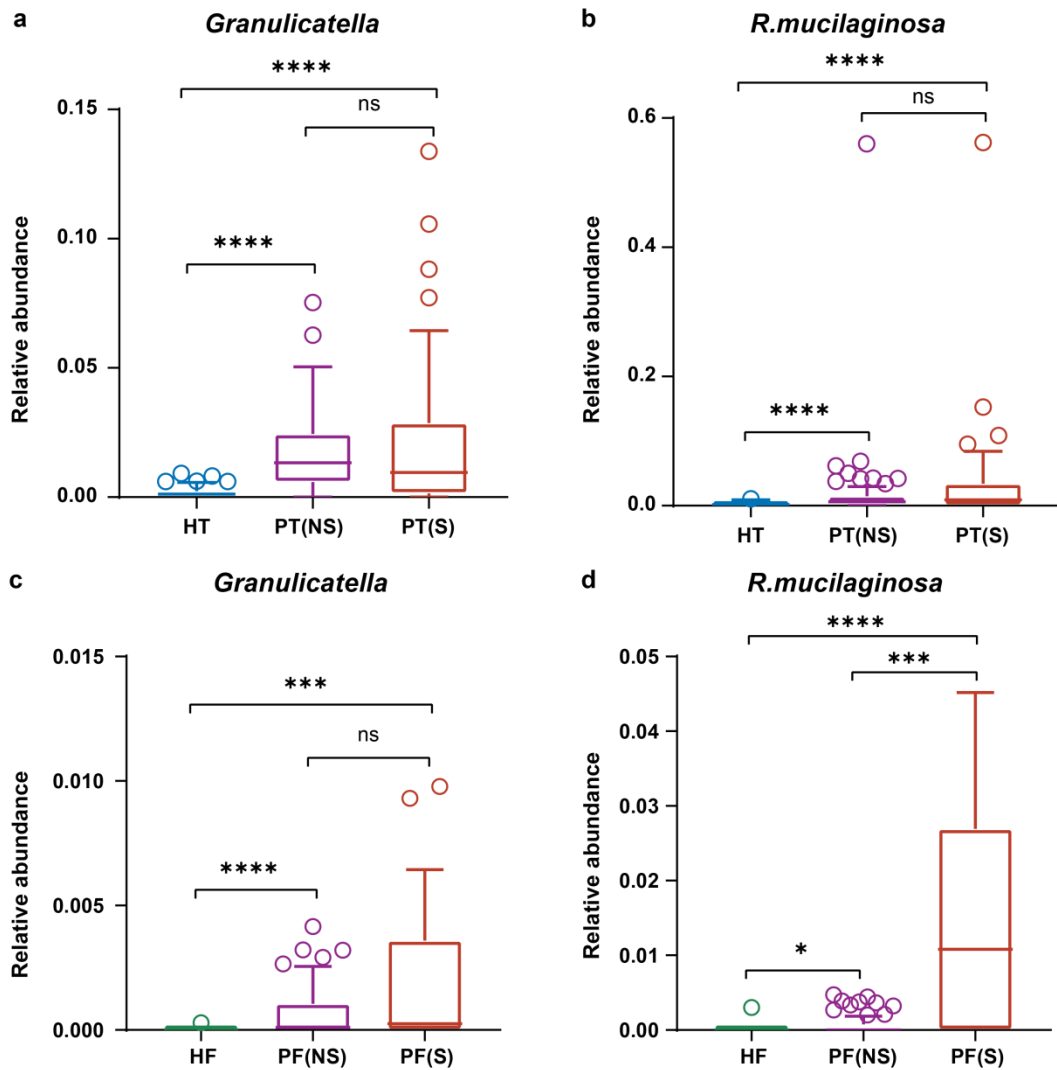
Taxonomy	Group	LEfSe analysis		MaAsLin2	
		LDA	p-value	Coefficient	p-value
<i>g__Streptococcus</i>	PF	4.07039439	9.81E-06	0.294723786	0.000230565
<i>g__Weissella</i>	PF	3.517819013	8.26E-05	0.101335921	0.014669427
<i>g__Enterococcus</i>	PF	3.199232248	2.80E-05	0.089347099	0.000623727
<i>Clostridium_citroniae</i>	PF	3.088746	5.85E-05	0.052788354	0.007081948
<i>Bifidobacterium_longum</i>	PF	2.976288515	7.88E-07	0.044654773	0.017956597
<i>Rothia_mucilaginosa</i>	PF	2.947328878	0.000177757	0.079359876	1.08E-05
<i>g__Rothia</i>	PF	2.939548147	0.002789322	0.076703639	1.77E-05
<i>g__Lactobacillus</i>	PF	2.831048869	0.017048742	0.065256175	0.004378413
<i>g__Actinomyces</i>	PF	2.536534912	0.000329375	0.038366765	0.002006929
<i>g__Granulicatella</i>	PF	2.397197	3.41E-06	0.024857664	0.002892692
<i>g__Blautia</i>	HF	3.836604	1.39E-12	0.123614968	3.67E-05
<i>g__Coprococcus</i>	HF	3.619681	1.16E-12	0.100262772	1.59E-05
<i>Bacteroides_caccae</i>	HF	3.118124487	4.02E-09	0.07527124	0.004790875
<i>Bacteroides_coprophilus</i>	HF	2.859626	7.36E-16	0.034969496	0.017497726
<i>Blautia_obeum</i>	HF	2.777926	2.03E-11	0.046428815	0.000573894
<i>Clostridium_colinum</i>	HF	2.458573	6.52E-15	0.024786391	0.0016486
<i>g__Collinsella</i>	HF	2.209255	2.68E-05	0.03146611	0.018499252

Supplementary Table 5. Significantly distinct bacterial taxa identified between PF(abx-) and HF groups

Taxonomy	Group	LEfSe analysis		MaAsLin2	
		LDA	p-value	Coefficient	p-value
<i>g__Streptococcus</i>	PF(abx-)	3.693343	0.000352	0.090926687	0.003154147
<i>Clostridium_citroniae</i>	PF(abx-)	3.268273	1.10E-05	0.05066731	0.004119379
<i>g__Anaerococcus</i>	PF(abx-)	3.070141	0.001968	0.055366168	0.000344614
<i>Streptococcus_anginosus</i>	PF(abx-)	3.032709	0.002302	0.04131649	0.002373282
<i>g__Peptoniphilus</i>	PF(abx-)	3.016881	0.000433	0.053420717	0.000245755
<i>g__Campylobacter</i>	PF(abx-)	2.533064	0.048023	0.024358408	0.004861695
<i>g__Atopobium</i>	PF(abx-)	2.350014	0.000433	0.008465937	0.009964554
<i>g__Blautia</i>	HF	3.864694	2.73E-09	0.139410699	6.99E-08
<i>g__Coprococcus</i>	HF	3.581713	2.71E-07	0.084764896	1.81E-05
<i>Bacteroides_eggerthii</i>	HF	3.064006	1.04E-08	0.056029014	0.001243332
<i>Bacteroides_coprophilus</i>	HF	2.853866	3.17E-07	0.037224891	0.00847245
<i>Blautia_obelum</i>	HF	2.812043	7.68E-06	0.044527621	0.000173239
<i>Blautia_producta</i>	HF	2.76882	0.00015	0.036507669	0.003013506
<i>g__Anaerostipes</i>	HF	2.686756	0.000189	0.032725558	0.002400145
<i>Clostridium_colinum</i>	HF	2.514328	1.20E-07	0.022969211	0.001295239
<i>g__Neisseria</i>	HF	2.501995	2.71E-06	0.02405077	0.003672718



Supplementary Fig. 1 Procrustes analyses demonstrated a significant correlation between the potential function profile and microbial composition. a Oral microbiota. **b** Gut microbiota. PT group and HT group are colored in red and blue, respectively; PF group and HF group are colored in red and green, respectively. The squares indicate 16S rRNA gene OTU data of microbial composition, and the triangles indicate the potential function profile.



Supplementary Fig. 2 Relative abundance of the oral and gut microbiota among the healthy controls, patients with the non-severe condition, and patients with the severe condition. **a** Relative abundance of *Granulicatella* among HT, PT(NS) and PT(S). **b** Relative abundance of *R. mucilaginosa* among HT, PT(NS) and PT(S). **c** Relative abundance of *Granulicatella* among HF, PF(NS) and PF(S). **d** Relative abundance of *R. mucilaginosa* among HF, PF(NS) and PF(S). ns: not significant, * $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.001$, **** $p < 0.0001$. p values were obtained using the Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparisons test. The line in the middle of the box, bound of the box and whiskers represent the median, 25th-75th percentiles and min-to-max values, respectively.