

Supplementary Figures

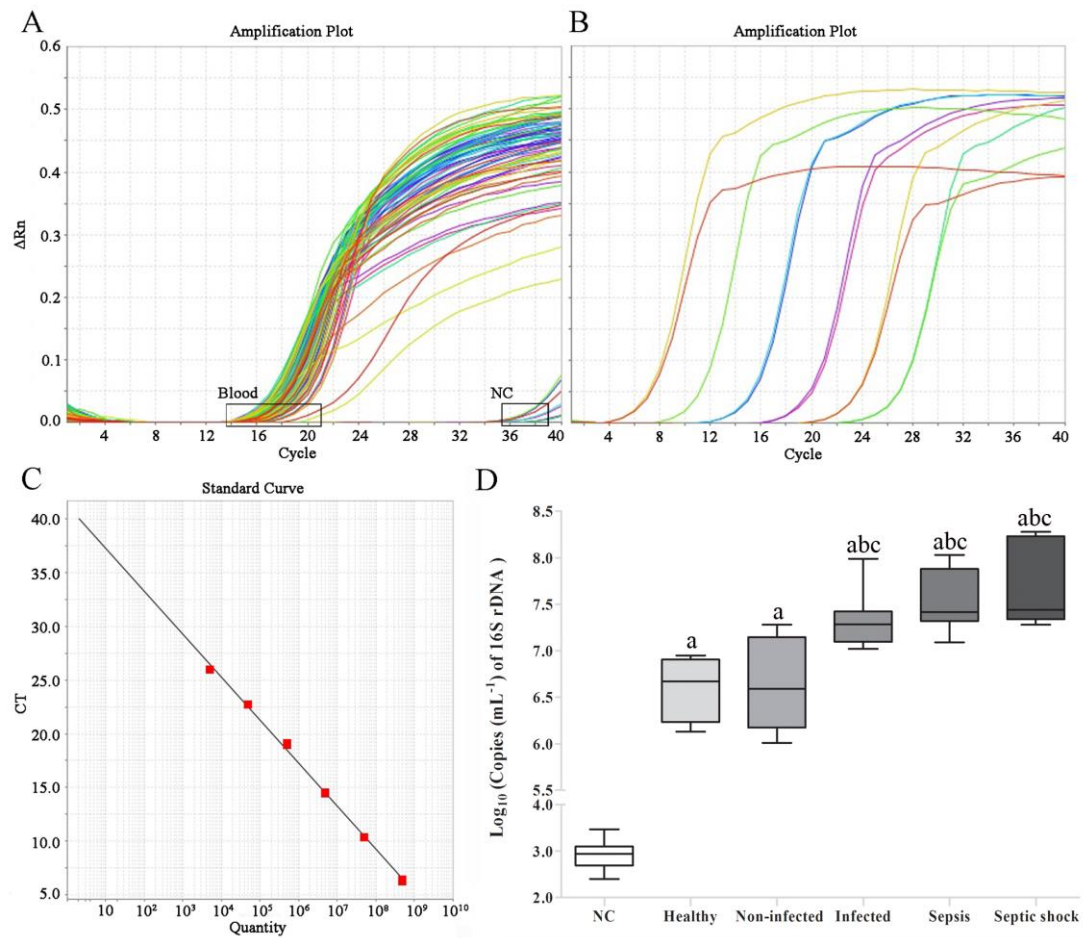


Figure S1. Determination of the bacterial 16S rDNA in blood samples by quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) assay. **A**, Amplification plots of qPCR obtained from blood samples and negative controls (NC). The assays were performed on the AB7500 real time PCR system (Life Technologies, CA). **B**, Amplification plots generating from a series of 10-fold dilutions from 5×10^3 to 5×10^8 of 16S rRNA gene copies per reaction. **C**, Standard curve generating from the standard dilutions. **D**, Comparison of the bacterial 16S rDNA concentrations in blood samples between patients and healthy controls (HC). The NC indicates the background signal from the reagents and consumables. a: $p < 0.001$, vs. NC; b: $p < 0.01$, vs. Healthy; c: $p < 0.01$, vs. Non-infected.

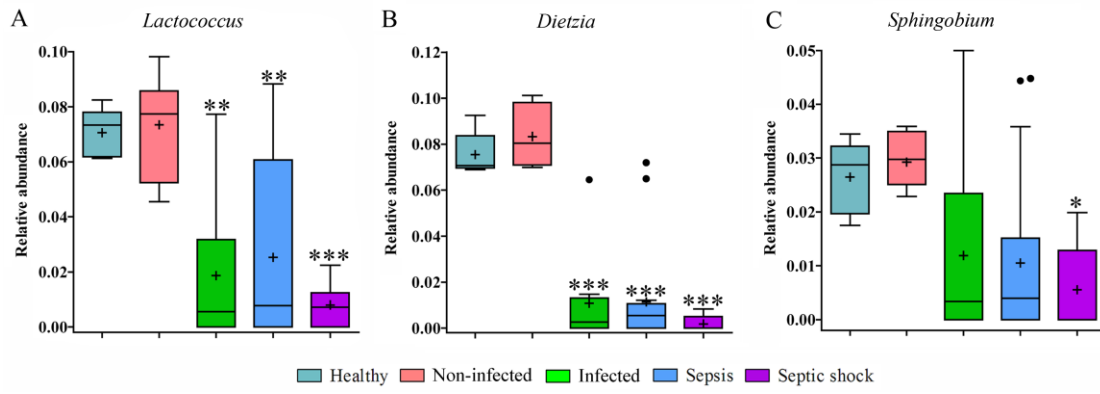


Figure S2. The blood bacterial genera showing significant reduction in their relative abundance in septic patients. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$, vs. Healthy.

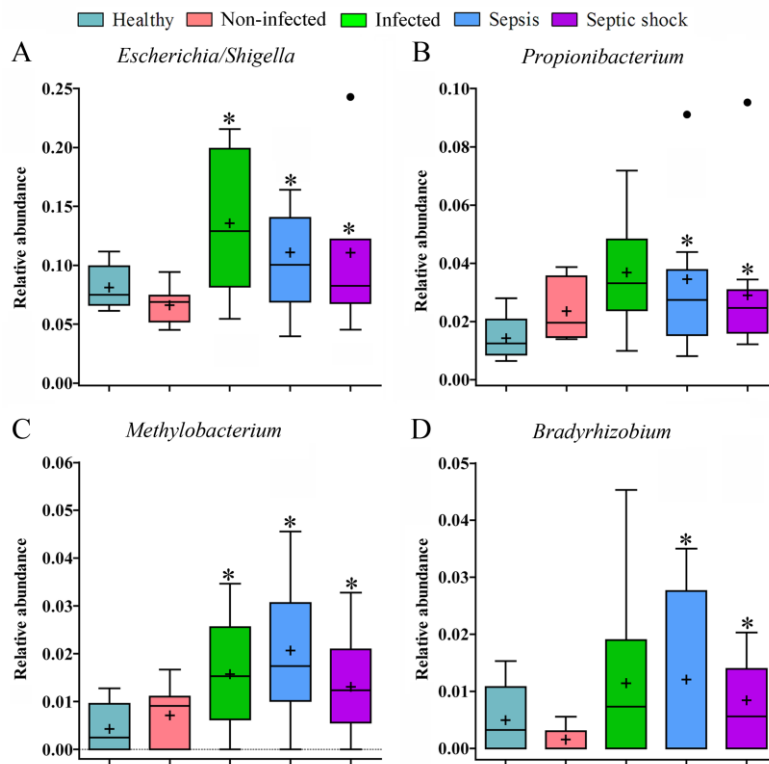


Figure S3. The blood bacterial genera showing significant enriched in septic patients. * $p < 0.05$, vs. Healthy.

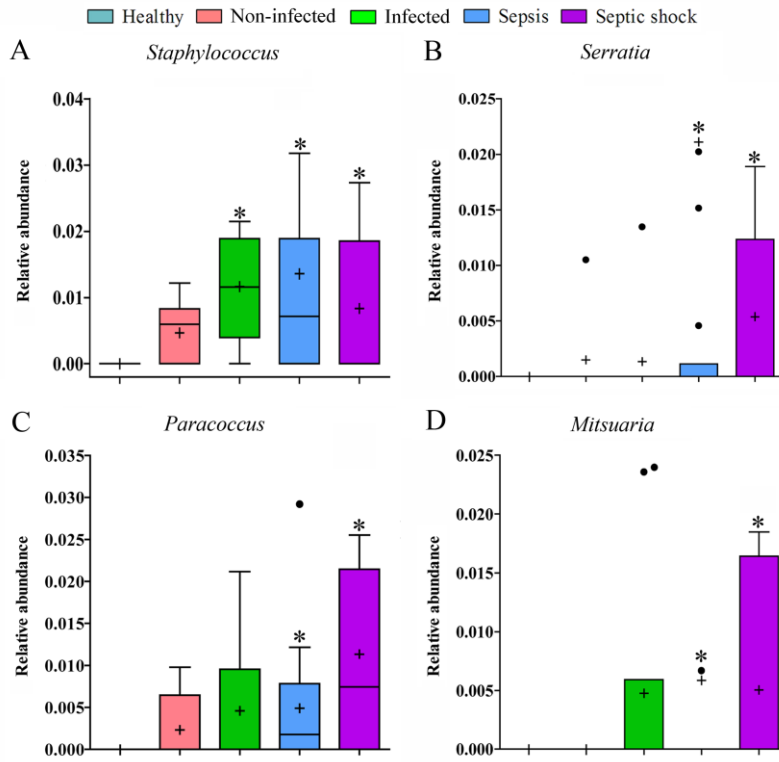


Figure S4. The blood bacterial genera presented in septic patients while absent in healthy individuals.

* $p < 0.05$, vs. Healthy.

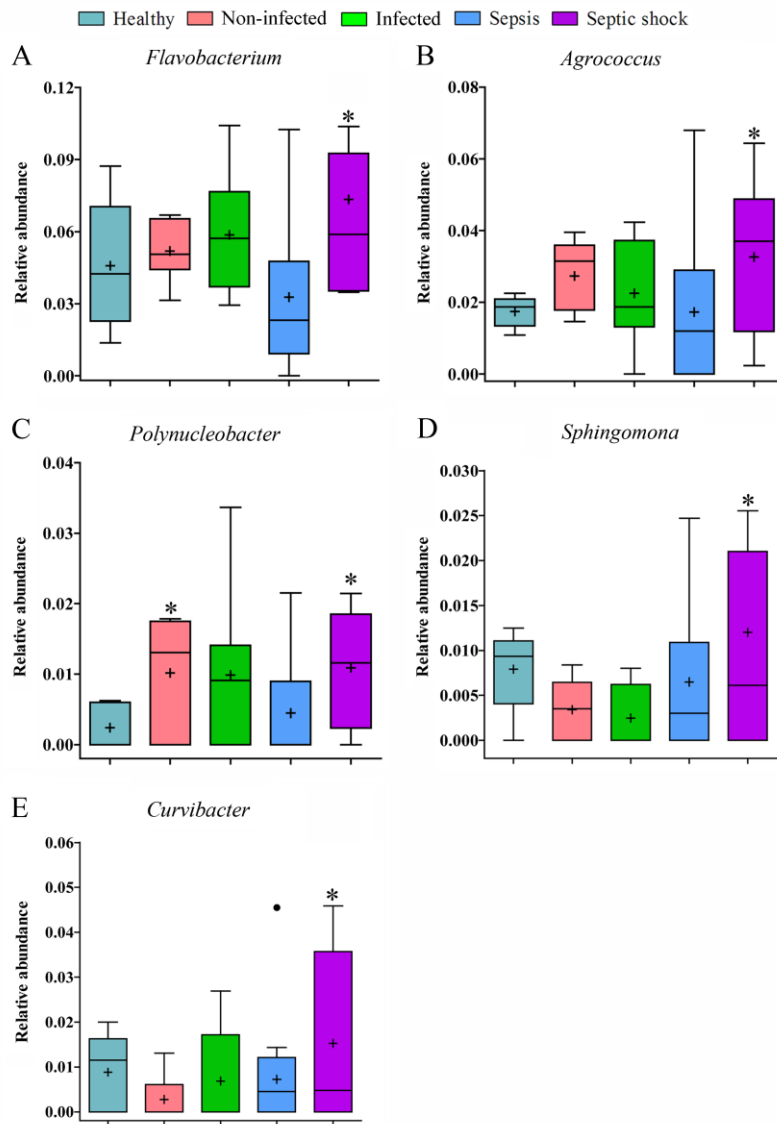


Figure S5. The blood bacterial genera significantly enriched in patients with septic shock. * $p < 0.05$, vs. Healthy.

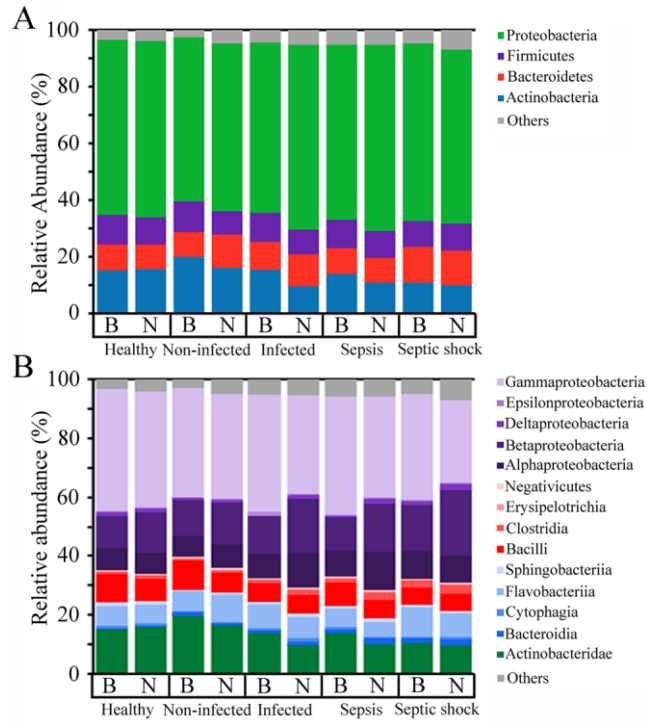


Figure S6. Bacterial composition of the blood and neutrophil-specific microbiotas. **(A)** Comparative analyses at the phylum level. **(B)** Comparative analyses at class level. The letters “B” and “N” represent the blood and neutrophil-specific microbiome, respectively.

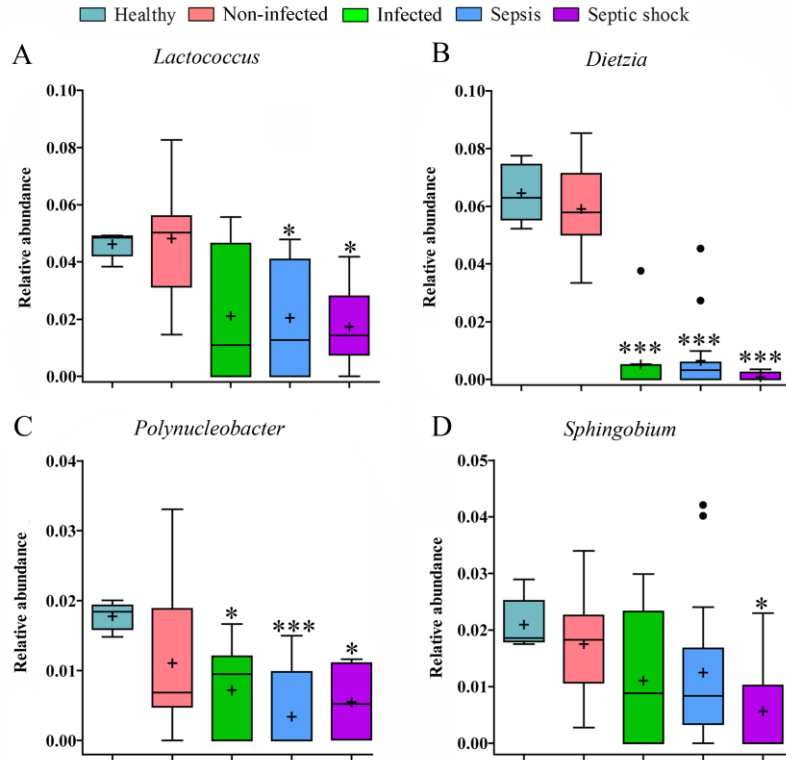


Figure S7. The predominant bacterial genera markedly declined in the neutrophils of septic patients. * $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.001$, vs. Healthy.

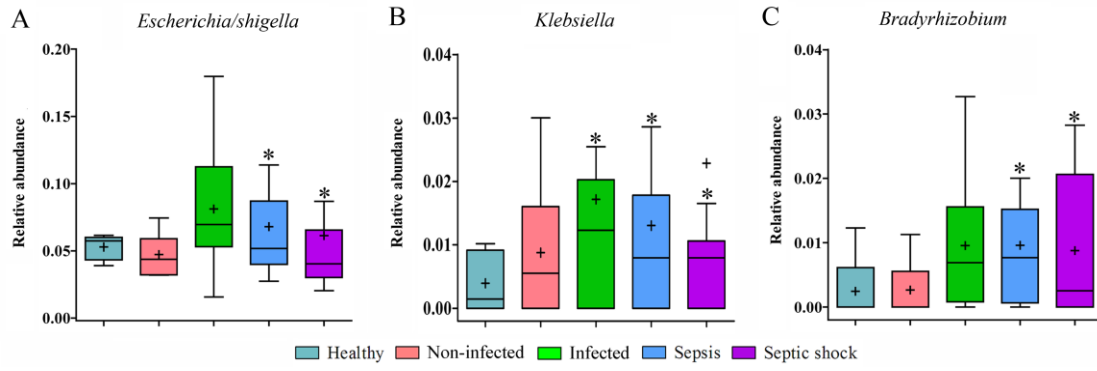


Figure S8. The predominant bacterial genera significantly enriched in the neutrophils of septic patients.

* $p < 0.05$, vs. Healthy.

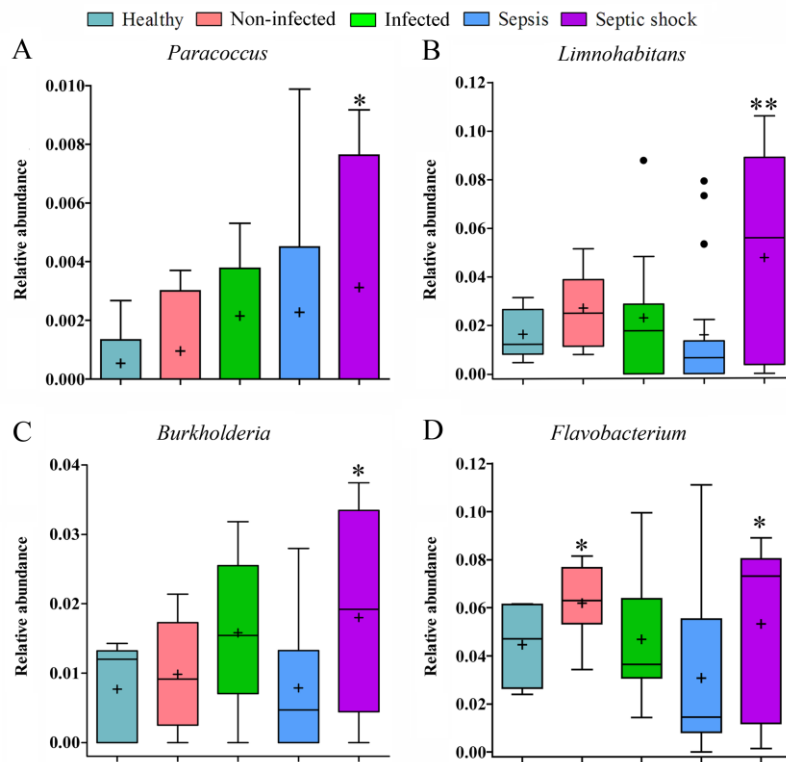


Figure S9. The bacterial genera significantly enriched in the neutrophils of patients with septic shock.

* $p < 0.05$, vs. Healthy subjects.

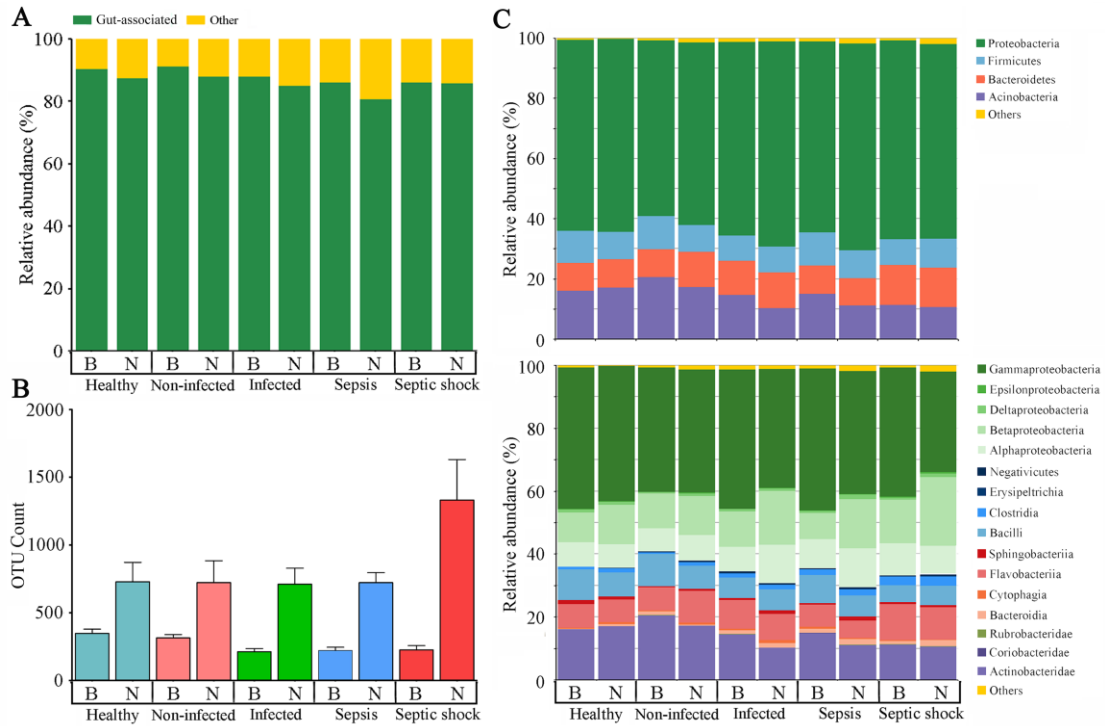


Figure S10. The gut-associated bacterial taxa in the blood and neutrophil-specific microbiomes. **(A)** The relative proportions of the gut-associated bacteria in the blood and neutrophil-specific microbiotas. **(B)** The counts of operational taxonomic units (OTUs) (97% identity) classified into gut-associated bacteria. **(C)** Comparative analyses of the gut-associated bacterial communities at the phylum and class levels. The letters “B” and “N” represent the blood and neutrophil-specific microbiome, respectively.

