

**Appropriate exercise level attenuates gut dysbiosis and valeric acid increase to improve neuroplasticity and cognitive function after surgery in mice**

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**KEY RESOURCES TABLE**

<b>REAGENT or RESOURCE</b>	<b>RESOURCE</b>	<b>IDENTIFIER</b>
<b>Antibodies</b>		
Rabbit polyclonal anti-PSD95	Abcam	Cat#GR326885-1
Rabbit polyclonal anti- Synapsin 1	Abcam	Cat#GR3275672-2
alpha-Tubulin rabbit Ab	cell signaling Technology	Cat#2144S
Rabbit monoclonal anti-C3 antibody	Abcam	Cat#GR3273564-7
Goat monoclonal anti-GFAP antibody	Millipore	Cat#GR3313543-1
Rat monoclonal anti-C3ar antibody	Hycult Biotech	Cat#HM1123-27428M0819-A
Rabbit monoclonal anti-Iba-1 antibody	Wako Chemical Co.	Cat#019-19741
Rat monoclonal anti-BrdU antibody	Abcam	Cat#GR3289293-1
Donkey anti-goat IgG antibody conjugated with Alexa Fluor 488	Invitrogen	Cat#1463163
Donkey anti-rabbit IgG antibody conjugated with Alexa Fluor 594	Invitrogen	Cat#1987293
Donkey anti-rat IgG antibody conjugated with Alexa Fluor 594	Invitrogen	Cat#1979379
Donkey anti-rabbit IgG antibody conjugated with Alexa Fluor 647	Invitrogen	Cat#1826679?
Hoechst 33342	Thermo Scientific	Cat#U12842162
<b>Drugs</b>		
Amoxicillin/Clavulanic acid	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#SM800607
Metronidazole	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#M3761
Cefazolin	West-Ward	Cat#319033.1

Valeric sodium	Toronto Research Chemicals	Cat#V091420
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**Critical Commercial Assays**


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Nylon cell strainer	Fisher Scientific	Cat#08-771-2
RNeasy Micro kit	QIAGEN	Cat#74004
5X All in-One MasterMix	Applied Biological Materials	Cat#G485
NovaSeq 6000 S4 Reagent kit	Illumina	Cat#20012866
DNA isolation kit	QIAGEN	Cat#12855-100
AMPure XP magnetic beads	Beckman Coulter	Cat#A63881
Nextera XT Index Kit	Illumina	Cat#FC-131-2001
Qubit dsDNA HS assay kit	Thermo Scientific	Cat#Q33230
FD Rapid GolgiStain kit	FD NeuroTechnologies	Cat#PK401
Mouse IL-1 $\beta$ ELISA kits	R&D SYSTEM	Cat#SMLB00C
Mouse IL-6 ELISA kits	R&D SYSTEM	Cat#SM6000B
Mouse C3 ELISA kits	Abcam	Cat#ab263884
Mouse GDNF ELISA kits	Biosensis	Cat#BEK-2229-2P

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**Chemicals**


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Recombinant mouse GDNF	Abcam	Cat#GR2862-22
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C3ar-antagonist	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#559410
BrdU	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#APN17133-1-1
9-chloromethylantracene	TCI America	Cat#: A5502
18-Crown-6	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#: 80833
2-Ethylbutyric acid	Millipore Sigma	Cat# 109959
10 $\times$ RIPA buffer	Thermo Scientific	Cat#89901
Protease inhibitor cocktail	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#SRE0055
Tetramethylammonium hydroxide	TCI America	Cat# T0138

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### Figure legends for supplemental figures

**Fig. S1. Exercise altered gut microbiota.** Nine-week old male mice were with or without exercise for 4 weeks. Presentation of  $\alpha$  diversity is in panels A and B. Presentation of  $\beta$  diversity is in panel C. Bacterial abundance is presented in panel D.  $n = 16$  for all panels. C-S: control mouse samples harvested before surgery, E-ES: exercise mouse samples harvested before surgery.

**Fig. S2. Exercise stabilized gut microbiota after surgery.** Nine-week old male mice with or without exercise for 4 weeks were subjected to left carotid artery exposure (surgery) under isoflurane anesthesia. Presentation of  $\alpha$  diversity is in panels A to D. Presentation of  $\beta$  diversity is in panels E and F.  $n = 8$  for all panels. S: surgery mouse samples harvested just before surgery, SP3: surgery mouse samples harvested on post-surgery day 3, SP7: surgery mouse samples harvested on post-surgery day 7, ES: exercise mouse samples harvested just before surgery, ESP3: exercise mouse samples harvested on post-surgery day 3, ESP7: exercise mouse samples harvested on post-surgery day 7.

**Fig. S3. Antibiotics reduced gut microbiota.** Nine-week old male mice were treated with antibiotics to eliminate their native gut microbiota. A: bacterial DNA concentrations in feces. Presentation of  $\alpha$  diversity is in panels B to D. Presentation of  $\beta$  diversity is in panels E and F. Bacterial abundance is presented in panel G.  $n = 8$  for all panels. C; control, Anti: antibiotics.

**Fig. S4. Transplantation with feces from exercise mice altered gut microbiota.** Nine-week old mice were treated with antibiotics to eliminate their native gut microbiota and then transplanted with feces from exercise mice (ET) or control mice (CT). Presentation of  $\alpha$  diversity is in panels A and B. Presentation of  $\beta$  diversity is in panel C. Bacterial abundance is presented in panel D.  $n = 8$  for all panels.

**Fig. S5. Successful establishment of transplanted gut microbiota.** Nine-week old male mice received transplantation of feces from control mice or mice with surgery. Presentation of  $\alpha$  diversity is in panels A, B and C. Presentation of  $\beta$  diversity is in panels D and E. Bacterial abundance is presented in panel F.  $n = 10$ . CT: control mouse received transplantation of feces from control mice, ST: control mouse received transplantation of feces from surgery mice.

**Fig. S6. Transplantation of gut microbiota from surgery mice induced learning and memory dysfunction.** Nine-week old mice received antibiotic treatment for 7 days (Antibiotic) or transplantation of feces from control mice (Trans-Control) (panels A to C). In another

experiment, nine-week old male mice received transplantation of feces from control mice (Trans-Control) or mice with surgery (Trans-Surgery) (panels D to F). A and D: training sessions of Barnes maze test. B and E: memory assessment of Barnes maze test. C and F: novel object recognition test. Results in panels A and D are mean  $\pm$  S.D. and results in panels B, C, E and F are median  $\pm$  interquartile range with presentation of value of individual mouse (n = 11 – 12 for panels A to C, = 16 – 17 for panels D to F).

**Fig. S7.** *Changes of short chain fatty acids (SCFAs) under various experimental conditions.* Blood and feces were harvested from mice 2 weeks after fecal transplantation (for panels A and D), 7 days after surgery (panel B) or 4 weeks after the onset of exercise protocol (panel C). Results are mean  $\pm$  S.D. (panels A, C, D) with presentation of value of individual mouse or median  $\pm$  interquartile range (panel B) with presentation of value of individual mouse (n = 7 for all panels). Trans-Control: mice transplanted with feces from control mice, Trans-Exe: mice transplanted with feces from exercise mice, Exe: exercise, Sur: surgery, NS: normal saline, Val: valeric acid.

**Fig. S8.** *Intracerebroventricular injection of small dose of valeric acid failed to induce learning and memory dysfunction.* Thirteen-week old male mice received intracerebroventricular injection of normal saline (NS) or valeric acid (Val). A: training sessions of Barnes maze test. B: memory assessment of Barnes maze test. C: novel object recognition test. Results in panel A are mean  $\pm$  S.D. and results in panels B and C are median  $\pm$  interquartile range with presentation of value of individual mouse (n = 14 – 15).

**Fig. S9.** *Exercise via regulating gut microbiota and blood valeric acid concentrations attenuated surgery-induced immune and inflammatory responses.* Hippocampus of 9-week old mice with or without 4-week exercise was harvested at various times after surgery for immunostaining or ELISA. A: representative Iba-1 and C3ar immunostaining images of hippocampus harvested 48 h after surgery. B and C: quantification of Iba-1 and C3ar immunostaining of hippocampus harvested 48 h after surgery. D and E: quantification of C3. F and G: IL-1 $\beta$  quantified by ELISA. H and I: IL-6 quantified by ELISA. Results are mean  $\pm$  S.D. with presentation of value of individual mouse (n = 6 for panels B and C, = 9 for panels D to F and H, = 10 for panels G and I). Trans-Control: mice transplanted with feces from control mice, Trans-Exe: mice transplanted with feces from exercise mice, Exe: exercise, Sur: surgery, NS: normal saline, Val: valeric acid, post: post-surgery.

**Fig. S10.** *Exercise via regulating gut microbiota and blood valeric acid concentrations attenuated surgery-induced decrease of brain cell genesis and dendritic arborization.* Brain of 9-week old mice with or without 4-week exercise was harvested 19 days after surgery for immunostaining or Golgi staining. A: representative GFAP and BrdU immunostaining images of hippocampus. B and C: quantification of GFAP and BrdU positively stained cells in the hippocampus. D and E: representative Golgi staining images of hippocampus. F and G: quantification of intersections among the dendritic branches and spine density in the hippocampus. Results are mean  $\pm$  S.D. with presentation of value of individual mouse (n = 6 for panel B, = 8 for other panels). Trans-Control: mice transplanted with feces from control mice, Trans-Exe: mice transplanted with feces from exercise mice, Exe: exercise, Sur: surgery, NS: normal saline, Val: valeric acid.

**Fig. S11.** *Exercise attenuated surgery-induced reduction of PSD95 and synapsin 1.* Hippocampus was harvested 2 days after surgery for Western blotting. A and B: representative Western blotting images. C and D: quantification of PSD95 and synapsin 1. Result in panel C is median  $\pm$  interquartile range with presentation of value of individual mouse and result in panel D is mean  $\pm$  S.D. with presentation of value of individual mouse (n = 8 for all panels). Trans-Control: mice transplanted with feces from control mice, Trans-Exe: mice transplanted with feces from exercise mice, Exe: exercise, Sur: surgery, Syn-1: synapsin 1.

**Fig. S12.** *Exercise stabilized gut microbiota of mice with surgery in old mice.* Nineteen-month old male mice with or without exercise for 4 weeks were subjected to left carotid artery exposure (surgery) under isoflurane anesthesia. Presentation of  $\alpha$  diversity is in panels A, B, D, E, G, H, J and K. Presentation of  $\beta$  diversity is in panels C, F, I and L. Bacterial abundance is presented in panels M and N. n = 16 for panels A, B, C and M, and = 8 for other panels. OC-OS: old control mouse samples harvested before surgery, OE-OES: old exercise mouse samples harvested before surgery, OS: old surgery mouse samples harvested just before surgery, OSP: old surgery mouse samples harvested on post-surgery day 7, OES: old exercise mouse samples harvested before surgery, OESP: old exercise mouse samples harvested on post-surgery day 7.

**Fig. S13.** *Exercise attenuated surgery-induced reduction of PSD95 and synapsin 1 in old mice.* Hippocampus was harvested 2 days after surgery for Western blotting. A: representative Western blotting images. B: quantification of PSD95 and synapsin 1. Results are mean  $\pm$  S.D.

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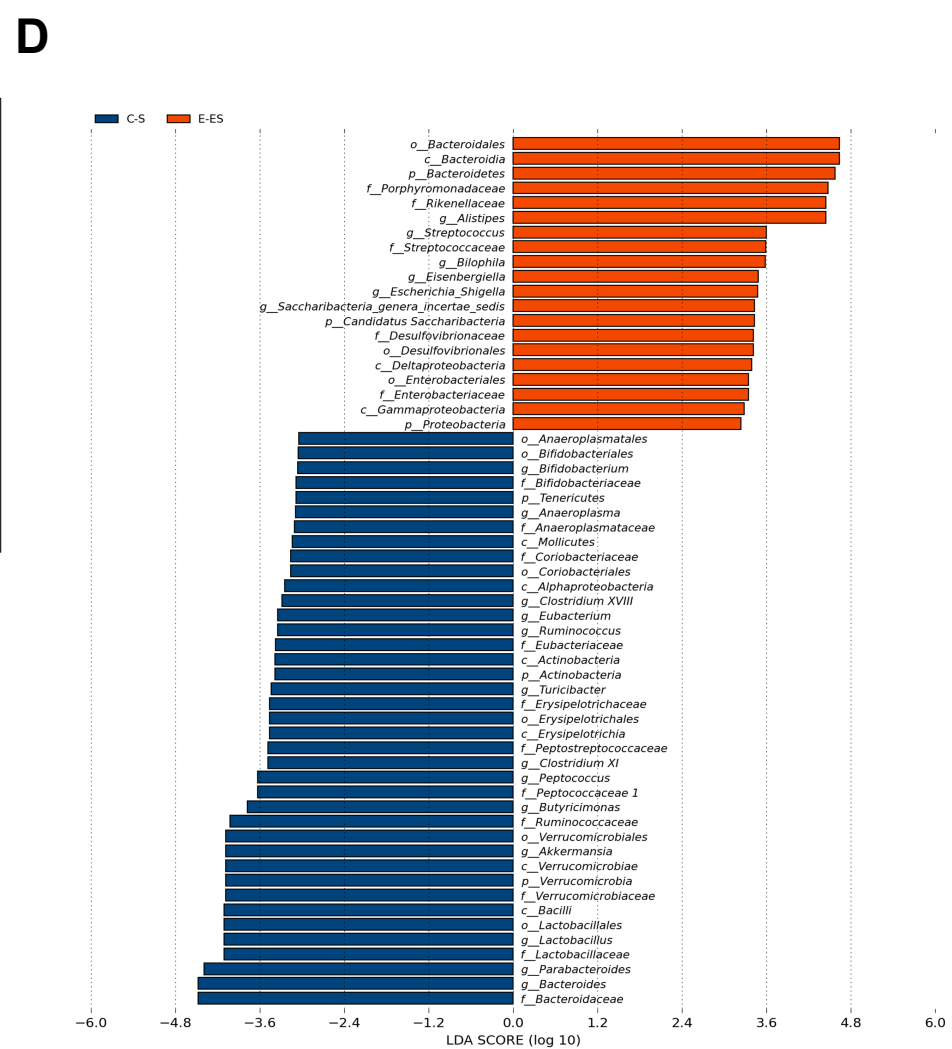
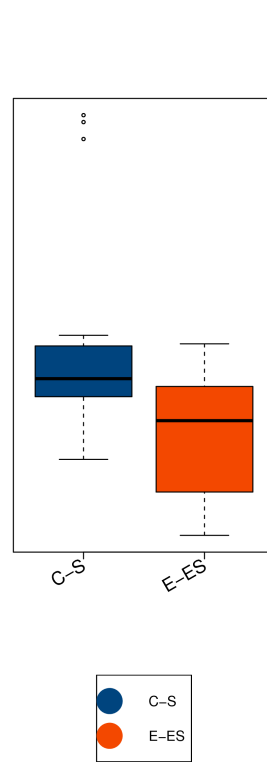
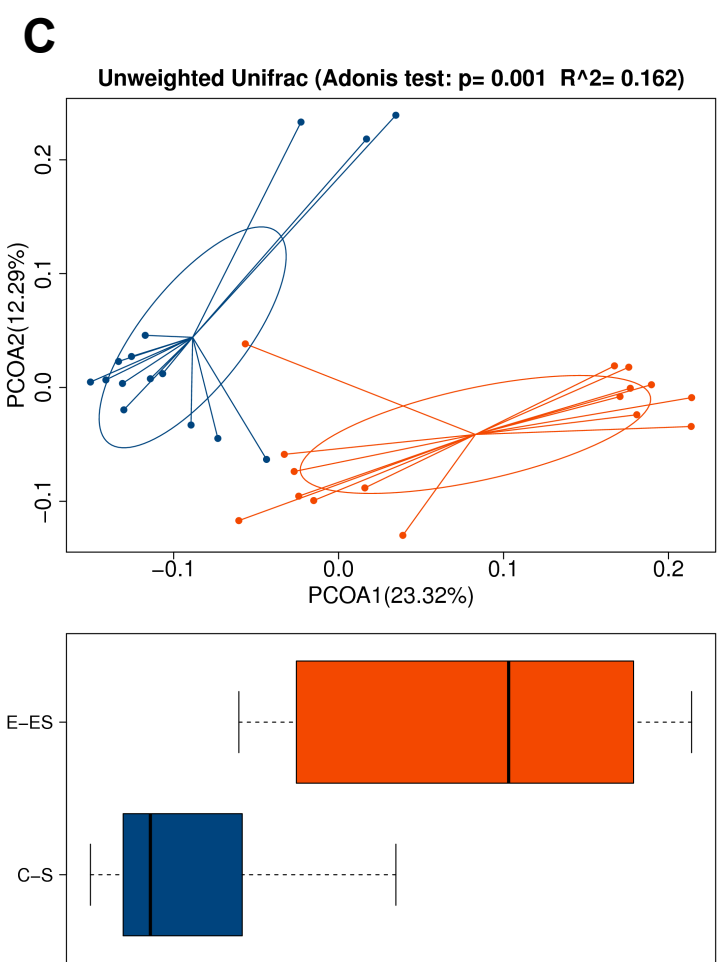
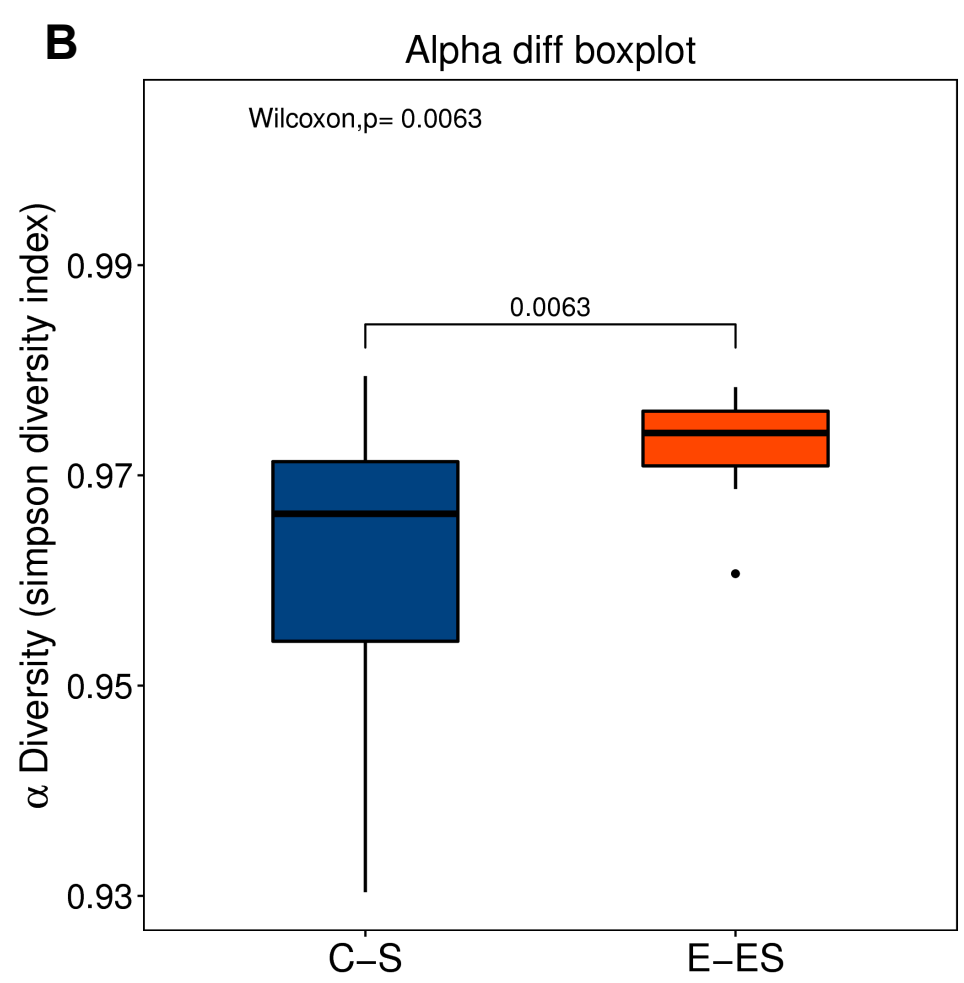
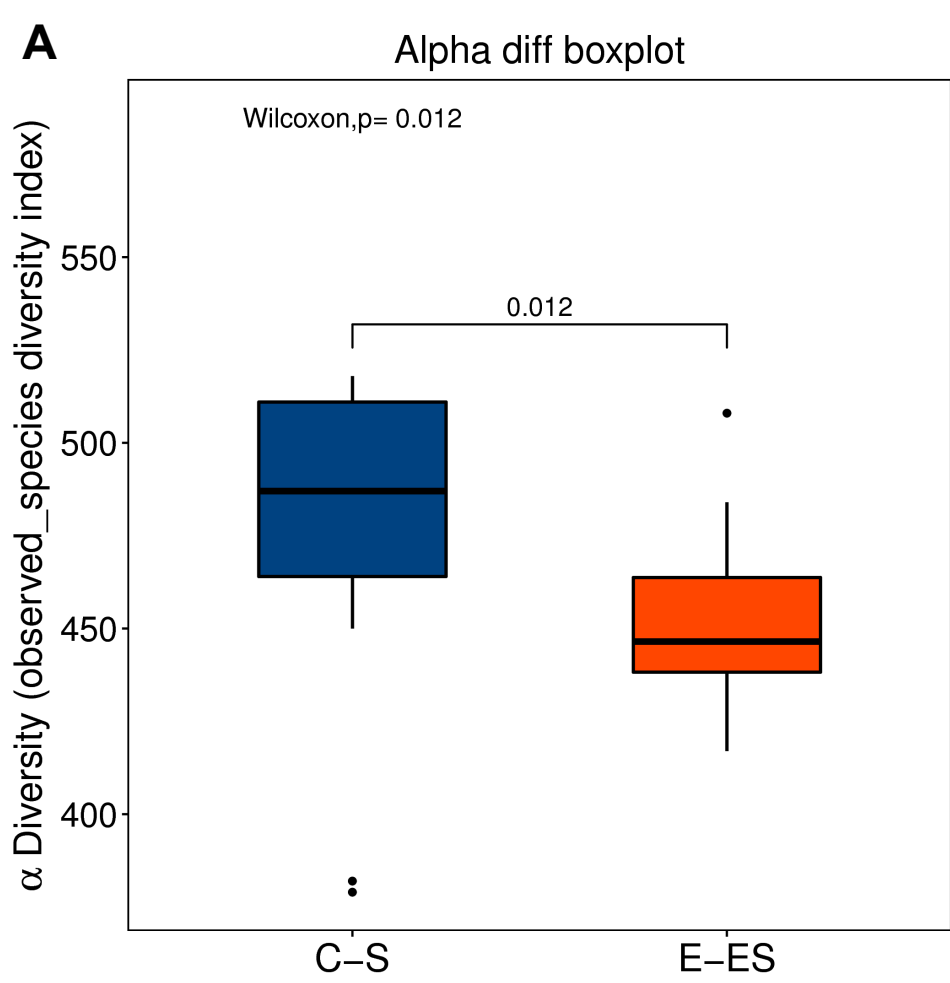


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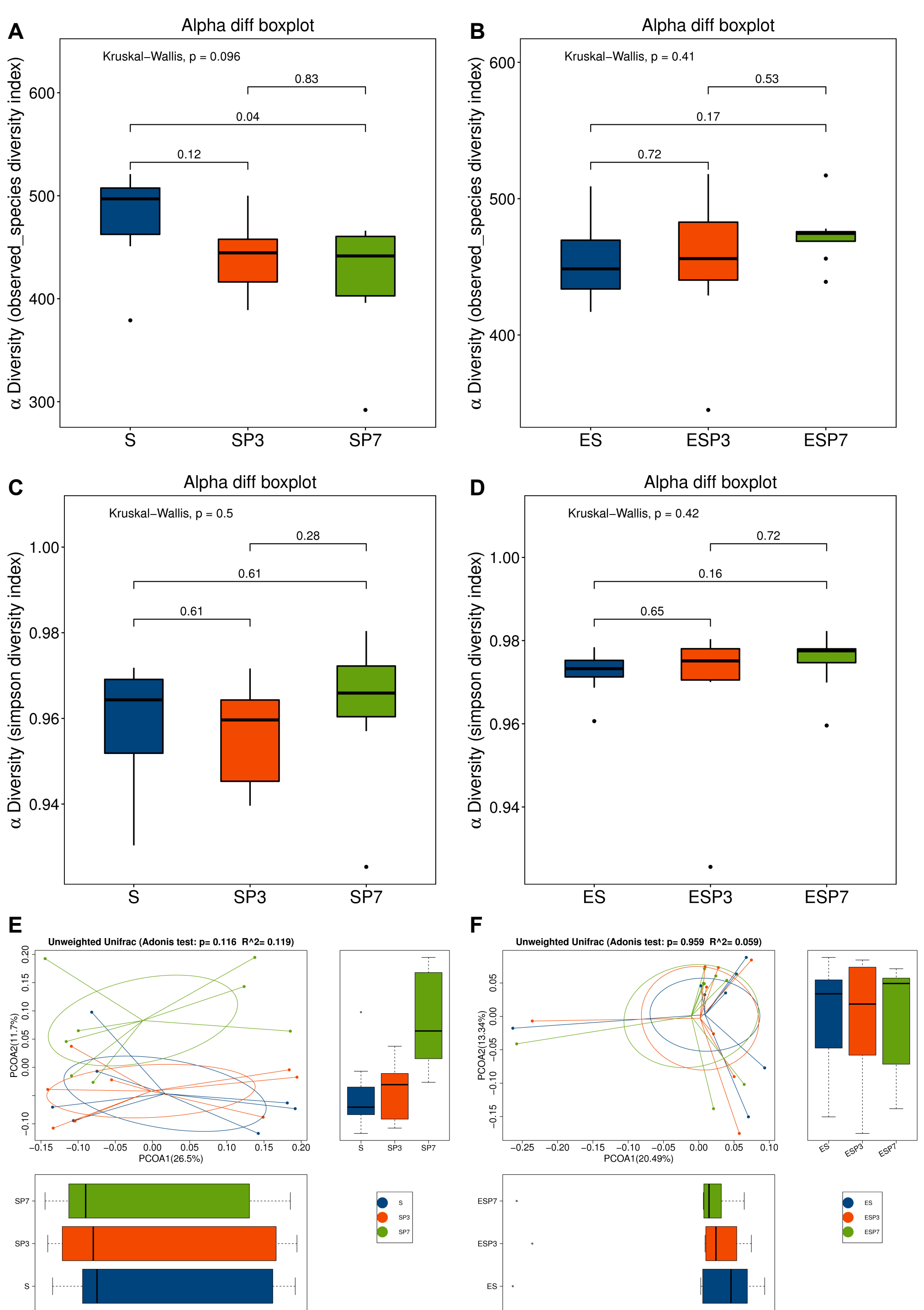


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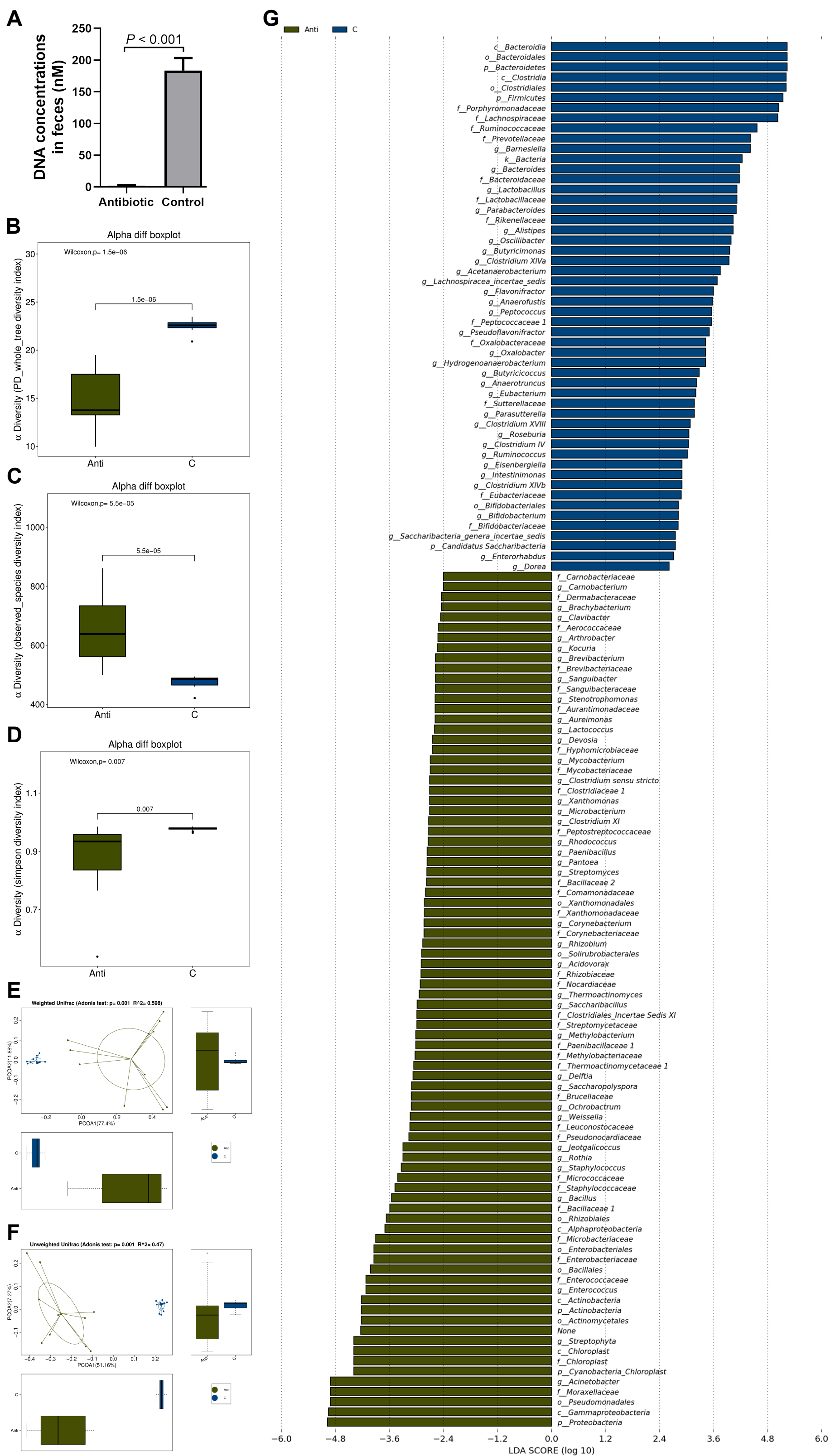


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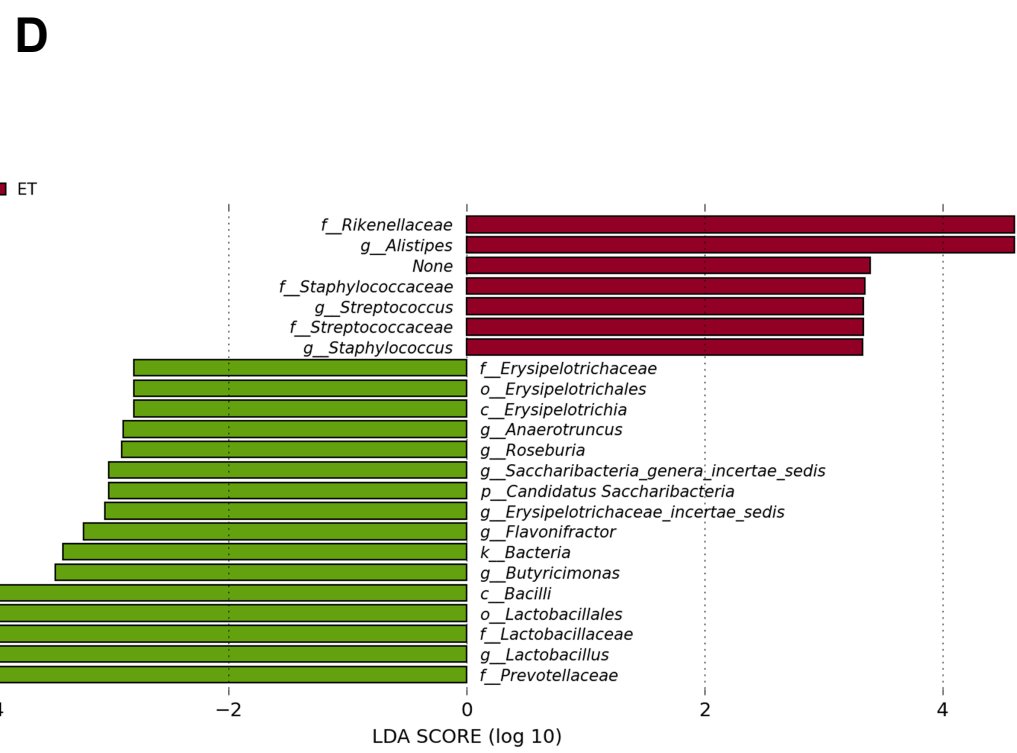
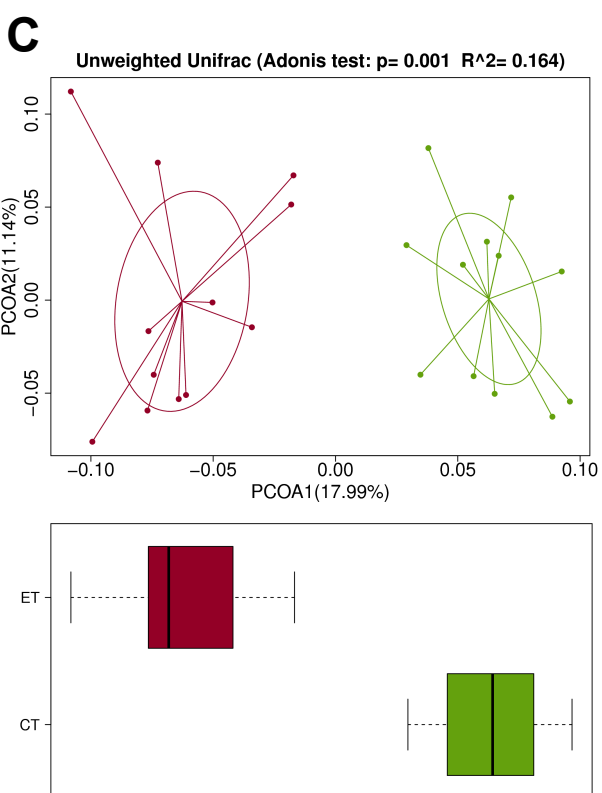
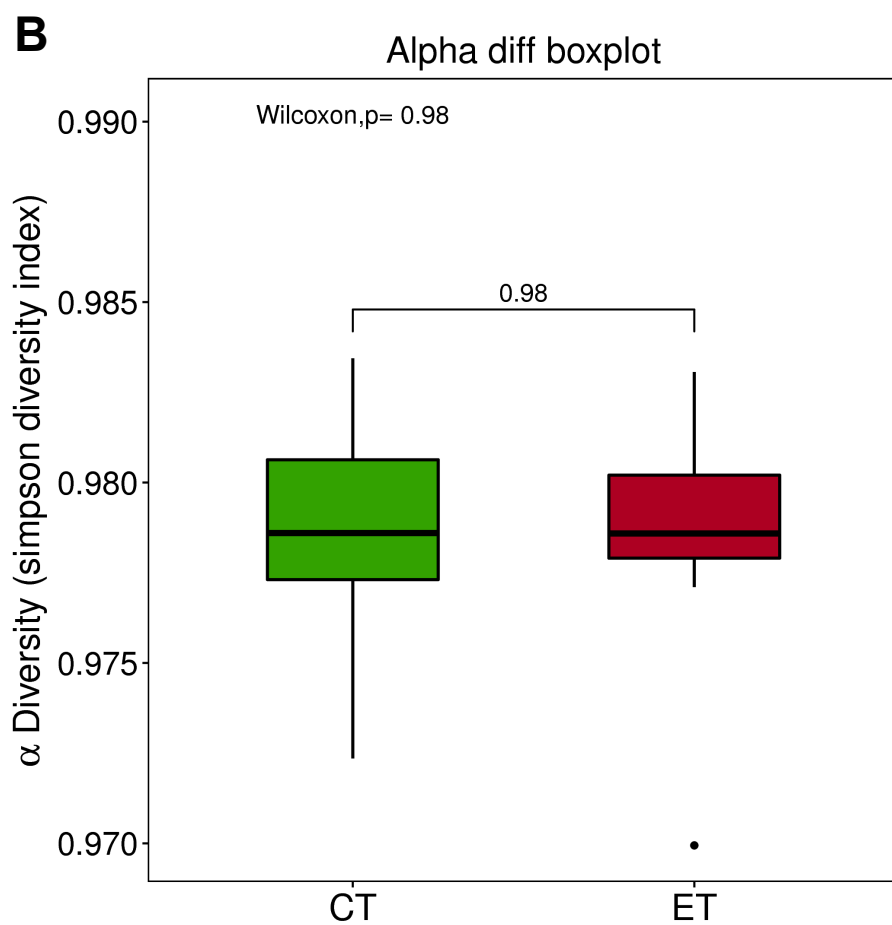
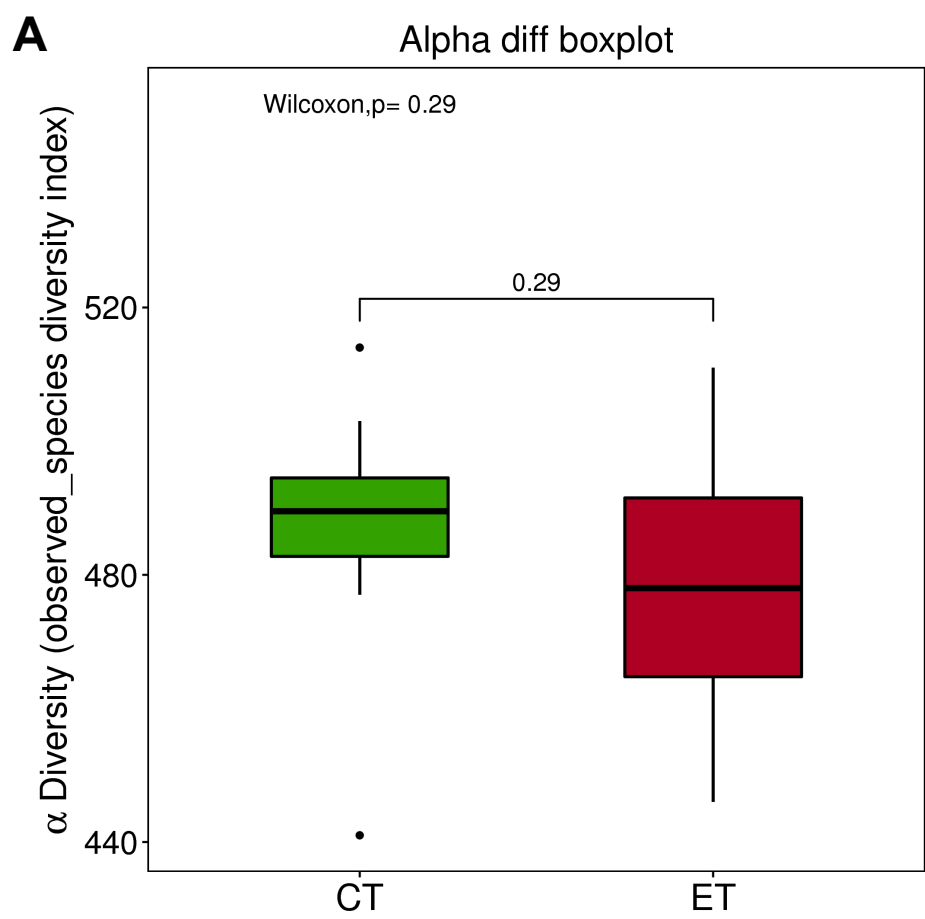


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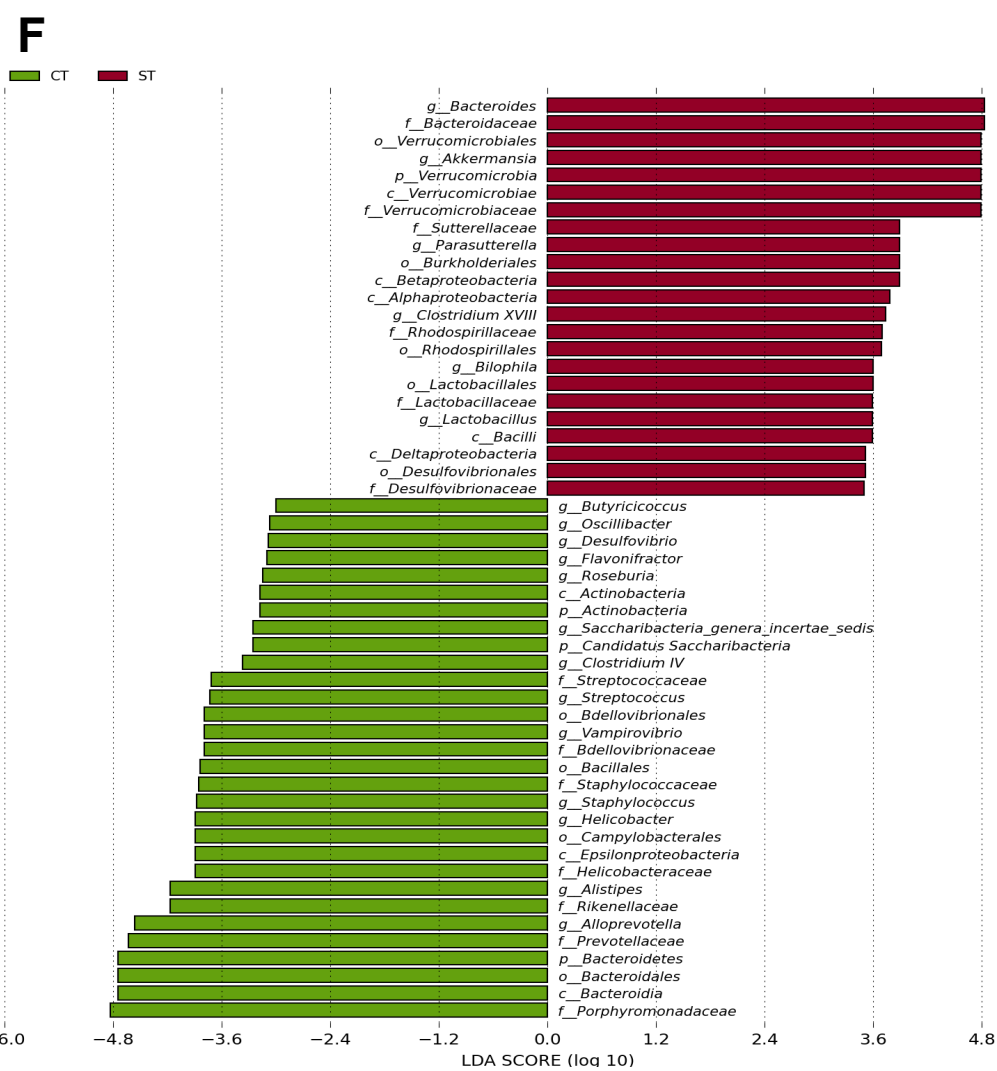
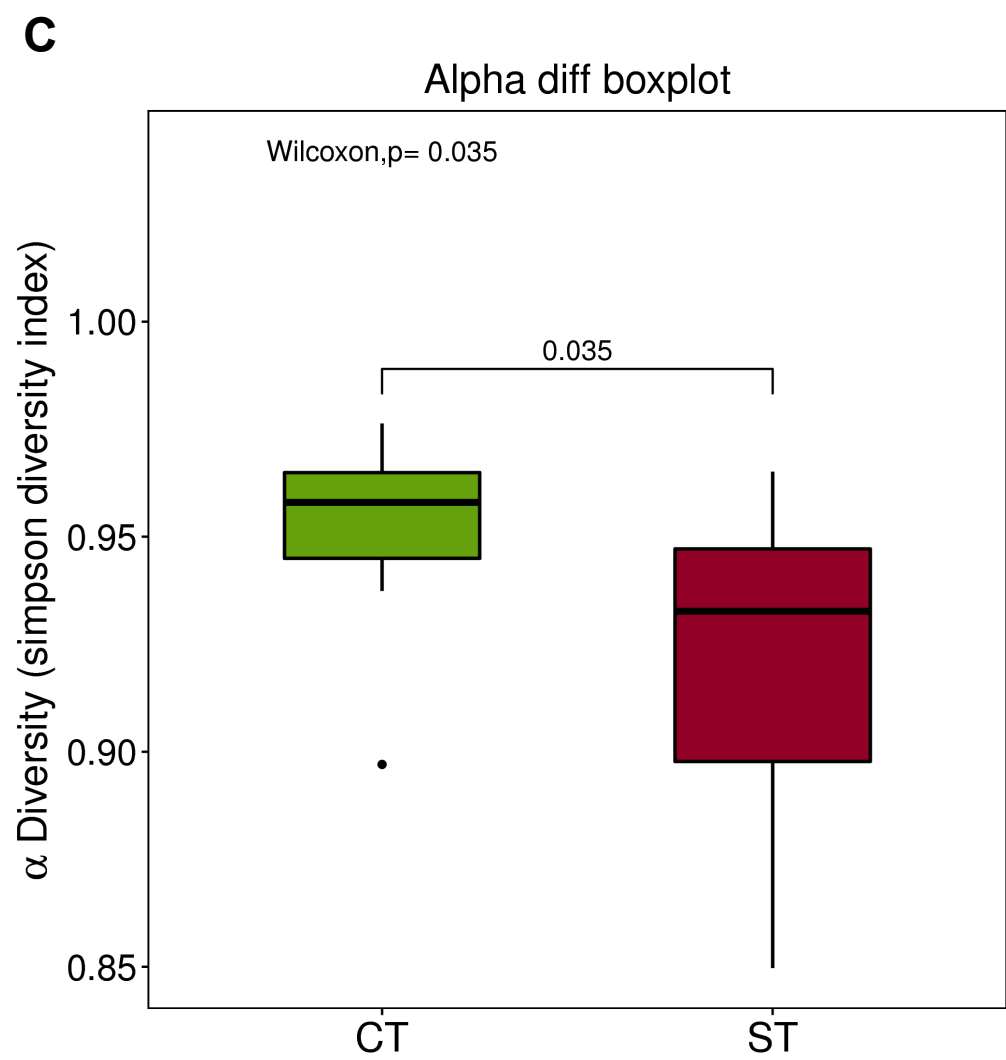
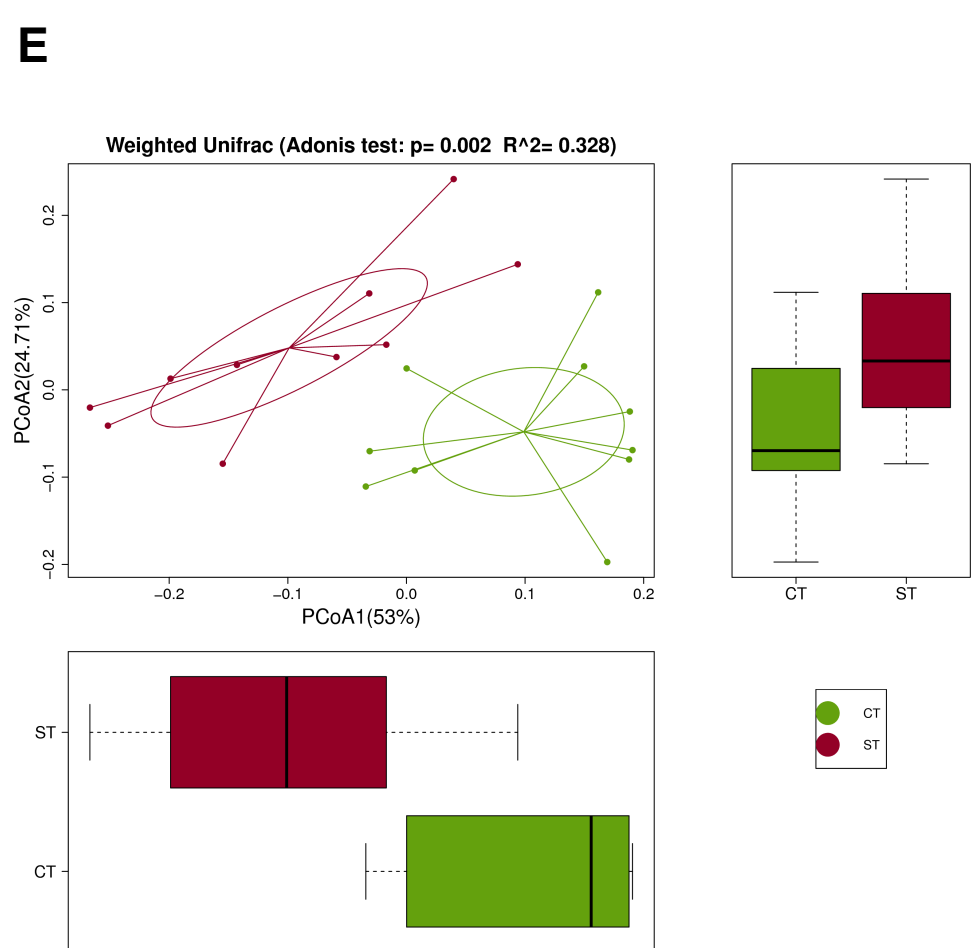
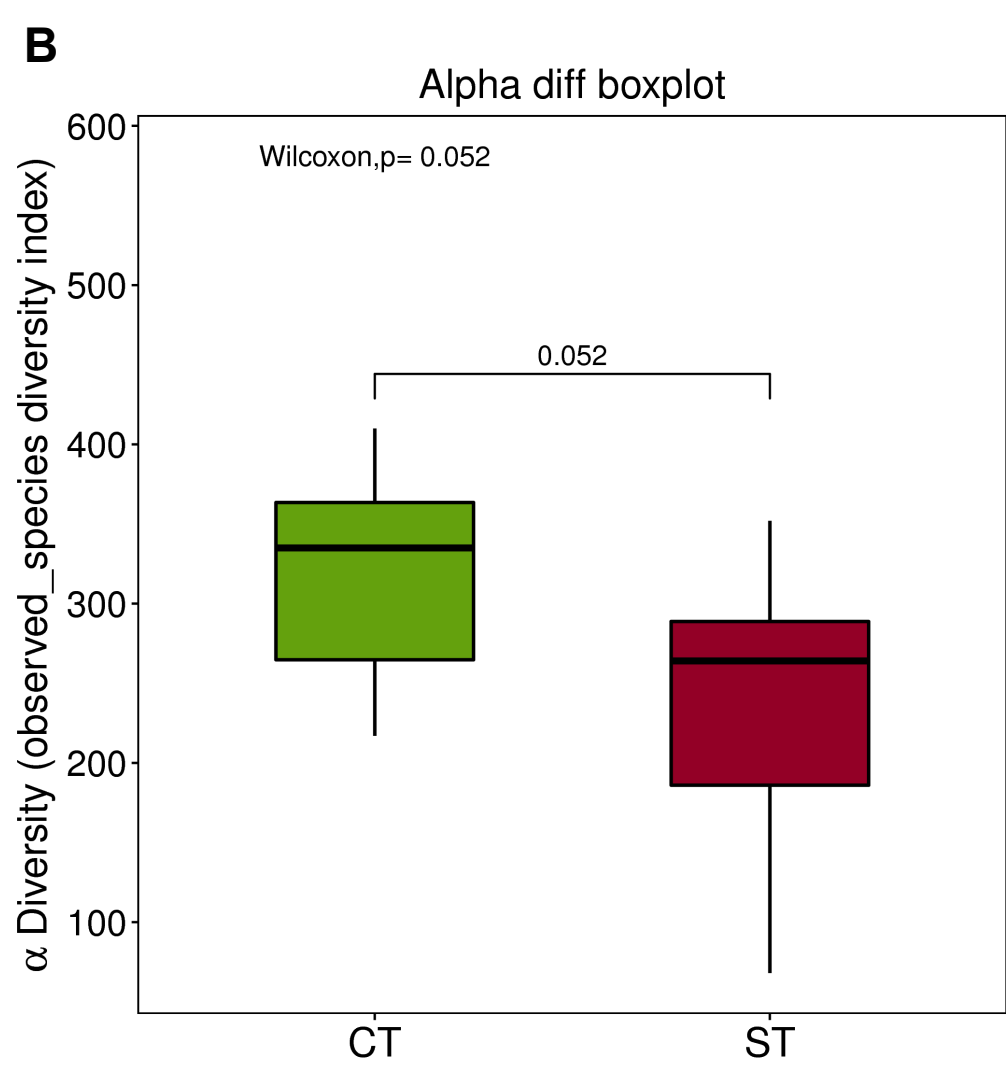
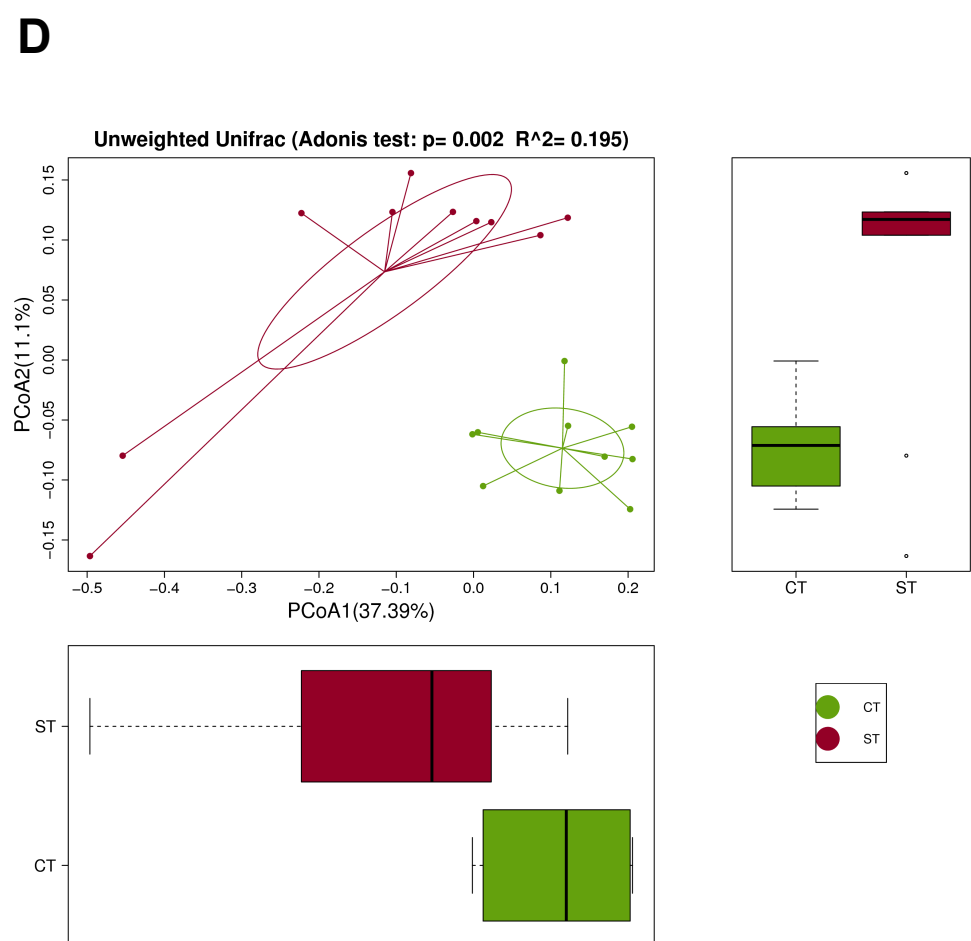
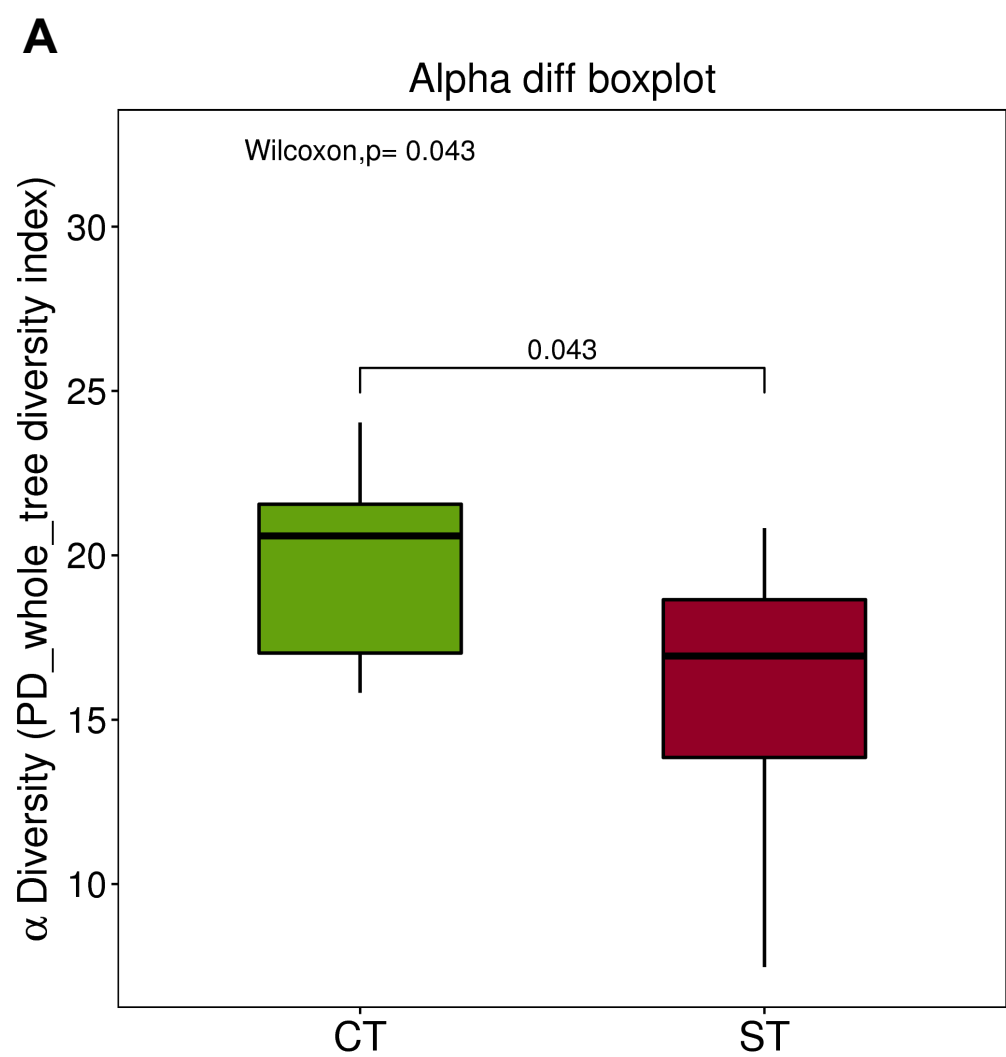


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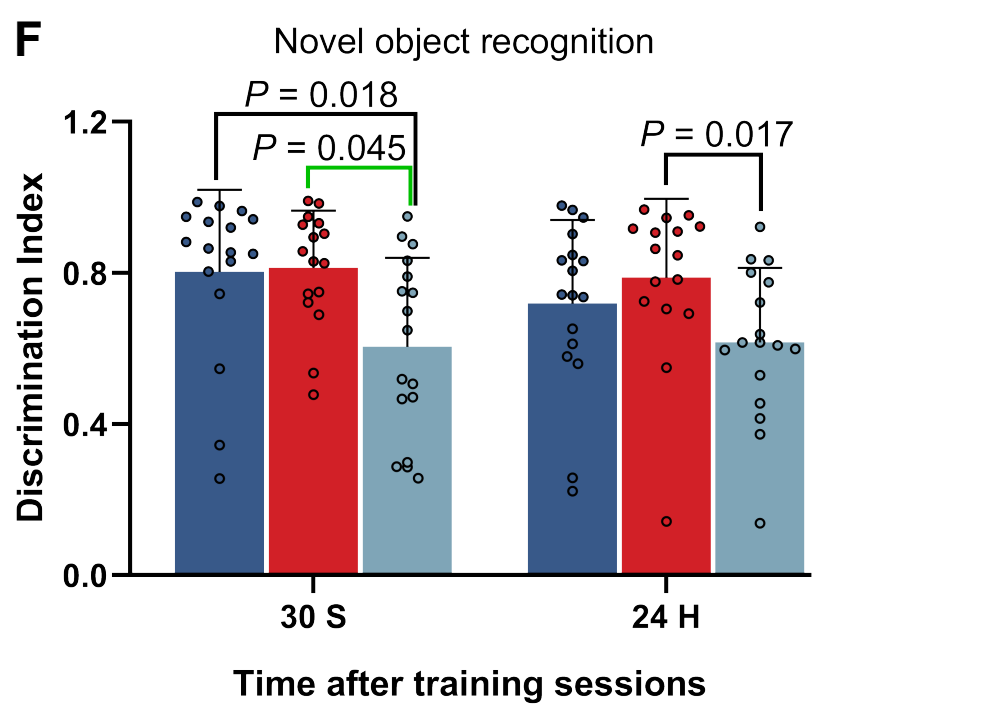
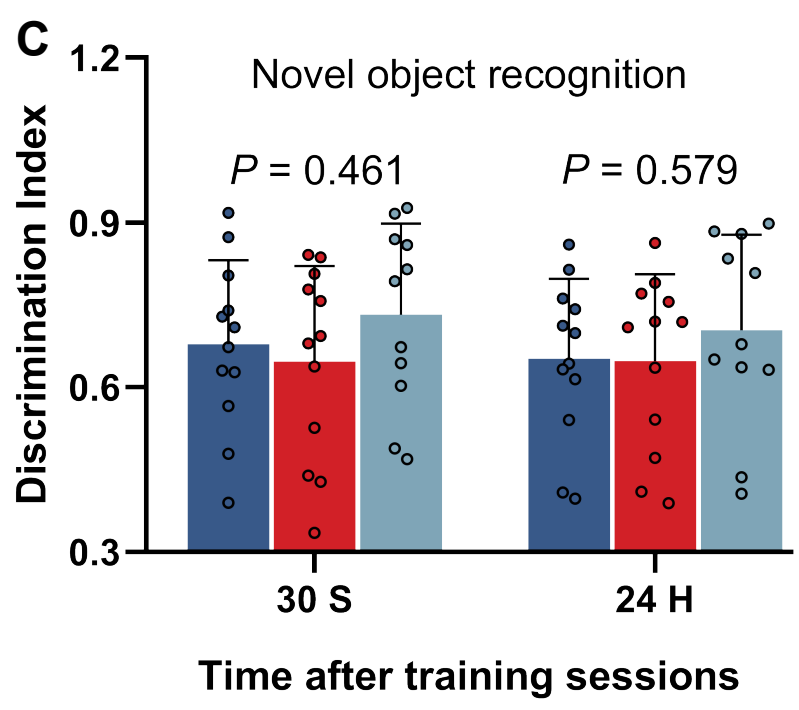
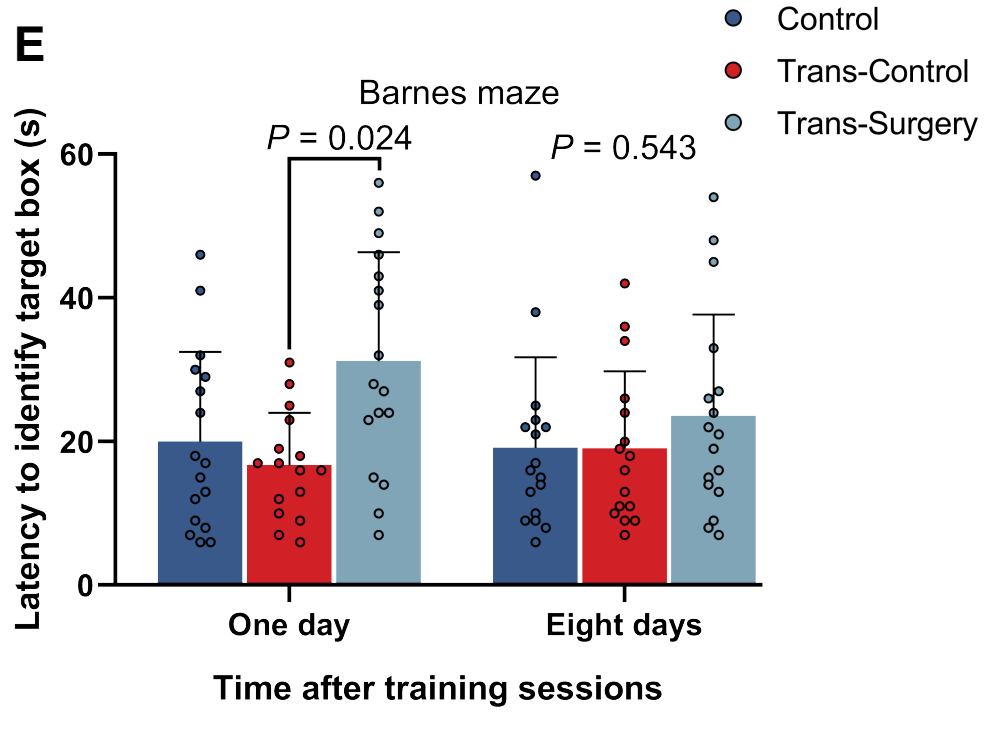
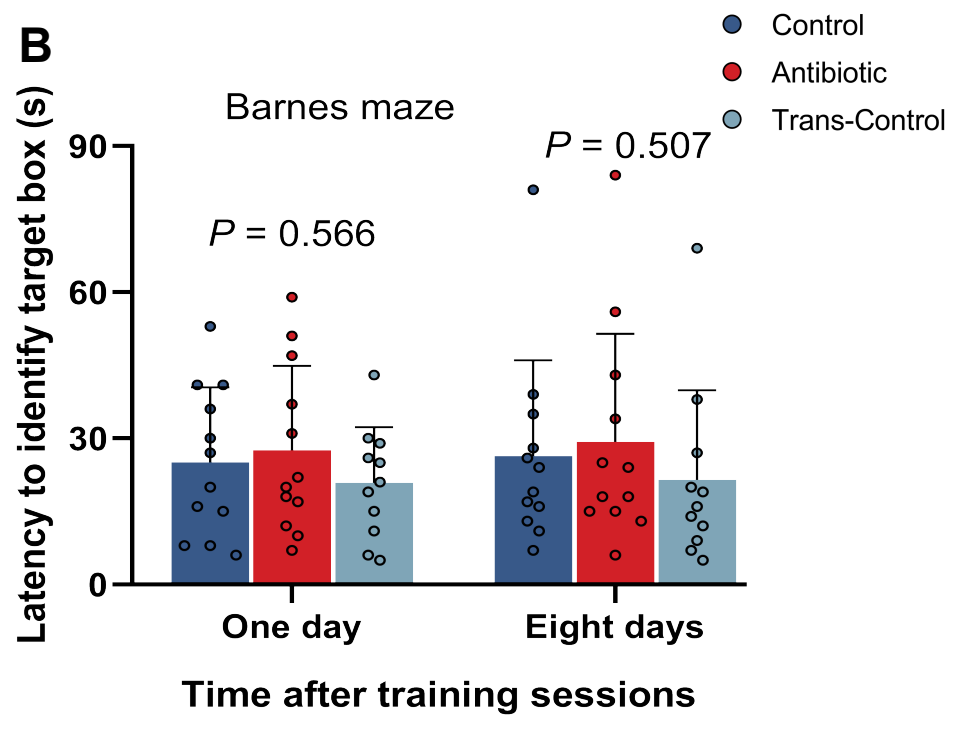
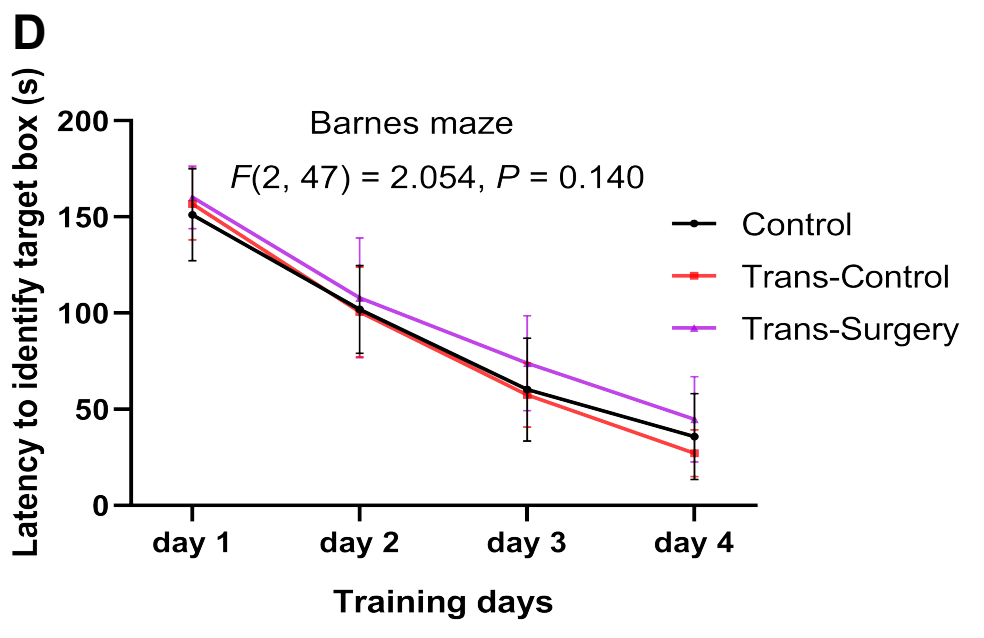
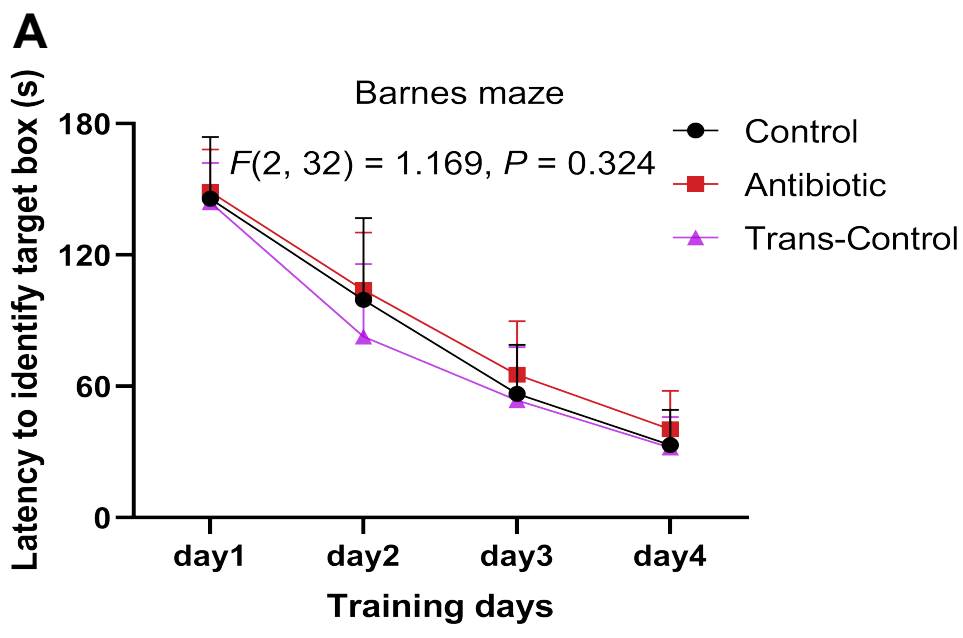


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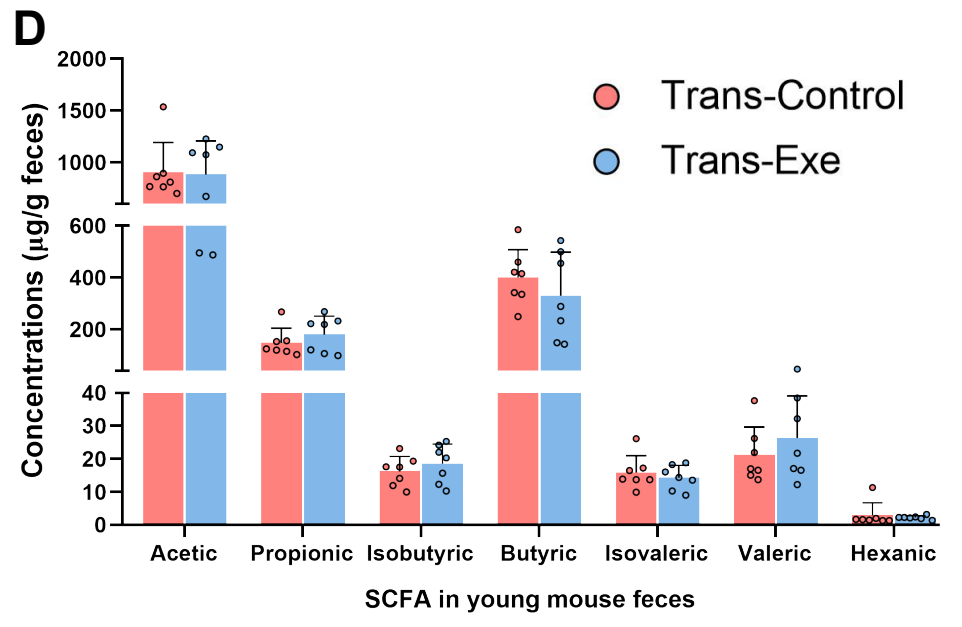
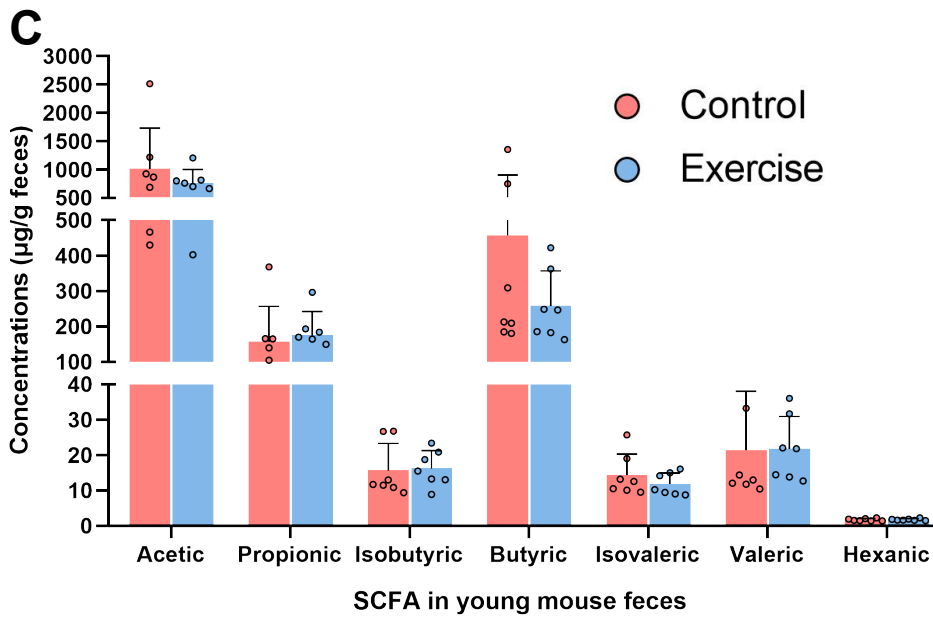
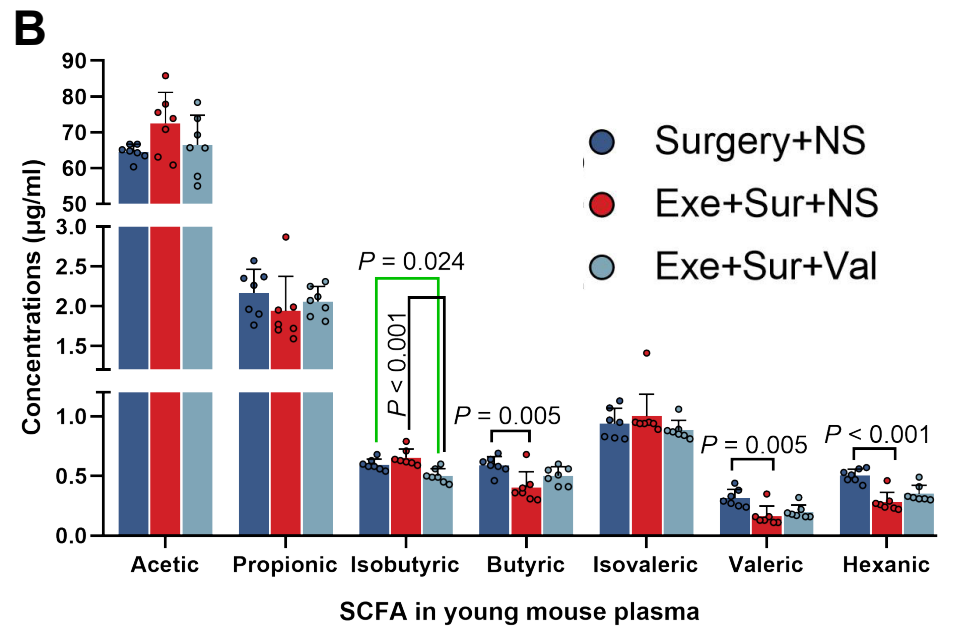
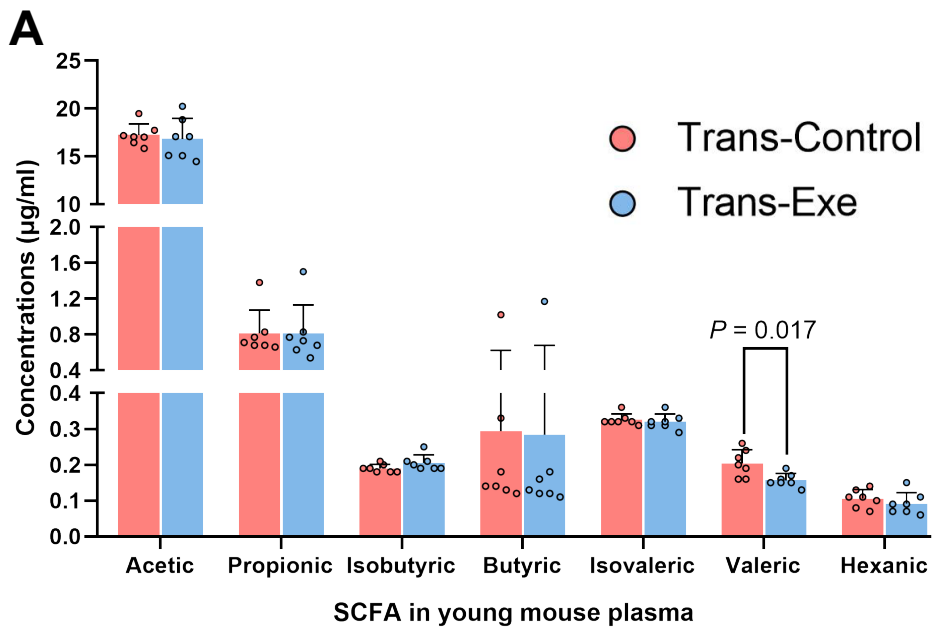


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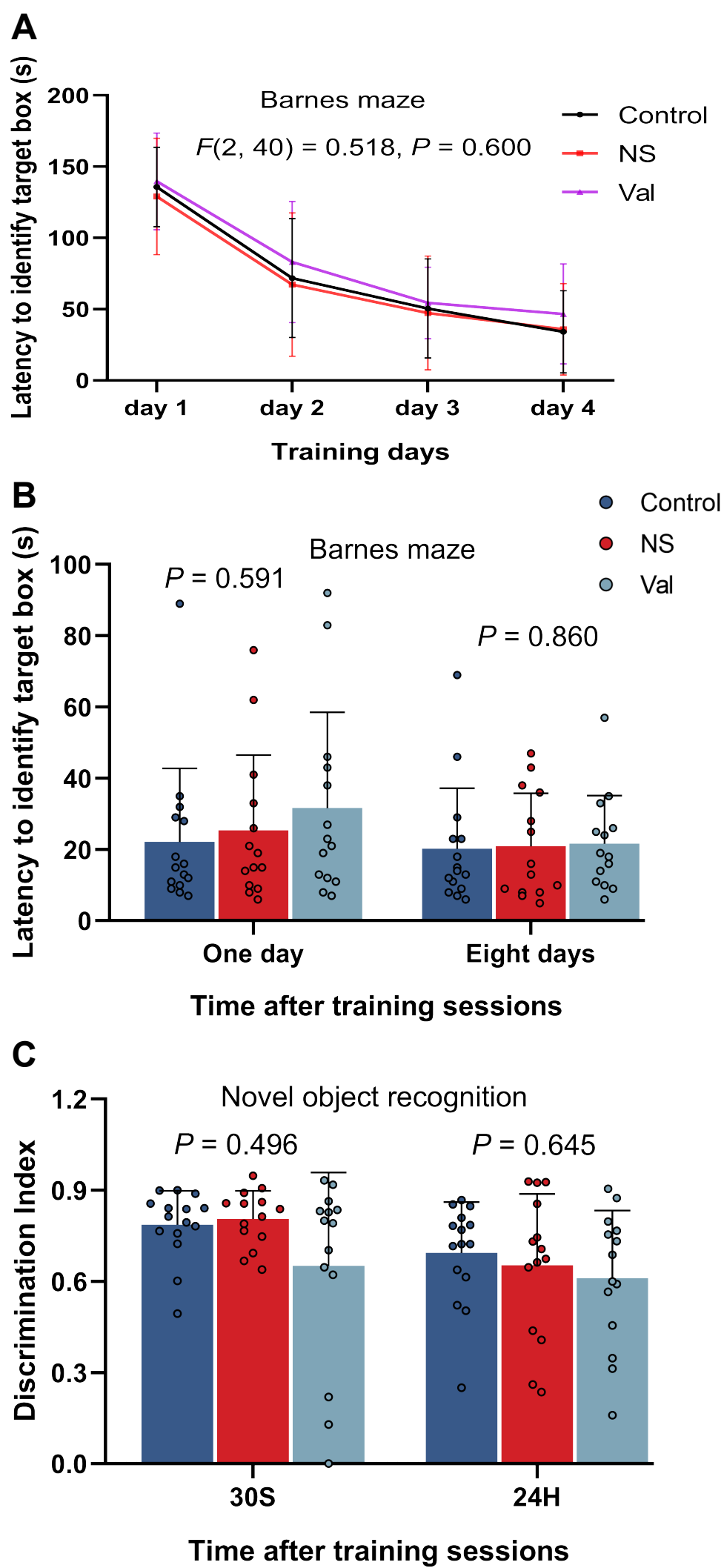


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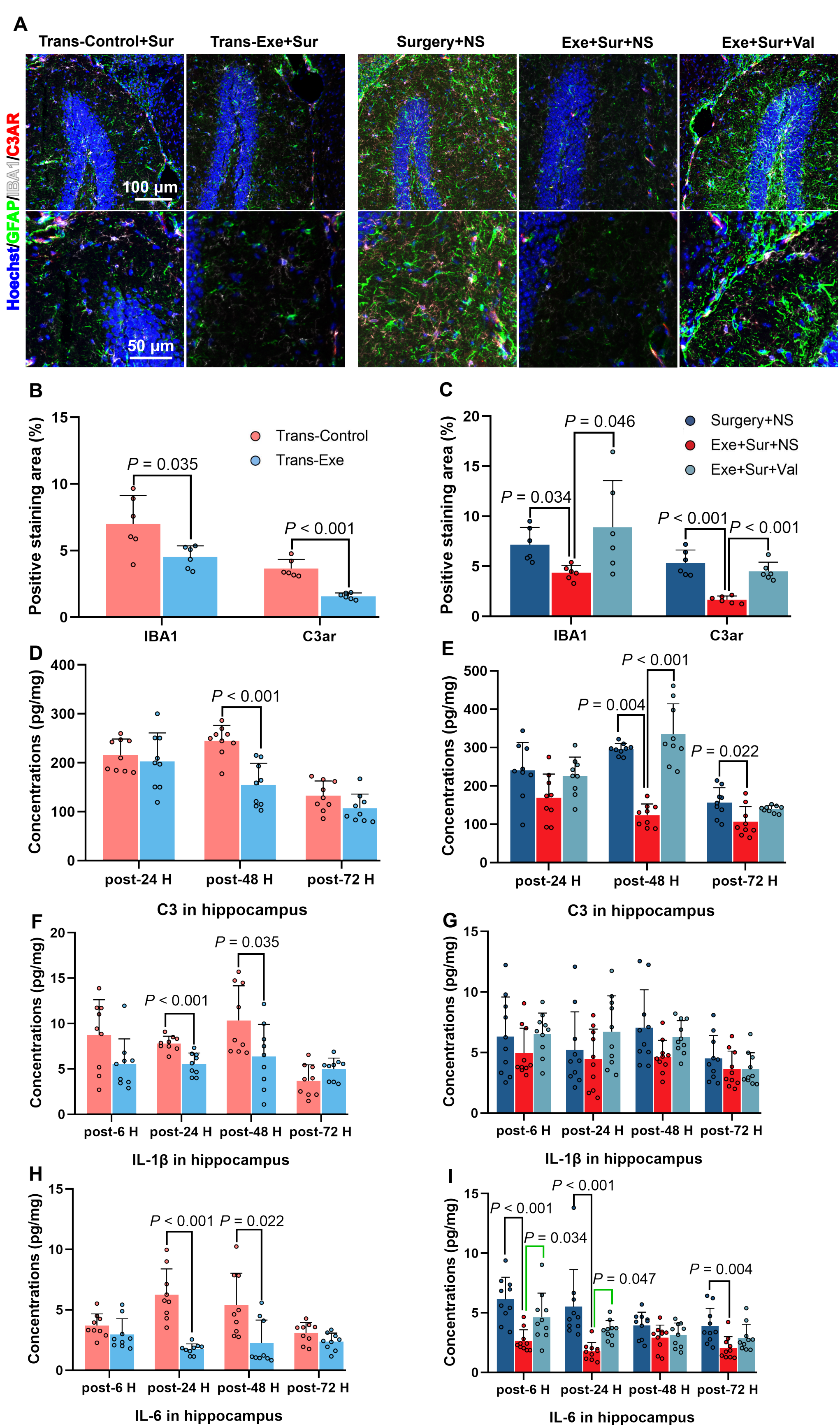


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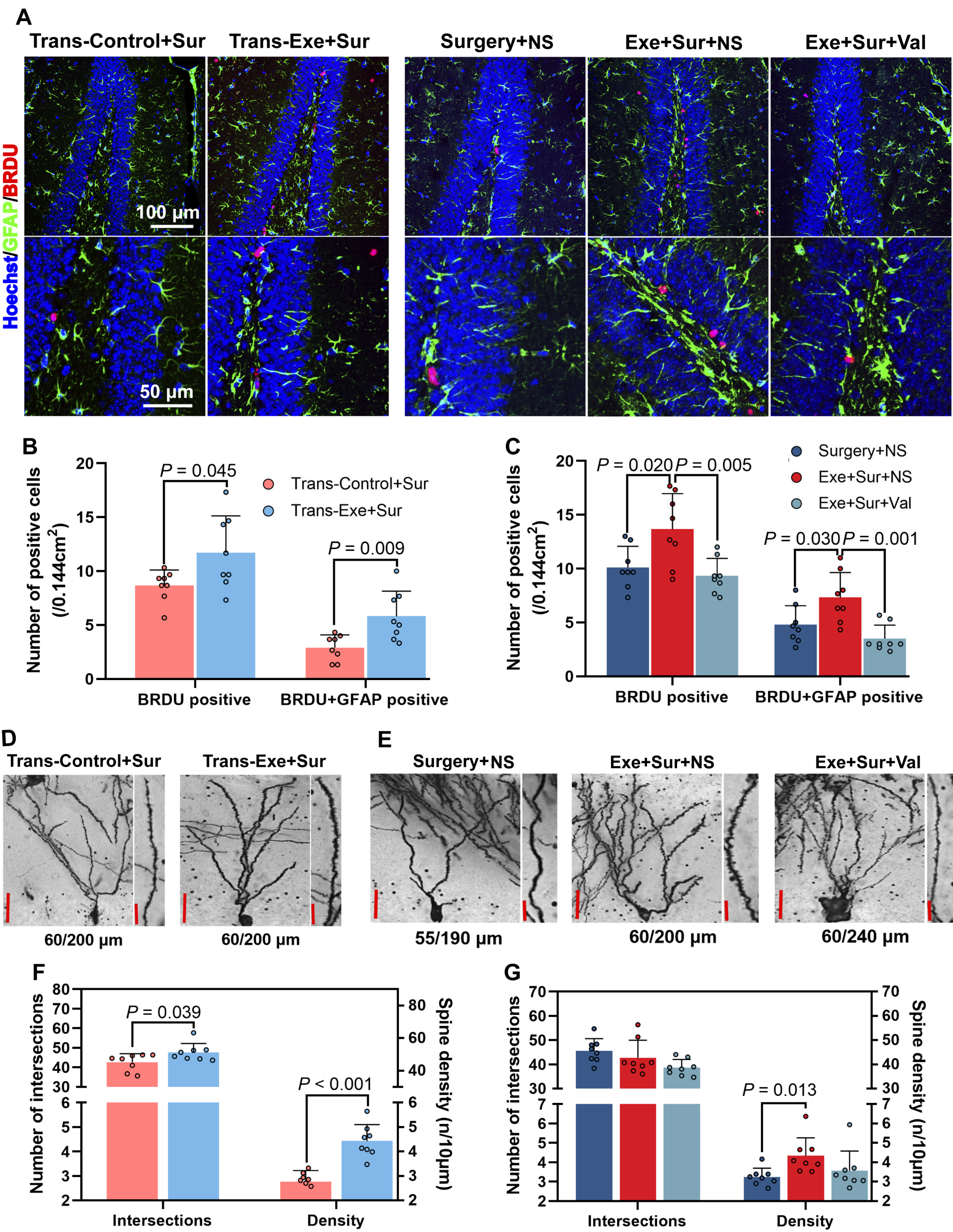


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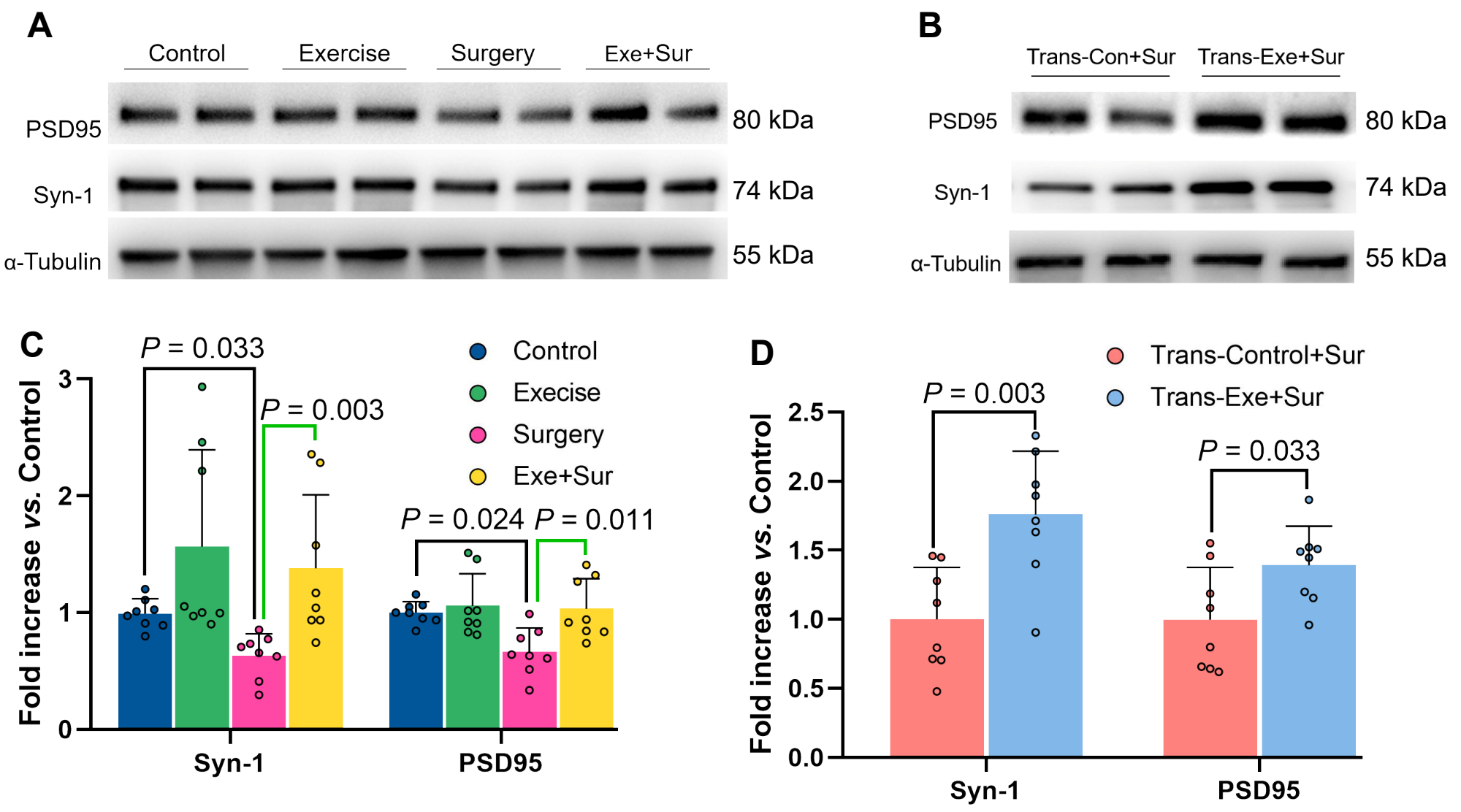


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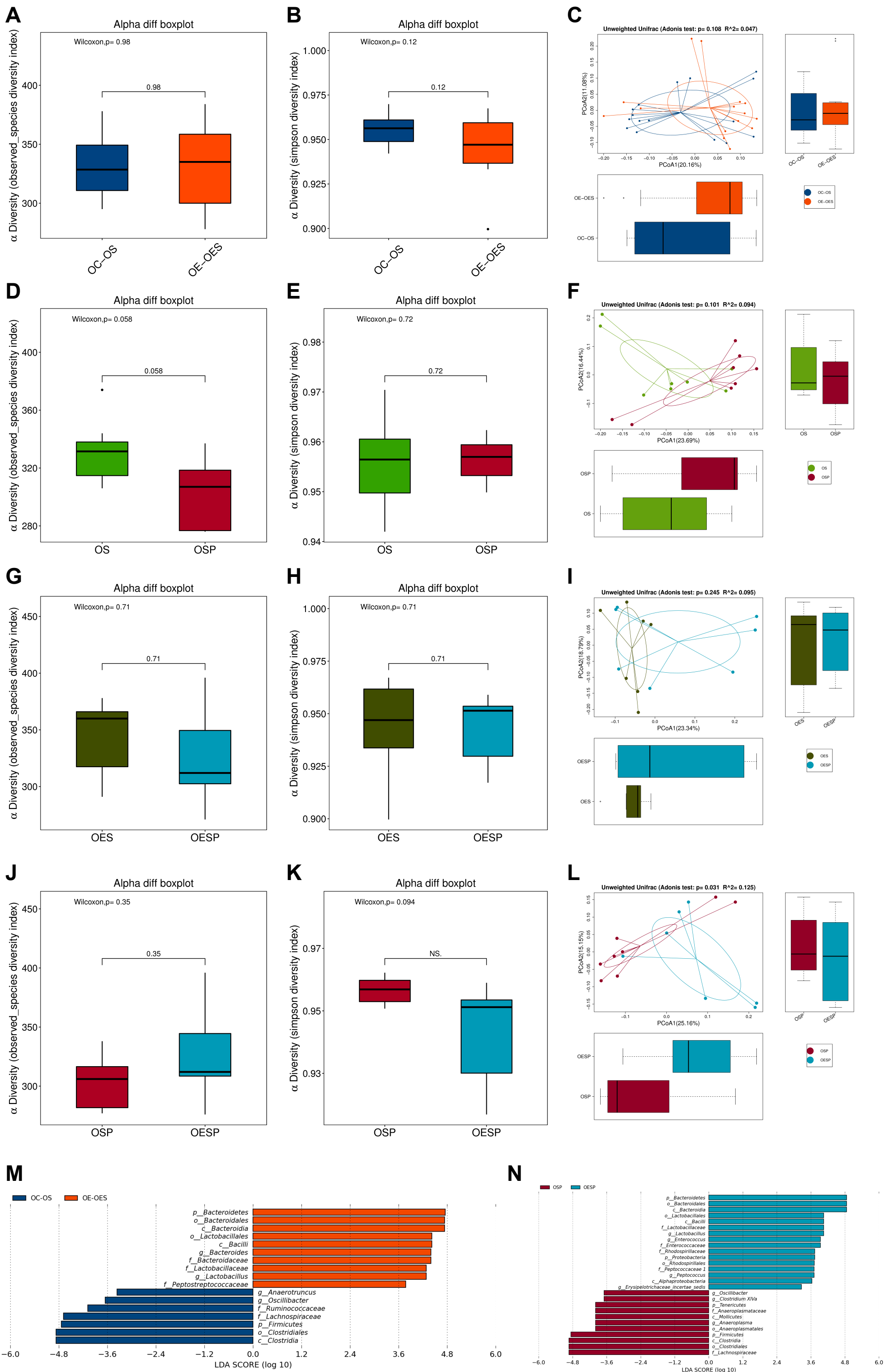


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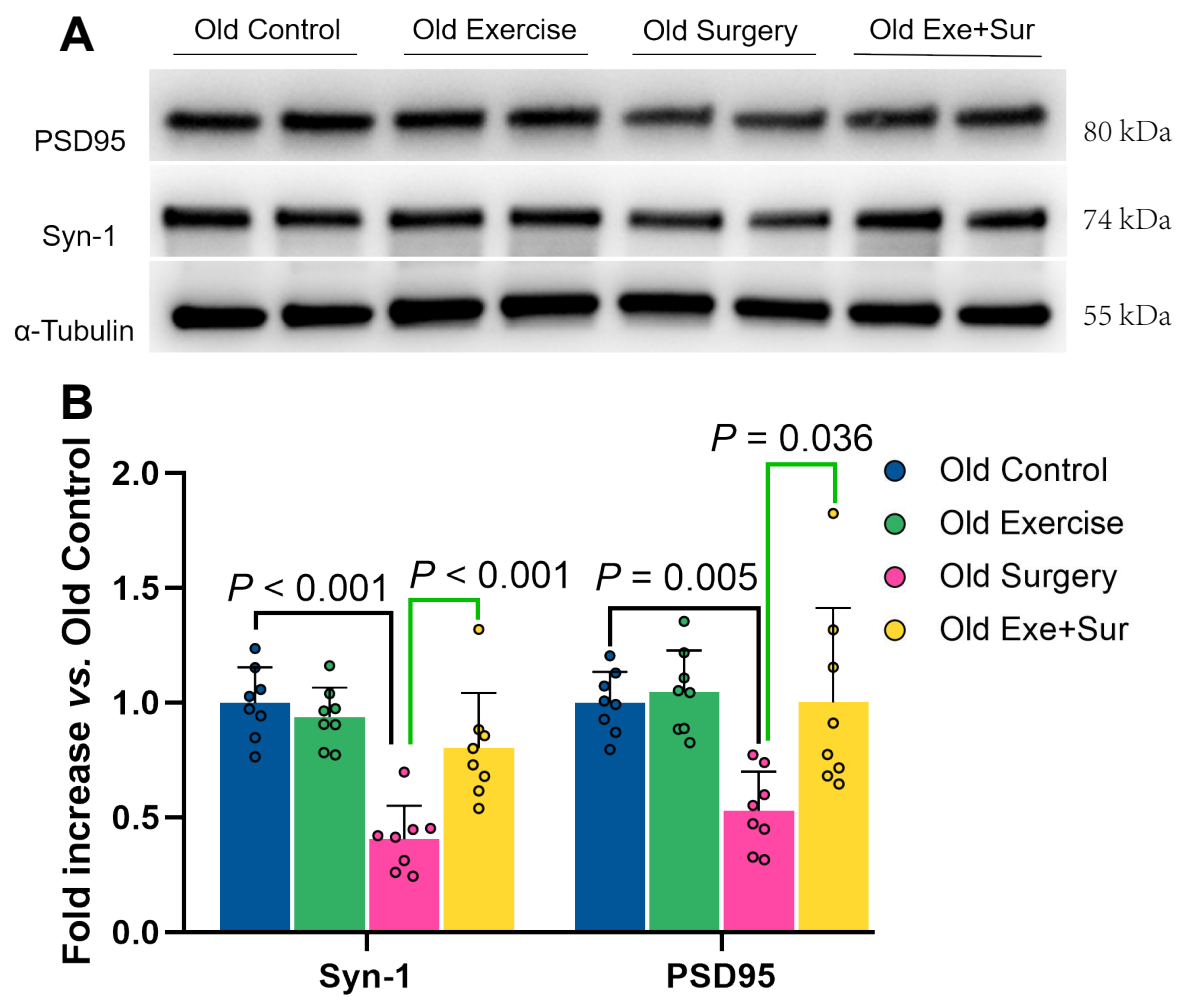


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