

**Table S1.** Numbers of genes associated to carbohydrates metabolism for each species identified during spontaneous fermentation of sauerkraut carried out at 15 °C for 42 days. Samples were taken at the beginning of fermentation (D0), after 0.5 (D0.5), 1 (D1), 2 (D2), 3 (D3), 4 (D4), 5 (D5), 7 (D7), 14 (D14), 21 (D21), 28 (D28), 35 (D35), and 42 (D42) days of fermentation.

<b>Carbohydrate metabolism</b>	<b>D0</b>	<b>D0.5</b>	<b>D1</b>	<b>2D</b>	<b>3D</b>	<b>4D</b>	<b>5D</b>	<b>7D</b>	<b>14D</b>	<b>21D</b>	<b>28D</b>	<b>35D</b>	<b>42D</b>
<i>Lactococcus lactis</i>	253	253	253	253	253	253	16	16	44	16	16	33	0
<i>Leuconostoc carnosum</i>	194	170	150	194	194	194	32	27	27	27	27	25	27
<i>Leuconostoc citreum</i>	163	85	186	192	197	194	194	194	194	192	194	191	194
<i>Weissella koreensis</i>	137	137	61	137	137	137	6	0	6	6	6	6	6
<i>Secundilactobacillus malefermentans</i>	83	49	50	62	153	153	158	158	159	158	158	153	158
<i>Pediococcus parvulus</i>	40	44	33	25	52	45	54	53	53	54	54	54	54
<i>Lactococcus piscium</i>	34	34	11	189	238	238	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Enterobacter sp. OV724</i>	15	15	15	14	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Latilactobacillus sakei</i>	15	0	0	14	169	167	138	173	8	9	12	11	8
<i>Spermatophyta</i>	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
<i>Rahnella sp. NFIX50</i>	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Weissella cibaria</i>	2	2	2	2	2	28	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Leclercia sp. W6</i>	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Pantoea agglomerans*</i>	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rahnella sp. NRRL B-41462</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Levilactobacillus brevis</i>	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<i>Latilactobacillus curvatus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Companilactobacillus futsaii</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
<i>Lentilactobacillus parafarraginis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0

<i>Lactiplantibacillus plantarum</i>	0	0	0	0	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
<i>Secundilactobacillus silagei</i>	0	0	0	0	19	1	27	18	18	27	26	27	23
<i>Leuconostoc gelidum</i>	0	1	0	1	65	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Leuconostoc mesenteroides</i>	0	0	0	4	9	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Leuconostocaceae bacterium</i>	0	0	3	0	3	3	3	3	3	0	3	3	3
<i>Pediococcus cellicola</i>	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
<i>Pediococcus damnosus</i>	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<i>Pediococcus ethanolidurans</i>	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	12	12	12	12	10
<i>unclassified Lactobacillus</i>	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	4	4	4	4	3	4
<i>Weissella confusa</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Weissella kandleri</i>	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Weissella paramesenteroides</i>	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	946	801	774	1098	1531	1454	665	678	553	527	537	541	509

**Table S2.** Binning parameters of the 9 high quality genomes MAGs (Metagenome-Assembled-Genomes) after binning and *de-novo* reassembly of all the metagenome sequences from sauerkraut samples collected at the beginning of fermentation (D0), after 0.5 (D0.5), 1 (D1), 2 (D2), 3 (D3), 4 (D4), 5 (D5), 7 (D7), 14 (D14), 21 (D21), 28 (D28), 35 (D35), and 42 (D42) days of fermentation.

MA G ID	MAG name	Compl eteness	Conta minatio n	Strain hetero geneity	MA G size (Mb p)	0D	0.5D	1D	2D	3D	4D	5D	7D	14D	21D	28D	35D	42D
MA G_2 2	<i>Pediococcus parvulus</i> MAG_22	97.22	0.87	60	1.93 3514	0.00 9938	0.01 1321	0.00 2125	0.00 1582	0.42 1514	0.01 677	4.48 4935	38.0 6915	53.1 5972	84.5 3077	62.1 168	91.8 7508	56.4 8383
MA G_2 3	<i>Lactococcus lactis</i> MAG_23	90.91	0.88	33.33	2.08 6278	0.40 896	0.68 8253	0.20 813	0.26 2873	0.34 0631	0.00 3504	0 0	0 0	7.13 E-06	0 0	0 0	2.44 E-05	1.04 E-05
MA G_4 3	<i>Weissella confusa</i> MAG_43	89.26	0.31	100	1.95 0252	0.00 5422	0.00 0823	0.00 0207	0.00 0206	15.0 8355	6.20 135	0.00 1319	0.00 2259	0.00 3172	0.00 3893	0.00 3399	0.00 5441	0.00 2523
MA G_2 9	<i>Erwinia persicina</i> MAG_29	87.24	0.38	16.67	4.27 3701	0.00 2672	0.00 4671	0.00 3311	0.00 3628	0.50 6218	0.14 9372	0.50 9917	0.06 5694	0.00 8023	0.00 0782	0.00 0425	0.00 1737	0.00 0797
MA G_3 6	<i>Leuconostoc sp.</i> MAG_36	85.64	8.25	32.43	2.68 753	0.00 1079	0.00 0295	6.53 E-05	5.39 E-05	0.52 3913	0.57 8245	0.00 0361	0.00 0257	0.00 0155	0 0	0.00 0222	0 0	1.61 E-05
MA G_2 7	<i>Lactococcus piscium_C</i> MAG_27	85.51	4.81	70	2.42 7631	0.00 0763	0.00 022	5.06 E-05	0.01 918	0.47 7859	0.54 2194	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
MA G_1 8	<i>Raoultella terrigena</i> MAG_18	75.16	5.26	100	4.99 0814	19.6 5899	19.2 3193	19.9 8495	20.7 1456	0.04 0932	0.23 0133	0.00 4003	0.00 2811	0.00 21	1.85 E-05	5.2E -06	1.7E -05	4.33 E-06
MA G_9	<i>Leuconostoc mesenteroides</i> MAG_9	68.42	0	0	1.13 4091	0.00 0798	0.00 0302	0.00 0279	0.06 7051	2.56 1295	0.01 1401	1.41 317	0.05 1756	0.33 3348	1.19 3912	6.96 2449	0.64 9091	8.71 2914



**Table S3.** Numbers of genes associated to lipid metabolism for each species identified during spontaneous fermentation of sauerkraut carried out at 15 °C for 42 days. Samples were taken at the beginning of fermentation (D0), after 0.5 (D0.5), 1 (D1), 2 (D2), 3 (D3), 4 (D4), 5 (D5), 7 (D7), 14 (D14), 21 (D21), 28 (D28), 35 (D35), and 42 (D42) days of fermentation.

<b>Lipid metabolism</b>	<b>0D</b>	<b>0.5D</b>	<b>1D</b>	<b>2D</b>	<b>3D</b>	<b>4D</b>	<b>5D</b>	<b>7D</b>	<b>14D</b>	<b>21D</b>	<b>28D</b>	<b>35D</b>	<b>42D</b>
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<i>Secundilactobacillus malefermentans</i>	83	49	50	62	153	153	158	158	159	158	158	153	158
<i>Pediococcus parvulus</i>	40	44	33	25	52	45	54	53	53	54	54	54	54
<i>Lactococcus piscium</i>	34	34	11	189	238	238	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Enterobacter sp. OV724</i>	15	15	15	14	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Latilactobacillus sakei</i>	15	0	0	14	169	167	138	173	8	9	12	11	8
<i>Spermatophyta</i>	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
<i>Rahnella sp. NFIX50</i>	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Weissella cibaria</i>	2	2	2	2	2	28	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Leclercia sp. W6</i>	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Pantoea agglomerans</i>	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rahnella sp. NRRL B-41462</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Levilactobacillus brevis</i>	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<i>Latilactobacillus curvatus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Companilactobacillus futsaii</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
<i>Lentilactobacillus parafarraginis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0

<i>Lactiplantibacillus plantarum</i>	0	0	0	0	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
<i>Secundilactobacillus silagei</i>	0	0	0	0	19	1	27	18	18	27	26	27	23
<i>Leuconostoc gelidum</i>	0	1	0	1	65	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Leuconostoc mesenteroides</i>	0	0	0	4	9	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Leuconostocaceae bacterium</i>	0	0	3	0	3	3	3	3	3	0	3	3	3
<i>Pediococcus cellicola</i>	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
<i>Pediococcus damnosus</i>	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<i>Pediococcus ethanolidurans</i>	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	12	12	12	12	10
<i>unclassified Lactobacillus</i>	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	4	4	4	4	3	4
<i>Weissella confusa</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Weissella kandleri</i>	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Weissella paramesenteroides</i>	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	946	801	774	1098	1531	1454	665	678	553	527	537	541	509

**Table S4.** P values corrected by False Discovery Rate (FDR) of the correlations between the top 15 bacterial species present at the beginning of fermentation (from D0 to D7) and time of fermentation (days), physico-chemical and biochemical composition, and phenolic compounds at the same interval of time.

	<i>Lactococcus piscium</i>	<i>Weissella oryzae</i>	<i>Weissella</i> sp. 8H-2	<i>Enterobacter</i> sp. 638	<i>Enterobacter</i> sp. OV724	<i>Rahnella</i> sp. NFIX50	<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> complex	<i>Enterobacter</i> sp. FS01	<i>Weissella kandleri</i>	<i>Leuconostoc pseudomesenteroides</i>	<i>Carnobacterium divergens</i>	<i>Rahnella</i> sp. ERM1:05	<i>Vagococcus entomophilus</i>	<i>Leuconostoc</i> sp. C2	<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>
<b>Time (Days)</b>	0.023	0.216	0.667	0.014	0.033	0.002	0.002	0.023	0.249	0.481	0.163	0.002	0.475	0.667	0.001
<b>pH</b>	0.029	0.249	0.667	0.011	0.026	0.002	0.001	0.019	0.282	0.481	0.240	0.002	0.475	0.667	0.002
<b>TTA</b>	0.023	0.216	0.667	0.014	0.033	0.002	0.002	0.023	0.249	0.481	0.163	0.002	0.475	0.667	0.001
<b>Citric acid</b>	0.029	0.117	0.249	0.041	0.074	0.113	0.087	0.051	0.083	0.215	0.288	0.113	0.249	0.249	0.058
<b>Lactic acid</b>	0.024	0.249	0.667	0.015	0.035	0.002	0.002	0.022	0.214	0.481	0.174	0.002	0.475	0.667	0.001
<b>Acetic acid</b>	0.255	0.678	0.958	0.249	0.375	0.044	0.041	0.278	0.667	0.941	0.651	0.044	0.973	0.958	0.020
<b>Fructose</b>	0.022	0.214	0.678	0.009	0.018	0.002	0.002	0.012	0.249	0.475	0.237	0.002	0.481	0.678	0.001
<b>Glucose</b>	0.037	0.255	0.799	0.013	0.018	0.005	0.002	0.012	0.319	0.568	0.285	0.005	0.599	0.799	0.002
<b>Mannitol</b>	0.036	0.254	0.760	0.018	0.037	0.002	0.002	0.037	0.248	0.475	0.568	0.002	0.448	0.760	0.002
<b>Chlorogenic acid</b>	0.021	0.037	0.215	0.033	0.123	0.022	0.035	0.234	0.123	0.077	0.565	0.022	0.062	0.215	0.058
<b>Caffeic acid</b>	0.975	0.973	0.568	0.534	0.327	0.646	0.448	0.350	0.389	0.694	0.249	0.646	0.618	0.568	0.726
<b>p-coumaric acid</b>	0.140	0.333	0.808	0.039	0.037	0.047	0.024	0.037	0.668	0.626	0.808	0.047	0.667	0.808	0.060
<b>Vanillin</b>	0.300	0.797	0.853	0.264	0.389	0.037	0.075	0.380	0.394	0.872	0.916	0.037	0.749	0.853	0.047
<b>Ferulic acid</b>	0.448	0.817	0.958	0.221	0.153	0.319	0.179	0.069	0.974	0.990	0.665	0.319	0.906	0.958	0.271
<b>Sinapic acid</b>	0.988	0.878	0.694	0.668	0.434	0.932	0.608	0.271	0.389	0.488	0.973	0.932	0.375	0.694	0.688
<b>(E)-Cinnamic acid</b>	0.033	0.225	0.373	0.021	0.062	0.012	0.021	0.072	0.074	0.170	0.375	0.012	0.153	0.373	0.037
<b>Kampferol</b>	0.123	0.275	0.288	0.245	0.375	0.278	0.429	0.427	0.018	0.111	0.713	0.278	0.105	0.288	0.323
<b>Phloretic acid</b>	0.031	0.094	0.249	0.039	0.072	0.109	0.066	0.047	0.194	0.255	0.181	0.109	0.288	0.249	0.051
<b>Dihydrocaffeic acid</b>	0.151	0.194	0.288	0.327	0.481	0.394	0.630	0.646	0.017	0.077	0.667	0.394	0.074	0.288	0.433
<b>Dihydroferulic acid</b>	0.066	0.123	0.393	0.041	0.073	0.066	0.037	0.080	0.493	0.356	0.240	0.066	0.375	0.393	0.072
<b>4-ethyl catechol</b>	0.777	0.538	0.215	0.929	0.973	0.694	0.791	0.973	0.749	0.394	0.565	0.694	0.429	0.215	0.630
<b>Total phenol</b>	0.009	0.083	0.357	0.014	0.060	0.002	0.010	0.084	0.037	0.131	0.069	0.002	0.105	0.357	0.006

**Table S5.** P values corrected by False Discovery Rate (FDR) of the correlations between the top 15 bacterial species identified from 7 to 14 days, and time of fermentation (days), physico-chemical and biochemical composition, and phenolic compounds at the same interval of time.

	<i>Weisse lla soli</i>	<i>Pedioc occus inopin atus</i>	<i>Pedioc occus cellico la</i>	<i>Pedioc occus ethan olidur ans</i>	<i>Pedioc occus damn osus</i>	<i>Lactip lantib acillus planta rum</i>	<i>Comp anilac tobacil lus futsaii</i>	<i>Secun dilacto bacill us silagei</i>	<i>Lactic aseiba cillus casei group</i>	<i>Fructil actobac illus sanfran ciscensi s</i>	<i>Lactob acillus helvetic us</i>	<i>Weiss ella param esente roides</i>	<i>Ligila ctobac illus acidipi scis</i>	<i>Levilact obacill us hamme sii</i>	<i>Lentila ctobacil lus parabu chneri</i>
<b>Time (Days)</b>	0.2315	0.0005	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0011	0.0003	0.0006	0.0001	0.0020	0.0008	0.1398	0.0008	0.0039	0.0001
<b>pH</b>	0.2215	0.0004	0.0002	0.0003	0.0002	0.0011	0.0003	0.0006	0.0001	0.0020	0.0008	0.1398	0.0008	0.0039	0.0001
<b>TTA</b>	0.2315	0.0005	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0011	0.0003	0.0006	0.0001	0.0020	0.0008	0.1398	0.0008	0.0039	0.0001
<b>Citric acid</b>	0.6047	0.0258	0.0374	0.0146	0.0258	0.0397	0.0364	0.1297	0.0325	0.0559	0.0204	0.6284	0.0101	0.0130	0.0078
<b>Lactic acid</b>	0.2291	0.0006	0.0003	0.0002	0.0004	0.0006	0.0005	0.0005	0.0001	0.0015	0.0007	0.1356	0.0007	0.0027	0.0002
<b>Acetic acid</b>	0.0101	0.0118	0.1957	0.1568	0.1142	0.1962	0.0101	0.2062	0.1060	0.0213	0.1398	0.0559	0.0577	0.0353	0.0964
<b>Fructose</b>	0.1611	0.0006	0.0007	0.0007	0.0008	0.0025	0.0003	0.0025	0.0003	0.0028	0.0011	0.1750	0.0014	0.0020	0.0002
<b>Glucose</b>	0.2792	0.0003	0.0005	0.0002	0.0003	0.0010	0.0003	0.0004	0.0001	0.0025	0.0003	0.0712	0.0005	0.0070	0.0001
<b>Mannitol</b>	0.0056	0.0030	0.0263	0.0268	0.0125	0.0676	0.0025	0.0648	0.0204	0.0101	0.0255	0.1406	0.0066	0.0008	0.0095
<b>Chlorogenic acid</b>	0.1406	0.0755	0.1005	0.1445	0.0712	0.6190	0.0422	0.3657	0.1452	0.1142	0.1047	0.8450	0.0708	0.0334	0.0964
<b>Caffeic acid</b>	0.6248	0.4146	0.4111	0.4502	0.3199	0.3132	0.5180	0.5939	0.4582	0.3978	0.3815	0.1063	0.3933	0.3978	0.5160
<b>p-coumaric acid</b>	0.4582	0.0054	0.0066	0.0066	0.0089	0.0130	0.0069	0.0382	0.0075	0.0039	0.0022	0.0748	0.0066	0.0100	0.0228
<b>Vanillin</b>	0.1026	0.0254	0.0884	0.0677	0.0768	0.0964	0.0213	0.0712	0.0317	0.0066	0.0519	0.0203	0.0550	0.0353	0.1306
<b>Ferulic acid</b>	0.7290	0.0142	0.0701	0.0324	0.0626	0.0172	0.0519	0.0790	0.0760	0.0687	0.0341	0.0964	0.0146	0.1347	0.0760
<b>Sinapic acid</b>	0.8990	0.3991	0.4320	0.3853	0.4146	0.0846	0.5831	0.4725	0.5066	0.4223	0.4104	0.3222	0.3579	0.4146	0.4582
<b>(E)-Cinnamic acid</b>	0.4146	0.0066	0.0045	0.0109	0.0095	0.0744	0.0037	0.0410	0.0081	0.0334	0.0137	0.5514	0.0118	0.0237	0.0027
<b>Kamferol</b>	0.4687	0.3195	0.4276	0.3853	0.4877	0.7160	0.2658	0.7630	0.3871	0.3222	0.3136	0.7613	0.3205	0.0964	0.2774
<b>Phloretic acid</b>	0.7685	0.0114	0.0229	0.0101	0.0146	0.0476	0.0130	0.0790	0.0207	0.0658	0.0137	0.6076	0.0070	0.0435	0.0027
<b>Dihydrocaffeic acid</b>	0.8688	0.4146	0.4276	0.2952	0.4110	0.7932	0.3301	0.5427	0.2732	0.4502	0.2446	0.8941	0.3275	0.3699	0.2529
<b>Dihydroferulic acid</b>	0.9929	0.0245	0.0017	0.0030	0.0008	0.0109	0.0258	0.0146	0.0070	0.0505	0.0095	0.4146	0.0066	0.0712	0.0043
<b>4-ethyl catechol</b>	0.5831	0.7613	0.7145	0.6441	0.7579	0.3978	0.7365	0.1737	0.5180	0.7160	0.7637	0.2693	0.8142	0.9452	0.8528
<b>Total phenol</b>	0.4643	0.0063	0.0007	0.0012	0.0023	0.0296	0.0016	0.0023	0.0006	0.0128	0.0027	0.5180	0.0055	0.0178	0.0012

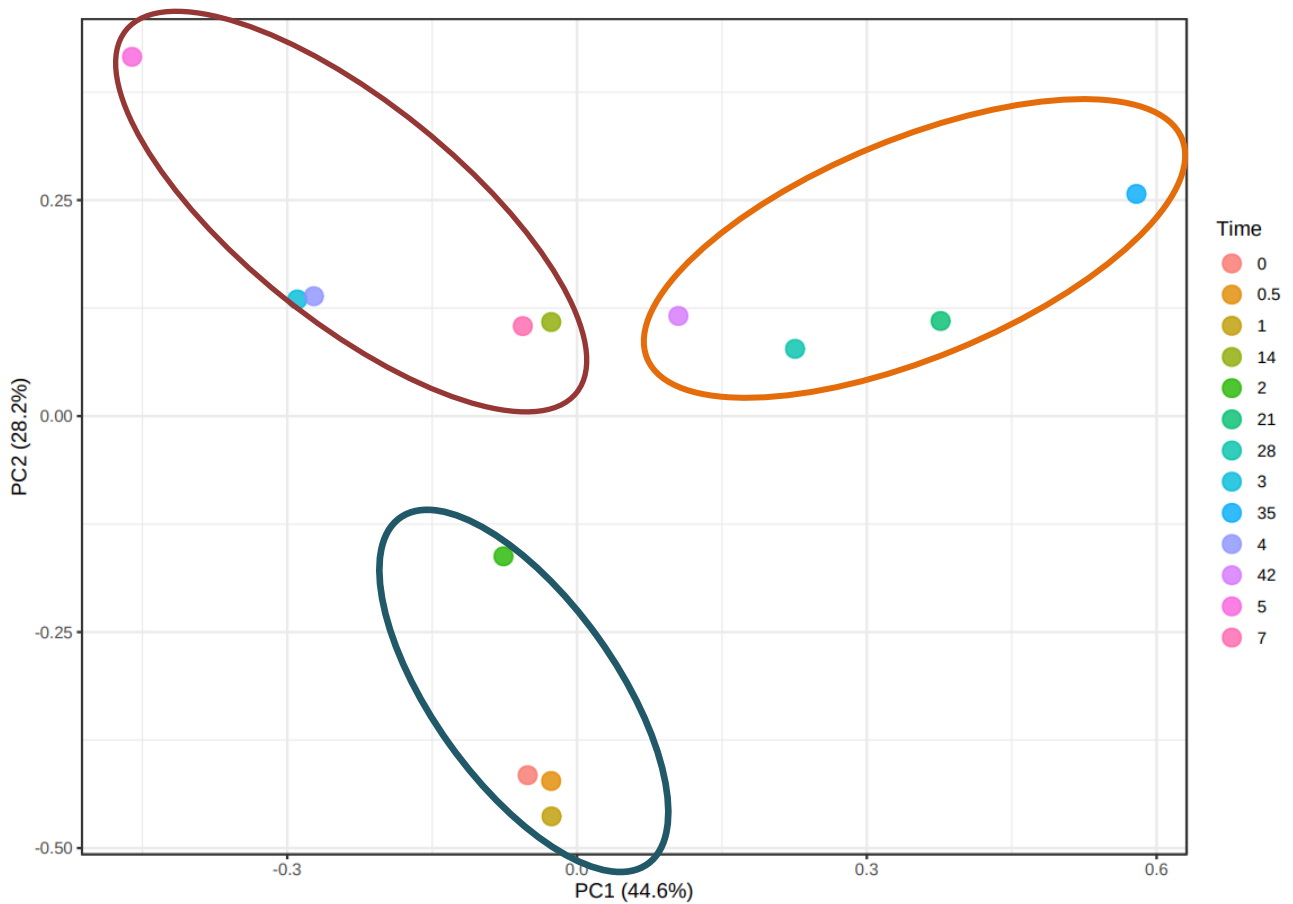


**Table S6.** P values corrected by False Discovery Rate (FDR) of the correlations between all the dominant bacterial species identified throughout the fermentation (from D0 to D42), and time of fermentation (days), physico-chemical and biochemical composition, and phenolic compounds at the same interval of time.

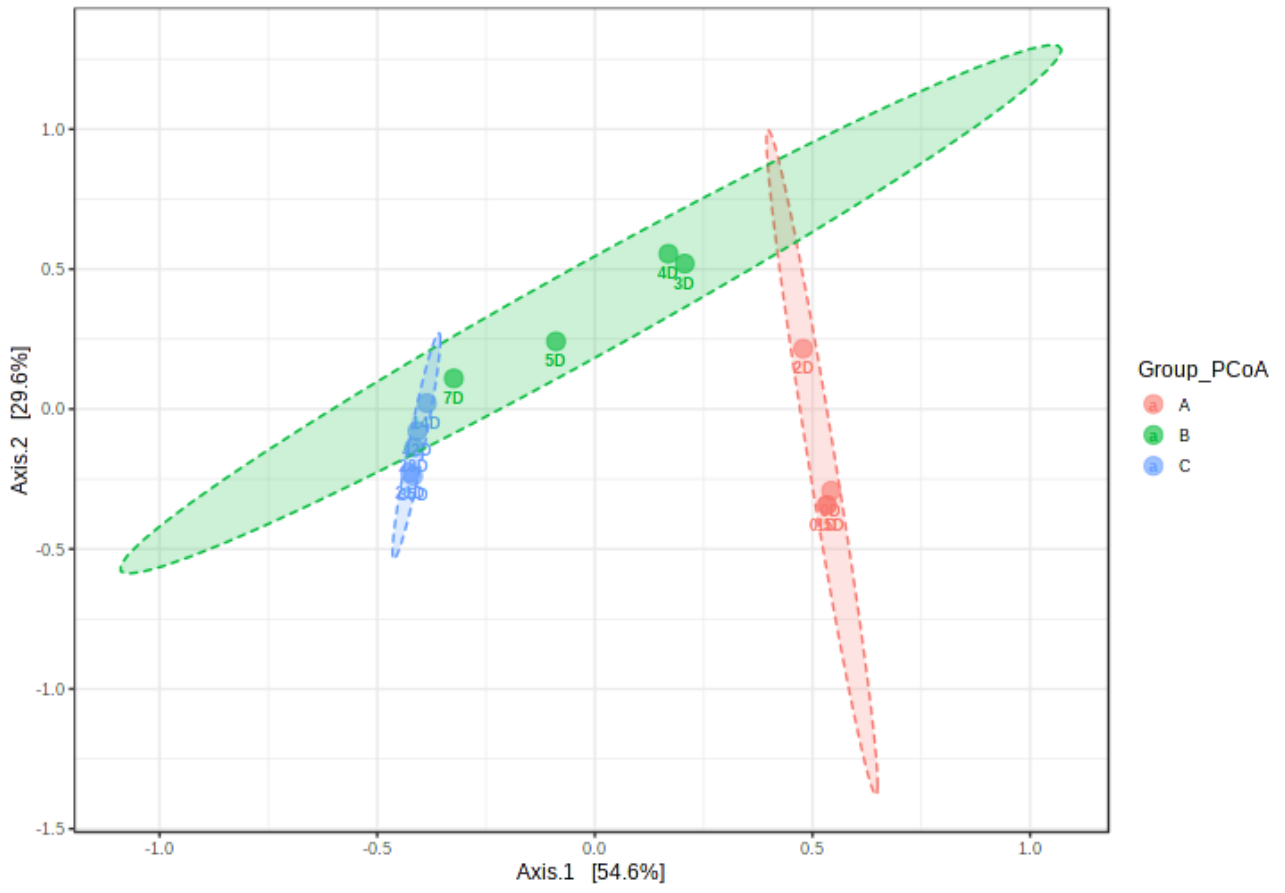
	<i>Levilact obacillus brevis</i>	<i>Secundi lactobac illus malefer mentans</i>	<i>Latilact obacillus sakei</i>	<i>Lactoco ccus lactis</i>	<i>Leucon ostoc carnosu m</i>	<i>Leucon ostoc citreum</i>	<i>Leucon ostoc gelidum</i>	<i>Leucon ostoc lactis</i>	<i>Leucon ostoc mesente roides</i>	<i>Pediococ cus parvulus</i>	<i>Weissella cibaria</i>	<i>Weissell a confusa</i>	<i>Weissell a koreensi</i>
<b>Time (Days)</b>	0.1319	0.0235	0.5686	0.0015	0.7402	0.3407	0.1756	0.8153	0.0749	0.0012	0.1925	0.2381	0.1304
<b>pH</b>	0.1281	0.0208	0.5466	0.0032	0.7898	0.3407	0.1578	0.8595	0.0739	0.0012	0.1649	0.2105	0.1330
<b>TTA</b>	0.1319	0.0235	0.5686	0.0015	0.7402	0.3407	0.1756	0.8153	0.0749	0.0012	0.1925	0.2381	0.1304
<b>Citric acid</b>	0.5686	0.0739	0.8508	0.1330	0.5156	0.7104	0.9627	0.9627	0.5657	0.1048	0.7043	0.9627	0.0594
<b>Lactic acid</b>	0.1304	0.0203	0.5341	0.0012	0.7402	0.3377	0.1831	0.8608	0.0763	0.0012	0.2086	0.2381	0.1281
<b>Acetic acid</b>	0.0263	0.1048	0.2749	0.1460	0.5002	0.0350	0.2425	0.7835	0.1924	0.2425	0.2360	0.3143	0.3407
<b>Fructose</b>	0.1909	0.0263	0.5786	0.0160	0.8468	0.2749	0.2005	0.9057	0.0822	0.0032	0.1702	0.2749	0.1048
<b>Glucose</b>	0.1084	0.0208	0.4582	0.0203	0.7402	0.4058	0.1509	0.8803	0.0749	0.0015	0.1319	0.2381	0.1330
<b>Mannitol</b>	0.0776	0.0036	0.3377	0.1319	0.7092	0.0235	0.2749	0.9627	0.1319	0.0594	0.2979	0.4331	0.0749
<b>Chlorogenic acid</b>	0.4582	0.0739	0.8142	0.3835	0.8608	0.2749	0.9927	0.2979	0.7835	0.2105	0.9927	0.8414	0.0263
<b>Caffeic acid</b>	0.3143	0.3499	0.4601	0.7835	0.7811	0.7881	0.7143	0.7413	0.8091	0.5813	0.4582	0.8811	0.7479
<b>p-coumaric acid</b>	0.1319	0.0235	0.4859	0.2749	0.7306	0.6187	0.5847	0.9627	0.5147	0.0350	0.2810	0.7402	0.1122
<b>Vanillin</b>	0.0032	0.0235	0.0724	0.1048	0.9627	0.1925	0.3091	0.9669	0.4143	0.1048	0.2822	0.4551	0.2749
<b>Ferulic acid</b>	0.2105	0.1460	0.7898	0.5341	0.9101	0.8414	0.5686	0.6399	0.3377	0.1509	0.2918	0.5156	0.5248
<b>Sinapic acid</b>	0.7440	0.7306	0.9964	0.9854	0.8414	0.9627	0.7402	0.5002	0.5786	0.6188	0.5466	0.6948	0.9300
<b>(E)-Cinnamic acid</b>	0.3348	0.0512	0.9057	0.0495	0.6283	0.5684	0.5125	0.9300	0.2749	0.0235	0.2749	0.5684	0.1319
<b>Kampferol</b>	0.8899	0.2515	0.9627	0.4582	0.7104	0.5686	0.7440	1.0000	0.9669	0.5403	0.9533	0.6094	0.1122
<b>Phloretic acid</b>	0.5813	0.1319	0.7402	0.1161	0.4551	0.8468	0.8360	0.8811	0.4331	0.0965	0.5466	0.8899	0.1161
<b>Dihydrocaffeic acid</b>	0.8556	0.3143	0.9854	0.4058	0.2295	0.9627	0.7306	0.5769	0.8468	0.5156	0.9627	0.5248	0.1702
<b>Dihydroferulic acid</b>	0.4143	0.1084	0.9339	0.1018	0.3377	0.9669	0.6283	0.5376	0.3780	0.0173	0.5970	0.7043	0.2105
<b>4-ethyl catechol</b>	0.5403	0.9778	0.2749	0.5847	0.7835	0.6892	0.1330	0.9214	0.2425	0.6845	0.5722	0.1048	0.5847
<b>Total phenol</b>	0.3348	0.0512	0.7765	0.0012	0.3751	0.5847	0.4230	0.4230	0.2314	0.0022	0.5002	0.4941	0.0965

**Figure S1.** Principal component analysis (PCA) (A) of microbial communities based on Euclidean distance, and Principal coordinate analysis (PCoA) (B) based on Bray-Curtis distance matrix during spontaneous fermentation of sauerkraut at 15 °C carried out at 15 °C for 42 days. Samples were taken at the beginning of fermentation (D0), after 0.5 (D0.5), 1 (D1), 2 (D2), 3 (D3), 4 (D4), 5 (D5), 7 (D7), 14 (D14), 21 (D21), 28 (D28), 35 (D35), and 42 (D42) days of fermentation.

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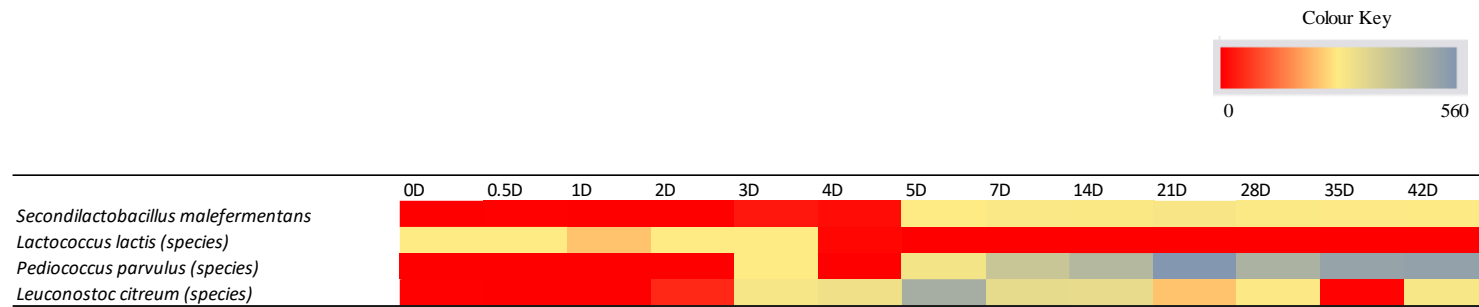






**Figure S3.** Lactic acid bacteria species profile of *vprA* (A) and *padR* (B) genes annotated correlated with phenolic compounds during spontaneous fermentation of sauerkraut at 15 °C at different time points. The colour shows the numbers of coverage genes per species.

A



B

