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**Maternal gut microbiota mediate
intergenerational effects of high-fat
diet on descendant social behavior**

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Supplemental Figure 1 (Di Gesù, Matz et al.)

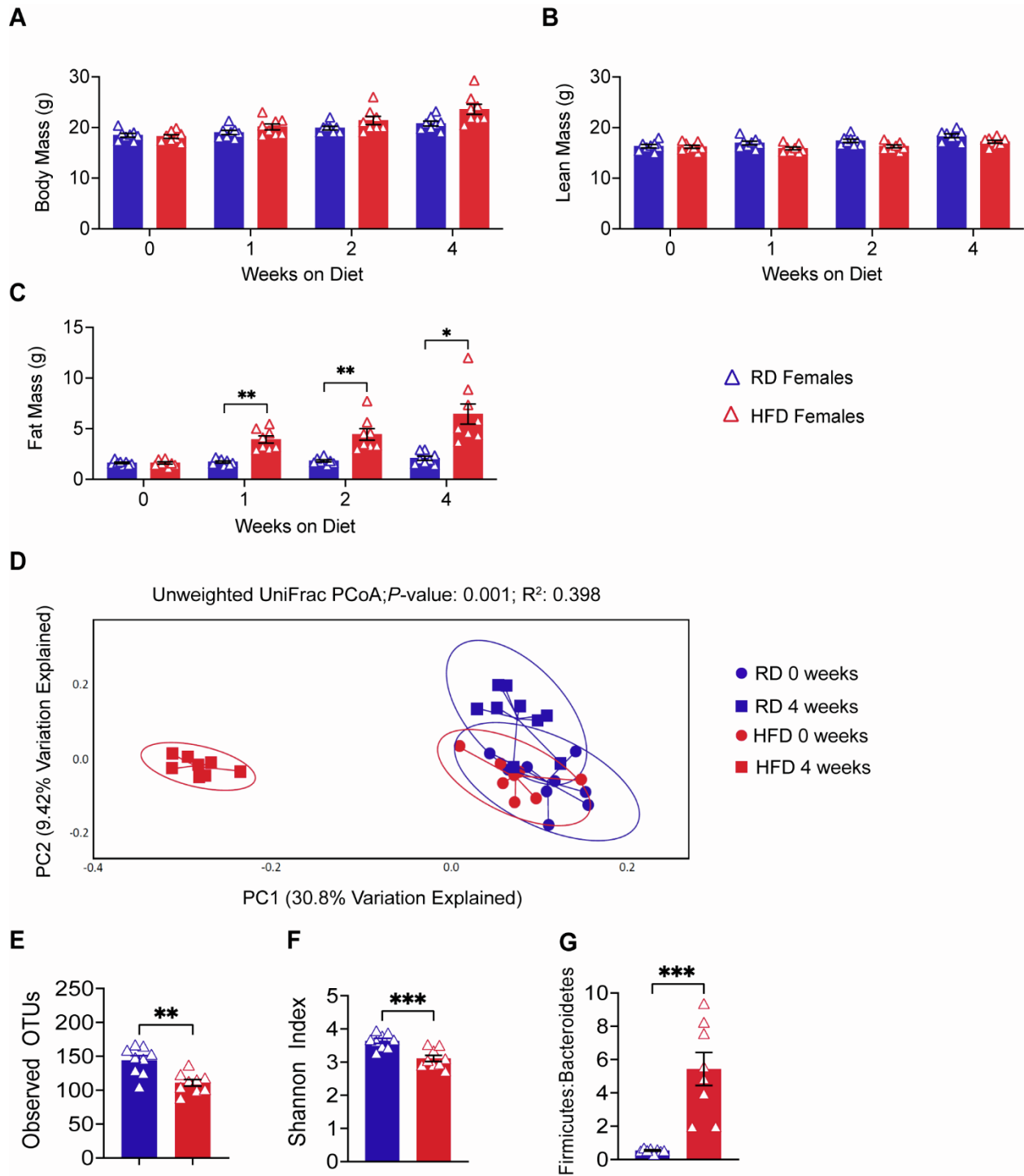


Figure S1. Four weeks HFD-feeding increases fat mass and shifts gut microbiome composition in female mice.

Related to Figure 1. (A) RD- and HFD-fed female total body mass is not significantly different at four weeks on diet (week 0: $t(14) = 0.4557, p = 0.9859$; week 1: $t(12.45) = 1.574, p = 0.4545$; week 2: $t(9.588) = 1.717, p = 0.3951$;

week 4: $t(9.979) = 2.504$, $p = 0.1194$). **(B)** No significant differences in lean mass were observed between RD- and HFD-fed females at four weeks on diet (week 0: $t(13.94) = 0.2018$, $p = 0.9994$; week 1: $t(13.45) = 2.272$, $p = 0.151$; week 2: $t(13.76) = 2.451$, $p = 0.1082$; week 4: $t(13.26) = 2.451$, $p = 0.1104$). **(C)** HFD-fed mice showed a significant increase in fat mass within one week on diet that was sustained at four weeks on diet (week 0: $t(12.42) = 0.04358$, $p > 0.9999$; week 1: $t(8.111) = 6.061$, $p = 0.0011$; week 2: $t(7.51) = 4.518$, $p = 0.0091$; week 4: $t(7.634) = 4.287$, $p = 0.0118$) as determined by a mixed-effects model (see Materials and Methods). **(D)** Principal coordinate analysis (PCoA) of Unweighted UniFrac distances from the averaged rarefied 16S rRNA gene amplicon sequencing dataset (3,341 reads/sample, $n=1,000$ rarefactions) reveal a significant shift in maternal gut microbial ecology within one week on high-fat diet that is maintained at four weeks on diet. ($p=0.001, R^2 = 0.398$). **(E–F)** Alpha diversity metrics reveal a statistically significant loss of microbial diversity in HFD compared to RD dams, as measured by **(E)** observed OTUs ($t(16) = 3.942$, $p = 0.0012$) and **(F)** Shannon diversity index ($t(16) = 4.412$, $p = 0.0004$). **(G)** Phylum-level changes, characterized by a significant increase in the *Firmicutes:Bacteroidetes* ratio are evident after four weeks on diet (Mann-Whitney $U = 0$, $p = 0.0002$). Bar graphs show mean \pm SEM with individual data points representing biological replicates. $N = 8–9$ subjects per group.

Supplemental Figure 2 (Di Gesù, Matz et al.)

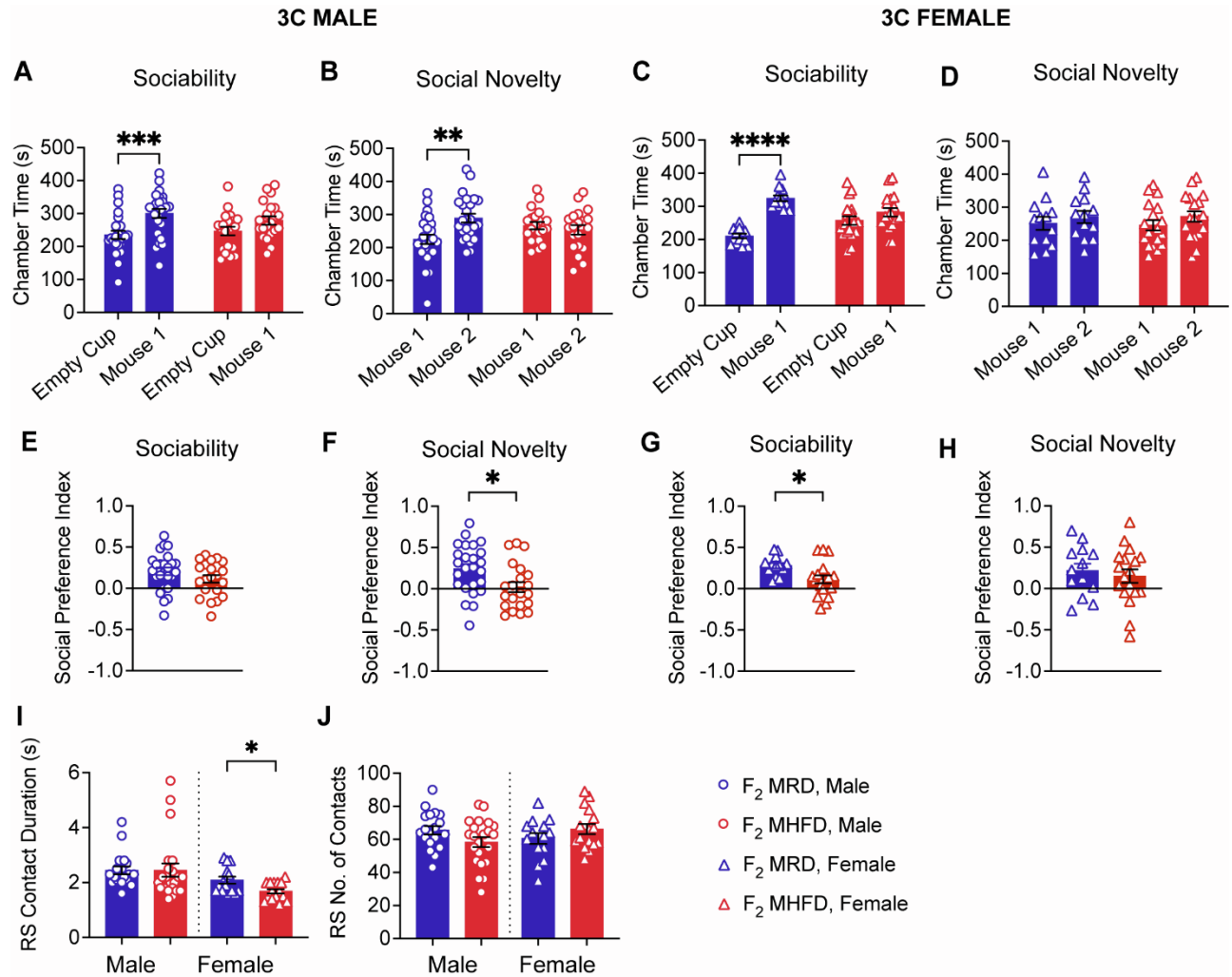


Figure S2. Automated 3C time in chamber data corroborate MHFD-descendant F₂ male social deficits

measured by trained observers. Related to Figure 1. 3C ANY-maze chamber times for **(A, B)** male and **(C, D)**

female sociability (Male MRD F₂: $t(86) = 3.740$, $p = 0.0007$; Male MHFD F₂: $t(86) = 1.654$, $p = 0.1932$; Female MRD F₂: $t(56) = 6.277$, $p < 0.0001$; Female MHFD F₂: $t(56) = 1.473$, $p = 0.2713$) and preference for social novelty

(Male MRD F₂: $t(86) = 3.534$, $p = 0.0013$; Male MHFD F₂: $t(86) = 0.6284$, $p = 0.7804$; Female MRD F₂: $t(56) = 0.7172$, $p = 0.7257$; Female MHFD F₂: $t(56) = 1.178$, $p = 0.4283$), respectively. Social Preference Index for **(E, F)**

male and **(G, H)** female sociability (Male MHFD vs MRD F₂: $t(43) = 1.4$, $p = 0.1686$; Female MHFD vs MRD F₂:

$t(28) = 3.079$, $p = 0.0046$) and preference for social novelty (Male MHFD vs MRD F₂: $t(43) = 2.901$, $p = 0.0058$;

Female MHFD vs MRD F₂: $t(8) = 0.8534$, $p = 0.4182$), respectively. F₂ male and female F₂ reciprocal social **(I)**

contact duration (Male MHFD vs MRD F₂: Mann-Whitney U = 157, $p = 0.1763$; Female MHFD vs MRD F₂: Mann-

Whitney $U = 57.50$, $p = 0.0214$) and (**J**) number of contacts (Male MHFD vs MRD $F_2: t(39) = 1.796$, $p = 0.0803$; Female MHFD vs MRD $F_2: t(28) = 1.258$, $p = 0.2188$). Bar graphs show mean \pm SEM with individual data points representing biological replicates. A–H, $N = 13$ – 25 subjects per group, I and J, $N = 14$ – 22 subject pairs per group.

Supplemental Figure 3 (Di Gesù, Matz et al.)

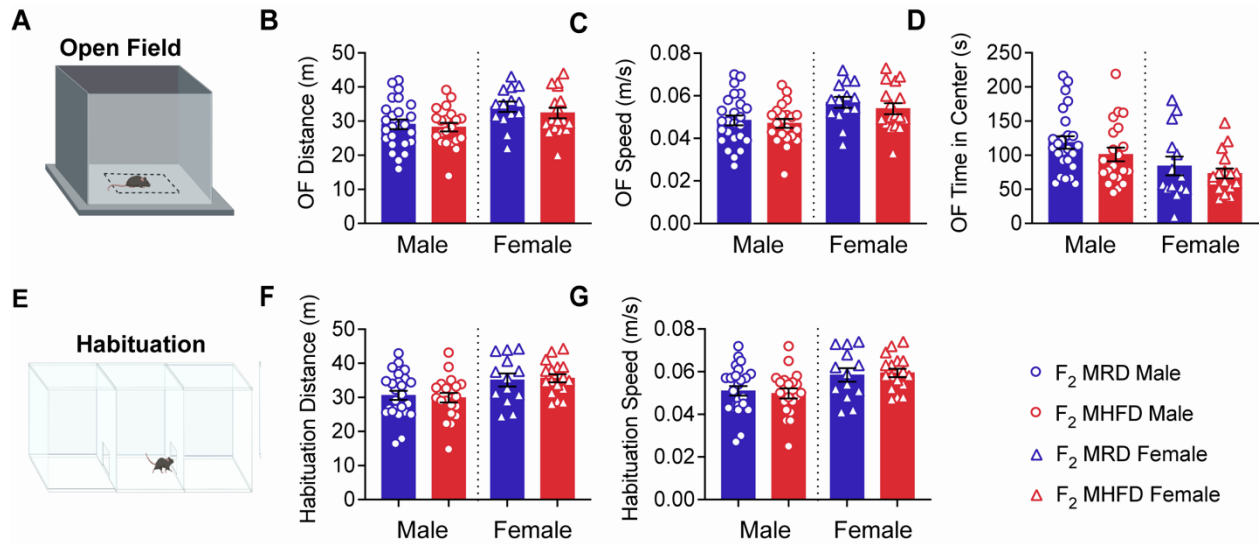


Figure S3. Anxiety-like behavior and locomotor activity are unaltered in MHFD-descendant F₂ offspring.

Related to Figure 1. (A) Open field (OF) schematic. No statistically significant differences in OF (B) distance traveled (Males: $t(11) = 0.3246$, $p = 0.7516$; Females: $t(8) = 0.7396$, $p = 0.4807$), (C) speed (Males: $t(11) = 0.3431$, $p = 0.7380$; Females: $t(8) = 0.7397$, $p = 0.4806$, females), or (D) time spent in center (Males: $t(11) = 1.018$, $p = 0.3307$; Females: $t(8) = 0.6608$, $p = 0.5273$, females) were observed between cohorts. (E) Schematic of the 3C habituation stage. Neither (F) distance traveled (Male MRD vs MHFD: $t(43) = 0.3626$, $p = 0.7186$; Female MRD vs MHFD: $t(8) = 0.004881$, $p = 0.9962$) or (G) speed (Male MRD vs MHFD: $t(43) = 0.3706$, $p = 0.7128$; Female MRD vs MHFD: $t(8) = 0.01752$, $p = 0.9865$) differed between maternal diet lineages in the habituation phase of the 3C task. Bar graphs show mean \pm SEM with individual data points representing biological replicates. A–H, N = 13 – 25 subjects per group; I and J, N = 14–22 subject pairs per group.

Supplemental Figure 4 (Di Gesù, Matz et al.)

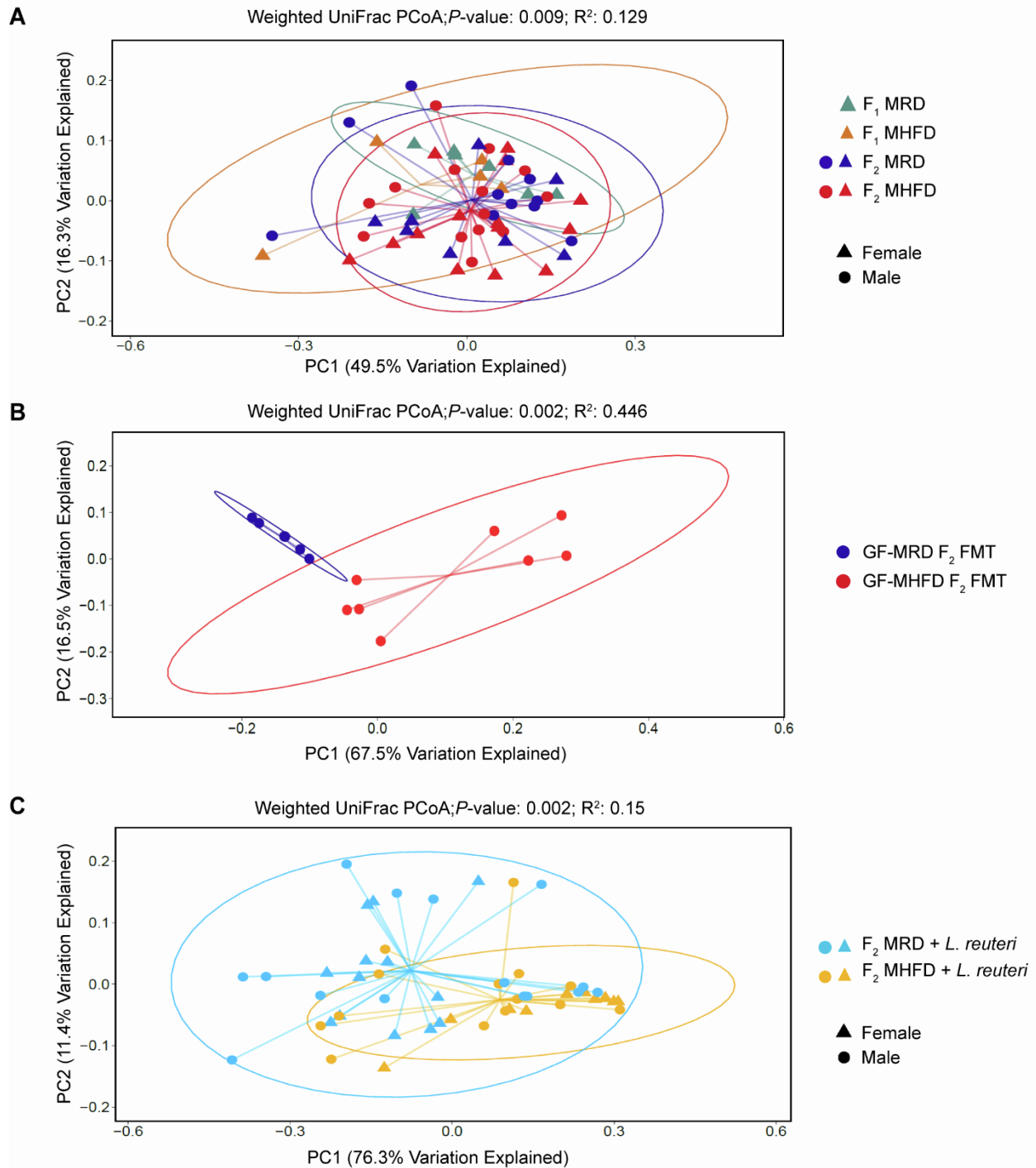


Figure S4. Weighted UniFrac analysis of beta diversity in F_1 and F_2 cohorts \pm *L. reuteri*, MRD or MHFD F_2 -FMT colonized males. Related to Figures 2, 4, and 5. (A) Principal coordinate analysis (PCoA) of Weighted UniFrac distances from the averaged rarefied 16S rRNA gene amplicon sequencing dataset (8,310 reads/sample; $n=1,000$ rarefactions) revealed statistically significant clusters based on diet and generation ($p = 0.006$, $R^2 = 0.129$).

(B) Principal coordinate analysis (PCoA) of Weighted UniFrac distances from the averaged rarefied 16S rRNA gene amplicon sequencing dataset (3,370 reads/sample; n=1,000 rarefactions) revealed statistically significant clusters based on diet ($p = 0.002$, $R^2 = 0.446$). **(C)** Principal coordinate analysis (PCoA) of Weighted UniFrac distances from the averaged rarefied 16S rRNA gene amplicon sequencing dataset (5,508 reads/sample; n=1,000 rarefactions) revealed statistically significant clusters based on diet ($p = 0.002$, $R^2 = 0.15$). A, N = 5–15 subjects per group; B, N = 7–8 subjects per group; C, N = 24–28 subjects per group. Data points represent biological replicates

Supplemental Figure 5 (Di Gesù, Matz et al.)

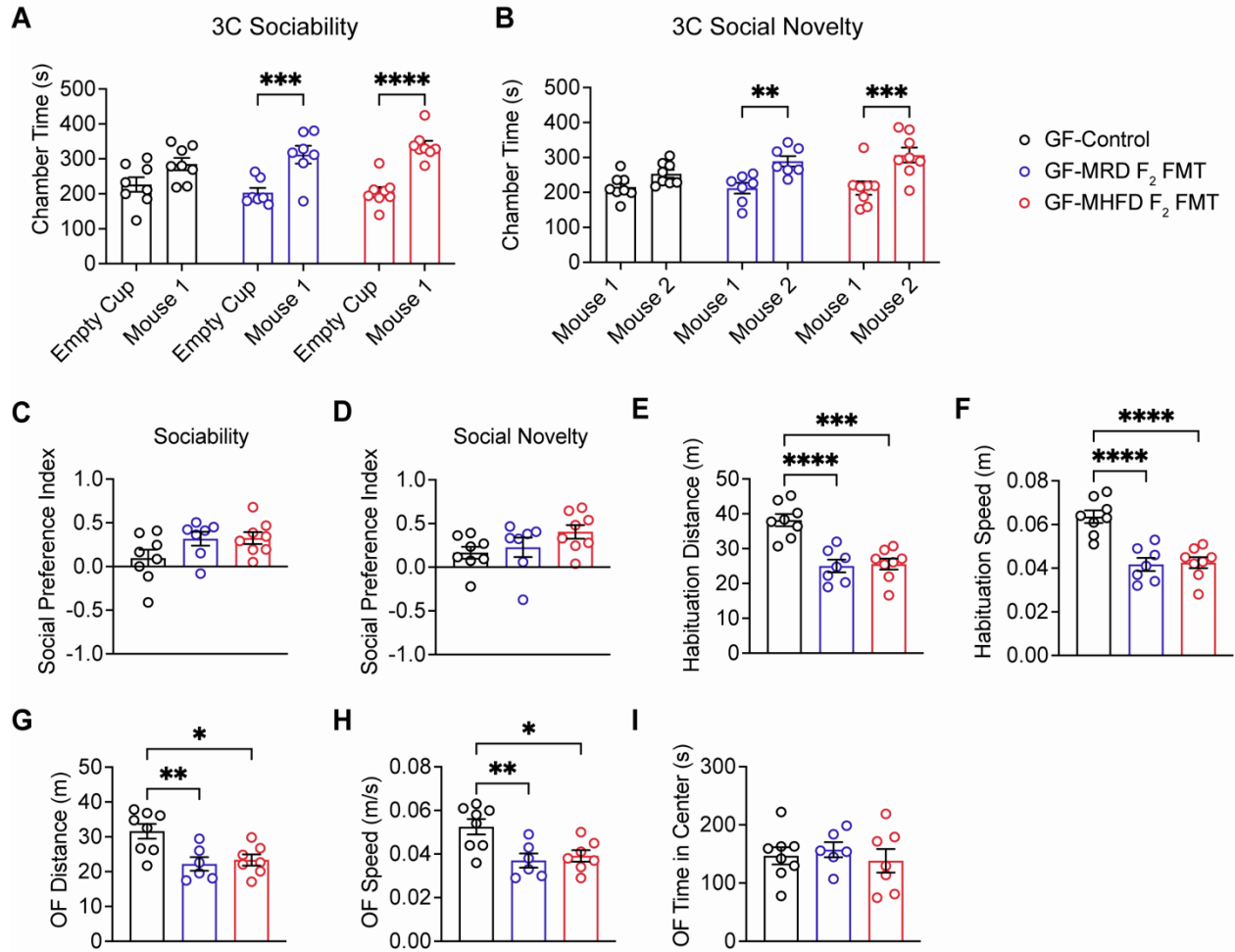


Figure S5. Automated 3C chamber times and locomotor data in germ-free (GF)-control, MRD F₂-FMT colonized, or MHFD F₂-FMT colonized males. Related to Figure 4. Automated ANY-maze 3C chamber times for GF-Control and MRD F₂- or MHFD F₂-FMT recipient (**A**) sociability (GF-control: $t(40) = 2.336$, $p = 0.0719$; MRD F₂-FMT: $t(40) = 4.053$, $p = 0.0007$; MHFD F₂-FMT: $t(40) = 5.294$, $p < 0.0001$) and (**B**) preference for social novelty (GF-control: $t(40) = 1.698$, $p = 0.2646$; MRD F₂-FMT: $t(40) = 3.3221$, $p = 0.0076$; MHFD F₂-FMT: $t(40) = 4.211$, $p = 0.0004$). Social preference index for F₂ male (**C**) sociability (GF-control vs MRD-FMT: $q(20) = 2.66$, $p = 0.1701$; GF-control vs MHFD-FMT: $q(20) = 2.85$, $p = 0.1343$; MRD F₂-FMT vs MHFD F₂-FMT: $q(20) = 0.09341$, $p = 0.9976$) and (**D**) social novelty (GF-control vs MRD F₂-FMT: $q(20) = 0.7191$, $p = 0.8681$; GF-control vs MHFD F₂-FMT: $q(20) = 2.855$, $p = 0.1335$; MRD F₂-FMT vs MHFD F₂-FMT: $q(20) = 2.039$, $p = 0.3393$). During 3C habituation, GF-control mice travel significantly farther than their colonized counterparts, as seen in (**E**) distance

(GF-control vs MRD F₂-FMT: $q(20) = 7.551, p < 0.0001$; GF-control vs MHFD F₂-FMT: $q(20) = 7.483, p = 0.0001$; MRD F₂-FMT vs MHFD F₂-FMT: $q(20) = 0.3218, p = 0.9719$) and (**F**) speed (GF-control vs MRD F₂-FMT: $q(20) = 7.687, p < 0.0001$; GF-control vs MHFD F₂-FMT: $q(20) = 7.671, p < 0.0001$; MRD F₂-FMT vs MHFD F₂-FMT: $q(20) = 0.2757, p = 0.9793$) compared to MRD F₂- or MHFD F₂-FMT males, as determined by one-way ANOVA with Tukey's correction for multiple comparisons. In the open field test, GF-control mice have significantly higher (**G**) distance traveled (GF-control vs MRD F₂-FMT: $q(18) = 4.821, p = 0.0084$; GF-control vs MHFD F₂-FMT: $q(18) = 4.425, p = 0.0152$; MRD F₂-FMT vs MHFD F₂-FMT: $q(18) = 0.5635, p = 0.9166$) and (**H**) speed (GF-C vs MRD F₂-FMT: $q(18) = 4.797, p = 0.0087$; GF-control vs MHFD F₂-FMT: $q(18) = 4.313, p = 0.018$; MRD F₂-FMT vs MHFD F₂-FMT: $q(18) = 0.6437, p = 0.8927$), but not (**I**) time spent in center (GF-control vs MRD F₂-FMT: $q(18) = 0.6256, p = 0.8984$; GF-control vs MHFD F₂-FMT: $q(18) = 0.5261, p = 0.9269$; MRD F₂-FMT vs MHFD F₂-FMT: $q(18) = 1.097, p = 0.7224$) compared to MRD F₂- or MHFD F₂-FMT males, as determined by one-way ANOVA with Tukey's correction for multiple comparisons. Bar graphs show mean \pm SEM with individual data points representing biological replicates. A–F, N = 7–8 subjects per group; G–I, N = 6–8.

Supplemental Figure 6 (Di Gesù, Matz et al.)

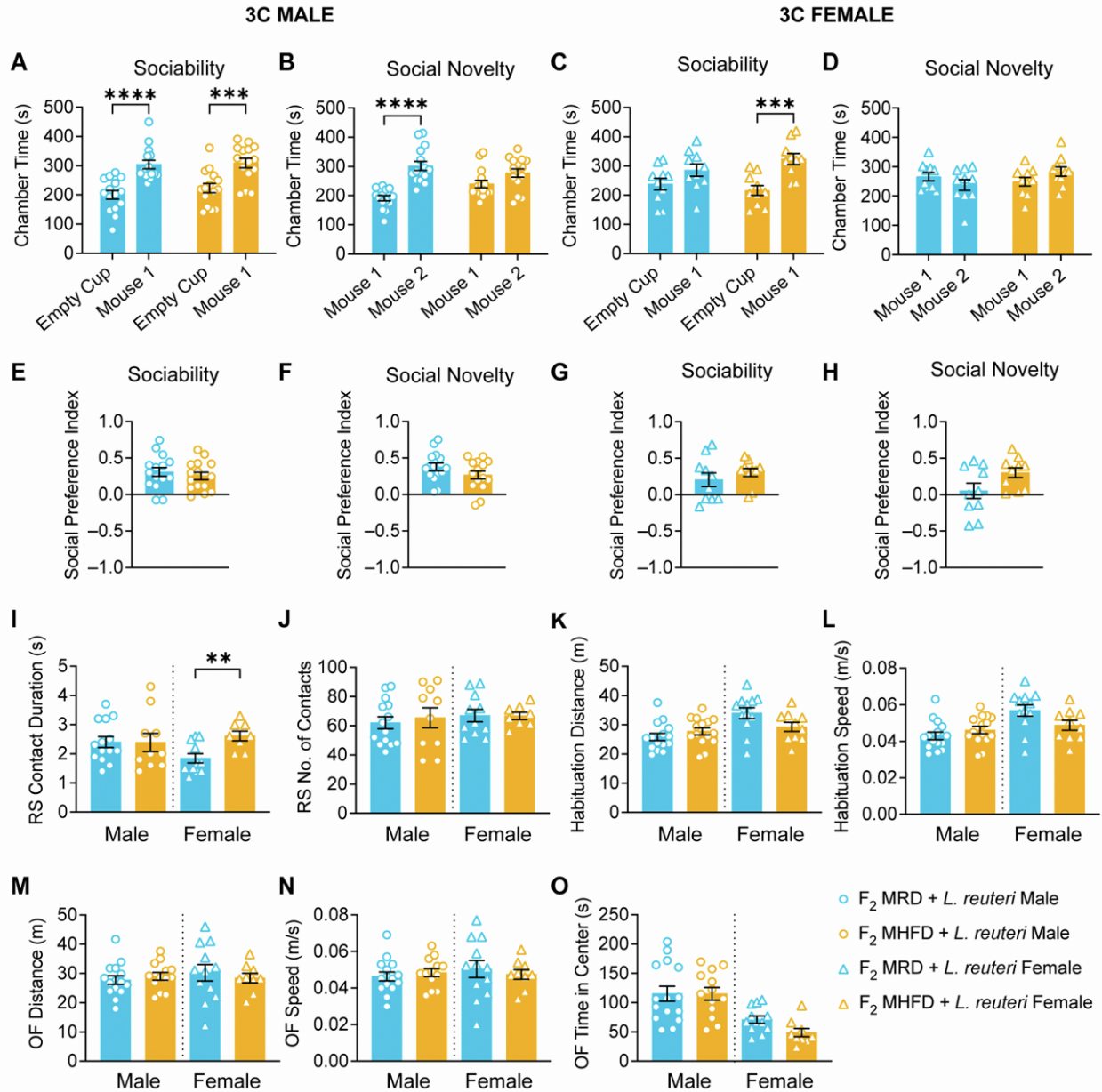


Figure S6. *L. reuteri*-treated MRD- and MHFD-descendant F₂ mice do not display anxiety-like behavior or abnormal locomotor activity. Related to Figure 6. 3C ANY-maze automated chamber times for F₂ + *L. reuteri* (A, B) male and (C, D) female sociability (Male MRD F₂ + *L. reuteri*: $t(56) = 4.783$, $p < 0.0001$; Male MHFD F₂ + *L. reuteri*: $t(56) = 3.972$, $p = 0.0004$; Female MRD F₂ + *L. reuteri*: $t(36) = 1.747$, $p = 0.1703$; Female MHFD F₂ + *L. reuteri*: $t(36) = 3.952$, $p = 0.0007$) and preference for social novelty (Male MRD F₂ + *L. reuteri*: $t(56) = 5.969$, $p < 0.0001$; Male MHFD F₂ + *L. reuteri*: $t(56) = 2.047$, $p = 0.0887$; Female MRD F₂ + *L. reuteri*: $t(36) = 1.276$, $p =$

0.3762; Female MHFD $F_2 + L. reuteri$: $t(36) = 1.549$, $p = 0.2435$), respectively, in the 3C task. Social preference indices for **(E, F)** male and **(G, H)** female sociability (Male MHFD vs MRD F_2 : $t(28) = 0.6876$, $p = 0.4973$; Female MHFD vs MRD F_2 : $t(4) = 0.7951$, $p = 0.4711$) and social novelty (Male MHFD vs MRD F_2 : $t(5) = 1.313$, $p = 0.2463$; Female MHFD vs MRD F_2 : $t(4) = 1.497$, $p = 0.2088$). $F_2 + L. reuteri$ male and female reciprocal social **(I)** contact duration (Male MHFD $F_2 + L. reuteri$ vs MRD $F_2 + L. reuteri$: $t(22) = 0.02922$, $p = 0.9770$; Female MHFD $F_2 + L. reuteri$ vs MRD $F_2 + L. reuteri$: $t(17) = 3.261$, $p = 0.0046$) and **(J)** number of contacts (Male MHFD $F_2 + L. reuteri$ vs MRD $F_2 + L. reuteri$: $t(22) = 0.4516$, $p = 0.6559$; Female MHFD $F_2 + L. reuteri$ vs MRD $F_2 + L. reuteri$: $t(17) = 0.04579$, $p = 0.9640$). Neither male nor female F_2 3C habituation **(K)** distance (Male MHFD $F_2 + L. reuteri$ vs MRD $F_2 + L. reuteri$: $t(5) = 0.9683$, $p = 0.3774$; Female MHFD $F_2 + L. reuteri$ vs MRD $F_2 + Lr$: $t(18) = 2.064$, $p = 0.0537$) or **(L)** speed (Male MHFD $F_2 + L. reuteri$ vs MRD $F_2 + L. reuteri$: $t(5) = 0.9711$, $p = 0.3761$; Female MHFD $F_2 + L. reuteri$ vs MRD $F_2 + L. reuteri$: $t(18) = 2.097$, $p = 0.0504$) differ between diets. Open field **(M)** distance (Male MHFD $F_2 + L. reuteri$ vs MRD $F_2 + L. reuteri$: $t(26) = 0.6324$, $p = 0.5326$; Female MHFD $F_2 + L. reuteri$ vs MRD $F_2 + L. reuteri$: $t(4) = 0.2862$, $p = 0.7890$), **(N)** speed (Male MHFD $F_2 + L. reuteri$ vs MRD $F_2 + L. reuteri$: $t(26) = 0.6384$, $p = 0.5288$; Female MHFD $F_2 + L. reuteri$ vs MRD $F_2 + L. reuteri$: $t(4) = 0.2752$, $p = 0.7968$), and **(O)** time spent in the center (Male MHFD $F_2 + L. reuteri$ vs. MRD $F_2 + L. reuteri$: $t(5) = 0.1939$, $p = 0.8539$; Female MHFD $F_2 + L. reuteri$ vs. MRD $F_2 + L. reuteri$: $t(4) = 2.024$, $p = 0.1129$) did not significantly differ between cohorts. Bar graphs show mean \pm SEM with individual data points representing biological replicates. A–H, K, and L, N = 10–15 subjects per group; I and J, N = 8–14 pairs per group; M–O, N = 9–15 subjects per group.

Supplemental Figure 7 (Di Gesù, Matz et al.)

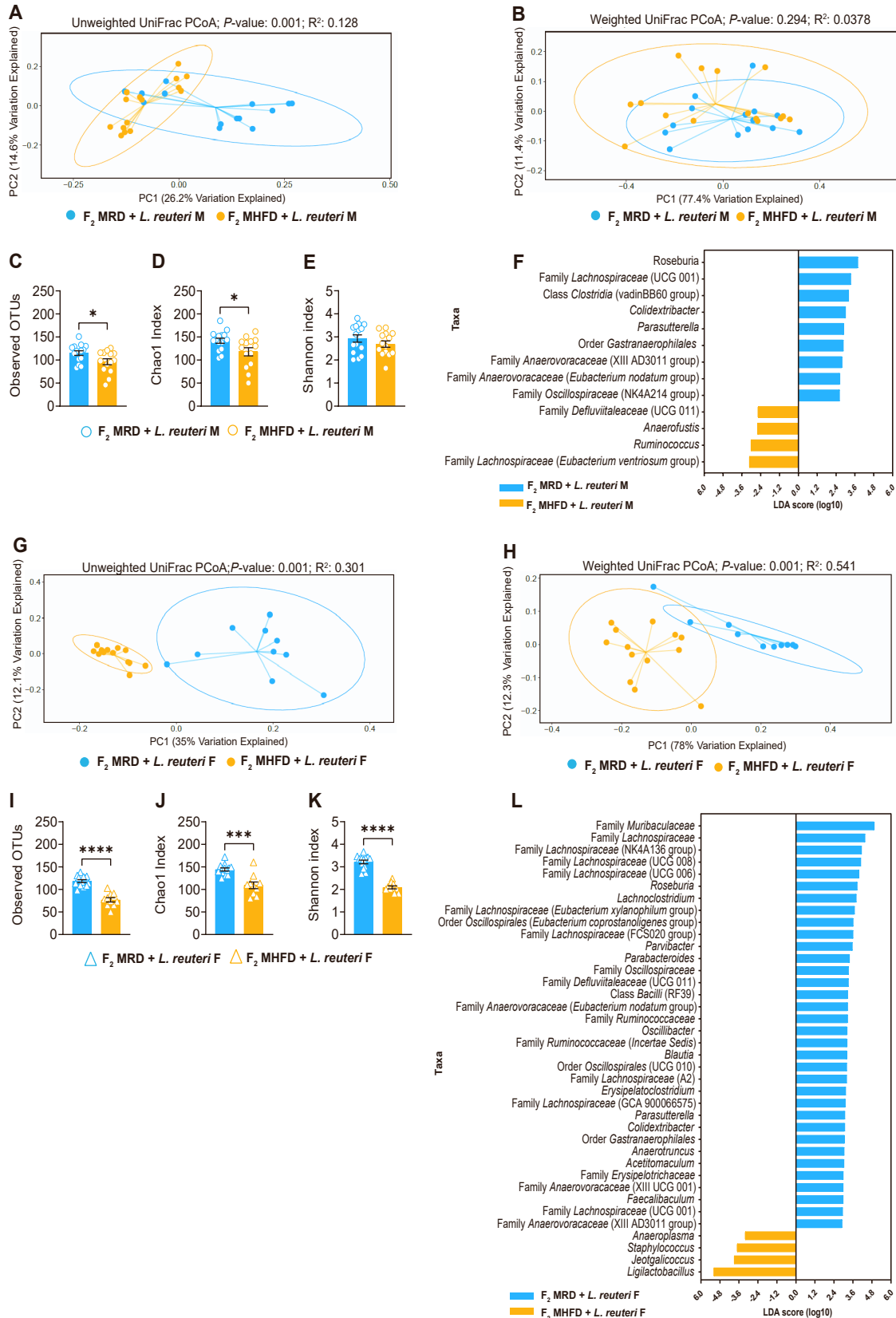


Figure S7. F₂ microbiome remodeling in response to *L. reuteri* exhibits sex specificity, with females showing greater divergence between diet cohorts. Related to Figures 5 and 6. (A–B) Principal coordinate analysis (PCoA) of Unweighted (A), but not Weighted (B), UniFrac distances from the averaged rarefied 16S rRNA gene amplicon sequencing dataset (5,508 reads/sample; n=1,000 rarefactions) revealed statistically significant clusters based on diet (Unweighted UniFrac $p = 0.001$, $R^2 = 0.128$; Weighted UniFrac $p = 0.294$, $R^2 = 0.0378$) in F₂ male mice treated with *L. reuteri*. (C–E) Total number of OTUs (C) (MHFD F₂ + *L. reuteri* vs MRD F₂ + *L. reuteri*: $t(27) = 2.331$, $p = 0.0275$) and Chao1 index (D) (MHFD F₂ + *L. reuteri* vs MRD F₂ + *L. reuteri*: $t(27) = 2.326$, $p = 0.0278$), but not Shannon Index (E) (MHFD F₂ + *L. reuteri* vs MRD F₂ + *L. reuteri*: $t(27) = 1.147$, $p = 0.2613$), are decreased in *L. reuteri*-treated MHFD F₂ male offspring compared to MRD group. (F) Histogram of the LDA scores (log₁₀) computed for genus-level taxa with differential abundance in *L. reuteri*-treated MHFD and MRD F₂ male offspring. (G–H) Principal coordinate analysis (PCoA) of Unweighted (G) and Weighted (H) UniFrac distances from the averaged rarefied 16S rRNA gene amplicon sequencing dataset (5,508 reads/sample; n=1,000 rarefactions) revealed statistically significant clusters based on diet (Unweighted UniFrac $p = 0.001$, $R^2 = 0.301$; Weighted UniFrac $p = 0.294$, $R^2 = 0.541$) in F₂ female mice treated with *L. reuteri*. (I–K) Total number of OTUs (I) (MHFD F₂ + *L. reuteri* vs MRD F₂ + *L. reuteri*: $t(21) = 7.392$, $p < 0.0001$), Chao1 index (J) (MHFD F₂ + *L. reuteri* vs MRD F₂ + *L. reuteri*: $t(21) = 4.674$, $p = 0.0001$), and Shannon Index (K) (MHFD F₂ + *L. reuteri* vs MRD F₂ + *L. reuteri*: $t(21) = 10.25$, $p < 0.0001$), are decreased in *L. reuteri*-treated MHFD F₂ female offspring compared to MRD group. (L) Histogram of the LDA scores (log₁₀) computed for genus-level taxa with differential abundance in *L. reuteri*-treated MHFD and MRD F₂ female offspring. Bar graphs show mean \pm SEM with individual data points representing biological replicates. N = 10–15 subjects per group.

Supplemental Figure 8 (Di Gesù, Matz et al.)

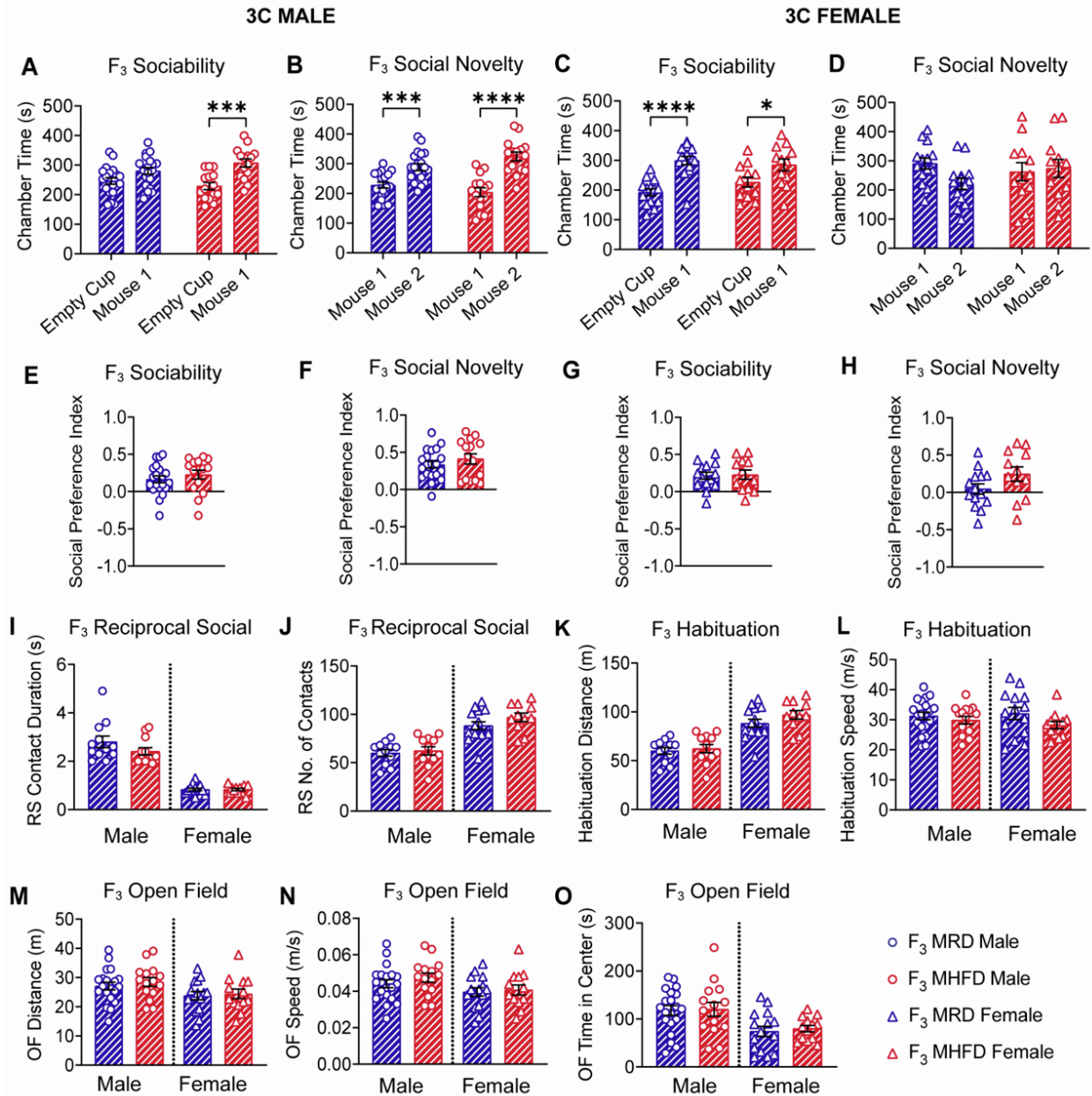


Figure S8. Consistent with F₂, MHFD-descendant F₃ mice do not display anxiety-like behavior or abnormal locomotor activity. Related to Figure 7. 3C ANY-maze automated chamber times for F₃ (A, B) male and (C, D) female sociability (Male MRD F₃: $t(66) = 2.166$, $p = 0.0667$; Male MHFD F₃: $t(66) = 4.299$, $p < 0.0001$; Female MRD F₃: $t(48) = 5.050$, $p < 0.0001$; Female MHFD F₃: $t(48) = 2.534$, $p = 0.0290$) and social novelty (Male MRD F₃: $t(66) = 3.691$, $p = 0.0009$; Male MHFD F₃: $t(66) = 6.330$, $p < 0.00001$; Female MRD F₃: $t(48) = 2.038$, $p = 0.0919$; Female MHFD F₃: $t(48) = 0.3118$, $p = 0.9407$), respectively. Social Preference Index for (E, F) male and (G,

H) female sociability (Male MHFD vs MRD F₃: $t(8) = 0.8067$, $p = 0.4432$; Female MHFD vs MRD F₃: $t(24) = 0.1777$, $p = 0.8605$) and social novelty (Male MHFD vs MRD F₃: $t(33) = 0.9657$, $p = 0.3412$; Female MHFD vs MRD F₃: $t(24) = 1.739$, $p = 0.0949$). F₃ male and female reciprocal social (I) contact duration (Male MHFD vs MRD F₃ Mann-Whitney U=45.50, $p = 0.2140$; Female MHFD vs MRD F₃ $t(24) = 0.03989$, $p = 0.9685$) and (J) number of contacts (Male MHFD vs MRD F₃: $t(22) = 0.4158$, $p = 0.6816$; Female MHFD vs MRD F₃: $t(24) = 1.426$, $p = 0.1668$). Neither male nor female 3C habituation (K) distance (Male MHFD F₃ vs MRD F₃: $t(8) = 0.4871$, $p = 0.6392$; Female MHFD vs MRD F₃: $t(4) = 1.223$, $p = 0.2885$) or (L) speed (Male MHFD vs MRD F₃: $t(8) = 0.5126$, $p = 0.6221$; Female MHFD vs MRD F₃: $t(4) = 1.205$, $p = 0.2947$) differ between diets. Open field (M) distance traveled (Male MHFD vs MRD F₃: $t(8) = 0.6214$, $p = 0.5516$; Female MHFD vs MRD F₃: $t(4) = 0.2135$, $p = 0.8414$), (N) speed (Male MHFD vs MRD F₃: $t(8) = 0.454$, $p = 0.7860$; Female MHFD vs MRD F₃: $t(4) = 0.2161$, $p = 0.8395$), and (O) time spent in center (Male MHFD vs MRD F₃: $t(8) = 0.04288$, $p = 0.9668$; Female MHFD vs MRD F₃: $t(4) = 0.3881$, $p = 0.7177$) are not statistically different between cohorts. Bar graphs show mean \pm SEM with individual data points representing biological replicates. A–H, K, and L, N = 12–20 subjects per group; I and J, N = 12–15 pairs per group; M and O, N = 13–20 subjects per group.