

Supplementary materials

Supplementary Method 1. Dietary pattern analysis

The pattern loadings from the factor analysis in Supplementary Table S1 showed that the first factor had high loadings on eggs, dairy, whole grain and fruits (absolute value of factor loading larger than 0.45). The second factor showed high loadings on refined grains and fruits and a negative high loading on cooked meat. The third factor has high loadings on red meat and white meat. These three factors totally explained 50% of the whole variance of food intake frequencies. We subsequently conducted a cluster analysis based on the factor scores for each factor and each participant calculated by summing the consumption of each food group that was weighted by its factor loading. The optimal number of clusters was selected by 30 indices serving as measurement metrics of clustering performance using R package “NbClust”. Using K-means clustering method, we finally cluster the participants into 3 groups according the aforementioned common factor scores.

Supplementary Method 2. MaAsLin

MaAsLin is a multivariate statistical framework that finds associations between metadata and relative abundances of specific microbial community members. MaAsLin first deconfounds and selects, among metadata, factors most potentially associated with microbial abundance. Selected factors are then included in general linear models using metadata as predictors and taxa arcsin-square root-transformed abundances as the response. Phyla, genera, and species were filtered out if their relative abundance and prevalence were <0.01% and <1%, respectively. The number of tests performed was high for MaAsLin, therefore P values were adjusted for multiple testing using the Benjamini–Hochberg method with a 10% false discovery rate.

Supplementary Table S1. Factor loading matrix of major factors by principal component analysis with varimax rotation.

	PA1	PA2	PA3
Red meat	-0.051	0.149	0.678
White meat	0.142	0.007	0.644
Eggs	0.678	-0.045	0.172
Dairy	0.651	-0.419	0.159
Cooked meat	0.3	-0.498	0.322
Refined grain	-0.047	0.707	0.17
Whole grain	0.65	-0.043	-0.003
Fruits	0.689	0.065	-0.042
Vegetables	0.056	0.756	0.122
Explained variance	21%	17%	12%

Figures in bold indicate absolute factor loading are more than 0.45. PA, Principal axis.

Supplementary Table S2. Classification of subjects by cluster analysis using factor score.

	Cluster A	Cluster B	Cluster C
Factor 1	-0.413 ± 0.438	1.708 ± 0.721	0.131 ± 0.653
Factor 2	0.457 ± 0.333	0.351 ± 0.598	-1.253 ± 0.611
Factor 3	0.077 ± 0.717	0.173 ± 1.139	-0.267 ± 0.763

Supplementary Table S3. Dietary patterns identified by K-means clustering.

	Cluster A	Cluster B	Cluster C
Red meat	7.547 ± 4.123	7.011 ± 4.744	5.077 ± 3.066
White meat	4.579 ± 3.68	5.756 ± 4.572	4.132 ± 2.718
Eggs	3.621 ± 2.782	9.856 ± 3.916	5.143 ± 2.459
Dairy	0.726 ± 1.64	6.367 ± 4.536	4.659 ± 3.089
Cooked meat	0.116 ± 0.52	2.211 ± 4.312	2.407 ± 3.565
Refined grain	13.679 ± 1.699	13.356 ± 2.27	6.385 ± 3.66
Whole grain	2.186 ± 2.546	10.056 ± 4.665	4.566 ± 2.968
Fruits	3.749 ± 3.619	12.233 ± 3.435	5.154 ± 2.761
Vegetables	13.133 ± 2.354	13.533 ± 1.756	6.363 ± 3.262

Supplementary Table S4. Region distributions of 702 participants according to the established dietary patterns.

Region	Cluster A	Cluster B	Cluster C
Changsha, Hunan province	69 (36.3%)	32 (16.8%)	89 (46.8%)
Hefei, Anhui province	47 (51.1%)	11 (12%)	34 (37%)
Kunming, Yunan province	7 (50.0%)	5 (35.7%)	2 (14.3%)
Lanxi, Zhejiang province	137 (89%)	1 (0.6%)	16 (10.4%)
Taizhou, Zhejiang province	157 (95.7%)	4 (2.4%)	3 (1.8%)
Xuzhou, Jiangsu province	13 (14.8%)	37 (42%)	38 (43.2%)

Supplementary Table S5. Sensitivity analysis of associations between food intakes and gut microbial profiles using MaAsLins with population at a high risk of intestinal diseases removed, $N=479$.

Food group	Phylum	Class Order Family	Genus	Species	Value	Coef ¹	Coverage (%) ²	Pval ³	Qval ⁴
Red meat	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Bacilli</i> <i>Lactobacillales</i>	<i>Weissella</i>	<i>uncultured</i>	pd	-0.0507	27.14%	<0.0001	0.0711
		<i>Leuconostocaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Red meat	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Bacilli</i> <i>Lactobacillales</i>	<i>Weissella</i>		pd	-0.0502	28.81%	<0.0001	0.0711
		<i>Leuconostocaceae</i>							
Red meat	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Bacilli</i> <i>Lactobacillales</i>	<i>Weissella</i>	<i>uncultured</i>	mul_pw	-0.0471	27.14%	0.0001	0.0804
		<i>Leuconostocaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Cooked meat	<i>Bacteroidetes</i>	<i>Bacteroidia</i>	<i>Coprobacter</i>		pd	0.0172	14.61%	<0.0001	0.0195
		<i>Bacteroidales</i>							
		<i>Barnesiellaceae</i>							
Cooked meat	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i>	<i>Eubacterium eligens group</i>	<i>uncultured</i>	mul_pw	0.0493	65.14%	<0.0001	0.0430
		<i>Lachnospiraceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Cooked meat	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i>	<i>uncultured</i>	<i>uncultured</i>	mul_pw	0.0123	34.24%	<0.0001	0.0430
		<i>Lachnospiraceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Cooked meat	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i>	<i>Eubacterium eligens group</i>		mul_pw	0.0491	65.14%	<0.0001	0.0430
		<i>Lachnospiraceae</i>							
Cooked meat	<i>Bacteroidetes</i>	<i>Bacteroidia</i>	<i>Paraprevotella</i>	<i>uncultured</i>	pd	0.0299	11.27%	0.0001	0.0495
		<i>Bacteroidales</i>		<i>organism</i>					
		<i>Prevotellaceae</i>							
Whole grain	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Negativicutes</i>	<i>Megasphaera</i>	<i>uncultured</i>	mul_pd	0.0515	13.15%	<0.0001	0.0425
		<i>Veillonellales</i>		<i>organism</i>					
		<i>Veillonellaceae</i>							
Refined grain	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Bacilli</i> <i>Lactobacillales</i>		<i>uncultured</i>	pw	0.0959	12.94%	<0.0001	0.0026
		<i>Lactobacillaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					

Refined grain	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	<i>Eubacterium coprostanoligenes</i> group	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	mul_pd	-0.0443	18.58%	<0.0001	0.0249
Refined grain	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	<i>Eubacterium coprostanoligenes</i> group	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	pd	-0.0455	18.58%	<0.0001	0.0249
Refined grain	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Bacilli</i> <i>Lactobacillales</i> <i>Lactobacillaceae</i>	<i>Lactobacillus</i>	<i>Lactobacillus mucosae</i>	pw	0.0677	15.24%	0.0001	0.0506
Refined grain	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Bacilli</i> <i>Lactobacillales</i> <i>Lactobacillaceae</i>	<i>Lactobacillus</i>		pw	0.1565	49.69%	0.0001	0.0750
Refined grain	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	<i>Eubacterium coprostanoligenes</i> group	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	mul_pw	-0.0408	18.58%	0.0002	0.0842
Refined grain	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	<i>Ruminococcaceae</i> UCG 013		pw	-0.0734	74.95%	0.0002	0.0842
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	<i>Eubacterium coprostanoligenes</i> group	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	mul_pd	-0.3279	24.84%	<0.0001	<0.0001
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	<i>Eubacterium coprostanoligenes</i> group	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	pd	-0.3281	24.84%	<0.0001	<0.0001
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	<i>Eubacterium coprostanoligenes</i> group	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	mul_pw	-0.3233	24.84%	<0.0001	<0.0001
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	<i>Eubacterium coprostanoligenes</i> group	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	pw	-0.3290	24.84%	<0.0001	<0.0001
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	<i>Eubacterium coprostanoligenes</i> group		pd	-0.2894	70.35%	<0.0001	0.0001
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	<i>Eubacterium coprostanoligenes</i> group		mul_pd	-0.2822	70.35%	<0.0001	0.0001
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	<i>Eubacterium coprostanoligenes</i> group		mul_pw	-0.2795	70.35%	<0.0001	0.0001

Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Erysipelotrichia</i> <i>Erysipelotrichales</i> <i>Erysipelotrichaceae</i>	<i>Turicibacter</i>	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	pd	-0.0774	13.36%	<0.0001	0.0002
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Erysipelotrichia</i> <i>Erysipelotrichales</i> <i>Erysipelotrichaceae</i>	<i>Turicibacter</i>	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	mul_pw	-0.0788	13.36%	<0.0001	0.0002
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Erysipelotrichia</i> <i>Erysipelotrichales</i> <i>Erysipelotrichaceae</i>	<i>Turicibacter</i>	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	pw	-0.0812	13.36%	<0.0001	0.0002
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Erysipelotrichia</i> <i>Erysipelotrichales</i> <i>Erysipelotrichaceae</i>	<i>Turicibacter</i>	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	mul_pd	-0.0758	13.36%	<0.0001	0.0002
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	<i>Eubacterium coprostanoligenes</i> group		pw	-0.2747	70.35%	<0.0001	0.0003
Vegetables	<i>Bacteroidetes</i>	<i>Bacteroidia</i> <i>Bacteroidales</i> <i>Barnesiellaceae</i>	<i>Barnesiella</i>	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	pd	-0.0533	10.44%	<0.0001	0.0079
Vegetables	<i>Bacteroidetes</i>	<i>Bacteroidia</i> <i>Bacteroidales</i> <i>Barnesiellaceae</i>	<i>Barnesiella</i>	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	mul_pw	-0.0532	10.44%	<0.0001	0.0097
Vegetables	<i>Bacteroidetes</i>	<i>Bacteroidia</i> <i>Bacteroidales</i> <i>Barnesiellaceae</i>	<i>Barnesiella</i>	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	mul_pd	-0.0517	10.44%	<0.0001	0.0115
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	<i>uncultured</i>	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	mul_pw	-0.0611	14.82%	0.0001	0.0169
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i>	<i>uncultured</i>	<i>uncultured</i>	pd	-0.0598	14.82%	0.0001	0.0176

		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i> UCG 005		<i>uncultured</i>	pw	-0.0600	11.69%	0.0001	0.0221
		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Oscillibacter</i>		<i>uncultured</i>	pd	-0.0269	10.02%	0.0001	0.0233
		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Oscillibacter</i>		<i>uncultured</i>	pw	-0.0281	10.02%	0.0001	0.0233
		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>uncultured</i>		<i>uncultured</i>	mul_pd	-0.0578	14.82%	0.0001	0.0233
		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i> UCG 002		<i>uncultured</i>	pw	-0.1215	23.80%	0.0001	0.0241
		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Bacteroidetes</i>	<i>Bacteroidia</i> <i>Barnesiella</i>		<i>uncultured</i>	pw	-0.0500	10.44%	0.0001	0.0242
		<i>Bacteroidales</i>		<i>organism</i>					
		<i>Barnesiellaceae</i>							
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i> UCG 005		<i>uncultured</i>	mul_pw	-0.0563	11.69%	0.0001	0.0242
		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>uncultured</i>		<i>uncultured</i>	pw	-0.0600	14.82%	0.0001	0.0242
		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Oscillibacter</i>		<i>uncultured</i>	mul_pd	-0.0260	10.02%	0.0001	0.0262
		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Oscillibacter</i>		<i>uncultured</i>	mul_pw	-0.0260	10.02%	0.0002	0.0312
		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i> UCG 005		<i>uncultured</i>	pd	-0.0540	11.69%	0.0002	0.0312
		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Christensenellaceae</i> R 7 group		<i>uncultured</i>	pd	-0.1159	28.39%	0.0002	0.0327
		<i>Christensenellaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					

Vegetables	<i>Actinobacteria</i>	<i>Coriobacteriia</i> <i>Coriobacteriales</i> <i>Eggerthellaceae</i>		<i>Adlercreutzia</i>	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	pd	-0.0774	45.93%	0.0002	0.0332
Vegetables	<i>Actinobacteria</i>	<i>Coriobacteriia</i> <i>Coriobacteriales</i> <i>Eggerthellaceae</i>		<i>Adlercreutzia</i>		pd	-0.0774	45.93%	0.0002	0.0332
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Christensenellaceae</i>		<i>Christensenellaceae</i> R 7 group	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	mul_pd	-0.1146	28.39%	0.0002	0.0335
Vegetables	<i>Actinobacteria</i>	<i>Coriobacteriia</i> <i>Coriobacteriales</i> <i>Eggerthellaceae</i>		<i>Adlercreutzia</i>	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	mul_pd	-0.0762	45.93%	0.0003	0.0360
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i> UCG 005	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	mul_pd	-0.0525	11.69%	0.0003	0.0360
Vegetables	<i>Actinobacteria</i>	<i>Coriobacteriia</i> <i>Coriobacteriales</i> <i>Eggerthellaceae</i>		<i>Adlercreutzia</i>		mul_pd	-0.0762	45.93%	0.0003	0.0360
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Erysipelotrichia</i> <i>Erysipelotrichales</i> <i>Erysipelotrichaceae</i>		<i>Turicibacter</i>		pw	-0.1032	42.59%	0.0003	0.0407
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i> UCG 002	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	mul_pd	-0.1067	23.80%	0.0003	0.0421
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i> UCG 003	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	pw	-0.1349	57.83%	0.0003	0.0435
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i> <i>Christensenellaceae</i>		<i>Christensenellaceae</i> R 7 group	<i>uncultured</i> <i>organism</i>	pw	-0.1151	28.39%	0.0004	0.0492
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i>		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i> UCG 002	<i>uncultured</i>	pd	-0.1034	23.80%	0.0005	0.0583

		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i>	<i>Ruminococcaceae</i> UCG 003	<i>uncultured</i>	mul_pw	-0.1036	23.80%	0.0006	0.0606
		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Actinobacteria</i>	<i>Coriobacteriia</i>	<i>Adlercreutzia</i>	<i>uncultured</i>	mul_pw	-0.0722	45.93%	0.0007	0.0629
		<i>Coriobacteriales</i>		<i>organism</i>					
		<i>Eggerthellaceae</i>							
Vegetables	<i>Actinobacteria</i>	<i>Coriobacteriia</i>	<i>Adlercreutzia</i>		mul_pw	-0.0722	45.93%	0.0007	0.0629
		<i>Coriobacteriales</i>							
		<i>Eggerthellaceae</i>							
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i>	<i>Ruminococcaceae</i> UCG 002	<i>uncultured</i>	pd	-0.1215	57.83%	0.0007	0.0674
		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i>	<i>Christensenellaceae</i> R 7 group	<i>uncultured</i>	mul_pw	-0.1046	28.39%	0.0009	0.0796
		<i>Christensenellaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Erysipelotrichia</i>	<i>Turicibacter</i>		mul_pw	-0.0913	42.59%	0.0009	0.0802
		<i>Erysipelotrichales</i>							
		<i>Erysipelotrichaceae</i>							
Vegetables	<i>Actinobacteria</i>	<i>Coriobacteriia</i>	<i>Adlercreutzia</i>	<i>uncultured</i>	pw	-0.0722	45.93%	0.0010	0.0835
		<i>Coriobacteriales</i>		<i>organism</i>					
		<i>Eggerthellaceae</i>							
Vegetables	<i>Actinobacteria</i>	<i>Coriobacteriia</i>	<i>Adlercreutzia</i>		pw	-0.0722	45.93%	0.0010	0.0835
		<i>Coriobacteriales</i>							
		<i>Eggerthellaceae</i>							
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i>	<i>Ruminococcaceae</i> UCG 002	<i>uncultured</i>	mul_pd	-0.1159	57.83%	0.0012	0.0950
		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Erysipelotrichia</i>	<i>Turicibacter</i>		pd	-0.0880	42.59%	0.0012	0.0964
		<i>Erysipelotrichales</i>							

Vegetables	Firmicutes	<i>Erysipelotrichaceae</i>	<i>uncultured</i> organism	pd	-0.0550	10.44%	0.0013	0.0998
		<i>Clostridia</i> <i>Clostridiales</i>						
		<i>Lachnospiraceae</i>						

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Supplementary Table S6. Sensitivity analysis of associations between food intakes and gut microbial profiles using MaAsLins among population from a single province, $N=318$.

Food group	Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Genus	Species	Value	Coef ¹	Coverage (%) ²	Pval ³	Qval ⁴
Red meat	Firmicutes	Bacilli		Lactobacillales	Weissella	uncultured organism	pd	-0.0660	33.02%	<0.0001	0.0910
Red meat	Firmicutes	Bacilli		Lactobacillales	Weissella		pd	-0.0661	33.96%	<0.0001	0.0910
Cooked meat	Firmicutes	Clostridia		Clostridiales	Eubacterium xylanophilum	uncultured organism	mul_pw	0.0628	12.58%	<0.0001	0.0015
Cooked meat	Firmicutes	Clostridia		Clostridiales	Eubacterium xylanophilum		mul_pw	0.0628	12.58%	<0.0001	0.0015
Cooked meat	Synergistetes	Synergistia		Synergistales	Pyramidobacter	Pyramidobacter piscolens	mul_pw	0.0437	13.84%	<0.0001	0.0166
Cooked meat	Synergistetes	Synergistia		Synergistales	Pyramidobacter		mul_pw	0.0429	15.41%	<0.0001	0.0291
Cooked meat	Firmicutes	Clostridia		Clostridiales	Ruminococcus 1	uncultured organism	mul_pw	0.1148	22.33%	0.0001	0.0941
Whole grain	Firmicutes	Bacilli		Lactobacillales	Leuconostoc	uncultured organism	mul_pw	-0.0086	23.90%	<0.0001	0.0134
Whole grain	Firmicutes	Bacilli		Lactobacillales	Leuconostoc		mul_pw	-0.0086	23.90%	<0.0001	0.0134
Refined grain	Firmicutes	Bacilli		Lactobacillales	Lactobacillus	uncultured organism	pw	0.1901	14.78%	<0.0001	<0.0001
Refined grain	Firmicutes	Bacilli		Lactobacillales	Lactobacillus	Lactobacillus mucosae	pw	0.1333	21.70%	<0.0001	0.0072
Vegetables	Firmicutes	Bacilli		Lactobacillales	Lactobacillus	uncultured	pw	0.2231	14.78%	<0.0001	<0.0001

		<i>Lactobacillaceae</i>			<i>organism</i>							
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Bacilli</i>		<i>Lactobacillales</i>		<i>Lactobacillus</i>	<i>Lactobacillus</i>	pw	0.1412	21.70%	<0.0001	<0.0001
		<i>Lactobacillaceae</i>					<i>mucosae</i>					
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Bacilli</i>		<i>Lactobacillales</i>		<i>Lactobacillus</i>		pw	0.2730	53.46%	<0.0001	<0.0001
		<i>Lactobacillaceae</i>										
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Clostridia</i>		<i>Clostridiales</i>		<i>Ruminiclostridium 5</i>		pd	0.0118	59.43%	<0.0001	0.0268
		<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>										
Cluster	<i>Actinobacteria</i>	<i>Actinobacteria</i>		<i>Bifidobacteriales</i>		<i>Bifidobacterium</i>		C	0.0661	77.04%	<0.0001	0.0122
		<i>Bifidobacteriaceae</i>										

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Supplementary Table S7. Sensitivity analysis of associations between food intakes and gut microbial profiles using MaAsLins among population with normal BMI values, $N=342$.

Food group	Phylum	Class Order Family	Genus	Species	Value	Coef ¹	Coverage (%) ²	Pval ³	Qval ⁴
Whole grain	<i>Firmicutes</i>	Negativicutes Veillonellales Veillonellaceae	Megasphaera	uncultured organism	mul_pd	0.0639	13.45%	<0.0001	0.0016
Whole grain	<i>Firmicutes</i>	Negativicutes Veillonellales Veillonellaceae	Megasphaera		mul_pd	0.0600	24.56%	<0.0001	0.0082
Refined grain	<i>Firmicutes</i>	Clostridia Clostridiales Ruminococcaceae	Eubacterium coprostanoligenes group	uncultured organism	pd	-0.0428	15.50%	<0.0001	0.0218
Refined grain	<i>Firmicutes</i>	Clostridia Clostridiales Ruminococcaceae	Eubacterium coprostanoligenes group	uncultured organism	mul_pd	-0.0404	15.50%	0.0001	0.0233
Vegetables	<i>Actinobacteria</i>	<i>Coriobacteriia</i> <i>Coriobacteriales</i> <i>Coriobacteriaceae</i>	<i>Collinsella</i>	uncultured organism	mul_pd	-0.1520	12.57%	<0.0001	<0.0001
Vegetables	<i>Actinobacteria</i>	<i>Coriobacteriia</i> <i>Coriobacteriales</i> <i>Coriobacteriaceae</i>	<i>Collinsella</i>	uncultured organism	pd	-0.1547	12.57%	<0.0001	<0.0001
Vegetables	<i>Actinobacteria</i>	<i>Coriobacteriia</i> <i>Coriobacteriales</i> <i>Coriobacteriaceae</i>	<i>Collinsella</i>	uncultured organism	mul_pw	-0.1595	12.57%	<0.0001	<0.0001
Vegetables	<i>Actinobacteria</i>	<i>Coriobacteriia</i> <i>Coriobacteriales</i> <i>Coriobacteriaceae</i>	<i>Collinsella</i>	uncultured organism	pw	-0.1585	12.57%	<0.0001	0.0001
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Bacilli</i> <i>Lactobacillales</i> <i>Leuconostocaceae</i>	<i>Leuconostoc</i>	uncultured organism	mul_pd	-0.0403	19.30%	<0.0001	0.0043
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Bacilli</i> <i>Lactobacillales</i> <i>Leuconostocaceae</i>	<i>Leuconostoc</i>	uncultured organism	pd	-0.0409	19.30%	<0.0001	0.0043
Vegetables	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Bacilli</i> <i>Lactobacillales</i> <i>Leuconostoc</i>			mul_pd	-0.0403	19.30%	<0.0001	0.0043

Vegetables	Firmicutes	<i>Leuconostocaceae</i>			pd	-0.0409	19.30%	<0.0001	0.0043
		<i>Bacilli</i>	<i>Lactobacillales</i>	<i>Leuconostoc</i>					
Vegetables	Firmicutes	<i>Leuconostocaceae</i>			mul_pw	-0.0415	19.30%	<0.0001	0.0063
		<i>Bacilli</i>	<i>Lactobacillales</i>	<i>Leuconostoc</i>					
Vegetables	Firmicutes	<i>Leuconostocaceae</i>			pd	-0.0993	23.68%	<0.0001	0.0063
		<i>Clostridia</i>	<i>Clostridiales</i>	<i>Eubacterium</i>					
Vegetables	Firmicutes	<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>			mul_pw	-0.0415	19.30%	<0.0001	0.0063
		<i>Clostridia</i>	<i>Clostridiales</i>	<i>Eubacterium</i>					
Vegetables	Firmicutes	<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>			mul_pd	-0.0956	23.68%	<0.0001	0.0092
		<i>Clostridia</i>	<i>Clostridiales</i>	<i>Eubacterium</i>					
Vegetables	Firmicutes	<i>Leuconostocaceae</i>			pw	-0.0429	19.30%	0.0001	0.0112
		<i>Bacilli</i>	<i>Lactobacillales</i>	<i>Leuconostoc</i>					
Vegetables	Firmicutes	<i>Leuconostocaceae</i>			pw	-0.0429	19.30%	0.0001	0.0112
		<i>Bacilli</i>	<i>Lactobacillales</i>	<i>Leuconostoc</i>					
Vegetables	Firmicutes	<i>Leuconostocaceae</i>			pw	-0.1076	23.68%	0.0001	0.0120
		<i>Clostridia</i>	<i>Clostridiales</i>	<i>Eubacterium</i>					
Vegetables	Firmicutes	<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>			mul_pw	-0.0900	23.68%	0.0003	0.0519
		<i>Clostridia</i>	<i>Clostridiales</i>	<i>Eubacterium</i>					
Vegetables	Firmicutes	<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>			pw	0.0609	32.46%	0.0005	0.0698
		<i>Clostridia</i>	<i>Clostridiales</i>	<i>Eubacterium</i>					
Vegetables	Firmicutes	<i>Lachnospiraceae</i>			pw	0.0688	62.87%	0.0007	0.0929
		<i>Clostridia</i>	<i>Clostridiales</i>	<i>Eubacterium</i>					

		<i>Lachnospiraceae</i>	<i>ventriosum group</i>						
Cluster	<i>Actinobacteria</i>	<i>Actinobacteria</i> <i>Bifidobacteriales</i>	<i>Bifidobacterium</i>		B	0.0651	78.36%	<0.0001	0.0057
		<i>Bifidobacteriaceae</i>							
Cluster	<i>Firmicutes</i>	<i>Negativicutes</i> <i>Veillonellales</i>	<i>Megasphaera</i>	<i>uncultured</i>	B	0.0421	13.45%	0.0004	0.0817
		<i>Veillonellaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					
Cluster	<i>Actinobacteria</i>	<i>Actinobacteria</i> <i>Bifidobacteriales</i>	<i>Bifidobacterium</i>	<i>uncultured</i>	B	0.0430	43.27%	0.0005	0.0851
		<i>Bifidobacteriaceae</i>		<i>organism</i>					

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Supplementary Table S8. Contingency correlation coefficient between the region variable and dietary variables

Food group	Cramer's V	Pval
Red meat	0.246	<0.0001
White meat	0.227	<0.0001
Eggs	0.279	<0.0001
Dairy	0.332	<0.0001
Cooked meat	0.256	<0.0001
Refined grain	0.252	<0.0001
Whole grain	0.368	<0.0001
Fruits	0.287	<0.0001
Vegetables	0.251	<0.0001
Cluster	0.462	<0.0001

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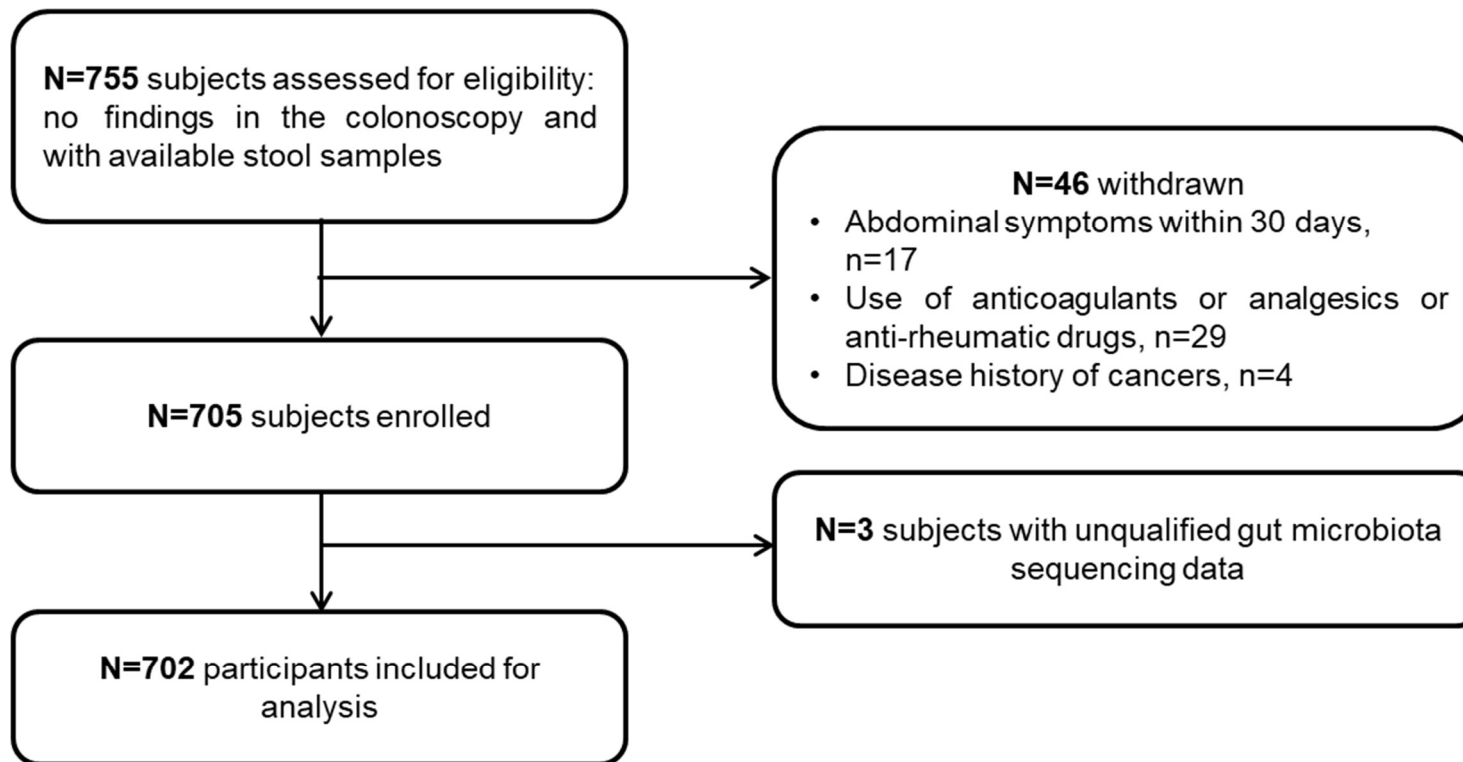
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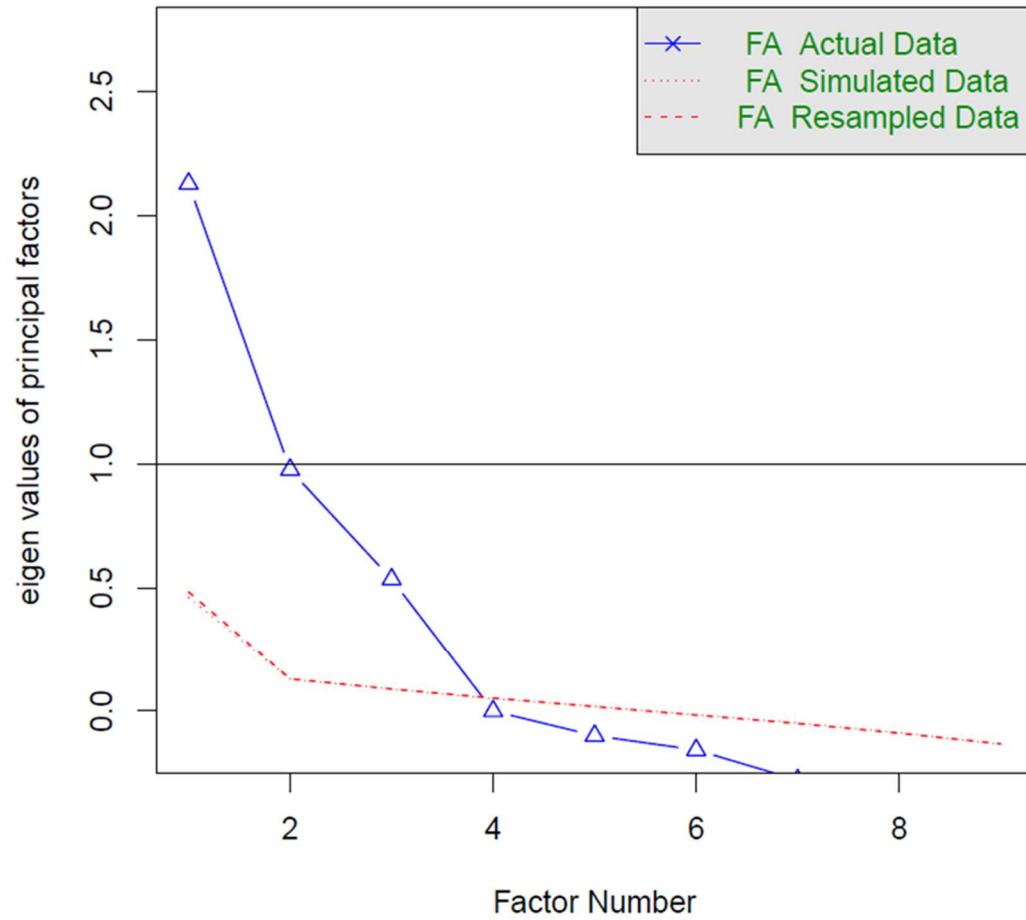
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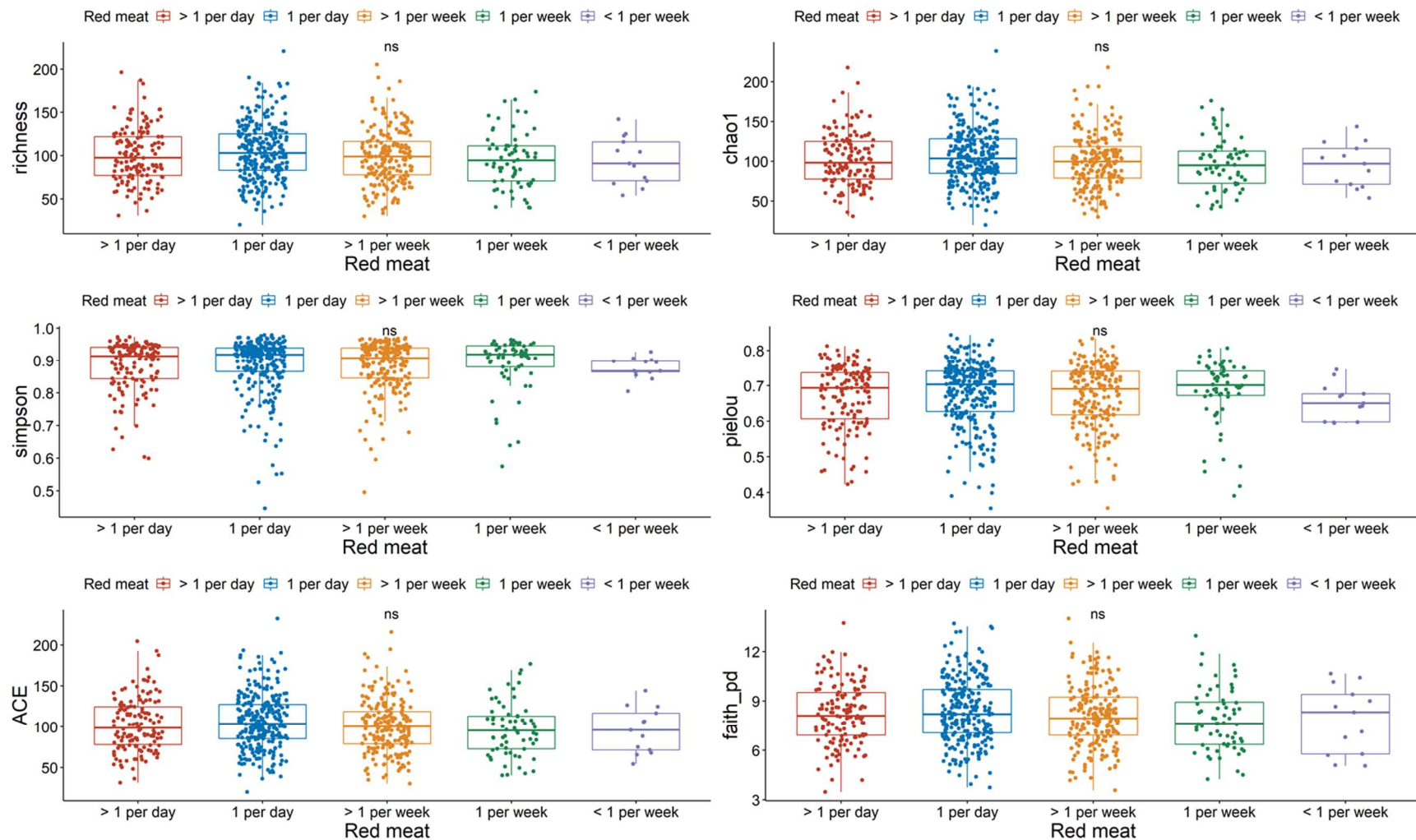


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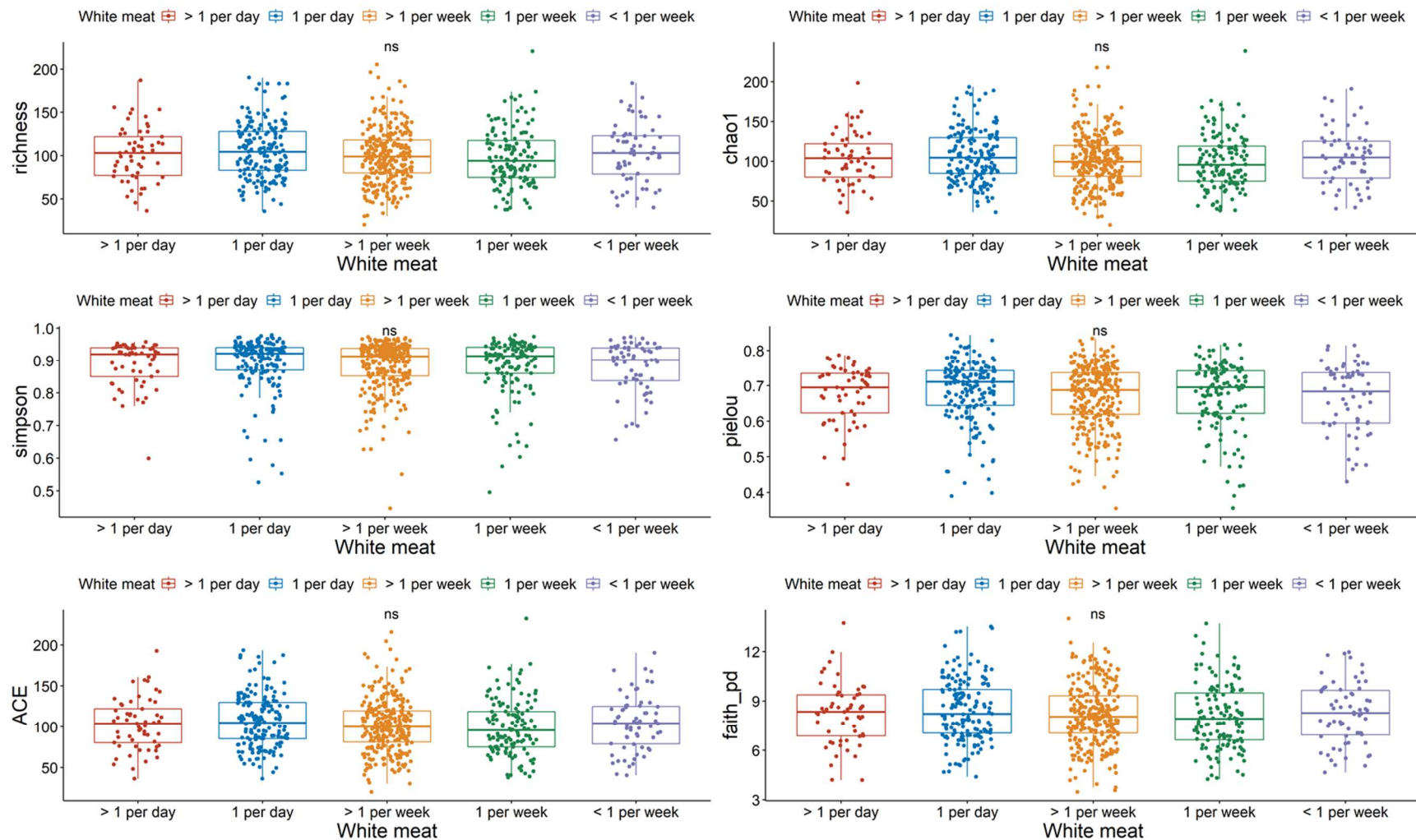
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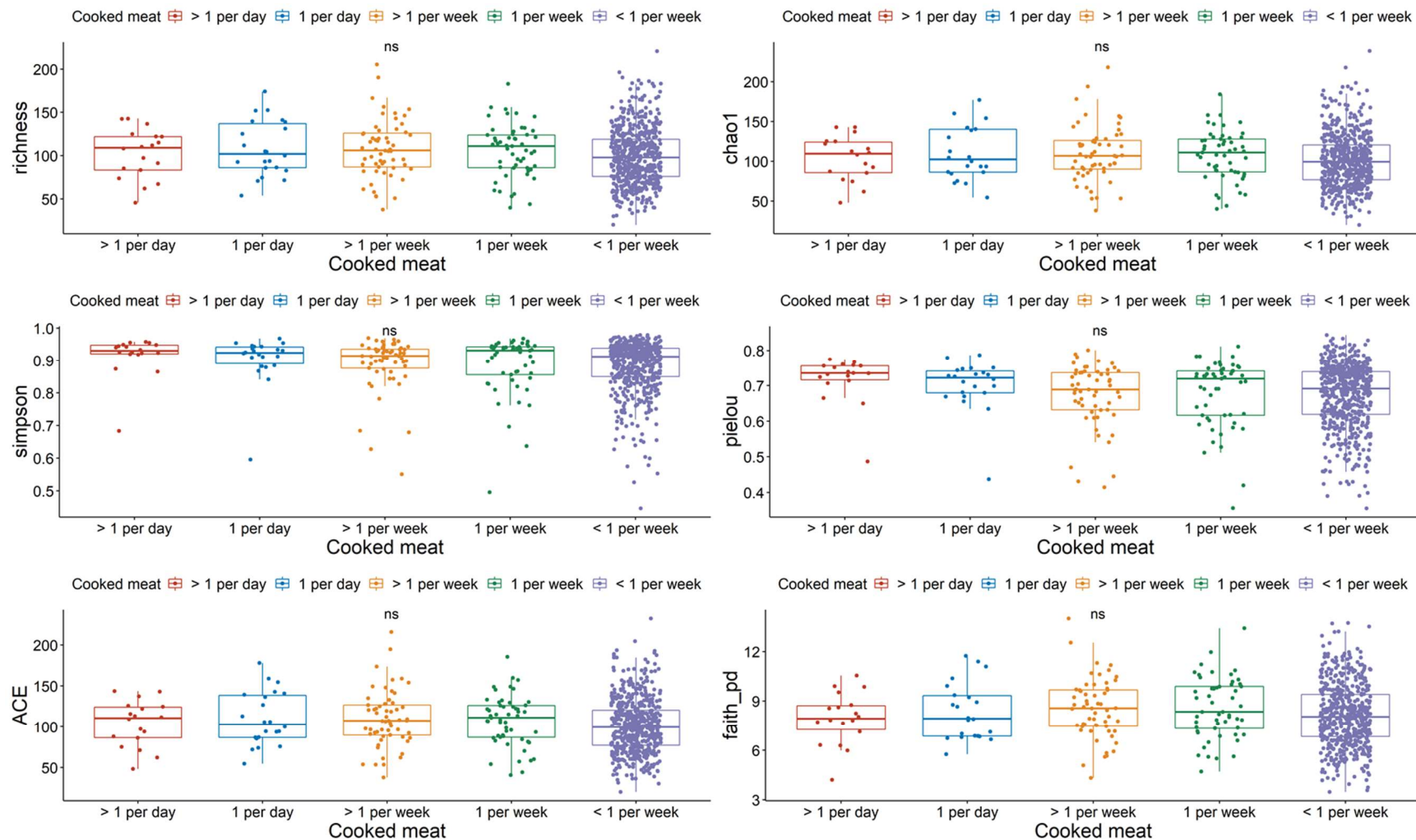
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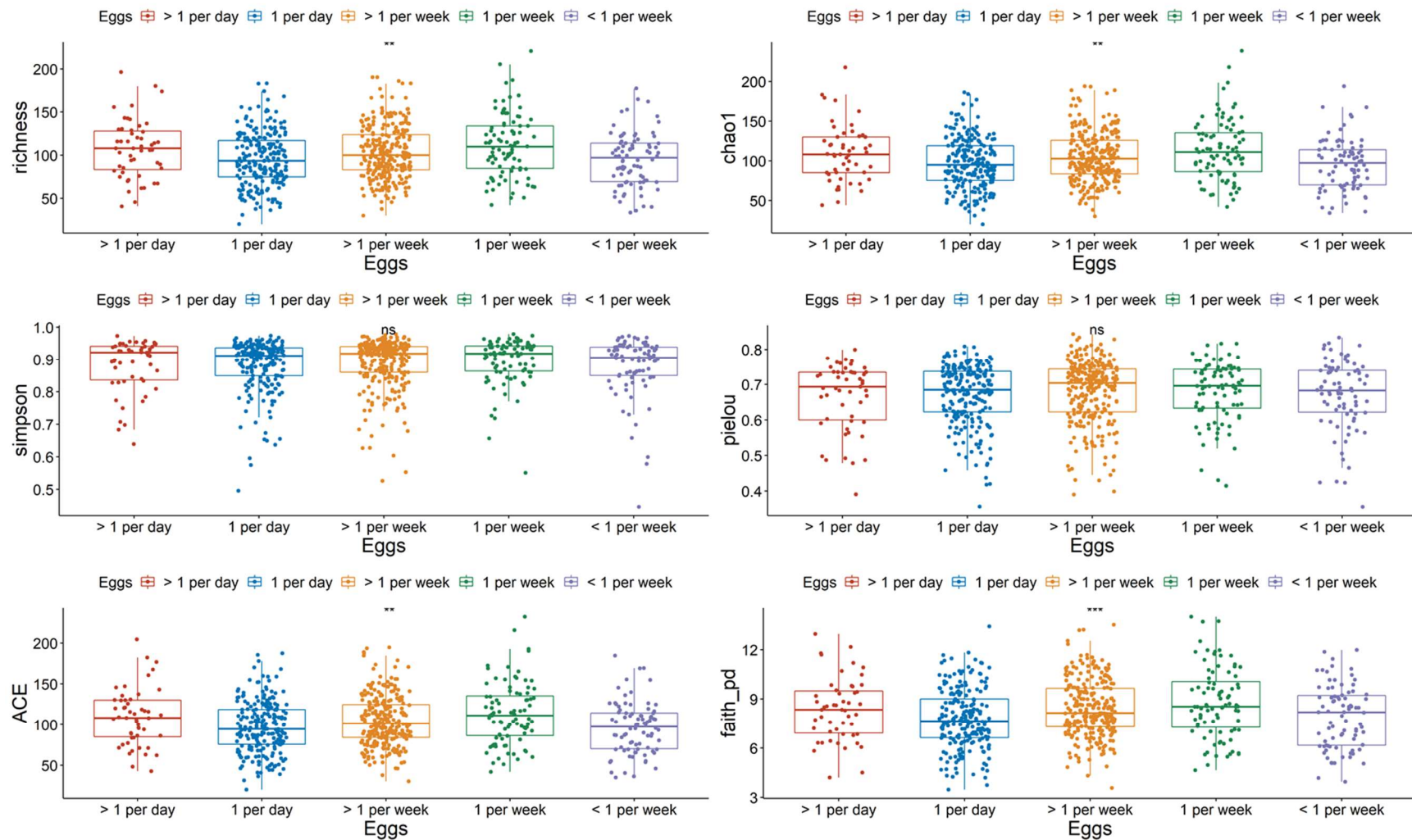
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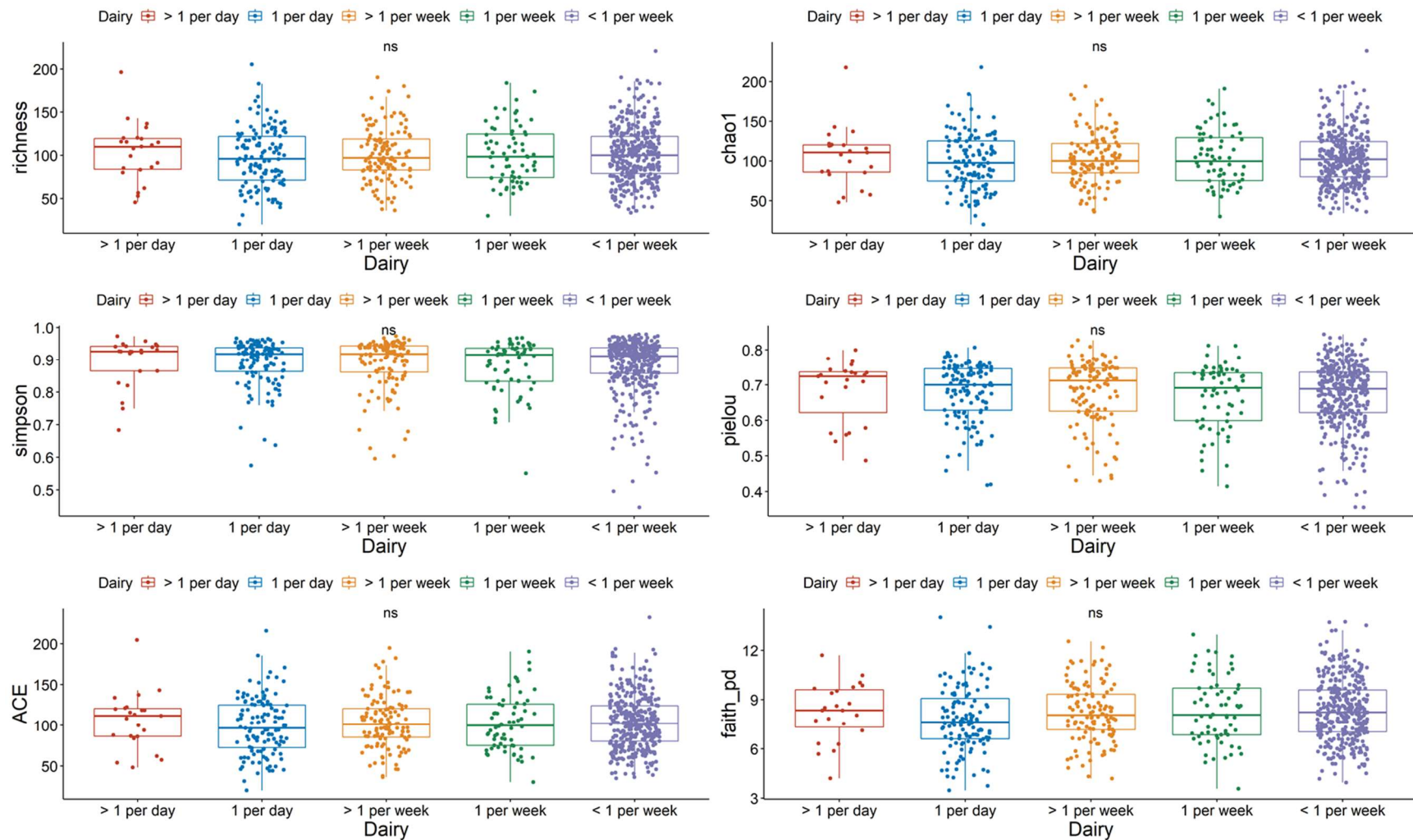
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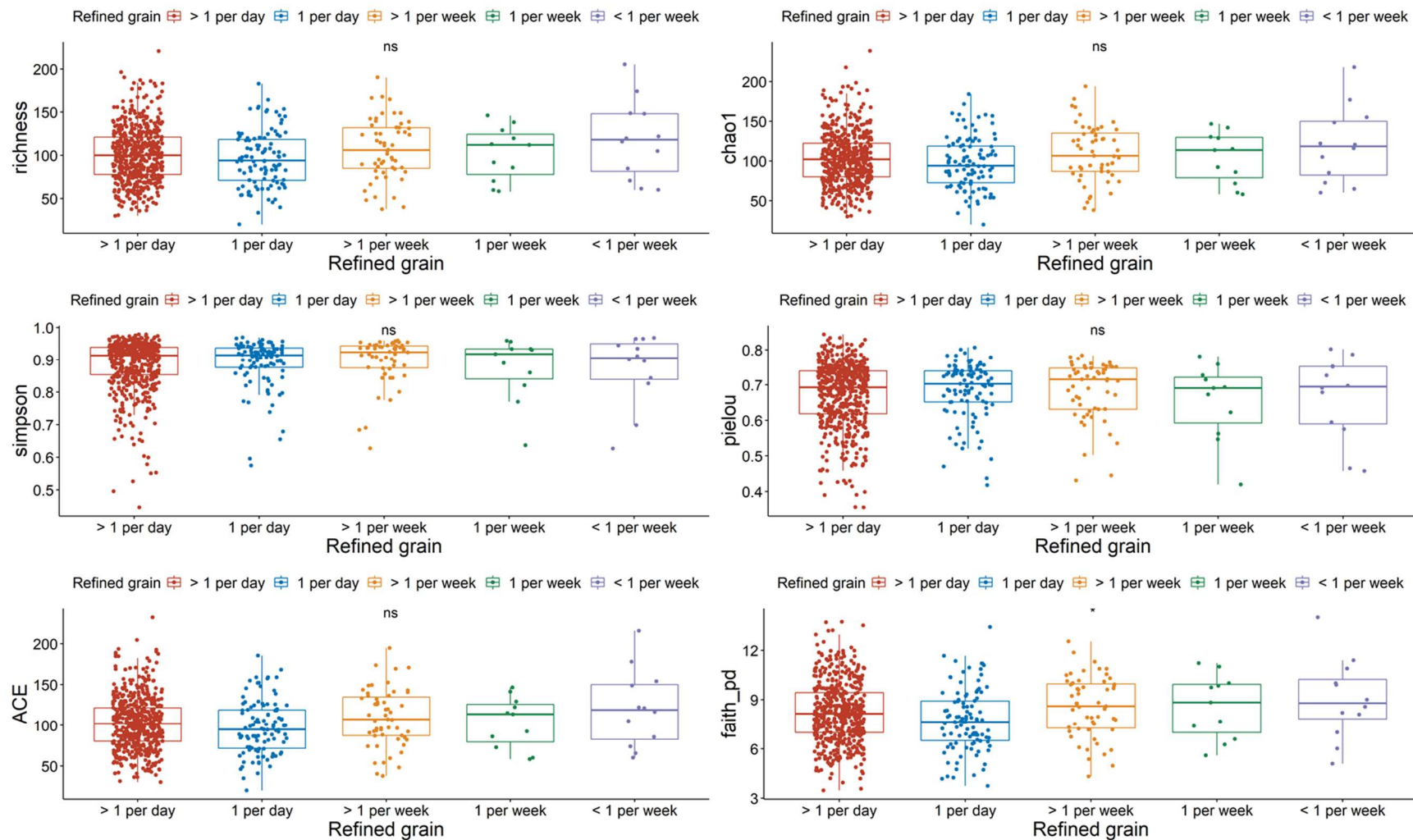
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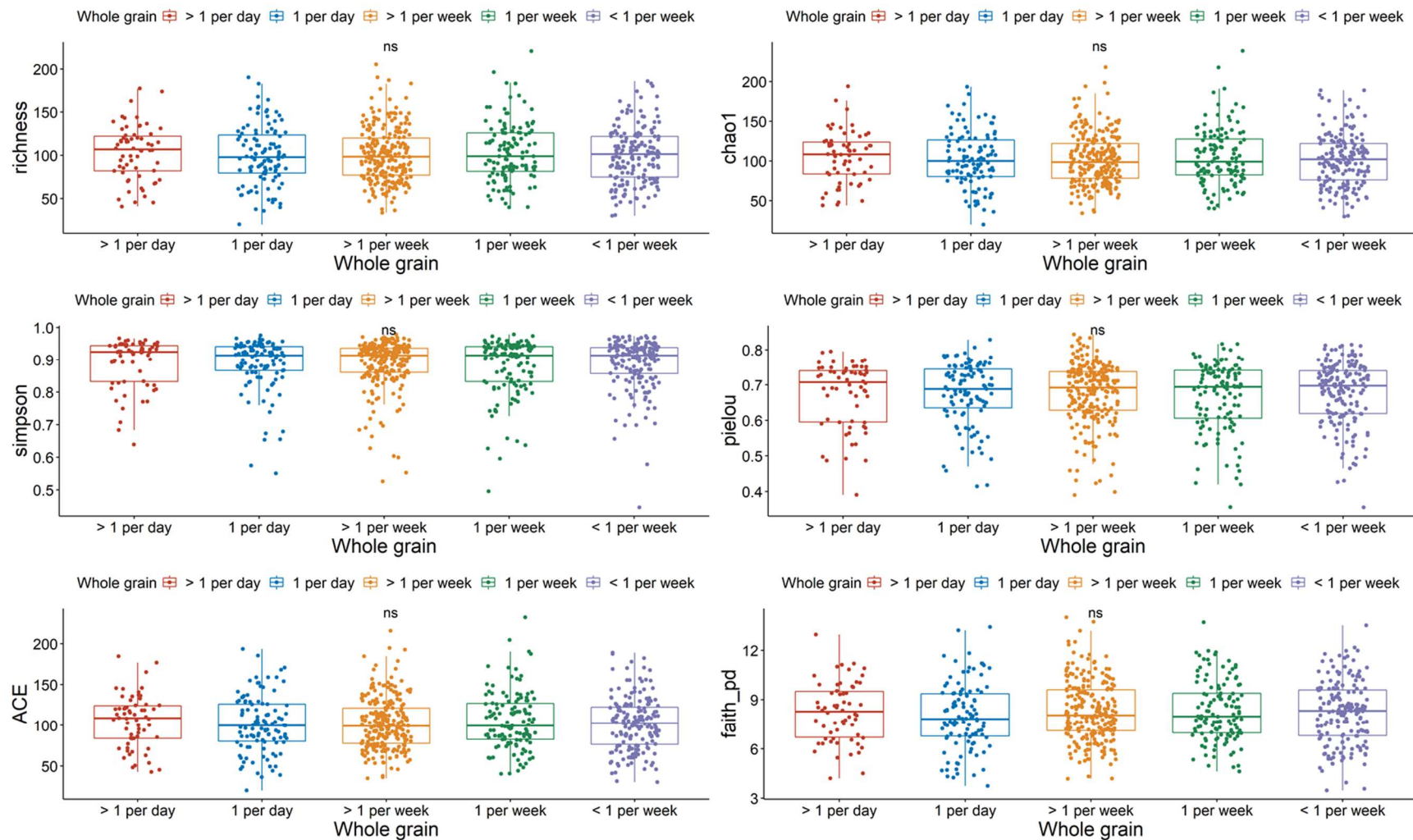
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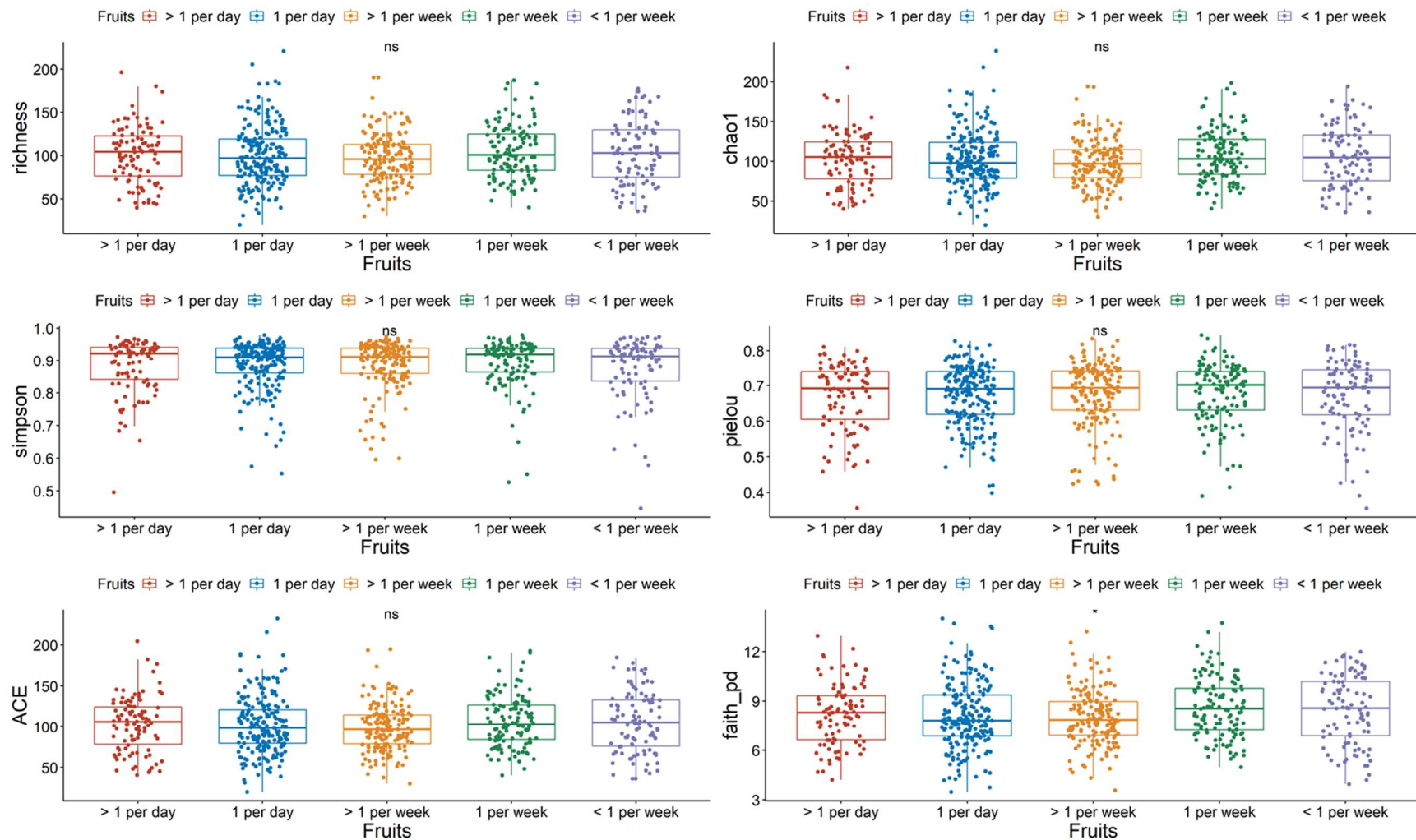
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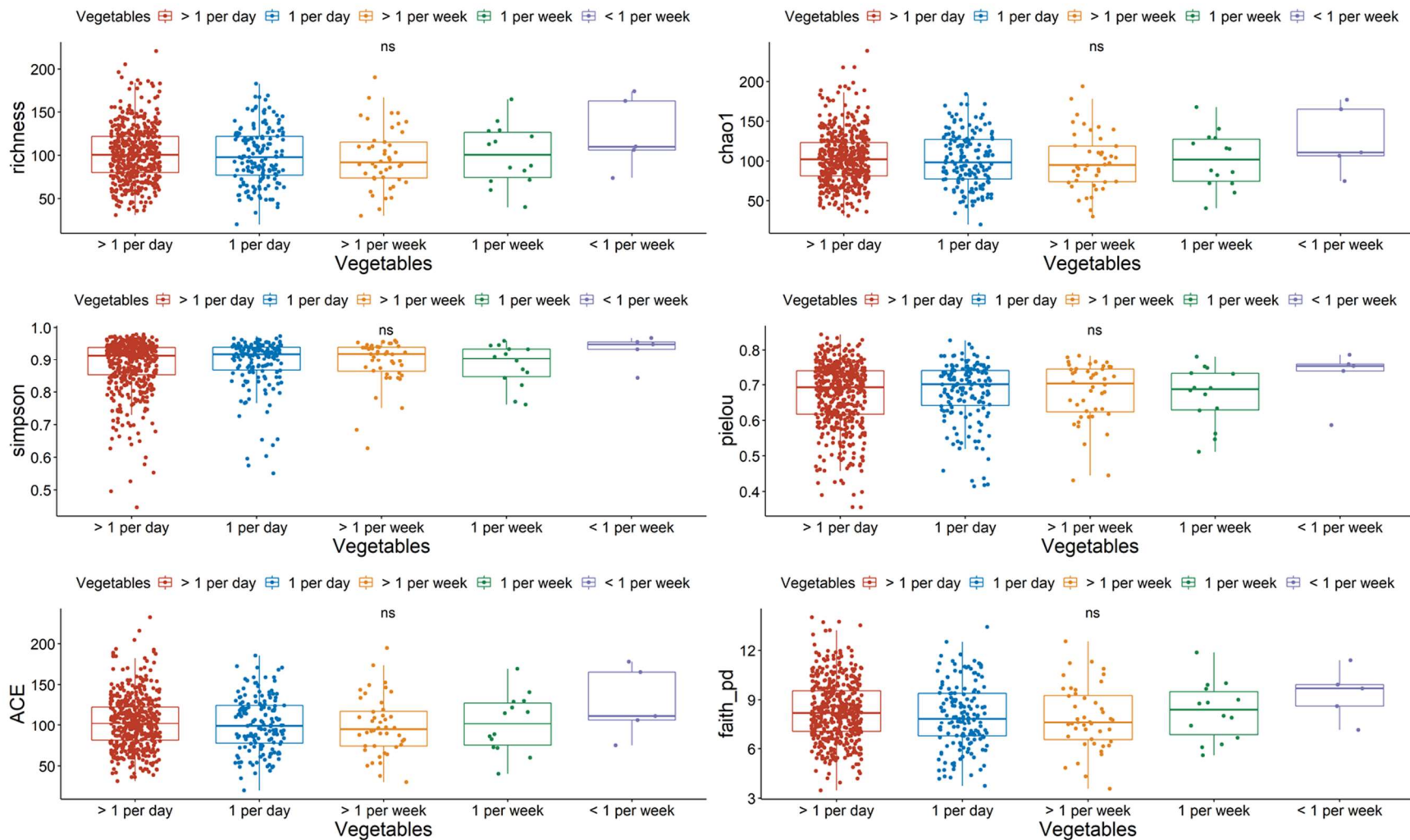
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