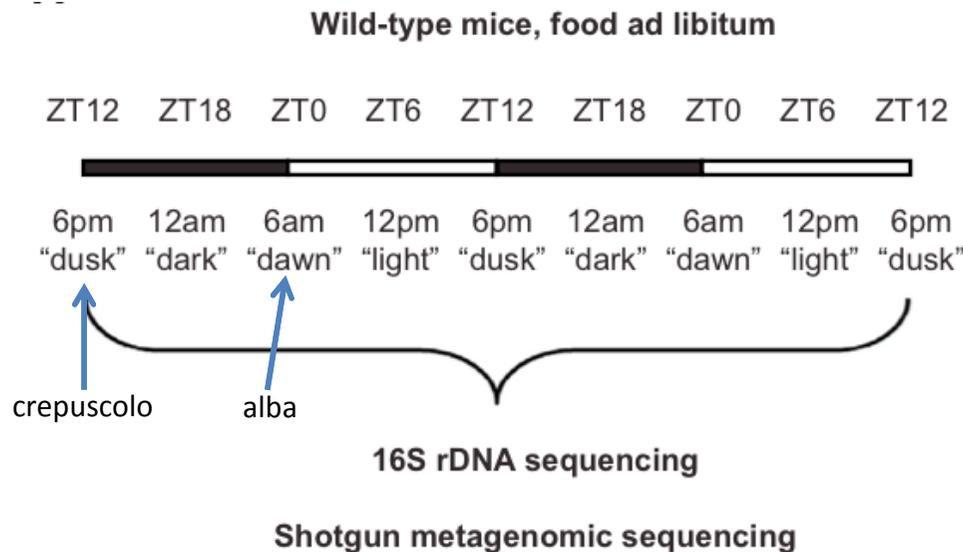
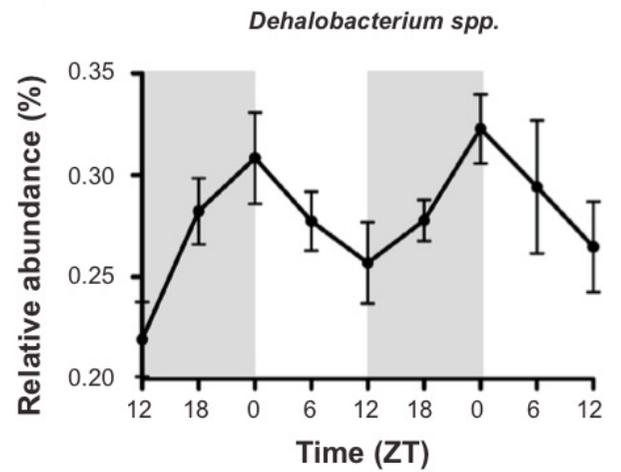
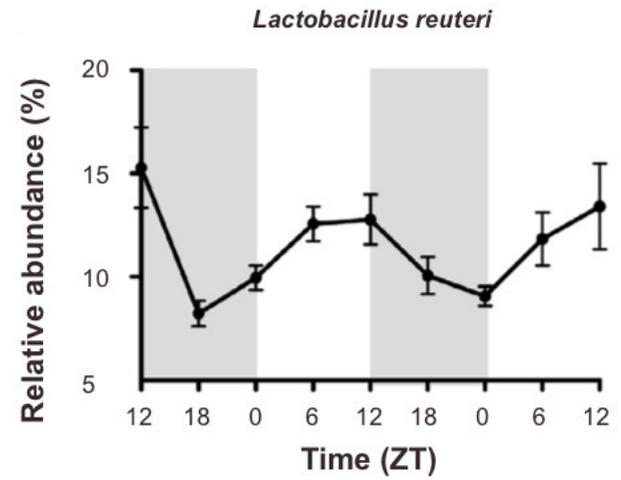
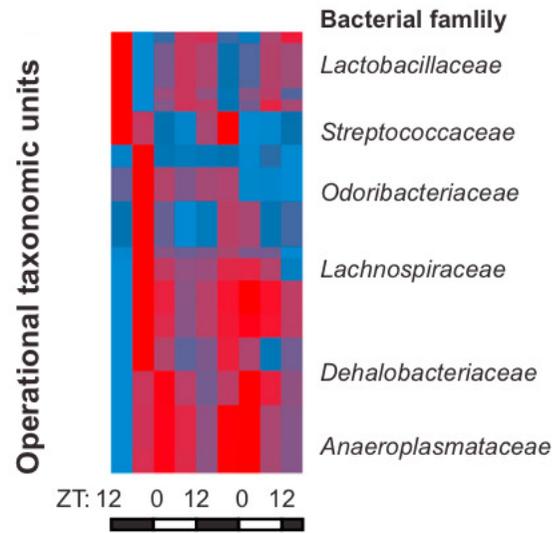
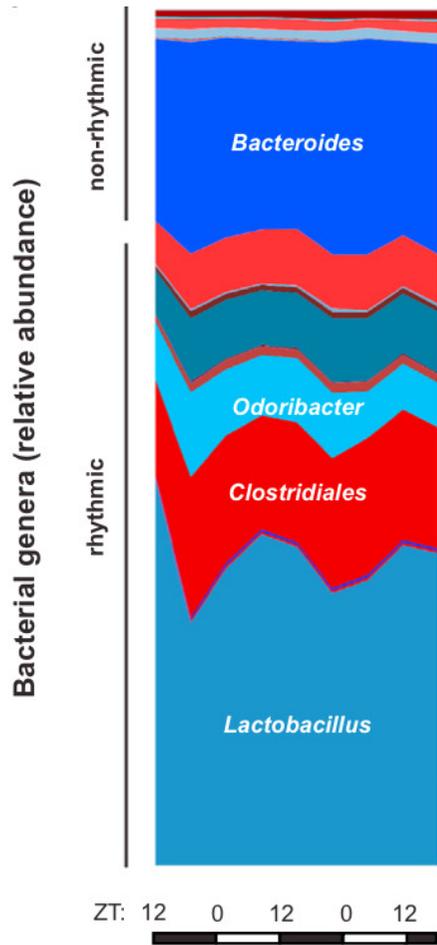


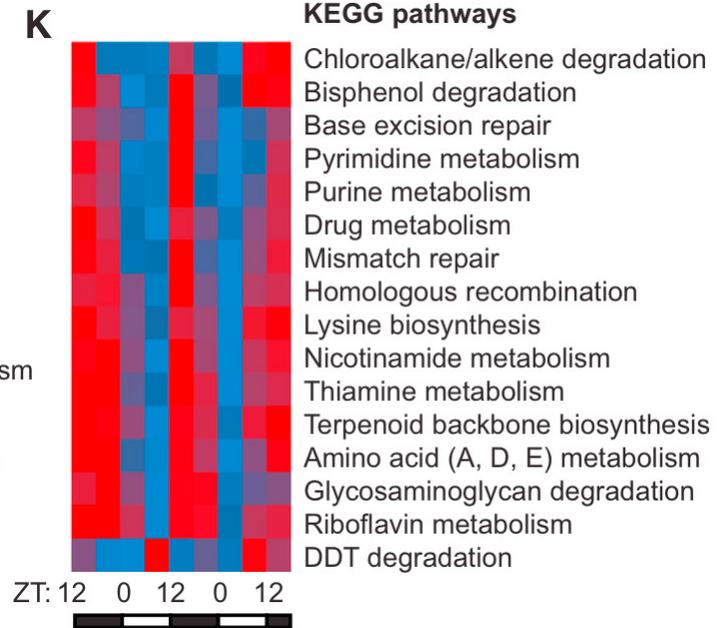
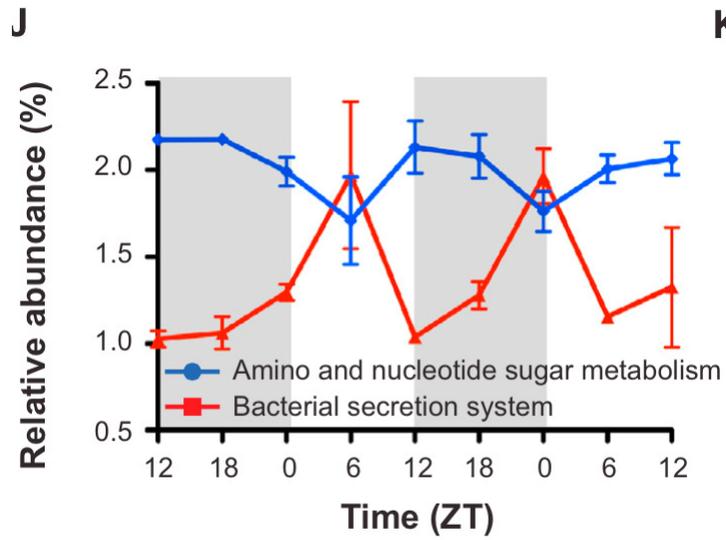
Transkingdom Control of Microbiota Diurnal Oscillations Promotes Metabolic Homeostasis

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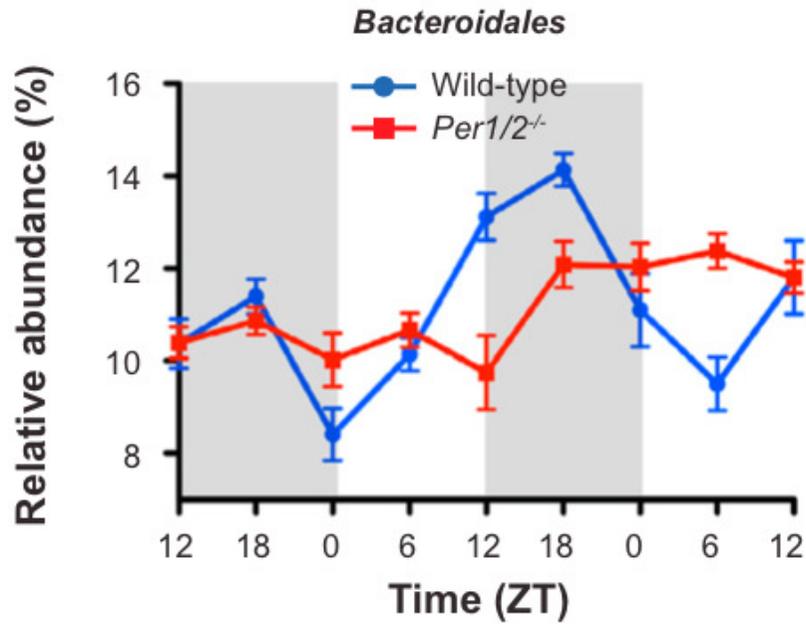


In humans, disruption of the circadian clock is a common hallmark of the modern alteration in lifestyle and is especially evident in individuals engaged in chronic shift work or frequently flying across time zones and experiencing the “jet lag” phenomenon. This new set of disruptive conditions to human physiology is associated with a propensity for a wide range of diseases, including obesity, diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular disease, and susceptibility to infection (Archer et al., 2014; Buxton et al., 2012; Fonken et al., 2010; Scheer et al., 2009; Suwazono et al., 2008). The mechanisms by which disruption of circadian rhythmicity contributes to these pathophysiological outcomes remain largely unknown.

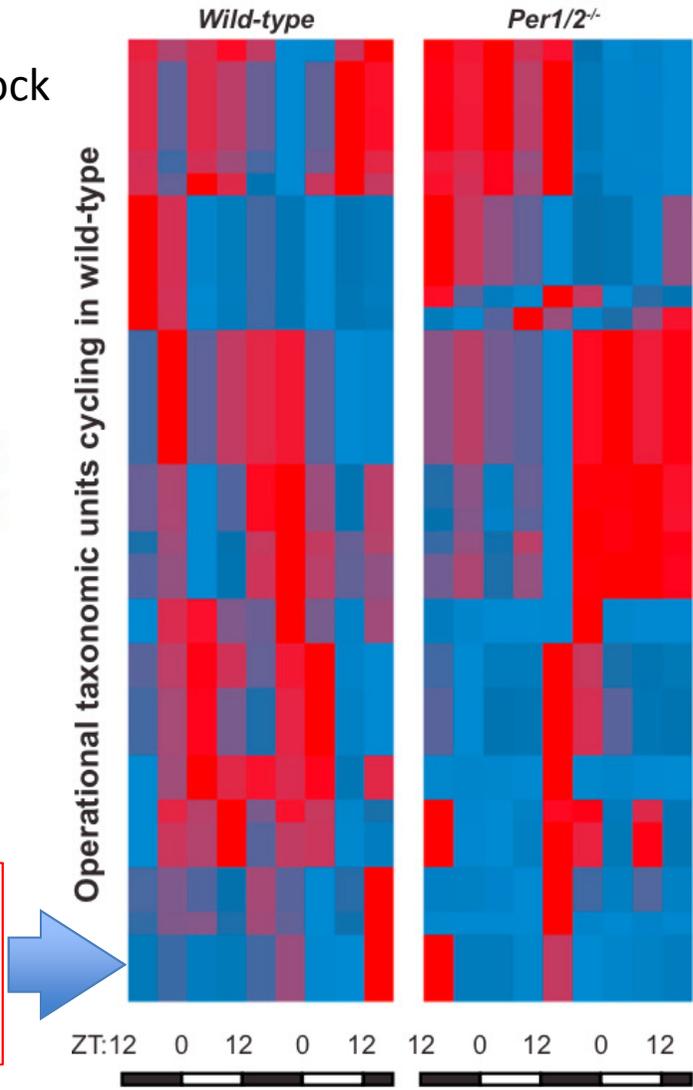


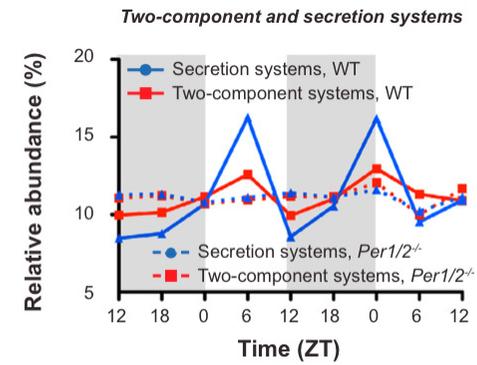
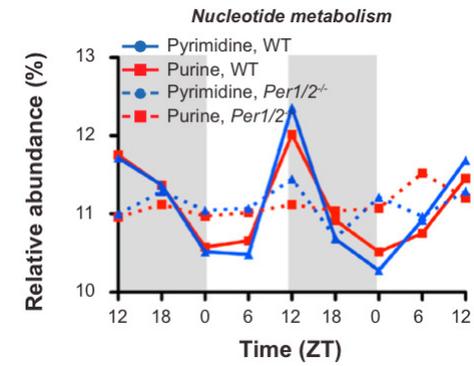
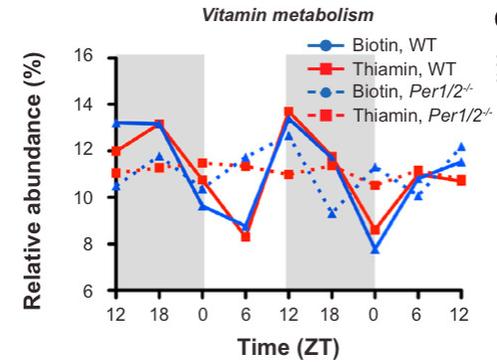
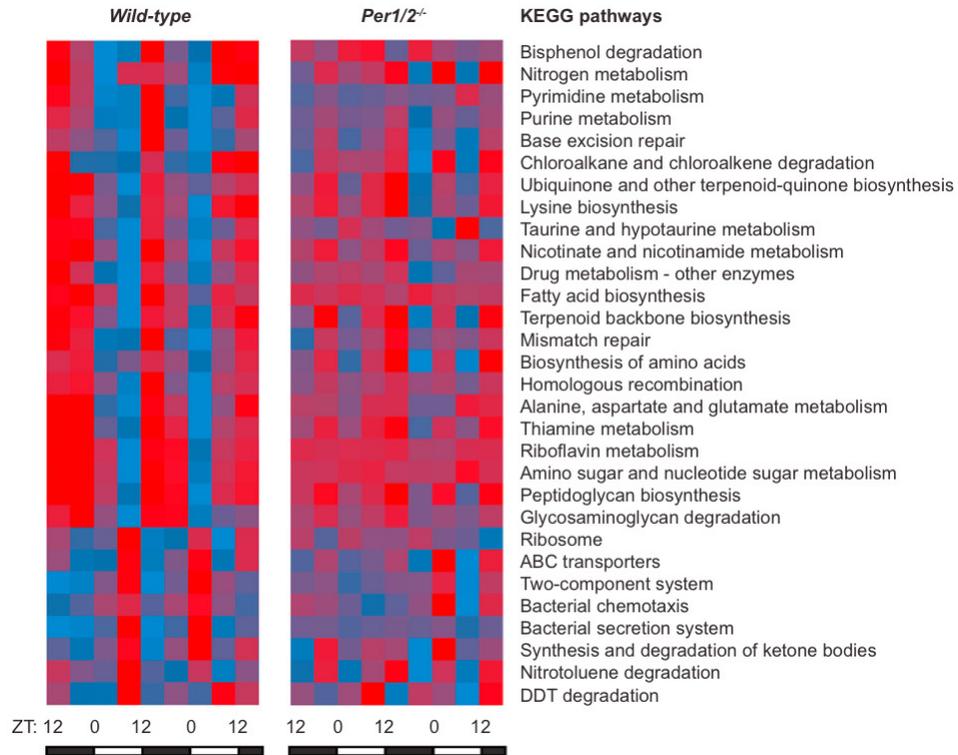


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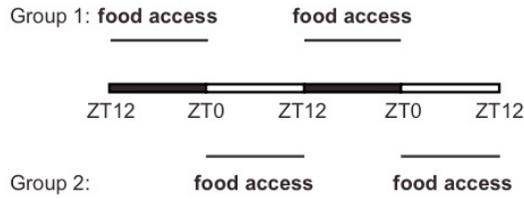


The rhythmic pattern observed in wild-type mice was replaced by a random abundance fluctuation in clock-deficient mice with a reduction in the number of diurnally oscillating bacterial taxonomic units

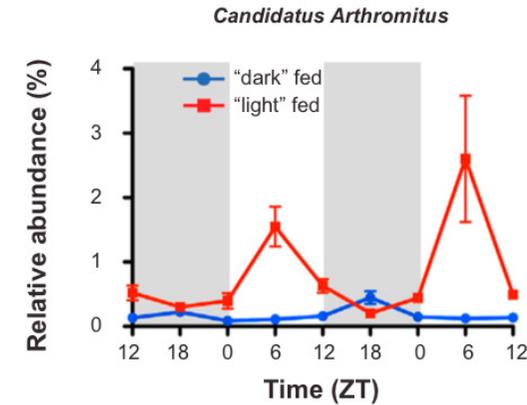
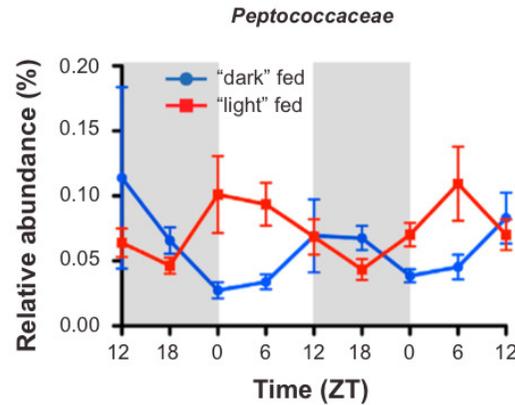
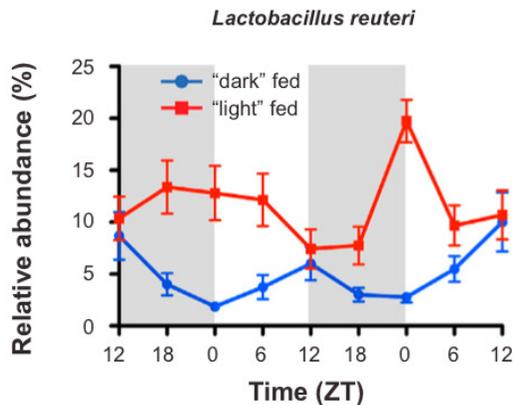
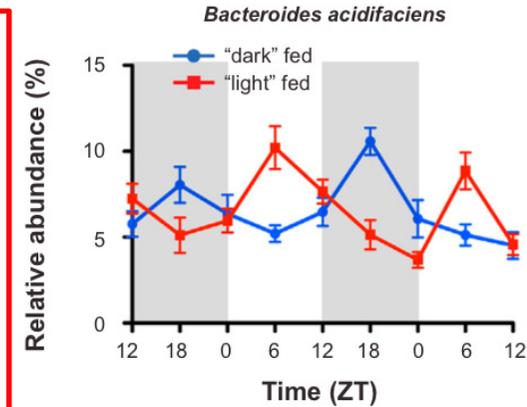




Microbiota Diurnal Oscillations Are Controlled by Feeding Time

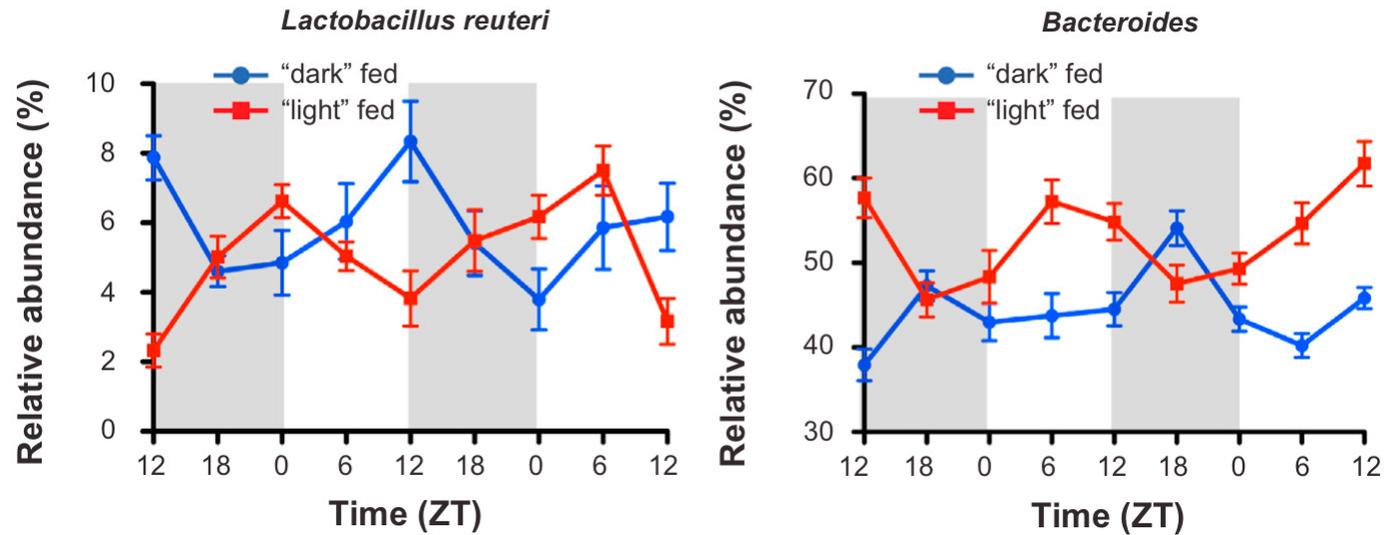


Most cycling OTUs appeared to exhibit a phase shift of about 12 hr upon modification of feeding times, suggesting direct control of microbiota rhythms by feeding times.

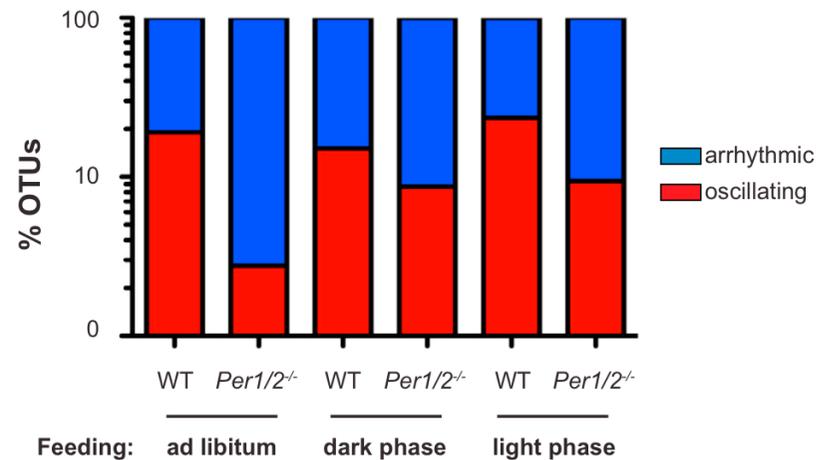


Such a phase shift was, for instance, observed in the case of *Bacteroides acidifaciens*, *Lactobacillus reuteri*, and *Peptococcaceae*. We also observed cases of de novo or enhanced rhythmicity in the light-phase-fed groups, as exemplified by *Candidatus Arthromitus*. **These results suggest that feeding times influence daily fluctuations in microbiota composition and that the oscillations in abundance of commensal bacteria can be controlled by scheduled feeding.**

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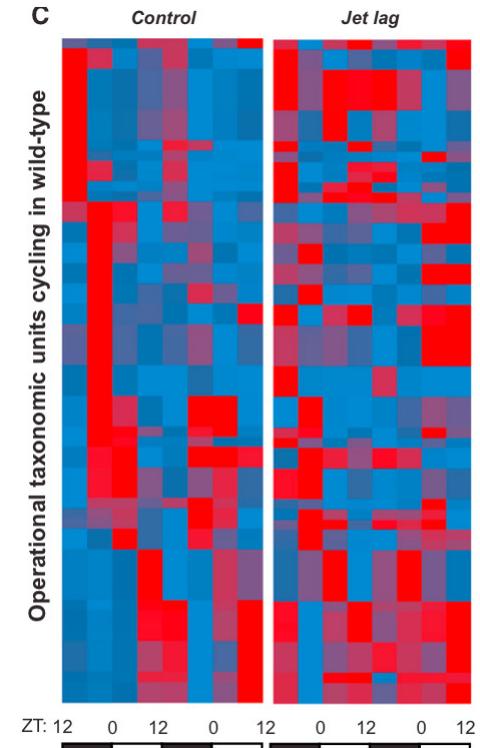
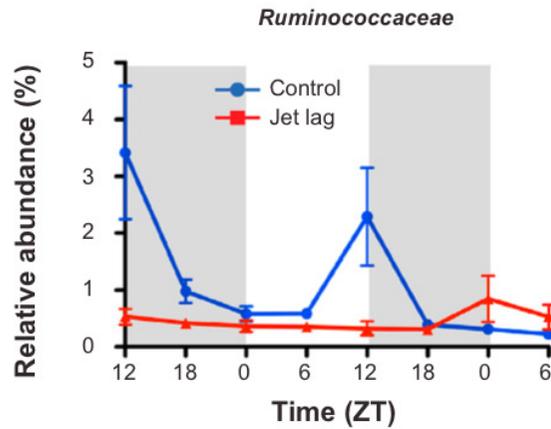
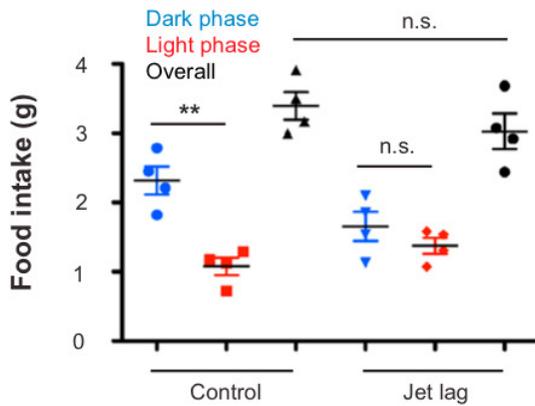
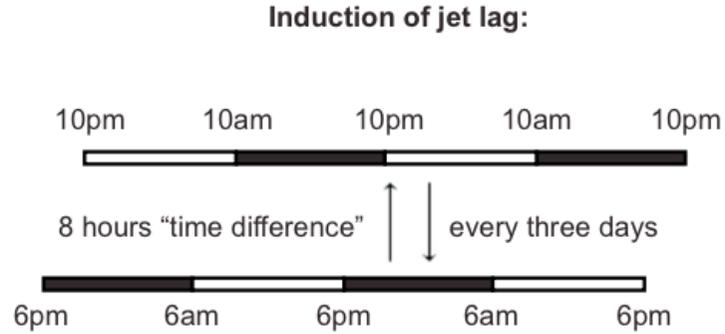


Taken together, our results show that rhythmicity of food intake dictates daily oscillations in microbiota composition and that microbiota rhythmicity is a flexible process that can be lost or regained in response to changed feeding behaviors. Thus, feeding times couple the circadian patterns of host behavior to diurnal fluctuations in microbiota composition and function.

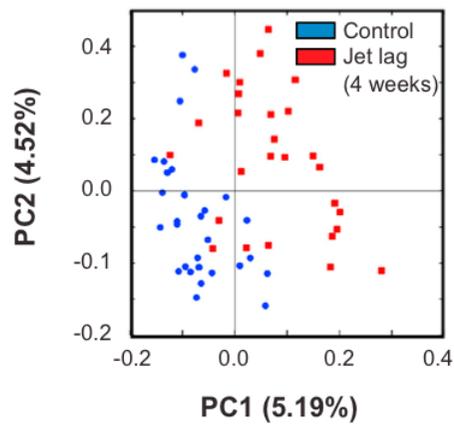


Environmental Disruption of Normal Sleep Patterns Induces Loss of Microbiota Diurnal Rhythmicity and Dysbiosis

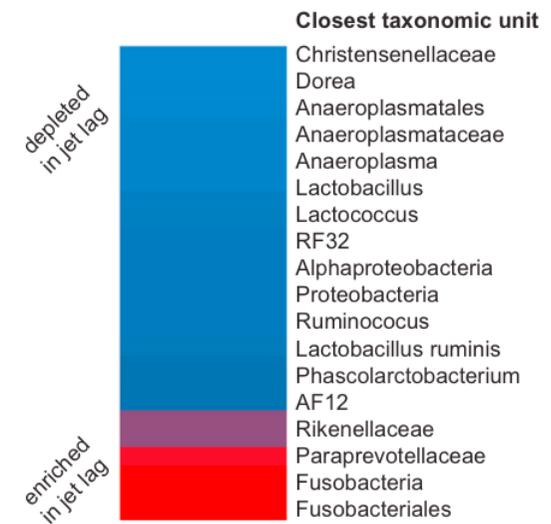
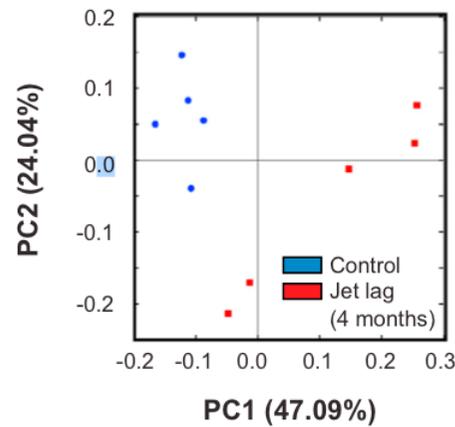
Given our finding that rhythmic food intake induces diurnal fluctuations in the microbiota, we examined whether these disruptions of rhythmic behavior by jet lag would also impair diurnal oscillations in microbiota composition.



Beta diversity of gut microbial communities in control and jet lag mice after 4 weeks of time shifts. Samples are pooled from different times of the day.



Beta diversity of gut microbial communities in control and jet lag mice after 4 months of time shifts.



Heatmap representation of changes in microbial composition induced by jet lag.

We fed jet-lagged and control mice a high-fat diet, containing 60% of caloric energy from fat, thereby mimicking human dietary habits predisposing to the metabolic syndrome. Indeed, as early as 6 weeks after instating of high-fat diet, time-shifted mice exhibited enhanced weight gain and exacerbated glucose intolerance as compared to mice maintained on normal circadian rhythmicity.

we hypothesized that alterations in microbiota composition may contribute to this metabolic phenotype. Indeed, wide-spectrum antibiotic treatment for the duration of jet lag induction (vancomycin, ampicillin, kanamycin, and metronidazole;

