**Supplementary file 3a**

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| **Carbon source** | **Kruskal-Wallis** (for final density ratios). | ***n*** | **P value** (Mann- Whitney, final bacterial densities) |
| Sucrose | 0.013 | 3 | 0.0495 |
| Pyruvate | 3 | 0.0495 |
| Glucose | 6 | 0.0039 |