

Fig S1. Investigation of potential batch effects across batches 2-5. **(A)** PCA plot of all 221 samples based on complete host (human) transcriptomic profiles. Distribution of total bacterial pathogen **(B)** and viral pathogen **(C)** abundance across batches. No significant differences were detected. Distribution of total bacterial **(D)** and viral **(E)** pathogen abundance values versus sampling date. No significant patterns were detected.

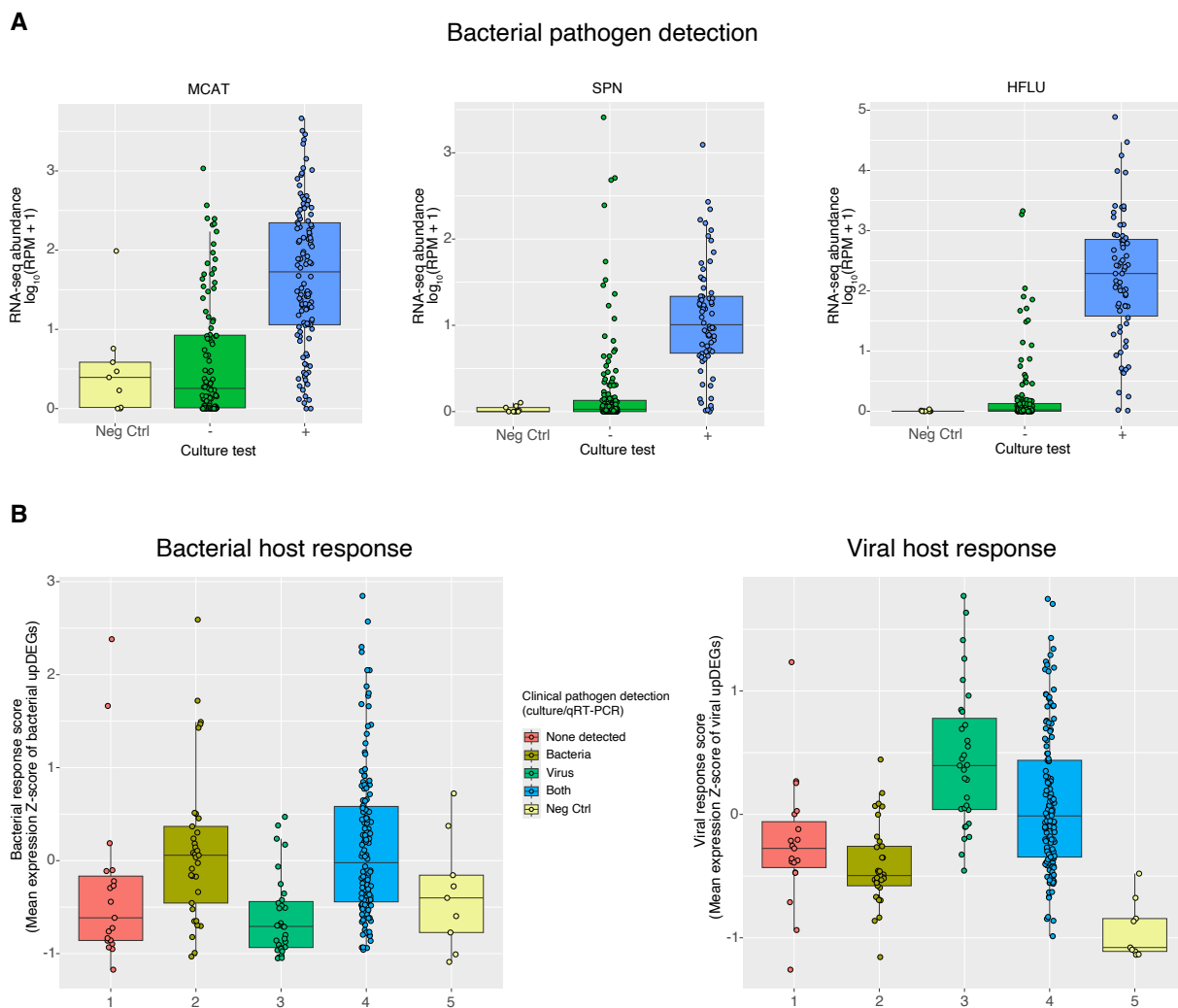


Fig S2. Bacterial pathogen abundance and host-responses detected by metatranscriptomics including nine negative control samples. **(A)** Abundance of MCAT, SPN, and HFLU in culture positive and negative samples as well as negative controls based on Kraken2 taxonomic profiling. **(B)** Bacterial and viral host responses based on average Z-scores of bacterial-associated and viral-associated upDEGs.

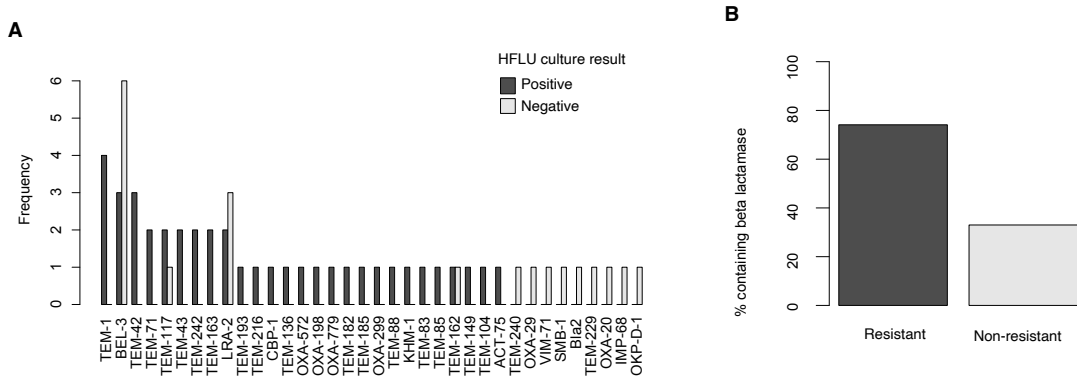


Fig S3. Detected beta-lactamase genes by CARD in resistant versus non-resistant HFLU samples. **(A)** Frequency histogram of genes detected across all HFLU-positive and negative samples (based on culture tests). **(B)** Percent of resistant and non-resistant samples with detected beta lactamase genes.

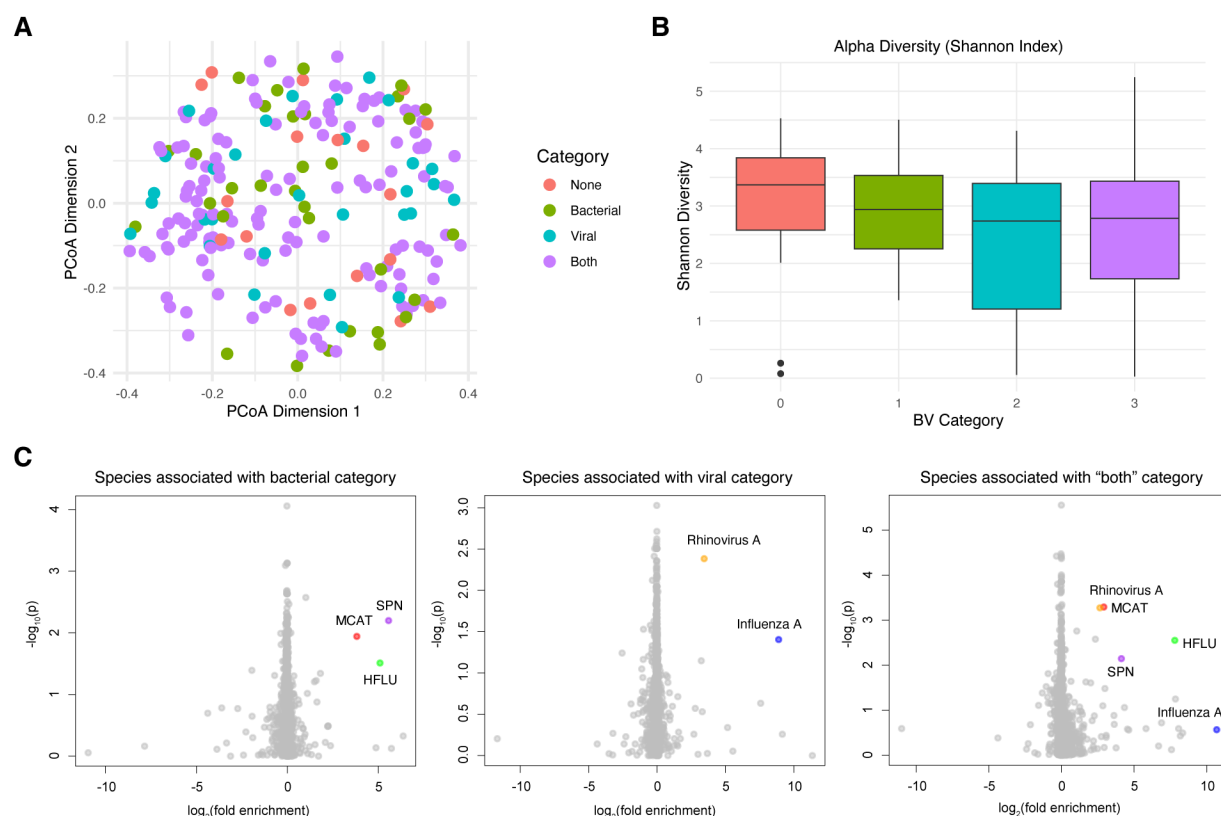


Fig S5. Microbiome analysis of 221 patient metatranscriptomes. **(A)** PCoA ordination of all samples colored by clinical category (no pathogens detected, bacterial, viral, both). **(B)** Comparison of alpha diversity (Shannon index) across the four categories. No significant differences were detected between individual groups, whereas samples associated with infections (groups 1-3) had significantly reduced average Shannon diversity compared to group 0 ($p < 0.05$). **(C)** Species associated with groups 1, 2, and 3 were identified computing the \log_2 fold enrichments over “group 0” as well as by abundance comparisons using Wilcoxon rank sum tests, resulting in $-\log_{10}(p)$ values). Species with \log_2 fold changes greater than 1 and less than -1, with nominal p -values < 0.05 were explored. As expected, the three bacterial pathogens (MCAT, SPN, HFLU) were detected, as well as two commonly detected viruses (Influenza A and Rhinovirus A).

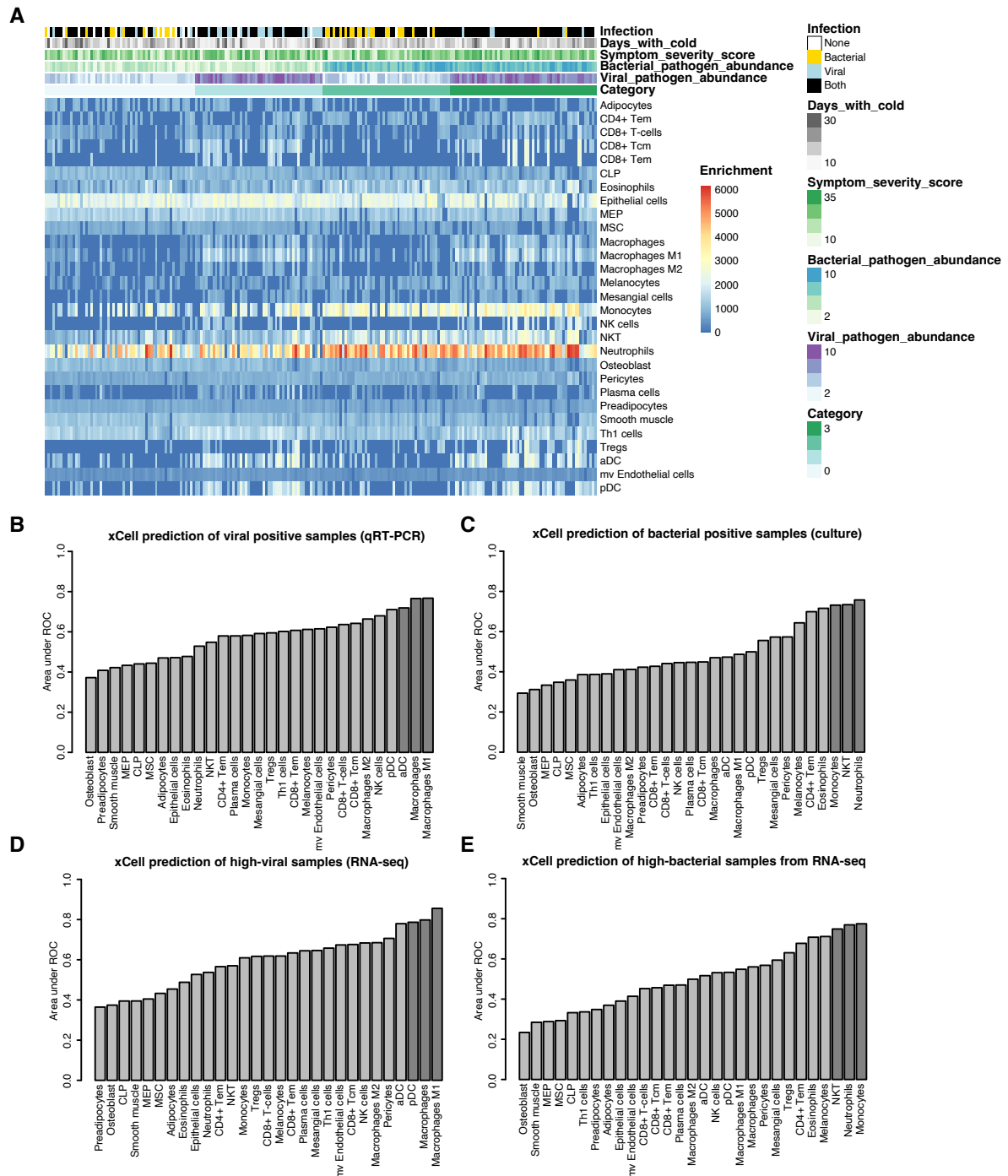


Fig S6. Cell type enrichment analysis of NP swab RNA-seq datasets from 221 patients. (A) Heatmap showing enrichment scores for all cell types with p -values < 0.1 . (B-E) Ability of cell enrichment scores to predict bacterial and viral infections (culture/qRT-PCR categories as well as RNA-seq categories) as indicated by area under ROC curves.

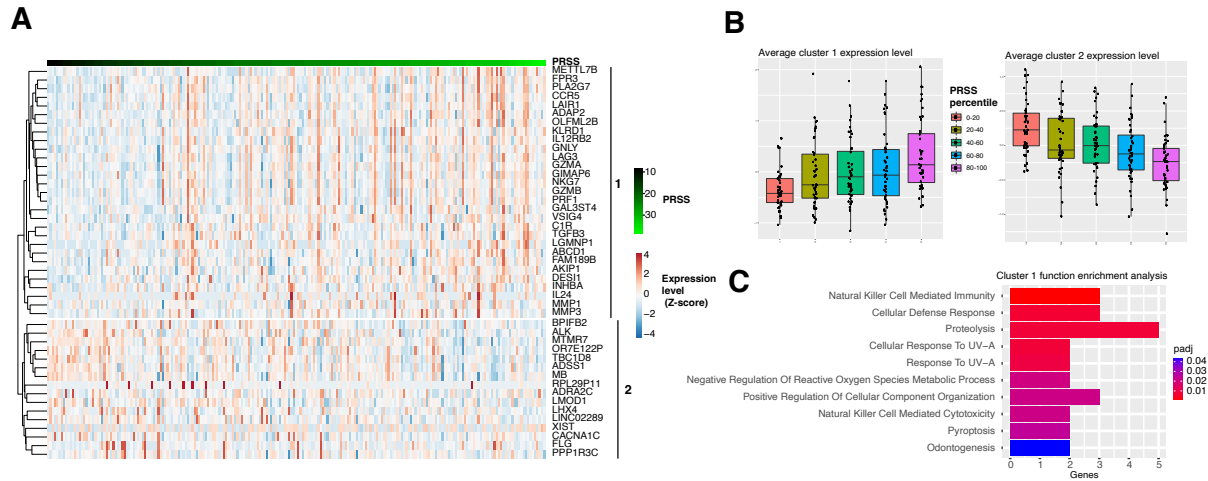


Fig S7. Differential host response expression analysis based on patients' symptom severity score (PRSS) at time of sample collection. **(A)** Heatmap displays the DEGs with $q < 0.05$. A total of 45 genes were differentially expressed and are divided into 2 clusters on the heatmap based on their expression patterns. **(B)** Average expression level (Z-scores) of genes in cluster 1 and cluster 2 for five PRSS percentile categories. **(C)** Significantly enriched ($q < 0.05$) GO Biological Process 2021 database pathways results using EnrichR of gene cluster 1.