

## **Supplementary information**

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**Title: Wastewater treatment bacteria show differential preference for colonizing natural biopolymers**

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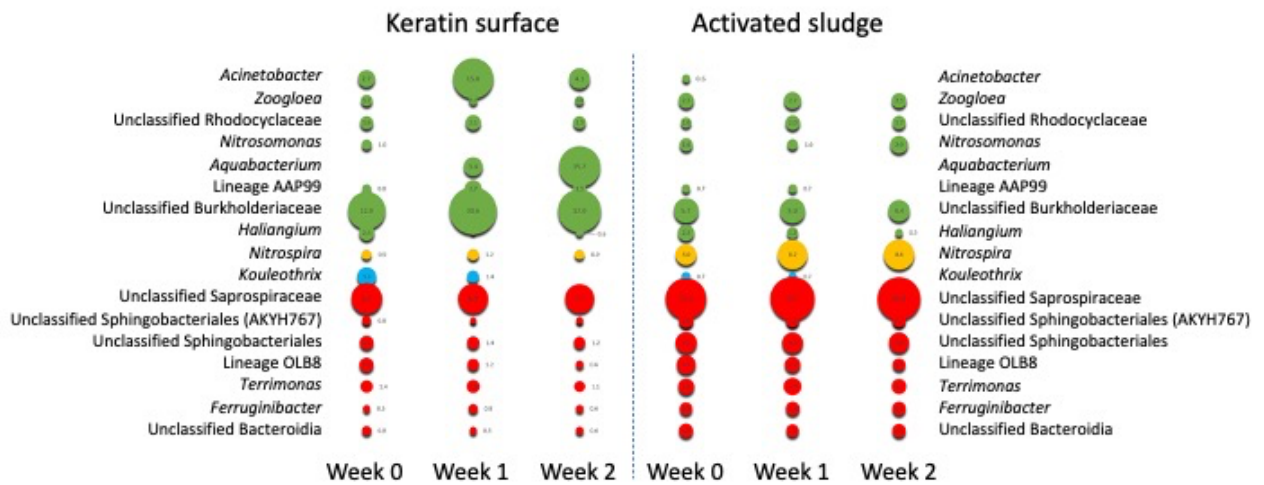
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## Supplementary Figure S1



**Figure S1.** Bacterial lineages colonising keratin in activated sludge without nutrient amendment over two weeks based on Illumina sequencing of 16S rRNA gene (showing lineages with >0.1% relative abundance). Bubble sizes and figures represent the relative abundance (%) of bacterial lineages and different colors resemble the phylum to which bacterial lineage belongs. An *Aquabacterium* and an unclassified *Burkholderiaceae* lineage dominated colonization of keratin.