

1 **Supplemental material**

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3 **Relationships among bedding materials, bedding bacterial composition and**
4 **lameness in dairy cows**

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23 **Table S1.** Comparison of the bacterial phyla and family in all the samples from different
 24 bedding materials (the results were only presented for the phyla which relative abundance \geq
 25 0.08% and family which relative abundance \geq 5% in at least one sample).

Taxa	Bedding materials			SEM ¹	p-value
	Sand bedding	Concrete floor	Compost bedding		
Phylum					
<i>Actinobacteria</i>	31.30 ^b	41.15 ^a	24.75 ^b	0.024	0.003
<i>Firmicutes</i>	13.10 ^b	50.75 ^a	7.71 ^c	0.058	<0.001
<i>Proteobacteria</i>	22.45 ^a	3.38 ^b	19.90 ^a	0.026	<0.001
<i>Bacteroidetes</i>	17.66 ^a	3.65 ^b	21.50 ^a	0.025	<0.001
<i>Chloroflexi</i>	9.84 ^b	0.12 ^c	14.87 ^a	0.019	<0.001
<i>Deinococcus-Thermus</i>	2.73 ^b	0 ^b	7.23 ^a	0.010	0.001
<i>Saccharibacteria</i>	0.83	0.78	1.23	0.001	0.260
<i>Gemmatimonadetes</i>	1.27 ^a	0 ^b	1.28 ^a	0.002	<0.001
<i>Planctomycetes</i>	0.22 ^a	0 ^b	0.30 ^a	0.001	0.023
<i>Acidobacteria</i>	0.08 ^b	0 ^c	0.25 ^a	0.000	<0.001
<i>Fibrobacteres</i>	0.07 ^b	0 ^b	0.18 ^a	0.000	0.005
<i>bRC1</i>	0.05 ^b	0 ^b	0.19 ^a	0.000	<0.001
<i>Cyanobacteria</i>	0.11	0.08	0.05	0.000	0.439
<i>Verrucomicrobia</i>	0.06	0.04	0.08	0.000	0.491
<i>Parcubacteria</i>	0.02 ^b	0 ^b	0.10 ^a	0.000	0.003
<i>Tenericutes</i>	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.000	0.269
<i>Microgenomates</i>	0 ^b	0 ^b	0.07 ^a	0.000	<0.001
<i>Spirochaetae</i>	0.04	0	0.03	0.000	0.182
Family					
<i>Corynebacteriaceae</i>	4.23 ^b	29.23 ^a	3.07 ^b	0.037	<0.001
<i>Intrasporangiaceae</i>	13.73 ^a	0.32 ^c	8.37 ^b	0.017	<0.001
<i>Flavobacteriaceae</i>	6.28 ^b	0.92 ^c	12.66 ^a	0.017	<0.001
norank <i>JG30-KF-CM45</i>	7.11 ^b	0.12 ^c	11.72 ^a	0.015	<0.001
<i>Peptostreptococcaceae</i>	3.80 ^b	9.73 ^a	2.11 ^b	0.010	<0.001
<i>Carnobacteriaceae</i>	1.28 ^b	7.92 ^a	0.97 ^b	0.011	0.001
<i>Trueperaceae</i>	2.73 ^b	0 ^b	7.23 ^a	0.010	0.002
<i>Staphylococcaceae</i>	1.05 ^b	6.50 ^a	0.15 ^b	0.011	0.003
<i>Planococcaceae</i>	0.80 ^b	5.65 ^a	0.76 ^b	0.010	0.006
<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	1.08 ^b	5.06 ^a	0.47 ^b	0.008	0.009
<i>Cellvibrionaceae</i>	2.84 ^a	0 ^b	3.00 ^a	0.005	0.013

<i>Clostridiales</i> Family XI	0.42 ^b	4.43 ^a	0.06 ^b	0.006	0.048
<i>Moraxellaceae</i>	0.20	2.54	0.20	0.006	0.144

26 ¹ SEM, standard error of means.

27 ^{a-c} Mean in the same row with different superscripts represents a significant difference ($p < 0.05$).

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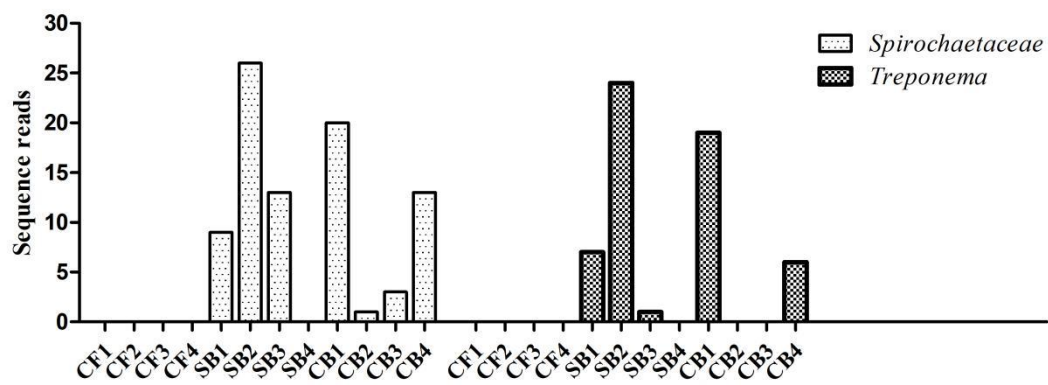
29 **Table S2.** Comparison of the top 30 genera in all the samples from different bedding
 30 materials.

Genus ¹	Bedding materials			SEM	P-Value
	Sand Bedding	Concrete floor	Compost bedding		
norank <i>JG30-KF-CM45</i>	7.11 ^b	0.12 ^c	11.72 ^a	0.015	<0.001
<i>Corynebacterium</i>	0.78 ^b	16.88 ^a	0.13 ^b	0.024	<0.001
<i>Ornithinococcus</i>	7.38 ^a	0.15 ^c	4.96 ^b	0.010	<0.001
<i>Corynebacterium_1</i>	0.34 ^b	11.33 ^a	0.02 ^b	0.016	<0.001
<i>Truepera</i>	2.73 ^b	0.00 ^b	7.23 ^a	0.010	0.001
<i>Paeniclostridium</i>	2.11 ^b	5.66 ^a	1.18 ^b	0.006	<0.001
unclassified	3.11 ^a	1.03 ^b	2.92 ^a	0.004	0.033
unclassified	1.69 ^b	4.07 ^a	0.93 ^b	0.004	<0.001
Norank <i>Saprosiraceae</i>	3.63 ^a	0 ^c	2.66 ^b	0.005	<0.001
<i>Galbibacter</i>	1.59 ^{ab}	0 ^b	4.55 ^a	0.008	0.030
Unclassified	1.49 ^b	0.14 ^b	4.49 ^a	0.006	0.001
<i>Janibacter</i>	3.43 ^a	0.06 ^b	2.48 ^a	0.005	<0.001
<i>Dietzia</i>	1.73 ^b	3.30 ^a	0.87 ^b	0.004	0.003
norank <i>Carnobacteriaceae</i>	0.85 ^b	3.56 ^a	0.79 ^b	0.005	0.039
<i>Solibacillus</i>	0.25 ^b	4.61 ^a	0.08 ^b	0.008	0.026
<i>Pseudomonas</i>	2.85 ^a	0.14 ^b	1.93 ^a	0.004	0.011
<i>Aliicoccus</i>	0.57 ^b	3.42 ^a	0.00 ^b	0.005	0.002
<i>Ornithinimicrobium</i>	2.91 ^a	0.11 ^c	0.92 ^b	0.004	<0.001
<i>Atopostipes</i>	0.34 ^b	3.38 ^a	0.16 ^b	0.005	0.001
<i>Micrococcus</i>	0.21 ^b	3.05 ^a	0.07 ^b	0.004	<0.001
<i>Iamia</i>	2.18 ^a	0.01 ^c	1.07 ^b	0.003	<0.001
norank <i>Anaerolineaceae</i>	1.64 ^a	0 ^b	1.49 ^a	0.003	0.003
<i>Simidua</i>	1.26 ^{ab}	0 ^b	1.76 ^a	0.003	0.0036
<i>Facklamia</i>	0.16 ^b	2.81 ^a	0.03 ^b	0.004	<0.001
unclassified	2.10 ^a	0.05 ^c	0.81 ^b	0.003	<0.001
<i>Acinetobacter</i>	0.20	2.54	0.19	0.006	0.143
<i>Turicibacter</i>	0.84 ^b	1.56 ^a	0.46 ^c	0.002	<0.001
norank <i>Saccharibacteria</i>	0.78	0.73	1.19	0.001	0.217
<i>Marinobacter</i>	1.49 ^a	0 ^b	0.86 ^a	0.002	0.011
<i>Clostridium sensu stricto_1</i>	0.83 ^a	1.04 ^a	0.33 ^b	0.001	0.002

31 ¹ Some taxa have no scientific names in the taxonomic database, marked with norank. Some taxa pedigrees

32 are below the confidence threshold, no classification information is obtained, marked with unclassified.

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36 **Figure S1.** The abundance of lameness-associated digital dermatitis family *Spirochaetaceae*
 37 and genus *Treponema* in the samples from bedding materials. SB, sand bedding; CF, concrete
 38 floor; CB, compost bedding.