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Microbial community diversity of traditional dough starter (*Jiaozi*) from two provinces in northwest China

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Abstract

Purpose: Microbial community composition is crucial for the flavor and quality of fermented foods. However, the microbiota of Chinese traditional dough starter (*Jiaozi*) from different origins has scarcely been studied. The aim of this study was to determine the composition of bacterial and fungal communities in six *Jiaozi* collected from two provinces in northwest China.

Methods: Our study determined the composition of bacterial and fungal communities in six *Jiaozi* through Illumina MiSeq sequencing of the 16S rRNA gene and the ITS regions.

Result: A total of 234 operational taxonomic units (OTUs) for bacteria and 490 OTUs for fungi were identified. Furthermore, *Lactobacillus*, *Weissella*, *Acetobacter*, *Sphingomonas*, and *Serratia* were identified as the predominant bacterial genera in *Jiaozi* samples, while *Saccharomyces*, *Candida*, *Alternaria*, unclassified *Filobasidiales*, and *Mycosphaerella* were the most abundant fungal genera. The results revealed that the six samples could be grouped into two groups based on their province of origin. In the results of PCA and HCA analysis, the first three principal components which were chosen could explain 99.93% and 90.99% of the total bacterial and fungal communities, respectively.

Conclusion: The results indicated high levels of bacteria and fungi in traditional *Jiaozi* and highlighted the possible influence of geographic areas on microbial diversity.

Keywords: Traditional *Jiaozi*, Microbial community diversity, High-throughput sequencing

Introduction

Chinese traditional dough fermentation starter (locally called “*Jiaozi*”) has a long history in the preparation of steamed bread (*Mantou*). *Mantou* has been one of the most important fermented staple foods in northwest China for over two millennia. *Jiaozi* fermentation has a remarkable influence on the overall quality of *Mantou* due to an abundant metabolic repertoire of its stable symbiotic culture of bacteria, yeast, and mold. Traditional *Jiaozi* is a Chinese handcrafted product made from wheat flour or maize flour, which is obtained through repeated multi-culture natural fermentation without prior sterilization. *Jiaozi* mixtures contain abundant bacteria and fungi, which can increase desirable

volatile constituents and aromatic precursors of *Mantou* (Hu et al. 2015; Li et al. 2016; Li et al. 2017).

Traditional microbiological tests, PCR-DGGE, amplicon sequencing, and metagenomics analysis methods, have been widely used to study the microbial composition of sourdough and Chinese traditional *Jiaozi* (Iacumin et al. 2009; Li et al. 2016). With the development of next-generation sequencing and advanced analytical methods, there are increasing studies exploring the microbial community of traditional fermented foods from different countries (Kergourlay et al. 2015; Chen et al. 2017). Recently, Li et al. (2017) performed a comparative study of the bacterial diversity in traditional *Jiaozi* and sourdough by high-throughput sequencing of 16S rRNA amplicons and found that the bacterial communities of *Jiaozi* are more complex than those of sourdough because of the different production methods. At

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the same time, fungi are also essential microbes active in *Jiaozi*, which are responsible for dough leavening and aromatic compound formation (De Vuyst et al. 2016).

Extensive research reports have revealed that traditional fermented foods are influenced by geographical environmental conditions, which determine their microbial ecosystem (Sun et al. 2014; Kergourlay et al. 2015; Liu et al. 2018b). However, the influence of geographical regions on the microbial community of *Jiaozi* is yet to be thoroughly investigated. Therefore, it is necessary to form a deeper and more accurate understanding of the microbial diversity of *Jiaozi* derived from various geographic areas. Hence, the main objective of this study was to characterize the bacterial and fungal communities of six traditional *Jiaozi* samples collected from different regions in northwest China using high-throughput sequencing. The results improve our understanding of the differences in bacterial communities between regions, thereby lending new insights into the microorganism community of traditional *Jiaozi* and provide a theoretical basis for the production of distinctive, safe, high-quality *Jiaozi*.

Materials and methods

Sample collection and determination of pH and total titratable acidity (TTA)

Samples were aseptically collected from two provinces in northwest China, which included *Jiaozi* manufactured by the traditional hand-made process in six private households, following good hygiene practices. All of the *Jiaozi* samples were made of wheat flour as a raw material, and Chinese *Xiaoqu* (a traditional starter for making Chinese rice wine) was used as microbial inoculum. It is obtained through air-dried after repeated three fermentations in local natural environment. These households belong to the following municipalities: KEL (Xinjiang Province), WS (Xinjiang province), KS (Xinjiang province), YA (Shaanxi Province), XA (Shaanxi Province), and YL (Shaanxi Province) (Table 1). All samples were stored in labeled sterile resealable plastic bags at $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. The pH values of the samples were measured using a pH meter and the TTA values of the samples were defined as the amount (mL) of a 0.1 M NaOH required for 10 g of *Jiaozi* sample to reach a pH value of 8.5 according to the method of Li et al. (2017).

Total DNA extraction

Total DNA was extracted using a Rapid Soil DNA Isolation Kit (Sangon Biotech Co., Ltd., Shanghai, China), based on the manufacturer's instructions. DNA integrity was evaluated by 1% agarose gel electrophoresis under ultraviolet light. DNA concentrations were measured using a Qubit 2.0 Fluorometer (Life Technologies, CA, USA). DNA purity was determined by A_{260}/A_{280} . Lastly, DNA of sufficient quantity and quality was stored at $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ pending sequence analysis.

High-throughput sequencing

For each sample, the barcoded primers 341F-806R (341F: 5'-CCTAYGGGRBGCASCAG-3'; 806R: 5'-GGACTA CNGGGTATCTAAT-3') for bacteria (Liu et al. 2018c) and ITS1F-ITS2R (ITS1F: 5'-CTTGGTCATTTAGAGG AAGTAA-3'; ITS2R: 5'-GCTGCGTTCTTCATCGAT GC-3') for fungi (Wang et al. 2017) were synthesized and used to amplify specific regions by PCR on an ABI GeneAmp[®] 9700 system. Reactions consisted of 4 μL 5 \times FastPfu buffer, 2 μL 2.5 mM dNTPs, 0.8 μL each of 5 μM forward and reverse primer, 0.4 μL FastPfu Polymerase (TransGen catalog no. AP221-02), and 10 ng template DNA in a total volume of 20 μL . Samples were denatured at 95 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 3 min and amplified over 27 (bacteria) or 32 cycles (fungi) at 95 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 30 s, 55 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 30 s, and 72 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 45 s, followed by final extension at 72 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, for 10 min and rest at 10 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Samples were amplified in triplicate. Then, the PCR products were used to verify amplification success with 2% agarose gel electrophoresis, followed by purification with a AxyPrep DNA Gel Extraction Kit (Axygen Biosciences, Union City, CA, USA) and elution with Tris-HCl. Purified PCR products were assessed a second time on 2% agarose gels, and then quantified with a blue fluorescence quantitative system (Quanti FluorTM-ST, Promega Corporation, Madison, WI, USA). Finally, high-throughput sequencing was performed using the Illumina MiSeq PE250 platform (San Diego, CA, USA), according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Bioinformatic analyses

After Illumina MiSeq PE250 sequencing, the raw 16S rRNA and ITS sequencing files were demultiplexed and quality-filtered using the Usearch software, version v10.

Table 1 Characteristics of the six selected *Jiaozi* samples

<i>Jiaozi</i> samples	Group 1 (Xinjiang province)			Group 2 (Shaanxi province)		
	KEL	WS	KS	YA	XA	YL
Sampling position	Kuerle of Xinjiang province	Wulumuqi of Xinjiang province	Kashgar of Xinjiang province	Yanan of Shaanxi province	Xian of Shaanxi province	Yulin of Shaanxi province
pH	3.63 \pm 0.03e	5.13 \pm 0.04a	4.82 \pm 0.05b	3.74 \pm 0.05d	4.64 \pm 0.03c	4.62 \pm 0.04c
TTA (mL)	11.12 \pm 0.13a	6.32 \pm 0.25e	5.80 \pm 0.14f	8.53 \pm 0.17c	7.31 \pm 0.26d	9.42 \pm 0.38b

Different letters in the same column indicate significantly different ($p < 0.05$)

Furthermore, operational taxonomic units (OTUs) were clustered using UPARSE (version 7.1) with a cutoff of 97% similarity, and UCHIME was used to identify and remove chimeric sequences. The phylogenetic affiliation of each 16S rRNA gene sequence was analyzed by UCLUST Classifier against the SILVA 16S rRNA database (Release119 <http://www.arb-silva.de>). The fungal ITS sequencing data were classified by using the UNITE ITS database (Release 6.0 <http://unite.ut.ee/index.php>). All sequences obtained were submitted to the NCBI to identify the approximate species.

Alpha diversity was performed using Mothur v.1.21.1 (Schloss et al. 2009) to generate the rarefaction curves, ACE, Chao1, Good's coverage, and Shannon and Simpson indices. The beta diversity analysis was evaluated with UniFrac (Lozupone et al. 2011) to compare the microbial composition and complexity between Jiaozi samples. PCA analyses were performed in R software using the vegan package. Moreover, we performed clustering on genera obtained from the RDP Classifier by means of the complete linkage hierarchical clustering technique using the R package HCLUST and VEGDIST. Statistical analysis was performed through subsection of the data to analysis of variance (ANOVA) using IBM SPSS Statistics 21 (NY, USA). Means were subject to Duncan's test, and $p < 0.05$ was considered statistical significance.

Results

Acidity analysis of Jiaozi

The pH and TTA of each of the *Jiaozi* samples collected from the different regions were shown in Table 1. It can be seen that the lowest pH value was 3.63 for the sample KEL and having the highest TTA value 11.12 mL. These results implied that the acidity value of sample KEL was the highest among all the samples. For the samples of XA and YL, the pH values respectively were 4.64 and 4.62, as well as not statistically significant. However, it was interesting that the TTA values of them were 7.31 and 9.42, which had a significant difference. For the samples of WS, KS, and YA, the pH value and TTA value were 5.13 and 6.32, 4.82 and 5.80, and 3.74 and 8.53, respectively.

Characteristics of the sequencing results and alpha diversity

In this study, after quality merging, filtering, and trimming, Illumina MiSeq PE250 sequencing-based analysis of the six *Jiaozi* samples generated 219,221 16S rRNA gene sequences and 215,999 fungal ITS sequences. On average, $36,537 \pm 1768$ sequences per *Jiaozi* sample were detected for bacterial community and $36,000 \pm 3613$ sequences per *Jiaozi* sample were detected for fungal community. Based on 97% nucleotide sequence identity between reads, a total of 234 OTUs for bacteria and 490 OTUs for fungi were identified (Table 2). Rarefaction

curve analysis at 97% similarity levels for the sampling showed that the curves reached a plateau, implying a sufficient and reasonable sampling of the bacterial and fungal communities (Fig. 1). This conclusion is further supported by the results of Good's coverage estimator, which returned values higher than 0.999 in all cases (Table 2).

Alpha diversity, as measured by statistical analysis and various indices, captures the abundance and diversity of microbial communities. We estimated the ACE and Chao 1 indices for community richness and the indices of Shannon and Simpson for community diversity (Table 2). ACE, Chao1, and Shannon values increase with community richness and diversity, while Simpson values are inversely correlated with microbial community diversity. The results showed that the alpha diversity indices for fungal communities in samples from KEL, WS, XA, and YL were significantly higher than those of samples from KS and YA. However, for the bacterial communities, these indices showed conflicting results.

Bacterial community diversity

At the phylum level, the bacteria present in all six *Jiaozi* samples correspond to six phyla (Fig. 2a). Firmicutes was the dominant phyla in *Jiaozi* samples, except for the sample from KEL in which Proteobacteria was the dominant phyla with 59.08% presence. In samples from WS, KS, YA, XA, and YL, Firmicutes levels were 97.19%, 98.57%, 53.62%, 97.61%, and 95.89%, respectively. The Proteobacteria phylum was the second most common phylum in *Jiaozi*. The bacterial community of *Jiaozi* shows a great level of diversity at genus level. A total of 34 bacterial genera were identified in *Jiaozi*, with different levels of each genus within different samples (Fig. 2b). Members of the genus *Lactobacillus* were the dominant bacteria in samples from KEL, KS, YA, XA, and YL, with 40.41%, 98.55%, 53.61%, 97.51%, and 91.62% respective relative abundances.

Fungal community diversity

At the phylum level, a total of five fungal phyla were identified in *Jiaozi* from six geographic locations. The main fungal phylum was Ascomycota, which comprised 68.88%, 80.77%, 58.22%, 99.80%, 70.28%, and 98.99% of the fungal communities of samples from KEL, WS, KS, YA, XA, and YL, respectively (Fig. 3a). In addition to this dominant phylum, the Basidiomycota and Anthophyta phyla were identified in *Jiaozi* samples at different levels, with Basidiomycota being present at higher levels than Anthophyta. Additionally, low levels of Zygomycota and others were also identified in all six *Jiaozi* samples. At genus level, a total of 110 fungal genera were identified at different levels within different samples. The richness of fungal genera in the samples of Xinjiang province was

Table 2 Numbers of sequences analyzed, observed OTUs, and alpha diversity indices for all the *Jiaozi* samples

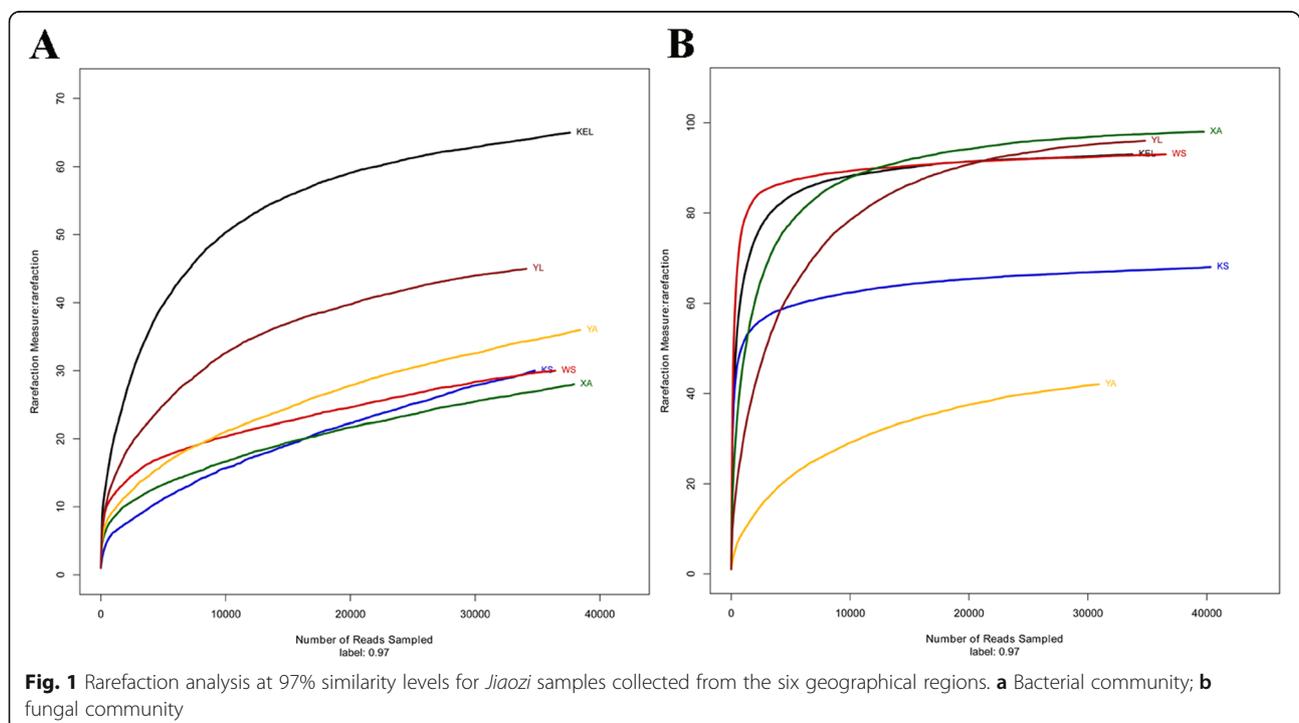
Samples	Reads	OTUs	Community richness		Coverage	Community diversity		
			Ace	Chao1		Shannon	Simpson	
Bacterial community	KEL	37595	65	69.80	71.00	0.999761	1.60	0.28
	KS	34770	30	58.40	47.50	0.999569	0.11	0.97
	WS	36415	30	70.03	45.00	0.999725	0.51	0.81
	XA	37917	28	81.19	44.50	0.999684	0.43	0.82
	YA	38420	36	73.99	45.75	0.999662	0.93	0.46
	YL	34104	45	49.65	49.00	0.999765	0.53	0.82
Fungal community	KEL	33724	93	94.43	94.00	0.999911	3.12	0.09
	KS	40311	68	70.36	74.00	0.999901	3.20	0.07
	WS	36526	93	95.26	94.50	0.999918	3.59	0.05
	XA	39731	98	99.38	99.50	0.999899	2.08	0.22
	YA	30918	42	49.41	45.27	0.999709	0.14	0.96
	YL	34789	96	97.80	96.83	0.999856	1.42	0.36

higher than in samples from Shaanxi province (Fig. 3b). Clear differences in fungal diversity of *Jiaozi* at genus level can be observed from Fig. 3b. Samples from KS, WS, and KEL were similar in fungal communities. For the KEL sample, with the composition including unclassified unclassified *Filobasidiales* (20.44%), *Saccharomyces* (15.36%), *Gibberella* (11.29%), *Alternaria* (9.93%), and *Aspergillus* (8.78%). Similarly, *Alternaria* (17.75%), *Mycosphaerella* (11.07%), unclassified *Filobasidiales* (10.70%), and *Cryptococcus* (10.03%) were the dominant genera in

the KS sample. In addition, the predominant genera of fungi in the WS sample were *Saccharomyces* (17.32%), *Aspergillus* (9.42%), *Alternaria* (8.97%), *Mycosphaerella* (8.18%), and *Gibberella* (7.57%).

Community comparisons

PCA and hierarchical clustering analysis (HCA) were used to compare the community structures of bacteria and fungi collected from six *Jiaozi* samples (Fig. 4). Of the total variance in the data set, the first three



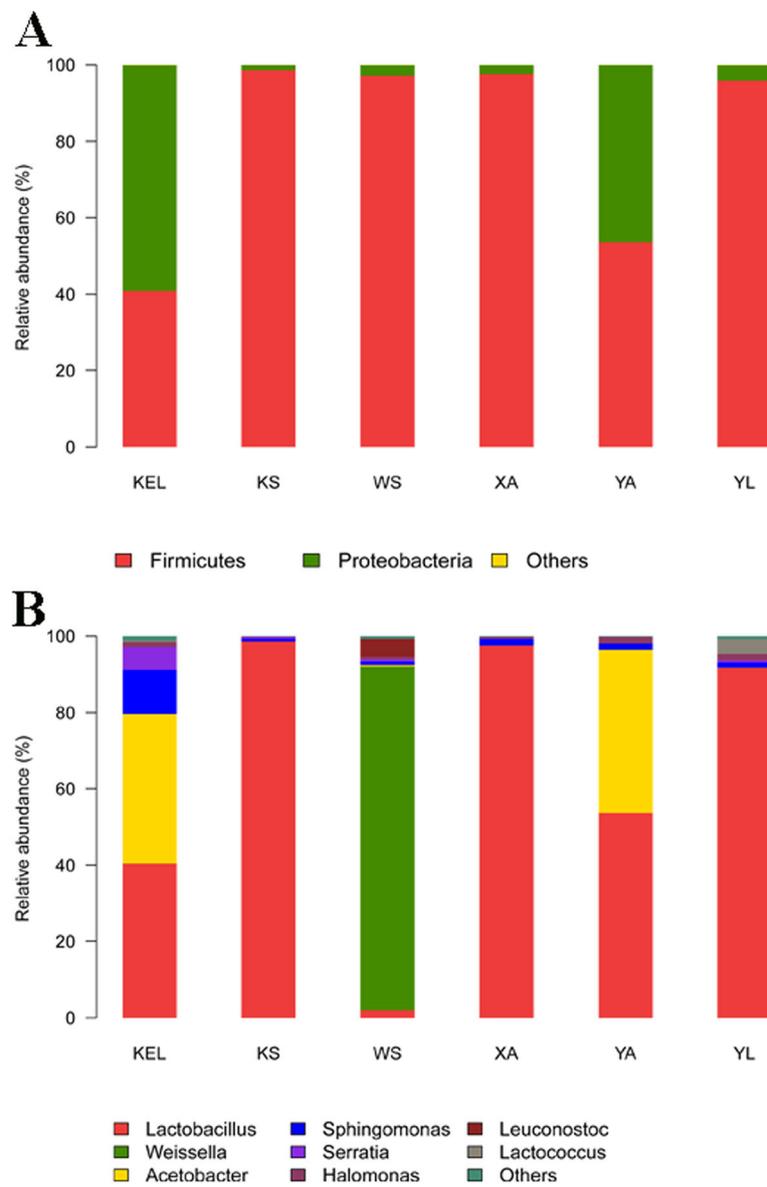


Fig. 2 Relative abundance of bacterial community proportions of different *Jiaozi* samples, all the six samples of two province at the level of phyla (a) and the genus (b) respectively

principal components were chosen to define the PCA results, because they altogether explained 99.93% and 90.99% of the total bacterial and fungal communities, respectively.

The community structure may be largely responsible for these differences. As shown in Fig. 4a, the bacterial communities of the KEL and WS samples were distinct from those of samples from Shaanxi province (XA, YA, and YL) and the KS sample based on PC1, PC2, and PC3 (69.3%, 27.41%, and 3.22% variance, respectively). The analysis also revealed that the bacterial communities of samples collected in Shaanxi province were similar, whereas more variety

was observed between the three samples of Xinjiang province. HCA also indicated that the KEL and WS samples were clearly distinct from each other (Fig. 4c), whereas the other four groups were separated as two clades, with a much smaller within-the-clade distance between the YL and XA samples compared with the YA sample. PCA analysis also revealed that the fungal communities of Shaanxi province samples were distinct from those of Xinjiang province samples, based on the first three principal components (PC1, PC2, and PC3 accounted for 65.99, 23.29, and 1.71% of variance, respectively) (Fig. 4b). This was confirmed by HCA, which revealed the differences in fungal communities of *Jiaozi*

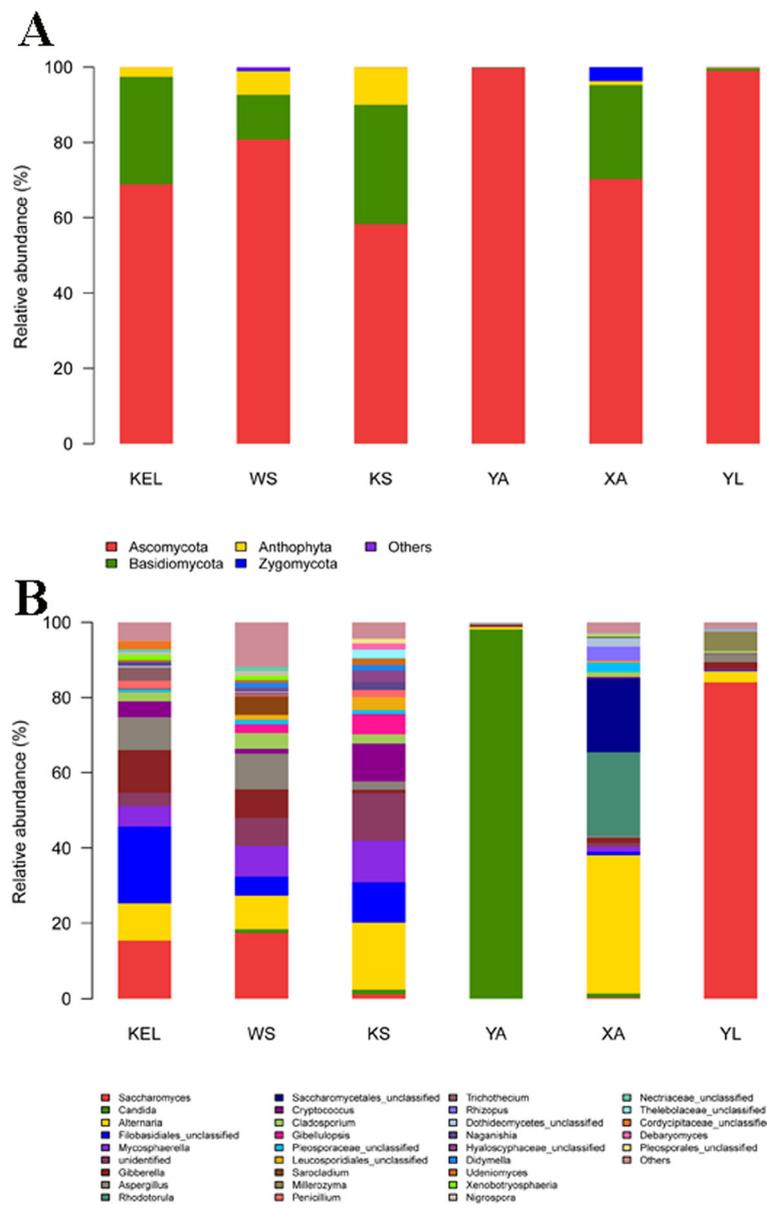


Fig. 3 Relative abundance of fungal community proportions of different *Jiaozi* samples, all the six samples of two provinces at the level of phyla (a) and the genus (b) respectively

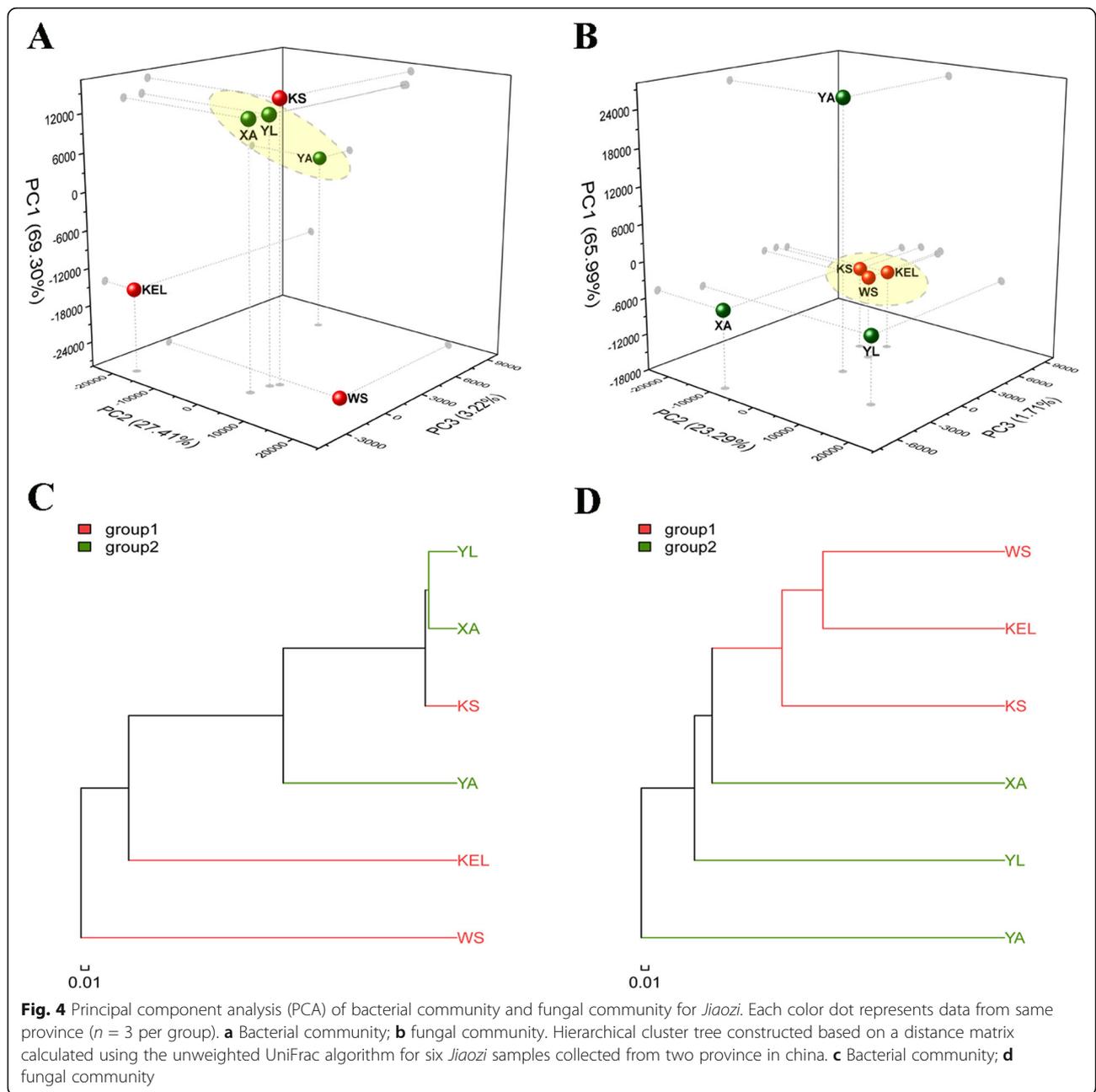
samples from the two different provinces (Fig. 4d). The WS, KEL, and KS samples had very similar fungal communities, while the three samples from Shaanxi showed more variety.

Discussion

In the present study, we collected six traditional *Jiaozi* samples from two provinces in northwestern China, and the values of pH and TTA were analyzed. The pH values can reflect the amount of strong acid produced via bacteria in the sourdough, whereas the TTA values can give an indication on the total acidity

found in the sourdough (Zhang and He 2013). Interestingly, there is no significant difference in the pH value of XA and YL samples, but the TTA values of the two samples were significantly different ($p < 0.05$) (Table 1). Liu et al. (2016) hypothesized that this result may be due to the variable acid producing microbial community held by the samples and the different buffering capacity of the flour used.

Illumina MiSeq sequencing (16S rRNA gene and the ITS regions) was used to explore the bacterial and fungal diversity. We obtained sufficient sequences, as Good’s coverage values were above 90% for bacterial and fungal



sequences (Table 2). Results revealed high levels of accuracy in the sequencing data of microbial communities, indicating that they were reliable for further study. Interestingly, the observation of community richness and diversity revealed numerous microbial communities among *Jiaozi* samples collected from different regions.

Bacterial community composition and structural analysis showed that the predominant phyla found in *Jiaozi* were Firmicutes and Proteobacteria. These results are in line with the main taxonomy of sourdough and *Jiaozi* from different geographical regions (Li et al. 2017). High relative levels of *Lactobacillus*, *Weissella*, *Acetobacter*,

Sphingomonas, *Serratia*, *Halomonas*, and *Leuconostoc* were also identified in *Jiaozi*. Our findings are consistent with previous observations. *Lactobacillus sanfranciscensis* belongs to the *Lactobacillus* genus, is a predominant key LAB, has been widely isolated from traditionally fermented sourdoughs, and is shown to influence the quality of fermented foods by affecting their texture and flavor, as well as by conferring a longer shelf life (Gobbetti and Corsetti 1997). Yang et al. (2017) reported the genotypic characterization of *L. sanfranciscensis* strains isolated from Chinese traditional sourdoughs in different regions and found that the geographical origin of

the strains was not related to their genotypic diversity and population evolution.

Previously, several studies showed that *Acetobacter*, *Weissella*, and *Leuconostoc* are also genera commonly found in traditional sourdough (Iacumin et al. 2009; Zhang et al. 2011; Zhang and He 2013). The fermentation of *Jiaozi* is a complex process, and the bacterial communities involved are very diverse. As shown in Fig. 2b, there were numerous differences in bacterial community structures among the six *Jiaozi* samples collected from different provinces. Similar results have been reported by Li et al. (2017), who showed that *Acetobacter* and *Pediococcus* were the primary bacteria genera in the studied *Jiaozi* samples. They also found that the bacterial community structures of *Jiaozi* are different from those of sourdough, which were characterized by the presence of *Lactobacillus*, *Weissella*, and *Lactobacter*. The bacterial diversity of *Jiaozi* is influenced by many factors, which include not only the types of raw materials, manufacture methods, and the propagation times, but also environmental factors, which play an important role in species distribution. This effect has also been observed in sourdoughs collected from different geographical regions (Scheirlinck et al. 2007; Zhang and He 2013; Li et al. 2016). In short, the bacterial communities of *Jiaozi* are complex, diverse, variable, and may depend upon several environmental factors, thus requiring further investigation.

For fungal communities, the sequences of ITS regions obtained from all studied samples mainly correspond to two phyla: Ascomycota and Basidiomycota. The most abundant fungal genera observed in all six *Jiaozi* samples were *Saccharomyces*, *Candida*, *Alternaria*, unclassified *Filobasidiales*, *Mycosphaerella*, *Gibberella*, *Aspergillus*, etc. Previously, fungal communities of *Jiaozi* were analyzed by culture-dependent and DGGE methods, and little diversity in *Jiaozi* fungal communities was reported, mainly including *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (*S. cerevisiae*), *Wickerhamomyces anomalus*, *Candida tropicalis*, *Saccharomycopsis fibuligera*, and some molds (Li et al. 2016). In this study, *Saccharomyces* was identified in samples from KS, YA, and XA with low incidence, being most abundant in the YL sample and absent in the sample from KEL and WS. Zhang et al. (2011) reported similar results regarding the diversity of yeasts in *Jiaozi* by DGGE method and revealed that *S. cerevisiae* was the dominant yeast species in traditional sourdoughs. Multiple previous studies have reported that *S. cerevisiae* is the most widely used baker's yeast, and *Mantou* made with *S. cerevisiae* featured a relatively high content of volatile compounds (Liu et al. 2018a). *Candida* genera were only detected in the YA sample at high levels. Gullo (2003) previously reported that *Candida humilis* was the dominant species in sourdoughs used for the

production of durum wheat bran flour bread. *Rhodotorula mucilaginosa* (*R. mucilaginosa*), another dominant yeast species, has been isolated from traditional sourdough collected from Alashan League of Inner Mongolia by pure culture method (Zhang et al. 2011). A recent finding by Ma et al. (2018) indicated that an exopolysaccharide REPS2-A extracted from *R. mucilaginosa* could be quickly produced and collected from liquids and can significantly inhibit cancer cell growth. Hence, *R. mucilaginosa* has excellent potential as a probiotic and microorganism-based therapeutic agent. Apart from yeasts, some molds also play an important role in the fermentation of sourdough, but this has scarcely been reported (Zhang et al. 2015; Li et al. 2016). In our sequencing results, some molds with research value were identified and can be further studied in the future. In summary, our *Jiaozi* samples have rich and various fungi which are mainly dominated by yeast as previously shown for other traditional sourdough collected from different regions of the world detected by both culture-dependent and culture-independent methods.

The microbial communities of fermented foods have typical regional characteristics (Kergourlay et al. 2015; Chen et al. 2017). Sun et al. (2014) reported that bacterial and fungal communities in different tarag (a fermented milk product of cows in Mongolia and the northwest of China) samples were stratified by geographical region. Many factors may influence the microbial communities of sourdough, including the geographical region, environmental conditions, materials, and production methods (Minervini et al. 2014). Previous studies have demonstrated the geographical origin significantly influences the LAB community structure of Belgian sourdoughs, irrespective of the type of flour used to prepare the sourdough (Scheirlinck et al. 2007). Moreover, an analysis of the microflora of traditional sourdoughs collected from the western region of Inner Mongolia found large differences among different samples (Zhang et al. 2011). Liu et al. (2018b) investigated the bacterial diversity of traditional sourdoughs collected from three regions of China and found that the diversity of bacterial flora in Chinese western samples was different from that of northern and southern samples due to the genera *Lactobacillus* and *Pediococcus*.

Further study of the function of bacterial and fungal communities in *Jiaozi* using metagenomics, metatranscriptomics, and metaproteomics might help elucidate their interactions, as well as the metabolic network of substances involved in the process of multi-strain fermentation in *Jiaozi*.

Conclusions

In the present study it was found that the traditional *Jiaozi* has a rich microbial community diversity and

varied with the geographic location. Six traditional dough samples (*Jiaozi*) used for manufacturing fermented staple foods collected from the Xinjiang and Shaanxi provinces in northwestern China were analyzed using high-throughput sequencing. Bacterial communities of the three samples XA, YA, and YL in the Shaanxi province were similar and could be differentiated from the communities of the Xinjiang province. Fungal communities WS, KEL, and KS from Xinjian were very similar while samples from Shaanxi province showed more variability and were distinct from those of Xinjiang province samples. This study provides a basis for further research on bacteria and fungi, naturally occurring in *Jiaozi*, with excellent fermentation and probiotic properties.

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