

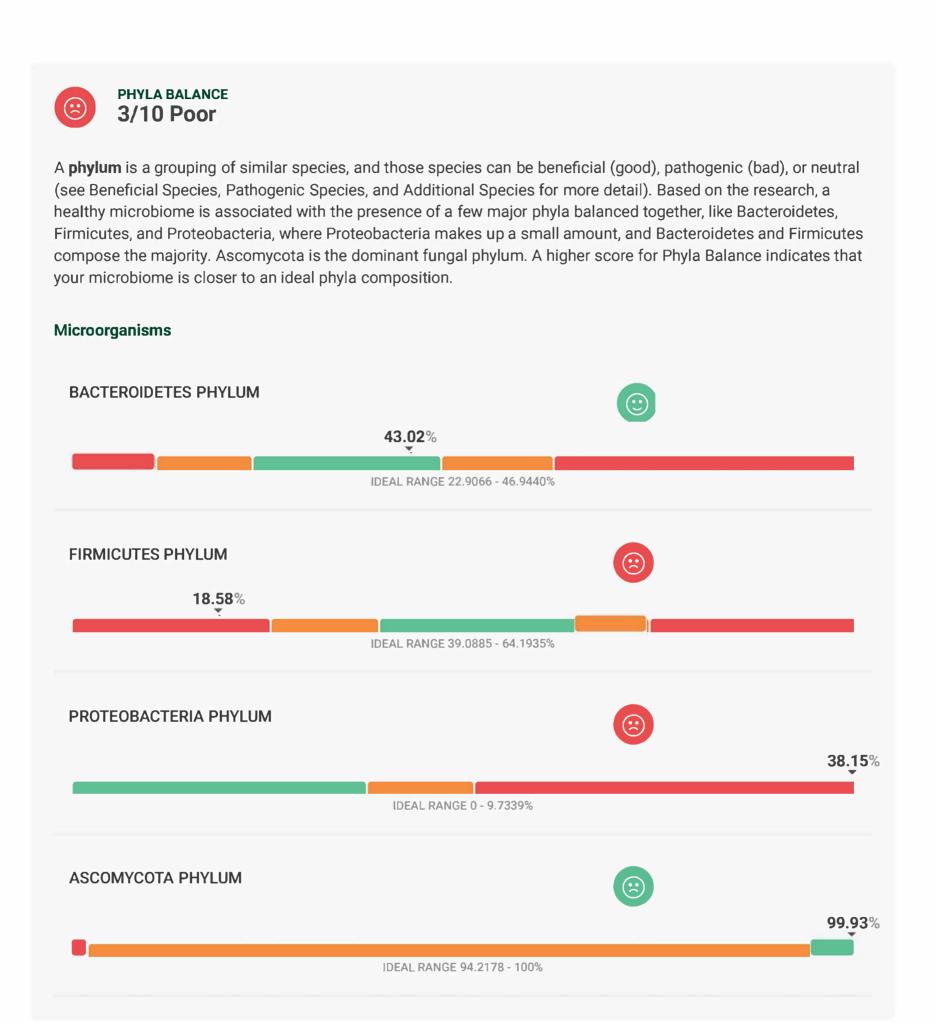
## **BEHIND YOUR GUT SCORE™**

Your Gut Score is based on four criteria: your Microbiome Diversity, your Phyla Balance, your Beneficial Species levels, and your Pathogenic Species levels. The sections below break down your scores for each of the criteria making up the Gut Score so you can better see where the imbalances lie. However, the four criteria considered for the Gut Score aren't all equal! Your overall Phyla Balance, for instance, is a far more important piece of the equation and overall health of your microbiome than your Beneficial Species.

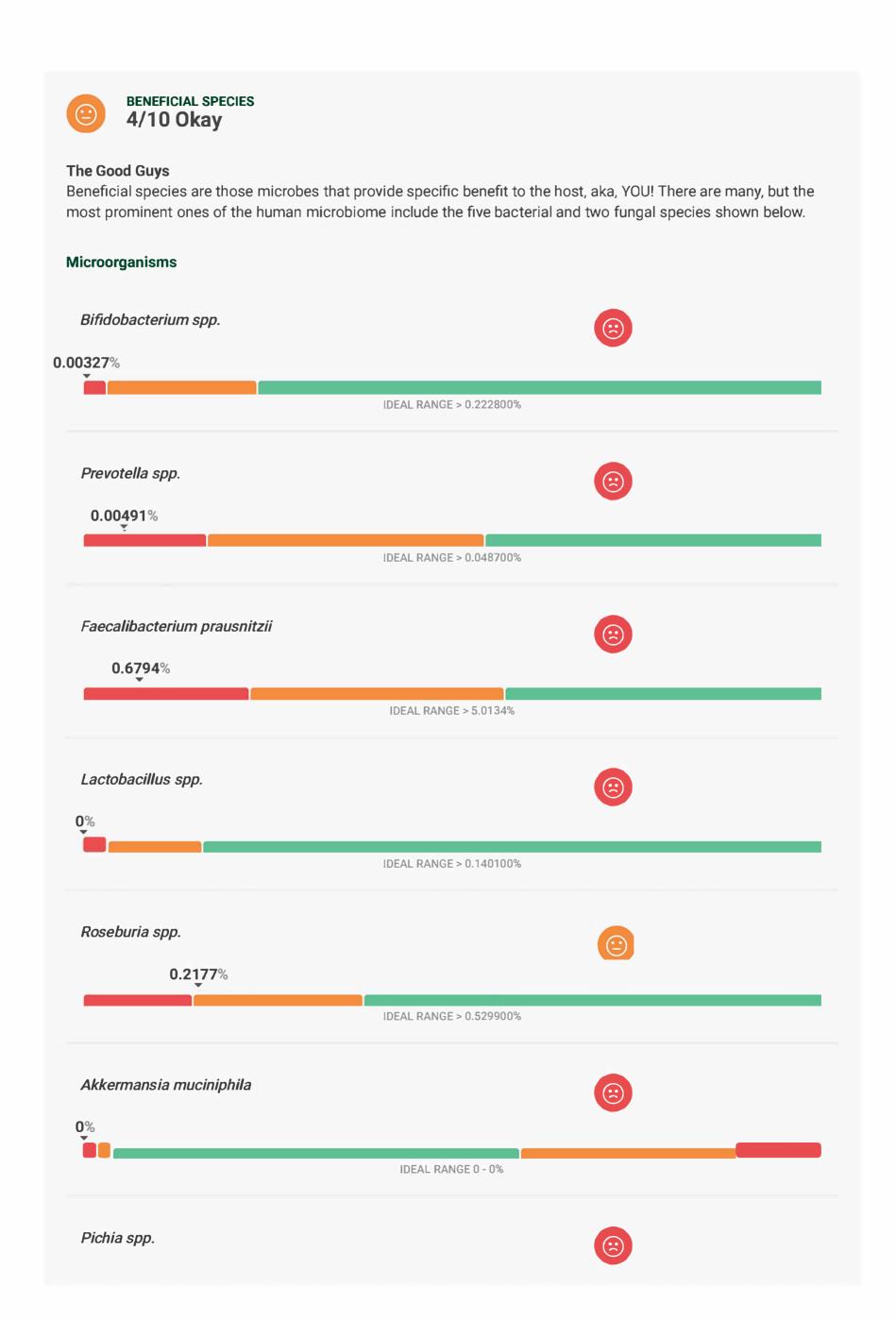


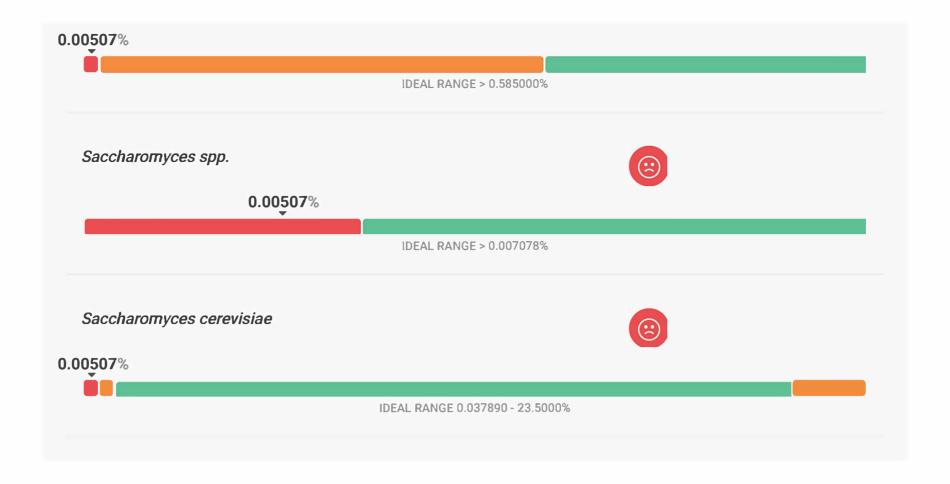
Diversity describes how many different kinds of bacteria and fungi are in your microbiome. Research suggests more microbiome diversity is associated with better health.















## PATHOGENIC SPECIES 7/10 Good

## The Bad Guys

Pathogenic species are particular microbes that, especially when out of balance with the rest of the microbiome, can cause disease, inflammation, and damage to the host (YOU). There are many potential pathogens, but a healthy microbiome is able to keep these in check. The five prominent pathogens we look out for are the two bacterial and three fungal species shown below.

## Microorganisms

