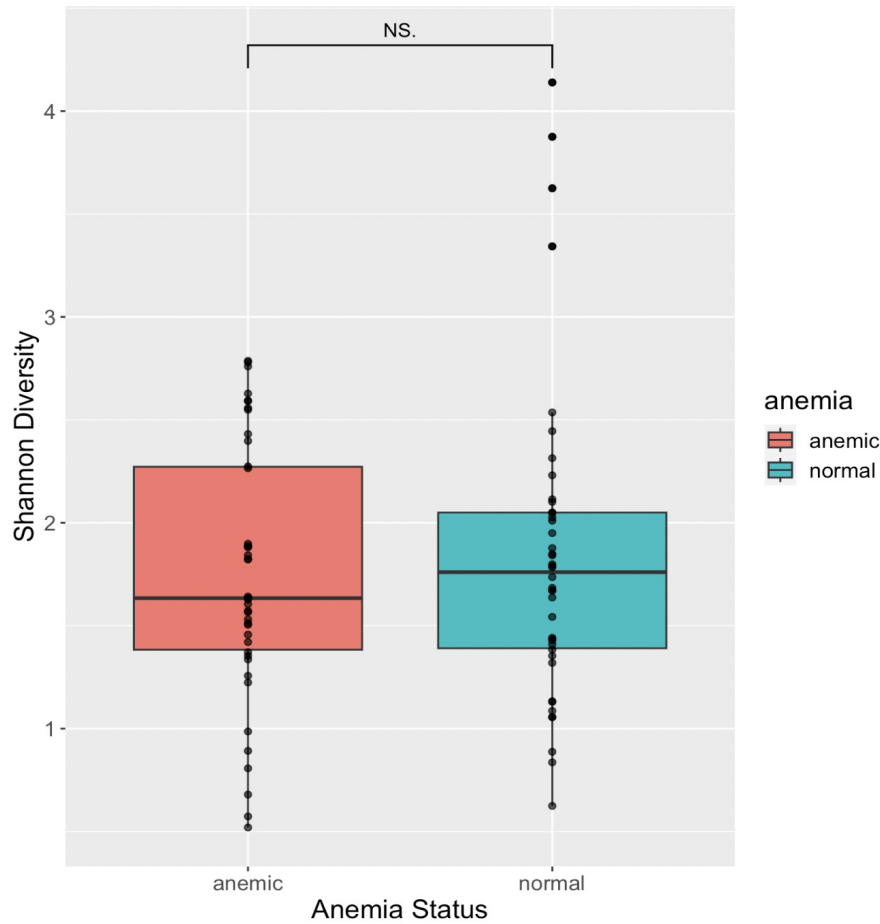
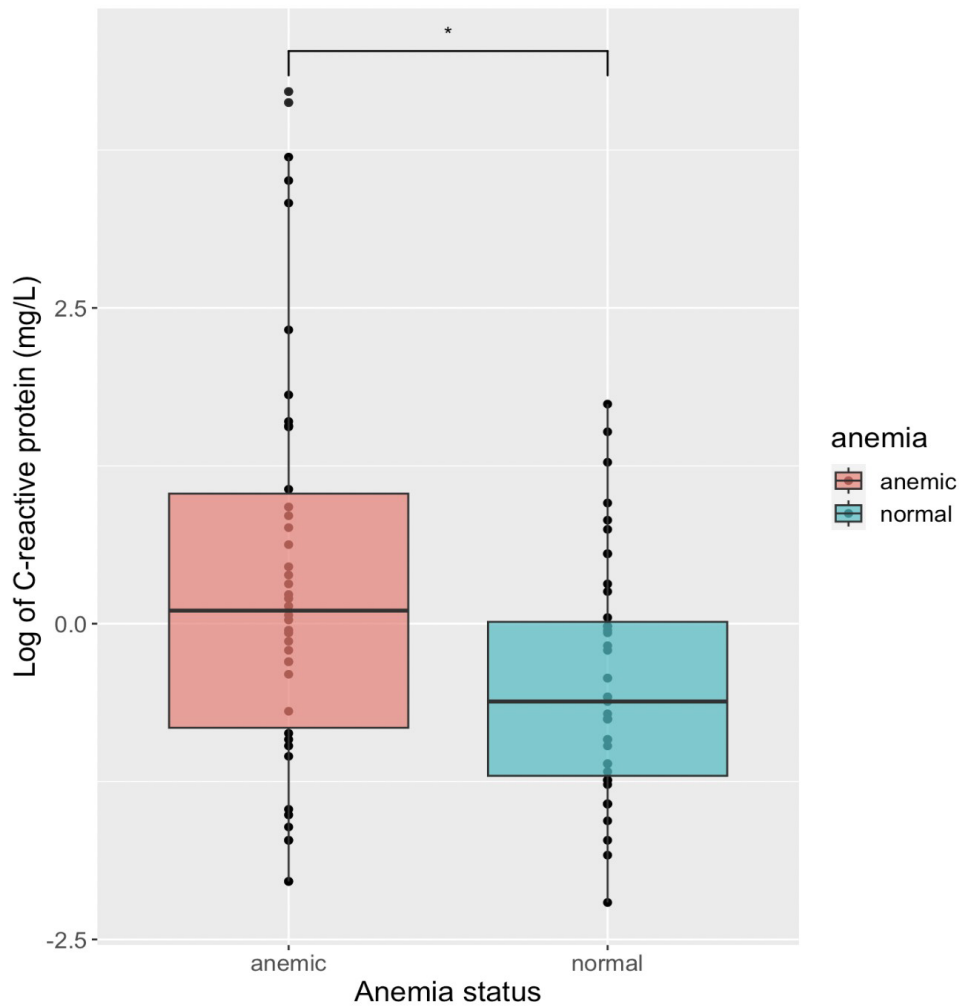


## Supplementary Material



**FIG. S1** There was no significant difference observed in Shannon diversity between anemic and non-anemic six-month-old infants. Microbial alpha diversity between anemic and non-anemic infants (metric = Shannon). A Wilcoxon Rank Sum test was performed on the data. Error bars indicate standard error. NS = not significant. Anemic n = 42, Normal n = 42.



**FIG. S2 The CRP level was significantly increased in anemic six-month-old infants compared to non-anemic infants.** CRP level between anemic and non-anemic six-month-old infants. A Wilcoxon Rank Sum test was performed on the data. Error bars indicate standard error. Anemic n = 42, Normal n = 42. (\* =  $p < 0.05$ )