The draft genome sequence of *Hymenobacter* sp. CRA2 isolated from Nama Karoo shrub land soils from South Africa

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**ABSTRACT**

Here we report the draft genome sequence of *Hymenobacter* sp. CRA2 isolated from the Nama Karoo shrub land soils of the Northern Cape, South Africa. This genome is approximately 5.88 Mb long and the assembly comprised 45 contigs. The draft genome sequence has been deposited in DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank under the accession number NZ_MVBC00000000 and is available for download at: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/NZ_MVBC00000000.1.

### 1. Direct link to deposited data

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### 2. Introduction

The genus *Hymenobacter* was first described by Hirsch et al. (1998) from sandstone and soil samples retrieved from the Antarctic Dry Valleys [1]. Members of this genus, which belong to the family Cytophagaceae (phylum Bacteroidetes) have a considerably high G + C content (55–70 mol%) compared to other genera of the same family [2]. Representatives in this phylum are Gram-negative, rod shaped,
Non-spore forming bacteria, and are found in both terrestrial and aquatic environments. Currently 44 species of this genus have been described and are validly published in the LPSNbacterio.net database (http://www.bacterio.net/hymenobacter.html#r). Some identified species of the genus Hymenobacter have been isolated from cold environments [3–5], which suggests that members may have capacity to rapidly adapt and survive in extreme ecosystems. The analysis of Hymenobacter genomes may provide crucial insights on the molecular adaptations to environmental extremes. Here we present the draft genome sequence of Hymenobacter sp. CRA2 isolated from Nama Karoo soils, along an aridity gradient.

3. Experimental design, materials and methods

Soils (0.5 g) were transferred into a sterile 2 mL tube, before homogenization in 1 mL of deionized water, and vortexed at maximum speed for 10 s. The solution was then centrifuged at 11000 rpm for 60 s. 100 μL of the supernatant was plated onto R2A agar plates, supplemented with cyclohexamine (100 mg/mL). After optimum growth at 22 °C for 72 h, genomic DNA was extracted using a method combining chemical lysis and bead-beating [6]. Hymenobacter sp. CRA2 was morphologically identified and further confirmed by 16S rRNA gene amplification and sequencing [7]. The partial 16S rRNA gene sequence of sp. CRA2 has been deposited at the NCBI GenBank (accession number MF094136). A phylogenetic tree was constructed from the near

| tRNA          | Occurrence |
|--------------|------------|
| tRNA-Gln     | 2          |
| tRNA-Thr     | 4          |
| tRNA-Ash     | 1          |
| tRNA-Cys     | 1          |
| tRNA-Val     | 3          |
| tRNA-His     | 1          |
| tRNA-Asp     | 2          |
| tRNA-Pro     | 3          |
| tRNA-Tyr     | 1          |
| tRNA-Met     | 3          |
| tRNA-Leu     | 5          |
| tRNA-ile     | 1          |
| tRNA-Arg     | 4          |
| tRNA-Ala     | 2          |
| tRNA-Glu     | 2          |
| tRNA-Trp     | 1          |
| tRNA-Ser     | 4          |
| tRNA-Phe     | 1          |
| tRNA-Lys     | 2          |
| tRNA-Gly     | 5          |
| Total        | 48         |

Table 1
List of tRNA annotated in the draft genome of Hymenobacter sp. CRA2 generated from ARAGORN v1.2.38.

Fig. 2. Diagrammatic representation of the subsystem categories of the Hymenobacter sp. CRA2 genome annotated by RAST.
complete 16S rRNA gene sequence of CR2 (Fig. 1). The tree is drawn to scale and analysis involved 9 nucleotide sequences. Codon positions included were 1st + 2nd + 3rd + Noncoding. All positions containing gaps and missing data were eliminated. There were a total of 1365 positions in the final dataset.

High molecular weight genomic DNA, isolated from *Hymenobacter* sp. CRA 2, was sent for sequencing at the Molecular Research LP next generation sequencing service (www.mrdnalab.com, Shallowater, TX, USA). DNA libraries were constructed using the paired-end DNA sample prep kit v1 according Illumina specifications using Illumina paired-end adapters [10]. Sequencing was performed on the Illumina HiSeq 2500 in paired-end mode using Illumina data analysis pipeline version 1.8 [11].

The generated paired end reads were processed with the PRINSEQ lite version 0.20.4 [12] for sequence read quality assessment. Subsequently reads were assembled into a draft genome with careful options and coverage cut-offs set at auto using SPAdes version 3.7.1 [13].

4. Data description

The draft genome of *Hymenobacter* sp. CRA2 constituted a total of 45 contigs (> 500 bp) amounting to 5,879,518 bp with a G + C content of 62.8% and a N50 contig size of 298, 233 bp. A total of 48 tRNA genes were also identified using ARAGORN v1.2.38 [14] Table 1.

The assembled draft genome was annotated through Rapid Annotation using Subsystems Technology (RAST) version 2.0 [15] and the NCBI prokaryotic genome annotation pipeline (PGAP) [16]. The RAST annotation revealed 376 subsystems (Fig. 2).

Subsystem coverage showed that 32% of the coverage was within the subsystem and constituted a total of 1465 non-hypothetical and 65 hypothetical proteins. Whereas, 68% coverage was not in the subsystem and constituted a total of 3359 proteins of which 1310 were non-hypothetical and 2049 hypothetical protein. Annotation also revealed an abundance of genes involved in the synthesis of amino acids and their derivatives.

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