Draft genome sequence data of the anaerobic, thermophilic, chitinolytic bacterium strain UUS1-1 belonging to genus *Hydrogenispora* of the uncultured taxonomic OPB54 cluster☆

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**A B S T R A C T**

Strain UUS1-1 (JCM33882 =DSM111537) is a novel chitinolytic, thermophilic, anaerobic bacterium belonging to the genus *Hydrogenispora* of the uncultured taxonomic OPB54 cluster within the phylum Firmicutes. Strain UUS1-1 has a unique, long, hair-like rod morphology and a strong ability to degrade crystalline chitin. The whole genome of strain UUS1-1 was sequenced on an Ion GeneStudio S5 system, which yielded 86 contigs comprising 2,482,547 bp, 2235 protein-coding sequences, and a G+C content of 52.1 mol%. Strain UUS1-1 is the second cultivable isolate, besides *H. ethanolica*, within the OPB54 cluster and may be classified as a novel species. The genomic data have been deposited at the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) under accession number JAAKDE00000000.

☆ Abbreviations: GlcNAc, N-acetylglucosamine; PGAP, Prokaryotic Genome Annotation Pipeline; CDSs, Protein-coding sequences; ANI, Average Nucleotide Identity.

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Specifications Table

| Subject               | Microbiology                                      |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Specific subject area | Bacteriology, Genomics                           |
| Type of data          | Table, Figure                                    |
| How data were acquired| Whole-genome sequencing using the Ion GeneStudio S5 system |
| Data format           | Raw, Analyzed                                    |
| Parameters for data collection | Genomic DNA was extracted from a pure culture of strain UUS1-1 (JCM 33882), which belongs to the genus *Hydrogenispora*. The genome of strain UUS1-1 was sequenced using the Ion GeneStudio S5 system, assembled *de novo* using the CLC Genomics Workbench 20.0.1, and annotated using the NCBI Prokaryotic Genome Annotation Pipeline. |
| Description of data collection | Genomic DNA was extracted from strain UUS1-1. Following whole-genome sequencing, the genome was assembled and annotated. |
| Data source location  | Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS), Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan |
| Data accessibility    | Repository name: NCBI Data identification number: JAAKDE0000000000. The version described in this paper is JAAKDE01000000001. Direct URL to data: [https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/JAAKDE0000000000.1](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/JAAKDE0000000000.1) The BioProject ID in GenBank is PRJNA607398 ([https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/PRJNA607398](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/PRJNA607398)) The BioSample ID in GenBank is SAMN13885186 ([https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/biosample/SAMN13885186](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/biosample/SAMN13885186)) |

Value of the Data

- Strain UUS1-1 is a novel, anaerobic, thermophilic, chitinolytic bacterium belonging to the genus *Hydrogenispora* of the uncultured taxonomic OPB54 cluster.
- The data from this draft genome can help the scientific community understand the genetic properties of this unique bacterial taxon which currently contains only one other cultivated isolate (*Hydrogenispora ethanolicus*). In addition, these data will be valuable to engineering researchers that study thermophilic and chitinolytic enzymes.
- The data from this draft genome provide new insights into crystalline chitin degradation ability in thermophilic conditions and properties of the genus *Hydrogenispora*.

1. Data Description

Chitin is an insoluble linear chain of β-1,4-N-acetylglucosamine (GlcNAc). This crystalline polymer is the major component of the exoskeletons of arthropods, such as shrimps and insects [1, 2]. Chitin and its derivatives can be transformed into highly valuable compounds that have many industrial applications. Chitinase-producing microorganisms have been isolated from multiple environments. Bacterial chitinases hold promise for use in several commercial applications, such as production of GlcNAc and chitosan. Thermostable chitinases from bacteria may have numerous applications because such chitinases would likely reduce industrial costs [3, 4]; however, the chitinases currently used for industrial applications are mainly from mesophilic bacteria [5]. Thus, screening, identifying, and studying the functional properties of thermophilic chitinases is crucial. Currently, there is limited information describing the participation of anaerobic thermophilic bacteria in insoluble chitin degradation systems.
Table 1
Features of the strain UUS1-1 genome.

| Feature                      | Description       |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of reads used in the  | 11,760,377        |
| assembly                     |                   |
| Mean read length             | 187 bp            |
| Genome size                  | 2,482,547 bp      |
| Number of contigs            | 86                |
| N50 contig length            | 117,588 bp        |
| Mean contig length           | 28,867 bp         |
| Genome coverage depth        | 1,469-fold        |
| G+C content                  | 52.1 mol%         |
| Total number of genes        | 2,337             |
| Number of CDSs               | 2,235             |
| Number of rRNAs              | 10                |
| Number of tRNAs              | 48                |
| Number of CRISPRs            | 4                 |

CDS, coding sequence. CRISPRs, clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats.

Strain UUS1-1, classified as belonging to the genus *Hydrogenispora* and the uncultured taxonomic OPB54 cluster, was successfully isolated as a pure culture from a bacterial community. Strain UUS1-1, deposited at the RIKEN BioResource Research Center as JCM33882 and the German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures GmbH (DSMZ) as DSM111537, possesses unique features such as a hair-like rod morphology, and high chitinase activity in thermophilic conditions. Strain UUS1-1 is the first anaerobic, thermophilic, chitinolytic bacterium, and the second cultivated isolate besides *H. ethanolic* that belongs to the OPB54 cluster [6].

We sequenced the genome of strain UUS1-1 to obtain new information on anaerobic, thermophilic chitin degradation systems within the genus *Hydrogenispora* and the taxonomic cluster OPB54, which belongs to an unidentified taxon at the order- or class-level. Features of the genome are shown in Table 1. DNA sequencing, performed using the Ion GeneStudio S5 system, generated 11,760,377 single reads with an average length of 187 bp. The genome was assembled de novo using CLC Genomics Workbench 20.0.1 (CLC Bio, Qiagen, Valencia, CA), which resulted in 86 contigs with an N50 of 117,588 bp and a maximum size of 238,885 bp. The genome of strain UUS1-1 comprised 2,482,547 bp and had a G+C content of 52.1 mol%. Interestingly, the genome of the most closely related strain in this genus, *H. ethanolic* strain LX-B, was nearly identical in its G+C content but 2.4 times the size (5,983,461 bp, G+C content 54.2 mol%).

Using a phylogenetic tree based on 16S rRNA gene sequences, we determined that *H. ethanolic* strain LX-B (90.4% similarity, accession no. SLUN00000000) is the only other member of the uncultured taxonomic OPB54 cluster (phylum Firmicutes) [6]. However, the mesophilic anaerobic bacterium *H. ethanolic* has very different phenotypic characteristics to strain UUS1-1 (GenBank accession number of 16S rRNA sequence: MN602556). We calculated the average nucleotide identity (ANI) [7] of strain UUS1-1 and nine strains from the genera *Hydrogenispora*, *Desulfundatus*, *Desulfotomaculum*, *Pelotomaculum*, and *Moorella*. This analysis showed a 65.5% ANI between strain UUS1-1 and *H. ethanolic* strain LX-B, and a 82.9% ANI between strain UUS1-1 and a *Hydrogenispora* sp. isolate (DUQQ010000000) that was identified by comprehensive genome-resolved metagenomics [8] (Fig. 1, Suppl. Tables 1 and 2). The ANI was <65% for all other strains included in the analysis (Suppl. Tables 1 and 2). These results indicate that strain UUS1-1 represents a novel species.

Genome annotation was carried out via the NCBI Prokaryotic Genome Annotation Pipeline (PGAP) [9]. Strain UUS1-1 possessed 2,337 total predicted genes; 2,235 protein-coding sequences (CDSs); 4 rRNA genes (encoding two 5S rRNAs, one 16S rRNA, and one 23S rRNA); 47 tRNA genes; and 4 clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats. The predicted CDSs were assigned putative functions using the 25 Clusters of Orthologous Groups. The presence of predicted enzymes associated with chitin metabolism in strain UUS1-1 was confirmed for chitinase (EC 3.2.1.14), N-acetylglucosaminidase (EC 3.2.1.52), chitin deacety-
Fig. 1. Dendrogram of average nucleotide identity (ANI) values. The ANI value of each pair of strains was calculated, and a dendrogram was constructed using the unweighted pair group method with arithmetic means. The strains which were used for this calculation and the dendrogram were: UUS1-1, Desulfofundulus kuznetsovii (NZ_LGGU01000000), Desulfofundulus thermobenzoicus (NZ_WHYN01000000), Desulfotomaculum hydrothermale (NZ_FQXF01000000), Desulfotomaculum reducens (NC_009253), Desulfotomaculum ruminis (NC_015589), Hydrogenispora ethanolica (NZ_SLUN01000000), Hydrogenispora sp. (DUQQ01000000), Pelotomaculum thermopropionicum (AP009389), and Moorella humiferrea (PVXM00000000).

2. Experimental Design, Materials and Methods

2.1. Genomic DNA extraction and sequencing

Genomic DNA of strain UUS1-1 was prepared by phenol/chloroform extraction from cells grown at 60 °C with glucose as the carbon source [10]. Fragmentation and library preparation of DNA was performed using an Ion Xpress Plus Fragment Library Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) according to the manufacturer’s protocol, which generated fragments with an average length of 400 bp. Fragments of approximately 200 to 300 bp were size-selected by electrophoresis on E-Gel SizeSelect II agarose gels (Invitrogen, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham,
Table 2
Predicted genes encoding chitinolytic and related enzymes.

| Function                                      | EC #                     | Predicted gene(s)                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chitinase                                     | EC 3.2.1.14              | WP_181339859.1, WP_181339858.1, WP_181339894.1, WP_181340572.1, WP_181340429.1 |
| N-acetylglucosaminidase                      | EC 3.2.1.52              | WP_181339652.1                                                                   |
| Chitin deacetylase                           | EC 3.1.1.72/ EC 3.5.1.41| WP_181339645.1, WP_181340147.1, WP_181340352.1, WP_181393411.1, WP_181398051.1, WP_181398071.1, WP_181398869.1 |
| Glucosidase                                  | EC 3.2.1.20/ EC 3.2.1.21 | WP_181340416.1, WP_181338805.1                                                   |
| Glucokinase                                  | EC 2.7.1.2               | WP_181340205.1, WP_181339717.1                                                   |
| Glucosamine-fructose-6-phosphate aminotransferase | EC 2.6.1.16           | WP_013809510.1                                                                   |
| Phosphoglucoamamine mutase                   | EC 5.4.2.10              | WP_007289355.1                                                                   |
| Glucosamine-6-phosphate deaminase            | EC 3.5.99.6              | WP_013298094.1                                                                   |
| Glucosamine-1-phosphate N-acetyltransferase/UDP-N-acetylglucosamine pyrophosphorylase | EC 2.3.1.157/ EC 2.7.7.23 | WP_007506043.1                                                                   |

MA, USA) before library preparation. The genomic DNA sequences of strain UUS1-1 were obtained using an Ion GeneStudio S5 system and processed.

2.2. Genome assembly and annotation

De novo genome assembly was performed using CLC Genomics Workbench version 20.0.1. after removal of low-quality reads. The genome was annotated using the NCBI PGAP [9]. The prediction of function of each annotated gene was executed within the Integrated Microbial Genomes-Expert Review system developed by the Joint Genome Institute (Walnut Creek, CA, USA) [11].

2.3. Genomic ANI

Pairwise ANI values from the whole-genome sequences of two Hydrogenispora strains, two Desulfofundulus strains, three Desulfotomaculum strains, one Pelotomaculum strain, and one Moorella strain were calculated using GENETYX NGS version 4.1.1 with the BLASTALL algorithm. The matrix generated from the ANI values among these nine strains and strain UUS1-1 was converted into a genetic dendrogram using algorithms such as the unweighted pair method with arithmetic means and the single-linkage clustering method in the R statistical program [7].

Declaration of Competing Interest

The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships which have, or could be perceived to have, influenced the work reported in this article.

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Supplementary Materials

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