Draft genome sequence of *Massilia* sp. KIM isolated from South African grassland biome soils

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*Massilia* sp. are aerobic, Gram-negative, rod-shaped bacteria that are found in air, water, and soils. Here we describe the draft genome sequence of *Massilia* sp. KIM, isolated from the South African grassland soils. The total length of the genome was estimated at 5.73 Mb, comprised of 17 contigs. The draft genome has been deposited in the DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank under the accession MVAD10000000 and is available for download at: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MVAD00000000. Additionally, the raw short reads are available in the NCBI SRA database under the accession number: SRR5469241.

1. Direct link to deposited data

   https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MVAD00000000
   https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra/SRR2754567[accession]
   https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MAF083079

2. Introduction

   Members of genus *Massilia* have been isolated from various samples including clinical, soil, dust, water and the phyllosphere [1]. A number of these isolates have been retrieved from plant roots and rhizosphere soils, which suggests that *Massilia* may be crucial consortia of plant growth promoting rhizobacteria (PGPR) [1]. However, very little is known regarding the ecological roles of the genus *Massilia*, especially those found in soils. To reduce this knowledge deficit, we isolated *Massilia* sp. KIM from South Africa’s grassland biome. The genome of sp. KIM was sequenced and used to explore the genetic and physiological of this strain as a PGPR.

2.1. Experimental design, materials, and methods

   *Massilia* sp. KIM was isolated from soils collected from the South African grassland biome. Briefly, 0.5 g of soil was transferred into a sterile 2 mL tube containing 1 mL of deionized water and homogenized by vortexing at maximum speed for 10 s. The solution was then centrifuged at 11000 rpm for 60 s. 100 μL of the supernatant was then plated onto R2A agar plates, supplemented with the antifungal cyclohexamine (100 μg/mL). The bacterium grew optimally at 22 °C for 3 days. Genomic DNA was extracted according to a method described by Miller et al. through a combination of chemical lysis and bead-blasting [2].

   The strain was morphologically identified and confirmed by PCR amplification (using the primers E9F and U1510R), followed by sequencing and phylogenetic analysis (Fig. 1). High molecular weight genomic DNA was sent to the Molecular Research LP next generation...
sequencing service (www.mrdnalab.com, Shallowater, TX, USA) for sequencing on the Illumina Hiseq platform (Illumina, Inc.) to obtain the 2 × 250 bp paired-end libraries. The genomic DNA library was prepared using the Nextera DNA Sample preparation kit (Illumina, Inc.) as detailed in the manufacturer’s protocol. Sequence read quality was assessed using PRINSEQ lite version 0.20.4 [6] and the genome was assembled using SPAdes version 3.7.1 with the following parameters: kmer auto, Cov_cutoff auto and careful options [7].

3. Data description

The draft genome sequence of Massilia sp. KIM constituted a total of 17 contigs (> 500 bp) with 5,734,388 bp, and a G + C content of 67.1% with N50 contigs size of 3,374,390 bp. The genome was

Fig. 1. A phylogenetic tree based on 16S rRNA gene sequences showing the relationship between Massilia sp. strain KIM (shown in bold) (NCBI accession: MF083079) and the type strains from the EZBioCloud server [3]. Mega v7.0.14 [4] was used to construct the tree based on the Maximum likelihood method and 500 bootstraps following a ClustalW alignment [5]. The 16S rRNA gene sequence of Burkholderia ambifaria AMMD is included as an outgroup. A total of 1375 positions were present in the final dataset. The scale bar represents 0.01 nucleotide substitutions per position.

Fig. 2. An overview of the subsystem categories assigned to the genome of Massilia sp. KIM using RAST server. The green and blue column on the left side are showing the percentage of genes annotated to the “seed subsystem” and “not in the subsystem”, respectively. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)
annotated using the PGAP pipeline [8] and Rapid Annotations using Subsystems Technology (RAST) server [9].

The RAST server predicted 5022 CDS’s where 2344 CDS’s (47%) were annotated as seed subsystem features (459 subsystems) and 2678 CDS’s (53%) annotated as outside of the seed subsystem (Fig. 2). In total 3632 and 1390 CDSs were assigned as non-hypothetical and hypothetical, respectively. The tRNA analysis using ARAGORN v1.2.38 revealed 79 tRNA genes in the genome [10], the occurrence of different tRNAs in the draft genome is shown in Table 1. We also analyzed antibiotics and secondary metabolite production using the antiSMASH 3.0 server [11].

The genome of strain KIM harboured four major putative gene clusters linked to one unknown terpene, one complete carotenoid biosynthesis and two gene clusters for the bacteriocin (ribosomally synthesised antibacterial peptide) biosynthesis. Our analysis suggest that Massilia sp. KIM has extensive capacity for antibiotic and terpenoids production, which may form a basis for further characterization.

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### Table 1

Count of 79 tRNAs predicted in the genome of Massilia sp. KIM using ARAGORN webserver.

| tRNA    | Count |
|---------|-------|
| tRNA-Gln | 1     |
| tRNA-Thr | 4     |
| tRNA-Cys | 1     |
| tRNA-Asn | 3     |
| tRNA-Val | 5     |
| tRNA-His | 2     |
| tRNA-Asp | 3     |
| tRNA-Pro | 5     |
| tRNA-Tyr | 1     |
| tRNA-Met | 5     |
| tRNA-Leu | 10    |
| tRNA-Ile | 1     |
| tRNA-Arg | 7     |
| tRNA-Glu | 6     |
| tRNA-Ala | 4     |
| tRNA-Trp | 2     |
| tRNA-Phe | 2     |
| tRNA-Ser | 6     |
| tRNA-Lys | 3     |
| tRNA-Gly | 8     |
| **Total** | **79** |