Streptomyces harenosi sp. nov., a home for a gifted strain isolated from Indonesian sand dune soil

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Abstract
A polyphasic study was undertaken to establish the position of a Streptomyces strain, isolate PRKS01-65T, recovered from sand dune soil collected at Parangkusumo, Yogyakarta Province, Java, Indonesia. A combination of chemotaxonomic, cultural and morphological properties confirmed its position in the genus of Streptomyces. Comparative 16S rRNA gene sequence analyses showed that the isolate was most closely related to Streptomyces leeuwenhoekii C34T (99.9% similarity) and loosely associated with the type strains of Streptomyces chiangmaensis (98.7% similarity) and Streptomyces glomera tus (98.9% similarity). Multilocus sequence analyses based on five conserved housekeeping gene alleles confirmed the close relationship between the isolate and S. leeuwenhoekii C34T, although both strains belonged to a well-supported clade that encompassed the type strains of S. glomera tus, Streptomyces griseomycini, Streptomyces griseostramineus, Streptomyces labedae, Streptomyces lamondensis and Streptomyces spinoverrucosus. A comparison of the draft genome sequence generated for the isolate with corresponding whole genome sequences of its closest phylogenomic neighbours showed that it formed a well-separated lineage with S. leeuwenhoekii C34T. These strains can also be distinguished using a combination of phenotypic properties and by average nucleotide identity and digital DNA–DNA hybridization similarities of 94.3 and 56%, values consistent with their classification in different species. Based on this wealth of data it is proposed that isolate PRKS01-65T (=NCIMB 15211T=CCMM B1302T=ICEBB-03T) be classified as Streptomyces harenosi sp. nov. The genome of the isolate contains several biosynthetic gene clusters with the potential to produce new natural products.

INTRODUCTION
The emended family Streptomycetaceae [1, 2] includes the genus Streptomyces [1], the type genus [1] and five other genera. The genus Streptomyces encompasses over 800 species with validly published names (www.bacterio.net.streptomyces.html) most of which have been assigned to multi- and single-membered phyletic lines in Streptomyces 16S rRNA gene trees [3, 4]. Genera belonging to the family Streptomycetaceae can be distinguished using a combination of genomic, genotypic and phenotypic features [3, 4].

Streptomycetes are best known as a source of new antibiotics, anti-cancer and other specialized (secondary) metabolites [5, 6], hence the continued interest in them as a source of novel drugs needed in the fight against multi-drug resistant microbial pathogens [7, 8]. Previously unknown Streptomyces strains isolated from deep-sea sediments and desert soils, using taxonomic approaches to drug discovery [9, 10], are a...
is especially gifted

> –, Not detected; Data for the S. leeuwenhoekii strain was taken from Busarakam et al. [14].

| Fatty acid     | Isolate PRKS01-65<sup>T</sup> | Streptomyces leeuwenhoekii C34<sup>T</sup> |
|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Branched       |                               |                                          |
| antesonio-C<sub>16:0</sub> | 22.9                          | 29.2                                     |
| antesonio-C<sub>17:0</sub> | 10.2                          | 13.8                                     |
| antesonio-C<sub>17:1ω9t</sub> | 5.1                           | 1.1                                      |
| iso-C<sub>16:0</sub> | 1.1                           | –                                       |
| iso-C<sub>17:0</sub> | 2.0                           | –                                       |
| iso-C<sub>17:0</sub> | 7.4                           | 4.3                                      |
| iso-C<sub>17:0</sub> | 4.6                           | 5.5                                      |
| iso-C<sub>17:0</sub> | 36.6                          | 12.5                                     |
| iso-C<sub>17:0</sub> | 2.8                           | 4.4                                      |
| iso-C<sub>17:0</sub> | –                             | 0.9                                      |
| iso-C<sub>17:0</sub>-H | 2.8                           | –                                       |
| Saturated      |                               |                                          |
| C<sub>14:0</sub> | –                             | 1.1                                      |
| C<sub>15:0</sub> | 2.9                           | 19.1                                     |
| C<sub>16:0</sub> | –                             | 3.5                                      |
| C<sub>16:2 cyclo</sub> | 1.7                          | –                                       |

PRKS01-65<sup>T</sup> (=NCIMB 15211<sup>T</sup>=CCMM B1302<sup>T</sup>=ICEBB-03<sup>T</sup>), is a potential source of new natural products.

### ISOLATION, MAINTENANCE AND CULTIVATION

Isolate PRKS01-65<sup>T</sup> was recovered from an arid, non-saline soil sample (pH 5.8, organic matter content 0.06%) collected just below the surface of a sand dune in the Parangkusumo region (8° 1’ 7.513” S, 110° 19’ 11.04” E) of Yogyakarta Province, Java, Indonesia by Ali Budhi Kusuma and his students in January 2013 (Fig. S1, available in the online version of this article). One gram of the soil sample was heated at 120°C for 15 min, sprinkled directly over plates of actinomycete isolation agar (HiMedia), pH 7.3, that were incubated at 45°C for up to 14 days [21]. Spores taken from a colony of isolate PRKS01-65<sup>T</sup> growing on one of the isolation plates were used to inoculate yeast extract–malt extract agar [International Streptomyces Project (ISP) medium 2 [22]] plates., which were incubated at 28°C for 7–14 days. Working cultures of the isolate and S. leeuwenhoekii C34<sup>T</sup> [14] were maintained on ISP2 agar plates for long-term preservation the strains were kept as mixtures of hyphal fragments and spores in 20%, v/v glycerol at −20°C and −80°C. Biomass for the chemotaxonomic analyses conducted on the isolate was harvested from ISP2 agar plates which had been shaken at 180 r.p.m. in baffled flasks for 14 days at 28°C following inoculation with 25 ml seed culture of the isolate prepared under the same conditions. The harvested biomass was washed twice in sterile distilled water and freeze-dried.

### CHEMOTAXONOMIC, CULTURAL AND MORPHOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

Isolate PRKS01-65<sup>T</sup> was examined for chemotaxonomic, cultural and morphological properties known to be of value in Streptomyces systematics [4, 23]. Isomers of diaminopimelic acid (A<sub>pm</sub>) were sought as described by Staneck and Roberts [24], whole-organism sugars after Lechevalier and Lechevalier [25], and isoprenoid quinones and polar lipid profiles following the integrated procedure of Minnikin and his colleagues [26]. Fatty acids extracted from the isolate, cultivated under the same conditions as in an earlier study on S. leeuwenhoekii C34<sup>T</sup> [14], were methylated and analysed using the Sherlock Microbial Identification (mid) system and the resultant peaks identified using the actino6 database [27]. Gram-stain and micromorphological properties were recorded following growth on ISP2 agar for 7 days at 28°C. Growth taken from the ISP2 agar plate was examined for spore-chain arrangement and spore- surface ornamentation using a scanning electron microscope (Tescan Vega 3, LMU instrument) following the procedure described by O’Donnell et al. [28]. Cultural properties of the isolate were recorded from tryptone–yeast extract, yeast extract–malt extract, oatmeal, inorganic salts–starch, glycerol–asparagine, peptone–yeast extract–iron and tyrosine agar plates (ISP media 1–7) [22] after 21 days at 28°C. Aerial and substrate...
mycelial colours and those of diffusible pigments were determined by comparisons against colour charts [29].

The chemotaxonomic, cultural and morphological properties of the isolate were consistent with its classification in the genus *Streptomyces* [30]. The organism was Gram-stain-positive, formed circular colonies bearing a grey aerial spore mass (Fig. S2a) and an extensively branched substrate mycelium carrying aerial hyphae that differentiated into spiral chains of smooth surfaced spores (Fig. S2b). Whole-organism hydrolysates of the strain were rich in L-L-A, pm (Fig. S3), galactose and ribose with lesser proportions of glucose and mannose (Fig. S4). The major isopenologens were hexa- and octa-hydrogenated menaquinones (34 and 66%, respectively) and the polar lipids included diphosphatidyglycerol, phosphatidylethanolamine (diagnostic component), phosphatidylinositol and phosphatidylinositol mannosides (Fig. S5). The major fatty acids were in very good agreement with those found in *S. leeuwenhoekii* C34T [14], apart from differences in minor components, as exemplified by the absence of iso-C<sub>10:0</sub>, C<sub>14:0</sub> and C<sub>17:0</sub> in the profile of isolate PRKS01-657 (Table 1).

Table S1 shows that the isolate and *S. leeuwenhoekii* C34T grew well on all of the ISP media. In general, the isolate formed a white to greyish-white aerial spore mass and a brown substrate mycelium on these media and the *S. leeuwenhoekii* strain an olivaceous greenish-grey aerial spore mass and a yellowish-white substrate mycelium. A brown diffusible pigment was produced by the isolate on ISP media 1, 2 and 4 whereas *S. leeuwenhoekii* C34T exhibited yellowish to yellowish-grey diffusible pigments on all the ISP formulations, apart from ISP media 1 and 5.

**WHOLE GENOME SEQUENCING**

Genomic DNA was extracted from wet biomass of a single colony of the isolate grown on ISP2 agar for 7 days at 28 °C following the protocol provided by MicrobesNG (Birmingham, UK; www.microbesng.uk) and sequenced using a MiSeq instrument (Illumina). Genomic DNA libraries were prepared at MicrobesNG using a Nextera XT library preparation kit. The purity and concentration of the extracted genomic DNA was measured using the Microlab star liquid handling system (Hamilton) and libraries determined with the Kapa Biosystem library quantification kit designed for Illumina instruments on a LightCycler 96 real time PCR instrument (Roche). The libraries were sequenced following the 2×250 bp paired-end protocol (MicrobesNG). Reads were trimmed using Trimmomatic software version 0.38 [31] and their quality assessed with in-house scripts and SAmtools, BedTools and BWA-MEM software [32–34]. Reads under 200bp were discarded and contigs assembled using SPAdes software version 3.1.1 [35]. The draft genome assembly was annotated using the rastweb server [36, 37] with default options and is available from GenBank (accession number WYCT00000000). The isolate was found to have a draft genome size of 8.0 Mb with 175× mean coverage, 1096 contigs and 66 tRNA genes, a single 16S rRNA gene, 7 23S rRNA genes, 7137 coding sequences (CDS) and an in silico G+C content of 73 mol%. Genomic features of the *S. leeuwenhoekii* have been reported [18].

**PHYLOGENY**

An almost full-length 16S rRNA gene sequence (1528 bp; GenBank accession number MK503548) was extracted directly from the draft genome of the isolate using the ContEst16S tool available from the EZBioCloud server (www.ezbiocloud.net/tools/contest16s) [38]. The resultant 16S rRNA gene sequence was compared with corresponding sequences of the type strains of the most closely related *Streptomyces* species retrieved from the EzBiocloud server [39] following multiple sequence alignment generated using muscle software [40]. Pairwise sequence similarities were determined using the single-gene tree option in the Genome-to-Genome Distance Calculator (GGDC) web server [41, 42]. Phylogenetic trees were inferred using the maximum-likelihood [43], maximum-parsimony [44] and neighbour-joining [45] algorithms. The resultant trees were evaluated using bootstrap analyses based on 1000 replicates [46] from the mega X software package [47] using the two-parameter model of Jukes and Cantor [48]. The trees were rooted using a 16S rRNA gene sequence from *Streptomyces albus* subsp. *albus* NRRL B-18117 (GenBank accession number JX486031.1), the type strain of the type species of the genus *Streptomyces*.

The phylogenetic trees (Fig. 1) show that the isolate forms a well-supported branch in the *Streptomyces* 16S rRNA gene tree together with *S. leeuwenhoekii* C34T; the type strain of *Streptomyces glomeratus* [49] joins this group, albeit with low bootstrap support. *Streptomyces chiangmaiensis* TA4.1T [50] is associated with this taxon but without statistical support. The isolate shares 16S rRNA gene sequence similarities with these strains of 99.9, 98.8 and 98.9%, respectively. The last two values are well below the threshold recommended by Meier-Kolthoff et al. [42] for assigning closely related actinobacteria to the same species. The isolate shares sequence similarities of either 98.7 or 98.8% with the remaining *Streptomyces* type strains. In general, these results correspond to those reported by Busarakam et al. [14], who noted that relationships between *S. leeuwenhoekii* C34T and closely related *Streptomyces* species were sensitive to the treeing algorithms used, indicating that this part of the *Streptomyces* 16S rRNA gene tree is unstable.

Multilocus sequence analyses (MLSA) were undertaken based on 2528 nucleotides of partial sequences of five concatenated housekeeping genes: *atpD* (encodes ATP synthase F1 B-subunit), *gyrB* (gyrase B subunit), *recA* (recombinase protein A), *rpoB* (DNA-directed RNA polymerase B subunit) and *trpB* (tryptophan synthase B subunit). The resultant MLSA tree (Fig. 2) was based on information taken from the draft genome of the isolate and from available corresponding partial gene sequences of *Streptomyces* strains accessed from the NCBI GenBank database, the sequence data are presented in Table S2. Pairwise sequence similarities between the datasets were calculated using the GGDC web server [41] and phylogenetic analyses conducted with the GGDC webserver and
the DSMZ phylogenomic pipeline [51]. In turn, multiple sequence alignments were generated using muscle software [40] and a maximum-likelihood tree inferred from alignment with RAxML [52] using rapid bootstrapping and the auto maximum-relative-error criterion [53]. In addition, a maximum-parsimony tree was inferred from the alignments with the Tree Analysis New Technology (TNT) program [54] using 1000 bootstraps with tree-bisection-and-reconnection branch swapping and 10 random sequence replicates. The sequences were checked
for computational bias using the X² test, as implemented in PAUP* (Phylogenetic Analysis Using Parsimony) [55].

It is apparent from the concatenated tree (Fig. 2) that most of the branches are supported by high bootstrap values providing further evidence that Streptomyces phylogenies based on MLSA gene sequences give better resolution than corresponding 16S rRNA gene trees [23, 56]. The MLSA tree underlines the close relationship between the isolate and S. leeuwenhoekii C34T and shows that these strains are part to a well-defined clade that includes the type strains of Streptomyces griseorosamini [57, 58], Streptomyces griseoasteriniius [57, 58] and Streptomyces lomondensis [59], 60 the type strains of S. glomeratus [49], S. labedae [60] and Streptomyces spinoverrucosus [61] are located towards the periphery of this group. All the strains assigned to this clade produce spiral chains of spiny ornamental spores with the exception of isolate PRKS01-65T and S. leeuwenhoekii C34T [14], which form spiral chains of spores with smooth surfaces. The MLSA evolutionary distances between the isolates ranged from 0.016 to 0.141 (Table S3); that is, well above the species level threshold of ≤0.007 used to distinguish between closely related species [56, 62]. In the present analyses, the S. leeuwenhoekii strain was found to be related to a markedly different set of Streptomyces type strains when compared with corresponding MLSA data reported by Busarakam et al. [14] who found that relationships between the S. leeuwenhoekii and the type strains of closely related Streptomyces species varied depending on the treeing algorithm used. However, greater confidence can be placed in the results of the present analysis since most of the branches in the tree are supported by high bootstrap values.

A phylogenomic tree was generated based on whole-genome sequences of the isolate and its closest phylogenetic neighbors using the Type (Strain) Genome Server (TYGS) [63] available at http://tygs.dsmz.de. The minimum-evolutionary tree was inferred using FastME 2.1.6.1 software [64] based on the Genome BLAST Distance Phylogeny (GBDP). Distances were calculated from pairwise genome comparisons using formula (d5) [41]. GBDP pseudo-bootstrap support values were calculated using 100 replicates and the tree rooted at the midpoint [65]. The phylogenomic tree (Fig. 3) confirms the close relationship between the isolate and S. leeuwenhoekii C34T as these strains form a well-supported branch in the phylgenomic tree that is sharply separated from corresponding branches composed of the type strains of the most closely related Streptomyces species.

**GENOMIC CHARACTERIZATION**

The genome sequence of isolate PRKS01-65T was compared with that of S. leeuwenhoekii C34T (GenBank accession number AZSD00000000). Orthologous average nucleotide identity (orthoANI) [66] and digital DNA–DNA hybridization (dDDH) [42] values were calculated using the ANI calculator tool from the EZBioCloud (www.ezbiocloud.net/tools/ani) and the GGDC webserver (http://ggdc.dsmz.de/ggdc), respectively. The genome of the isolate was annotated and assigned to different functional classes using the RAST webserver available at http://rast.nmpdr.org/

The dDDH similarities between the genome of the isolate and S. leeuwenhoekii C34T was 56.0%, a value well below the 70% threshold used to assign strains to the same genomic species [67]; the corresponding pairwise orthoANI value of 94.3% was just below the threshold used to distinguish between closely related prokaryotic species [68, 69]. The relative distribution of the different functional gene classes in the genome of the isolate (Fig. S6) is similar to those found in the genomes of S. leeuwenhoekii C34T, ‘Streptomyces coelicolor’ A3(2) [70] and ‘Streptomyces lividans’ 66 [71].

**PHENOTYPIC TRAITS**

Isolate PRKS01-65T and S. leeuwenhoekii C34T were examined for a broad range of phenotypic properties known to be value in distinguishing between Streptomyces species [8, 30, 72, 73]. The enzymatic profiles of the strains were determined using API-ZYM strips (bioMérieux) and biochemical, degradative and physiological properties using media and methods taken from Williams et al. [73]. The ability of the strains to grow under different temperature and pH regimes and in the

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**Fig. 3.** Phylogenomic tree showing relationships between isolate PRKS01-65T and the most closely related Streptomyces type strains obtained using the TYGS platform. The number at the nodes are GBDP pseudo-bootstrap support values based on 100 replicates. The average branch support is 96.1%. The tree is rooted at the midpoint. The accession numbers of genome sequences are given in parentheses.
presence of various sodium chloride concentrations were recorded using ISP2 agar as the basal medium. pH values were achieved using phosphate buffers. All of these tests were carried out in duplicate using a standard inoculum equivalent to 5.0 on the McFarland scale [74]. Identical results were obtained between the duplicated cultures for all of the phenotypic tests, several of which were weighted to distinguish between the isolate and \textit{S. leeuwenhoekii} \textit{C34} T (Table 2). Thus, the isolate, unlike the \textit{S. leeuwenhoekii} strain, produced β-glucosidase, lipase (C14) and α-mannosidase, hydrolysed urea, and degraded chitin and xanthine. In contrast, only \textit{S. leeuwenhoekii} \textit{C34} T formed alkaline phosphatase and esterase (C4), metabolized adenine, elastin, guanine, tributyrin and Tween 40, and grew above pH 7.5 and at 4 and 50 °C. Both strains produced acid phosphatase, α-chymotrypsin, cystine arylamidase, esterase lipase, β-galactosidase, α-acetyl-β-glucoaminidase, naphthol-AS-BI-phosphohydrolase, trypsin and valine arylamidase, hydrolysed allantoin and arbutin, degraded hypoxanthine, starch, uric acid and Tween 80, reduced nitrate, and were catalase-positive. Neither strain produced α-fucosidase, α-glucosidase or β-glucoronidase, hydrolysed aesculin, or degraded casein, keratin, xylan or Tweens 20 and 60.

The presence of putative biosynthetic gene clusters (BGs) encoding for natural products were sought in the genome of the isolate using the antiSMASH 5.0 platform [75] available at http://antismash.secondarymetabolites.org. AntiSMASH predicts BGCs and prospective products based on the percentage of genes from the closest known BGCs showing significant BLAST hits to the genome under consideration. In the present study, the genome of the isolate, unlike that of the \textit{S. leeuwenhoekii} \textit{C34} T, was associated with the production of several known antibiotics albeit with low gene similarities (<70 %), as exemplified by actinoallolide A (30%; [76]), enduracidin (6%; [77]), rustimicin (6%; [78]) and tautomycin (27%; [79]). In contrast, only the genome of \textit{S. leeuwenhoekii} \textit{C34} T [18] contains the BGCs that express for a new family of ansamycin-like compounds, the chaxa-mycins, which show potent antibacterial and moderate anticancer activity [80].

It can be concluded from the present study that isolate PRKS01-65 T is a bone fide member of the genus \textit{Streptomyces}. The isolate is closely related to \textit{S. leeuwenhoekii} \textit{C34} T, but not especially close to other \textit{Streptomyces} species. The isolate and the \textit{S. leeuwenhoekii} strain can be distinguished by a wealth of genotypic and phenotypic data, notably by a low dDDH value. It is proposed that isolate PRKS01-65 T (=NCIMB 15211 T =CCMM B1302 T =ICEBB-03 T ) be recognized as the type and only strain belonging to \textit{Streptomyces harenosi} sp. nov. The isolate has a large genome (8 Mb) which contains putatively novel BGCs and hence can be considered gifted in the sense of Baltz [17].

### DESCRIPTION OF \textit{STREPTOMYCES HARENOSI} SP. NOV.

\textit{Streptomyces harenosi} (ha.re.no’si. L. gen. n. harenosi, of a sandy place referring to the source of the organism).

Aerobic, Gram-stain positive, catalase-positive actinobacterium which forms an extensively branched substrate mycelium that bears aerial hyphae which differentiate into spiral chains of spores (0.8×1.0 µm) with smooth surfaces on yeast extract–malt extract agar. Brown diffusible pigments are formed on tryptone–yeast extract, yeast extract–malt extract and inorganic salts–starch agar. Grows from 10 to 45 °C, optimally at 28 °C, from pH 5.5 to 7.5, optimally at pH 7.0 and in the presence up to 5% w/v NaCl. Allantoin, arbutin and urea are hydrolysed but not aesculin. Nitrate is reduced. Degrades chitin, hypoxanthine, starch, Tween 80, l-tyrosine, uric acid and xanthine, but not adenine, casein, elastin, keratin, Tween 20, tributyrin

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**Table 2. Phenotypic properties that distinguish \textit{Streptomyces} isolate PRKS01-65 T from \textit{S. leeuwenhoekii} \textit{C34} T**

| Characteristics          | Isolate PRKS01-65 T | \textit{Streptomyces} \textit{leeuwenhoekii} C34 T |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Cultural characteristics on oatmeal agar |                       |                                               |
| Aerial spore mass        | Greyish-olive       | Olivaceous grey-green                         |
| Substrate mycelium       | Greyish-olive       | Yellowish-white                               |
| Diffusible pigment       | −                   | Yellowish                                     |
| API-ZYM tests            | Alkaline phosphatase | −                                               |
|                          | Esterase (C4)       | −                                               |
|                          | Lipase (C14)        | +                                               |
|                          | α-Mannosidase       | +                                               |
| Biochemical test         | Urea hydrolysis     | +                                               |
| Degradation tests        | Adenine             | −                                               |
|                          | Chitin              | +                                               |
|                          | Elastin             | −                                               |
|                          | Guanine             | +                                               |
|                          | Tributyrin          | −                                               |
|                          | Tween 40            | −                                               |
|                          | Xanthine            | +                                               |
| Tolerance tests          | pH range            | 5.5–7.5                                       |
|                          | Temperature range (°C) | 10–45                                     |
|                          | Growth in presence of NaCl (%, w/v) | 1–5                                      | 1–10                                      |
or xylan. Positive for acid phosphatase, α-chymotrypsin, cystine arylamidase, esterase lipase, β-galactosidase, α-acetyl-β-glucosaminidase, β-glucosidase, α-mannosidase, naphthol-AS-BI-phosphohydrolase, trypsin and valine arylamidase, but negative for α-fucosidase, α-glucosidase and β-glucoronidase. Whole-organism hydrolysates are rich in L-L-A2pm, galactose and ribose, the predominant fatty acids are anteso-C15:0 and iso-C16:0, the major menaquinone is MK-9 (H8), and phosphatidylethanolamine is the diagnostic phospholipid. The DNA G+C content of the type strain is 73.36 mol% and the approximate genome size 8.0 Mb.

The type strain, PRKS01-65T (=NCIMB 15211T =CCMM B1302T =ICEBB-03T ), was isolated from a sandy soil sample collected from an arid sand dune at Parangkusumo, Yogyakarta Province, Java, Indonesia. The GenBank accession number of the assembled draft genome of strain PRKS01-65T is WYCT00000000.

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Conflicts of interest
The authors declare that there are no conflicts of interest.

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