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Draft genome sequence of *Mameliella alba* strain UMTAT08 isolated from clonal culture of toxic dinoflagellate *Alexandrium tamiyavanichii*

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**Abstract**

*Mameliella alba* strain UMTAT08 was isolated from clonal culture of paralytic shellfish toxin producing dinoflagellate, *Alexandrium tamiyavanichii*. Genome of the strain UMTAT08 was sequenced in order to gain insights into the dinoflagellate-bacteria interactions. The draft genome sequence of strain UMTAT08 contains 5.84Mbp with an estimated G + C content of 65%, 5717 open reading frames, 5 rRNAs and 49 tRNAs. It contains genes related to nutrients uptake, quorum sensing and environmental tolerance related genes. Gene clusters for the biosynthesis of type 1 polyketide synthase, bacteriocin, microcin, terpene and ectoine were also identified. This is suggesting that the bacterium possesses diverse adaptation strategy to survive within the dinoflagellate phycosphere. The draft genome sequence and annotation have been deposited at DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank under the accession number JSUQ00000000.

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**2. Experimental design, materials and methods**

Dinoflagellates are phytoplanktons that play an important role in the primary productivity of the world’s oceans. However, several species of this microalgae are known to produce a wide variety of toxins that can cause seafood poisoning via transfer through the food chain. Moreover, many countries are affected by harmful algal blooms (HABs) and related shellfish toxicity and fish mortality events. A clonal culture of toxic dinoflagellate *Alexandrium tamiyavanichii* was established during an investigation of HABs and shellfish poisoning reported after consumption of green mussels originated from a mussels culture farm in Malacca, Malaysia. Toxins analysis confirmed the ability of this dinoflagellate to produce PSP toxins [1]. A specific community of bacteria is believed to be associated with marine dinoflagellates. The bacteria can be free living in the phycosphere, can be attached to the surface of the algal cells or can occur as intracellular algal symbionts [2]. They may play an important role in growth, physiology and modulating the biosynthesis of PSP toxins [3]. In order to understand the dinoflagellate-bacteria interactions, a study was carried out to investigate the cultivable bacterial diversity associated with toxic dinoflagellate *A. tamiyavanichii*. During this study, *Mameliella alba* strain UMTAT08 was isolated.

*Mameliella alba* belongs to the *Roseobacter* clade in the order *Rhodobacterales* [4]. Members of the *Roseobacter* clade are abundant in the marine environments suggesting that they play important roles in

**Specifications**

| Organism         | Mameliella alba |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Strain           | UMTAT08         |
| Sequencer        | Illumina HiSeq 2000 |
| Data format      | Assembled      |
| Experimental     | Bacterial strain isolated from paralytic shellfish toxins |
| Experimental     | De novo genome sequencing followed by assembly and annotation |
| Consent          | N/A             |
| Sample source    | Clonal culture of dinoflagellate *Alexandrium tamiyavanichii* from Straits of Malacca, Malaysia |
| location         |                 |

**1. Direct link to deposited data**

[http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/JSUQ00000000](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/JSUQ00000000)

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marine ecosystems, such as the degradation of aromatic compounds and the biogeochemical cycles of carbon and sulfur [5]. The genome of strain UMTAT08 was sequenced in order to gain genetic insights into the role of *Mameliella alba* in the phycosphere of dinoflagellate. Strain UMTAT08 was cultured in Marine Broth 2216 (MB; Difco). Genomic DNA was then extracted using the GF-1 nucleic acid extraction kit (Vivantis, Malaysia). Sequencing was performed on the Illumina HiSeq2000 generating 31,195,648 raw FASTQ paired-end reads. Two million reads were sub-sampled for error correction and de novo assembly using SPAdes v.3.1.0 [6]. Resulting contigs were used for scaffolding then gap-closing using SSPACE 2.0 and GapFiller v1.11 [7,8]. Sixty-two gap filled contigs with an N50 of 10 sequences longer than 226,111 bp were produced and the total sequence length was 5,837,382 bp with a 62× coverage. Prokka v1.8 annotation pipeline comprising of Prodigal (v2.60), RNAmmer (v1.2) and Aragorn (v1.2.36) was used to annotate the genome predicting 5717 open reading frames, 5 rRNAs and 49 tRNAs [9–12]. The predicted 16S rRNA was analyzed to identify its phylogenetic affiliation using the EzTaxon server (http://www.ezbiocloud.net/eztaxon) [13]. Results showed that strain UMTAT08 was most closely related to *Ponticoccus litoralis* (96.73% similarity) and *Mameliella alba* (95.62% similarity). However, average nucleotide identity (ANI) was then calculated and strain UMTAT08 was confirmed as *Mameliella alba* [14]. InterProScan5 was used to provide additional annotation to the predicted protein sequences [15]. In addition, distribution of genes in COG categories for strain UMTAT08 (Fig. 1) was obtained through the IMG system [16]. Furthermore, antiSMASH was used to identify the presence of secondary metabolite biosynthesis gene clusters in the genome [17].

Analysis of the genome revealed genes associated with nutrients uptake and environmental adaptation, including osmotic and oxidative stress as well as quorum sensing. The genome is predicted to have genes involved in the degradation of aromatic compounds and metabolism of nitrogenous and sulfur compounds, potentially enabling strain UMTAT08 to utilize the dinoflagellate exudates as an immediate source of energy. Interestingly, several gene clusters for the biosynthesis of type 1 polyketide synthase, bacteriocin, microcin, terpene and ectoine have been identified (contig 1, 2, 7, 12, 14 & 23). This suggests that strain UMTAT08 possess better ability to compete with other bacteria to colonize the host dinoflagellate as survival mechanism.

**Nucleotide sequence accession number**

The draft genome sequence of *Mameliella alba* strain UMTAT08 has been deposited at DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank under the BioProject number PRJNA265019, BioSample number SAMN03145050 and Accession number JSUQ0000000.

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