



Genome Report

Whole-Genome Sequence of *Streptomyces pluripotens* strain MUM 16J, a Potential Resource of Glycopeptide Antibiotic and Biocontrol Agent against Biofilm-forming Bacteria

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Abstract: *Streptomyces pluripotens* strain MUM 16J is a Gram-positive filamentous bacteria isolated from mangrove soil in Kampung Trombol area of Kuching, Sarawak. The draft genome of *Streptomyces pluripotens* strain MUM 16J consists of 7,671,699 bp assembled into 164 contigs. The GC content of the genome is 70.06 %, and the sequencing coverage of 108×. Its genome consists of 6,781 predicted genes, 6,459 protein-coding genes, and 79 RNA-coding genes (tRNA: 71, rRNA: 8). Here we report the draft genome of this strain to highlight its potential in producing glycopeptide antibiotic as well as catechol, a biocontrol agent of biofilm-producing bacteria.

Keywords: *Streptomyces pluripotens*; genome; antibiofilm; glycopeptide; catechol; Malaysia

1. Introduction

Streptomyces are traditionally considered as Gram-positive spores-producing, soildwelling and mycelium-forming filamentous bacteria with enormous potential for biotechnological and pharmaceutical applications ^[1-4]. *Streptomyces* has been a rich source of valuable medicinal chemicals, ranging from antibiotic to antifungal, antioxidant, antiparasitic to even anticancer compounds ^[5-12]. Other than medical and pharmaceutical industry, *Streptomyces* also play an important role in various industrial bioprocesses such as industrial fermentative production ^[13-18]. The study of microbes in pristine environments such as the unexplored regions of rainforest, peat swamp forest and mangrove forest represent a promising avenue of research for the discovery of new biologically active compounds ^[19-23]. In this study, we present the genomic features of *S. pluripotens* strain MUM 16J derived from an unexplored mangrove environment and highlight its capability to produce glycopeptide antibiotic and catechol (biocontrol agent of biofilm-forming bacteria).

2. Data description

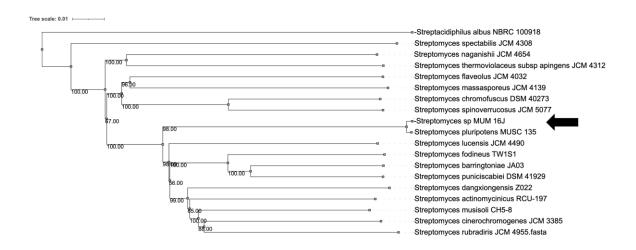
Streptomyces sp. strain MUM 16J was isolated from the mangrove soil in Kampung Trombol area of Kuching, Sarawak. Bacteria were routinely grown in International *Streptomyces* Project (ISP) 2 medium at 28°C ^[24]. The genomic DNA was extracted using the MasterPure Gram-positive DNA purification kit (Lucigen, Middleton, WI, USA), according to the recommended procedures of the manufacturer ^[25]. Subsequently, the extracted DNA was subjected to RNase treatment. Prior to sequencing library construction, the quantity and quality of the extracted genomic DNA were measured using a Qubit 2.0 fluorometer and a NanoDrop 2000 spectrophotometer (both Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA), respectively ^[26]. The sequencing library was constructed using Nextera[™] DNA Sample Preparation kit (Nextera, USA) ^[27]. The library profile, size distribution and concentration of the sequencing library were evaluated using Bioanalyser 2100 High Sensitivity DNA kit (Agilent Technologies, Palo Alto, CA) prior to performing paired-end sequencing on MiSeq platform with MiSeq Reagent Kit 2 (2×250bp; Illumina Inc., Madison, WI, USA) ^[28, 29].

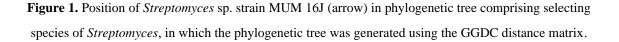
Upon completion of the whole genome sequencing, the quality of the sequencing raw reads was evaluated using FastQC (version 0.11.9) ^[30]. Subsequently, sequencing reads with a mapping quality below Q20 were removed from subsequent analysis using Trimmomatic (version 0.39) ^[31]. The quality-trimmed reads were assembled *de novo* using SPAdes (version 3.14.1) ^[32]. The assembled genome was evaluated based on contiguity and completeness with single-copy orthologs using the QUAST (version 5.2.0) ^[33] and Benchmarking Universal Single-Copy Orthologs (BUSCO) (version 5.4.4) ^[34], respectively. The lineage datasets in the BUSCO analysis were streptomycetales_odb10. The assembled sequences were annotated using Prokka (version 1.14.6) and NCBI Prokaryotic Genome Annotation Pipeline (version 4.13). The genomic features of *S. pluripotens* strain MUM 16J are shown in Table 1. From the BUSCO analysis, a total of 1,579 BUSCO markers were searched, of which there are 1,571 complete and single-copy BUSCO markers were found and 2 BUSCO markers were missing.

	Streptomyces pluripotens MUM 16J
Strain	MUM 16J
Total number of contigs	164
Genome size (bp)	7,671,699
Sequencing coverage	108×
GC (%)	70.06
N50 (bp)	164,408
N90 (bp)	40,084
L50 (bp)	15
L90 (bp)	47
Total number of predicted genes	6,781
Total number of protein-coding genes	6,459
Total number of RNA-coding genes	79 (tRNA-coding genes: 71, rRNA-coding
	genes: 8)
Total number of ncRNA-coding genes	3
Total number of pseudogenes	243
BioSample	SAMN16860772
BioProject	PRJNA679886
GenBank Assembly Accession Number	GCA_022414615.1
GenBank Nucleotide Accession Number	JADWYN000000000.1

Table 1. Genomic features of Streptomyces pluripotens strain MUM 16J.

From the assembled genome, the 16S ribosomal RNA (rRNA) gene of *Streptomyces pluripotens* strain MUM 16J was predicted using Barrnap (version 0.9) ^[35], and the predicted 16S rRNA gene sequence was searched against EzBioCloud Database ^[36, 37], a well-curated database of 16S rRNA sequences and bacterial genomes. From the 16S gene analysis using the EzBioCloud Database, the 16S rRNA gene of strain MUM 16J has a similarity and completeness of 100%, respectively, with *S. pluripotens* strain MUSC 135, suggesting strain MUM 16J is very likely to be *S. pluripotens*.





The identities of the strain MUM 16J were also determined by a whole genome-based taxonomic analysis via Type (Strain) Genome Server (TYGS) ^[38], and digital DNA-DNA hybridization (dDDH) calculations via Genome-to-Genome Distance Calculator (GGDC) (version 3.0) ^[39-41]. The digital DDH values were calculated using GGDC distance formula d_4 , which is the sum of all identities found in the high-score segment pairs (HSPs) divided by the total length of all HSPs. Supplementary Table S1 shows the analysis findings of GGDC. Figure 1 shows the position of strain MUM 16J in the phylogenetic tree comprising selecting species of *Streptomyces*, in which the phylogenetic tree was generated using the GGDC distance matrix (Kendall-Colijn test, P < 0.05).

The genome of *Streptomyces pluripotens* strain MUM 16J was used as a query to compare against the reference strains, namely *S. pluripotens* strains MUSC 135 (NCBI Accession number: CP021080.1) and strain MUSC 137 (NCBI Accession number: CP022433.1), using BLAST ^[42]. This is to identify the accessory genomes or non-core genome of strain MUM16J ^[43]. The accessory genome of strain MUM16J was analyzed using

antiSMASH (version 7.0) ^[44-46] and SeMPI (version 2.0) ^[47, 48] in order to identify its biosynthetic gene clusters. From the analysis output of antiSMASH, a glycopeptide antibiotic-producing BGS was identified on NZ_JADWYN010000070.1. From the analysis output of SeMPI, two contigs, namely NZ_JADWYN010000151.1 and NZ_JADWYN010000152.1, were predicted to carry the gene which is responsible for the biosynthesis of catechol, in which catechol is a biofilm-inhibiting compound ^[49, 50].

The draft genome sequence of *S. pluripotens* strain MUM 16J has been deposited at DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank under the accession number JADWYN010000000.1. The version described in this paper is the first version. The data are publicly available at NCBI GenBank under the BioProject accession number PRJNA679886, and the BioSample accession number SAMN16860772.

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