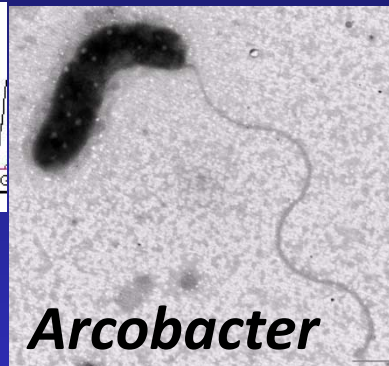
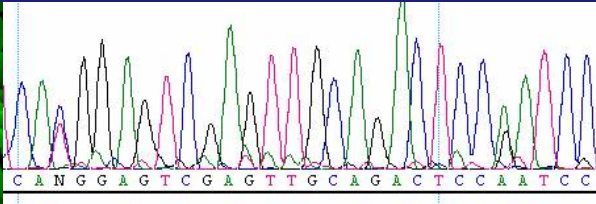
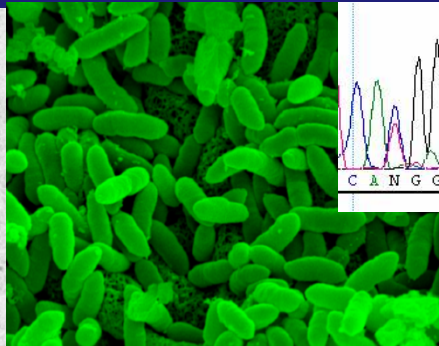
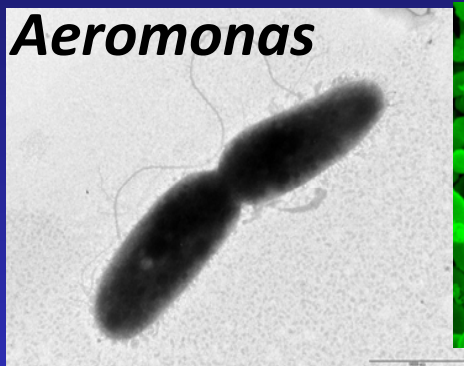


Taxonomic and toxicogenic potential derived from whole genome sequencing (WGS) information

Aeromonas



Arcobacter



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OBJECTIVES

- To present the strategies to determine the species and strain identity using the genome information
- To underline additional information such antibiotic resistance and virulence genes that can be found in the genomes

Standard requirements for defining new bacteria species

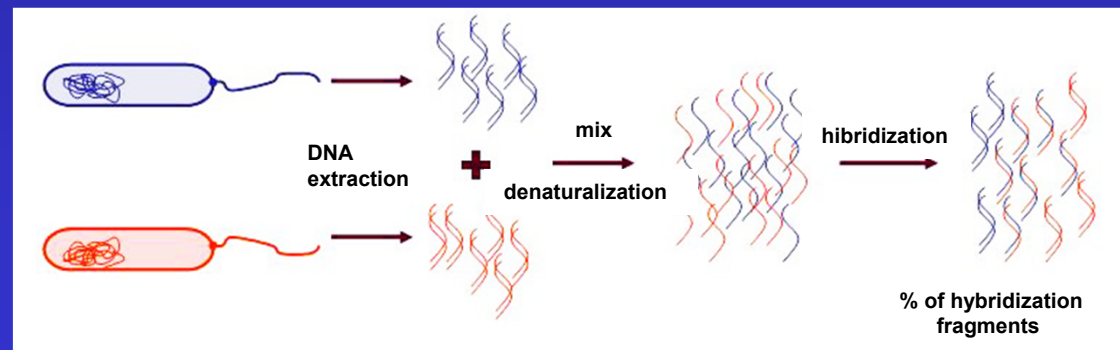
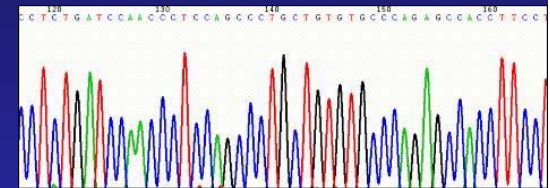
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3. **Sequences of the 16S rRNA gene (>1300bp, <5% ambiguity)**

similarity > 97%
(Stackebrandt & Goebel 1994)

DNA-DNA hybridization

> 70% DNA corresponded to the same species



Genera and species of bacteria in which the 16S rRNA posses a poor resolution for their discrimination

Genus	Species
<i>Aeromonas</i>	<i>A. veronii</i> , <i>A. caviae</i> , <i>A. trota</i> , <i>A. salmonicida</i> , <i>A. bestiarum</i>
<i>Bacillus</i>	<i>B. anthracis</i> , <i>B. cereus</i> , <i>B. thuringiensis</i> , <i>B. globisporus</i> , <i>B. psychrophilus</i>
<i>Bordetella</i>	<i>B. pertussis</i> , <i>B. parapertussis</i> , <i>B. bronchiseptica</i> , <i>B. holmesii</i>
<i>Brucella</i>	<i>B. melitensis</i> , <i>B. abortus</i> , <i>B. suis</i> y otros
<i>Burkholderia</i>	<i>B. mallei</i> , <i>B. pseudomallei</i> , <i>B. cocovenenans</i> , <i>B. gladioli</i> , <i>B. thailandensis</i> , <i>B. cepacia</i> , <i>B. vietnamiensis</i> , <i>B. multivorans</i> , <i>B. stabilis</i>
<i>Campylobacter</i>	<i>C. jejuni</i> <i>C. coli</i>
<i>Corynebacterium</i>	<i>C. diphtheriae</i> , <i>C. pseudotuberculosis</i> , <i>C. ulcerans</i> , <i>C. kutscheri</i> , <i>C. afermentans</i>
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	<i>E. coli</i> , <i>Shigella</i> spp./ <i>E. coli</i> enteroinvasivo (EIEC)
<i>Streptococcus</i>	<i>S. sinensis</i> , <i>S. gallolyticus</i> , <i>S. infantarius</i> , <i>S. pneumoniae</i> , <i>S. pseudopneumoniae</i> , <i>S. salivarius</i> , <i>S. mutans</i> , <i>S. suis</i> , <i>S. sanguinis</i> , <i>S. cristatus</i> , <i>S. sinensis</i> , <i>S. anginosus</i> , <i>S. intermedius</i> , <i>S. constellatus</i> , <i>S. mitis</i> , <i>S. infantis</i> , <i>S. parvulus</i> , <i>S. oralis</i> , <i>S. oligofermentans</i> , etc
<i>Vibrio</i>	<i>V. harveyi</i>, <i>V. campbelli</i>

100% similarity

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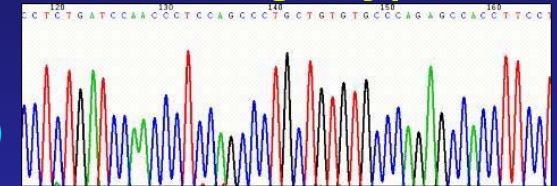
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DNA-DNA hybridization
> 70%



5. **Multilocus sequence analysis (MLSA) or phylogenetic analysis (MLPA) of a minimum of 5 housekeeping genes**
6. **Genotyping (ERIC-PCR, AFLP..)**
7. **Chemotaxonomic properties** (cell wall composition, lipids, fatty acids ...)

Taxonomy and Epidemiology of the Genus *Arcobacter*

Luis Collado

**3 new
species**



Reus, 2010

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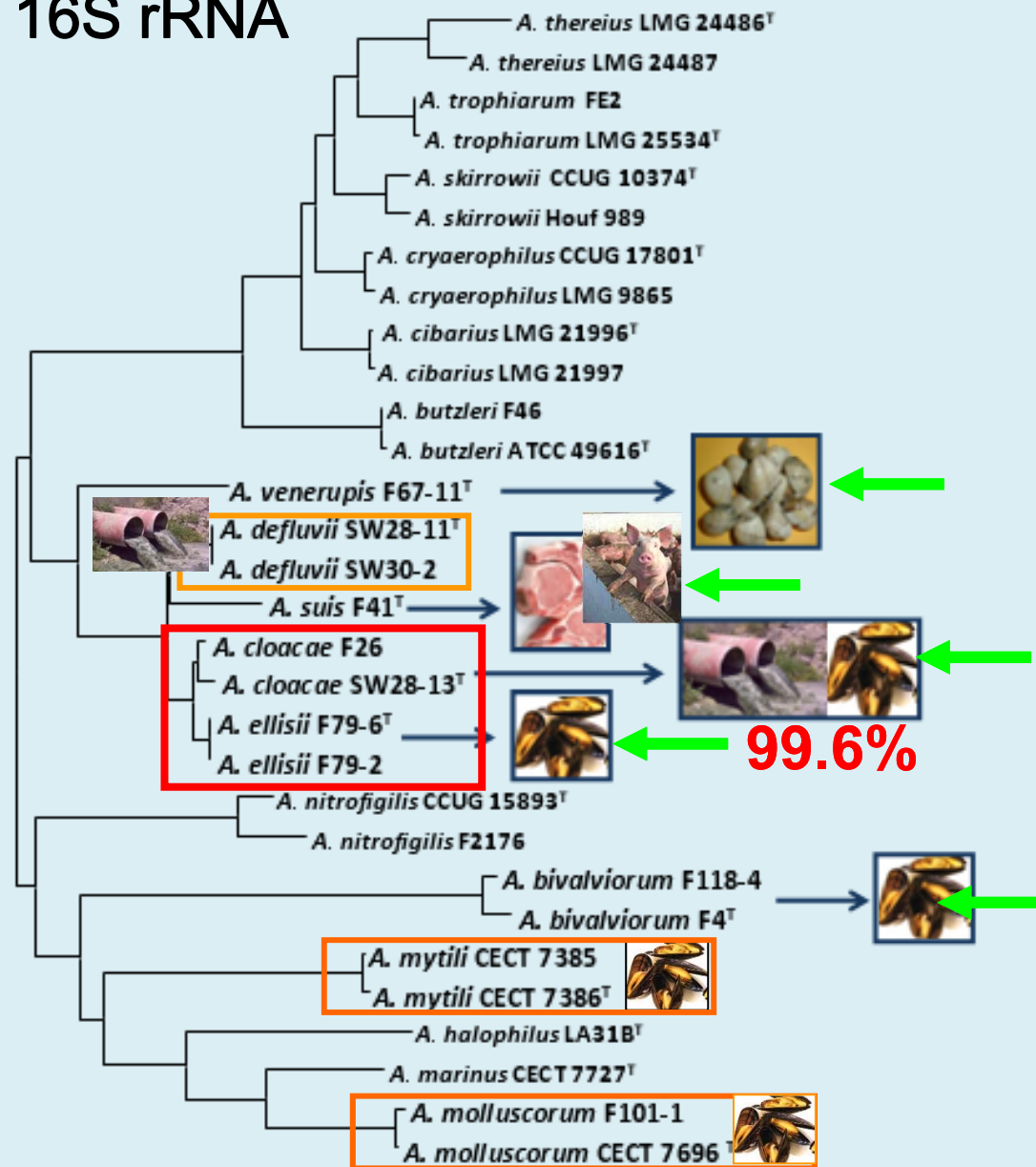
Sanitary importance of *Arcobacter*

**5 new
species**



Arturo Alberto Levican Asenjo
Doctoral Thesis
2013

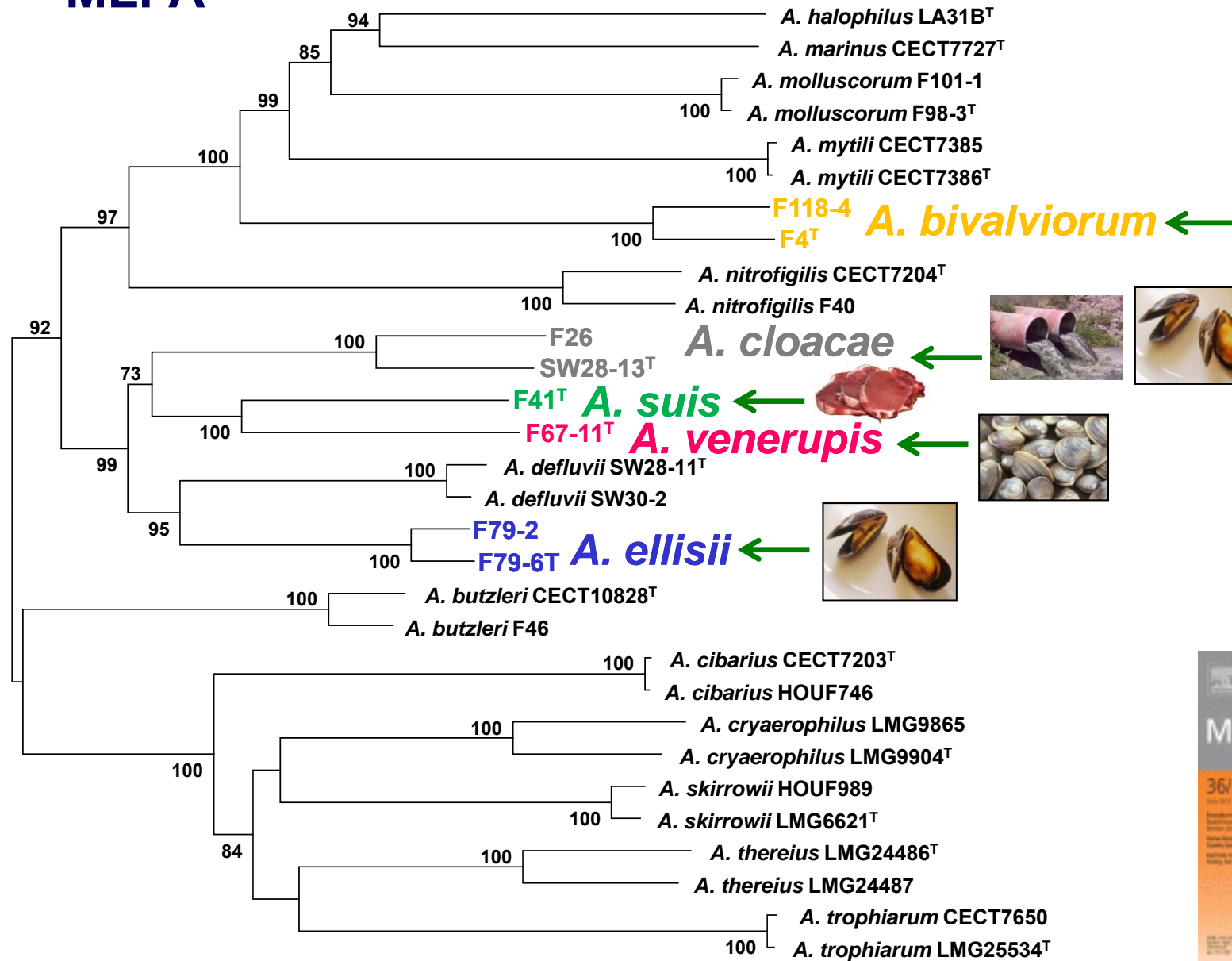
16S rRNA



Neighbour joining tree based on the concatenated sequences of 5 genes:

MLPA

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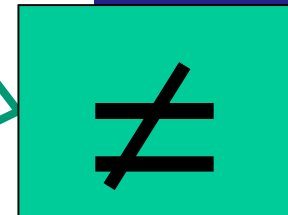
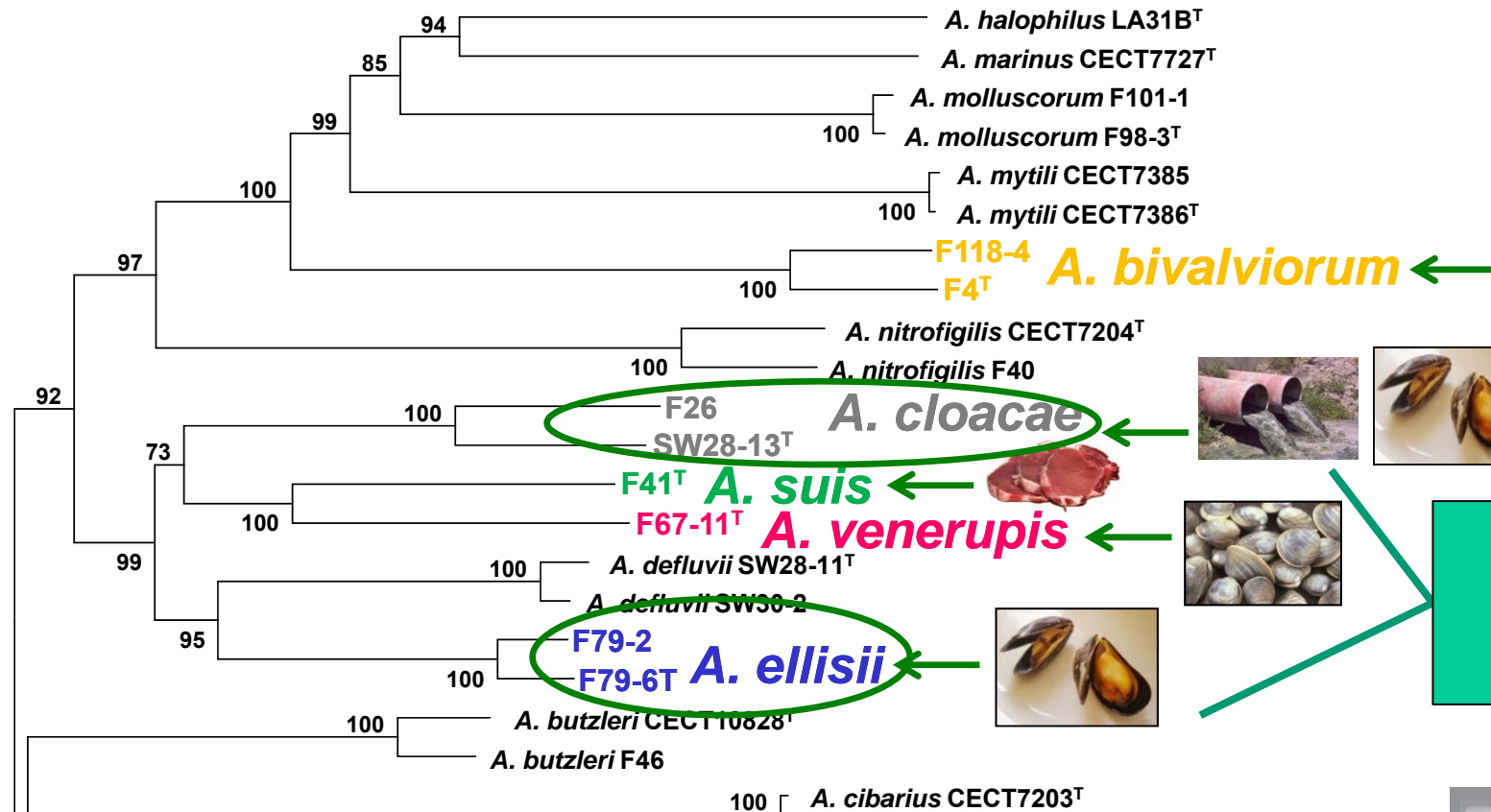
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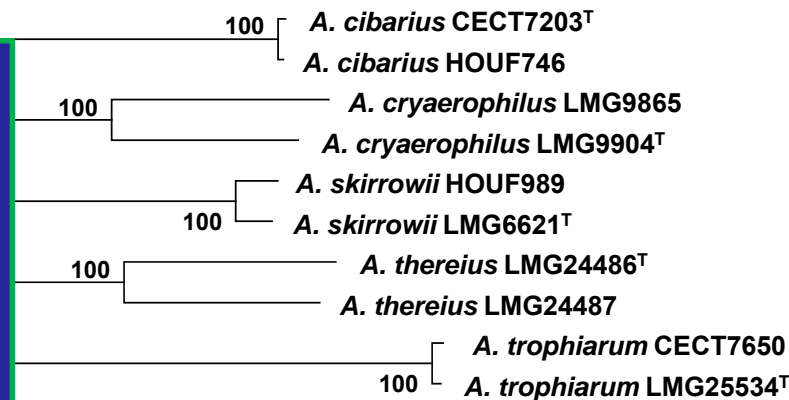
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- 16S rRNA gene
- DDH
- MLPA
- Phenotypic
- MALDI-TOF

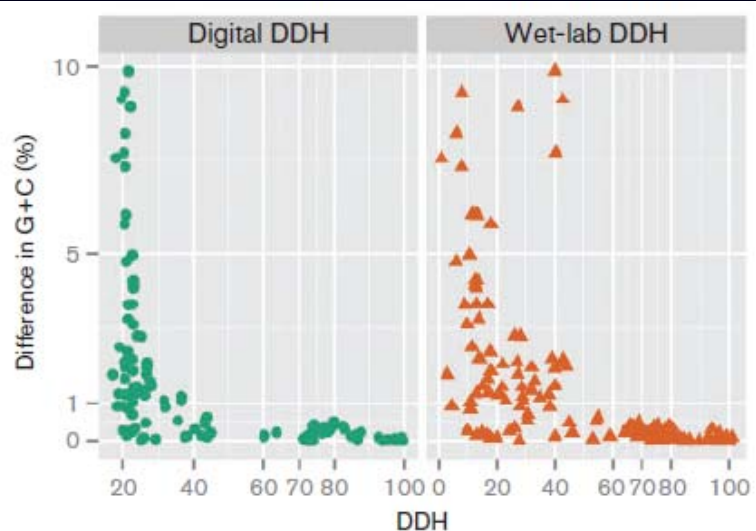


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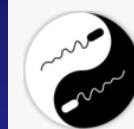
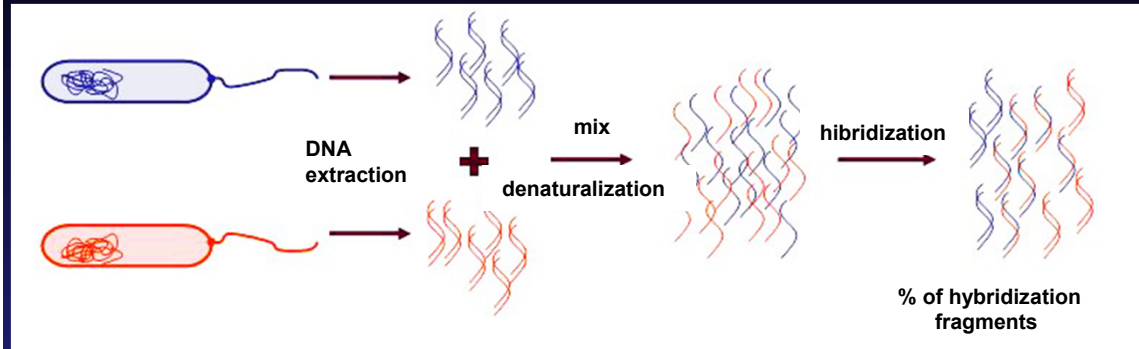
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in silico method



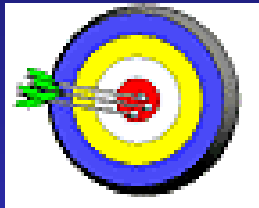
DNA-DNA hybridization (DDH)



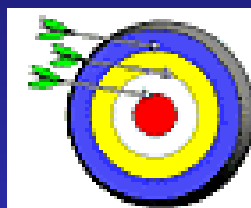
GGDC

Genome-to-Genome Distance Calculator

Meier-Kolthoff et al., 2013



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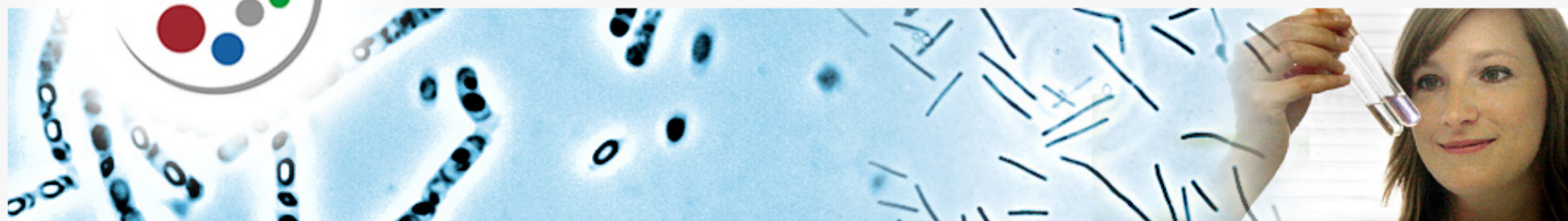
*is*DDH= *in silico* or digital= dDDH

Precision

The species concept for *Bacteria* and *Archaea* is based on the **16S rRNA gene** and on **DNA-DNA hybridization (DDH)**, a method known to be tedious.

The GGDC is *in silico* method for genome-to-genome comparison, thus reliably mimicking conventional DDH

DDH = digital DDH >70%

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GGDC: Genome-To-Genome Distance Calculator

The pragmatic species concept for *Bacteria* and *Archaea* is ultimately based on **DNA-DNA hybridization (DDH)**. While enabling the taxonomist, in principle, to obtain an estimate of the overall similarity between the genomes of two strains, this technique is tedious and not easily be made reproducible between different labs and cannot be used to incrementally built up a comparative database. Recent technological progress in the area of genome sequencing calls for bioinformatics methods to replace the wet-lab DDH by in-silico genome-to-genome comparison.

The web service [hosted at DSMZ](#) offers state-of-the-art methods for inferring whole-genome distances which are well able to mimic DDH. Values calculated with GGDC yield a better correlation with wet-lab DDH values than alternative approaches such as "ANI". These distance functions can also cope with heavily reduced genomes and repetitive sequence regions. Some of them are also very robust against missing fractions of genomic information (due to incomplete genome sequencing). Thus, this web service [can be used for genome-based species delineation](#). As of 2014 the GGDC also delineates subspecies.

Use the GGDC [here](#).

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Local alignment tool ?

☐ Optional bootstrap replicate-based confidence intervals (not recommended) ?

Query accession(s) ?

Query genome Ningún archi...seleccionado ?

Reference accessions ?

Allowed no. accessions/FASTA files: 75

Reference genomes Ningún archivo seleccionado ?

Contact details ?

Current slot usage

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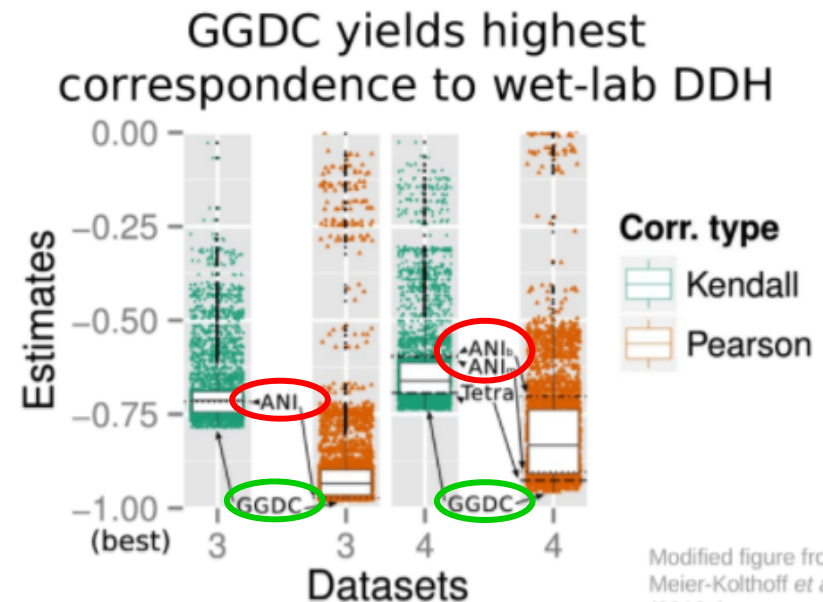
It takes 30 minutes for two genomes



Tools to compare genomes to determine their taxonomic relatedness

Digital DNA:DNA hybridization. Very reliable in silico method.

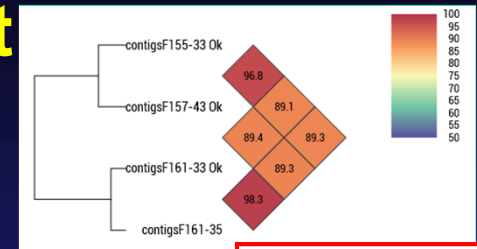
GGDC yielded higher correlations with wet-lab DDH (without mimicking its pitfalls) than other in silico approaches. GGDC uses statistical models that considerably improve on the linear models used by other approaches (e.g. ANI). A practical advantage of GGDC over ANI is that GGDC operates on the same scale than wet-lab DDH values, which makes comparisons much easier.



ANI = Average Nucleotide Identity is considered an overall genome related index (OGRI) that provides a % of relatedness between the genomes compared



Results of the comparison of the different available platforms that calculate the Average Nucleotide Identity (ANI)



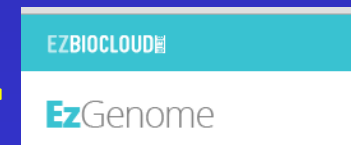
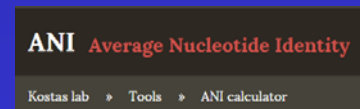
Yoon et al., 2017

ANInu

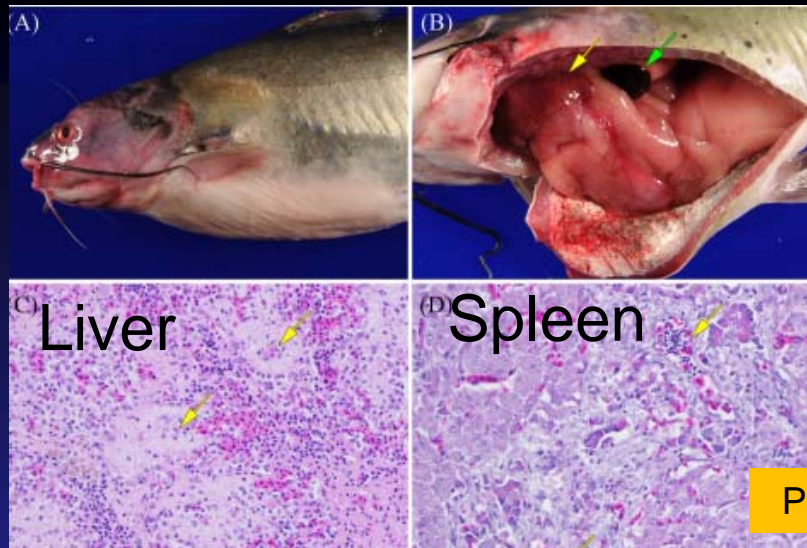
Characteristics	Jspecies	ANI calculator	EzGenome	OrthoANI
Web server	✓	✓	✓	✗
Does not need internet connection	✗	✗	✗	✓
Alert when task is finished	✗	✓	✗	✗
Easy to handle	✓	✓	✓	✓
Construct Matrix comparisons	✓	✗	✗	✓
Direct results	✗	✓	✗	✓
+2 genomes/analysis	<12Mb ✓	✗	✗	10 gen. ✓



OAT
Orthologous Average Nucleotide Identity Tool
a similarity measurement tool for genomes



OAT-ANI is currently the best



Prof. Mark Liles

Classification of a Hypervirulent *Aeromonas hydrophila* Pathotype Responsible for Epidemic Outbreaks in Warm-Water Fishes

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Average nucleotide identity of *A. hydrophila* genomes vs. genome of the epidemic strain ML09-119

Goris *et al.*, 2007

JSpecies
Taxonomic Thresholds

Richter & Rosselló-Mora, 2009

Species	Isolates	ANI(%)
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	ML09-121	99,99
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	ML09-122	99,99
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	S04-690	99,99
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	ZC1	99,98
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	PB10-118	99,99
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	AL10-121	99,99
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	AL09-79	99,99
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	ATCC7966T	97,14
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	226	97,13
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	AL06-06	97,13
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	E1	97,12
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	E2	97,12
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	SNUFPCA8	97,11
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	MN98-04	97,09
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	AL97-91	97,08
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	AL06-01	97,08
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	TN97-08	97,07
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	145	93,84
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	277	93,76
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	SSU	93,75
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	173	93,72
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	187	93,7
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	259	93,7
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	GA97-22	89,94
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	4AKA	88,48

99.99%

Aeromonas hydrophila

>97%

ANI < 96% different species

88.48 - 93.84%

~~*Aeromonas hydrophila*~~

MLPA (*gyrB*, *rpoD*, *recA*, *dnaJ*, *gyrA*, *dnaX*, 3882 bp)

ANI values

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<i>A. hydrophila</i>		93,71

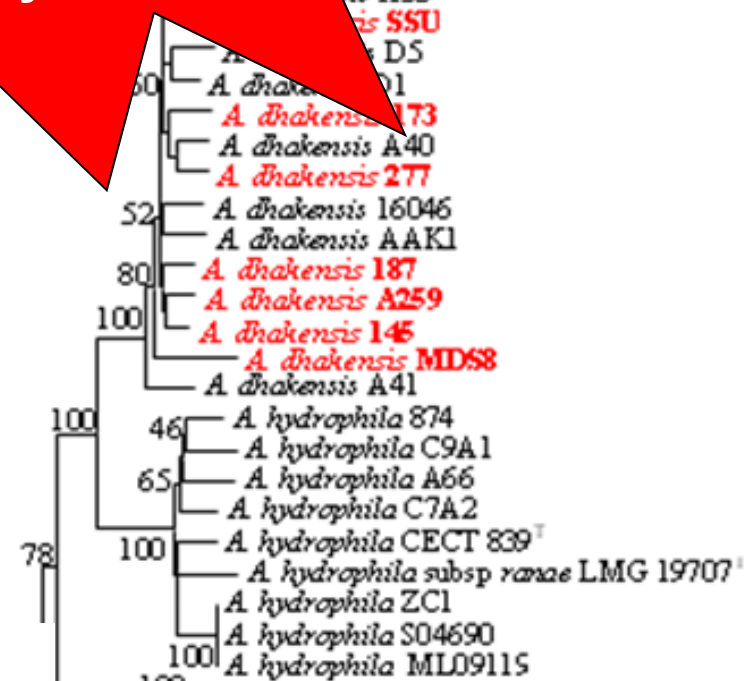
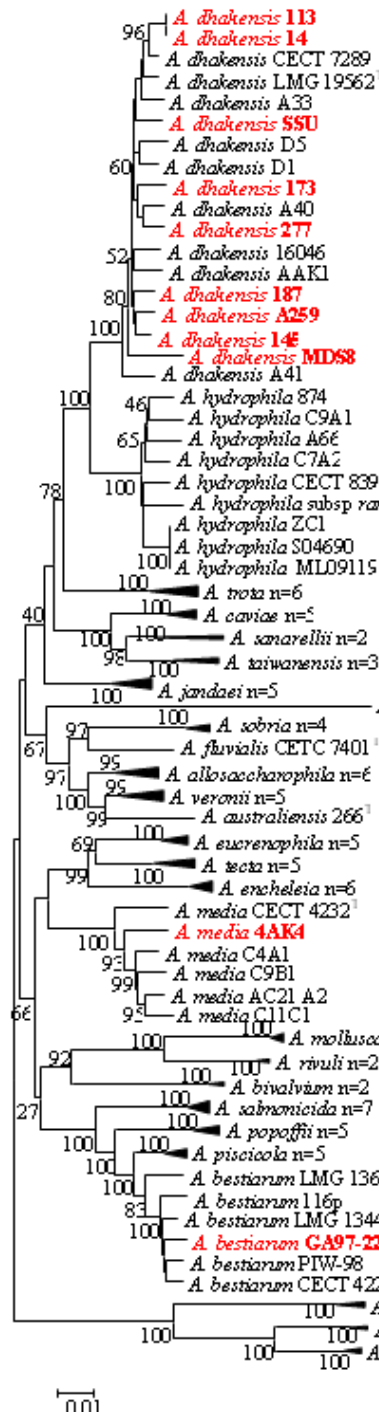
ANI with *A. hydrophila*
93.71-93.84%

55% of the *A. hydrophila* strains whose genomes were available at the NCBI were erroneously named

ANI with *A. hydrophila*
88.48%

ANI with *A. hydrophila*
89.94%

MLPA = Multilocus Phylogenetic Analysis





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COMMENTARY



Taxonomic Affiliation of New Genomes Should Be Verified Using Average Nucleotide Identity and Multilocus Phylogenetic Analysis

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(ser en dip i-te) n.
making fortunate discovery by accident

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Strategies to Avoid Wrongly Labelled Genomes Using as Example the Detected Wrong Taxonomic Affiliation for *Aeromonas* Genomes in the GenBank Database

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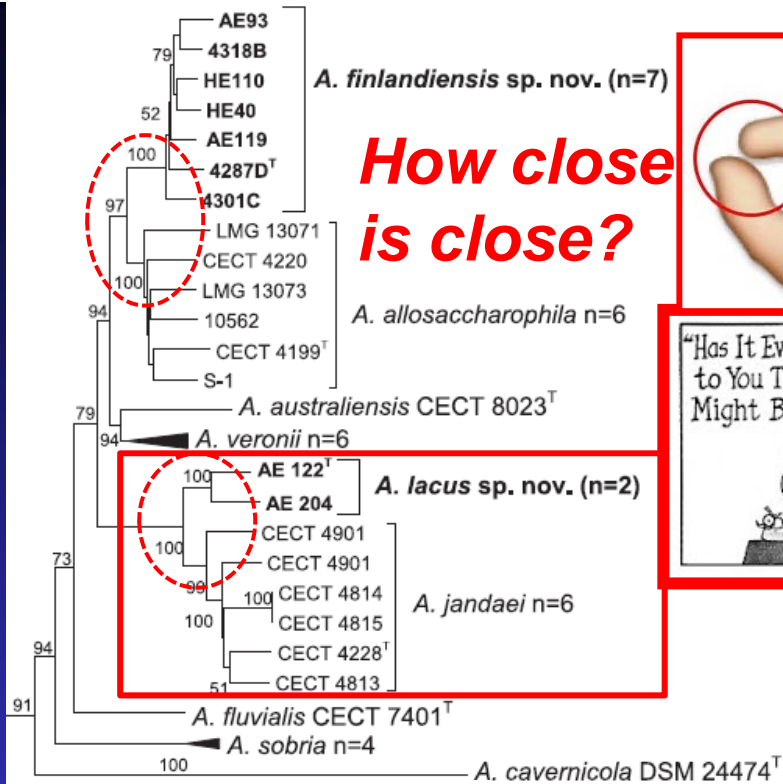
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If ANI is < 96% = different species

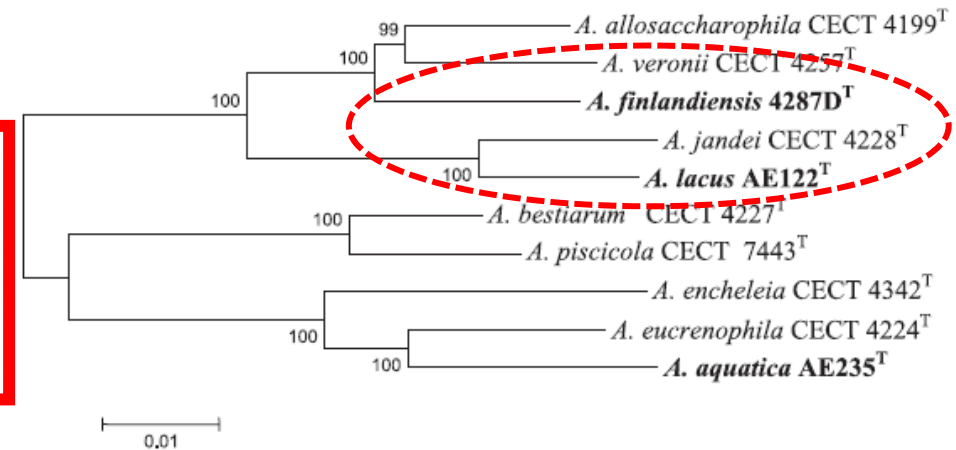
1. The closest neighbours can be determined with a Multilocus Phylogenetic Analysis (MLPA) extracting the genes from the genomes.
2. Then the genome (of the type or another) of these closest neighbour species should be used for the Average Nucleotide Identity (ANI) and *in silico* DNA-DNA (isDDH) hybridization calculations to determine the final identity.

MLPA 7 genes (*gyrB*, *rpoD*, *recA*, *dnaJ*, *gyrA*, *dnaX* and *atpD*; 4093 bp)

Aeromonas



MLPA 15 genes (*cpn60*, *dnaK*, *gltA*, *mdh*, *radA*, *rpoB*, *tsf*, *zipA*, *gyrA*, *gyrB*, *rpoD*, *recA*, *dnaJ*, *atpD* and *dnaX*, 8751 bp)



ANI values seems to be more objective

***A. lacus* ≠ *A. jandaei* ANI < 96% and *isDDH* < 70%**

Results of ANI calculations using ANI calculator, EzGenome tools and JSpecies software and *in silico* DDH of the 3 new species with respect to the most closely related species.

Species	ANI Calculator (ANiB)	EzGenome (ANiB)	JSpecies (ANiB)	JSpecies (ANIm)	GGDC
<i>A. lacus</i> AE122 ^T vs. <i>A. jandaei</i> CECT 4228 ^T	95.16	95.17	95.44	95.74	63.20

MEETING REPORT

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Meeting report: GenBank microbial genomic taxonomy workshop (12–13 May, 2015)

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ANI and Proxytype (= genome designated by NCBI to serve as a proxy for the type, for species that do not yet have a genome from type)

Abstract

Many genomes are incorrectly identified at GenBank. We developed a plan to find and correct misidentified genomes using genomic comparison statistics together with a scaffold of reliably identified genomes from type. A workshop was organized with broad representation from the bacterial taxonomic community to review the proposal, the GenBank Microbial Genomic Taxonomy Workshop, Bethesda MD, May 12–13, 2015.

Keywords: GenBank, Genomic taxonomy, Misidentified sequence entries

ANI_cutoff values in Taxonomy

<i>Acetobacter pasteurianus</i>		92.5
<i>Acinetobacter pittii</i>		92.5
<i>Aeromonas allosaccharophila</i>		95.0
<i>Aeromonas veronii</i>		94.0

WRONG
CONCLUSION

This is a wrong conclusion derived from considering that some wrongly-labelled strains belong to those species

<i>Klebsiella michiganensis</i>		93.5
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>		92.4
<i>Mycobacterium africanum</i>		99.9
<i>Mycobacterium bovis</i>		99.9
<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>		99.9
<i>Prochlorococcus marinus</i>		78.0
<i>Raoultella ornithinolytica</i>		96.5
<i>Raoultella planticola</i>		96.5
<i>Rhodococcus fascians</i>		80.0

Conclusion



Some current species concepts span much more (or much less) than the default rule-of-thumb 96% ANI. We can set this value on a ~~species-by-species~~ **genus** basis in the taxonomy database.

Proposed minimal standards for the use of genome data for the taxonomy of prokaryotes

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Web-services and standalone software tools for taxonomic purposes

Algorithm	Function	Type	URL/Reference
OrthoANI with usearch	Calculation of ANI	Standalone	https://www.ezbiocloud.net/tools/orthoani [9]
OrthoANI with usearch	Calculation of ANI	Web service	https://www.ezbiocloud.net/tools/ani [9]
Genome-to-Genome Distance Calculator	Calculation of dDDH	Web service	http://ggdc.dsmz.de/ggdc.php/ [7]
ANI calculator	Calculation of ANI	Web service	http://enve-omics.ce.gatech.edu/ani/
JSpecies	Calculation of ANI	Standalone	http://imedea.uib-csic.es/jspecies/ [5]
JSpeciesWS	Calculation of ANI	Web service	http://jspecies.ribohost.com/ [30]
CheckM	Checking contamination	Standalone	http://ecogenomics.github.io/CheckM/ [29]
ContEst16S	Checking contamination	Web service	https://www.ezbiocloud.net/tools/contest16s [28]
BBMap	Calculation of sequencing depth of coverage	Standalone	https://sourceforge.net/projects/bbmap/
Amphora2	Phylogenomic treeing	Standalone	http://wolbachia.biology.virginia.edu/WuLab/Software.html [21]
BIGSdb	Phylogenomic treeing	Standalone	https://pubmlst.org/software/database/bigsdb/ [31]
bcgTree	Phylogenomic treeing	Standalone	https://github.com/iimog/bcgTree [32]
PhyloPhlan	Phylogenomic treeing	Standalone	https://huttenhower.sph.harvard.edu/phylophlan [22]
UBCG	Phylogenomic treeing	Standalone	https://www.ezbiocloud.net/tools/ubcg

TABLE 1. Web-services and standalone software tools for taxonomic purposes

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Make sure that the quality of a genome sequence is suitable for taxonomic purposes and include:

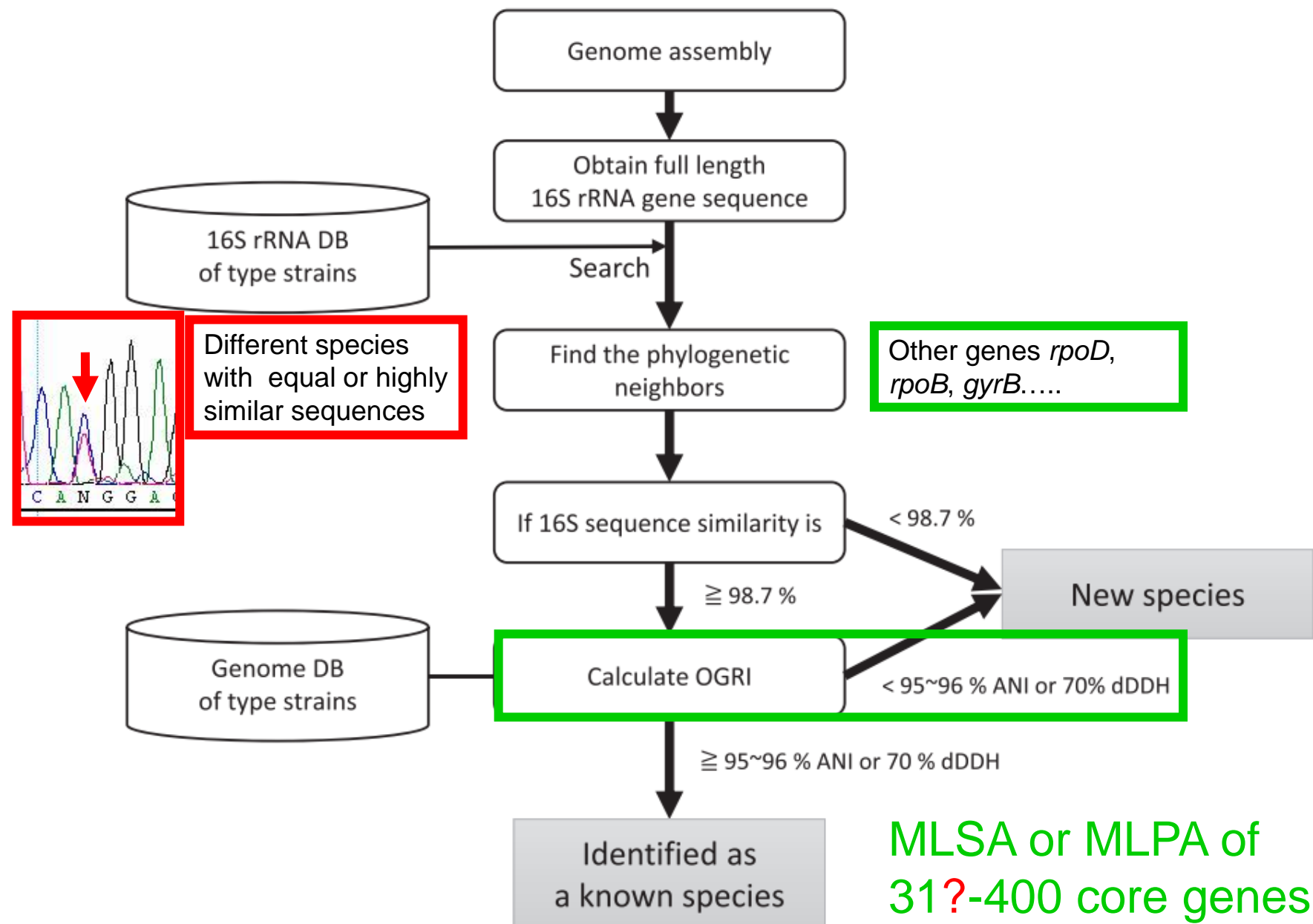
1. Genome size = is defined as the length sum of all contigs.

2. Number of contigs and N50.

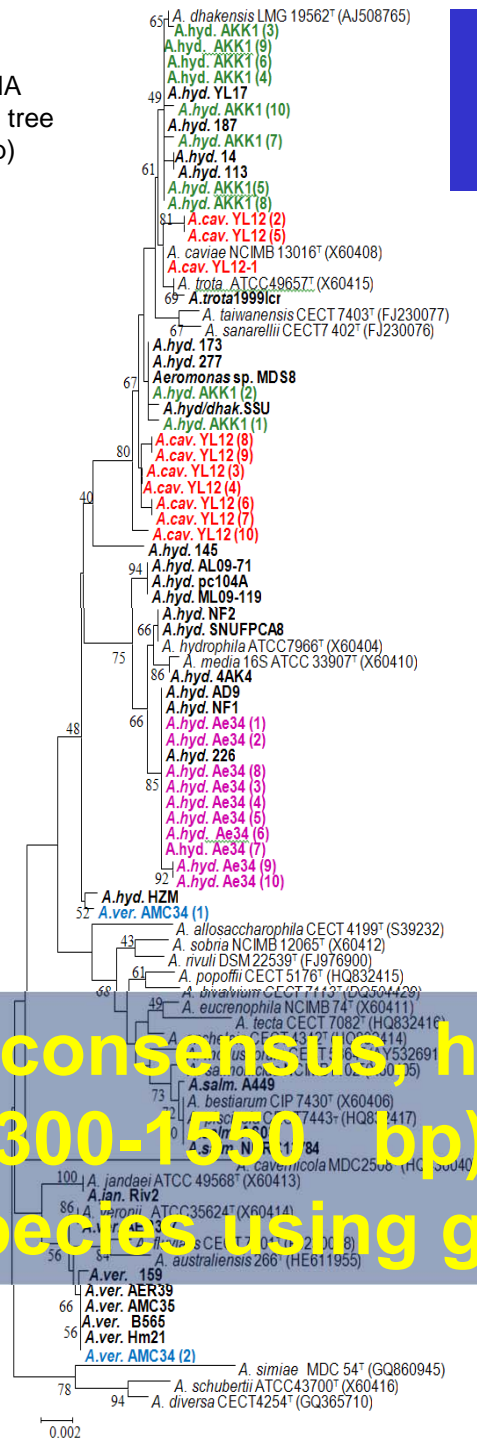
3. Sequencing depth of coverage.

50X for the currently available NGS platforms (Illumina, Ion Torrent, and Pacific Biosciences) **is recommended**. BBMap estimate the sequencing depth of coverage.

Workflow of genome based classification at the species level.



16S rRNA
gene NJ tree
(1503 bp)



Evaluation of the 16S rRNA gene copies in genomes of *Aeromonas*

Sequenced mistakes or true variability????

Name at the NCBI	16S rRNA gene copies	Base pair size of the 16S rRNA copies (No)
<i>A. veronii</i> AER39	12	1503 (7), 1490, 1341, 1246, 1173
<i>A. hydrophila</i> ATCC7966*	10	1503
<i>A. hydrophila</i> AKK1*	10	1503
<i>A. caviae</i> YL12	10	1503
<i>A. veronii</i> B565	10	1503
<i>A. hydrophila</i> Ae34	10	1503
<i>A. salmonicida</i> A449	9	1503
<i>A. veronii</i> AMC35	9	1503
<i>Aeromonas</i> sp. nov. 4AK4	9	1503
<i>A. dhakensis</i> SSU	8	1503 (2), 1350, 1363, 440, 320, 233, 74
<i>A. hydrophila</i> AL09-71	7	1503
<i>A. salmonicida</i> AS03	7	1503
<i>Aeromonas</i> sp. MDS8	6	1503, 956, 639, 439, 68, 28
<i>A. hydrophila</i> HZM*	6	1503, 86, 81, 80, 80, 62
<i>A. veronii</i> Phln2	5	916, 364, 327, 56, 29
<i>A. veronii</i> AMC 34*	4	1503 (2), 174 (2)
<i>A. dhakensis</i> 145	4	1502, 39 (2), 38
<i>A. veronii</i> Hm21	4	1503
<i>A. hydrophila</i> pc104A	3	1503
<i>A. hydrophila</i> ML09-119	3	345, 230, 226
<i>A. hydrophila</i> NF2	2	1503
<i>A. hydrophila</i> AD9	2	1503, 59
<i>A. veronii</i> AER 397	2	1503
<i>A. dhakensis</i> YL17	1	1503
<i>A. hydrophila</i> 187*	1	1503
<i>A. hydrophila</i> 14*	1	1503
<i>A. hydrophila</i> 113	1	1503
<i>A. hydrophila</i> 173*	1	1503
<i>A. hydrophila</i> 127	1	1503
<i>A. hydrophila</i> SNUFPCA8	1	1503
<i>A. hydrophila</i> NF1	1	1503
<i>A. hydrophila</i> 127	1	1503
<i>A. trota</i> 1999icr	1	1503
<i>A. salmonicida</i> NBR 13784	1	1503
<i>A. salmonicida</i> 34mel ^l	1	1503
<i>A. veronii</i> 159	1	1503
<i>A. jandaei</i> Riv2	1	1503
<i>A. dhakensis</i> AAK1	1	167

*Mislabelled genomes

A consensus, high quality 16S rRNA gene sequence (1300-1550 bp), when describing new bacteria species using genomes should be required



3 new species with complete genomes

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Aeromonas aquatica sp. nov., *Aeromonas finlandiensis* sp. nov. and *Aeromonas lacus* sp. nov. isolated from Finnish waters associated with cyanobacterial blooms[☆]

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Draft Genome Sequences of Two Novel *Aeromonas* Species Recovered in Association with Cyanobacterial Blooms

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Aeromonas aquatica and *Aeromonas lacus* are two new species that have been found in association with cyanobacterial blooms from recreational Finnish lakes where adverse human health effects have been recorded. Here, we present the draft genome sequences of their type strains.

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Prof. Mark Liles



MLPA (4093 pb)

ANI calculator & *isDDH*

A. finlandiensis sp. nov. (n = 7)

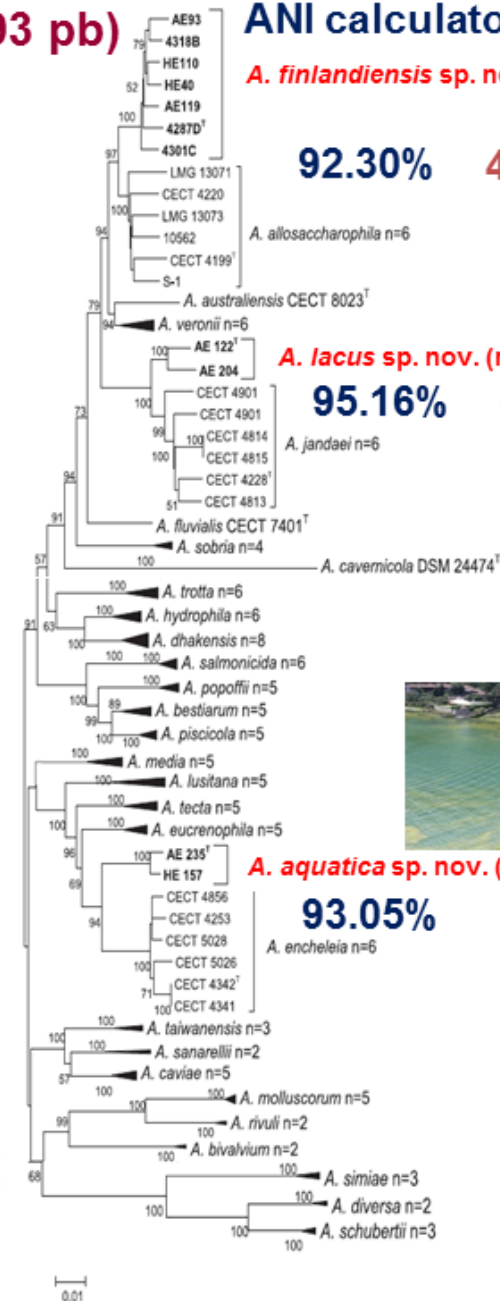
92.30% 48.40%

A. lacus sp. nov. (n = 2)

95.16% 63.20%

A. aquatica sp. nov. (n = 2)

93.05% 50.50%



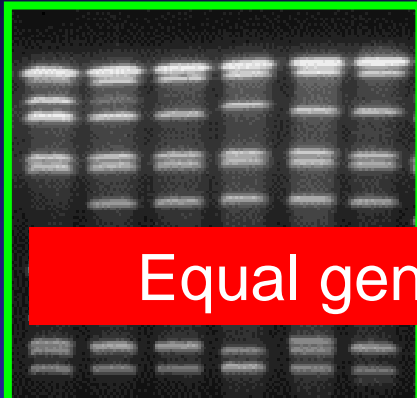
MLPA = Multilocus Phylogenetic Analysis

OBJECTIVES

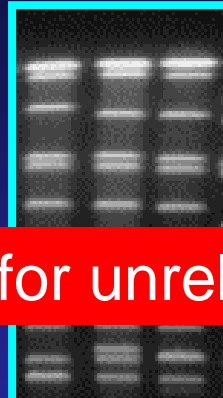
- To present the strategies to determine the species and **strain identity** using the genome information
- To underline additional information such antibiotic resistance and virulence genes that can be found in the genomes

Limitations of the epidemiological typing methods

Environmental strains



Clinical strains



Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE)

Equal genotypes for unrelated strains

GOLD STANDARD



The European Working Group for Legionella Infections

Legionella pneumophila Sequence-Based Typing

Sequence Base Typing database (v3.0) <http://www.ewgli.org>

ST	Allelic profile ^a	N	%
ST47	5, 10, 22, 15, 6, 2, 6	24	27.9
ST1	1, 4, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1	17	19.8



Equal ST in unrelated strains

virulence

housekeeping

Multilocus Sequence Typing (MLST) - 7 genes

Number of <i>flaA</i> alleles:	38
Number of <i>pilE</i> alleles:	53
Number of <i>asd</i> alleles:	73
Number of <i>mip</i> alleles:	85
Number of <i>mompS</i> alleles:	96
Number of <i>proA</i> alleles:	55
Number of <i>neuA</i> alleles:	65
Number of <i>neuAh</i> alleles:	30

Whole-Genome Sequencing (WGS)

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Open Access

Comparison of the *Legionella pneumophila* population structure as determined by sequence-based typing and whole genome sequencing

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Clinical Infectious Diseases

MAJOR ARTICLE



Seeding and Establishment of *Legionella pneumophila* in Hospitals: Implications for Genomic Investigations of Nosocomial Legionnaires' Disease

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Evaluation of an Optimal Epidemiological Typing Scheme for *Legionella pneumophila* with Whole-Genome Sequence Data Using Validation Guidelines

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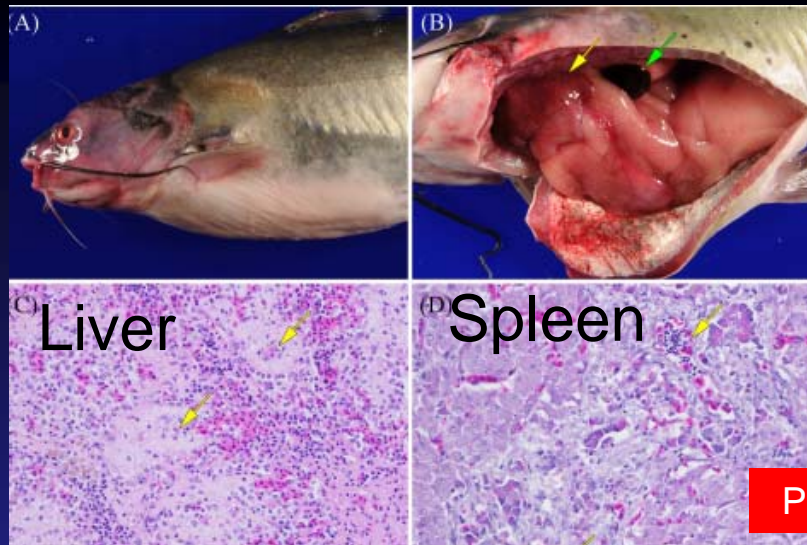
Genomic Resolution of Outbreak-Associated *Legionella pneumophila* Serogroup 1 Isolates from New York State

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- WGS is more discriminatory than SBT and PFGE
- Extended MLST scheme with ± 50 genes provides optimal epidemiological concordance
- Phylogenetic analyses of whole genome (wg) or core genome (cg) Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP)

There is a need for efficient, easy to handle and to interpret bioinformatic tools

- **ANI can provide a similar resolution as other tools based on the WGS for recognizing strains involved in outbreaks**



Prof. Mark Liles

Classification of a Hypervirulent *Aeromonas hydrophila* Pathotype Responsible for Epidemic Outbreaks in Warm-Water Fishes

2016

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Average Nucleotide Identity of *A. hydrophila* genomes vs. genome of the epidemic strain ML09-119

JSpecies
Taxonomic Thresholds

Goris et al., 2007

Richter & Rosselló-Mora, 2009

Species	Isolates	ANI(%)
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	ML09-121	99.99
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	ML09-122	99.99
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	S04-690	99.99
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	ZC1	99.98
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	PB10-118	99.99
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	AL10-121	99.99
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	AL09-79	99.99
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	ATCC7966T	97.14
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	226	97.13
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	AL06-06	97.13
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	E1	97.12
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	E2	97.12
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	SNUFPCA8	97.11
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	MN98-04	97.09
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	AL97-91	97.08
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	AL06-01	97.08
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	TN97-08	97.07
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	145	93.84
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	277	93.76
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	SSU	93.75
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	173	93.72
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	187	93.7
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	259	93.7
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	GA97-22	89.94
<i>A. hydrophila</i>	4AKA	88.48

99.99% clone

Aeromonas hydrophila

>97%

ANI < 96% different species

88.48 - 93.84%

~~*Aeromonas hydrophila*~~



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Orthologous Average Nucleotide Identity Tool



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Requirements

- Java Runtime Environment Version 8 ([Java Download](#))
- NCBI BLAST is required if you are using the Runnable JAR version of OAT. We recommend ncbi-blast-2.2.30+ or higher since OAT was tested with ncbi-blast-2.2.30+ ([BLAST+ executables](#))

Download OAT

• OAT standalone

OAT Runnable JAR	Download 64 bit
OAT for Windows OS	Download 64 bit
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• OAT command line



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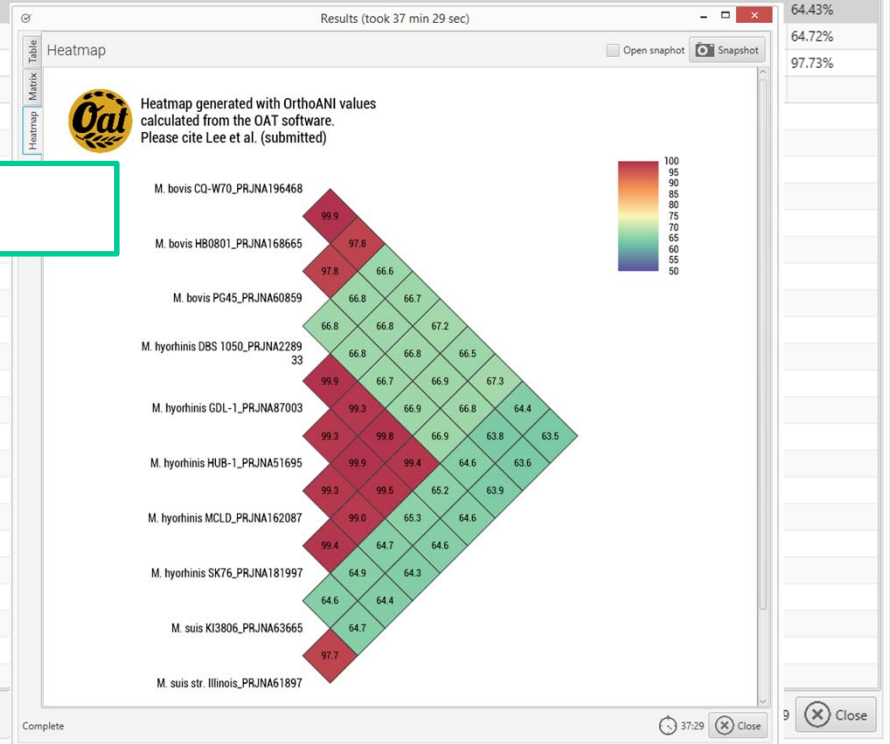
2. Table

Genome 1	Genome 2	OrthoANI
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M. bovis CQ-W70_PRJNA196468	M. bovis PG45_PRJNA60859	
M. bovis CQ-W70_PRJNA196468	M. hyorhinis DBS_1050_PRJNA228933	
M. bovis CQ-W70_PRJNA196468	M. hyorhinis SK76_PRJNA181997	
M. bovis CQ-W70_PRJNA196468	M. suis KI3806_PRJNA63665	
M. bovis CQ-W70_PRJNA196468	M. suis str. Illinois_PRJNA61897	
M. bovis HB0801_PRJNA168665	M. bovis PG45_PRJNA60859	
M. bovis HB0801_PRJNA168665	M. hyorhinis DBS_1050_PRJNA228933	
M. bovis HB0801_PRJNA168665	M. hyorhinis GDL-1_PRJNA87003	
M. bovis HB0801_PRJNA168665	M. hyorhinis HUB-1_PRJNA51695	
M. bovis HB0801_PRJNA168665	M. hyorhinis MCLD_PRJNA162087	
M. bovis HB0801_PRJNA168665	M. hyorhinis SK76_PRJNA181997	
M. bovis HB0801_PRJNA168665	M. suis KI3806_PRJNA63665	
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M. hyorhinis GDL-1_PRJNA87003	M. hyorhinis HUB-1_PRJNA51695	

3. Matrix

Matrix	M. bovis C...	M. bovis H...	M. bovis P...	M. hyorhin...	M. hyorhini...	M. hyorhin...	M. hyorhini...	M. hyorhin...	M. suis KI3...	M. suis str. ...
M. bovis CQ...		99.95%	97.78%	66.63%	66.68%	67.25%	66.55%	67.35%	64.37%	63.53%
M. bovis HB...			97.85%	66.75%	66.79%	66.82%	66.87%	66.83%	63.79%	63.56%
M. bovis PG...				66.76%	66.78%	66.73%	66.86%	66.91%	64.63%	63.94%
M. hyorhinis...					99.88%	99.25%	99.84%	99.44%	65.24%	64.61%
						99.26%	99.92%	99.47%	65.26%	64.56%
							99.26%	99.01%	64.65%	64.31%
										64.43%
										64.72%
										97.73%

4. Heatmap



<https://youtu.be/4L2d-7uzz4Q>



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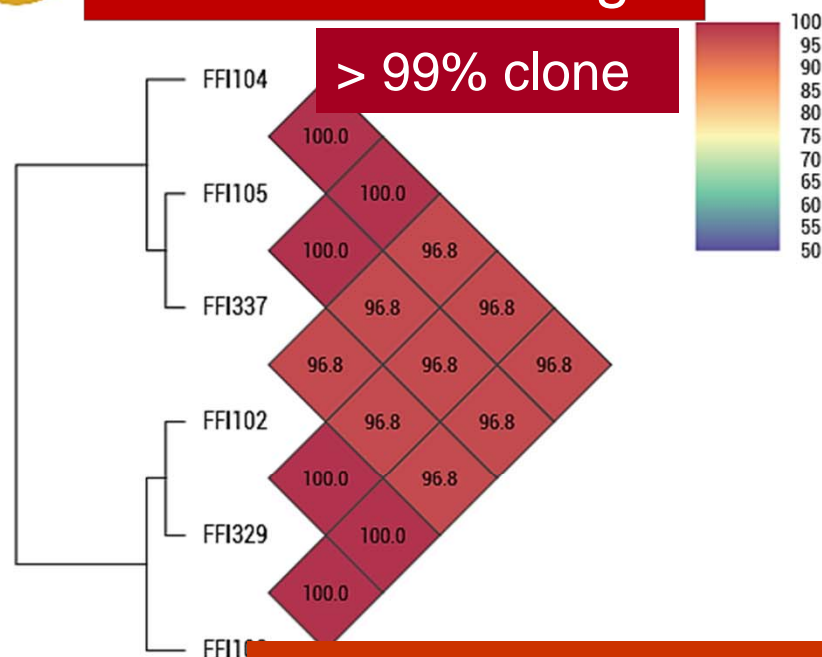
Heatmap



Heatmap generated with OrthoANI values

% and a clustering

> 99% clone



> 96% same species

ANI < 96% different species

OAT: OrthoANI Tool version 0.93

Check new software release at <http://www.ezbiocloud.net/sw/oat>

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Add genomes (FASTA) Remove

File name Title of the first contig No. of contigs Size (bp) G+C content (%)

FFI102.fasta
FFI103.fasta
FFI104.fasta
FFI105.fasta
FFI329.fasta
FFI337.fasta

Calculating...

Table

Open csv file after exporting

Export as csv

Table
Matrix
Heatmap

Genome 1	Genome 2	OrthoANI value ...
FFI102	FFI103	100.00%
FFI102	FFI104	96.76%
FFI102	FFI105	96.76%
FFI102	FFI329	100.00%
FFI102	FFI337	In progress

Results (took 18 min 21 sec)

Table

Matrix

Open csv file after exporting

Export as csv

Table
Matrix
Heatmap

	FFI102	FFI103	FFI104	FFI105	FFI329	FFI337
FFI102 (Or...		100.00%	96.76%	96.76%	100.00%	96.76%
FFI103 (Or...			96.76%	96.76%	100.00%	96.76%
FFI104 (Or...				100.00%	96.77%	100.00%
FFI105 (Or...					96.77%	100.00%
FFI329 (Or...						96.77%
FFI337 (Or...						

Matrix

Complete



18:21



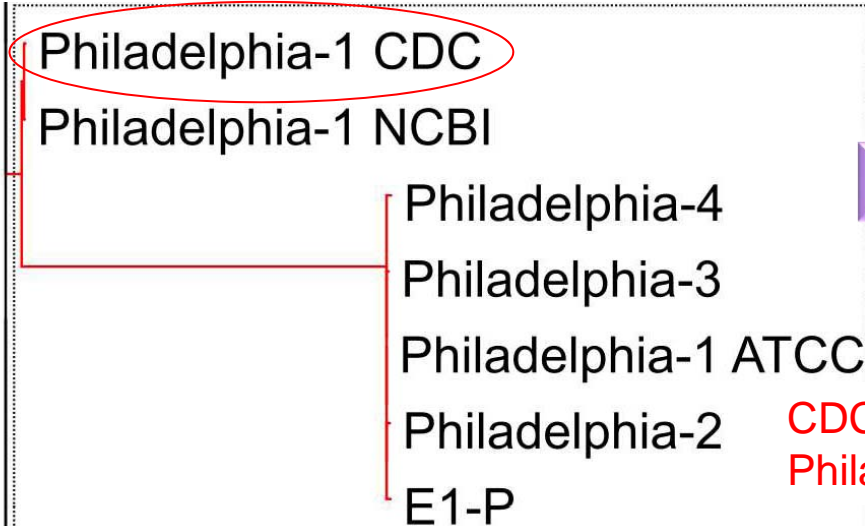
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Outbreak Philadelphia ST36



Mercante *et al.*, 2016

Maximum-likelihood tree based on 11,356 core SNPs



ST36

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Genomic Analysis Reveals Novel Diversity among the 1976 Philadelphia Legionnaires' Disease Outbreak Isolates and Additional ST36 Strains

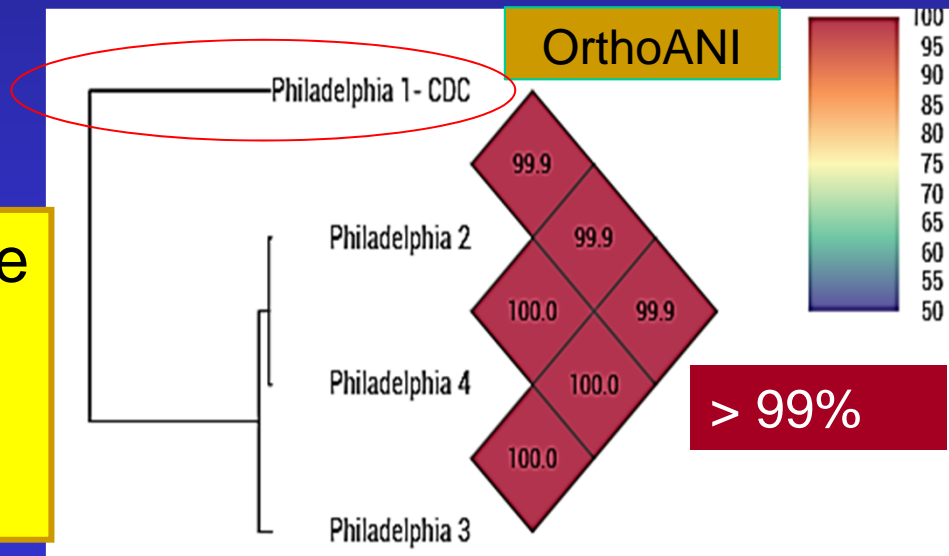
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CDC genome set apart from the historical outbreak Philadelphia 2, 3 and 4 genomes

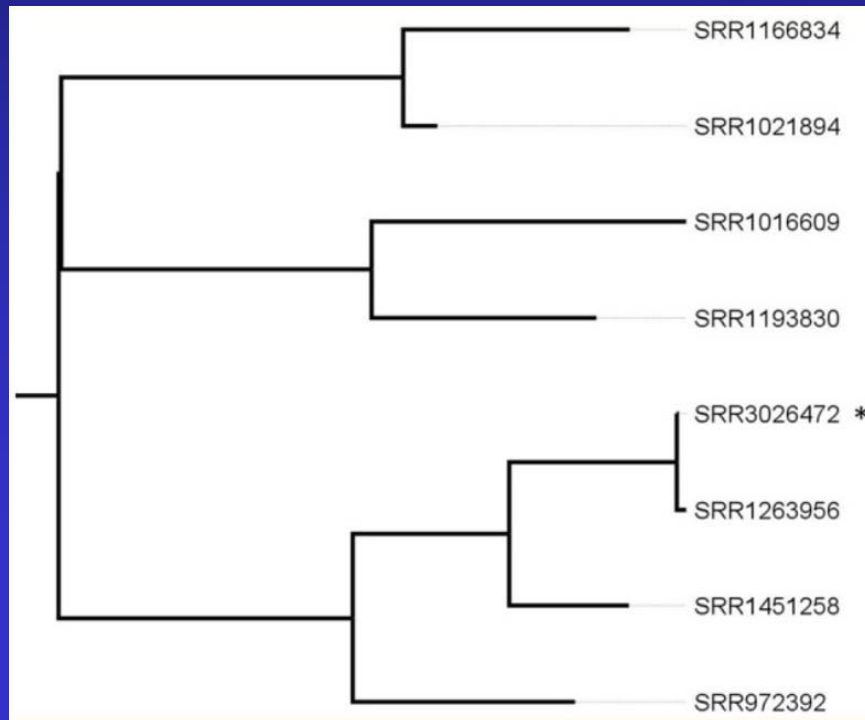
ANI results could distinguish the small genetic differences among ST36 Philadelphia outbreak strains



A Validation Approach of an End-to-End Whole Genome Sequencing Workflow for Source Tracking of *Listeria monocytogenes* and *Salmonella enterica*

Anne-Catherine Portmann,¹ Coralie Fournier,² Johan Gimonet,¹ Catherine Ngom-Bru,¹ Caroline Barretto,¹ and Leen Baert^{1,*}

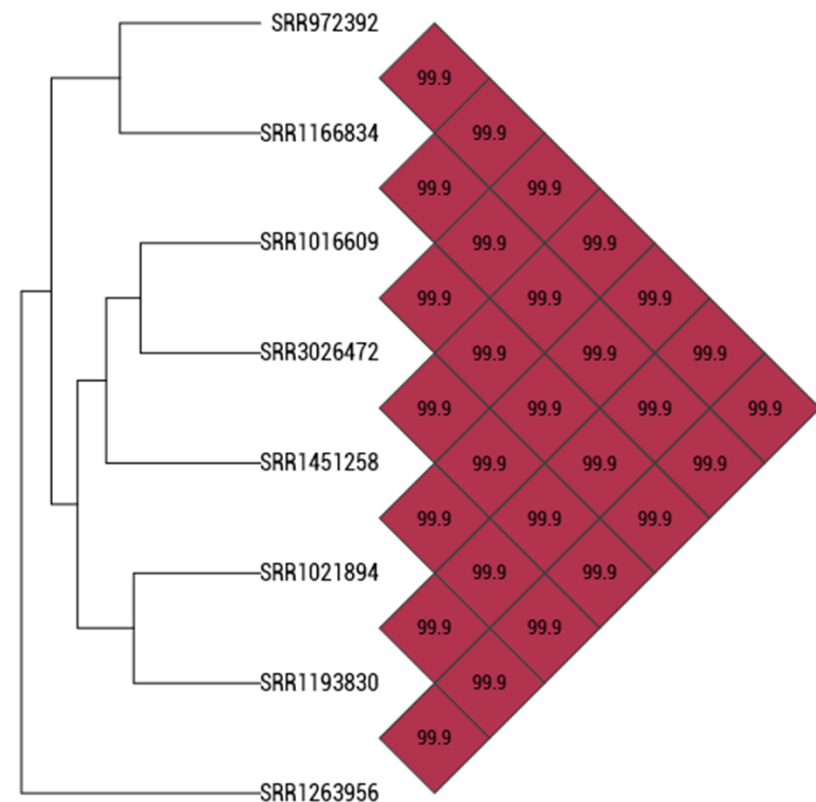
Phylogenetic tree based on SNP differences from selected patient isolates and the lettuce reference isolate*



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CHIMERIC OR CONTAMINATED GENOMES

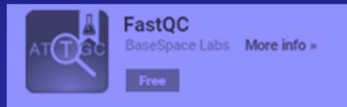
Genome Analysis

Quality control of identity
and possible contamination

FastQ

Assembly

Annotation



MSR



RAST server/sftw



**Search for HK genes for a MLPA (BLASTn)
Comparison with the previously sequenced genes**

WGS



Alba Pérez-Cataluña



HK = housekeeping genes

MLPA = Multilocus Phylogenetic Analysis

Method



CheckM: assessing the quality of microbial genomes recovered from isolates, single cells, and metagenomes

Donovan H. Parks,¹ Michael Imelfort,¹ Connor T. Skennerton,¹ Philip Hugenholtz,^{1,2} and Gene W. Tyson^{1,3}

2017

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SHORT COMMUNICATION

ProDeGe: a computational protocol for fully automated decontamination of genomes

2016

Kristin Tennessen¹, Evan Andersen¹, Scott Clingenpeel¹, Christian Rinke¹, Derek S Lundberg², James Han¹, Jeff L Dangl³, Natalia Ivanova¹, Tanja Woyke¹, Nikos Kyrpides¹ and Amrita Pati¹

Maruyama et al. *BMC Bioinformatics* (2017) 18:152
DOI 10.1186/s12859-017-1572-5

BMC Bioinformatics

SOFTWARE

SAG-QC: quality control of single amplified genome information by subtracting non-target sequences based on sequence compositions

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2017

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EZ BioCloud

ContEst16s:

Contamination Estimator by 16S

<http://tool.ezbiocloud.net/contest16s/>

ContEst16S

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Lee et al., *Int J Syst Evol Microbiol* 2017;67:2053–2057

DOI 10.1099/ijsem.0.001872



ContEst16S: an algorithm that identifies contaminated prokaryotic genomes using 16S RNA gene sequences

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Genome: *Arcobacter anaerophilus* DSM24636T

ContEst16s:

Contamination Estimator by 16S

<http://tool.ezbiocloud.net/contest16s/>

Decision

1

Contaminated

By comparing 4 16S rRNA gene fragments, this project has been confirmed for contamination.
Maximum difference between fragments is 27.3%.

EZ BioCloud

ContEst16S

Taxonomic identification of extracted fragments

2

Fragment#	Length(bp)	Top hit	Similarity(%)	Difference / Compared (bp)	Taxonomy
Fragment 1	1,517	<i>Arcobacter anaerophilus</i> JC84(T)	99.4	9/1385	Bacteria;Proteobacteria;Epsilonproteobacteria;Campylobacterales;Campylobacteraceae;Arcobacter;Arcobacter anaerophilus
Fragment 2	1,517	<i>Arcobacter molluscorum</i> F98-3(T)	99.9	2/1401	Bacteria;Proteobacteria;Epsilonproteobacteria;Campylobacterales;Campylobacteraceae;Arcobacter;Arcobacter molluscorum
Fragment 3	810	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> ATCC 10792(T)	100	0/775	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Bacillales;Bacillaceae;Bacillus;Bacillus thuringiensis
Fragment 4	763	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> ATCC 10792(T)	100	0/763	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Bacillales;Bacillaceae;Bacillus;Bacillus thuringiensis

Fragment 4

73.6

72.7

Insufficient alignment

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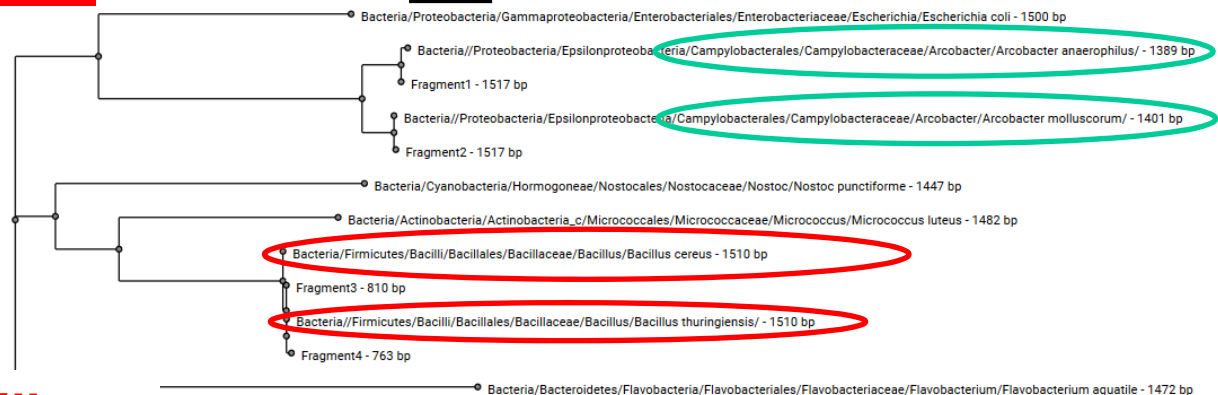
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Maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree

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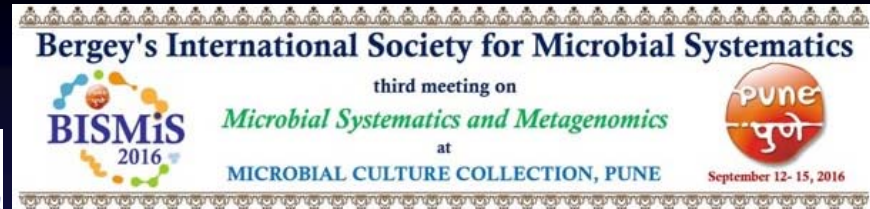
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Contamination with *Bacillus*



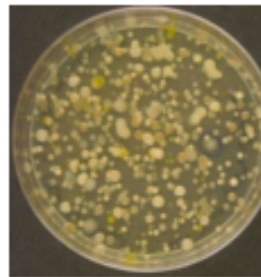
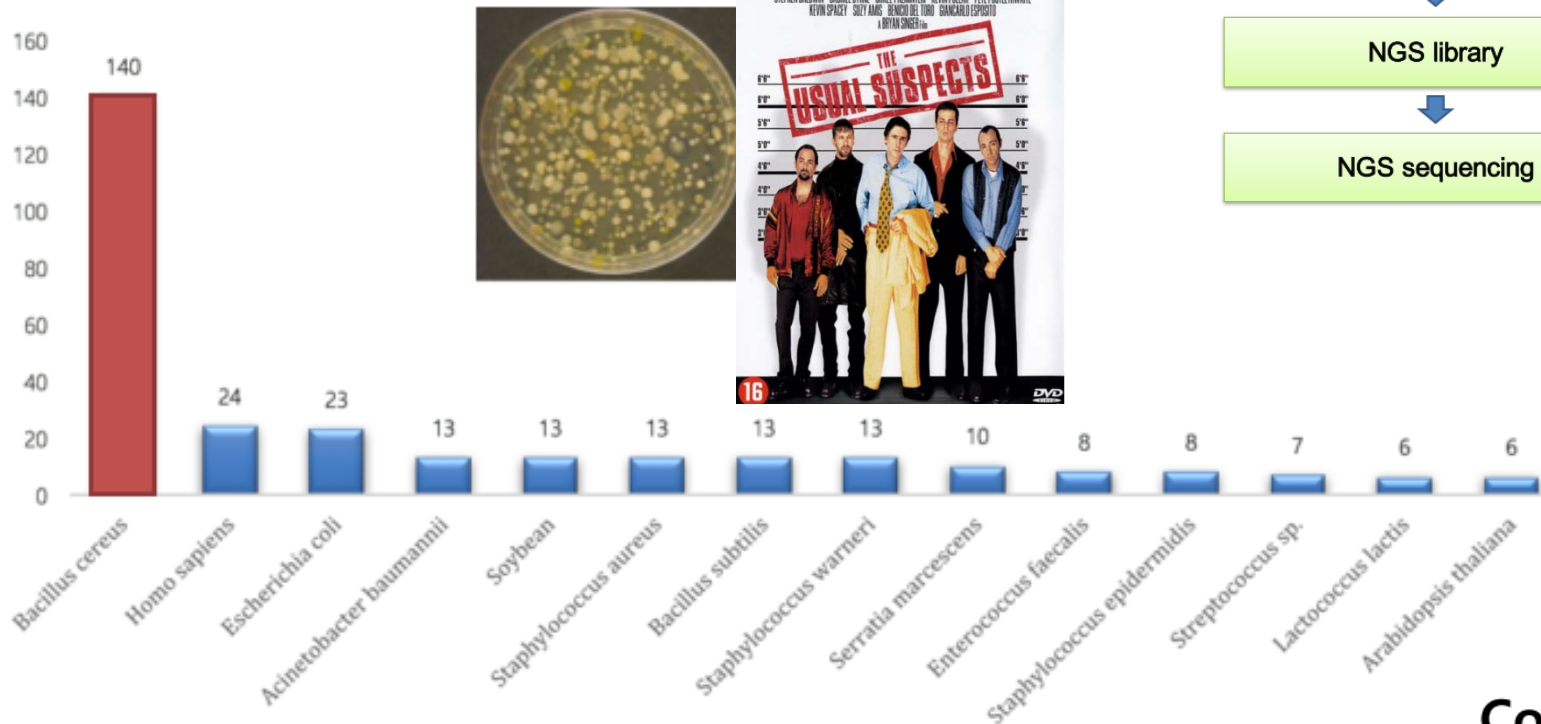
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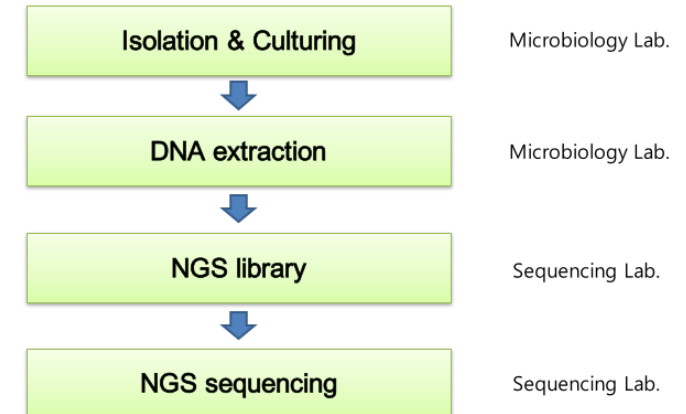
Contaminated genomes in public database

Bacillus cereus (13.6%)

Common contaminant while isolation & culturing



When was it contaminated?



ContEst16s:

Contamination Estimator by 16S

<http://tool.ezbiocloud.net/contest16s/>

Decision

Not Contaminated

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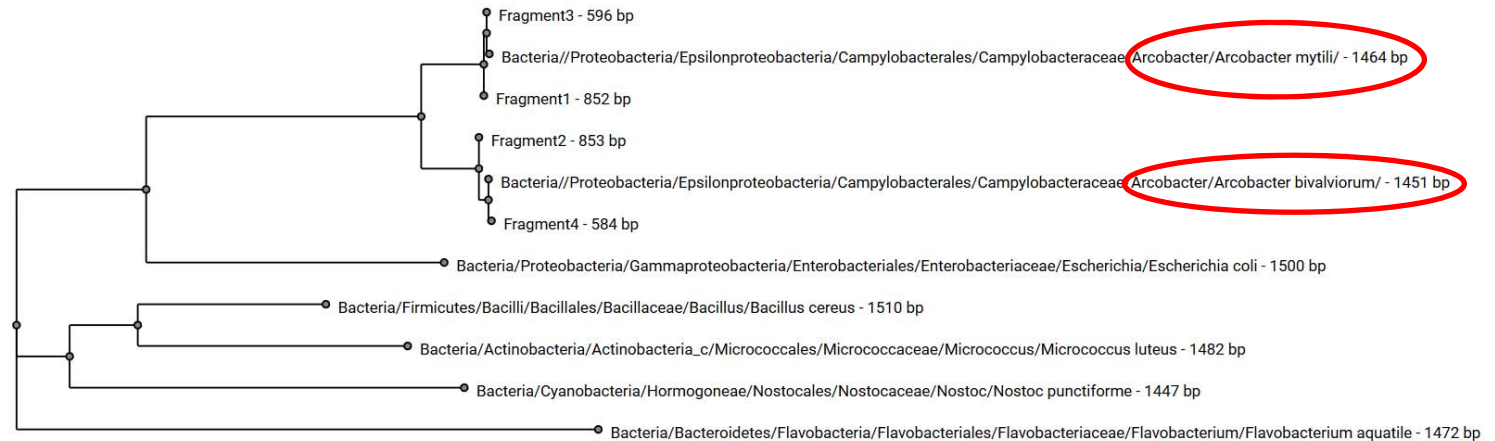
By comparing 4 16S rRNA gene fragments, this project does not appear to be contaminated.

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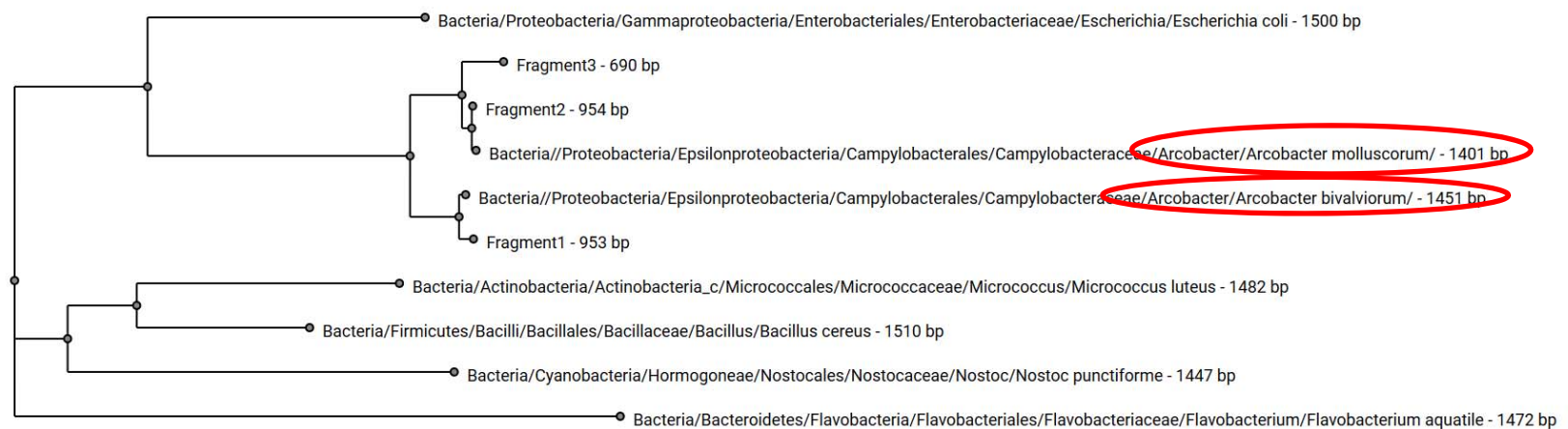
Decision

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Not Contaminated

By comparing 3 16S rRNA gene fragments, this project does not appear to be contaminated.

**Probable contamination with
a closely related species or
potential new species**



Tools to compare genomes to determine their taxonomic relatedness

ANI and isDDH produce consistent results



Genome 1	Genome 2	ANI	isDDH
Contaminated	Type strain	97.9%	81.7%
Correct	Type strain	97.8%	81.7%

OBJECTIVES

- To present the strategies to determine the species and strain identity using the genome information
- To underline additional information such antibiotic resistance and virulence genes that can be found in the genomes

Genome Analysis

Virulence genes were searched by BLASTn:

- Virulence Factors of Pathogenic Bacteria Database (VFDB) (Chen et al., 2005)
- **Victors Database** (University of Michigan, USA)
- **PATRIC_VF** (Wattam et al., 2017).
- **Search for specific genes by BLASTp analysis**

Antibiotic resistance genes:

- Antibiotic Resistance Database (ARDB) (Liu and Pop, 2009)
- Comprehensive Antibiotic Resistance Database (**CARD**) (Jia et al., 2017).
- Antibiotic Resistance Gene-Annotation database (ARG-ANNOT) (Gupta et al., 2014)



A Polyphasic and Taxogenomic Evaluation Uncovers *Arcobacter cryaerophilus* as a Species Complex That Embraces Four Genomovars

Alba Pérez-Cataluña¹, Luis Collado^{2*}, Oscar Salgado^{2,3}, Violeta Lefiñanco² and María J. Figueras^{1*}

a) RAST/PATRIC results, b) ARG-ANNOT results, c) BLASTn of virulence genes results, d,b)-lactamase class D, e) Phospholipase A and C.

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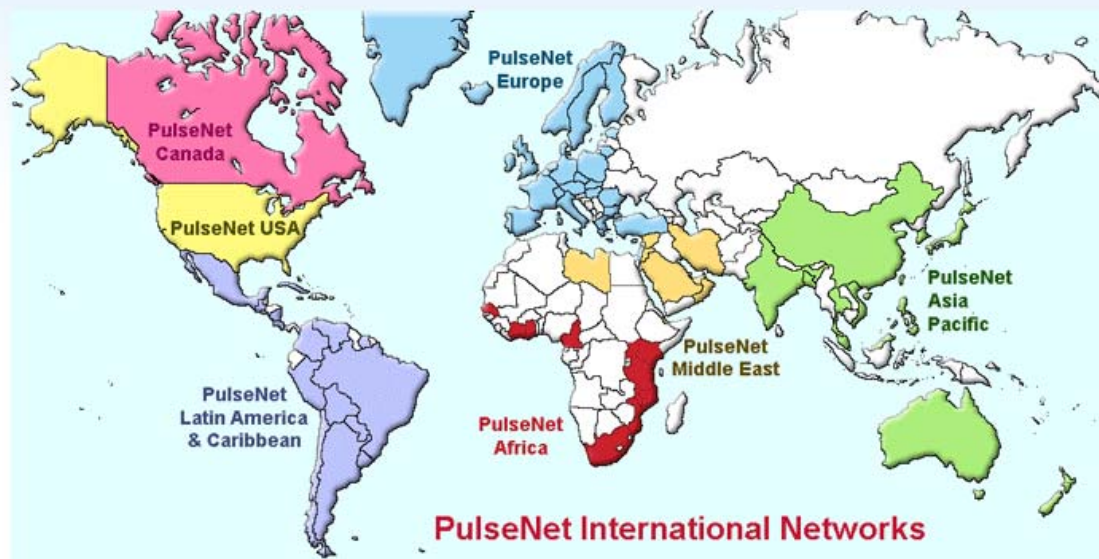
PulseNet International

Foodborne illnesses do not respect any borders. As a result of increasing international trade, food produced in one country may be consumed in a different part of the world and cause disease if contaminated with a foodborne pathogen.

Similarly, international travel is increasing and it is possible to get to almost any destination from almost any place in the world in a matter of hours. Therefore, a disease contracted in one part of the world may first become apparent thousands of miles away.

PulseNet International is a network of National and regional laboratory networks dedicated to tracking foodborne infections world-wide. Each laboratory utilizes standardized genotyping methods, sharing information in real-time.

The resulting surveillance provides early warning of food and waterborne disease outbreaks, emerging pathogens, and acts of bioterrorism.



Key tools & collaborators

We are looking to bring together the best tools and approaches from around the world, and implement them within the PulseNet network. Key collaborators or tools we are exploring include:

- [Center for Genomic Epidemiology](#) (Denmark)
- [Integrated Rapid Infectious Disease Analysis – IRIDA](#)(Canada)
- [Whole genome multi locus sequence typing \(wgMLST\)](#) (Applied Maths, Belgium)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS)?

1. WGS is the output and the process of generating the full DNA sequence of the genome of a microorganism. For foodborne bacteria, the genome includes the chromosome and any extrachromosomal genomic material such as plasmids. The actual process is also called next generation sequencing (NGS) and is performed by sequencing the DNA in multiple (10- >100 x) small random fragments ('reads') that typically vary in size between less than 100 to several 1000 DNA basepairs (bp) ('**massive parallel sequencing**'). The average number of times the genome is sequenced is called the **coverage**. Before the data can be analyzed, it must be cleaned and assessed for quality and often assembled into as few contiguous pieces (**contigs**) as possible. A completely assembled genome is in one contig for the chromosome and the extrachromosomal elements in each one piece but most often a genome will be assembled in 5- 200 contigs. If a genome is not fully assembled, we do not know the actual sequence of the whole genome but rather 97- 99 % of it. Assembling genomes is a computer intensive process that can be done by aligning the raw sequences against a well assembled sequence of a closely related strain (**reference based assembly**) or simply by aligning overlapping sequences from different reads without the need of a reference genome (**de novo assembly**). However, some comparisons of genomes may be performed little assembly ('**assembly free**') with minimal processing. For example, if you want to check if a specific gene, e.g. rpoB for species identification, or a specific set of genes, e.g., those used for multi locus sequence typing (MLST), for which the sequence(s) are known, the raw reads of the strain in question may be queried without assembly for the presence of this gene or these genes.

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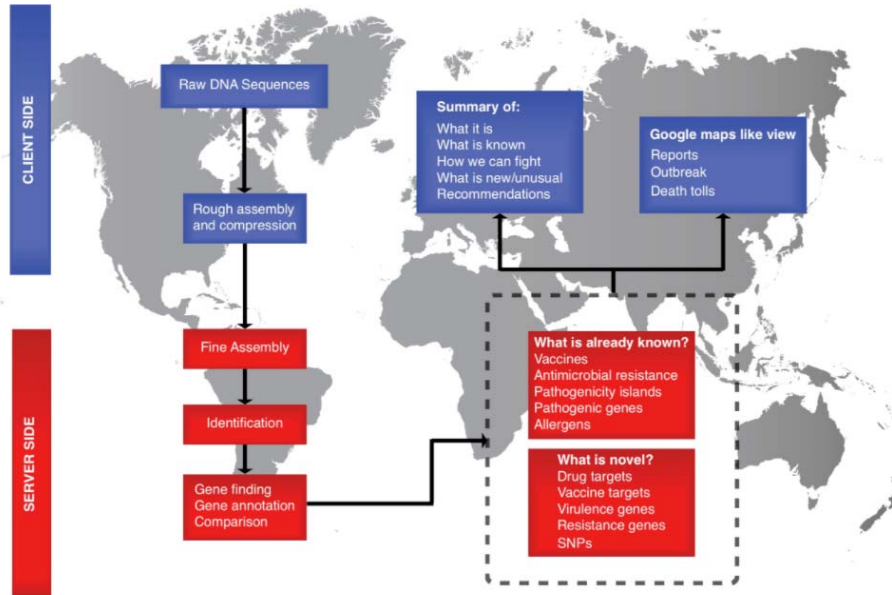
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Phenotyping:

- Identification of acquired antibiotic resistance genes. [ResFinder](#)
- Identification of functional metagenomic antibiotic resistance determinants. [ResFinderFG](#)
- Identification of acquired antibiotic resistance genes using Kmers. [KmerResistance](#)
- Prediction of a bacteria's pathogenicity towards human hosts. [PathogenFinder](#)
- Identification of acquired virulence genes. [VirulenceFinder](#)
- Determination of Restriction-Modification sites (based on [REBASE](#)). [Restriction-ModificationFinder](#)
- SPIFinder identifies Salmonella Pathogenicity Islands. [SPIFinder](#)

Typing:

- Multi Locus Sequence Typing (MLST) from an assembled genome or from a set of reads. [MLST](#)
- PlasmidFinder identifies plasmids in total or partial sequenced isolates of bacteria. [PlasmidFinder](#)
- Multi Locus Sequence Typing (MLST) from an assembled plasmid or from a set of reads. [pMLST](#)
- Prediction of bacterial species using a fast K-mer algorithm. [KmerFinder](#)
- Prediction of bacterial species using the S16 ribosomal DNA sequence. [SpeciesFinder](#)
- Fast prediction of bacterial



Welcome to the Center for Genomic Epidemiology

The cost of sequencing a bacterial genome is \$50 and is expected to decrease further in the near future and the equipment needed cost less than \$150 000. Thus, within a few years all clinical microbiological laboratories will have a sequencer in use on a daily basis. The price of genome sequencing is already so low that whole genome sequencing will also find worldwide application in human and veterinary practices as well as many other places where bacteria are handled. In Denmark alone this equals more than 1 million isolates annually in 15-20 laboratories and globally up to 1-2 billion isolates per year. The limiting factor will therefore in the future not be the cost of the sequencing, but how to assemble, process and handle the large amount of data in a standardized way that will make the information useful, especially for diagnostic and surveillance.

The aim of this center is to provide the scientific foundation for future internet-based solutions where a central database will enable simplification of total genome sequence information and comparison to all other sequenced including spatial-temporal analysis. We will develop algorithms for rapid analyses of whole genome DNA-sequences, tools for analyses and extraction of information from the sequence data and internet/web-interfaces for using the tools in the global scientific and medical community. The activity is being expanded to also include other microorganisms, such as virus and parasites as well as metagenomic samples.

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What Can We Learn from a Metagenomic Analysis of a Georgian Bacteriophage Cocktail?

December 2015
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WGS typing is a superior alternative to conventional typing strategies

August 2015
In combination with other available WGS typing tools, E. coli serotyping can be performed solely from WGS data, providing faster and cheaper typing than current routine procedures. [Link to article...](#)

Introduction to microbial whole genome sequencing and analysis for clinical microbiologist

April 2015
We offer clinical microbiologists the possibility to learn how to use the tools for e.g. typing, identifying plasmids, antibiotic resistance and virulence genes and for phylogenetic analysis. [Sign up...](#)

Consortium to combat infectious disease outbreaks

January 2015
The COMPARE project has been funded with 20 million Euros from the EU. The Consortium consists of 29 partners with multidisciplinary expertise in human health, animal health and food safety. [Read more...](#)

Benchmarking of Methods for Genomic Taxonomy

April 2014
How to optimally determine taxonomy from whole genome sequences. [Link to article...](#)

CGE tools applied for bacteriophage characterization

March 2014
Applying the ResFinder and VirulenceFinder web-services for easy identification of acquired antibiotic resistance and E. coli virulence genes in bacteriophage and prophage nucleotide sequences. [Link to article...](#)

Evaluation of Whole Genome Sequencing for Outbreak Detection of Salmonella enterica

March 2014
We evaluated WGS for outbreak detection of Salmonella enterica including different approaches for analyzing and comparing with a traditional typing, PFGE. [Link to article...](#)

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ResFinder 3.0

ResFinder identifies acquired antimicrobial resistance genes and/or find chromosomal mutations in total or partial sequenced isolates of bacteria.

The database is curated by:
Valeria Bortolaia
(click to contact)

View the [version history](#) of this server.


Chromosomal point mutations ☐

Acquired antimicrobial resistance genes ☐

Select type of your reads

Assembled Genome/Contigs* ▼

If you get an "Access forbidden. Error 403": Make sure the start of the web adress is https and not just http. Fix it by clicking [here](#).

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KmerResistance 2.2

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Select the scoring method

Species determination on maximum query covi ▾

Select the host database

Bacteria organisms ▾

Select the gene database

Resistance genes ▾


Select identity threshold

70 % ▾

Select threshold for depth corr

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Input file(s): fastq and fasta formats are supported, fastq is recommended.

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PathogenFinder 1.1

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Choose the phylum or class of your organism:

Choose 'All' if you want to use the model created using all bacteria

Automatic Model Selection ▼

Sequencing Platform

Select the sequencing platform used to generate the uploaded reads. (Note: Select 'Assembled Genome' if you are uploading preassembled reads)

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For publication of results, please cite:

- PathogenFinder - Distinguishing Friend from Foe Using Bacterial Whole Genome Sequence Data.
Cosentino S, Voldby Larsen M, Møller Aarestrup F, Lund O
(2013) PLoS ONE 8(10): e77302.
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VirulenceFinder 1.5

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Flemming Scheutz, SSI
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Select species

Listeria
S. aureus
Escherichia coli
Enterococcus

Select threshold for %ID


90 %

Select minimum length

60 %

Select type of your reads

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The Comprehensive Antibiotic Resistance Database

A bioinformatic database of resistance genes, their products and associated phenotypes.

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Resistome predictions: 1358 chromosome, 1622 plasmid, 34883 WGS assemblies

RGI Resistance Gene Identifier

RGI Bulk Analysis: Do you want to use RGI to analyze a large number of genomes? It is now available as a downloadable command-line tool in the [Download section of the CARD website](#).

RGI 4.0.2: Open Reading Frame (ORF) prediction using [Prodigal](#), homolog detection using [Diamond](#), and Strict significance based on CARD curated bitscore cut-offs. Addition of rRNA mutation and efflux over-expression models. Hits of 95% identity or better are automatically listed as Strict. All results organized by revised ARO classification: AMR Gene Family, Drug Class, and Resistance Mechanism. Support added for low quality/coverage assemblies, metagenomic merged reads, small plasmids or assembly contigs.

Online RGI results cached for 7 days. As the CARD curation evolves, the results of the RGI evolve. RGI targets, reference sequences, and significance cut-offs are under constant curation.

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Use RGI:

Enter a GenBank accession(s):

Enter accessions separated by commas

Nucleotide sequences will undergo ORF calling to generate predicted protein sequences. Short or partial gene sequences are unlikely to work.
Examples: JN420336.1, AY123251.1, HQ451074.1, AL123456

Upload FASTA sequence file(s):

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Upload a **plain text file** containing DNA or protein sequence(s) in FASTA format (20 Mb limit). The file can contain more than one FASTA formatted sequence, such as assembly contigs or multiple proteins. Each file will be treated as a single sample.

¹ Complete genomes, plasmids, or high quality assemblies (includes contigs > 20,000 bp). Excludes prediction of partial genes.

² Low quality/coverage assemblies, metagenomic merged reads, small plasmids or assembly contigs (<20,000 bp). Includes prediction of partial genes.

Select Data Type:

☒ DNA sequence

☐ Protein sequence

Select Criteria:

☒ Perfect and Strict hits only

☐ Perfect, Strict and Loose hits

Sequence Quality:

☒ High quality/coverage¹

☐ Low quality/coverage²

Main limitations of WGS

1. Absence of genomes of many type strains

Missing in ca. 50% of the bacteria species with validly published names (Chun et al., 2018)

2. Presence of mislabeled genomes

27% (16701/62362) of the Whole Genome Assemblies (WGAs) studied by Yoon et al. (2017)

3. Absence of 16S rRNA genes in 6% (4285/69745) of the WGAs (Lee et al., 2017)

4. Contaminated genomes or chimeras

0.9% (597/69745) detected using the ContEst16 (Lee et al., 2017)

Conclusions

- The isDDH, ANI and the MLPA are excellent tools to verify the identity of existing genomes and are extremely useful for defining new species and for recognizing strains.
- The Orto ANI seems to be the best platform.
- The 16S rRNA gene should be sequence ca. 1500 bp using conventional sequencing approaches.
- The use of several methodologies in parallel show their individual limitations and help to determine with more precision the similarity of the genomes.
- Quality control measure for genomes are essential.
- Update databases of virulence genes and ARG are needed.



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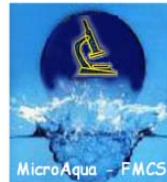


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