

Draft Genome Sequence of *Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* Strain UCD-AKU (Phylum *Actinobacteria*)

Jennifer C. Flanagan, Jenna M. Lang, Aaron E. Darling,* Jonathan A. Eisen, David A. Coil

University of California Davis, Genome Center, Davis, California, USA

* Present address: Aaron E. Darling, University of Technology Sydney, Ultimo, New South Wales, Australia.

Here we present the draft genome of an actinobacterium, *Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* strain UCD-AKU, isolated from a residential carpet. The genome assembly contains 3,692,614 bp in 130 contigs. This is the first member of the *Curtobacterium* genus to be sequenced.

Received 28 March 2013 Accepted 1 April 2013 Published 16 May 2013

Citation Flanagan JC, Lang JM, Darling AE, Eisen JA, Coil DA. 2013. Draft genome sequence of *Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* strain UCD-AKU (phylum *Actinobacteria*). *Genome Announc.* 1(3):e00244-13. doi:10.1128/genomeA.00244-13.

Copyright © 2013 Flanagan et al. This is an open-access article distributed under the terms of the [Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Unported license](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/3.0/).

Address correspondence to Jonathan A. Eisen, jaeisen@ucdavis.edu.

Members of the *Curtobacterium* genus are obligate aerobes and have been previously isolated from cheese vats (1), soil (2), and numerous plants. *Curtobacterium* is characterized as Gram-positive rods and usually appears in yellow- or orange-colored colonies (3). *Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* is a recognized and widespread plant pathogen, particularly in members of the bean family (4). Some strains have been isolated from humans (5), and at least one strain of *C. flaccumfaciens* has been shown to be infectious in humans (6).

Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens strain UCD-AKU was isolated from a residential carpet in Davis, California, as part of a project to produce reference genomes for microorganisms living in the built environment (7, 8). Carpet fibers were placed in Luria broth (LB), incubated overnight at 37°C, and plated on LB agar. Colonies were isolated by serial dilution streaking. This isolate was identified by sequencing the 16S rRNA gene PCR product produced by the 1391R and 27F primers. Genomic DNA was extracted using a Wizard genomic DNA purification kit (Promega) from a fresh overnight culture.

Two Illumina paired-end libraries were generated using a TruSeq DNA Sample Prep v2 kit (Illumina) and a Nextera DNA Sample Prep kit (Illumina). We selected 300- to 600-bp fragments using a Pippin Prep (Sage Science). Libraries were sequenced on an Illumina MiSeq, with a read length of 250 bp, trimmed to 160 bp prior to assembly. This produced a total of 6,705,982 paired-end reads. Quality trimming and error correction of the reads resulted in 6,042,026 high-quality reads. These steps were performed using the a5 assembly pipeline (9). This pipeline automates data cleaning, error correction, contig assembly, scaffolding, and quality control. An additional assembly was generated using the CLC Workbench (CLC Bio). The two assemblies were mapped to each other using progressiveMauve (10) and scaffolds from the CLC assembly not present in the A5 assembly were removed. The resulting “consensus” assembly contained 38 scaffolds (minimum, 446 bp; maximum, 630,288 bp; N₅₀, 233,227). During scaffolding, some contigs were merged based on short overlaps and read pair information, yielding a final collection of

130 contigs that were submitted to GenBank. This final assembly had 3,692,614 bp with a GC content of 71% and a coverage estimate of 261×. Genome completeness was assessed using the PhyloSift software (A. Darling, G. Jospin, E. Lowe, E. Matsen, H. Bik, and J. Eisen, submitted), which searches for a list of 40 highly conserved, single-copy marker genes (D. Wu, G. Jospin, and J. Eisen, unpublished data), of which all were found in this assembly.

Annotation was performed using the RAST server (11). *C. flaccumfaciens* UCD-AKU contains 3,462 predicted protein-coding sequences and 50 predicted noncoding RNAs. Identification of arsenic resistance genes is consistent with previous experimental studies (12).

A phylogenetic tree of 16S rRNA gene sequences from cultured isolates of *Curtobacterium* was produced using the Ribosomal Database Project (RDP), which implements a weighted neighbor-joining algorithm (13). *C. flaccumfaciens* UCD-AKU falls within a well-supported (99% bootstrap support) clade that contains only *C. flaccumfaciens* isolates (doi: 10.6084/m9.figshare.646183).

Nucleotide sequence accession numbers. This whole-genome shotgun project has been deposited at DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank under the accession number [APJN00000000](https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.644657). The version described in this paper is the first version, [APJN01000000](https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.644657). Illumina reads are available at doi:10.6084/m9.figshare.644657.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Illumina sequencing was performed at the DNA Technologies Core facility in the Genome Center at the UC Davis, Davis, California.

This work was funded by a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation as part of their program on the “Microbiology of the Built Environment.”

We thank John Qingyi Zhang for his help with library preparation.

REFERENCES

1. Didienne R, Defargues C, Callon C, Meylheuc T, Hulin S, Montel MC. 2012. Characteristics of microbial biofilm on wooden vats (“gerles”) in PDO Salers cheese. *Int. J. Food Microbiol.* 156:91–101.
2. Kim MK, Kim YJ, Kim HB, Kim SY, Yi TH, Yang DC. 2008. Curto-

- bacterium ginsengisoli sp. nov., isolated from soil of a ginseng field. *Int. J. Syst. Evol. Microbiol.* **58**:2393–2397.
3. Komagata K, Suzuki KI. 1986. Genus *Curtobacterium*, vol 2. Williams & Wilkins, Baltimore, MD.
 4. Agarkova IV, Lambrecht PA, Vidaver AK, Harveson RM. 2012. Genetic diversity among *Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* pv. *flaccumfaciens* populations in the American high plains. *Can. J. Microbiol.* **58**:788–801.
 5. Funke G, Aravena-Roman M, Frodl R. 2005. First description of *Curtobacterium* spp. isolated from human clinical specimens. *J. Clin. Microbiol.* **43**:1032–1036.
 6. Francis MJ, Doherty RR, Patel M, Hamblin JF, Ojaimi S, Korman TM. 2011. *Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* septic arthritis following puncture with a Coxspur hawthorn thorn. *J. Clin. Microbiol.* **49**:2759–2760.
 7. Bendiks ZA, Lang JM, Darling AE, Eisen JA, Coil DA. 2013. Draft genome sequence of *Microbacterium* sp. strain UCD-TDU (phylum *Actinobacteria*). *Genome Announc.* **1**(2):e00120-13. doi:[10.1128/genomeA.00120-13](https://doi.org/10.1128/genomeA.00120-13).
 8. Lo JR, Lang JM, Darling AE, Eisen JA, Coil DA. 2013. Draft genome sequence of an actinobacterium, *Brachybacterium muris* strain UCD-AY4. *Genome Announc.* **1**(2):e00086-13. doi:[10.1128/genomeA.00086-13](https://doi.org/10.1128/genomeA.00086-13).
 9. Tritt A, Eisen JA, Facciotti MT, Darling AE. 2012. An integrated pipeline for de novo assembly of microbial genomes. *PLoS ONE* **7**:e42304.
 10. Darling AE, Mau B, Perna NT. 2010. ProgressiveMauve: multiple genome alignment with gene gain, loss and rearrangement. *PLoS ONE* **5**:e11147.
 11. Aziz RK, Bartels D, Best AA, DeJongh M, Disz T, Edwards RA, Formsma K, Gerdes S, Glass EM, Kubal M, Meyer F, Olsen GJ, Olson R, Osterman AL, Overbeek RA, McNeil LK, Paarmann D, Paczian T, Parrello B, Pusch GD, Reich C, Stevens R, Vassieva O, Vonstein V, Wilke A, Zagnitko O. 2008. The RAST server: rapid annotations using subsystems technology. *BMC Genomics* **9**:75.
 12. Hendrick CA, Haskins WP, Vidaver AK. 1984. Conjugative plasmid in *Corynebacterium flaccumfaciens* subsp. *oortii* that confers resistance to arsenite, arsenate, and antimony(III). *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* **48**:56–60.
 13. Cole JR, Wang Q, Cardenas E, Fish J, Chai B, Farris RJ, Kulam-Syed-Mohideen AS, McGarrell DM, Marsh T, Garrity GM, Tiedje JM. 2009. The Ribosomal Database Project: improved alignments and new tools for rRNA analysis. *Nucleic Acids Res.* **37**:D141–D145.