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Genome sequence of the aurodox-producing bacterium *Streptomyces goldiniensis*
ATCC 21386

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Abstract

We report the genome sequence of *Streptomyces goldiniensis* ATCC 21386, a strain

which produces the anti-bacterial and anti-virulence polyketide, aurodox. The genome of

S. goldiniensis ATCC 21386 was sequenced using a multiplatform hybrid approach,

revealing a linear genome of ~10 Mbp with a G+C content of 71 %. The genome sequence

revealed 36 putative biosynthetic gene clusters (BGCs), including a large region of 271

Kbp that was rich in biosynthetic capability. The genome sequence is deposited in

DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank with the accession number PRJNA602141.

Introduction

Isolated from soil collected in Bermuda in 1973, a novel strain of *Streptomyces* was found

to produce the anti-Streptococcal natural product (X-5108 = aurodox) and was informally

named *S. goldiniensis* var. *goldiniensis* [1]. Despite the strain being named *S. goldiniensis*

var. *goldiniensis* by Berger et al., [1] there is no formal description of this strain in the

literature and it does not appear in the List of Prokaryotic names with standing in

nomenclature [2].

Originally identified its antibacterial activity, aurodox [1] has also found utility as a widely

used growth promoting compound in poultry [3]. More recently it has attracted attention

for its anti-virulence activity, blocking virulence by inhibition of the Type III Secretion

System (T3SS) in Enterohaemorrhagic *Escherichia coli* (EHEC) [4]. Subsequent work this

inhibitory effect is mediated through the down-regulation of the Type III Secretion System

master regulator Ler [5].

Whilst *S. goldiniensis* var. *goldiniensis* is known for the production of aurodox, it is a

common feature of *Streptomyces* genomes to encode many more secondary metabolites

than can observed during laboratory culture [6]. The vast repository of natural product

biosynthetic gene clusters (BGCs) contained within the genomes of *Streptomyces* means

that genome mining, has become the mainstay of researchers looking to prioritize BGCs

for further study [6, 7]. Moreover, the increasing amount of genome sequence data of

natural product producing strains facilitates evolutionary studies of biosynthesis and can

inform on synthetic biology strategies for developing novel molecules and improving

production of current molecules [7–9]. Here we describe the multi-platform genome

sequencing of *Streptomyces goldiniensis* ATCC 21386 which is deposited in

DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank with the accession number PRJNA602141.

Results & Discussion

Genome features of *Streptomyces goldiniensis* ATCC 21386

The linear genome of *S. goldiniensis* ATCC 21386 was sequenced using a hybrid-approach of Illumina, PacBio and Oxford Nanopore to generate a high-quality draft genome (Genbank Bioproject PRJNA602141). Using a combined assembly approach with SPAdes [10] the data from all three platforms allowed the overall genome size to be estimated at 10,005,022 bp, in nine contigs, with an N50 of 9,950,726 bp. The draft genome of *S. goldiniensis* is predicted to have a total of 9925 protein coding genes, along with 81 tRNAs and five rRNA operons (**Figure 1**). Absence of genes encoding plasmid replication machinery (Par proteins) on the eight minor contigs suggest that they do not represent plasmids. Pulse-filed Gel electrophoresis of total DNA extractions from *S. goldiniensis* also indicates the absence of plasmids in this strain.

The *S. goldiniensis* genome is rich in natural product biosynthetic gene clusters

Streptomyces bacteria are renowned for their ability to synthesis a wide range of natural products, many of which have found utility in human medicine [7]. Despite many strains being identified through the production of a single metabolite, the genomes of *Streptomyces* often encode a number of additional biosynthetic gene clusters (BGCs) that are not expressed under laboratory conditions, the so called 'silent BGCs' [6]. Using the antiSMASH pipeline [11] the genome of *S. goldiniensis* ATCC 21386 was mined. A total of 36 putative BGCs were identified (**Table 1**), including five putative polyketide synthase (PKS) containing BGCs, eight non-ribosomal peptide synthase (NRPS) BGCs and nine putative terpene BGCs. The genome encodes BGCs that are highly conserved in the genomes of *Streptomyces* species such as geosmin, desferrioxamine and melanin [7].

One region of the *S. goldiniensis* genome was found to be particularly rich in BGCs (position 4,213,370 - 4,484,508; 271 kb), encoding a putative Bottromycin A2-like molecule, an 87 kb region that possesses genes likely to encode a hybrid PKS/NRPS, highly similar to the kirromycin BGC [12] which has recently been shown to encode aurodox (McHugh *et al., in prep.*). Immediately downstream of the aurodox BGC is a gene cluster with homology to glycolipid synthase-like PKS containing BGCs, a cluster which is

100 % identical to the macrolide concanamycin A and a putative lassopeptide-encoding

gene cluster (**Table 1; Figure 2**). To confirm that the this BGC-rich region around the

aurodox BGC was indeed a supercluster, rather than an artefact of genome assembly,

primer pairs were designed that spanned the junction between the cluster upstream

(putative bottromycin A2) and downstream (glycolipid synthase-like PKS containing BGC)

of the aurodox cluster. PCR and sequencing of the regions spanning the BGCs confirmed

the organisation of the gene clusters around aurodox (**Figure 2**).

Conclusions

The genome of *S. goldiniensis* ATCC 21386 was sequenced using a hybrid approach to

yield a high-quality draft genome with ~99% of the genome on a single contig through a

k-mer dependant assembly using SPAdes [10], followed by a scaffold-based final

assembly with [13]. This allowed prediction of a biosynthetic gene supercluster to be

identified from the main genome contig and the organisation of the supercluster to be

confirmed by PCR. This genome sequence provides a springboard for further study of this

strain and a basis for a formal taxonomic description of *S. goldiniensis* var. *goldiniensis*

ATCC 21386.

Materials and Methods

Whole Genome Sequencing *Streptomyces goldiniensis.*

Genomic DNA was extracted according to Kieser *et al,*[14] from cultures grown in GYM medium (DSMZ medium 65; www.dsmz.de). Nanopore sequencing was performed using the Nanopore™ 1D ligation protocol with MinION SPOT ON MK1 R9 flow cells. Raw data was converted using MinKnow base calling software. Illumina platform data was provided by Microbes NG (Birmingham, UK) from the HiSeq 2500 sequencing platform. Reads were trimmed using Trimmomatic 0.30[15] with quality cut off of Q15. PacBio sequencing was provided by (Nu-omics, University of Northumbria, UK) using the Sequel instrument with contigs assembled in HGAP4.

The genome was assembled using SPAdes with combined data from all three platforms [10]. AutoMLST (38) was used to identify *S. bottropensis* ATCC 25435 (Taxonomy ID: 1054862) as the closest neighbour for scaffold-based assembly using MeDuSa [13] and quality analysis performed using QUAST [16]. Prokka was used to annotate the genome of *Streptomyces goldiniensis* [17] and is available on Genbank (Bioproject PRJNA602141). Identification of biosynthetic gene clusters was performed using the antiSMASH pipeline (bacterial version 5.0.0) [11]. The position of the putative aurodox BGC within the larger 273 Kbp 'supercluster' was confirmed via PCR. The following oligonucleotide primer sequences were used;

clusterposcheckAF 5'-CCAGACGCAGGTCCGCTTCGGACG-3';

clusterposcheckAR 5'-CCATCGTGGGGATCGCAG-3';

clusterposcheckBF 5'- AGGATGTTCCAGTCGGCTCTCACTCCG-3';

clusterposcheckBR 5'-CGAGGTCGCCCGGCATGTGGA-3'.

PCR products were visualised using agarose gel-electrophoresis, and sequence specificity was confirmed by band excision followed by Sanger sequencing provided by Eurofins genomics (Luxembourg).

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 Figure Legends

 Figure 1: Circular representation of the linear *Streptomyces goldiniensis* genome

 generate by CGviewer [18]. Map was built from a .gbk file generated by Prokka. The outer

 most circle represents coding sequences on the major strand, the inner circle represents

 coding sequences on the minor strand. Grey arrows in the centre of the figure depict the

 lengths of the contigs in the final assembly.

 Figure 2: A: Representation of the 271 kbp putative aurodox supercluster. Gene

 cluster boundaries were predicted by AntiSMASH and schematic diagram was generated

 by clinker. From left to right, arrows coloured purple represent Bottromycin A2-associated

 genes, blue arrows represent the putative aurodox BGC, cyan arrows represent predicted

 glycolipid-synthase genes, navy blue arrows represent concanamycin A-associated genes

 and green arrows indicate putative genes involved in lassopeptide biosynthesis. **B:** Primer

 pair binding sites are indicated by 'A' and 'B' on the diagram and their corresponding PCR

 products are shown on the gel with the lanes labelled accordingly.

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Table 1: Summary of the predicted Biosynthetic Gene Clusters of *S. goldiniensis* using

antiSMASH *[11]*.

Region	Type	Region	Most similar	% similarity
1	Type II PKS	32,278 - 104,355	Spore pigment	83
3	Lanthipeptide, lassopeptide	486,431 - 514,192	Citrulassin E (ripp)	100
4	Siderophore	2,159,777 - 2,170,184	NA	0
5	Terpene	2,487,747 - 2,508,882	Lipopeptide	4
6	NRPS, tfuA related	2,543,021 - 2,606,769	Diisonitrile antibiotic SF2768	66
7	Bacteriocin	2,705,875 - 2,716,826	NA	0
8	Terpene	2,777,350 - 2,799,499	Geosmin	100
9	NRPS-like	2,818,277 - 2,858,728	S56P1	11
10	NRPS-like, siderophore	3,085,338 - 3,126,119	Paulomycin	13
11	NRPS-like	3,541,716 - 3,582,164	Octacosamicin	12
12	Terpene	3,625,827 - 3,643,980	NA	0
13	Indole	4,158,688 - 4,181,228	Terfestatin	28
14	bacteriocin,bottromycin,NRPS,transAT-PKS, Type I PKS, hglE-KS,lassopeptide	4,213,370 - 4,484,508	Kirromycin	40
15	NRPS-like	4,599,349 - 4,657,342	Echosides	17
16	Terpene	4,783,720 - 4,802,511	NA	0
17	Linardin	5,046,397 - 5,067,017	Pentostatine	17
18	Siderophore	5,085,773 - 5,100,346	NA	0
19	NRPS, melanin	5,167,798 - 5,232,264	Scabichelin	100
20	Terpene	5,257,095 - 5,277,644	NA	0
21	NRPS, Type I PKS	5,284,180 - 5,346,580	Herboxidiene	4
22	Terpene	5,480,336 - 5,505,711	Isorenieratene	100
23	Type II PKS	5,770,343 - 5,856,353	Fluostatins	60
24	Lanthipeptide, bacteriocin	6,153,412 - 6,179,099	Informatipeptin	100
25	NRPS-like, Type I PKS	6,410,852 - 6,457,973	Marineosin	45
26	Terpene	6,507,863 - 6,532,462	Hopene	100
27	Ectoine	6,852,064 - 6,861,735	Ectoine	100
28	Ladderane	6,937,157 - 6,978,500	Colabomycin	11
29	Type III PKS, Terpene	7,764,486 - 7,805,661	Merochlorin	12
30	Melanin	8,189,939 - 8,200,406	Melanin	80
31	Siderophore	8,344,177 - 8,355,949	Desferrioxamine A	83
32	Ectoine	8,471,171 - 8,481,599	Ectoine	75
33	Terpene	9,170,031 - 9,191,797	NA	0
34	Bacteriocin	9,838,044 - 9,848,331	NA	0
35	Terpene	9,968,421 - 10,005,017	NA	0

221   **Figure 1**

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