***'Candidatus Peptacetobacter felis'* sp. nov., a novel bile acid-converting bacterial species**

isolated from the feces of healthy cats in the United States

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Abbreviations:

MALDI-TOF MS: Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption/Ionization Time of Flight Mass

Spectrometry

WGS: Whole genome sequencing

COG: Clusters of Orthologous Genes

MAG: metagenome assembled genomes

OMCL: Orthologous Markov Clustering

ABSTRACT

Six strains of a novel anaerobic bacterial taxa exhibiting bile acid-transforming activity were isolated from fecal samples of clinically healthy cats living in Oakland, California. 16S rRNA sequencing and phylogenetic analysis indicate that strain AB800^T belongs to the genus *Peptacetobacter*, with *Peptacetobacter hiranonis* strain JCM 10541 (98% coverage, 99.7% identity) as its closest relative. Whole genome sequencing shows an average nucleotide identity (ANI) of less than 96% (95.73% ANI, 90.53% AF) with the closest validly named species being *Peptacetobacter hiranonis DGF055142*. The size is about 2.58 Mb, containing 2,355 predicted coding sequences and 2,450 annotated genes. Phenotypic characterisation, and comprehensive genomic analysis, including ANI, digital DNA-DNA hybridization (dDDH) and core genome phylogenetic analysis, placing the strain AB800^T on a separate branch, supported the classification of a novel species, strain AB800^T (DSM 120482 = LMG 34035) with the proposed name '*Candidatus Peptacetobacter felis*' sp. nov., derived from "*felis*" the latin name of cat *felis catus*. These findings expand our understanding of host-associated bile acid converters and provide promising candidates for probiotic development.

INTRODUCTION

Comprehensive characterisation of the gut microbiome in companion animals and identification of live bacterial taxa are essential for developing next-generation microbial supplements, live biotherapeutic products, and advancing veterinary health [1, 2]. Yet, much of its diversity remains unexplored, especially at the species level. Among the critical microbial processes in the gut, bile acid metabolism plays a central role in regulating host physiology, microbial community structure and interactions, and intestinal homeostasis [3, 4]. In both humans and animals, gut microbes convert primary bile acids into secondary bile acids, modulating lipid absorption, intestinal signalling, and colonisation resistance effects mediated through host receptors such as FXR and TGR5 [5–7]. In dogs and cats, bile acid metabolism has been shown to have profound health implications, with alterations in bile acid profiles linked to gastrointestinal disorders and dysbiosis [5, 8].

To address this knowledge gap, culturomics, a high-throughput, culture-based microbial discovery method, has emerged as a powerful tool [9, 10]. By combining selective anaerobic cultivation, MALDI-TOF MS profiling, and whole genome sequencing, culturomics enables the isolation of novel gut microbes and the functional exploration of their metabolic capabilities [11, 12]. While metagenomics offers broad surveys of genomics content, only culture-based techniques provide direct insight into physiology, metabolic activity, and potential therapeutic applications. The gastrointestinal tracts of healthy cats and dogs provide a rich anaerobic environment that supports diverse microbial consortia involved in key transformations, such as protein fermentation and bile acid conversion [1, 13]. Protein-rich diets common to companion animals enhance microbial fermentation potential, but may also lead to the accumulation of ammonia and other intermediates that disrupt gut stability[14, 15]. In this context, bile acid-transforming bacteria may help stabilise

the microbial community and maintain gut homeostasis[5, 16]. One of the main bacteria reported

to modulate bile acid levels in companion animals with chronic enteropathy is *Pepetacetobacter*

(Clostridium) hiranonis [17].

The *Peptacetobacter* genus is classified in the *Peptostreptococcaceae* family and includes a group

of rod-shaped Gram-positive, obligatory anaerobic bacteria. There are two members of the genus

Peptacetobacter: *Peptacetobacter hiranonis* and *Peptacetobacter hominis*. The first species

isolated from this genus was initially classified as *Clostridium* based on the 16s rRNA similarity

and DNA-DNA hybridisation analysis [18]. Then, in 2020, the second species was isolated with a

~95% 16S rRNA gene similarity, and exhibited ANI values of 66–76% (< 96%) and dDDH values

of 17–35% (< 70%), far below accepted genus and species thresholds. The whole-genome

phylogenomics further demonstrated that these organisms belonged to a distinct lineage, separated

from *Clostridium sensu stricto*, leading to the establishment of the genus *Peptacetobacter*, with *P.*

hominis as the type species and *P. hiranonis* reclassified accordingly ([19].

Here, we report the isolation and characterisation of a novel bile acid-transforming species from

the feces of healthy cats: '*Candidatus Peptacetobacter felis*' sp. nov., expanding the genus

Peptacetobacter to three species. Using a culturomics framework, we identified and analysed these

strains through phenotypic, phylogenetic, chemo-taxonomic, and genomic methods. This

discovery enhances our ability to conduct additional studies to better understand the bile acid

microbiome axis in companion animals. It offers novel candidates for the development of precision

probiotics to improve gastrointestinal health and metabolic stability in dogs and cats.

SAMPLE COLLECTION AND ISOLATION

Fecal samples were collected from five different healthy cats living in Oakland, California, USA, in 2022. Strain AB800[T] was isolated from a fecal sample obtained from an 8-year-old, spayed domestic short-haired cat. AB403 was isolated from a fecal sample obtained from a 2-year-old, spayed female domestic short-haired cat. AB804 was isolated from a fecal sample obtained from a 7-year-old, spayed female domestic short-haired cat. AB807 and AB808 were isolated from the same 6-year-old, neutered male American short-haired cat. Strain AB811 was cultivated from a fecal sample obtained from a 1-year-old, spayed female domestic long-haired cat.

Freshly collected samples were transported in BIOME-Preserve AS-930 (Anaerobe Systems, Morgan Hill, CA) transport media in a one-to-one ratio and processed as part of the AnimalBiome culturomics process [20]. Culture and isolation were carried out between September 2022 and February 2023. In an AS500 Anaerobic chamber (Anaerobe Systems, Morgan Hill, CA), the sample was serially diluted, and the diluted samples were plated on Brain Heart Infusion Agar with Horse Blood and Taurocholate (BHIY-HT) (Anaerobe Systems, Morgan Hill, CA) and incubated anaerobically for 48 hours at 37°C. The grown colonies of strain AB800[T] were repeatedly subcultured on homemade Columbia agar with 5% sheep blood until pure isolates were obtained. Colony identification of the strain was carried out using MALDI Biotyper smart System RUO microflex LT/SH smart with the BIDAL database v12 (Bruker Daltonics, Bremen, Germany) as previously described [20].

MORPHOLOGICAL, PHENOTYPICAL, AND BIOCHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

After isolation, a pure culture of strain AB800[T] was morphologically characterised by phase-contrast microscopy and Gram staining. Motility was assessed by wet mount, and biochemical

profiling was conducted using API ZYM, API 50 CH, and API Rapid ID 32A strips (bioMérieux).

The ribosomal protein MALDI-TOF MS spectra profiling was obtained using MALDI Biotyper

smart System RUO microflex LT/SH smart with the software flexAnalysis 3.4 (Bruker Daltonics,

Bremen, Germany).

On both Chocolate agar (Fig. 1a1) and Brain Heart infusion agar (Fig. 1a2) (Anaerobe Systems,

Morgan Hill, CA), strain AB800^T exhibits white-grayish colonies in the form of a star measuring

approximately 1 to 2 mm in diameter. The wet mount reveals a non-motile bacterial cell, while the

Gram stain shows Gram-positive bacilli with no endospore formation detected (Fig. 1b2). The

electron microscopy characterisation shows that strain AB800^T cells measure approximately 0.7–

1 μm in width and 3.2–8 μm in length (Fig.1 b1). Growth of AB800^T is optimal on a Chocolate

agar (Anaerobe Systems, Morgan Hill, CA) plate at 37 °C in strict anaerobic conditions . The

Protein profile characterized by the mass spectra (Fig. 1c) obtained by MALDI-TOF Mass

spectrometry, shows a reproducible spectrum among multiple replicates composed of the cytosolic

and main ribosomal proteins. This spectrum is unique and composed of peaks within the 2,000 to

15,000 m/z range.

The enzymatic activity evaluation shows that strain AB800^T exhibits positive activity for N-acetyl-

β-D-glucosaminidase,   acid   phosphatase,   alkaline   phosphatase,   naphthol-AS-BI-

phosphohydrolase, proline aminopeptidase, and esterase lipase (C8). Negative activity was

observed for β-glucosidases, β-galactosidase, valine, leucine arylamidases, lipase (C14), α-

chymotrypsin, and trypsin. Regarding carbohydrates, strain AB800^T can metabolise D-glucose and

D-mannose but shows no activity towards sucrose or sorbitol. Strain AB800^T shows no activity

for urea utilisation, nitrate reduction, indole production, and gelatin hydrolysis (Table 1)

SEQUENCING AND GENOMIC ANALYSIS

The total nucleic acid of strain AB800[T] AB403, AB804, AB807, AB808, and AB811 was extracted using the ZymoBIOMICS™ DNA Miniprep Kit for bacterial cells (Zymo Research, Irvine, CA, USA) as previously described [20]. The concentration of the nucleic acid was measured using a Qubit 4 Fluorometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). The strains AB800[T], AB403, AB804, AB807, AB808, and AB811 were sequenced using Illumina technology by SeqCenter (Pittsburgh, PA, United States) as described in their protocol. Illumina sequencing libraries were prepared using the tagmentation-based and PCR-based Illumina DNA Prep kit and custom IDT 10 bp unique dual indices (UDI) with a target insert size of 280 bp. No additional DNA fragmentation or size selection steps were performed. Illumina sequencing was performed on an Illumina NovaSeq X Plus sequencer in one or more multiplexed shared-flow cell runs, producing 2x151 bps paired-end reads. Demultiplexing, quality control, and adapter trimming were performed with bcl-convert1 (v4.2.4).

PHYLOGENY AND GENOME FEATURES

Sequencing reads were screened for quality control using Fastqc v0.12.1 [21] and filtered with a Phred score >30. We assembled them using SPAdes genome assembler v3.15.5 [22] implemented in shovill (https://github.com/tseemann/shovill) with default parameters. The final scaffolds were screened for quality using CheckM2 v1.0.2 [23] and taxonomically confirmed using GTDB-Tk v2.4.0 (RefDB version r220) [24] and a Blastn search using BLASTN 2.17.0+ [25] against the 16S rRNA database (NCBI). We annotated the genomes using Prokka v1.14.6 [26]. The genome was searched for antimicrobial resistance and virulence genes using Abricate (https://github.com/tseemann/abricate) (version 1.0.0) and the NCBI AMRFinderPlus [27],

ARGANNOT [28], ResFinder [28, 29], CARD [30], and MEGARes [31] databases downloaded

in November 2025. In addition, we conducted a screening for metabolism pathways associated

with bile acid metabolism using gapseq (version 1.3.1) [32] and searched for complete and

incomplete pathways.

The strain AB800^T was assembled into 149 contigs, totalling 2.58 Mb in genome size. Compared

with the other five strains, AB800^T is in the upper range of genome size, ranging from 2.43 to 2.86

Mb across all strains. The strain AB800^T encodes 2,355 coding sequences and 2,450 total genes,

values that fall centrally within the variation seen among other related strains (2,165–2,624 CDS;

2,261–2,719 genes). The strain carries 16 rRNA genes, 78 tRNA genes, and one tmRNA, with

three annotated repeat regions, reflecting the typical genomic architecture present across the set.

Regarding antimicrobial resistance determinants, strain AB800^T harbors both tetB(P) and tetA(P)

genes among the tetracycline group of genes, while no macrolide (ermQ) or lincosamide (lnuP)

genes are detected. This resistance gene profile is shared with the strains AB0403, AB804, and

AB811. However there were no genes associated to virulence. The genes associated with bile acid

metabolism are broadly conserved across all genomes examined, and strain AB800^T encodes the

complete set of core *bai* genes, including *baiN_1, baiN_2, baiB, baiE, baiCD_1, baiCD_2, baiF,*

baiH and *baiA2*. As in the other strains, *baiN_3, baiN_4* and *baiN_5* are absent (Table 2)

The 16S rRNA gene sequence of strain AB800^T, when blasted against the 16S ribosomal RNA

database, showed 97% coverage and 99% identity to *P. hiranonis JCM 10541*. The maximum

likelihood phylogenetic inference with a General Time-Reversible (GTR) model shows strain

AB800^T to be a close parent of *P. hiranonis JCM10541(NR178263.1)* and *P. hiranonis strain TO-*

931 (NR028611.1), with a bootstrap of 98% and a midpoint rooting topology (Fig. 2: a). Genomic

taxonomic classification using Gtdbtk v2 showed that the closest species is *Peptacetobacter*

sp900539645 (GCA_900539645.1) with 98.67% ANI, *Peptacetobacter hiranonis*

(GCF_008151785.1), ANI= 94.46%, AF=0.81, and *Peptacetobacter hominis*

(GCF_006861675.1), ANI=80.74, AF=0.45. The DNA-DNA-Hybridization analysis with GGDC

showed that the closest from the database is *Peptacetobacter hiranonis DSM 13275* with dDDH =

67.7% (Suppl.Data: Table1). The Core-genome-based phylogeny showed strain AB800^T to be

close to or belong to the *Peptacetobacter* cluster but on a separate branch, as *P. hiranonis* and

close to the metagenome assembled genomes (MAG) of *Peptacetobacter* (*Pepetacetobacter* sp.

bin-44 and *Pepetacetobacter* sp. DOME MAG 11184) (Fig. 2: b). The closest species genomes

and other genomes were retrieved from NCBI, and ANI and AF were computed directly using

FASTANI (version 1.34) [33]. The results indicated that the closest are *Pepetacetobacter* sp.

DOME MAG11184 and *Pepetacetobacter* sp. bin-44 (ANI=98.72%, AF=81.95%, ANI=98.67%,

AF=74.17%). The closest known isolate is *Peptacetobacter hiranonis* DGF055145 (ANI=95.73%,

AF=81.95%) with ANI < 96%, making strain AB800^T a 'candidatus' new species of the genus

Peptacetobacter (Fig. 3). The 16S rRNA and the genome of strain AB800^T were deposited in

Genbank with the respective accession numbers PV358556 and NZ_JBLOUI000000000.1

COMPARATIVE GENOMIC

A pangenome analysis using OMCL clustering showed that strain AB800^T shared only 1331 gene

clusters with *Peptacetobacter hiranonis* and *Peptacetobacter hominis* (core genome) while

conserving 500 genes as unique. It shares 405 with *Peptacetobacter hiranonis* and only 67 with *P.*

hominis, confirming that strain AB800^T is closer to *P. hiranonis* than *P. hominis* (Fig. 4: a). The

metabolic pathway analysis revealed that, while only *P. hiranonis* and strain AB800^T possess the

bile acid 7-alpha and 7-beta dehydroxylation pathways, only strain AB800^T lacks the

deconjugation pathways, as shown in Fig. 4: b.

DESCRIPTION OF *PEPTACETOBACTER SP.* NOV

'Candidatus Peptacetobacter felis' (fe.lis. L. gen. n. felis, referring to the Latin name of cat, felis

catus, the species from which it was isolated).

A bile acid-converting, Gram-positive, non-motile, obligate anaerobic rod-shaped bacterium

isolated from the feces of a healthy cat living in Oakland, California. *Peptacetobacter felis AB800^T*

can be grown on Columbia blood agar, Chocolate agar, and Brain Heart infusion agar (with optimal

growth on Chocolate agar at 37 °C after 48h. On agar plates, it exhibits white-grayish colonies in

the form of a star measuring approximately 1 to 2 mm in diameter. Regarding enzymatic activity,

'Candidatus Peptacetobacter felis' AB800^T shows the ability to hydrolyze specific peptide and

amino sugar substrates and active phosphatase and esterase systems, which translates to positive

results for naphthol-AS-BI-phosphohydrolase, leucine arylamidase, N-acetyl-β-D-

glucosaminidase, alkaline phosphatase, esterase (C4), esterase lipase (C8), and acid phosphatase.

On the other hand, strain AB800^T does not exhibit activity for cystine arylamidase, trypsin, lipase

(C14), valine arylamidase, α-mannosidase, α-fucosidase, α-chymotrypsin, β-glucosidase, or β-

galactosidases, showing limited glycosidic activity and proteolytic activity in comparison with

other *Peptacetobacter* taxa. Regarding carbohydrate, amino acid, and salt activity, *'Candidatus*

Peptacetobacter felis' AB800^T is urea- and L-tryptophan-negative, suggesting the absence of

urease and tryptophanase activities. For carbon sources, the strain AB800^T can use D-saccharose

(sucrose) and D-glucose, but does not use amygdalin, D-melibiose, D-mannitol, D-sorbitol, L-

rhamnose, L-arabitol, or inositol. In summary, *'Candidatus Peptacetobacter felis' AB800^T* is

particularly characterized by its esterase and phosphatase reactivity, but in general by its specific

enzyme activities and limited substrate spectrum among the tested compounds. Even though the

16S RNA similarity search and phylogeny did not show a clear delineation between the strain

'Candidatus Peptacetobacter felis' AB800^T and other *P. hiranonis*, Genomic taxonomic

classification using Gtdbtk v2 showed that the closest species is Peptacetobacter sp900539645

(GCA_900539645.1) with 98,67% ANI, which is a MAG. However, the nearest known isolate is

Peptacetobacter hiranonis DGF055145 (ANI=95.73%, AF=81.95%), with ANI < 96% and dDDH

= 67.7% (< 70%), and Peptacetobacter hiranonis DSM 13275, making *Peptacetobacter sp.*

AB800T, a new species of the genus *Peptacetobacter*. The genome is 2,577,873 bp, comprises 149

contigs, has a GC content of 31%, and has been deposited in GenBank under BioProject accession

number PRJNA1200056. *'Candidatus Peptacetobacter felis'* AB800^T was deposited in two

international collections with the following accession numbers: *Candidatus Peptacetobacter felis*

AB800^T (=DSM 120482= LMG 34035

Ethical statement

The fecal sample used to isolate *'Candidatus Peptacetobacter felis'* strain AB800^T, as well as the

strains AB403, AB804, AB808, AB807, and AB811, were all non-invasively obtained and donated

by the cats' owners with informed consent of the research that will be carried out.

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ND: Conceived the idea, isolated the strains AB800^T, AB804, AB807, AB808, and AB811,

designed the experiments, supervised the characterization experiments, analyzed and validated the

data, created the figures, drafted the manuscript, and performed review and preparation. HHG:

Conceived the idea, validated the data, reviewed, and prepared the manuscript. KDM: Assembled

the genomes, analyzed the data, conducted comparative genomic analyses, drafted the manuscript,

and contributed to editing and review. GJ: Prepared the data and deposited the genomes to NCBI,

reviewed the manuscript, and contributed to editing. ZM: Isolated strains AB0403, deposited the

strains in the international collections (DSMZ and BCCM), and performed phenotypic

characterization. SL: Performed the strain purification and cryobanking, DNA extraction, and

prepared the DNA for sequencing

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Conflict of Interest

Niokhor Dione, Zara Marfori, Guillaume Jospin, and Holly Ganz are employees of and/or have

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our genomes.

Supplementary Material

Supplementary Table 1: DNA-DNA Hybridisation table from GGDC

Data Availability Statement

The genomes of strains AB800^T , as well as the five strains reported in this study, were submitted

and referenced in the NCBI database with the accession numbers JBLOUI000000000 for

'Candidatus Peptacetobacter felis' AB800^T, and the temporary BioSample accession numbers for

AB0403, AB804, AB807, AB808, and AB811 are SAMN53260830, SAMN53260831,

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394 **Fig. 1:** Phenotypic characterization and structure of strain AB800^{T}. a1) and a2) show colony
395 morphology on Chocolate agar and Brain Heart Infusion agar, respectively (Anaerobe Systems,

396 Morgan Hill, CA); b1) shows transmission electron microscopy structure with a rod-shaped
397 bacterium; b2) represents Gram staining under 100X light microscopy; c) displays the MALDI-
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Substrates tested	*Peptacetobacter Felis* AB800[T]	*Peptacetobacter hiranonis* TO-931[T]	*Peptacetobacter hiranonis* HD-17	*Peptacetobacter hominis* ZHW00191[T]
Basic characteristics				
Cell diameter (μm)		0.8 × 1.6–10	0.8 × 1.6–10	0.7–1 × 3.2–8
Oxygen requirement	Strict Anaerobe	Strict anaerobe	Obligate anaerobe	Obligate anaerobe
Gram stain	+	+	+	+
Motility	non-motile	non-motile	non-motile	non-motile
Endospore formation	-	+	+	-
Enzyme				
Alkaline phosphatase	+	NA	NA	+
Esterase (C 4)	+	NA	NA	w
Esterase Lipase (C 8)	+	NA	NA	+
Lipase (C 14)	-	NA	NA	NA
Leucine arylamidase	+	NA	NA	NA
Valine arylamidase	-	NA	NA	NA
Cystine arylamidase	-	NA	NA	NA
Trypsin	-	NA	NA	NA

α-chymotrypsin	-	NA	NA	NA
Acid phosphatase	+	NA	NA	+
Naphthol-AS-BI-phosphohydrolase	+	NA	NA	NA
α-galactosidase	-	NA	NA	-
ß-galactosidase	-	NA	NA	NA
ß-glucuronidase	-	NA	NA	NA
α-glucosidase	-	-	-	-
ß-glucosidase	-	NA	NA	NA
N-acetyl-ß-glucosaminidase	+	+	+	+
α-mannosidase	-	NA	NA	NA
α-fucosidase	-	NA	NA	NA
Amino acids / Salts / Carbon source	-	NA	NA	NA
Urea	-	NA	NA	NA
L-Tryptophan	-	NA	NA	NA
D-Glucose	+	+	+	+
D-Mannitol	-	-	-	w (acid)
Inositol	-	NA	NA	NA
D-Sorbitol	-	-	-	-
L-Rhamnose	-	-	-	-
D-Saccharose	+	+	+	-
D-Melibiose	-	NA	NA	NA

Amygdalin	-	NA	NA	NA
L-Arabitol	-	NA	NA	NA
Temperature range (°C)	37	30–50 (optimum ≈37)	30–50 (optimum ≈37)	25–45 (optimum 37–42)
pH range	NA	6.5–9.0 (optimum 7.5–8.0)	6.5–9.0 (optimum 7.5–8.0)	5.5–10.0 (optimum 6.5–7.0)
NaCl tolerance	NA	Up to ~1% (reported low)	Up to ~1% (reported low)	0–2% (optimum 0%)
Proline aminopeptidase	NA	+	+	+
Bile acid 7α-dehydroxylating activity	NA	High activity	High activity	NA
Origin	feline gut	Human gut	Human gut	Human gut

428   **NA** = Not available / not tested / data not reported ; **w** = Weak reaction ; **+** = Positive reaction / activity present ;
429   **–** = Negative reaction/activity absent

430 **Table 2:** Genomic features of all strains of strain AB403, strain AB800^T, strain AB804, strain AB807, strain AB808, strain AB811,

431 including antimicrobial resistance genes and genes involved in metabolism pathways.

	Description	AB0403	AB800^T	AB804	AB807	AB808	AB811
Genome features							
contigs		189	149	221	179	182	199
bases	Size	2518813	2583354	2529093	2692535	2857951	2430653
CDS	number of coding sequences	2206	2355	2299	2507	2624	2165
gene	Number of genes	2297	2450	2390	2599	2719	2261
rRNA	-	16	16	17	16	20	17
repeat_region	-	3	3	3	2	3	3
tRNA	-	74	78	73	75	74	78
tmRNA	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
Resistance Genes							
(Tet)tetA-P	Tetracycline resistance gene	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Tet)tetB-P	Tetracycline resistance gene	+	+	+	-	-	+
ERMQ	Macrolide resistance gene	-	-	-	-	-	-
LnuP	Lincosamide resistance gene	-	-	-	-	-	-
tetA(P)	Tetracycline resistance gene	+	+	+	-	-	+
Bile acid metabolism genes							
baiN_2	3-dehydro-bile acid delta(4,6)-reductase	+	+	+	+	+	+
baiN_1	3-dehydro-bile acid delta(4,6)-reductase	+	+	+	+	+	+
baiB	Bile acid-coenzyme A ligase	+	+	+	+	+	+
baiE	Bile acid-coenzyme A ligase	+	+	+	+	+	+
baiCD_1	3-oxocholoyl-CoA 4-desaturase	+	+	+	+	+	+
baiCD_2	3-oxocholoyl-CoA 4-desaturase	+	+	+	+	+	+
baiF	Bile acid-CoA transferase	+	+	+	+	+	+

baiH	7-beta-hydroxy-3-oxochol-24-oyl-CoA 4-desaturase	+	+	+	+	+	+
baiA2	Bile acid 7-alpha dehydratase	+	+	+	+	+	+
baiN_3	3-dehydro-bile acid delta(4,6)-reductase	-	-	-	-	-	-
baiN_4	3-dehydro-bile acid delta(4,6)-reductase	-	-	-	-	-	-
baiN_5	3-dehydro-bile acid delta(4,6)-reductase	-	-	-	-	-	-

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