Insights from the revised complete genome sequences of Acinetobacter baumannii strains AB307-0294 and ACICU belonging to global clone 1 and 2

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23 2. Abstract

The Acinetobacter baumannii global clone 1 (GC1) isolate AB307-0294, recovered in the 24 25 USA in 1994, and the global clone 2 (GC2) isolate ACICU, isolated in 2005 in Italy, were among the first A. baumannii isolates to be completely sequenced. AB307-0294 is susceptible 26 27 to most antibiotics and has been used in many genetic studies and ACICU belongs to a rare 28 GC2 lineage. The complete genome sequences, originally determined using 454 29 pyrosequencing technology which is known to generate sequencing errors, were re-30 determined using Illumina MiSeq and MinION (ONT) technologies and a hybrid assembly 31 generated using Unicycler. Comparison of the resulting new high-quality genomes to the 32 earlier 454-sequenced version identified a large number of nucleotide differences affecting 33 protein coding features, and allowed the sequence of the long and highly-repetitive *bap* and *blp1* genes to be properly resolved for the first time in ACICU. Comparisons of the 34 35 annotations of the original and revised genomes revealed a large number of differences in the 36 protein coding features (CDSs), underlining the impact of sequence errors on protein 37 sequence predictions and core gene determination. On average, 400 predicted CDSs were 38 longer or shorter in the revised genomes and about 200 CDS features were no longer present.

39 3. Impact statement

The genomes of the first 10 *A. baumannii* strains to be completely sequenced underpin a large amount of published genetic and genomic analysis. However, most of their genome sequences contain substantial numbers of errors as they were sequenced using 454 pyrosequencing, which is known to generate errors particularly in homopolymer regions; and employed manual PCR and capillary sequencing steps to bridge contig gaps and repetitive regions in order to finish the genomes. Assembly of the very large and internally repetitive gene for the biofilm-associated proteins Bap and BLP1 was a recurring problem. As these

47 strains continue to be used for genetic studies and their genomes continue to be used as references in phylogenomics studies including core gene determination, there is value in 48 improving the quality of their genome sequences. To this end, we re-sequenced two such 49 50 strains that belong to the two major globally distributed clones of A. baumannii, using a combination of highly-accurate short-read and gap-spanning long-read technologies. 51 Annotation of the revised genome sequences eliminated hundreds of incorrect CDS feature 52 53 annotations and corrected hundreds more. Given that these revisions affected hundreds of non-existent or incorrect CDS features currently cluttering GenBank protein databases, it can 54 55 be envisaged that similar revision of other early bacterial genomes that were sequenced using error-prone technologies will affect thousands of CDS currently listed in GenBank and other 56 databases. These corrections will impact the quality of predicted protein sequence data stored 57 58 in public databases. The revised genomes will also improve the accuracy of future genetic 59 and comparative genomic analyses incorporating these clinically important strains.

60 4. Data summary

61 1. The corrected complete genome sequence of *A. baumannii* AB307-0294 has been

62 deposited in GenBank; GenBank accession number CP001172.2 (chromosome url -

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71 5. Introduction

Acinetobacter baumannii is a Gram-negative bacterium that has emerged as an important 72 opportunistic pathogen and is a research priority because of its high levels of resistance to 73 74 antibiotics (1-3), desiccation, and heavy metals (4, 5). On a global scale, members of two 75 clinically important clones, known as global clone 1 (GC1) and global clone 2 (GC2), have 76 been responsible for the majority of outbreaks caused by multiply antibiotic resistant A. 77 baumannii strains (1-3, 6-8). Whole genome sequencing (WGS) technologies have 78 revolutionised the study of bacterial pathogens allowing the entire gene repertoire of bacterial 79 strains to be determined and hence enabling the study of the relationships between outbreak 80 strains with an unprecedented high resolution (9). However, accuracy is important. 81 The first 10 complete genomes of A. baumannii strains were reported between 2006-2012 (Table 1) and are still used as baseline in many studies of this microorganism (10-12). 82 Except for three strains (AYE, TCDC-AB0715 and TYTH-1), all of the early A. baumannii 83 complete genomes were sequenced using the 454-pyrosequencing technology and assembled 84 85 using PCR. Pyrosequencing is known to generate frequent systematic sequencing errors, 86 especially errors in the length of homopolymeric runs (13); and these errors lead to erroneous 87 protein sequence (CDS) prediction, often associated with fragmentation of genuine open reading frames. 88

An additional problem in *A. baumannii* genomes determined using short read sequence data followed by PCR gap closure arises from the many short internal repeats present in the very large *bap* gene (~8-25 kbp), which is hard to assemble accurately. This gene encodes the biofilm associated protein Bap (14-17). The *bap* gene was originally cloned from AB307-0294 (GC1), and found to be 25,863 bp with a complex configuration of internal repeats (15). However, the size of the *bap* gene from a GC2 isolate was estimated at approximately 16 kbp (16). In another study, the length of Bap proteins predicted from *A*.

baumannii genomes available in GenBank appeared to be highly variable, mainly due to
different numbers of copies of the various repeated segments and the reading frame was often
fragmented (17). The *blp1* gene, which is 9-10 kbp encodes a further very large protein that
also has internal repeats and is associated with biofilm formation (17).
Newer sequencing technologies such as PacBio (Pacific Biosciences) and MinION
(Oxford Nanopore Technologies, ONT) can generate much longer sequencing reads (9)

allowing gaps to be spanned. MinION only assemblies are also prone to errors (18) but can

103 be combined with high-accuracy Illumina short read data to produce very high quality

104 finished genome assemblies (19). Long read sequence data has enabled a re-assessment of

early completed *A. baumannii* genomes, including several of the first 10 to be sequenced

106 (Table 1). For example, in 2016, ATCC 17978 was re-sequenced using PacBio. This revealed

the presence of a 148 kb conjugative plasmid, pAB3, fragments of which were erroneously

108 merged into the chromosome in the original 454-based assembly (20). This plasmid sequence

brought together the parts of GI*sul2*, fragmented pieces of which had been randomly

distributed in the chromosome in the original sequence (21). In 2017, we revised the 454-

based genome sequence of the GC1 strain AB0057 using Illumina HiSeq technology, and

found that hundreds of single base additions or deletions changed >200 protein coding

113 features (CDSs) (22). An additional copy of the *oxa23* carbapenem resistance gene, located in

114 Tn2006, was also found in the revised sequence of the chromosome (GenBank no.

115 CP001182.2) (22, 23).

A recent revision of the 454-based genome of the GC2 strain MDR-ZJ06 using PacBio sequencing led to the correction of hundreds of CDS features and allowed reassessment of the localisation of important antimicrobial resistance regions (24). The position of transposon Tn2009, which carries the *oxa23* gene, was revised; and a region originally reported as a plasmid, but that had been predicted to be a chromosomally-located AbGRI3 type resistance island (25), was incorporated into the chromosome (CP001937.2)
(24). In the revised genome, the two arrays of gene cassettes carrying antibiotic resistance
genes in class 1 integrons are now in the correct resistance islands. These revisions exemplify
the challenges encountered when relying solely on short read data to assemble bacterial
genomes and highlight the extent and impact of pyrosequencing errors particularly on CDS
predictions.

127 Two further A. baumannii strains for which only early 454-based genome sequences are available are the largely antibiotic susceptible isolate AB307-0294, recovered from the 128 129 blood of a patient hospitalized in Buffalo, NY, in 1994 (26), and the extensively antibiotic resistant isolate ACICU recovered in 2005 from cerebrospinal fluid of patient in San 130 Giovanni Addolorata Hospital in Rome, Italy (GenBank no. CP000863) (27). AB307-0294 131 132 was one of the first global clone 1 (GC1) strains to be completely sequenced (26) and has 133 been extensively used in genetic studies (28-32). It belongs to CC1 (ST1) in the Institut Pasteur multi-locus sequence typing (MLST) scheme and to ST231 in the Oxford MLST 134 135 scheme and carries the KL1 capsule genes and OCL1 at the outer core locus (33) (Table 1). Compared to other GC1 strains characterised to date, AB307-0294 is relatively susceptible to 136 antibiotics (26), exhibiting resistance only to chloramphenicol (intrinsic) and nalidixic acid 137 (acquired). It contains no plasmids. 138

ACICU was the first global clone 2 (GC2) isolate to be sequenced (27). It belongs to ST2 in the Institut Pasteur MLST scheme and carries the KL2 capsule genes and OCL1 at the outer core locus (34). ACICU is carbapenem resistant and also resistant to multiple antibiotics including third generation cephalosporins, sulfonamides, tetracycline, amikacin, kanamycin, netilmicin and ciprofloxacin (27). It contains two plasmids (27). However, we previously showed that the largest plasmid, pACICU-2, which was reported to include no resistance genes, is larger and contains the amikacin resistance gene *aphA6* in transposon

146 Tn*aphA6*. The central segment of Tn*aphA6*, including the *aphA6* gene and one of the

- 147 ISAba125 copies as well as a 4.7 kb backbone segment were missing in the original 454-
- 148 based whole genome sequence (35).
- 149 Here, we report revised complete genome sequences for *A. baumannii* strains AB307-
- 150 0294 (GC1) and ACICU (GC2), generated using MiSeq (Illumina) and MinION (ONT)
- 151 sequence data. The new genome sequences correct hundreds of protein coding features
- 152 generated by the presence of SNDs (single nucleotide differences) and small
- insertion/deletions of mainly 1-3 bases in the earlier 454 genome sequences.

154 **6.** Methods

155 6.1 Whole genome sequencing, assembly and annotation

156 Whole cell DNA was isolated and purified using the protocol described previously (1, 36).

157 Libraries were prepared from whole cell DNA isolated from AB307-0294 and ACICU and

- 158 were sequenced using Illumina MiSeq and ONT MinION. Paired-end reads of 150 bp and
- 159 MinION reads of up to 20 kb were used to assemble each genome using the Unicycler
- 160 software (v0.4.0) (19) using default parameters.
- 161 Protein coding, rRNA and tRNA genes were annotated using the automatic annotation
- 162 program Prokka v1.13 (37). Regions containing antibiotic resistance genes and the
- 163 polysaccharide biosynthesis loci, biofilm-associated proteins and genes used in the MLST
- schemes were annotated manually.
- 165 To compare previous CDS (\geq 25 aa CDS features) annotations with our new results, we wrote
- a script (github.com/rrwick/Compare-annotations) to quantify the differences. This script
- 167 classifies coding sequences in the annotations as either exact matches, inexact matches, only
- 168 present in the first annotation or only present in the second annotation. We also used the Ideel
- 169 pipeline of Dr Mick Watson (github.com/mw55309/ideel) to assess the completeness of CDS

annotated in each genome, by comparing the length of each CDS to that of its longest

- 171 BLAST hit in the Uniprot database (as described in http://www.opiniomics.org/a-simple-test-
- 172 for-uncorrected-insertions-and-deletions-indels-in-bacterial-genomes/).

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- 174 7. Results and discussion
- 175 7.1 Revised genome of ACICU

176 ACICU, the first GC2 strain to be completely sequenced, contains AbaR2 in the 177 chromosomal *comM* gene (27). As this AbaR resistance island type is more usually found in this location in GC1 strains (38) with an AbGRI1 type island in GC2 isolates (39), ACICU 178 may represent a rare GC2 lineage. Here, the ACICU genome was re-sequenced using a 179 combination of Illumina (MiSeq, 58x depth) and ONT (MinION, 253x depth) data. The new 180 181 contiguous ACICU chromosomal sequence comprised 3,919,274 bp (GenBank no. CP001172.2), compared to 3,904,116 bp in the original submission (GenBank no. CP000863), 182 183 making the revised chromosome 15,158 bp longer (Table 1). Most of the additional length in 184 the revised chromosome was found to be due to a 11.2 kbp longer *bap* gene, which is just over 185 11 kbp and in 9 smaller orfs in the original sequence (locus ids ACICU 02938 to 186 ACICU 2946) as noted previously (17). In the revised genome sequence the *bap* gene is 22.2 187 kbp (BAP; locus id DMO12 08904), mainly due to a large number of short strings of repeated sequences missing previously. Hence, some of the variation in length of bap reported 188 189 previously (17) may be due to sequencing and assembly issues rather than genuine length 190 variation in the A. baumannii population. The blp1 gene in the original sequence (locus id ACICU 02910) is 9510 bp and 9813 bp (locus id DMO12 08811) in the revised genome. 191

The revised chromosome of ACICU differs from the original at 281 positions including
40 SNDs and 241 insertions or deletions of 1-3 bases (mostly in homopolymeric runs of As or

194 Ts). The original annotation included 3677 protein-coding features (CDS features are ≥ 25 aa) 195 whereas the revised genome annotation contains 3605 CDS features. Comparison of the CDS features indicated that only 3129 CDSs are identical between the two versions. The differences 196 197 are mostly due to correction of open reading frames that were interrupted or fused due to errors 198 in the 454 sequence and include 80 CDSs unique to the revised version and 142 CDS features 199 in the original sequence that could not be found in the corrected chromosome. A further 396 200 CDS that are present in both versions are altered: of these, 8 have the same length, 285 are 201 longer in the revised chromosome and 103 are shorter. Overall, 98.8% of all genes (n=3568) 202 in the new assembly are within 5% of the maximum length of homologous proteins in Uniprot 203 (i.e. the expected length), calculated using the ideel pipeline (see Methods). In the old 204 assembly, only 95.8% (n=3494) of all genes are within 5% of this expected length. The 205 distribution of length ratios is shown in Fig. 1A, highlighting a substantial population of CDS 206 annotated in the old assembly that have lengths well below those of homologous proteins in 207 Uniprot.

208 ACICU carries two plasmids (Table 1), pACICU1 and pACICU2 (27), which encode 209 the RepAci1 and RepAci6 replication initiation proteins (40). The original pACICU1 sequence 210 (GenBank no. CP000864) is 28279 bp long and contains two copies of the carbapenem 211 resistance gene oxa58 while the revised pACICU1 (GenBank no. CP031381) is 24268 bp long 212 and includes only a single *oxa58* copy. It lacks the region between the two IS26 and one copy 213 of IS26 in the original sequence. The IS26 mediated duplication may have been generated 214 during growth in selective media. The original and revised pACICU1 sequences also differed 215 by 3 SNDs, 6 single bp insertions and 1 single bp and 2 of 2 bp deletions. We previously used 216 a PCR mapping strategy (35) to show that the *aphA6* gene and an additional ISAba125 as well as a 4.7 kb long backbone segment, located between two copies of a ~420 bp repeated segment, 217 218 are missing from the original sequence of pACICU2, the larger plasmid of ACICU (35). Here,

219	the long-read sequences generated for pACICU2 (GenBank no. CP031382) confirmed this.
220	The revised plasmid sequence differs by 6 SND from pAb-G7-2 (GenBank no. KF669606.1),
221	a conjugative plasmid from a GC1 isolated in Australia in 2003 reported previously (41).

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7.2 Revised genome of AB307-0294

223 The AB307-0294 genome was also sequenced using a combination of Illumina (MiSeq, 63x depth) and ONT (MinION, 120x depth) technologies. The hybrid assembly resulted in a 224 single 3,759,495 bp chromosome (GenBank no. CP001172.2) compared with 3,760,981 bp in 225 226 the original genome (GenBank no. CP001172.1), making the revised genome 1486 bp shorter 227 (Table 1). As with AB0057, the majority of differences were found to be additions or 228 deletions of 1-3 bases, usually in "A" or "T" in homopolymeric runs of these nucleotides. 229 The original annotation included 3427 CDS while the revised annotation contains 3458 (≥ 25 230 aa), of which 2937 CDSs are identical in the two versions. Corrections of insertion/deletion 231 errors changed 354 reading frames leading to merging and splitting of CDS regions. Amongst 232 these 354 CDS features, 286 CDSs in the revised genome are longer and 65 are shorter than 233 the corresponding CDSs in the original annotation and 3 have the same length but differ 234 internally. The revised genome also includes 136 novel CDS features, compared to the original sequence, while there are also 167 CDS in the old sequence that no longer exist in 235 236 the revised genome again indicating the high impact of the errors caused by the use of 454-237 pyrosequencing technology. Overall, 98.9% of all genes (n=3387) in the new assembly are 238 within 5% of the expected length, calculated using the ideel pipeline, versus just 96.4% 239 (n=3336) in the old assembly (Fig. 1B). 240 The *bap* gene was 25863 bp (locus id ABBFA 00771), the same length as reported

241 originally (15) but 1067 bp shorter than the 26930 bp *bap* gene in the original genome

242 sequence where it is split into two open reading frames (locus id ABBFA 000776) and

(locus id ABBFA 000777). The revised genome was found to contain a 10089 bp *blp1* gene 243

(ABBFA_00802), only 18 bp longer than that in the original sequence. Interestingly, both theoriginal and revised genomes appear to be devoid of any insertion sequences (IS).

246 7.3 Revised genomes affect many predicted protein sequences

247 To date, 6 early A. baumannii genome sequences, including AB307-0294 and ACICU reported here, have been corrected and in each case the revised genome has resulted in 248 249 correction of ~ 600 CDS features on average (20, 22). In each comparison of revised and 250 original genome sequences, 100-150 new CDS features appeared, 150-200 CDSs disappeared 251 and 150-200 CDSs changed. As the extent of errors had not been reported previously (20), we 252 also compared the original (GenBank no. CP000521.1) and revised (GenBank no. 253 CP012004.1) genomes of A. baumannii ATCC 17978. This revealed that the revised sequence 254 has extensively re-ordered parts of the chromosome correcting a large number of inversions, 255 insertion/deletions and other mis-assemblies. A striking difference between the two genomes is the inclusion in the original chromosome assembly of several large segments that in fact 256 257 make up a 148 kb plasmid (pAB3) carrying the *sul2* sulfonamide resistance gene (GenBank 258 no. CP012005). The misassembly issues precluded a simple alignment of the two chromosome 259 sequences, but alignment of 14 separate chromosomal segments totalling 3843892 bp, revealed 334 SNPs as well as 635 deletions and 754 insertions of 1-3 bases, mainly "A"s or "T"s in runs 260 of "A"s or "T"s. Overall, 3503 genes (98.2% of all genes) in the new assembly are within 5% 261 262 of the expected length, calculated using the ideel pipeline, versus 3381 (86.4%) in the old 263 assembly (see Fig. 1C). Hence, the original assembly was substantially flawed and should not be used in future. However, although the original study reported that ATCC 17978 contains 264 265 two cryptic plasmids of 13 kb, pAB1 (GenBank no. CP000522.1) and 11 kb, pAB2 (GenBank 266 no. CP000523.1) (42), the revised genome does not include either of these plasmids. This may 267 be due to an assembly parameter setting to filter out the small contigs, which would remove 268 pAB1 and pAB2, from the final assembly.

269 Granted the large effects observed on the length of *bap* and *blp* in ACICU using long 270 read data, their sizes in original and revised genomes in the remainder of the first set of 10 (Table 1) were compared and significant differences were observed only where long read data 271 272 was used in the revision. In the GC2 strain MDR-ZJ06 (GenBank accession no. CP001937), *blp1* (locus tag ABZJ 03096) is 9,812 bp in the revised genome (CP001937.2) versus 9,134 273 274 bp in the original sequence (locus tag ABZJ 03096). Further, bap, which is 7946 bp in the 275 revised genome (locus id ABZJ 03955) was split into 3 orfs, ranging in size from 2 to 2.5 kb, 276 in the original sequence. In ATCC 17978, the *blp1* gene is not present in either the original or 277 the revised genome. However, the *bap* gene, which was split into two open reading frames (locus id A1S 2696; 6306 bp and A1S 2724; 1161 bp) and separated by 41 kbp in the original 278 sequence is now in a single orf (locus id ACX60 04030; 6225 bp) in the revised genome and 279 280 842 bp shorter compared to those in the original genome.

281 8. Conclusions

The revised genome sequences of AB307-0294 and ACICU will underpin more accurate
studies of the genetics and genomic evolution of related *A. baumannii* strains belonging to
GC1 and GC2.

This work highlights the need to review and revise early bacterial genomes sequenced using
short read data and assembled with (or sometimes without) PCR to join contigs. Special
attention needs to focus on the genomes determined using the 454-pyrosequencing
technology in order to correct predicted protein sequences.

Long read data, such as those generated by PacBio and ONT (MinION) technologies, allows
for complete genome assembly without manual intervention. While assembling long read
data alone can result in sequence errors and failure to detect small plasmids, hybrid assembly
(using both short and long reads) can produce assemblies that are both complete and accurate.

However, repetitive sequences in the genome, such as the genes encoding Bap and BLP1, are
difficult to perfect even with hybrid assembly, so variations in these regions should be
interpreted with caution.

Finally, as the original GenBank entries are replaced by revised genomes, there is a need to eliminate non-existent and incorrect predicted protein sequences in order to simplify the already complex task of protein sequence searches. It can be assumed that this problem is not only limited to *A. baumannii* genomes as many bacterial species so far have been sequenced using the 454-pyrosequencing technology.

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474 12. Figures and tables

- 475 12.1 Figure legends
- 476 Figure 1. Histograms of CDS lengths relative to the length of the top hit in Uniprot, in
- 477 the original vs revised genomes. A) ACICU GenBank accession no. CP000863.1 (original)
- 478 and CP031380 (revised), B) AB307-0294 GenBank accession no. CP001172.1 (original) and
- 479 CP001172.2 (revised), and C) ATCC 17978 GenBank accession no. CP000521.1 (original)
- and CP012004.1 (revised). The x-axis shows the ratio of coding sequence length to the length
- 481 of the closest hit in the UniProt TrEMBL database. The y-axis shows gene frequency and is
- truncated at 100 (the centre bar extends to ~3000 genes). A tight distribution around 1.0
- 483 indicates that the assembly's coding sequences match known proteins, supporting few indel
- 484 errors in the assembly. A left-skewed distribution is characteristic of an assembly with indel
- 485 errors which lead to premature stop codons.
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Strain / plasmid(s)	Country	Isolation date	GC ^b	Length (bp)	GenBank no.	Sequencing technology	Ref	Revised	Length (bp)	GenBank no.	Sequencing technology	Ref
ATCC 17978	nk ^a	1951	-									
Chromosome				3976747	CP000521.1	454	(42)	Yes	3857743	CP012004.1	PacBio	(20)
pAB1				13408	CP000522.1	"		No	Not present	na ^a	nk	
pAB2				11302	CP000523.1	"		No	Not present	na	nk	
pAB3				Not present	-	"		Yes	148955	CP012005.1	PacBio	
AYE	France	2001	1	-								
Chromosome				3936291	CU459141.1	Illumina	(43)	No	-	-	-	-
p1ABAYE				5644	CU459137.1	"		No	-	-	-	-
p2ABAYE				9661	CU459138.1	"		No	-	-	-	-
p3ABAYE				94413	CU459140.1	"		No	-	-	-	-
p4ABAYE				2726	CU459139.1	"		No	-	-	-	-
AB307-0294	USA	1994	1									
Chromosome				3760981	CP001172.1	454	(26)	Yes	3759495	CP001172.2	MinION & Illumina	This study
AB0057	USA	2004	1									5
Chromosome				4050513	CP001182.1	454	(26)	Yes	4055148	CP001182.2	Illumina	(22)
pAB0057				8729	CP001183.1	"	()	Yes	8731	CP001183.2	Illumina	
1656-2	South Korea	2011°	2									
Chromosome				3940614	CP001921.1	454	(44)	No	-	-	-	-
ABKp1				74451	CP001922.1	"		No	-	-	-	-
ABKp2				8041	CP001923.1	دد		No	-	-	-	-
ACICU	Italy	2005	2									
Chromosome				3904116	CP000863.1	454	(27)	Yes	3919274	CP031380.1	MinION & Illumina	This study
pACICU1				28279	CP000864.1	"		Yes	24268	CP031381.1	"	"
pACICU2				64366	CP000865.1	"		Yes	70101	CP031382.1	"	"
TCDC-AB0715 ^d	Taiwan	2007	2						,			
Chromosome		_007	-	4130792	CP002522.1	Illumina	(45)	Yes	4138388	CP002522.2	Illumina	_
p1ABTCDC0715				8731	CP002523.1		(15)	No	-	-	-	-
P2ABTCDC0715				70894	CP002524.1	"		No	_	-	-	_
MDR-ZJ06	China	2006	2	,0091	01002021.1			110				
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pMDR-ZJ06				20301	CP001938.1		(10)	Yes	Not present	na	na	na
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Table 1. Properties of early *A. baumannii* completed genomes.

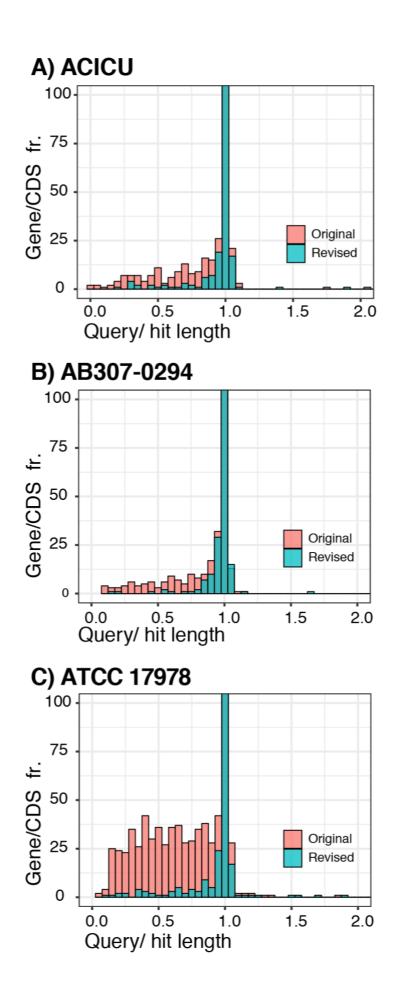
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MDR-TJ	China	2012 ^c	2									
Chromosome				3964912	CP003500.1	454	(48)	No	-	-	-	-
pABTJ1				77528	CP003501.1	"		No	-	-	-	-
pABTJ1				110967	CP004359.1			No	-	-	-	-

489 ^a nk: not known, na: not applicable.

490 ^b Global Clones.

491 ^c Genome submission date; isolation date is not known.

492 ^d recovered between 2007-2009



1 Figure 1.