

Complete genome sequence of *Bacillus altitudinis* NBTC-002, isolated from agricultural ecological ditches

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ABSTRACT We presented the complete genome of *Bacillus altitudinis* NBTC-002 isolated from soil samples from ecological ditches on farmland, of which the total length is 3,799,862 bp and possesses 3,817 protein-coding sequences (CDS).

KEYWORDS ecological ditches, *Bacillus altitudinis*, complete genome

Ecological ditches are artificial channels with planted aquatic plants, which can effectively intercept pollutants in agricultural drainage; however, the overall impact on agricultural nutrient removal remains insufficiently characterized (1). *Bacillus altitudinis* has been found to have potential for plant growth promotion (2) and bioremediation (3, 4). Strain NBTC-002 was isolated from 0–20-cm depth soil samples collected in October 2023 from farmland ecological ditches in Xiantao, Hubei Province, China (113.4430°N, 30.3278°E).

One gram soil samples were serially diluted with sterile water and were spread on lysogeny broth (LB) medium plates. After incubation overnight at 30°C, single colonies were purified via three rounds of scribing on LB plates. A purified colony was inoculated into LB medium and cultivated at 30°C to the middle logarithmic growth stage. Genomic DNA was prepared using the Blood & Cell Culture DNA Mini Kit (Cat#13323, QIAGEN, Germany) following the manufacturer's instructions. DNA purity was measured using a NanoDrop One UV-Vis spectrophotometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA). DNA samples were quantified using a Qubit 3.0 Fluorometer (Invitrogen, USA). The long- and short-read sequencings were performed from the same DNA preparation. For long-read sequencing, size-selected long DNA fragments (>10 kb) were then extracted using the PippinHT system (Sage Science, USA). The DNA library was prepared using a Ligation Sequencing Kit V14 (Cat#5QK-LSK-114; Oxford Nanopore Technologies, Ltd. [ONT], Oxford, UK) without DNA shearing and was sequenced with a Nanopore PromethION sequencer (ONT) on a R10.4.1 flow cell (FLO-MIN114). Base-calling and barcode segmentation, adapter sequence removal for the raw sequences were performed using Guppy v.5.0.16 (5). A total of 100,050 reads (1,562 Mb) were generated with a reads mean length of 15,616.99 bp, and N50 was 29,575 bp, and two reads were filtered out after base-calling and adapter trimming. For short-read sequencing, genomic DNA was randomly fragmented by Covaris LE220 focused ultrasonicator (USA), and the fragmented DNA was selected by MGIEasy DNA Clean Beads (Cat#1000005279, MGI Tech Co., Ltd., China) to an average size of 200–400 bp. A DNA library was prepared following the MGIEasy FS PCR Free DNA library preparation set (Cat#1000013455, MGI). Sequencing was performed on a DNBSEQ-T7RS platform (MGI), using paired-end 150 bp reads. Raw data (9,006,326 short reads with a total length of 1,350,948,900 bp) were processed using the FASTQ preprocessing program fastp v.0.23.1 (6) to trim adapters and low-quality data, yielding 8,804,784 clean reads (1,317,782,670 bp in total).

The complete genome of strain NBTC-002 (3,799,862 bp length in total) was assembled into two circular replicons through Unicycler v.0.5.0 (7): a 3,794,544 bp circular

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chromosome (41.53% GC content) and a 5,318 bp circular plasmid (35.97% GC content), with respective sequencing depths of 400.48× and 269.40×. Phylogenetic analysis using the Type (Strain) Genome Server (8) revealed a close evolutionary relationship with *B. altitudinis* type strain DSM 21631 (NCBI assembly accession no. [GCA_000691145](https://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/assembly/GCA_000691145)), supported by a digital DNA-DNA hybridization value of 86.4% calculated using GGDC formula 2. Genome annotation identified 3,817 protein-coding sequences (CDS), 81 tRNA genes, and 24 rRNA genes through NCBI PGAP v.6.10 (9). In this study, default parameters were used except where otherwise noted.

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DATA AVAILABILITY

The whole genome is available in GenBank under accession numbers [CP187396](https://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/assembly/CP187396) and [CP187397](https://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/assembly/CP187397). The raw sequencing data were deposited in the Sequence Read Archive (SRA) database under accession numbers [SRR33097758](https://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra/SRR33097758) (ONT) and [SRR33097759](https://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra/SRR33097759) (MGI).

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