Genome sequence of strain HIMB55, a novel marine gammaproteobacterium of the OM60/NOR5 clade

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Strain HIMB55 is a phylogenetically unique member of the OM60/NOR5 clade of the Gammaproteobacterium isolated from coastal seawater of Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, by extinction culturing in seawater-based oligotrophic medium. Here we present the genome sequence of strain HIMB55, including genes for bacteriochlorophyll-based phototrophy.

The genome of Strain HIMB55 comprised 2,736,988 bases and a G+C content of 52.90%. A total of 2,515 predicted open reading frames and 2,470 predicted protein-coding genes were identified, of which 2,085 have a predicted function. There are predicted single copies of the 5S, 16S, and 23S RNA genes and 38 predicted tRNAs. A complete glycolysis pathway and tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle are predicted from the genome sequence, but the pentose-phosphate and Entner-Doudoroff pathways are incomplete. The genome contains complete pathways for the synthesis of all essential amino acids and a number of vitamins, including vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, para-aminobenzoic acid, folate, lipidic acid, nicotinic acid and nicotinamide, pantothenic acid, coenzyme A, and ubiquinone. Pathways for the synthesis of biotin, hemin, retinal, riboflavin, thiamine, and vitamin B<sub>12</sub> are incomplete.

The genome of strain HIMB55 contains genes for bacteriochlorophyll-based phototrophy but does not contain a proteorhodopsin gene comparable to that described for strain IMCC3088 (9). HIMB55 also contains genes that encode two phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylases and a carbonic anhydrase, indicating the potential for autotrophic carbon fixation.

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