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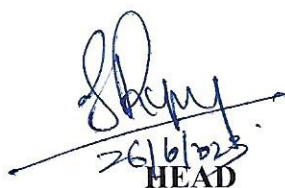


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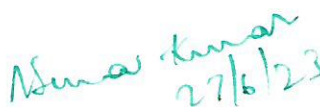
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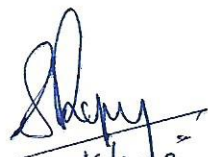


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without development wealth was lost; without wealth  
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– Mahatma Phule



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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| Abbreviations             | Expansions                                                |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| AA                        | Amino acid                                                |
| ANOVA                     | Analysis of Variance                                      |
| BCM                       | <i>Bacillus</i> Composite Medium                          |
| BGC                       | Biosynthetic Gene Clusters                                |
| BHPs                      | Bacteriohopanepolyols                                     |
| BLAST                     | Basic Local Alignment Search Tool                         |
| BPHs                      | Biohopanoids                                              |
| Bsa                       | Glutathione peroxidase                                    |
| Ca (NO <sub>3</sub> )     | Calcium nitrate                                           |
| Ca <sup>2+</sup>          | Calcium ions                                              |
| CARD                      | Comprehensive Antibiotic Resistance Database              |
| CAS                       | CRISPR-associated protein                                 |
| CDOM                      | Chromophoric-Dissolved Organic Matter                     |
| CESRs                     | Cell Envelope Stress Responses                            |
| CFU                       | Colony Forming Units                                      |
| CLE                       | Cortex-lytic enzyme                                       |
| CotA                      | Copper dependent laccase enzyme                           |
| <i>cotJC, katX1, yjqC</i> | Gene encoding catalase enzyme                             |
| CRISPR                    | Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats |
| DCM                       | Dichloromethane                                           |
| DEPC                      | Diethyl pyrocarbonate                                     |
| DNA                       | Deoxyribose nucleic acid                                  |
| DPA                       | Dipicolinic acid                                          |
| EDTA                      | Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid                           |
| EMBL                      | European Molecular Biology Laboratory                     |
| <i>erg32/hpnX</i>         | Sterol desaturase family protein                          |
| FAME                      | Fatty acid methyl ester                                   |
| FeSO <sub>4</sub>         | Ferrous sulphate                                          |
| FPP                       | Farnesyl diphosphate                                      |
| FtsZ                      | Cell division protein homologous to bacterial tubulin     |
| GC-MS                     | Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry                      |
| GCW                       | Germ cell wall                                            |
| GerD                      | Germination receptor D                                    |
| GerKB, YlaJ, YhnC         | Germination factors                                       |
| gL <sup>-1</sup>          | Gram per liter                                            |
| gm                        | Gram                                                      |
| GO                        | Gene ontology                                             |

|                                 |                                                         |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| GPS                             | Global positioning system                               |
| GR                              | Germination receptor                                    |
| H <sub>2</sub> O                | Water                                                   |
| H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>   | Hydrogen peroxide                                       |
| HCl                             | Hydrochloric chloride                                   |
| HepS, HepT                      | Heptaprenyl diphosphate synthase                        |
| <i>hopC</i>                     | Gene encoding for squalene/phytoene desaturase          |
| HPLC                            | High Performance Liquid Chromatography                  |
| <i>hpnA</i>                     | Gene encoding hopanoid associated sugar epimerase       |
| <i>hpnC</i>                     | Gene encoding for squalene synthase                     |
| <i>hpnG</i>                     | Gene encoding for 5-methylthioadenosine nucleosidase    |
| <i>hpnO</i>                     | Gene encoding for amino-bacteriohopanetriol synthase    |
| hr                              | Hour                                                    |
| IPP                             | Isopentyl pyrophosphate                                 |
| iTOL                            | Interactive Tree Of Life                                |
| K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> | Di-potassium hydrogen phosphate                         |
| KCl                             | Potassium chloride                                      |
| KEGG                            | Kyoto Encyclopedia of Gene and Genomes                  |
| KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> | Potassium dihydrogen phosphate                          |
| KinA, KinC                      | Histidine sensor kinases                                |
| LC-MS                           | Liquid Chromatography- Mass Spectrometry                |
| LGT                             | Lateral gene transfer                                   |
| LPG                             | Lysylphosphatidylglycerol                               |
| LPSN                            | List of Prokaryotic names with Standing in Nomenclature |
| M                               | Molar                                                   |
| MEGA                            | Molecular evolutionary genetics analysis                |
| MeOH                            | Methanol                                                |
| MEP                             | Methylerythritol phosphate pathway                      |
| mg                              | Milligram                                               |
| MgSO <sub>4</sub>               | Magnesium sulphate                                      |
| min                             | Minute                                                  |
| ml                              | Milliliter                                              |
| mM                              | Millimolar                                              |
| MnCl <sub>2</sub>               | Manganese chloride                                      |
| MUSCLE                          | Multiple Sequence Comparison by Log-Expectation         |
| MVA                             | Mevalonate pathway                                      |
| NA                              | Nutrient agar                                           |
| Na <sub>2</sub> HPO             | Di-Sodium hydrogen phosphate                            |
| NaCl                            | Sodium chloride                                         |

|                                  |                                                              |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| NADH                             | Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide Hydrogen                   |
| NAM                              | N-acetylmuramic acid                                         |
| NaOH                             | Sodium hydroxide                                             |
| NB                               | Nutrient broth                                               |
| NCBI                             | National center for biotechnological information             |
| NH <sub>4</sub> HCO <sub>3</sub> | Ammonium bicarbonate                                         |
| NJ                               | Neighbor-joining                                             |
| nm                               | Nanometer                                                    |
| O <sub>2</sub>                   | Oxygen                                                       |
| PAH                              | Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons                             |
| PBS                              | Phosphate buffer                                             |
| PCR                              | Polymerase chain reaction                                    |
| PDA                              | Photodiode array detector                                    |
| PE                               | Phosphatidylethanolamine                                     |
| PG                               | Peptidoglycan                                                |
| PhG                              | Phosphatidylglycerol                                         |
| PI                               | Propidium iodide                                             |
| PVC                              | <i>Planctomycetes-verrucomicrobia-chlamydiae</i> superphylum |
| RAST                             | Rapid Annotation using Subsystem Technology                  |
| <i>recA</i>                      | DNA recombination and repair protein                         |
| RNA                              | Ribose nucleic acid                                          |
| ROS                              | Reactive oxygen species                                      |
| RT-PCR/qPCR                      | Real time-polymerase chain reaction                          |
| SafK, GroEL                      | Morphogenetic proteins                                       |
| SAMe                             | Gene encoding for S-adenosyl-L-methionine                    |
| SASP                             | $\alpha/\beta$ -Type small acid-soluble proteins             |
| SDS                              | Sodium dodecyl sulfate                                       |
| SEM                              | Scanning Electron Microscopy                                 |
| SHC                              | Squalene hopene cyclase catalyzes                            |
| SkfC                             | Sporulation killing factor                                   |
| SMART                            | Simple modular architecture research tool                    |
| SodA /SodF                       | Superoxide dismutase                                         |
| SqhC                             | Sporulenol synthase                                          |
| TAE                              | Tris-base, acetic acid and EDTA                              |
| TCA                              | Trichloroacetic acid                                         |
| TE                               | Tris-EDTA                                                    |
| TEM                              | Transmission Electron Microscopy                             |
| TLC                              | Thin Layer Chromatography                                    |
| Tpx                              | Thiol peroxidase                                             |



|                    |                                          |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|
| TrxA               | Thioredoxin                              |
| TS                 | Terpenoid synthase                       |
| UV                 | Ultra violet radiations                  |
| v/v                | Volume per volume                        |
| VBNC               | Viable but non-cultivable                |
| w/v                | Weight per volume                        |
| WT                 | Wild type                                |
| YkuU               | Peroxiredoxin                            |
| YtpB               | Tetraprenyl- $\beta$ -curcumene synthase |
| $\mu\text{g}$      | Microgram                                |
| $\mu\text{g}^{-1}$ | Microgram per litre                      |
| $\mu\text{l}$      | Microlitre                               |
| $\mu\text{m}$      | Micrometer                               |

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# *Introduction*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The emergence of organic matter, that act as the building block for intricate biomolecule structures was the first of several transitions that were necessary for the rapid evolution of life forms. Though the exact origin of these molecules is unknown, experiments have shown that they might have arose under hypothetical prebiotic conditions. A living cell is made up of four such large sized biomolecules. Owing to their prominent size and major contribution to a cell, proteins, nucleic acids, carbohydrates and lipids are recognized as macromolecules which serve as the foundation of life (Cooper 2000).

### 1.1 Prelude to the cellular macromolecules

Macromolecules are polymers amalgamated from small organic monomers which are nuts and bolts of cellular backbone viz, a) twenty amino acids which gives rise to **proteins**; b) two sugars (ribose and deoxyribose) with five carbons each, five nitrogenous bases (adenine, cytosine, guanine, thymine, uracil) and phosphoric acid as the components of **nucleic acids**; c) a primary sugar D-glucose, which majority of **carbohydrates** are derives of; and d) a five component of membrane **lipid** (Chaffey et al. 2003).

#### 1.1.1 Proteins

Proteins are long polymers of variety of combination of amino acids. Of all macromolecules, proteins have the widest range of functions and are one of the most prevalent (except water) organic molecules in living systems. While some proteins serve as structural components, others function as transporter, signal receptors and regulatory factors. Many of them have catalytic domain and act as enzyme, whereas some are toxins (Morris et al. 2022).

#### 1.1.2 Nucleic acids

Nucleic acids are the linear nucleotide polymers. Deoxyribose nucleic acid (DNA) and ribose nucleic acid (RNA) are the most vital macromolecules for survival and continuity

of life, as it holds the genetic blueprint of a cell and propagate it further. Certain RNA molecules function as structural and catalytic components of supramolecular complexes. Nucleic acid's unique sequence of bases gives it a distinctive identity and serves as a source of encoded genetic information (Minchin and Lodge 2019).

### **1.1.3 Carbohydrates**

Carbohydrates are polymers of monosaccharides that are mostly aldehyde or ketone in nature, with additional hydroxyl groups (simple sugars such as glucose) (Cooper 2000). Carbohydrates primarily serve two purposes: they serve as fuel stores that produce energy and as extracellular structural components that contain particular protein-specific binding sites (Holesh et al. 2017).

### **1.1.4 Lipids**

Lipids are broadly defined as hydrophobic group of organic molecules with nonpolar C-C or C-H bond thus soluble in organic solvent to an extent but insoluble in water (Finley and deMan 2018). Different classes of lipids play an important role in many biological processes, including the structural maintenance of cellular membranes, the storage of energy and the involvement in signaling pathways (Yang and Han 2016).

#### **1.1.4.1 Classification of lipids**

Lipids are divided into eight different categories based on their chemical structures: fatty acyls, sphingolipids, glycerophospholipids, glycerolipids, saccharolipids and polyketides that are formed from the condensation of ketoacyl groups. Whereas polyprenyl lipids (prenols, sterols, hopanoids and quinones) are produced as a result of isoprene unit condensation (Fahy et al. 2009, Fahy et al. 2011). In contrast to the extensive research on other group of lipids in prokaryotic systems, little is known about the role of polyprenyl lipids in bacterial membranes (López-Lara and Geiger 2017). However, in eukaryotic system sterol lipids like cholesterol and its derivatives in association with sphingolipids and phospholipids

forms an essential lipid component of the membrane (Simon and Ikonen 1997) and were studied in detail.

#### **1.1.4.2 Lipidomics**

Understanding cellular physiology and pathology requires a thorough examination of lipid molecules. The in detailed study of lipids thus branched into "lipidomics," in the similar context of genomics and proteomics; as a result, lipid biology has grown to be a significant area of study after genomic revolution and advances in systems biology (Han 2016). The term "lipidome" refers to the total profile of lipids found in a cell, tissue or organism. It is a subset of the term "metabolome," which also refers to other three major classes of macromolecules: the study of proteins (**proteomics**), sugars and nucleic acids (**genomics**) (Fahy et al. 2011).

#### **1.2 Bacterial membrane lipids and importance**

The lipid rich cell envelop is a multilayered structure which forms an exterior barrier and act as cell boundary. Membrane lipids are essential component in the physiology of bacterial cells. At first, it was believed that the lipids in membranes act as a static barrier but with more recent discoveries, lipids are characterized as a complex and dynamic membrane component that electively bridge the cell to extracellular environment (van Meer et al. 2008). Membranes are made up of more than thousand different lipid moieties, each of which has unique physicochemical characteristics that cause membrane microdomains to form. But it's still unclear why having such a wide variety of lipid species is necessary (Bramkamp and Lopez 2015). In general, phospholipids contribute to about 70 % and neutral glucolipids fills up the remaining 30 % of vegetative cell lipidome (van Tilburg et al. 2022). Phosphatidylglycerol (PhG) and phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) are the major phospholipids of the membrane and some other minor lipids includes lysylphosphatidylglycerol (LPG) and cardiolipin (Sohlenkamp et al. 2016). Cell membranes serve as the access point for cellular

import and export, a shield against toxic substances, provides protection against changing environmental milieu, and the site of numerous key metabolic activities (Silhavy et al. 2010). For the survival of cell, the envelope must be able to endure the stress factors and associated extreme external conditions. Envelope stress responses are required to maintain envelope homeostasis and to quickly repair any damage in order to assure integrity (Hews et al. 2019). Cell envelope stress responses (CESRs) are regulatory pathways that detect dangers and launch a defense mechanism, frequently modifying the inner membrane, peptidoglycan, lipopolysaccharides (in Gram-negative bacteria), teichoic acids (in Gram-positive bacteria), and other cellular components (Mitchell and Silhavy 2019).

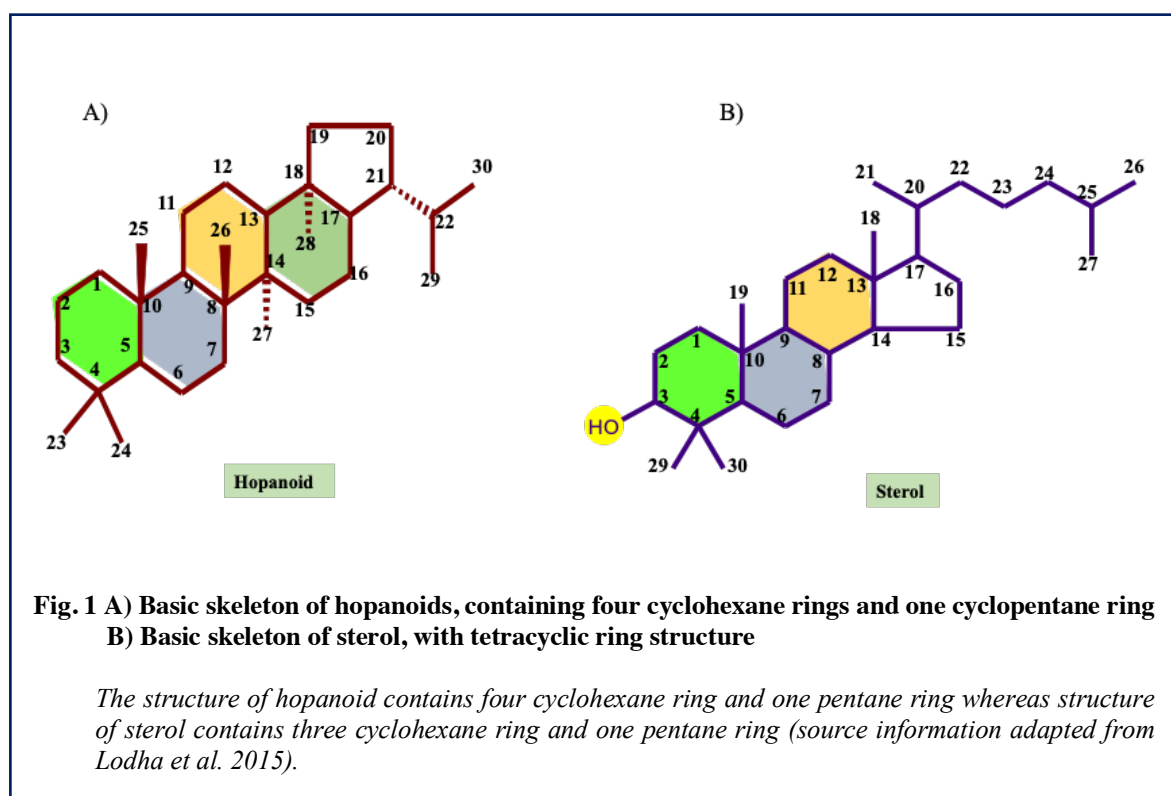
### **1.3 Terpenoid lipids**

Terpenoids are a subclass of terpenes that are produced through biochemical modifications and consist of oxygen molecules. The synthesis of terpenes and terpenoids occurs through the mevalonate pathway (MVA) and methylerythritol phosphate pathway (MEP) pathway (Oldfield and Lin 2012). Aldehydes, alcohols, ethers, esters, epoxides, phenols and ketones are the different types of terpenoids (Masyita et al. 2022). Whereas, citronellal, carvacrol, geraniol, linalyl, linalool, acetate, menthol, and thymol are some of the commonly known terpenoids examples (Hyldgaard et al. 2012). All these biologically active compounds harbor interesting properties like anti-bacterial, anti-cancers, anti-oxidants and anti-allergic (Guimarães et al. 2019, Wang et al. 2019). Triterpenoids are three isoprene unit oxygen containing terpenes with molecular formula of  $C_{30}H_{48}$ . Plants, animals, microorganisms all produce triterpenes, the most common of which is squalene that act as precursor to all the steroids and cyclic triterpenoids (Hillier and Lathe 2019).

### **1.4 Hopanoids**

Hopanoids are sterol surrogate membrane lipids which are pentacyclic triterpenoids in nature and are widespread of all complex natural products (Fig. 1). With few exceptions,

most prokaryotic members lack sterols; however, several bacteria have been found to produce the poly isoprenoid lipids like hopanoid (Lodha et al. 2015). Despite being one of the most prevalent (in terms of mass) classes of natural products found on Earth's surface and mentioned in all of the fossil records, they are not well known by the majority of people, both inside and outside of the scientific community (Ourisson et al. 1979). Hopanoids were discovered for the first time from the resin component of a plant belonging to genus *Hopea* which was named after the botanist John Hope and that's how the term "hopane" was originated (Poralla 1999). In addition to a few higher plants, protists, ferns, mosses, fungi many eubacteria also produce hopanoids (Belin et al. 2018, Rohmer et al. 1984, Volkman 2005).



Squalene, a C<sub>30</sub> hydrocarbon molecule, serves as a biosynthetic precursor for both hopanoids and sterols. In contrast to sterols, which have three and one cyclohexane rings respectively, hopanoids have four and one cyclopentane rings. Additionally, sterols differ



from hopanoids in that they have a hydroxyl group at the C<sub>3</sub> position. Sterols exhibit chair-boat-chair-boat-open conformations, whereas hopanoids exhibit chair-chair-chair-chair-chair conformations of the cyclohexane ring (Kontnik et al. 2008). Due to their planar, rigid, hydrophobic and half-membrane-thick framework, sterol and hopanoid molecules can both readily intercalate into the phospholipid bilayer and interact with nearby fatty acids (Kannenbergh et al. 1985, Sáenz et al. 2015). Hopanoids and sterols can therefore control the membrane's fluidity and permeability. There have been reports of several different hopanoid structures, such as the C<sub>30</sub> hopanoids diploptene or hop-22(29)-ene (one of the simplest C<sub>30</sub> hopanoid compounds) and diplopterol or hopan-22-ol. They have low occurrence in bacteria but can act as precursors for complex hopanoids like C<sub>35</sub> bacteriohopanepolyols (BHPs), which have an extended C<sub>5</sub> side chain derived from D-ribose (Rohmer et al. 1984). They also exist as composite structures, such as hopanoids linked to a glycosyl moiety (Härtner et al. 2005, Talbot et al. 2008). Tetra-functionalized biohopanoids are mostly observed amongst complex hopanoids having variety of functional groups at C<sub>35</sub> position. Bacteriohopane-32,33,34, 35-tetrol having hydroxyl group, aminobacteriohopane-32, 33, 34-triol having amino group are the examples of side chain containing hopanoids (Rohmer et al. 1984).

#### **1.4.1 Biohopanoids and geohopanoids**

Biohopanoids (BPHs) are hopanoids commonly associated with various bacterial system. Whereas, the diagenesis of biohopanoids produces geohopanoids (Ourisson and Albrecht 1992). In the process of diagenesis many physical, chemical and biological transformations take place as sedimentary rocks are formed. Owing to their exceptionally stable behavior under extreme environments like highly acidic or alkali conditions and high temperatures, hopanoids form one of the very few classes of compounds that can endure the process of diagenesis (McGarvey and Croteau 1995). Once the biohopanoids are liberated into external environment the BPHs undergo sediment diagenesis, which transforms them

into simpler products such as hopanes, hopanoic acids and hopanols but they still retain the identity of their parent compound (Shunthirasingham and Simpson 2006).

### **1.4.2 Distribution of hopanoids**

Hopanoids are synthesized by many aerobic bacteria although the presence of dioxygen is not obligate for hopanoid biosynthesis (Rohmer et al. 1984). Apart from oxygenic bacteria (Niu et al. 2021, Talbot and Farrimond 2007), hopanoids were also reported from few facultative anaerobic bacteria like, *Rhodospirillum* spp., *Rhodomicrobium* spp., *Rhodopseudomonas* spp. and *Zymomonas mobilis* (Hermans et al. 1991, Rohmer et al. 1984, Talbot and Farrimond 2007). However, there are also reports of hopanoids from anaerobic bacteria like, *Geobacter* spp., and *Desulfovibrio* spp., with some tolerance level to microquantities of oxygen (Blumenberg et al. 2006, Härtner et al. 2005). Additionally, it has been recorded that few anammox bacteria of phylum *Planctomycetota* which are strictly anaerobic in nature, occasionally produce hopanoids (van Niftrik and Jetten 2012). The majority of distribution studies on hopanoids have concentrated on the *Proteobacteria*, *Cyanobacteria*, *Actinobacteria*, *Acidobacteria*, *Planctomycetota*, and *Bacillota* (Damsté et al. 2004, Rohmer et al. 1984, Talbot et al. 2007, Talbot et al. 2008).

### **1.4.3 Hopanoid functions**

Most of the studies have focused mainly on hopanoid biosynthesis while functional research has primarily been done on proteobacteria. Hopanoids are important for membrane order as its deficiency may lead to compromised cell membranes in turn affects the fluidity, permeability, ion conductivity, cell signaling and lateral segregation. Hopanoids are also considered to be involved in plant-microbe interaction, bacterial cell cycle and stress tolerance (Belin et al. 2018).

#### **1.4.3.1 As biomarker**

Geologists and paleobiologists referred hopanoids as molecular fossils in the evolution of Earth's surface environments. They could discover hopanoids even from very old samples which dated back more than 2500 billion years (Brocks et al. 2003). According to a distribution analysis of hopanoids, certain hopanoids may be related to particular bacterial taxa.

#### **1.4.3.2 Membrane integrity and lipid ordering**

The hydrophobic centers of bilayers are packed by hopanoid as it intercalates in phospholipid bilayers. The cell is protected by this architecture (with hopanoids in the membrane) under extreme pH conditions by preventing proton loss (Welander et al. 2009). Although studies have suggested that hopanoid may be important for lipid ordering, the mechanism and importance of lipid ordering in bacteria remain poorly understood.

#### **1.4.3.3 Plant microbe interaction**

Kulkarni et al. (2015) described that C<sub>35</sub> hopanoids are necessary for growth in a symbiotic environment for the symbiosis between *B. diazoefficiens* and *A. afraspera*.

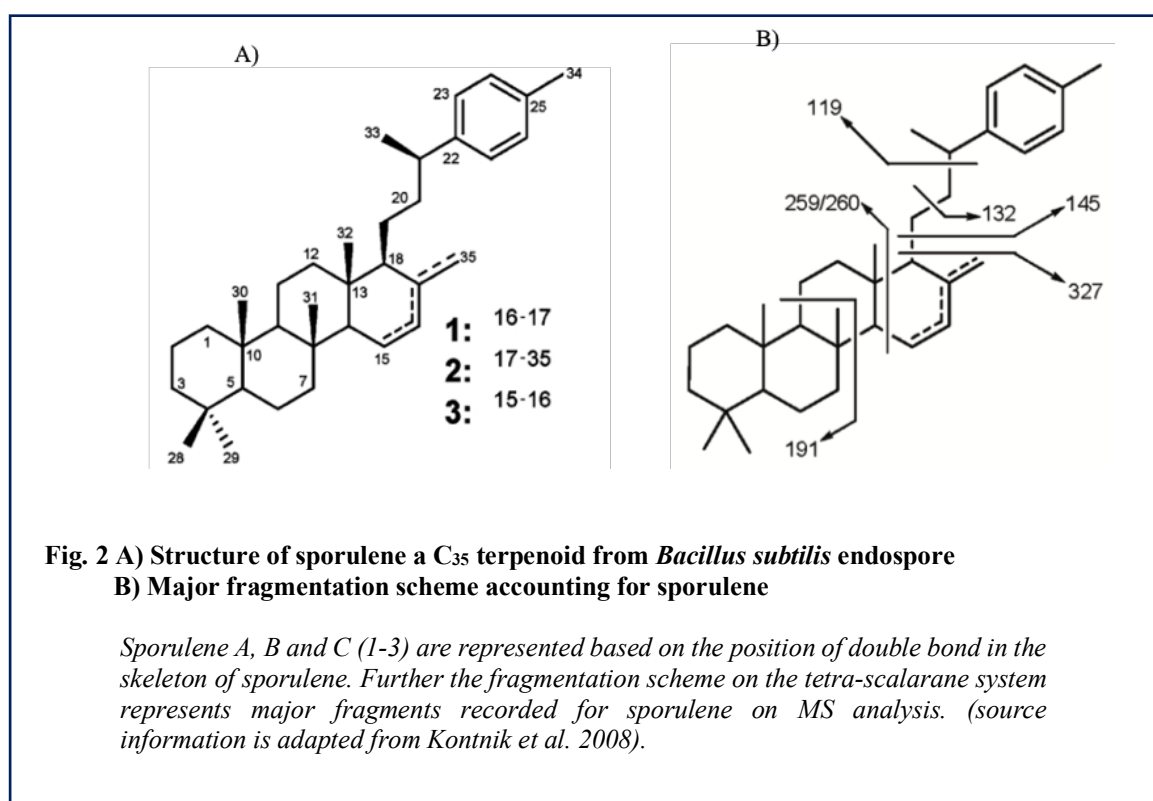
#### **1.4.3.4 Cell cycle and stress tolerance**

During the cell cycle events, hopanoids allocate the cell division apparatus in appropriate subcellular area and plays a crucial role in cell growth and division. Also, a study on *N. punctiforme*, a diazotrophic symbiotic cyanobacterium, suggested the role of hopanoids in stress tolerance and nutrient storage (Ricci et al. 2017).

### **1.5 Sporulenes**

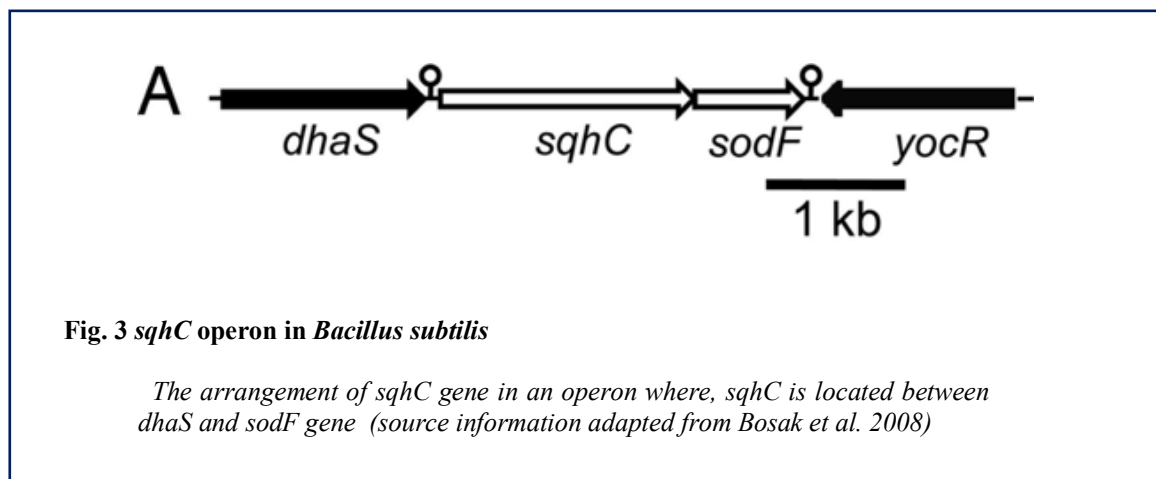
Sporulenes is a heptaprenyl lipid identified for the first time from the endospores of *B. subtilis*. It resembles to hopanoids in having a tetracyclic ring structure but differ from it having a pentacyclic ring (Fig. 2A). Structure of sporulene predicted based on HRMS analysis and MS fragmentation pattern revealed a typical sesterpene skeleton with

tetracyclic scalarane system as also observed in metabolites of marine sponge (Renoux and Rohmer 1986). Till date only three types of sporulenes have been identified based on the position of double bond in the basic skeleton of sporulene *viz*, sporulene A (saturation at 16-17 position), sporulene B (saturation at 17-35 position) and sporulene C (saturation at 15-16 position) (Kontnik et al. 2008).



All these sporulenes have equal molecular ion of  $m/z$  474 and molecular formula of C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>54</sub>. The additional fragments characteristics of sporulene includes  $m/z$  119, 145 and 132 along with the presence of ethylene- (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub><sup>+</sup>), butylene-methylphenyl (C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub><sup>+</sup>) and propylene- (C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub><sup>+</sup>) fragments respectively (Fig. 2B). These fragments signify the presence of an aromatic side-chain moiety in the structure (Kontnik et al. 2008). The roughly predicted abundance of sporulene in *B. subtilis* spore is approximately 0.1 mg/g dry weight of spores. Given that *B. subtilis* synthesizes sporulenes only during

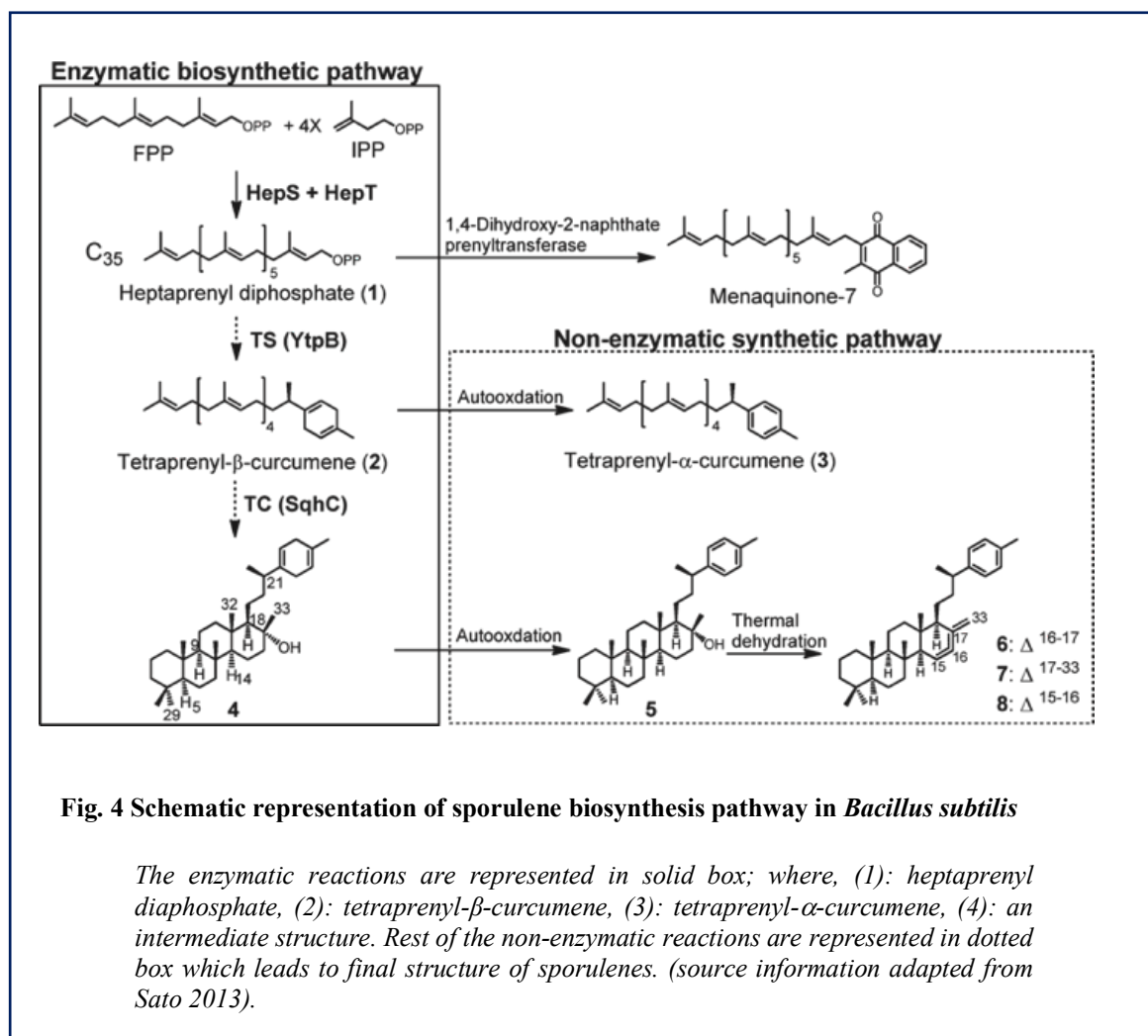
sporulation, their biological function(s) is/are related to endospores. According to previous reports, sporulenes showed a strong candidature for being one of the factors in alleviating oxidative stress in *Bacillus* endospores (Bosak et al. 2008, Checinska et al. 2012). The first hint about the proposed role of sporulene molecule came from superoxide dismutase (*sodF*), situated after *sqhC* gene in a two-operon system (Fig. 3) (Bosak et al. 2008).



### 1.5.1 Sporulene biosynthesis pathway

The biosynthesis of sporulene is a five-step process, first three steps are enzyme catalyzed steps followed by two non-enzymatic steps (Fig. 4) (Takigawa et al. 2010). It starts with the synthesis of heptaprenyl diphosphate (compound I) from farnesyl diphosphate (FPP) and isopentyl pyrophosphate (IPP) with the help of a heterodimeric enzyme heptaprenyl diphosphate synthase where two components (HepS and HepT) are encoded by genes *hepS* and *hepT*. Then action of a novel terpene cyclase enzyme, tetraprenyl- $\beta$ -curcumene synthase (TS/YtpB) encoded by gene *ytpB*, cyclizes the synthesis of extended prenyl-diphosphate strands to form tetraprenyl- $\beta$ -curcumene (compound II). This enzyme is unique within itself as it does not share any sequence similarities with other existing terpene cyclase. Whereas, sporulenol synthase (SqhC) encoded by gene *sqhC*, shares striking similarity with squalene hopene cyclase catalyzes (SHC's) and brings about the cyclization of polycyclic skeleton of

sporulene intermediate (Bacitrol, compound III). The intermediate then undergoes two non-enzymatic reactions i.e autooxidation and thermal dehydration to finally form sporulenes (Christianson 2017, Sato 2013).



## 1.6 Sporulenol synthase and squalene hopene cyclase

The enzyme sporulenol synthase (SqhC) and squalene hopene cyclase (SHC) are key enzymes in synthesis of sporulenes and hopanoids respectively and belong to class of terpenoid cyclase enzymes (Bosak et al. 2008, Christianson 2017). Earlier both the enzymes were considered as similar cyclase with varied substrate dependent activity. Further, it was confirmed that they are highly similar but not the same enzymes, both with

aspartic acid rich domain (DXXD), signature for class two terpenoids synthases (Hoshino and Sato 2002). For SHC, squalene is the substrate and hopanoids like deplopterol, deploptene, bacteriohopane and tetrahymanol are products. Whereas, sporulenol synthase uses tetraprenyl- $\beta$ -curcumene as substrate to form sporulenes (Christianson 2017). The five-ringed skeleton of hopene is synthesized with major modifications of thirteen covalent bonds that lead to the formation of nine stereo centers, making hopanoid synthesis a complex single step reaction (Siedenburg and Jendrossek 2011). However, synthesis of sporulene involves protonation of the terminal C=C bond of substrate (enzymatic reaction) and non-enzymatic reactions (Christianson 2017, Sato 2013).

### **1.7 Survival strategies of bacteria**

Survival is commonly described as maintaining viability in the face of adversity. Bacteria are highly adaptable organisms that have evolved a wide range of survival strategies to endure extreme environments, nutrient-limiting conditions, and exposure to toxic substances (Forchhammer 2021). One such strategy is the formation of endospores, which are metabolically inactive structures that can survive for years, and even decades, under harsh conditions such as extreme temperatures or desiccation (Tan and Ramamurthi 2014). Biofilm formation is another common survival strategy where bacterial cell form a complex matrix on a surface, providing them protection from antibiotics, immune surveillance, and other environmental stressors (Fazeli-Nasab et al. 2022). Bacteria can also induce DNA damage repair mechanisms, activate stress response pathways, or produce efflux pumps that export toxins out of the cell to survive against toxic substances. Some bacteria have evolved the ability to exchange genetic material through horizontal gene transfer, allowing them to acquire novel traits, such as antibiotic resistance or the ability to use alternative energy sources (Dawan and Ahn 2022, Huang et al. 2022). Some other commonly known mechanism of survival includes, development of stress responsive

cytoplasmic elements (CRCE), viable but non-cultivable state (VBNC), cyst formation (Haruta and Kanno 2015, Ramamurthy et al. 2014, Willdigg and Helmann 2021,). Over all, the ability of bacteria to adapt to various environmental stressors, via structural and physiological changes, is what enables their survival. This unique ability to adapt and survive under hostile conditions has allowed bacteria to thrive in nearly every corner of the world, including extreme habitats like deep-sea vents, hot springs, and glaciers.

### **1.7.1 Bacterial endospore**

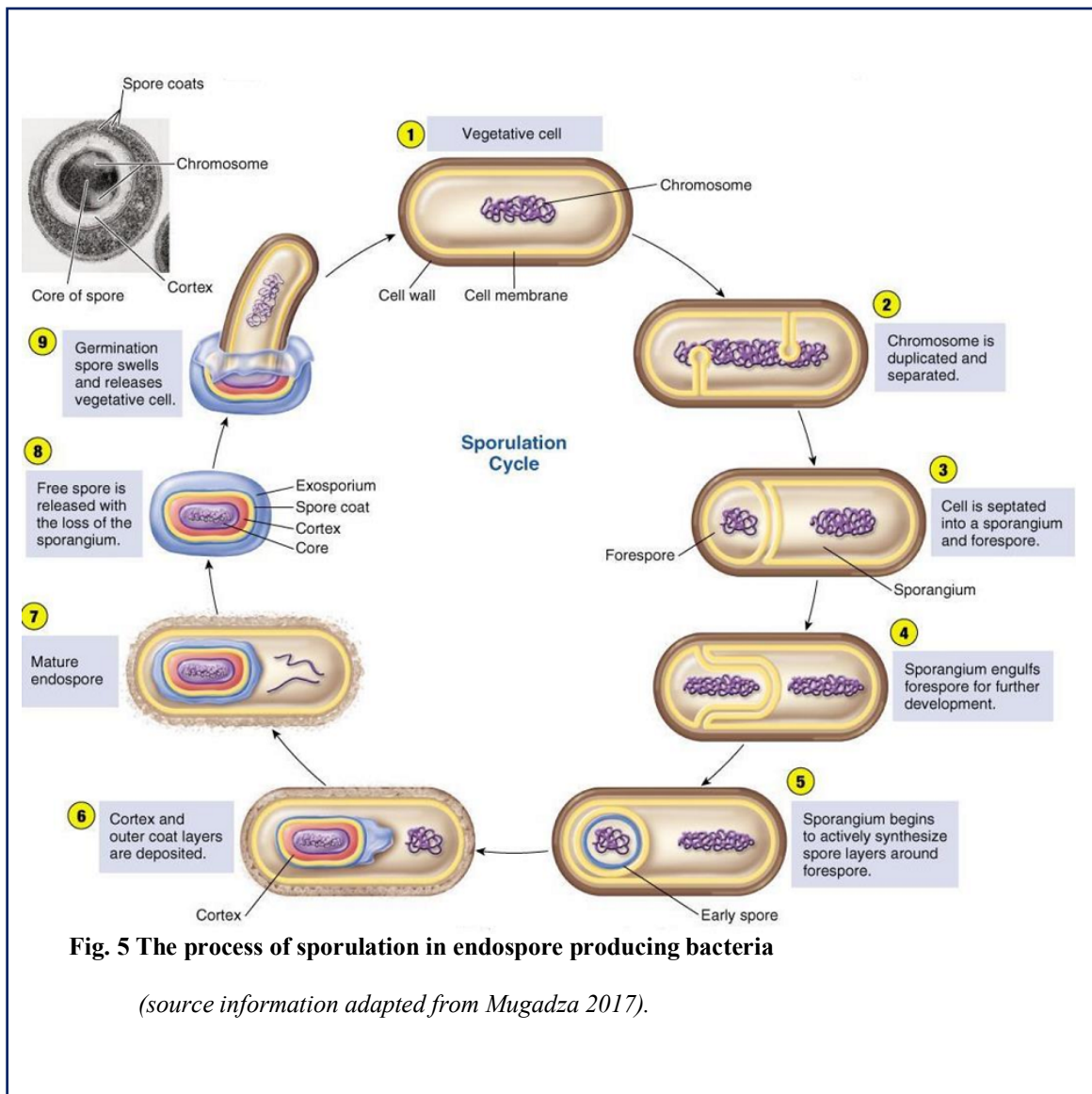
The goal of sporulation is to produce "endospore," a form of latent bacterial body which is metabolically inactive and able to withstand challenging environmental conditions till ideal growth conditions returns and therefore provides a kind of in-built resistance against unfavorable conditions. Some common bacteria that produce endospores include *Bacillus* and *Clostridium* species (Leggett et al. 2012, Tan and Ramamurthi 2014). *Bacillus subtilis* is widely distributed in nature and is capable of successfully adjusting to numerous environmental changes. The relatively simplistic process of sporulation and easy genetic tractability in *Bacillus subtilis* makes it highly appealing system to study cell differentiation and sporogenesis (Tan and Ramamurthi 2014).

#### **1.7.1.1 Sporogenesis**

Process of sporulation is also known as sporogenesis. The spore formation is triggered by activation of histidine sensor kinases (KinA to KinC), they transport phosphate over an extended phosphorelay, causing phosphorylation of transcription factor Spo0A, the key regulator of sporulation (McKenney et al. 2013). The onset of sporulation is marked with the asymmetric division of rod-shaped *Bacillus subtilis*, developing a polar septum that forms two genetically similar but physically different compartments: mother cell (larger compartment) and forespore, (smaller compartment), each of which undergoes distinct cell fates. For a short while, the exterior cell wall holding both compartments



together keep them side by side. After being flat at first, the polar septum starts to curve and forespore is swallowed by the mother cell (called as engulfment), resulting in a forespore that lives as a double membrane-bound, spherical structure inside the mother cell cytoplasm. The partially dehydrated mature forespore is eventually released into external environment through programmed cell lysis of mother cell (Fig. 5) (Tan and Ramamurthi 2014).

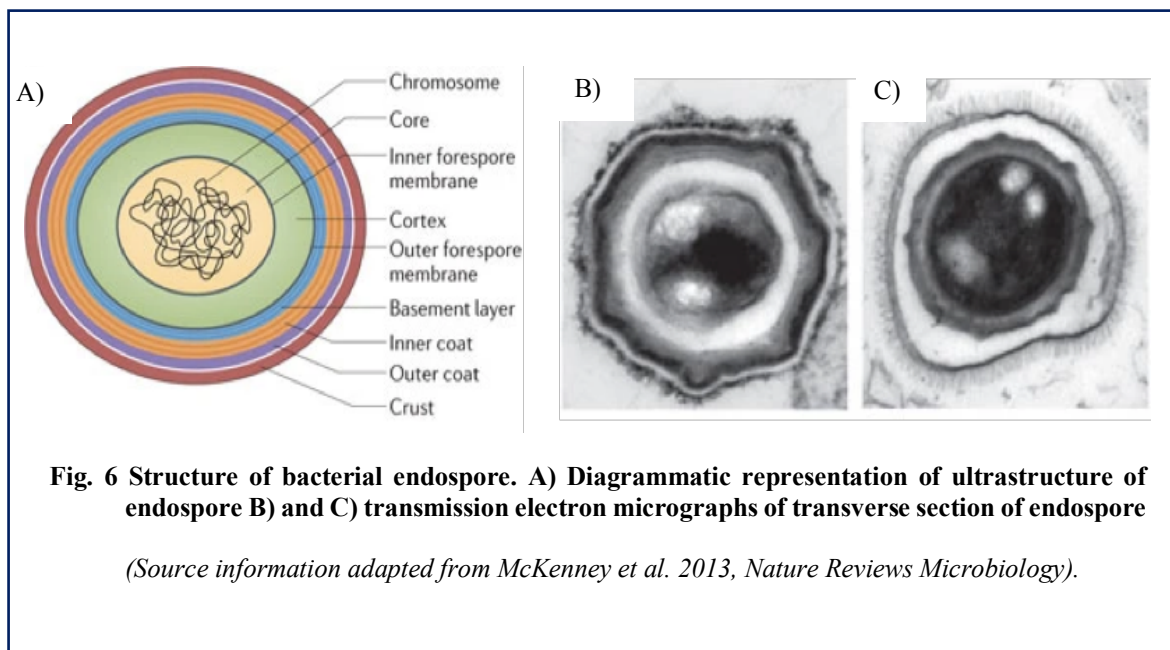


**Fig. 5 The process of sporulation in endospore producing bacteria**

(source information adapted from Mugadza 2017).

### 1.7.1.2 Structure and composition of endospore

The central core, which has much of its hydrogen peroxide ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ) replaced it with  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -dipicolinic acid, carries the genome. Core is enveloped by the inner spore membrane, a thin layer of peptidoglycan that resembles the vegetative cell (germ cell wall), spore cortex, outer membrane, protein coat and exosporium in some cases (Fig. 6) (McKenney et al. 2013).



#### 1.7.1.2.1 The spore core

Spore core is the heart of endospore, located at the center it harbors DNA, RNA, ribosomes, and majority of its enzymes (Setlow 2006). Water contributes only 28-57 % of the spores' wet weight in the core, making it mostly dehydrated. Specialty of the spore core is high levels of dipicolinic acid (DPA) which is present as 1:1 chelate with divalent cations, primarily  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  (Huang et al. 2007). DPA accounts for approximately 20 % of spore core dry weight. The factors inside the core have a significant impact on the spore's resistance traits, many of which play a role in preventing spore DNA damage (Leggett et al. 2012).

#### **1.7.1.2.2 Inner spore membrane**

The protective layer which surround spore core is inner spore membrane. The inner spore membrane composition seems quite similar to the plasma membrane of a vegetative cell. Both the membranes are composed of phosphatidylglycerol, cardiolipin, glucosaminyl phosphatidylglycerol and phosphatidyl ethanolamine (Leggett et al. 2012). In case of *Bacillus subtilis*, higher content of diglucosyl diacylglycerol is found as compared to spore (Griffiths and Setlow 2009).

#### **1.7.1.2.3 Spore cortex**

Peptidoglycan (PG) makes the major component of spore cortex that makes it resemble to vegetative cell PG in general but there are numerous spore-specific alterations that stand out, most notably the complete lack of teichoic acids from the N-acetylmuramic acid (NAM) residues in spore PG (Atrih et al. 1996). About 50 % of the NAM residues in spore cortex PG lack peptide side chains and are rather cyclized to produce muramic- $\delta$ -lactam, whereas almost 25 % of NAM residues possess L-alanine side chain only (Leggett et al. 2012).

#### **1.7.1.2.4 Germ cell wall**

The germ cell wall (GCW) is yet another PG structure found in bacterial spores. Owing to the difference in peptidoglycan composition, cortex peptidoglycan undergoes selective degradation during spore germination but not GCW however it develops into the cell wall during spore germination and outgrowth (Atrih et al. 1996).

#### **1.7.1.2.5 Outer membrane**

Once coat and cortex are synthesized which are major structures in spore, it is challenging to recognize the outer membrane in electron micrographs. Dormant spores from numerous species have reportedly known to have poorly defined or undetectable outer membranes (Holt et al. 1975, Leggett et al. 2012) The existence of an outer spore membrane

in the mature spore is supported by functional and biochemical data, despite the lack of strong morphological evidence.

#### **1.7.1.2.6 Spore coat**

The majority of the coat is made up of protein (50–80 %), but there also exists a little amount of carbohydrates (6 %) (Pandey and Aronson 1979). At least seventy different proteins, synthesized by the mother cell contribute to the protein fraction of the spore-coat, their localization to the spore surface starts immediately after engulfment (McKenney and Eichenberger 2012). The spore-coat protein includes, soluble fraction (70 %), that can be isolated through alkaline pH treatment using a cocktail of reducing and denaturing chemicals and insoluble fraction (30 %), that resists solubilization (Pandey and Aronson 1979). Functionally, the spore-coat acts as a first line of defense against big molecules that would otherwise be able to penetrate the spore cortex, including the PG-lytic enzyme lysozyme (Nicholson et al. 2000).

#### **1.7.1.2.7 Exosporium**

Exosporium is primarily composed of proteins which forms 43-52 % of its fraction, although it also contains 20-22 % carbohydrate and 15-18 % lipids molecules and negligible (~4 %) quantity of other components known as “ash” which includes calcium, magnesium along with some unidentified compounds (Leggett et al. 2012).

#### **1.7.1.3 Bacterial spore resistance**

Bacterial endospores in their dormant state are far more resistant as compared to corresponding vegetative cells to extreme conditions such as, high temperature, pressure, radiation, and toxic chemicals (Setlow 2000). In particular, oxidizing agents, such as H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, are the chemicals to which spores show increased resistance (Setlow and Setlow 1993, Setlow 2000). The impressive resistance of spore is unquestionably a result of the combination of structural, chemical, and biological characteristics. A protein rich spore coat guards the spore

from lytic enzymes like lysozymes (Riesenman and Nicholson 2000). Additionally, presence of a melanin like brown pigment produced by a copper dependent laccase enzyme (CotA) in spore outer coat helps to endure the oxidative damages (Checinska et al. 2012). Mineralization due to the presence of DPA and thick layer of spore cortex keeps the spore core highly dehydrated (low core water content) that provides protection against elevated temperature (Leggett et al. 2012). Inner spore membrane which is mostly impervious and thus act as barrier for large and toxic molecules (Setlow 2000). The last but most important factor in spore resistance is protection of the spore genetic material by  $\alpha/\beta$ -type small acid-soluble proteins (SASP), a group of DNA associated proteins that prevent the possible DNA damage by reactive oxygen species and UV radiations (Setlow and Setlow 1993, Setlow 1995, 2000). In addition, catalase enzyme encoded by *cotJC* gene is commonly known for neutralizing the oxidative effects (Checinska et al. 2012) but it has not been found in case of *B. subtilis* spores (Seyler et al. 1997). Several other spore-associated proteins with antioxidant activity have been identified in *B. subtilis*, such as Sod A or Sod F (Wang et al. 2018).

#### **1.7.1.4 Spore germination**

The phenomenon of spore germination is associated with the characteristic loss of most of the spore structures. Under natural conditions spore germination commences with the encounter and interaction of nutrients like carbohydrates, amino acids purine nucleosides (in combination or individually), to the receptors on the spores' inner membrane. The process of germination is often marked with the release of DPA in the beginning along with the release of hydrogen ions and divalent cations which are eventually replaced with water resulting in change of pH (from 6.5 to 7.7) of spore core (Andryukov et al. 2019). The GR-mediated processes that result in CaDPA release during germination involves the GerD protein. The hydrolysis of the spore's massive peptidoglycan cortex by any of the two redundant cortex-lytic enzymes (CLEs), CwlJ or SleB, is one among the

subsequent processes in germination that are triggered by CaDPA release (Tan and Ramamurthi 2014). At first, germinating spore unloads its spore coat and cell wall hydrolases breaks down the cortex. Whereas, the germ cell wall is kept intact as to serve for the commencement of vegetative cell wall assembly. While it is less clear what will happen to the outer spore membrane (it may get lost during spore maturation process), the inner spore membrane develops into the plasma membrane (McKenney et al. 2013). These modifications play a crucial role in the subsequent surge in enzyme activity and, eventually, the metabolism of upcoming cells, which is accompanied by synthesis of macromolecules. The spore expands and increases in size as a result of both cell expansion brought on by reserve material and water absorption. A new vegetative cell arises from the ruptured spore membrane further along, when the membranes break due to pressure brought on by growth (McKenney et al. 2013).

## **1.8 Challenges in spore studies**

### **1.8.1 Separation of spores from vegetative cells**

The very first challenge in working with spore is their close association with vegetative cells. When working with spores it's very important to make sure that the spores are devoid of vegetative cells. Considering the spore origin and its composition similar vegetative cells (Leggett et al. 2012, McKenney et al. 2013) it is more likely that vegetative cell and its components may interfere with spore related study. Also, poor methods used for isolation of clean spore preparation may fail to separate cells and spore, that may lead to confusions in subsequent experiments as to the results obtained are from spore or vegetative cells. This makes it imperative to sperate vegetative cells from spores with the help of best available separation method to confirm complete absence of vegetative cells, while working with spores.

### **1.8.2 Lipids, fatty acids and protein extraction**

The proteinaceous spore coat, often makes it difficult to analyze the constituents of internal spore structures. Also, spores are extremely challenging to lyse because of their architecture and composition. Thus, it becomes necessary to strip off the spore-coat before extraction of polar lipids and fatty acid. The solubilization of the coat proteins from clean spore preparations has been documented in the literature using a variety of chemical, enzymatic, and physical approaches (Riesenman and Nicholson 2000).

In bacterial spores, about one-third of the total coat protein is resistant to the extraction techniques typically used to solubilize the majority of other proteins. The solubility of various coat fractions has also been observed to vary, which may make spore protein extraction even more difficult. The work in this area has resurged as a result of the accessibility of handful of whole genome sequences from various strains, expression analysis with the help of new genetic engineering techniques and high sensitivity and resolution of mass spectral analysis (Thorne et al. 2010).

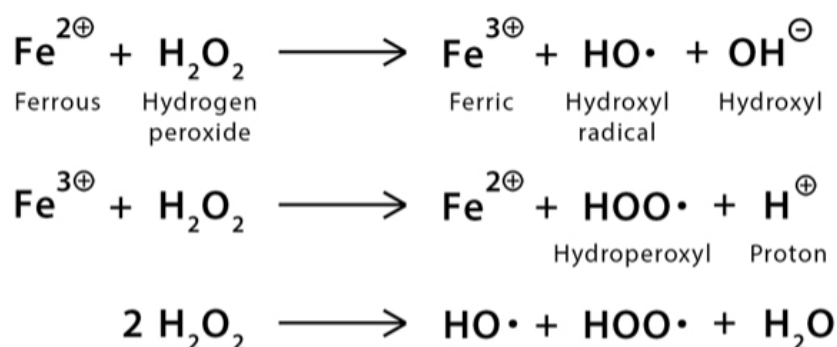
### **1.9 Hydrogen peroxide and environmental concerns associated**

Hydrogen peroxide was discovered in the year 1818 by Louis Thénard, later in 1891 it was identified as a biocide by B. W. Richardson (Linley et al. 2012). It is currently used as a disinfectant on a large scale whereas other H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> based products are being frequently used in the food and medical industries for dealing with microbial contaminations. As far as environmental production of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is concerned, rising environmental pollution causes UV radiation-based activation of harmful compounds as a result massive amount of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is being generated (Sánchez-Quiles and Tovar-Sánchez 2014). Although peroxide breaks down quickly into simple by-products such as H<sub>2</sub>O (water) and O<sub>2</sub> (oxygen), certain microbial communities are gravely affected by the elevated concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> produced as a result of photochemical reactions (Sen and



Imlay 2021). Although peroxide degrades rapidly, the cytotoxic and genotoxic nature of accelerated levels of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  is of serious concern to microbial communities (Linley et al. 2012). There are reports stating about the toxic effects of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  on marine phytoplankton community which affected their survival (Lin et al. 2018). The effects of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  on microbial ecology is being studied while responses of microorganisms to it remain underexplored.

### 1.9.1 $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ : Mode of action



**Fig. 7 Fenton's reaction** (Source information adapted from ChemistryLearner.com)

Fenton's reaction is the reason why relatively harmless extracellular  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  turns into a lethal substance once inside the cell.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  exhibits significant permeability across the membrane barrier due to its smaller size and lack of charge. In contrast to most other toxic compounds,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  is unique in that it is stable in abiotic conditions at room temperature and neutral pH, but it quickly destroys any kind of cell by generating extremely reactive hydroxyl radicals (Sen and Imlay 2021). This life-specific reactivity follows the concentration of soluble iron, Fe (II), which is abundant inside cells but almost nonexistent outside of them. Fe (II) combines with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  to generate the famous Fenton's reagent (Fig. 7). This reaction involves the formation of rather unstable superoxide ( $\text{O}_2^-$ ) and highly reactive hydroxyl radical ( $\text{OH}\cdot$ ) which attribute to the reactivity of reactive oxygen species (ROS) (Mahaseth and Kuzminov 2017). As a result,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  is being continuously used as



effective biocidal agent even at its modest concentrations (Linley et al. 2012, Sen and Imlay 2021). Due to the cytotoxic and genotoxic risk posed by peroxide, all cells possess potent  $H_2O_2$  scavengers which enable cells to survive even at higher concentrations of  $H_2O_2$ . It includes few intracellular and extracellular enzymes which plays role in oxidative stress response that may help in elevated resistance to reactive oxygen species (ROS). These enzymes include catalase KatX1, manganese catalase (BPUM\_1305/ YjqC), superoxide dismutase (SodF), manganese superoxide dismutase (SodA), laccase (CotA), peroxiredoxin (YkuU), glutathione peroxidase (Bsa), thiol peroxidase (Tpx) or thioredoxin (TrxA). The most common of them are catalases which are induced under oxidative stress condition or produced near the stationary growth phase (Checinska et al. 2012). The catalases which are secreted in medium are more effective in neutralizing effects of ROS generating molecules like  $H_2O_2$ ; mere cytoplasmic activity of catalase is not sufficient to manage the oxidative assault (Naclerio et al. 1995).

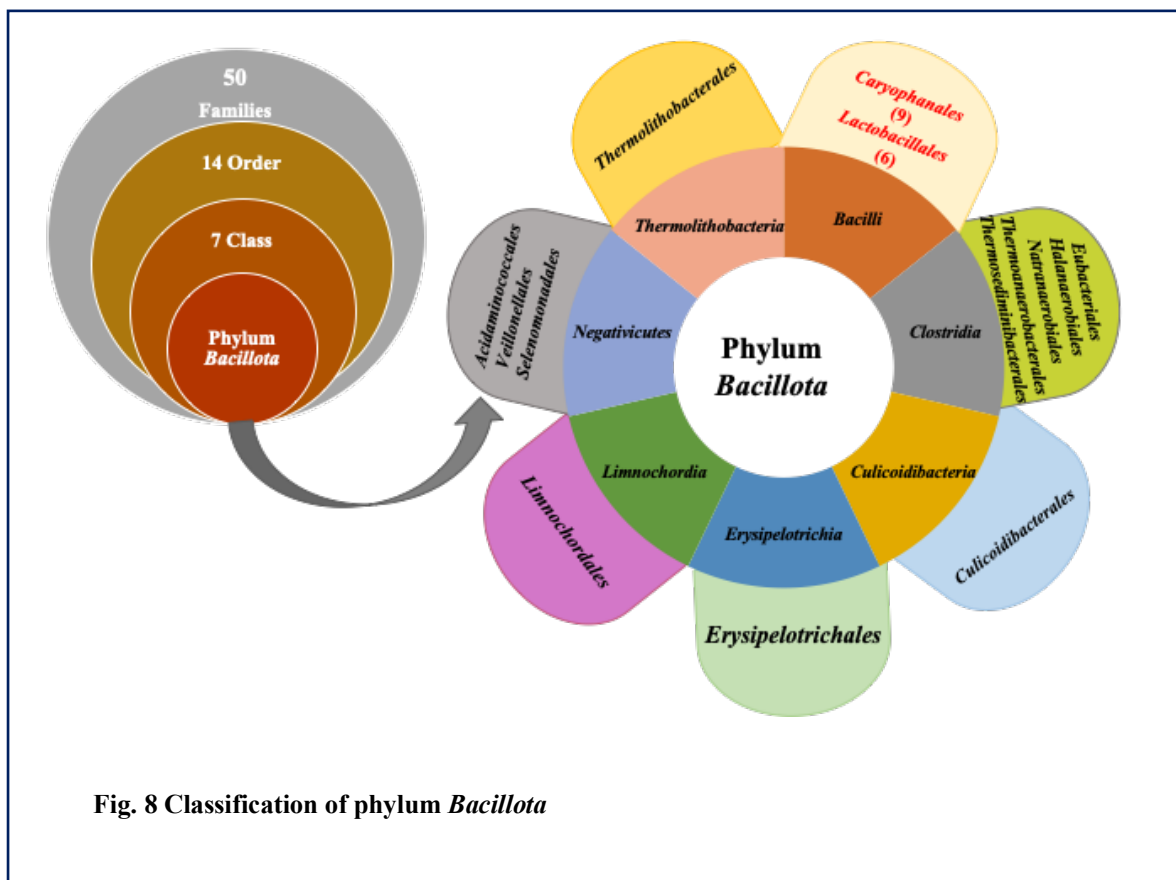
### **1.10 Bacterial members under study**

The quest for hopanoids and sporulenes was carried out in phylum *Bacillota* and phylum *Planctomycetota* members.

#### **1.10.1 Phylum *Bacillota***

Phylum *Bacillota* as renamed by Gibbons and Murray in 2021 was earlier known as phylum *Firmicutes*. Members of this phylum are mostly Gram-stain positive (Galperin 2016). The phylum contains seven classes, of which class *Bacilli* is currently divided into two orders as *Caryophanales* (nine families) and *Lactobacillales*, (six families) both the orders altogether have fifty families (Fig. 8) (<https://www.bacterio.net/>). Many members of the phylum *Bacillota* have the specific trait to form endospores. It has been found to be associated with four classes *Bacilli*, *Clostridia*, *Erysipelotrichia*, and *Negativicutes*, all of them contain identical sets of the essential sporulation proteins (Galperin 2016, Gopal et

al. 2015). Non-spore-forming organisms are also included in each of these classes; in some cases, they even share the same genus or even species as their spore-forming counterparts. A conserved group of sixty genes is required for the formation of spores; alterations in these genes can interfere the process of sporulation and drastically reduce the proportion of cells that can form spores, or even make the cells absolutely asporogenous (Onyenwoke et al. 2004). In the order *Lactobacillales* none of the members harbor spore formation properties, whereas both sporogenic and asporogenic members can be found in the order *Caryophanales*. The class *Clostridia* consists of four recognized orders, two of which, *Clostridiales* and *Thermoanaerobacterales* harbor spore-formers and other two classes *Halanaerobiales* and *Natranaerobiales* do not represent spore forming members (Galperin 2016).



### 1.10.2 Phylum *Planctomycetota*

The phylum *Planctomycetota* forms a part of *Planctomycetes-Verrucomicrobia-Chlamydiae* (PVC) superphylum which also has *Lentisphaerae* and other related phyla having *Candidatus* status (Wagner and Horn 2006). The phylum's name was derived almost a century ago based on the fact that the very first member was categorized as a floating fungus by mistake (Kaboré et al. 2020). Currently, phylum *Planctomycetes* is subdivided into two classes as *Planctomycetia* and *Phycisphaerae* (Fukunaga et al. 2009, Krieg et al. 2010). Along with the members of above-mentioned classes, *Planctomycetota* members that can anaerobically oxidize ammonium make up the *Candidatus* anammox group, proposed under order *Brocadiales* (Jetten et al. 2010), as no described member of the order currently has any axenic culture. Of the two classes most members are described and characterized in class *Planctomycetia*. The phylum *Planctomycetota* harbors bacteria that possess characteristics which are unusual for prokaryotes viz, budding as mode of multiplication as they do not have the cell division protein FtsZ (bacterial tubulin-homolog) and complex cell structures with cytoplasmic membrane invaginations (Kumar et al. 2021). Also, many members lack peptidoglycan in their cell wall assembly (Wiegand et al. 2018). Despite the fact that *Planctomycetota* are widespread, there are still fewer reported species and isolated strains that can be grown in axenic conditions, whereas a higher diversity of the same has been noted in metagenomes or environmental investigations (Wiegand et al. 2020). The recent description of a considerable number of novel species and their improved accessibility in terms of pure cultures show that *Planctomycetota* are receiving more and more attention.

### 1.11 Genome mining and identification of novel metabolites

Microorganisms routinely produce vast range of bioactive compounds, either as a part of conventional survival strategies or in response to external stress. Generally, standard

protocols are used for extraction and identification of such secondary metabolites from bacteria. Over the time, the rising discovery rates of bacteria made it difficult and laborious to identify and study the distribution of novel metabolites amongst them (Baltz 2019, Lebedeva et al. 2021). This inefficiency of the expensive conventional approaches resulted in their replacement with the cost-effective and rapid techniques to gather such information. As a result, identification of novel biosynthetic pathways now heavily relies on genome sequencing and the mining of microbial genomes for unexplored biosynthetic gene clusters (BGCs), many of which may encode for novel unidentified compounds (Tracanna et al. 2017). The recent advancements in the field of bioinformatics have opened the door for genome-based discovery methods. Although, the microbial metabolites are diverse in nature, the machinery involved in their biosynthesis is quite conserved also because the key biosynthesis enzymes share a high degree of amino acid sequence similarity thus genomic data can be screened for the existence of specific biosynthetic genes (Scherlach and Hertweck 2021) In future, the extensive availability of genomic data, sophisticated data mining techniques, continued evolution of novel culturing strategies, effective genome editing, and improved expression systems will subsequently overcome significant obstacles in gaining access to the hidden metabolic diversity from genomic and metagenomics data (Albarano et al. 2020).

### **1.12 Rationale behind the study**

Few newly identified lipids are often overlooked molecules in the scientific society. Regardless of their critical function in structuring biological membranes, these lipids are frequently neglected, partly due to the difficulty in their quantification, synthesis and alterations when compared to nucleic acid. With all the extensive studies on hopanoids in different group of bacteria, very few studies are available on hopanoids of *Planctomycetota* members. This study was aimed in understanding the diversity of hopanoids amongst the

members of the phylum *Planctomycetota*. Further, the study was extended in understanding the diversity of sporulenes amongst the endospore producing members of class *Bacilli*, since its discovery was stopped with *Bacillus subtilis*. The following are the three major questions to which the thesis was focused in addressing on hopanoids and sporulenes

- Are there any unique hopanoids associated with *Planctomycetota* members?
- To what extent sporulenes are associated with endospore forming members?
- How does oxidative stress influence the *Bacillus* endospores?

### 1.13 OBJECTIVES

I. To investigate a few newly isolated bacteria for hopanoids and sporulenes

among the members of :

(a) Phylum *Planctomycetota* (b) Class *Bacilli*

II. Insights into sporulenes of *Bacillus subtilis*

(a) Genomic insights (b) Functional insights

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# *Materials and Methods*

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## 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

### 2.1 Glassware and plasticware

The glassware and plasticware used under this study include beakers, conical flasks, side arm flasks, petri dishes, measuring cylinders, test tubes, boiling tubes, falcon tubes, PCR tubes, reagent bottles, centrifuge tubes, glass spreaders, 96 well microtiter-plate, pipettes and microcentrifuge tubes. The glassware used were of Borosil, Duran and Thermo Fisher Scientific make. The plasticware were of Tarsons make and pipettes were of Eppendorf brand.

### 2.2 Glassware cleaning

All the glassware were first soaked for 24 h in dilute solution of chromic acid [Add sodium/potassium dichromate (8 gm) in distilled water (80 ml), to this add concentrated sulphuric acid (8 ml)] washed with detergent (Teepol) and rinsed with tap water followed by airdrying.

### 2.3 Chemicals and solvents

The chemicals and reagents used in this study were of analytical grade procured from Sigma-Aldrich, Himedia, Thermo Fisher Scientific and Takara. Whereas, most of the solvent used for the experiments performed under this study were availed from Merck and 100% ethanol was obtained from Hayman. Single distilled and double distilled water used for media and buffer preparation was taken from the Millipore distillation plant at school facility. MilliQ water (deionized water) was also obtained from the deionizer plant at school facility (ELIX from Merck Millipore).

### 2.4 Buffers, solutions and reagents

Autoclaved deionized water and standard procedures were used to prepare buffers and solutions. The pH was maintained at room temperature as per buffer composition.

## 2.5 Major solutions

- Phosphate buffer saline (PBS, g.l<sup>-1</sup>): sodium chloride (NaCl) - 8, potassium chloride (KCl) - 0.2, di-sodium hydrogen phosphate (Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>) - 1.44 and potassium dihydrogen phosphate (KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) - 0.24; pH was adjusted to 7.4.
- Tris-EDTA buffer (TE): 10 ml of 1M Tris-buffer (pH, 10 to 11) was mixed with 2 ml of 0.5 M EDTA, the pH was adjusted to 8 and make up the volume to 1000 ml.
- Lysis buffer: 6 M Urea, 14.3 mM β-mercaptoethanol in 50 mM Tris-HCl.
- Germination solution: 10 mM L-alanine in 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5).
- De-coating solution: 50 mM dTT in 8 M urea.
- p-Anisaldehyde stain: p-Anisaldehyde: perchloric acid: acetone: water (1:10:20:80)

## 2.6 Other solutions

Hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) [30 % (v/v)], sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) solution [10 % (v/v)], acetic acid [0.1 N (v/v)], sodium azide [1 % (w/v)], 100 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> cycloheximide, tween 80 [0.01 % (v/v)], propidium iodide (PI) dye [1 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> (w/v)], sodium hydroxide (NaOH) [0.1 N (w/v)]; 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate (NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub>).

## 2.7 Culture media preparation

### 2.7.1 Nutrient broth/agar

Nutrient broth/ agar (NA/NB) was prepared as per the given composition (g.l<sup>-1</sup>); peptone - 5, NaCl - 5, beef extract - 1.5, yeast extract 1.5; pH adjusted to 7.4.

### 2.7.2 *Bacillus* composite medium (g.l<sup>-1</sup>)

L-Glutamic acid - 4, citric acid - 2, di-potassium hydrogen phosphate (K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>) - 0.5, magnesium sulfate (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) - 0.5, dehydrated nutrient broth powder - 1.3, sodium azide - 0.01 % and cycloheximide - 0.01 %.



### 2.7.3 Sporulation medium (g.l<sup>-1</sup>)

Dehydrated nutrient broth powder - 8, MgSO<sub>4</sub> - 1.2 % (10 ml.l<sup>-1</sup>), 10 % KCl (10 ml.l<sup>-1</sup>) after autoclaving filter sterilized calcium nitrate (Ca (NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) [1 M, 1 ml.l<sup>-1</sup>], manganese chloride (MnCl<sub>2</sub>) [10 mM, 1 ml.l<sup>-1</sup>] and 1 mM ferrous sulfate (FeSO<sub>4</sub>) were added.

### 2.8 pH adjustment

pH of media and solutions was determined using calibrated (with standard buffer of pH range 4.2-7-9.2) M/s. Digisun electronics digital pH meter (model no. 707). The pH was adjusted with 5 N NaOH solution and 0.1 M hydrochloric acid (HCl).

### 2.9 Sterilization

The glassware, microtips, microcentrifuge tubes, centrifuge tubes, falcons, cotton plugs, deionized water, autoclavable buffers/solution and media were sterilized by autoclaving at 121°C for about 15 min. However, the heat sensitive solutions like antibiotics and certain buffers were sterilized by passing through membrane filter (Millipore, 0.22 µm).

### 2.10 Enrichment, purification and growth conditions of isolates

Environmental samples like soil sediment, hot spring water, dried sponge collected from different geographical locations of India viz., Western Ghats, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Bihar and Jharkhand were enriched in bacillus composite medium (BCM) containing 0.01 % (w/v) of sodium azide and 0.01 % (w/v) cycloheximide. Enriched samples were given heat shock treatment in a hot water bath at 50 °C and 50 µl of the enrichment was plated on NA (HiMedia, M002). Isolated colonies were purified by repeated streaking on NA medium.

### 2.11 Bacterial strains and growth conditions

*B. subtilis* strains used in this study were *B. subtilis* PY79, a wild type (WT) strain and *B. subtilis* TB10, a  $\Delta sqhC$  deletion mutant. NB medium (Himedia; M002) was used to grow *B. subtilis* strains at 37 °C in a table top shaker incubator at 180 rpm. In order induce sporulation, the cultures were exhausted in sporulation medium.

### 2.12 Growth analysis

The growth studies for both WT and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant were conducted first, in NB with (treated) and without (control) any treatment. Log phase cells of OD<sub>620</sub> nm normalized to 0.5 were used as primary culture and inoculated (2% inoculum) into side arm flasks, containing growth media. Unlike control set, 5% ethanol (v/v); 5% butanol (v/v) and 0.005% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (v/v) (Himedia, PCT1511) was added to treated sets of both WT and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutants at exponential growth phase. The absorbance was noted at OD<sub>620</sub> nm and growth was recorded from zero h till stationary phase. Based on the results, another growth analysis study was conducted in sporulation medium with 0.005 % (v/v) hydrogen peroxide stress, in the similar fashion as carried out in NB. All the experiments were performed in biological triplicates.

### 2.13 Culture stock preparation and maintenance

All the bacterial strains isolated during this study and *Bacillus* strains received as gratis, were preserved in 50 % of sterilized glycerol. The glycerol stocks were maintained at -20 °C and -80 °C. However the bacterial strains which were continuously in use, were maintained on nutrient agar plates by repeated sub-culturing at room temperature (25 °C).

## 2.14 DNA extraction, sequencing and genome annotation

Log phase culture ( $OD_{620}=0.5$  nm) was used for extracting DNA. Genomic DNA was extracted using Nucleo-pore gDNA Fungal Bacterial Mini Kit (Genetix Biotech Asia), as per the protocol provided along with the kit. 16S rRNA gene was PCR amplified (Table 1 and Table 2) with universal primers (F27, 5'GTTTGATCCTGGCTCAG3'; F8,5' AGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAG 3'; R1525, 5'AGAAAGGAGGTGATCCAGCC3'; R1492, 5'GTTTGATCCTGGCTCAG3'). Amplified PCR products were observed using 1 % agarose gel electrophoresis. Sequence results for 16SrRNA gene and whole genome of strain JC1005 were outsourced to Agrigenome, Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad.

| Content                       | Volume ( $\mu$ l) |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Master Mix                    | 50                |
| H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 32                |
| Forward Primer                | 4                 |
| Reverse Primer                | 4                 |
| DNA Template                  | 10                |
| Total                         | 100               |

**Table 1. Reaction mixture for amplification of 16Sr RNA gene sequence**

| Steps                | Temperature (°C) | Time (min) |
|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| Initial denaturation | 94               | 10         |
| Denaturation         | 94               | 1          |
| Annealing            | 52 to 54         | 1          |
| Elongation           | 72               | 1          |
|                      | Total 35 cycles  |            |
| Final extension      | 72               | 15         |

**Table 2. PCR amplification program for 16S rRNA gene sequence**

The genome sequence obtained was submitted into the Rapid Annotation using Subsystem Technology (RAST) (<https://rast.nmpdr.org>), a genome annotation server for detailed analysis. Genome was analyzed for gene encoding putative proteins involved in sporulene biosynthetic pathway. Genome of *B. subtilis* JC1005 was compared with the genome of reference strain *B. subtilis* PY79 using web server OrthoVenn (Wang et al. 2015). Further, the genome was also annotated and visualized using CGView server's PROKSEE software which included features such as GC Skew, Prokka-annotation, CRISPER/CAS finder and CARD analysis (Grant et al. 2023).

## **2.15 Genome mining for hopanoids and sporulenes**

### **2.15.1 Collection of genomes and gene mining**

The genomes sequences of newly described *Planctomycetota* members (laboratory isolates) were submitted to RAST and genes encoding for hopanoid biosynthetic pathway proteins were searched from the annotated genome files. However, for the mining of sporulene biosynthesis genes amongst class *Bacilli* members, Two hundred and thirty-three validly published species belonging to order *Caryophanales* and seventy-one of the order *Lactobacillales*, were taken into account from the List of Prokaryotic names with Standing in Nomenclature (LPSN) (<https://www.bacterio.net>) and EZBioCloud database ([www.ezbiocloud.net](http://www.ezbiocloud.net)). The list of bacterial strains, putative proteins used for the identification of genes involved in sporulene biosynthesis pathway and corresponding accession numbers are mentioned in Table 10. Bacterial strains accessed for screening of sporulenes under this study were as per the state of the knowledge till December 2021. The protein FASTA sequences were retrieved from (.faa) files of the annotated genome assemblies available in NCBI database. The search was conducted for the respective gene encoding putative protein involved in sporulene biosynthesis (Table 3).

| Name of gene/ protein                         | Gene code   | Protein code | EC numbers   |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Heptaprenyl diphosphate synthase component I  | <i>hepS</i> | HepS         | EC 2.5.1.30  |
| Heptaprenyl diphosphate synthase component II | <i>hepT</i> | HepT         | EC 2.5.1.30  |
| Tetraprenyl- $\beta$ -curcumene synthase      | <i>ytpB</i> | YtpB         | EC 4.2.3.130 |
| Sporulenol synthase                           | <i>sqhC</i> | SqhC         | EC 4.2.1.137 |

**Table 3. List of genes and putative proteins involved in sporulene biosynthesis**

(Source information adapted from Sato 2013 and Takigawa et al. 2010).

### 2.15.2 Construction of phylogenetic tree and data visualization

16S rRNA gene sequences of the bacterial members were downloaded from EZBiocloud and NCBI database. The sequences were aligned using ClustalW algorithm (Madeira et al. 2019) and Neighbour-joining phylogenetic tree was constructed with 16SrRNA gene sequences of class *Bacilli* members using MEGA 7 (Kumar et al. 2016). iTOL interactive Tree Of Life (iTOL) (<https://itol.embl.de>) was used to annotate the tree. The advance iTOL editor tool (Letunic et al. 2021) was used to represent the distribution of proteins HepS, HepT, YtpB and SqhC.

### 2.15.3 Protein alignments, synteny and interaction network

The amino acid sequences in FASTA format were collected from the NCBI protein database or obtained from the .faa file of the annotated genome assembly. Alignments of amino acid sequences were conducted using LALIGN (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/psa/lalign/>), for all putative proteins of sporulene biosynthesis pathway (*Bacillus* members marked with \* in table. 10). The post alignment editing was done using an online tool ESPript (<https://esprict.ibcp.fr>). Arrangements of

sporulene biosynthesis pathway gene amongst family *Bacillaceae* and genus *Bacillus* members was studied with the help of SynTax software (<http://archaea.u-psud.fr/SyntTax>) (Oberto et al. 2013). A string network of proteins involved in sporulene biosynthesis was constructed using network building feature of SMART (<https://smart.embl.de/>) tool, other features of the same tool were used for gene co-occurrence and conservation study (Letunic et al. 2021).

## **2.16 Sporulation and spore isolation**

Bacterial cultures were subjected to sporulation by exhaustion in sporulation medium for 72 h. Isolated spores devoid of vegetative cells were obtained as describe by Bosak et al. (2008) with minor changes in the procedure. Spores were harvested from stationary phase culture by centrifugation at 6000 g for 10 min, followed by washing and incubation in 10 ml of Tris-EDTA buffer with 5 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> lysozyme in it, at 37 °C for 1 h. Further, 2 ml of 10 % (w/v) SDS was added and incubated for 25-35 min at 37 °C. From this, the clean spore pellet was isolated by centrifugation at 6000 g for 15 min and supernatant was discarded. The final washing of pellet was done with 0.01 % (v/v) Tween-80 then with water and resuspended in dl-H<sub>2</sub>O.

## **2.17 Total lipid extraction and partial purification**

### **2.17.1 For hopanoid analysis**

Lyophilized cells (0.1 to 0.2 gm) or centrifuged cell pellet (1 to 2 gm) were sonicated in 20 ml of dichloromethane: methanol: water (DCM: MeOH: H<sub>2</sub>O; 5: 10: 4) for 30 min at 75 % power. It was then refluxed in the same solvent for 1 hr at 75 °C in soxhlet extraction mantle (Shital scientific industries, series no. 321012, cat no. 27; capacity: 360 Watt, 240 Volt). The refluxed mixture was centrifuged at 5000 g for 10 min and supernatant was collected. To the pooled supernatant, a combination of DCM: H<sub>2</sub>O (10:10) was added,

thoroughly mixed and centrifuged for 10 min at 5000 g and biphasic separation was carried out. DCM layer was collected and concentrated to 1 ml (Lodha et al. 2015).

#### **2.17.2 For sporulene analysis**

The spore pellet was acid hydrolysed for about 36 h, in 12 % of HCl at 80 °C. The acidified spore suspension was the used for total lipid extraction as described above for hopanoids. The total lipid fraction collected from the spores was eluted into two fractions with hexane and a mixture of 75 % hexane with 25 % ethyl acetate on a SiO<sub>2</sub>-gel (LICpure, 60 to 120 mess) gravity column (32–64 µm) prepared in DCM. Followed by further purification by a SiO<sub>2</sub>-gel gravity column prepared in hexane, finally collected the DCM fraction (Sato et al. 2013) and concentrated it to 1 ml.

#### **2.17.3 Thin layer chromatography**

The lipid fractions collected (for hopanoids and sporulenes) were subjected to two-dimensional thin layer chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> gel TLC plate (Merck, dimensions 9 × 9). DCM was used as mobile phase to separate the samples in two dimensions. For visualization of hopanoid and putative sporulene spots, the plates were developed with 0.1 % berberine chloride (Sigma, Cat No. B3251) in 100 % ethanol and observed in the UV-light range of 360 nm (Subhash et al. 2013). Additionally, *p*-anisaldehyde stain was also used to stain putative sporulenes for the total lipid fraction.

#### **2.17.4 Gas chromatography mass spectrometry analysis**

The total lipid fraction collected from cell and spores were derivatized with 50 µl of pyridine and 50 µl of acetic anhydride (1:1) at 80 °C in heat block for 40 min. Gas chromatography mass spectrometry (GC-MS) was carried out using Agilent 7890 GC instrument allied to Leco Pegasus TOF-MS with ESI ionization mode. Separation was conducted using DB-1HT column (30 m X 0.25 mm, 0.1 mm film thickness), where helium was the carrier gas with flow rate of 1.2 ml.min<sup>-1</sup>. Total 1 µl of sample was injected was

and GC was operated in full scan mode, the detector was operated at 70eV. (Bosak et al. 2008, Kontnik et al. 2008, Lodha et al. 2015). GC program along with other operating parameters, for the detection of hopanoids and sporulenes is mentioned below.

#### **2.17.4.1 GC-MS program for hopanoids**

The GC program for hopanoid analysis was initiated with 100 °C with a hold for 2 min, which was further ramped from 100 to 200 °C and 200 to 360 °C at 10 °C. min<sup>-1</sup> and at 6 °C. min<sup>-1</sup> respectively (the later temperature was held for 10 min). The source temperature and interface temperature was maintained at 200 °C and 350 °C respectively and acquisition delay was for 120 sec (Lodha et al. 2015).

#### **2.17.4.2 GC-MS program for sporulenes**

The ramping program for sporulene analysis started with 65 °C and attained the final temperature till 320 °C with a hold at particular intervals as described by Bosak et al. (2008). Source temperature of 250 °C, interference temperature of 350 °C and a total run time of 68 min with acquisition delay of 100 sec, was maintained.

### **2.18 Real time analysis**

#### **2.18.1 RNA extraction**

Total RNA was extracted using the method described by Rio et al. (2010) with Trizol (Takara; RNAiso Plus; Cat No. 9109) reagent. The log phase culture, treated with 0.005 % (v/v) of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> was collected at 0, 15, 30 and 60 min after treatment and centrifuged at 6000 rpm. Pellet was homogenised with liquid N<sub>2</sub>, mixed with Trizol and incubated for 5 min at room temperature. To this 0.2 ml of chloroform was added and again incubated for 5 min. Above homogenate was centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 15 min and aqueous layer was collected which was further mixed with 0.5 ml of isopropanol and RNA was allowed to precipitate by keeping it on stand-by for about 5 min. RNA pellet was collected by



centrifuging at 12,000 rpm for 10 min and washed with 70 % of ice cold ethanol. The air dried pellet was then dissolved in DEPC treated water.

### 2.18.2 RNA quantification and cDNA synthesis and qPCR

Quantification of the isolated RNA was done using NanoDrop spectrophotometer (ND- 2000, Thermo fisher scientific, USA) at 260 nm and quality was accessed by checking the 260/230 and 260/280 ratios for contamination. The cDNA synthesis was carried out with equal concentration of RNA, according to the manufacturers protocol given by OneScript® cDNA synthase kit (abm® Canada). Finally, qPCR reaction was set as per (Table 4). Total sixty reactions were set for five genes, that included four genes of sporulene biosynthesis pathway and one housekeeping gene (*recA*) in biological triplicates (5X3=15) at four time points (15X4=60). Real time PCR was operated according to the programme given in (Table 5).

| Content              | Volume (µl)                 |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| SYBR® Premix Ex Taq™ | 5                           |
| ROX                  | 0.5                         |
| Forward Primer       | 0.4                         |
| Reverse Primer       | 0.4                         |
| cDNA Template        | volume=10ng                 |
| DEPC water           | Make up the<br>volume to 10 |
| Total                | 10                          |

**Table 4. qPCR component and reaction for gene expression analysis**

| Steps                | Temperature (°C) | Time (min.) |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Initial denaturation | 95               | 2:00        |
| Denaturation         | 95               | 0:30        |
| Annealing            | 52               | 0:25        |
| Elongation           | 72               | 0:30        |
| Total 40 cycles      |                  |             |
| Final extension      | 72               | 15          |

**Table 5. qPCR program for real time analysis**

## 2.19 Spore enumeration and viability assessment

Isolated spores (no vegetative cells) were serially diluted to  $1 \times 10^{-9}$  dilution in autoclaved milli-Q H<sub>2</sub>O. Spore enumeration was done using hemocytometer, for 5  $\mu$ l spore suspension from  $1 \times 10^{-9}$  dilution. Based on the spore count, 1 ml of spore suspensions were made for *B. subtilis* PY79 (WT) and *B. subtilis* TB47 ( $\Delta$ *sqhC* mutant) having equal number of spores ( $\sim 1 \times 10^6$  CFU.ml<sup>-1</sup> spores). This final dilutions were treated with 0.5 % of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 0.5 % of glutaraldehyde, 70 % of ethanol, 0.05 % of sodium hypochlorite and 50 % of butanol for 1 h. Followed by wash and diluted with 1 ml of autoclaved milli-Q H<sub>2</sub>O. 10  $\mu$ l of this was plated on germinating medium and incubated at 37 °C. Parallely, the spore viability assessment was performed with 0.03 %, 0.05 %, 0.3 %, 0.5 %, 1.0 %, 3.0 % and 5.0 % (v/v) of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. The germinated spores were enumerated in terms of colony forming units (CFU).

## 2.20 Staining and microscopy

### 2.20.1 Scanning electron microscopy

Spores of WT and  $\Delta$ *sqhC* mutant *B. subtilis* were treated with 0.05% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (v/v) for 1 h at room temperature. Whereas, the control set (untreated spores) was prepared by suspending spores in 50 mM phosphate buffer (PBS). After the incubation H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> was removed and spores were washed thrice to ensure removal of residual H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Sample

preparation for SEM was performed as described by Kaláb et al. (2008). First, the spore pallets were suspended in 200 µl of 0.9 % saline and centrifuged for 10 min at 10,000 rpm. The spore pellet was then incubated in 2.4 % of glutaraldehyde for 30 min at room temperature followed by overnight fixation at 4 °C. The fixative was removed by centrifugation at 10,000 rpm for 10 min and washed thrice with 0.9 % saline followed by gradual washes with 20 %, 30 %, 50 %, 70 %, 90 % and 100 % of ethanol. Finally the spore pellets were resuspended in absolute ethanol and kept on stand-by for 20 min at room temperature. The sample slides were prepared by air drying samples on coverslip and mounted on SEM stubs using carbon tape. Imaging was done using FeSEM instrument (Olympus BH-2/Carl Zeiss LSM880/Philip XLO3).

### **2.20.2 Transmission electron microscopy**

The cross sections of treated [0.05 % H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (v/v)] and untreated spores of *B. subtilis* PY79 (WT) and *B. subtilis* TB47 (*ΔsqhC* Mutant) were observed using transmission electron microscopy (TEM; H-7500 Hitachi). The spores samples were cut into thin sections (120 nm) with microtome cutting and placed on copper grids (200 mesh). Prior to imaging gold sputtering was performed on the sample slide to finally ready the TEM sections to be observed (Indu et al. 2021).

### **2.20.3 Propidium iodide staining and confocal microscopy**

Membrane permeability of spore was assessed with propidium iodide (PI) staining and confocal microscopy. Clean spore preparations (1 x 10<sup>-6</sup> CFU.ml<sup>-1</sup>) of both WT and *ΔsqhC* mutant *B. subtilis* were used for the experiment. Autoclaved spores suspension was considered as positive control (nonviable spores with membrane damage). Spores exposed to 0.05 % (v/v) of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (treated) and untreated spores of both the *Bacillus* strains were washed with sterilized milli-Q water and incubated with 5 µl of 1 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> of PI stain at

room temperature for 15 to 30 min. The stain was removed by 2-3 consecutive washes and spores were suspended in 100 µl of sterilized milli-Q water. The spore samples to be observed were mounted (5 µl) on glass slide. Images were captured with confocal microscope (Zeiss LSM880) with red filter (560-620 nm) and 60x lens.

### **2.21 Spore germination and dipicolinic acid extraction**

Thirty mg dry weight each from spores of WT and sporulene mutant strain of *B. subtilis* was taken into three sets as A (Positive control), B (Treated) and C (Untreated). Set B spore were incubated with 0.05 % (v/v) of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> for 1 h. However, the spores of set C were suspended in PBS (pH 7). Set A spores were autoclaved (121 lbs for 15 min), acidified with 0.1 N of acetic acid at room temperature for 1 h, followed by centrifugation at 1500 g for 10 min (Janssen et al. 1958). The supernatant was vacuum dried and re-dissolved in 1 ml methanol which was further concentrated to 200 µl and filtrated with 0.2 µm filter for HPLC analysis. Whereas, set B (treated) and C (untreated) spores were washed and germinated for 1 h in germination solution at 37 °C. Prior to germination heat shock was given at 70 °C followed by ice cooling for 15 min. For both set B and C, dipicolinic acid (DPA) released during germination was quantified from the supernatant and to quantify DPA retained in the spore, similar procedure was mimicked as for set A.

### **2.22 DPA quantification through HPLC analysis**

The quantity of DPA released and retained was analysed through HPLC (Shimadzu, Japan with PDA M20A detector). A linear gradient programme with 1 % (v/v) acetic acid (Solvent A) and 100 % acetonitrile (Solvent B) was used for separation through Phenomenex C-18 column (Luna, 5 µm, 250 x 4.6 mm). The flow rate was set as 1.5 ml.min<sup>-1</sup>. DPA solution (1 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup>) was used as quantification standard. All the solvents used were of LC-MS grade.

### 2.23 Fatty acid and polar lipids and analysis

Extraction of polar lipids from spores, involved the removal of the proteinaceous coat by incubation in de-coating solution for 1 h at 0 °C, followed by two step washing with sterilized H<sub>2</sub>O. Further, it was incubated with 0.1 M NaOH for 15 min at 0°C (Checinska et al. 2012). Finally, the spores were rewashed and digested with 20 mg.ml<sup>-1</sup> of lysozyme for 10 min at 0 °C and used for polar lipid extraction. The extraction of polar lipids was carried out as per the method suggested by Kates (1986) and Tindall (1990). The extracted lipids were run on two dimensional TLC using first dimension solvent as chloroform: methanol: H<sub>2</sub>O (30: 10: 1) and second dimension solvent as chloroform: methanol: glacial acetic acid: H<sub>2</sub>O (35: 7: 6: 1.5). The spots were developed with 20 % (w/v) of phosphomolybdic acid. For the fatty acid methyl ester (FAME) analysis of spores produced under control and treated [0.005 % (v/v), H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>] condition, spores devoid of vegetative cells were used. The analysis was outsourced to M/s. Royal Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd, Secunderabad, India. Analysis was conducted as per MIDI (Microbial ID) Sherlock, USA by RSTBA6 method ([www.midi-inc.com](http://www.midi-inc.com)) as described by Sasser (1990).

### 2.24 Spore protein extraction and identification

Proteins of both the WT and *AsqH* mutant *B. subtilis* spores were extracted according to trichloroacetic acid (TCA) method as described by Kaiser et al. (2015). Approximately, 10 mg of spores sample were incubated in 20 % (v/v) of trichloro acetic acid at -20 °C for 24 h, after which pellets were thawed extensively and centrifuged for 5 min at 16000 g. TCA treated spores were washed with ice cold ethanol and resuspended in lysis buffer followed by sonication (5-25 sec pulses with 15 sec of recovery period). The spore lysate obtained was further incubated for 1 h with vigorous shaking at 400 rpm at 60 °C. In the lysate 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate was added and overnight trypsin digestion was carried out at 37 °C. The spore protein extracts were outsourced to M/s. Sandor

Speciality Diagnostics Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad and QTOF protein profiling was done. The protein samples were separated through BEH C-18 column (75  $\mu\text{m}$  x 150 cm x 1.7  $\mu\text{m}$ ) attached to Nano Acquity Waters UPLC system with solvent A 0.1 % formic acid and solvent B: acetonitrile 0.1 % formic acid; separation was continued for 40 min. UniProta and PLGS-Waters search engine databases were used for protein identification.

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# *Results*

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### 3. RESULTS

#### 3.1 *In silico* and *In vitro* analysis of hopanoids and sporulenes amongst few *Planctomycetota* members

##### 3.1.1 Laboratory isolates of *Planctomycetota* members

*Planctomycetota* strains used under this study were previously reported laboratory strains, isolated from sediment samples of Chilika lagoon. Whereas one of the members *Paludisphaera rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> was isolated from rhizospheric soil of Loktak lake (Table 6).

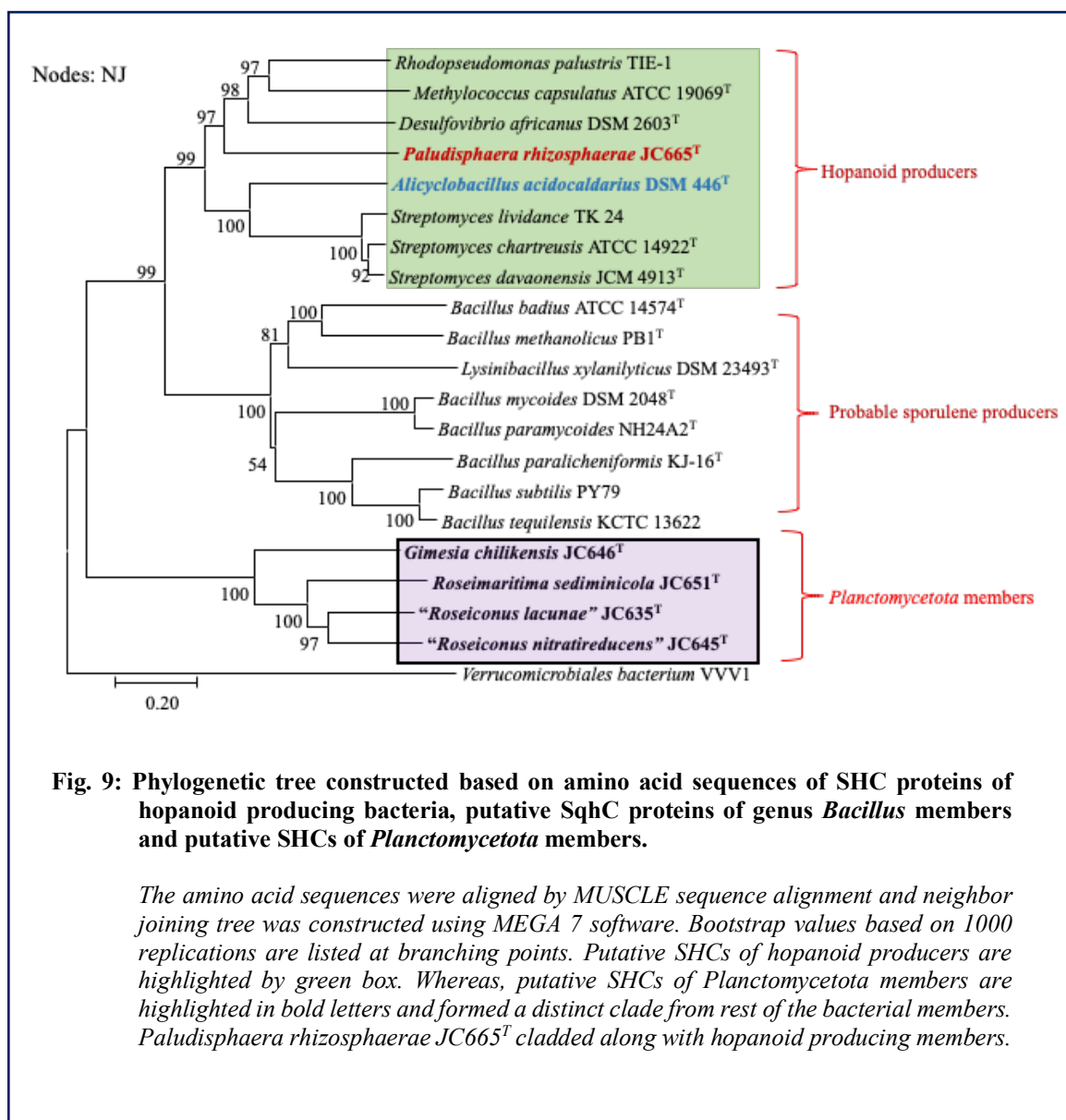
##### 3.1.2 Genome based inventory of hopanoid and sporulene pathway genes

Genomes of few novel isolates of phylum *Planctomycetota* (laboratory strains) were sequenced and the annotated genomes were screened for the presence of hopanoid and sporulene biosynthesis pathway genes (Table 6). Genome mining was started with the screening of genes encoding for squalene hopene cyclase (*shc*), the key enzyme in hopanoid biosynthesis and sporulenol synthase (*sqhC*), the key enzyme of sporulene biosynthesis. The *Planctomycetota* genomes harbouring *shc/sqhC* were subsequently mined for other genes involved in synthesis of hopanoids, sporulenes and their derivatives. Amongst the screened members *Paludisphaera rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> and *Gimesia chilikensis* JC646<sup>T</sup> showed the presence of all the hopanoid biosynthesis pathway genes in their genomes except for *hpnN* gene (Table 7). Other three *Planctomycetota* members viz, *Roseimaritima sediminicola* JC651<sup>T</sup>, “*Roseiconus lacunae*” JC635<sup>T</sup> and “*Roseiconus nitratreducens*” JC645<sup>T</sup> showed the presence of only few of the hopanoid biosynthesis genes in their genomes (Table 7). However, we could not identify the genes involved in sporulene biosynthesis pathway in any of the screened *Planctomycetota* genomes (Table 6).



### 3.1.3 Phylogeny based on squalene hopene cyclase

A phylogenetic tree was constructed based on amino acid sequences of putative squalene hopene cyclase protein (SHC) of *Planctomycetota* members screened for hopanoid biosynthesis pathway genes along with putative SHC protein sequences of other bacterial members. The tree was generated with seven type strains of hopanoid producing bacteria, six type strains and two non-type strains of the genus *Bacillus* and five lab isolates of phylum *Planctomycetota* with *Verrucomicrobiales* bacterium VVV1 as outgroup.



**Fig. 9: Phylogenetic tree constructed based on amino acid sequences of SHC proteins of hopanoid producing bacteria, putative SqhC proteins of genus *Bacillus* members and putative SHCs of *Planctomycetota* members.**

The amino acid sequences were aligned by MUSCLE sequence alignment and neighbor joining tree was constructed using MEGA 7 software. Bootstrap values based on 1000 replications are listed at branching points. Putative SHCs of hopanoid producers are highlighted by green box. Whereas, putative SHCs of *Planctomycetota* members are highlighted in bold letters and formed a distinct clade from rest of the bacterial members. *Paludisphaera rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> cladded along with hopanoid producing members.

| Source           | Geographical locations and GPS coordinates          | Strain no. | Highest 16S rRNA gene sequence identity        | Identity (%) | Newly described taxa names                                 | 16S rRNA gene accession number | GeneBank accession no. for whole genome sequence | Culture deposition no.    | Genes encoding for enzymes of hopanoid Biosynthesis pathway | Genes encoding for enzymes of sporulene biosynthesis pathway |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sediment         | Chilika Lagoon, Odisha<br>19° 40' 12"N-85° 25' 48"E | JC646      | <i>Gimesia maris</i><br>DSM 8797 <sup>T</sup>  | 97           | <i>Gimesia chilikensis</i><br>JC646 <sup>T</sup>           | LR132072                       | VTSR000000000                                    | KCTC 72175<br>NBRC 113926 | +                                                           | -                                                            |
| Sediments        | Chilika Lagoon, Odisha<br>19° 40' 12"N-85° 25' 48"E | JC651      | <i>Roseimaritima ulvae</i> UC8 <sup>T</sup>    | 98           | <i>Roseimaritima sediminicola</i><br>JC651 <sup>T</sup>    | LR133893                       | WIAD010000000                                    | KCTC 72178<br>NBRC 113926 | +                                                           | -                                                            |
| Sediments        | Chilika Lagoon, Odisha<br>19° 40' 12"N-85° 25' 48"E | JC635      | <i>Rhodopirellula baltica</i> SH1 <sup>T</sup> | 94           | " <i>Roseiconus lacunae</i> "<br>JC635 <sup>T</sup>        | LR132029                       | VSZO000000000                                    | KCTC 72164<br>NBRC 113875 | +                                                           | -                                                            |
| Sediments        | Chilika Lagoon, Odisha<br>19° 40' 12"N-85° 25' 48"E | JC645      | <i>Rhodopirellula rubra</i> LF2 <sup>T</sup>   | 94           | " <i>Roseiconus nitratreducens</i> "<br>JC645 <sup>T</sup> | LR132069                       | VWOX000000000                                    | KCTC 72174<br>NBRC 113879 | +                                                           | -                                                            |
| Rhizosphere soil | Loktak Lake, Manipur<br>24°30'21" N 93°47'43" E     | JC665      | <i>Paludisphaera borealis</i> PX4 <sup>T</sup> | 95           | <i>Paludisphaera rhizosphaerae</i><br>JC665 <sup>T</sup>   | LR746340                       | JAALCR000000000                                  | KCTC 72671<br>NBRC 114305 | +                                                           | -                                                            |

**Table 6. Phylogenetic affiliation of *Planctomycetota* isolates along with its association to hopanoids and sporulene biosynthesis pathway**

Samples collected from Chilika Lagoon, Odisha and Loktak Lake Manipur along with GPS co-ordinates. Novel strains isolated from respective samples with their closest phylogenetic member, based on the 16S rRNA gene sequence similarity. 16S rRNA gene accession numbers and GeneBank accession numbers for whole genome sequence along with strain deposition number of different culture collection centers are mentioned with respective strain. Genomes of all the listed strains were screened for the presence of genes encoding for enzymes of hopanoid biosynthesis pathway and genes encoding for enzymes of sporulene biosynthesis pathway. Where; +, present; -, absent.

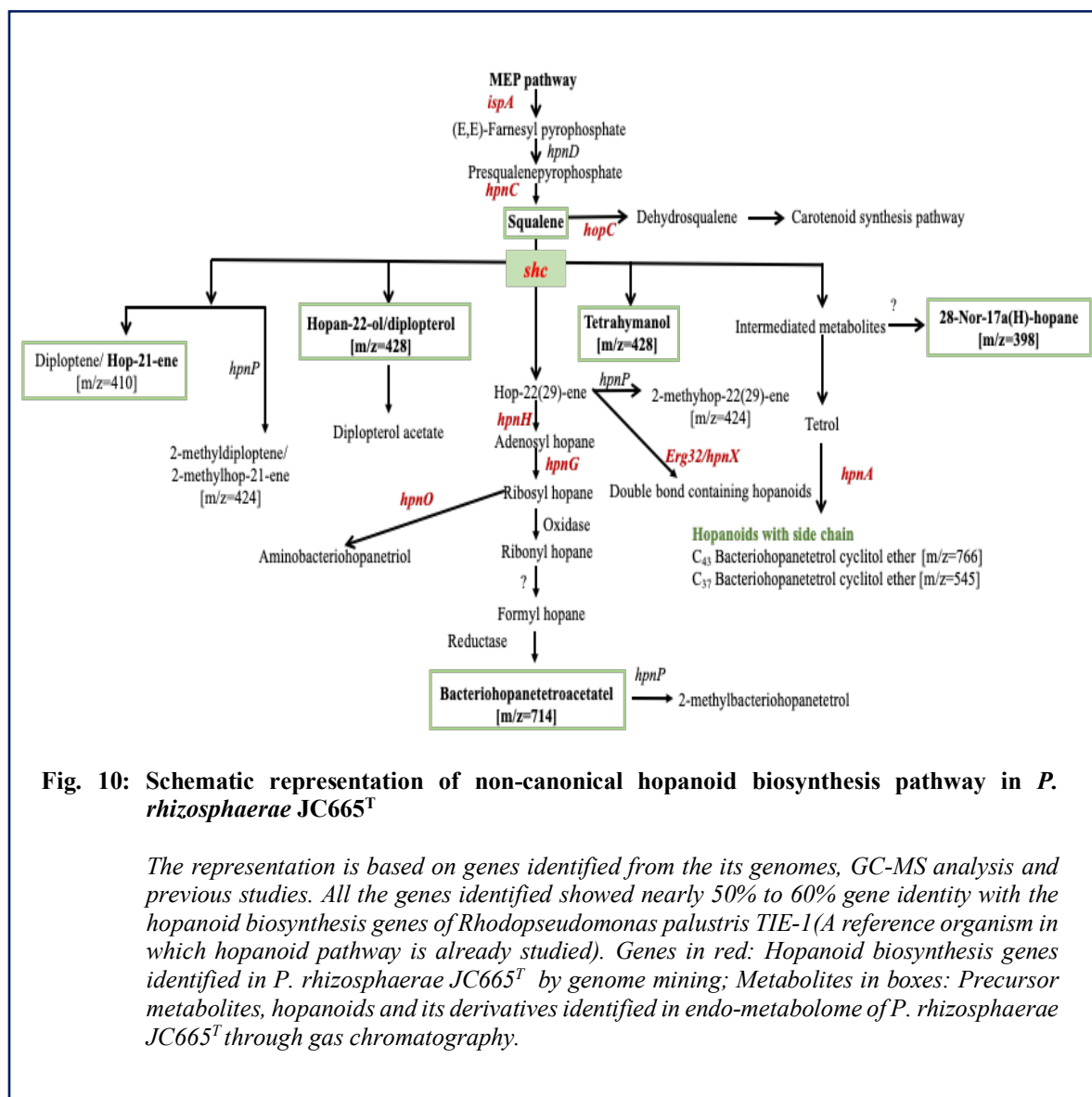
| Enzymes of hopanoid biosynthesis pathway                                     | Gene code        | EC numbers     | <i>Paludisphaera rhizosphaerae</i><br>JC665 <sup>T</sup> | <i>Gimesia chilikensis</i><br>JC646 <sup>T</sup> | <i>Roseimaritima sediminicola</i><br>JC651 <sup>T</sup> | <i>“Roseiconus lacunae”</i><br>JC635 <sup>T</sup> | <i>“Roseiconus nitratireducens”</i><br>JC645 <sup>T</sup> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Squalene hopene cyclase                                                      | <i>shc/hpnF</i>  | 5.4.99.17      | +                                                        | +                                                | +                                                       | +                                                 | +                                                         |
| Glycosyl transferase family 2, hpnB                                          | <i>hpnI/hpnB</i> | 2.4.1.-        | +                                                        | +                                                | -                                                       | -                                                 | -                                                         |
| 5'-methylthioadenosine nucleosidase/<br>S-adenosylhomocysteine nucleosidase  | <i>hpnG</i>      | 3.2.16/3.2.2.9 | +                                                        | +                                                | -                                                       | -                                                 | -                                                         |
| Radical SAM protein required for addition<br>of adenosine to hopane skeleton | <i>hpnH</i>      | 3.20.20.70     | +                                                        | +                                                | -                                                       | -                                                 | -                                                         |
| Acetylornithine aminotransferase                                             | <i>hpnO/argD</i> | 2.6.1.11       | +                                                        | +                                                | +                                                       | +                                                 | +                                                         |
| Hopanoid-associated RND transporter                                          | <i>hpnN</i>      | -              | -                                                        | -                                                | -                                                       | -                                                 | -                                                         |

**Table 7. Genes involved in hopanoid biosynthesis pathway and their association to the screened *Planctomycetota* isolates**

*Hopanoid biosynthesis genes mined amongst the laboratory isolates of Planctomycetota members. The details of genes encoding for putative proteins involved in hopanoid biosynthesis pathway are as described by Tushar et al. 2014; Where; +, represents presence of gene; -, represents absence of gene.*

In the resulting neighbour joining tree (NJ), hopanoid producing members, the genus *Bacillus* members and *Planctomycetota* members cladded separately, forming three distinct clades (Fig. 9). Interestingly, based on the putative SHC protein sequence identity *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> cladded with the hopanoid producing bacteria likely to *Alicyclobacillus acidocaldarius* DSM 446<sup>T</sup>. It prompted us to look more into the details of hopanoid biosynthesis of *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup>.

### 3.1.4 Non-canonical biosynthesis of few hopanoids in *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup>



**Fig. 10: Schematic representation of non-canonical hopanoid biosynthesis pathway in *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup>**

The representation is based on genes identified from the its genomes, GC-MS analysis and previous studies. All the genes identified showed nearly 50% to 60% gene identity with the hopanoid biosynthesis genes of *Rhodopseudomonas palustris* TIE-1 (A reference organism in which hopanoid pathway is already studied). Genes in red: Hopanoid biosynthesis genes identified in *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> by genome mining; Metabolites in boxes: Precursor metabolites, hopanoids and its derivatives identified in endo-metabolome of *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> through gas chromatography.

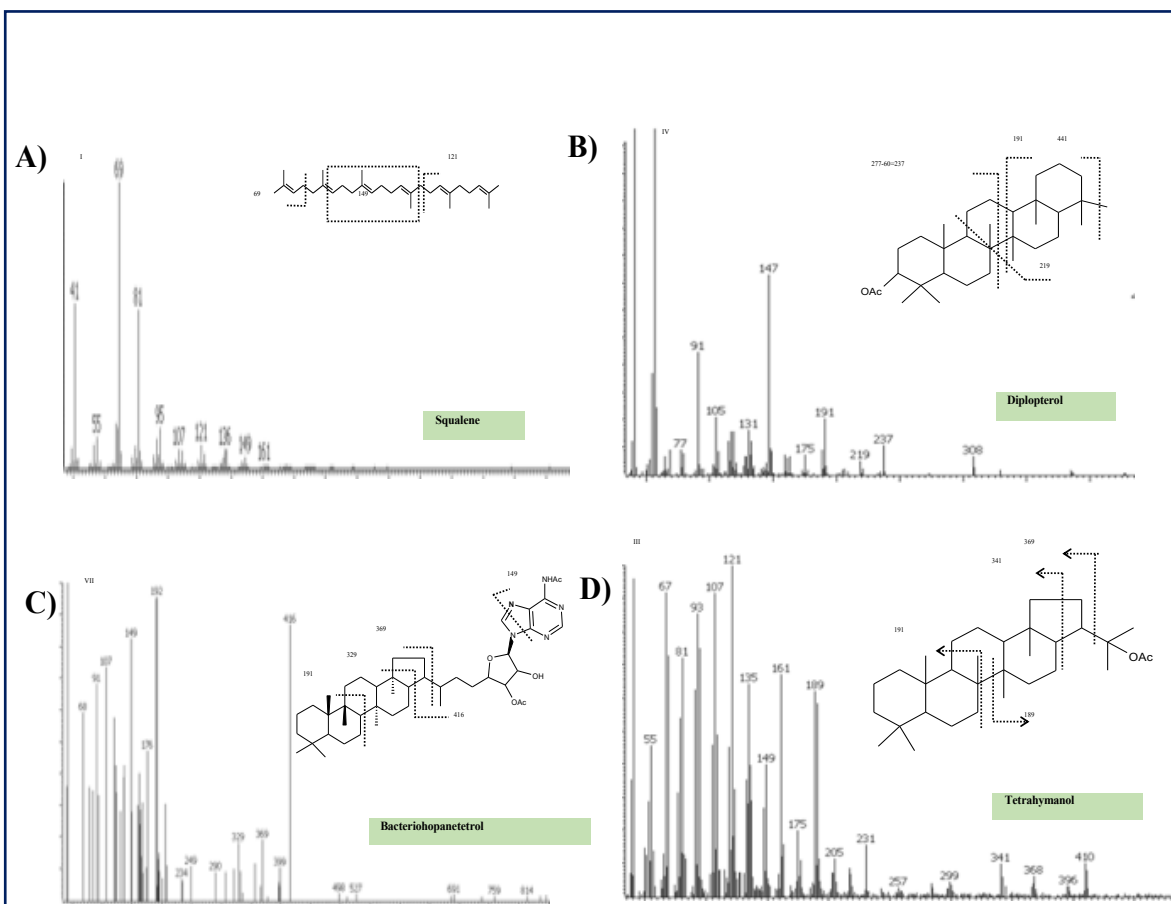
Genome of *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> harboured majority of the genes encoding for putative hopanoid biosynthesis pathway proteins which includes, squalene synthase (*hpnC*), squalene/phytoene desaturase (*hopC*), squalene hopene cyclase (*shc*), radical S-adenosyl-L-methionine (SAMe) (*hpnH*; required for addition of adenosyl group to hopane skeleton), 5-methylthioadenosine nucleosidase (*hpnG*), acetylornithine aminotransferase/amino-bacteriohopanetriol synthase (*hpnO*), hopanoid associated sugar epimerase (*hpnA*) and sterol desaturase family protein (*erg32/hpnX*) (Fig. 10).

Hopanoid biosynthesis genes identified in *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> were compared with homologous genes of *Rhodopseudomonas palustris* TIE-1 using multiple sequence alignment. The squalene hopene cyclase (*shc*; gene encoding the key enzyme of hopanoid biosynthesis) of *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> showed 52 % amino acid identity with *shc* of *Rhodopseudomonas palustris* TIE-1 (Fig. S1), whereas all the other genes shared 50-60 % nucleotide identity. A few genes remained unidentified like, *hpnP* and *hpnB* which were previously observed to be involved in the synthesis of the intermediate hopanoids like ribonylhopane, methylated bacteriohopanepolyol and glycosyl group containing hopanoids in *Rhodomicrobium* sp. or *Rhodopseudomonas* sp. (Lodha et al. 2015).

### 3.1.5 Hopanoid inventory of *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup>

In correspondence with the genomic information, when the endo-metabolome of *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> was analysed, few commonly known hopanoids such as bacteriohopanetetrol acetate, tetrahymanol, diplopterol, 2-methyldiplopterol were discovered. Whereas, few unidentified hopanoid like fragmentation spectra were also recorded (Table 8). The unidentified hopanoids represented the MS fragmentation spectra at  $m/z=442$ ,  $m/z=383$ ,  $m/z=384$ ,  $m/z=431$ .

28-Nor-17a(H)-hopane, a hopanoid resembling geohopanoids (French et al. 2012) and hop-21-ene, a rare prokaryotic hopanoid (Pale-Grosdemange et al. 1998) were also identified in *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup>. The reference fragmentation spectra for the hopanoids identified is given in (Fig. 11).



**Fig. 11: Standard mass spectra recorded for few common hopanoids and its precursor**

Identification of hopanoids of *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> was done with the help of comparative studies of mass spectra of hopanoids given above as described by Lodha et al. 2015. The libraries referred were NIST library of metabolites and hopanoid library. Where, A) MS fragmentation pattern and predicted skeleton of squalene B) MS fragmentation pattern and predicted skeleton of diplopterol C) MS fragmentation pattern and predicted skeleton of bacteriohopanetetrol D) MS fragmentation pattern and predicted skeleton tetrahymanol.

| Acetylated and C30 hopanoids                                   | Present/Absent |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 28-Nor-17a(H)-hopane [m/z=398]                                 | +              |
| Bacteriohopanetetrol acetate [m/z=714]                         | +              |
| Hop-21-ene [m/z=410]                                           | +              |
| 2-methylhop-22(29) ene [m/z=424]                               | -              |
| Hop-22(29)-ene                                                 | -              |
| Adenosyl hopane, Ribosyl hopane, Ribonyl hopane, Formyl hopane | -              |
| 2-methylhop-21-ene [m/z=424]                                   | -              |
| Tetrahymanol [m/z=428]                                         | +              |
| Hopane-22-ol/ Diplopterol [m/z=428]                            | +              |
| 2-methyldiplopterol                                            | -              |
| Hopanoids with side chain                                      | -              |
| <b>Unidentified hopanoids</b>                                  |                |
| UH3 [m/z=442]; UH7 [m/z= 383]; UH8 [m/z=384]; UH16 [m/z=431]   | +              |

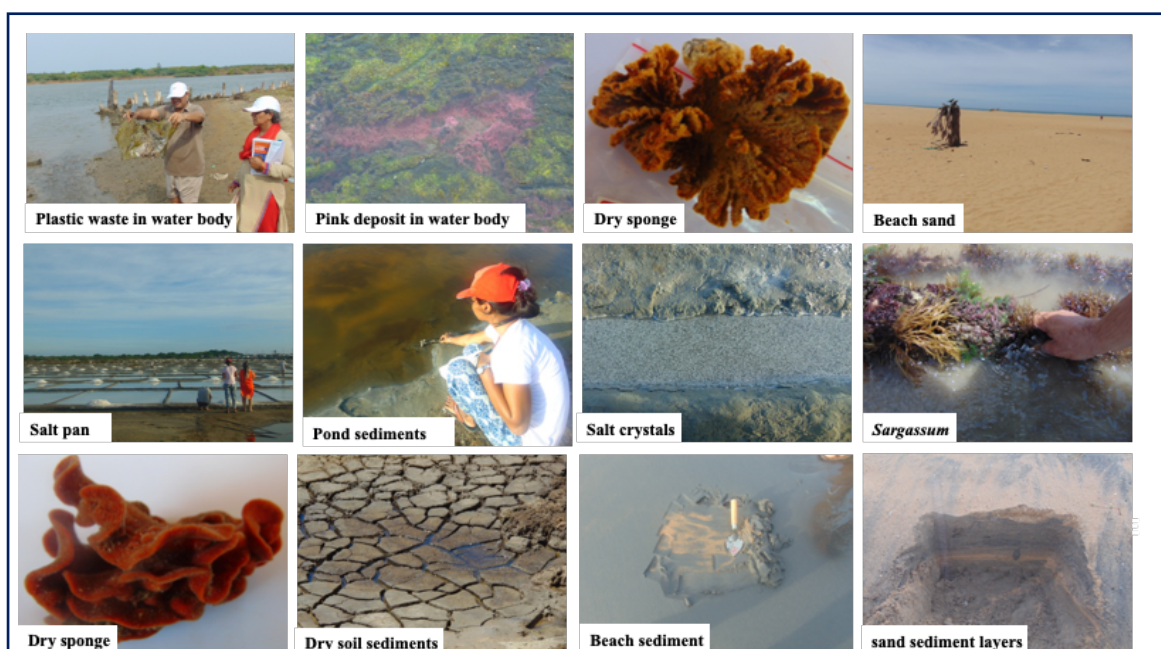
**Table 8. List of hopanoids identified from the endometabolome of *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup>**

*The hopanoids were identified through GCMS analysis. Where; +, Hopanoids identified; -, Hopanoid unidentified*

## 3.2 Isolation of genus *Bacillus* members and genome sequence of *Bacillus subtilis* JC1005 with special reference to sporulene biosynthesis

### 3.2.1 Sample collection, source and geographical locations

Samples collected for isolation of *Bacilli* members were from different geographical locations of India like Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, Orissa and Karnataka. Some of the samples were sourced from extreme environments such as water starved soil, dry sand, hot spring water and few were from other sources like marine sponge and soil sediments (Fig. 12).



**Fig. 12: Sampling sites from different parts of India and samples collected for bacterial isolation**

*The samples collected and used for isolation of various bacterial members under this study includes sediment samples, dry soil, sponges, beach sand, pink deposits in water bodies salt crystals from different geographical locations of India like Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Sikkim.*

At the time of sample collection pH, salinity of the samples and GPS co-ordinates of the sampling site was recorded. All the samples were carefully brought to laboratory and enriched into suitable medium. The bacteria of interest were isolated, purified and the culture stocks were preserved in 50 % of glycerol at -20 °C.



### 3.2.2 Isolation and identification of *Bacillus* members

Total, seventy-five different samples were enriched in bacillus composition medium. From the enrichments, thirty-five bacterial isolates were obtained with the help of selective treatments such as pasteurization, use of cycloheximide and sodium azide. The isolates were purified by repetitive streaking on nutrient agar medium. 16S rRNA gene sequences of purified isolates were outsourced to Agrigenome Pvt. Ltd. and the quality sequences (1300-1450 nt.) were analysed using EzBiocloud or NCBI BLAST. Based on the 16S rRNA gene sequence analyses, fifteen isolates were identified as the members belonging to the genus *Bacillus* spp. (Table 9). All the isolates showed 99.9-100 % 16S rRNA gene sequence identity with previously reported *Bacillus* spp. except for one which had 98.7 % identity with *Mesobacillus selenatarsenatis* SF-1<sup>T</sup>. For all the *Bacillus* strains isolated in the laboratory, 16S rRNA gene sequences were submitted in European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) and are available on National Centre for Biotechnology information (NCBI). Genomes of the previously reported *Bacillus* spp. which showed closest 16S rRNA gene sequence identity with our lab isolates listed in (Table 9) were screened for genes involved in hopanoid and sporulene biosynthesis. We could not identify hopanoid biosynthesis genes in any of the screened *Bacilli* genomes. However, all the genes of sporulene biosynthesis pathway were identified amongst the screened members (Table 9).

### 3.2.3 Phylogeny based on sporulenol synthase

A phylogenetic tree was created based on amino acid sequence of putative sporulenol synthase proteins (SqhC) of genus *Bacillus* members along with amino acid sequences of SHC protein of hopanoid producing members. The tree was constructed using twenty three type strains and two non-type strains of genus *Bacillus*, eight type strains of hopanoid producing bacteria with *Gemmata obscuriglobus* UQM 2246<sup>T</sup> as out group.

## Results

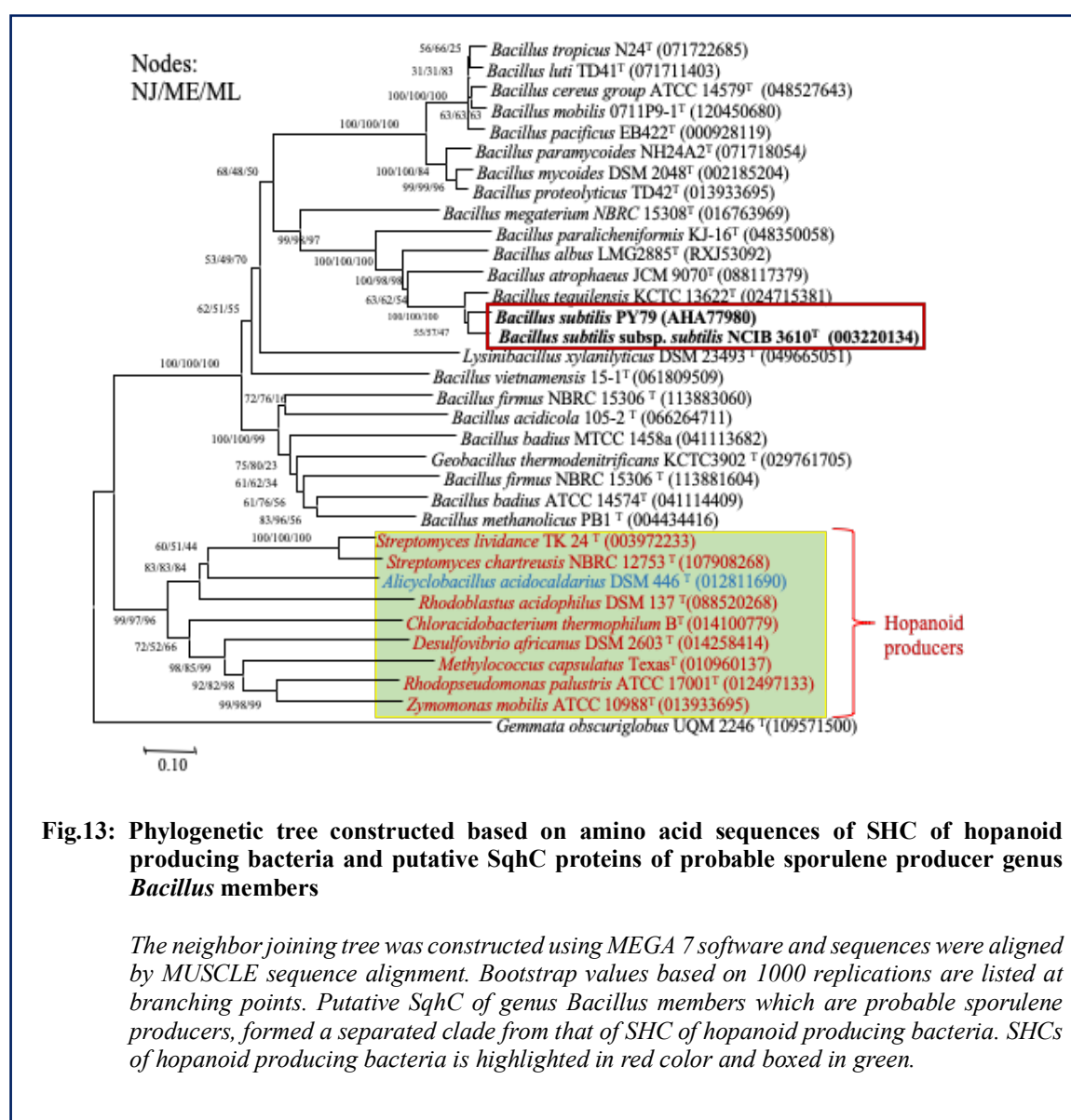
| Source                                    | Geographical locations and GPS co-ordinates         | Strain no. | Highest 16S rRNA gene sequence identity                                                                            | Identity (%) | Accession number | Genes encoding for enzymes of hopanoid Biosynthesis pathway | Genes encoding for enzymes of sporulene biosynthesis pathway |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| From water body                           | Vedaranyam<br>10° 21' 11"N-79° 50' 41"E             | JC1001     | <i>Bacillus tequilensis</i> KCTC 13622 <sup>T</sup>                                                                | 100          | LS998695         | -                                                           | +                                                            |
| Dry soil from aquaculture pond            | Velankinni<br>10° 43' 36"N-79° 49' 47"E             | JC1002     | <i>Bacillus paralicheniformis</i> KJ-16 <sup>T</sup>                                                               | 100          | LS998696         | -                                                           | +                                                            |
| Garden soil from pea plantation           | Gangtok<br>27° 40' 11"N-88° 43' 37"E                | JC1004     | <i>Bacillus mycoides</i> DSM 2048 <sup>T</sup>                                                                     | 100          | LS998020         | -                                                           | +                                                            |
| Yak droppings                             | Yumthang valley Sikkim<br>27° 47' 35"N-88° 42' 27"E | JC1005     | <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> subsp. <i>subtilis</i> NCIB 3610 <sup>T</sup> (NCBI genome accession no. JAAOLA000000000) | 100          | LS998021         | -                                                           | +                                                            |
| Soil sediment from brown pond             | Bihar<br>25° 13' 27"N-85° 15' 4"E                   | JC1006     | <i>Lysinibacillus xylanilyticus</i> DSM23493 <sup>T</sup>                                                          | 99           | LS998024         | -                                                           | +                                                            |
| Soil sediment                             | Jharkhand<br>25° 13' 27"N-85° 5' 11"E               | JC1007     | <i>Bacillus badius</i> MTCC1458 <sup>T</sup>                                                                       | 100          | LS998023         | -                                                           | +                                                            |
| Hot water from sulphur spring             | Yumthang valley Sikkim<br>27° 47' 35"N-88° 42' 27"E | JC1008     | <i>Bacillus paralicheniformis</i> KJ-16 <sup>T</sup>                                                               | 99           | LS998691         | -                                                           | +                                                            |
| Water from stream of a river              | Orissa<br>27° 40' 11"N-88° 43' 37"E                 | JC1009     | <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> subsps. <i>spizizenii</i> W2                                                              | 100          | LS998693         | -                                                           | +                                                            |
| Hot water from sulphur spring             | Yumthang valley Sikkim<br>27° 47' 35"N-88° 42' 27"E | JC1010     | <i>Bacillus paramycoides</i> NH24A2 <sup>T</sup>                                                                   | 100          | LS998692         | -                                                           | +                                                            |
| Soil sediment                             | Sikkim<br>27° 3' 31"N 88° 26' 20"E                  | JC1012     | <i>Bacillus tequilensis</i> KCTC 13622 <sup>T</sup>                                                                | 100          | LS998694         | -                                                           | +                                                            |
| Orange brown gelatinous layer on salt pan | Vedaranyam<br>10° 21' 11"N-79° 50' 41"E             | JC1013     | <i>Mesobacillus aurantius</i> JC1013 <sup>T</sup>                                                                  | 98           | LS998022         | -                                                           | +                                                            |
| Dark brown layer on salt crystal          | Vedaranyam<br>10° 21' 11"N-79° 50' 41"E             | JC1014     | <i>Bacillus tequilensis</i> KCTC 13622 <sup>T</sup>                                                                | 100          | LS998697         | -                                                           | +                                                            |
| Dry Sponge                                | Pattukkoittai<br>10° 14' 59"N-79° 16' 43"E          | JC1015     | <i>Bacillus tequilensis</i> KCTC 13622 <sup>T</sup>                                                                | 100          | LS998698         | -                                                           | +                                                            |
| Black sponge in water                     | Mandapam<br>9° 16' 52"N-79° 10' 20"E                | JC1016     | <i>Bacillus tequilensis</i> KCTC 13622 <sup>T</sup>                                                                | 100          | LS998699         | -                                                           | +                                                            |

| Source                                        | Geographical locations and GPS co-ordinates         | Strain no.         | Highest 16S rRNA gene sequence identity               | Identity (%) | Accession number | Genes encoding for enzymes of hopanoid Biosynthesis pathway | Genes encoding for enzymes of sporulene biosynthesis pathway |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Soil from an organically grown field          | Vettaikaran<br>10° 33' 35"N-79° 49' 48"E            | JC1017             | <i>Bacillus tequilensis</i> KCTC 13622 <sup>T</sup>   | 100          | LS998700         | -                                                           | +                                                            |
| Yeast (Isolated from soil sample)             | Hyderabad<br>22° 98' N-71° 47'E                     | JC507 <sup>T</sup> | * <i>Chryseobacterium candidae</i> JC507 <sup>T</sup> | 100          | LT838865         | -                                                           | -                                                            |
| Epiphytic rhizosphere of an orchid, Vanda sp. | Western ghat,Karnataka<br>15°95'69"N and 73°99'47"E | JC501 <sup>T</sup> | * <i>Paracoccus aeridis</i> JC501 <sup>T</sup>        | 100          | LT799401         | -                                                           | -                                                            |

**Table 9. The phylogenetic affiliation of the isolated strains, isolation source, location, accession numbers along with its association to hopanoids and sporulenes**

Samples collected from different geographical location of India along with GPS co-ordinates. Strains isolated from respective samples are listed with their closest phylogenetic member, based on the 16S rRNA gene sequence similarity. Accession numbers obtained after EMBL submission are mentioned with respective strain. Genomes of all the listed strains were screened for the presence of genes encoding for enzymes of hopanoid biosynthesis pathway and genes encoding for enzymes of sporulene biosynthesis pathway. Where +, present; -, absent; \*, strains other than *Bacillus* members screened for hopanoid and sporulene pathway genes.

Based on putative SqhC sequence identity, *Bacillus* members formed a separate clade from that the hopanoid producing members in the resulted neighbour joining (NJ) tree except for *Alicyclobacillus acidocaldarius* DSM 446<sup>T</sup>. Considering the phylogenetic relatedness of the genus *Bacillus* members observed in the NJ tree (Fig. 13) *Bacillus subtilis* subsp. *subtilis* NCIB 3610<sup>T</sup> was the closest phylogenetic neighbour to *Bacillus subtilis* PY79 (Fig. 13). However, *Bacillus subtilis* subsp. *subtilis* NCIB 3610<sup>T</sup> showed 100 % 16S rRNA gene sequence identity with strain JC1005 (lab isolate) (Table 9) further used for sporulene analysis.

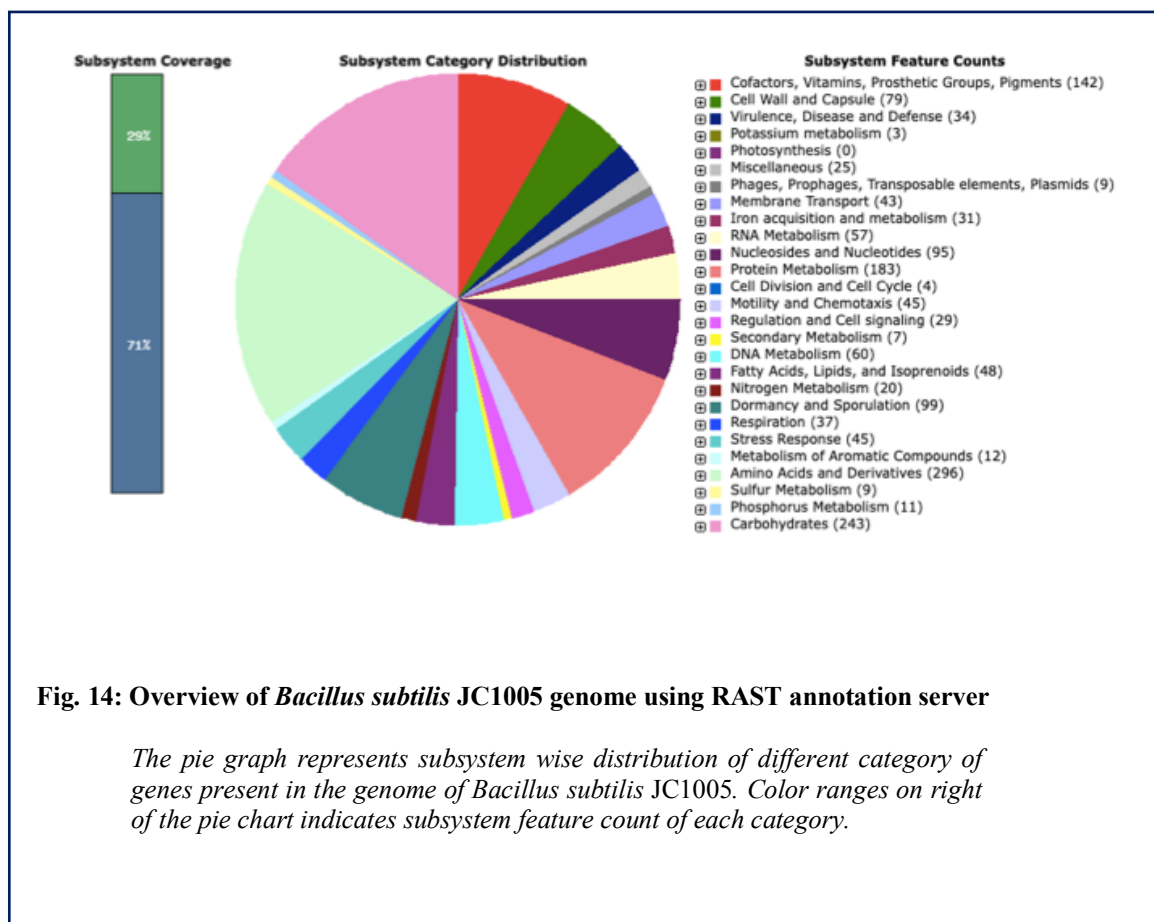


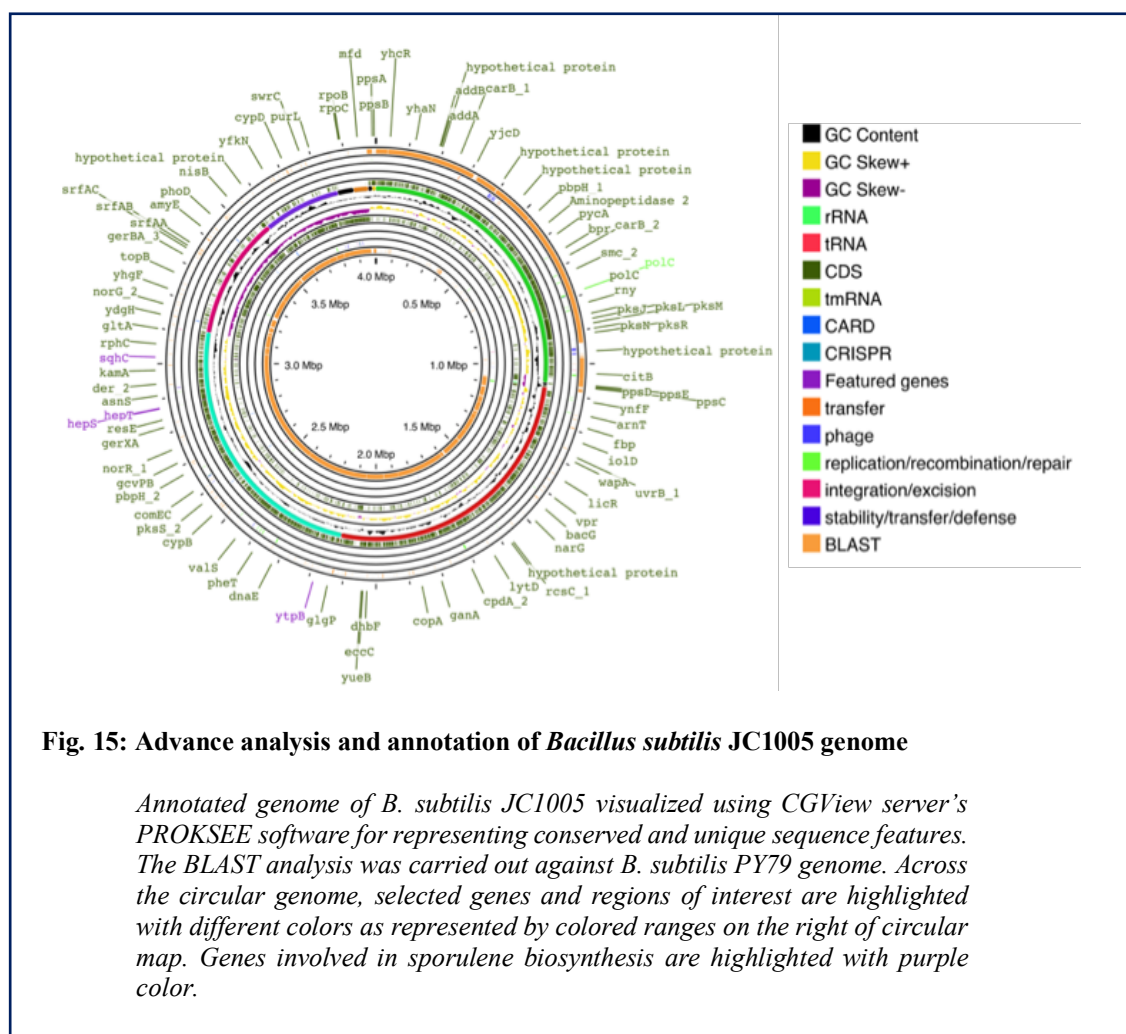
**Fig.13: Phylogenetic tree constructed based on amino acid sequences of SHC of hopanoid producing bacteria and putative SqhC proteins of probable sporulene producer genus *Bacillus* members**

The neighbor joining tree was constructed using MEGA 7 software and sequences were aligned by MUSCLE sequence alignment. Bootstrap values based on 1000 replications are listed at branching points. Putative SqhC of genus *Bacillus* members which are probable sporulene producers, formed a separated clade from that of SHC of hopanoid producing bacteria. SHCs of hopanoid producing bacteria is highlighted in red color and boxed in green.

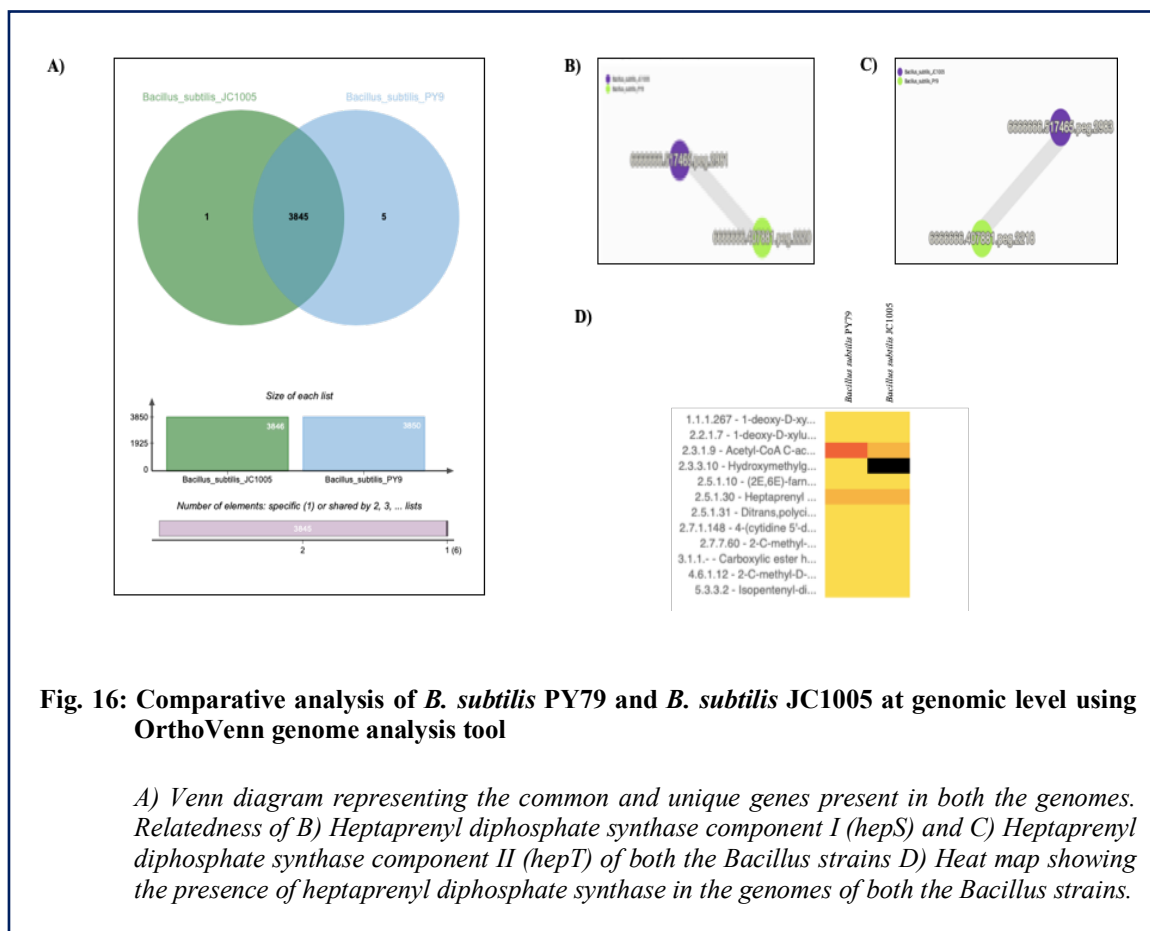
### 3.2.4 16S rRNA gene sequence identity and genome analysis of strain JC1005

Strain JC1005 was isolated from Yak droppings collected in Yumthang Valley Sikkim (GPS co-ordinates of sampling site 27° 47' 35"N-88° 42' 27"E). 16S rRNA gene sequence analysis of strain JC1005 (1266 nt.) through NCBI BLAST and EZBioCloud revealed its highest (100 %) sequence identity with *Bacillus subtilis* subsp. *subtilis* NCIB 3610<sup>T</sup>. Further, Illumina HiSeq 2500 platform was used for genome sequencing. The process of end pairing was used for the construction of libraries, paired end reads were generated through sequencing and the genome sequence was deposited in NCBI (JAAOLA000000000). The genome was annotated using RAST (Fig. 14) and CGView server's PROKSEE software, annotated genome represented all the genes encoding for putative proteins of sporulene biosynthesis pathway (Fig. 15).





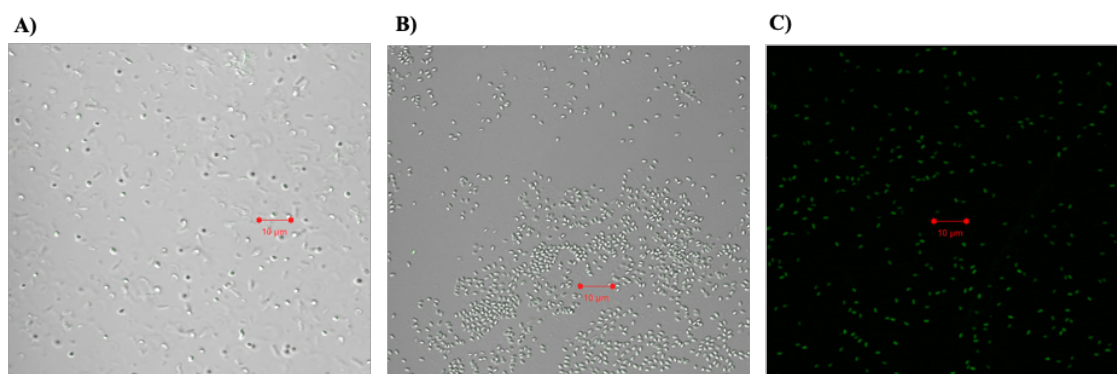
Genome analysis and comparison with *B. subtilis* PY79 (in which sporulenes were reported previously) revealed that, a total of three thousand eight hundred and forty-six and three thousand eight hundred and fifty genes were present in the genome of *B. subtilis* JC1005 and *B. subtilis* PY79 respectively. On comparing both the genomes through OrthoVenn it was observed that three thousand eight hundred and forty-five genes were present in common in both the genome whereas one and five elements were unique to *B. subtilis* PY79 and *B. subtilis* JC1005 respectively (Fig. 16, A). Also, the heptaprenyl diaphosphate synthase component I (HepS) and heptaprenyl diaphosphate synthase component II (HepT) of both the *Bacillus* were observed to share close identity (Fig. 16, B, C, D).



### 3.2.5 Sporulene characterization in *B. subtilis* JC1005

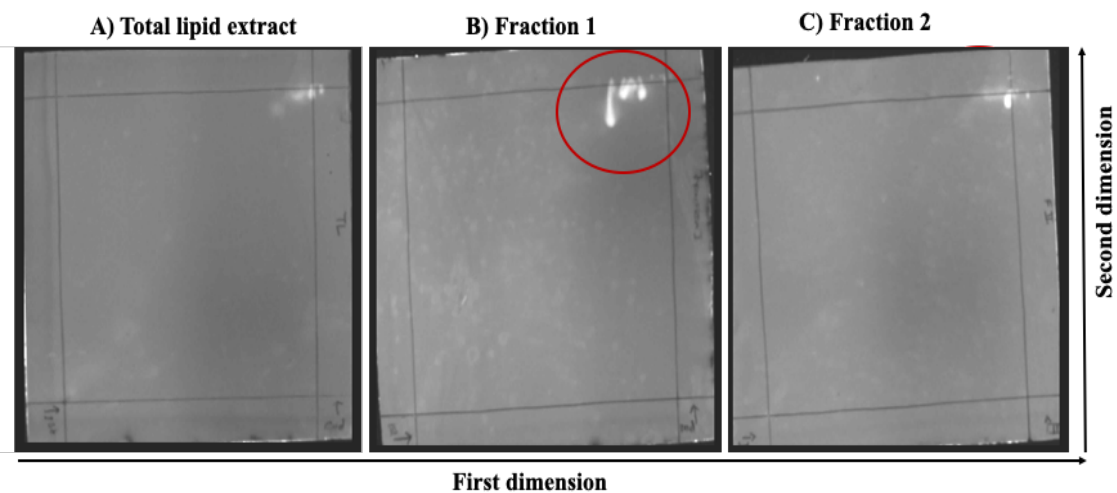
To identify sporulenes from the spores of *B. subtilis* JC1005, culture was allowed to sporulate in sporulating medium (Fig. 17, A) from which clean spore preparation was obtained (Fig. 17, B). When observed under confocal microscope, isolated spores were completely devoid of vegetative cells and suggested about autofluorescence property of spores of *B. subtilis* JC1005 (Fig. 17, C). Further, total lipids were extracted from the spores of *B. subtilis* JC1005 and partially purified fractions of lipid extract were run on two dimensional TLC (Fig. 18, A, B, C). Putative sporulene spots were scraped from the TLC plate, eluted and analysed for sporulenes through GC-MS. The MS fragmentation pattern from the silica elutes of fraction 1 showed featured characteristics of sporulenes (Fig. 19, A).





**Fig. 17:** Sporulated culture and clean spore preparation of *B. subtilis* JC1005 observed under confocal microscope

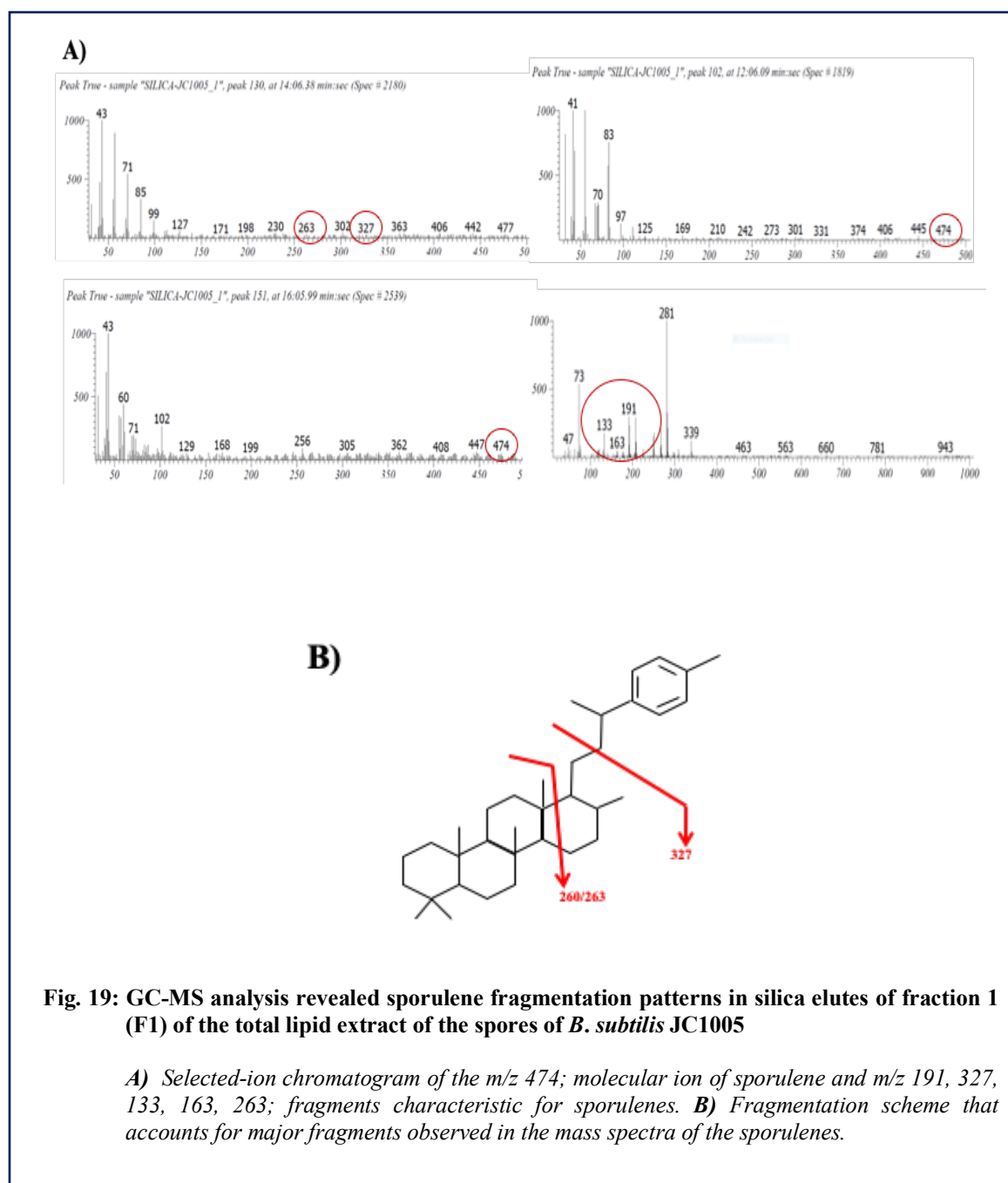
*A)* Stationary phase culture of *B. subtilis* JC1005 representing vegetative cells and spores. *B)* Isolated spores of *B. subtilis* JC1005 devoid of vegetative cells *C)* Autofluorescent spores of *B. subtilis* JC1005 at 450 nm.



**Fig. 18:** Two-dimensional TLC of partially purified lipid fractions, extracted from the spore of *B. subtilis* JC1005

The samples were run using dichloromethane as solvent in both the dimensions. Probable sporulene spots were developed using 0.1 % of berberine chloride and observed under UV light as described in material and method section. Where, *A)* Total lipid extract; no visible spots *B)* Fraction 1; three distinguishable spots *C)* Fraction 2; one faint spot.





Molecular ion peak of sporulene at  $m/z$  474 along with additional MS fragmentation spectra at  $m/z$  191, 133, 327, 263, 199, 260 were recorded (Fig. 19, A, B) thereby confirming the presence of sporulenes in the spores of *B. subtilis* JC1005.

### 3.3 Genome mining and *in silico* analysis of sporulene biosynthesis pathway genes in the members of class *Bacilli*

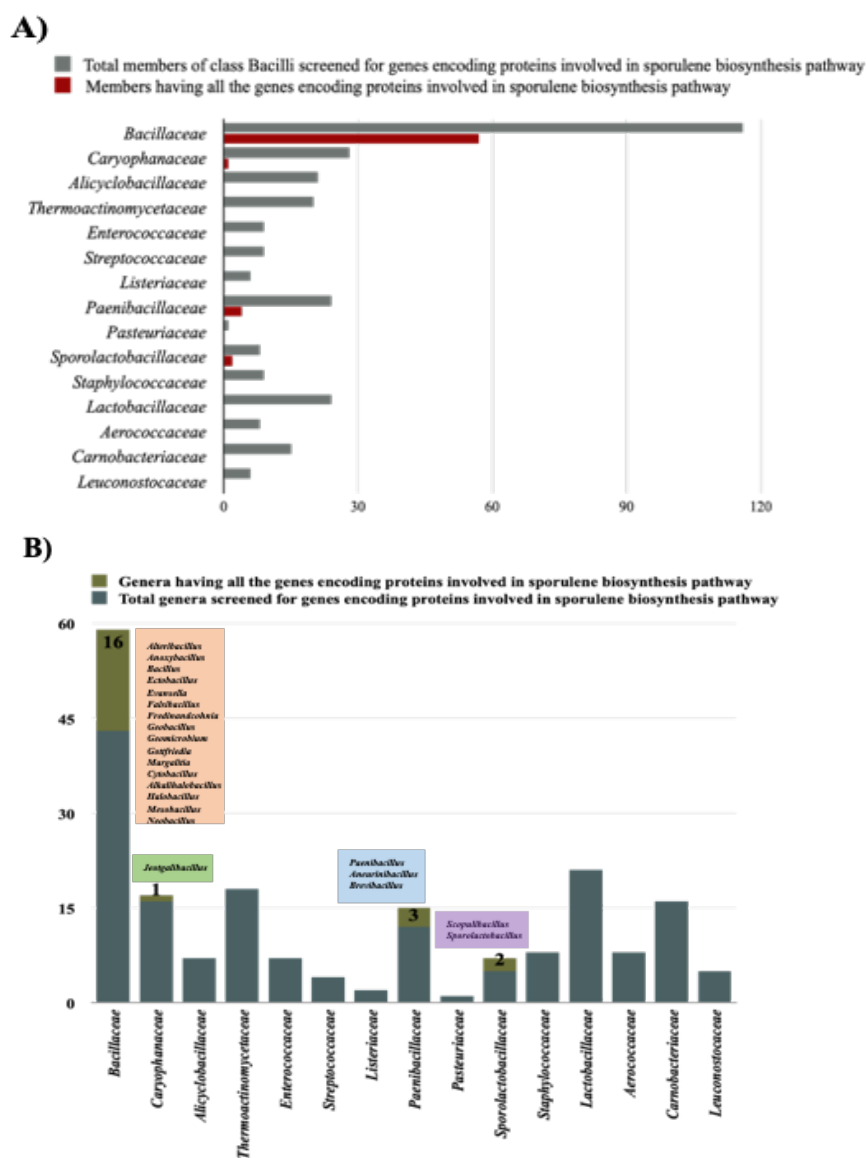
#### 3.3.1 Class *Bacilli* members considered under study

Altogether one hundred and sixteen members of the family *Bacillaceae*, twenty-eight members of the family *Caryophanaceae*, twenty-one members of the family *Alicyclobacillaceae*, twenty-four members of the family *Paenibacillaceae*, six members of the family *Listeriaceae*, one member of the family *Pasteuriaceae*, eight members of the family *Sporolactobacillaceae*, nine members of the family *Staphylococcaceae*, which represented the order *Caryophanales* were collected for the study. Also, twenty-four members of *Lactobacillaceae*, twenty members of *Thermoactinomycetaceae*, fifteen members of the family *Carnobacteriaceae*, nine members of the family *Enterococcaceae*, nine members of the family *Streptococcaceae*, eight members of *Aerococcaceae* and six members of the family *Leuconostocaceae* which represented the order *Lactobacillales* were considered for study (Table 10).

#### 3.3.2 Occurrence and distribution of sporulene biosynthesis pathway genes

Distribution of genes encoding putative proteins of sporulene biosynthesis pathway viz., heptaprenyl diaphosphate synthase component I (*hepS*), heptaprenyl diaphosphate synthase component II (*hepT*), tetraprenyl- $\beta$ -curcumene synthase (*ylpB*) and sporuleneol synthase (*sqhC*) was studied amongst the members of class *Bacilli*. Two-hundred-thirty-three members of the order *Caryophanales* and seventy-one members of the order *Lactobacillales* were screened by *in silico* analysis of collected genomes. Out of these, genomes of fifty-seven members belonging to sixteen genera of the family *Bacillaceae*, one member of the genus *Jeotgalibacillus* of the family *Caryophanaceae*, four members belonging to three genera of the family *Paenibacillaceae*, two members belonging to two

genera of the family *Sporolactobacillaceae* showed the presence of all four genes encoding for putative proteins involved in sporulene biosynthesis (Fig. 20, A, B).



**Fig. 20: Occurrence of genes encoding for proteins of sporulene biosynthesis pathway amongst the members of class *Bacilli* at family and genus level**

**A)** Occurrence amongst the members of different families of the class *Bacilli*. Grey bars represent the total number of bacterial family members screened for sporulene biosynthesis pathway; Red bars indicate members with complete sporulene biosynthesis pathway genes in them. **B)** occurrence amongst the different genera of the class *Bacilli*. Grey bars represent the genera that do not harbor all the pathway genes involved in sporulene biosynthesis. Green bars indicate the genera having all the sporulene biosynthesis pathway genes.

| Organisms with strain numbers                        | Putative proteins involved in sporulene biosynthesis pathway |                |                |                |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                      | HepS                                                         | HepT           | YtpB           | SqhC           |
| Family <i>Bacillaceae</i>                            |                                                              |                |                |                |
| <i>Aeribacillus composti</i> KCTC 33824              | +                                                            | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_158640198)                                               | (WP_063388586) | (WP_063386578) |                |
| <i>Aeribacillus pallidus</i> KCTC3564                | +                                                            | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_066251950)                                               | (WP_063388586) | (WP_157727915) |                |
| <i>Alkalibacillus almallahensis</i> CECT 8373        | +                                                            | –              | –              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_167262413)                                               |                |                |                |
| <i>Alkalibacillus haloalkaliphilus</i> NBRC 103110   | +                                                            | –              | –              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_146814857)                                               |                |                |                |
| <i>Bacillus chagannorensis</i> DSM 18086             | +                                                            | –              | –              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_051287607)                                               |                |                |                |
| <i>Alkalicoccus saliphilus</i> 6AG                   | +                                                            | +              | –              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_160058015)                                               | (WP_107582765) |                |                |
| <i>Alkalicoccus urumqiensis</i> BZ-SZ-XJ18           | +                                                            | –              | –              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_181186048)                                               |                |                |                |
| <i>Alkalicoccus halolimnae</i> BZ-SZ-XJ29            | +                                                            | +              | –              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_187254641)                                               | (WP_147804793) |                |                |
| <i>Alteribacillus bidgolensis</i> DSM 25260          | +                                                            | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                      | (WP_170031548)                                               | (WP_091579649) | (WP_091581562) | (WP_091580195) |
| <i>Alteribacillus iranensis</i> DSM 23995            | +                                                            | +              | –              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_091656604)                                               | (WP_091657830) |                |                |
| <i>Alteribacillus persepolensis</i> DSM 21632        | –                                                            | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                      |                                                              | (WP_091270906) | (WP_091272999) | (WP_091271519) |
| <i>Amphibacillus marinus</i> CGMCC 1                 | +                                                            | –              | –              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_091493410)                                               |                |                |                |
| <i>Amphibacillus sediminis</i> NBRC 103570           | +                                                            | –              | +              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_067836540)                                               |                | (WP_067841554) |                |
| <i>Anaerobacillus alkalidiazotrophicus</i> DSM 22531 | –                                                            | –              | +              | +              |
|                                                      |                                                              |                | (WP_071389793) | (WP_071390328) |
| <i>Anaerobacillus alkaliphilus</i> B16-10            | +                                                            | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_161568132)                                               | (WP_129076289) | (WP_129080010) |                |
| <i>Anaerobacillus arseniciselenatis</i> DSM 15340    | +                                                            | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_071311782)                                               | (WP_071311778) | (WP_071313616) |                |
| <i>Anaerobacillus isosaccharinicus</i> NB2006        | +                                                            | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_071319402)                                               | (WP_071319399) | (WP_071319535) |                |
| <i>Anoxybacillus calidus</i> DSM 25220               | +                                                            | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                      | (WP_181536487)                                               | (WP_181535751) | (WP_181537629) | (WP_181536973) |
| <i>Anoxybacillus tepidamans</i> DSM 16325            | +                                                            | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_183251333)                                               | (WP_183251126) | (WP_183253154) |                |
| <i>Aquibacillus albus</i> DSM 23711                  | +                                                            | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_204497268)                                               | (WP_204497270) | (WP_204498466) |                |
| <i>Aquibacillus halophilus</i> B6B                   | +                                                            | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_153736295)                                               | (WP_153736049) | (WP_153738393) |                |
| <i>Aquibacillus sediminis</i> BH258                  | +                                                            | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                      | (WP_138416962)                                               | (WP_138416966) | (WP_138420313) |                |

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| <i>Aureibacillus halotolerans</i>      | +              | –              | +              | –              |
| DSM 28697                              | (WP_124219675) |                | TDQ40291       |                |
| <i>Caldalkalibacillus</i>              | +              | +              | –              | –              |
| <i>mannanilyticus</i> JCM 10596        | (WP_025026757) | (WP_034680500) |                |                |
| <i>Caldalkalibacillus thermarum</i>    | +              | +              | –              | –              |
| CGMCC 1.4242                           | (WP_188623451) | (WP_188623449) |                |                |
| <i>Caldibacillus debilis</i> DSM       | +              | +              | +              | –              |
| 16016                                  | (WP_169382662) | (WP_020154561) | (WP_081626284) |                |
| <i>Calditerricola satsumensis</i> JCM  | +              | –              | +              | –              |
| 14719                                  | (WP_188816678) |                | (WP_054669393) |                |
| <i>Calidifontibacillus</i>             | +              | +              | –              | –              |
| <i>erzurumensis</i> P2                 | (WP_196237922) | (WP_173731499) |                |                |
| <i>Cerasibacillus quisquiliarum</i>    | +              | +              | –              | –              |
| NBRC 102429                            | (WP_146938196) | (WP_146938194) |                |                |
| <i>Cerasibacillus terrae</i> CC-       | +              | +              | –              | –              |
| CFT480                                 | (WP_147665595) | (WP_147665855) |                |                |
| <i>Compostibacillus humi</i>           | +              | +              | –              | –              |
| CGMCC 1.12360                          | (WP_188390525) | (WP_188390523) |                |                |
| <i>Domibacillus antri</i> XD80         | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                        | (WP_075397535) | (WP_075397533) | (WP_075398815) |                |
| <i>Domibacillus indicus</i> SD 111     | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                        | (WP_046173725) | (WP_046173723) | (WP_046176168) |                |
| <i>Ectobacillus panaciterrae</i> DSM   | +              | +              | +              | +              |
| 19096                                  | (WP_081415085) | (WP_028400485) | (WP_028399745) | (WP_028400097) |
| <i>Evansella caseinilytica</i> SP      | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                        | (WP_090887948) | (WP_090887963) | (WP_175476057) | (WP_090888458) |
| <i>Evansella cellulositytica</i> DSM   | +              | +              | +              | –              |
| 2522                                   | (WP_013488463) | (WP_013488468) | (WP_013489893) |                |
| <i>Falsibacillus pallidus</i> DSM      | +              | +              | +              | –              |
| 25281                                  | (WP_114745535) | (WP_114745314) | (WP_114745215) |                |
| <i>Falsibacillus albus</i> GY 10110    | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                        | (WP_158598297) | (WP_121680753) | (WP_121678559) | (WP_121680618) |
| <i>Fictibacillus aquaticus</i> GDSW-   | +              | +              | +              | –              |
| R2A3                                   | (WP_165766729) | (WP_094250486) | (WP_094252418) |                |
| <i>Fictibacillus arsenicus</i> Con a/3 | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                        | (WP_171978929) | (WP_077364032) | (WP_077359391) |                |
| <i>Filobacillus milosensis</i> JCM     | +              | –              | +              | –              |
| 12288                                  | (WP_194840813) |                | (WP_134341396) |                |
| <i>Fredinandcohnia aciditolerans</i>   | +              | +              | +              | +              |
| YN-1                                   | (WP_165918267) | (WP_121448987) | (WP_121447452) | (WP_121448594) |
| <i>Fredinandcohnia humi</i> DSM        | +              | +              | +              | +              |
| 16318                                  | (WP_057997424) | (WP_057997422) | (WP_057999353) | (WP_057997022) |
| <i>Geobacillus subterraneus</i>        | +              | +              | +              | +              |
| KCTC 3922                              | (WP_063167314) | (WP_063165462) | (WP_063164950) | (WP_063165717) |
| <i>Geomicrobium halophilum</i>         | +              | +              | +              | –              |
| DSM 21769                              | (WP_184402960) | (WP_184402964) | (WP_184404276) |                |
| <i>Geomicrobium sediminis</i> DSM      | +              | +              | +              | +              |
| 25540                                  | (WP_204698244) | (WP_204698230) | (WP_204695942) | (WP_204699091) |
| <i>Gottfriedia acidiceris</i> DSM      | +              | +              | +              | +              |
| 18954                                  | (WP_167555238) | (WP_088010685) | (WP_088013581) | (WP_088011752) |

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| <i>Gottfriedia luciferensis</i> DSM 18845           | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                     | (WP_158095054) | (WP_088069207) | (WP_088066455) | (WP_088071848) |
| <i>Gracilibacillus alcaliphilus</i> DSM 102988      | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                     | (WP_204667029) | (WP_204667030) | (WP_204667892) |                |
| <i>Gracilibacillus halophilus</i> YIM-C55.5         | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                     | (WP_003466166) | (WP_003466161) | (WP_003467067) |                |
| <i>Gracilibacillus orientalis</i> CGMCC 1.4250      | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                     | (WP_091483446) | (WP_091483448) | (WP_091484090) |                |
| <i>Halalkalibacillus halophilus</i> DSM 18494       | +              | –              | +              | –              |
|                                                     | (WP_027963377) |                | (WP_027964390) |                |
| <i>Halalkalibacillus sediminis</i> B3227            | +              | –              | +              | –              |
|                                                     | (WP_101330597) |                | (WP_202908623) |                |
| <i>Halolactibacillus alkaliphilus</i> NBRC 103919   | –              | –              | –              | –              |
| <i>Halolactibacillus miurensis</i> NBRC 100873      | –              | –              | –              | –              |
| <i>Hydrogenibacillus schlegelii</i> MA 48           | +              | –              | –              | –              |
|                                                     | (WP_066197744) |                |                |                |
| <i>Lentibacillus amyloliquefaciens</i> LAM0015      | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                     | (WP_068442551) | (WP_068442544) | (WP_068448193) |                |
| <i>Lentibacillus jeotgali</i> Grbi                  | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                     | (WP_050901115) | (WP_010530820) | (WP_040912604) |                |
| <i>Litchfieldia alkalitelluris</i> DSM 16976        | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                     | (WP_078546069) | (WP_078546073) | (WP_078544434) |                |
| <i>Lottiidibacillus patelloidae</i> SA5d-4          | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                     | (WP_158217581) | (WP_094923799) | (WP_094926025) |                |
| <i>Margalitia camelliae</i> 7578-1                  | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                     | (WP_165786608) | (WP_101353280) | (WP_101354993) | (WP_101352689) |
| <i>Margalitia shackletonii</i> LMG 18435            | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                     | (WP_055739435) | (WP_055739437) | (WP_055738970) | (WP_055740429) |
| * <i>Bacillus atrophaeus</i> UCMB-5137              | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                     | (AKL84947)     | (AKL84945)     | (AKL85663)     | (AKL84767)     |
| * <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> NCTC10341           | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                     | (VEH78657)     | (VEH78655)     | (VEH80987)     | (VEH78497)     |
| <i>Parageobacillus thermoglucosidasius</i> DSM 2542 | +              | –              | +              | +              |
|                                                     | (ALF11316)     |                | (ALF11869)     | (ALF10934)     |
| <i>Virgibacillus dokdonensis</i> DSM 16826          | –              | –              | –              | –              |
| <i>Bacillus megaterium</i> NCTC10342                | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                     | (SUV23016)     | (SUV23018)     | (WP_013059531) | (WP_016763969) |
| * <i>Bacillus firmus</i> NCTC10335                  | +              | +              | +              | +              |
| <i>Cytobacillus firmus</i> ATCC 14575               | (SUV07590)     | (SUV07586)s    | (SUV09482)     | (SUV06113)     |
| * <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> NCIB 3610                | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                     | (AQZ91176)     | (AQZ91174)     | (AQZ91934)     | (AQZ90827)     |
| <i>Bacillus cereus</i> NCTC2599                     | +              | +              | –              | +              |
|                                                     | (SPT85215)     | (SPT85210)     |                | (SPT82560)     |

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| <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> NCTC3610                                                       | +              | +              | +          | +          |
|                                                                                         | (SPU03415)     | (SPU03424)     | (SPU02257) | (SPU04151) |
| * <i>Bacillus tequilensis</i><br>NCTC13306                                              | +              | +              | +          | +          |
|                                                                                         | SPU01610       | SPU01608       | SPU04834   | SPT93464   |
| <i>Bacillus lentus</i> NCTC4824                                                         | +              | +              | –          | +          |
|                                                                                         | (SQI56540)     | (SQI56542)     |            | (SQI60668) |
| <i>Geobacillus thermodenitrificans</i><br>T12                                           | +              | +              | –          | +          |
|                                                                                         | (ARP43250)     | (ARP43248)     |            | (ARP43036) |
| <i>Bacillus krulwichiae</i> AM31D<br><i>Alkalihalobacillus krulwichiae</i><br>DSM 18225 | +              | +              | +          | –          |
|                                                                                         | (ARK30301)     | (ARK30306)     | (ARK31788) |            |
| <i>Amphibacillus xylanus</i> NBRC<br>15112                                              | +              | +              | –          | –          |
|                                                                                         | (BAM47371)     | (BAM47372)     |            |            |
| <i>Bacillus beveridgei</i> MLTeJB                                                       | +              | +              | –          | –          |
|                                                                                         | (AOM82800)     | (AOM82804)     |            |            |
| <i>Anoxybacillus amylolyticus</i><br>DSM 15939                                          | +              | +              | –          | –          |
|                                                                                         | (ANB59615)     | (ANB61337)     |            |            |
| * <i>Halobacillus halophilus</i> DSM<br>2266                                            | +              | +              | +          | +          |
|                                                                                         | (CCG45630)     | (CCG45628)     | (CCG46193) | (CCG45758) |
| * <i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i><br>DSM 7                                            | +              | +              | +          | +          |
|                                                                                         | (CBI43303)     | (CBI43301)     | (CBI43959) | (CBI43129) |
| <i>Halobacillus karajensis</i> DSM<br>14948                                             | +              | +              | +          | –          |
|                                                                                         | (SEH81404)     | (SEH81451)     | (SEI13868) |            |
| <i>Parageobacillus caldxylosilyticus</i> NBRC<br>107762                                 | +              | +              | –          | +          |
|                                                                                         | (GAJ40213)     | (GAJ40211)     |            | (GAJ41568) |
| <i>Bacillus methanolicus</i> PB1                                                        | +              | +              | –          | +          |
|                                                                                         | (EIJ78685)     | (EIJ78682)     |            | (EIJ78272) |
| <i>Bacillus proteolyticus</i> TD42                                                      | +              | +              | +          | +          |
|                                                                                         | (OJE48705)     | (OJE48707)     | (OJE50047) | (OJE37724) |
| <i>Bacillus pacificus</i> EB422                                                         | +              | +              | +          | +          |
|                                                                                         | (OJE27708)     | (OJE27710)     | (OJE22872) | (OJE28818) |
| <i>Bacillus paranthracis</i> Mn5                                                        | +              | +              | +          | +          |
|                                                                                         | (OJE20915)     | (OJE20913)     | (OJE17563) | (OJE18183) |
| <i>Bacillus paramycoides</i><br>NH24A2                                                  | +              | +              | +          | +          |
|                                                                                         | (OJD72780)     | (OJD72778)     | (OJD81274) | (OJD81591) |
| <i>Bacillus nitratreducens</i> 4049                                                     | +              | +              | +          | +          |
|                                                                                         | (OJD52567)     | (OJD52569)     | (OJD54956) | (OJD39556) |
| <i>Bacillus tropicus</i> N24                                                            | +              | +              | +          | +          |
|                                                                                         | (OJE40576)     | (OJE40574)     | (OJE42250) | (OJE40893) |
| <i>Bacillus weihaiensis</i> Alg07                                                       | +              | +              | +          | –          |
|                                                                                         | (WP_083584315) | (WP_072579386) | (APH06955) |            |
| <i>Bacillus gobiensis</i> FJAT-4402                                                     | +              | –              | +          | +          |
|                                                                                         | (ALC81422)     |                | (ALC82083) | (ALC81302) |
| * <i>Bacillus sporothermodurans</i><br>DSM 10599                                        | +              | +              | +          | +          |
|                                                                                         | (PTY86637)     | (PTY86639)     | (PTY83674) | (PTY83990) |
| <i>Bacillus australimaris</i> NH7I_1                                                    | +              | +              | +          | +          |

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|                                                    | (KPN15420)     | (KPN15418) | (KPN16035) | (KPN15279)     |
| <i>Bacillus campisalis</i> SA2-6                   | +              | +          | +          | +              |
| <i>Mesobacillus campisalis</i> DSM 28801           | (KKK37593)     | (KKK37595) | (KKK38433) | (KKK37899)     |
| <i>Bacillus luti</i> TD41                          | +              | +          | +          | +              |
|                                                    | (OJE53240)     | (OJE53238) | (OJE50888) | (OJE50184)     |
| <i>Bacillus clausii</i> DSM 8716                   | +              | +          | +          | –              |
| <i>Alkalihalobacillus clausii</i> DSM 8716         | (AST97893)     | (AST97889) | (AST94481) |                |
| <i>Bacillus cohnii</i> DSM 6307                    | +              | +          | +          | +              |
|                                                    | (AST92254)     | (AST92252) | (AST92942) | (WP_066410632) |
| <i>Bacillus nakamurai</i> NRRL B-41091             | +              | +          | +          | +              |
|                                                    | (KXZ22006)     | (KXZ22008) | (KXZ20247) | (KXZ18168)     |
| <i>Bacillus paralicheniformis</i> KJ-16            | +              | +          | +          | +              |
|                                                    | (KRT87501)     | (KRT87499) | (KRT88861) | (KRT87326)     |
| <i>Bacillus solani</i> FJAT-18043                  | +              | +          | +          | +              |
| <i>Cytobacillus solani</i> DSM 29501               | (KQL20275)     | (KQL20273) | (KQL20905) | (KQL21916)     |
| <i>Bacillus murimartini</i> LMG21005               | +              | +          | +          | +              |
|                                                    | (KOO01297)     | (KOO01745) | (KOO00559) | (KOO01615)     |
| <i>Alkalihalobacillus murimartini</i> LMG 21005    |                |            |            |                |
| * <i>Bacillus alcalophilus</i> ATCC 27647          | +              | +          | +          | +              |
|                                                    | (KGA99151)     | (THG92032) | (KGA99066) | (KGA96998)     |
| <i>Alkalihalobacillus alcalophilus</i> ATCC 27647  |                |            |            |                |
| <i>Bacillus foraminis</i> CV53                     | +              | +          | +          | +              |
| <i>Mesobacillus foraminis</i> DSM 19613            | (TCN23039)     | (TCN23041) | (TCN24360) | (TCN27121)     |
| <i>Bacillus oleivorans</i> JC228                   | +              | +          | +          | +              |
|                                                    | (SNX68140)     | (SNX68142) | (SNX71278) | (WP_097158550) |
| <i>Bacillus swezeyi</i> NRRL B-41294               | +              | +          | +          | +              |
|                                                    | (OMI32515)     | (OMI32517) | (OMI30408) | (OMI25715)     |
| <i>Bacillus haynesii</i> NRRL B-41327              | +              | +          | +          | +              |
|                                                    | (OMI26765)     | (OMI26763) | (OMI27895) | (OMI26619)     |
| <i>Bacillus aryabhattai</i> B8W22                  | +              | +          | +          | +              |
|                                                    | (KJL04120)     | (KJL04118) | (SDC57616) | (KJL06200)     |
| <i>Bacillus coagulans</i> ATCC 7050                | +              | +          | +          | –              |
|                                                    | (AJH79551)     | (AJH79279) | (SHE37035) |                |
| <i>Bacillus gaemokensis</i> KCTC 13318             | +              | +          | +          | +              |
|                                                    | (KYG36880)     | (KYG36878) | (KYG39544) | (KYG28764)     |
| <i>Bacillus trypoxylicola</i> KCTC 13244           | +              | +          | +          | +              |
|                                                    | (KYG32855)     | (KYG32858) | (KYG26644) | (KYG30397)     |
| <i>Alkalihalobacillus trypoxylicola</i> KCTC 13244 |                |            |            |                |
| <i>Bacillus vireti</i> DSM 15602                   | +              | +          | +          | +              |
| <i>Neobacillus vireti</i> DSM 15602                | (KLT17460)     | (KLT17166) | (KLT15042) | (KLT17816)     |
| <i>Bacillus kochii</i> BDGP4                       | +              | +          | +          | +              |
| <i>Cytobacillus kochii</i> DSM 23667               | (ASV69191)     | (ASV69193) | (ASV68599) | (ASV66456)     |
| <i>Bacillus vallismortis</i> NBIF-001              | +              | +          | +          | +              |
|                                                    | (ARM28260)     | (ARM28258) | (ARM29972) | (ARM28089)     |
| <i>Bacillus aquimaris</i> SAMM                     | –              | +          | +          | +              |
|                                                    |                | (OIU71236) | (OIU70923) | (OIU71457)     |
| <i>Bacillus xiamenensis</i> VV3                    | +              | +          | +          | +              |
|                                                    | (AOZ90235)     | (AOZ90237) | (AOZ89627) | (AOZ90378)     |
| <i>Bacillus solimangrovi</i> GH2-4                 | +              | +          | +          | +              |
|                                                    | (WP_139125063) | (OEH93455) | (OEH92130) | (OEH93272)     |



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| <i>Bacillus gibsonii</i> FJAT-10019               | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                   | (AOL30037)     | (AOL32974)     | (AOL30803)     | (AOL29879)     |
| <i>Bacillus coahuilensis</i> m2-6                 | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                   | (KUP07777)     | (WP_010173107) | (KUP06332)     | (KUP09831)     |
| <i>Bacillus enclensis</i> SGD-1123                | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                   | (KSU63474)     | (KSU63472)     | (KSU64062)     | (KSU64394)     |
| <i>Bacillus plakortidis</i> DSM 19153             | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                   | (KQL51829)     | (KQL51832)     | (KQL56811)     | (WP_055735413) |
| <i>Alkalihalobacillus plakortidis</i> DSM 19153   |                |                |                |                |
| * <i>Bacillus shackletonii</i> _LMG 18435         | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                   | (KQL53701)     | (KQL53703)     | (KQL53240)     | (KQL54647)     |
| <i>Bacillus marisflavi</i> _JCM 11544             | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                   | (KON91544)     | (KON91546)     | (KON91022)     |                |
| <i>Bacillus okhensis</i> Kh10-101                 | +              | +              | +              | –              |
| <i>Alkalihalobacillus okhensis</i> DSM 23308      | (KHF40345)     | (WP_034628519) | (KHF39698)     |                |
| <i>Bacillus rhizosphaerae</i> DSM 21911           | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                   | (SHL04854)     | (SHL04943)     | (SHL58683)     |                |
| <i>Alkalihalobacillus rhizosphaerae</i> DSM 21911 |                |                |                |                |
| <i>Bacillus persicus</i> DSM 25386                | +              | –              | +              | +              |
| <i>Mesobacillus persicus</i> DSM 25386            | (SEM85123)     |                | (SEM40370)     | (SEM14480)     |
| <i>Bacillus caseinilyticus</i> SP                 | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                   | (SDY86838)     | (SDY87019)     | (SDZ29761)     | (SDY93193)     |
| <i>Bacillus lonarensis</i> 25nlg                  | +              | +              | +              | –              |
| <i>Alkalihalobacillus lonarensis</i> LMG 27974    | (SDC12748)     | (SDC12910)     | (SDC26424)     |                |
| <i>Bacillus salsus</i> IBRC-M10078                | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                   | (SDP89357)     | (SDP89344)     | (SDP15314)     |                |
| * <i>Halobacillus faecis</i> NBRC 103569          | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                   | (GEN53912)     | (GEN53914)     | (GEN54223)     | (GEN52274)     |
| * <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> PY79                   | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                   | (AHA78150)     | (AHA78148)     | (AHA78968)     | (AHA77980)     |
| * <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> JC1005                 | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                   | (WP_014480130) | (WP_003246013) | (WP_004399076) | (WP_032725974) |
| <i>Exiguobacterium aurantiacum</i> DSM 6208       | –              | –              | –              | –              |
| <i>Bacillus pasteurii</i> NCTC 4822               | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                   | (SUJ02542)     | (SUJ02561)     | (WP_115360594) |                |
| <i>Sporosarcina pasteurii</i> NCTC4822            |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Family Caryophanaceae</b>                      |                |                |                |                |
| <i>Bhargavaea beijingensis</i> CGMCC 1.6762       | +              | +              | –              | –              |
|                                                   | (SDE15668)     | (SDE15613)     |                |                |
| <i>Bhargavaea cecembensis</i> DSE10               | +              | +              | –              | –              |
|                                                   | (EMR07410)     | (EMR07408)     |                |                |

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| <i>Caryophanon latum</i> DSM 14151         | +              | +              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_066465146) | (WP_083995406) |                |                |
| <i>Caryophanon tenue</i> DSM 14152         | +              | -              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_066548549) |                |                |                |
| <i>Chryseomicrobium excrementi</i> ET03    | +              | -              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_165775436) |                |                |                |
| <i>Indiicoccus explosivorum</i> S5-TSA-19  | +              | -              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_162287861) |                |                |                |
| <i>Jeotgalibacillus campisalis</i> SF-57   | +              | +              | -              | +              |
|                                            | (KIL48065)     | (KIL48063)     |                | (KIL51040)     |
| <i>Jeotgalibacillus proteolyticus</i> 22-7 | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                            | (WP_167578572) | (WP_104056757) | (WP_104057225) | (WP_104057731) |
| <i>Kurthia zopfii</i> NCTC10597            | +              | +              | -              | -              |
| <i>Kurthia Trevisan</i> NCTC10597          | (STX09306)     | (STX09308)     |                |                |
| <i>Kurthia gibsonii</i> NBRC 15534         | +              | +              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_170214692) | (WP_174795782) |                |                |
| <i>Lysinibacillus sphaericus</i> NCTC10338 | +              | +              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (SUV16484)     | (SUV16486)     |                |                |
| <i>Lysinibacillus varians</i> NBRC 109424  |                |                |                |                |
| <i>Lysinibacillus composti</i> DSM 24785   | +              | +              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_124765010) | (WP_124765006) |                |                |
| <i>Metalysinibacillus jejuensis</i> N25    | +              | +              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_108306690) | (WP_108306688) |                |                |
| <i>Metasolibacillus meyeri</i> WS4626      | +              | +              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_107838558) | (WP_107838559) |                |                |
| <i>Paenisporosarcina antarctica</i> CGMCC  | +              | +              | +              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_134209976) | (WP_134209974) | (WP_134211442) |                |
| <i>Paenisporosarcina indica</i> PN2        | -              | +              | +              | -              |
|                                            |                | (WP_075617674) | (WP_075617894) |                |
| <i>Planococcus massiliensis</i> ES2        | +              | +              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (CEG22597)     | (CEG22599)     |                |                |
| <i>Planococcus halotolerans</i> SCU63      | -              | +              | -              | -              |
|                                            |                | (WP_112222694) |                |                |
| <i>Planococcus citreus</i> DSM 20549       | +              | +              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_121297581) | (WP_121297580) |                |                |
| <i>Psychrobacillus soli</i> NHI-2          | +              | +              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_142607235) | (WP_185907903) |                |                |
| <i>Psychrobacillus glaciei</i> PB01        | +              | +              | -              | +              |
|                                            | (WP_151699639) | (WP_192797503) |                | (WP_151699828) |
| <i>Rummeliibacillus pycnus</i> DSM 15030   | +              | +              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_102692519) | (WP_211284590) |                |                |
| <i>Rummeliibacillus suwonensis</i> G20     | +              | +              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_186731377) | (WP_186731376) |                |                |
| <i>Solibacillus isronensis</i> B3W22       | +              | +              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (EKB45986)     | (EKB45984)     |                |                |
| <i>Solibacillus kalamii</i> DSM 101595     | +              | +              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_087618203) | (WP_008404916) |                |                |
| <i>Sporosarcina koreensis</i> S-K12        | +              | -              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_040286733) |                |                |                |
| <i>Sporosarcina pasteurii</i> NCTC4822     | +              | -              | +              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_115360666) |                | (WP_115360594) |                |
| <i>Ureibacillus xyleni</i> JC22            | +              | +              | -              | -              |
|                                            | (WP_097074475) | (WP_097074473) |                |                |

| Family <i>Alicyclobacillaceae</i>                  |                 |                |                |                |
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| <i>Alicyclobacillus acidoterrestris</i> ATCC 49025 | +               | –              | –              | +              |
|                                                    | (EPZ42661)      |                |                | (AAT70691)     |
| <i>Alicyclobacillus acidiphilus</i> NBRC 100859    | +               | –              | +              | +              |
|                                                    | (WP_067622754)  |                | (WP_067623745) | (WP_067620273) |
| <i>Alicyclobacillus acidocaldarius</i> DSM 446     | +               | –              | +              | +              |
|                                                    | (WP_049763312)  |                | (WP_012810357) | (WP_012811690) |
| <i>Alicyclobacillus cellulosilyticus</i> JCM 18487 | +               | –              | –              | +              |
|                                                    | (WP_188882722)  |                |                | (WP_188880934) |
| <i>Alicyclobacillus ferrooxydans</i> TC-34         | +               | –              | +              | –              |
|                                                    | (WP_054968116)  |                | (WP_054969563) |                |
| <i>Alicyclobacillus herbarius</i> DSM 13609        | +               | –              | +              | +              |
|                                                    | (WP_051344079)  |                | (WP_051344014) | (WP_051344055) |
| <i>Alicyclobacillus hesperidum</i> DSM 12489       | +               | –              | +              | +              |
|                                                    | (WP_074693739)  |                | (WP_052012358) | (WP_074691499) |
| <i>Alicyclobacillus kakegawensis</i> NBRC 103104   | +               | –              | +              | +              |
|                                                    | (WP_067933618)  |                | (WP_067931853) | (WP_067933768) |
| <i>Alicyclobacillus montanus</i> USB-A-GBX-503     | +               | –              | +              | +              |
|                                                    | (WP_072875236)  |                | (WP_072872913) | (WP_072873439) |
| <i>Alicyclobacillus vulcanalis</i> DSM 16176       | +               | –              | +              | +              |
|                                                    | (WP_076347604)  |                | (WP_076346201) | (WP_076344177) |
| <i>Alicyclobacillus sacchari</i> DSM 17974         | +               | –              | +              | +              |
|                                                    | (WP_134158663)  |                | (WP_208320843) | (WP_134158322) |
| <i>Alicyclobacillus sendaiensis</i> NBRC 100866    | +               | –              | +              | +              |
|                                                    | (WP_083515943)  |                | (WP_062308885) | (WP_062306217) |
| <i>Effusibacillus pohliae</i> DSM 22757            | +               | –              | –              | –              |
|                                                    | (WP_083910637)  |                |                |                |
| <i>Kyrpidia spormannii</i> EA-1                    | +               | –              | –              | –              |
|                                                    | (WP_133121253)  |                |                |                |
| <i>Kyrpidia tusciae</i> DSM 2912                   | +               | –              | –              | –              |
|                                                    | (ADG06460)      |                |                |                |
| <i>Sulfobacillus acidophilus</i> DSM 10332         | +               | –              | –              | –              |
|                                                    | (PSR21547)      |                |                |                |
| <i>Tumebacillus algifaecis</i> THMBR28             | +               | +              | –              | –              |
|                                                    | (WP_157729480)  | (WP_094238321) |                |                |
| <i>Tumebacillus avium</i> AR23208                  | +               | –              | –              | –              |
|                                                    | (WP_1577220770) |                |                |                |
| <i>Tumebacillus permanentifrigoris</i> DSM18773    | +               | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                    | (PWK06640)      | (PWK06634)     | (PWK06647)     |                |
| <i>Effusibacillus lacus</i> DSM 27172              | +               | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                    | (TCS75281)      | (TCS75288)     | (TCS76843)     |                |
| <i>Sulfobacillus thermosulfidooxidans</i> DSM 9293 | +               | –              | –              | +              |
|                                                    | (SMC05305)      |                |                | (SMC02749)     |
| Family <i>Thermoactinomycetaceae</i>               |                 |                |                |                |
| <i>Novibacillus thermophilus</i> SG-1              | +               | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                    | (AQS56666)      | (AQS57575)     | (AQS55600)     |                |
| <i>Thermoactinomyces peptonophilus</i> DSM 44666   | +               | +              | –              | +              |
|                                                    | (SHE43380)      | (SHE43258)     |                | (WP_073158315) |
| <i>Seinonella peptonophila</i> DSM 44666           | +               | +              | –              | +              |
|                                                    | (PTM58678)      | (PTM58680)     |                | (WP_107725084) |
| <i>Desmospora active</i> DSM 45169                 | +               | +              | –              | +              |
|                                                    | (PTM58678)      | (PTM58680)     |                | (WP_107725084) |
| <i>Moorella humiferrea</i> DSM 23265               | +               | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                    | (WP_106005679)  | (PRR73168)     | (PRR73169)     |                |

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| <i>Baia soyae</i> DSM 46831                 | +              | –              | – | –              |
|                                             | (WP_131847935) |                |   |                |
| <i>Hazenella coriacea</i> DSM 45707         | +              | +              | – | +              |
|                                             | (WP_131925697) | (WP_131925689) |   | (WP_131926838) |
| <i>Kroppenstedtia eburnea</i> DSM 45196     | +              | –              | – | –              |
|                                             | (WP_076522871) |                |   |                |
| <i>Laceyella sediminis</i> RHA1             | +              | –              | – | –              |
|                                             | (WP_022738460) |                |   |                |
| <i>Lihuaxuella thermophila</i> DSM 46701    | +              | –              | – | +              |
|                                             | (WP_089968429) |                |   | (WP_089973141) |
| <i>Marininema halotolerans</i> DSM 45789    | +              | +              | – | +              |
|                                             | (WP_091838582) | (WP_091838588) |   | (WP_176392116) |
| <i>Melghirimyces algeriensis</i> DSM 45474  | +              | –              | – | +              |
|                                             | (WP_185955992) |                |   | (WP_142503996) |
| <i>Paludifilum halophilum</i> DSM 102817    | +              | –              | – | –              |
|                                             | (WP_094263076) |                |   |                |
| <i>Planifilum fulgidum</i> DSM 44945        | +              | –              | – | –              |
|                                             | (WP_092035941) |                |   |                |
| <i>Polycladomyces abyssicola</i> JIR-001    | +              | –              | – | +              |
|                                             | (WP_212774950) |                |   | (WP_212775185) |
| <i>Risunghinella massiliensis</i> GD1       | +              | –              | – | –              |
|                                             | (WP_044640246) |                |   |                |
| <i>Seinonella peptonophila</i> DSM 44666    | +              | –              | – | +              |
|                                             | (WP_073151287) |                |   | (WP_073158315) |
| <i>Shimazuella kribbensis</i> DSM 45090     | +              | –              | – | –              |
|                                             | (WP_028775771) |                |   |                |
| <i>Staphylospora marina</i> SCSIO 07575     | +              | –              | – | +              |
|                                             | (WP_124727324) |                |   | (WP_124726867) |
| <i>Thermoactinomyces daqus</i> H-18         | +              | –              | – | –              |
|                                             | (WP_052154284) |                |   |                |
| <i>Thermoactinomyces vulgaris</i> DSM 43016 | +              | –              | – | +              |
|                                             | (WP_049719994) |                |   | (WP_121873932) |
| <b>Family <i>Enterococcaceae</i></b>        |                |                |   |                |
| <i>Enterococcus avium</i> NCTC9938          | +              | +              | – | –              |
|                                             | (STP59974)     | (STQ02738)     |   |                |
| <i>Enterococcus caccae</i> ATCC 2215-02     | +              | +              | – | –              |
|                                             | (EOL45025)     | (EOT60638)     |   |                |
| <i>Enterococcus columbae</i> DSM 7374       | +              | –              | – | –              |
|                                             | (EOW84009)     |                |   |                |
| <i>Pilibacter termitis</i> ATCC BAA-1030    | +              | –              | – | –              |
|                                             | (SJZ76563)     |                |   |                |
| <i>Vagococcus fluvialis</i> bH819           | +              | +              | – | –              |
|                                             | (SLM86271)     | (SLM84987)     |   |                |
| <i>Bavariicoccus seileri</i> WCC 4188       | –              | –              | – | –              |
| <i>Catellibacter marimammalium</i> M35/04/3 | –              | –              | – | –              |
| <i>Melissococcus plutonius</i> ATCC 35311   | –              | –              | – | –              |
| <i>Tetragenococcus halophilus</i> LMG 26042 | –              | –              | – | –              |
| <b>Family <i>Streptococcaceae</i></b>       |                |                |   |                |
| <i>Lactococcus fujiensis</i> JCM 16395      | +              | +              | – | –              |
|                                             | (PCS00999)     | (PCS00998)     |   |                |
| <i>Lactococcus chungangensis</i> CAU 28     | +              | +              | – | –              |
|                                             | (PCS04213)     | (PCS04212)     |   |                |

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| <i>Lactococcus garvieae</i> DSM 20684                         | –              | +              | –              | –              |
|                                                               |                | (PCS02224)     |                |                |
| <i>Lactococcus lactis</i> JCM 5805                            | +              | +              | –              | –              |
|                                                               | (AIS03641)     | (AIS03640)     |                |                |
| <i>Floricoccus penangensis</i> HibF3                          | –              | –              | –              | –              |
| <i>Floricoccus tropicus</i> DF1                               | –              | –              | –              | –              |
| <i>Lactovum miscens</i> DSM 14925                             | –              | –              | –              | –              |
| <i>Streptococcus acidominimus</i> NCTC12957                   | –              | –              | –              | –              |
| <i>Streptococcus entericus</i> DSM 14446                      | –              | –              | –              | –              |
| <b>Family <i>Listeriaceae</i></b>                             |                |                |                |                |
| <i>Listeria ivanovii</i> subsp. <i>Londoniensis</i> NCTC12701 | +              | –              | –              | –              |
|                                                               | (VEH47138)     | (VEH48260)     |                |                |
| <i>Listeria booriae</i> FSL A5-0281                           | +              | –              | –              | –              |
|                                                               | (KGL38003)     |                |                |                |
| <i>Listeria welshimeri</i> NCTC11857                          | +              | +              | –              | –              |
|                                                               | (SNV26688)     | (SNV29940)     |                |                |
| <i>Listeria grayi</i> NCTC 10815                              | +              | +              | –              | –              |
|                                                               | (STY45645)     | (STY44577)     |                |                |
| <i>Brochothrix campestris</i> FSL F6-1037                     | +              | –              | –              | –              |
|                                                               | (WP_035313457) |                |                |                |
| <i>Brochothrix thermosphacta</i> DSM 20171                    | +              | –              | –              | –              |
|                                                               | (WP_029091197) |                |                |                |
| <b>Family <i>Paenibacillaceae</i></b>                         |                |                |                |                |
| * <i>Paenibacillus macerans</i> NCTC6355                      | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                               | (SUA82584)     | (SUA82589)     | (SUA84524)     | (SUA84562)     |
| * <i>Aneurinibacillus soli</i> CB4                            | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                               | (BAU28901)     | (BAU28896)     | (BAU28706)     | (WP_096466269) |
| <i>Paenibacillus thiaminolyticus</i> NRRL B-4156              | +              | +              | –              | +              |
|                                                               | (QDM42996)     | (QDM42991)     |                | (QDM47467)     |
| <i>Paenibacillus polymyxa</i> NCTC10343                       | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                               | (SUA70537)     | (SUA70532)     | (SUA68893)     |                |
| <i>Brevibacillus brevis</i> NCTC2611                          | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                               | (VEF89691)     | (VEF89686)     | (WP_047073536) | (VEF88461)     |
| * <i>Brevibacillus laterosporus</i> DSM 25                    | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                                               | (ATO50397)     | (ATO50406)     | (ATO49995)     | (ATO51516)     |
| <i>Ammoniphilus oxalaticus</i> RAOx-1                         | +              | +              | –              | –              |
|                                                               | (WP_120188371) | (WP_120188375) |                |                |
| <i>Ammoniphilus resinae</i> DSM 24738                         | +              | +              | –              | –              |
|                                                               | (WP_209811470) | (WP_209811467) |                |                |
| <i>Aneurinibacillus thermoaerophilus</i> L 420-91             | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                                               | (WP_057899306) | (WP_057899301) | (WP_091260622) |                |
| <i>Brevibacillus fluminis</i> JCM 15716                       | +              | –              | +              | +              |
|                                                               | (WP_122920712) |                | (WP_122916057) | (WP_122918360) |
| <i>Chengkuihengella marina</i> YPA3-1-1                       | +              | +              | –              | +              |
|                                                               | (WP_160647273) | (WP_160647278) |                | (WP_201763461) |

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| <i>Chengkuihengella sediminis</i>             | +              | +              | –              | –              |
|                                               | (WP_162035726) | (WP_162036753) |                |                |
| <i>Cohnella algarum</i> Pch-40                | +              | –              | +              | –              |
|                                               | (WP_205432118) |                | (WP_080837228) |                |
| <i>Cohnella endophytica</i>                   | +              | +              | –              | +              |
| <i>M2MS4P-1</i>                               | (WP_120974674) | (WP_120974670) |                | (WP_120975436) |
| <i>Aneurinibacillus aneurinilyticus</i>       | +              | +              | –              | –              |
| ATCC 12856                                    | (ERI08368)     | (ERI08363)     |                |                |
| <i>Fontibacillus phaseoli</i> CECT 8333       | +              | –              | +              | –              |
|                                               | (WP_114495155) |                | (WP_114496272) |                |
| <i>Fontibacillus solani</i> CECT 8693         | +              | –              | +              | –              |
|                                               | (WP_182535240) |                | (WP_182536373) |                |
| <i>Gorillibacterium massiliense</i> G5        | +              | –              | +              | +              |
|                                               | (WP_040951192) |                | (WP_052339709) | (WP_040949445) |
| <i>Longirhabdus pacifica</i> SCSIO 06110      | +              | –              | +              | +              |
|                                               | (WP_128894446) |                | (WP_128894750) | (WP_128894047) |
| <i>Paenibacillus amylolyticus</i> FSL J3-0122 | +              | –              | +              | +              |
|                                               | (OMF46010)     |                | (OMF48277)     | (OMF42105)     |
| <i>Saccharibacillus deserti</i> KCTC 33693    | +              | –              | +              | –              |
|                                               | (WP_172250428) |                | (WP_172253023) |                |
| <i>Saccharibacillus endophyticus</i> CCM 8702 | +              | –              | +              | –              |
|                                               | (WP_172239951) |                | (WP_172243358) |                |
| <i>Thermobacillus composti</i> KWC4           | +              | –              | +              | –              |
|                                               | (WP_015254739) |                | (WP_041854264) |                |
| <i>Thermobacillus xylanilyticus</i> XE        | +              | –              | +              | –              |
|                                               | (WP_213484740) |                | (WP_213484799) |                |
| <i>Xylanibacillus composti</i> K13            | +              | +              | +              | –              |
|                                               | (WP_213410146) | (WP_213410150) | (WP_213410847) |                |
| <b>Family Pasteuriaceae</b>                   |                |                |                |                |
| <i>Pasteuria penetrans</i> RES148             | +              | –              | –              | –              |
|                                               | (WP_149454122) |                |                |                |
| <b>Family Sporolactobacillaceae</b>           |                |                |                |                |
| <i>Caenibacillus caldisaponilyticus</i> B157  | +              | +              | +              |                |
|                                               | (WP_077616581) | (WP_077616583) | (WP_077614917) |                |
| <i>Pullulanibacillus camelliae</i> CGMCC 1    | +              | –              | –              | +              |
|                                               | (WP_188692114) |                |                | (WP_188688449) |
| <i>Pullulanibacillus pueri</i> DSM 100927     | +              | –              | –              | +              |
|                                               | (WP_188496614) |                |                | (WP_188494793) |
| <i>Scopulibacillus daqui</i> DSM 28236        | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                               | (WP_205003224) | (WP_205003220) | (WP_205004390) | (WP_205002112) |
| <i>Scopulibacillusarangshiensis</i> DSM 19377 | +              | +              | +              | +              |
|                                               | (WP_132743248) | (WP_132743244) | (WP_207902953) | (WP_132746467) |
| <i>Sporolactobacillus inulinus</i> NBRC 13595 | +              | –              | +              | –              |
|                                               | (WP_010023592) |                | (WP_010024995) |                |
| <i>Sporolactobacillus terrae</i> DSM 11697    | +              | –              | +              | –              |
|                                               | (WP_028976314) |                | (WP_028976383) |                |
| <i>Tuberibacillus calidus</i> DSM 17572       | +              | –              | +              | –              |
|                                               | (WP_027723764) |                | (WP_027725372) |                |

| Family <i>Staphylococcaceae</i>                  |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <i>Abyssicoccus albus</i> DSM 29158              | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Aliicoccus persicus</i> IBRC-M10081           | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Jeotgalicoccus aerolatus</i> DSM 22420        | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Jeotgalicoccus marinus</i> DSM 19772          | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Macrococcus epidermidis</i> 01/688            | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Mammaliicoccus lentus</i> NCTC 12102          | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Nosocomiicoccus ampullae</i> DSM 19163        | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Salinicoccus albus</i> DSM 19776              | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Staphylococcus cohnii</i> NCTC 11041          | — | — | — | — |
| Family <i>Lactobacillaceae</i>                   |   |   |   |   |
| <i>Lactobacillus acidipiscis</i> NBRC 102163     | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Ligilactobacillus acidipiscis</i> NBRC 102163 | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Acetilactobacillus jinshanensis</i> HSLZ-75   | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Agrilactobacillus composti</i> DSM 18527      | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Amylolactobacillus amylophilus</i> DSM 20533  | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Apilactobacillus ozensis</i> DSM 23829        | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Bombilactobacillus mellis</i> Hon2            | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Companilactobacillus halodurans</i> TMW 1     | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Dellaglioia algidus</i> DSM 15638             | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Fructilactobacillus florum</i> DSM 22689      | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Furfurilactobacillus rossiae</i> DSM 15814    | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Holzapfelia floricola</i> DSM 23037           | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Lacticaseibacillus casei</i> NBRC 101979      | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Lactiplantibacillus garii</i> FI11369         | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> DSM 20079       | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Lapidilactobacillus achengensis</i> 247-4     | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Lactobacillus curvatus</i> JCM 1096           | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Lentilactobacillus hilgardii</i> LMG 07934    | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Levilactobacillus brevis</i> NCTC13768        | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Lactobacillus pontis</i> DSM 8475             | — | — | — | — |

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| <i>Lactobacillus aquaticus</i> DSM 21051             | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Loigolactobacillus backii</i> JCM 18665           | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Paucilactobacillus oligofermentans</i> DSM 15707  | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Pediococcus ethanolidurans</i> DSM 22301          | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Schleiferilactobacillus harbinensis</i> DSM 16991 | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Secundilactobacillus oryzae</i> JCM 18671         | — | — | — | — |
| <b>Family Aerococcaceae</b>                          |   |   |   |   |
| <i>Aerococcus christensenii</i> CCUG28831            | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Abiotrophia defectiva</i> ATCC 49176              | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Aerococcus urinae</i> ATCC 51268                  | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Dolosicoccus paucivorans</i> DSM 15742            | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Eremococcus coleocola</i> DSM 15696               | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Fundicoccus ignavus</i> DSM 109652                | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Globicatella sanguinis</i> NBRC 15551             | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Suicoccus acidiformans</i> ZY16052                | — | — | — | — |
| <b>Family Carnobacteriaceae</b>                      |   |   |   |   |
| <i>Alkalibacterium gilvum</i> DSM 25751              | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Allofustis seminis</i> DSM 15817                  | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Alloiococcus otitis</i> ATCC 51267                | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Atopobacter phocae</i> ATCC BAA-285               | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Atopococcus tabaci</i> DSM 17538                  | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Atopostipes suicloacalis</i> DSM 15692            | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Carnobacterium jeotgali</i> MS3                   | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Desemzia incerta</i> DSM 20581                    | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Dolosigranulum pigrum</i> KPL1914                 | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Granulicatella elegans</i> ATCC 700633            | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Isobaculum melis</i> DSM 13760                    | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Jeotgalibaca dankookensis</i> KCCM 90229          | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Lactigenium naphthae</i> DSM 19658                | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Lactigenium naphthae</i> DSM 19658                | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Marinilactibacillus piezotolerans</i> DSM 16108   | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Pisciglobus halotolerans</i> DSM 27630            | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Trichococcus alkaliphilus</i> B5                  | — | — | — | — |

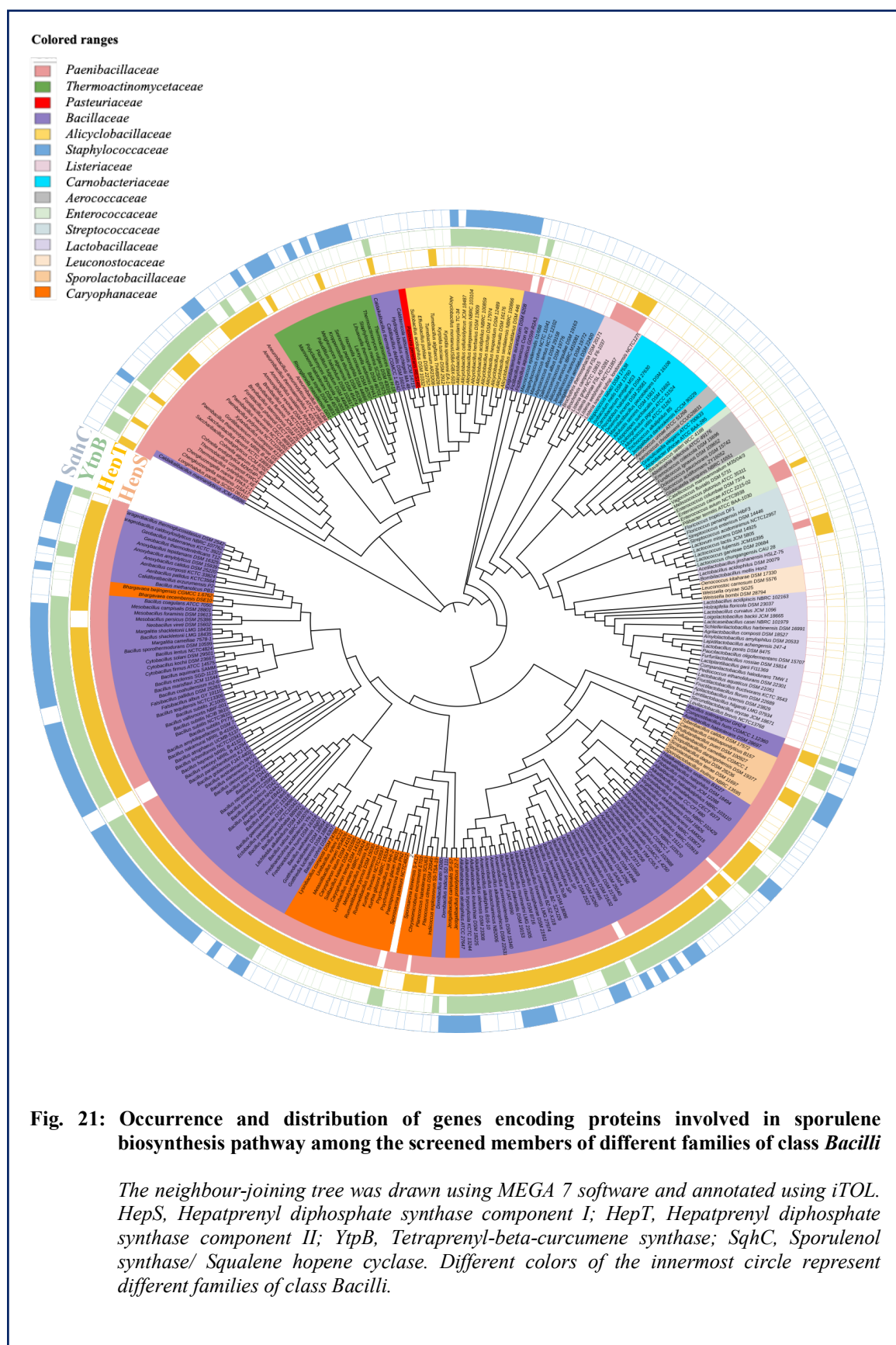


| Family <i>Leuconostocaceae</i>                    |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <i>Convivina intestine</i> DSM 28795              | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Fructilactobacillus fructivorans</i> KCTC 3543 | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Leuconostoc carnosum</i> DSM 5576              | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Oenococcus kitaharae</i> DSM 17330             | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Weissella bombi</i> DSM 28794                  | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Weissella oryzae</i> SG25                      | — | — | — | — |

**Table 10. Occurrence of putative proteins of sporulene biosynthesis pathway, amongst class *Bacilli* members**

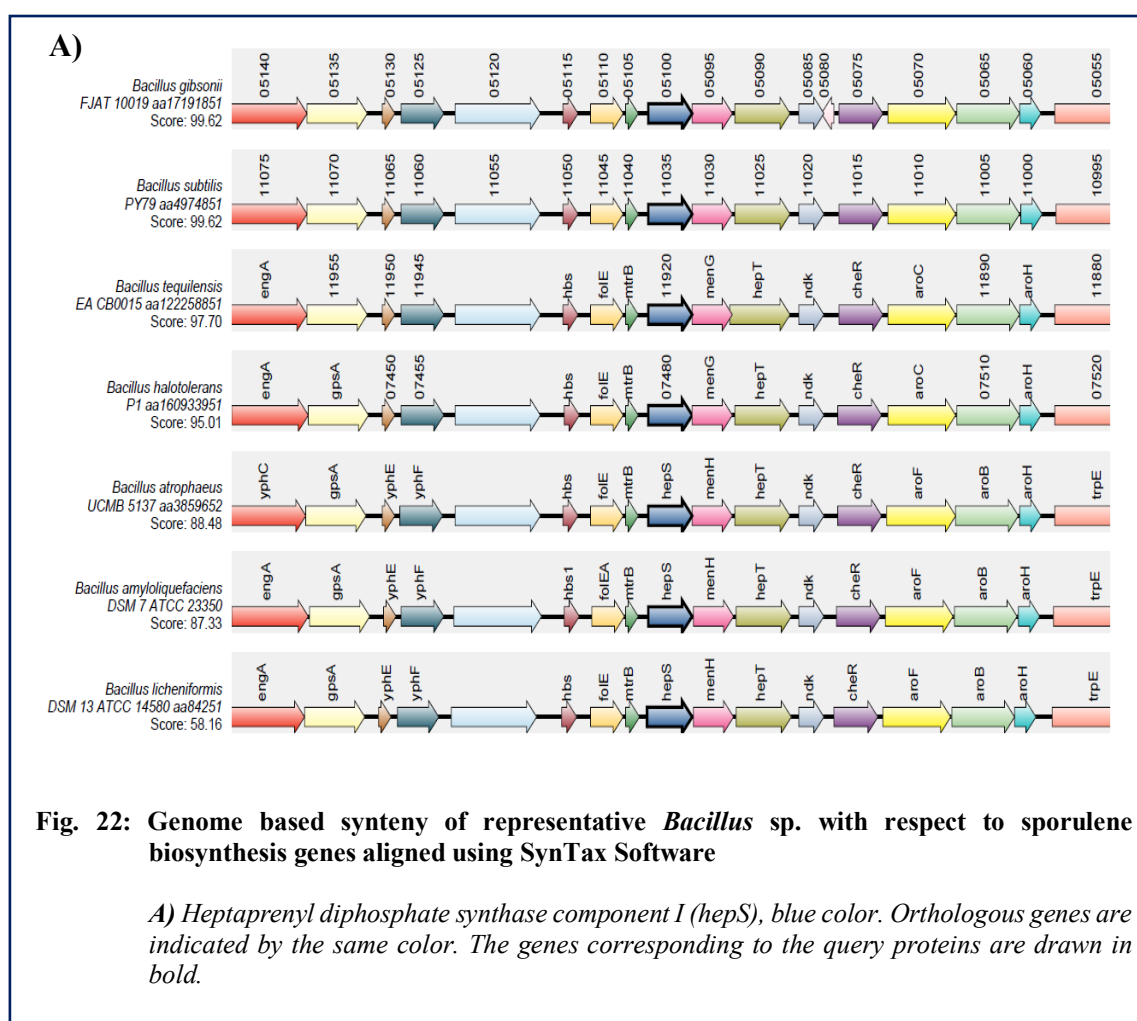
Members of different families of class *Bacilli* screened for the presence of putative genes encoding proteins of sporulene biosynthesis pathway. Accession numbers of protein sequences used for screening and identification sporulene synthesis genes are enlisted along with the name of organisms. Where, *HepS*, Heptaprenyl diphosphate synthase component I; *HepT*, Heptaprenyl diphosphate synthase component II; *YtpB*, Tetraprenyl beta curcumen synthase; and *SqhC*, Squalene hopene cyclase/Sporulenol synthase respectively. +, present; —, absent.

From the annotated phylogenetic tree (Fig. 21), it was observed that *hepS*, *hepT*, *ytpB* and *sqhC* were present in majority of the screened members of the family *Bacillaceae* and uniform distribution was observed amongst all the screened members of the genus *Bacillus*. Whereas, families of the order *Caryophanaceae* such as *Alicyclobacillaceae*, *Thermoactinomycetaceae*, *Listeriaceae* and *Pasteuriaceae* along with the order *Lactobacillales* i.e members of the family *Enterococcaceae* and the family *Streptococcaceae* represented an uneven distribution of the pathway genes (Fig. 21). In dept analysis showed that, contrary to the irregular distribution of *ytpB* and *sqhC* genes all the members of the order *Caryophanales* invariably harboured *hepS* and *hepT* genes. However, the members of family *Aerococcaceae*, *Carnobacteriaceae*, *Lactobacillaceae*, *Leuconostocaceae* and *Staphylococcaceae* showed complete absence of the pathway genes. The sporulene biosynthesis pathway genes were not identified in the members of the order *Lactobacillales* with exception of few members of the family *Streptococcaceae* and *Enterococcaceae* which showed the presence of only *hepT* and *hepS* gene in their genomes.

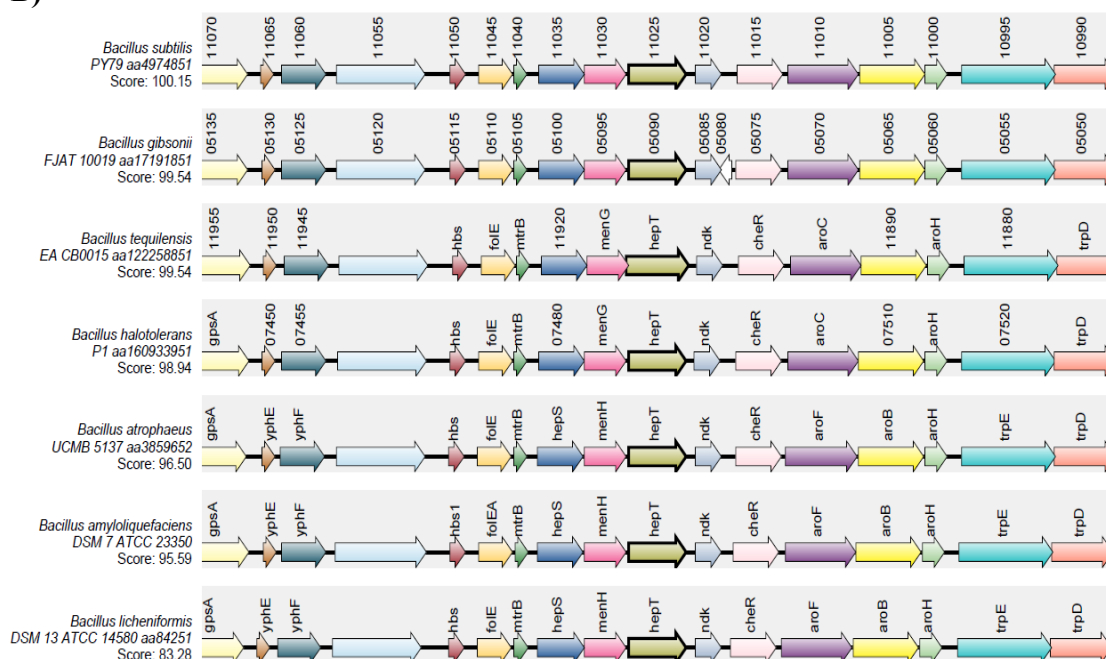


### 3.3.3 Synteny of sporulene biosynthesis pathway genes

Gene arrangement study of sporulene biosynthesis pathway genes amongst the genus *Bacillus* members through SynTax revealed that, the gene encoding for heptaprenyl diphosphate synthase component I (*hepS*) and II (*hepT*) were adjacently positioned along with *menG/H* gene (Fig. 22, A, B). Gene encoding for Tetraprenyl- $\beta$ -curcumene synthase (*ytqB*) was preceded by *ytqA* and proceeded by *ytpB* gene (Fig. 22, C). Whereas, the gene encoding the for key enzyme squalene hopene cyclase (*sqhC*) was situated between *sodF* and *dnaS* gene (Fig. 22, D). The observed synteny indicated constant and homogeneous arrangement of sporulene biosynthesis genes amongst the genus *Bacillus* members, whereas a distinct arrangement of genes was observed for the family *Bacillaceae* member with absence of few genes (data not shown).



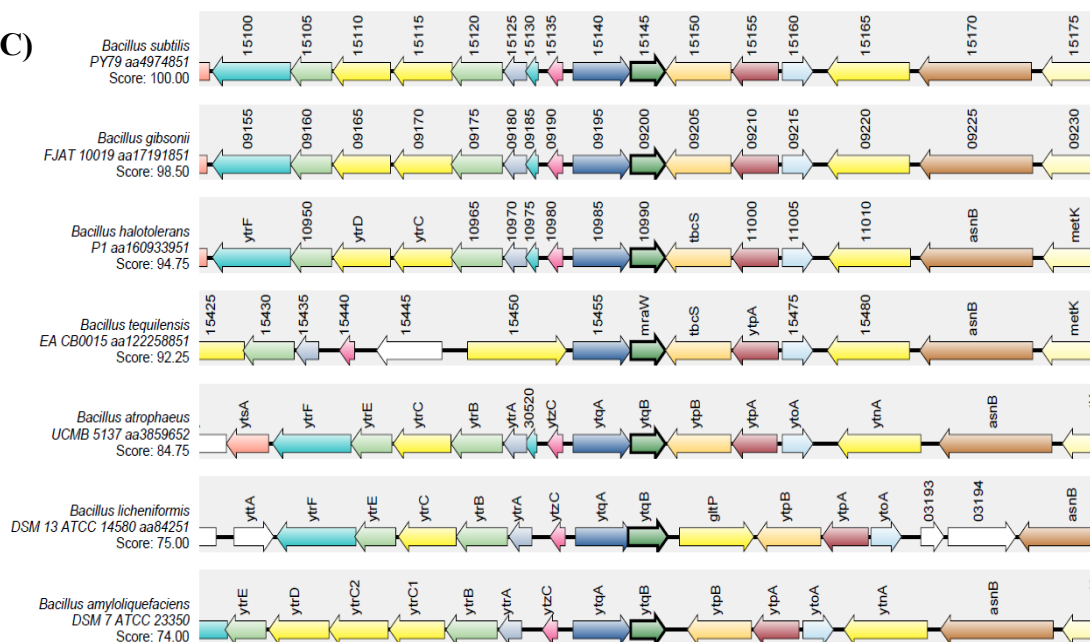
B)



**Fig. 22: Genome based synteny of representative *Bacillus* sp. with respect to sporulene biosynthesis genes aligned using SynTax Software**

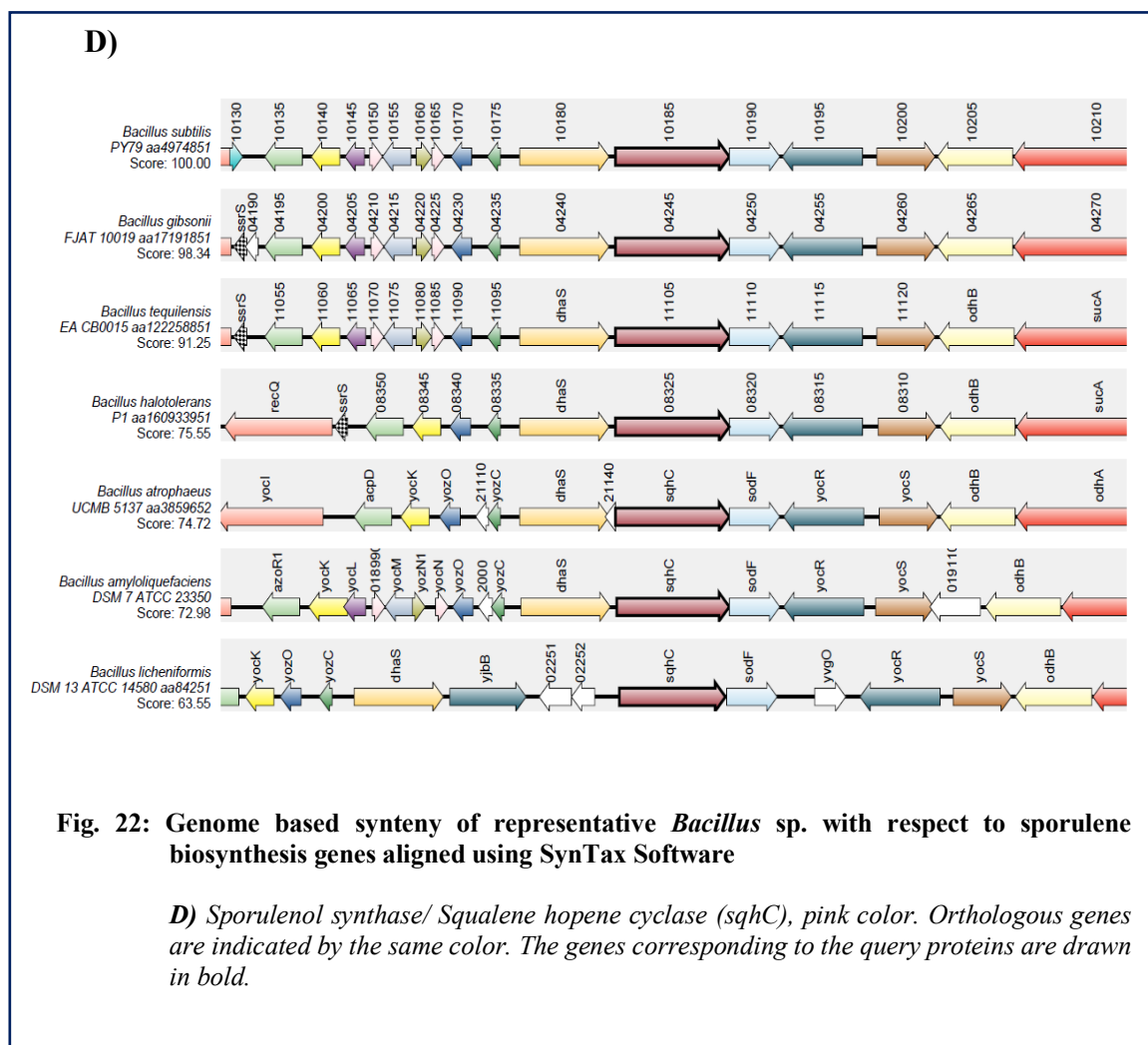
*B) Heptaprenyl diphosphate synthase component II (hepT), olive color. Orthologous genes are indicated by the same color. The genes corresponding to the query proteins are drawn in bold.*

C)



**Fig. 22: Genome based synteny of representative *Bacillus* sp. with respect to sporulene biosynthesis genes aligned using SynTax Software**

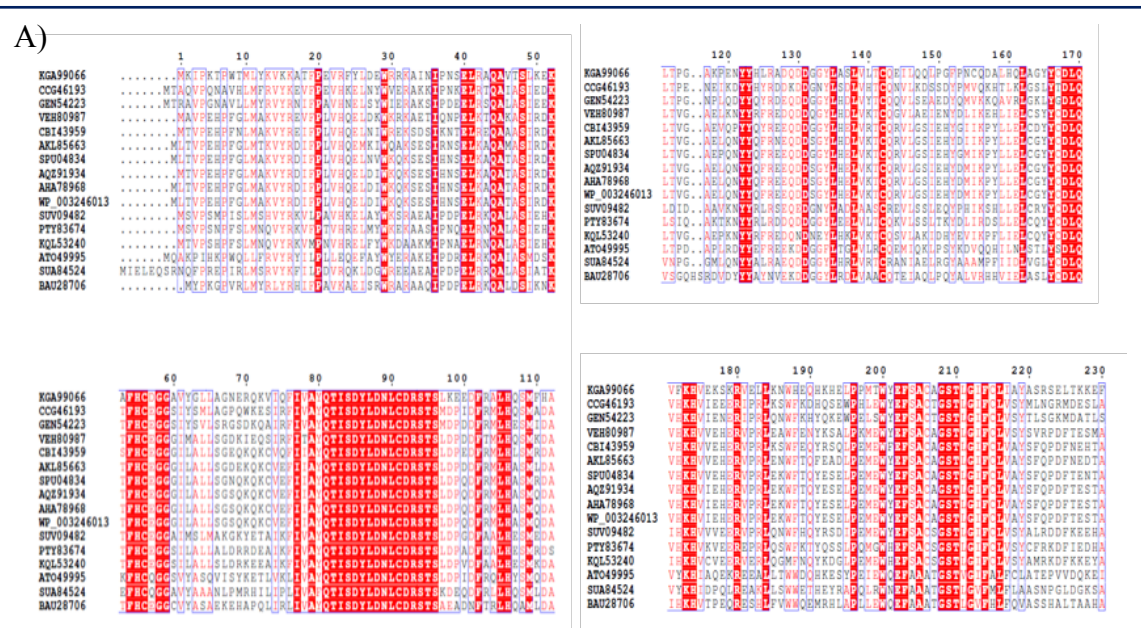
*C) Tetraprenyl-Beta- curcumen synthase (ytpB), green color. Orthologous genes are indicated by the same color. The genes corresponding to the query proteins are drawn in bold.*



### 3.3.4 Amino acid identity of putative sporulene biosynthesis proteins

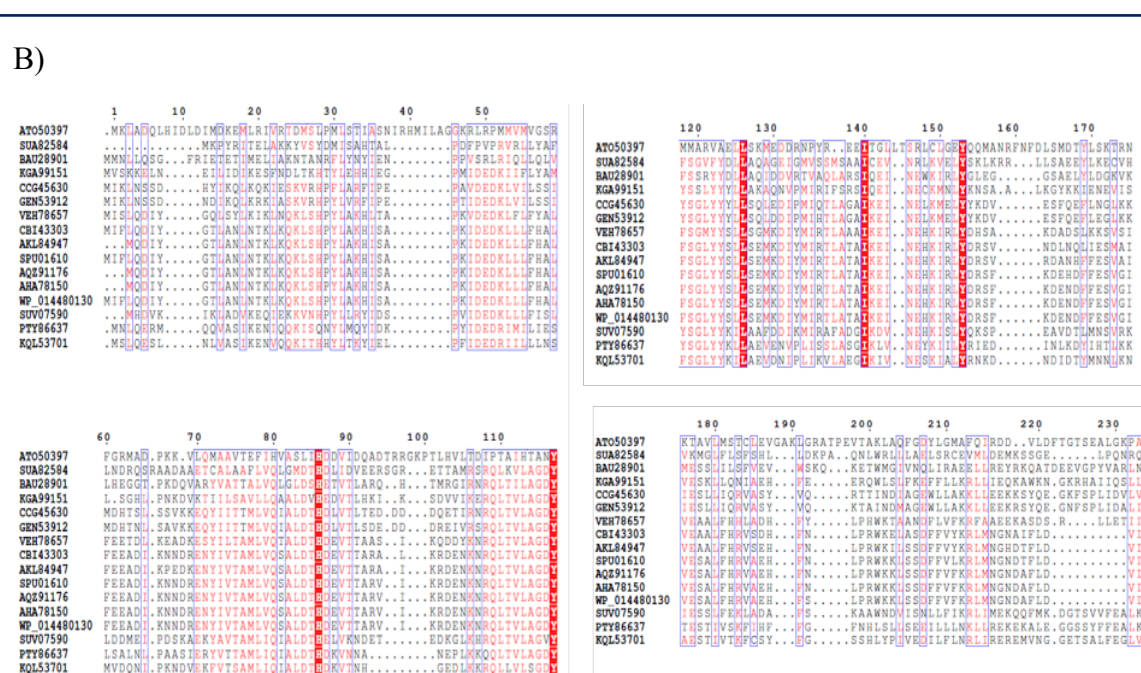
In order to study the homologies of putative proteins of sporulene biosynthesis pathway amongst the genus *Bacillus* and the family *Bacillaceae* members, multiple sequence alignment was performed. Putative tetraprenyl- $\beta$ -curcumene synthase (YtpB) protein of the family *Bacillaceae* members showed many conserved amino acid residues. However, a completely conserved domain of 16 amino acids (positioned from 81 to 96) was observed for the genus *Bacillus* members (Fig. R23, A).





**Fig. 23: A)** Multiple sequence alignment of putative tetraprenyl-beta-curcumen synthase proteins (YtpB) with its homolog's from different *Bacillus* members

Amino acid residues of YtpB protein which are highly conserved amongst the compared *Bacillus* members are highlighted with red background color

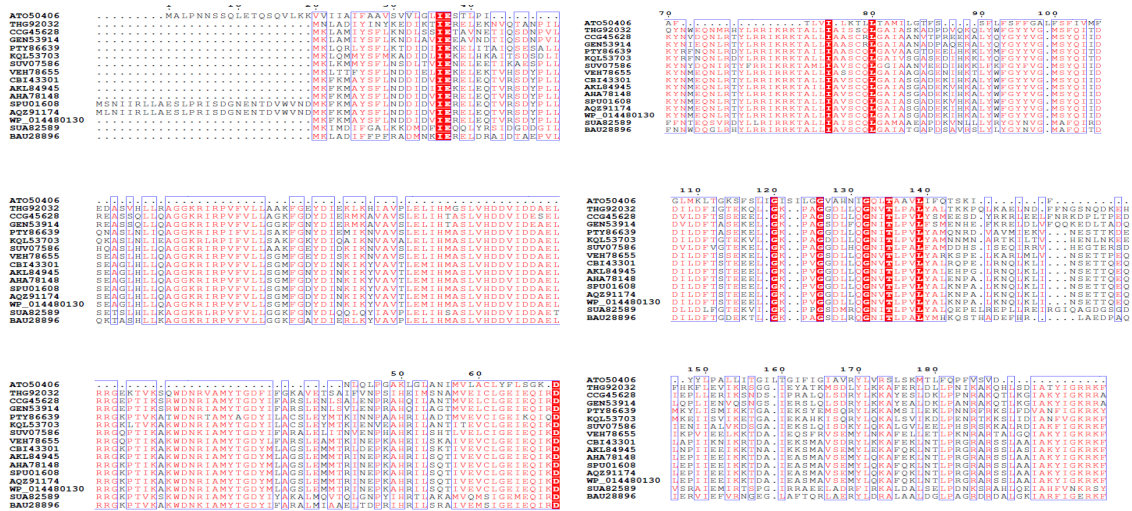


**Fig. 23: B)** Multiple sequence alignment of putative heptaprenyl diphosphate synthase component I (HepS) with its homolog's from different *Bacillus* members

Amino acid residues of HepS protein which are highly conserved amongst the compared *Bacillus* members are highlighted with red background color.

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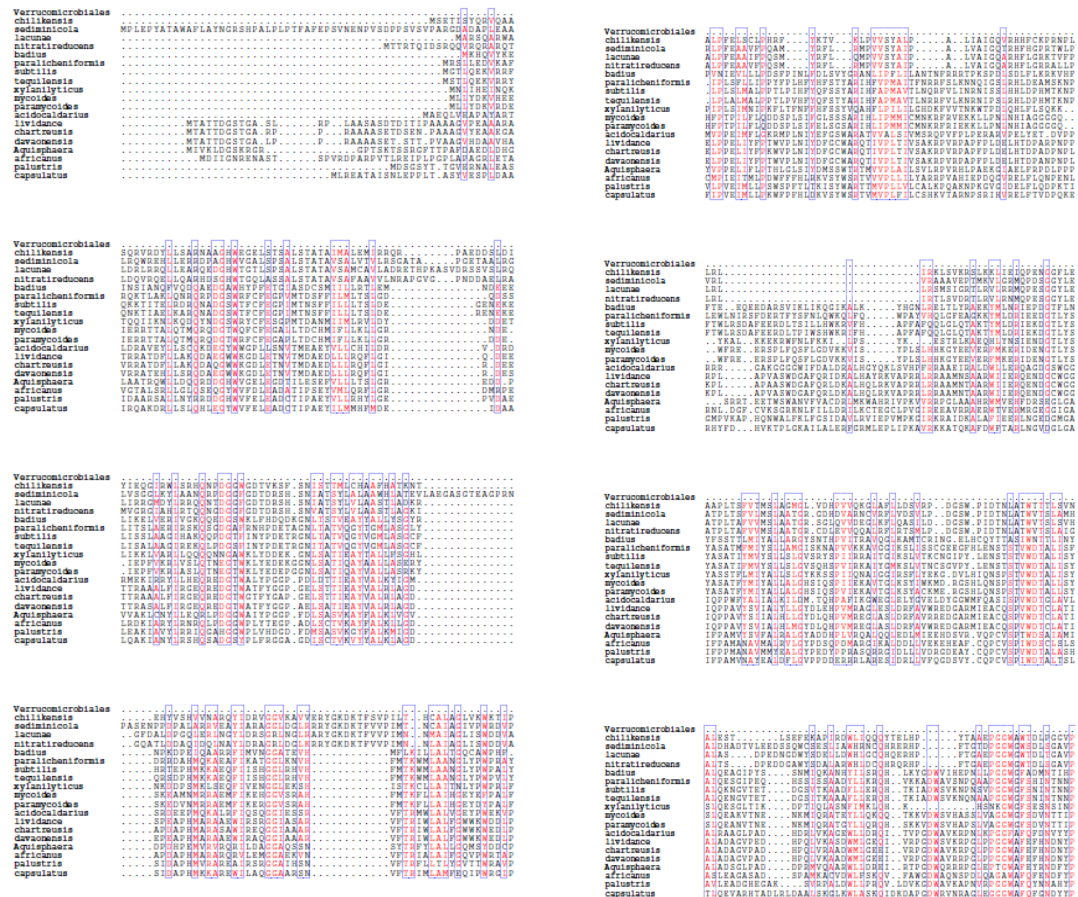
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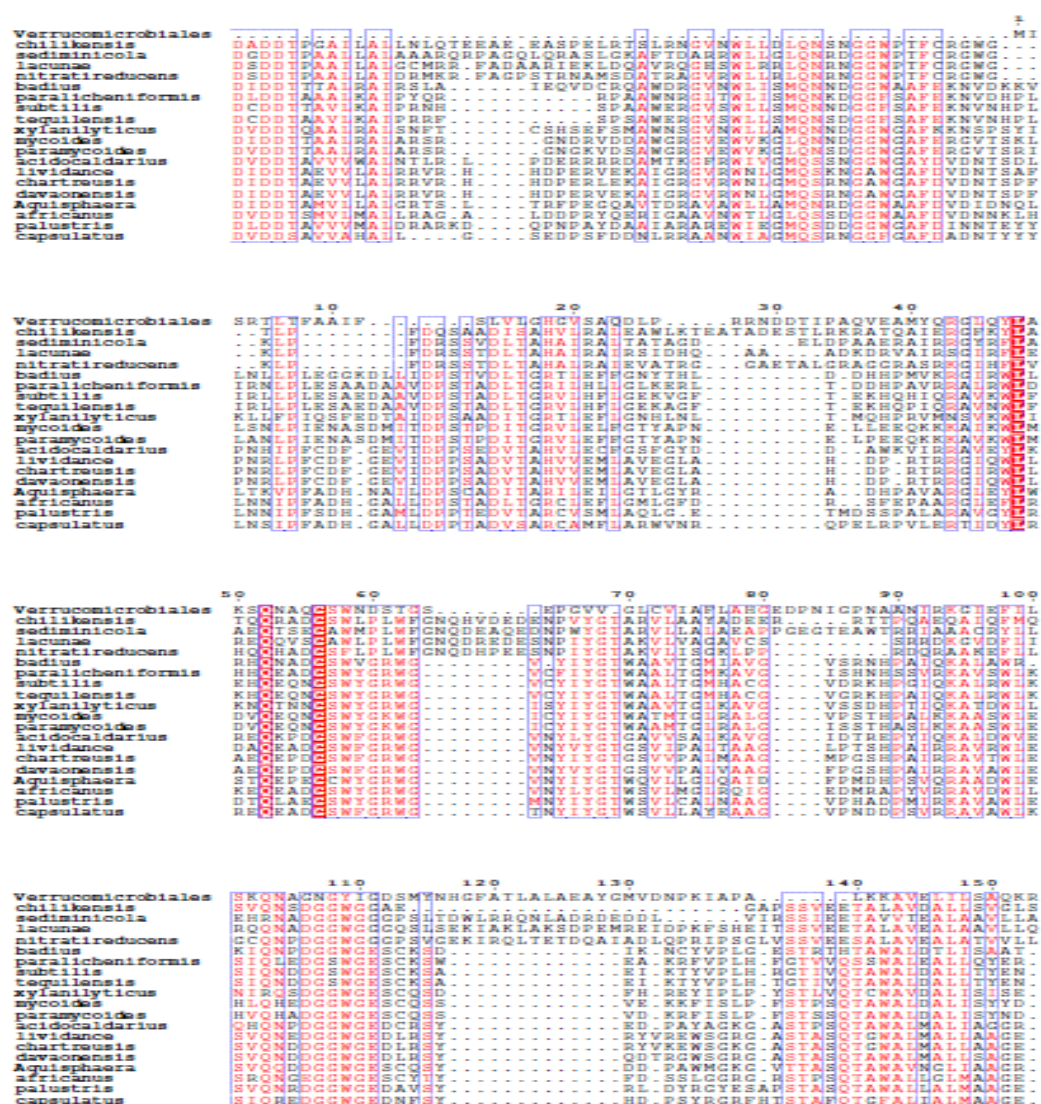
**Fig. 23: C) Multiple sequence alignment of putative heptaprenyl diphosphate synthase component II (HepT) with its homolog's from different *Bacillus* members**

*Amino acid residues of HepT protein which are highly conserved amongst the compared Bacillus members are highlighted with red background color.*

D)







**Fig. 23: D) Multiple sequence alignment of putative sporulenol synthase (SqhC) with its homolog's from different *Bacillus* members**

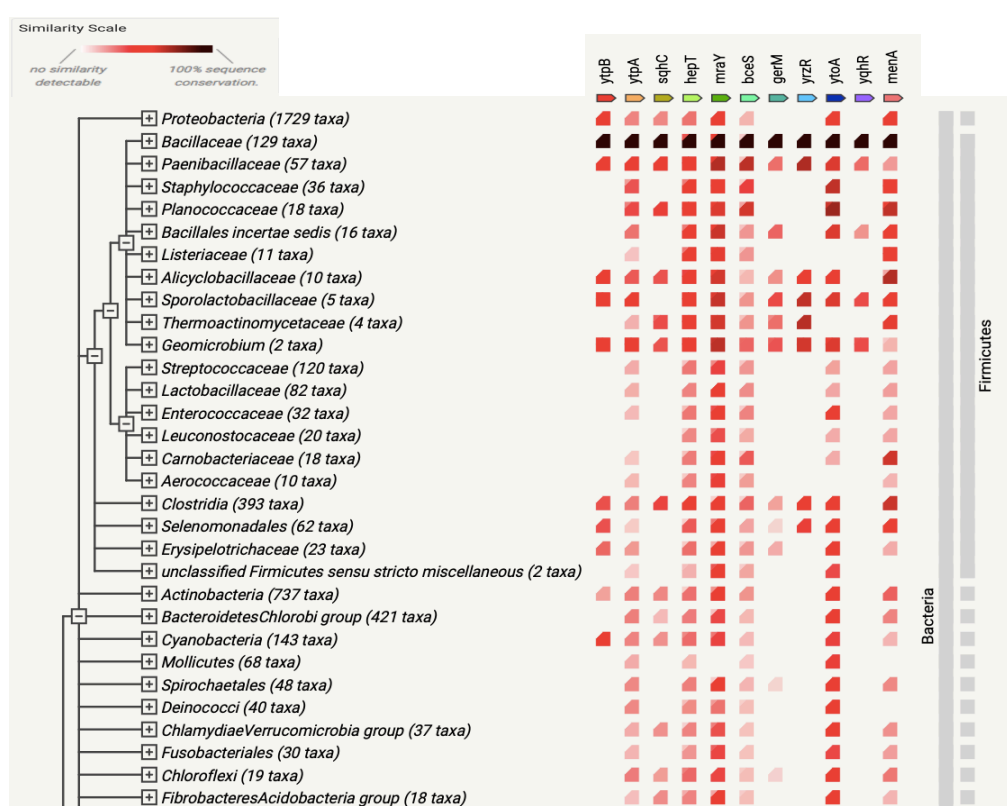
*Amino acid residues of SqhC protein which are highly conserved amongst the compared Bacillus members are highlighted with red background color.*

Despite having dynamic amino acid compositions, putative HepS, HepT, and SqhC proteins shared few conserved amino acid residues in the members of the family *Bacillaceae* and the members of the genus *Bacillus* (Fig. 23 B, C, D) with almost 50% amino acid sequence homology.



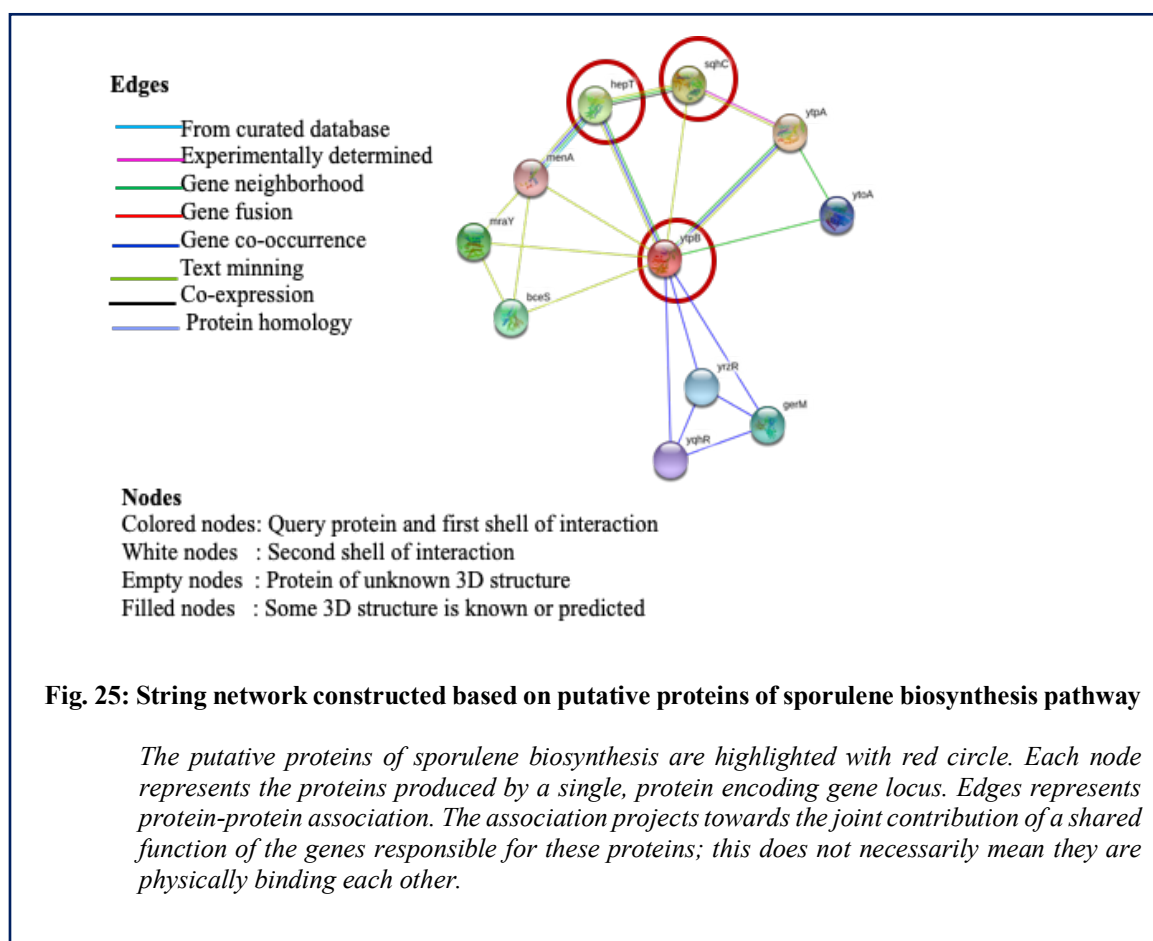
### 3.3.5 Interaction network and co-occurrence study of sporulene biosynthesis genes

Gene interaction and co-occurrence studies for the genes involved in sporulene biosynthesis pathway were performed using SMART software. When observed at phylogenetic level, the genes of sporulene biosynthesis pathway showed high frequency of co-occurrence amongst the family *Bacillaceae* members with maximum sequence conservation (Fig. 24).



**Fig. 24: Co-occurrence of sporulene biosynthesis pathway genes at phylogenetic level amongst family *Bacillaceae* members**

The phylogenetic tree for co-occurrence was constructed through SMART, a (Simple Modular Architecture Research Tool). The co-occurrence study at phylogenetic level showed that all the genes of sporulene biosynthesis pathway co-occur with maximum sequence conservation amongst the family *Bacillaceae* members. The genes *ytpB*, *hepT* and *sqhC* were found conserved within the family *Bacillaceae*.



However, studies based on the string network constructed with help of amino acid sequences of putative proteins of sporulene biosynthesis pathway (Fig. 25), briefed about their possible functional interactions. Detailed study of the interaction network deduced that, *hepT* and *sqhC* genes co-express and share gene neighborhood whereas *hepT* and *ypbB* genes also share neighborhood and co-occur, as observed in their synteny analysis (Fig. 22). Additionally, all these genes were found interacting through the text mining and literature studies.

### 3.4 Insights into peroxide toxicity to *Bacillus* spores and characterization of protective activity of sporulenes in *B. subtilis*

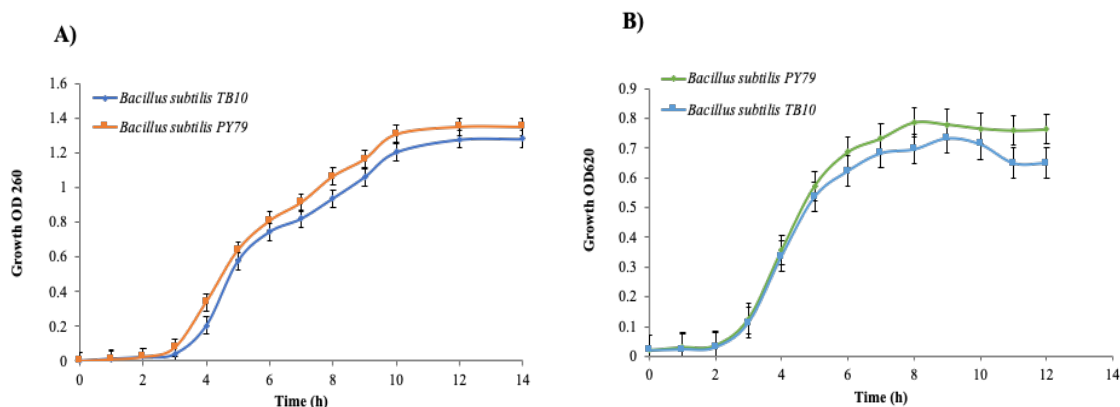
#### 3.4.1 Bacterial strains used under the study

*B. subtilis* strains used in this study were received as gratis from Dr. Tanja Bosak, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA and Dr. Tushar Lodha, National Centre for Microbial Resource, Pune, India. The two strain use were *B. subtilis* PY79, a wild type strain (WT) and *B. subtilis* TB10 a deletion mutant ( $\Delta sqhC$ ), where a long flanking homology segment carrying Tet resistance cassette was inserted to inactivate *sqhC-sodF* operon (Bosak et al. 2008).

#### 3.4.2 Cellular responses of WT and $\Delta sqhC$ mutant *B. subtilis* to different stress conditions

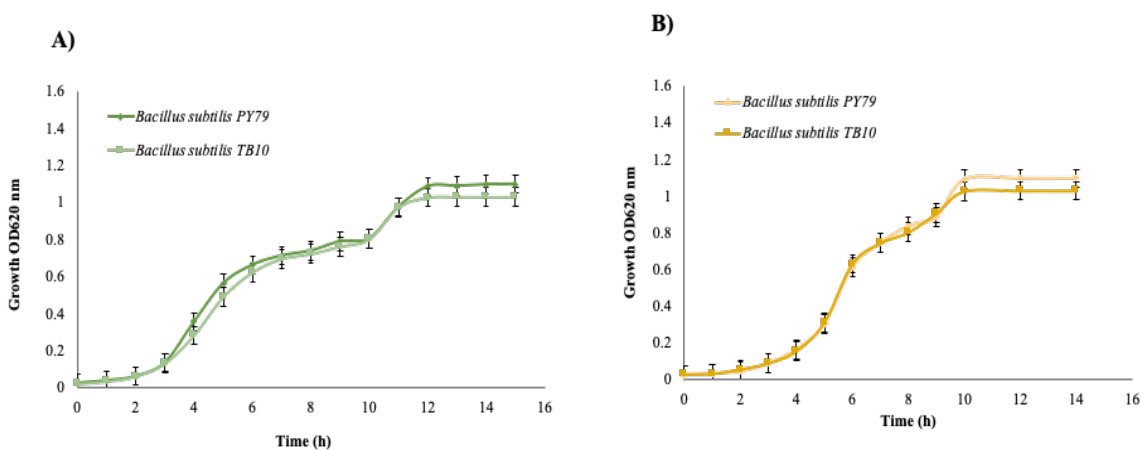
##### 3.4.2.1 Growth studies of WT and $\Delta sqhC$ mutant *B. subtilis*

To study the physiological response of sporulene mutant to different stressors, growth studies were conducted for WT and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant of *B. subtilis* under different stress conditions as described in material and methods. Under control condition both strains attended similar growth in nutrient broth as well as in sporulation medium with doubling time of ~25 min (Fig. 26, A, B). Also, no significant difference was observed in the growth patterns of WT and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant with ethanol and butanol treatment (Fig 27, A, B). However under H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> stress, the  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant showed differential behaviour when compared to WT. More prominent changes were observed in the growth pattern of WT and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant in sporulation medium as compared to the growth in nutrient broth medium (Fig. 28, A, B). The growth of  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant was observed to be stifled by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatment, from late log phase to stationary phase (Fig. 28, B).



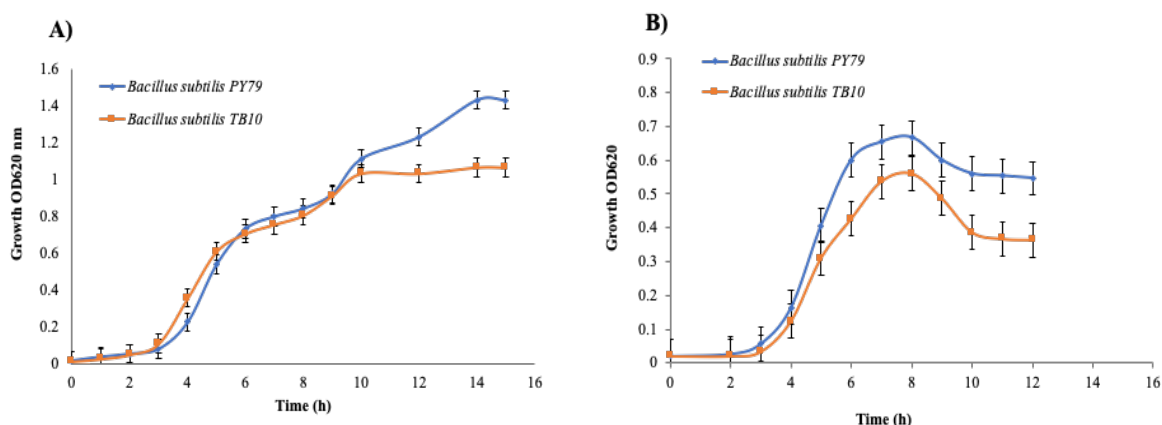
**Fig. 26: Growth studies of WT and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant *B. subtilis* in two different media**

Growth kinetics of WT, *B. subtilis* PY79 (diamonds) and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant, *B. subtilis* TB10 (squares) at OD<sub>620</sub> = 0.5 in control condition A) Nutrient broth medium B) Sporulation medium. The experiment was conducted in biological triplicates.



**Fig. 27: Growth kinetics of WT *B. subtilis* PY79 (diamonds) and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant *B. subtilis* TB10 (squares) in nutrient broth medium**

The growth studies were conducted for WT and sporulene mutant *B. subtilis* under different stress conditions A) 5 % Ethanol B) 5 % Butanol. Where, stress was induced at OD<sub>620</sub> = 0.5. The experiment was conducted in biological triplicates.



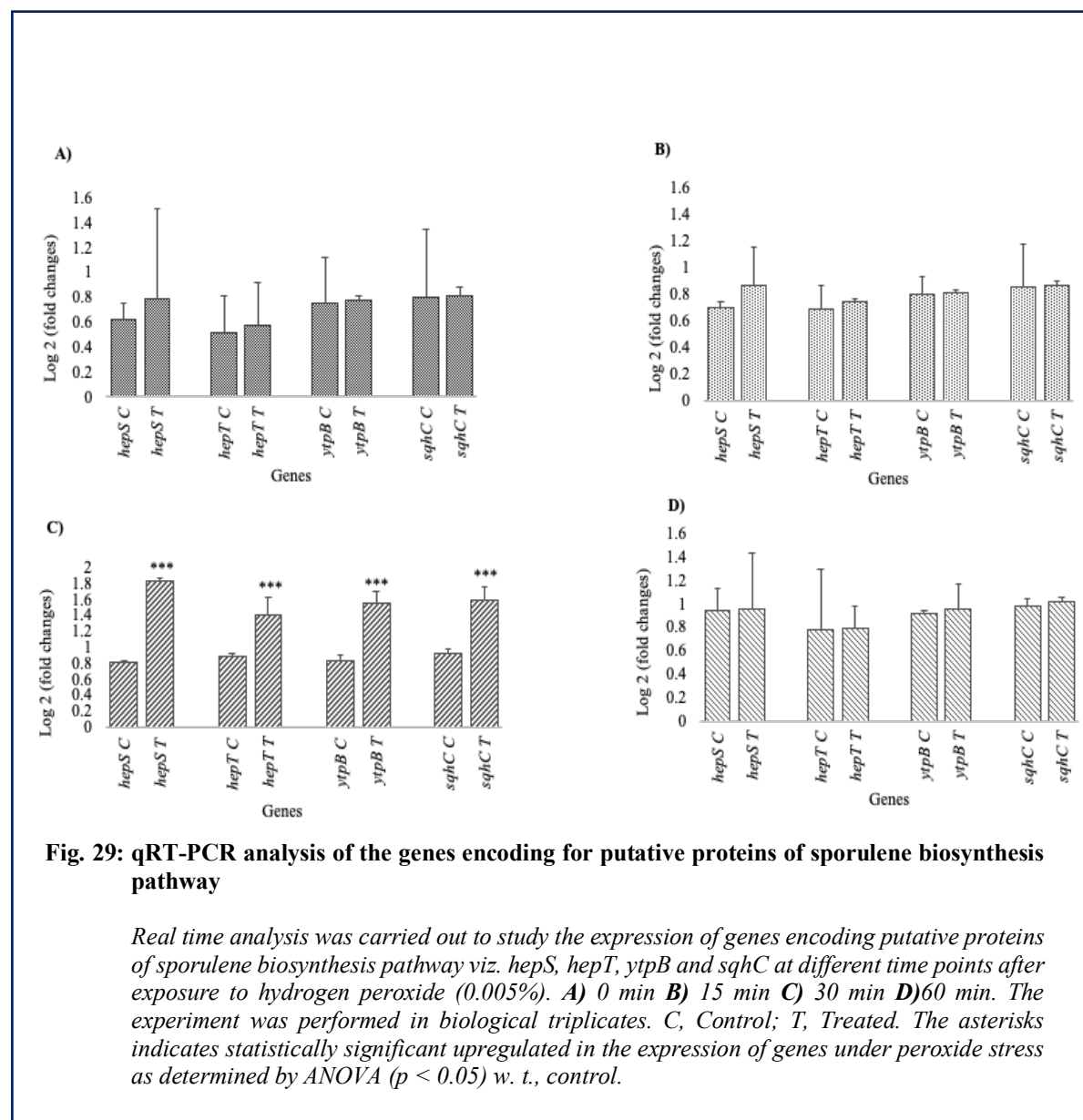
**Fig. 28: Growth kinetics of WT, *B. subtilis* PY79 (diamonds) and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant, *B. subtilis* TB10 (squares) under  $H_2O_2$  stress in two different media**

The growth studies WT and sporulene mutant *B. subtilis* conducted in A) Nutrient broth B) Sporulation medium. Where, 0.005 % of  $H_2O_2$  stress was induced at  $OD_{620}=0.5$ . The experiment was conducted in biological triplicates.

### 3.4.2.2 Real time expressions analysis of the genes involved in sporulene biosynthesis pathway

Time dependent quantification of *hepS*, *hepT*, *sqhC* and *ytpB* genes was carried out in order to study the response of sporulene biosynthesis pathway genes to  $H_2O_2$  stress. Log<sub>2</sub> fold changes were calculated and expression of each gene was analysed at 0, 15, 30 and 60 min under treated and untreated (control) condition. The basal level of expressions were nearly similar and constant for all the pathway genes under control condition, where *recA* was used as housekeeping gene. Interestingly for  $H_2O_2$  treated condition, except for the 0 min, a gradual upregulation of pathway genes was observed with the increasing time points (Fig. 29, A, B, C, D). Especially after 30 min of induction of  $H_2O_2$  stress, all the genes showed a statistically significant increase (2 fold) in expression (Fig. 29, C) as compared to expression of genes at other time points. Indicating the activated sporulene biosynthesis pathway as a result of  $H_2O_2$  exposure. However, 60 min. after the induction stress, the

expression of pathway genes under treated condition became almost equivalent to gradually increased basal level expression of genes under control condition (Fig. 29, C).



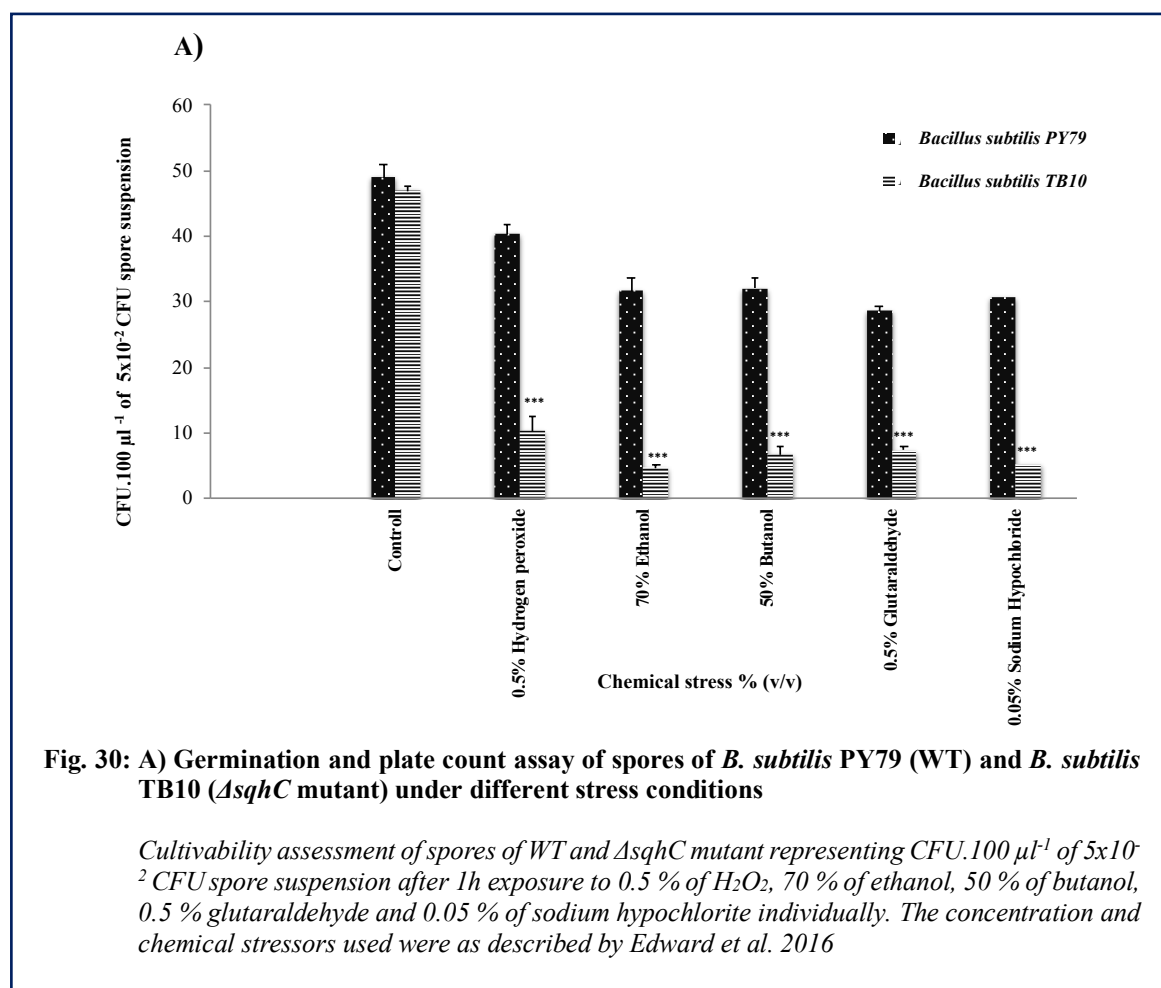
### 3.4.3 Responses of WT and sporulene deficient spores to different stress conditions with special reference to hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) toxicity

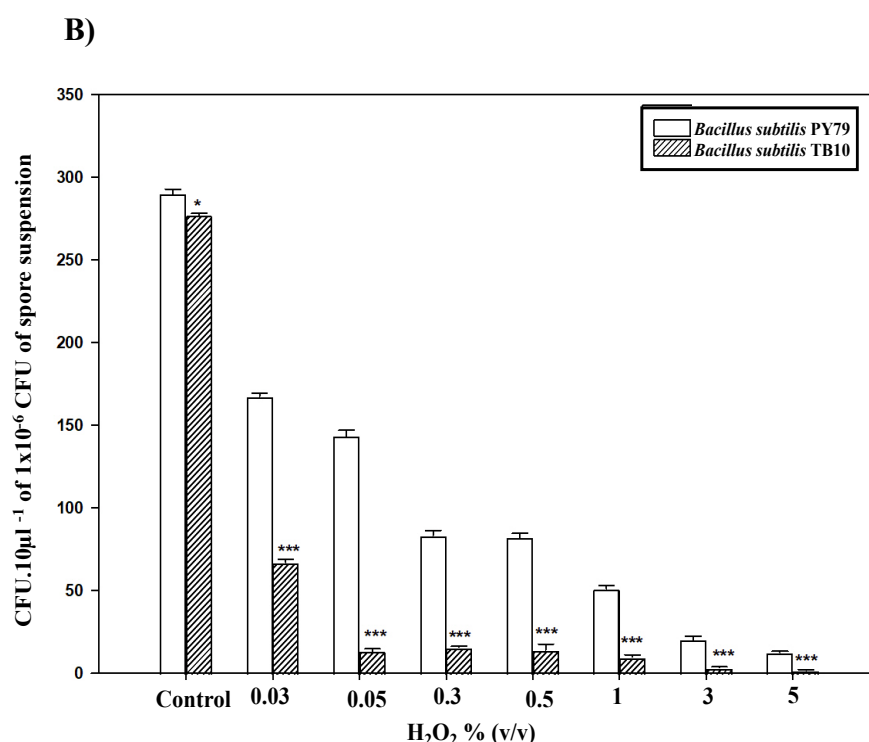
*B. subtilis* TB10, a  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant of *B. subtilis* PY79 (WT) produced spores lacking sporulenes (Bosak et al. 2008). The response of these sporulene deficient spores to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

was analysed in comparison to spores harbouring sporulenes with different experimental strategies.

### 3.4.3.1 Assessment of cultivability of spore of WT and $\Delta sqhC$ mutant *B. subtilis*

The cultivability of WT and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant spores exposed to different stress conditions was determined with the help of spore germination and plate count assay. A marginal difference was observed between the germination rates of WT and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant spores under control condition (Fig. 30 A, B). However, the cultivability of  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant spores was affected severely under 0.05 % hydrogen peroxide, 70 % ethanol, 50 % butanol, 0.5 % glutaraldehyde and 0.05 % sodium hypochloride stress (Fig. 30, A) when compared to WT spores.





**Fig. 30: B) Germination and plate count assay of spores of *B. subtilis* PY79 (WT) and *B. subtilis* TB10 ( $\Delta sqhC$  mutant) under different concentration of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>**

Cultivability assessment of spores of WT and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant representing CFU.10  $\mu\text{l}^{-1}$  of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  CFU/ml spore suspension after 1 hr exposure to different concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (v/v). The asterisks indicates significant reduction in cultivability of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treated mutant spores as determined by ANOVA ( $p < 0.05$ ) w. t., wild type spore. The experiment was performed in biological triplicates.

Overall, the sporulene mutant spores were impacted more by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, as compared to other stress conditions. Thus, the cultivability of  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant spore was analysed at different concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Where, the cultivability of both WT and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant spores was observed to decrease consistently with the increasing concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Notably, at all the concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, a statistically significant difference (ANOVA;  $P < 0.001$ ) was observed between colony forming units of spores of WT and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant (Fig. 30, B) making it evident that viability of sporulene deficient spore was affected more than WT spores. The  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant's spore viability was compromised maximum at 0.05 % (v/v) concentration of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> resulting in almost 80 % reduction in cultivability with respect to WT spores.

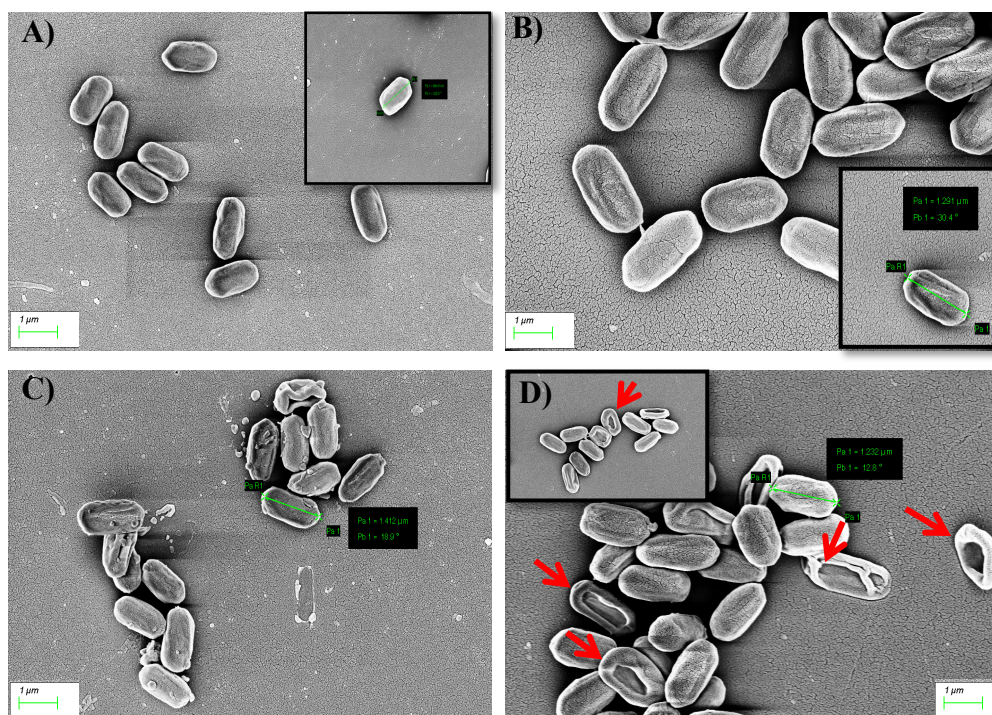


### 3.4.3.2 Microscopic analysis of spores of WT and *ΔsqhC* mutant *B. subtilis* exposed to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

The affected cultivability of mutant spores on H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatment prompted us to analyse what was happening at the structural level. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and transmission electron microscopy (TEM) were used to examine the morphological changes at surface and ultrastructural level in the spores of WT and sporulene mutant of *B. subtilis*, under oxidative (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) stress.

#### 3.4.3.2.1 Surface level morphological alterations of spores

When observed under SEM, the spores of both the WT and *ΔsqhC* mutant showed smooth outer surface appearance with oval and plump shape (Fig. 31, A, B) under untreated (control) condition.



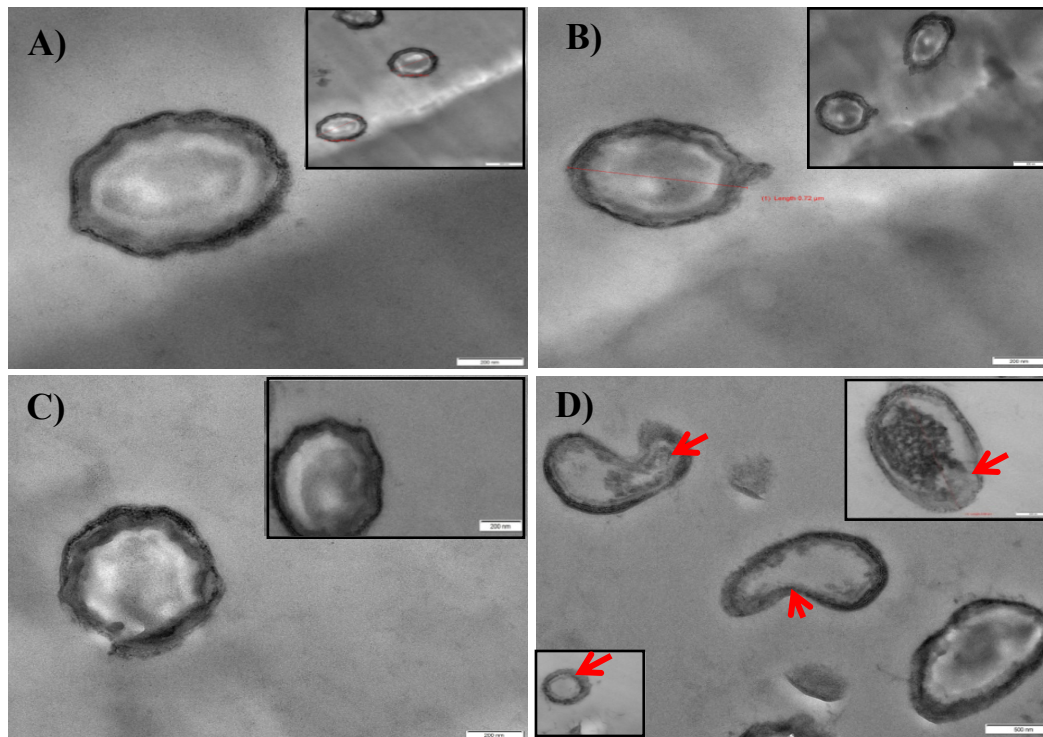
**Fig. 31: Morphological alteration and surface level changes of spores of WT, *B. subtilis* PY79 and *ΔsqhC* mutant *B. subtilis* TB10 observed under scanning electron microscope**

Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) of spores with and without 0.05 % (v/v) of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatment **A)** Untreated spores of *B. subtilis* PY79; **B)** Untreated spores of *B. subtilis* TB10; **C)** Treated spores of *B. subtilis* PY79; **D)** Treated spores of *B. subtilis* TB10 . Arrows indicate withered, deflated, crateriform spore shapes.

Unlike WT spores, most of the affected *AsqhC* mutant spores showed deflated and withered morphology after exposure to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Where, majority (~50 %) of the peroxide treated spores of *AsqhC* mutant showed noticeable crateriform like structures with prominent acclivities and declivities (Fig. 31, C, D).

#### 3.4.3.2.2 Ultrastructural changes of spores

For better understanding the morphological changes observed in SEM, thin sections of spores were observed under TEM.



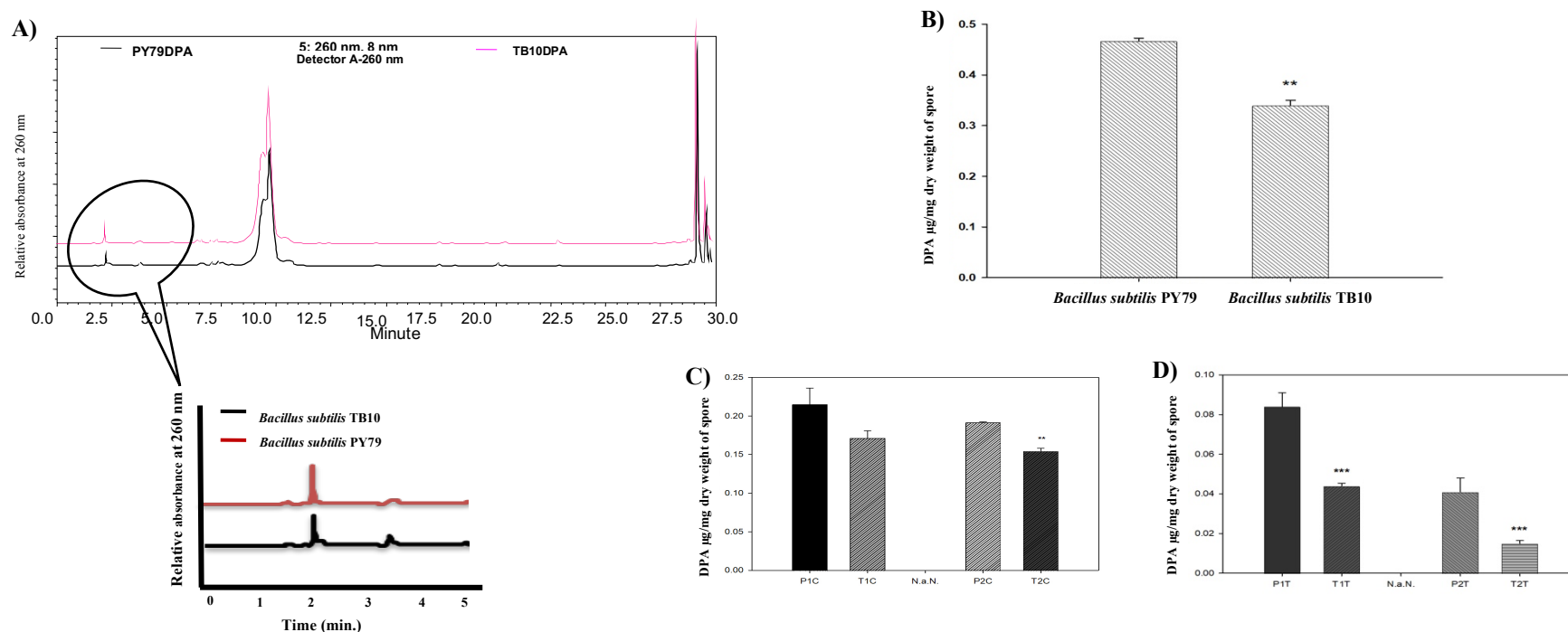
**Fig. 32: Ultrastructural changes of spores of WT, *B. subtilis* PY79 and *AsqhC* mutant *B. subtilis* TB10 observed under transmission electron microscope**

*Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) photomicrographs of B. subtilis PY79 and B. subtilis TB10 spores before and after peroxide stress. Untreated spores of A) B. subtilis PY79, B) B. subtilis TB10; Spores treated with 0.05% (v/v) of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> C) B. subtilis PY79, D) B. subtilis TB10. Arrows indicates possible damage to core, inner membrane and collapsed spore structures.*

The ultrastructural images of treated and untreated spores of WT and *ΔsqhC* mutant were in line with the observation of SEM. Untreated spores of both strains showed regular arrangements of inner spore structure with intact inner membranes (Fig. 32, A, B). After peroxide treatment, deformed spore structures (Fig. 32, D) were observed for sporulene mutant, contrary to WT spores (Fig. 32, C). The detailed examination of spore cross sections revealed possible damage to inner membrane structures (Fig. 32, D).

### 3.4.3.3 Loss of dipicolinic acid through leaky spore membrane

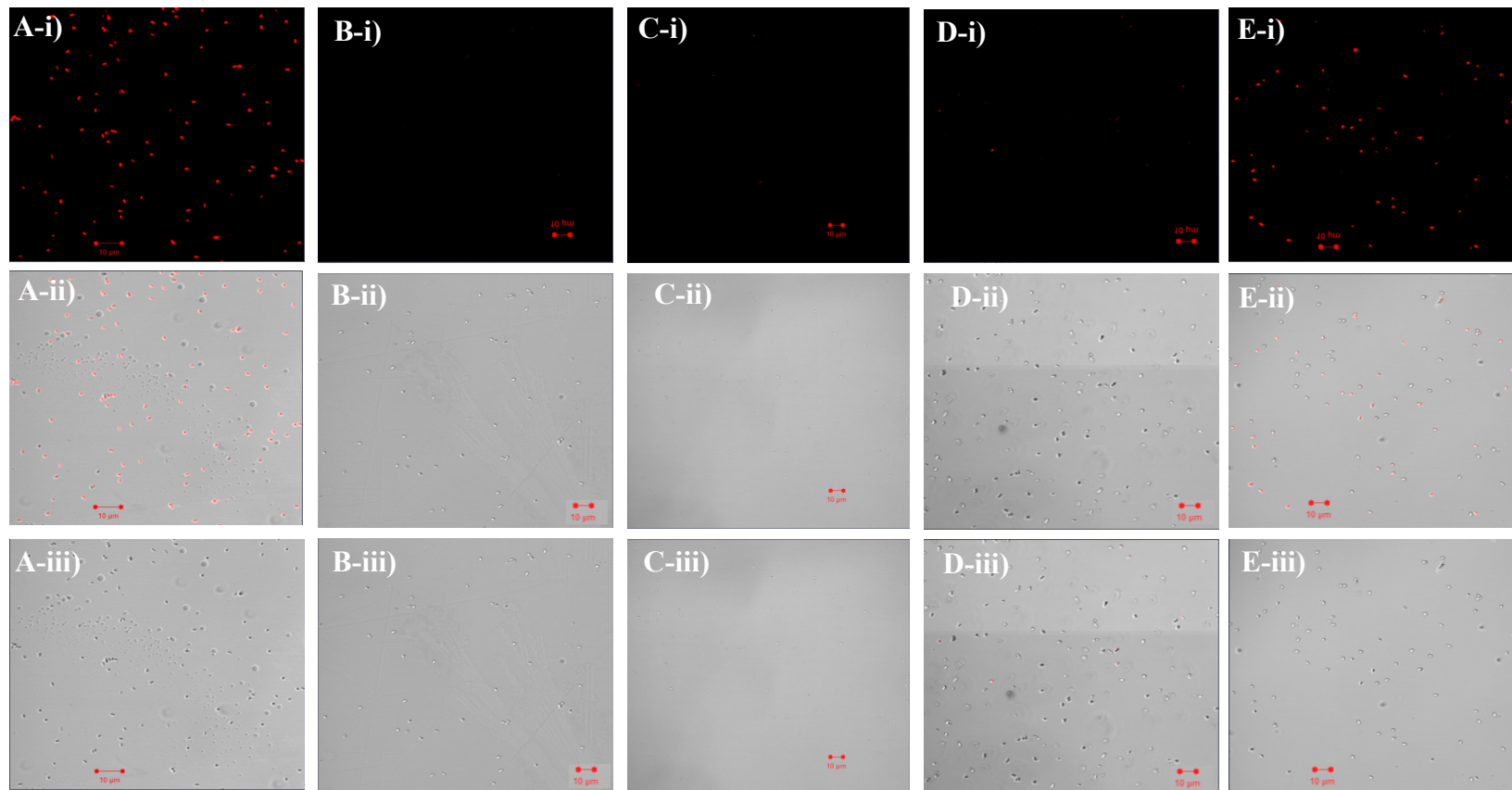
To assess if there were any changes in dipicolinic acid (DPA) content of spores of WT and *ΔsqhC* mutant due to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatment, DPA was extracted and quantified using HPLC. The total DPA content of spores of *B. subtilis* PY79 (WT) was slightly higher (0.47 μg.mg<sup>-1</sup>) than *ΔsqhC* mutant *B. subtilis* TB10 (0.34 μg.mg<sup>-1</sup>) (Fig. 33, A, B). On germination of spores without H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatment, almost equivalent amount of DPA was released by the spores of WT (0.215 μg.mg<sup>-1</sup>) and *ΔsqhC* mutant (0.172 μg.mg<sup>-1</sup>) *B. subtilis*. However a marginal but significant difference was observed in the amount of DPA retained by spores after germination. Spores of *ΔsqhC* mutant retained significantly lower content of DPA (0.155 μg.mg<sup>-1</sup>) than WT spore (0.192 μg.mg<sup>-1</sup>) (Fig. 33, C). Contrarily, when treated with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, a statistically significant difference (ANOVA; P<0.05) was observed in the amount of DPA released and retained between the two strains. Significantly lower content of DPA was released (T1T, 0.044 μg.mg<sup>-1</sup>) and retained (T2T, 0.015 μg.mg<sup>-1</sup>) by *ΔsqhC* mutant spores as compared to the content of DPA released (P1T, 0.084 μg.mg<sup>-1</sup>) and retained (P2T, 0.041 μg.mg<sup>-1</sup>) by WT spores (Fig. 33, D). It clearly indicated the untimely loss of DPA through leaky spore membranes resulted from H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> toxicity



**Fig. 33: Dipicolinic acid (DPA) quantification of spores of *B. subtilis* PY79 (WT) and *B. subtilis* TB10 ( $\Delta sqhC$  mutant)**

DPA was quantified for spores of WT and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant using HPLC analysis **A)** HPLC chromatogram of DPA content of *B. subtilis* PY79 and *B. subtilis* TB10, recorded with the PDA detector at 260 nm wavelength. DPA was detected as a clear, baseline-separated peak at about 2.25 min retention time in each case. **B)** DPA content in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$  of dry weight of spores of *B. subtilis* PY79 and *B. subtilis* TB10. The content of DPA released and retained on spore germination **C)** before and **D)** after treatment with 0.05 % (v/v) of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Where, P, *B. subtilis* PY79 (WT); T, *B. subtilis* TB10 ( $\Delta sqhC$  mutant); 1, DPA released; 2, DPA remained/retained; C, Control; T, treated. The asterisks indicate significant difference in DPA content w.t., wild type as calculated by ANOVA ( $p < 0.05$ ).





**Fig. 34: Propidium iodide staining and confocal microscopy for assessment of compromised membrane permeability of spores of *B. subtilis* PY79 (WT) and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant *B. subtilis* TB10 with and without  $H_2O_2$  treatment**

Propidium iodide (PI) stained confocal microscopic images of spores of *B. subtilis* PY79 and *B. subtilis* TB10 before and after 0.05 % (v/v)  $H_2O_2$  treatment. **A)-(i), (ii), (iii)** Positive control (autoclaved spores) **B)-(i), (ii), (iii)** *B. subtilis* PY79 untreated spores **C)-(i), (ii), (iii)** *B. subtilis* TB10 untreated spores **D)-(i), (ii), (iii)** *B. subtilis* PY79 treated spores **E)-(i), (ii), (iii)** *B. subtilis* TB10 treated spores. The red fluorescence was observed in the range of 560-620 nm.

#### 3.4.3.4 Compromised membrane permeability of sporulene deficient spores

Compromised membrane permeability of sporulene deficient spore as hypothesised from to untimely loss of DPA and observations of SEM and TEM was finally confirmed with viability staining using propidium iodide (PI). The membrane damage was checked under confocal laser microscope for untreated, treated and autoclaved spores of WT and *ΔsqhC* mutant *B. subtilis*, which were stained with PI. It was discovered that almost all of the autoclaved spores were stained with PI (Fig. 34, A-i, A-ii, A-iii) indicating that the entire spore population had complete membrane damage. Whereas, the untreated spores of WT and *ΔsqhC* mutant remained unstained (Fig. 34, B-i, B-ii, B-iii; C-i, C-ii, C-iii) and negligible uptake of dye was observed for WT spores, after H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatment (Fig. 34, D-i, D-ii, D-iii). Nonetheless, the spores of *ΔsqhC* mutant exposed H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, showed high frequency of PI infiltration as evidenced by high degree of red fluorescence (Fig. 34, E-i, E-ii, E-iii). Quantitatively, 100 % of autoclaved spores were stained indicative of the complete membrane damage. Whereas, ~50-75 % of the total spore population took up the stain in case of sporulene mutant. It confirmed that the permeability barrier of *ΔsqhC* mutant spore was highly compromised due to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> toxicity, albeit not as severely as autoclaved spores.

#### 3.4.4 Reorganization of spore fatty acids

For the spores produced by WT and *ΔsqhC* mutant *B. subtilis*, under H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treated and untreated conditions, fatty acids were assorted into six categories (Table 11, Fig. 35, A, B) and relative abundance of each group to the total fatty acid content was examined. Under untreated conditions, the production of different categories of fatty acids by the spores of WT and *ΔsqhC* mutant was essentially identical (Table 11). Nevertheless,

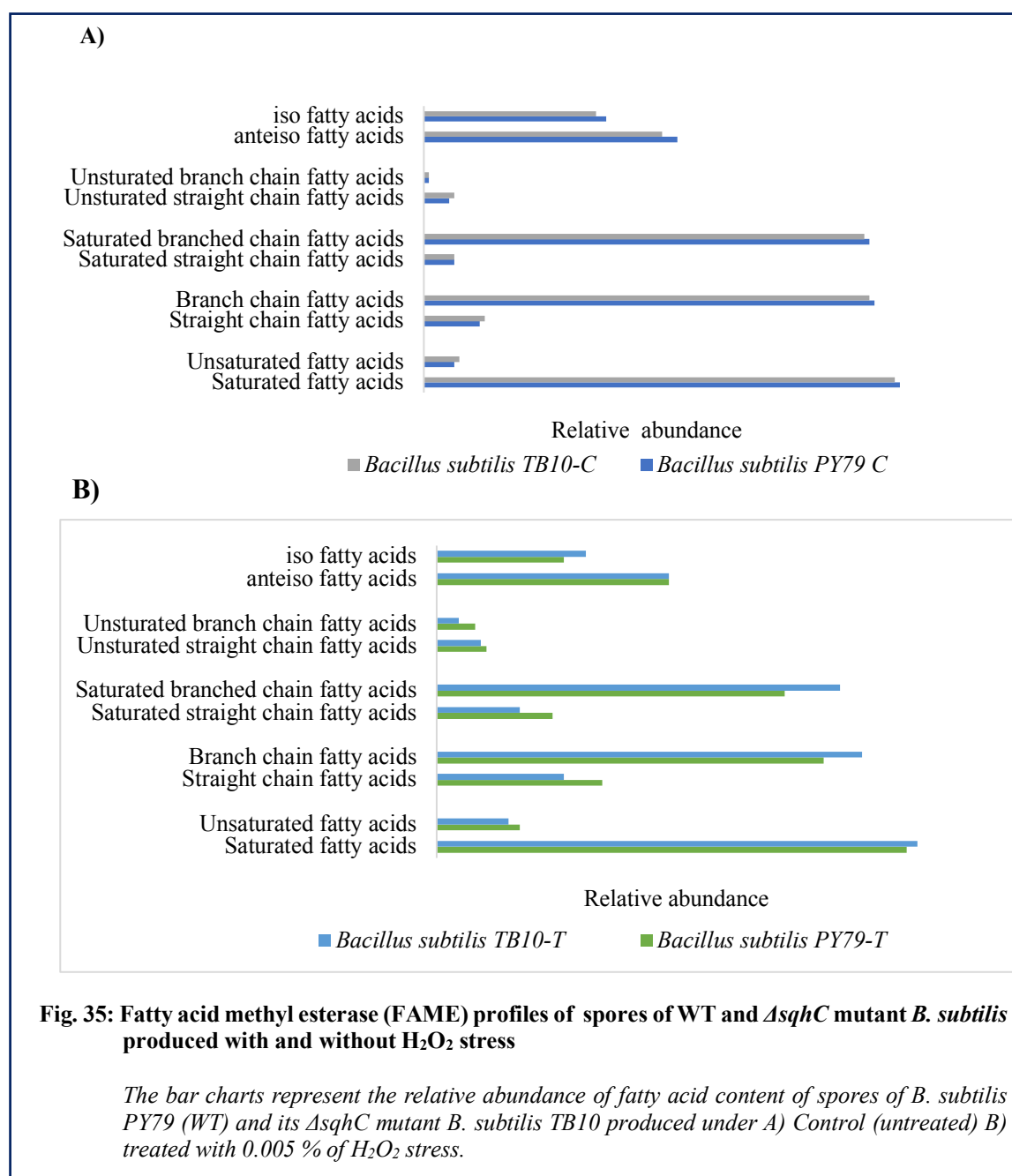
branched and straight chain fatty acid contents in H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treated spores of WT and *ΔsqhC* mutant strains differed significantly.

| Fatty acids                                                       | <i>B. subtilis</i> PY79<br>(Control) | <i>B. subtilis</i> PY79<br>(Treated) | <i>B. subtilis</i> TB10<br>(Control) | <i>B. subtilis</i> TB10<br>(Treated) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturated fatty acids</b>                                      |                                      |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| C <sub>12:0</sub>                                                 | 0.3                                  | 2.8                                  | 0.6                                  | 1.9                                  |
| iso-C <sub>14:0</sub>                                             | 2.6                                  | 1.7                                  | 2.1                                  | 2.1                                  |
| C <sub>14:0</sub>                                                 | 0.9                                  | 1.7                                  | 0.7                                  | 1.4                                  |
| iso-C <sub>15:0</sub>                                             | 23.2                                 | 13.3                                 | 21.5                                 | 16.9                                 |
| iso-C <sub>15:0</sub>                                             | 1.2                                  | -                                    | -                                    | -                                    |
| anteiso-C <sub>15:0</sub>                                         | 39.7                                 | 23.5                                 | 37.4                                 | 30.5                                 |
| C <sub>16:0</sub> 2 OH                                            | 2.2                                  | 5.9                                  | 7.9                                  | 8.2                                  |
| iso-C <sub>16:0</sub>                                             | 4.2                                  | 3.8                                  | 4.4                                  | 3.6                                  |
| C <sub>16:0</sub>                                                 | 4.4                                  | 10.3                                 | 3.6                                  | 6.8                                  |
| iso-C <sub>17:0</sub>                                             | 5.6                                  | 3.9                                  | 5.6                                  | 4.5                                  |
| anteiso-C <sub>17:0</sub>                                         | 9.2                                  | 11.5                                 | 8.3                                  | 7.2                                  |
| C <sub>18:0</sub>                                                 | 0.4                                  | -                                    | 0.7                                  | 1.6                                  |
| C <sub>19:0</sub>                                                 | -                                    | 6.5                                  | 0.8                                  | 2.9                                  |
| <b>Unsaturated fatty acids</b>                                    |                                      |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| C <sub>18:3</sub> ω6C (6,9,12)                                    | 1.0                                  | 6.3                                  | 3.1                                  | 4.8                                  |
| C <sub>18:1</sub> ω9C                                             | 1.0                                  | 2.9                                  | 1.0                                  | 3.9                                  |
| Sum In Feature 4 (C <sub>17:1</sub> iso I/anteiso B)              | -                                    | 4.9                                  | 0.7                                  | 2.9                                  |
| Sum In Feature 5 (C <sub>18:0</sub> ante/C <sub>18:2</sub> ω6,9C) | -                                    | 1.7                                  | -                                    | 2.4                                  |
| Sum In Feature 8 (C <sub>18:1</sub> ω7C/ C <sub>18:1</sub> ω6C)   | 1.7                                  | -                                    | 1.7                                  | 0.5                                  |

**Table 11. Fatty acid composition of spores of WT and *ΔsqhC* mutant *B. subtilis***

*Total fatty acid content of spores of B. subtilis PY79 and its ΔsqhC mutant B. subtilis TB10. The spores were produced with (treated) and without (control) 0.005% (v/v) H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatment to the cells at OD<sub>600</sub> = 0.5 nm.*

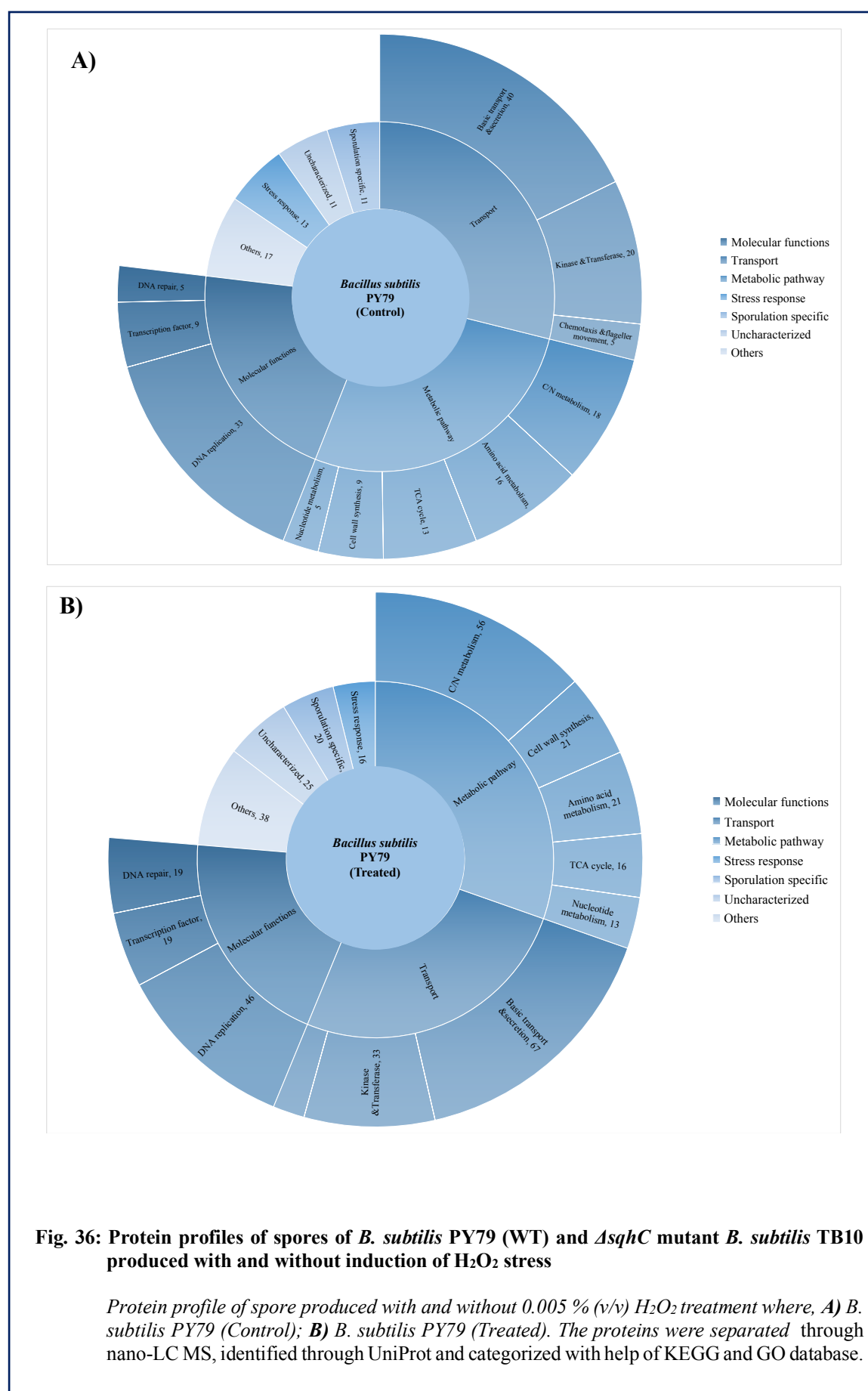
For  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant spores, branched chain fatty acid content was found to be higher and straight chain fatty acid content to be relatively lower. Interestingly, this increase in branched chain was amongst saturated fatty acids. Altogether, the  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant spores produced with  $H_2O_2$  stress appeared to have higher percentages of saturated and *iso* fatty acids. Whereas, lower percentage of unsaturated, *anteiso* and unsaturated branched chain fatty acids was recorded for sporulene mutant spores produced under  $H_2O_2$  toxicity (Fig. 35, Table 11).





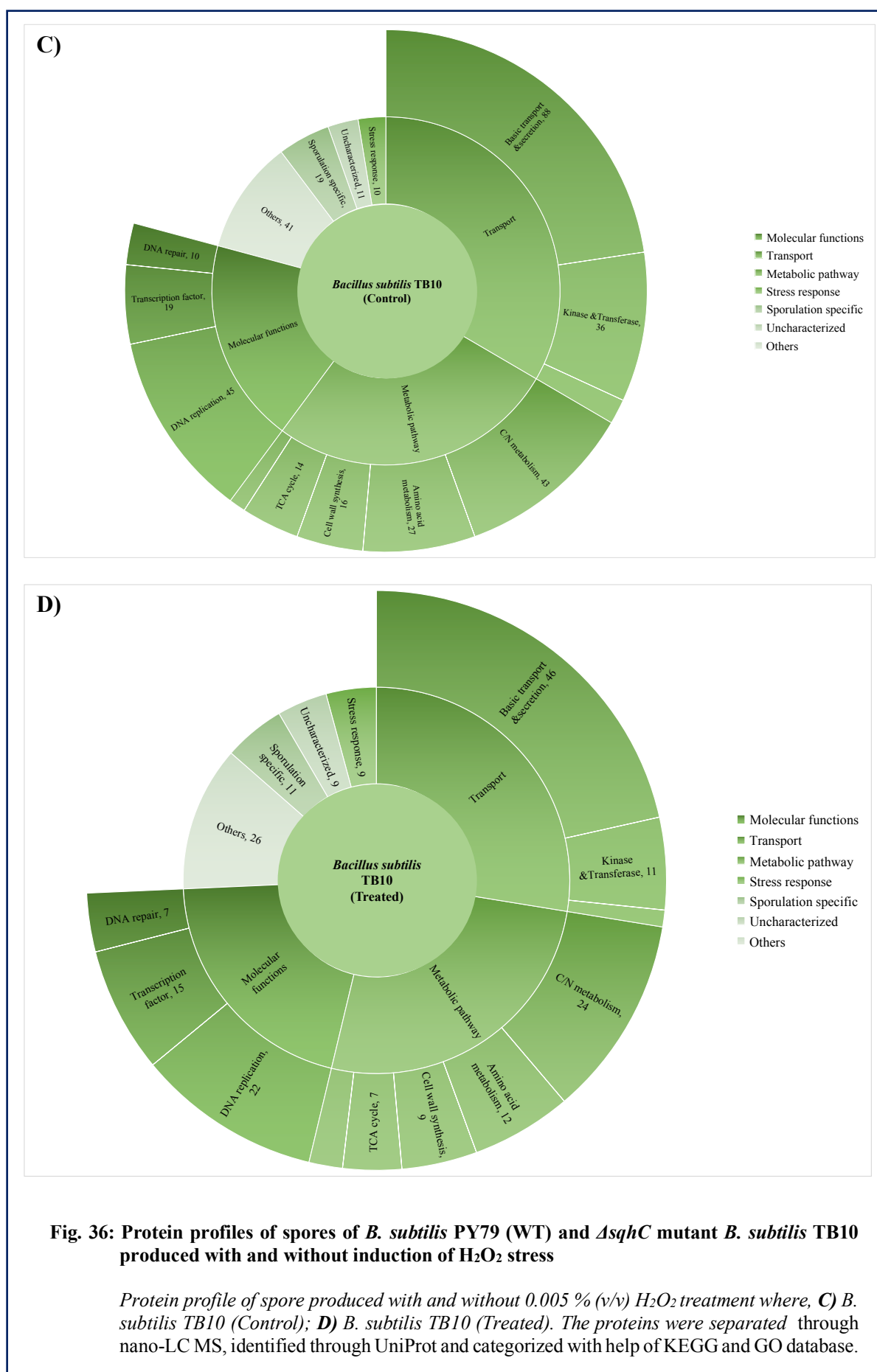
### 3.4.5 Protein profiling of spores

The gene ontology database (GO) (<http://geneontology.org>) was used to classify the proteins isolated from the spores of treated and untreated WT and *ΔsqhC* mutant *B. subtilis*, while the KEGG database (<https://www.genome.jp>) was used to determine the subcategories (Table S1, A, B, C, D). Seven major categories were identified for spore proteins viz., molecular function, metabolic pathway, transport, stress response, sporulation specific, uncharacterised proteins and others. These were further subcategorised as DNA repair, DNA replication, transcription factors, basic transport and secretion system, chemotaxis and flagellar movement, kinases and transferases, C/N metabolism, amino acid metabolism, nucleotide metabolism, TCA cycle and cell wall synthesis (Fig. 36 A, B, C, D). Each of the four sets had varying protein profiles. According to our study, when we compared the sporulation-specific proteins of all four samples, unlikely to FAME profiles, the protein profile of spore formed under oxidative stress did not show any significant alterations. Nevertheless, the presence of a few unique proteins only in *ΔsqhC* mutant spore produced under H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatment cannot be neglected. Sporulation killing factor (SkfC), germination factors KB (GerKB), YlaJ and YhnC; morphogenetic proteins SafK and GroEL which were known for their auxiliary role in sporulation, spore germination and spore morphogenesis respectively, under stress condition (Allenby et al. 2006, Bagyan et al. 1998, Johnson and Moir. 2017, Lin and Rye et al. 2006, Ozin et al. 2001, Ross and Abel-Santos 2010, Zheng et al. 2016) were found in mutant spores produced on peroxide treatment.



**Fig. 36: Protein profiles of spores of *B. subtilis* PY79 (WT) and *ΔsqhC* mutant *B. subtilis* TB10 produced with and without induction of  $H_2O_2$  stress**

Protein profile of spore produced with and without 0.005 % (v/v)  $H_2O_2$  treatment where, **A)** *B. subtilis* PY79 (Control); **B)** *B. subtilis* PY79 (Treated). The proteins were separated through nano-LC MS, identified through UniProt and categorized with help of KEGG and GO database.



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# *Discussion*

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## 4. DISCUSSION

One of the most basic questions in microbiology is how bacteria deal with unfavorable conditions and the approaches they use to remain alive under adverse circumstances. Bacterial populations expand exponentially in an ideal environment where substrates and nutrients are readily accessible and metabolic waste products are continuously eliminated. Unraveling cellular activities during this stage of bacterial life has long been the focus of research groups in classical microbial physiology (Forchhammer 2021). However, in the majority of natural habitats, bacteria are exposed to unfavorable conditions that limit their development or put their viability in jeopardy. In abiotic situations, bacterial viability may be threatened by harmful substances, severe nutrient deficiencies, toxic compound accumulation or adverse physiochemical environment settings (Haruta and Kanno 2015). Additionally, the nearby species pose a threat to bacterial survival by acting as predators or competition for nutrients and niche. These selection pressures have been present throughout the whole evolutionary process of bacteria. As a result, they developed sophisticated coping mechanisms to deal with these difficulties. These mechanisms include, biofilm formation (Fazeli-Nsab et al. 2022), VBNC state (Ramamurthy et al. 2014), cyst and endospore formation (Haruta and Kanno 2015, Tan and Ramamurthi 2014). Apart from this, cellular membranes with unique components and associated cell envelope stress responses also support bacterial cell against various stresses and ensure their survival under unfavorable conditions (Willdigg and Helmann 2021).

Cellular membranes are predominantly made up of proteins and lipids and are of great significance for maintaining cell growth and integrity. Hopanoids, are triterpenoid lipids which act as sterol surrogate in bacterial cell membrane (Lodha et al. 2015). Recent advancements in lipid identification and quantification have aided our understanding of

hopanoid production in variety of genetically tractable hopanoid producing bacteria. However, with all the extensive research on hopanoids of different bacterial groups (Belin et al. 2018, Lodha et al. 2015, Rohmer 1984, Sáenz et al. 2015) there are very few studies available on hopanoids of *Planctomycetota* member (Damsté et al. 2004, Kharbush et al. 2018, Rivas-Marin et al. 2019), leaving a lot to explore. Thus, the present study tries to add to the existing hopanoid diversity of *Planctomycetota* members with a curiosity to identify unidentified hopanoids associated with this group of bacteria.

Similarly, sporulenes are triterpenoid lipids discovered from the endospores of *B. subtilis*, they resemble hopanoids and said to have protective role against oxidative stress (Bosak et al. 2008). Unlike hopanoids the studies on distribution and function of sporulenes are limited, offering rich opportunity of discovery in this area. Research available till date, revealed association of sporulenes only with the varying strains of *B. subtilis* (Bosak et al. 2008, Sato et al. 2013, Takigawa et al. 2010). Therefore, we started the present study with *in silico* analysis of the class *Bacilli* members for sporulene biosynthesis pathway genes. Further, working with *B. subtilis* PY79 (WT) and its *AsqhC* mutant *B. subtilis* TB10, we observed that the vegetative cells as well as spores of the sporulene mutant *B. subtilis* were more sensitive to different stress conditions especially to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> as compare to WT. Based on spore cultivability, microscopic observations, spore molecular composition and molecular analysis, the present study provides additional findings on sporulenes as one of the strategy used by *Bacillus* sp. to defray the toxicity of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and gives better characterization of protective activity of sporulenes.

#### **4.1 Hopanoid diversity of the *Planctomycetota* isolates**

##### **4.1.1 Ground for the selection of *Planctomycetota* members under this study**

*Planctomycetota* members have long been under-studied in the field of microbial taxonomy and systematics when compared to other well studied bacteria. Currently the area

is beeming with novel discoveries of the phylum *Planctomycetota* members holding interesting biological characteristics (Wiegand et al. 2020). Therefore, we considered that exploring *Planctomycetota* members for characterization and understanding of unconventional hopanoids could be an interesting approach for spotting innovation in the field of hopanoid diversity. Most of the members of the phylum *Planctomycetota* are associated with the aquatic habitats (marine or fresh water) (Wagner and Horn 2006). Bacteria featuring in low O<sub>2</sub> conditions are major hopanoid contributors in marine sediments (Kharbush et al. 2016). There are instances where, less studied anammox bacteria of phylum *Planctomycetota* which are strictly anaerobic were reported to produce hopanoids (van Niftrik and Jetten 2012). Therefore, the present study attempted to understand the hopanoid diversity of the *Planctomycetota* members isolated from sediments of Chilika lagoon (marine water) and rhizospheric soil of Loktak lake (fresh water), a unique habitat (Lhingjakim et al. 2022).

#### **4.1.2 Leads on genetic capacity of *Planctomycetota* isolates to synthesize hopanoids and sporulenes**

Hopanoids are widely distributed among many bacteria and are considered as taxonomic biomarkers (Ourisson and Albrecht 1992). In order to investigate the chemotaxonomic significance of hopanoids in *Planctomycetota* members, their genomes were mined for genes encoding putative proteins of hopanoid biosynthesis pathway. Screening the genomes of five lab isolates of *Planctomycetota* members had revealed that all the screened organisms possess the genetic capacity to synthesize hopanoids and its derivatives (Table 6 and table 7). *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> and *G. chilikensis* JC646<sup>T</sup> represented the complete hopanoid biosynthesis machinery in them indicating their potential to synthesize most of the commonly known hopanoids and derivatives (Lodha et al. 2015, Rhomer et al. 1984). Aside from the genes involved in hopanoid production, some

of the genes are involved in hopanoid regulation or shipment of hopanoids to the right location. One such gene *hpnN*, encoding a RND-like transporter involved in the localization of hopanoids to the outer membrane (Doughty et al. 2011) could not be identified from the genomes of *Planctomycetota* strains under this study. However, other three member viz, *R. sediminicola* JC651<sup>T</sup>, “*R. lacunae* JC635<sup>T</sup>” and “*R. nitratreducens*” JC645<sup>T</sup> shared similar hopanoid biosynthesis machinery where, only the genes required for synthesis of basic hopanoid skeleton were present (Table 7) (Lodha et al. 2015).

Our results based on genome mining for hopanoid biosynthesis pathway (Table 6 and Table 7) suggested that, variation in the hopanoid biosynthesis machinery of the *Planctomycetota* members could be related with their phylogenetic affiliation. The *Planctomycetota* members belonging to different genus may harbour different hopanoid biosynthesis assembly. Except for the *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> all the other strains were isolated from same geographical location which were sourced from sediments of Chilika lagoon (Table 6) but we could not deduce any significant correlation between source of isolation and the hopanoids associated. Thus the association of hopanoids to *Planctomycetota* members appear to be organism specific rather than niche specific however a genome screening data, based on a larger sample size would yield better information in this aspect. Unlike hopanoids, the sporulene biosynthesis machinery was not identified in *Planctomycetota* members. Till date, sporulenes were discovered only from the spore forming *B. subtilis* strains (Bosak et al. 2008, Kontnik et al. 2008) while, there were no reports of spore forming members among the phylum *Planctomycetota*, the absence of spore formers hints towards the absence of sporulenes in phylum *Planctomycetota* members.



#### 4.1.3 Diversity of squalene hopene cyclases (SHCs)

In the process of extraction of genes encoding for SHCs from *Planctomycetota* genomes, multiple copies of the genes encoding for SHC protein were recorded amongst the mined *Planctomycetota* isolates. Similar was observed in case of squalene-hopene cyclase (*shc*) gene in  $\delta$ -Proteobacteria, which inevitably harbour two copies of the *shc* gene per genome, each of which is said to have distinct phylogenetic origin (Pearson et al. 2007). Whereas, majority of the hopanoid producing taxa (other than *Planctomycetota* members) only have one copy of *shc* (Pearson et al. 2009).

The genes encoding for SHCs exhibit majorly a vertical pattern of inheritance and rare lateral gene transfer (LGT), thus the phylogenetic trees based on this cyclase are mostly identical to trees based on 16S rRNA genes sequences (Frickey and Kannenberg, 2009; Pearson et al. 2007) defining their evolutionary relatedness. In the present study, three distinct clades formed by three bacterial groups viz., well studied hopanoid producing members, *Planctomycetota* isolates and genus *Bacillus* member (Fig. 9) indicated phylogenetic variation of these groups of bacteria (based on SHC sequences) in context of hopanogenesis. Interestingly, SHC of *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> grouped with the clade formed by known hopanoid producing bacteria, in accordance to a study on the environmental distribution of hopanoid biosynthetic genes which stated that the *shc* genes in *Planctomycetes* are diverse in nature (Pearson et al. 2009). However, the existence of the *shc* gene in a specific species is invariably associated with the identification of hopanoids in that species (Härtner et al. 2005, Perzl et al. 1998, Rohmer et al. 1984). It hinted about the definite hopanogenesis in *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> that was further investigated from its endometabolome.

In the resulted phylogenetic tree (NJ), the probable SHCs of genus *Bacillus* members formed a separate clade (Fig. 9). As studied by Bosak et al. (2008), the putative

squalene hopene cyclase of *B. subtilis* shared 90 % of its amino acid (AA) sequence with the SHCs from a few other *Bacillus* species, none of which were known for synthesizing hopanoids, however it only shared 30-50 % AA identity with many closely related SHCs associated to hopanoid-producing bacteria. It led to the interpretation that, putative SHCs of the genus *Bacillus* members were not similar to hopanoid producing SHCs but it is a distinct cyclase called sporulenol synthase (SqhC), a key enzyme involved in the formation of sporulenes which is a similar triterpenoid of hopanoids (Kontnik et al. 2008) and thus the separate clade. Unlike to these *Bacillus* sp., *A. acidocaldarius* DSM 446<sup>T</sup> being a hopanoid producing *Bacillus*, cladded along with hopanoid producing members (Poralla et al. 1984, Siedenburg and Jendrosseck 2011).

#### 4.1.4 Cataloging of hopanoids of *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup>

The ability to produce hopanoids appeared to be an uncommon physiological characteristic among rare bacterial taxa, occurring less frequently than previous research revealed (Rohmer et al. 1984). Till date, members of *Planctomycetota* were associated with the synthesis of diploptene, diplopterol, bacteriohopanetetrol and composite-BHPs. The synthesis of C<sub>27</sub> hopanoid ketone is unique characteristics of *Planctomycetota* members which can be used as a biomarker (Damsté et al. 2004) although how it is synthesised is still unknown. In this study, the *Planctomycetota* isolate *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> was observed to operates a non-canonical hopanoid biosynthesis pathway (Fig. 10) with synthesis of a few unique hopanoids. Along with the previously reported hopanoids (Damsté et al. 2004) it produced two unusual pentacyclic triterpenoids of hopane series as hop-2-ene and 28-Nor-17a(H)-hopane (Table 8). Hop-21-ene is unlikely to be found in bacterial hydrocarbon fractions analysed by GC-MS on a column injector at low temperature, making it a peculiar characteristic of *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup>. It is most likely to be derived from the dehydration of diplopterol and/or the isomerization of

diploptene (Pale-Grosdemange et al. 1998). Whereas, 28-Nor-17a(H)-hopane is a structure which could not be directly derived from squalene by cyclase activity thus we suspect the presence of intermediated hopane compounds and enzymes in the rout of synthesis, which remained unidentified in this study. 28-Nor-17a(H)-hopane is a hopanoid resembling geohopanoids which generally occur in C<sub>31</sub> 17a, 21b(H) configurations (French et al. 2012) and known for their thermostable nature (Peters and Moldowan1991). Thus the association of hop-21-ene and 28-Nor-17a(H)-hopane could be considered as special characteristic of *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup>, as these two hopanoid compounds are not common to the bacterial hopanoids (biohopanoids). In addition, few hopanoid like fragmentation patterns were observed (Table 8) in the mass spectra of *P. rhizosphaerae* JC665<sup>T</sup> endo-metabolome, suggesting the possibility of some more hopanoids which remained unidentified; mostly due to their non-availability in the hopanoid library.

## **4.2 Isolation and cataloguing of potential sporulene producing *Bacillus* sp. and insights into sporulenes of *Bacillus subtilis* JC1005**

### **4.2.1 Rationale for selection of sample, source and enrichment medium**

Phylum *Bacillota* members are known for their spore forming ability under adverse environmental conditions (Tan and Ramamurthi 2014). Mostly, members of the genus *Bacillus* were believed to reside in soil, but studies have shown that the soil may only serve as a reservoir for spores of *Bacillus* sp. (Hong et al. 2009). Due to their expansive physiology and spore forming abilities, *Bacillus* sp. have been able to colonise practically in all natural habitats like soil, sediments, air, water, lake and fodder as well as harsh environments including hot springs, salt marshes, thermal acid waters and sub-Antarctic soils (Claus and Berkeley 1986, Gardener 2004, Nicholson 2002). Considering the spore forming ability of the genus *Bacillus* members and their survival ability even in harsh environments, the samples used for isolation of *Bacillus* sp. were sourced from water

starved soil, dry sand, hot spring water, sediments and sponges. *Bacillus* sp. being Gram-stain-positive bacteria, the enrichment medium used for isolations were supplemented with 0.01 % sodium azide to inhibit the growth of Gram-stain-negative bacteria and 0.01 % cycloheximide as an antifungal agent (Dal Pizzol et al. 2021, Snyder and Lichstein 1940) followed by pasteurization treatment which helped in selective isolation of spore forming *Bacillus* sp.

#### 4.2.2 *Bacillus* sp. cultured in laboratory and association with sporulene biosynthesis

Most of the *Bacillus* strains isolated in the laboratory showed 100 % sequence identity with previously reported *Bacillus* sp. (Table 9) representing the extensive studies available on *Bacillus* members (Cihan et al. 2012). Six of the fifteen *Bacillus* strains isolated, shared closest 16S rRNA gene sequence identity with *B. tequilensis* KCTC 13622<sup>T</sup>. Interestingly all these strains were isolated from various geographical locations of Tamil Nadu suggesting that, the niches and associated sources of the said region harbor rich diversity of *B. tequilensis*, a close phylogenetic neighbor of *B. subtilis*. Whereas *Bacillus* strain JC1013, based on its 98.7 % 16S rRNA gene identity to *M. selenatarsenatis* SF-1<sup>T</sup>, it was proposed as novel strain of genus *Mesobacillus* i.e *M. aurantius* JC1013<sup>T</sup> with characteristic features of high salt tolerance (7 %) and production of carotenoid like orange pigment (Rai et al. 2020). The genome mining results (Table 9) indicated that, all the phylogenetically closest strains of lab-isolates of genus *Bacillus* members invariably possess the potential sporulene biosynthesis pathway stating that these strains are possible sporulene producers. Apart from these *Bacillus* strains, two novel bacterial isolates i.e *C. candidae* JC507<sup>T</sup> and *P. aeridis* JC501<sup>T</sup>, screened for sporulene biosynthesis pathway genes didn't show the association of pathway with them (Indu et al. 2020, Rai et al. 2020) suggesting that synthesis of sporulene is not a common phenomenon but is associated with specific group of bacteria especially spore producers as previously reported by Bosak et al.

(2008). Although some of the phylum *Bacillota* members were reported to harbor few genes involved in the synthesis of hopanoids (Hippchen et al. 1981, Poralla et al. 1984) we could not identify association of these genes with the *Bacillus* genomes screened under this study.

#### 4.2.3 Diversity of sporulenol synthase (SqhC's)

The phylogenetic relatedness of hopanoid and sporulene producing bacteria was studied with a neighbor joining tree (NJ) (Fig. 13) constructed based on SqhC's of probable sporulene producing *Bacillus* members and SHC's of hopanoid producing members. Although, HHpred an advanced protein structure prediction method (Söding et al. 2005) grouped SqhC with SHC (Bosak et al. 2008); two major clades of bacteria, formed based on differences of SqhC and SHC amino acid sequence, proclaimed them as two separate cyclase. A strong electrophilic motif rich in aspartic acid (DXDD motif) is particularly preserved in the SqhC from *B. subtilis* (Wendt et al. 1997). However, cyclization of hopanoid rings involves the activity of phenylalanine F601 (Merkofer et al. 1999, Wendt et al. 1997) and F605 residues which forms a part of SHC's (Fischer and Pearson 2007) but not of SqhC's. Therefore, the two cyclase can be considered as highly similar but not identical as they involve in two distinct reactions, catalyzed by different groups of bacteria as previously suggested by Bosak et al. (2008). This justified the two separated clades formed by *Bacillus* members and hopanoid producing bacteria in the NJ tree (Fig. 13). Further considering the previous studies on sporulenes (Bosak et al. 2008, Kontnik et al. 2008), majorly in *B. subtilis* PY79 and close phylogeny of *B. subtilis* JC1005 with it (Fig. 13), the screening for sporulenes at genotypic and phenotypic level was started with *B. subtilis* JC1005.

#### 4.2.4 Genomic and phenotypic insight into sporulenes of *B. subtilis* JC1005

As per 16S rRNA gene and whole genome sequence identities, strain JC1005 was identified as *B. subtilis*. In accordance with the phylogenetic relatedness of *B. subtilis* PY79 and *B. subtilis* JC1005 (Fig. 13) the genome comparison indicated high similarity between both the strains (Fig. 16). Parallely, the genome annotation and genome mining of *B. subtilis* JC1005 revealed the presence of complete genetic machinery of sporulene biosynthesis (Fig. 14 and Fig. 15) similar to *B. subtilis* PY79 (Takigawa et al. 2010). Since, all the genes encoding for putative proteins of sporulene biosynthesis were present in *B. subtilis* JC1005 genome, we presumed that the bacterium must be producing sporulenes which were screened from the lipid extract of isolated spores of *B. subtilis* JC1005. As anticipated from the genomic information, the GC-MS analysis of partially purified lipid extract showed MS fragmentation similar to featured characteristics exhibited by tetracyclic scalarane of sporulenes (Fig. 19) (Kontnik et al. 2008). The molecular ion peak at  $m/z$  474 represented a common molecular mass of 474 possessed by all three types of sporulenes (A, B and C) indicative of molecular formula  $C_{35}H_{54}$ . However, other significant fractions observed were indicative of probable aromatic side chain moiety in the structure of sporulenes (Kontnik et al. 2008). Overall results suggested that the presence of complete sporulene biosynthetic pathway in an organism (at genomic level) is associated with the presence of sporulenes at phenotypic level.

Microscopic observations of spore revealed that, the lysozyme treatment and detergent washes used to obtain clean spore preparation essentially lysed and eliminated the vegetative cells and isolated spores exhibited autofluorescence (Fig. 17). However, as per the previous studies, this autofluorescence property observed in *B. subtilis* spores is a common phenomenon observed due to many factor such as, nicotinamide adenine

dinucleotide (NADH), riboflavin content, few amino acids, flavin compounds and other carotenoid like pigments (Laflamme et al. 2004, Müllerová et al. 2022).

### **4.3 Genetic potential of sporulene biosynthesis amongst the class *Bacilli* members**

Well-established classical techniques are employed to extract and identify wide range of secondary metabolites, produced by bacteria. The increased bacterial discoveries and upscale conventional techniques used for *in vitro* analysis of bacterial metabolites, made it challenging and time-consuming process (Baltz 2019, Chen et al. 2019). Therefore, classical methods were replaced with more cost-effective and rapid *in silico* methods of gathering such information; as a result, the identification of novel biosynthetic pathways today mainly relies on genome sequencing and microbial genome mining for unexplored biosynthetic gene clusters (BGCs) (Tracanna et al. 2017).

An organism is considered to become more complex during the process of evolution, however it has been observed that it often grows and survives by simplifying its scheduled life and reducing the complexity with new adaptations (Wolf and Koonin 2013). The strategies of this evolutionary adaptation include loss or gain of the pathway or related genes once they are no farther required because of access to the resulting compound from an external resource (Browne et al. 2021, Fani and Fondi 2009). Otherwise, in response to environmental stress, the organism prefers to establish new metabolic cascades (Copley et al. 2000, Wang et al. 2019). Sporulenes, have been reported to attribute to one such response mechanism of *B. subtilis* endospore towards oxidative stress (Checinska et al. 2012, Bosak et al. 2008). Thus, keeping in mind the recent bioinformatic advances for identifying new metabolites, novelty of sporulene molecule and its understudied distribution in the domain bacteria, we tried to understand the potential of class *Bacilli* member to synthesis sporulenes with the help of genome mining study.

#### 4.3.1 Why class *Bacilli*?

Spore formation is a distinctive characteristic of the members of the phylum *Bacillota* (Galperin 2016). However, the phylum *Bacillota* includes both sporogenic and asporogenic members (Onyenwoke et al. 2004), where most of the spore-forming members belong to class *Bacilli* (Gopal et al. 2015). Keeping in mind, the association of sporulenes with bacterial endospore (Kontnik et al. 2008), here we postulated that this pathway is more likely to be associated to the class *Bacilli* members and accordingly the study was conducted to understand the theoretical distribution of sporulene biosynthesis pathway amongst the class *Bacilli* members.

#### 4.3.2 Genome based diversity and abundance of sporulene biosynthesis pathway genes

Genome mining study (Table 10) revealed that, the two components (*hepS* and *hepT*) of the first enzyme heptaprenyl diphosphate synthase were consistently present in most of the screened members of the order *Caryophanales*, the family *Enterococcaceae* and *Streptococcaceae* irrespective of the presence or absence of other enzymes involved in the biosynthesis of sporulenes (Fig. 21). The two components of heptaprenyl diphosphate synthase constitute a composite enzyme that brings about the condensation of IPP and FPP into heptaprenyl diphosphate (Sato et al. 2013, Takigawa et al. 2010). Apart from sporulene biosynthesis, heptaprenyl diphosphate can be channelized into other metabolic pathways which includes terpenoid backbone biosynthesis and biosynthesis of secondary metabolites (Davis and Croteau 2000). Here, we speculate that the organisms with only *hepS* and *hepT* genes and no other genes encoding for putative proteins of sporulene biosynthesis, must be channelizing this enzyme components in other terpenoid biosynthesis pathways. The terpenoid cyclase enzyme, although not evenly distributed amongst the class *Bacilli* members, it was consistent amongst the family *Bacillaceae* and highly conserved amongst the genus *Bacillus* members indicating its commitment to sporulene synthesis with the



family *Bacillaceae* and the genus *Bacillus* members (Smita et al. 2023). It appeared that, unlike members of the order *Caryophanales*, none of the order *Lactobacillales* members were identified with all the sporulene biosynthesis genes in them (Fig. 20), which could be corelated with the non-spore-forming nature of the order *Lactobacillales* members (Galperin 2016). Previously, it was hypothesised that the property of spore formation could be eliminated several times in different lineages of the phylum *Bacillota*, in order to adapt to life in nutrient-rich conditions (Bate et al. 2014, Hutchison et al. 2014, Onyenwoke et al. 2004). Apparently, the loss of spore forming property in the *Lactobacillales* members resulted in the loss of sporulene biosynthesis phenomenon. Whereas, the order *Caryophanales* members of the family *Bacillaceae*, *Caryophanaceae*, *Paenibacillaceae* and *Sporolactobacillaceae* harboring all the pathway proteins could be linked with the sporulating nature of these members (Galperin 2016, Smita et al. 2023). It strikes as, the capacity to endure challenging environmental conditions by endospores having sporulenes is conditional and such conditions remain unexplored.

#### **4.3.3 Conserved nature of sporulene pathway genes and possible functional-interactions**

The highly conserved nature of tetraprenyl- $\beta$ -curcumene synthase enzyme (YtpB protein) as observed through multiple sequence alignment (Fig. 23) suggested that, likely to the key enzyme sporulenol synthase (SqhC), the protein YtpB can also act as highlighting characteristic of bacterial members having sporulene biosynthesis capacity. Whereas, amino acid variability of the enzymes HepS, HepT and SqhC indicated their dynamic nature and possible involvement in wide variety of functions (Davis and Croteau 2000; for SqhC refer section 4.1.3 and 4.2.3). Also, not so conserved nature of these proteins amongst family *Bacillaceae* members, hinted towards uncertainty of some members of the family to contribute to sporulene synthesis. On the other side, gene

arrangements through SyntTax accessed all the completely sequenced prokaryotic genomes, of which class *Bacilli* members (includes family *Bacillaceae* and the genus *Bacillus*) were used to analyze synteny of genes involved in sporulene biosynthesis. Besides the conserved nature of YtpB protein, the alike orthology of all the sporulene pathway genes were exclusive and endemic to the genus *Bacillus* members.

The conserved gene order and co-occurrence of sporulene biosynthetic gene cluster amongst the genus *Bacillus* members (Fig. 22 and Fig. 24) was in accordance with the proposed functional interaction between genes (Bosak et al. 2008, Oberto 2013). Synteny amongst the genus *Bacillus* members unraveled that genes *sqhC* and *sodF* were located together (Fig. 22D) as also observed in a two-operon system of *B. subtilis* (Bosak et al. 2008). Generally, the genes situated in same operon are functionally related or share common function and the gene expression occurs hand-in-hand for such genes (Mihelčić et al. 2019). Protein product of *sodF* gene dissect the superoxide into hydrogen peroxide and oxygen (McCord and Fridovich 1969) thus plays a part in oxidative stress related system. The first hint about the proposed role of sporulene in alleviating oxidative stress, thus came from role of superoxide dismutase (*sodF*) situated after *sqhC* gene (Bosak et al. 2008). Further, the STRING network (Fig. 25) has validated the functional interaction of these genes based on co-occurrence (Szklarczyk et al. 2023), co-expression (van Dam et al. 2018, Anand et al. 2016) and literature mining confirming their involvement in sporulene biosynthesis.

Overall, *in-silico* analysis of genomes stated that, sporulenes are not prevalent to diverse bacterial taxa but are associated only with the spore forming members. In conclusion, this study provides an unclouded picture of the conserved and endemic nature of the sporulene biosynthesis among members of the genus *Bacillus*; nevertheless, experimental validation is required to substantiate the computer-based analysis. The

conserved nature and unequivocal distribution of pathway genes within the genus *Bacillus* members advocate that sporulenes can form a core property of the genus *Bacillus*. However, *in vitro* screening for these C<sub>35</sub> triterpenoids in endospore of the genus *Bacillus* members might give improved idea, if sporulenes can be endorsed as a signature molecule for the genus *Bacillus*.

#### **4.4 Insights into peroxide toxicity: sporulenes aids in resistance of endospore of *B. subtilis* to hydrogen peroxide**

Hydrogen peroxide based products are being utilised more frequently in a variety of environmental applications, including water treatment, as well as in the medical, food, and industrial sectors (Alcalá--Delgado et al. 2018, Jia et al. 2022, Lin et al. 2018, Mamaye et al. 2022, McEvoy and Rowan 2019, Zhao et al. 2021). On the other hand, a huge amount of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is being produced as a consequence of photoactivation of hazardous polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), UV filters in cosmetic waste, chromophoric and non-chromophoric dissolved organic matter (CDOM), creating a serious threat to microbial communities (Clark et al. 2009, Lesser 2006, Pelletier et al. 2006, Sánchez-Quiles and Tovar-Sánchez 2014). The ecological risks posed by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> as to how it affects fish, macroinvertebrates, zooplankton and animals was well documented (Burson et al. 2014, Matthijs et al. 2012, Reichwaldt et al. 2012). However, the influence of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> toxicity on microbial ecology and responses of microorganisms to it are less understood (Glaeser et al. 2014, Lin et al. 2018). One of the most common mechanism of such a stress response possessed by microorganisms is formation of spores (Brun and Shimkets 2000). In general, bacterial cells are more vulnerable to cytotoxicity induced by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (Boateng et al. 2011). Contrary to vegetative cells, bacterial spores can withstand considerable number of stress factors like moist and dry heat, toxic chemicals, UV as well as gamma radiation and oxidising agents (Chen et al. 2006, Nicholson et al. 2000). Though, majority of the spores

are killed with the use of appropriate concentration of  $H_2O_2$ , many spores remain tolerant and viable (Linley et al. 2012, Murdoch et al. 2016). The mechanism of such resistance possessed by the bacterial endospores is less understood. The present study addresses this question, majorly focusing on sporulenes as these are unique to the bacterial endospores. In this study, two strains of *B. subtilis* (strain PY79 [WT] and strain TB10 [sporulene deficient mutant/ $\Delta sqhC$  mutant]) were used to understand the interplay between sporulenes and  $H_2O_2$  resistance of endospores. Our results based on spore cultivability, microscopic observations, spore macromolecular composition and molecular analysis suggests that the toxic effects of  $H_2O_2$  can be more profound to sporulene deficient spores, as sporulenes bolsters the inner membrane of the spores thereby protecting it from peroxide toxicity.

#### **4.4.1 Altered cellular responses of $\Delta sqhC$ mutant *B. subtilis* under stress**

Majority of the studies till date have claimed that sporulenes were exclusively present in endospore and have a possible role in alleviating the oxidative stress (Bosak et al. 2008, Kontnik et al. 2008). However, this study speculated the association of sporulenes with vegetative cells of *B. subtilis*. Here the affected growth of  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant under  $H_2O_2$  stress (Fig. 28B), led to the speculation that, the induction of sporulene synthesis due to  $H_2O_2$  stress could be helping WT cells to sustain better growth unlike  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant *B. subtilis*. This observation was further supported by real time analysis, which indicated the activation and upregulation of sporulene biosynthesis pathway genes on encounter with  $H_2O_2$  in WT *B. subtilis* PY79 (Fig. 29C). Therefore, in addition to the previous reports of synthesis of sporulenes at the onset of sporulation due to activation of  $\sigma^E$  (Bosak et al. 2008, Eichenberger et al. 2003); our growth analysis and expression studies suggested that synthesis of sporulenes could also happen in exponentially growing cells as a consequence of oxidative stress induction. Although, how this induction actually occurs and what are the factors involved remains unknown. Overall, the cellular responses from the present

study were in accordance with the previous research on C<sub>35</sub> terpenes from *B. subtilis* KSM6-10 (Takigawa et al. 2010), which suggested the association of sporulenes with both vegetative cells and spores. These findings suggested that, though not an obligate requirement but sporulenes might be important to vegetative cells in order to sustain normal cellular growth under H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> stress. Whereas, it seemed that the other stressors (ethanol and butanol) and used concentrations were gentle enough, and did not cause any substantial change in the growth pattern of both WT and  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant *B. subtilis* (Fig. 27, A, B).

#### **4.4.2 Increased sensitivity of sporulene deficient spores to various stress conditions**

Assessment of cultivability revealed that, the spores of WT as well as  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant *B. subtilis* were differently sensitive to various stress applied under this study, however in all the stress conditions the cultivability of  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant spore was affected more than WT spores (Fig. 30A, B). As compared to other stress conditions used, spores of both strains were more sensitive to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> stress (Fig. 30A) mostly due to the strong oxidizing activity of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (Checinska et al. 2012). The loss in cultivability of WT spores could be reasoned with the already known factors such as spore enzyme inactivation (Palop et al. 1996, Palop et al. 1998), spore coat degeneration (King and Gould 1969) and unusually low wet density of spore after peroxide treatment (Melly et al. 2002). Moreover higher susceptibility of  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant spores to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> suggested that, in addition to the above listed reasons for loss in cultivability, absence of sporulenes could be considered as one promising reason for the increased loss of cultivability of  $\Delta sqhC$  mutant spores. Further, in order to understand the molecular mechanism of the loss in cultivability of sporulene deficient spore, microscopic analysis were conducted.

#### **4.4.3 Microscopic observations anticipated morphological alteration of *ΔsqhC* mutant spores exposed to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>**

The extraordinary resistance property of spores is accredited to its unique structural components like relatively impermeable inner membrane, spore coat (Driks and Stelow 2000, Nicholson et al. 2000) and the biochemical composition of these components (Checinska et al. 2012). However, our microscopic observations unravelled the physical damage to sporulene deficient spore of *B. subtilis* exposed to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, unlikely to WT *B. subtilis* spores. The surface level and ultrastructural changes observed through SEM and TEM indicated deformed spore structure and possible membrane damage to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treated *ΔsqhC* mutant spores (Fig. 31D and Fig. 32D). It is established that, inner membrane of *B. subtilis* spores remains unaffected after H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> exposure, preventing the leakage of DPA and protecting the spore core encapsulated by membrane (Melly et al. 2002). The intact spore membrane prevents the attack of many sporicidal factors on germination receptors and disallow their entry to the spore core, which in turn preserves the viability of spores (Driks 1999, Driks and Stelow 2000, Paidhungat et al. 2000). Perhaps our microscopic observations anticipated that, in case of sporulene deficient spores the possible damage to inner membrane due to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> toxicity allowed for its easy access to germination receptors on inner membrane resulting in their inactivation (Moir and Smith 1990, Sakae et al. 1995) and rendering the spores incapable of germination thus the loss of cultivability as observed in plate count assay (Fig. 30B). The observed membrane damage was eventually supported by loss of DPA from spore core.

#### **4.4.4 H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> toxicity resulted in leaky membrane of spores of *ΔsqhC* mutant *B. subtilis***

The DPA quantification explained that, spores of WT *B. subtilis* had slightly higher DPA content than spores of *ΔsqhC* mutant (Fig. 33, A, B). According to our experimental

strategy and microscopic observations, there was no variations in weight and size of spores that could have been a contributing factor for difference in DPA content (Fichtel et al. 2007). Thus, this slight disparity in DPA content might be attributed to the difference in spore volumes (Kort et al. 2005). The germination of WT and *ΔsqhC* mutant spores under control condition suggested no significant difference in the amount of DPA released but slight difference was observed in the amount of DPA retained (Fig. 33, C, D). This difference mostly accounts for the difference in DPA content of WT and *ΔsqhC* as observed in (Fig. 33, A, B). Whereas on germination of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treated *ΔsqhC* mutant spores, a profound decrease in the amount of DPA released and retained was observed contrary to WT spores (Fig. 33, C, D); clearly indicating the untimely loss of DPA which could happen through leaky spore membranes as also suggested by microscopic observations. Given that the amount of DPA released is often proportional to germination rates of spore (Woese and Morowitz 1958), the lowered release of DPA cannot be ignored as one of the factor responsible for affected germination rates and reduced cultivability of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treated *ΔsqhC* mutant spores (Fig. 30B).

The leaky membrane of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treated *ΔsqhC* mutant spores was finally confirmed through PI staining. Being a membrane impermeable dye, PI stains nucleic acid only when membrane is compromised (Mathys et al. 2007, Rao et al. 2016, Reineke et al. 2013); in accordance, all the autoclaved spores were stained with PI (Fig. 34, A-i, A-ii, A-iii) indicative of complete membrane damage of entire spore population. It led to a conclusion that, on account of its severity autoclaving destroyed nearly all the spores by disrupting spore inner membrane (Coleman et al. 2007, Zhang et al. 2007). Whereas, untreated spores of WT and *ΔsqhC* mutant remained unstained (Fig. R34, B-i, B-ii, B-iii; C-i, C-ii, C-iii) most probably due to the inability of PI to percolate through intact membrane (Laflamme

et al. 2004). Negligible uptake of PI was observed for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treated WT spores (Fig. 34, D-i, D-ii, D-iii) contrary to high PI fluorescence of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treated *ΔsqhC* mutant spores (Fig. 34, E-i, E-ii, E-iii), that gave hint of relatively unaffected membrane of WT spores and confirmed the highly compromised permeability barrier of *ΔsqhC* mutant spores due to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> toxicity, albeit not as severely as autoclaved spores.

#### 4.4.5 Pre-exposure of *ΔsqhC* mutant *B. subtilis* to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> led to refurbished spore composition

Maintaining membrane homeostasis is crucial for cell survival thus bacteria rapidly evolved their ability to modify membrane lipids (Zhang and Rock 2008). The sporulene deficient spores were challenged by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> stress, therefore to make up for sporulene deficit and retain membrane strength, *ΔsqhC* mutant *B. subtilis* appeared to have refurbished the fatty acids composition of its spore on pre-exposure to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (Table 11, Fig. 35, A, B). It was evidenced by an increased level of saturated and *iso* fatty acids for tightly stacked and compact membranes (Zang and Rock 2008) and decreased level of *cis*-unsaturated fatty acids which increases the permeability of membrane (Gennis 2013). However, considering the crucial role of proteins in maintaining spore structure (Rabi et al. 2018), the presence of some specific proteins (Fig. 36 A, B, C, D, Table S1 A, B, C,D) known for their auxiliary role in sporulation, spore germination and spore morphogenesis under stress condition (Allenby et al. 2006, Bagyan et al. 1998, Johnson and Moir. 2017, Lin and Rye 2006, Ozin et al. 2001, Ross and Abel-Santos 2010, Zheng et al. 2016) suggested the altered protein composition of *ΔsqhC* mutant *B. subtilis* spores, as a response to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> toxicity.

It is evident from this study that, sporulenes probably insulate the endospore core and protect it from oxidizing agents like H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and thus forms a major driving force in considering it as a critical factor in spore DNA protection. Sporulenes may offer this



protection in two possible ways; first, by forming a defensive barrier by integrating in membrane (of cell or spore) in an arrangement that effectively mimic bacteriohopanetetrol and second, by forming a chemical barricade in the form of O<sub>2</sub> scavengers that could be resulting from oxidation of its cyclohexadiene to a phenyl moiety (Kontnik et al 2008). Thus, apart from the usual factors that help in spore resistance to peroxide toxicity, sporulenes play an explicit role in mitigating the cytotoxic and genotoxic effects of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and gives an extra tier of protection to endospores of *B. subtilis*.

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## *Major findings*

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- The presence of hopanoids (but not sporulenes) among the screened members of the *Planctomycetota* in this study indicates their probable wide distribution among other taxa of this phylum and other phyla.
- A non-canonical hopanoid biosynthetic pathway was discovered among a few *Planctomycetota* members.
- Sporulenes are widely distributed among the members of the genus *Bacillus*.
- *In silico* analysis revealed that, the genes encoding probable proteins (HepS, HepT, YtpB, SqhC) for the biogenesis of sporulenes are restricted to the families (*Bacillaceae*, *Caryophanaceae*, *Paenibacillaceae*, *Sporolactobacillaceae*) of the order *Caryophanales* but not among the *Lactobacillales*.
- The enzyme terpenoid cyclase encoded by gene *ytpB* is highly conserved amongst the members of the genus *Bacillus*; gene *ytpB* is in synteny with *hepS*, *hepT* and *sqhC*.
- Sporulene deficiency results in endospore damage due to the synergistic effect of more than one factor such as:
  - Peroxide induced damage to the inner membrane
  - Loss of DPA through leaky membrane
  - Consequent inactivation of germination receptors
  - Genotoxicity to spore genetic material
- The pre-encounter of sporulene deficient mutant *B. subtilis* with peroxide toxicity led to refurbishing of composition of its spores, as a part of spore defence system.
- Sporulenes form an integral parts of the endospore membrane and add an extra tier of resistance to *Bacillus* endospores thus play an explicit role in mitigating the damages associated with peroxide stress.

- The presence of sporulenes also in the vegetative cells probably indicates their additional role in overcoming stress, particularly from H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> used in this study.

## OUTCOME OF THE STUDY

- In summary, the genome mining study conveys that, sporulenes can be considered as a signature-biomolecules of the genus *Bacillus* owing to its endemic nature; however not all spore producers are sporulene producers.
- Peroxide toxicity is one of the major factors which influences the survivability of vegetative cells and spores, this study for the first time demonstrated extensive evidences that, sporulenes play a pivotal role in the survival of bacterial endospores. Our study provides reference for “sporulenes” as a new found response of *Bacillus* endospores to peroxide toxicity rooted directly from the natural sources, disinfectants or indirectly formed as the consequential product of many other environmental pollutants and hazardous chemicals.

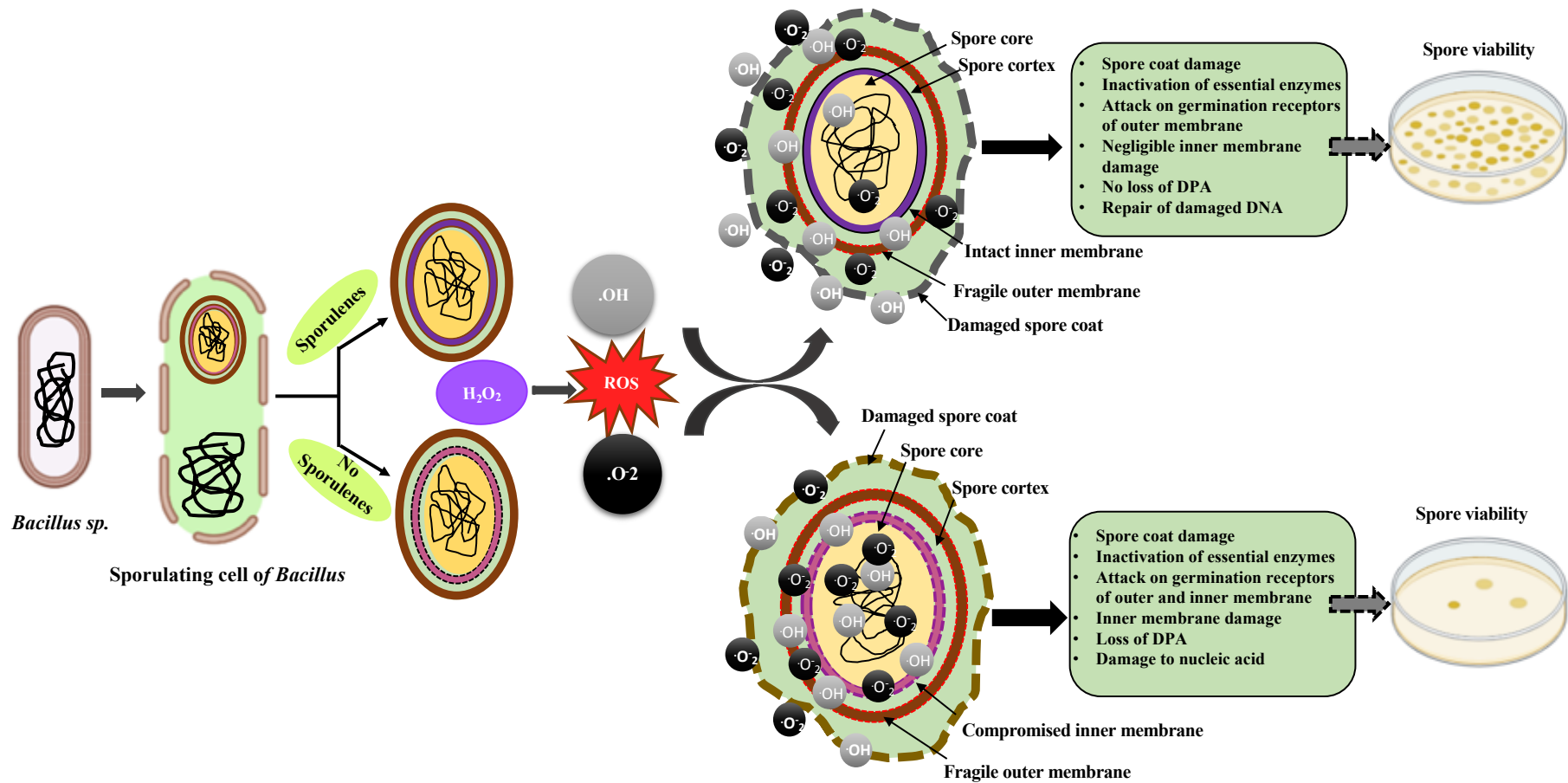
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## *Quick glance*

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## *Supplementary data*

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| Accession                  | Entry            | Description                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Molecular functions</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>DNA Replication</b>     |                  |                                                                                                                                            |
| A0A6M3Z6D7                 | A0A6M3Z6D7_BACSU | Methionine--tRNA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=metG PE=3 SV=1                                                      |
| A0A6M3Z6P2                 | A0A6M3Z6P2_BACSU | DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit beta' OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rpoC PE=3 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M3ZAK9                 | A0A6M3ZAK9_BACSU | ATP-dependent DNA helicase RecG OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=recG PE=3 SV=1                                              |
| A0A6M3ZBW7                 | A0A6M3ZBW7_BACSU | DNA helicase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=recQ PE=3 SV=1                                                                 |
| A0A6M3ZDE4                 | A0A6M3ZDE4_BACSU | ATP-dependent DNA helicase RecQ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13785 PE=4 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M3ZEW6                 | A0A6M3ZEW6_BACSU | Threonine--tRNA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=thrS PE=3 SV=1                                                       |
| A0A6M3ZFD9                 | A0A6M3ZFD9_BACSU | DNA polymerase III subunit alpha OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dnaE PE=3 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M3ZH20                 | A0A6M3ZH20_BACSU | Arginine--tRNA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=argS PE=3 SV=1                                                        |
| A0A6M3ZIY8                 | A0A6M3ZIY8_BACSU | Exodeoxyribonuclease 7 large subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=xseA PE=3 SV=1                                         |
| A0A6M4JKZ0                 | A0A6M4JKZ0_BACSU | DNA polymerase I OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=polA PE=3 SV=1                                                             |
| Q45493                     | RNJI_BACSU       | Ribonuclease J1 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rnjA PE=1 SV=1                                                              |
| A0A6M3Z837                 | A0A6M3Z837_BACSU | Ribonuclease YeeF family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03880 PE=4 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M3Z8A8                 | A0A6M3Z8A8_BACSU | DNA relaxase Nick OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nick PE=3 SV=1                                                            |
| A0A6M3ZAM9                 | A0A6M3ZAM9_BACSU | 16S rRNA m5C967 methyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rsmB PE=3 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M3ZBT0                 | A0A6M3ZBT0_BACSU | LysR family transcriptional regulator OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10200 PE=3 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M3ZC49                 | A0A6M3ZC49_BACSU | DNA-directed DNA polymerase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10985 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3ZCT6                 | A0A6M3ZCT6_BACSU | Serine-type integrase SprA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sprA PE=4 SV=1                                                   |
| A0A6M3ZDQ1                 | A0A6M3ZDQ1_BACSU | DEAD/DEAH box helicase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13375 PE=4 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M3ZGR7                 | A0A6M3ZGR7_BACSU | GTPase Der OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=engA PE=3 SV=1                                                                   |
| A0A6M3ZHU5                 | A0A6M3ZHU5_BACSU | Ribonuclease YxiD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yxiD PE=4 SV=1                                                            |
| A0A6M3ZK18                 | A0A6M3ZK18_BACSU | 4Fe-4S dicluster domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21325 PE=4 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M3ZKA6                 | A0A6M3ZKA6_BACSU | M48 family metalloprotease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22150 PE=4 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M4JIN7                 | A0A6M4JIN7_BACSU | DNA topoisomerase 4 subunit A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=parC PE=3 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M4JJ92                 | A0A6M4JJ92_BACSU | PIN/TRAM domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_00590 PE=3 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M4JJB7                 | A0A6M4JJB7_BACSU | DNA helicase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_11310 PE=3 SV=1                                                          |
| A0A6M4JLU8                 | A0A6M4JLU8_BACSU | DNA topoisomerase 1 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=topA PE=3 SV=1                                                          |
| A0A6M4JLW0                 | A0A6M4JLW0_BACSU | ATP-dependent DNA helicase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13325 PE=4 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M4JNB0                 | A0A6M4JNB0_BACSU | Ribonucleoside-diphosphate reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10885 PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M4JPX6                 | A0A6M4JPX6_BACSU | Ribonuclease YeeF family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20790 PE=4 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M4JJK9                 | A0A6M4JJK9_BACSU | tRNA (N(6)-L-threonylcarbamoyladenosine(37)-C(2))-methylthiotransferase MtaB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mtaB PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M4JD30                 | A0A6M4JD30_BACSU | Acyl--CoA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02395 PE=4 SV=1                                                      |
| A3F305                     | A3F305_BACSU     | ATP-dependent helicase (Fragment) OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dinG PE=4 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M3Z7G6                 | A0A6M3Z7G6_BACSU | tRNA uridine(34) hydroxylase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=trhO PE=3 SV=1                                                 |
| <b>DNA Repair</b>          |                  |                                                                                                                                            |



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| A0A6M3ZB00 | A0A6M3ZB00_BACSU | DNA mismatch repair protein MutS OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mutS PE=3 SV=1                       |
| A0A6M3ZEJ8 | A0A6M3ZEJ8_BACSU | Single-stranded-DNA-specific exonuclease RecJ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=recJ PE=3 SV=1          |
| A0A6M4JDS6 | A0A6M4JDS6_BACSU | Class I SAM-dependent DNA methyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03850 PE=4 SV=1     |
| A0A6M4JGL3 | A0A6M4JGL3_BACSU | DNA repair/recombination ATPase SbcE OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sbcE PE=4 SV=1                   |
| A0A6M4JJK7 | A0A6M4JJK7_BACSU | Type II toxin-antitoxin system toxin ribonuclease YqcG OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yqcG PE=4 SV=1 |

**Transcription regulator**

|            |                  |                                                                                                                              |
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| A0A6M3Z7Z6 | A0A6M3Z7Z6_BACSU | Glucitol operon transcriptional regulator GutR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gutR PE=4 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M3ZDU4 | A0A6M3ZDU4_BACSU | Sigma-54-dependent Fis family transcriptional regulator OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14340 PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZEE9 | A0A6M3ZEE9_BACSU | Elongation factor Ts OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=tsf PE=3 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M3ZHF7 | A0A6M3ZHF7_BACSU | Transcriptional regulator LicR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=licR PE=4 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M3ZKS3 | A0A6M3ZKS3_BACSU | Helix-turn-helix transcriptional regulator OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05990 PE=4 SV=1              |
| A0A6M4JCE0 | A0A6M4JCE0_BACSU | Anti-sigma-W factor RsiW OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rsiW PE=3 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M4JFI2 | A0A6M4JFI2_BACSU | Anti-sigma-I factor RsgI OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rsgI PE=4 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M4JE45 | A0A6M4JE45_BACSU | Transcriptional regulator YesS OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yesS PE=4 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M4JR12 | A0A6M4JR12_BACSU | TetR family transcriptional regulator OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22690 PE=4 SV=1                   |

**Transport and chemotaxis and flageller movement****Basic transport & secretion system**

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| A0A6M3Z760 | A0A6M3Z760_BACSU | Zinc ABC transporter permease ZnuB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=znuB PE=3 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M3ZAU0 | A0A6M3ZAU0_BACSU | ABC transporter ATP-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07885 PE=4 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M3ZDM8 | A0A6M3ZDM8_BACSU | Arginine ABC transporter substrate-binding protein ArtP OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=artP PE=3 SV=1                |
| A0A6M3ZFE7 | A0A6M3ZFE7_BACSU | Carbohydrate ABC transporter substrate-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17570 PE=4 SV=1          |
| A0A6M3ZKF2 | A0A6M3ZKF2_BACSU | Amino acid ABC transporter substrate-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22515 PE=3 SV=1            |
| A0A6M4JCP7 | A0A6M4JCP7_BACSU | Transporter substrate-binding domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01975 PE=3 SV=1         |
| A0A6M4JE53 | A0A6M4JE53_BACSU | Sugar ABC transporter permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04035 PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M4JN68 | A0A6M4JN68_BACSU | Bacitracin ABC transporter permease BceB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=bceB PE=3 SV=1                               |
| P42178     | NARJ_BACSU       | Probable nitrate reductase molybdenum cofactor assembly chaperone NarJ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=narJ PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3Z7K9 | A0A6M3Z7K9_BACSU | Potassium transporter KimA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=kimA PE=4 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M3ZAE5 | A0A6M3ZAE5_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07735 PE=4 SV=1                                                 |
| A0A6M3ZAG9 | A0A6M3ZAG9_BACSU | Dipicolinic acid transporter SpoVV OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoVV PE=4 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M3ZBM8 | A0A6M3ZBM8_BACSU | MATE family efflux transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_09975 PE=4 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M3ZCF4 | A0A6M3ZCF4_BACSU | YfcC family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01770 PE=4 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M3ZE21 | A0A6M3ZE21_BACSU | Na/Pi symporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15010 PE=4 SV=1                                                 |
| A0A6M3ZE94 | A0A6M3ZE94_BACSU | Branched-chain amino acid transport system carrier protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=brmQ PE=3 SV=1             |
| A0A6M3ZF35 | A0A6M3ZF35_BACSU | Diguanylate cyclase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17265 PE=4 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M3ZFI4 | A0A6M3ZFI4_BACSU | ABC transporter substrate-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17735 PE=4 SV=1                       |
| A0A6M3ZG80 | A0A6M3ZG80_BACSU | Type VII secretion protein EssC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=essC PE=4 SV=1                                        |

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| A0A6M3ZHG6                                 | A0A6M3ZHG6_BACSU | ABC transporter ATP-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21350 PE=4 SV=1                    |
| A0A6M3ZHQ2                                 | A0A6M3ZHQ2_BACSU | Citrate/malate transporter CimH OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cimH PE=3 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M3ZHU7                                 | A0A6M3ZHU7_BACSU | Gluconate permease GntP OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gntP PE=4 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M3ZI39                                 | A0A6M3ZI39_BACSU | Metallophosphoesterase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22885 PE=4 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M3ZI65                                 | A0A6M3ZI65_BACSU | Efflux RND transporter permease subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03825 PE=4 SV=1                |
| A0A6M3ZK31                                 | A0A6M3ZK31_BACSU | ABC transporter ATP-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21435 PE=4 SV=1                    |
| A0A6M3ZKM1                                 | A0A6M3ZKM1_BACSU | Nucleoside permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18680 PE=3 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M3ZLA5                                 | A0A6M3ZLA5_BACSU | Allantoin permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pucI PE=3 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M4JCE4                                 | A0A6M4JCE4_BACSU | Probable inorganic carbon transporter subunit DabA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dabA PE=3 SV=1            |
| A0A6M4JCS5                                 | A0A6M4JCS5_BACSU | Dicarboxylate/amino acid:cation symporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01410 PE=3 SV=1              |
| A0A6M4JDP1                                 | A0A6M4JDP1_BACSU | Arsenical pump membrane protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03055 PE=3 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M4JG53                                 | A0A6M4JG53_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04730 PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M4JHK0                                 | A0A6M4JHK0_BACSU | MATE family efflux transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10590 PE=4 SV=1                         |
| A0A6M4JKY1                                 | A0A6M4JKY1_BACSU | HlyC/CorC family transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18225 PE=3 SV=1                           |
| A0A6M4JL52                                 | A0A6M4JL52_BACSU | Type VII secretion protein EssB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=essB PE=3 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M4JLE6                                 | A0A6M4JLE6_BACSU | Diguanylate cyclase DgcK OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dgcK PE=4 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M4JMS1                                 | A0A6M4JMS1_BACSU | AI-2E family transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18145 PE=3 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M4JP02                                 | A0A6M4JP02_BACSU | Type VII secretion protein EsaA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=esaA PE=3 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M4JPT1                                 | A0A6M4JPT1_BACSU | Membrane-bound protein LytA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=lytA PE=4 SV=1                                   |
| A0A6M3ZBH5                                 | A0A6M3ZBH5_BACSU | KAP NTPase domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10335 PE=4 SV=1                   |
| A0A6M3Z709                                 | A0A6M3Z709_BACSU | Glucarate transporter GudP OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gudP PE=4 SV=1                                    |
| <b>Chemotaxis &amp; flageller movement</b> |                  |                                                                                                                             |
| A0A6M3ZBG8                                 | A0A6M3ZBG8_BACSU | Chemotaxis protein CheA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_08960 PE=4 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M3ZG40                                 | A0A6M3ZG40_BACSU | Flagellar motor switch protein FliG OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=fliG PE=3 SV=1                           |
| A0A6M4JGD4                                 | A0A6M4JGD4_BACSU | Flagellar protein export ATPase FliI OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=fliI PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M4JLK3                                 | A0A6M4JLK3_BACSU | Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein TlpB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=tlpB PE=4 SV=1                      |
| A0A6M4JQ01                                 | A0A6M4JQ01_BACSU | Flagellar basal body protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=flhP PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| <b>Kinase &amp; tranferases</b>            |                  |                                                                                                                             |
| A0A6M3Z7K0                                 | A0A6M3Z7K0_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dctS PE=4 SV=1                                              |
| A0A6M3Z7S5                                 | A0A6M3Z7S5_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ydfH PE=4 SV=1                                              |
| A0A6M3ZF44                                 | A0A6M3ZF44_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=phoR PE=4 SV=1                                              |
| A0A6M3ZFF8                                 | A0A6M3ZFF8_BACSU | Phosphoenolpyruvate-protein phosphotransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ptsP PE=3 SV=1                |
| A0A6M3ZJQ8                                 | A0A6M3ZJQ8_BACSU | Signal transduction histidine-protein kinase/phosphatase DegS OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=degS PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M4JHL1                                 | A0A6M4JHL1_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=kinD PE=4 SV=1                                              |
| A0A6M4JR07                                 | A0A6M4JR07_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=wakK PE=4 SV=1                                              |
| A0A6M3Z9B4                                 | A0A6M3Z9B4_BACSU | GNAT family N-acetyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_06070 PE=4 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M3ZH15                                 | A0A6M3ZH15_BACSU | Glycosyl transferase family 1 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10580 PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M4JF26                                 | A0A6M4JF26_BACSU | Macrolide 2'-phosphotransferase MphK OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mphK PE=4 SV=1                          |

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| A0A6M4JK44 | A0A6M4JK44_BACSU | Phosphatidylglycerophosphatase A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13150 PE=4 SV=1     |
| A0A6M4JP41 | A0A6M4JP41_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yvrG PE=4 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M4JPS2 | A0A6M4JPS2_BACSU | Glycosyltransferase family 2 protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20520 PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3Z8H2 | A0A6M3Z8H2_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yflR PE=4 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M3ZEN5 | A0A6M3ZEN5_BACSU | Acetylglutamate kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=argB PE=3 SV=1                      |
| A0A6M3ZHQ0 | A0A6M3ZHQ0_BACSU | Galactokinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=galK PE=3 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M4JGW5 | A0A6M4JGW5_BACSU | Glycerol kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=glpK PE=3 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M4JP01 | A0A6M4JP01_BACSU | Nicotinate phosphoribosyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18470 PE=3 SV=1 |
| P37564     | COAX_BACSU       | Type III pantothenate kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=coaX PE=1 SV=3                |
| A0A6M3Z962 | A0A6M3Z962_BACSU | Serine/threonine protein kinase PrkA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=prkA PE=4 SV=1        |

### Metabolic pathway

#### C/ N & lipid metabolism

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| A0A6M3Z8J1 | A0A6M3Z8J1_BACSU | Alpha,alpha-phosphotrehalase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=treC PE=3 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M3Z9T4 | A0A6M3Z9T4_BACSU | 3-oxoacyl-[acyl-carrier-protein] synthase 2 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=fabF PE=3 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M3ZAG6 | A0A6M3ZAG6_BACSU | Pyruvate carboxylase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pyc PE=4 SV=1                                                     |
| A0A6M3ZB65 | A0A6M3ZB65_BACSU | 1-deoxy-D-xylulose 5-phosphate reductoisomerase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dxr PE=3 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M3ZBF4 | A0A6M3ZBF4_BACSU | Glycoside hydrolase family 43 protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_09540 PE=3 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M3ZBR6 | A0A6M3ZBR6_BACSU | Xylose isomerase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=xyIA PE=3 SV=1                                                        |
| A0A6M3ZLA7 | A0A6M3ZLA7_BACSU | Cardiolipin synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cls PE=3 SV=1                                                     |
| A0A6M3ZIC8 | A0A6M3ZIC8_BACSU | Aminodeoxychorismate lyase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pabC PE=3 SV=1                                              |
| A0A6M3ZK40 | A0A6M3ZK40_BACSU | Agmatinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=speB PE=3 SV=1                                                              |
| A0A6M4JEW2 | A0A6M4JEW2_BACSU | Beta-N-acetylhexosaminidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nagZ PE=3 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M4JG47 | A0A6M4JG47_BACSU | Carbamoyl-phosphate synthase large chain OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=carB PE=3 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M4JKL7 | A0A6M4JKL7_BACSU | 1-deoxy-D-xylulose-5-phosphate synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dxs PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M4JLF6 | A0A6M4JLF6_BACSU | 2-succinyl-5-enolpyruvyl-6-hydroxy-3-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=menD PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M4JMI0 | A0A6M4JMI0_BACSU | Glycolate oxidase subunit GlcD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=glcD PE=4 SV=1                                          |
| A0A6M4JNS0 | A0A6M4JNS0_BACSU | Alpha-glucosidase/alpha-galactosidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17585 PE=3 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M3ZJI5 | A0A6M3ZJI5_BACSU | Biofilm exopolysaccharide biosynthesis protein EpsG OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=epsG PE=4 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M4JIX2 | A0A6M4JIX2_BACSU | M20/M25/M40 family metallo-hydrolase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14185 PE=4 SV=1                             |
| O31682     | YKVQ_BACSU       | Putative glycosylase YkvQ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ykvQ PE=3 SV=1                                               |

#### Amino acid metabolism

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| A0A6M3Z794 | A0A6M3Z794_BACSU | Homocysteine S-methyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mmuM PE=4 SV=1         |
| A0A6M3Z893 | A0A6M3Z893_BACSU | Alkaline phosphatase PhoB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=phoB PE=3 SV=1                |
| A0A6M3Z9L3 | A0A6M3Z9L3_BACSU | Carbamoyl-phosphate synthase large chain OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=carB PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3Z9P9 | A0A6M3Z9P9_BACSU | Glycine oxidase ThiO OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=thiO PE=4 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M3Z9S5 | A0A6M3Z9S5_BACSU | Carbamoyl-phosphate synthase small chain OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=carA PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZBP5 | A0A6M3ZBP5_BACSU | Glutathione hydrolase proenzyme OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ggT PE=3 SV=1           |

## Supplementary data

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| A0A6M3ZFZ8                                         | A0A6M3ZFZ8_BACSU | Homoserine dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18720 PE=3 SV=1                                                                     |
| A0A6M4JC62                                         | A0A6M4JC62_BACSU | Glutamate--tRNA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=glTX PE=3 SV=1                                                                              |
| A0A6M4JEL1                                         | A0A6M4JEL1_BACSU | Glutamine--fructose-6-phosphate aminotransferase [isomerizing] OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=glmS PE=3 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M4JEP9                                         | A0A6M4JEP9_BACSU | Cysteine--tRNA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cysS PE=3 SV=1                                                                               |
| A0A6M4JHZ8                                         | A0A6M4JHZ8_BACSU | Adenosine 5'-phosphosulfate reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cysH PE=3 SV=1                                                               |
| A0A6M4JIH4                                         | A0A6M4JIH4_BACSU | Asparagine synthase (Glutamine-hydrolyzing) OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=asnB PE=3 SV=1                                                         |
| A0A6M4JLB2                                         | A0A6M4JLB2_BACSU | Glutamate-1-semialdehyde 2,1-aminomutase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=hemL PE=3 SV=1                                                            |
| P54420                                             | ASNB_BACSU       | Asparagine synthetase [glutamine-hydrolyzing] 1 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=asnB PE=1 SV=2                                                     |
| A0A6M3ZCJ5                                         | A0A6M3ZCJ5_BACSU | L-lysine 2,3-aminomutase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ablA PE=3 SV=1                                                                            |
| A0A6M4JGE4                                         | A0A6M4JGE4_BACSU | Protein-glutamate methylesterase/protein-glutamine glutaminase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cheB PE=3 SV=1                                      |
| <b>Nucleotide metabolism</b>                       |                  |                                                                                                                                                                   |
| A0A6M4JFL8                                         | A0A6M4JFL8_BACSU | GMP synthase [glutamine-hydrolyzing] OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=guaA PE=3 SV=1                                                                |
| A0A6M4JG22                                         | A0A6M4JG22_BACSU | Multifunctional 2',3'-cyclic-nucleotide 2'-phosphodiesterase/3'-nucleotidase/5'-nucleotidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04385 PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M4JKT5                                         | A0A6M4JKT5_BACSU | Bifunctional purine biosynthesis protein PurH OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=purH PE=3 SV=1                                                       |
| A0A6M3ZDC6                                         | A0A6M3ZDC6_BACSU | Glycosyltransferase family 39 protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07120 PE=4 SV=1                                                        |
| A0A6M3ZFM2                                         | A0A6M3ZFM2_BACSU | Glycosyltransferase family 4 protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17880 PE=3 SV=1                                                         |
| <b>Central metabolism (TCA/electron transport)</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                                                   |
| A0A6M3ZBL3                                         | A0A6M3ZBL3_BACSU | 2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase E1 component OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sucA PE=3 SV=1                                                           |
| A0A6M3ZBL7                                         | A0A6M3ZBL7_BACSU | Bifunctional cytochrome P450/NADPH--P450 reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04105 PE=3 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3ZEC0                                         | A0A6M3ZEC0_BACSU | Bifunctional cytochrome P450/NADPH--P450 reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15965 PE=3 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3ZGY7                                         | A0A6M3ZGY7_BACSU | Bifunctional glyoxylate/hydroxypyruvate reductase B OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20000 PE=3 SV=1                                          |
| A0A6M4JMD9                                         | A0A6M4JMD9_BACSU | NADP-dependent malic enzyme OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=maeB PE=3 SV=1                                                                         |
| O34720                                             | YJGC_BACSU       | Probable oxidoreductase YjgC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yjgC PE=3 SV=1                                                                        |
| A0A6M3ZLS6                                         | A0A6M3ZLS6_BACSU | LLM class flavin-dependent oxidoreductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22525 PE=3 SV=1                                                    |
| A0A6M4JM60                                         | A0A6M4JM60_BACSU | Cytochrome P450 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15725 PE=3 SV=1                                                                              |
| P35162                                             | RESC_BACSU       | Cytochrome c biogenesis protein ResC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=resC PE=1 SV=2                                                                |
| A0A6M4JKP5                                         | A0A6M4JKP5_BACSU | Cytochrome c biogenesis protein CcsA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ccsA PE=4 SV=1                                                                |
| A0A6M4JKS6                                         | A0A6M4JKS6_BACSU | Acyl-CoA dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14365 PE=3 SV=1                                                                       |
| A0A6M4JKR8                                         | A0A6M4JKR8_BACSU | Cytochrome ubiquinol oxidase subunit I OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17795 PE=3 SV=1                                                       |
| A0A6M4JQI7                                         | A0A6M4JQI7_BACSU | LLM class flavin-dependent oxidoreductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21795 PE=4 SV=1                                                    |
| <b>Cell wall synthesis</b>                         |                  |                                                                                                                                                                   |
| A0A6M3ZI35                                         | A0A6M3ZI35_BACSU | Glutamate racemase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=racE PE=3 SV=1                                                                                  |
| A0A6M3Z8T2                                         | A0A6M3Z8T2_BACSU | Lipoteichoic acid synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ltaS PE=3 SV=1                                                                          |
| A0A6M3ZG90                                         | A0A6M3ZG90_BACSU | LTA synthase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19310 PE=3 SV=1                                                                  |
| A0A6M3ZAJ3                                         | A0A6M3ZAJ3_BACSU | Serine-type D-Ala-D-Ala carboxypeptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_08320 PE=3 SV=1                                                     |



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| A0A6M3ZL66                           | A0A6M3ZL66_BACSU | Teichoic acid glycerol-phosphate primase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=tagB PE=3 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M4JBY5                           | A0A6M4JBY5_BACSU | Serine-type D-Ala-D-Ala carboxypeptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_00075 PE=3 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M4JIN4                           | A0A6M4JIN4_BACSU | UDP-N-acetylmuramoyl-tripeptide--D-alanyl-D-alanine ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=murF PE=3 SV=1               |
| A0A6M3ZEE3                           | A0A6M3ZEE3_BACSU | Transglycosylase SLT domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15330 PE=4 SV=1                    |
| A0A6M3ZHH5                           | A0A6M3ZHH5_BACSU | Protein DltD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dltD PE=3 SV=1                                                             |
| <b>Uncharacterized protein</b>       |                  |                                                                                                                                        |
| A0A6M3Z7Y8                           | A0A6M3Z7Y8_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03165 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3Z8V1                           | A0A6M3Z8V1_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05150 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3Z9I5                           | A0A6M3Z9I5_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_06580 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3ZCP1                           | A0A6M3ZCP1_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_11460 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3ZEC5                           | A0A6M3ZEC5_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05615 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M4JFW5                           | A0A6M4JFW5_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04025 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M4JGJ2                           | A0A6M4JGJ2_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_09265 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M4JNN7                           | A0A6M4JNN7_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14545 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M4JPL9                           | A0A6M4JPL9_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20085 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| O34320                               | FADG_BACSU       | Uncharacterized protein FadG OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=fadG PE=2 SV=2                                             |
| A0A6M4JJS5                           | A0A6M4JJS5_BACSU | Uncharacterized methyltransferase HIR78_16030 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_16030 PE=3 SV=1                     |
| <b>Stress resistance proteins</b>    |                  |                                                                                                                                        |
| A0A6M3ZAD4                           | A0A6M3ZAD4_BACSU | Lipoprotein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_08015 PE=4 SV=1                                                       |
| A0A6M3ZB47                           | A0A6M3ZB47_BACSU | Damage-inducible protein DinB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03225 PE=3 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M4JEP2                           | A0A6M4JEP2_BACSU | Fatty-acid peroxxygenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cypC PE=4 SV=1                                                 |
| A0A6M4JQY7                           | A0A6M4JQY7_BACSU | General stress protein 30 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22785 PE=4 SV=1                                         |
| A0A6M3ZKR2                           | A0A6M3ZKR2_BACSU | Secretion stress-responsive two-component system response regulator CssR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cssR PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZLF9                           | A0A6M3ZLF9_BACSU | Penicillin-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21500 PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M4JLN6                           | A0A6M4JLN6_BACSU | Penicillin-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18335 PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M3ZDQ8                           | A0A6M3ZDQ8_BACSU | PBP1A family penicillin-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13425 PE=4 SV=1                           |
| A0A6M3ZGR5                           | A0A6M3ZGR5_BACSU | Pyrroline-5-carboxylate reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=proC PE=3 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M3Z7P4                           | A0A6M3Z7P4_BACSU | Manganese catalase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02530 PE=3 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M3Z8S4                           | A0A6M3Z8S4_BACSU | Thioredoxin-dependent thiol peroxidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=bcp PE=4 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M3ZHX8                           | A0A6M3ZHX8_BACSU | Alkyl hydroperoxide reductase subunit F OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ahpF PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M3ZIP2                           | A0A6M3ZIP2_BACSU | YpdA family putative bacillithiol disulfide reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ypdA PE=4 SV=1                    |
| <b>Sporulation specific proteins</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                        |
| A0A6M3ZB79                           | A0A6M3ZB79_BACSU | DNA translocase SpoIIIE OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIIIE PE=3 SV=1                                               |
| A0A6M3ZDR8                           | A0A6M3ZDR8_BACSU | Stage III sporulation protein AG OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIIAG PE=4 SV=1                                      |

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| A0A6M3ZFX0    | A0A6M3ZFX0_BACSU | Spore maturation glycosyltransferase CgeD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cgeD PE=4 SV=1          |
| A0A6M4JEJ9    | A0A6M4JEJ9_BACSU | Stage II sporulation protein E OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIIE PE=4 SV=1                   |
| A0A6M4JKT8    | A0A6M4JKT8_BACSU | Spore coat protein CotSA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cotSA PE=3 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M4JMB5    | A0A6M4JMB5_BACSU | Stage III sporulation protein AF OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIIIAF PE=4 SV=1               |
| P07788        | COTA_BACSU       | Laccase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cotA PE=1 SV=4                                            |
| P13801        | SP2G_BACSU       | Sporulation sigma-E factor-processing peptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIIGA PE=1 SV=1 |
| P35149        | SP4A_BACSU       | Stage IV sporulation protein A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIVA PE=1 SV=1                   |
| A0A6M3ZH01    | A0A6M3ZH01_BACSU | Sporulenol synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sqhC PE=3 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M3Z8L3    | A0A6M3Z8L3_BACSU | YfhO family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04765 PE=4 SV=1                         |
| <b>Others</b> |                  |                                                                                                                  |
| A0A6M3ZFA8    | A0A6M3ZFA8_BACSU | Cell shape-determining protein MreC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mreC PE=3 SV=1                |
| A0A6M3ZLZ5    | A0A6M3ZLZ5_BACSU | YitT family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_23215 PE=4 SV=1                         |
| A0A6M4JEA8    | A0A6M4JEA8_BACSU | DUF1343 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01050 PE=4 SV=1           |
| A0A6M4JI00    | A0A6M4JI00_BACSU | Prophage_tail domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_11535 PE=4 SV=1     |
| A0A6M4JJ90    | A0A6M4JJ90_BACSU | EAL domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07400 PE=4 SV=1               |
| A0A6M4JKV0    | A0A6M4JKV0_BACSU | Prophage_tail domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_12895 PE=4 SV=1     |
| A0A6M4JN94    | A0A6M4JN94_BACSU | Tetratricopeptide repeat protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13560 PE=4 SV=1            |
| A0A6M4JPA1    | A0A6M4JPA1_BACSU | Zinc ribbon domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19575 PE=4 SV=1       |
| A0A6M4JQU4    | A0A6M4JQU4_BACSU | Sulfur-containing aminoacid acetyltransferase SnaB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=snaB PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M4JR44    | A0A6M4JR44_BACSU | DUF2705 family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_23145 PE=4 SV=1                      |
| A0A6M4JR88    | A0A6M4JR88_BACSU | Thioredoxin domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_23265 PE=4 SV=1       |
| A0A6M4JR91    | A0A6M4JR91_BACSU | Recombinase domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03840 PE=4 SV=1       |
| O31856        | RSBRC_BACSU      | RsbT co-antagonist protein RsbRC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rsbRC PE=1 SV=1                  |
| A0A6M3ZA04    | A0A6M3ZA04_BACSU | Phage-like element PBSX protein XkdV OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07045 PE=4 SV=1        |
| A0A6M4JFE2    | A0A6M4JFE2_BACSU | Surfactin non-ribosomal peptide synthetase SrfAC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=srfAC PE=3 SV=1  |
| A0A6M3ZC29    | A0A6M3ZC29_BACSU | DUF817 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10195 PE=4 SV=1            |
| A0A6M3ZD22    | A0A6M3ZD22_BACSU | Probable disulfide formation protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=bdbc PE=3 SV=1               |

**Table S1 A)** Protein profiles of spores of *Bacillus subtilis* PY79 produced under control condition

| Accession                  | Entry            | Description                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Molecular functions</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                |
| <b>DNA Replication</b>     |                  |                                                                                                                                |
| A0A6M3Z6N2                 | A0A6M3Z6N2_BACSU | DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit beta OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rpoB PE=3 SV=1                         |
| A0A6M3Z6P2                 | A0A6M3Z6P2_BACSU | DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit beta' OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rpoC PE=3 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M3Z765                 | A0A6M3Z765_BACSU | 50S ribosomal protein L7/L12 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rpIL PE=3 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M3Z9W8                 | A0A6M3Z9W8_BACSU | DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit alpha OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rpoA PE=3 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M3ZA14                 | A0A6M3ZA14_BACSU | NHEJ DNA polymerase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07390 PE=4 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M3ZAK9                 | A0A6M3ZAK9_BACSU | ATP-dependent DNA helicase RecG OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=recG PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M3ZAS8                 | A0A6M3ZAS8_BACSU | DNA polymerase III PolC-type OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=polC PE=3 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M3ZBA6                 | A0A6M3ZBA6_BACSU | Primosomal protein N' OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=priA PE=3 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M3ZBW7                 | A0A6M3ZBW7_BACSU | DNA helicase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=recQ PE=3 SV=1                                                     |
| A0A6M3ZEJ9                 | A0A6M3ZEJ9_BACSU | Histidine--tRNA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=hisS PE=3 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3ZEU4                 | A0A6M3ZEU4_BACSU | Phenylalanine--tRNA ligase alpha subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pheS PE=3 SV=1                         |
| A0A6M3ZEW6                 | A0A6M3ZEW6_BACSU | Threonine--tRNA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=thrS PE=3 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3ZFA6                 | A0A6M3ZFA6_BACSU | Probable tRNA sulfurtransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=thiI PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M3ZIG2                 | A0A6M3ZIG2_BACSU | Exodeoxyribonuclease III OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=xth PE=3 SV=1                                          |
| A0A6M3ZKU9                 | A0A6M3ZKU9_BACSU | Ribonuclease R OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rnr PE=3 SV=1                                                    |
| A0A6M4JBU0                 | A0A6M4JBU0_BACSU | DNA polymerase III subunit gamma/tau OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dnaX PE=3 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M4JGU2                 | A0A6M4JGU2_BACSU | Polyribonucleotide nucleotidyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pnp PE=3 SV=1                         |
| O31774                     | RNY_BACSU        | Ribonuclease Y OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rny PE=1 SV=1                                                    |
| O31875                     | NRDEB_BACSU      | Ribonucleoside-diphosphate reductase NrdEB subunit alpha OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nrdEB PE=3 SV=2        |
| A0A6M3Z7G6                 | A0A6M3Z7G6_BACSU | tRNA uridine(34) hydroxylase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=trhO PE=3 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M3Z837                 | A0A6M3Z837_BACSU | Ribonuclease YeeF family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03880 PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M3Z855                 | A0A6M3Z855_BACSU | DNA topoisomerase 3 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=topB PE=3 SV=1                                              |
| A0A6M3Z8K8                 | A0A6M3Z8K8_BACSU | 23S rRNA (Uracil(1939)-C(5))-methyltransferase RlmD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rlmD PE=3 SV=1              |
| A0A6M3ZAX9                 | A0A6M3ZAX9_BACSU | Chromosome partition protein Smc OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=smc PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M3ZC49                 | A0A6M3ZC49_BACSU | DNA-directed DNA polymerase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10985 PE=4 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M3ZCT6                 | A0A6M3ZCT6_BACSU | Serine-type integrase SprA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sprA PE=4 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M3ZDS1                 | A0A6M3ZDS1_BACSU | DNA polymerase IV OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dinB PE=3 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M3ZEB6                 | A0A6M3ZEB6_BACSU | DNA internalization-related competence protein ComEC/Rec2 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15095 PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZGR7                 | A0A6M3ZGR7_BACSU | GTPase Der OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=engA PE=3 SV=1                                                       |
| A0A6M4JEP0                 | A0A6M4JEP0_BACSU | ATP-dependent helicase/deoxyribonuclease subunit B OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=addB PE=3 SV=1               |
| A0A6M4JF53                 | A0A6M4JF53_BACSU | tRNA pseudouridine synthase A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=truA PE=3 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M4JIC0                 | A0A6M4JIC0_BACSU | 5'-3' exonuclease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13245 PE=4 SV=1                                         |
| A0A6M4JIN7                 | A0A6M4JIN7_BACSU | DNA topoisomerase 4 subunit A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=parC PE=3 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M4JJ59                 | A0A6M4JJ59_BACSU | MoxR family ATPase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03630 PE=4 SV=1                                        |

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| A0A6M4JJK9                     | A0A6M4JJK9_BACSU | tRNA (N(6)-L-threonylcarbamoyladenine(37)-C(2))-methyltransferase MtaB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mtaB PE=4 SV=1      |
| A0A6M4JLU8                     | A0A6M4JLU8_BACSU | DNA topoisomerase 1 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=topA PE=3 SV=1                                                         |
| A0A6M4JMP9                     | A0A6M4JMP9_BACSU | DNA translocase SftA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sftA PE=3 SV=1                                                        |
| A0A6M4JN52                     | A0A6M4JN52_BACSU | Ribonuclease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18870 PE=4 SV=1                                                         |
| A0A6M4JNB0                     | A0A6M4JNB0_BACSU | Ribonucleoside-diphosphate reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10885 PE=3 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M4JPZ1                     | A0A6M4JPZ1_BACSU | DEAD/DEAH box helicase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20845 PE=4 SV=1                                               |
| A0A6M4JQ73                     | A0A6M4JQ73_BACSU | Chromosome-anchoring protein RacA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=racA PE=3 SV=1                                           |
| A3F305                         | A3F305_BACSU     | ATP-dependent helicase (Fragment) OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dinG PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| P37476                         | FTSH_BACSU       | ATP-dependent zinc metalloprotease FtsH OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ftsH PE=1 SV=1                                     |
| P05648                         | DNAA_BACSU       | Chromosomal replication initiator protein DnaA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dnaA PE=1 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M4JMC3                     | A0A6M4JMC3_BACSU | DEAD/DEAH box helicase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14585 PE=4 SV=1                                |
| P23478                         | ADDA_BACSU       | ATP-dependent helicase/nuclease subunit A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=addA PE=1 SV=2                                   |
| <b>DNA repair</b>              |                  |                                                                                                                                           |
| A0A6M4JGT2                     | A0A6M4JGT2_BACSU | Exonuclease subunit SbcC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sbcC PE=4 SV=1                                                    |
| A0A6M4JGV6                     | A0A6M4JGV6_BACSU | Endonuclease YhcR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yhcR PE=4 SV=1                                                           |
| A0A6M4JGL3                     | A0A6M4JGL3_BACSU | DNA repair/recombination ATPase SbcE OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sbcE PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M3Z9X4                     | A0A6M3Z9X4_BACSU | 5-methyltetrahydropteroyltrimethylglutamate--homocysteine methyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=metE PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZB00                     | A0A6M3ZB00_BACSU | DNA mismatch repair protein MutS OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mutS PE=3 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M3ZEJ8                     | A0A6M3ZEJ8_BACSU | Single-stranded-DNA-specific exonuclease RecJ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=recJ PE=3 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M3ZEY8                     | A0A6M3ZEY8_BACSU | Endonuclease MutS2 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mutS2 PE=3 SV=1                                                         |
| A0A6M3ZGE7                     | A0A6M3ZGE7_BACSU | UvrABC system protein A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=uvrA PE=3 SV=1                                                     |
| A0A6M3ZH7                      | A0A6M3ZH7_BACSU  | Single-stranded-DNA-specific exonuclease RecJ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=recJ PE=3 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M4JE64                     | A0A6M4JE64_BACSU | Transcription-repair-coupling factor OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mfd PE=3 SV=1                                         |
| A0A6M4JJA3                     | A0A6M4JJA3_BACSU | Chaperone protein DnaK OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dnaK PE=2 SV=1                                                      |
| A0A6M4JLQ4                     | A0A6M4JLQ4_BACSU | ATP-dependent RecD-like DNA helicase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=recD2 PE=3 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M4JPL4                     | A0A6M4JPL4_BACSU | UvrABC system protein B OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=uvrB PE=3 SV=1                                                     |
| A0A6M3ZAM7                     | A0A6M3ZAM7_BACSU | Probable dual-specificity RNA methyltransferase RlmN OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rlmN PE=3 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M3ZCZ6                     | A0A6M3ZCZ6_BACSU | Class I SAM-dependent RNA methyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13340 PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M4JDS6                     | A0A6M4JDS6_BACSU | Class I SAM-dependent DNA methyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03850 PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M4JEY3                     | A0A6M4JEY3_BACSU | DNA repair protein RadA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=radA PE=3 SV=1                                                     |
| A0A6M3Z8K8                     | A0A6M3Z8K8_BACSU | 23S rRNA (Uracil(1939)-C(5))-methyltransferase RlmD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rlmD PE=3 SV=1                         |
| A0A6M4JK56                     | A0A6M4JK56_BACSU | CCA-adding enzyme OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cca PE=3 SV=1                                                            |
| <b>Transcription regulator</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                           |
| A0A6M3Z7Q5                     | A0A6M3Z7Q5_BACSU | Response regulator aspartate phosphatase RapJ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rapJ PE=3 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M3Z813                     | A0A6M3Z813_BACSU | Transcriptional repressor MtlR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mtlR PE=4 SV=1                                              |
| A0A6M3Z972                     | A0A6M3Z972_BACSU | NTD biosynthesis operon transcriptional regulator NtdR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ntdR PE=4 SV=1                      |
| A0A6M3ZAG3                     | A0A6M3ZAG3_BACSU | Transcriptional regulator CcpC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ccpC PE=3 SV=1                                              |



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| A0A6M3ZFD6 | A0A6M3ZFD6_BACSU | AraC family transcriptional regulator OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17510 PE=4 SV=1                |
| A0A6M3ZHI4 | A0A6M3ZHI4_BACSU | PucR family transcriptional regulator OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22170 PE=4 SV=1                |
| A0A6M3ZJE4 | A0A6M3ZJE4_BACSU | LysR family transcriptional regulator OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15670 PE=3 SV=1                |
| A0A6M3ZJP2 | A0A6M3ZJP2_BACSU | Ribosome hibernation promoting factor OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=hpf PE=3 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M4JCC8 | A0A6M4JCC8_BACSU | Transcriptional regulator Btr OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=btr PE=4 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M4JD43 | A0A6M4JD43_BACSU | RNA-binding transcriptional accessory protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02715 PE=4 SV=1        |
| A0A6M4JE44 | A0A6M4JE44_BACSU | Acetoin dehydrogenase operon transcriptional activator AcoR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=acoR PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M4JE45 | A0A6M4JE45_BACSU | Transcriptional regulator YesS OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yesS PE=4 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M4JFI2 | A0A6M4JFI2_BACSU | Anti-sigma-I factor RsgI OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rsgI PE=4 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M4JIX0 | A0A6M4JIX0_BACSU | Anti-sigma-X factor RsiX OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rsiX PE=4 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M4JJH8 | A0A6M4JJH8_BACSU | Sigma-70 family RNA polymerase sigma factor OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15435 PE=4 SV=1          |
| A0A6M4JR12 | A0A6M4JR12_BACSU | TetR family transcriptional regulator OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22690 PE=4 SV=1                |
| A0A6M4JF07 | A0A6M4JF07_BACSU | EIICB-Mtl OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02290 PE=4 SV=1                                            |
| P05655     | SACB_BACSU       | Levansucrase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sacB PE=1 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M4JFH9 | A0A6M4JFH9_BACSU | Transcriptional regulator GabR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gabR PE=3 SV=1                              |

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| A0A6M3Z8L5 | A0A6M3Z8L5_BACSU | PTS maltose transporter subunit IIBC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=malP PE=4 SV=1                                   |
| A0A6M3Z8S0 | A0A6M3Z8S0_BACSU | Aliphatic sulfonate ABC transporter substrate-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04980 PE=3 SV=1   |
| A0A6M3Z8V3 | A0A6M3Z8V3_BACSU | Fe(3+)-citrate ABC transporter substrate-binding protein YfmC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yfmC PE=4 SV=1          |
| A0A6M3Z8Z2 | A0A6M3Z8Z2_BACSU | Multidrug ABC transporter ATP-binding protein BmrC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=bmrC PE=4 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M3Z9L5 | A0A6M3Z9L5_BACSU | PTS mannose transporter subunit IIAABC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=manP PE=4 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M3ZAM2 | A0A6M3ZAM2_BACSU | PTS transporter subunit EIHA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07925 PE=4 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M3ZAN6 | A0A6M3ZAN6_BACSU | ABC transporter ATP-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07890 PE=4 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M3ZFC5 | A0A6M3ZFC5_BACSU | Manganese ABC transporter permease MntD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mntD PE=3 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M3ZGR2 | A0A6M3ZGR2_BACSU | Protein translocase subunit SecA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=secA PE=3 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M3ZGS1 | A0A6M3ZGS1_BACSU | Arabinogalactan oligomer ABC transporter permease GanP OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ganP PE=3 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M3ZGX4 | A0A6M3ZGX4_BACSU | Multidrug resistance ABC transporter ATP-binding protein/permease BmrA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=bmrA PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZH04 | A0A6M3ZH04_BACSU | Choline ABC transporter permease OpuBB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=opuBB PE=3 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M3ZHU6 | A0A6M3ZHU6_BACSU | Thiol reductant ABC exporter subunit CydC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cydC PE=4 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M3ZIV6 | A0A6M3ZIV6_BACSU | ABC transporter permease YxdM OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yxdM PE=3 SV=1                                          |
| A0A6M4JE55 | A0A6M4JE55_BACSU | ABC transporter ATP-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04570 PE=4 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M4JEH2 | A0A6M4JEH2_BACSU | Energy-coupling factor transporter transmembrane protein EcfT OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ecfT PE=3 SV=1          |
| A0A6M4JFL2 | A0A6M4JFL2_BACSU | Alanine:cation symporter family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01455 PE=3 SV=1                         |
| A0A6M4JGW2 | A0A6M4JGW2_BACSU | Oligopeptide ABC transporter permease AppC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=appC PE=3 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M4JHB4 | A0A6M4JHB4_BACSU | ATP-binding cassette domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07185 PE=3 SV=1                  |
| A0A6M4JJE0 | A0A6M4JJE0_BACSU | PTS glucose transporter subunit IIAABC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ptsG PE=4 SV=1                                 |

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| A0A6M4JN68 | A0A6M4JN68_BACSU | Bacitracin ABC transporter permease BceB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=bceB PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M4JP91 | A0A6M4JP91_BACSU | Betaine/proline/choline family ABC transporter ATP-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19500 PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3Z6T6 | A0A6M3Z6T6_BACSU | Iron ABC transporter permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01030 PE=3 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M3Z804 | A0A6M3Z804_BACSU | EamA family transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02965 PE=3 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M3Z835 | A0A6M3Z835_BACSU | ABC transporter permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02565 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3Z8Q6 | A0A6M3Z8Q6_BACSU | ABC-F family ATP-binding cassette domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04165 PE=4 SV=1        |
| A0A6M3Z8T8 | A0A6M3Z8T8_BACSU | L-cystine transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05135 PE=3 SV=1                                              |
| A0A6M3Z9U7 | A0A6M3Z9U7_BACSU | Serine/threonine exchanger OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=steT PE=4 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M3ZAR6 | A0A6M3ZAR6_BACSU | ATP-dependent protease ATPase subunit HslU OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=hslU PE=3 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M3ZBN7 | A0A6M3ZBN7_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04210 PE=4 SV=1                                                    |
| A0A6M3ZBZ5 | A0A6M3ZBZ5_BACSU | Bile acid:sodium symporter family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10545 PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M3ZF08 | A0A6M3ZF08_BACSU | Type II toxin-antitoxin system toxin ribonuclease YobL OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yobL PE=4 SV=1                    |
| A0A6M3ZF92 | A0A6M3ZF92_BACSU | Alanine:cation symporter family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_16320 PE=3 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M3ZG28 | A0A6M3ZG28_BACSU | Na <sup>+</sup> /H <sup>+</sup> antiporter subunit A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18390 PE=3 SV=1               |
| A0A6M3ZI09 | A0A6M3ZI09_BACSU | Citrate/sodium symporter CitN OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=citN PE=4 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M3ZI39 | A0A6M3ZI39_BACSU | Metallophosphoesterase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22885 PE=4 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M3ZIB4 | A0A6M3ZIB4_BACSU | Purine/pyrimidine permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21715 PE=3 SV=1                                         |
| A0A6M3ZIV2 | A0A6M3ZIV2_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20950 PE=4 SV=1                                                    |
| A0A6M3ZIW5 | A0A6M3ZIW5_BACSU | Ferrous ion permease EfeU OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=efeU PE=3 SV=1                                                 |
| A0A6M3ZJ63 | A0A6M3ZJ63_BACSU | ATP-binding cassette domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19200 PE=4 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M4JCE4 | A0A6M4JCE4_BACSU | Probable inorganic carbon transporter subunit DabA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dabA PE=3 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M4JEZ0 | A0A6M4JEZ0_BACSU | DMT family transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01345 PE=3 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M4JF57 | A0A6M4JF57_BACSU | DegV family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_06130 PE=4 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M4JG64 | A0A6M4JG64_BACSU | Iron ABC transporter permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04690 PE=3 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M4JGA7 | A0A6M4JGA7_BACSU | Carbohydrate ABC transporter substrate-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03965 PE=4 SV=1             |
| A0A6M4JGZ8 | A0A6M4JGZ8_BACSU | HAMP domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10110 PE=4 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M4JH75 | A0A6M4JH75_BACSU | Iron export ABC transporter permease subunit FetB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=fetB PE=3 SV=1                         |
| A0A6M4JHA0 | A0A6M4JHA0_BACSU | ABC-F family ATP-binding cassette domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04190 PE=4 SV=1        |
| A0A6M4JHK0 | A0A6M4JHK0_BACSU | MATE family efflux transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10590 PE=4 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M4JIG0 | A0A6M4JIG0_BACSU | Peptide MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02125 PE=3 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M4JIL0 | A0A6M4JIL0_BACSU | Calcium-translocating P-type ATPase, SERCA-type OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_08565 PE=4 SV=1                    |
| A0A6M4JH3  | A0A6M4JH3_BACSU  | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14805 PE=4 SV=1                                                    |
| A0A6M4JJK7 | A0A6M4JJK7_BACSU | Type II toxin-antitoxin system toxin ribonuclease YqcG OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yqcG PE=4 SV=1                    |
| A0A6M4JKX8 | A0A6M4JKX8_BACSU | HlyC/CorC family transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14670 PE=3 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M4JLG2 | A0A6M4JLG2_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19060 PE=3 SV=1                                                    |
| A0A6M4JMH5 | A0A6M4JMH5_BACSU | TspO/MBR family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17905 PE=3 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M4JMQ1 | A0A6M4JMQ1_BACSU | CitMHS family transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15800 PE=4 SV=1                                          |

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| A0A6M4JP02                                 | A0A6M4JP02_BACSU | Type VII secretion protein EsaA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=esaA PE=3 SV=1                                              |
| A0A6M4JP37                                 | A0A6M4JP37_BACSU | Iron ABC transporter permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19205 PE=3 SV=1                                         |
| A0A6M4JQ31                                 | A0A6M4JQ31_BACSU | AEC family transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21250 PE=3 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M4JRB4                                 | A0A6M4JRB4_BACSU | Tetracycline efflux MFS transporter Tet(L) OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=tet(L) PE=4 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M4JRB8                                 | A0A6M4JRB8_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_06180 PE=4 SV=1                                                       |
| A0A6M3Z803                                 | A0A6M3Z803_BACSU | Two-component system response regulator YclJ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yclJ PE=4 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M4JEZ4                                 | A0A6M4JEZ4_BACSU | Amino acid permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01835 PE=4 SV=1                                                   |
| A0A6M4JFK2                                 | A0A6M4JFK2_BACSU | Metallophosphoesterase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07375 PE=4 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M4JR32                                 | A0A6M4JR32_BACSU | Cyclic-di-AMP phosphodiesterase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gdpP PE=3 SV=1                                              |
| A0A6M3ZI65                                 | A0A6M3ZI65_BACSU | Efflux RND transporter permease subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03825 PE=4 SV=1                               |
| <b>Chemotaxis &amp; flageller movement</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                            |
| A0A6M3ZAR0                                 | A0A6M3ZAR0_BACSU | Chemotaxis protein CheV OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07725 PE=4 SV=1                                               |
| A0A6M3ZAT0                                 | A0A6M3ZAT0_BACSU | Flagellar basal body rod protein FlgB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=flgB PE=3 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M3ZBG8                                 | A0A6M3ZBG8_BACSU | Chemotaxis protein CheA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_08960 PE=4 SV=1                                               |
| A0A6M4JGR4                                 | A0A6M4JGR4_BACSU | Flagellar biosynthesis protein FlhA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=flhA PE=3 SV=1                                          |
| A0A6M4JIN9                                 | A0A6M4JIN9_BACSU | Flagellar hook-length control protein FliK OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_08875 PE=3 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M4JLK3                                 | A0A6M4JLK3_BACSU | Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein TlpB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=tlpB PE=4 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M4JMS8                                 | A0A6M4JMS8_BACSU | Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein McpB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mcpB PE=4 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M4JMY2                                 | A0A6M4JMY2_BACSU | Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein TlpA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=tlpA PE=4 SV=1                                     |
| <b>Kinase &amp; tranferases</b>            |                  |                                                                                                                                            |
| A0A6M3Z7K0                                 | A0A6M3Z7K0_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dctS PE=4 SV=1                                                             |
| A0A6M3Z8H2                                 | A0A6M3Z8H2_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yflR PE=4 SV=1                                                             |
| A0A6M3Z8M0                                 | A0A6M3Z8M0_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yesM PE=4 SV=1                                                             |
| A0A6M3ZAL1                                 | A0A6M3ZAL1_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=kinE PE=4 SV=1                                                             |
| A0A6M3ZBG3                                 | A0A6M3ZBG3_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=desK PE=4 SV=1                                                             |
| A0A6M3ZFU0                                 | A0A6M3ZFU0_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18435 PE=4 SV=1                                                      |
| A0A6M3ZG86                                 | A0A6M3ZG86_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=maeL PE=4 SV=1                                                             |
| A0A6M4JG44                                 | A0A6M4JG44_BACSU | Phosphatidylglycerol lysyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mprF PE=3 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M4JHL1                                 | A0A6M4JHL1_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=kinD PE=4 SV=1                                                             |
| A0A6M4JP28                                 | A0A6M4JP28_BACSU | Sensor histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=liaS PE=4 SV=1                                                      |
| A0A6M4JR07                                 | A0A6M4JR07_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=wakK PE=4 SV=1                                                             |
| A0A6M3Z8H8                                 | A0A6M3Z8H8_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=lnrJ PE=4 SV=1                                                             |
| A0A6M3ZBS1                                 | A0A6M3ZBS1_BACSU | Protein-arginine kinase activator protein McsA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mcsA PE=4 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M3ZEI0                                 | A0A6M3ZEI0_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yqrQ PE=4 SV=1                                                             |
| A0A6M3ZH24                                 | A0A6M3ZH24_BACSU | Phosphatidylglycerol--prolipoprotein diacylglycerol transferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=igt PE=3 SV=1               |
| A0A6M3ZH60                                 | A0A6M3ZH60_BACSU | Aminotransferase class I/II-fold pyridoxal phosphate-dependent enzyme OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19775 PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZID7                                 | A0A6M3ZID7_BACSU | Aminoglycoside N(3)-acetyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13040 PE=3 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M4JFG2                                 | A0A6M4JFG2_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ykoH PE=4 SV=1                                                             |

## Supplementary data

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| A0A6M4JM24 | A0A6M4JM24_BACSU | Queuine tRNA-ribosyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=tgt PE=3 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M4JNB7 | A0A6M4JNB7_BACSU | Phosphatidylglycerophosphatase A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18730 PE=4 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M4JPS2 | A0A6M4JPS2_BACSU | Glycosyltransferase family 2 protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20520 PE=4 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M3Z6K0 | A0A6M3Z6K0_BACSU | Serine/threonine protein kinase PrkT OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=prkT PE=4 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M3ZAY7 | A0A6M3ZAY7_BACSU | Aspartokinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dapG PE=3 SV=1                                                              |
| A0A6M3ZFG4 | A0A6M3ZFG4_BACSU | Acetate kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ackA PE=3 SV=1                                                             |
| A0A6M4JIQ6 | A0A6M4JIQ6_BACSU | Bifunctional hydroxymethylpyrimidine kinase/phosphomethylpyrimidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=thiD PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M4JJD7 | A0A6M4JJD7_BACSU | Alpha-glucosidase/alpha-galactosidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04045 PE=3 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M4JKH1 | A0A6M4JKH1_BACSU | Pantothenate kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=coaA PE=3 SV=1                                                        |
| A0A6M4JPK3 | A0A6M4JPK3_BACSU | Phosphotransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20260 PE=4 SV=1                                                  |
| A0A6M4JQ13 | A0A6M4JQ13_BACSU | Serine hydroxymethyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=glyA PE=3 SV=1                                            |
| P39211     | XYLB_BACSU       | Xylulose kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=xylB PE=3 SV=2                                                            |
| A0A6M3Z7Z7 | A0A6M3Z7Z7_BACSU | GNAT family N-acetyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03210 PE=4 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M4JKL9 | A0A6M4JKL9_BACSU | Glycosyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03270 PE=4 SV=1                                                 |
| A0A6M3ZHK1 | A0A6M3ZHK1_BACSU | DegT/DnrJ/EryC1/StrS aminotransferase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21690 PE=3 SV=1                |

### Metabolic pathway

#### C/ N & lipid metabolism

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| A0A6M3Z7D1 | A0A6M3Z7D1_BACSU | Assimilatory nitrate reductase catalytic subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nasC PE=4 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M3Z8A5 | A0A6M3Z8A5_BACSU | 6-phospho-beta-glucosidase GmuD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gmuD PE=3 SV=1                                         |
| A0A6M3Z8G0 | A0A6M3Z8G0_BACSU | Dihydrolipoyl dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=acoL PE=3 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M3Z9T4 | A0A6M3Z9T4_BACSU | 3-oxoacyl-[acyl-carrier-protein] synthase 2 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=fabF PE=3 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M3ZB03 | A0A6M3ZB03_BACSU | Malonyl CoA-acyl carrier protein transacylase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=fabD PE=3 SV=1                           |
| A0A6M3ZBJ9 | A0A6M3ZBJ9_BACSU | Pyridoxal 5'-phosphate synthase subunit PdxS OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pdxS PE=3 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M3ZGD9 | A0A6M3ZGD9_BACSU | Urate oxidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pucL PE=4 SV=1                                                           |
| A0A6M3ZGJ9 | A0A6M3ZGJ9_BACSU | Beta-N-acetylglucosaminidase LytD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=lytD PE=4 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M3ZGQ2 | A0A6M3ZGQ2_BACSU | 3-phosphoshikimate 1-carboxyvinyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=aroA PE=3 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M3ZKG5 | A0A6M3ZKG5_BACSU | Inosose dehydratase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ioIE PE=3 SV=1                                                     |
| A0A6M4JES8 | A0A6M4JES8_BACSU | Glucose-6-phosphate 3-dehydrogenase NdtC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ntdC PE=4 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M4JFC1 | A0A6M4JFC1_BACSU | Assimilatory nitrate reductase electron transfer subunit NasB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nasB PE=4 SV=1           |
| A0A6M4JG05 | A0A6M4JG05_BACSU | Nitric oxide synthase oxygenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04285 PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M4JG47 | A0A6M4JG47_BACSU | Carbamoyl-phosphate synthase large chain OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=carB PE=3 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M4JGV3 | A0A6M4JGV3_BACSU | Alpha-L-arabinofuranosidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=xynD PE=3 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M4JI83 | A0A6M4JI83_BACSU | Alpha-glucosidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01680 PE=4 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M4JJK3 | A0A6M4JJK3_BACSU | Alpha-N-arabinofuranosidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_16795 PE=3 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M4JKP6 | A0A6M4JKP6_BACSU | Phospholipase YtpA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ytpA PE=4 SV=1                                                      |
| A0A6M4JL50 | A0A6M4JL50_BACSU | Acetate--CoA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=acsA PE=4 SV=1                                                     |
| A0A6M4JLF6 | A0A6M4JLF6_BACSU | 2-succinyl-5-enolpyruvyl-6-hydroxy-3-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mend PE=3 SV=1 |



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| A0A6M4JLN8 | A0A6M4JLN8_BACSU | Carbamoyl-phosphate synthase small chain OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=carA PE=3 SV=1               |
| A0A6M4JLV8 | A0A6M4JLV8_BACSU | Lipoyl synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=lipA PE=3 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M4JM99 | A0A6M4JM99_BACSU | UDP-glucose 6-dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17870 PE=3 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M4JMW5 | A0A6M4JMW5_BACSU | Alpha-1,4 glucan phosphorylase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17910 PE=3 SV=1                  |
| A0A6M4JMX6 | A0A6M4JMX6_BACSU | Undecaprenyl-diphosphatase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=uppP PE=3 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M4JN15 | A0A6M4JN15_BACSU | 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19030 PE=4 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M4JNS0 | A0A6M4JNS0_BACSU | Alpha-glucosidase/alpha-galactosidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17585 PE=3 SV=1           |
| A0A6M4JP71 | A0A6M4JP71_BACSU | Scyllo-inositol 2-dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=iolW PE=4 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M4JPI8 | A0A6M4JPI8_BACSU | N-acetylglucosamine-6-phosphate deacetylase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nagA PE=3 SV=1            |
| A0A6M4JPV2 | A0A6M4JPV2_BACSU | UDP-glucose 6-dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=uglF PE=3 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M4JQW6 | A0A6M4JQW6_BACSU | 6-phospho-5-dehydro-2-deoxy-D-gluconate aldolase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=iolJ PE=4 SV=1       |
| A0A6M4JR43 | A0A6M4JR43_BACSU | 6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase, decarboxylating OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gnd PE=3 SV=1       |
| A0A6M4JR71 | A0A6M4JR71_BACSU | Adenylosuccinate synthetase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=purA PE=3 SV=1                            |
| A3F3D1     | A3F3D1_BACSU     | Anthranilate synthase component 1 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=trpE PE=3 SV=1                      |
| P13484     | TAGE_BACSU       | Poly(glycerol-phosphate) alpha-glucosyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=tagE PE=1 SV=1     |
| P18159     | PGCA_BACSU       | Phosphoglucomutase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pgcA PE=1 SV=3                                     |
| A0A6M3Z802 | A0A6M3Z802_BACSU | GABA permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gabP PE=4 SV=1                                          |
| A0A6M3Z8U9 | A0A6M3Z8U9_BACSU | Rhamnogalacturonan acetyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04015 PE=4 SV=1            |
| A0A6M3Z9F7 | A0A6M3Z9F7_BACSU | Aldo/keto reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05330 PE=4 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M3Z9J1 | A0A6M3Z9J1_BACSU | Enoyl-CoA hydratase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05495 PE=3 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M3ZBI3 | A0A6M3ZBI3_BACSU | Nitric oxide reductase activation protein NorD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10560 PE=4 SV=1  |
| A0A6M3ZGE8 | A0A6M3ZGE8_BACSU | Acyl-CoA dehydrogenase FadE OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=fadE PE=3 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M3ZHN2 | A0A6M3ZHN2_BACSU | M20/M25/M40 family metallo-hydrolase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21630 PE=4 SV=1            |
| A0A6M3ZIW3 | A0A6M3ZIW3_BACSU | Bifunctional aldolase/short-chain dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18175 PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZLP2 | A0A6M3ZLP2_BACSU | Polysaccharide deacetylase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22160 PE=4 SV=1       |
| A0A6M4JC95 | A0A6M4JC95_BACSU | Polysaccharide biosynthesis protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_00345 PE=4 SV=1             |
| A0A6M4JGX6 | A0A6M4JGX6_BACSU | [Acyl-carrier-protein] S-malonyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=fabD PE=4 SV=1            |
| A0A6M3ZA09 | A0A6M3ZA09_BACSU | Mannonate dehydratase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=uxuA PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M3Z8C9 | A0A6M3Z8C9_BACSU | Rhamnogalacturonan acetyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03990 PE=4 SV=1            |
| A0A6M3ZCJ6 | A0A6M3ZCJ6_BACSU | Long-chain-fatty-acid--CoA ligase LcfB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=lcfB PE=3 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M3ZDD7 | A0A6M3ZDD7_BACSU | 6-phosphogluconolactonase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pgl PE=3 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M3ZDJ3 | A0A6M3ZDJ3_BACSU | Isopentenyl-diphosphate delta-isomerase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=fni PE=3 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M3ZH93 | A0A6M3ZH93_BACSU | Nitrate reductase (quinone) OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21380 PE=3 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M3ZH93 | A0A6M3ZH93_BACSU | Nitrate reductase (quinone) OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21380 PE=3 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M4JQ85 | A0A6M4JQ85_BACSU | Nitrate reductase subunit beta OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=narH PE=4 SV=1                         |
| A0A6M3ZHA0 | A0A6M3ZHA0_BACSU | Galactose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=galt PE=3 SV=1              |

## Amino acid metabolism

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| A0A6M3Z6D7                                        | A0A6M3Z6D7_BACSU | Methionine--tRNA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=metG PE=3 SV=1                                                                             |
| A0A6M3Z9P9                                        | A0A6M3Z9P9_BACSU | Glycine oxidase ThiO OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=thiO PE=4 SV=1                                                                                |
| A0A6M3ZBC2                                        | A0A6M3ZBC2_BACSU | Glutamate synthase large subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=glbB PE=3 SV=1                                                                    |
| A0A6M3ZFB7                                        | A0A6M3ZFB7_BACSU | Glutamate-1-semialdehyde 2,1-aminomutase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=hemL PE=3 SV=1                                                            |
| A0A6M3ZGI8                                        | A0A6M3ZGI8_BACSU | Homoserine O-acetyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=metA PE=3 SV=1                                                                      |
| A0A6M3ZGN0                                        | A0A6M3ZGN0_BACSU | Glutathione hydrolase proenzyme OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ggT PE=3 SV=1                                                                      |
| A0A6M3ZI13                                        | A0A6M3ZI13_BACSU | Asparagine synthase (Glutamine-hydrolyzing) OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=asnB PE=3 SV=1                                                         |
| A0A6M4JEL1                                        | A0A6M4JEL1_BACSU | Glutamine--fructose-6-phosphate aminotransferase [isomerizing] OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=glmS PE=3 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M4JIH4                                        | A0A6M4JIH4_BACSU | Asparagine synthase (Glutamine-hydrolyzing) OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=asnB PE=3 SV=1                                                         |
| A0A6M4JLA6                                        | A0A6M4JLA6_BACSU | Leucine--tRNA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=leuS PE=3 SV=1                                                                                |
| A0A6M4JPI5                                        | A0A6M4JPI5_BACSU | Histidine biosynthesis bifunctional protein HisIE OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=hisI PE=3 SV=1                                                   |
| A0A6M4JQA6                                        | A0A6M4JQA6_BACSU | Threonine--tRNA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=thrS PE=3 SV=1                                                                              |
| P19406                                            | PPB4_BACSU       | Alkaline phosphatase 4 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=phoA PE=1 SV=4                                                                              |
| P54420                                            | ASNB_BACSU       | Asparagine synthetase [glutamine-hydrolyzing] 1 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=asnB PE=1 SV=2                                                     |
| A0A6M3ZAN5                                        | A0A6M3ZAN5_BACSU | Non-specific serine/threonine protein kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=prkC PE=4 SV=1                                                        |
| A0A6M3ZDB3                                        | A0A6M3ZDB3_BACSU | Dihydroxy-acid dehydratase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ilvD PE=3 SV=1                                                                          |
| A0A6M3ZDW6                                        | A0A6M3ZDW6_BACSU | Glutamate dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gudB PE=3 SV=1                                                                             |
| A0A6M3ZEC8                                        | A0A6M3ZEC8_BACSU | O-acetylserine dependent cystathionine beta-synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_16020 PE=4 SV=1                                         |
| A0A6M3ZEJ7                                        | A0A6M3ZEJ7_BACSU | Farnesyl diphosphate phosphatase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=farP PE=4 SV=1                                                                    |
| A0A6M4JMJ9                                        | A0A6M4JMJ9_BACSU | Gamma-polyglutamate hydrolase PghZ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pghZ PE=4 SV=1                                                                  |
| A0A6M3ZHM6                                        | A0A6M3ZHM6_BACSU | Branched-chain-amino-acid aminotransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22035 PE=3 SV=1                                                   |
| <b>Nucleotide metabolism</b>                      |                  |                                                                                                                                                                   |
| A0A6M3Z814                                        | A0A6M3Z814_BACSU | Phosphoribosylformylglycinamide cyclo-ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=purM PE=3 SV=1                                                        |
| A0A6M3Z8J7                                        | A0A6M3Z8J7_BACSU | Phosphoribosylformylglycinamide synthase subunit PurL OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=purL PE=3 SV=1                                               |
| A0A6M3Z8R4                                        | A0A6M3Z8R4_BACSU | Adenine deaminase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03750 PE=3 SV=1                                                                            |
| A0A6M3ZET1                                        | A0A6M3ZET1_BACSU | Bifunctional folylpolyglutamate synthase/dihydrofolate synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_16460 PE=3 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M3ZJM5                                        | A0A6M3ZJM5_BACSU | (p)ppGpp synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=relA PE=3 SV=1                                                                                   |
| A0A6M4JEI9                                        | A0A6M4JEI9_BACSU | Phosphomethylpyrimidine synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=thiC PE=3 SV=1                                                                    |
| A0A6M4JG22                                        | A0A6M4JG22_BACSU | Multifunctional 2',3'-cyclic-nucleotide 2'-phosphodiesterase/3'-nucleotidase/5'-nucleotidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04385 PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M4JGM5                                        | A0A6M4JGM5_BACSU | AMP-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05755 PE=4 SV=1                                                                          |
| A0A6M4JGM8                                        | A0A6M4JGM8_BACSU | Ribonucleoside-diphosphate reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nrpE PE=3 SV=1                                                                |
| A0A6M4JKT5                                        | A0A6M4JKT5_BACSU | Bifunctional purine biosynthesis protein PurH OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=purH PE=3 SV=1                                                       |
| A0A6M4JLE8                                        | A0A6M4JLE8_BACSU | Adenine deaminase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ade PE=3 SV=1                                                                                    |
| A0A6M4JNX5                                        | A0A6M4JNX5_BACSU | Bifunctional oligoribonuclease/PAP phosphatase NrnA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17065 PE=4 SV=1                                          |
| A0A6M4JP08                                        | A0A6M4JP08_BACSU | Xanthine dehydrogenase accessory protein PucB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pucB PE=4 SV=1                                                       |
| <b>Central metabolism(TCA/electron transport)</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                                                   |
| A0A6M3ZAP4                                        | A0A6M3ZAP4_BACSU | D-malate dehydrogenase [decarboxylating] OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02305 PE=3 SV=1                                                     |

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| A0A6M3ZBL3                 | A0A6M3ZBL3_BACSU | 2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase E1 component OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sucA PE=3 SV=1                                                   |
| A0A6M3ZBL7                 | A0A6M3ZBL7_BACSU | Bifunctional cytochrome P450/NADPH--P450 reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04105 PE=3 SV=1                                   |
| A0A6M3ZF07                 | A0A6M3ZF07_BACSU | Quinolinate synthase A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nadA PE=3 SV=1                                                                      |
| A0A6M4JH04                 | A0A6M4JH04_BACSU | Coproporphyrinogen III oxidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=hemY PE=3 SV=1                                                              |
| A0A6M4JH12                 | A0A6M4JH12_BACSU | Coproporphyrinogen III oxidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05475 PE=4 SV=1                                                       |
| A0A6M4JH25                 | A0A6M4JH25_BACSU | Protoheme IX farnesyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cyoE PE=3 SV=1                                                            |
| O34720                     | YJGC_BACSU       | Probable oxidoreductase YjgC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yjgC PE=3 SV=1                                                                |
| A0A6M3ZFM1                 | A0A6M3ZFM1_BACSU | LLM class flavin-dependent oxidoreductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17105 PE=4 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M3ZI44                 | A0A6M3ZI44_BACSU | MmgE/PrpD family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22495 PE=3 SV=1                                                             |
| A0A6M4JI32                 | A0A6M4JI32_BACSU | NAD(P)-dependent oxidoreductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07695 PE=4 SV=1                                                      |
| A0A6M4JIK5                 | A0A6M4JIK5_BACSU | Aldo/keto reductase family oxidoreductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02385 PE=4 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M4JKI9                 | A0A6M4JKI9_BACSU | Cytochrome c biogenesis protein ResB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=resB PE=4 SV=1                                                        |
| A0A6M4JKP0                 | A0A6M4JKP0_BACSU | Phosphoenolpyruvate synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ppsA PE=4 SV=1                                                                |
| A0A6M3ZEC0                 | A0A6M3ZEC0_BACSU | Bifunctional cytochrome P450/NADPH--P450 reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15965 PE=3 SV=1                                   |
| A0A6M4JMD9                 | A0A6M4JMD9_BACSU | NADP-dependent malic enzyme OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=macB PE=3 SV=1                                                                 |
| <b>Cell wall synthesis</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                                           |
| A0A6M3Z8Q4                 | A0A6M3Z8Q4_BACSU | Beta-galactosidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yesZ PE=3 SV=1                                                                          |
| A0A6M3Z8T2                 | A0A6M3Z8T2_BACSU | Lipoteichoic acid synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ltaS PE=3 SV=1                                                                  |
| A0A6M3ZAJ3                 | A0A6M3ZAJ3_BACSU | Serine-type D-Ala-D-Ala carboxypeptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_08320 PE=3 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M3ZG90                 | A0A6M3ZG90_BACSU | LTA synthase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19310 PE=3 SV=1                                                          |
| A0A6M3ZHY9                 | A0A6M3ZHY9_BACSU | Aryl-phospho-beta-d-glucosidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=bglH PE=3 SV=1                                                             |
| A0A6M4JJR6                 | A0A6M4JJR6_BACSU | Serine-type D-Ala-D-Ala carboxypeptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_08325 PE=3 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M4JPR3                 | A0A6M4JPR3_BACSU | Undecaprenyl/decaprenyl-phosphate alpha-N-acetylglucosaminyl 1-phosphate transferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20435 PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3Z993                 | A0A6M3Z993_BACSU | Cell wall-associated protease WprA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=wprA PE=3 SV=1                                                          |
| A0A6M3ZEE3                 | A0A6M3ZEE3_BACSU | Transglycosylase SLT domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15330 PE=4 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M3ZHM4                 | A0A6M3ZHM4_BACSU | Teichoic acid biosynthesis protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20580 PE=4 SV=1                                                   |
| O34798                     | PDAC_BACSU       | Peptidoglycan-N-acetylmuramic acid deacetylase PdaC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pdaC PE=1 SV=1                                         |
| A0A6M3Z8B5                 | A0A6M3Z8B5_BACSU | Transglycosylase SLT domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02860 PE=3 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M4JE15                 | A0A6M4JE15_BACSU | Peptidylprolyl isomerase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_00430 PE=4 SV=1                                                             |
| A0A6M4JHU0                 | A0A6M4JHU0_BACSU | Aminoamidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07950 PE=3 SV=1                                                                         |
| O31605                     | PEPF_BACSU       | Oligoendopeptidase F homolog OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yjbG PE=3 SV=2                                                                |
| A0A6M3ZDD9                 | A0A6M3ZDD9_BACSU | Serine-type D-Ala-D-Ala carboxypeptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13865 PE=3 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M3ZHH5                 | A0A6M3ZHH5_BACSU | Protein DltD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dltD PE=3 SV=1                                                                                |
| A0A6M4JIR1                 | A0A6M4JIR1_BACSU | LysM peptidoglycan-binding domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13775 PE=4 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M3ZH02                 | A0A6M3ZH02_BACSU | LTD domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20185 PE=4 SV=1                                                        |
| A0A6M4JNK6                 | A0A6M4JNK6_BACSU | Endolytic murein transglycosylase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mltG PE=3 SV=1                                                           |
| P55179                     | PEPT_BACSU       | Peptidase T OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pepT PE=3 SV=1                                                                                 |

| Uncharacterized protein             |                  |                                                  |                      |              |           |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|--|--|
| A0A6M3Z7N5                          | A0A6M3Z7N5_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_02465 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3Z8U3                          | A0A6M3Z8U3_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_05095 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3Z8V2                          | A0A6M3Z8V2_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_05140 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3ZBS8                          | A0A6M3ZBS8_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_09615 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3ZC19                          | A0A6M3ZC19_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_11415 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3ZC58                          | A0A6M3ZC58_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_10940 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3ZCE0                          | A0A6M3ZCE0_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_11550 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3ZCM7                          | A0A6M3ZCM7_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_11410 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3ZCQ5                          | A0A6M3ZCQ5_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_12865 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3ZCT8                          | A0A6M3ZCT8_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_12715 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3ZF64                          | A0A6M3ZF64_BACSU | Unsaturated rhamnogalacturonyl hydrolase         | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=rmgQ PE=4 SV=1                                |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3ZI73                          | A0A6M3ZI73_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_21505 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M4JE22                          | A0A6M4JE22_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_03885 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M4JFW5                          | A0A6M4JFW5_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_04025 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M4JH27                          | A0A6M4JH27_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_10270 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M4JHG6                          | A0A6M4JHG6_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_04540 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M4JIL6                          | A0A6M4JIL6_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_08775 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M4JJC7                          | A0A6M4JJC7_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_11365 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M4JH9                           | A0A6M4JH9_BACSU  | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_11405 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M4JJP6                          | A0A6M4JJP6_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_15290 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M4JK58                          | A0A6M4JK58_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_11075 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M4JNZ2                          | A0A6M4JNZ2_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_17885 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3ZIU9                          | A0A6M3ZIU9_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_11540 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3ZIM2                          | A0A6M3ZIM2_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_12900 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3ZIT4                          | A0A6M3ZIT4_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_11470 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A2K4Z9K2                          | A0A2K4Z9K2_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein                          | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=BSU_21639 PE=4 SV=1                           |                      |              |           |  |  |
| Stress resistance/response proteins |                  |                                                  |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3Z979                          | A0A6M3Z979_BACSU | Penicillin-binding protein                       | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_05630 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3Z7S3                          | A0A6M3Z7S3_BACSU | Zinc metallochaperone ZinU                       | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=zinU PE=3 SV=1                                |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3Z8S4                          | A0A6M3Z8S4_BACSU | Thioredoxin-dependent thiol peroxidase           | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=bcp PE=4 SV=1                                 |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3ZB88                          | A0A6M3ZB88_BACSU | Beta-lactamase family protein                    | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_09210 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3ZEE2                          | A0A6M3ZEE2_BACSU | Heme chaperone HemW                              | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=hemW PE=3 SV=1                                |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M3ZEL7                          | A0A6M3ZEL7_BACSU | Chaperone protein DnaJ                           | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=dnaJ PE=3 SV=1                                |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M4JGI4                          | A0A6M4JGI4_BACSU | Foldase protein PrsA                             | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=prsA PE=3 SV=1                                |                      |              |           |  |  |
| A0A6M4JGX0                          | A0A6M4JGX0_BACSU | SdpA family antimicrobial peptide system protein | OS=Bacillus subtilis | (strain 168) | OX=224308 |  |  |
|                                     |                  | GN=HIR78_06105 PE=4 SV=1                         |                      |              |           |  |  |



## Supplementary data

|            |                  |                                                                                                                             |
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| A0A6M4JK71 | A0A6M4JK71_BACSU | GlsB/YeaQ/YmgE family stress response membrane protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02500 PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZJU8 | A0A6M3ZJU8_BACSU | Carbon starvation protein A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_16790 PE=3 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M3ZKH0 | A0A6M3ZKH0_BACSU | Chaperone protein HtpG OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=htpG PE=3 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M4JF46 | A0A6M4JF46_BACSU | Ureidoglycolate dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=allID PE=4 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M4JQY7 | A0A6M4JQY7_BACSU | General stress protein 30 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22785 PE=4 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M3ZF30 | A0A6M3ZF30_BACSU | Lon protease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=lon PE=2 SV=1                                                   |
| A0A6M3ZF63 | A0A6M3ZF63_BACSU | Flavohemoprotein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=hmpA PE=3 SV=1                                              |
| A0A6M3Z752 | A0A6M3Z752_BACSU | ATP-dependent Clp protease ATP-binding subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_00575 PE=3 SV=1         |

### Sporulation specific proteins

|            |                  |                                                                                                                           |
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| A0A6M3Z6S1 | A0A6M3Z6S1_BACSU | Spore cortex biosynthesis protein YabQ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yabQ PE=4 SV=1                      |
| A0A6M3Z910 | A0A6M3Z910_BACSU | Endospore germination permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04345 PE=3 SV=1                       |
| A0A6M3ZEK5 | A0A6M3ZEK5_BACSU | Stage II sporulation protein SpoIIB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIIB PE=4 SV=1                       |
| A0A6M3ZG80 | A0A6M3ZG80_BACSU | Type VII secretion protein EssC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=essC PE=4 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M3ZH01 | A0A6M3ZH01_BACSU | Sporulenol synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sqhC PE=3 SV=1                                         |
| A0A6M3ZJ55 | A0A6M3ZJ55_BACSU | Sporulation protein YqfD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yqfD PE=4 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M3ZM43 | A0A6M3ZM43_BACSU | Sporulation sigma-E factor-processing peptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIIIGA PE=3 SV=1         |
| A0A6M4JC46 | A0A6M4JC46_BACSU | LysM peptidoglycan-binding domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_00110 PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M4JEJ9 | A0A6M4JEJ9_BACSU | Stage II sporulation protein E OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIIE PE=4 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M4JJI5 | A0A6M4JJI5_BACSU | Sporulation killing factor system radical SAM maturase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=skfB PE=4 SV=1      |
| A0A6M4JKH4 | A0A6M4JKH4_BACSU | Stage V sporulation protein B OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoVB PE=4 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M4JLK4 | A0A6M4JLK4_BACSU | YheC/YheD family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05450 PE=4 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M4JMX1 | A0A6M4JMX1_BACSU | Spore coat morphogenetic protein SpoVID OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoVID PE=4 SV=1                   |
| A0A6M4JQ07 | A0A6M4JQ07_BACSU | Stage II sporulation protein spoIIQ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIIQ PE=4 SV=1                       |
| A0A6M4JQ30 | A0A6M4JQ30_BACSU | Stage II sporulation protein R OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIIR PE=4 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M4JR62 | A0A6M4JR62_BACSU | Sporulation initiation inhibitor protein Soj OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=soj PE=4 SV=1                 |
| P37875     | SP5R_BACSU       | Stage V sporulation protein R OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoVR PE=4 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M3ZFA1 | A0A6M3ZFA1_BACSU | Sporulation initiation phosphotransferase Sop0B OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spo0B PE=4 SV=1            |
| A0A6M3Z8L3 | A0A6M3Z8L3_BACSU | YfhO family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04765 PE=4 SV=1                                  |

### Others

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| A0A6M4JH86 | A0A6M4JH86_BACSU | Non-ribosomal lipastatin synthetase PpsE OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ppsE PE=3 SV=1         |
| A7XMX8     | A7XMX8_BACSU     | PpsD (Fragment) OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ppsD PE=4 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M3Z6Z9 | A0A6M3Z6Z9_BACSU | Serine protease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01360 PE=3 SV=1                           |
| A0A6M3Z822 | A0A6M3Z822_BACSU | Lipoprotein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02445 PE=4 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M3ZBH5 | A0A6M3ZBH5_BACSU | KAP NTPase domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10335 PE=4 SV=1      |
| A0A6M3ZE64 | A0A6M3ZE64_BACSU | HXXEE domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15585 PE=4 SV=1           |
| A0A6M3ZE99 | A0A6M3ZE99_BACSU | PBSX family phage terminase large subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15420 PE=4 SV=1 |

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| A0A6M3ZEW0 | A0A6M3ZEW0_BACSU | U32 family peptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_16060 PE=4 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M3ZEY6 | A0A6M3ZEY6_BACSU | DUF1049 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_16220 PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M3ZFA2 | A0A6M3ZFA2_BACSU | DedA family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07405 PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M3ZGH9 | A0A6M3ZGH9_BACSU | Divergent PAP2 family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18620 PE=4 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M3ZH22 | A0A6M3ZH22_BACSU | DUF2326 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22875 PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M3ZI55 | A0A6M3ZI55_BACSU | CvpA family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_16725 PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M3ZIX3 | A0A6M3ZIX3_BACSU | DUF2627 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14345 PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M3ZJ10 | A0A6M3ZJ10_BACSU | 3D domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_12345 PE=4 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M3ZLZ5 | A0A6M3ZLZ5_BACSU | YitT family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_23215 PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M4JDN3 | A0A6M4JDN3_BACSU | DUF4129 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03640 PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M4JF49 | A0A6M4JF49_BACSU | DUF4901 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01655 PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M4JI41 | A0A6M4JI41_BACSU | Rqc2 homolog RqcH OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rqcH PE=1 SV=1                                                 |
| A0A6M4JJZ0 | A0A6M4JJZ0_BACSU | Phage tail protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_12890 PE=4 SV=1                                         |
| A0A6M4JKH6 | A0A6M4JKH6_BACSU | YtxH domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17330 PE=4 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M4JL47 | A0A6M4JL47_BACSU | Phage_Mu_F domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15410 PE=4 SV=1                       |
| A0A6M4JMM8 | A0A6M4JMM8_BACSU | DUF2953 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17195 PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M4JMR1 | A0A6M4JMR1_BACSU | S9 family peptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18705 PE=3 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M4JNF4 | A0A6M4JNF4_BACSU | Right-handed parallel beta-helix repeat-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_12405 PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M4JNW4 | A0A6M4JNW4_BACSU | YutD family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18745 PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M4JPA1 | A0A6M4JPA1_BACSU | Zinc ribbon domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19575 PE=4 SV=1                      |
| A0A6M4JPE4 | A0A6M4JPE4_BACSU | DUF3231 family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19910 PE=4 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M4JPT8 | A0A6M4JPT8_BACSU | DUF2642 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20715 PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M4JQA0 | A0A6M4JQA0_BACSU | YwiC-like family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21390 PE=4 SV=1                                   |
| A0A6M4JQB0 | A0A6M4JQB0_BACSU | Antilisterial bacteriocin subtilisin biosynthesis protein AlbD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=albD PE=4 SV=1    |
| P17865     | FTSZ_BACSU       | Cell division protein FtsZ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ftsZ PE=1 SV=3                                        |
| A0A6M4JFE2 | A0A6M4JFE2_BACSU | Surfactin non-ribosomal peptide synthetase SrfAC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=srfAC PE=3 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M3ZG81 | A0A6M3ZG81_BACSU | Wzz domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19840 PE=4 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M3ZIF9 | A0A6M3ZIF9_BACSU | Minor protease Epr OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=epr PE=3 SV=1                                                 |
| A0A6M3ZK18 | A0A6M3ZK18_BACSU | 4Fe-4S cluster domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21325 PE=4 SV=1                   |
| P29141     | SUBV_BACSU       | Minor extracellular protease vpr OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=vpr PE=1 SV=1                                   |
| A0A6M3ZMB6 | A0A6M3ZMB6_BACSU | Insulinase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21445 PE=4 SV=1                                  |

**Table S1 B)** Protein profiles of spores of *Bacillus subtilis* PY79 produced under H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treated condition.

| Accession                  | Entry            | Description                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Molecular functions</b> |                  |                                                                                                                  |
| <b>DNA Replication</b>     |                  |                                                                                                                  |
| A0A6M3Z6N2                 | A0A6M3Z6N2_BACSU | DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit beta OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rpoB PE=3 SV=1           |
| A0A6M3Z765                 | A0A6M3Z765_BACSU | 50S ribosomal protein L7/L12 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rpL PE=3 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M3Z778                 | A0A6M3Z778_BACSU | 50S ribosomal protein L3 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rpL PE=3 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M3Z852                 | A0A6M3Z852_BACSU | DNA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ligA PE=3 SV=1                                         |
| A0A6M3ZAS8                 | A0A6M3ZAS8_BACSU | DNA polymerase III PolC-type OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=polC PE=3 SV=1                       |
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| A0A6M3ZBW7                 | A0A6M3ZBW7_BACSU | DNA helicase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=recQ PE=3 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M3ZH20                 | A0A6M3ZH20_BACSU | Arginine--tRNA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=argS PE=3 SV=1                              |
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| A0A6M3ZIS2                 | A0A6M3ZIS2_BACSU | Valine--tRNA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=valS PE=3 SV=1                                |
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| A0A6M4JI35                 | A0A6M4JI35_BACSU | DNA-directed DNA polymerase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_12350 PE=4 SV=1                 |
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| A0A6M3ZAX9                 | A0A6M3ZAX9_BACSU | Chromosome partition protein Smc OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=smc PE=3 SV=1                    |
| A0A6M3ZC49                 | A0A6M3ZC49_BACSU | DNA-directed DNA polymerase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10985 PE=4 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M3ZCT6                 | A0A6M3ZCT6_BACSU | Serine-type integrase SprA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sprA PE=4 SV=1                         |
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| A0A6M4JG55                 | A0A6M4JG55_BACSU | DNA-entry nuclease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nucA PE=4 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M4JGV6                 | A0A6M4JGV6_BACSU | Endonuclease YhcR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yhcR PE=4 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M4JIN7                 | A0A6M4JIN7_BACSU | DNA topoisomerase 4 subunit A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=parC PE=3 SV=1                      |
| A0A6M4JIP4                 | A0A6M4JIP4_BACSU | Oligoribonuclease NrnB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nrnB PE=4 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M4JJ14                 | A0A6M4JJ14_BACSU | DNA gyrase subunit A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gyrA PE=3 SV=1                               |

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| A0A6M4JJ59                     | A0A6M4JJ59_BACSU | MoxR family ATPase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03630 PE=4 SV=1                                                   |
| A0A6M4JJK9                     | A0A6M4JJK9_BACSU | tRNA N(6)-L-threonylcarbamoyladenosine(37)-C(2))-methylthiotransferase MtaB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mtaB PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M4JJN2                     | A0A6M4JJN2_BACSU | 50S ribosomal subunit assembly factor BipA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=typA PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M4JLU8                     | A0A6M4JLU8_BACSU | DNA topoisomerase 1 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=topA PE=3 SV=1                                                         |
| A0A6M4JMC3                     | A0A6M4JMC3_BACSU | DEAD/DEAH box helicase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14585 PE=4 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M4JMP9                     | A0A6M4JMP9_BACSU | DNA translocase SftA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sftA PE=3 SV=1                                                        |
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| A0A6M4JR11                     | A0A6M4JR11_BACSU | MBL fold metallo-hydrolase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22985 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3Z7G6                     | A0A6M3Z7G6_BACSU | tRNA uridine(34) hydroxylase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=trhO PE=3 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M3ZF32                     | A0A6M3ZF32_BACSU | Replication initiation membrane attachment protein DnaB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dnaB PE=4 SV=1                     |
| <b>DNA repair</b>              |                  |                                                                                                                                           |
| A0A6M3ZEJ0                     | A0A6M3ZEJ0_BACSU | DNA mismatch repair protein MutL OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mutL PE=3 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M4JLQ4                     | A0A6M4JLQ4_BACSU | ATP-dependent RecD-like DNA helicase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=recD2 PE=3 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M4JN18                     | A0A6M4JN18_BACSU | UvrABC system protein B OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=uvrB PE=3 SV=1                                                     |
| A0A6M4JPL4                     | A0A6M4JPL4_BACSU | UV damage repair protein UvrX OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_11585 PE=3 SV=1                                        |
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| A0A6M3ZFN8                     | A0A6M3ZFN8_BACSU | 8-oxo-dGTP diphosphatase MutT OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mutT PE=3 SV=1                                               |
| A0A6M4JFJ5                     | A0A6M4JFJ5_BACSU | Metallophosphoesterase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07375 PE=4 SV=1                                               |
| A0A6M4JFK2                     | A0A6M4JFK2_BACSU | DNA repair/recombination ATPase SbcE OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sbcE PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M4JGL3                     | A0A6M4JGL3_BACSU | Ribosomal RNA small subunit methyltransferase I OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rsmI PE=3 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M3Z6L7                     | A0A6M3Z6L7_BACSU |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Transcription regulator</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                           |
| A0A6M4JE64                     | A0A6M4JE64_BACSU | Transcription-repair-coupling factor OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mfd PE=3 SV=1                                         |
| A0A6M3Z6X2                     | A0A6M3Z6X2_BACSU | Elongation factor Tu OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=tuf PE=3 SV=1                                                         |
| A0A6M3Z881                     | A0A6M3Z881_BACSU | MarR family transcriptional regulator OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03230 PE=4 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M3Z8Y6                     | A0A6M3Z8Y6_BACSU | MerR family transcriptional regulator OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04175 PE=4 SV=1                                |
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| A0A6M3ZEE9                     | A0A6M3ZEE9_BACSU | Elongation factor Ts OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=tsf PE=3 SV=1                                                         |
| A0A6M3ZJ61                     | A0A6M3ZJ61_BACSU | Bifunctional metallophosphatase/5'-nucleotidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18775 PE=3 SV=1                      |
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| A0A6M4JCC8                     | A0A6M4JCC8_BACSU | Acetoin dehydrogenase operon transcriptional activator AcoR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=acoR PE=4 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M4JE44                     | A0A6M4JE44_BACSU | Transcriptional regulator YesS OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yesS PE=4 SV=1                                              |
| A0A6M4JE45                     | A0A6M4JE45_BACSU | Anti-sigma-I factor RsgI OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rsgI PE=4 SV=1                                                    |
| A0A6M4JFI2                     | A0A6M4JFI2_BACSU | HTH psq-type domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01615 PE=4 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M4JFS1                     | A0A6M4JFS1_BACSU | LacI family DNA-binding transcriptional regulator OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07650 PE=4 SV=1                    |
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| A0A6M4JJQ3                     | A0A6M4JJQ3_BACSU |                                                                                                                                           |



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| A0A6M4JKY0                                             | A0A6M4JKY0_BACSU | Elongation factor 4 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=lepA PE=3 SV=1                                                       |
| A0A6M4JR56                                             | A0A6M4JR56_BACSU | Transcriptional regulator HypR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=hypR PE=4 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M3Z813                                             | A0A6M3Z813_BACSU | Transcriptional repressor MtlR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mtlR PE=4 SV=1                                            |
| <b>Transport and chemotaxis and flageller assembly</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Basic transport &amp; secretion system</b>          |                  |                                                                                                                                         |
| A0A6M3Z6Z8                                             | A0A6M3Z6Z8_BACSU | PTS transporter subunit EIIC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01415 PE=4 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M3Z760                                             | A0A6M3Z760_BACSU | Zinc ABC transporter permease ZnuB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=znuB PE=3 SV=1                                        |
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| A0A6M3Z8Z5                                             | A0A6M3Z8Z5_BACSU | Iron ABC transporter permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04230 PE=3 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M3Z9N1                                             | A0A6M3Z9N1_BACSU | Oligopeptide ABC transporter ATP-binding protein OppD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=oppD PE=3 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M3ZDF8                                             | A0A6M3ZDF8_BACSU | HMP/thiamine ABC transporter permease ThiX OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=thiX PE=4 SV=1                                |
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| A0A6M3ZGQ4                                             | A0A6M3ZGQ4_BACSU | Glycine betaine/carnitine/choline sulfate ABC transporter permease OpuCD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=opuCD PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZGR2                                             | A0A6M3ZGR2_BACSU | Protein translocase subunit SecA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=secA PE=3 SV=1                                          |
| A0A6M3ZHX5                                             | A0A6M3ZHX5_BACSU | Thiol reductant ABC exporter subunit CydD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cydD PE=4 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M3ZKF2                                             | A0A6M3ZKF2_BACSU | Amino acid ABC transporter substrate-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22515 PE=3 SV=1               |
| A0A6M3ZLW3                                             | A0A6M3ZLW3_BACSU | ATP-binding cassette domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22850 PE=4 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M4JCI0                                             | A0A6M4JCI0_BACSU | Sodium ABC transporter permease NatB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=natB PE=4 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M4JCJ2                                             | A0A6M4JCJ2_BACSU | Zinc ABC transporter substrate-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01685 PE=3 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M4JFX9                                             | A0A6M4JFX9_BACSU | PTS transporter subunit EIIC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04320 PE=4 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M4JHB5                                             | A0A6M4JHB5_BACSU | Oligopeptide ABC transporter permease AppB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=appB PE=3 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M4JHD5                                             | A0A6M4JHD5_BACSU | Oligopeptide ABC transporter ATP-binding protein AppF OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=appF PE=3 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M4JMG3                                             | A0A6M4JMG3_BACSU | Two-component system response regulator MaeM OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=maeM PE=4 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M4JN68                                             | A0A6M4JN68_BACSU | Bacitracin ABC transporter permease BceB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=bceB PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M4JP81                                             | A0A6M4JP81_BACSU | Protein-export membrane protein SecG OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=secG PE=3 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M4JQE9                                             | A0A6M4JQE9_BACSU | PTS system sucrose transporter subunit IIBC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=scrA PE=4 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M4JQQ2                                             | A0A6M4JQQ2_BACSU | PTS beta-glucoside transporter subunit IIABC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=bgIP PE=4 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M3Z6T7                                             | A0A6M3Z6T7_BACSU | Amino acid permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01275 PE=4 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M3Z766                                             | A0A6M3Z766_BACSU | Niacin permease NiaP OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=niaP PE=4 SV=1                                                      |
| A0A6M3Z770                                             | A0A6M3Z770_BACSU | L-lactate permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01810 PE=3 SV=1                                                 |
| A0A6M3Z784                                             | A0A6M3Z784_BACSU | Lincomycin efflux MFS transporter Lmr(B) OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=lmr(B) PE=3 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M3Z7V3                                             | A0A6M3Z7V3_BACSU | Amino acid permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03220 PE=4 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M3Z7Z4                                             | A0A6M3Z7Z4_BACSU | Two pore domain potassium channel family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03565 PE=4 SV=1                   |
| A0A6M3Z802                                             | A0A6M3Z802_BACSU | GABA permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gabP PE=4 SV=1                                                             |
| A0A6M3Z835                                             | A0A6M3Z835_BACSU | ABC transporter permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02565 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3Z870                                             | A0A6M3Z870_BACSU | ABC transporter ATP-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02560 PE=4 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M3Z8Q6                                             | A0A6M3Z8Q6_BACSU | ABC-F family ATP-binding cassette domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04165 PE=4 SV=1        |

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| A0A6M3Z8Y4 | A0A6M3Z8Y4_BACSU | HlyC/CorC family transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05355 PE=3 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M3Z902 | A0A6M3Z902_BACSU | Iron ABC transporter permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04685 PE=3 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M3Z946 | A0A6M3Z946_BACSU | Sodium:solute symporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05800 PE=3 SV=1                                   |
| A0A6M3Z958 | A0A6M3Z958_BACSU | ABC transporter ATP-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04805 PE=4 SV=1                       |
| A0A6M3ZA02 | A0A6M3ZA02_BACSU | Magnesium transporter MgtE OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mgtE PE=3 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M3ZA91 | A0A6M3ZA91_BACSU | Efflux RND transporter periplasmic adaptor subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07900 PE=3 SV=1        |
| A0A6M3ZBM8 | A0A6M3ZBM8_BACSU | MATE family efflux transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_09975 PE=4 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M3ZE73 | A0A6M3ZE73_BACSU | Multidrug efflux MFS transporter Blt OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=blt PE=3 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M3ZF08 | A0A6M3ZF08_BACSU | Type II toxin-antitoxin system toxin ribonuclease YobL OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yobL PE=4 SV=1           |
| A0A6M3ZF92 | A0A6M3ZF92_BACSU | Alanine:cation symporter family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_16320 PE=3 SV=1                   |
| A0A6M3ZFS2 | A0A6M3ZFS2_BACSU | Multidrug efflux MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18330 PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M3ZFY6 | A0A6M3ZFY6_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19190 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3ZFZ3 | A0A6M3ZFZ3_BACSU | Na <sup>+</sup> /H <sup>+</sup> antiporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19340 PE=3 SV=1                |
| A0A6M3ZG28 | A0A6M3ZG28_BACSU | Na <sup>+</sup> /H <sup>+</sup> antiporter subunit A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18390 PE=3 SV=1      |
| A0A6M3ZG73 | A0A6M3ZG73_BACSU | Na <sup>+</sup> /H <sup>+</sup> antiporter family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18610 PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZG80 | A0A6M3ZG80_BACSU | Type VII secretion protein EssC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=essC PE=4 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M3ZG83 | A0A6M3ZG83_BACSU | ABC transporter permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19260 PE=4 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M3ZGD3 | A0A6M3ZGD3_BACSU | Multidrug efflux SMR transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19415 PE=3 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M3ZGK6 | A0A6M3ZGK6_BACSU | Efflux RND transporter periplasmic adaptor subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19270 PE=4 SV=1        |
| A0A6M3ZGN3 | A0A6M3ZGN3_BACSU | Cadmium-translocating P-type ATPase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cadA PE=3 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M3ZHI5 | A0A6M3ZHI5_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22080 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3ZI65 | A0A6M3ZI65_BACSU | Efflux RND transporter permease subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03825 PE=4 SV=1                   |
| A0A6M3ZIB4 | A0A6M3ZIB4_BACSU | Purine/pyrimidine permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21715 PE=3 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M3ZIW5 | A0A6M3ZIW5_BACSU | Ferrous ion permease EfeU OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=efeU PE=3 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M4JCE4 | A0A6M4JCE4_BACSU | Probable inorganic carbon transporter subunit DabA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dabA PE=3 SV=1               |
| A0A6M4JDN4 | A0A6M4JDN4_BACSU | PLP-dependent aminotransferase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03005 PE=3 SV=1             |
| A0A6M4JEA9 | A0A6M4JEA9_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04395 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M4JEZ4 | A0A6M4JEZ4_BACSU | Amino acid permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01835 PE=4 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M4JFE9 | A0A6M4JFE9_BACSU | Mannose transport/utilization transcriptional regulator ManR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=manR PE=4 SV=1     |
| A0A6M4JG53 | A0A6M4JG53_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04730 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M4JGZ8 | A0A6M4JGZ8_BACSU | HAMP domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10110 PE=4 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M4JHK0 | A0A6M4JHK0_BACSU | MATE family efflux transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10590 PE=4 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M4JIG0 | A0A6M4JIG0_BACSU | Peptide MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02125 PE=3 SV=1                                   |
| A0A6M4JJ69 | A0A6M4JJ69_BACSU | PDZ domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10670 PE=3 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M4JJH3 | A0A6M4JJH3_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14805 PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M4JJU0 | A0A6M4JJU0_BACSU | Uracil permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_08480 PE=3 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M4JJU8 | A0A6M4JJU8_BACSU | Sulfate permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cysP PE=4 SV=1                                                 |

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| A0A6M4JLG2                                 | A0A6M4JLG2_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19060 PE=3 SV=1                                                 |
| A0A6M4JLI3                                 | A0A6M4JLI3_BACSU | HlyC/CorC family transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05340 PE=3 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M4JMS1                                 | A0A6M4JMS1_BACSU | AI-2E family transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18145 PE=3 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M4JMV3                                 | A0A6M4JMV3_BACSU | Na(+)/H(+) antiporter subunit C OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18400 PE=3 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M4JN18                                 | A0A6M4JN18_BACSU | Probable queuosine precursor transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13230 PE=3 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M4JNZ4                                 | A0A6M4JNZ4_BACSU | Ktr system potassium transporter KtrB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ktrB PE=4 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M4JP02                                 | A0A6M4JP02_BACSU | Type VII secretion protein EsaA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=esaA PE=3 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M4JQ31                                 | A0A6M4JQ31_BACSU | AEC family transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21250 PE=3 SV=1                                          |
| A0A6M4JQB7                                 | A0A6M4JQB7_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21530 PE=3 SV=1                                                 |
| A0A6M4JQG2                                 | A0A6M4JQG2_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21920 PE=4 SV=1                                                 |
| A0A6M4JRE8                                 | A0A6M4JRE8_BACSU | Sodium/proline symporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=putP PE=3 SV=1                                               |
| A0A6M4JRR6                                 | A0A6M4JRR6_BACSU | MOP flippase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20470 PE=4 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M3ZAZ1                                 | A0A6M3ZAZ1_BACSU | VirB4-like ATPase ConE OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=conE PE=4 SV=1                                                 |
| A0A6M3ZHB1                                 | A0A6M3ZHB1_BACSU | Cyclic-di-AMP phosphodiesterase PgpH OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pgpH PE=4 SV=1                                   |
| A0A6M3ZHR8                                 | A0A6M3ZHR8_BACSU | HD domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21545 PE=4 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M3ZJ63                                 | A0A6M3ZJ63_BACSU | ATP-binding cassette domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19200 PE=4 SV=1                  |
| A0A6M4JEQ1                                 | A0A6M4JEQ1_BACSU | Two-component system response regulator YhcZ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yhcZ PE=4 SV=1                           |
| A0A6M4JKX8                                 | A0A6M4JKX8_BACSU | HlyC/CorC family transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14670 PE=3 SV=1                                    |
| P42178                                     | NARJ_BACSU       | Probable nitrate reductase molybdenum cofactor assembly chaperone NarJ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=narJ PE=3 SV=1 |
| <b>Chemotaxis &amp; flageller movement</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                      |
| A0A6M3Z866                                 | A0A6M3Z866_BACSU | Extracellular solute-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04030 PE=4 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M3ZIA9                                 | A0A6M3ZIA9_BACSU | Flagellar basal-body rod protein FlgC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=flgC PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M3ZJE1                                 | A0A6M3ZJE1_BACSU | Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19480 PE=4 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M4JMS8                                 | A0A6M4JMS8_BACSU | Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein McpB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mcpB PE=4 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M4JMY2                                 | A0A6M4JMY2_BACSU | Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein TlpA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=tlpA PE=4 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M3ZGX5                                 | A0A6M3ZGX5_BACSU | N-acetylmuramoyl-L-alanine amidase LytC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=lytC PE=4 SV=1                                |
| <b>Kinase &amp; tranferases</b>            |                  |                                                                                                                                      |
| A0A6M3Z8H2                                 | A0A6M3Z8H2_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yflR PE=4 SV=1                                                       |
| A0A6M3Z8M0                                 | A0A6M3Z8M0_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yesM PE=4 SV=1                                                       |
| A0A6M3ZAL1                                 | A0A6M3ZAL1_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=kinE PE=4 SV=1                                                       |
| A0A6M3ZBG3                                 | A0A6M3ZBG3_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=desK PE=4 SV=1                                                       |
| A0A6M3ZG20                                 | A0A6M3ZG20_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=kinB PE=4 SV=1                                                       |
| A0A6M3ZG86                                 | A0A6M3ZG86_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=maeL PE=4 SV=1                                                       |
| A0A6M3ZHS7                                 | A0A6M3ZHS7_BACSU | Teichoic acid D-alanyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dlbT PE=3 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M3ZIN3                                 | A0A6M3ZIN3_BACSU | Two-component sensor histidine kinase BceS OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=bceS PE=4 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M4JG44                                 | A0A6M4JG44_BACSU | Phosphatidylglycerol lysyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mprF PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M4JHL1                                 | A0A6M4JHL1_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=kinD PE=4 SV=1                                                       |
| A0A6M4JL3                                  | A0A6M4JL3_BACSU  | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=kinC PE=4 SV=1                                                       |

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| A0A6M4JNC2 | A0A6M4JNC2_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=resE PE=4 SV=1                                     |
| P39211     | XYLB_BACSU       | Xylulose kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=xylB PE=3 SV=2                                      |
| A0A6M3Z8D7 | A0A6M3Z8D7_BACSU | PLP-dependent aminotransferase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_06975 PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3Z962 | A0A6M3Z962_BACSU | Serine/threonine protein kinase PrkA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=prkA PE=4 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M3Z988 | A0A6M3Z988_BACSU | PLP-dependent aminotransferase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_06015 PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZAB7 | A0A6M3ZAB7_BACSU | Glycosyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07365 PE=3 SV=1                           |
| A0A6M3ZFM2 | A0A6M3ZFM2_BACSU | Glycosyltransferase family 4 protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17880 PE=3 SV=1          |
| A0A6M3ZHH9 | A0A6M3ZHH9_BACSU | Peptidoglycan glycosyltransferase RodA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rodA PE=3 SV=1               |
| A0A6M4JGX6 | A0A6M4JGX6_BACSU | [Acyl-carrier-protein] S-malonyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=fabD PE=4 SV=1          |
| A0A6M4JJP7 | A0A6M4JJP7_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ycbM PE=4 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M4JK14 | A0A6M4JK14_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yclK PE=4 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M4JM70 | A0A6M4JM70_BACSU | GNAT family N-acetyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14115 PE=4 SV=1               |
| A0A6M4JPX7 | A0A6M4JPX7_BACSU | Non-specific protein-tyrosine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ptkA PE=3 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M4JQD6 | A0A6M4JQD6_BACSU | Glycosyltransferase family 2 protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21735 PE=4 SV=1          |
| A0A6M3Z8A9 | A0A6M3Z8A9_BACSU | Diacylglycerol kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03830 PE=3 SV=1                         |
| A0A6M4JFR7 | A0A6M4JFR7_BACSU | Amidophosphoribosyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=purF PE=3 SV=1                       |
| A0A6M4JGW5 | A0A6M4JGW5_BACSU | Glycerol kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=glpK PE=3 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M4JHC5 | A0A6M4JHC5_BACSU | Glutamate 5-kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=proB PE=3 SV=1                                   |
| A0A6M4JK02 | A0A6M4JK02_BACSU | Aminotransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05350 PE=3 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M4JPK3 | A0A6M4JPK3_BACSU | Phosphotransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20260 PE=4 SV=1                            |
| Q45539     | CSBB_BACSU       | Putative glycosyltransferase CsbB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=csbB PE=2 SV=1                    |
| A0A6M3ZBA3 | A0A6M3ZBA3_BACSU | Sugar kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10070 PE=4 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M3ZIY7 | A0A6M3ZIY7_BACSU | Aminotransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18285 PE=3 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M4JHW5 | A0A6M4JHW5_BACSU | Glycosyltransferase family 2 protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07385 PE=4 SV=1          |
| A0A6M4JKL9 | A0A6M4JKL9_BACSU | Glycosyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03270 PE=4 SV=1                           |

#### Metabolic pathway

##### C/ N & lipid metabolism

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| A0A6M3Z7D1 | A0A6M3Z7D1_BACSU | Assimilatory nitrate reductase catalytic subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nasC PE=4 SV=1  |
| A0A6M3Z9C7 | A0A6M3Z9C7_BACSU | Ornithine carbamoyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=argF PE=3 SV=1                    |
| A0A6M3Z9L3 | A0A6M3Z9L3_BACSU | Carbamoyl-phosphate synthase large chain OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=carB PE=3 SV=1          |
| A0A6M3ZB03 | A0A6M3ZB03_BACSU | Malonyl CoA-acyl carrier protein transacylase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=fabD PE=3 SV=1     |
| A0A6M3ZBD1 | A0A6M3ZBD1_BACSU | 2-hydroxyacid dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10075 PE=3 SV=1                |
| A0A6M3ZC25 | A0A6M3ZC25_BACSU | Enoyl-[acyl-carrier-protein] reductase FabL OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=fabL PE=4 SV=1       |
| A0A6M3ZDL7 | A0A6M3ZDL7_BACSU | 6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase, decarboxylating OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gndA PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZED6 | A0A6M3ZED6_BACSU | Levanase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sacC PE=3 SV=1                                          |
| A0A6M3ZF01 | A0A6M3ZF01_BACSU | L-ribulose-5-phosphate 4-epimerase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=araD PE=3 SV=1                |
| A0A6M3ZFX3 | A0A6M3ZFX3_BACSU | Glycogen synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=glgA PE=3 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M3ZG89 | A0A6M3ZG89_BACSU | (2,3-dihydroxybenzoyl)adenylate synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18580 PE=4 SV=1   |



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| A0A6M3ZGM1                   | A0A6M3ZGM1_BACSU | Assimilatory sulfite reductase (NADPH) flavoprotein subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19350 PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M3ZHW5                   | A0A6M3ZHW5_BACSU | Catalase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22285 PE=3 SV=1                                                                             |
| A0A6M3ZHY9                   | A0A6M3ZHY9_BACSU | Aryl-phospho-beta-d-glucosidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=bglH PE=3 SV=1                                                             |
| A0A6M3ZIA5                   | A0A6M3ZIA5_BACSU | Malate dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mdh PE=3 SV=1                                                                         |
| A0A6M4JH25                   | A0A6M4JH25_BACSU | Protoheme IX farnesyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cyoE PE=3 SV=1                                                            |
| A0A6M4JJN1                   | A0A6M4JJN1_BACSU | 6-phospho-alpha-glucosidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04555 PE=3 SV=1                                                          |
| A0A6M4JJK3                   | A0A6M4JJK3_BACSU | Alpha-N-arabinofuranosidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_16795 PE=3 SV=1                                                          |
| A0A6M4JKQ5                   | A0A6M4JKQ5_BACSU | 3-isopropylmalate dehydratase large subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=leuC PE=3 SV=1                                                 |
| A0A6M4JN96                   | A0A6M4JN96_BACSU | Glucose-6-phosphate isomerase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pgi PE=3 SV=1                                                                |
| A0A6M4JNX9                   | A0A6M4JNX9_BACSU | Acyl--CoA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17220 PE=4 SV=1                                                                     |
| A0A6M4JP24                   | A0A6M4JP24_BACSU | Fumarate hydratase class II OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=fumC PE=3 SV=1                                                                 |
| A0A6M4JPA8                   | A0A6M4JPA8_BACSU | Triosephosphate isomerase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=tpiA PE=3 SV=1                                                                   |
| A0A6M4JPE5                   | A0A6M4JPE5_BACSU | 2,6-beta-fructan 6-levanbiohydrolase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=levB PE=3 SV=1                                                        |
| A0A6M4JPH5                   | A0A6M4JPH5_BACSU | Maltogenic alpha-amylase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mdxD PE=4 SV=1                                                                    |
| A0A6M4JPR3                   | A0A6M4JPR3_BACSU | Undecaprenyl/decaprenyl-phosphate alpha-N-acetylglucosaminyl 1-phosphate transferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20435 PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M4JQE7                   | A0A6M4JQE7_BACSU | Aldehyde dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21725 PE=3 SV=1                                                               |
| A0A6M4JR50                   | A0A6M4JR50_BACSU | 6-phospho-beta-glucosidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22825 PE=3 SV=1                                                           |
| A0A6M4JRM0                   | A0A6M4JRM0_BACSU | Formate dehydrogenase subunit alpha OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=fdhF PE=3 SV=1                                                         |
| A0A6M3Z746                   | A0A6M3Z746_BACSU | Enantioselective carboxylesterase CesB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cesB PE=4 SV=1                                                      |
| A0A6M3ZF64                   | A0A6M3ZF64_BACSU | Unsaturated rhamnogalacturonyl hydrolase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rmgQ PE=4 SV=1                                                    |
| A0A6M3ZJU8                   | A0A6M3ZJU8_BACSU | Carbon starvation protein A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_16790 PE=3 SV=1                                                          |
| A0A6M4JM36                   | A0A6M4JM36_BACSU | Polyketide biosynthesis malonyl-ACP decarboxylase PksF OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pksF PE=3 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M4JNA0                   | A0A6M4JNA0_BACSU | Alpha/beta hydrolase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10650 PE=4 SV=1                                                                 |
| A0A6M3ZHA0                   | A0A6M3ZHA0_BACSU | Galactose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=galt PE=3 SV=1                                                   |
| A0A6M4JGU3                   | A0A6M4JGU3_BACSU | Fumarylacetoacetate hydrolase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05950 PE=4 SV=1                                         |
| A0A6M4JKS6                   | A0A6M4JKS6_BACSU | Acyl-CoA dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14365 PE=3 SV=1                                                               |
| A0A6M3ZCJ6                   | A0A6M3ZCJ6_BACSU | Long-chain-fatty-acid--CoA ligase LcfB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=lcfB PE=3 SV=1                                                      |
| A0A6M3ZH93                   | A0A6M3ZH93_BACSU | Nitrate reductase (quinone) OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21380 PE=3 SV=1                                                          |
| A0A6M4JIC1                   | A0A6M4JIC1_BACSU | 4-hydroxy-tetrahydrodipicolinate synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dapA PE=3 SV=1                                                   |
| A0A6M4JK59                   | A0A6M4JK59_BACSU | Long-chain-fatty-acid--CoA ligase LcfA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=lcfA PE=4 SV=1                                                      |
| P00691                       | AMY_BACSU        | Alpha-amylase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=amyE PE=1 SV=2                                                                               |
| A0A6M4JKS6                   | A0A6M4JKS6_BACSU | Acyl-CoA dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14365 PE=3 SV=1                                                               |
| <b>Amino acid metabolism</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                                           |
| A0A6M3Z6D7                   | A0A6M3Z6D7_BACSU | Methionine--tRNA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=metG PE=3 SV=1                                                                     |
| A0A6M3Z814                   | A0A6M3Z814_BACSU | Phosphoribosylformylglycinamide cyclo-ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=purM PE=3 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M3Z8V8                   | A0A6M3Z8V8_BACSU | Aspartate aminotransferase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05195 PE=3 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M3Z920                   | A0A6M3Z920_BACSU | Phosphoserine aminotransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=serC PE=3 SV=1                                                              |

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| A0A6M3Z9X4                                        | A0A6M3Z9X4_BACSU | 5-methyltetrahydropteroyltriglutamate--homocysteine methyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=metE PE=3 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M3ZBC2                                        | A0A6M3ZBC2_BACSU | Glutamate synthase large subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gltB PE=3 SV=1                                                                    |
| A0A6M3ZBL3                                        | A0A6M3ZBL3_BACSU | 2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase E1 component OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sucA PE=3 SV=1                                                           |
| A0A6M3ZBP5                                        | A0A6M3ZBP5_BACSU | Glutathione hydrolase proenzyme OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ggt PE=3 SV=1                                                                      |
| A0A6M3ZEA7                                        | A0A6M3ZEA7_BACSU | Glutathione-dependent formaldehyde dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15860 PE=3 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M3ZF59                                        | A0A6M3ZF59_BACSU | Cysteine synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cysK PE=3 SV=1                                                                                   |
| A0A6M3ZFZ8                                        | A0A6M3ZFZ8_BACSU | Homoserine dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18720 PE=3 SV=1                                                                     |
| A0A6M3ZG60                                        | A0A6M3ZG60_BACSU | Alanine dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ald PE=3 SV=1                                                                                |
| A0A6M3ZI13                                        | A0A6M3ZI13_BACSU | Asparagine synthase (Glutamine-hydrolyzing) OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=asnB PE=3 SV=1                                                         |
| A0A6M4JEL1                                        | A0A6M4JEL1_BACSU | Glutamine--fructose-6-phosphate aminotransferase [isomerizing] OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=glmS PE=3 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M4JL79                                        | A0A6M4JL79_BACSU | Dipeptidase PepV OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pepV PE=4 SV=1                                                                                    |
| A0A6M4JM76                                        | A0A6M4JM76_BACSU | Probable D-serine dehydratase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dsdA PE=3 SV=1                                                                       |
| A0A6M4JPH8                                        | A0A6M4JPH8_BACSU | Histidinol dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=hisD PE=3 SV=1                                                                            |
| A0A6M4JR17                                        | A0A6M4JR17_BACSU | Cystathionine gamma-synthase/O-acetylhomoserine thiolase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=metI PE=3 SV=1                                            |
| A0A6M4JRL8                                        | A0A6M4JRL8_BACSU | Choline dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gbsB PE=4 SV=1                                                                               |
| A3F3C7                                            | A3F3C7_BACSU     | Tryptophan synthase beta chain OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=trpB PE=3 SV=1                                                                      |
| O30509                                            | GATB_BACSU       | Aspartyl/glutamyl-tRNA(Asn/Gln) amidotransferase subunit B OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gatB PE=1 SV=2                                          |
| P54420                                            | ASN_BACSU        | Asparagine synthetase [glutamine-hydrolyzing] 1 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=asnB PE=1 SV=2                                                     |
| A0A6M3Z9U7                                        | A0A6M3Z9U7_BACSU | Serine/threonine exchanger OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=steT PE=4 SV=1                                                                          |
| A0A6M3ZAN3                                        | A0A6M3ZAN3_BACSU | Gamma-glutamylcyclotransferase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07975 PE=3 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M4JGK6                                        | A0A6M4JGK6_BACSU | Poly-gamma-glutamate hydrolase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_09375 PE=4 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M4JMR1                                        | A0A6M4JMR1_BACSU | S9 family peptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18705 PE=3 SV=1                                                                          |
| A0A6M3Z9F9                                        | A0A6M3Z9F9_BACSU | N-acetyl amino acid acetylase SndC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sndC PE=4 SV=1                                                                  |
| <b>Nucleotide metabolism</b>                      |                  |                                                                                                                                                                   |
| A0A6M3ZJM5                                        | A0A6M3ZJM5_BACSU | (p)ppGpp synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=relA PE=3 SV=1                                                                                   |
| A0A6M4JEI9                                        | A0A6M4JEI9_BACSU | Phosphomethylpyrimidine synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=thiC PE=3 SV=1                                                                    |
| A0A6M4JG22                                        | A0A6M4JG22_BACSU | Multifunctional 2',3'-cyclic-nucleotide 2'-phosphodiesterase/3'-nucleotidase/5'-nucleotidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04385 PE=3 SV=1 |
| O31875                                            | NRDEB_BACSU      | Ribonucleoside-diphosphate reductase NrdEB subunit alpha OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nrdEB PE=3 SV=2                                           |
| <b>Central metabolism(TCA/electron transport)</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                                                   |
| A0A6M3ZBL7                                        | A0A6M3ZBL7_BACSU | Bifunctional cytochrome P450/NADPH--P450 reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04105 PE=3 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3ZEC0                                        | A0A6M3ZEC0_BACSU | Bifunctional cytochrome P450/NADPH--P450 reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15965 PE=3 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M4JJZ2                                        | A0A6M4JJZ2_BACSU | Quinolate phosphoribosyltransferase [decarboxylating] OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nadC PE=3 SV=1                                               |
| A0A6M4JNE1                                        | A0A6M4JNE1_BACSU | Pyrroline-5-carboxylate reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=proC PE=3 SV=1                                                                   |
| A0A6M4JNX1                                        | A0A6M4JNX1_BACSU | Dephospho-CoA kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=coaE PE=3 SV=1                                                                                |
| A0A6M4JNY5                                        | A0A6M4JNY5_BACSU | Biotin biosynthesis cytochrome P450 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=biol PE=3 SV=1                                                                 |
| A0A6M4JP58                                        | A0A6M4JP58_BACSU | Sulfite reductase [NADPH] hemoprotein beta-component OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cysI PE=3 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M3ZAF6                                        | A0A6M3ZAF6_BACSU | Cytochrome c oxidase assembly factor CtaG OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ctaG PE=4 SV=1                                                           |

## Supplementary data

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| A0A6M3ZB16                                 | A0A6M3ZB16_BACSU | Cytochrome P450 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_09355 PE=3 SV=1                                                     |
| A0A6M3ZD81                                 | A0A6M3ZD81_BACSU | Cytochrome c biogenesis protein ResC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=resC PE=4 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M3ZDZ2                                 | A0A6M3ZDZ2_BACSU | Heme A synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ctaA PE=3 SV=1                                                            |
| A0A6M4JMD9                                 | A0A6M4JMD9_BACSU | NADP-dependent malic enzyme OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=maeB PE=3 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M4JQL6                                 | A0A6M4JQL6_BACSU | Cytochrome d ubiquinol oxidase subunit II OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cydB PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| P09339                                     | ACNA_BACSU       | Aconitate hydratase A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=citB PE=1 SV=4                                                      |
| <b>Cell wall synthesis</b>                 |                  |                                                                                                                                          |
| A0A6M3Z8T2                                 | A0A6M3Z8T2_BACSU | Lipoteichoic acid synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ltaS PE=3 SV=1                                                 |
| A0A6M3ZID1                                 | A0A6M3ZID1_BACSU | LTA synthase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04110 PE=3 SV=1                                         |
| A0A6M4JME5                                 | A0A6M4JME5_BACSU | Serine-type D-Ala-D-Ala carboxypeptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14800 PE=3 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M3Z9U6                                 | A0A6M3Z9U6_BACSU | Gamma-D-glutamyl-L-lysine dipeptidyl-peptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=eepC PE=3 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M3ZEE3                                 | A0A6M3ZEE3_BACSU | Transglycosylase SLT domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15330 PE=4 SV=1                      |
| A0A6M3ZIM4                                 | A0A6M3ZIM4_BACSU | Polysisoprenyl-teichoic acid--peptidoglycan teichoic acid transferase TagU OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=lytR PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZJI5                                 | A0A6M3ZJI5_BACSU | Biofilm exopolysaccharide biosynthesis protein EpsG OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=epsG PE=4 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M4JK47                                 | A0A6M4JK47_BACSU | Serine-type D-Ala-D-Ala carboxypeptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02380 PE=3 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M4JLM2                                 | A0A6M4JLM2_BACSU | Bacillopeptidase F OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_08390 PE=3 SV=1                                                  |
| O34851                                     | LDC_BACSU        | Probable murein peptide carboxypeptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ykfA PE=2 SV=2                                   |
| A0A6M3ZA38                                 | A0A6M3ZA38_BACSU | Di/tri-peptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=papB PE=4 SV=1                                                           |
| A0A6M3ZAD6                                 | A0A6M3ZAD6_BACSU | Endopeptidase La OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_08260 PE=3 SV=1                                                    |
| A0A6M4JFF8                                 | A0A6M4JFF8_BACSU | Peptidoglycan-N-acetylmuramic acid deacetylase PdaC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pdaC PE=4 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M3ZH02                                 | A0A6M3ZH02_BACSU | LTD domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20185 PE=4 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M3ZM39                                 | A0A6M3ZM39_BACSU | Transglycosylase SLT domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07005 PE=4 SV=1                      |
| A0A6M4JIR1                                 | A0A6M4JIR1_BACSU | LysM peptidoglycan-binding domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13775 PE=4 SV=1                |
| <b>Uncharacterized protein</b>             |                  |                                                                                                                                          |
| A0A6M3Z7Y8                                 | A0A6M3Z7Y8_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03165 PE=4 SV=1                                             |
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| A0A6M3ZBY2                                 | A0A6M3ZBY2_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_11200 PE=4 SV=1                                             |
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| A0A6M3ZIT4                                 | A0A6M3ZIT4_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_11470 PE=4 SV=1                                             |
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| A0A6M4JPI6                                 | A0A6M4JPI6_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20155 PE=4 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M4JRK5                                 | A0A6M4JRK5_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10265 PE=4 SV=1                                             |
| P45917                                     | YQBA_BACSU       | Uncharacterized protein YqbA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yqbA PE=3 SV=1                                               |
| P54722                                     | YFIF_BACSU       | Uncharacterized HTH-type transcriptional regulator YfiF OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yfiF PE=4 SV=1                    |
| <b>Stress resistance/response proteins</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                          |

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| A0A6M3ZDQ8                           | A0A6M3ZDQ8_BACSU | PBP1A family penicillin-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13425 PE=4 SV=1         |
| A0A6M3ZAB0                           | A0A6M3ZAB0_BACSU | Autolysin OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_06870 PE=4 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M3ZHM5                           | A0A6M3ZHM5_BACSU | Azaleucine resistance protein AzlC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=azlC PE=3 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M3ZAZ2                           | A0A6M3ZAZ2_BACSU | Putative competence-damage inducible protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cinA PE=3 SV=1           |
| A0A6M4JQQ1                           | A0A6M4JQQ1_BACSU | Catalase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22075 PE=3 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M3Z7P4                           | A0A6M3Z7P4_BACSU | Manganese catalase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02530 PE=3 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M3Z9L6                           | A0A6M3Z9L6_BACSU | Monooxygenase YjiB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yjiB PE=3 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M3ZFN9                           | A0A6M3ZFN9_BACSU | Gfo/ldh/MocA family oxidoreductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17490 PE=4 SV=1              |
| A0A6M4JLT0                           | A0A6M4JLT0_BACSU | Monooxygenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05825 PE=4 SV=1                                   |
| O34720                               | YJGC_BACSU       | Probable oxidoreductase YjgC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yjgC PE=3 SV=1                           |
| <b>Sporulation specific proteins</b> |                  |                                                                                                                      |
| A0A6M3ZAY4                           | A0A6M3ZAY4_BACSU | YhcN/YlaJ family sporulation lipoprotein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_08135 PE=4 SV=1        |
| A0A6M3ZB79                           | A0A6M3ZB79_BACSU | DNA translocase SpoIIIE OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIIIE PE=3 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M3ZHC5                           | A0A6M3ZHC5_BACSU | Germination protease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gpr PE=3 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M4JDY4                           | A0A6M4JDY4_BACSU | Spore germination protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04360 PE=3 SV=1                       |
| A0A6M4JEX2                           | A0A6M4JEX2_BACSU | Spore germination protein GerKA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gerKA PE=3 SV=1                       |
| A0A6M4JGB8                           | A0A6M4JGB8_BACSU | Spore coat protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05155 PE=3 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M4JGP6                           | A0A6M4JGP6_BACSU | Spore coat protein CotU OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cotU PE=4 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M4JIW0                           | A0A6M4JIW0_BACSU | Adapter protein MecA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mecA PE=3 SV=1                                   |
| A0A6M4JJI5                           | A0A6M4JJI5_BACSU | Sporulation killing factor system radical SAM maturase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=skfB PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M4JJI9                           | A0A6M4JJI9_BACSU | Ger(X)C family spore germination protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04355 PE=3 SV=1        |
| A0A6M4JMX1                           | A0A6M4JMX1_BACSU | Spore coat morphogenetic protein SpoVID OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoVID PE=4 SV=1              |
| A0A6M4JMX4                           | A0A6M4JMX4_BACSU | Endopeptidase La OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=lonB PE=3 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M4JR62                           | A0A6M4JR62_BACSU | Sporulation initiation inhibitor protein Soj OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=soj PE=4 SV=1            |
| O34894                               | EZRA_BACSU       | Septation ring formation regulator EzrA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ezaA PE=1 SV=1                |
| P35149                               | SP4A_BACSU       | Stage IV sporulation protein A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIVA PE=1 SV=1                       |
| P37575                               | SP2B_BACSU       | Stage II sporulation protein B OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIIB PE=1 SV=1                       |
| A0A6M3ZJ27                           | A0A6M3ZJ27_BACSU | Sporulation transcriptional activator AdeR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=adeR PE=3 SV=1             |
| A0A6M3Z7Q5                           | A0A6M3Z7Q5_BACSU | Response regulator aspartate phosphatase RapJ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rapJ PE=3 SV=1          |
| A0A6M3ZE41                           | A0A6M3ZE41_BACSU | Rhomboid protease GluP OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=glpG PE=4 SV=1                                 |
| <b>Others</b>                        |                  |                                                                                                                      |
| A0A6M4JH86                           | A0A6M4JH86_BACSU | Non-ribosomal plipastatin synthetase PpsE OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ppsE PE=3 SV=1              |
| A0A6M4JLH4                           | A0A6M4JLH4_BACSU | Cysteine desulfurase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_16155 PE=3 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M3Z8Q5                           | A0A6M3Z8Q5_BACSU | Amidase domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05030 PE=4 SV=1               |
| A0A6M3Z9J5                           | A0A6M3Z9J5_BACSU | HTTM domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_06100 PE=4 SV=1                  |
| A0A6M3Z9K2                           | A0A6M3Z9K2_BACSU | DUF1641 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_06780 PE=4 SV=1               |
| A0A6M3ZC38                           | A0A6M3ZC38_BACSU | LXG domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_11620 PE=4 SV=1                   |



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| A0A6M3ZDR1 | A0A6M3ZDR1_BACSU | EAL domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07770 PE=4 SV=1                    |
| A0A6M3ZE83 | A0A6M3ZE83_BACSU | Small-conductance mechanosensitive channel protein MscY OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mscY PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZEQ1 | A0A6M3ZEQ1_BACSU | Trigger factor OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=tig PE=3 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3ZFT3 | A0A6M3ZFT3_BACSU | YtkA domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17770 PE=4 SV=1                   |
| A0A6M3ZGF4 | A0A6M3ZGF4_BACSU | Carboxy-terminal processing protease CtpB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ctpB PE=3 SV=1               |
| A0A6M3ZHG5 | A0A6M3ZHG5_BACSU | TIGR02206 family membrane protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21970 PE=4 SV=1                |
| A0A6M3ZHQ9 | A0A6M3ZHQ9_BACSU | Holin-like protein CidA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cidA PE=3 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M3ZH22 | A0A6M3ZH22_BACSU | DUF2326 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22875 PE=4 SV=1                |
| A0A6M3ZK18 | A0A6M3ZK18_BACSU | 4Fe-4S dicluster domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21325 PE=4 SV=1       |
| A0A6M3ZLZ5 | A0A6M3ZLZ5_BACSU | YitT family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_23215 PE=4 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M4JEA8 | A0A6M4JEA8_BACSU | DUF1343 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01050 PE=4 SV=1                |
| A0A6M4JEX1 | A0A6M4JEX1_BACSU | CdaA regulatory protein CdaR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cdaR PE=4 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M4JF49 | A0A6M4JF49_BACSU | DUF4901 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01655 PE=4 SV=1                |
| A0A6M4JGL2 | A0A6M4JGL2_BACSU | UPF0060 membrane protein HIR78_04525 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04525 PE=3 SV=1             |
| A0A6M4JI00 | A0A6M4JI00_BACSU | Prophage_tail domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_11535 PE=4 SV=1          |
| A0A6M4JIA3 | A0A6M4JIA3_BACSU | UPF0637 protein HIR78_08060 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_08060 PE=3 SV=1                      |
| A0A6M4JJ90 | A0A6M4JJ90_BACSU | EAL domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07400 PE=4 SV=1                    |
| A0A6M4JJS7 | A0A6M4JJS7_BACSU | DUF1275 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10125 PE=4 SV=1                |
| A0A6M4JKH6 | A0A6M4JKH6_BACSU | YtxH domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17330 PE=4 SV=1                   |
| A0A6M4JM88 | A0A6M4JM88_BACSU | YndM family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_09690 PE=4 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M4JMA5 | A0A6M4JMA5_BACSU | Tetratricopeptide repeat protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_16145 PE=4 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M4JMV4 | A0A6M4JMV4_BACSU | Herpes_ori_bp domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_11330 PE=4 SV=1          |
| A0A6M4JN58 | A0A6M4JN58_BACSU | Extracellular solute-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17515 PE=4 SV=1             |
| A0A6M4JN83 | A0A6M4JN83_BACSU | YppE family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13400 PE=4 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M4JN94 | A0A6M4JN94_BACSU | Tetratricopeptide repeat protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13560 PE=4 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M4JPN1 | A0A6M4JPN1_BACSU | YitT family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20305 PE=4 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M4JQ24 | A0A6M4JQ24_BACSU | DUF1565 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20940 PE=4 SV=1                |
| P29141     | SUBV_BACSU       | Minor extracellular protease vpr OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=vpr PE=1 SV=1                         |
| P32437     | YVYE_BACSU       | IMPACT family member YvyE OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yvyE PE=3 SV=2                               |
| P50863     | APBC_BACSU       | Iron-sulfur cluster carrier protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=salA PE=2 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M3ZMB6 | A0A6M3ZMB6_BACSU | Insulinase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21445 PE=4 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M3ZBH5 | A0A6M3ZBH5_BACSU | KAP NTPase domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10335 PE=4 SV=1             |
| A0A6M3ZFG6 | A0A6M3ZFG6_BACSU | Molybdenum cofactor biosynthesis protein B OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17165 PE=3 SV=1       |
| A0A6M3ZIN0 | A0A6M3ZIN0_BACSU | Type III polyketide synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13275 PE=3 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M4JHK3 | A0A6M4JHK3_BACSU | PhzF family phenazine biosynthesis protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04695 PE=4 SV=1       |

**Table S1 C)** Protein profiles of spores of *Bacillus subtilis* TB10 produced under control condition

| Accession                      | Entry            | Description                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Molecular functions</b>     |                  |                                                                                                                      |
| <b>DNA Replication</b>         |                  |                                                                                                                      |
| A0A6M3Z6P2                     | A0A6M3Z6P2_BACSU | DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit beta' OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rpoC PE=3 SV=1              |
| A0A6M3ZAK9                     | A0A6M3ZAK9_BACSU | ATP-dependent DNA helicase RecG OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=recG PE=3 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M3ZAS7                     | A0A6M3ZAS7_BACSU | Isoleucine--tRNA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ileS PE=3 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M3ZAS8                     | A0A6M3ZAS8_BACSU | DNA polymerase III PolC-type OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=polC PE=3 SV=1                           |
| A0A6M3ZKU9                     | A0A6M3ZKU9_BACSU | Ribonuclease R OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rnr PE=3 SV=1                                          |
| A0A6M4JI35                     | A0A6M4JI35_BACSU | DNA-directed DNA polymerase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_12350 PE=4 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M4JI95                     | A0A6M4JI95_BACSU | Proline--tRNA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=proS PE=3 SV=1                                   |
| A0A6M4JP70                     | A0A6M4JP70_BACSU | DNA helicase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=helD PE=4 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3ZAX9                     | A0A6M3ZAX9_BACSU | Chromosome partition protein Smc OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=smc PE=3 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M3ZB70                     | A0A6M3ZB70_BACSU | AMP-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_09910 PE=4 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M3ZC49                     | A0A6M3ZC49_BACSU | DNA-directed DNA polymerase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10985 PE=4 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M3ZD79                     | A0A6M3ZD79_BACSU | Ribonuclease YeeF family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13010 PE=4 SV=1                |
| A0A6M3ZGR7                     | A0A6M3ZGR7_BACSU | GTPase Der OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=engA PE=3 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M4JJ14                     | A0A6M4JJ14_BACSU | DNA gyrase subunit A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gyrA PE=3 SV=1                                   |
| A0A6M4JJB7                     | A0A6M4JJB7_BACSU | DNA helicase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_11310 PE=3 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M4JLU8                     | A0A6M4JLU8_BACSU | DNA topoisomerase 1 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=topA PE=3 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M4JMP9                     | A0A6M4JMP9_BACSU | DNA translocase SftA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sftA PE=3 SV=1                                   |
| A0A6M4JNB0                     | A0A6M4JNB0_BACSU | Ribonucleoside-diphosphate reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10885 PE=3 SV=1            |
| A0A6M4JPK5                     | A0A6M4JPK5_BACSU | Cell division topological determinant MinJ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=minJ PE=4 SV=1             |
| A0A6M4JPQ1                     | A0A6M4JPQ1_BACSU | ATP-dependent helicase ComFA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=comFA PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M4JPZ1                     | A0A6M4JPZ1_BACSU | DEAD/DEAH box helicase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20845 PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M4JJK2                     | A0A6M4JJK2_BACSU | MBL fold metallo-hydrolase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15600 PE=4 SV=1                      |
| <b>DNA repair</b>              |                  |                                                                                                                      |
| A0A6M3Z7Y6                     | A0A6M3Z7Y6_BACSU | Chaperonin GroEL OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=groL PE=3 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M3ZEY8                     | A0A6M3ZEY8_BACSU | Endonuclease MutS2 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mutS2 PE=3 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M4JE64                     | A0A6M4JE64_BACSU | Transcription-repair-coupling factor OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mfd PE=3 SV=1                    |
| A0A6M4JN18                     | A0A6M4JN18_BACSU | Protein RecA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=recA PE=3 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M4JPL4                     | A0A6M4JPL4_BACSU | UvrABC system protein B OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=uvrB PE=3 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M4JET8                     | A0A6M4JET8_BACSU | Nuclease SbcCD subunit D OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sbcD PE=3 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M4JR91                     | A0A6M4JR91_BACSU | Recombinase domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03840 PE=4 SV=1           |
| <b>Transcription regulator</b> |                  |                                                                                                                      |
| A0A6M3Z7B9                     | A0A6M3Z7B9_BACSU | MurR/RpiR family transcriptional regulator OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01070 PE=4 SV=1      |
| A0A6M3Z813                     | A0A6M3Z813_BACSU | Transcriptional repressor MtlR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mtlR PE=4 SV=1                         |
| A0A6M3ZD82                     | A0A6M3ZD82_BACSU | Transcriptional regulator GmuR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gmuR PE=4 SV=1                         |
| A0A6M3ZEF9                     | A0A6M3ZEF9_BACSU | Transcription termination/antitermination protein NusA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nusA PE=3 SV=1 |

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| A0A6M3ZF32 | A0A6M3ZF32_BACSU | Replication initiation membrane attachment protein DnaB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dnaB PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZF76 | A0A6M3ZF76_BACSU | Fatty acid metabolism transcriptional regulator FadR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=fadR PE=4 SV=1    |
| A0A6M3ZHF7 | A0A6M3ZHF7_BACSU | Transcriptional regulator LicR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=licR PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M3ZHU0 | A0A6M3ZHU0_BACSU | SWIM zinc finger family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20840 PE=4 SV=1                  |
| A0A6M4JCC8 | A0A6M4JCC8_BACSU | Transcriptional regulator Btr OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=btr PE=4 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M4JFI2 | A0A6M4JFI2_BACSU | Anti-sigma-I factor RsgI OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rsgI PE=4 SV=1                                |
| A0A6M4JGP4 | A0A6M4JGP4_BACSU | AbrB family transcriptional regulator OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05860 PE=4 SV=1            |
| A0A6M4JJQ3 | A0A6M4JJQ3_BACSU | Transcriptional regulator LevR OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=levR PE=4 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M4JPT2 | A0A6M4JPT2_BACSU | LacI family transcriptional regulator OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20650 PE=4 SV=1            |
| A0A6M4JR12 | A0A6M4JR12_BACSU | TetR family transcriptional regulator OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22690 PE=4 SV=1            |
| Q03222     | RHO_BACSU        | Transcription termination factor Rho OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=rho PE=3 SV=3                     |

### Transport and chemotaxis and flageller assembly

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| <b>Basic transport &amp; secretion system</b> |                  |                                                                                                                           |
| A0A6M3ZAN6                                    | A0A6M3ZAN6_BACSU | ABC transporter ATP-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07890 PE=4 SV=1                  |
| A0A6M3ZDF8                                    | A0A6M3ZDF8_BACSU | HMP/thiamine ABC transporter permease ThiX OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=thiX PE=4 SV=1                  |
| A0A6M3ZGY4                                    | A0A6M3ZGY4_BACSU | Transport permease protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=tagG PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M4JE55                                    | A0A6M4JE55_BACSU | ABC transporter ATP-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04570 PE=4 SV=1                  |
| A0A6M4JF00                                    | A0A6M4JF00_BACSU | Signal peptidase I OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=lepB PE=3 SV=1                                          |
| A0A6M4JFL2                                    | A0A6M4JFL2_BACSU | Alanine:cation symporter family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01455 PE=3 SV=1              |
| A0A6M4JK33                                    | A0A6M4JK33_BACSU | PTS fructose transporter subunit IIC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=levF PE=4 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M4JKV9                                    | A0A6M4JKV9_BACSU | Sublancin transporter SunT OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sunT PE=4 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M4JM05                                    | A0A6M4JM05_BACSU | Oligopeptide ABC transporter substrate-binding protein OppA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=oppA PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M4JN68                                    | A0A6M4JN68_BACSU | Bacitracin ABC transporter permease BceB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=bceB PE=3 SV=1                    |
| P24141                                        | OPPA_BACSU       | Oligopeptide-binding protein OppA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=oppA PE=1 SV=1                           |
| A0A6M3Z7C0                                    | A0A6M3Z7C0_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01815 PE=3 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M3Z8Y4                                    | A0A6M3Z8Y4_BACSU | HlyC/CorC family transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05355 PE=3 SV=1                         |
| A0A6M3Z946                                    | A0A6M3Z946_BACSU | Sodium:solute symporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05800 PE=3 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M3Z9U7                                    | A0A6M3Z9U7_BACSU | Serine/threonine exchanger OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=steT PE=4 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M3ZA02                                    | A0A6M3ZA02_BACSU | Magnesium transporter MgtE OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mgtE PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M3ZBM8                                    | A0A6M3ZBM8_BACSU | MATE family efflux transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_09975 PE=4 SV=1                       |
| A0A6M3ZCH2                                    | A0A6M3ZCH2_BACSU | Permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01905 PE=3 SV=1                                             |
| A0A6M3ZEE8                                    | A0A6M3ZEE8_BACSU | M48 family metalloprotease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05720 PE=3 SV=1                           |
| A0A6M3ZF08                                    | A0A6M3ZF08_BACSU | Type II toxin-antitoxin system toxin ribonuclease YobL OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yobL PE=4 SV=1      |
| A0A6M3ZFZ3                                    | A0A6M3ZFZ3_BACSU | Na <sup>+</sup> /H <sup>+</sup> antiporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19340 PE=3 SV=1           |
| A0A6M3ZG28                                    | A0A6M3ZG28_BACSU | Na <sup>+</sup> /H <sup>+</sup> antiporter subunit A OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18390 PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZG80                                    | A0A6M3ZG80_BACSU | Type VII secretion protein EssC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=essC PE=4 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M3ZGI9                                    | A0A6M3ZGI9_BACSU | SulP family inorganic anion transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19990 PE=3 SV=1              |
| A0A6M3ZI65                                    | A0A6M3ZI65_BACSU | Efflux RND transporter permease subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03825 PE=4 SV=1              |



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| A0A6M3ZID9                                 | A0A6M3ZID9_BACSU | Copper transporter YcnJ OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ycnJ PE=4 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M3ZIP3                                 | A0A6M3ZIP3_BACSU | CPBP family intramembrane metalloprotease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_23270 PE=4 SV=1     |
| A0A6M4JG26                                 | A0A6M4JG26_BACSU | Mechanosensitive ion channel protein MscC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mscC PE=3 SV=1            |
| A0A6M4JGZ8                                 | A0A6M4JGZ8_BACSU | HAMP domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10110 PE=4 SV=1                |
| A0A6M4JHK6                                 | A0A6M4JHK6_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_06820 PE=4 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M4JHW6                                 | A0A6M4JHW6_BACSU | Iron ABC transporter permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01035 PE=3 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M4JI19                                 | A0A6M4JI19_BACSU | Glycerol-3-phosphate transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=glpT PE=3 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M4JJH3                                 | A0A6M4JJH3_BACSU | MFS transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14805 PE=4 SV=1                               |
| A0A6M4JLE6                                 | A0A6M4JLE6_BACSU | Diguanylate cyclase DgcK OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=dgcK PE=4 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M4JLI3                                 | A0A6M4JLI3_BACSU | HlyC/CorC family transporter OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05340 PE=3 SV=1                  |
| A0A6M4JME7                                 | A0A6M4JME7_BACSU | Amino acid permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17705 PE=4 SV=1                           |
| A0A6M4JR32                                 | A0A6M4JR32_BACSU | Cyclic-di-AMP phosphodiesterase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gdpP PE=3 SV=1                      |
| A0A6M4JRR6                                 | A0A6M4JRR6_BACSU | MOP flippase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20470 PE=4 SV=1                   |
| O32105                                     | YUIF_BACSU       | Putative amino acid transporter YuiF OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yuiF PE=4 SV=1                 |
| P37476                                     | FTSH_BACSU       | ATP-dependent zinc metalloprotease FtsH OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ftsH PE=1 SV=1              |
| A0A6M3Z6T6                                 | A0A6M3Z6T6_BACSU | Iron ABC transporter permease OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01030 PE=3 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M3Z9I3                                 | A0A6M3Z9I3_BACSU | Heme-based aerotactic transducer HemAT OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=hemAT PE=4 SV=1              |
| A0A6M3ZAM2                                 | A0A6M3ZAM2_BACSU | PTS transporter subunit EIIA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07925 PE=4 SV=1                  |
| A0A6M4JNY4                                 | A0A6M4JNY4_BACSU | Glycine betaine transporter OpuD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=opuD PE=3 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M3Z8D7                                 | A0A6M3Z8D7_BACSU | PLP-dependent aminotransferase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02975 PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3Z988                                 | A0A6M3Z988_BACSU | PLP-dependent aminotransferase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_06015 PE=3 SV=1 |
| <b>Chemotaxis &amp; flageller movement</b> |                  |                                                                                                                    |
| A0A6M3ZJE1                                 | A0A6M3ZJE1_BACSU | Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19480 PE=4 SV=1           |
| A0A6M4JLK3                                 | A0A6M4JLK3_BACSU | Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein TlpB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=tlpB PE=4 SV=1             |
| <b>Kinase &amp; tranferases</b>            |                  |                                                                                                                    |
| A0A6M3ZAL1                                 | A0A6M3ZAL1_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=kinE PE=4 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M3ZF44                                 | A0A6M3ZF44_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=phoR PE=4 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M3ZFU0                                 | A0A6M3ZFU0_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_18435 PE=4 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M4JLJ3                                 | A0A6M4JLJ3_BACSU | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=kinC PE=4 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M3Z8I8                                 | A0A6M3Z8I8_BACSU | Phosphotransferase enzyme family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03790 PE=4 SV=1      |
| A0A6M3ZJV8                                 |                  | Histidine kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20885 PE=4 SV=1                              |
| A0A6M3ZAN5                                 | A0A6M3ZAN5_BACSU | Non-specific serine/threonine protein kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=prkC PE=4 SV=1         |
| A0A6M3Z7F5                                 | A0A6M3Z7F5_BACSU | Aspartokinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02195 PE=3 SV=1                                 |
| A0A6M3ZF24                                 | A0A6M3ZF24_BACSU | NAD kinase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nadK PE=3 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M4JPK3                                 | A0A6M4JPK3_BACSU | Phosphotransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20260 PE=4 SV=1                            |
| A0A6M3ZHU2                                 | A0A6M3ZHU2_BACSU | Glycosyltransferase family 8 protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21965 PE=4 SV=1          |
| <b>Metabolic pathway</b>                   |                  |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>C/ N &amp; lipid metabolism</b>         |                  |                                                                                                                    |

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| A0A6M3Z7D1                   | A0A6M3Z7D1_BACSU | Assimilatory nitrate reductase catalytic subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nasC PE=4 SV=1                                                    |
| A0A6M3Z8J1                   | A0A6M3Z8J1_BACSU | Alpha, alpha-phosphotrehalase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=trec PE=3 SV=1                                                                       |
| A0A6M3Z9L3                   | A0A6M3Z9L3_BACSU | Carbamoyl-phosphate synthase large chain OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=carB PE=3 SV=1                                                            |
| A0A6M3ZB80                   | A0A6M3ZB80_BACSU | Glycerol-3-phosphate acyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=plsY PE=3 SV=1                                                                |
| A0A6M3ZBL3                   | A0A6M3ZBL3_BACSU | 2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase E1 component OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sucA PE=3 SV=1                                                           |
| A0A6M3ZED6                   | A0A6M3ZED6_BACSU | Levanase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sacC PE=3 SV=1                                                                                            |
| A0A6M3ZEU1                   | A0A6M3ZEU1_BACSU | Glutamyl-tRNA reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=hema PE=3 SV=1                                                                             |
| A0A6M3ZFN0                   | A0A6M3ZFN0_BACSU | 1,4-alpha-glucan branching enzyme GlgB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=glgB PE=3 SV=1                                                              |
| A0A6M3ZIU7                   | A0A6M3ZIU7_BACSU | Maltose phosphorylase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mdxK PE=3 SV=1                                                                               |
| A0A6M3ZLA7                   | A0A6M3ZLA7_BACSU | Cardiolipin synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cls PE=3 SV=1                                                                                 |
| A0A6M4JDX2                   | A0A6M4JDX2_BACSU | Glucose-1-phosphate cytidylyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04115 PE=4 SV=1                                                     |
| A0A6M4JES8                   | A0A6M4JES8_BACSU | Glucose-6-phosphate 3-dehydrogenase NdtC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ntdC PE=4 SV=1                                                            |
| A0A6M4JFC1                   | A0A6M4JFC1_BACSU | Assimilatory nitrate reductase electron transfer subunit NasB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nasB PE=4 SV=1                                       |
| A0A6M4JHH2                   | A0A6M4JHH2_BACSU | 2,3-diketo-5-methylthiopentyl-1-phosphate enolase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mtnW PE=3 SV=1                                                   |
| A0A6M4JK59                   | A0A6M4JK59_BACSU | Long-chain-fatty-acid--CoA ligase LcfA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=lcfA PE=4 SV=1                                                              |
| A0A6M4JKK3                   | A0A6M4JKK3_BACSU | Alpha-N-arabinofuranosidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_16795 PE=3 SV=1                                                                  |
| A0A6M4JN15                   | A0A6M4JN15_BACSU | 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19030 PE=4 SV=1                                                              |
| A0A6M4JNX9                   | A0A6M4JNX9_BACSU | Acyl--CoA ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_17220 PE=4 SV=1                                                                             |
| A0A6M4JPF4                   | A0A6M4JPF4_BACSU | Oligo-1,6-glucosidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=malL PE=3 SV=1                                                                               |
| O07012                       | BGAL2_BACSU      | Beta-galactosidase GanA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gana PE=1 SV=2                                                                             |
| A0A6M4JEP2                   | A0A6M4JEP2_BACSU | Fatty-acid peroxygenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cypC PE=4 SV=1                                                                             |
| A0A6M4JKS6                   | A0A6M4JKS6_BACSU | Acyl-CoA dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14365 PE=3 SV=1                                                                       |
| A0A6M3ZBX1                   | A0A6M3ZBX1_BACSU | Acyl-CoA carboxylase subunit beta OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_09885 PE=4 SV=1                                                            |
| A0A6M4JQ85                   | A0A6M4JQ85_BACSU | Nitrate reductase subunit beta OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=narH PE=4 SV=1                                                                      |
| <b>Amino acid metabolism</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                                                   |
| A0A6M3ZBC2                   | A0A6M3ZBC2_BACSU | Glutamate synthase large subunit OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=glbB PE=3 SV=1                                                                    |
| A0A6M3ZDA0                   | A0A6M3ZDA0_BACSU | L-threonine dehydratase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ilvA PE=3 SV=1                                                                             |
| A0A6M3ZF59                   | A0A6M3ZF59_BACSU | Cysteine synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=cysK PE=3 SV=1                                                                                   |
| A0A6M3ZGI8                   | A0A6M3ZGI8_BACSU | Homoserine O-acetyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=metA PE=3 SV=1                                                                      |
| A0A6M3ZI13                   | A0A6M3ZI13_BACSU | Asparagine synthase (Glutamine-hydrolyzing) OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=asnB PE=3 SV=1                                                         |
| A0A6M4JJ65                   | A0A6M4JJ65_BACSU | Gamma-glutamyl phosphate reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=proA PE=3 SV=1                                                                  |
| A0A6M4JQT4                   | A0A6M4JQT4_BACSU | Imidazolonepropionase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=hutI PE=3 SV=1                                                                               |
| A0A6M4JRL8                   | A0A6M4JRL8_BACSU | Choline dehydrogenase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gbsB PE=4 SV=1                                                                               |
| O34858                       | ARLY_BACSU       | Argininosuccinate lyase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=argH PE=3 SV=1                                                                             |
| P54420                       | ASNB_BACSU       | Asparagine synthetase [glutamine-hydrolyzing] 1 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=asnB PE=1 SV=2                                                     |
| A0A6M3Z723                   | A0A6M3Z723_BACSU | Aminotransferase class V-fold PLP-dependent enzyme OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01585 PE=3 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3ZEL5                   | A0A6M3ZEL5_BACSU | Serine protease AprX OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=aprX PE=3 SV=1                                                                                |
| <b>Nucleotide metabolism</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                                                   |
| A0A6M4JG22                   | A0A6M4JG22_BACSU | Multifunctional 2',3'-cyclic-nucleotide 2'-phosphodiesterase/3'-nucleotidase/5'-nucleotidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04385 PE=3 SV=1 |

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| A0A6M4JGM8                                        | A0A6M4JGM8_BACSU | Ribonucleoside-diphosphate reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nrdE PE=3 SV=1                                  |
| O31875                                            | NRDEB_BACSU      | Ribonucleoside-diphosphate reductase NrdEB subunit alpha OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=nrdEB PE=3 SV=2             |
| A0A6M4JIV5                                        | A0A6M4JIV5_BACSU | NUDIX hydrolase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_06730 PE=4 SV=1                                                |
| <b>Central metabolism(TCA/electron transport)</b> |                  |                                                                                                                                     |
| A0A6M3ZAG6                                        | A0A6M3ZAG6_BACSU | Pyruvate carboxylase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=pyc PE=4 SV=1                                                   |
| A0A6M3ZBL7                                        | A0A6M3ZBL7_BACSU | Bifunctional cytochrome P450/NADPH--P450 reductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04105 PE=3 SV=1             |
| A0A6M3ZDM0                                        | A0A6M3ZDM0_BACSU | Bifunctional 2-methylcitrate dehydratase/aconitate hydratase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14355 PE=3 SV=1   |
| A0A6M3ZDW2                                        | A0A6M3ZDW2_BACSU | Citrate synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=mmgD PE=3 SV=1                                                      |
| A0A6M4JEQ9                                        | A0A6M4JEQ9_BACSU | Citrate synthase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05285 PE=3 SV=1                                               |
| A0A6M3ZI84                                        | A0A6M3ZI84_BACSU | SDR family oxidoreductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22765 PE=3 SV=1                                      |
| A0A6M4JKI9                                        | A0A6M4JKI9_BACSU | Cytochrome c biogenesis protein ResB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=resB PE=4 SV=1                                  |
| <b>Cell wall synthesis</b>                        |                  |                                                                                                                                     |
| A0A6M3ZG90                                        | A0A6M3ZG90_BACSU | LTA synthase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19310 PE=3 SV=1                                    |
| A0A6M3ZGJ9                                        | A0A6M3ZGJ9_BACSU | Beta-N-acetylglucosaminidase LytD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=lytD PE=4 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M3ZI35                                        | A0A6M3ZI35_BACSU | Glutamate racemase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=racE PE=3 SV=1                                                    |
| A0A6M4JBY5                                        | A0A6M4JBY5_BACSU | Serine-type D-Ala-D-Ala carboxypeptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_00075 PE=3 SV=1                       |
| A0A6M4JGG3                                        | A0A6M4JGG3_BACSU | UDP-N-acetylmuramoyl-L-alanyl-D-glutamate--2,6-diaminopimelate ligase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=murE PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M4JJR6                                        | A0A6M4JJR6_BACSU | Serine-type D-Ala-D-Ala carboxypeptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_08325 PE=3 SV=1                       |
| A0A6M3Z9N5                                        | A0A6M3Z9N5_BACSU | UDP-glucosyltransferase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_06745 PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M3ZEE3                                        | A0A6M3ZEE3_BACSU | Transglycosylase SLT domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15330 PE=4 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M4JH58                                        | A0A6M4JH58_BACSU | LD-carboxypeptidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10445 PE=3 SV=1                                            |
| <b>Uncharacterized protein</b>                    |                  |                                                                                                                                     |
| A0A6M3Z8V2                                        | A0A6M3Z8V2_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05140 PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M3ZBR5                                        | A0A6M3ZBR5_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10210 PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M3ZC19                                        | A0A6M3ZC19_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_11415 PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M3ZC58                                        | A0A6M3ZC58_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10940 PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M4JGA0                                        | A0A6M4JGA0_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_05050 PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M4JJC7                                        | A0A6M4JJC7_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_11365 PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M4JPL9                                        | A0A6M4JPL9_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20085 PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| A0A6M4JQN2                                        | A0A6M4JQN2_BACSU | Uncharacterized protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22330 PE=4 SV=1                                        |
| O34708                                            | YFLA_BACSU       | Uncharacterized transporter YflA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yflA PE=3 SV=1                                      |
| <b>Stress resistance/response proteins</b>        |                  |                                                                                                                                     |
| A0A6M3ZDQ8                                        | A0A6M3ZDQ8_BACSU | PBP1A family penicillin-binding protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13425 PE=4 SV=1                        |
| A0A6M3ZC91                                        | A0A6M3ZC91_BACSU | Superoxide dismutase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10535 PE=3 SV=1                                           |
| A0A6M3ZH49                                        | A0A6M3ZH49_BACSU | Erythromycin resistance protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=erm(B) PE=3 SV=1                                     |
| A0A6M3ZKH0                                        | A0A6M3ZKH0_BACSU | Chaperone protein HtpG OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=htpG PE=3 SV=1                                                |
| A0A6M4JL07                                        | A0A6M4JL07_BACSU | Glyoxalase/bleomycin resistance/dioxygenase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15210 PE=4 SV=1     |

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| A0A6M4JQY7                           | A0A6M4JQY7_BACSU | General stress protein 30 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_22785 PE=4 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M4JP82                           | A0A6M4JP82_BACSU | FUSC family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19405 PE=4 SV=1                           |
| A0A6M3Z8S4                           | A0A6M3Z8S4_BACSU | Thioredoxin-dependent thiol peroxidase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=bcp PE=4 SV=1                |
| A0A6M4JM08                           | A0A6M4JM08_BACSU | Arsenate reductase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_19015 PE=3 SV=1             |
| <b>Sporulation specific proteins</b> |                  |                                                                                                                    |
| A0A6M3Z716                           | A0A6M3Z716_BACSU | Sporulation killing factor biosynthesis protein SkfC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=skfC PE=4 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3ZAJ4                           | A0A6M3ZAJ4_BACSU | Spore germination protein GerKB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gerKB PE=3 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M3ZB79                           | A0A6M3ZB79_BACSU | DNA translocase SpoIIIE OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIIIE PE=3 SV=1                           |
| A0A6M3ZDY2                           | A0A6M3ZDY2_BACSU | Stage III sporulation protein AE OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIIIAE PE=4 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M3ZEK5                           | A0A6M3ZEK5_BACSU | Stage II sporulation protein SpoIIB OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=spoIIB PE=4 SV=1                |
| A0A6M3ZF09                           | A0A6M3ZF09_BACSU | Spore coat assembly protein SafA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=safA PE=4 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M3ZGU4                           | A0A6M3ZGU4_BACSU | SpoIID/LytB domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20485 PE=4 SV=1         |
| A0A6M3ZJ55                           | A0A6M3ZJ55_BACSU | Sporulation protein YqfD OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=yqfD PE=4 SV=1                             |
| A0A6M4JEX2                           | A0A6M4JEX2_BACSU | Spore germination protein GerKA OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=gerKA PE=3 SV=1                     |
| P12254                               | RPSK_BACSU       | RNA polymerase sigma-K factor OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=sigK PE=1 SV=2                        |
| A0A6M3Z8L3                           | A0A6M3Z8L3_BACSU | YfhO family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04765 PE=4 SV=1                           |
| <b>Others</b>                        |                  |                                                                                                                    |
| A0A6M4JH86                           | A0A6M4JH86_BACSU | Non-ribosomal plipastatin synthetase PpsE OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=ppsE PE=3 SV=1            |
| A0A6M3Z6W3                           | A0A6M3Z6W3_BACSU | DUF4885 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01270 PE=4 SV=1             |
| A0A6M3Z7C8                           | A0A6M3Z7C8_BACSU | DUF4901 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01660 PE=4 SV=1             |
| A0A6M3Z820                           | A0A6M3Z820_BACSU | Band 7_1 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03560 PE=4 SV=1            |
| A0A6M3Z989                           | A0A6M3Z989_BACSU | UPF0374 protein HIR78_04800 OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_04800 PE=3 SV=1                   |
| A0A6M3ZBH5                           | A0A6M3ZBH5_BACSU | KAP NTPase domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_10335 PE=4 SV=1          |
| A0A6M3ZDR1                           | A0A6M3ZDR1_BACSU | EAL domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07770 PE=4 SV=1                 |
| A0A6M3ZI56                           | A0A6M3ZI56_BACSU | DUF2334 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02455 PE=4 SV=1             |
| A0A6M3ZK18                           | A0A6M3ZK18_BACSU | 4Fe-4S dicluster domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21325 PE=4 SV=1    |
| A0A6M3ZMB6                           | A0A6M3ZMB6_BACSU | Insulinase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_21445 PE=4 SV=1                     |
| A0A6M4JDL6                           | A0A6M4JDL6_BACSU | DUF58 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03635 PE=4 SV=1               |
| A0A6M4JDN3                           | A0A6M4JDN3_BACSU | DUF4129 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_03640 PE=4 SV=1             |
| A0A6M4JF49                           | A0A6M4JF49_BACSU | DUF4901 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_01655 PE=4 SV=1             |
| A0A6M4JKV0                           | A0A6M4JKV0_BACSU | Prophage tail domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_12895 PE=4 SV=1       |
| A0A6M4JL77                           | A0A6M4JL77_BACSU | DUF1405 domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_13530 PE=4 SV=1             |
| A0A6M4JML3                           | A0A6M4JML3_BACSU | Phage portal protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_15415 PE=3 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M4JMV4                           | A0A6M4JMV4_BACSU | Herpes_ori_bp domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_11330 PE=4 SV=1       |
| A0A6M4JPN1                           | A0A6M4JPN1_BACSU | YitT family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20305 PE=4 SV=1                           |
| A0A6M4JPY1                           | A0A6M4JPY1_BACSU | VanZ family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20980 PE=4 SV=1                           |
| A0A6M4JM03                           | A0A6M4JM03_BACSU | Insulinase family protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_09100 PE=3 SV=1                     |

|            |                  |                                                                                                                 |
|------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A0A6M4JFE2 | A0A6M4JFE2_BACSU | Surfactin non-ribosomal peptide synthetase SrfAC OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=srfAC PE=3 SV=1 |
| A0A6M3Z9W6 | A0A6M3Z9W6_BACSU | Altronate oxidoreductase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=uxaB PE=3 SV=1                          |
| A0A6M4JF07 | A0A6M4JF07_BACSU | EIICB-Mtl OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_02290 PE=4 SV=1                                  |
| A0A6M3ZDY7 | A0A6M3ZDY7_BACSU | Alpha/beta hydrolase OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_14195 PE=4 SV=1                       |
| A0A6M3ZH02 | A0A6M3ZH02_BACSU | LTD domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_20185 PE=4 SV=1              |
| A0A6M4JJC3 | A0A6M4JJC3_BACSU | AAA domain-containing protein OS=Bacillus subtilis (strain 168) OX=224308 GN=HIR78_07550 PE=3 SV=1              |

**Table S1 D)** Protein profiles of spores of *Bacillus subtilis* TB10 produced under H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treated condition

Fig. S1: Multiple sequence alignment of squalene hopene cyclase (*shc*) gene of *Paludisphaera rhizosphaerae* JC665T with its homolog from *Rhodopseudomonas palustris* TIE-1. Highly conserved nucleotides are highlighted with red background color.

|       |                                                              |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
|       | 1                                                            | 10  | 20  | 30  | 40  | 50  | 60 |
| JC665 | ATGATCGCCAACAAGGACGGGGCGTTCCCAACGGTGAGGCGGCCCATTCATCCTCGGG   |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| R     | .....                                                        |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|       | 70                                                           | 80  | 90  | 100 | 110 | 120 |    |
| JC665 | TCGAAGCCGCACCGTGACACAACCCTCGCCGGCGGTTATGAGGTCGCTCTCGACCGAACC |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| R     | .....                                                        |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|       | 130                                                          | 140 | 150 | 160 | 170 | 180 |    |
| JC665 | CGCGGTTGGCTTCACGCTCGCCAGCAGTCGGACGGCCACTGGGTGGGCGAACTTGAAGGC |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| R     | .....                                                        |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|       | 190                                                          | 200 | 210 | 220 | 230 | 240 |    |
| JC665 | GACACGATCCTCGAATCCGAGACCACCTCCTCATGGCCTTCTTCGGCCGCGAAAAACGAG |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| R     | .....                                                        |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|       | 250                                                          | 260 | 270 | 280 | 290 | 300 |    |
| JC665 | GAGGTTTGCAAGCGTTCGGCCCGGTATCTCTGAAACACGAGCTTGAAGAGCGCGCTGG   |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| R     | .....GTGTATCTGCGCCGATTGAGGCGGCGATGGCGCTGG                    |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|       | 310                                                          | 320 | 330 | 340 | 350 | 360 |    |
| JC665 | CCCAACTACCCGCGGGCCCGGAGATCAGCACTTCGTTAAAGGTACTTCCGCTG        |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| R     | CCGCTGGTGATGATGGCGATTTTGATATGAGCGGAGCGTAAAGGTATTTGCGCTG      |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|       | 370                                                          | 380 | 390 | 400 | 410 | 420 |    |
| JC665 | AAGTGAACCAACCGACCGACCGGCGATGGTGAAAGCGCGAAGCGCGTCTCT          |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| R     | AAATGATTTGGCGATAGCATTGATGCGCGCATATGGTGCGGCGCGAAGCGATTCG      |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|       | 430                                                          | 440 | 450 | 460 | 470 | 480 |    |
| JC665 | GCATGGGGCGCGCGGCTGCAACAGCTTACCGGTTCTACTCTCGCGCTGCTGG         |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| R     | AGCGCGGGGGCGCGATTTCATGCAACGTGTTACCGCTTCTCTGATGCTGTATGG       |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|       | 490                                                          | 500 | 510 | 520 | 530 | 540 |    |
| JC665 | CAGCTCTCGTACGACGAATGCGACCGTCCACCGAGTGGCGCTGATCCCAAGCAC       |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| R     | GTGACACCTGGCGCGCGGTGCGGTGCGGTTGAATATGCTGCTGCGAGCTGG          |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|       | 550                                                          | 560 | 570 | 580 | 590 | 600 |    |
| JC665 | TGGAACCTTACCTTTACGCGATGTCCTCTGGACCGGACGATCGTCTGCTCGCTCTCG    |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| R     | AGCCCGTTTACCTGACCAAAATTAGCTATGGGCGCGCACCACTGCTGCTCGCTGCTG    |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|       | 610                                                          | 620 | 630 | 640 | 650 | 660 |    |
| JC665 | ATCGTTTCCCACTTCAAGCCCGTCCGAAAGCTCCCTCCCTGAGAAAGCATGACGAGCTG  |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| R     | GTGCTGTGGCGCTGAAACCGCAGGCGAAACCCGAAAGGCGTGGCATGATGAATG       |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|       | 670                                                          | 680 | 690 | 700 | 710 |     |    |
| JC665 | TTTATCGACGGCGTAAAGAGT.GGTCCGACCTCGTCTGCCCGTAT.....TCTCG      |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| R     | TTTCTGCGAGATCCGAAACCAATTGGCATGCGGTCGAAAGCGCGCATCAGAAGCTGGCG  |     |     |     |     |     |    |



JC665 720 730 740 750 760 770  
 R TGGGCAAGGTCTTTCTCGCGGTTCGACCGTGTCTGAAGTGGCCGACGCCCTGTGCCG  
 CTGTTTAAACGTTTGGCAGCATTTGATGCGGTGCTGCCGTGATTGAACCGGTGATGCCG

JC665 780 790 800 810 820 830  
 R ACCGCGGTTCTCGTCCGCGCGCTCCAGGCCGTCACCGGTGGATGGTCCGAGCACTTCGAG  
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JC665 840 850 860 870 880 890  
 R GACTCGACGGCGTGGGCGCGATCTATCCGCCGATGGTCTACACGATCCCTCGCTCTGCGT  
 GCGGAAATGGCATGGGCGCGATTTTCCGCCGATGGCGAACCGGTGATGATGATGAA

JC665 900 910 920 930 940 950  
 R TGCCTGGGCTATGAGGACGACTCCGCGAGCGTCTGGGCTGGAAGCAGCTCAAGAT  
 GCGCTGGGCTATCCGGAAGATATATCCGCCGCGCGGAGCCAGGCCGCGCATGATCTG

JC665 960 970 980 990 1000 1010  
 R CTGAAATGTCGACGAGGGCGATACGACTCGCTTCCAACTTGGCTCTCTCCCTGTGGGAT  
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JC665 1020 1030 1040 1050 1060 1070  
 R ACGCGCATCAACGCGCATCGCTCTCCGACGCGGAGGAACTCTCCGACGAGCGCGCTT  
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JC665 1080 1090 1100 1110 1120  
 R GAGAAAGCGGGGACGTTGGC...TTCTCGACAGGAACTCCGTGCGGGCGGCGATGGCAG  
 CGCCCAGCGCTGATTTGGCTGCTGCGCGCAGGTGCTGGATGTGAAAAGGCGATTTGGGCG

JC665 1130 1140 1150 1160 1170 1180  
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 GTGAAAGCGCGCAACGTGCGCCGCGCGCTGGGCGCTTCTAGTAAACACCGCGCATAT

JC665 1190 1200 1210 1220 1230 1240  
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JC665 1310 1320 1330 1340 1350 1360  
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JC665 1370 1380 1390 1400 1410 1420  
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1430 1440 1450 1460 1470 1480  
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1490 1500 1510 1520 1530 1540  
 JC665 GGACTCGACTACCTCTGGCGGACCCAGGAGCCGAGGGCTGCTGGTACGGCCGCTGGGGC  
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 JC665 GTGAACCTACATCTACGGCACCTGGCAGGTGCTTCAGGGTCTCGATGCCGCGGGCCATCCG  
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1610 1620 1630 1640 1650 1660  
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1670 1680 1690 1700 1710  
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1720 1730 1740 1750 1760 1770  
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1900 1910 1920 1930 1940 1950  
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1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010  
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2020  
 JC665 ACGGTCTGA  
 R .....

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# In silico analysis of sporulene biosynthesis pathway genes in the members of the class *Bacilli*

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## Abstract

Sporulene, a pentacyclic triterpenoid, was discovered in *Bacillus subtilis* and is associated with bacterial endospores. However, the study was not further extended, leaving a trail of questions. One such question is what diversity of sporulenes exists among spore-forming members? Considering the sporulene biosynthesis pathway as a fundamental tool to survey the distribution of this molecule, a genome mining study was conducted. Mining for genes encoding putative proteins of sporulene biosynthesis pathway among the class *Bacilli* members revealed the presence of *hepS*, *hepT*, *ypbB*, and *sqhC* genes in the members of the family *Bacillaceae*, *Caryophanaceae*, *Paenibacillaceae*, and *Sporolactobacillaceae*. However, these genes were completely absent in the members of *Staphylococcaceae*, *Lactobacillaceae*, *Aerococcaceae*, *Carnobacteriaceae*, and *Leuconostocaceae*. Unlike other probable pathway related proteins, a conserved amino acid domain of putative terpenoid cyclase (YtpB) appeared deep-rooted among the genus *Bacillus* members. In-depth analysis showed the constant gene arrangement of *hepS*, *hepT*, *ypbB*, and *sqhC* genes in these members, thereby demonstrating the conserved nature of sporulene biosynthesis pathway in the members of the genus *Bacillus*. Our study suggests confinement of the sporulene biosynthesis pathway to spore-forming members of the class *Bacilli*, majorly to the genus *Bacillus*.

**Keywords** Sporulene · *Bacillus* · *sqhC* · *Bacillaceae* · Synteny

## Introduction

A five-carbon compound, isoprene serves as the monomeric unit for the synthesis of polymeric isoprenoid or terpenoid molecules (Dominiczak et al. 2014). Isoprenoids are hydrocarbons that contribute majorly to the secondary metabolites (Tian et al. 2019) produced in plants and bacteria (O'Connor 2016). Likewise, sterols, an important part of the membrane lipids in bacteria, are synthesized from isoprenoid

precursors. Such molecules synthesized from isoprenoid precursors include tetracyclic sterols like cholesterol, polycyclic triterpenoids like hopanoids (Dufourc 2008; Hannich et al. 2011) and sporulenes, which are synthesized from 30 to 35 carbon acyclic isoprenoid precursors like squalene and curcumen (Bosak et al. 2008). Though recently discovered, hopanoids are relatively well-studied triterpenoids that differ from sporulenes in having a pentacyclic ring and are known to give membrane stability and integrity (Bosak et al. 2008; Kontnik et al. 2008). In comparison, sporulenes are less studied, and their actual functions in relation to bacterial endospores still need to be unraveled.

Due to the diverse niche harbored by microorganisms, they evolve continuously to adapt to the given challenges. As a result, they either develop new sets of metabolic pathways which are in accordance with the surrounding or omit the redundant pathways (Wang et al. 2019; Copley et al. 2000). Sporulene biosynthesis is one such metabolic cascade that was observed in *Bacillus subtilis* (Bosak et al. 2008; Sato et al. 2011). In the proposed pathway of sporulene biosynthesis in *Bacillus subtilis* by Takigawa and coworkers (Takigawa et al. 2010), two subunits of

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# *Paludisphaera rhizosphaerae* sp. nov., a new member of the family *Isosphaeraceae*, isolated from the rhizosphere soil of *Erianthus ravennae*

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**Abstract** Two axenic cultures of *Planctomycetota* were isolated from distinct geographical locations of India. Strain JC665<sup>T</sup> was isolated from a rhizosphere soil of Loktak lake, Manipur, whereas strain JC747 was isolated from a soil sediment at Pallikkara village, Kerala, India. The two closely related strains shared the highest 16S rRNA gene sequence identity (94.6%) with *Paludisphaera borealis* PX4<sup>T</sup>, while the 16S rRNA gene sequence identity between both strains was 100%. Both strains grow aerobically, stain

Gram negative, colonies are light pink-coloured, cells are non-motile, spherical to oval-shaped and tolerate NaCl up to 2% (w/v). While strain JC665<sup>T</sup> grows well up to pH 9.0, strain JC747 grows only up to pH 8.0. The respiratory quinone in both strains is MK-6. C<sub>16:0</sub>, C<sub>18:1</sub>ω9c and C<sub>18:0</sub> are the major fatty acids. Phosphatidylcholine, two unidentified glycolipids, seven unidentified lipids and two unidentified phospholipids made up the polar lipid composition of both strains. Both strains have genome sizes of about 8.0 Mb and a DNA G+C content of 66.4 mol%. Both strains contain genes coding for enzymes putatively involved in the production of lycopene-related carotenoids. The phylogenetic position together with the results of the analysis of morphological, physiological and genomic features support the classification of strain JC665<sup>T</sup> as a new species of the genus *Paludisphaera*, for which we propose the name *Paludisphaera rhizosphaerae*

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# *Neoroseomonas marina* sp. nov., Isolated from a Beach Sand

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## Abstract

A pink-pigmented bacterium (strain JC162<sup>T</sup> = KCTC 32190<sup>T</sup>) was isolated from a beach sand sample. Cells were Gram-stain-negative, coccoid, non-motile, and strictly aerobic. EzBioCloud BLAST search of 16S rRNA gene sequence showed that strain KCTC 32190<sup>T</sup> had the highest sequence identity to the members of the genus *Neoroseomonas* and was closely related to *N. oryzicola* YC6724<sup>T</sup> (99.8%), *N. sediminicola* FW-3<sup>T</sup> (98.5%), *N. soli* 5N26<sup>T</sup> (98.2%), and other members of the genus *Neoroseomonas* (< 97.9%) in the family *Acetobacteriaceae* within the class of *Alphaproteobacteria*. Chemo-organoheterotrophy was the only growth mode and growth was possible on a wide range of organic substrates. Strain KCTC 32190<sup>T</sup> was positive for catalase and oxidase. Fatty acid composition of strain KCTC 32190<sup>T</sup> includes (in decreasing %) C<sub>18:1</sub>ω7c, cyclo-C<sub>19:0</sub>ω8c, C<sub>18:0</sub>2-OH, C<sub>16:0</sub>, C<sub>18:0</sub>3-OH, C<sub>16:1</sub>ω7c/C<sub>16:0</sub>ω6c, C<sub>16:0</sub>2-OH and C<sub>16:1</sub>ω5c. Polar lipids comprised of phosphatidylglycerol, diphosphatidylglycerol, phosphatidylethanolamine, phosphatidylcholine, an unidentified amino lipid, and three unidentified lipids. The genomic DNA G+C content of the strain KCTC 32190<sup>T</sup> was 70.9 mol%. Strain KCTC 32190<sup>T</sup> has a low ANI value of < 92.7% and genome reassociation (based on *digital* DNA-DNA hybridization) value of < 48.8% with the nearest type strains. The genome relatedness is supported by other polyphasic taxonomic data to propose strain KCTC 32190<sup>T</sup> as a new species in the genus *Neoroseomonas* with the name *Neoroseomonas marina* sp. nov. The type strain is strain JC162<sup>T</sup> (KCTC 32190<sup>T</sup> = CGMCC1.12364<sup>T</sup>).

## Abbreviations

|        |                                                         |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| NCBI   | National Center for Biotechnology Information           |
| ANI    | Average Nucleotide Identity                             |
| dDDH   | Digital DNA-DNA Hybridization                           |
| BLAST  | Basic Local Alignment Search Tool                       |
| MUSCLE | Multiple Sequence Comparison by Log-Expectation         |
| KCTC   | Korean Collection for Type Cultures                     |
| CGMCC  | China General Microbiological Culture Collection Centre |

## Introduction

Marine habitats are composed of a wide spectrum of environments, each supporting a complex assemblage of potentially unique macroorganisms and microorganisms. Certain habitats like open ocean beaches and intertidal areas are of prime importance as it forms the interface between the terrestrial/freshwater and marine systems [1]. They are subjected to various tidal and fluvial processes; therefore, it continuously shapes their geochemistry, mineralogy, and biological processes [2]. The molecular studies of bacterial diversity have shown that they occupy an important ecological niche in the marine environment [3, 4]. Therefore, these marine habitats are currently being explored mainly for bacteria for various biotechnological applications [5, 6]. While working with the sand sample from a beach, a pink-pigmented bacterium was isolated and 16S rRNA gene sequence analysis indicated its affiliation to the genus *Neoroseomonas*. The members of the genus *Roseomonas* were first described by Rihs et al. in 1993 [7] under the genus *Roseomonas*. Genus *Roseomonas* was highly heterogeneous because of which the taxa was re-evaluated and reclassified into six novel genera [8, 9] and has been validated with their

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# Phylotaxogenomics for the Reappraisal of the Genus *Roseomonas* With the Creation of Six New Genera

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The genus *Roseomonas* is a significant group of bacteria which is invariably of great clinical and ecological importance. Previous studies have shown that the genus *Roseomonas* is polyphyletic in nature. Our present study focused on generating a lucid understanding of the phylogenetic framework for the re-evaluation and reclassification of the genus *Roseomonas*. Phylogenetic studies based on the 16S rRNA gene and 92 concatenated genes suggested that the genus is heterogeneous, forming seven major groups. Existing *Roseomonas* species were subjected to an array of genomic, phenotypic, and chemotaxonomic analyses in order to resolve the heterogeneity. Genomic similarity indices (dDDH and ANI) indicated that the members were well-defined at the species level. The Percentage of Conserved Proteins (POCP) and the average Amino Acid Identity (AAI) values between the groups of the genus *Roseomonas* and other interspersing members of the family *Acetobacteraceae* were below 65 and 70%, respectively. The pan-genome evaluation depicted that the pan-genome was an open type and the members shared 958 core genes. This claim of reclassification was equally supported by the phenotypic and chemotaxonomic differences between the groups. Thus, in this study, we propose to re-evaluate and reclassify the genus *Roseomonas* and propose six novel genera as *Pararoseomonas* gen. nov., *Falsiroseomonas* gen. nov., *Paeniroseomonas* gen. nov., *Plastoroseomonas* gen. nov., *Neoroseomonas* gen. nov., and *Pseudoroseomonas* gen. nov.

**Keywords:** phylotaxogenomics, average amino acid Identity (AAI), percentage of conserved proteins (POCP), reclassification, *Roseomonas*

**Abbreviations:** NCBI, National Center for Biotechnology Information; ANI, Average Nucleotide Identity; AAI, Average Amino acid Identity; POCP, Percentage of Conserved Proteins; dDDH, digital DNA-DNA Hybridization; BLAST, Basic Local Alignment Search Tool; MUSCLE, Multiple Sequence Comparison by Log-Expectation; KCTC, Korean Collection for Type Cultures; CGMCC, China General Microbiological Culture Collection Centre; ATCC, American Type Culture Collection; CIP, Institute Pasteur Collection; DSM, Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH; JCM, Japan Collection of Microorganisms-RIKEN BioResource Center; KACC, Korean Agricultural Culture Collection; NBRC, NITE Biological Resource Center; LMG, Laboratorium voor Microbiologie; MCCC, Marine Culture Collection of China; GDMCC, Guangdong Microbial Culture Collection Center; CECT Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo; KEMB, Korea Environmental Microorganisms Bank; CCUG, Culture Collection University of Göteborg; BCC, BIOTEC Culture Collection; UBCG, Up-to-date Bacterial Core Gene set.



# *Mesobacillus aurantius* sp. nov., isolated from an orange-colored pond near a solar saltern

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## Abstract

An endospore producing, strict aerobic, Gram-stain-positive, orange-colored colony forming bacterium designated as strain JC1013<sup>T</sup> was isolated from an orange pond near a solar saltern of Tamil Nadu, India. Phylogenetic analysis of the 16S rRNA gene sequences indicated that strain was affiliated to the family *Bacillaceae* of the phylum *Firmicutes*. Strain showed highest 16S rRNA gene sequence identity of 98.7% with *Mesobacillus selenatarsenatis* SF-1<sup>T</sup> and below 98.3% with other members of the genus *Mesobacillus*. Strain JC1013<sup>T</sup> produced carotenoid pigments and indole compounds. Major cellular fatty acids of strain JC1013<sup>T</sup> were iso-C<sub>15:0</sub>, anteiso-C<sub>15:0</sub>, C<sub>16:0</sub> 3-OH, iso-C<sub>17:0</sub> 10c and summed feature 4 (iso-C<sub>17:1</sub> I/ anteisoB). Polar lipids were diphosphatidylglycerol, phosphatidylethanolamine, phosphatidylglycerol, two unidentified aminolipids and four unidentified phospholipids. Strain JC1013<sup>T</sup> constituted *m*-diaminopimelic acid as diagnostic cell wall amino acids. MK-7 is the predominant menaquinone of strain JC1013<sup>T</sup>. The genome size of strain JC1013<sup>T</sup> was 4.6 Mbp and its G + C content was 42.7 mol%. For the affirmation of strain's taxonomic status, a detailed phylogenomic study was done. Based on the phylogenetic analyses, low ANI (84.6%), AAI (88.5%) values, in-silico DDH (<29%) value, morphological, physiological and chemo-taxonomical characteristics, strain JC1013<sup>T</sup> was clearly distinguished from the nearest phylogenetic neighbor, *Mesobacillus selenatarsenatis* SF-1<sup>T</sup> to conclude that it is a new species of the genus *Mesobacillus*. We propose the name as *Mesobacillus aurantius* with type strain JC1013<sup>T</sup> (=NBRC 114146<sup>T</sup> = KACC 21451<sup>T</sup>).

**Keywords** *Mesobacillus* · Sp. nov. · Endospore · Salt tolerant

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## Abbreviations

|              |                                                 |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| NCBI         | National centre for biotechnology information   |
| GCM          | The global catalogue of microorganisms          |
| ANI          | Average nucleotide identity                     |
| AAI          | Average amino identity                          |
| <i>d</i> DDH | Digital DNA–DNA hybridization                   |
| BLAST        | Basic local alignment search tool               |
| MUSCLE       | Multiple sequence comparison by log-expectation |
| TLC          | Thin-layer chromatography                       |
| HPLC         | High-pressure liquid chromatography             |
| NBRC         | Biological resource center                      |
| NITE         | KACC, Korean agricultural culture collection    |
| CMC          | Carboxymethyl cellulose                         |

## Introduction

Hyper-saline environments like salt pan lakes are hubs for unique ecological layouts spanning diverse growth conditions (pH, alkalinity, salinity and temperature) and



# *Arenibacter lacus* sp. nov., Isolated from Chilika Lagoon, India

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## Abstract

A shiny dark yellow pigmented, Gram-stain-negative, rod-shaped, non-motile bacterium, designated as strain JC631<sup>T</sup>, was isolated from the sediment ecosystem of Chilika lagoon, India. Strain JC631<sup>T</sup> tolerates up to pH 10 and NaCl up to 3% (w/v). MK6 is the only respiratory quinone. Predominant (> 10%) cellular fatty acids are anteiso-C<sub>11:0</sub>, anteiso-C<sub>13:0</sub>, and anteiso-C<sub>15:0</sub>. Major polar lipids are phosphatidylethanolamine, phosphatidylcholine, a few unidentified phospholipids, and a few unidentified aminolipids. 16S rRNA gene sequencing showed that strain JC631<sup>T</sup> shared the highest sequence identity (98.7%) with *Arenibacter latericius* KMM 426<sup>T</sup> followed by *Arenibacter certesii* CCUG 48006<sup>T</sup> (98.6%) and other members of the genus *Arenibacter* (< 97%). The genome size of strain JC631<sup>T</sup> is 4.16 Mb with a GC content of 40.8 mol%. Strain JC631<sup>T</sup> has ANI scores of 78.3% and 78.1%; dDDH values of 22.2% and 21.8%, respectively, with the type strains of *A. latericius* and *A. certesii*. The genomic distinction is well supported by chemotaxonomic characteristics and differential physiological properties. This supports strain JC631<sup>T</sup> to be described as a new species of the genus *Arenibacter*, named as *Arenibacter lacus* sp. nov. The type strain is JC631<sup>T</sup> (= KCTC 72002<sup>T</sup> = NBRC 114071<sup>T</sup>).

## Introduction

The genus *Arenibacter* was first described by Ivanova et al. [1] to accommodate a rod-shaped bacterium, *Arenibacter latericius* within the family *Flavobacteriaceae*, which was further amended by Nedashkovskaya et al. [2]. Currently, the genus *Arenibacter* has 10 species with validly published

names (<https://lpsn.dsmz.de/genus/arenibacter>). All species of the genus *Arenibacter* except *A. antarcticus*, *A. catalase-gens*, and *A. aquaticus* were reported to have the capacity of degrading polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) such as phenanthrene and naphthalene, indicating the industrial importance of the genus *Arenibacter* [3]. Members of the genus *Arenibacter* are exclusively marine and are isolated from different habitats such as sediment, sea weed, sea urchin, and tidal flat. During our study on the cultivable bacterial diversity of Chilika lagoon, we have isolated an obligately aerobic bacterium which has highest (94–99%) 16S rRNA gene sequence identity with the members of the genus *Arenibacter*. Polyphasic characterization including phylogenomic analysis was carried out to classify the new isolate.

The GenBank/EMBL/DDBJ accession number for the 16S rRNA gene sequences of the strains JC631<sup>T</sup> is LR215975. The GenBank/EMBL/DDBJ accession number for the whole-genome shotgun sequence is VVIN000000000.

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## Materials and Methods

### Home, Habitat and Isolation

Strain JC631<sup>T</sup> was isolated from a sediment sample collected from Chilika lagoon at Satapada, Odisha, India (GPS of the sampling site was 19° 40' 12.0" N 85° 25' 48.0" E), depth of 10 feet from the water surface; sample pH was 8.0 and

# *Paracoccus aeridis* sp. nov., an indole-producing bacterium isolated from the rhizosphere of an orchid, *Aerides maculosa*

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## Abstract

A Gram-stain-negative, non-motile, coccoid-shaped, catalase- and oxidase-positive, non-denitrifying, neutrophilic bacterium designated as strain JC501<sup>T</sup> was isolated from an epiphytic rhizosphere of an orchid, *Aerides maculosa*, growing in the Western Ghats of India. Phylogenetic analyses based on the 16S rRNA gene sequence indicated that strain JC501<sup>T</sup> belonged to the genus *Paracoccus* and had the highest levels of sequence identity with *Paracoccus marinus* KKL-A5<sup>T</sup> (98.9 %), *Paracoccus contaminans* WPA02<sup>T</sup> (97.3%) and other members of the genus *Paracoccus* (<97.3 %). Strain JC501<sup>T</sup> produced indole-3 acetic acid and other indole derivatives from tryptophan. The dominant respiratory quinone was Q-10 and the major fatty acid was C<sub>18:1</sub>ω7c/C<sub>18:1</sub>ω6c, with significant quantities of C<sub>18:1</sub>ω9c, C<sub>17:0</sub> and C<sub>16:0</sub>. The polar lipids of strain JC501<sup>T</sup> comprised phosphatidylglycerol, phosphatidylcholine, diphosphatidylglycerol, an unidentified glycolipid, two unidentified aminolipids, two unidentified lipids and four unidentified phospholipids. The genome of strain JC501<sup>T</sup> was 3.3 Mbp with G+C content of 69.4 mol%. For the resolution of the phylogenetic congruence of the novel strain, the phylogeny was also reconstructed with the sequences of eight housekeeping genes. Based on the results of phylogenetic analyses, low (<85.9%) average nucleotide identity, digital DNA–DNA hybridization (<29.8%), chemotaxonomic analysis and physiological properties, strain JC501<sup>T</sup> could not be classified into any of the recognized species of the genus *Paracoccus*. Strain JC501<sup>T</sup> represents a novel species, for which the name *Paracoccus aeridis* sp. nov. is proposed. The type strain is JC501<sup>T</sup> (=LMG 30532<sup>T</sup>=NBRC 113644<sup>T</sup>).

Bacteria residing in the rhizosphere of the plants play a vital role in the holistic development of the plant system [1–3]. Epiphytic orchid-associated bacteria have functional and ecological roles in the development of their host plant [4]. Epiphytes do not interact directly with the soil or its microbiota and thus constitute a unique system of ecology. Therefore, epiphytes have their own distinctive structural system for their sustenance, wherein they take up the nutrients and moisture from the atmosphere on the surface of the host plant aided by the microbial association [5, 6]. While investigating this unique diversity and its subsequent role in the development of the orchids, we have isolated strain JC501<sup>T</sup> from the rhizosphere of an epiphytic orchid (*Aerides maculosa*). This strain belongs to the genus *Paracoccus* based on 16S rRNA gene sequence analysis. The genus *Paracoccus* was first described by Davis and his co-workers in 1969 [7] and belongs to the

family ‘*Rhodobacteraceae*’ of the class *Alphaproteobacteria* in the phylum *Proteobacteria*. There are more than 50 species of *Paracoccus* with validly published names ([www.bacterio.net](http://www.bacterio.net)). Members have been isolated from environmental samples such as soil [8, 9], sediment [10, 11], water [12, 13], sludges [14, 15], foodstuffs [16], clinical specimens [17] and insects [18]. *Paracoccus halotolerans* [19], *Paracoccus salipaludis* [20], *Paracoccus fontiphilus* [13], *Paracoccus alimentarius* [16], *Paracoccus endophyticus* [21], *Paracoccus haematequi* [22] and *Paracoccus nototheniae* [23] are the valid names published during the year 2018–2019, while *Paracoccus jeotgali* [24] and *Paracoccus indicus* [25] are effective publications. Members of this genus are Gram-stain-negative, mostly non-motile and chemoorganotrophs [26]. Their major fatty acid is C<sub>18:1</sub>ω7c and they are metabolically versatile [27]. The members of the genus *Paracoccus* have a genome size ranging from 2.9 to 5.6

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**Abbreviations:** AIC, Akaike information criterion; ANI, average nucleotide identity; dDDH, digital DNA–DNA hybridization; IAA, indole-3-acetic acid; IAM, indole-3-acetamide; LCB, local collinear block; ML, maximum-likelihood; MLSA, multilocus sequence analysis; NA, nutrient agar.

The GenBank/EMBL/DDJB accession number for the 16S rRNA gene sequence of strain JC501<sup>T</sup> is LT799401. The Whole Genome Shotgun project is SELD00000000. The genome sequence of *P. marinus* NBRC 100637<sup>T</sup> is VJYZ00000000.

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# *Chryseobacterium candidae* sp. nov., isolated from a yeast (*Candida tropicalis*)

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## Abstract

A Gram-stain-negative, rod shaped, non-motile, aerobic bacterium (strain JC507<sup>T</sup>) was isolated from a yeast (*Candida tropicalis* JY101). Strain JC507<sup>T</sup> was oxidase- and catalase-positive. Complete 16S rRNA gene sequence comparison data indicated that strain JC507<sup>T</sup> was a member of the genus *Chryseobacterium* and was closely related to *Chryseobacterium indologenes* NBRC 14944<sup>T</sup> (98.7 %), followed by *Chryseobacterium arthrosphaerae* CC-VM-7<sup>T</sup> (98.6 %), *Chryseobacterium gleum* ATCC 35910<sup>T</sup> (98.5 %) and less than 98.5 % to other species of the genus *Chryseobacterium*. The genomic DNA G+C content of strain JC507<sup>T</sup> was 36.0 mol%. Strain JC507<sup>T</sup> had phosphatidylethanolamine, four unidentified amino lipids and four unidentified lipids. MK-6 was the only respiratory quinone. The major fatty acids (>10 %) were anteiso-C<sub>11:0</sub>, iso-C<sub>15:0</sub> and iso-C<sub>17:0</sub>3OH. The average nucleotide identity and *in silico* DNA–DNA hybridization values between strain JC507<sup>T</sup> and *C. indologenes* NBRC 14944<sup>T</sup>, *C. arthrosphaerae* CC-VM-7<sup>T</sup> and *C. gleum* ATCC 35910<sup>T</sup> were 80.2, 83.0 and 87.0 % and 24, 26.7 and 32.7 %, respectively. The results of phenotypic, phylogenetic and chemotaxonomic analyses support the inclusion of strain JC507<sup>T</sup> as a representative of a new species of the genus *Chryseobacterium*, for which the name *Chryseobacterium candidae* sp. nov. is proposed. The type strain is JC507<sup>T</sup> (=KCTC 52928<sup>T</sup>=MCC 4072<sup>T</sup>=NBRC 113872<sup>T</sup>).

The family *Flavobacteriaceae* comprises the genus *Chryseobacterium* which was first established by Vandamme *et al.* [1]. At the time of writing, more than 100 species of bacteria ([www.bacterio.net/chryseobacterium.html](http://www.bacterio.net/chryseobacterium.html)) have been placed in the genus *Chryseobacterium* and were isolated either from clinical samples [2], fish [3], fresh water [4], sewage and plants [5], soils [6, 7], meat [8] or waste water [9]. New species with valid names added during 2018–2019 included *Chryseobacterium salipaludis* [10] *Chryseobacterium aurantiacum* [11], *Chryseobacterium phosphatilyticum* [12], *Chryseobacterium glaciei* [13] and *Chryseobacterium populi* [14]. The typical characteristics of the genus *Chryseobacterium* include the presence of an aerobic type of metabolism, branched-chain fatty acids, iso-C<sub>15:0</sub> and iso-C<sub>17:0</sub>3-OH as the major fatty acids, phosphatidylethanolamine as a major polar lipid, menaquinone-6 (MK-6) as the characteristic respiratory quinone, and production of flexirubin-type pigments [15–17]. Some of the members of this genus are associated as endophytes [12, 17] and during our study on yeast diversity, we have isolated an endobacterium (strain JC507<sup>T</sup>) of a yeast (*Candida tropicalis*) which was characterized by a genomic and polyphasic taxonomic approach.

A yeast (strain JY101) was isolated from a soil sample collected from Hyderabad, India (22° 98' N 71° 47' E). The soil sample was serially diluted and plated onto a nutrient agar plate containing chloramphenicol (100 µg ml<sup>-1</sup>). Several white-coloured colonies were observed which were further purified and sequenced using yeast-specific primers used for amplification of the ITS regions and the D1/D2 domain of the 26S rRNA gene. The Internal transcribed spacer (ITS) region was amplified with ITS1 (5'-GTCGTAA-CAAGGTTTCCGTAGGTG-3') and ITS4 (5'-TCCTCCGCTTATTGATATGC-3') primers (31). The D1/D2 domain of the 26S rRNA gene was amplified using NL1 (5'-GCATATCAATAAGCGGAGGAAAAG-3') and NL4 (5'-GGTCCGTGTTTCAAGACGG-3') primers. NCBI/CBS BLAST analysis of strain JY101 for D1/D2 (599 bp; NCBI accession number LT999794) and ITS (340 bp; NCBI accession number LT795043) showed 100 % sequence similarity to the yeast *Candida tropicalis*. It was interesting to observe moving objects inside the vacuoles of *C. tropicalis* JY101 (Fig. S1, available in the online version of this article). There are a few reports [18, 19] of yeast hosting bacteria such as *Helicobacter pylori*. However, these reports were

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# Emerging Concepts in Bacterial Taxonomy

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## Abstract

Bacterial taxonomy has progressed over the years by virtue of the brisk and competent scientific developments. Ground-breaking molecular techniques have added an edge in the phylogenetic studies, resulting in the quality description of the taxa under studies. New avenues are rapidly developing whose validation has always been embraced and included, which will assist in resolution. It began with the simple application of objective procedures for classification, and now we have arrived at the genome-based taxonomy. This pedantic step has led to the meticulous examination and served to reconcile certain conflicts of the status of the taxa. This field is dynamic and is exploring more options like proteomics and metabolomics in gaining more insights into the lineal heritage. Even though there has been a significant change and addition, there is an ever-growing need for a comprehensive study, which would thread all the attributes together into one functional unit of classification. In this review, we examine the paradigm shift from traditional taxonomy to integrated taxonomy useful in the characterisation of bacteria which in addition aids in the identity of biotechnological targets.

## Keywords

Bacterial taxonomy · Polyphasic · Phylogenomics · Integrated taxonomy · Average nucleotide sequence index (ANI)

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# Hopanoids and sporulenes of a few bacteria and insights into sporulenes of *Bacillus subtilis*

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