

1 | The draft genome sequence of a marine *Streptomyces* sp.
2 | strain PP-C42 isolated from the Baltic Sea

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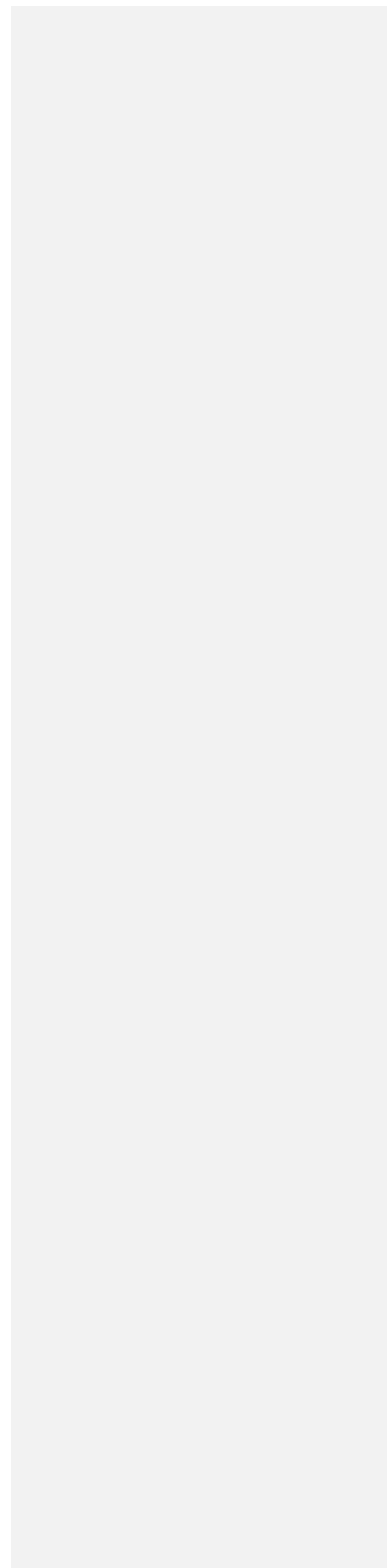
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39 **Abstract**

40 *Streptomyces*, a branch of aerobic Gram-positive bacteria represents the
41 largest genus of actinobacteria. The streptomycetes are characterized by a
42 complex secondary metabolism and produce over two-thirds of the clinically
43 used natural antibiotics today. Here we report the draft genome sequence of a
44 *Streptomyces* strain PP-C42 isolated from the marine environment. A subset
45 of unique genes and gene clusters for diverse secondary metabolites as well
46 as antimicrobial peptides (AMPs) could be identified from the genome,
47 showing great promise as a source for novel bioactive compounds.

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51 **Results and discussion**

52 *Streptomyces*, a branch of aerobic Gram-positive bacteria represents the
53 largest genus of actinobacteria with over 900 described species.

54 Streptomycetes are characterized by the formation of mycelia and spores
55 during their life cycle, and by a complex secondary metabolism. They produce
56 over two-thirds of the clinically used natural antibiotics (4, 11) and represent an
57 important source for novel bioactive compounds. Furthermore, many enzymes
58 produced by streptomycetes are important for food manufacturing (3) and for
59 diverse industrial applications (7). *Streptomyces* strains have been isolated
60 and characterized from a large variety of habitats (10, 13). Although more than
61 five *Streptomyces* genomes have been completely sequenced in the last years,
62 numerous genome sequencing projects with different *Streptomyces* species
63 are still ongoing. Streptomycetes have linear chromosomes (approx. 8–12 Mb)
64 with a high G+C content (11). More than 20 diverse secondary metabolic gene
65 clusters in their genome have been described, so far (11, 12).

66 *Streptomyces* strain PP-C42 was isolated from the surface layer of a sediment
67 core taken in 241 m water depth of the Gotland Deep in the Baltic Sea. The
68 sampling was taken through a small gravity corer during the expedition with
69 the research vessel Alkor AL156 in the year 2000.

70 Raw data of the genome were generated from two independent lanes
71 using Illumina GA II and assembled with Velvet program (18). The released
72 genome sequence of the *Streptomyces* strain IFO 13350 (12) served as a
73 reference. GeneMarkS (2), tRNAscan-SE (14) and RNAmmer (8) were utilized
74 to predict protein-coding genes, tRNAs and rRNAs, respectively. The GSP
75 software (<http://gsizpred.sourceforge.net>) was used to estimate genome size
76 of the strain (5, 9).

77 The draft genome sequence of strain PP-C42 comprises 7167114 bases
78 representing approx. 74.5% of the 9.6 Mb estimated size of the PP-C42
79 genome. The genome of strain PP-C42 has a high G+C content of 72.5%. The

80 draft genome sequence contains 4410 open reading frames (ORFs), 62 tRNAs
81 and 24 rRNAs. Of 4410 ORFs, 2774 genes have orthologs in *Streptomyces*
82 strain IFO 13350 (12) (BLASTP <1e-5) while 1076 ORFs were not found in any
83 of the five released genome sequences of other *Streptomyces* strains (1, 11)
84 and 1068 ORFs did not give any hits in the current public databases. This may
85 be a reflection of a high degree of the strain-specificity of the PP-C42 genome.
86 So far, nineteen diverse secondary metabolic genes have been identified,
87 which locate on the PP-C42 genome in various gene clusters, which exhibit
88 high genomic synteny to those of various *Streptomyces* species. Also, a set of
89 hits was retrieved (BLASTP<1e-5) from various antimicrobial peptide
90 databases (6, 15, 16, 17), but with striking sequence variations at both DNA
91 and amino acid levels when compared to their orthologs from other
92 *Streptomyces* species. Thus, the unique genome information provided by the
93 draft sequence of PP-C42 has great importance for basic as well as for applied
94 microbial genomic researches.

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96 **Nucleotide sequence accession numbers**

97 This Whole Genome Shotgun project has been deposited at
98 DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank under the accession AEWS00000000. The version
99 described in this paper is the first version under the accession number:
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