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Draft Genome Sequence of the Carboxydrotrophic Alphaproteobacterium *Aminobacter carboxidus* Type Strain DSM 1086

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ABSTRACT *Aminobacter carboxidus* is a soil Gram-negative alphaproteobacterium belonging to the physiological group of carboxydobacteria which aerobically oxidize CO to CO₂. Here, we report the draft genome sequence of the *A. carboxidus* DSM 1086 type strain and the identification of both form I and form II CO dehydrogenase systems in this strain.

A *minobacter carboxidus* DSM 1086^T (basonym *Carbophilus carboxidus*), formerly known as *Achromobacter carboxydus* (1) or *Alcaligenes carboxydus* (2), is the type strain and the unique known member of the species (3, 4). It was isolated from soil near a stream in Moscow, Russia (1), and was assigned to the physiological group of carboxydobacteria due to its ability to grow aerobically on carbon monoxide (CO) as the sole carbon and energy source (1, 5). Carbon monoxide dehydrogenase (CODH) activity, which is responsible for the oxidation of CO to carbon dioxide (CO₂), was formerly detected in *A. carboxidus* DSM 1086^T (6). Two CODH forms are known; form I specifically oxidizes CO, whereas form II is a putative CODH with a lower affinity for CO and still uncertain function (7, 8). Carbon dioxide produced by CO oxidation can be assimilated through the Calvin-Benson-Bassham cycle, although *A. carboxidus* is a facultative chemolithotroph able to utilize a wide variety of organic substrates for heterotrophic growth (5). Here, the genome sequence of *A. carboxidus* DSM 1086^T is reported with the aim of providing helpful insights into the genetic basis of CO oxidation in this monotypic strain.

A. carboxidus DSM 1086^T was obtained from DSMZ and aerobically grown at 30°C in Trypticase soy broth. DNA extraction was performed using a QIAamp DNA minikit (Qiagen). A genomic library of *A. carboxidus* was obtained with the TruSeq DNA PCR-free sample preparation kit (Illumina, Inc., San Diego, CA, USA). Genome sequencing was performed with a NextSeq 500 sequencing system (Illumina, UK) according to the manufacturer's protocol, and library samples were loaded into a midoutput kit v2.5 (300 cycles) (Illumina, UK), producing 1,416,277 pairs of reads. Raw sequence reads were filtered and trimmed using the command-line fastq-mcf software (<https://expressionanalysis.github.io/ea-utils/>). Fastq files of Illumina paired-end reads (150 bp) were used as input in the MEGAnnotator pipeline for microbial genome assembly and annotation (9). This pipeline employed the SPAdes program v3.14.0 for *de novo* assembly of the genome sequence with the option "--careful" and a list of k-mer sizes of 21, 33, 55, 77, 99, and 127 (10). The genome quality was evaluated with the program CheckM (11), estimating a genome completeness of 99.3%. The contigs were then submitted to the National Center for Biotechnology

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	Locus tag	Product annotation	KEGG orthology	Predicted gene name	Closest ortholog (organism)
Form I	IHE39_24790	XdhC family protein	K07402	<i>coxI</i>	WP_095779620.1 (<i>Mesorhizobium</i> sp. WSM3868)
	IHE39_24795	XdhC family protein	K07402	<i>coxH</i>	WP_027028142.1 (<i>Mesorhizobium</i> sp. URHA0056)
	IHE39_24800	Carbon monoxide dehydrogenase subunit G	K09386	<i>coxG</i>	WP_148914117.1 (<i>Mesorhizobium</i> sp. MaA-C15)
	IHE39_24805	XdhC family protein	K07402	<i>coxF</i>	WP_148914116.1 (<i>Mesorhizobium</i> sp. MaA-C15)
	IHE39_24810	VWA domain-containing protein	K07161	<i>coxE</i>	WP_148914115.1 (<i>Mesorhizobium</i> sp. MaA-C15)
	IHE39_24815	MoxR family AAA+ ATPase	-	<i>coxD</i>	WP_148914114.1 (<i>Mesorhizobium</i> sp. MaA-C15)
	IHE39_24820	Carbon-monoxide dehydrogenase large subunit	K03520	<i>coxL</i>	WP_148914113.1 (<i>Mesorhizobium</i> sp. MaA-C15)
	IHE39_24825	(2Fe-2S)-binding protein	K03518	<i>coxS</i>	WP_148914112.1 (<i>Mesorhizobium</i> sp. MaA-C15)
	IHE39_24830	Xanthine dehydrogenase family protein subunit M	K03519	<i>coxM</i>	WP_148914111.1 (<i>Mesorhizobium</i> sp. MaA-C15)
Form II	IHE39_20405	Xanthine dehydrogenase family protein subunit M	K03519	<i>coxM</i>	WP_184767396.1 (<i>Aminobacter lissarensis</i>)
	IHE39_20410	Xanthine dehydrogenase family protein molybdopterin-binding subunit	K03520	<i>coxL</i>	WP_184767395.1 (<i>Aminobacter lissarensis</i>)
	IHE39_20415	(2Fe-2S)-binding protein	K03518	<i>coxS</i>	WP_184767394.1 (<i>Aminobacter lissarensis</i>)

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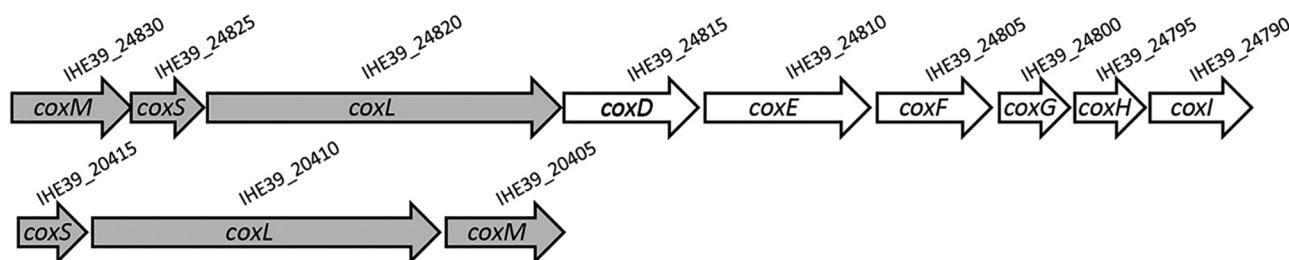


FIG 1 Forms I and II of the *cox* gene clusters in *A. carboxidus* DSM 1086^T. (A) The putative *cox* genes encoding form I and form II of the heterotrimeric ($\alpha\beta\gamma$)₂ CODH enzyme complex (CoxL, CoxM, and CoxS subunits) of *A. carboxidus* DSM 1086^T with their GenBank annotation, gene name, and closest ortholog. KEGG Orthology numbers were assigned with the KEGG Automatic Annotation Server (KAAS) (13). (B) Physical map of the *A. carboxidus* DSM 1086^T genomic regions encompassing the form I (contig 11) and form II (contig 7) *cox* gene clusters. Form I is characterized by three structural genes, in the order *coxMSL* (gray), followed by six accessory genes (white), and by the presence of the AYXCSFR motif in the predicted CoxL active site. A different order of the three structural genes, *coxSLM* (gray), is characteristic of form II, and the CoxL active site contains the typical AYRGAGR motif.

Information (NCBI) for the prediction of protein-encoding open reading frames (ORFs) and tRNA and rRNA genes using the NCBI Prokaryotic Genome Annotation Pipeline (PGAP) (12). All tools were run with default parameters unless otherwise specified.

The draft genome of *A. carboxidus* is 6,291,275 bp long. It was assembled into 31 contigs with an N_{50} value of 458,931 bp, an average coverage of 65 \times , and a mean GC content of 62.96%. Genome annotation identified 6,023 ORFs, 49 tRNA genes, and 3 rRNA genes. Two gene clusters predicted to encode both forms of heterotrimeric CODH were identified (Fig. 1). Form I showed the specific AYXCSFR signature in CoxL and six accessory genes (*coxDEFGHI*) flanking the *coxMSL* structural genes, whereas form II showed the typical *coxSLM* structural gene arrangement and the specific AYRGAGR signature in CoxL.

Data availability. This whole-genome shotgun project has been deposited at DDBJ/ENA/GenBank under accession number [JACZEP000000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/JACZEP000000000). The version described in this paper is [JACZEP000000000.1](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/JACZEP000000000.1). The raw sequencing reads are available at the Sequence Read Archive under accession number [SRR12759717](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra/SRR12759717) and are associated with BioProject number [PRJNA666410](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/PRJNA666410).

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