



Draft Genome Sequence of the Strawberry Anthracnose Pathogen *Colletotrichum fructicola*

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ABSTRACT *Colletotrichum fructicola* is a causal agent of strawberry anthracnose and a major economic pathogen of horticultural and ornamental crops worldwide. Here, we present an annotated draft genome sequence for a *C. fructicola* isolate previously used for transcriptomic analysis. The assembly totals 58.0 Mb in 477 contigs with 18,143 predicted genes.

Colletotrichum fructicola (phylum *Ascomycota*, class *Sordariomycetes*) is a fungal pathogen of a wide range of horticultural crops, including strawberry, avocado, apple, Asian pear, yam, cacao, coffee, and ornamentals such as statice (1). The fungus is the causative agent of anthracnose on cultivated strawberry in Asia, which leads to severe economic losses (2–4). The hemibiotrophic nature of the fungus has led to recent investigation into gene expression at spore germination, biotrophic and necrotrophic infection (5), and response of the host to infection (6). We provide expansion of the genomic resources available for the anthracnose pathogen *C. fructicola* through assembly and annotation of the same strain used for published transcriptomic work (5).

C. fructicola isolate CGMCC3.17371 was isolated in 2007 from an infected strawberry plant displaying strawberry anthracnose symptoms in Feng Xian District, Shanghai. Freeze-dried mycelium, grown in potato dextrose broth (Fluka, Sigma-Aldrich), was used for genomic DNA (gDNA) extraction with a Macherey-Nagel NucleoSpin plant II kit (catalog number 11912262, Fisher). Paired-end PCR-free genomic libraries were prepared for Illumina sequencing using New England Biolabs Next End Repair (catalog number E6050S), dA-tailing (catalog number E6053S), and Blunt T/A ligase (catalog number M0367S) module reagents. For MinION sequencing, library preparation was performed using a 1D genomic DNA ligation sequencing kit (catalog number SQK-LSK108; Oxford Nanopore Technologies), with shearing performed using a g-TUBE (Covaris) and size selection on a BluePippin system (>4 kbp). Genomic libraries were sequenced using Illumina MiSeq v.3 2 × 300-bp paired-end (PE) reads (catalog number MS-102-3003) and MinION FLO-MIN106 R9.4 flow cells, generating 75.49-fold (7,426,411 reads) and 13.57-fold (155,413 reads) coverage of sequence data, respectively.

Illumina reads were trimmed and adapters removed using fastq-mcf v.1.04.676 (7), while MinION reads were trimmed using Porechop v.0.2.0 (<https://github.com/rwick/Porechop>). Genome assembly was performed with SPAdes v.3.5.0 (hybridSPAdes) (8), generating a 58-Mb assembly in 447 contigs, with 308 contigs larger than 1,000 bp (Table 1). A total of 2.11 Mb of the genome was repeat masked using RepeatMasker v.4.0.3 (<http://www.repeatmasker.org>) and TransposonPSI (<http://transposonpsi.sourceforge.net>; 2013-03-05 release). Genome completeness was assessed using BUSCO v.3 (9), identifying 3,685 of 3,725 (98.9%) genes from the *Sordariomycota_odb9* data set as

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TABLE 1 Genome statistics for *Colletotrichum fructicola* isolate CGMCC3.17371

Statistic	Value
Assembly	
Size (bp)	58,056,435
No. of contigs	447
Largest contig (bp)	2,278,540
GC content (%)	53.20
N_{50} (bp)	90,947
Repeat masked (%)	3.63
Gene models	
Total no. of genes	18,143
Total no. of proteins	18,447
No. of encoding secreted proteins	2,070
No. of proteins encoding effector candidates	
Secreted carbohydrate active enzymes	516
Secreted with effector-like structure	612

both present and complete in the assembly. Published RNAseq data from different stages of plant infection (GenBank accession numbers [SRR5194993](#), [SRR5194994](#), and [SRR5194995](#)) (5) were aligned to the genome using STAR v.2.5.3a (10). These alignments were used to train prediction of gene models using BRAKER1 v.2.0 using the fungal option and CodingQuarry v.2.0 run in pathogen mode (11, 12). A total of 18,143 genes were predicted, encoding 18,447 proteins, with 16,459 of these proteins predicted from BRAKER1 and supplemented with a further 1,684 genes predicted by CodingQuarry that were located in intergenic regions of BRAKER1 gene models. Functional annotation was performed using InterProScan v.5.18-57.0 (13) and with BLASTp ($E < 1 \times 10^{-100}$) searches against the March 2018 release of the SWISS-PROT database (14, 15).

Genes that play a putative role in pathogenicity were identified from predicted gene models. SignalP v.4.1 and TMHMM v.2 were used to predict genes encoding secreted proteins (16, 17), from which carbohydrate-active enzymes were predicted using dbCAN and the CAZy database classification system (18, 19). Furthermore, proteins with an effector-like structure were predicted using EffectorP v.1.0 (20) (Table 1). Default parameters were used for software unless otherwise noted.

Data availability. This whole-genome shotgun project has been deposited at DDBJ/ENA/GenBank under the accession number [SSNE00000000](#) (BioProject number [PRJNA532407](#)). This version of the project has the accession number SSNE01000000 and consists of sequences deposited under the GenBank accession numbers [SSNE01000001](#) to [SSNE01000447](#). The raw reads are available on the NCBI SRA database under accession number [PRJNA532407](#).

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