

Draft Genome Sequence of *Pasteurella multocida* subsp. *multocida* B:2 Strain VTCCBAA264 Isolated from *Bubalus bubalis* in North India

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The *Pasteurella multocida* subsp. *multocida* B:2 serotype causes hemorrhagic septicemia in bubalines with high morbidity and mortality in the Indian subcontinent. We report the draft genome sequence of *Pasteurella multocida* strain VTCCBAA264 isolated from the small-intestine of a buffalo calf that died of high fever.

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North India is the cradle of high milk-yielding buffalo breeds which routinely suffer from haemorrhagic septicemia (HS), which has been estimated to cause huge economic losses (1). *Pasteurella multocida* subsp. *multocida*, normally an upper respiratory tract commensal, is responsible for HS outbreaks, which mostly occur in hot humid weather, indicating failure of immunity after vaccination or otherwise. The Asian serotype B:2 is mainly responsible for the disease in domestic ruminants (2). Although many of the molecular determinants for virulence of *P. multocida* are now identified, the pathogenesis of HS is still not well understood (3). The sequencing of this *P. multocida* strain VTCCBAA264, isolated from a buffalo calf, will be useful because of the wealth of its molecular clues.

This is the first whole-genome sequence of *Pasteurella multocida* isolate from north India. Strain VTCCBAA264, a B:2 serotype, was isolated from the morbid intestinal content of a buffalo (*Bubalus bubalis*) calf which died of high fever and respiratory distress on an organized buffalo dairy farm (4).

The genome sequencing was achieved by 454 pyrosequencing of a shotgun library. The sequence was assembled *de novo* using Newbler v2.6. A total of 123,415 reads were generated using the GS FLX Titanium system, giving ~23× coverage of the genome. The data generated 78 contigs ranging in size from 710 to 319,560 bp, with a total size of 2,280,332 bp, an N_{50} of 65,447 bp, and a Q40 of 99.65%. Annotation was carried out against strain Pm70 using the RAST server (5). The VTCCBAA264 strain showed a G+C content of 40.4% with 2,176 predicted genes, out of which there were 2,127 protein-encoding genes, 4 coded rRNAs, and 45 encoded tRNAs. Among the 2,127 coding sequences (CDSs), 2,074 (97.5%) were assigned to functional clusters of orthologous groups (COGs), 1,863 (87.6%) were assigned to FIGfams (fellowship for interpretation of genome families) and 1,527 (71.8%) to KEGG (Kyoto encyclopedia of genes and genomes). One clustered regu-

larly interspaced short palindromic repeats (CRISPRs) array was also detected.

The cumulative sequence length of our genome compares favorably with the 2 other draft genome sequences of buffalo isolates of *P. multocida* B:2 serotype strains currently available, those for Anand1_buffalo (GenBank accession no. ALBY0100000000) and PMTB (AWTD010000000).

SEED subsystem analysis revealed various genes involved in a number of pathways (6). Noteworthy are the genes for antimicrobial resistance including translation elongation factor, DNA gyrase subunit A, topoisomerase IV subunit B, and DNA directed RNA polymerase β -subunit, among others. Genes for resistance to fluoroquinolones and negative regulators of beta-lactamase expression were reported.

Copper is critical in the pathogenesis of bacterial pathogens (7). Analysis revealed copper-translocating chaperone, and copper homeostasis protein genes. The iron acquisition and hemin-transport system genes in this strain underlines its virulence potential. The genome also contained 45 phage related proteins. This whole-genome sequence and its functional analyses will be useful for realizing a universal vaccine for the prevention of HS.

Nucleotide sequence accession numbers. This whole-genome shotgun project has been deposited at DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank under the accession no. [ALYC00000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/ALYC00000000). The version described in this paper is version [ALYC02000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/ALYC02000000).

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