



Complete Genome Sequence of Sin4, a Siphophage Infecting Carbapenemase-Producing *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

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ABSTRACT *Klebsiella pneumoniae* is a commonly antibiotic-resistant human pathogen. This report describes the complete genome sequence and important features of Sin4, a siphophage infecting carbapenemase-producing *K. pneumoniae*. By its genome size, predicted packaging mechanism, protein similarity, and classification given to its closest relatives, Sin4 was determined to be a T1-like phage.

Carbapenemase-producing *K. pneumoniae* is a pathogenic Gram-negative bacterium within the *Enterobacteriaceae* family of microorganisms (1). Sequence type 258 (ST258), a multidrug-resistant clade spreading in hospital settings around the world, was used here to isolate new bacteriophages from the environment (2). We report here the complete genome sequence of the *K. pneumoniae* siphophage Sin4.

Bacteriophage Sin4 was isolated from a filtered (0.2- μ m pore size) sample collected at a wastewater treatment plant in College Station, TX, based on its ability to grow on a pKpQIL plasmid-cured derivative of *K. pneumoniae* strain 1776c (2). The *K. pneumoniae* host was grown aerobically in tryptic soy broth or agar (Difco) at 37°C, and phage propagation was done using the soft agar overlay method (3). Morphology was determined using transmission electron microscopy performed at the Texas A&M University Microscopy and Imaging Center on 2% (wt/vol) uranyl acetate-stained samples (4). Phage genomic DNA was prepared by the shotgun library preparation protocol modification of the Promega Wizard DNA clean-up system (5). Library preparation was done using a TruSeq Nano low-throughput kit, and sequencing occurred on an Illumina MiSeq platform with v2 500-cycle chemistry. There were 707,310 total paired-end 250-bp reads in the phage-containing index. The reads were quality controlled using FastQC (<http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/>). After trimming with the FASTX-Toolkit 0.0.14 (http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit/), a single contig was assembled at 983-fold coverage using SPAdes v3.5.0 (6). The genome was confirmed to be complete and accurate by Sanger sequencing of a PCR product off the contig ends (forward primer, 5'-CCGAAAGGCCTGGTATAGTT-3', and reverse primer, 5'-CAGTCTGCTTGTCGTTGATTG-3'). The program PhageTerm predicts that Sin4 uses a headful packaging mechanism (7). To identify Rho-independent terminators, the program TransTermHP v2.09 was used (8). Protein-coding genes were predicted using Glimmer v3.0 and MetaGeneAnnotator v1.0 and corrected using tools available on the Center for Phage Technology Galaxy instance with Web Apollo (<https://cpt.tamu.edu/galaxy-pub>) (9–12). According to an ARAGORN v2.36 scan, Sin4 does not contain tRNA genes (13). The prediction of protein function was performed using primarily InterProScan v5.22-61 and BLAST v2.2.31 with the NCBI nonredundant and UniProtKB Swiss-Prot/TrEMBL databases (14–16). Additionally, TMHMM v2.0 for transmembrane domains and HHpred (multiple sequence alignment [MSA] generation with the HHblits ummiclus30_2018_08 database and modeling with PDB_mmCIF70, HHSuite v3.0) predictions provided further support for the annotation (17, 18). Unless otherwise stated, default parameters were used for all tools listed.

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Sin4 is a siphophage with a 49,916-bp genome, a coding density of 91.6%, and a G+C content of 50.3%. Of the 78 predicted genes in Sin4, 42 are not assigned a function. Sin4 is most closely related to *Klebsiella* phage 1513 (GenBank accession number [KP658157](#)), with which it shares 85.4% nucleotide sequence identity across the entire genome according to progressiveMauve v2.4.0 (19). Phages 1513 and Sin4 also share 69 proteins.

By genome size, predicted packaging mechanism, and the classification given to its closest relatives, Sin4 is a T1-like phage with 42 proteins similar to phage T1 (GenBank accession number [NC_005833](#)) (20). Notable Sin4 genes include those for a DNA cytosine methyltransferase (NCBI accession number [QEG07100](#)) and a DNA adenine methyltransferase (NCBI accession number [QEG07085](#)).

Data availability. The genome sequence and associated data for phage Sin4 were deposited under GenBank accession number [MK931442](#), BioProject accession number [PRJNA222858](#), SRA accession number [SRR8869237](#), and BioSample accession number [SAMN11360409](#).

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