



Metagenome-Assembled Genome Sequence of *Dolichospermum circinale* Strain Clear-D4, Assembled from a Harmful Cyanobacterial Bloom Enrichment Culture

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ABSTRACT *Dolichospermum circinale* (formerly *Anabaena circinale*) is a significant harmful algal bloom species. We report the draft metagenome-assembled genome (MAG) for a strain of *D. circinale* (Clear-D4) obtained from an enrichment culture. The genome sequence comprises 5,029,933 bp in 560 contigs with a GC content of 37%.

Cyanobacterial harmful algal blooms (cyanoHABs) pose environmental, ecological, and economic threats to freshwaters. Species of *Dolichospermum*, a diazotrophic, bloom-forming, heterocystous, cyanobacterial genus, have the potential to produce cyanotoxins, including microcystin, anatoxin, and saxitoxin (1–3). Increasing *Dolichospermum* bloom frequency in recent decades necessitates an improved understanding of this prolific cyanoHAB genus (4). Clear Lake, CA, is 303d-listed for nutrients and experiences annual cyanoHABs (5). To better understand the microbial communities involved in *Dolichospermum* cyanoHABs, we performed metagenomic sequencing on a *Dolichospermum* enrichment culture, resulting in a new metagenome-assembled genome (MAG) for *Dolichospermum circinale*.

Bucket tow surface water samples were collected from Clear Lake (lat 38.973166, long 122.72809) in August 2019. Free *Dolichospermum* trichomes, visualized with a dissecting scope, were pipettor hand-picked and enriched in 50% BG-11₀ medium at 25°C with 100 μmol Q/m²/s light on a 12:12-h light/dark cycle. Additions of 50% BG-11₀ were introduced every other week to maintain growth. Prior to sequencing, we identified the genus *Dolichospermum* morphologically in the above enrichments with a Zeiss AxioStar epifluorescence microscope (Oberkochen, Germany) (6). A single enrichment culture (Clear-D4) was chosen for metagenomic sequencing. Cell material from the Clear-D4 enrichment (50 ml) was filtered onto 8-μm polycarbonate filters and rinsed into 2-ml bead-beating tubes using lysing solution from the Qiagen DNeasy PowerBiofilm kit (Hilden, Germany). The cells were lysed using 5 liquid N₂ freeze-thaw cycles, followed by the addition of proteinase K and incubation at 55°C overnight. Genomic DNA was then extracted using the aforementioned Qiagen kit protocol. The quality of isolated DNA was verified using Tris-borate-EDTA (TBE) gel electrophoresis and quantified via NanoDrop UV-visible (UV-Vis) spectroscopy and Qubit spectrofluorimetry (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA). Library preparation (i.e., NEBNext DNA library prep kit via the manufacturer's recommendations) and 1 Gbp of Illumina paired-end (PE) 2 × 150-bp sequencing were conducted by Novogene (Nanjing, China) with 300-bp size-selected inserts, generating 19,844,532 reads. KBase and modules therein were used for *de novo* assembly with default settings unless otherwise noted (7). Prior to *de novo* assembly, the quality of the paired-end reads was checked with FastQC v0.11.5 (8), and the reads were trimmed to enhance quality using Trimmomatic v0.36 (9). *De novo* genome assembly was done using metaSPAdes v3.13.0 (10). Binning was completed using MaxBin2 v2.2.4 (11), with refinement using anvi-refine in Anvi'o (12). Genome annotation was completed using

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PGAP with default settings (13). Initial bin taxonomy was determined using GTDB-tk in the PhyloSanity wrapper (14).

Clear-D4 consisted of 560 contigs, 5,029,933 bp, a GC content of 37%, and an N_{50} value of 52,616 bp. A total of 4,813 coding genes were identified (12). CheckM v1.0.18 (15) (with default settings) estimated this initial MAG to be 91.85% complete with 6.47% contamination. The refined genome was phylogenetically confirmed as *Dolichospermum circinale* using GTDB-tk v1.1.1 db_r95 using “classify_wf.” The predicted metabolism of Clear-D4 was analyzed using the FuncSanity module of MetaSanity (14) with default settings, which projected that this organism is a diazotrophic, oxygenic photoautotroph that can reduce arsenate and produce sulfolipids. Screening for secondary metabolites with antiSMASH revealed the predicted presence of geosmins; however, no cyanobacterial toxins were detected by this analysis (16).

Data availability. This whole-genome shotgun project has been deposited at DDBJ/ENA/GenBank under the accession number [JACVZX000000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuclseq/JACVZX000000000). The version described in this paper is the first version, [JACVZX010000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuclseq/JACVZX010000000). The BioProject number is [PRJNA657201](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/PRJNA657201), and the reads are available at the SRA under accession number [SRX8961729](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra/SRX8961729).

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