

Draft Genome Sequence of the Anaerobic Ammonium-Oxidizing Bacterium “*Candidatus Brocadia* sp. 40”

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The anaerobic ammonium-oxidizing (anammox) bacterium “*Candidatus Brocadia* sp. 40” demonstrated the fastest growth rate compared to others in this taxon. Here, we report the 2.93-Mb draft genome sequence of this bacterium, which has 2,565 gene-coding regions, 41 tRNAs, and a single *rrn* operon.

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Anaerobic ammonium-oxidizing (anammox) bacteria have the ability to convert NH_4^+ to dinitrogen gas using NO_2^- as an electron acceptor and were first discovered in a bench-scale nitrifying reactor (1). Anammox bacteria were characterized as chemolithoautotrophs and are affiliated with the phylum *Planctomycetes* (2). Five candidate genera, “*Candidatus Kuenenia*,” “*Ca. Brocadia*,” “*Ca. Anammoxoglobus*,” “*Ca. Jettenia*,” and “*Ca. Scalindua*,” have been proposed in this bacterial lineage to date. Although no pure culture is currently available, several monospecies enrichment cultures have been obtained for anammox bacteria. Anammox-based technologies are widely applied for the treatment of NH_4^+ -rich wastewater (3). However, the application window of this energy- and resource-efficient process is restricted due to the low growth rate of anammox bacteria (4, 5). Recently, “*Ca. Brocadia* sp. 40” demonstrated a maximum specific growth rate (μ_{max}) of 0.33 days^{-1} (6), which is four times higher than the highest value reported so far for anammox bacteria. Here, we describe a high-quality “*Ca. Brocadia* sp. 40” genome recovered from shotgun metagenomic sequencing of an enrichment culture.

Initially, an anammox bacterium affiliated with “*Ca. Brocadia* sp. 40” was enriched from brewery wastewater sludge in a fixed-bed anammox reactor (7). Subsequently, “*Ca. Brocadia* sp. 40” cells were further enriched in a membrane bioreactor. Genomic DNA was extracted using a DNA extraction kit (FastDNA SPIN kit for soil, MP Biomedicals). The library was prepared using a TruSeq Nano DNA library preparation kit (Illumina) and sequenced using a HiSeq 4000 platform (Illumina). Reads were quality-trimmed using Trimmomatic version 0.35 (8) and assembled using SPAdes version 3.9.0 (9). The “*Ca. Brocadia* sp. 40” genome was binned based on coverage and genomic properties using MetaBAT version 0.30.3 (10) as previously described (11, 12).

A 2.93-Mb genome sequence comprising 122 contigs (42.7% GC content) was obtained, and 2,565 gene-coding regions, 41 tRNAs, and a single *rrn* operon were annotated. The genome is 93% complete based on an analysis with CheckM version 1.0.5

(13). The genome size of “*Ca. Brocadia* sp. 40” is smaller and encodes less genes than other anammox species. The nearest evolutionary neighbor, “*Ca. Brocadia fulgida*” (96% 16S rRNA gene sequence similarity), has a genome size of 3.55 Mb (14). This suggests that a smaller genome size is potentially associated with the higher growth of “*Ca. Brocadia* sp. 40” as reported elsewhere (15). The “*Ca. Brocadia* sp. 40” genome encodes gene clusters for core anammox metabolism. However, similar to “*Ca. Brocadia sinica*” (16), conventional nitrite reductase genes (*nirS* and *nirK*) were missing in the “*Ca. Brocadia* sp. 40” genome. It was concluded that anammox bacteria related to the “*Ca. Brocadia*” genus employ an unknown nitrite reductase, which should be further investigated.

Accession number(s). The “*Ca. Brocadia* sp. 40” draft genome was deposited at DDBJ/ENA/GenBank under the accession number **MJWU00000000**.

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