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***Lysobacter granulense* sp. nov., Isolated from Anaerobic Granules in an Upflow Anaerobic Sludge Blanket (UASB) Reactor**

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To clarify the taxonomic position of the *Lysobacter* species and a novel organism, strain Ko07^T, isolated from an up-flow anaerobic sludge blanket (UASB) reactor treating a brewery wastewater, a polyphasic taxonomy investigation was conducted. Phylogenetic inference based on 16S rDNA sequences showed that strain Ko07^T was related with the *Lysobacter* species in the range of 95.9-96.5%. Ubiquinone Q-8 and branched fatty acids, C_{15:0} iso, C_{16:0} iso, iso C_{17:1} ω9c, and C_{11:0} iso 3OH, predominantly appeared in strain Ko07^T as well as in all the *Lysobacter* species. The DNA relatedness value of strain Ko07^T to those of the *Lysobacter* species was estimated to be 2.1-20.4%. Strain Ko07^T was distinguished from the *Lysobacter* species with validly published names by the comparatively low DNA G+C mol% value (63.8%), substrate utilization, and some physiochemical characteristics. On the basis of the results obtained in this study, we propose the *Lysobacter* species as the novel *Lysobacter granulensis* sp. nov.

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Arctic Bacteria Isolated from Marine Environments

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Various marine bacterial strains were isolated from sediment, macroalgae and biofilm samples around the Korean Arctic Research Station Dasan located at Ny-Ålsund, Svalbard, Norway (79°N, 12°E). The collected samples were diluted in distilled seawater, and spread on marine agar plates. They cultured at 10 °C, and total 500 bacterial isolates were preserved in glycerol media (15%, v/v) at -80 °C. Phylogenetic analysis of 16S rDNA sequences indicated that the marine bacteria belong to alpha-, beta-, and gamma-Proteobacteria, the CFB group, and High GC Gram-positive bacteria. Among them, eight bacterial isolates from sediment, three isolates from macroalgae, and four isolates from Arctic biofilm were candidates for new species; the closest cultured bacteria with validly published names were *Aequorivita antarctica*, *Colwellia piezophila*, *Formosa algae*, *Loktanella vestfoldensis*, *Marinobacter lipolyticus*, *Marinosulfonomonas methylophila*, *Pibocella pontia*, *Pseudomonas denitrificans*, *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, *Psychromonas antarcticus*, *Psychroserpens burtonensis*, and *Roseobacter gallaeciensis*. These Arctic bacteria may offer good sources of useful enzymes with activity at low temperature.

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Analysis of the β-tubulin Gene in a Tooth Fungus *Hericium erinaceum*

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Hericium erinaceum is a medicinal mushroom belonging to Hericeaceae of Basidiomycota. In order to study its genetic relationship to other *Hericium* species, the β-tubulin gene was analyzed. Degenerate primers (BTP1-BTP4) designed based on known sequences of basidiomycete β-tubulin gene were tested for their ability of amplification against 23 isolates of seven *Hericium* species originated from different countries. We could successfully amplify PCR amplicons ranged from 1,646bp to 1,676bp in size from the *Hericium* isolates tested, and their nucleotide sequences were determined. Database searches through GenBank showed that the determined sequences are basidiomycete β-tubulin genes. The amplified sequences contain coding and non-coding regions. Non-coding regions show more sequence variation than coding sequences. Nucleotide sequence identity among *Hericium* species ranged 80 to 95%. Intraspecies variation of the β-tubulin gene was clearly found in *H. erinaceum* and allowed to dissect *H. erinaceum* isolates into a few groups.

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Phylogenetic Implications of Internal Transcribed Spacer Sequences of Nuclear Ribosomal DNA in *Cordyceps*

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The present study was carried out to determine the phylogenetic relationships of 8 *Cordyceps* species using rDNA sequences data of ITS and 5.8S. For this work, the target rDNA regions were amplified by PCR using ITS1F-ITS4 primers from genomic DNA of 22 isolates of *Cordyceps* and their nucleotide sequences determined. Analysis of sequence data showed that the size of ITS regions of all isolates of *Cordyceps militaris* is 567 bp, while that of *C. pentatomi*, *C. longissima* and *C. yongmoonensis* is 660bp, 630bp and 670bp, respectively, indicating there is size variation in ITS rDNA among *Cordyceps* spp. Phylogram based on the rDNA sequence analysis revealed that the 22 isolates could be divided into four groups. The first group was *C. pentatomi*, *C. yongmoonensis*, and *Shimizuomyces paradox*. The second group included *C. longissima*, *Paecilomyces tenuipes*, and *C. pruinosa*. The third group was *C. scarabaeicola* and the forth was *C. militaris*. With the comparison of ten isolates of *C. militaris*, we found that intraspecific variation exists in the ITS2 regions of *C. militaris*.

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