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Abstract

Lactobacillus amylovorus CACC736 was originated from swine feces in Korea. The complete genome sequences of the strain contained one circular chromosome (2,057,809 bp) with 38.2% GC content and two circular plasmids, namely, pCACC736-1 and pCACC736-2. The predicted protein-coding genes, which are encoding the CRISPR-associated proteins, biosynthesis of bacteriocin (helveticin J), and the related proteins of the bile, acid tolerance. Notably, the genes related to vitamin B-group biosynthesis (riboflavin and cobalamin) were also found in *L. amylovorus* CACC736. Collectively, the complete genome sequence of the *L. amylovorus* CACC736 will aid in the development of functional probiotics in the animal industry.

Keywords: *Lactobacillus amylovorus*, Swine, Probiotics, Whole-genome sequencing

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Lactobacillus spp. are non-pathogenic microorganisms that provide beneficial effects to the host [1, 2, 3]. *Lactobacillus amylovorus* has been studied as a paraprobiotic (non-viable cells or cell fractions) with the ability to change body adiposity [1]. Additionally, it has been reported that *L. amylovorus* has probiotic properties such as antiviral and antimicrobial activities through the regulation of the gut microflora [2, 3]. In this study, the genomes of *L. amylovorus* CACC736 are functionally annotated.

L. amylovorus strain CACC736 (KACC22146) was isolated from swine feces in Korea. This strain was inoculated in de Man, Rogosa, and Sharpe (MRS) medium (Difco, Franklin Lakes, NJ, USA) and cultivated at 37 °C for 24 h. Genomic DNA (gDNA) of the strain was extracted using the DNeasy UltraClean microbial kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany). The complete genome sequence of *L. amylovorus* strain CACC736 was obtained with single-molecule real-time sequencing technology (SMRT) on the platform of PacBio RSII (Pacific Biosciences, Menlo Park, CA, USA) at ChunLab, Inc. (Seoul, Korea). These gene sequences were performed by *de novo* genome assembly using the PacBio SMRT Analysis (version 2.3.0, Pacific Biosciences) [4]. All genes were classified by different functional groups using EggNOG 4.5 (<http://eggno5.embl.de>). Additionally, functional annotation of the CDSs was performed by the UBLAST program including the databases of the Swiss-Prot and Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) [5]. Predictions for clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats (CRISPR) were used by CRISPR finder (<https://crispr.i2bc.paris-saclay.fr>) [6].

The *L. amylovorus* CACC736 composed of one circular chromosome (2,057,809 bp, 38.2% GC content) along with two plasmids designated as pCACC736-1 (76,480 bp, 36.0% GC content) and pCACC736-2 (20,439 bp, 35.0% GC content) (Table 1 and Fig. 1A). Moreover, the complete

genome comprised 2,080 protein-coding sequences (CDSs) and 80 non-coding genes (15 rRNA and 65 tRNA genes). A total of 1,848 proteins (88.8%) were classified on a functional categorization by the database of Clusters of Orthologous Groups (COGs) categories (Fig. 1B). The most abundant COGs categories, excluding an ‘unknown function [S]’, were ‘replication, recombination and repair [L]’ (295 genes; 16.0%), ‘carbohydrate transport and metabolism [G]’ (146 genes; 7.9%), ‘translation, ribosomal structure and biogenesis [J]’ (137 genes; 7.4%), and ‘amino acid transport and metabolism [E]’ (126 genes; 6.8%). The genome of the *L. amylovorus* CACC736 encoded five CRISPR genes/proteins (Cas1, Cas2, Cas3, Cas4, and Cas6) for antiviral-like mechanisms [7], one bacteriocin class III (helveticin J) for an inhibitory effect against common pathogenic organisms [8], and two potential genes of antimicrobial activity (*lysM* and *qac*). In addition, the *L. amylovorus* CACC736 was confirmed to have genes associated with common probiotic properties, such as lactate synthesis (*ldh*, L-lactate dehydrogenase), bile salt hydrolases (BSH; *cbh*) and acid tolerance (*atpD*, *atpH*, and *grpE*) (Table 2). Notably, we revealed the presence of genes involved in vitamin B₂ and B₁₂ biosynthesis, including riboflavin (*ribB*, *ribD*, *ribE*, and *ribT*) and cobalamin (*cobC*) (Table 2) [9, 10]. Taken together, our findings on the complete genome of *L. amylovorus* CACC736 will provide a scientific improvement for the development of functional probiotics.

Nucleotide sequence accession numbers

The complete genome sequences of *L. amylovorus* strain CACC736 were deposited at the NCBI GenBank under the accession numbers CP104879 (chromosome) and CP104880-CP104881 (plasmids), respectively.

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Tables and Figures

Table 1. General features of *L. amylovorus* CACC736 genome

Properties	Chromosome	Plasmids	
	CACC736	pCACC736-1	pCACC736-2
BioProject	PRJNA881772	—	—
BioSample	SAMN30915630	—	—
Accession No.	CP104879	CP104880	CP104881
Genome size (bp)	2,057,809	76,480	20,439
GC content (%)	38.2	36.0	35.0
No. of CDSs	1,989	71	20
No. of CRISPR regions	5	—	—
rRNA genes	15	—	—
tRNA genes	65	—	—

L, *Lactobacillus*; CDSs, coding sequences; GC, guanine-cytosine; CRISPR, clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats

115 **Table 2. Predicted CDSs involved in probiotic potency in *L. amylovorus* CACC736**

Predicted function	<i>L. amylovorus</i> CACC736			
	Predicted genes	Start position	End position	Length(bp)
CRISPR/cas				
Endonuclease	Cas1	c1,507,114	c1,508,103	990
Endonuclease	Cas2	c1,506,827	c1,507,108	282
Endonuclease/helicase	Cas3	c1,508,620	c1,511,049	2,430
Exonuclease	Cas4	c1,508,113	c1,508,604	492
Endoribonuclease	Cas6	c1,515,924	c1,516,679	756
Antimicrobial activity-related				
Lysin Motif domain	<i>lysM</i>	890,591	891,055	465
Quaternary ammonium compound-resistance	<i>qacC</i>	1,012,642	1,012,962	321
Bacteriocin (Class III)	helveticin J	c1,995,360	c1,995,992	633
Lactate synthesis	<i>ldh</i>	1,795,954	1,796,925	972
Bile salt hydrolases (BSH)	<i>cbh</i>	1,052,335	1,053,357	1,023
Acid tolerance-related	<i>atpD</i>	690,181	691,692	1,512
	<i>atpH</i>	692,699	694,138	1,440
	<i>clpB</i>	98,750	100,879	2,130
	<i>grpE</i>	c1,235,180	c1,235,764	585
Protection or repair-related	<i>dnaJ</i>	c1,232,063	c1,233,217	1,155
Vitamin B-groups synthesis				
Vitamin B2	<i>ribB</i>	c1,025,985	c1,027,160	1,176
	<i>ribD</i>	c1,027,752	c1,028,810	1,059
	<i>ribE</i>	c1,027,163	c1,027,759	597
	<i>ribT</i>	887,197	887,550	354
Vitamin B12	<i>cobC</i>	c301,776	c302,426	651

CDSs, coding sequences; CRISPR, clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats; c, complement

Figure Legends

Figure 1. Genome features of *Lactobacillus amylovorus* CACC736. (A) Circular genome mapping of *Lactobacillus amylovorus* CACC736. Circles from the outside to the center denote: (a) forward and (b) reverse strands (colored according to COGs function categories), (c) rRNA and tRNA, (d) GC skew, (e) GC content. (B) Functional classification of COGs. COGs, cluster of orthologous groups of proteins database.

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