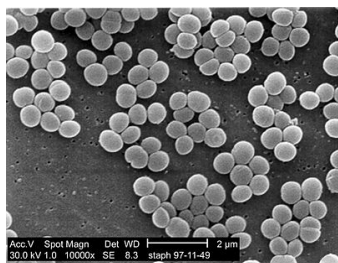


Introduction



Staphylococcus (from the Greek: σταφυλή, *staphylē*, "grape" and κόκκος, *kókkos*, "granule") is a genus of Gram-positive bacteria. Under the microscope, they appear round (cocci), and form in grape-like clusters.

The *Staphylococcus* genus includes at least 40 species. Of these, nine have two subspecies, one has three subspecies, and one has four subspecies. Most are harmless and reside normally on the skin and mucous membranes of humans and other organisms. *Staphylococcus* has been found to be a nectar-inhabiting microbe. Found worldwide, they are a small component of soil microbial flora.

Heteroresistant vancomycin-intermediate *Staphylococcus aureus* VB4283

Genome Assembly

Staphylococcus aureus subsp. *aureus* strain VB4283 ran under job ID 2fee1c1b-f8bb-4781-bb20-f08fa66398e1 at PATRIC[1]. The assembly job started at 10/6/17, 2:53 PM and completed at 10/7/17, 4:41 PM, after 25h 47m 9001s. The auto assembly strategy was selected, and it runs BayesHammer [2] on short reads, followed by three assembly strategies that include Velvet [3], IDBA [4] and Spades [5], each of which is given an assembly score by ARAST, an in-house script. The minimum contig length was 120bp, and smaller contigs were not included in the assembly. The minimum contig coverage was 5, and contigs with less coverage were not included in the assembly. Also add reference to QUAST. ARAST ranked the Spades assembly best (Table 1).

The assembled genome has 78 contigs, with the total length of 2.8 Mbp and %GC of 32.7%.

Table 1. Assembly details for <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> subsp. <i>aureus</i> strain VB4283			
Contigs	78	GC Content	32.7
Plasmids	-	Contig L50	9
Genome Length	2,796,422 Bps	Contig N50	105,363
Chromosomes	-		

Genome Annotation

The Genome Annotation Service in PATRIC [1] uses the RAST tool kit (RASTtk) [6] to provide annotation of genomic features. The job for *Staphylococcus aureus* subsp. *aureus* strain VB4283 ran under job number 685fb8c1-348a-4cea-a298-496b037af1f8. The annotation job started at 10/9/17, 7:10 AM and completed at 10/9/17, 8:16 AM, after 1h 5m 3623s. The selected domain was Bacteria, the Taxonomy ID was 234.128. The Genetic code was 11. The taxonomy of *Staphylococcus aureus* subsp. *aureus* strain VB4283 is:

cellular organisms > Bacteria > Terrabacteria group > Firmicutes > Bacilli > Bacillales > Staphylococcaceae > *Staphylococcus* > *Staphylococcus aureus* > *Staphylococcus aureus* subsp. *aureus*

The annotations includes 2903 CDS, 56 tRNAs and 6 rRNAs. All annotated genome features for this genome are summarized in Table 2.

The functional annotation included 740 hypothetical proteins and 2163 proteins with functional assignments. Furthermore, 947 proteins were assigned EC numbers and 561 proteins were mapped to KEGG pathways. A breakdown of the proteins that have been annotated for this isolate is provided in Table 3.

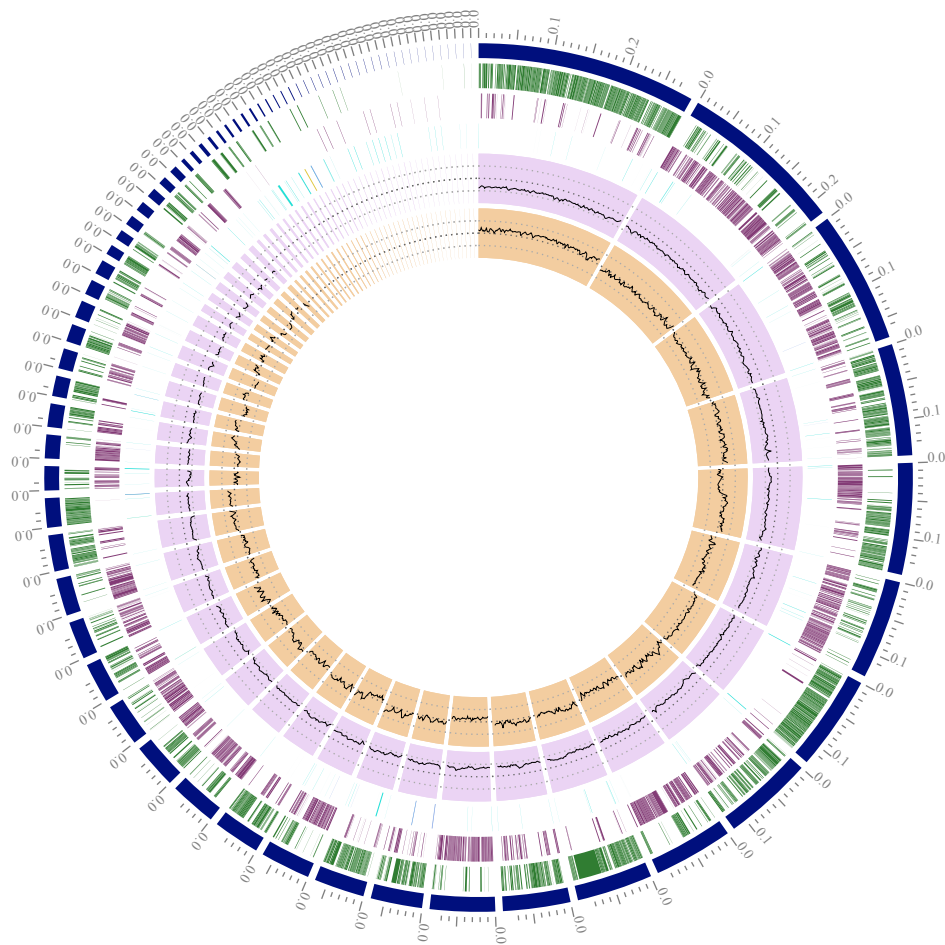
Table 2. Annotated Genome Features	
	Count
CDS	2,903
repeat_region	127
classifier_predicted_region	66
tRNA	56
misc_RNA	12
regulatory	10
rRNA	6

Table 3. Protein Features

	Count
Proteins with PATRIC genus-specific family (PLfam) assignments	2,845
Proteins with PATRIC cross-genus family (PGfam) assignments	2,845
Proteins with functional assignments	2,163
Proteins with EC number assignments	947
Hypothetical proteins	740
Proteins with GO assignments	640
Proteins with Pathway assignments	561

A graphical display of the distribution of the CDS on each strand, the repeat_regions, GC content and GC skew are provided (Figure 1).

Figure 1



Genome Quality

Based on the analysis of genome assembly and annotation statistics and comparing them to other closely related genomes available in PATRIC for the same species, the overall genome seems to be of [high/medium/low] quality. The reasons affecting the quality of genome are: [genome qc flags].

Specialty Genes

PATRIC [1] annotation also includes identification of proteins that have homology to known virulence factors, drug targets, and antibiotic resistance genes (Reference the sources). A breakdown of the distribution is provided (Table 4).

Table 4. Annotated Genome Features

	Source	Genes
Virulence Factor	VFDB	70
Virulence Factor	Victors	35
Antibiotic Resistance	CARD	32
Drug Target	DrugBank	30
Human Homolog	Human	20
Antibiotic Resistance	PATRIC	19
Antibiotic Resistance	ARDB	10
Drug Target	TTD	10

Antimicrobial Resistance Analysis

Table 5. Antimicrobial Resistance

	Antibiotics
Resistant	ciprofloxacin, erythromycin, gentamicin, methicillin, penicillin, trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole
Susceptible	clindamycin, tetracycline

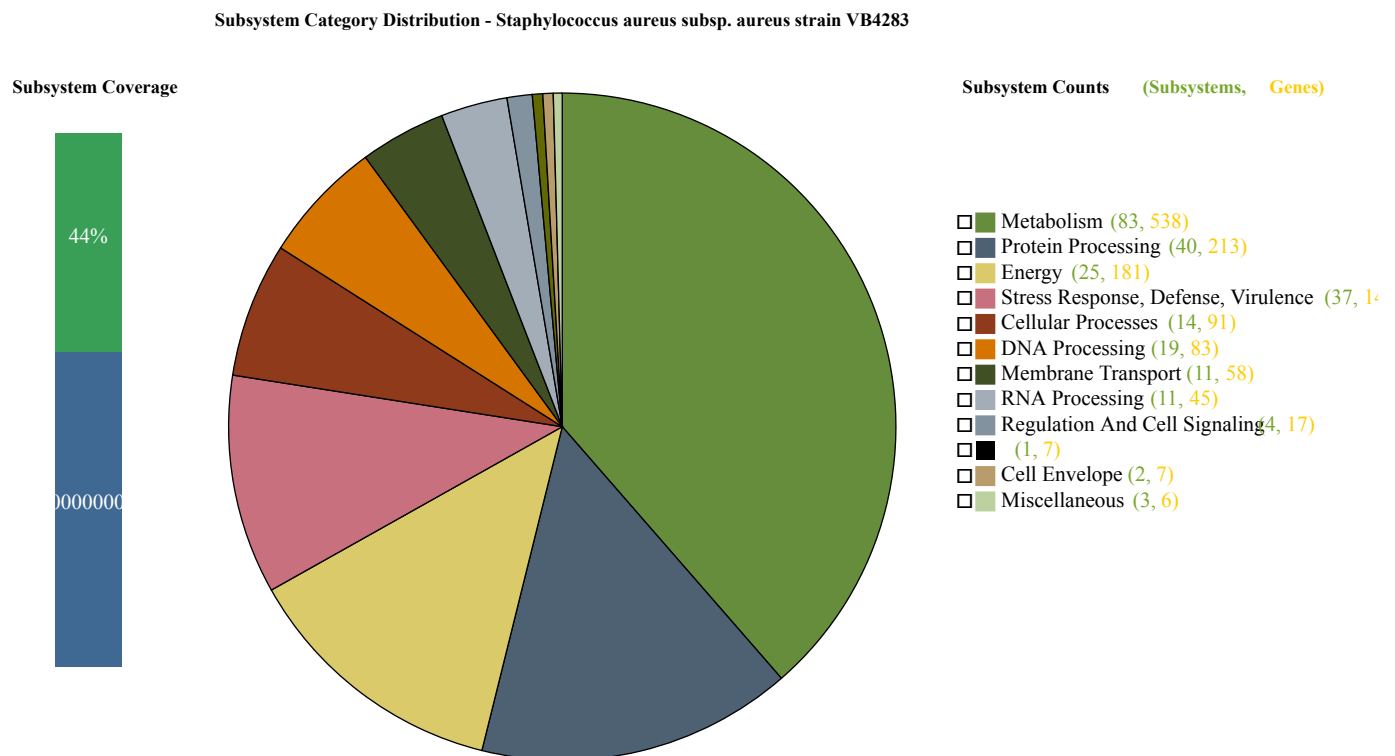
Antimicrobial Resistance Genes

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Subsystem Analysis

A subsystem is a set of protein functions that are related. Frequently, subsystems represent the collection of functional roles that make up a metabolic pathway, a complex (e.g., the ribosome), or a class of proteins (e.g., two-component signal-transduction proteins or AMR genes) [Overbeek]. An overview of the subsystems for this genome is provided in **Figure 2**.

Figure 2



Phylogenetic Analysis

PATRIC [1] provides a phylogentic tree building service. The makes use of several third-party tools. These include, BLAST[1], MCL[2], Muscle[3], hmmbuild[4], hmmsearch[4], Gblocks[5], FastTree[6], and RAXML[7]. The pipeline begins with thegi set of ingroup genome protein files. These are filtered to remove duplicate species, resulting in a distinct-species subset of the ingroup genomes. This is done to reduce biasing the homolog sets with overrepresented species. BLAST searches are used to find bi-directional best hit protein pairs between genomes, and these bidirectional best hit pairs are clustered using MCL. Clusters containing members from at least half of the distinct genomes are chosen as initial, or seed, homolog sets. These seed sets are expanded to include members from all ingroup and outgroup taxa using tools from the HMMer suite. A hidden Markov Model (HMM) is built from each seed set using hmmbuild. These HMMs are used to search each genome, with hmmsearch, to find the best match from each genome for each homolog set model. The final, expanded, homolog sets are created from the hmmsearch results. Homolog sets representing fewer than 80% of ingroup genomes are removed. The remaining sets are aligned using Muscle, and the alignments are trimmed using GBlocks. The trimmed alignments are concatenated and this concatenated alignment is used to build the main tree with either RAXML or FastTree.

Comparison to Reference Genomes in the Same Genus

Figure 3

