Short Genome Reports

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This should include succinct but detailed description of major phenotypic features (macro- and micromorphology, physiological characteristics), natural habitat, distribution, current classification and phylogenetic placement of the strain/specimen selected for sequencing. Authors should provide readers with additional background as to how the organism was isolated from nature (if a microbe), its association with other community members, any special properties that are noteworthy (e.g., pathogenic, symbiotic, industrial use, taxonomic type strain, model organism, etc.). In a separate subsection, of this section, authors should provide chemotaxonomic information (e.g. whole cell fatty acid composition, respiratory quinones, cell-wall composition, other unique or diagnostic cellular components).

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### Chemotaxonomic data (optional, Heading 3)

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This section of the manuscript should provide a detailed summary of the sequencing, assembly and annotation methodology. The section should include an introductory paragraph that provides the readers with specific information about the sequencing project, when the project began and was completed, whether the sequence is complete or remains as a draft genome, and the quality of the draft, which public databases contain the project data and other relevant information. These data should be summarized in Table 2.

## Growth conditions and genomic DNA preparation (Heading 2)

In the case of cultivated organisms, please provide the source of the organism (e.g., culture collection and accession number) and the conditions that were used to grow the strains(s) for DNA extraction (media, temperature, aeration, volume of culture, length of incubation). Also provide the method used to harvest and lyse the cells, and to extract and purify the DNA and to assess its purity.

## Genome sequencing and assembly (Heading 2)

Provide a succinct and detailed description of the methods used to sequence and assemble the genome(s). Identify the sequencing center where the work was performed, the sequencing technology(ies) used, library construction, number of reads and read length. Cite any relevant references regarding methods used. Also, provide a succinct and detailed description of the assembly, including the software used for preliminary assembly, finishing and error checking and correction of mis-assemblies. Provide a brief description of the size of the final assembly, the number of contigs, and coverage.

## Genome annotation (Heading 2)

Provide a brief and succinct description of the methods used to identify and annotate genes, and any software used in the annotation pipeline.

# Genome Properties (Heading 1)

Provide a summary description of the size of the genome(s) (in base pairs), the number of chromosomes and plasmids. Include the number of predicted genes (RNA genes, protein coding genes, pseudogenes) by number and percent of total. This section should be linked to a chromosome map, map(s) of any plasmids and two or three tables providing a more detailed summary of the genome properties.

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In many cases, authors may wish to provide a brief, yet more detailed description of major findings arising from the genome sequence. This can be a comparison of major differences found between the genome sequence that is the subject of the study and others (e.g., major differences is specific metabolic pathways, significant differences in gene content, etc.). This section is intended to permit the authors to make preliminary observations rather than to serve as detailed comparative study. In a short genome report, this section should be limited to two to three paragraphs. Authors wanting to provide greater detail and to incorporate additional genomes into their study, or to incorporate additional tables and figures are invited to submit their articles as extended genome reports.

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Provide a brief summary of the findings arising from the genome sequence. This should place the current genome into context with genomes of closely or more distantly related.

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Saito Y, Hyuga H. Rate equation approaches to amplification of enantiomeric excess and chiral symmetry breaking. Top Curr Chem. 2007. doi:10.1007/128\_2006\_108.

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Blenkinsopp A, Paxton P. Symptoms in the pharmacy: a guide to the management of common illness. 3rd ed. Oxford: Blackwell Science; 1998.

**Online document**   
Doe J. Title of subordinate document. In: The dictionary of substances and their effects. Royal Society of Chemistry. 1999. http://www.rsc.org/dose/title of subordinate document. Accessed 15 Jan 1999.

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Healthwise Knowledgebase. US Pharmacopeia, Rockville. 1998. http://www.healthwise.org. Accessed 21 Sept 1998.

**Supplementary material/private homepage**  
Doe J. Title of supplementary material. 2000. http://www.privatehomepage.com. Accessed 22 Feb 2000.

**University site**  
Doe, J: Title of preprint. http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/mydata.html (1999). Accessed 25 Dec 1999.

**FTP site**  
Doe, J: Trivial HTTP, RFC2169. ftp://ftp.isi.edu/in-notes/rfc2169.txt (1999). Accessed 12 Nov 1999.

**Organization site**  
ISSN International Centre: The ISSN register. http://www.issn.org (2006). Accessed 20 Feb 2007.

**Dataset with persistent identifier**  
Zheng L-Y, Guo X-S, He B, Sun L-J, Peng Y, Dong S-S, et al. Genome data from sweet and grain sorghum (Sorghum bicolor). GigaScience Database. 2011. http://dx.doi.org/10.5524/100012.

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Name Abstract for Escherichia coli. NamesforLife, LLC. Retrieved June 11, 2014. http://doi.org/10.1601/nm.3093.

# Table 1 (required, fixed format)

The current taxonomic placement and names must be referenced to the appropriate literature at each rank in the hierarchy. This includes the references that establish the validity and availability of the names in use. In the case of bacteria and archaea, this information is available through the NamesforLife annotation services and the appropriate references should be cited and added to the bibliography. Summarized phenotypic features are based on either published reports from the literature, or if the source organism is not previously described, based on the authors’ observations.

**Table 1.** Classification and general features of *Genusspecies* strain designationT [cite MIGS reference]

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **MIGS ID** | **Property** | **Term** | **Evidence codea** |
|  | Classification | Domain *Use only validly published or* | TAS [] |
|  |  | Phylum *available names. Cite the* | TAS [] |
|  |  | Class *appropriate taxonomic authority* | TAS [] |
|  |  | Order *and references establishing the name* | TAS [] |
|  |  | Family -. | TAS [] |
|  |  | Genus | TAS [] |
|  |  | Species | TAS [] |
|  |  | (Type) strain: *StrainT (Accession #s)* |  |
|  | Gram stain | *Positive/negative/vaiable* | TAS [] |
|  | Cell shape | *Rod/coccus/filments/chains, etc* | TAS [] |
|  | Motility | *Motile/non-motile* | TAS [] |
|  | Sporulation | *Spore type/position or not reported* | NAS |
|  | Temperature range | *°C* | TAS [] |
|  | Optimum temperature | *°C* | TAS [] |
|  | pH range; Optimum | *3.5–6.5; 5* | TAS [] |
|  | Carbon source | *Specify known carbon sources sustaining growth* | TAS [] |
| MIGS-6 | Habitat |  | TAS [] |
| MIGS-6.3 | Salinity | *as% NaCl (w/v)* | TAS [] |
| MIGS-22 | Oxygen requirement | *Aerobic/anaerobic/microaerophilic/aerotolerant* | TAS [] |
| MIGS-15 | Biotic relationship | *free-living/symbiont/commensal* | TAS [] |
| MIGS-14 | Pathogenicity | *Pathogenic/non-pathogen* | NAS |
| MIGS-4 | Geographic location | *Country/region* | TAS [] |
| MIGS-5 | Sample collection | *Date* | TAS [] |
| MIGS-4.1 | Latitude | *DMS* | TAS [] |
| MIGS-4.2 | Longitude | *DMS* | TAS [] |
| MIGS-4.4 | Altitude | *M* | TAS [] |

a Evidence codes - IDA: Inferred from Direct Assay; TAS: Traceable Author Statement (i.e., a direct report exists in the literature); NAS: Non-traceable Author Statement (i.e., not directly observed for the living, isolated sample, but based on a generally accepted property for the species, or anecdotal evidence). These evidence codes are from the Gene Ontology project [cite this reference]

# Table 2 (required, fixed format)

Project Information. Authors must provide the requested data, in conformance with the MIGS standard. Supply the information for column 3. Do not modify the order of columns or rows.

**Table 2.** Project information.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **MIGS ID** | **Property** | **Term** |
| MIGS 31 | Finishing quality |  |
| MIGS-28 | Libraries used |  |
| MIGS 29 | Sequencing platforms |  |
| MIGS 31.2 | Fold coverage |  |
| MIGS 30 | Assemblers |  |
| MIGS 32 | Gene calling method |  |
|  | Locus Tag |  |
|  | Genbank ID |  |
|  | GenBank Date of Release |  |
|  | GOLD ID |  |
|  | BIOPROJECT |  |
| MIGS 13 | Source Material Identifier |  |
|  | Project relevance |  |

# Table 3. (Optional, fixed format)

Summary of genome. This table should only be used if the report describes a chromosome and one or more plasmids.

**Table 3.** Summary of genome: one chromosome and X plasmids

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Label | Size (Mb) | Topology | INSDC identifier | RefSeq ID |
| Chromosome |  |  |  |  |
| Plasmid 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Plasmid 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Plasmid 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Plasmid 4 |  |  |  |  |
| Plasmid 5 |  |  |  |  |

# Table, 4 or 3 if optional table is not used (required, fixed format)

Genome statistics, listed in base pairs and percent of total. Provide values for columns 2 and 3. Do not modify ordering of rows.

**Table 4**. Genome statistics.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Attribute | Value | % of Total |
| Genome size (bp) |  |  |
| DNA coding (bp) |  |  |
| DNA G+C (bp) |  |  |
| DNA scaffolds |  |  |
| Total genes |  |  |
| Protein coding genes |  |  |
| RNA genes |  |  |
| Pseudo genes |  |  |
| Genes in internal clusters |  |  |
| Genes with function prediction |  |  |
| Genes assigned to COGs |  |  |
| Genes with Pfam domains |  |  |
| Genes with signal peptides |  |  |
| Genes with transmembrane helices |  |  |
| CRISPR repeats |  |  |

# Table 5 or 4 if optional table is not used (required, fixed format)

Number of genes associated with general COG functional categories. Provide values for columns 2 and 3. Do not modify ordering of rows.

**Table 5**. Number of genes associated with general COG functional categories.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Code | Value | %age | Description |
| J |  |  | Translation, ribosomal structure and biogenesis |
| A |  |  | RNA processing and modification |
| K |  |  | Transcription |
| L |  |  | Replication, recombination and repair |
| B |  |  | Chromatin structure and dynamics |
| D |  |  | Cell cycle control, Cell division, chromosome partitioning |
| V |  |  | Defense mechanisms |
| T |  |  | Signal transduction mechanisms |
| M |  |  | Cell wall/membrane biogenesis |
| N |  |  | Cell motility |
| U |  |  | Intracellular trafficking and secretion |
| O |  |  | Posttranslational modification, protein turnover, chaperones |
| C |  |  | Energy production and conversion |
| G |  |  | Carbohydrate transport and metabolism |
| E |  |  | Amino acid transport and metabolism |
| F |  |  | Nucleotide transport and metabolism |
| H |  |  | Coenzyme transport and metabolism |
| I |  |  | Lipid transport and metabolism |
| P |  |  | Inorganic ion transport and metabolism |
| Q |  |  | Secondary metabolites biosynthesis, transport and catabolism |
| R |  |  | General function prediction only |
| S |  |  | Function unknown |
| - |  |  | Not in COGs |

The total is based on the total number of protein coding genes in the genome.

# Instructions for additional tables.

Any additional tables must be formatted in the same manner as tables one through five. This format is detailed below in an example table:

**Table Number.** Table title

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Table header** | - | - | - |
| Row 1 | - | - | - |
| Row 2 | - | - | - |
| Row 3 | - | - | - |

Table footer

Table title must not exceed one row and this row must begin with the table number. The top row of the table must have a top and bottom border and the bottom row of the table must have a bottom border. 12pt Times New Roman must be used for both table title and header. Table rows and footer must be 10 pt Times New Roman. Table footer is used to explain different elements. Authors should use superscript a, b, c, etc. to refer to the element which is being described (as in table one). All additional tables should be able to fit in a 10 × 9 space. Font should be no smaller than 10 pt. additional tables normally only appear in an extended genome report.

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**Optional Figure: A genome map should be provided, for complete genome sequences, keyed to the COGS groups.**