Analysis report for the "gag" gene in 9 supposedly alike sequences from a database

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1 Introduction

The analyzed sequence extracted from GeneBank is AB052867.1, and the sequences used for the comparison by %GC content were extracted from a database only with genomes that have the target gene, which are as follows: KP860667.1, KP860668.1, KP860669.1, KP860670.1, PP483791.1, PP483792.1, PP483793.1, PP483794.1, PP483795.1. Additionally, a comprehensive BLASTN analysis against the database was executed to calculate the percentage identity, suggesting potential validation of the target sequence's similarity to those from the database.

2 Graphic comparison via GC content

2.1 Density of % GC Content and % GC Content for the randomized sequences

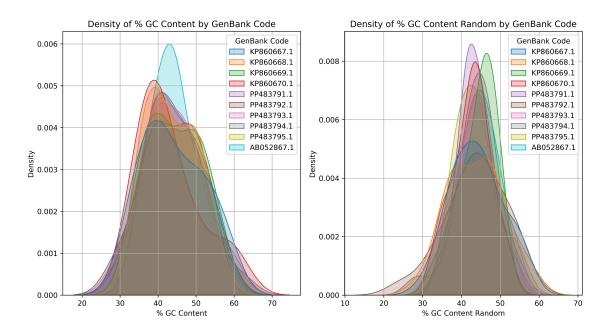


Figure 1: Density of % GC content in the sequences analyzed by fragments at a time.

2.2 Scatterplot of % GC Content by position and GenBank Code with regression lines

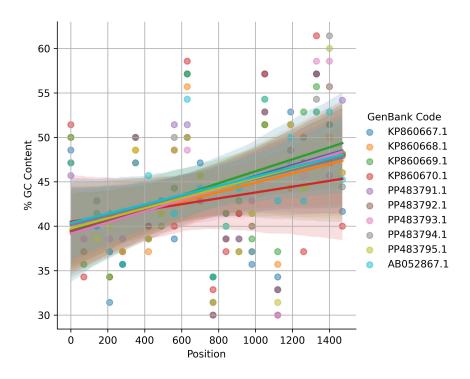


Figure 2: Dispersion and regression lines for % GC Content by position

3 BLASTN Analysis Results

The BLASTN analysis was performed to identify homologous sequences to the target sequence within the NCBI nucleotide database. The results were saved in the file blastn_results.tsv. The columns in the output correspond to: Query sequence ID, Subject sequence ID, Percentage of identical matches, Number of mismatches, Start of alignment in query, End of alignment in query, Alignment length, Start of alignment in subject, End of alignment in subject, Subject sequence length, Subject title, Aligned part of query sequence.

The average identity percentage across all alignments is 89.91%, with a median of 89.06% and a standard deviation of 2.81%. The maximum identity percentage found in the BLASTN analysis was 100.00% and the minimum 78.99%. The statistical analysis does not provide strong evidence that the mean identity percentage differs from 90% (t = -0.80, p = 0.421356). This means the sequence similarity remains inconclusive.

3.1 Histogram with density line of BLASTN Identity Percentages

The following graphic is good for visualizing the frequency at which every percentage of identity is distributed so that the reader can make a more assertive decision based on all previous factors.

The maximum value of identity percentage hits 100% at least once, hence, a strong conclusion is that the sequence AB052867.1 can be, in fact, a strain of the family of sequences in the database used because it is the same as at least one of them.

In this case, the statistical analysis can be either useless or useful because of this factor, and also as seen in the previous graphics, the similarities are higher than the discrepancies.

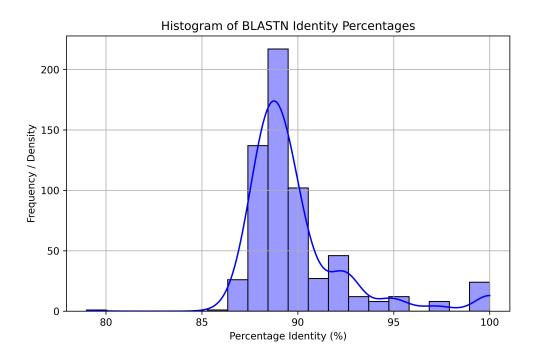


Figure 3: Frequency of identity percentages in BLASTN analysis.