A blue-tinted scanning electron micrograph (SEM) showing several rod-shaped bacteria. The bacteria have a textured, pebbled surface and are arranged in various orientations, some in the foreground and others in the background, creating a sense of depth. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue.

BacMet


*Antibacterial Biocide &
Metal Resistance Genes
Database*

About BacMet

- Collection of bacterial genes that confer resistance to metals and antibacterial biocides
- Biocides and metals used in antibacterial agents (disinfectants, household products, pesticides, fertilizers)



- Some examples: COPPER, SILVER, ZINC, MERCURY, ARSENIC
- Data collection: - TCDB (Transporter Classification Database)
 - UniprotKB
 - NCBI GenBank

- Maintained at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden:
 - directed by *Joakim Larsson*
 - Research group: - understand the flow of resistance genes from the diverse environmental reservoir that are recruited into the human microbiota
 - exploring the role of environmental transmission routes of resistant pathogens
- Version v.1.0: November 2013 (470 confirmed genes)  Version v.2.0: November 2018 (753 confirmed genes)
- Updated through:
 - literature searches
 - Reviewed user-suggestions

Data collection

EXPERIMENTALLY CONFIRMED
RESISTANCE GENES



- If MUTATION or INSERTION of a single gene into the genome or into plasmid decreases or increases RESISTANCE



- Gene annotation mapping file
- Sequence FASTA files

PREDICTED
RESISTANCE GENES



- BLAST confirmed genes to NCBI database
- FILTERING:
 - E-value cutoff of < 0.01
 - Coverage cutoff of 80%



About dataset:

Confirmed gene dataset: (tot 753)

BacMet_ID	Gene_name	Accession	Organism	Location	Compound
BAC0001	abeM	Q5FAM9	Acinetobacter baumannii	Chromosome	4,6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI) t
BAC0002	abeS	Q2FD83	Acinetobacter baumannii	Chromosome	Benzylkonium Chloride (BAC) t [class: t
BAC0758	abu0	B0VDE7	Acinetobacter baumannii	Chromosome	Acridine t [class: tAcridine], tEthid

UniprotKB entries

Predicted gene dataset: (tot 155,512)

GI_number	GenBank_ID	Gene_name	Organism	Compound	NCBI_annotation
500050596	WP_011730513.1	ctpD	Mycobacterium smegmatis	Cobalt (Co), Nickel (Ni)	heavy metal translocating P-type
489993744	WP_003896801.1	ctpD	Mycobacterium smegmatis	Cobalt (Co), Nickel (Ni)	heavy metal translocating P-type
959690420	WP_058126902.1	ctpD	Mycobacterium smegmatis	Cobalt (Co), Nickel (Ni)	heavy metal translocating P-type
1115591804	OKH66118.1	ctpD	Mycobacterium sp. SWH-M5	Cobalt (Co), Nickel (Ni)	metal ABC transporter A1
907610391	WP_049745192.1	ctpD	Mycobacterium goodii	Cobalt (Co), Nickel (Ni)	heavy metal translocating P-type
1180112495	WP_083631880.1	ctpD	Mycobacterium sp. SWH-M5	Cobalt (Co), Nickel (Ni)	cadmium-translocating P-
1056401922	WP_067844445.1	ctpD	Mycobacterium wolinskyi	Cobalt (Co), Nickel (Ni)	cadmium-translocating P-type ATP
1184578820	WP_085144107.1	ctpD	Mycobacterium wolinskyi	Cobalt (Co), Nickel (Ni)	cadmium-translocating P-type ATP

sequence record processed by NCBI

information about the protein

Database statistics:

Total experimentally confirmed resistance genes	753
GENES:	
Biocide resistance genes	268
Metal resistance genes	420
Biocide and metal resistance genes	65
LOCATION:	
Total genes inserted into chromosome	550
Total genes inserted into a plasmid	203
ORGANISMS:	
Staphylococcus aureus	24
Clostridium difficile	1
Streptococcus	8
COMPOUNDS:	
Chemical classes	43
Antibacterial biocides	58
Metals	23

Goal of the database:

- First collection of experimentally confirmed and predicated bacterial resistance genes to **biocides AND metals**

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DIFFERENT from

- Databases of antibiotic resistance genes
- Databases of biocide resistance genes in animals and plants

A database that could help:

- Microbiologists and toxicologists to address antibiotic resistance development in a more comprehensive way
- Biocide manufacturing companies to understand the development of tolerance mechanisms to their products

References:

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