

## Supplementary Table S1. Biolog test results

Strains: 1, B390<sup>T</sup>; 2, *T. aestuarii* JCM 13491<sup>T</sup>; 3, *T. lutimaris* DSM 18961<sup>T</sup> (data in columns 1–3 from this study); 4, *T. skagerrakense* D30<sup>T</sup> (data from Frette *et al.*, 2004); 5, *T. skagerrakense* D28 (Frette *et al.*, 2004); 6, *T. litopenaei* B-I<sup>T</sup> (Sheu *et al.*, 2007). +, Positive; –, negative; (+), weakly positive; ND, no data available. All strains were negative for utilization of Tween 80, *N*-acetyl-D-galactosamine, adonitol, L-arabinose, D-arabitol, i-erythritol, D-galactose, *myo*-inositol,  $\alpha$ -D-lactose, lactulose, D-mannitol, D-psicose, D-raffinose, L-rhamnose, trehalose, xylitol, formic acid, D-galactonic acid lactone, D-galacturonic acid, D-gluconic acid,  $\alpha$ -hydroxybutyric acid,  $\beta$ -hydroxybutyric acid, *p*-hydroxyphenylacetic acid, itaconic acid, D-saccharic acid, bromosuccinic acid, glucuronamide, D-alanine, L-phenylalanine, D-serine, DL-carnitine, phenylethylamine, putrescine, 2-aminoethanol, 2,3-butanediol, glycerol and DL- $\alpha$ -glycerol phosphate. All strains were positive for utilization of acetic acid, L-glutamic acid and L-proline.

Utilization of	1	2	3	4	5	6
$\alpha$ -Cyclodextrin	+	–	–	+	+	–
Dextrin	+	–	–	+	+	–
Glycogen	+	–	–	+	+	–
Tween 40	+	+	(+)	+	+	–
<i>N</i> -Acetyl-D-glucosamine	–	–	–	–	–	ND
Cellobiose	+	–	–	+	+	–
D-Fructose	–	–	–	ND	ND	–
L-Fucose	–	–	–	ND	ND	–
Gentiobiose	+	–	–	–	–	–
$\alpha$ -D-Glucose	+	–	–	+	+	+
Maltose	+	–	–	+	+	–
D-Mannose	+	–	–	+	+	–
Melibiose	–	–	–	ND	ND	–
Methyl $\beta$ -D-glucoside	–	–	–	ND	ND	–
D-Sorbitol	–	–	–	ND	ND	–
Sucrose	–	–	–	+	+	–
Turanose	–	–	–	+	+	–
Pyruvic acid methyl ester	–	–	–	ND	ND	–
Succinic acid monomethyl ester	+	–	–	ND	ND	–
<i>cis</i> -Aconitic acid	–	–	–	+	+	–
Citric acid	–	–	–	+	+	–
D-Glucosaminic acid	–	–	–	+	–	–
D-Glucuronic acid	–	–	–	ND	ND	–
$\gamma$ -Hydroxybutyric acid	–	+	–	+	–	–
$\alpha$ -Ketobutyric acid	(+)	(+)	+	+	+	+
$\alpha$ -Ketoglutaric acid	–	–	–	ND	ND	+
$\alpha$ -Ketovaleric acid	(+)	–	–	+	+	+
DL-Lactic acid	+	+	(+)	+	+	–
Malonic acid	–	–	–	+	–	–
Propionic acid	(+)	+	+	+	+	–
Quinic acid	–	–	–	+	–	–
Sebacic acid	–	–	–	ND	ND	–
Succinic acid	+	–	–	–	–	–
Succinamic acid	+	–	–	–	–	–
L-Alaninamide	–	–	–	ND	ND	–
L-Alanine	(+)	(+)	–	+	+	–
L-Alanyl glycine	(+)	(+)	(+)	+	+	–
L-Asparagine	(+)	+	+	+	+	–
L-Aspartic acid	+	+	+	+	+	–
Glycyl L-aspartic acid	+	+	+	+	+	–
Glycyl L-glutamic acid	+	+	+	+	+	–
L-Histidine	–	(+)	–	–	–	–

Utilization of	1	2	3	4	5	6
Hydroxy-L-proline	–	(+)	+	+	+	+
L-Leucine	(+)	(+)	(+)	+	+	–
L-Ornithine	+	(+)	(+)	+	+	–
L-Pyroglutamic acid	–	–	–	ND	ND	–
L-Serine	–	–	(+)	+	+	+
L-Threonine	(+)	–	(+)	+	+	+
$\gamma$ -Aminobutyric acid	–	–	–	+	+	–
Urocanic acid	–	(+)	–	–	–	–
Inosine	–	–	–	+	+	–
Uridine	–	–	–	+	+	+
Thymidine	–	–	(+)	–	–	–
$\alpha$ -D-Glucose 1-phosphate	–	–	–	+	+	–
D-Glucose 6-phosphate	+	–	–	ND	ND	–

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