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Abstract

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The family *Ruminococcaceae* (Rainey, 2009) comprises a morphologically, physiologically, and ecologically divergent group of microorganisms within the order *Clostridiales*, the class *Clostridia* and the phylum *Firmicutes*, and was first described in the 2nd edition of Bergey's Manual of Systematic Bacteriology (De Vos *et al.*, 2009) on the basis of 16S rRNA gene sequence homology as opposed to the phenotypic classification used earlier. Historically, members of this group belonged to 'clostridial clusters' III and IV according to classification introduced by Collins *et al.* (1994).

Despite the recent advances in resolving the 'taxonomic conundrum' within the *Clostridia* class, significant discrepancies still exist between the major DNA databases (Yutin & Galperin, 2013; Lawson & Rainey, 2016). According to the List of Prokaryotic Names with Standing in Nomenclature (http://www.bacterio.net), the family *Ruminococcaceae* comprises 14 genera

- $51 \quad (Acetanae robacterium, Acetivibrio, Anaerofilum, Anaerotruncus, Ethanoligenens,$
- $52 \quad \textit{Faecalibacterium, Fastidiosipila, Hydrogenoanae robacterium, Oscillibacter, Oscillospira,} \\$
- 53 Papillibacter, Ruminococcus, Sporobacter, and Subdoligranulum) of which 12 were included into
- 54 the original description of the family (Rainey, 2009). By contrast, the Ribosomal Database Project
- 55 (RDP, http://rdp.cme.msu.edu) lists 21 genera within this family including *Butyricicoccus*,
- 56 Saccharofermentans, Flavonifractor, Pseudoflavonifractor, Cellulosibacter and Gemmiger, as well
- 57 as the provisional taxonomic groups 'Clostridium cluster III' and 'Clostridium cluster IV' (Collins et
- 58 al., 1994), but excluding the genus Oscillospira which currently remains uncultured. The NCBI

59 Taxonomy database (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/) also proposes 21 genera within 60 Ruminococcaceae partially overlapping with those in the RDP with the addition of 61 Caproiciproducens, Ercella, Mageeibacillus, Pseudobacteroides and Ruminiclostridium (the latter 62 taxon supersedes Clostridium clusters III and IV as suggested by Yutin & Galperin [2013]), to the 63 exclusion of Butyricicoccus, Cellulosibacter, Flavonifractor, and Pseudoflavonifractor. These and other inconsistencies between different databases point out the necessity of further taxonomic 64 65 improvements within the *Clostridia* class. It is pertinent to note that all bacterial names should be validly published in the International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology as 66 67 required by the Bacteriological Code. It is only these names that have standing in the literature, which is often not reflected in the names used in DNA databases. 68 69 In spite of a high degree of phenotypic divergence, most members of the family 70 Ruminococcaceae share a number of common features. The majority of genera within this family 71 comprise strictly-anaerobic bacteria with a Gram-positive type of cell wall, albeit many species 72 actually stain Gram-negative. Metabolism is chemoorganoheterotrophic fermentative with a variety 73 of organic acids and H₂ produced as end products (Rainey, 2009). Some species are capable of 74 anaerobic respiration by utilizing fumarate and sulphur as electron acceptors (van Gelder et al., 75 2014). Morphologically the family is very diverse and includes species with rod-shaped (Zellner et 76 al., 1996; Duncan et al., 2002), coccoid (Sijpesteijn, 1948), and pleomorhic (Holmstrøm et al., 77 2004) cells, the most notable being a giant ($10-40 \times 3-6 \mu m$) filamentous septate yet uncultured 78 bacterium Oscillospira guilliermondii (Yanagita et al., 2003). Some species form spores whilst 79 others are motile by peritrichous flagella (Grech-Mora et al., 1996; Zellner et al., 1996). A number 80 of genera (e.g. Ruminococcus, Faecalibacterium, Anaerotruncus, Fastidiosipila, Oscillospira, and 81 Subdoligranulum) are associated with human and animal hosts and have been isolated from feces, 82 rumen and intestinal contents, and blood. Other representatives of the family have more diverse 83 isolation sources including wastewater sludge, anaerobic digesters and bioreactors (Rainey, 2009). 84 One member of the Ruminococcaceae family, Faecalibacterium prausnitzii, has attracted 85 special attention during the last decade due to its important role in the human gut. Placed in the 86 genus Fusobacterium in 1973 (Cato et al., 1974), this acetate-consuming and butyrate-producing, 87 extremely oxygen-sensitive, anaerobic organism was re-assigned two decades later to the 88 Clostridium leptum group (clostridial cluster IV according to Collins taxonomy). Finally, it was 89 renamed as F. prausnitzii in 2002 by Duncan et al. This bacterial species constitutes around 5% of 90 total bacterial loads in the fecal samples from healthy adults as determined by metagenomic 91 sequencing (Arumugam et al., 2011) and from 2% to 45% according to 16S library sequencing (our 92 unpublished data). Depletion of this organism from the fecal microbiota has been implicated in the

pathogenesis of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD; Sokol et al., 2009). Moreover, recent studies

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have confirmed anti-inflammatory activity of *F. prausnitzii* live cultures, cell supernatant and certain purified components in animal models of IBD (Quévrain et al., 2015; Rossi et al., 2015).

Interestingly, despite its extreme air sensitivity *F. prausnitzii* may actually benefit from low oxygen concentrations by using it for NADH regeneration through an extracellular electron shuttle (Khan *et al.*, 2012).

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During an ongoing culture-based study of human fecal microbiome, in healthy adults and children, two strains of strictly anaerobic Gram stain negative bacteria were isolated that presumably belonged to the family *Ruminococcaceae* but could not be classified to species level using routine identification approaches. Preliminary analysis has shown that the strains designated as 585-1^T and 668 were completely identical by their partial 16S rRNA gene sequences and were moderately related to *F. prausnitzii*, *Subdoligranulum variabile*, *Gemmiger formicilis*, and *Anaerofilum* species. The goal of the current study was to determine the taxonomic position of these strains using polyphasic approach.

Strain 585-1^T was isolated from a stool sample of a 31-year-old healthy Russian male where it 107 108 was present at a concentration of $\sim 1 \times 10^8$ c.f.u. g⁻¹. Strain 668 was isolated from the stool of a 5year-old healthy Russian male child at a concentration of $\sim 4 \times 10^8$ c.f.u. g⁻¹. Fecal samples were 109 110 weighed, serially diluted with saline and spread over EG agar plates supplemented with 5% (v/v) 111 defibrinated sheep blood. EG medium base consisted of (per 100 ml): 0.24 g Lab-Lemco powder 112 (Oxoid), 1.0 g Proteose peptone No. 3 (BD-Difco), 0.5 g yeast extract (BD-Difco), 0.4 g Na₂HPO₄, 113 0.15 g glucose, 0.05 g soluble starch, 0.02 g L-cystine, 1.5 g agar, 0.05 g L-cysteine·HCl·H₂O. 114 Plates were incubated in an atmosphere of 85% N₂, 10% H₂, 5% CO₂ at 37°C for 72 h in anaerobic 115 jars (Schuett-Biotec). Well isolated colonies representative of each morphological type were 116 selected and streaked out several times to obtain pure cultures on EG-blood agar. Upon isolation, strains 585-1^T and 668 were cultured anaerobically on EG broth, PYG broth (Thermo Fisher) or 117 MRS broth (Himedia) supplemented with 5 mg l⁻¹ haemin. Cultures were incubated at 37°C for 48-118 119 96 h. Strains were preserved by freeze-drying of bacterial suspensions frozen in 10% (w/v) sucrose, 120 1% (w/v) gelatin solution. Susceptibility of the strains to bile and NaCl was tested in EG broth 121 supplemented with 0-3% (w/v) of Oxgall (Sigma-Aldrich) and 0-8% (w/v) of NaCl. Media were 122 inoculated from fresh agar cultures and growth was examined visually after 48 hours. Physiological 123 properties and enzyme profiles were determined using Vitek 2 ANC, Rapid ID 32A, and API 20A 124 identification systems (bioMérieux) essentially according to manufacturer's instructions except for 125 substitution of API 20A standard incubation medium for glucose-free MRS broth. Carbohydrate 126 fermentation was studied by supplementing MRS broth with 2% (w/v) of every substrate tested 127 instead of D-glucose as well as with 0.01% (w/v) of bromocresol purple. Cultures were incubated anaerobically for 72-96 h. 128

| 129 | Analysis of short-chain fatty acids (SCFA) was performed in 168 h PYG broth culture |
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| 130 | supernatant using HPLC as described before (Shkoporov et al., 2015). Alcohols were analyzed |
| 131 | using Pye-Unicam 304 gas chromatograph equipped with 2 m x 2 mm glass column packed with |
| 132 | Porapak QS matrix (Fluka) in isocratic mode with column, injector, and detector temperatures of |
| 133 | 100, 120, and 170°C, respectively. Cellular fatty acids and menaquinone profiles were analyzed in |
| 134 | the late exponential phase cultures in MRS broth. Long-chain fatty acids were separated and |
| 135 | detected using gas chromatography - mass spectrometry (GC-MS) according to Zhilina et al. |
| 136 | (2012). Respiratory quinones were detected following the procedure of Collins (1985). For |
| 137 | peptidoglycan amino acid analysis cell walls were prepared as described by Schleifer & Kandler, |
| 138 | 1972. The cell wall preparations were hydrolysed with 6 M HCl at 105°C for 6 h (Schuman, 2011). |
| 139 | Quantitative amino acid analysis was performed with an LC 600 amino acid analyser (Biotronic). |
| 140 | Ultrathin sections (50-60 nm thick) of culture pellets were prepared as described by Duda et |
| 141 | al. (2009) and examined in a JEOL JEM-1200EX transmission electron microscope with |
| 142 | accelerating voltage of 80 kV. |
| 143 | Genomic DNA was extracted and sequenced on Roche/454 GS Junior as described before |
| 144 | (Shkoporov et al., 2015). Reads were assembled using Newbler v 2.7 into 108 contigs for strain |
| 145 | $585-1^{T}$ (N50 = 101,736 bp) with a combined length of 4,111,078 bp and 20.0x coverage and 108 |
| 146 | contigs for strain 668 (N50 = $114,065$ bp) resulting in a combined length of $3,951,525$ bp and $17.9x$ |
| 147 | coverage. Draft genome sequences of strains 585-1 ^T and 668 were deposited in GenBank |
| 148 | Nucleotide database under the accession numbers JXXK01000000 and LMUA01000000, |
| 149 | respectively. Annotation was performed using the NCBI Prokaryotic Genome Annotation Pipeline |
| 150 | (Angiuoli et al., 2008) with metabolic pathways constructed using the KEGG automated annotation |
| 151 | server (Moriya et al., 2007) followed by manual curation. |
| 152 | The complete 16S rRNA sequences of strains 585-1 ^T and 668 (KM098109 and KM098110, |
| 153 | respectively) and of the type strains from the family Ruminococcaceae were aligned using |
| 154 | MUSCLE (Edgar 2004).). All positions containing gaps and missing data were eliminated. |
| 155 | Phylogenetic inference was performed using the neighbor-joining (NJ) approach in MEGA 6 |
| 156 | (Tamura et al., 2013) with evolutionary distances calculated using Tamura-Nei substitution model |
| 157 | (Tamura & Nei, 1993). The robustness of the tree topology was evaluated by a bootstrapping with |
| 158 | 1000 re-samplings (Felsenstein, 1985). Furthermore, in order to check the validity of the NJ tree, |
| 159 | maximum likelihood phylogeny was inferred by RAxML (Stamatakis, 2014) using the GTR model |
| 160 | with gamma distributed rate heterogeneity and 1000 rapid bootstrap re-samplings. Additionally, |
| 161 | phylogeny of strains 585-1 ^T and 668 was inferred by using core proteome sequences across 23 |
| 162 | representative strains of the family Ruminococcaceae. To select conserved orthologous proteins |
| 163 | encoded by publicly available <i>Ruminococcaceae</i> genomes we performed clustering of translated |

164 genomic ORFs using OrthoMCL (Li et al. 2003) with an e-value cut-off 1E-5, percent identity cut-165 off 40% and MCL inflation index I = 1.1. As a result a core proteome of 204 conserved protein families with a single representative encoded by every Ruminococcaceae genome from the set was 166 167 obtained. Amino acid sequences were concatenated and aligned using MUSCLE excluding all gaps. 168 Phylogenetic inference was carried out using Neighbor-Joining in MEGA 6 with the JTT substitution model (Jones et al., 1992) and 1000 bootstrap re-samplings. For each reconstructed 169 phylogeny *Clostridium perfringens* ATCC 13124^T was selected as an outgroup. 170 Average nucleotide identity (ANI) was calculated using 'Blast+'-based algorithm on 171 172 JSpeciesWS server (Richter et al., 2015). 173 The novel strains described in this study were obligately anaerobic, non-sporeforming, non-174 motile, Gram-negative staining rods. Cells collected from 96 h EG blood agar plates were 175 1.6±0.3×0.4±0.1 µm in size and occurred singly and in pairs. Minute coccoid cells attached or 176 budding from the poles of rods were seen in some light and electron micrographs. Transmission electron micrographs of ultrathin sections of strain 585-1^T revealed highly heterogenous cytoplasm 177 178 with circular electron dense inclusion bodies (114±13 nm in diameter) and lamellar structures 179 visible in some cells (Fig. 1). Cell envelope organization was elaborate with several electron dense 180 and transparent layers visible, somewhat resembling a Gram-negative trilaminar cell envelope. 181 However, KOH test was negative for both strains. Similar elements were previously seen in the cell 182 envelope of Gemmiger formicilis (Gossling & Moore, 1975; Salanitro et al., 1976), a member of the family Ruminococcaceae moderately related to strains 585-1^T and 668 by 16S rRNA gene 183 sequence. Other related members of the family, A. agile and F. prausnitzii were shown, however, to 184 185 have a typical Gram-positive cell wall architecture with thin murein layer, despite their variable 186 staining in Gram method (Zellner et al., 1996; Rossi et al., 2015). In addition, thin microcapsule was visible on the surface of strain 585-1^T. Flagella, pili, and other types of surface appendages 187 were not detected in negatively stained preparations of strain 585-1^T. 188 189 After 96 h of anaerobic growth on EG blood agar colonies reached 0.15-0.4 mm in diameter 190 and were non-haemolytic, colorless, circular, flat, dry, with entire margins and rough surface. Supplementation of EG, MRS, and PYG broth media with 0.5% (w/v) maltose and 5 mg l⁻¹ haemin 191 192 strongly stimulated growth of both strains which otherwise was poor even after prolonged 193 incubation. The best overall growth support of the strains was obtained with MRS broth supplemented with maltose and haemin. The strains were not only resistant to 3% (w/v) of Oxgall 194 195 in EG broth, but also demonstrated enhanced growth in the form of threadlike, ropy and mucous 196 sediment. Both strains were resistant to up to 1% (w/v) NaCl in MRS broth. Using both MRS and 197 EG broth growth was observed at 37°C but not at 32° or 42°C. Aesculine and starch were

hydrolized by both strains. Indole, hydrogen sulphide, catalase, urease, and gelatinase were not produced. Oxidase, nitrate reductase, and alkaline phosphatase reactions were also negative.

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200 In Rapid ID 32A and Vitek 2 ANC identification panels, based on the use of chromogenic 201 enzyme substrates, both strains demonstrated positive reactions for a number of glycosyl hydrolases, inlcuding α - and β -galactidases, α - and β -glucosidases, β -glucuronidase, α -202 203 mannosidase, β-N-acetyl-glucosaminidase, but not for α-arabinosidase, α-L-fucosidase, β-D-204 fucosidase, and β-mannosidase (Tables S1, S2). By contrast, all carbohydrate fermentation reactions 205 included in these panels were negative. All chromogenic arylamidase (exopeptidase) tests included 206 in the Rapid ID 32A and Vitek 2 ANC panels were negative for both strains, indicating that these 207 microorganisms specialize in the utilization of carbohydrate rather than protein substrates as carbon 208 source. Both strains were negative for most of the carbohydrate fermentation reactions in API 20A 209 tests. Acid production was detected from maltose, salicin, and weakly from D-glucose and L-210 rhamnose (Table S3). In conventional carbohydrate fermentation tests acid production was detected 211 from maltose, salicin, D-galactose, L-rhamnose, weakly from D-mannose, melibiose and D-sorbitol. 212 Variable results were obtained with sucrose (Table S4). Growth on MRS without carbohydrates was 213 very poor.

In disk-diffusion experiments strain 585-1^T was resistant to amikacin, ampicillin, azithromycin, cephalothin, clindamycin, levofloxacin, linezolid, and penicillin G, but sensitive to amoxyclav and vancomycin (Table S5).

When grown in PYG broth with 0.5% (w/v) glucose strains 585-1^T/668 produced 22.2/24.4 217 218 mM of D-lactate and 9.7/9.4 of mM succinate. In addition, strain 668 produced 7.2 mM of acetate. 219 Supplementation of PYG with 0.5% (w/v) maltose led to increased production of succinic acid 220 (17.2 mM) and formation of formic (11.0 mM) and acetic (6.9 mM) acids by strain 585-1^T. By contrast, growth of strains 585-1^T/668 on MRS broth supplemented with 0.5% (w/v) maltose 221 222 resulted in a wide range fermentation end products including 8.5/8.1 mM of formate, 13.1/10.1 mM 223 of acetate, 20.1/19.1 mM of D-lactate, 15.9/12.2 mM of succinate, 9.6/9.3 mM of propionate and 224 2.8/3.4 mM of butyrate. The overall composition of metabolic end-products in strains 585-1^T and 225 668 resembles those of other members of the family Ruminococcaceae isolated from human and 226 animal feces. The striking predominance of lactic acid among the end-products relates this group of 227 strains with the genus Anaerofilum (Zellner et al., 1996). However, unlike Anaerofilum, the novel 228 strains produced D-lactate isomer.

Cellular fatty acids (CFA) in strain $585-1^{T}$ were mostly composed of monounsaturated species: $C_{18:1}\omega9$ (31.4-31.9%), $C_{18:1}\omega9$ aldehyde (20.6-21.0%), $C_{16:1}\omega7$ -cis (5.3-6.0%). Palmitic acid (C16:0, 6.1-6.6%) and other saturated acids were present in minor amounts (Table S6). According to literature, cell membranes of the closest related genera are composed mostly of

233 saturated CFA, e.g.: C_{14:0}, C_{16:0} and C_{16:0}, C_{18:0}, predominate in *Faecalibacterium* and 234 Subdoligranulum, respectively (Jantzen & Hofstad, 1981; Holmstrøm et al., 2004), while iso-C_{16:0}, 235 iso-C_{12:0}, anteiso-C_{17:0} are found in *Ethanoligenens* (Xing et al., 2006). Species of *Ruminococcus* are quite diverse in their CFA composition, but $C_{14:0}$, $C_{15:0}$, $C_{16:0}$, iso- $C_{15:0}$, iso- $C_{16:0}$, anteiso- $C_{17:0}$, 236 and anteiso-C_{19:0} are the most common (Minato et al., 1988). Other genera of Ruminococcaceae 237 that are closely related to strains 585-1^T and 668 have not been characterized yet in terms of CFA 238 composition. Respiratory quinones were not detected in whole cell extracts from strains 585-1^T and 239 240 668. Amino acid composition of cell wall acid hydrolysates of the two strains was roughly identical and contained glycine (31.85-33.99 nM), glutamic acid (31.46-33.75 nM), lysine (23.77-28.23 241 242 nM), alanine (23.36-28.87 nM), and aspartic acid (21.92-25.2 nM). The exact structure of of peptide 243 moiety has to be determined. However, such amino acid composition is consistent with peptidoglycan type A4α (cross-linkage by L-Lys-D-Asp) according to Schleifer & Kandler (1972) 244 245 nomenclature or type A11.31 according to Schumann (2011). Similarly to Anaerofilum the lactyl 246 group of muramic acid is likely to be esterified with glycine. The 4.11 Mbp draft genomic assembly of strain 585-1^T had an overall G+C content of 56.5 247 mol%, a total of 3,802 protein-coding genes, 51 tRNA, a set of rRNA genes and 1 CRISPR array. 248 249 The combined length of strain 668 draft assembly was slightly smaller, 3.95 Mbp, with a G+C 250 content of 56.6 mol%, encoding a total of 3,556 genes, 50 tRNA, a set of rRNA genes and 1 251 CRISPR array. Central carbon metabolism genes in both strains include a full complement for 252 Embden–Meyerhof–Parnas and pentose phosphate pathways, an almost complete set of genes for 253 Entner–Doudoroff pathway (excluding glucose-6-phosphate 1-dehydrogenase), a pyruvate 254 ferredoxin oxidoreductase gene, and genes required for first carbon oxidation in citrate cycle. 255 Therefore, the metabolic capabilities of the new strains presumably differ from those of F. 256 prausnitzii and Ruminococcus bromii (which lack identifiable transaldolase gene) and 257 Ethanoligenens harbinense (which lacks Entner–Doudoroff pathway genes, but possesses an almost 258 complete TCA cycle). Unlike F. prausnitzii the novel strains do not have any recognizable genes for 259 butyrate production from acetate including, acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase (thiolase), 3-hydroxyacyl-260 (β-hydroxybutyryl-) CoA dehydrogenase, 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase (crotonase), butyryl-261 CoA dehydrogenase, and butyryl-CoA: acetate CoA-transferase (Louis & Flint, 2009). No butyrate 262 kinase genes were detected as well. Furthermore, unlike F. prausnitzii the new strains lack succinate 263 dehydrogenase genes, but possess genes coding for lactate dehydrogenase, and aldehyde 264 dehydrogenase. The presence of alcohol dehydrogenase genes can enable the new strains to produce 265 ethanol, which, however, could not be detected in broth cultures under conditions used in this study. The repertoire of glycan degradation enzymes encoded by genomes of strains $585-1^T$ and 668266 267 include α - and β -galactidases, hexosaminidases, α - and β -mannosidases, β -glucuronidase

268 glucosylceramidase, α -L-fucosidase, α -amylase (only in 585-1^T) and sialidase (only in 668).

269 Analysis of amino acid biosynthesis genes suggest that the strains are able to synthesize from

270 common precursors most amino acids with the exception of tryptophan, tyrosine, alanine, arginine,

and lysine. The strains appeared to be auxotrophic for most vitamins and enzyme cofactors,

272 however an almost complete pathway of anaerobic transformation of uroporphyrinogen III into

cobamide coenzyme (Roper et al., 2000) was found in both genomes.

A number of ABC-transporters were identified in the genomes of the new strains, which include predicted transport systems for spermidine/putrescine, raffinose/melibiose, methylgalactoside, phosphate, phosphonate, branched-chain amino acid, oligopeptide, iron complex, zinc (only in $585-1^{T}$), cobalt, nickel, and biotin. The genomes of strains $585-1^{T}$ and 668 encode proteins required for RecF homologous recombination pathway. In addition, strain $585-1^{T}$, but not 668, possess several genes coding for β -lactamases, which correlates well with resistance of the former strain to penicillin G, ampicillin, and cephalothin.

The ecological distribution of the new bacterium across the human population and across various sites in human body has to be established. However, a brief search in NCBI 'nr' database revealed that numerous 16S rRNA gene sequences from uncultured bacteria with \geq 97% identity to strain 585-1^T are present in 16S rRNA gene datasets from a number of studies, including a study of a Chinese family fecal microbiota (Li *et al.*, 2008), study of ileal microbiota in patients with Crohn's disease (Li *et al.*, 2012), and a study of gut microbiota in obese subjects (Ley *et al.*, 2006). We also conducted a blastn search against an inhouse dataset of 16S rRNA gene sequences (V1-V3 region), which was generated using 454 platform from fecal samples of 19 healthy human subjects including the two subjects from whom strains 585-1^T and 668 were originally isolated. This search revealed the presence of sequences with \geq 97% identity in 7 samples (36.8%) with relative abundance ranging from 0.01% to 0.4% of the total number of sequences.

Alignment of complete 16S rRNA genes from 585-1^T and 668 showed that they were 99.9% identical. The strains also had 91.7/91.6% identity to Anaerofilum pentosovorans Fae^T, 91.6/91.5% to A. agile F^T, 91.3/91.2% to G. formicilis ATCC 27749^T, 90.1% to S. variabile BI 114^T, and 88.9/88.8% identity to F. prausnitzii ATCC 27768^T. A search in NCBI 'wgs' database using 585-1^T 16S rRNA gene sequence revealed several highly identical (>99%) genes on gut shotgun metagenomic contigs (LBCJ01000006, LBCI01000027), as well as a 16S rRNA gene from unpublished draft assembly of human gut isolate 'Ruminococcaceae bacterium cv2' (NZ CYPT01000000). This 4.26 Mbp genomic sequence with a G+C content of 56.6 mol% has been included in the phylogenetic analysis described herein.

To establish the taxonomic positions of strains 585-1^T and 668 within the family *Ruminococcaceae* two different approaches of phylogenetic analyses were carried out. One was

303 based on 16S rRNA gene sequences from the type strains of family Ruminococcaceae and was 304 conducted using both neighbor-joining and maximum likelihood inference methods (Fig. 2). The other was performed on a concatenated alignment of 204 conserved orthologous proteins (Table S7) 305 306 encoded by the currently available complete and draft genomic sequences from the family Ruminococcaceae (Fig. 3) using the NJ approach. Both approaches reliably placed strains 585-1^T, 307 308 668 and cv2 inside the family Ruminococcaceae According to 16S rRNA phylogeny, the three 309 strains formed a separate branch which was located as a sister clade to the 310 Gemmiger/Subdoligranulum/Faecalibacterium clade. These two clades along with the genus 311 Anaerofilum clade together were a part of a larger phylogenetic cluster, which also included R. 312 bromii, [Clostridium] leptum, [Clostridium] sporosphaeroides and which corresponded to clostridial 313 cluster IV in Collins's taxonomy. The conserved proteins tree had a similar topology and placed the 314 three strains as a separate branch again as the sister clade to the Subdoligranulum/Faecalibacterium 315 clade. As an additional phylogenetic measure ANI was calculated after pairwise blastn all-versus-all searches between 585-1^T, 668, cv2, *F. prausnitzii* A2-165^T and *S. variabile* DSM 15176^T genomes. 316 317 The ANI between the strains 585-1^T, 668, cv2 ranged from 97.4 to 98.1%. F. prausnitzii A2-165^T 318 had 69.3-69.8% ANI to the new strains and 72.6% to S. variabile DSM 15176^T. S. variabile DSM 319 15176^T in turn displayed 68.8-69.5% identity to strains 585-1^T, 668, cv2 and 72.8% to F. prausnitzii A2-165T. 320 Strains 585-1^T and 668 differ from phylogenetically related genera within the family 321 322 Ruminococcaceae by cell morphology, physiological culture properties, enzymatic activity, 323 spectrum of metabolic end-products, CFA composition, and genome characteristics. Based on the

322 *Ruminococcaceae* by cell morphology, physiological culture properties, enzymatic activity,
323 spectrum of metabolic end-products, CFA composition, and genome characteristics. Based on the
324 phenotypic and genotypic properties of strains 585-1^T and 668 it is concluded that they represent a
325 new species in a new genus within the family *Ruminococcaceae*, for which the name
326 *Ruthenibacterium lactatiformans* gen. nov., sp. nov is proposed. The main chemotaxonomic
327 characteristics of the new taxon in comparison with some of the related genera are given in Table 1.

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Description of Ruthenibacterium gen. nov.

Ruthenibacterium (Ru.the.ni.bac.te'ri.um. M.L. fem. n. Ruthenia medieval Latin name of Russia; Gr. dim. n. bakterion a small rod; N.L. neut. n. Ruthenibacterium a rod-shaped bacterium isolated in Russia).

Cells are Gram-negative, rod-shaped, obligately anaerobic, non-sporeforming, non-motile, $1.6\pm0.3\times0.4\pm0.1~\mu m$ in size and occur singly and in pairs. Metabolism is chemoorganoheterotrophic fermentative. Optimal growth temperature is 37°C. D-lactate and succinate are the major end-products of fermentation. Predominant cellular fatty acids are $C1_{8:1}\omega9$, $C1_{8:1}\omega9a$, $C1_{6:0}$, and $C1_{6:1}\omega7$ -cis. The peptidoglycan contains glycine, glutamic acid, lysine, alanine, and aspartic acid.

338 Menaquinones are not produced. Member of the family Ruminococcaceae. The type species is 339 Ruthenibacterium lactatiformans. 340 341 Description of Ruthenibacterium lactatiformans sp. nov. 342 Ruthenibacterium lactatiformans (lac.ta.ti.for'mans. L. part. perf. pass. masc. lactatus fed with milk, lactate; L. part. adj. formans forming; N.L. part. adj. lactatiformans lactate forming). 343 344 Exhibits the following characteristics in addition to those given in the description of the 345 genus. Growth on EG blood agar are visible after 72-96 h of anaerobic incubation at 37°C. 346 Colonies are 0.15-0.4 mm in diameter, non-haemolytic, colorless, circular, entire, flat, dry, and with rough surface. Colonies are positive for aesculin and starch hydrolysis and tolerant to bile. In broth 347 cultures growth is stimulated by 0.5% (w/v) maltose, 5 mg l⁻¹ haemin, and 2-3% (w/v) of Oxgall. 348 Indole, catalase, and urease are not produced. Gelatin is not digested. Acid is produced from D-349 350 glucose, D-galactose, maltose, salicin, L-rhamnose but not from L-arabinose, adonitol, lactose, D-351 mannitol, D-raffinose, and D-trehalose. In chromogenic substrates tests positive reactions are obtained for α - and β -galactidases, α - and β -glucosidases, β -glucuronidase, β -N-acetyl-352 glucosaminidase, but not for α-arabinosidase and α-fucosidase. The DNA G+C content is 56.4-56.6 353 354 mol%. The type strain of the species, isolated from human feces, is 585-1^T (= DSM 100348^T, = 355 VKM B-2901^T) 356 357 358 359 360 361 Acknowledgements Authors thank Dr. Angela McCann, APC Microbiome Institute, University College Cork, for 362 363 her kind help in editing the manuscript. 364 365 References 366 Angiuoli, S.V., Gussman, A., Klimke, W., Cochrane, G., Field, D., Garrity, G., Kodira, 367 C.D., Kyrpides, N., Madupu, R. & other authors (2008). Toward an online repository of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for (meta)genomic annotation. OMICS 12, 137-141. 368 369 Arumugam, M., Raes, J., Pelletier, E., Le Paslier, D., Yamada, T., Mende, D.R., 370 Fernandes, G.R., Tap, J., Bruls, T. & other authors (2011). Enterotypes of the human gut

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Table 1. Differential characteristics of strain 585-1^T and 668 in comparison with some related genera. Data for other genera within the family *Ruminococcaceae* are taken from Cato *et al.* (1974), Duncan *et al.* (2002), Jantzen & Hofstad (1981), Holmstrøm *et al.* (2004), Gossling & Moore (1975), Zellner *et al.* (1996), Xing *et al.* (2006), Wozny *et al.* (1977), Minato *et al.* (1988) and Rainey (2009). NA, data not available; V, variable; W, weak; a/b/f/ib/iv/l/p/s/v/e/bdl;, fermentation end products (acetic, butyric, fumaric, isobutyric, isovaleric, lactic, propionic, succinic and valeric acids, ethanol, and 2,3-butanediol, respectively; capital and small letters indicate major and minor products, respectively).

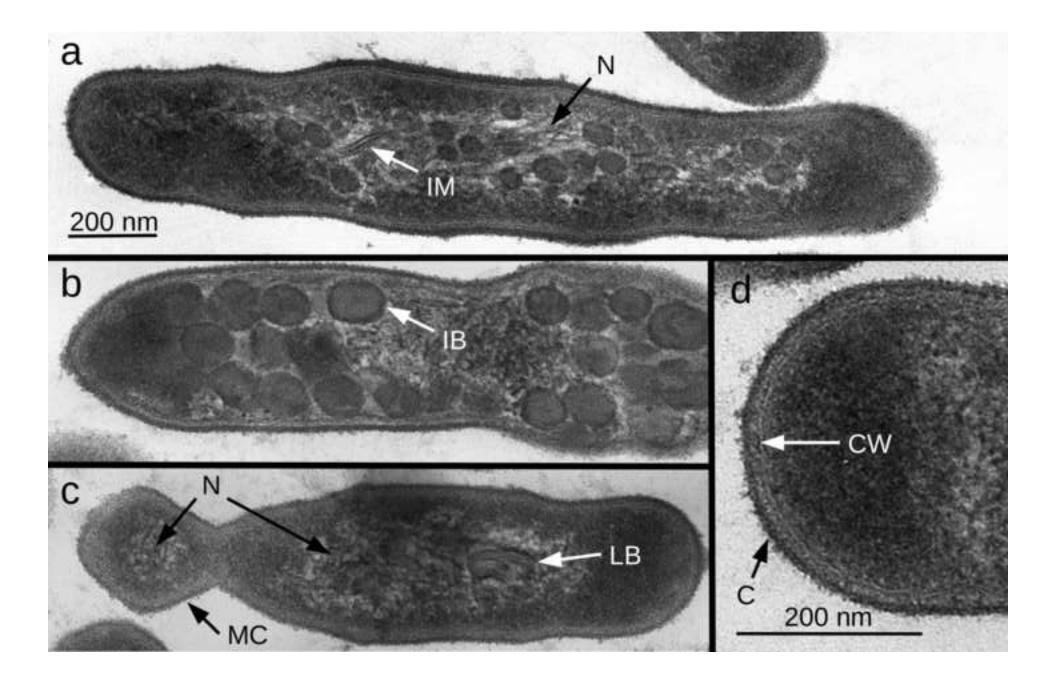
| | Strains 585-1 and 668 | Faecalibacterium | Subdoligranulum | Gemmiger | Anaerofilum | Ethanoligenens | Anaerotruncus | Ruminococcus |
|----------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| Isolation source | Human feces | Human and animal feces | Human feces | Human feces and chicken ceca | Anaerobic sewage sludge | Anaerobic sewage sludge | Human feces and blood | Rumen, large bowel, or cecum of many animals and humans |
| Cell shape | Straight rods (occur singly and in pairs | Variable length straight rods (occur singly) | Coccoid and pleomorphic | Spherical to drop-like (often in pairs and short chains) | Thin straight rods (single and in pairs) | Rods and filaments | Thin rods | Cocci and coccobacilli (often in pairs and chains) |
| Cell size, μm | 1.6±0.3×0.4±0.1 | $0.5 - 0.8 \times 2.0 - $ 14.0 | 0.6–2.5 | $1-2.3 \times 0.5-1.2$ | 3.0-6.0 × 0.3- 0.6 | 0.4–0.8 × 1.5– 8.0 | $2-5 \times 0.5$ | $0.3-1.5 \times 0.7-1.8$ |
| Gram stain result | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | V |
| Spores | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - |
| Motility | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | - |
| Growth temperature, °C | 37 | 37–45 | 37–45 | 37-45 | 18–44 | 20–44 | 36–40 | 37–42 |
| Aesculin hydrolysis | + | + | + | + | V | + | - | V |
| Starch hydrolysis | + | V | - | V | - | W | - | V |
| Indole production | - | - | - | - | NA | + | + | - |
| Urease | - | - | - | - | NA | + | - | + |
| Optimal growth medium | EG, MRS | M2GSC, YCFA, Wilkins- Chalgrene broth (Oxoid) | M2GSC, Fastidious Anaerobe Broth (Oxoid) | E medium* | DSMZ medium 119 | PYG broth | Brucella blood agar (Anaerobe Systems) | Rumen fluid agar |
| Major end products | L, S, a (PYG) | B, L, F, s†, p† (PYG-RF) | B, L, a, s | F, B, l, a (PYG) | L, A, E, F, bdl, CO_2 | A, E, H_2, CO_2 | A, B (PYG) | $\begin{array}{c} A,F,S,L,e,H_2 \\ (PYG) \end{array}$ |
| Major cellular fatty acids | $\begin{array}{c} C_{18:1}\omega 9, \\ C_{18:1}\omega 9a, \ C_{16:0}, \\ C_{16:1}\omega 7\text{-cis} \end{array}$ | $C_{14:0}, \\ C_{16:0}$ | $C_{16:0}, \ C_{18:0}, \ C_{18:1}\omega 9\text{-cis}$ | NA | NA | iso- $C_{16:0}$, iso- $C_{12:0}$, anteiso- $C_{17:0}$ | NA | $\begin{array}{c} C_{14:0},C_{15:0},C_{16:0},\\ \text{iso-}C_{15:0},\text{iso-}\\ C_{16:0},\text{ai-}C_{17:0}\text{ai-}\\ C_{19:0} \end{array}$ |
| G+C content, mol% | 56.4-56.6‡ | 47-67 (56.2-57.7‡) | 52.2 (57.9‡) | 59 | 54-55 | 47.8-49.0 (55.6‡) | 53-54 (54.2‡) | 37-47 (41.1-53.4‡) |
| Genome size, Mb | 3.9-4.3§ | 2.9-3.3 | 3.25 | NA | NA | 3.0 | 3.7 | 2.2-4.6 |

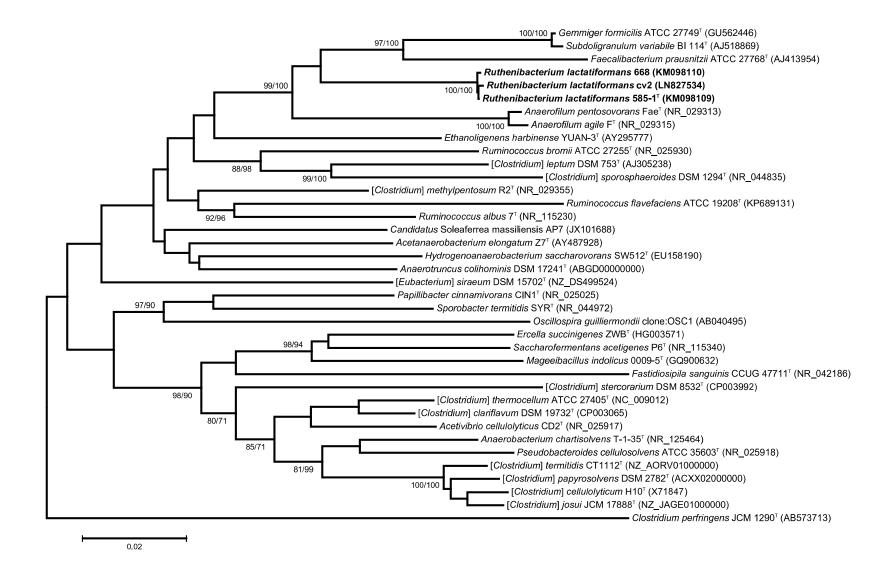
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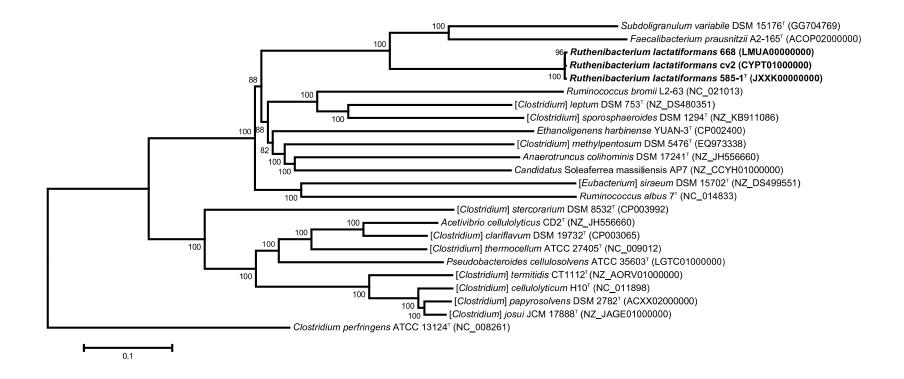
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§ includes a closely related genome of strain '*Ruminococcaceae* bacterium cv2' (NZ_CYPT01000000)
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501 Figure legends. 502 503 Figure 1. Transmission electron micrographs of ultrathin sections of strain 585-1^T cells showing overall cell morphology (a), spherical inclusion 504 505 bodies (b), laminate structures (c), and cell wall organization (d). C, microcapsule; CW, multilayer cell wall; IB, inclusion bodies; IM, intracytoplasmic membrane structures; LB, lamellar bodies; MC, minute cells; N, nucleoid. 506 507 508 Figure 2. Neighbor-joining phylogenetic tree of 16S rRNA gene sequences. Evolutionary distances were computed using the Tamura-Nei 509 substitution matrix. The scale bar represents 0.02 substitutions per nucleotide position. Accession number in Genbank database is given next to a strain name. Node labels represent bootstrap confidence levels obtained using Neighbor-joining/Maximum likelihood methods. Only the nodes with both 510 511 bootstrap levels higher than 70% are labeled. 512 Figure 3. Neighbor-joining phylogenetic tree of concatenated sequences of 204 conserved proteins. Evolutionary distances were computed using 513 the JTT matrix. The scale bar represents 0.1 substitutions per amino acid position. Accession numbers in Genbank database is given next to a strain 514 515 name. Node labels represent bootstrap confidence levels obtained using neighbor-joining method.







Supplementary data

Ruthenibacterium lactatiformans gen. nov., sp. nov., a new anaerobic, lactate-producing member of the family Ruminococcaceae isolated from human feces

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Table S1. Biochemical profiles of strains $585-1^{\rm T}$ and 668 obtained using the Vitek 2 ANC identification panel.

| | Biochemical test | Code | Strains | |
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| | | | 585-1 | 668 |
| 4 | D-Galactose | dGal | - | - |
| 5 | Leucine arylamidase | LeuA | - | - |
| 6 | ELLMAN | ELLM | + | + |
| 7 | Phenylalanine Arylamidase | PheA | - | - |
| 8 | L-Proline arylamidase | ProA | - | - |
| 10 | L-Pyrrolydonyl arylamidase | PyrA | - | - |
| 11 | D-Cellobiose | dCEL | - | - |
| 13 | Tyrosine arylamidase | TyrA | - | - |
| 15 | Ala-Phe-Pro arylamidase | APPA | - | - |
| 18 | D-Glucose | dGLU | - | - |
| 20 | D-Mannose | dMNE | - | - |
| 22 | D-Maltose | dMAL | - | - |
| 28 | Sucrose | SAC | - | - |
| 30 | Arbutine | ARB | - | - |
| 33 | N-Acetyl-glucosamine | NAG | _ | - |
| 34 | 5-Bromo-4-chloro-3-indoxyl-β-glucoside | BGLUi | + | + |
| 36 | Urease | URE | - | - |
| 37 | 5-Bromo-4-chloro-3-indoxyl-β-glucuronide | BGURi | + | + |
| 39 | 5-Bromo-4-chloro-3-indoxyl-β-galactopyranoside | BGALi | + | + |
| 41 | α-Arabinosidase | AARA | + | + |
| 42 | 5-Bromo-4-chloro-3-indoxyl-α-galactoside | AGALi | + | + |
| 43 | β-Mannosidase | BMAN | - | - |
| 44 | Arginine GP | ARG | - | - |
| 45 | Pyruvate | PVATE | - | - |
| 51 | Maltotriose | MTE | - | - |
| 53 | Aesculine, hydrolysis | ESC | + | + |
| 54 | β-D-Fucosidase | BdFUC | - | - |
| 55 | 5-Bromo-4-chloro-3-indoxyl-β-N-acetyl-glucosamide | BNAGi | + | + |
| 56 | 5-Bromo-4-chloro-3-indoxyl-α-mannoside | AMANi | + | + |
| 57 | α-L-Fucosidase | AIFUC | - | - |
| 59 | Phosphatase | PHOS | - | - |
| 60 | L-arabinose | IARA | - | - |
| 61 | D-Ribose 2 | dRIB2 | - | - |
| 62 | Phenylphosphonate | OPS | - | - |
| 63 | α-L-Arabinosidase | AARAF | _ | - |
| 64 | L-Xylose | dXYL | - | - |

Table S2. Biochemical profiles of strains $585-1^{\rm T}$ and 668 obtained using the Rapid ID $32\,\rm A$ panel.

| Biochemical test | Code | Substrate | Strains | |
|-------------------------|------|------------------------------------|---------|-----|
| | | | 585-1 | 668 |
| Urease | URE | Urea | - | - |
| Arginine dihydrolase | ADH | L-arginine | - | - |
| α-galactosidase | αGAL | 4-nitrophenyl-αD- | + | + |
| _ | | galactopyranoside- | | |
| β–galactosidase | βGAL | 4-nitrophenyl-βD- | + | + |
| | | galactopyranoside | | |
| β–galacostidase 6 | βGP | 4-nitrophenyl-βD- | - | _ |
| phophate | | galactopyranoside-6-phosphate- | | |
| | | 2CHA | | |
| α-glucosidase | αGLU | 4-nitrophenyl-αD-glucopyranoside | + | + |
| β-glucosidase | βGLU | 4-nitrophenyl-βD-glucopyranoside | + | + |
| α-arabinosidase | αARA | 4-nitrophenyl- αL- | - | - |
| | | arabinofuropyranoside | | |
| β-glucuronidase | βGUR | 4-nitrophenyl-βD-glucuronide | + | + |
| β-N-acetyl | βNAG | 4-nitrophenyl-N-acetyl-β-D- | + | + |
| glucosaminidase | | glucosaminide | | |
| Mannose fermentation | MNE | D-mannose | - | - |
| Raffinose fermentation | RAF | D-raffinose | - | - |
| glutamate decarboxylase | GDC | Glutamic acid | - | - |
| α-fucosidase | αFUC | 4-nitrophenyl- αL-fucopyranoside | _ | _ |
| nitrate reductase | NIT | Potassium nitrate | _ | - |
| Indole production | IND | L-tryptophane | - | - |
| alkaline phosphatase | PAL | 2-naphtyl-phosphate | - | - |
| Arginine arylamidase | ArgA | L-arginine- β-naphtylamide | - | - |
| Proline arylamidase | ProA | L-proline- β-naphtylamide | - | - |
| leucyl glycine | LGA | L-leucyl-L-glycine - β- | - | - |
| arylamidase | | naphtylamide | | |
| phenylalanine | PheA | L- phenylalanine - β-naphtylamide | - | - |
| arylamidase | | | | |
| leucine arylamidase | LeuA | L-leucine- β-naphtylamide | - | - |
| Pyroglutamic acid | PyrA | Pyroglutamic acide - β- | - | - |
| arylamidase | | naphtylamide | | |
| Tyrosine arylamidase | TyrA | L-tyrosine- β-naphtylamide | _ | - |
| Alanine arylamidase | AlaA | L-alanyl-L-alanine- β-naphtylamide | _ | - |
| Glycine arylamidase | GlyA | L-glycine- β-naphtylamide | _ | - |
| Histidine arylamidase | HysA | L-histidine- β-naphtylamide | - | - |
| Glutamyl Glutamic acid | GGA | L-glutamyl-L-glutamic acide β- | - | - |
| arylamidase | | naphtylamide | | |
| Serine arylamidase | SerA | L-serine- β-naphtylamide | - | - |

Table S3. Biochemical characteristics of strains $585-1^{\rm T}$ and 668 determined using API 20 A identification system with MRS medium (readings after 72 h incubation at 37° C).

| Characteristic | 585 | 668 |
|---|------|------|
| Indole production | - | - |
| Urease activity | - | - |
| Acid production from D-glucose | weak | weak |
| Acid production from D-mannitol | - | - |
| Acid production from <u>lactose</u> | - | - |
| Acid production from sucrose | - | - |
| Acid production from maltose | + | + |
| Acid production from salicin | + | + |
| Acid production from D-xylose | - | - |
| Acid production from L-arabinose | - | - |
| Gelatin digestion | - | - |
| Aesculin hydrolysis | + | + |
| Acid production from glycerol | - | - |
| Acid production from D- <u>cellobiose</u> | - | - |
| Acid production from D-mannose | - | - |
| Acid production from D-melezitose | - | - |
| Acid production from D-raffinose | - | - |
| Acid production from D-sorbitol | - | - |
| Acid production from L-rhamnose | weak | weak |
| Acid production from D-trehalose | - | - |
| Catalase production | - | - |

Table S4. Carbohydrate fermentation profiles of strains $585-1^{T}$ and 668 determined in MRS medium supplemented with 0.01% (w/v) bromocresol purple indicator (readings after 96 h incubation at 37° C).

| Characteristic | 585 | 668 |
|---|------|------|
| Acid production from <u>D-glucose</u> | + | + |
| Acid production from <u>D-mannitol</u> | - | - |
| Acid production from <u>lactose</u> | - | - |
| Acid production from sucrose | + | weak |
| Acid production from maltose | + | + |
| Acid production from salicin | + | + |
| Acid production from D-galactose | + | + |
| Acid production from <u>L-arabinose</u> | - | - |
| Acid production from adonitol | - | - |
| Acid production from α -methyl-D-glucoside | - | - |
| Acid production from <u>D-mannose</u> | weak | weak |
| Acid production from melibiose | weak | weak |
| Acid production from <u>D-raffinose</u> | - | - |
| Acid production from <u>D-sorbitol</u> | weak | weak |
| Acid production from <u>L-rhamnose</u> | + | + |
| Acid production from <u>D-trehalose</u> | - | - |
| Acid production from amygdalin | - | - |

Table S5. Antibiotic susceptibility profile of strain $585-1^{\rm T}$ determined using disk-diffusion method on (growth inhibition zones were measured 72 h after inoculation on EG agar).

| Antibiotic | | Amount of substance in disk, µg | Diameter of growth inhibition zone, mm 585-1 | Sensitivity, Yes/No |
|--------------|----|---------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Amikacin | Ak | 30 | 5 | No |
| Amoxyclav | Ac | 30 | 50 | Yes |
| Ampicillin | A | 2 | 5 | No |
| Azithromycin | At | 15 | 5 | No |
| Cephalothin | Ch | 30 | 5 | No |
| Clindamycin | Cd | 2 | 12 | No |
| Levofloxacin | Le | 5 | 5 | No |
| Linezolid | Lz | 30 | 20 | No |
| Penicillin G | P | 10 U | 5 | No |
| Vancomycin | Va | 30 | 18 | Yes |

Table S6. Cellular fatty acids (CFA) analysis from 2 mg of washed and dried cells of strain 585-1.

| CFA species* | Peak area (percentage of total), Experiment 1 | Peak area (percentage of total), Experiment 2 |
|--------------|---|---|
| 14:1ω3 | 0.3% | 0.7% |
| 14:0 | 0.9% | 2.2% |
| ai15 | 0.1% | 0.4% |
| 15:0 | 0.2% | 0.3% |
| 15:1ω6 | 0.1% | 0.2% |
| i16 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| 16:1ω9 | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| 16:1ω7c | 5.3% | 6.1% |
| 16:1ω7t | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| 16:1ω5 | 0.2% | 0.1% |
| 16:0 | 6.1% | 6.6% |
| 16:1ω7a | 1.6% | 1.4% |
| 16a | 3.0% | 2.1% |
| i17 | 0.9% | 0.8% |
| ai17 | 0.7% | 2.9% |
| 17:1ω8 | 0.8% | 1.4% |
| 17:0 | 0.7% | 0.9% |
| i17a | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| ai17a | 1.0% | 0.7% |
| 17:1ω8a | 0.6% | 0.5% |
| 17a | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| 18:2 | 0.2% | 0.3% |
| 18:1ω9 | 31.9% | 31.4% |
| 18:1ω7c | 5.3% | 4.8% |
| 18:1ω7t | 3.5% | 3.0% |
| 18:1ω5 | 0.4% | 0.4% |
| 18:0 | 2.3% | 1.6% |
| 18:1ω9a | 21.1% | 20.6% |
| 18:1ω7ca | 5.2% | 3.8% |
| 18:1ω7ta | 1.0% | 1.0% |
| 18:1ω5a | 0.3% | 0.5% |
| 18a | 1.2% | 0.9% |
| i19 | 0.4% | 0.0% |
| 19:0 | 0.1% | 0.6% |
| i19a | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| ai19a | 0.2% | 0.1% |
| 20:1ω9 | 0.4% | 0.5% |
| 10h18 | 3.1% | 2.3% |
| 20:0 | 0.2% | 0.1% |
| | 100.0% | 100.0% |

^{*} c, cis; t, trans; i, iso; ai, anteiso; a, aldehyde; h, hydroxy

Table S7. List of 204 core proteins used for phylogenetic inference.

Locus tag in str Protein annotation TQ39 RS06915 peptidyl-tRNA hydrolase RNA methyltransferase TQ39 RS00675 TQ39 RS11970 ATP-dependent DNA helicase RecG TQ39 RS07070 gamma-glutamyl-phosphate reductase TQ39 RS06745 Holliday junction resolvase thiamine pyrophosphokinase TQ39 RS15555 TQ39 RS02850 RNA polymerase sigma factor RpoD hypothetical protein TQ39 RS10525 TQ39 RS05190 50S ribosomal protein L18 TQ39 RS05235 50S ribosomal protein L16 TQ39 RS13860 hypothetical protein transcription antitermination protein NusB TQ39_RS00710 TQ39_RS05200 30S ribosomal protein S8 TQ39 RS05765 mRNA interferase PemK aminopeptidase TQ39 RS10565 TQ39 RS05275 30S ribosomal protein S10 16S rRNA maturation RNase YbeY TQ39 RS02285 non-canonical purine NTP pyrophosphatase TQ39 RS09960 hypothetical protein TQ39 RS04565 TQ39 RS06225 cysteine--tRNA ligase phosphoglucosamine mutase TQ39 RS13430 TQ39 RS01830 excinuclease ABC subunit B TQ39_RS00625 queuine tRNA-ribosyltransferase TQ39 RS05145 30S ribosomal protein S13 TQ39 RS10570 ribosomal protein S12 methylthiotransferase TQ39 RS05280 RNA-binding protein TQ39 RS10515 riboflavin biosynthesis protein RibF TQ39 RS16585 **ATPase** TQ39 RS05260 50S ribosomal protein L23 TQ39 RS05130 DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit alpha 50S ribosomal protein L15 TQ39 RS05175 TQ39_RS09950 RNA-binding protein TQ39 RS05240 30S ribosomal protein S3 TQ39 RS08300 chorismate synthase TQ39 RS10005 50S ribosomal protein L35 TQ39 RS14235 50S ribosomal protein L27 transcriptional regulator TQ39 RS14210 TQ39 RS14240 50S ribosomal protein L21 TQ39 RS10530 ribosome-binding factor A hypothetical protein TQ39_RS15615 TQ39 RS16435 hypothetical protein TQ39 RS05725 cytidylate kinase alanine--tRNA ligase TQ39_RS00085 TQ39 RS10075 ferredoxin-NADP+ reductase subunit alpha tRNA sulfurtransferase Thil TQ39 RS04365

stage III sporulation protein AC

hypothetical protein

TQ39_RS00745 TQ39_RS01765

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TQ39 RS16590
                  sigma-70 family RNA polymerase sigma factor
TQ39 RS14225
                  cysteine--tRNA ligase
TQ39_RS08165
                  hypothetical protein
TQ39 RS00670
                  hypothetical protein
TQ39 RS00090
                  histidine triad nucleotide-binding protein
TQ39 RS11410
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                  membrane protein insertase
TQ39 RS10550
                  transcription termination factor NusA
TQ39 RS00595
                  DNA repair protein RadA
TQ39 RS07895
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TQ39_RS15600
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                  IMPACT family protein
                  phosphoribosylformylglycinamidine cyclo-ligase
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TQ39 RS05790
                  phenylalanine--tRNA ligase subunit beta
TQ39 RS10510
                  30S ribosomal protein S15
TQ39 RS09275
                  16S rRNA methyltransferase
TQ39 RS05195
                  50S ribosomal protein L6
TQ39_RS05245
                  50S ribosomal protein L22
TQ39 RS07880
                  sporulation protein YabP
TQ39 RS13505
                  RIP metalloprotease RseP
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                  kinase to dihydroxyacetone kinase
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                  serine--tRNA ligase
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                  stage 0 sporulation protein
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                  Holliday junction DNA helicase RuvB
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TQ39 RS10000
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TQ39 RS10695
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