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20 vent, Thermophile

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22 **Abbreviations**

23 ANI, average nucleotide identity; *in silico* DDH, *in silico* DNA-DNA hybridization; AAI, average  
24 amino acid identity; SGC, single-copy core gene

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26 **Nucleotide sequence data**

27 The 16S rRNA gene sequence and the genome sequence of strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> were deposited in  
28 DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank under LC469141 and AP023212, respectively.

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30 **Strain repositories**

31 JCM 19825 = KCTC 15926

## 32 **Abstract**

33           A novel thermophilic bacterium, strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup>, was isolated from a chimney structure  
34 at the Urashima site on the Southern Mariana Trough in the Pacific Ocean. Growth was observed at  
35 temperatures between 25 and 60°C (optimum, 55°C; 180 min doubling time), at pH values between  
36 5.3 and 7.2 (optimum, pH 5.9) and in the presence of between 1.6 and 5.6% (w/v) NaCl (optimum,  
37 3.2%). The isolate used molecular hydrogen as its sole energy source, carbon dioxide as its sole  
38 carbon source, ammonium as its sole nitrogen source, and elemental sulfur as its sole sulfur source.  
39 Thiosulfate, molecular oxygen (0.1%, v/v) or elemental sulfur was utilized as its sole electron  
40 acceptor. Phylogenetic analysis based on 16S rRNA gene sequences indicated that strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup>  
41 belonged to the genus *Hydrogenimonas* of the class “*Campylobacteria*”, and its closest relative was  
42 *Hydrogenimonas thermophila* EP1-55-1%<sup>T</sup> (94.9%). On the basis of the phylogenetic, physiological  
43 and molecular characteristics, strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> represents a novel species within the genus  
44 *Hydrogenimonas*, for which the name *Hydrogenimonas urashimensis* sp. nov. is proposed, with the  
45 type strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> (JCM 19825 = KCTC 15926).

## 46 **Introduction**

47           The class “*Campylobacteria*” is one of the ecologically important chemolithoautotrophic  
48 primary producers in deep-sea hydrothermal systems, where they are often found to be dominant in  
49 bacterial communities [1, 2]. Species of the class “*Campylobacteria*” from hydrothermal  
50 environments with validly published name fall into two mesophilic (*Thiovulaceae* and *Sulfurovaceae*)  
51 and three thermophilic (*Hydrogenimonadaceae*, *Nitratiruptoraceae*, and *Nautiliaceae*) families [3, 4].  
52 *Hydrogenimonadaceae* is presently a monogeneric family comprised solely of a validly described  
53 hydrogen-oxidizing thermophile, *Hydrogenimonas thermophila*, which was isolated from a deep-sea  
54 hydrothermal vent in the Central Indian Ridge [5]. Although sequences affiliated to the genus  
55 *Hydrogenimonas* have been detected from worldwide hydrothermal systems [6-9], physiological

56 diversity and the ecological role of this group in hydrothermal ecosystems have not been fully  
57 elucidated yet due to the lack of additional cultivated strains within this genus.

58         The Southern Mariana Trough is a spreading back-arc basin, where geochemically diverse  
59 hydrothermal sites have been discovered [10]. The geochemical diversity would provide diverse  
60 habitats and a great metabolic potential of microbial communities [11]. In some hydrothermal sites,  
61 sulfur- and/or hydrogen-oxidizing mesophilic and thermophilic “*Campylobacteria*” such as the  
62 genera *Sulfurovum* and *Lebetimonas* have been detected as dominant in bacterial lineages [11, 12]. A  
63 recent study successfully has enriched a member of the genus *Hydrogenimonas* that possessed the  
64 potential of global warming mitigation [13]. Although these previous studies imply that deep-sea  
65 hydrothermal environments in the Southern Mariana Trough are expected to be good candidates for  
66 obtaining new microbial species, “*Campylobacteria*” species from this area has never been validly  
67 described. Here, we succeeded to isolate a novel strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> from the hydrothermal field of  
68 the Urashima site in the Southern Mariana Trough, and determined its physiological and phylogenetic  
69 characteristics.

## 70 **Methods**

### 71 **Sample collection, enrichment and purification**

72         Sample collection and subsampling procedures were carried out as described previously [13].  
73 The chimney structure was taken with *R/V Yokosuka* and *DSV Shinkai 6500* from the Baltan chimney  
74 at the Urashima site (12°55.3’N, 143°38.9’E) in the Southern Mariana Trough in 2010. The physical  
75 and chemical characterization of the vent emissions has been described elsewhere [10]. After retrieval  
76 on board, the sample was anaerobically suspended in 20 ml sterilized MJ synthetic sea water [14, 15]  
77 containing 0.05% (w/v) sodium sulfide in a 100 ml glass bottle (Schott Glaswerke) tightly sealed with  
78 a butyl-rubber cap under a gas phase of 100% N<sub>2</sub> (0.1 MPa). The suspended slurry was used to  
79 inoculate a series of media, including MMJHS medium [16], under a gas phase of H<sub>2</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub>  
80 (80:19:1; 0.3 MPa), and the cultures were incubated at 55°C in a dry oven. Growth of thermophiles

81 was observed in MMJHS medium after 2 days incubation at 55°C. Enrichment cultures at 55°C  
82 contained rod-shaped cells. A pure culture was obtained by using the dilution-to-extinction technique  
83 at 55°C with the same medium as that used for the enrichment [17]. The culture in the tube showing  
84 growth at the highest dilution was designated strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup>. Purity was confirmed with a routine  
85 microscopic examination and by repeated partial sequencing of the 16S rRNA gene using several  
86 PCR primers.

## 87 **Growth characteristics**

88 Growth of strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> was measured by direct cell counting after staining with 4',6-  
89 diamidino-2-phenylindole using the ZEISS Axiophot microscope (Carl Zeiss Co., Oberkochen,  
90 Germany). To determine optimum temperature, pH and NaCl concentrations, cultures were prepared  
91 in a 3 ml MMJHS medium under various conditions.

92 To determine combinations of a single electron donor and acceptor, the isolate was tested  
93 using MJ synthetic seawater containing 0.1% (w/v) NaHCO<sub>3</sub> as the basal medium. For testing the  
94 growth on hydrogen as an electron donor, H<sub>2</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> (80:20) was used as the gas phase. To examine the  
95 growth on thiosulfate (0.1%, w/v) or elemental sulfur (S<sup>0</sup>) (1%, w/v) as an electron donor, N<sub>2</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub>  
96 (80:20) was used as the gas phase. Nitrate (0.1%, w/v), thiosulfate (0.1%, w/v), nitrite (0.1 and 0.01%,  
97 w/v) sulfite (0.01%, w/v), elemental sulfur (1%, w/v) or molecular oxygen (0.1 and 1%, v/v) were  
98 tested as sole electron acceptors. The presence or absence of the cell growth was determined by  
99 microscopic observation.

100 For testing heterotrophic growth of strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup>, experiments were conducted using  
101 MMJHS medium without NaHCO<sub>3</sub> under a gas phase of 100% H<sub>2</sub> (0.3 MPa). Each of the following  
102 potential carbon sources was tested: yeast extract, peptone, tryptone, casamino acids, D(+)-glucose,  
103 galactose, sucrose, fructose, lactose, maltose, starch (all 0.2%, w/v), formate, acetate, glycerol, citrate,  
104 tartrate, malate, succinate, propionate, lactate, oxalate, pyruvate (all 10 mM), methanol (0.05%, v/v),  
105 ethanol (0.1%, v/v) and 2-propanol (0.2%, v/v).

106 Potential nitrogen and sulfur sources required for the growth of the isolate were tested. To

107 determine the nitrogen sources for growth of strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (0.025%, w/v), NaNO<sub>3</sub>  
108 (0.1%, w/v) and NaNO<sub>2</sub> (0.1 and 0.01%, w/v) were added in MMJHS medium lacking all nitrogen  
109 sources, under a H<sub>2</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> (80:20) gas phase (0.3 MPa). In addition, utilization of N<sub>2</sub> was examined  
110 under a H<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> (60:20:20) gas phase.

111 To examine the sulfur sources for the growth of the isolate, sulfate (0.42%, w/v), thiosulfate  
112 (0.1%, w/v), sulfite (0.01%, w/v) and elemental sulfur (1%, w/v) were examined in MMJHS medium  
113 in which sulfur compounds were removed and replaced with the chloride salts under an H<sub>2</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub>  
114 (80:20) gas phase (0.3 MPa).

## 115 **Morphological observation**

116 The cell morphology of strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> was observed by phase-contrast microscopy with  
117 a Zeiss Axiophot microscope and a JEM-1011 transmission electron microscope (JEOL). Cells grown  
118 in MMJHS medium at 55°C in the mid-exponential phase of growth were used for microscopic  
119 observation. Cells were fixed with 2.5% glutaraldehyde, followed by several washes with 10mM  
120 PIPES buffer before negative staining with EM Stainer (Nisshin EM, Tokyo, Japan).

## 121 **Genome sequencing and assembly**

122 Genomic DNA of strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> was extracted from the cells grown in MMJHS medium  
123 with Wizard genomic DNA purification kit (Promega, Madison, Wisconsin, USA) according to the  
124 protocol provided by the manufacturer. The genome was sequenced using both Oxford Nanopore  
125 Technology (ONT) and Illumina platforms. For the ONT sequencing, library was prepared using the  
126 Rapid Barcoding Sequence kit (Oxford Nanopore Technologies, Oxford, UK) according to the  
127 standard protocol provided by the manufacturer. The constructed library was loaded into the FlowCell  
128 (FLO-MIN106) on a MinION device and a 48-hour sequencing run with MinKNOW 1.15.4 software  
129 was performed. After basecalling ONT reads with Guppy v1.1 (Oxford Nanopore Technologies) with  
130 following settings: --qscore\_filtering and --calib\_detect, basecalled reads were binned with  
131 Deepbinner [18]. For the Illumina sequencing, paired-end libraries were generated using Nextera

132 library preparation methods. Genome sequencing was then performed on an Illumina MiSeq platform  
133 (2x300 bp paired-end). ONT and Illumina reads were then assembled using Unicycler version 0.4.7  
134 [19]. The genome was annotated using DFAST [20]. KEGG pathway annotation and mapping were  
135 performed with BlastKOALA [21] and KEGG Mapper [22], respectively.

## 136 **Phylogeny based on 16S rRNA gene sequences**

137 Phylogenetic trees were constructed by using the almost full-length sequences of the 16S  
138 rRNA genes. The 16S rRNA gene of strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> was amplified by PCR using primers Eubac  
139 27F and 1492R [23]. The nearly complete 16S rRNA gene sequence (1,422 bp) was obtained by direct  
140 sequencing of both strands. The 16S rRNA gene sequence was analyzed using BLAST search  
141 algorithm [24]. To conduct the phylogenetic analysis of the strain, the other “*Campylobacteria*”  
142 sequences were retrieved and aligned using Silva database [25] and Silva Incremental Aligner v1.2.11  
143 [26], respectively. A phylogenetic tree was constructed by neighbor-joining algorithm [27] with the  
144 MEGA 7.0.21 software [28] using 1,273 base pairs. Bootstrap analysis was done using 1,000  
145 replications to provide confidence estimates for the phylogenetic tree topologies.

## 146 **Pangenomic, phylogenomic, and genome sequence similarities analyses**

147 Phylogenomic tree construction and pangenomic analysis were carried out with 16  
148 thermophilic campylobacterial genomes using the anvi’o v5.5 [29]. The phylogenomics workflow  
149 (<http://merenlab.org/2017/06/07/phylogenomics/>) was followed to infer evolutionary associations  
150 between genomes. Briefly, the fasta files containing nucleotide sequences of genomes was used for  
151 generating the database of each genome (anvi-script-FASTA-to-contigs-db). We then identified an  
152 HMM profiles (anvi-get-sequences-for-hmm-hits) and extracted 139 single-copy core genes (SCGs)  
153 proposed by Campbell et al. [30]. The amino acid sequences of 139 SCGs were concatenated in a  
154 fasta file (anvi-get-sequences-for-hmm-hits) and a phylogenomic tree was constructed (anvi-gen-  
155 phylogenomic-tree) using FastTree [31]. For pangenome analysis, we generated a storage database  
156 (anvi-gen-genomes-storage) from the genomes of thermophilic relatives and then computed the

157 pangenome (anvi-pan-genome). COG-annotated strains-specific gene clusters were exported from  
158 pangenome (anvi-summarize) for the gene functional analysis. Average nucleotide identity (ANI)  
159 between genomes was calculated with PyANI (anvi-compute-ani)  
160 (<https://github.com/widdowquinn/pyani/releases/tag/v0.1.2>). The pangenome was visualized with  
161 anvi-display-pan. Average amino acid identity (AAI) and *in silico* DNA-DNA hybridization values  
162 were calculated using aai.rb script within the enveomics collection [32] and Genome-to-Genome  
163 Distance Calculator 2.1 [33], respectively.

## 164 **Results and Discussion**

### 165 **Growth characteristics**

166 With MMJHS medium, strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> grew at temperature between 25°C and 60°C,  
167 showing optimum growth at 55°C. No growth was observed below 20°C or above 65°C. Growth  
168 occurred between pH 5.3 and 7.2, with optimum growth at pH 5.9. No growth was observed below  
169 pH 4.9 or above pH 7.7. Growth was observed between 1.6 and 5.6% (w/v) NaCl concentrations,  
170 with optimum growth at 3.2%. No growth was detected below 0.8% or above 7.2% NaCl  
171 concentration levels (Fig. S1). These growth characteristics of strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> were similar to  
172 those of *Hydrogenimonas thermophila* EP1-55-1%<sup>T</sup> [5] (Table 1).

173 Strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> was unable to utilize any electron donors other than H<sub>2</sub>. Thiosulfate  
174 (0.1%, w/v), elemental sulfur (1%, w/v) and molecular oxygen (0.1%, v/v) were able to serve as its  
175 sole electron acceptors. None of the organic compounds sustained growth of strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> as  
176 energy or carbon sources. These results indicated that strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> was a strictly hydrogen-  
177 oxidizing thermophilic chemolithoautotroph. Strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> utilized ammonium as its sole  
178 nitrogen source and did not utilize nitrate, nitrite and molecular nitrogen. Strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> utilized  
179 elemental sulfur as its sole sulfur source. Utilization of thiosulfate, sulfate and sulfite were not  
180 observed.

### 181 **Cell morphology**

182 Cells of strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> were Gram-stain negative and rod-shaped (Fig. S2). Flagella  
183 were not observed although motility was confirmed under the light microscopic observation (Fig. S2).  
184 A small percentage of cells grown in MMJHS medium exhibited spherical shape, as reported for *H.*  
185 *thermophila* EP1-55-1%<sup>T</sup> [5]

## 186 **Phylogenetic analysis based on 16S rRNA gene sequences**

187 With a nearly full length 16S rRNA gene sequence of strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> as a query in  
188 BLAST search, the highest similarity with *Hydrogenimonas* sp. RS\_Sur55-1 (96.2%),  
189 *Hydrogenimonas* sp. MAG (95.9%), and *H. thermophila* EP1-55-1%<sup>T</sup> (94.9%) were obtained. More  
190 closely related sequence was retrieved from an environmental clone from the detritus from tubeworm  
191 in the East Pacific Rise (LF8GH2b132, 96.7% 16S rRNA gene sequence similarity). The phylogenetic  
192 tree based on 16S rRNA gene sequences showed that strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> formed a clade with *H.*  
193 *thermophila* (Fig. 1). These results indicated that strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> is a novel species belonging to  
194 the genus *Hydrogenimonas*.

## 195 **Genome properties and genome relatedness**

196 The complete genome of strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> was reconstructed. The genome size was  
197 2,297,889 bp with an average G + C content was 52.8% (Table 1). In total, 2,270 coding sequence  
198 regions, 48 tRNA genes, and 3 set of rRNA genes were respectively predicted. The G + C content of  
199 strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> was higher than that of previously sequenced genome of *H. thermophila* (33.5%)  
200 and comparable with that of *Hydrogenimonas* sp. MAG (50.2%) [13].

201 Genome analysis of the strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> supported its phenotypic characteristics. The H<sub>2</sub>-  
202 uptake hydrogenase gene cluster for H<sub>2</sub> oxidation was present in strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup>. The ability to  
203 utilize oxygen as a sole electron acceptor was ensured by the presence of four genes encoding the  
204 CcoNOQP proteins, which constitutes a *cbb*<sub>3</sub>-type terminal cytochrome oxidase. A gene encoding  
205 putative thiosulfate sulfurtransferase was found in its genome, supporting the ability to utilize  
206 thiosulfate as a sole electron acceptor. Although strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> showed no ability to use nitrate

207 and N<sub>2</sub>O as a sole electron acceptor under hydrogen-oxidizing condition, the complete set of  
208 denitrification genes such as *nap*, *nir*, *nor*, and *nos* was found on its genome, that might allow to the  
209 strain to contribute to the nitrogen cycle as a denitrifier in deep-sea hydrothermal vent environments.

210 The ANI and *in silico* DDH values between strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> and *H. thermophila* EP1-55-  
211 1%<sup>T</sup> were found to be 72.7% and 17.4%, respectively, well below the species threshold (95-96% and  
212 70%, respectively) [34]. Strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> shared AAI values of 71.4% with *H. thermophila* EP1-  
213 55-1%<sup>T</sup> that considerably above the recently proposed AAI genus threshold among  
214 “*Campylobacterota*” (60-62%) (35). These results also support the proposal that the isolate is a novel  
215 species within the genus *Hydrogenimonas*.

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**Table 1. Comparison of physiological characteristics of SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> with species of “*Campylobacteria*” from deep-sea vents.**

Characteristics	<i>Hydrogenimonas</i> sp. SSM-sur55 <sup>T</sup> (This study)	<i>Hydrogenimonas</i> <i>thermophila</i> EP1-55-1% <sup>T</sup> [5]	<i>Nitratiruptor</i> <i>tergarcus</i> MI55-1 <sup>T</sup> [36]	“ <i>Nitrosophilus labii</i> ” HRV44 <sup>T</sup> [35, 37]	“ <i>Nitrosophilus alvini</i> ” EPR55-1 <sup>T</sup> [35]
Origin	Southern Mariana Trough	Central Indian Ridge	Mid-Okinawa Trough	Mid-Okinawa Trough	East Pacific Rise
Temperature range (°C)	25-60	35-65	40-55	45-60	50-60
Temperature optimum (°C)	55	55	55	53	60
pH range	5.3-7.2	4.9-7.2	5.4-6.9	5.4-6.4	5.4-8.6
pH optimum	5.9	5.9	6.4	6.0	6.6
NaCl range (% w/v)	1.6-5.6	1.6-5.6	1.5-4.0	2.0-4.0	2.4-3.2
NaCl optimum (% w/v)	3.2	3.2	2.5	2.5	2.4
Electron donors	H <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub>
Electron acceptors	S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , O <sub>2</sub> , S <sup>0</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , O <sub>2</sub> , S <sup>0</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , O <sub>2</sub> , S <sup>0†</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , N <sub>2</sub> O, O <sub>2</sub> , S <sup>0</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , N <sub>2</sub> O, S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , O <sub>2</sub> , S <sup>0</sup>
Carbon sources other than CO <sub>2</sub>	-	-	-	-	-
Nitrogen sources	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>
DNA G+C content (%)	52.8	33.5	36.9	33.4	37.7

-, negative; ND, not determined.

†S<sup>0</sup> did not serve as a sole electron acceptor to support growth.

## 220 Pangenomic and phylogenomic analyses

221 The pangenome of thermophilic campylobacteria revealed a total of 8,272 gene clusters  
222 comprising 35,198 genes (Fig. 2). 557 gene clusters were represented core genome, and 468 of those  
223 were SCGs. 577 gene clusters were found to be unique to the strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup>. Although we  
224 searched gene clusters enriched in *Hydrogenimonas* genomes, the statistically significant trends were  
225 not obtained (corrected  $p \geq 0.25$ ), possibly due to the small number of genomes in each genus. The  
226 COG functional annotation of the strain-specific gene clusters showed that relatively abundance of  
227 genes related to energy production and conversion (C) in SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup> is higher (9.6% in without  
228 poorly characterized categories) than those in *H. thermophila* EP1-55-1%<sup>T</sup> and *Hydrogenimonas* sp.  
229 BAL40 [13] (Fig. S3). Further pangenomic analyses with additional genome sequences could provide  
230 us a better understanding on genus-specific genomic traits of thermophilic “*Campylobacteria*”.

## 231 Conclusion

232 On the basis of physiological and molecular characteristics of strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup>, the strain  
233 is considered to represent a novel species in the genus *Hydrogenimonas*, for which the name  
234 *Hydrogenimonas urashimensis* sp. nov. is proposed. Its Protologue description is listed in Table 2.

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236 **Table 2. Protologue description of *Hydrogenimonas urashimensis* sp. nov.**

<b>Genus name</b>	<i>Hydrogenimonas</i>
<b>Species name</b>	<i>Hydrogenimonas urashimensis</i>
<b>Specific epithet</b>	<i>urashimensis</i>
<b>Species status</b>	sp. nov.
<b>Species etymology</b>	u.ra'shi men'sis. N.L. fem. adj. <i>urashimensis</i> pertaining to the Urashima deep-sea hydrothermal site in the Southern Mariana Trough
<b>Description of the new taxon and diagnostic traits</b>	Cells are gram-negative, motile, and rod-shaped. The temperature range for growth is 25-60°C (optimum, 55°C; 180 min doubling time). The pH range for growth is 5.3-7.2 (optimum, pH5.9). NaCl in the concentration range 1.6-5.6% (w/v) is an absolute growth requirement; optimum growth occurs at 3.2%. Strain SSM-sur55 <sup>T</sup> is hydrogen-oxidizing, facultatively anaerobic and chemolithoautotroph with molecular hydrogen as its sole electron donor and with thiosulfate, molecular

	oxygen or elemental sulfur as its sole electron acceptors. Ammonium is utilized as its sole nitrogen source. Elemental sulfur is utilized as its sole sulfur source.
<b>Country of origin</b>	USA
<b>Region of origin</b>	The Southern Mariana Trough
<b>Date of isolation (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	17/12/2010
<b>Source of isolation</b>	deep-sea hydrothermal vent
<b>Sampling date (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	23/08/2010
<b>Latitude (xx°xx'xx"N/S)</b>	12°55'18"N
<b>Longitude (xx°xx'xx"E/W)</b>	143°38'54"E
<b>Altitude (meters above sea level)</b>	-2,922 m
<b>16S rRNA gene accession nr.</b>	LC469141
<b>Genome accession number [RefSeq; EMBL; ...]</b>	GenBank = AP023212
<b>Genome status</b>	Complete
<b>Genome size</b>	2,297 kbp
<b>GC mol%</b>	52.8 (based on the complete genome sequence)
<b>Number of strains in study</b>	1
<b>Source of isolation of non-type strains</b>	not applicable
<b>Information related to the Nagoya Protocol</b>	not applicable
<b>Designation of the Type Strain</b>	SSM-sur55 <sup>T</sup>
<b>Strain Collection Numbers</b>	JCM 19825 <sup>T</sup> = KCTC 15926 <sup>T</sup>

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## 354 **Figure Legends**

355 **Fig. 1. Phylogenetic tree based on 16S rRNA gene sequences.** Phylogenetic tree of the members of  
356 thermophilic “*Campylobacteria*”, inferred by the neighbor-joining algorithm using 1,229 homologous  
357 sequence positions. Numbers at branches are bootstrap values (%) based on 1,000 replicates.

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359 **Fig. 2. Pangenome of thermophilic “*Campylobacteria*”.** Pangenomic analysis of 16 sequenced  
360 thermophilic “*Campylobacteria*” revealing 468 SCGs among 8,272 total gene clusters along with  
361 their distribution and ANI.

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## 363 **Supplementary**

364 **Fig. S1. Growth rates of strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup>.** Growth rates of temperature (a), pH (b) and NaCl  
365 concentration (c) in MMJHS medium.

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367 **Fig. S2. Transmission electron micrograph of a rod-shaped cell of strain SSM-sur55<sup>T</sup>.** Bar, 1  
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370 **Fig. S3. The COG category annotation of strain-specific gene clusters.** All COGs (a) and without poorly  
371 characterized categories, “R”, “S”, and “-”.

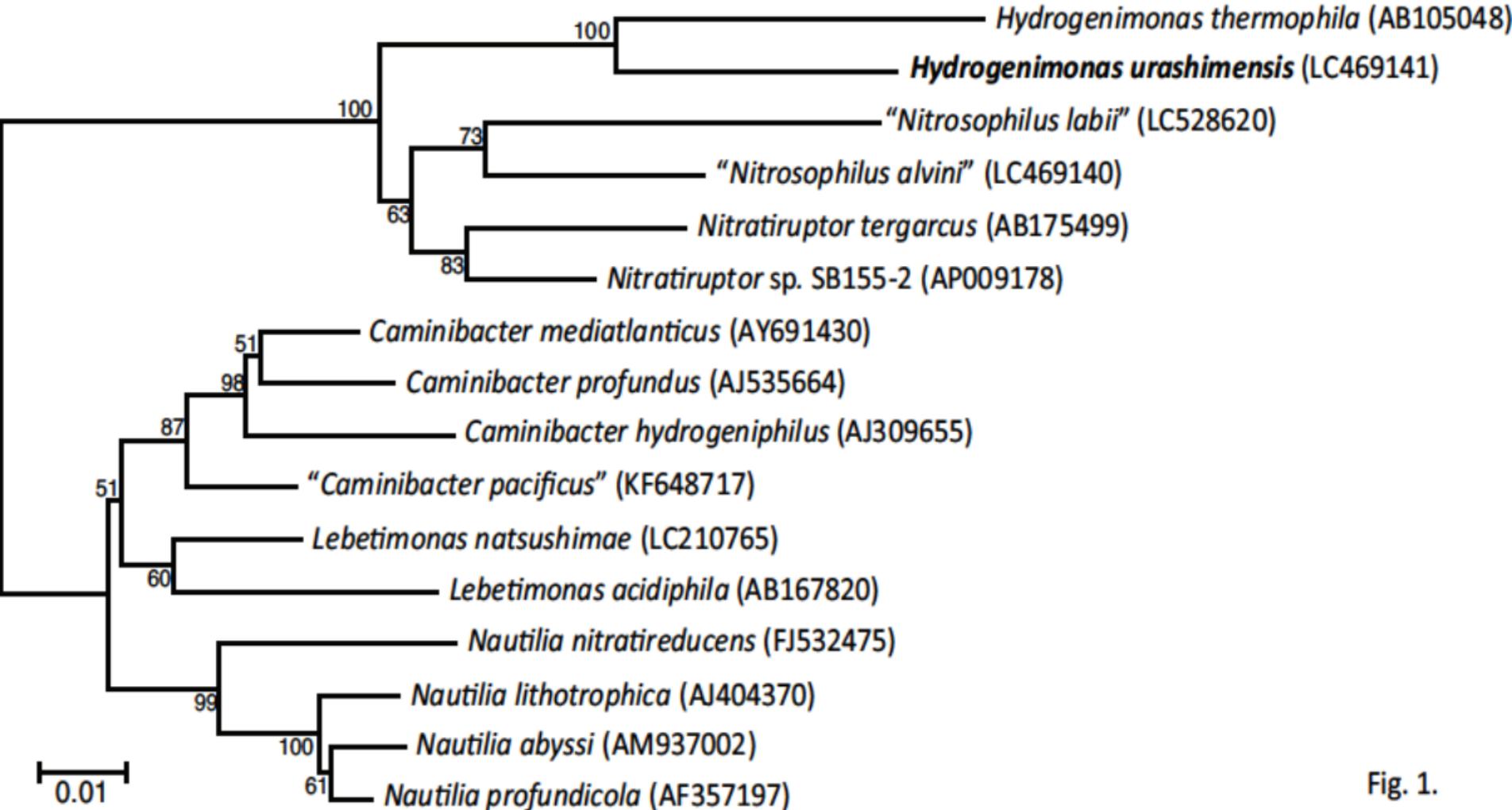


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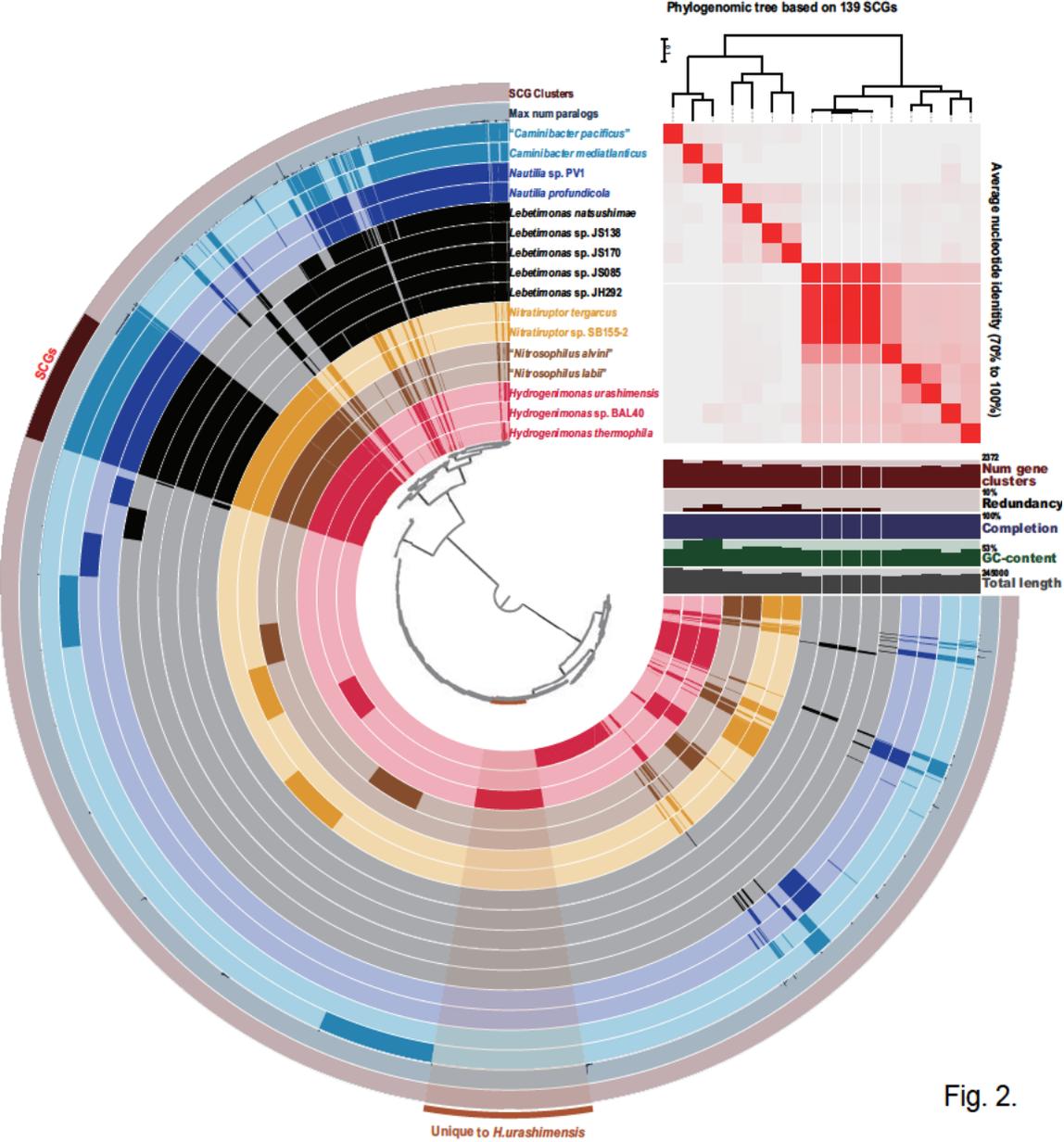


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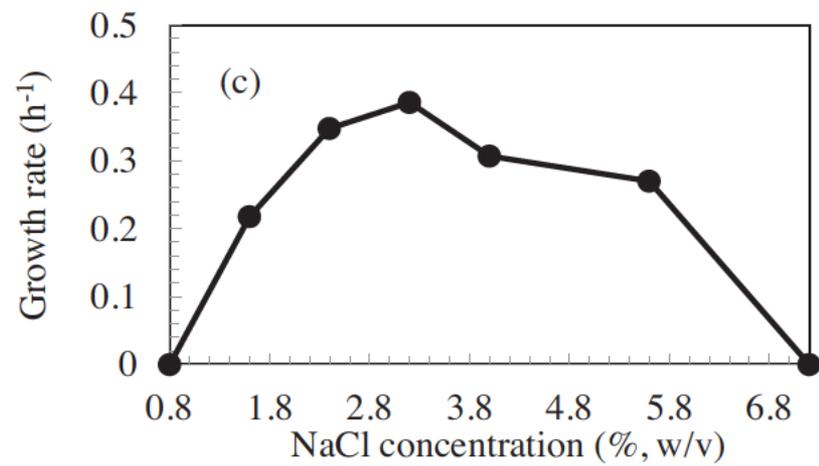
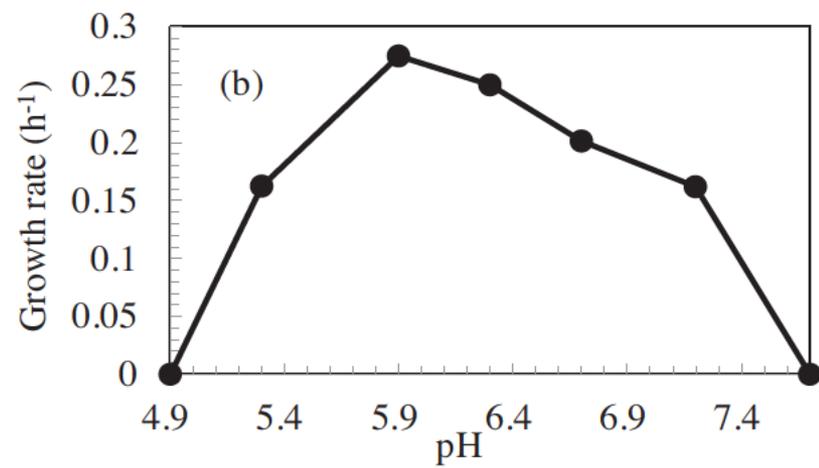
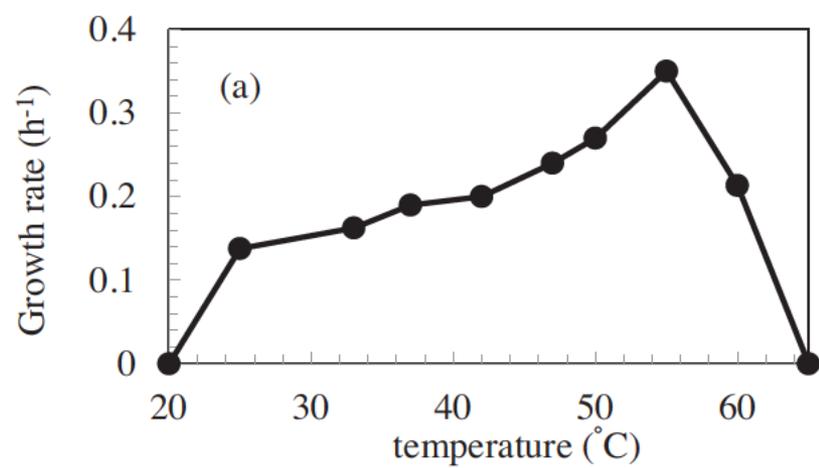


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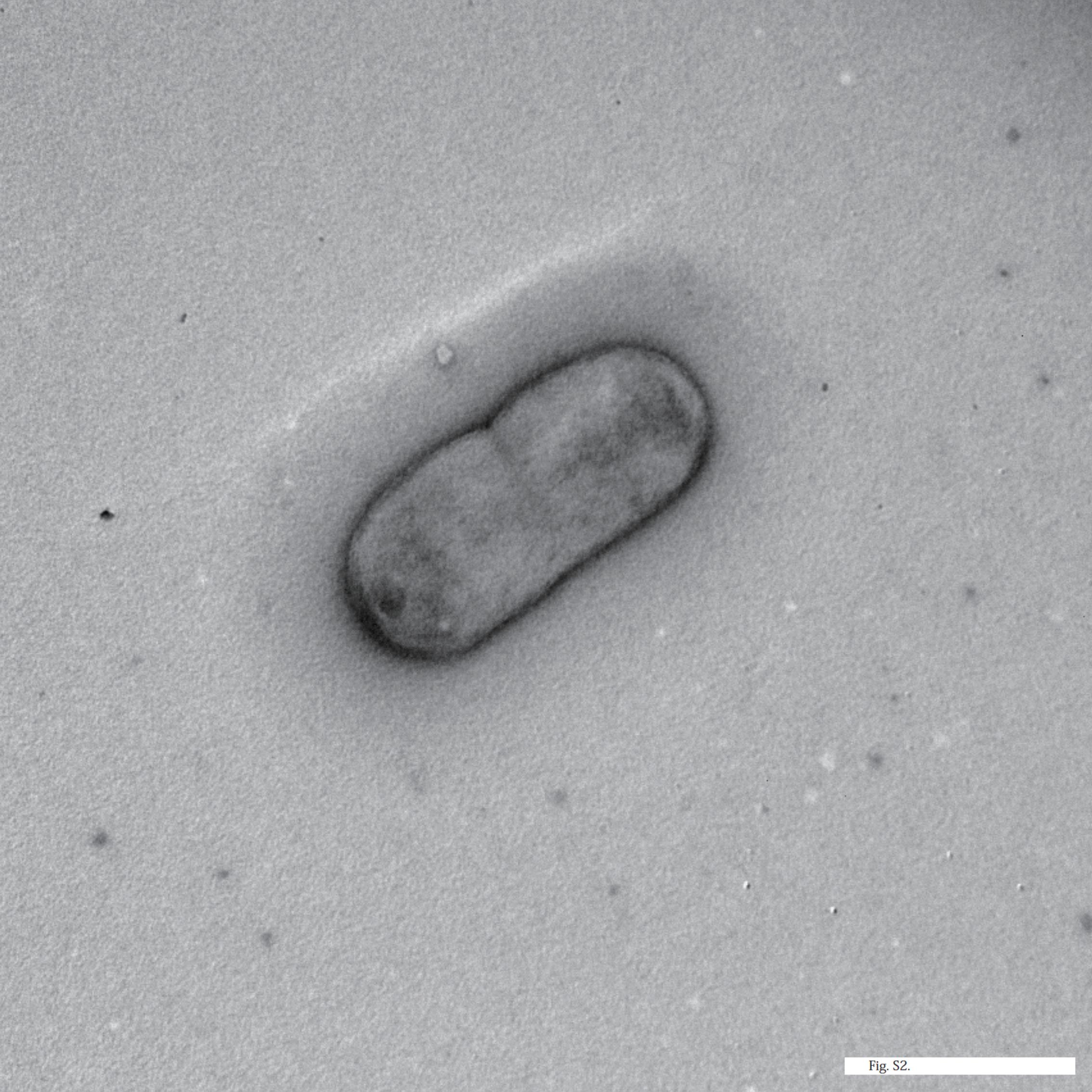


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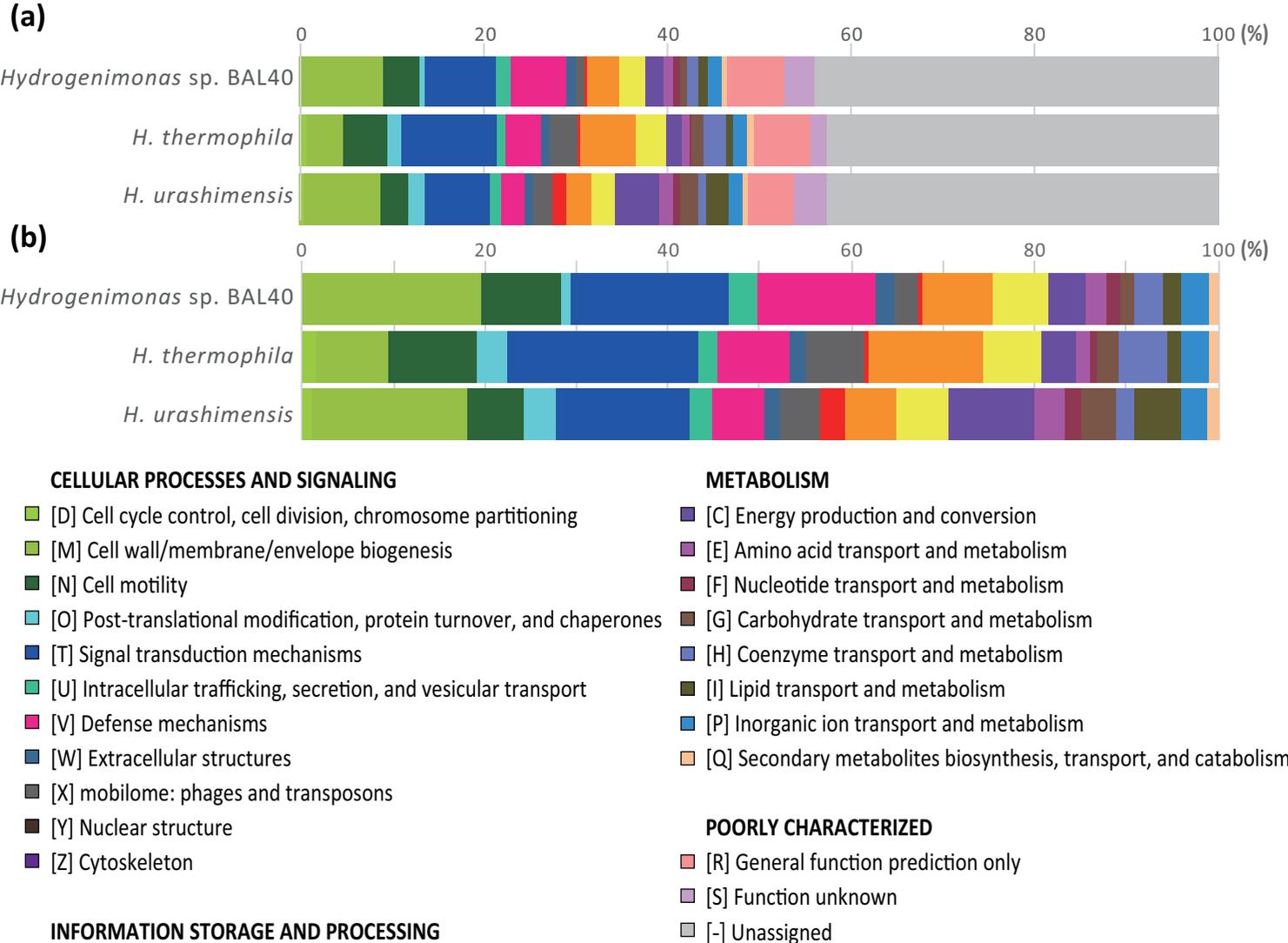


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