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PROBIOTIC GENOMES: SEQUENCING AND ANNOTATION IN THE PAST DECADE

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ABSTRACT: Live bacteria known as probiotics have several positive effects on human health when given in sufficient doses. These positive effects on health have sparked interest in probiotics and encouraged its usage as a supplement to enhance overall health, overall well-being and as supplementary treatments for certain illnesses. A number of areas of human biology have benefited from probiotic research, which has been driven by the current uptick in demand for these products. Thanks to recent developments in genomics, it is now possible to sequence the genomes of probiotic bacteria and analyze them genetically to determine which genes are responsible for their health benefits. This article summarizes the genomic methodologies used to probiotic bacteria and provides information on the strains of probiotic bacteria for which genome sequences are already available. It also helps with comparative genomic investigations and compiles the genomic tools used for probiotic gene sequencing, assembly, and annotation.

Keywords: Probiotics, Genome, Bacteria, Disease

INTRODUCTION:

Live, non-pathogenic microbes that, when given to the host in sufficient doses, provide health advantages to the host are known as probiotics. one, two. They are functional foods (3, 4), and their health benefits cover a wide range of human health issues, such as regulating gut microbiota to promote intestinal health. 4–6. Avoidance of infections of the urinary tract, respiratory system, and intestines 2, 4, 7, 8, immune system activation, anti-allergic, anti-cancer, anti-microbial, and cholesterol-lowering effects thirteen to sixteen. Modern scientific technology have been used to investigate the genetics and biology of probiotic bacteria, which has been driven by the rise of the global probiotic market. 3. In Greek, "pro" means "for" and "biotikos" means "pertaining to life," which is where the

name "probiotic" comes from. The history of probiotics goes all the way back to the 18th century, when the first indications of their potential health benefits were found in ancient civilizations like the Roman Empire and the Bible. The study of probiotic species and their health effects was finally made possible by the discovery and isolation of gut microflora. 2,3,17,19, and 20. Probiotic bacteria include non-pathogenic strains of the genus *Lactobacillus*, as well as those of the genera *Bifidobacterium*, *Clostridium*, *Bacillus*, *Escherichia*, and *Enterococcus* 17. On the other hand, the probiotic market has been dominated by species of *Bifidobacterium* and *Lactobacillus* for a some now.

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Mycobacterium TB, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, and other bacterial diseases were able to have their complete genomes sequenced in the late 90s and early 2000s, thanks to developments in sequencing technology. and *E. coli*, an enteropathogen. But recently, genomic technology and sequencing methodologies have been used to get and study the whole genomes of a number of probiotic bacteria, driven by demand 25–27. Therefore, the characterisation of microbial populations, especially probiotic bacteria 28, has been made possible by breakthroughs in genomic technology and computational approaches. The next part of this study will describe the most common probiotic species whose whole or partial genomic sequences are accessible online.

Genomics-Based Approaches to Probiotic Study: Published in 2004, one of the first whole genome sequencing experiments of a probiotic species was *Lactobacillus johnsonii* NCC 533. This experiment used full genome shotgun sequencing technology 27, a sequencing approach. The years that followed saw the publication of additional probiotic genome sequencing efforts, with the most recent years seeing an increase in the number of these projects (25, 29, 32). In addition, technology for sequencing genomes has evolved over the years, allowing for more genomes to be read, assembled, and annotated in less time (25–32).

Genome sequencing initiatives have progressed from using the age-old Sanger sequencing techniques (25), to using Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) technology (26–35), which are much more sophisticated. Prior to 2010, the conventional Sanger sequencing method and shotgun sequencing technology were used to sequence the genomes of probiotic species. A few examples are the *Lactobacillus johnsonii* (NCC 533) and *Bifidobacterium animalis* (AD01125) subspecies *lactis* genomes (27). Four major next-generation sequencing (NGS) technologies—454 pyrosequencing, Illumina/Solexa paired end sequencing, Ion Torrent, and Pacific BioSciences—have been used for genome sequencing since 2010. (26, 33–35).

Genomes of most probiotics were sequenced in 2011 using Roche 454 GS FLX.

protein sequencer. Among them are the genomic sequences of many species of *Lactobacillus*, including 33 and 36 for *Amylovorus*, 37 for *Ruminis*, 38 for *Coryniformis*, 39 for *Animalis*, 40 for *Cypricasei*, 41 for *Sanfranciscensis*, and 31 for *Kefiranofaciens*. It is not uncommon for two distinct sequencing methods to be used together. As an example, a hybrid approach combining Sanger sequencing and Roche

454 GS FLX pyrosequencing was used to sequence the genome of *Lactobacillus sanfranciscensis* (41). Likewise, the genome of *Lactobacillus kefirano-faciens* was sequenced using a combination of Roche 454 GS FLX pyrosequencing and Illumina Genome Analyzer Ix Solexa high throughput sequencing technology (31 samples total).

Although *gsAssembler* 36, 37 or the Phred-Phrap-Consed software package 41 were used in a few of instances, the majority of genome assemblies were performed using various versions of Newbler assembler 33, 39. A variety of tools, including the Rapid Assembly utilizing Subsystems Technology (RAST) server, EDGAR, tRNAscan-SE, RNAmmer, PEDANT, GeneMark, and the NCBI Prokaryotic Genome Automated Annotation Pipeline (PGAAP), were used for genome annotation.

Roche 454 GS FLX Titanium pyrosequencing technology was used to sequence the genome of *Lactobacillus rossiae* 34 that year, while the Illumina HiSeq 2000 platform was used to sequence the genomes of *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* 42, *Lactobacillus vini* 42, *Lactobacillus curvatus* 32, *Lactobacillus fructivorans* 43, and *Lactobacillus helveticus* 44. The majority of genome assemblies in this study were performed using Newbler Assembler. However, for *Lactobacillus helveticus*, *Lactobacillus vini*, and *Lactobacillus rhamnosus*, respectively, GS Reference Mapper, genome sequence assembler (*gsAssembler*), and whole genome sequence assembler (*wgs Assembler*) were employed 26, 42, 44. The aforementioned software was used for genome annotation, with RAST and PGAAP being the main tools for annotation.

With the introduction of new platforms such as the Ion Torrent Personal Genome Machine 46, Roche 454 GS FLX 47, Illumina Genome Analyzer Ix 48, and Illumina HiSeq 2000 49, probiotic genome sequencing in 2013 became more diverse in terms of the platforms used. During this time, the genomes of several species were sequenced: 48 *Lactobacillus pentosus*, 45 *Lactobacillus helveticus*, 49 *Lactobacillus shenzhenensis*, 50 *Lactobacillus ginsenosidimitans*, 51 *Lactobacillus florum*, 52 *Lactobacillus pobuzihii*, 46 *Lactobacillus jensenii*, 47 *Lactobacillus gasserii*. Another consequence of sequencing technology' many use is the proliferation of software for assembly and annotation. Software such as SOAP deNovo 49 and Velvet 48 were used to assemble sequences from Illumina platforms, whereas sequences from Ion Torrent PGM were assembled using Ion Torrent Assembler 46 or CLC de Novo Genomics Workbench. The majority of sequences from the Roche 454 GS FLX platform were assembled using various versions of Newbler 47. While RAST and PGAAP analysis accounted for the majority of



annotations, ERGO, GTPS, RDP, Silva, and ERGO were all recently included to the group (45, 47).

The Illumina and Ion Torrent technologies saw a surge in probiotic genome sequencing activity in 2014. Sequencing of the genomes of the following bacteria was performed by Illumina platforms: *Lactobacillus equi* 58, *Lactobacillus animalis* 59, *Lactobacillus oryzae*, *Lactobacillus fabifermentans* 60, and *Lactobacillus salivarius* 61. The Ion Torrent Personal Genome Machine was used to sequence the genomes of the following bacteria: *Lactobacillus mucosae* 53, *Lactobacillus sakei* 54, *Bifidobacterium moukalabense* 55, *Lactobacillus sucicola* 56, *Lactobacillus farraginis* 57, and *Lactobacillus composti* 57. The 62 genomes of *Lactobacillus gasseri* and *Lactobacillus namurensis* were sequenced using a Roche 454 GS FLX pyrosequencer.

When assembling genomes, a variety of assembly tools was utilized, each tailored to meet the specific needs of a particular genome. Genomes sequenced on Ion Torrent systems were assembled using Newbler57, NGen, and Roche 454 GS FLX genomes were assembled using Newbler assembler 62.

The following platforms are used to read data from Illumina platforms: (DNASTar) 53, CLC Genomics Workbench 54, Abyss61, 63, Velvet59, 63, Platanus60, AMOS59, Hawkeye 59, and so on. Newer tools such as GAMOLA59, MetaGene Annotator 60, MiGAP 60, SignalP 61, InterPro 61, TMHMM 61, and Artemis were used for annotation and curation, while RAST server and PGAAP remained the main platforms.

Several species of probiotics were sequenced within the subsequent two years. All kinds of sequencing technologies were in use in 2015, and several of them were used in combinatorial ways. Roche 454 pyrosequencers in conjunction with Illumina platforms (64 total) or Sanger sequencing (65 total) were the combinations used. This year, 66 also saw the usage of the single molecule real time (SMRT) Pacific Biosciences RSII sequencer. The species that were sequenced during this year include *Lactobacillus delbrueckii* 67, *Bifidobacterium catenulatum* 68, *Bifidobacterium pseudolongum*66, *Lactobacillus johnsonii* 29, *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* 69, *Lactobacillus reuteri* 70, *Bifidobacterium angulatum* 71, *Bifidobacterium adolescentis* 71, *Lactobacillus kunkeei* 72, *Lactobacillus*

mucosae 64, *Bifidobacterium scardovii* 65, *Bifidobacterium aesculapii* 73, *Lactobacillus curieae* 74, *Lactobacillus acidophilus* 75, *Bifidobacterium actinocoloniiforme* 76, *Lactobacillus curvatus* 77, *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* 69, *Lactobacillus fermentum* 78, 79, *Bifidobacterium kashiwanohense* 80, 81, *Lactobacillus paracasei* 82, *Lactobacillus hokkaidonensis* 83, and *Lactobacillus farciminis* 84. In keeping with prior years, the following assemblers were utilized: Newbler 72, Velvet 29, gs Assembler 71, CLC Genomics Workbench 85, SOAP deNovo74, SPAdes 86, Ngen 67, and Phred-Phrap-Consed 68. Annotation was primarily performed using the RAST server and PGAAP pipeline 85, supplemented with Glimmer, tRNAscan-SE, Prodigal, GenePRIMP 65, 72, and PGAAP pipeline 85. In this year, MIRA 64 was one of the new assemblers utilized.

Illumina platforms accounted for the most majority of probiotic genome sequencing in 2016, while Ion Torrent, Roche 454, and Pacific BioSciences all played a small but significant role. Probiotics sequenced so far this year

The following species of bacteria are included: *Lactobacillus casei* (30), *Lactobacillus sakei* (89), *Lactobacillus plantarum* (88, 90, 91), *Lactobacillus equigenerosi* (92), *Lactobacillus crispatus* (93), *Lactobacillus kunkeei* (35), *Bifidobacterium longum* (94), *Lactobacillus farciminis* (95), *Lactobacillus johnsonii* (96), *Lactobacillus brevis* (97), and *Lactobacillus collinoides* (98). The following programs were used for the majority of the genome assemblies: Newbler 92, Ngen 91, SOAP deNovo 96, SPAdes 88, Abyss 94, Ray Assembler 90, and CLC Genomics Workbench 87. While Glimmer, tRNAscan-SE, and RNAmmer 91 were also used, RAST server and PGAAP pipeline 91 were the primary tools for annotation.

Efforts to analyze the massive amounts of genetic data produced in the last year have also been moving at a snail's pace. Several comparative genomic investigations of strains belonging to the aforementioned genera of probiotics 99–101 have been conducted in the last two years.

As an added bonus, research into how these creatures use carbohydrates has recently attracted a lot of attention 102. There has also been a push to characterize genomic features like motility77 and find new genes that aid in diagnosis 103.

TABLE 1: SPECIES, TYPE OF GENOME SEQUENCE AND TECHNOLOGY USED

Year	Species	Type of Genome sequence	Technology used
2004	<i>Lactobacillus johnsonii</i> NCC 533	Whole genome	Whole genome shotgun; Assembler: PHRED; Annotation: tRNScan-SE, COG, ORF,
2005	<i>Lactobacillus paraplantarum</i> C7	PLASMID	
	<i>Lactobacillus hilgardii</i> 0006	Gene sequence	
2009	<i>Bifidobacterium animalis</i> subsp. lactis AD011		Traditional Sanger paired end sequencing of plasmid and fosmid libraries; Assembly: PHRED, PHRAP, CONSED; Annotation: Glimmer, CRITICA; AUTOFACT; Artemis for annotation verification
2011	<i>Lactobacillus amylovorus</i> GR1112	Genome	454 GS FLX pyrosequencer; Assembler: gsAssembler; Annotation: PGAP, EDGAR
	<i>Lactobacillus amylovorus</i> GR1118	Genome	454 GS FLX pyrosequencer; Assembler: Newbler; Annotation: PGAP
	<i>L. crypricaesei</i>		
	<i>Lactobacillus ruminis</i> SPM0211	Genome	454 GS FLX pyrosequencer; paired end; correction by Illumina Iix genome analyzer; Assembler: GS deNovo Assembler 2.5 and CLC Genomics Workbench 4.5.1
	<i>Lactobacillus iners</i> AB-1		
	<i>Lactobacillus coryniformis</i>	Whole genome	shotgun 454 GS FLX; paired reads; Assembler: Newbler 2.3; Annotation; RAST, Glimmer 3.02, tRNAscan-SE, RNAmmer
	<i>Lactobacillus aviaries</i>		
	<i>Lactobacillus cypricaesei</i> KCTC 13900	Genome	454 Titanium pyrosequencing (Roche); Assembler: Newbler2.3; Annotation: Glimmer3.02, RNAmmer1.2, RAST
	<i>Lactobacillus coryniformis</i> KCTC 3167	Genome	454 GS FLX pyrosequencer; whole genome shotgun; Assembler: Newbler2.3; Annotation: RAST, Glimmer3.02, tRNAscan-SE 1.21, RNAmmer 1.2
	<i>Lactobacillus animalis</i> KCTC 3501	Genome	454 GS FLX pyrosequencer; whole genome shotgun; Assembler: Newbler2.3; Annotation: RAST, Glimmer3.02, tRNAscan-SE 1.21, RNAmmer 1.2
	<i>Lactobacillus sanfranciscensis</i>	Genome	Combined Sanger/454 pyrosequencing; Annotation: PEDANT, GenMark2.8
	<i>Lactobacillus kefiranoferiens</i> ZW3	Whole Genome	combo of 454 sequencing and GA Iix Solexa HTS; Assembler: Newbler; Annotation: PHRED, PHRAP, CONSED, Glimmer, GenMark; Verification by Artemis



2012	<i>Bifidobacterium asteroides</i> PRL 2011	Complete Genome	Shotgun; Roche GS 454; Assembler: GS Reference Mapper v 2.3;
	<i>Lactobacillus rhamnosus</i> MTCC5462		Roche 454 GS FLX Titanium;
	<i>Lactobacillus vini</i> LMG 23202T, JP7.8.9	Genome	Assembler: gsAssembler2.3; Annotation: RAST
	<i>Lactobacillus curvatus</i> CRL705	Draft	454 GS Titanium pyrosequencer; Assembler: Newbler 2.5.3; Annotation: RAST
	<i>Lactobacillus rossiae</i> DSM 15814T	Genome	Shotgun Illumina sequencing HiSeq 2000; paired end; Annotation: RAST
	<i>Lactobacillus fructivorans</i> KCTC 3543	Genome	454 GS FLX Titanium pyrosequencer; Assembler: Newbler 2.3; Annotation: RAST, Glimmer3.02, tRNAscan-SE 1.21, RNAmmer 1.2
	<i>Lactobacillus helveticus</i> R0052	Complete Genome	454 GS FLX Titanium; Assembler: wgsAssembler v6.0; Annotation: PGAAP
2013	<i>Lactobacillus pentosus</i> KCA1	Genome	Paired end Next Gen Illumina GAI sequencing; Assembly: VELVET assembler; Mauve and Artemis comparison tool
	<i>Lactobacillus helveticus</i> CNRZ 32	Genome	Shotgun sequencing; Applied Biosystems ABI377 and 3700 automated sequencers; PE 377 automated DNA sequencers; Annotation: ERGO
	<i>Lactobacillus shenzhenensis</i> strain LY-73	Whole Genome	Illumina HiSeq 2000; paired end; Assembler: SOAP deNovo 1.05; Annotation: Glimmer 3.0, RAST
	<i>Lactobacillus ginsenosidimitans</i> sp <i>Lactobacillus florum</i>	Draft	Paired end Illumina HiSeq 2000; Assembler: Velvet 1.2.07; Annotation: RAST
	<i>Lactobacillus pobuzihii</i> E100301T	Draft	Illumina GAIx; Assembler: Velvet; Annotation: RAST
	<i>Lactobacillus jensenii</i> MD IIE-70	Draft	Ion Torrent PGM; Assembler: Ion Torrent Assembler and CLC Genomics Workbench deNovo assembler; Annotation: PGAP and RAST
	<i>Lactobacillus gasseri</i> Strain 2016	Draft	Ion Torrent PGM; Assembler: Ion Torrent Assembler and CLC Genomics Workbench deNovo assembler
	<i>Lactobacillus otakiensis</i> JCM 15040 T	Whole Genome	454 GS FLX pyrosequencer; whole genome shotgun; Assembler: Newbler 2.7; Annotation: Glimmer3.02, GTPS, RDP, Silva, tRNAscan-SE
2014	<i>Lactobacillus gasseri</i> K7	Improved Draft	454 GS FLX+; Assembler: Newbler 2.6; Annotation: PGAAP, IMG-ER; Artemis and IMG-ER for curation
	<i>Lactobacillus mucosae</i> CRL573	Draft	Whole genome shotgun Ion Torrent Personal Genome Machine (PGM); Assembler: NGen (DNASStar); Annotation: PGAAP, tRNAscan-SE
	<i>Lactobacillus sakei</i> wikim 22	Draft	Ion Torrent and a 318 chip; Assembler: CLC Genomics Workbench v7.0.4; Validation of assembly by OSLay; Annotation: GenemarkS, RNAmmer, tRNAscan, RAST
	<i>Bifidobacterium moukalabense</i> DSM 27321	Genome	GenProBio srl using Ion Torrent PGM
	<i>Lactobacillus salivarius</i>	Draft	Illumina HiSeq2000; Assembler: Abyss; Annotation: Glimmer3, GeneMark, Artemis, InterPro, SignalP, TMHM



	<i>Lactobacillus sucicola</i> JCM 15457 T	Draft	Ion Torrent PGM system; Assembler: Newbler v2.8; Annotation: RAST, Glimmer3
	<i>Lactobacillus fabifermentans</i> T30PCM01	Genome	Illumina MiSeq; Assembler: Abyss 1.3.6 and Velvet 1.2.10; Assemblies aligned using Mauve; Annotation: RAST, GeneMark.hmm 2.8,
	<i>Lactobacillus oryzae</i> Strain SG293 T	Draft	Illumina MiSeq; Assembler: Platanus v1.2.1; Annotation: MiGAP, MetaGene Annotator 1.0, tRNAscan-SE 1.23, RNAmmer 1.2
	<i>Lactobacillus animalis</i> 381-IL-28	Draft	Illumina GAIIx and IonTorrent PGM; Assembly: Velvet; manually validated with AMOS and Hawkeye;
	<i>Lactobacillus namurensis</i> Chizuka 01	Draft	Annotation: GAMOLA v2 Roche 454 GS FLX, Assembler: Newbler 2.7; Annotation: MiGAP
	<i>Lactobacillus equi</i>	Genome	Illumina HiSeq2000; Annotation: Metagene
	<i>Lactobacillus gorilla</i> sp. Nov. <i>L. farraginis</i> JCM 14108 T	Draft	Ion Torrent PGM; Assembler: Newbler v 2.8; Annotation: RAST
	<i>L. composti</i> JCM 14202 T	Draft	Ion Torrent PGM; Assembler: Newbler v 2.8; Annotation: RAST
2015	<i>Lactobacillus delbrueckii</i> subsp. bulgaricus CRL871	Draft	Whole genome shotgun Ion Torrent (life technologies); Assembler: Ngen (DNASTAR); Annotation: RAST
	<i>Bifidobacterium catenulatum</i> JCM 1194T	Complete genome	Whole genome shotgun with sanger sequencing; Assembly: Phred-Phrap-Consed; Annotation: Glimmer 3.0, tRNAscan-SE
	<i>Bifidobacterium pseudolongum</i> PV8-2	Genome	Single molecule real time (SMRT) PacBio RSII; Assembly: Heirarchical genome assembly process; Annotation: PGAP, RAST
	<i>Lactobacillus johnsonii</i> strain 16	Draft	Illumina Genome analyzer Iix; paired ends; Assembler was Velvet0.7.54; Mapping MAQ0.7.1 and BWA 0.5.8c
	<i>Lactobacillus rhamnosus</i> CNCM I -3698	Draft	Illumina GAIIx; paired end; Assembler: deNovo CLC Genomics Workbench 5.0; Annotation: RAST and PGAP
	<i>Lactobacillus reuteri</i> <i>Bifidobacterium angulatum</i> GT102	Draft	Whole genome shotgun Roche 454; Assembler: gsAssembler v3.0
	<i>Bifidobacterium adolescentis</i> 150	Draft	Whole genome shotgun Roche 454; ; Assembler: gsAssembler v3.0
	<i>Lactobacillus kunkeei</i>	Genome	454 GS FLX pyrosequencer Titanium; Assembler: Newbler; Verified by BWA, Artemis, Artemis COMparison tool, Mauve; Annotation: DIYA, Prodigal, tRNAscan, RNAmmer, genePRIMP
	<i>Lactobacillus mucosae</i> DPC 6426	Draft/Genome	454 GS FLX and Illumina MiSeq; Assembly: MIRA; Artemis Comparison Tool; Annotation: RAST, Prodigal, Glimmer 3.02
	<i>Bifidobacterium scardovii</i> JCM 12489T	Complete Genome	Sanger and 454 GS FLX; Assembly: Phred-Phrap-Consed, Newbler; Annotation: Glimmer 3.0, tRNAscan-SE
	<i>Bifidobacterium aesculapii</i> DSM 26737 T	Draft	Illumina MiSeq; Assembler: Newbler v 2.8;
	<i>Lactobacillus kunkeei</i> EFB6	HQ Draft	Genome Analyzer II (Illumina); paired end; Assembler: SPAdes 2.5; Annotation: Glimmer3, YACOP, IMG-ER
	<i>Lactobacillus curieae</i> CCTCC M 2011381 T	Draft	Illumina Solexa HiSeq2000; Assembler: SOAP deNovo; Annotation: Glimmer 3, PGAP



	<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> ATCC 4356	Draft	454 GS Titanium; Assembly: Newbler v 2.6; Annotation: RAST, PGAP
	<i>Bifidobacterium actinocoloniiforme</i> DSM 22766 T	Complete Genome	MiSeq and HiSeq 2000; paired end Draft genome assembler: SPAdes v3.50 and A5 miseq;
	<i>Lactobacillus curvatus</i>	Genome	RAST HiSeq 2000; Assembly: Velvet 1.2.07; Annotation: Glimmer
	<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> FS14	Complete Genome	Illumina GIIx; paired ends; Assembler: Velvet; Error correction by Illumine HiSeq 2000
	<i>Lactobacillus sp.</i> strain TCF032-E4	Draft	Illumina HiSeq 2500; Contigs ordered by Mauve 2.3.1; Assembler: Velvet 1.2.10; Annotation: RAST
	<i>Lactobacillus rhamnosus</i> CLS17	Draft	Roche 454 GS FLX Titanium; Assembler: Newbler v 2.3;
	<i>Lactobacillus rhamnosus</i>	Draft	Roche 454 GS FLX Titanium; Assembler: Newbler 2.6; Annotation: RAST
	<i>Lactobacillus fermentum</i> 3872	Genome	Ion Torrent PGM 314 v2 chip; Assembler: Torrent Assembler and CLC Genomics Workbench combined using CISA contig integrator; Annotation: RAST, PGAP
	<i>Bifidobacterium kashiwanohense</i> JCM 15439 ^T	Complete Genome	WGS Sanger and 454 GS FLX pyrosequencing; Assembler: Newbler, Phred-Phrap-Consed; Annotation: Glimmer 3, tRNAscan-SE
	<i>Lactobacillus paracasei</i>	Genome	Illumina Genome Analyzer II; Assembler: Velvet deNovo; Annotation: MiGAP, tRNAscan-SE
	<i>Lactobacillus fermentum</i> LfQi6	Draft	Illumina MiSeq; Assembler: Velvet and SPAdes;
	<i>Lactobacillus hokkaidonensis</i> LOOC260(T)	Complete Genome	PacBio SMRT RSII sequencer; Also, independent Illumina MiSeq; Assembly: deNovo by HGAP method, Platanus; Annotation: APBRO
	<i>Lactobacillus farciminis</i> CNCM-I-3699	Genome	Illumina GAIIX; 454 GSFLX; Assembly: CLC Genomics Workbench 5.0; Newbler 2.6; Annotation: RAST, GO and Pfmagaint UFO web browser
	<i>Bifidobacterium scardovii</i> Strain JCM 12489T	Genome	Sanger and 454 GSFLX; Assembler: Phred-Phrap-Consed; Annotation: Glimmer 3.0,
	<i>Lactobacillus gorillae</i> KZ01 T	Draft	Illumina MiSeq; Assembler: CLC Genomics Workbench 8.0.1; Annotation: PGAP, ARDB
	<i>Bifidobacterium kashiwanohense</i> PV20-2	Complete Genome	SMRT PacBio RSII; Assembly: Heirarchical genome assembly; Annotation: PGAP, RAST
	<i>Lactobacillus curieae</i> CCTCC M 2011381 T	Draft	Illumina SOlexa HiSeq 2000; Assembler: SOAP deNovo; Annotation: Glimmer 3.0, NCBI PGAP
	<i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> P-8	Complete genome	454 GS FLX and Illumina SOlexa GAIIX paired end combined; Assembler: Newbler
	<i>Lactobacillus panis</i> DSM 6035 T	Draft	Illumina MiSeq; Assembly: Velvet; Annotation: RAST
2016	<i>Lactobacillus casei</i> N87	Draft	Illumina HiSeq 1000; Assembler: CLC Genomics Workbench v 8.0.3; Annotation: PGAP
	<i>Lactobacillus sakei</i> FBL1	Draft	Ion Torrent PGM; Assembler: Ref based SPAdes v 3.1.0; Annotation: RAST



<i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> 2025	Draft	Ion Torrent PGM; Assembler: SPAdes and GWB, consensus combined by CISA;
<i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> SF2A35B	Draft	Annotation: RAST WGS Illumina HiSeq 2000; Assembly: deNovo by Ray Assembler; Annotation: RAST server
<i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> CRL1506	Draft	WGS Illumina MiSeq;
<i>Lactobacillus equigenerosi</i> NRIC 0697 T	Draft	Assembler: Ngen (DNASTar); Annotation; RAST, PGAP, tRNAscan-SE; RNAmmer Illumina MiSeq;
<i>Lactobacillus crispatus</i> JCM5810	Draft	Assembler: Newbler 2.8 Illumina MiSeq;
<i>Lactobacillus casei</i> DPC6800	Draft	Assembler: CLC Genomics Workbench 8.5.1; scaffolds by Sanger sequencing Roche 454 FLX;
<i>Lactobacillus kunkeei</i> MP2	Genome	Assembler: Ngen (DNASTar); Annotation: Glimmer 3.0.2, RAS; verified by BLASTp and Artemis
<i>Bifidobacterium longum</i> infantis TPY12-1		using one SMRT cell (P6-C4 Chemistry) on a PacBio RSII sequencer (Pacific Biosciences)
<i>Bifidobacterium longum</i> suis BSM11-5		Illumina HiSeq2500; paired ends; Annotation Abyss v.1.9.0
<i>Lactobacillus farciminis</i> NBRC 111452	Draft	Illumina MiSeq; paired ends; annotation by RAST, Annotation Abyss v.1.9.0
<i>Lactobacillus johnsonii</i> strain W1	Genome	Ion Torrent PGM system; Assembler: Newbler v2.8; Annotation: RAST server using Glimmer3
<i>Lacobacillus brevis</i> strain D6	Whole genome	Illumina MiSeq; paired ends; Assembler: SOAP denovo 2.04.r240;
<i>Lactobacillus collinoides</i> CUPV237	Draft	Annotation: PGAP analysis Roche 454 GS FLX; Assembler: Newbler; Annotation: PGAAP analysis
		Illumina GAIIX; Assembler: Genomics Workbench v 7.0; Annotation: PGAP

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, the application of genomic technologies in probiotic research has facilitated better understanding of probiotic bacteria and the genes and the molecular mechanisms that endow them with characteristic traits. The advances in sequencing technologies through the years, represented by the four generations of high throughput sequencing technologies, have eventually enabled easier and faster acquisition of genome data as seen by the reports of the genome sequences published over the years. A parallel advance has also been witnessed in the development of genome assembly and annotation software and tools to facilitate the analysis of the genome data. Furthermore, studies pertinent to the biomolecule utilization and comparative genomics studies of probiotic genomes have been gaining momentum in the recent years.

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