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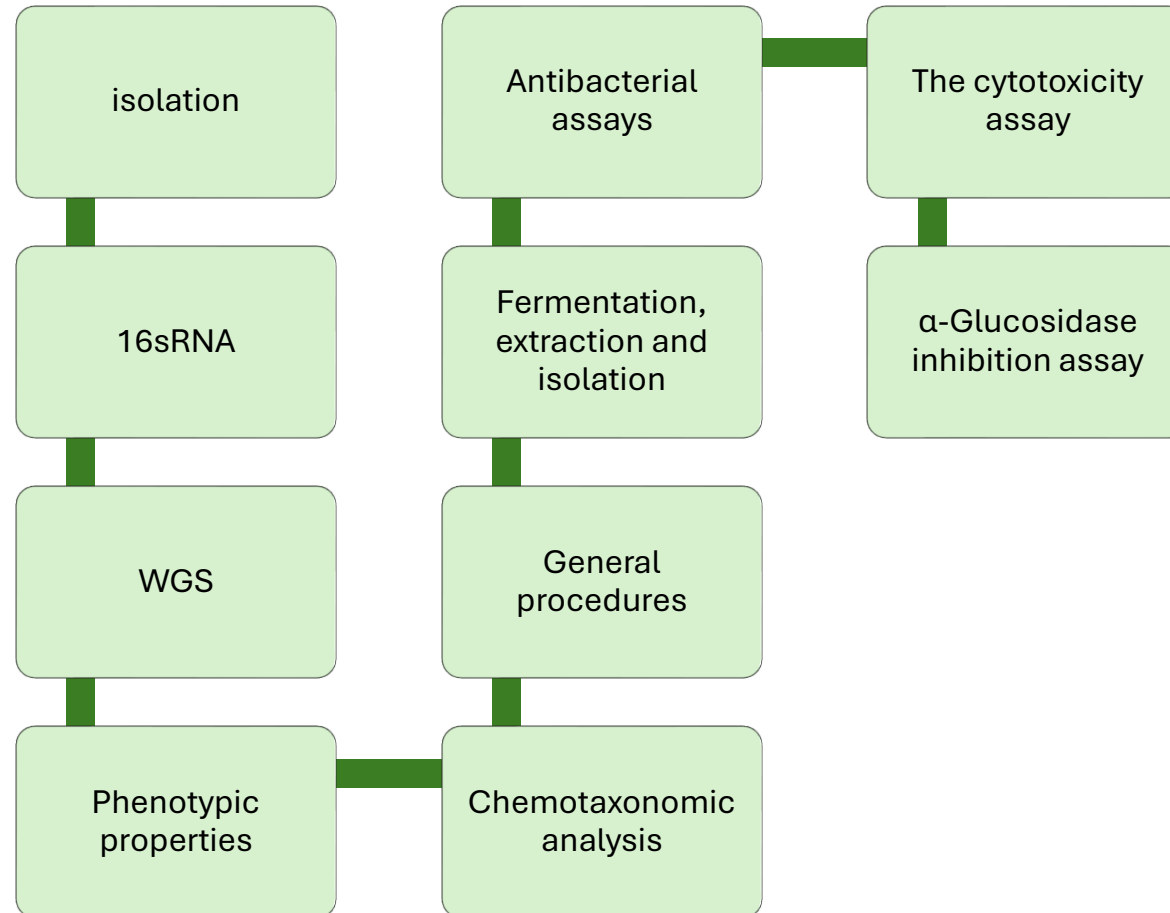
Why Marine Actinomycetes?

- Rich source of bioactive secondary metabolites (antibiotics, anticancer agents).
- Marine Streptomyces adapt to extreme conditions (high salinity, pressure), yielding unique compounds.
- Challenges: Rediscovery of known metabolites → Need for novel strains

Objectives

- 1- Isolate and taxonomically characterize a novel *Streptomyces* strain.
- 2- Identify secondary metabolites via genome mining and bioassays.
- 3-Evaluate antibacterial/biological activities of purified compounds.

Methods Overview



Methods

- Isolation and maintenance

2216E agar

- 16S rRNA gene phylogeny

Sequence similarity : (www.ezbiocloud.net/identify)

Multiple sequence alignments and phylogenetic reconstructions : MEGA version 1.1

Whole genome sequencing

- Sequence assembly: Unicycler software
- quality of microbial genome: CheckM
- average nucleotide identity (ANI) : ANI Calculator
- Digital DNA-DNA hybridization (dDDH) : Genome-to-Genome Distance Calculator
- average amino acid identity (AAI) : AAI calculator tool
- The whole genome and orthologs genes : OrthoVenn 3
- Synteny analysis: progressive Mauve tool
- BGC: ANTI-ASMASH

Phenotypic properties

- Cell morphology
- Anaerobic growth: GasPak EZ anaerobic bag system (BD)
- Growth, temperature range, pH tolerance, NaCl tolerance
- Hydrolysis of starch, cellulose, gelatin, and Tweens (20, 40, 60, and 80) and H₂S production, coagulation, and peptonization of milk, Catalase activity

- biochemical characteristics: enzymatic activities, carbon and energy source (API ZYM, API 20NE, Biolog GEN III)

Chemotaxonomic analysis

- Menaquinones
- cell-wall diamino acid and whole-cell sugar
- Cellular fatty acid
- polar lipids

General procedures

- HRESIMS/NMR
- Column chromatography (CC) /HPLC

Fermentation, extraction and isolation

Media	Compositions
MA	Glucose (10 g/L), Yeast extract (5 g/L), Soluble starch (12 g/L), Bacterial peptone (5 g/L), NaCl (4 g/L), KH_2PO_4 (0.5 g/L), $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.5 g/L), CaCO_3 (2 g/L), Sea salt (30 g/L).
MK	Yeast extract (2 g/L), Bacterial peptone (2 g/L), Glucose (2 g/L), Mannitol (3 g/L), Malt extract (5 g/L), Peptone from soybean (5 g/L), Soluble starch (5 g/L), Sea salt (30 g/L).
2216E	2216E (37.4 g/L)
M2216E	2216E (37.4 g/L), Glucose (15 g/L), Sea salt (30 g/L).
AM3	Soluble starch (10 g/L), soybean meal (5 g/L), Bacterial peptone (15 g/L), Glycerin (10 ml/L), CaCO_3 (2 g/L), Sea salt (30 g/L).
MC3	Soluble starch (10 g/L), Yeast extract (4 g/L), Bacterial peptone (2 g/L), CaCO_3 (2 g/L), Sea salt (30 g/L).
MISP2	Yeast extract (4 g/L), Malt extract (10 g/L), Glucose (4 g/L), Sea salt (30 g/L).
MISP4	Soluble starch (10 g/L), KH_2PO_4 (2 g/L), $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1 g/L), NaCl (1 g/L), $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ (2 g/L), CaCO_3 (3 g/L), TS (1 mL/L) ^a , Yeast extract (0.5 g/L), Bacterial peptone (1 g/L), Sea salt (30 g/L).
MRA	Soluble starch (20 g/L), Glucose (10 g/L), Malt extract (10 g/L), Maltose (10 g/L), Corn steep liquor (5 g/L), CaCO_3 (2 g/L), Sea salt (30 g/L).
MJNP1A	Soluble starch (20 g/L), Peptone of fish powder (2 g/L), Trehalose Dihydrate (2 g/L), Beef extract (3 g/L), Sea salt (30 g/L).
MM18	Corn flour (5 g/L), Yeast extract (2 g/L), Soybean meal (5 g/L), Soluble starch (15 g/L), $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ (2 g/L), CaCO_3 (2 g/L), Sea salt (30 g/L).

- MC3 liquid: HPLC profiles and antibacterial zones
- The culture (30 L) : (2.5 g)
- EtOAc extract was fractionated using MPLC (C18 column) with a methanol/water gradient (10–100%), yielding 10 fractions (Fr.1–Fr.10).

Compound Purification (Semi-Preparative HPLC):

- Fr.5 (76mg)→ Compound 1 (Monaprenylindole A)
- Fr.7 (90mg)→ Compounds 2 (3-Cyanomethyl-6-prenylindole)& 3 (6-Prenyltryptophol)
- Fr.9 (74mg) → Compound 4 (Anthracimycin)
- Fr.10.4 (60mg) & Fr.10.5 (38 mg)→ Compounds 5 (2-Epi-anthracyclin)& 6 (β -Rubromycin)
- Fr.3.2 (40mg)→ Compound 7 (4-(Dimethylamino) benzoic acid)

Antibacterial assays

- *Bacillus thuringiensis* ATCC 10792, *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 29213, *Bacillus subtilis* BS01, *Acinetobacter baumannii* ATCC 19606 and *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922)
- (LB) agar plate at 37 °C
- The eleven EtOAc extracts were dissolved in MeOH at the concentration of 20 mg/ mL, the crude extract at concentration of 10 mg/mL, and the ten fractions (Fr.1–Fr.10) at concentration of 4 mg/ mL.

The cytotoxicity assay

- Target cell line: Human tumor cells (HL-60)
- compound 1
- Method: CCK-8 assay

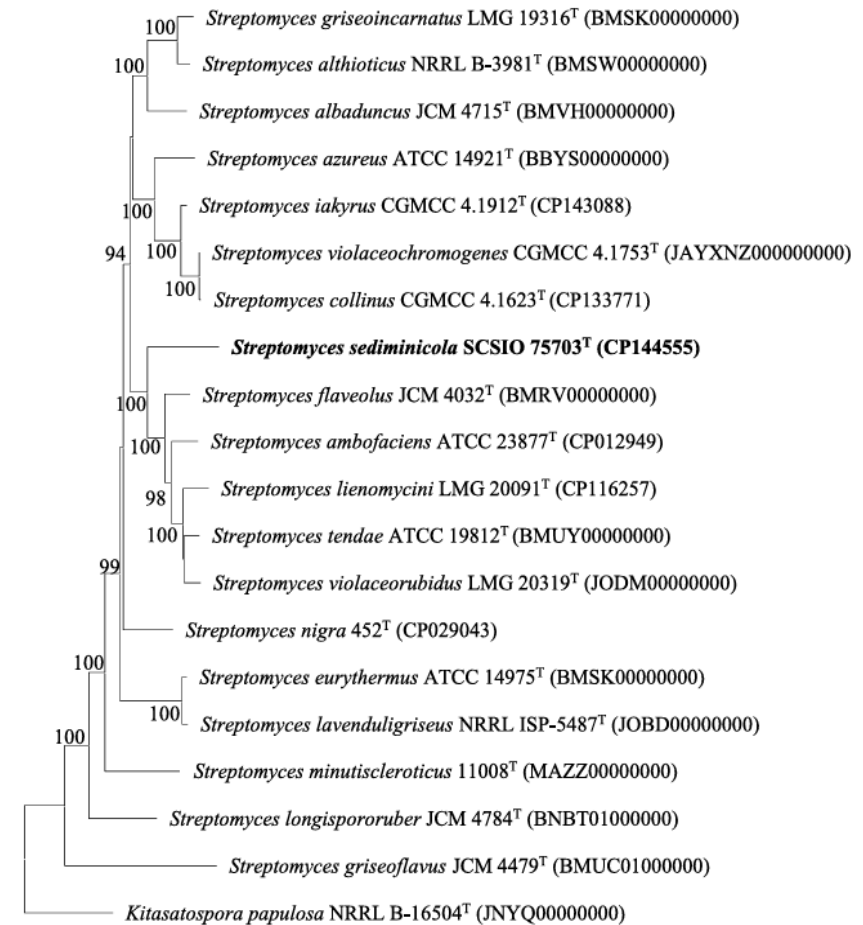
α -Glucosidase inhibition assay

- Test Compounds: Compounds 1–3 tested at 5 concentrations (starting at 100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$).
- Serial twofold dilutions prepared in DMSO.
- Positive Control: Acarbose (starting concentration: 14.3 $\mu\text{g/mL}$).
- triplicate.
- Analysis: IC50 GraphPad Prism 9.

Results and discussion

Table 1 Results of dDDH, ANI, AAI values between strains SCSIO 75703^T and their most closely related species

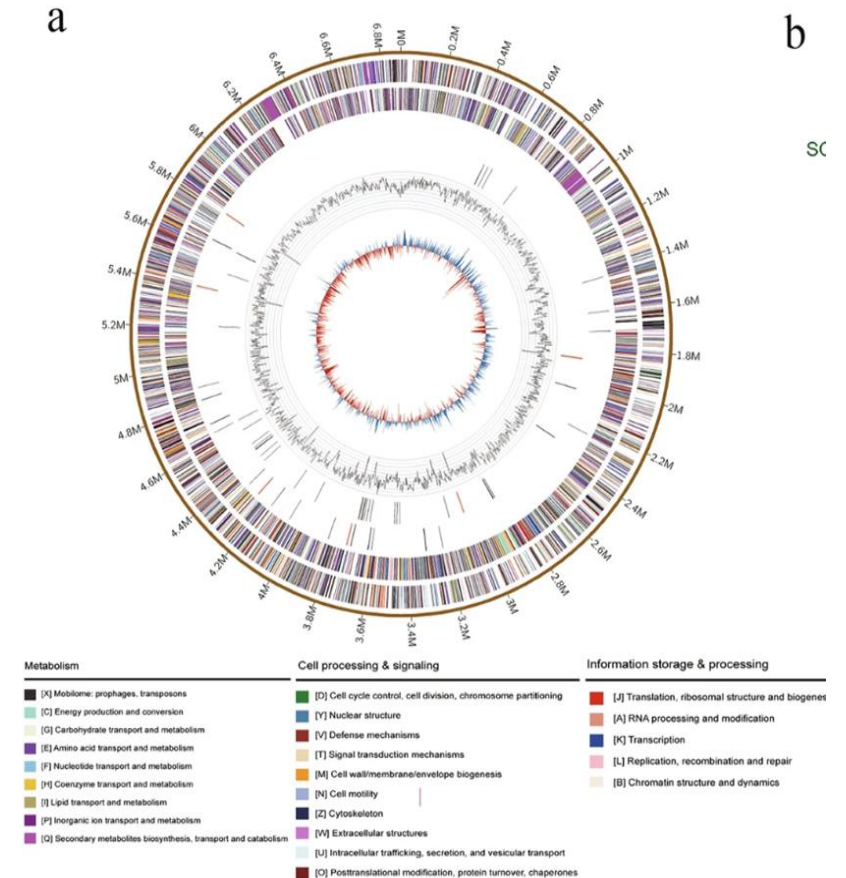
Strains	SCSIO 75703 ^T (CP144555)		
	dDDH (%)	ANI (%)	AAI (%)
<i>S. flaveolus</i> JCM 4032 ^T (BMRV00000000)	29.5	85.9	81.8
<i>S. ambofaciens</i> ATCC 23877 ^T (CP012949)	28.9	85.6	81.8
<i>S. lienomycini</i> LMG 20091 ^T (CP116257)	28.7	84.4	81.7



Genomic analysis

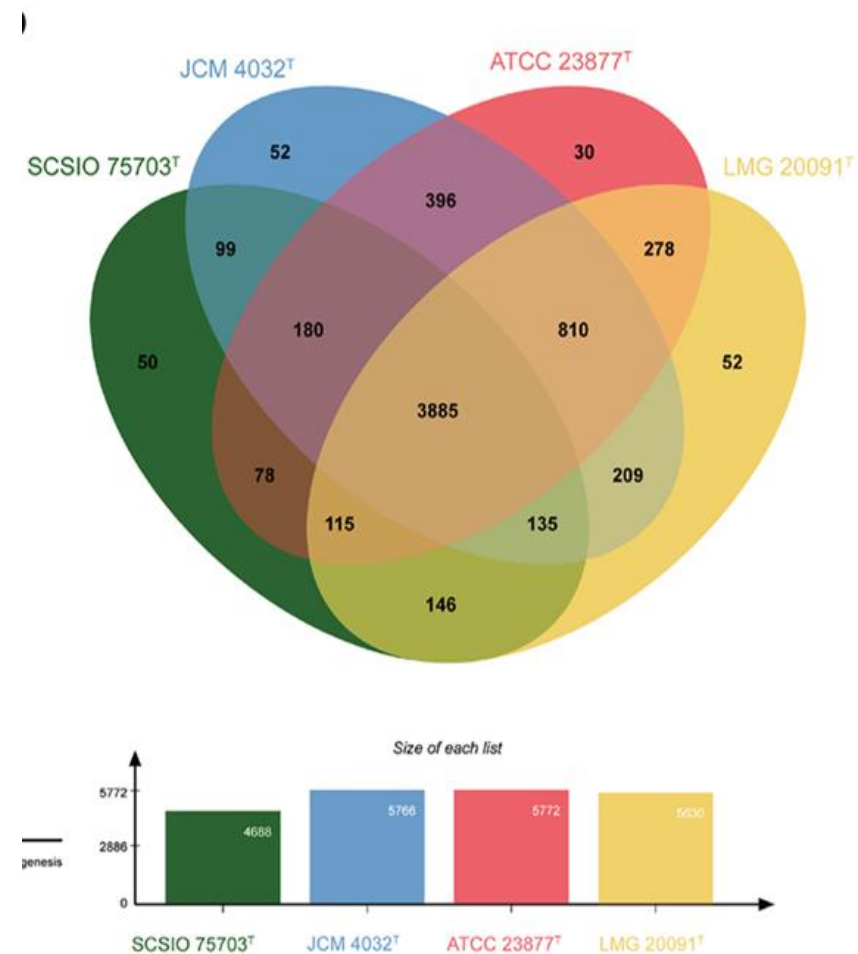
- 6,885,934 bp
- 73.5% G + C

5,937 genes were predicted from the genome of SCSIO 75703 T, which contained 72 tRNA, 6 5S rRNA, 6 16S rRNA (Similarity, 99.9–100%) and 6 23S rRNA genes.



genome completeness of strain SCSIO 75703 T is 99.89% (> 95%) with 0.94% contamination (< 5%)

3,885 gene clusters, with the three largest classes associated with **hydrolase activity** (n = 149), **molecular function** (n = 109) and **oxidoreductase activity** (n = 105)



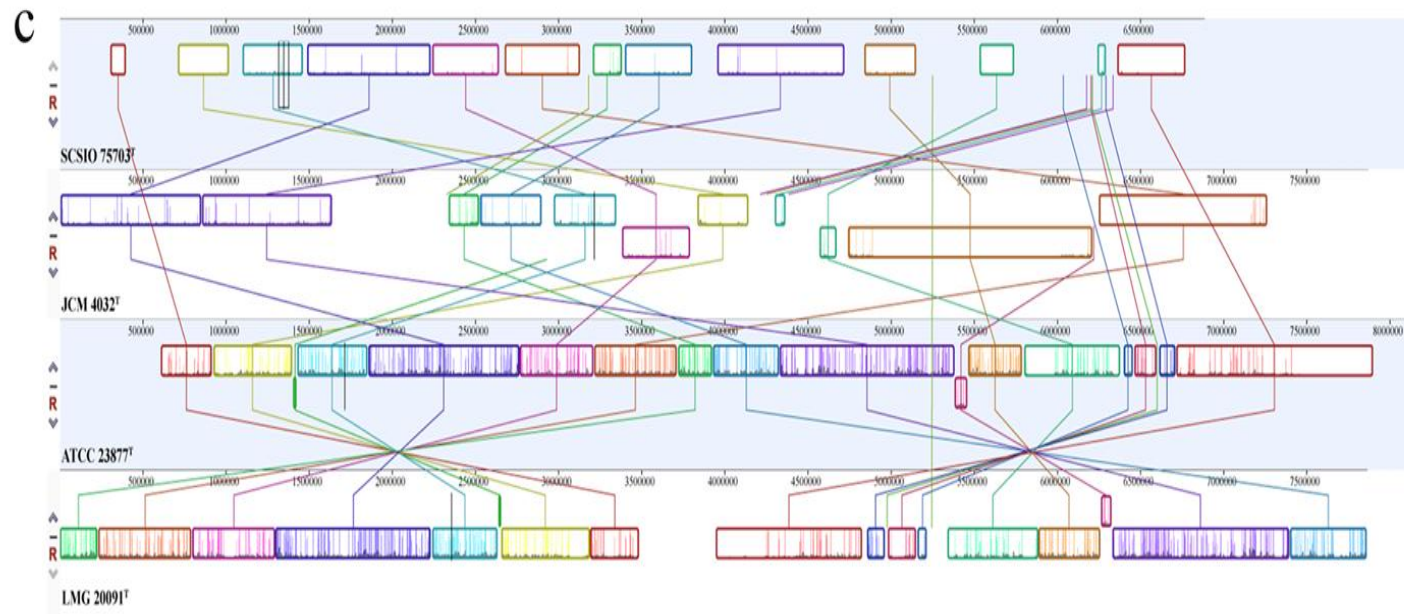


Fig. 2 Comparative genomics analysis. **a** Genome map of strain SCSIO 75703^T. **b** Venn diagram represents the core orthologs and unique genes for strain SCSIO 75703^T and the most closely related strains. **c** Genomic collinearity analysis between strains. Each contiguously colored locally collinear block (LCB) represents a region without rearrangement of the homologous backbone sequence

- A total of 25 secondary metabolite BGC
- 13 clusters : antibiotic Streptothritin, Collinomycin,
- Anthracomycin, Tirandamycin, Lomofungin, and others.
- terpenes, peptides, polyketides

Phenotypic characteristics

Category	Characteristics
Morphology	Gram-stain-positive, aerobic actinomycete with spiral spore chains; elliptic spores ($0.7\text{--}1.2 \times 0.5\text{--}0.7\text{ }\mu\text{m}$).
Growth Conditions	- Temperature: 10–37°C (optimum: 28–35°C) - pH: 6.0–10.0 (optimum: 7.0–8.0) - NaCl Tolerance: 0–10% (optimum: 1.0–3.0%).
Growth Media	Good growth: ISP2, ISP3, ISP4, ISP7, 2216E, NA, TSA Weak growth: ISP5, R2A.
Biochemical Tests	- Catalase: Positive - Oxidase: Negative - Hydrolysis: Positive for Tween 80, gelatin, starch - Negative for Tween 20, 40, 60, cellulose, milk coagulation/peptonization.
Distinguishing Features	Differs from related strains in optimal growth conditions, Tween hydrolysis, carbohydrate utilization, and enzymatic activities (see Table S4).

Chemotaxonomic characterization

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Details

Major Fatty Acids

- iso-C16:0 (predominant)
- iso-C15:0
- anteiso-C15:0

Menaquinones

- MK-10(H10): 74.7%
- MK-10(H8): 25.3%

Cell Wall Component

- LL-2,6-Diaminopimelic acid

Whole-Cell Sugars

- Galactose
- Glucose
- Ribose

Polar Lipids

- Diphosphatidylglycerol (DPG)
- Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE)
- Phosphatidylmethylethanolamine (PME)
- 1 unidentified amino phospholipid (APL)
- 3 unidentified phospholipids (PL)
- 1 unidentified lipid (L)

Antibacterial activity-oriented separation

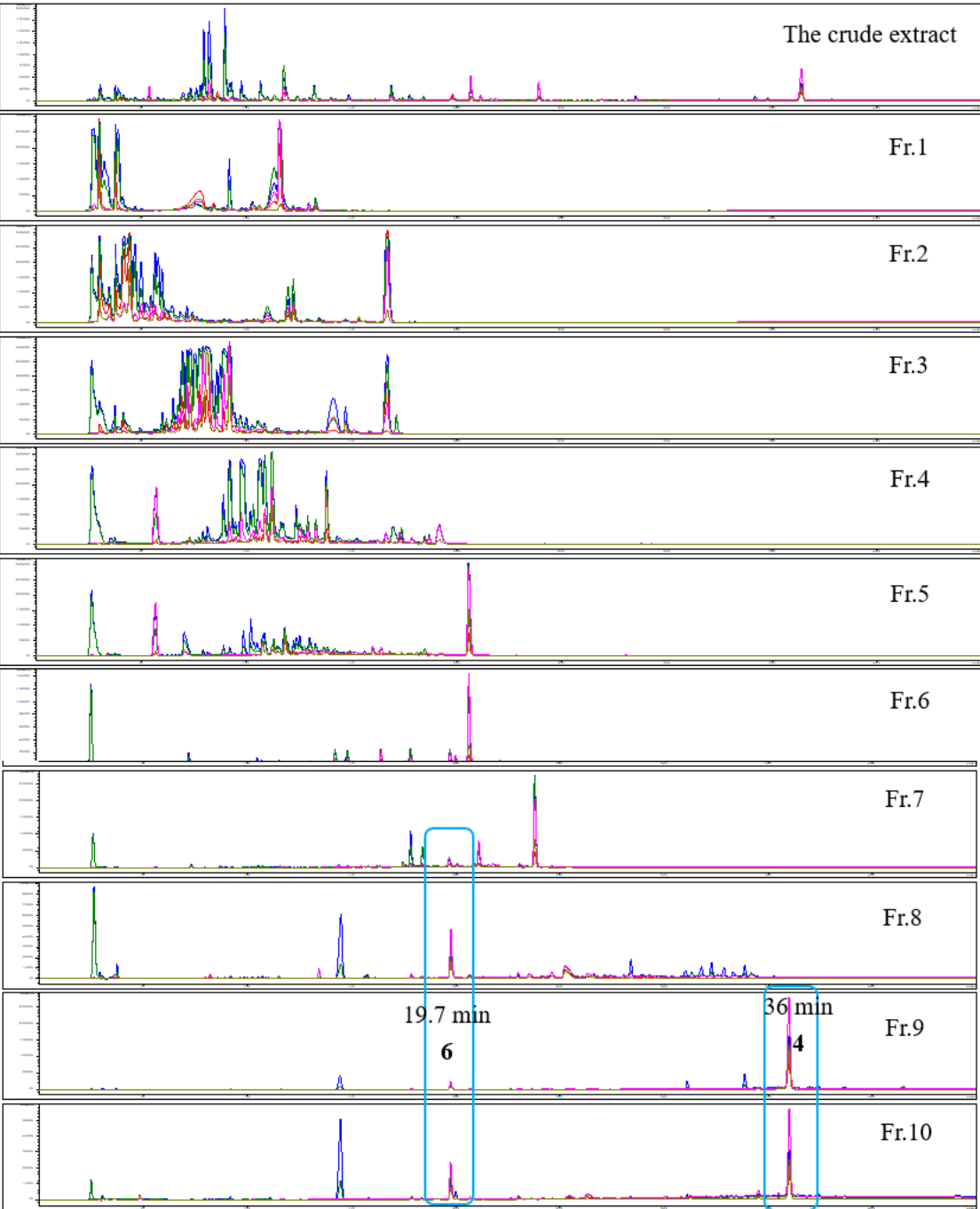
- (Fr.1–Fr.6) did not display antibacterial effect, but the next four fractions (Fr.7 -Fr.10) exhibited obvious inhibitory activity against the
- inhibition zones of 0.8 ~ 1.5 cm / 4 mg/mL

Table 2 Antibacterial activities of eleven extracts

Sample	<i>B. thuringiensis</i> ATCC 10792	<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC 29213	<i>B. subtilis</i> BS01	<i>E. coli</i> ATCC 25922
2216E	+++	+++	++	-
MC3	+++	++++	+	-
MRA	++	+++	++	-
MA	++	+++	++	-
M2216E	++	+++	++	-
MISP2	++	+++	++	-
MM18	++	+++	+	-
AM3	++	+++	++	-
MJNP1A	++	++	++	-
MK	++	+++	+	-
MISP4	++	++	++	-
Gentamicin ^a	++	+++	++++	-

^a Gentamicin is used as positive control at the concentration of 2 mg/mL (5 µL), and methanol is used as negative control

s β -rubromycin
and anthracimycin



Structural elucidation

Compound	Identification	Biosynthetic Gene Cluster (BGC)	Key Notes
1–3	Monaprenylindole A (1), 3-cyanomethyl-6-prenylindole (2), 6-prenyltryptophol (3)	Indole BGC (Cluster 24)	Identified via spectral comparison with literature.
4	Anthracycline (4)	TransAT-PKS BGC (Cluster 21)	First confirmed by single-crystal X-ray diffraction (Cu K α radiation).
5	2-epi-anthracycline (5)	TransAT-PKS BGC (Cluster 21)	Spectral match with prior reports.
6	β -Rubromycin (6)	T2PKS BGC (Cluster 16)	Cluster 16 has 96% similarity to collinomycin (α -Rubromycin) BGC.
7	4-(dimethylamino)benzoic acid (7)	Unknown BGC	Not linked to characterized clusters.

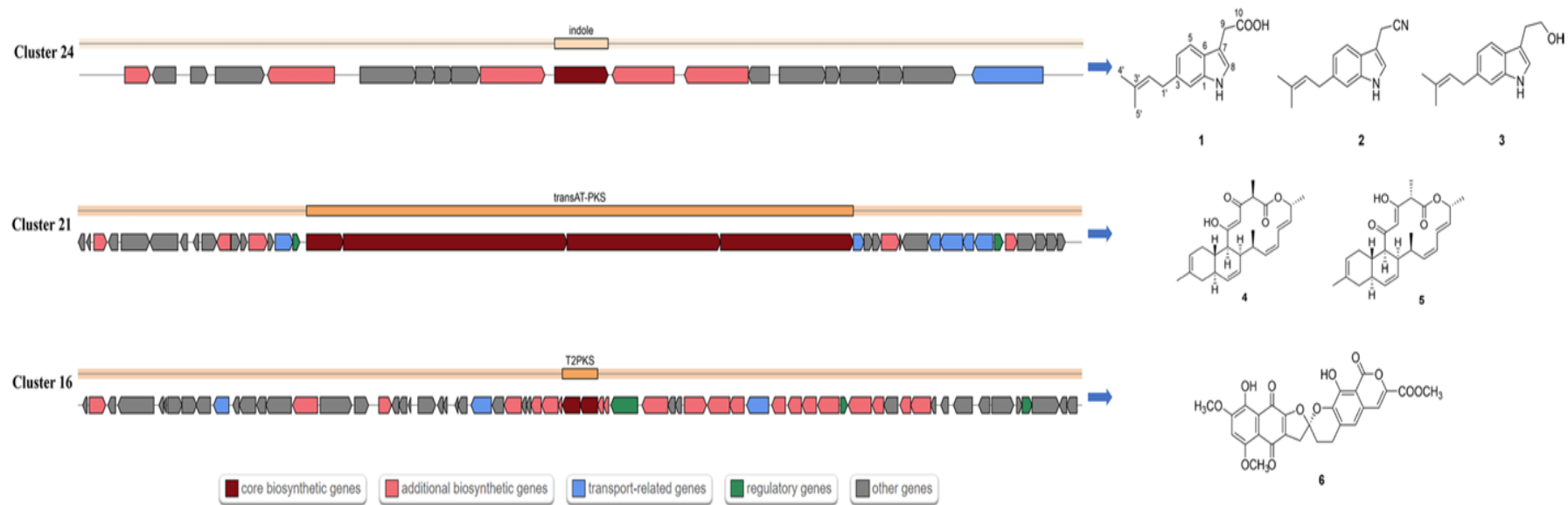


Fig. 5 Chemical structures and corresponding biosynthetic gene clusters in strain SCSIO 75703^T

Biological activities

Table 4 The antibacterial activities of compounds **4–6**

	MICs (μg/mL)	Anthracimycin (4)	2- <i>epi</i> -anthracimycin (5)	β-rubromycin (6)
Bacteria				
<i>B. subtilis</i> BS01	2	4	1	1
<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC 29213	0.125	8	0.125	0.5
<i>B. thuringiensis</i> ATCC 10792	0.125	8	0.125	1
<i>Eb. Profundum</i> DH012	0.125	4	0.5	1
<i>Ec. faecalis</i> ATCC 29212	0.25	16	0.5	1
<i>A. baumannii</i> ATCC 19606	> 32	> 32	> 32	1
<i>V. alginolyticus</i> XSBZ14	> 32	> 32	> 32	1

^a Ciprofloxacin is used as positive control

cytotoxicity

Table 5 Inhibitory activity of the compounds **1–3** and acarbose against α -glucosidase (n = 3)

Compounds	IC ₅₀ (μg/mL) ^a
1	83.27
2	86.21
3	45.4% inhibition at 100 μg/mL
Acarbose ^b	2.32

^a IC₅₀ is the concentration producing 50% inhibition of the enzyme activity

^b Acarbose is used as a positive control

Conclusion

Category	Key Points
Novel Species Identification	- Strain SCSIO 75703 T represents a novel species: <i>Streptomyces sediminicola</i> sp. nov. (supported by 16S rRNA, ANI, AAI, dDDH, phylogeny, phenotype, and chemotaxonomy).
Discovery Strategy	- OSMAC method effectively explored metabolic profiles via HPLC. - Bioassay-guided fractionation isolated 7 compounds (1–7).
Bioactive Compounds	- Anthracycline (4) and β-rubromycin (6): Potent vs. Gram-positive bacteria (MICs = 0.125–16 μg/mL). - Compounds 1 & 2: Inhibit α-glucosidase (IC₅₀ = 83.27 & 86.21 μg/mL).
Significance of Anthracycline	- A promising drug lead with outstanding antimicrobial activity. - Strain is a potential high-yield producer of anthracycline.
Other Metabolites	- Prenylated indole alkaloids (variable bioactivity based on side chains). - Minor production of 2-epi-anthracycline detected.
Future Work	- Further study needed to optimize anthracycline production and explore analogues.

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