# Genome sequence of Staphylococcus sciuri as a milestone in the understanding of the evolution of the Staphylococcaceae family

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## Microorganisms from aphid honeydew attract and enhance the efficacy of natural enemies

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Aphids are one of the most serious pests of crops worldwide, causing major yield and economic losses. To control aphids, natural enemies could be an option but their efficacy is sometimes limited by their dispersal in natural environment. Here we report the first isolation of a bacterium from the pea aphid *Acyrthosiphon pisum* honeydew, *Staphylococcus sciuri*, which acts as a kairomone enhancing the efficiency of aphid natural enemies. Our findings represent the first case of a host-associated bacterium driving prey location and ovipositional preference for the natural enemy. We show that this bacterium has a key role in tritrophic interactions because it is the direct source of volatiles used to locate prey. Some specific semiochemicals produced by *S. sciuri* were also identified as significant attractants and ovipositional stimulants. The use of this host-associated bacterium could certainly provide a novel approach to control aphids in field and greenhouse systems.

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#### NATURAL POPULATIONS OF THE GENUS STAPHYLOCOCCUS

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We may question the evolutionary course taken by such widespread species as *S. xylosus* and *S. sciuri*, which may be capable of a free-living existence. These species do not require an organic source of nitrogen and have been isolated occasionally from soil and natural waters (44, 45, 103).



### A Highly Pathogenic Strain of *Staphylococcus sciuri* Caused Fatal Exudative Epidermitis in Piglets

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Staphylococcus sciuri are important human pathogens responsible for endocarditis, peritonitis, septic shock, urinary tract infection, pelvic inflammatory disease and wound infections. However, little information is known regarding the pathogenicity of *S. sciuri* to animals. From the pericardial fluid of a diseased piglet with exudative epidermitis (EE), we isolated a strain of *Staphylococcus* in pure culture. Surprisingly, this isolate was a member of *S. sciuri* rather than *S. hyicus* as identified by its biochemical traits and also by analysis of 23S ribosomal DNA using Internal Transcribed Spacer PCR. In addition, inoculation of newborn piglets with  $1 \times 10^{10}$  CFU of the isolate by oral feeding or intra-muscular injection successfully reproduced EE in piglets, which suggested that the oral intake of the pathogen by the animals is one of the major routes of exposure. These unexpected findings prioritized *S. sciuri* as important zoonotic agents, which may have ramifications for human medicine.

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### Staphylococcus sciuri Exfoliative Toxin C (ExhC) is a Necrosis-Inducer for Mammalian Cells

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#### Abstract

Staphylococcus sciuri (S. sciuri) is a rare pathogen in humans, but it can cause a wide array of human infections. Recently a S. sciuri isolate (HBXX06) was reported to cause fatal exudative epidermitis (EE) in piglets and thus considered as a potential zoonotic agent. To investigate the pathogenicity of this bacterium, we cloned *exfoliative toxin C (ExhC)*, a major toxin of the S. sciuri isolate and performed functional analysis of the recombinant ExhC-his (rExhC) protein using *in vitro* cell cultures and newborn mice as models. We found that rExhC could induce necrosis in multiple cell lines and peritoneal macrophages as well as skin lesions in newborn mice, and that the rExhC-induced necrosis in cells or skin lesions in newborn mice could be completely abolished if amino acids 79-128 of rExhC were deleted or blocked with a monoclonal antibody (3E4), indicating aa 79-128 portion as an essential necrosis-inducing domain. This information contributes to further understandings of the mechanisms underlying S. sciuri infection.

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#### Molecular Characterization of *Staphylococcus sciuri* Strains Isolated from Humans

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# Isolation and Molecular Characterization of *Staphylococcus sciuri* in the Hospital Environment

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# Nasal Carriage of Methicillin-Resistant and Methicillin-Sensitive Strains of *Staphylococcus sciuri* in the Indonesian Population<sup>∇</sup>

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## Characteristics of the CIP 105824 genome project

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## Pulsed-field gel electrophoresis of CIP 105824 strain



## Some key genomic features of the *Staphylococcaceae* family

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	Newman	ED99	ATCC 15305	CIP 105824	ATCC 12228	JCSC1435*	HKU09-01	TM300	JCSC5402*
<u>Traits :</u>									
Size (Mb)	2.87	2.57	2.51	≈ 2.3	2.49	2.68	2.65	2.56	2.10
GC%	32.9	37.6	33.2	32.4	32.1	32.8	33.8	34.6	36.9
rRNA operons	5	5	6	5	5	5	6	5	4
Copies of mobile elements									
- Insertion sequences	2 x IS1181	10 (1+7+2)	2 x IS <i>431</i>	0	17 (3+13+1)	60 (6+14+24+16)	5 (4+1)	0	4 (2+1+1)
- Transposons	0	4	0	0	1	2	3 (1+2)	0	0
- Remnant transposases	10	11	9	1	46	22	2	1	2
- Group II introns	0	7 x RT gene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Prophages	4	0	1	2	2	2	1	1	2
- Pathogenicity islands	2	1 very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sigma factors	4	3	4	5	4	4	4	4	3
Penicillin-binding proteins	4	4	4	5 (PBP2a)	4	5 (PBP4b)	5 (PBP4b)	5 (PBP4b)	4
Pigment biosynthesis	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Major menaquinone	MK-8	MK-7	MK-7	MK-6	MK-7	MK-7	MK-7	MK-7	?
Carboxylate-type siderophores	2	2	1	1 (novel)	1	1	0	1	No
Haem-binding proteins	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
Phenol-soluble modulins	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Tagatose-6-P pathway	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Oxidase ( <i>c</i> -type cytochromes)	-	-	_	+	-	-	-	-	+

## What makes S. sciuri group different from other staphylococci ?

- Oxidase-positive and MK-6 *Staphylococcaceae* organisms
- Growth from  $(NH_4)_2SO_4$  (no amino acid auxotrophy)
- A large repertoire of competence genes
- Presence of the MEP pathway for isoprenoid synthesis
- Many more Phospho-Transferase Systems (> 25...)
- A bit more ATP-binding cassette transporters (> 55...)



from Ramazzina et al., Nat. Chem. Biol., 2010







# Sal(A): R to SgA and LIN

### qRT-PCR results



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# Saga of sal(A) within staphylococci





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