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Comparative analysis of Gordonia strains genomes capable of utilizing dibenzothiophene**Frantsuzova E***FRC PSCBR RAS, Russia*

Sulfur makes up 0.05% to 10% of crude oil composition, with most of it bound as condensed thiophenes, which can make up to 75% of the total sulfur. When burning fossil fuels, a large amount of sulfur dioxide is emitted into the atmosphere, which is a serious source of air pollution, contributes to the appearance of acid rain, and also changes the natural balance of chemical elements in the environment, thereby affecting the biological diversity of ecosystems. The most convenient and eco-friendly method of desulfurization is biodesulfurization – the process of removing sulfur using microorganisms. As a rule, such microorganisms are used that are capable of utilizing sulfur through the 4S pathway (the metabolic pathway for extracting sulfur without changing the rest of the molecule), which facilitates the maintenance of the fuel calorific value. The aim of this work is the implementation of the comparative analysis of the genomes of dibenzothiophene-utilizing strains of *Gordonia alkanivorans* 135 (CP046257.1), *Gordonia amicalis* 1D (CP023405.1), and *Gordonia amicalis* 6-1 (CP096596.1). The genomes of the strains were sequenced and completely assembled. Structural annotation of genomes was performed using Prokka software, RAST, and NCBI Prokaryotic Genome Annotation Pipeline. Functional annotation of genomes was performed using the KEGG service. For a more detailed understanding of the structure of the genomes of DBT-degrading strains of the genus *Gordonia*, the degree of gene order between the genomes of the two species was determined using the MAUVE program. The results showed that the main blocks retain a similar arrangement on the chromosomes, and in general the structure of the genomes is similar. However, multiple small rearrangements are observed, which probably occurred as a result of the recombination process and the activity of a large number of transposases. The analysis of the obtained results showed that, despite the ability of the strains to utilize dibenzothiophene as a source of sulfur, the *dsz* operon genes are absent in the strains. However, in all the researched strains in the category of «Sulfur metabolism» were found genes that are presumably related to the *dszC* genes.

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