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# A genomic comparison of 13 symbiotic *Vibrio fischeri* isolates from the perspective of their host source and colonization behavior

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Newly hatched *Euprymna scolopes* squid obtain their specific light-organ symbionts from an array of *Vibrio (Allivibrio) fischeri* strains present in their environment. Two genetically distinct populations of this squid species have been identified, one in Kaneohe Bay (KB), and another in Maunaloa Bay (MB), Oahu. We asked whether symbionts isolated from squid in each of these populations outcompete isolates from the other population in mixed-infection experiments. No relationship was found between a strain's host source (KB or MB) and its ability to competitively colonize KB or MB juveniles in a mixed inoculum. Instead, two colonization behaviors were identified among the 11 KB and MB strains tested: a 'dominant' outcome, in which one strain outcompetes the other for colonization, and a 'sharing' outcome, in which two strains co-colonize the squid. A genome-level comparison of these and other *V. fischeri* strains suggested that the core genomic structure of this species is both syntenous and highly conserved over time and geographical distance. We also identified ~ 250 Kb of sequence, encoding 194 dispersed orfs, that was specific to those strains that expressed the dominant colonization behavior. Taken together, the results indicate a link between the genome content of *V. fischeri* strains and their colonization behavior when initiating a light-organ symbiosis. *The ISME Journal* advance online publication, 29 April 2016; doi:10.1038/ismej.2016.69

#### Introduction

Understanding the relationships between environmental adaptation, population dynamics and genomic diversity is a key goal of the field of microbial ecology (McInnes et al., 2004; Cordero and Polz, 2014). The study of microbial symbioses has provided a valuable platform from which this goal can be addressed. For instance, co-evolution or codivergence of bacteria and their hosts has been extensively studied in vertically transmitted associations, and can involve events like gene sharing and genome reduction within the microbial partner(s) (Kikuchi et al., 2009; Moran and Bennett, 2014). Similarly, horizontally transmitted symbioses of plants and invertebrates have offered the opportunity to examine the evolution of species specificity, revealing evidence for strategies such as congruent evolution and partner choice (Chaston and Goodrich-Blair, 2010; Sudakaran *et al.*, 2015). In the symbiosis between the squid *Euprymna scolopes* and the luminous bacterium *Vibrio fischeri*, as in other environmentally acquired, non-obligatory symbionts, one can experimentally expose an aposymbiotic host to genetically distinct *V. fischeri* strains, either singly or in combination, and monitor the establishment and dynamics of the resulting symbiont population. By manipulating this highly specific association, one can address fundamental questions concerning the role of strategies like host sanctioning in the evolution of persistent symbiotic associations (Koch *et al.*, 2014).

*V. fischeri* is the specific light-organ symbiont of several families of fishes and squids, including the Hawaiian bobtail squid, *E. scolopes.* In exchange for nutrients, the bacterium provides counterillumination for the night-active squid by producing bioluminescence that obscures the shadow of the host from its predators (Jones and Nishiguchi, 2004). The squid hatches without *V. fischeri* cells, but rapidly acquires this specific bacterium from the surrounding environment (Ruby and Asato, 1993). The bacteria enter the nascent light organ through six surface pores, three on either side of the organ. They then traverse several different tissue environments

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before entering the six epithelium-lined crypts deep within the organ, where they establish a lifelong, albeit dynamic, symbiosis (Nyholm and McFall-Ngai, 2004). In nature, mature squids contain at least three to five strains (Wollenberg and Ruby, 2009), indicating the possibility of mixed-strain colonizations occurring in the crypts. Each morning for the 8–10-month lifetime of the host, the light organ expels 95% of its symbionts (Lee and Ruby, 1994b) and, within a few hours, the organ is repopulated by the growth of the remaining symbionts.

Distinct populations of squid occur within two bays on different sides of the Hawaiian Island of Oahu (Kimbell *et al.*, 2002): Maunaloa Bay (MB) and Kaneohe Bay (KB). Using a DNA-fingerprint technique (VfRep-PCR) to characterize light-organ symbionts obtained from the two host populations, three genetically and phenotypically distinct groups of *V. fischeri* were described (Wollenberg and Ruby, 2009) that are found associated with hosts from both geographic locations. Group-A strains (Wollenberg and Ruby, 2012) exhibited an advantage when colonizing juvenile squid from the MB population; and they were less fit than other symbionts when incubated in natural seawater in the absence of the host, suggesting divergent ecological strategies.

In this study, we performed both functional and genomic analyses of 11 symbiotic V. fischeri strains that are representative of those described in Wollenberg and Ruby, 2012, and whose genomes we have recently sequenced. In the functional approach, we first asked whether symbionts of squid from one bay were more effective at colonizing juveniles from this same bay. We next examined the relative fitness of these symbionts by determining their behavior during an experimental co-colonization: specifically, when pairs of strains were co-inoculated, did one outcompete the other or did a co-colonization of the light organ result. Finally, we compared the genomes of squid light-organ symbionts, together with the fish light-organ symbiont, strain MJ11 (Mandel et al., 2009), to ask whether there were genes that were always found in the squid symbionts, but not in the fish symbiont.

## Materials and methods

#### Media and strains

All *V. fischeri* strains were grown at 28 °C in either (i) seawater tryptone medium containing (per liter) 700 ml of a marine salts solution Instant Ocean (Spectrum Brands, Madison, WI, USA), 300 ml deionized water, 5 g Bacto-Tryptone, 3 g yeast extract and 3 ml of glycerol; or (ii) Luria-Bertani (LB) Salt media (Graf *et al.*, 1994), containing (per liter) 20 g NaCl, 50 ml of 1 M Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 10 g Bacto-Tryptone and 5 g yeast extract, with the addition of erythromycin (5 µg ml<sup>-1</sup>) for strains carrying a gene encoding a green or red fluorescent protein (RFP) in the Tn7 site (McCann *et al.*, 2003). Derivatives of *Escherichia coli* DH5 $\alpha$  were grown at 37 °C in LB medium (10 g Bacto-Tryptone, 5 g yeast extract and 10 g NaCl per liter). When necessary, LB medium was supplemented with kanamycin ( $50 \ \mu g \ ml^{-1}$ ), carbenicillin ( $100 \ \mu g \ ml^{-1}$ ) or chloramphenicol ( $25 \ \mu g \ ml^{-1}$ ).

All of the wild-type strains used in this study have been previously described (Ruby et al., 2005; Mandel et al., 2009; Wollenberg and Ruby, 2009) (Supplementary Table S1), and derivatives were constructed that chromosomally carried genes encoding either green fluorescent protein (GFP) or RFP to simplify their differentiation (Supplementary Table S2). To construct plasmids pCBNR6 and pCBNR7, we amplified the segments pLacZ-GFP and pLacZ-RFP, from pVSV102 and pVSV208, respectively (Dunn et al., 2006), and inserted them into pEVS107 (McCann et al., 2003). We amplified pVSV102 and pVSV208 by PCR using the following primers: (5'-GCATGCCTAGGTTTACACTTTATGCT TCCGGC-3') and (5'-CGTACGGTACCTCAGTTGTAC AGTTCATCCATG-3') for pCBNR6; and (5'-CGTACG GTACCCTACAGGAACAGGTGGTGG-3') for pCBNR7. The primers were synthetized by Integrated DNA Technologies (Coralville, IA, USA). Subsequent PCR digestion by KpnI-HF and AvrII, ligation and transformation were all performed according to standard methods. We then transferred the fragment containing the promoter, fluorescent protein and erythromycinresistance gene (erm) from the plasmid to the Tn7 insertion site of wild-type strains by tetra-parental mating (McCann et al., 2003). An additional screening process was used to check for colony fluorescence using a Leica MZFLIII fluorescence dissecting scope (Leica Microsystems Inc., Buffalo Grove, IL, USA), equipped with a set of G, TXR and GFP2 filters.

#### Light-organ colonization assay

To determine the relative colonization effectiveness of different strains of light-organ isolates, inocula were prepared that contained either an individual strain or various pairs of competing strains (Supplementary Table S2). The inocula were prepared by growing each strain overnight in LB Salt medium, before diluting them 1:100 into seawater tryptone medium medium. The bacteria were then grown to midexponential phase (OD  $\sim 0.3$ ) before diluting them in filter-sterilized Instant Ocean (FSIO). Newly hatched squids were then transferred into the inoculated FSIO containing either a single strain or, for competition assays, a pair of strains, targeting a 1:1 ratio. The pairs were differentially labeled by their expression of either GFP or RFP. In all cases, we aimed for a total inoculum of around 5000 colony-forming units (CFU) per ml. After 3 h of exposure to the inoculum, each squid was removed to a vial containing 4 ml of bacteria-free FSIO; at 24 h, the FSIO was changed, and at 48 h, the squids were frozen at – 80 °C. Squids were then homogenized, dilutions spread on LB Salt agar, and the number of CFU per light organ was calculated. For co-colonized squid, the number of GFP and RFP CFUs were counted using a fluorescence dissecting scope.

To compare the total CFU present in different conditions, we applied a Kruskal–Wallis test using GraphPad Prism version 6.0. When squids were cocolonized with two strains, we determined the logarithm of the relative competitive index to the base 10 (Stabb and Ruby, 2003), and applied a oneway analysis of variance followed by a Sidak's multiple-comparisons test to compare between the different conditions. The relative competitive index was used to describe the relative colonization effectiveness of two competing strains, and was calculated as: (ratio of strain abundance in the light organ at 48 h)/(ratio of strain abundance in the initial inoculum). The sensitivity of the assay was 0.05%; that is, it was possible to detect the presence of as few as 280 cells of either strain in the light organ.

#### Genome sequencing and analysis

We sequenced 11 previously characterized strains of *E. scolopes* symbionts that were isolated from KB or MB adult squid light organs. When the first five characters of the strains' names are the same, it means that they were isolated from the same side of a single light organ (for example, MB15A4 and MB15A5) (Wollenberg and Ruby, 2009). The 12 total V. fischeri squid symbionts in our study (the previously sequenced strain ES114 and the 11 sequenced here) were isolated across 17 years (that is, strain ES114 in 1988, ES213 in 1990 and the others in 2005), while the sequenced fish light-organ symbiont, MJ11, was isolated from the Japanese pinecone fish, Monocentris japonica in 1994 (Mandel et al., 2009). In all cases, genomic DNA was extracted using the protocol of the QIAgen genomic DNA buffer set with QIAgen genomic Tip 100G (QIAGEN Inc., Valencia, CA, USA).

Sequencing libraries were prepared using Nextera XT DNA Sample Preparation Kit ( Illumina Inc., San Diego, CA, USA; #FC-131-1024) and Illumina Nextera XT DNA Sample Preparation Index Kit (Illumina Inc. #FC-131-1001). Sequencing libraries were normalized before sequencing with a modified protocol. All samples were sequenced on an Illumina MiSeq (PE 250+250) at MIT's BioMicroCenter. The resulting genomes were annotated with RAST (Aziz et al., 2008), and bioinformatically analyzed using both MAUVE (Darling et al., 2010) and OrthoMCI (Li et al., 2003). The accession numbers of the different strains are listed in Supplementary Table S1. This Whole Genome Shotgun project has been deposited at DDBJ/ENA/GenBank under the accession number XXXX00000000. The version described in this paper is XXXX01000000.

## Results

#### Host preference

We first asked whether symbionts isolated from the light organs of squid in one geographic population—

either Maunalua Bay (MB) or KB—were more effective at colonizing newly hatched juveniles from that same population. Specifically, juvenile squid of each population were exposed to a *V. fischeri* strain isolated from either MB or KB light organs, and the level of CFU achieved in the juvenile light organ was determined after 48 h (Figure 1a, Supplementary Figure S1). When the squids were exposed to these single strains of *V. fischeri*, there was no significant difference in the level of colonization by the strain between the two populations of squid, regardless of whether the strain originated from MB (MB13B2, MB13B3, MB15A5) or KB (ES114, KB1A98).

Because the multiple V. fischeri strains naturally present in the ambient seawater of newly hatched juveniles are expected to compete during colonization of the squid (Lee and Ruby, 1994a), we also performed co-inoculation assays to determine whether a strain isolated from one squid population had a competitive advantage in colonizing juveniles from that population. The squids were inoculated with pairs of bacteria from either the same (for example, ES114 and KBAB5; or MB15A5 and MB13B2) or different (for example, ES114 and MB13B2; or ES114 and MB15A5) locations. Both the percentage (Figure 1b) and the total number (Supplementary Figure S2) of squids colonized by one or both strains suggested that the degree of competitive dominance was independent of the geographical source of either the bacteria or the juveniles being colonized. Similarly, in these same competition experiments, the relative abundance of each strain in a co-colonized symbiont population was not significantly influenced by the origin of the squid (Figure 1c,Supplementary Figure S3), indicating that the origin of the two partners does not affect the competitive dominance of the *V. fischeri* strain in the symbiosis. Taken together, even this limited provided no evidence of co-evolution studv (Wollenberg and Ruby, 2009) among symbionts and hosts that are found in the same location but, instead, suggested that although the host populations are genetically distinct (Kimbell et al., 2002), the pool of potential symbionts in the waters around the island of Oahu is effectively continuous.

#### Colonization behaviors of different strains

We next asked whether there were any patterns in the co-colonization outcomes for the different symbiont isolates. Interestingly, in a high percentage of cases in which one (92%) or both (71%; Figure 2a) of the two competing strains were of the Group-A designation (Wollenberg and Ruby, 2012), one of the strains clearly dominated; that is, over 50% of the squids were colonized by only that strain. We defined this as a 'dominance', or D-type, outcome (Supplementary Figure S4), and have renamed the Group-A strains as 'D-type strains' based on this shared behavior. In contrast, when neither of the two co-inoculated strains were D-type, there was npg

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**Figure 1** Colonization of light organs of squids from either Maunalua Bay (MB; open bars) or KB (dotted bars) populations, by symbiont strains isolated from either MB (gray) or KB (brown) adult light organs. Inoculations were made with either single strains (**a**) or with pairs of strains (**b** and **c**). In all experiments, squid were incubated for 3 h with  $10^3-10^4$  CFU of bacteria per ml of FSIO, transferred to uninoculated FSIO and assayed after another 45 h for CFU per light organ. Values are means plus or minus the standard error of the mean (s.e.m.). (**a**) None of the values for the pairs of bars (open and dotted) were significantly different from each other. (**b**) Animals inoculated with pairs of strains were found to be co-colonized either by both strains (blue) or by only Strain 1 (green) or only Strain 2 (orange), and the percentage of the three classes are indicated by a fractionated bar graph. (**c**) In addition, when organs were analyzed that had been co-colonized by either two MB strains (MB11B1 and MB13B2), two KB strains (ES114 and KB4B5) or an MB and a KB strain (ES114 and MB15A5), the relative numbers of the two co-occurring strains were approximately equal in hosts from both populations, regardless of which population the strain had been originally isolated from.

generally (82% of the cases) a co-colonization of the squid; that is, 50% or more of the squids were colonized by both strains (Figure 2c). We designated this as a 'sharing', or S-type, outcome because the strains were sharing the light-organ habitat. Interestingly, when co-colonizations occurred in either the D-type or the S-type strain pairs, one was often more competitive, as indicated by their ratio in the organ's symbiotic population (Figures 2b and d). Taken as a whole, the results illustrate that a given V. fischeri strain generally exhibits one of two kinds of behavior when colonizing the light-organ niche: the first is dominance, that is, D-type strains effectively exclude other, less dominant strains from the light organ creating a hierarchy (Supplementary Figure S5). The second behavior is one of sharing, that is, S-type strains typically will share the niche with another S-type strain. To determine whether the dominance phenotype was expressed in culture as well as in the light organ, we measured relative growth rates and yields among strains in rich medium. No significant difference in growth parameters was observed between the two types of strains. Moreover, 24 h after co-inoculation of seawater (FSIO) with both a D-type and an S-type strain, both were present, and the D-type strains were not always more abundant (data not shown). Thus, the D- and S-type behaviors during squid colonization do not reflect any intrinsic growth differences in the bacteria.

#### Comparative genomics

To gain insight into the kinds of genetic differences that may underlie the capacity of certain strains to outcompete others during the initiation of symbiosis, we compared the genomes of 13 *V. fischeri* isolates: the 12 squid symbionts tested above for colonization hierarchy, plus the fish light-organ symbiont MJ11 (Mandel *et al.*, 2009). Two distinct subsets could be seen when comparing genome size: one averaging

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**Figure 2** State of colonization of juvenile squid after co-inoculation with a mixture of either two D-type strains (**a** and **b**) or two S-type strains (**c** and **d**); mean of at least two experiments per condition. Animals inoculated with pairs of strains were found to be co-colonized either by both strains (blue), or by only Strain 1 (green) or by only Strain 2 (orange), and the percentage of the three classes are indicated by a fractionated bar graph (**a** and **c**). When more than 50% of the squids were co-colonized (indicated with bold strain names), we determined the relative competitive index (RCI) of the pair of strains (**b** and **d**). The RCI was calculated as the ratio of the two strains in the light organ after 48 h, divided by their ratio in the inoculum. Those RCIs that are significantly different from zero are indicated (*T*-test: \*P < 0.1; \*\*P < 0.01; \*\*\*P < 0.0001).

4.25 Mb that comprised all of the S-type strains, and a second averaging 4.50 Mb that included the D-type strains, as well as MJ11 (Supplementary Table S1).

The core genome common to all of the strains contained 3170 orthologous proteins, which represent an average of 80.4% of the total proteins encoded within these *V. fischeri*. This relatively large percentage indicates a surprisingly small variability among the strains, considering the geographical and temporal breadth of their origins; that is, Hawaii to Japan, and 1988 to 2005 (Supplementary Table S1). Beyond this core, we found 194 proteins specific to the D-type strains, producing 173 distinct blast hits; 69 of these were involved in different bacterial functions as defined by blastp, and the remaining 104 represented Pg

hypothetical proteins (Supplementary Table S3). The genes encoding these proteins are dispersed along the genomes of the D-type strains; for example, they are localized on 41 of the 78 contigs of MB11B1. In this strain, there are 5 contigs that each harbor more than 10 genes specific to D-type strains, 6 contigs harboring between 5 and 10 such genes, and 30 contigs harboring the remaining 59 D-type specific genes. This organization argues against a single 250-Kb 'dominance island' within the genomes of these strains, a conclusion that is supported by a closer examination of the distribution of these genes on the contigs. For instance, on contig #8, genes encoding 31 proteins specific to D-type strains are spread among two distinct regions. The first region contains 14 D-specific genes interspersed among genes having orthologous in S-type strains (Supplementary Figure S6). Thus, we find evidence for a number of D-specific loci, any one (or more) of which could be necessary for the dominance of the D-type strains. Both the dispersed nature of the genes and the high number of hypothetical proteins encoded complicate the identification of a candidate(s) for the dominance phenotype; nevertheless, future work may identify such a gene(s). In contrast to the pattern just described, no proteins were found to be specific to the S-type strains as a group, suggesting that the dominance of the D-type strains is unlikely to arise from their loss of a specific gene(s) promoting the S-type sharing phenotype.

Because the fish symbiont, MJ11, was reported to not encode at least one gene required for efficient colonization of the squid (Mandel et al., 2009), we asked whether we could identify other genes present in all the squid symbionts, but absent from this strain (Table 1) that might be additional candidates for specificity factors. Of these 23 genes, there are 8 that encode hypothetical proteins and 11 that are in two predicted operons of 5 and 6 genes; most of the 23 are predicted to encode surface or membrane proteins. As expected, we found two orfs, rscS (VFA0237) and qsrP (VFA1058), that were previously shown to have roles in initiating colonization (Callahan and Dunlap, 2000; Mandel et al., 2009). Interestingly, the transcription of 9 of the 23 genes (including qsrP) is altered by the presence of N-3oxohexanoyl-L-homoserine lactone (3-oxo-C6-HSL), indicating that they are regulated by quorum signaling (Antunes et al., 2007). In addition, the transcription of 7 of the 23 squid-symbiont-specific genes is modulated during the diel cycle of the adult squid symbiosis (Wier et al., 2010). Further study of these genes may prove to reveal additional specificity factors.

## MAUVE—gene distribution

Another bioinformatic approach for identifying possible colonization factors is to ask whether all squid symbionts encode particular genes that have been reported to support symbiosis initiation. For Table 1 Genes present in all squid symbionts, but absent in the fish symbiont  $MJ11^{\rm a}$ 

Gene	Annotation <sup>b</sup>
VF0154	Hypothetical protein
$VF1161^{\circ}$	Periplasmic protein of efflux system
$VF1162^{d}$	Outer membrane protein TolC
VF1163	Export ABC transporter permease
VF1164	Export ABC transporter permease
VF1165	Macrolide ABC transporter ATP-binding/membrane protein
VF1246	Outer membrane protease
VF1334	Oxalate/formate antiporter
VF1349	Subtilisin-like serine protease
VF1471	Hypothetical protein
VF1787	Hypothetical protein
VF2634	Hypothetical protein
VFA0023	Enoyl-CoA hydratase
VFA0024	LysR family transcriptional regulator
$VFA0237^{e}$	Hybrid sensor kinase RscS
VFA0894	Surface protein
VFA0980	Hypothetical protein
VFA0981	Hypothetical protein
VFA0982	Hypothetical protein
VFA0983	Hypothetical protein
VFA0984	Transglycosylase
VFA0985	Lipoprotein
$V\!F\!A1058^{\rm e}$	LuxR-regulated periplasmic protein

Bar indicates the number of nucleotide substitutions per site. <sup>a</sup>Determined using OrthoMCl to be present in all squid symbionts, but not the non-colonizing fish symbiont, MJ11. <sup>b</sup>From NCBI.

<sup>c</sup>Names italicized were previously identified as differentially expressed in response to the quorum signal 3-oxo-C6-HSL (Antunes *et al.*, 2007).

 $^{\rm d}Names$  in bold were previously identified as differentially expressed in the light organ on a day/night rhythm (Wier *et al.*, 2010).

<sup>e</sup>Previously shown to be key during initiation of colonization (Callahan and Dunlap, 2000; Mandel *et al.*, 2009).

instance, using the genome of strain ES114 as the guide, we determined the distribution among the other strains of genes encoding certain sensing functions (for example, pili, methyl-accepting chemotaxis proteins (MCPs) and quorum signaling) (Table 2, Supplementary Figure S7). Our analysis, which used the alignment program MAUVE (Darling et al., 2010), was based on the assumption that, if a gene is not present in the genomes of all 12 of the strains that were isolated from squid light organs, then it is unlikely to be critical for light-organ symbiosis. For instance, type-4 pili (T4P) are a class of surface structures often associated with pathogenic or beneficial microbial colonization of host tissue (Craig et al., 2004; Dulla et al., 2012), and 10 distinct T4P gene clusters have been identified in V. fischeri strain ES114 (Ruby et al., 2005). Some of these putative pilus proteins (that is, MshA, PilT and PilA2) have been linked previously to the colonization process (Stabb and Ruby, 2003; Ariyakumar and Nishiguchi, 2009; Chavez-Dozal et al., 2012). As expected, these pili are encoded in the genomes of all the light organ-derived strains (Table 2). On the other hand, the genes encoding three other putative T4P (PilA1, Tcp and VirB2) are not present in all the strains, suggesting they are not required for

PILUS LOCI <sup>b</sup>	MshA	PilT	FlplA	PilA1	PilA	PilA2	Flp1		Tcp clust	er	Vii	r <i>B2</i>
	VF0355- VF0371	VF0431- VF0432	VF0510- VF0523	VF0571- VF0572	VF2184- VF2191	VFA0148	VFA0217- VFA0232	VF1138	VFA0473- VFA0474	VFA0865- VFA0875	VFB38- VFB44	VFB54- VFB55
STRAINS												
ES114	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
<b>MB13B3</b> °	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			
MB11B1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			
KB2B1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			
MB13B2	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			+
ES213	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+
MB14A3	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+			
KB4B5	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			
MB15A5	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+			
KB1A98	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+			
MB13B1	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+			
MB15A4	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+			
MJ11	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+			

Table 2 Distribution of type-4 pilus protein-encoding orthologs in V. fischeri strains<sup>a</sup>

"Putative type-4 pilus proteins encoded by V. fischeri strain ES114 that have orthologs in other genome-sequenced squid symbiont strains.

<sup>b</sup>+, ortholog present; blank, ortholog absent.

<sup>c</sup>Bold indicates the five D-type strains.

colonization. That the Tcp structural genes (VFA0865-875) are not present in all strains was unexpected because the homologous pilus is a critical tissue-colonization factor in human pathogenesis by V. cholerae (Childers and Klose, 2007). However, when a V. fischeri strain with a mutation in the major pilin subunit, *tcpA*, was competed against wild type, no defect in light-organ colonization was detected (data not shown), an outcome that supports our present bioinformatic approach. In contrast, orthologs of *tcpP* and *tcpH* (VF0473-0474), two Tcp cluster genes that encode membraneassociated regulators of virulence in V. cholerae (Beck *et al.*, 2004), are present in all *V. fischeri* squid symbionts, suggesting that these regulators may have had a role modulating other bacterial processes in ancestral Vibrio species, and were only recently recruited into modulating V. cholerae virulence. Further, the widespread distribution of the gene encoding TcpP homologs in a number of other Vibrio species is consistent with this hypothesis, while the limited distribution of that encoding TcpH suggests a more phylogenetically defined role for this regulatory protein.

Another set of important factors in bacterial colonization are the MCPs (Jones and Armitage, 2015). V. fischeri strain ES114 has 43 genes encoding and putative MCPs (Supplementary known Figure S7). Among squid symbionts, nine of these MCP genes are specific to strain ES114 and, therefore, are unlikely to be critical for colonization; however, it is possible that their functions are compensated by non-homologous members of the other strains' MCP repertoires, thereby complicating any inference of their importance in light-organ colonization. Although some chemoattractants of V. fischeri have been identified, the specific ligands of the MCPs present in *V. fischeri* are known for only three (DeLoney-Marino *et al.*, 2003; Brennan *et al.*, 2013; Nikolakakis *et al.*, 2015), none of which is required for light-organ colonization.

Finally, because quorum signaling is involved in many cellular functions including light-organ colonization (Miller and Bassler, 2001; Verma and Miyashiro, 2013), we identified shared genes involved in this cell-cell communication mechanism. Of the 30-orf quorum-signaling regulon of strain ES114 (Antunes *et al.*, 2007), 5 orfs, that is, VF1725, VF2034-2036 and VFA0090, are unlikely to be required for symbiosis as they are not conserved in the genomes of all the sequenced *V. fischeri*. In contrast, nine others (VF1161-VF1165, VF1246, VF1349, VFA0894 and VFA1058) are conserved in all squid symbionts but not in the fish symbiont (Table 1) and, thus, are promising yet untested candidates as squid-specific colonization factors.

#### MAUVE—genetic synteny

As a further indicator of genome diversification, we used MAUVE to determine the degree to which synteny was preserved within the symbiotic *V. fischeri* strains (Supplementary Figure S8). We concluded that the spatial organization of the genome is quite well conserved among the strains; that is, there are apparently no large-scale rearrangements in this species. When viewed on a maximumlikelihood phylogenetic tree based on the 3170 core genes, D-type and S-type strains clustered separately (Figure 3). Although this phylogenetic analysis does not resolve any separation among the D-type strains, taking into account the relationships across the entire genome (Supplementary Figure S9) permitted a greater discrimination of their relationships. As



Figure 3 Maximum-likelihood phylogenetic tree, based on 3170 core-genome genes of *V. fischeri* symbionts, obtained with PhyML (Guindon *et al.*, 2010). D-type strains (upper right) are indicated in bold. (a) Shimodaira-Hasegawa (SH) test was performed to evaluate likelihood of the bifurcations. Circles appear at nodes that were supported by an SH-test result > 0.9. The scale bar indicates the number of nucleotide substitutions per site.

expected, the D-type strains continued to group together on an early branch, and the most efficiently colonizing strains (that is, KB2B1 and MB13B2) grouped closely. The location of the less competitive D-type strain, ES213, (Supplementary Figure S5) suggests that it may have lost an important genetic determinant for the phenotype of strong dominance.

In contrast, the phylogenetic tree (Figure 3) suggested a closer common ancestor between the D-type strains and two of the S-type strains, KB4B5 and MB14A3; however, those two strains are not more competitive colonizers than other S-type strains (Supplementary Figure S5). Thus, the relationship between phylogeny and colonization hierarchy is more complex than a single divergence step between D-type and S-type strains.

## Discussion

Studies linking the presence of genome content to colonization effectiveness have led to a greater understanding of not only individual microbe-host interactions, but also the driving role of population genetics in the evolution of symbiosis. For instance, the characterization of pathogenicity islands (Nieto et al., 2016) and symbiosis plasmids (Christie and Gordon, 2014) has provided insight into the mechanisms underlying the rapid evolution of bacterial associations with new hosts. Similarly, discovery of the roles that extreme genome diversification and behavioral specialization have in the evolution of bacterial populations (Shapiro *et al.*, 2012; Yawata et al., 2014) has led to a realization that these events are a powerful force in microbial ecology, and especially host interactions.

The study here aimed to determine whether there is a link between the population biology, symbiotic characteristics and genomic content of 12 different light-organ-derived strains of V. fischeri. We found that (i) although there is a strong species specificity between the Hawaiian bobtail squid and V. fischeri, there is no evidence of any co-evolution within two genetically isolated host populations and their associated symbionts; instead, (ii) symbionts found in both populations can be divided into two groups defined by their behavior during the colonization process, and (iii) a genome-level comparison of these strains suggested that, while these behaviors correlate with a 250-Kb difference in genome size, comprising almost 200 dispersed orfs, the core genomic structure of V. fischeri strains is syntenous and highly conserved over time and location.

Despite the genetic separation of host populations from the northern and southern sides of the island of Oahu (Kimbell et al., 2002), there is no evidence of co-diversification among V. fischeri symbiont strains and the squid hosts from these two regions. This conclusion is analogous to that drawn at the species level for light-organ symbionts in the genus *Photobacterium* and their fish hosts (Dunlap *et al.*, 2007; Urbanczyk et al., 2011), wherein more than one symbiont species is harbored. Thus, symbiont specificity can express itself at a number of phylogenetic levels among different bioluminescent symbioses; that is, while some host species will harbor more than one bacterial species (Fidopiastis *et al.*, 1998), other hosts (for example, *E. scolopes*) are strongly species-specific, yet recognize many different strains as potential symbionts.

Nevertheless, we found that, regardless of which population of squid hosts they are isolated from, different V. fischeri strains will exhibit one of two strategies during competition for colonization of *E. scolopes.* Some strains, mainly those designated 'D-type', outcompete others to become the dominant bacterium in the light organ. Although these D-type strains are more fit at initiating symbiosis, they may survive less well in seawater (Wollenberg and Ruby, 2012), a result that suggests symbiotic- and planktonic-niche specialization, and predicts a possible relationship between the frequency of these types of strains and the local density of host populations. One can speculate that such a dominant behavior may place the symbiosis at a greater risk because, in the face of environmental disturbance, a clonal population might be less robust (West *et al.*, 2007). In contrast, the behavior exhibited by S-type strains, which more readily co-colonize the juvenile light organ, results in the mixed-strain population structure most often observed in field-caught adult *E. scolopes* (Wollenberg and Ruby, 2009). In such a strategy of sharing the tissue habitat, the mixed population may be less vulnerable to perturbations (Hodgson et al., 2002; Lee et al., 2014). Despite these two different behaviors, co-occurrence between D-type and S-type strains can be observed in the

light organs of field-caught squid (Wollenberg and Ruby, 2009). Thus, it is possible for an S-type strain to escape the process that selects against it during initiation, perhaps by either (i) becoming established in a crypt before the recruitment of a D-type strain, thereby avoiding competition during the initiation phase, or (ii) existing as a clonal colonization within an individual crypt, thus escaping inter-strain competition. Future studies can resolve between these possibilities by tracking the trajectory of a mixed colonization as the animal matures (Koch et al., 2014), as well as by imaging the fate of mixed populations in each of the organ's six crypts (Wollenberg and Ruby, 2009). Whether the selection occurs at the intra-bacterial level, and/or the host is participating by a selective sanctioning (Nyholm et al., 2000; Koch et al., 2014), remains an intriguing and unresolved question. In either case, because each of the strains used in this study can, when inoculated by itself, initiate a light-organ symbiosis, it is likely that the bacteria have an important role in strain-level selection.

The conservation of genomic synteny among V. fischeri strains is a characteristic also observed in V. parahaemolyticus (Chen et al., 2011), suggesting that the genomes of these two species are more stable than those of certain other *Vibrio* species. Although no genome-wide analysis has been performed yet, Vibrio strains in the beijerinckii clade have been reported to have surprisingly little sequence divergence, even among geographically dispersed isolates, collected 80 years apart (Figge *et al.*, 2011). In contrast to these examples of conservation, populations of V. cholerae and V. vulnificus maintain much more genomic diversity due, in part, to the genes captured within a super-integron locus (Chen et al., 2003; Chun et al., 2009; Boucher et al., 2011). Similarly, V. harvevi uses extensive gene duplication and fixation to diversify its genome (Gu et al., 2009). However, the most striking example of extensive evolution with a Vibrio species is the remarkably high genomic diversity reported for V. splendidus strains; even environmentally co-occurring isolates have up to 1-Mb difference in gene content from one to another (Thompson et al., 2005; Le Roux et al., 2009). Perhaps the relatively high degree of conservation characteristic of V. fischeri strains collected in the Pacific Ocean over decades and across thousands of kilometers is due, in part, to a reduced level of environmental and niche challenges compared with some of its congeners.

The average total number of proteins (~4000) encoded by all of the 13 strains of *V. fischeri* is comparable with that of other *Vibrio* spp. (Gu *et al.*, 2009). However, around 200 genes, found in 41 loci comprising two or more adjacent orfs, are present only in the genomes of D-type strains. The encoded proteins are attractive candidates through which the underlying cause(s) of the dominant behavior of this group of strains can be discovered and should be the focus of another work. Because there is no protein specifically encoded by the S-type strain group, and the D-type strains appear to be a newly diverged group (Figure 3), we predict that the D-type strains have evolved their dominance recently. One possible explanation for the appearance of their domination during initiation is that an ancestral V. fischeri acquired a gene (or block of genes) that subsequently became fixed in the genome. A well-studied example of such an event is the acquisition of the Tcp pilus genes by V. cholerae through their carriage by a lysogenic phage (Faruque and Mekalanos, 2012). In *V. cholerae*, this pilus is encoded at a single locus; however, in V. fischeri ES114, one of the few bacterial strains outside of V. cholerae to carry Tcp structural genes, the homologous orfs are widely dispersed across its two chromosomes (Ruby et al., 2005). It is possible that, like *V. cholerae*, an ancestor of ES114 also acquired the Tcp pilus genes as a block, but they have subsequently spread along the genome. Thus, the ancestor of the D-type strains may have also acquired one or more blocks comprising their 200 shared genes, which also have subsequently scattered within the descendants' genomes. This acquisition and dispersion appears to have occurred relatively recently as the D-type strains do not resolve even on a phylogenetic tree derived from the entire core genome (Figure 3). An alternate hypothesis that a common ancestor harbored this block, which was lost in all descendants except the D-type strains, is less likely because it requires at least four independent events of lost.

In the future, it will be informative to extend the investigation of both the symbiotic behavior and the genome content of the 12 E. scolopes-derived strains to those of other V. fischeri isolates that either are not light-organ symbionts (Wollenberg *et al.*, 2012) or are specific to other squid or fish species (Nishiguchi et al., 1998; Urbanczyk et al., 2011). Because, over time, the host can sanction specific members of the symbiont population (Koch *et al.*, 2014); it is critical to include the role of the host in the dynamics of the symbiont population (McFall-Ngai et al., 2010; Palmer et al., 2010). In any case, tracking the population dynamics of artificially constructed combinations of symbionts during the approximately 9-month lifetime of the squid may reveal whether the D- or S-type strain behaviors described here increase stability in the symbiosis or, in contrast, lead to undesirable outcomes for the association.

## **Conflict of Interest**

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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1	A genomic comparison of 13 symbiotic Vibrio fischeri isolates
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- Figure S1. Colonization of light organs of squids from either Maunalua Bay (MB; white bars)
- 23 or Kaneohe Bay (KB; grey bars) populations, by strains isolated from either MB (**bold**) or KB
- 24 (*italic*) adult light organs. Newly hatched squid were incubated for 3 h with  $10^3$ - $10^4$  CFU of
- 25 bacteria per mL of filter-sterilized Instant Ocean (FSIO), then transferred to uninoculated
- FSIO, and the number of CFU per light organ assayed after another 45 h. Values are means
- 27 plus or minus the standard error of the mean (SEM). None of the values for the pairs of bars
- 28 (white and grey) were significantly different from each other.



Figure S2. Co-colonization of juvenile squid from either Maunalua Bay (MB; white) or Kaneohe Bay (KB; grey), 48 hours after exposure to an inoculum containing approximately equal concentrations of two strains. Animals were found to be colonized either by both strains (white box), or by only Strain 1 (lined boxed) or by only Strain 2 (dotted box), and the percentage of the three classes are indicated by a fractionated bar graph. Strains came from either Maunalua Bay (*i.e.*, ES213 and MBxxxx) or Kaneohe Bay (*i.e.*, ES114 and KBxxxx). Pairs of strains identified on the x-axis are indicated as Strain 1 (S1)/Strain 2 (S2). The data are a mean of at least three experiments. Values are means plus or minus the standard error of the mean (SEM).



Figure S3. Population levels of each strain in a co-colonization of squid light organs. Juvenile squid from either Maunalua Bay (MB; white bars) or Kaneohe Bay (KB; grey bars) were exposed to an inoculum containing approximately equal concentrations of two strains coming from either MB (bold) or KB (*italic*) adult light organs. Newly hatched squid were incubated for 3 h with 10<sup>3</sup>-10<sup>4</sup> CFU of bacteria per mL FSIO, then transferred to uninoculated FSIO, and the number of CFU per light organ for each of the two strains was determined after another 45 h. Values are means plus or minus the standard error of the mean (SEM). Pairs of strains identified on the x-axis are indicated as Strain 1 (S1)/Strain 2 (S2).





- 41 **Figure S4**. Co-colonization of juvenile squid. Forty-eight hours after exposure to an inoculum
- 42 containing approximately equal concentrations of an S-type strain and a D-type strain, light
- 43 organs of squid were colonized either by both strains (white portion), or by only one of the
- 44 strains: only the D-type strain was found in those light organs colonized by a single strain (dotted
- 45 portion). The data are a mean of at least two experiments. Values are means plus or minus
- 46 the standard error of the mean (SEM). Pairs of strains identified on the x-axis are indicated
- 47 as S strain/D strain.



Figure S5. Competitive-colonization hierarchy based on pairwise co-inoculations. Strains higher on the list outcompete all those below them. Strains on the same level co-colonize to similar levels (see Fig. 1C). Each strain is ranked by considering whether they outcompete another strain in co-colonization experiments. The more competitive strain singly colonizes >50% of the squids. Similarly, when more than 50% of the squid are co-colonized, a higher relative colonization index (RCI) identifies the more competitive strain (hierarchy based on the data in Fig. 2).



Figure S6. Distribution of genes in *V. fischeri* strain ES114 with orthologs encoded in other sequenced symbionts. *Italic*: D-type strains; grey: ortholog
 present, white: ortholog absent. Strain ES114 genes indicated are either annotated as methyl-accepting chemotaxis proteins (MCPs), or are induced
 by the guorum-signaling autoinducer *N*-3-oxohexanoyl homoserine lactone (3-oxo-C6 HSL).



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- 59 **Figure S7**. Whole-genome multiple alignments of 13 sequenced *V. fischeri* strains using
- 60 MAUVE. Each color represents a local co-linear block (LCB), indicating a region of
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- 63 Figure S8. Maximum-likelihood phylogenetic tree, based on whole-genome core genes of *V*.
- 64 *fischeri* symbionts, obtained with PhyML (Guindon et al., 2010). D-type strains (upper right)
- are indicated in **bold**. A Shimodaira-Hasegawa (SH) test was performed to evaluate
- 66 likelihood of the bifurcations. Circles appear at nodes that were supported with an SH-test
- 67 result > 0.9.
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## **Table S1.** Plasmids and strains used in this study

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Plasmids	Description	Source
pEVS107	R6Kori oriT mini-Tn7 mob erm kan	(McCann et al., 2003)
pCBNR6	<i>placZa-gfp</i> into pEVS107	This study
pCBNR7	<i>placZa-rfp</i> into pEVS107	This study
Strains		
ES114		(Boettcher and Ruby, 1990)
ES213		(Boettcher and Ruby, 1994)
KB1A98		(Wollenberg and Ruby, 2009)
KB2B1		""
KB4B5		""
MB11B1		""
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MJ11		(Ruby and Nealson, 1976)
CBNR46	ES114 mini-Tn <i>7</i> :: <i>gfp erm</i>	This study
CBNR47	ES114 mini-Tn7:: <i>rfp erm</i>	"
CBNR50	MB13B2 mini-Tn7::gfp erm	""
CBNR51	MB13B2 mini-Tn7:: <i>rfp erm</i>	""
CBNR52	MB13B3 mini-Tn7::gfp erm	""
CBNR53	MB13B3 mini-Tn7:: <i>rfp erm</i>	""
CBNR56	MB15A5 mini-Tn <i>7∷gfp erm</i>	""
CBNR57	MB15A5 mini-Tn7:: <i>rfp erm</i>	" "
CBNR68	KB1A98 mini-Tn7:: <i>gfp erm</i>	"
CBNR69	KB1A98 mini-Tn <i>7</i> :: <i>rfp erm</i>	" "
CBNR72	MB13B1 mini-Tn7:: <i>rfp erm</i>	"
CBNR73	MB13B1 mini-Tn7::gfp erm	""
CBNR74	MB14A3 mini-Tn7::gfp erm	""
CBNR75	MB14A3 mini-Tn7:: <i>rfp erm</i>	""

**Table S2**: Characteristics of the *V. fischeri* genomes used in this study. Genomes of strains in **bold** were previously published. *Italic*: D-type strains. Strains were isolated from the light organs of squids coming from either Kaneohe Bay (ES114 and KBxxxx) or Maunalua Bay (ES213 and MBxxxx), Oahu; strain MJ11 was isolated from the light organ of a Japanese monocentrid fish in 1994.

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Strain	Contig number	Size (Mbp)	Mean %G+C	Protein-encoding genes	Protein <b>ş j</b> n core*
ES114	(3)	4.3	38.1	3817	<sup>83</sup> 70
KB1A98	48	4.2	38.0	3764	84 00
KB4B5	31	4.2	38.7	3739	85
MB13B1	42	4.4	38.3	3985	79
MB14A3	36	4.2	38.8	3732	85
MB15A4	48	4.3	38.0	3863	82 83
MB15A5	33	4.2	39.0	3693	86 <sup>84</sup>
Ranges		4.2-4.4	38-39	3693-3985	85 <sup>79-8</sup> 86
ES213	64	4.5	37.8	4121	<sub>77</sub> 87
KB2B1	60	4.4	38.0	4044	78 88
MB11B1	78	4.6	37.7	4217	75 89
MB13B2	72	4.4	37.9	4060	78 90
MB13B3	72	4.6	37.6	4230	75 91
Ranges		4.4-4.6	38-38	4044-4230	75-78 <sup>92</sup> 93
MJ11	(2)	4.5	37.0	4039	<sup>78</sup> 94

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97 \* Percentage of the total protein-encoding genes of each strain that constitute the 3170 core

98 genes present in all 13 genomes .

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**Table S3**. Genes specific to D-type strains, as obtained with OrthoMCI.

Sequence name	Sequence description
prot_00789	5-methylthioadenosine nucleosidase
prot_04197	antitoxin
prot_02966	asch domain superfamily protein
prot_03683	ATPase
prot_00063	ATPase AAA
prot_03927	ATPase AAA
prot_03680	capsid protein
prot_00751	cell-wall degradation protein
prot_00686	choline phosphotransferase
prot_03271	chromosome segregation protein Smc
prot_00074	cytoplasmic protein
prot_00421	diguanylate cyclase
prot_03401	diguanylate cyclase inhibitor of flagellar motility
prot_03272	DNA helicase
prot_01918	DNA methylase
prot_03170	DNA strand transferase
prot_00742	DNA-binding protein
prot_02385	DNA-binding protein
prot_01581	DNA-binding transcriptional activator (-like)
prot_03493	excisionase
prot_01199	family transcriptional regulator
prot_03005	family type I site-specific deoxyribonuclease
prot_02042	fumarate reductase
prot_00685	glycerol-3-phosphate cytidiltransferase
prot_00682	glycosyl transferase family 2 protein
prot_00672	glycosyl transferase family 2 protein
prot_04022	guanine-hypoxanthine permease
prot_00668	hexapeptide repeat-containing transferase
prot_01269	IgA peptidase m64 family protein
prot_00357	integrase
prot_00733	integrase
prot_00246	integrase family protein
prot_00248	integrase family protein
prot_03490	ion transporter
prot_00078	large extracellular alpha-helical protein
prot_00079	large extracellular alpha-helical protein
prot_00496	lipoprotein
prot_03679	lipoprotein, putative
prot_00960	mechanosensitive ion channel
prot_00962	mechanosensitive ion channel
prot_03347	membrane hypothetical protein
prot_00076	membrane protein
prot_00077	membrane protein
prot_00683	membrane protein

prot_01089	membrane protein
prot_03988	membrane protein
prot_00249	Mg chelatase family protein
1 000 10	multi-copper enzyme maturation ABC-type transport system permease
prot_03340	
prot_03491	NAD-dependent DNA ligase
prot_00080	penicillin-binding protein 1C
prot_02329	phage gene
prot_02330	phage protein
prot_02331	phage protein
prot_00073	phage shock protein A
prot_00071	potassium channel-related protein
prot_03696	protein RhsC
prot_00155	PTS system glucose-specific EIICBA component
prot_03004	putative Integrase
prot_03006	putative uncharacterized protein
prot_03012	pyocin activator family protein
prot_03694	regulatory protein
prot_03007	restriction modification system DNA specificity-domain protein
prot_00070	sel1 domain-containing protein
prot_01278	sensory box GGDEF family protein
prot_01695	subtilisin-related serine protease
prot_03684	transcriptional regulator
prot_00741	transposase
prot_00676	UDP-glucose 6-dehydrogenase
prot_03681	Zn-binding protein
prot_00355	conserved hypothetical protein
prot_00356	conserved hypothetical protein
prot_03346	conserved hypothetical protein
prot_03911	conserved hypothetical protein
prot_00026	hypothetical protein
prot_00059	hypothetical protein
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prot_04213	hypothetical protein
prot_04217	hypothetical protein
prot_02028	hypothetical protein AW06_00840
prot_03339	hypothetical protein BBK_1514
prot_01277	hypothetical protein D037_2747
prot_00068	hypothetical protein JCM21142_93952
prot_00072	hypothetical protein PBPRB0053
prot_01840	hypothetical protein Ppro_0234
prot_01839	hypothetical protein Ppro_0235
prot_03697	hypothetical protein PTE_02199
prot_02038	hypothetical protein Sden_2759
prot_03009	hypothetical protein Sfri_1952
prot_03010	hypothetical protein Sfri_1952
prot_02384	hypothetical protein Shew185_3674
prot_03429	hypothetical protein Shewmr4_0475
prot_00245	hypothetical protein Spea_1896
prot_00247	hypothetical protein Spea_1898
prot_01692	hypothetical protein Spea_2207
prot_04196	hypothetical protein VCHENC02_1678
prot_02644	hypothetical protein VFMJ11_A0514
prot_04077	hypothetical protein VFMJ11_B0046
prot_02032	hypothetical protein VFMJ11_B0179
prot_04128	hypothetical protein VIBHAR_03070
prot_04129	hypothetical protein VIBHAR_03071
prot_00740	hypothetical protein VIBHAR_05998
prot_01272	hypothetical protein VSAL_II0205
prot_00754	hypothetical protein VV0800

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