



# Complete Genome Sequence of High Current-Producing *Geobacter sulfurreducens* Strain YM35, Isolated from River Sediment in Japan

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**ABSTRACT** Here, we report the complete genome sequence of *Geobacter sulfurreducens* strain YM35, which was isolated from biofilms formed on an anode in a bioelectrochemical system where river sediment was used as an inoculum. The chromosome is 3,745,223 bp with a G+C content of 60.9%. The chromosome contains 3,324 protein-coding genes.

**G**eobacter sulfurreducens is one of the high current-producing bacteria, which transfer electrons to extracellular electrodes in their respiration processes (1, 2). The mechanism of the extracellular electron transfer to electrodes in *G. sulfurreducens* has been extensively studied in the strain PCA, which is the type strain of *G. sulfurreducens* (3). *G. sulfurreducens* strains KN400 and YM18, which produce a higher current density than strain PCA, were also isolated, and their complete genome sequences have been determined (4–6). Here, we determined the complete genome sequence of *G. sulfurreducens* strain YM35, which is another high current-producing strain, isolated from biofilms formed on an anode poised at −0.2 V (versus standard electrode system [SHE]) in a bioelectrochemical system where river sediment was used as an inoculum (T. Fujikawa, Y. Ogura, K. Ishigami, Y. Kawano, M. Nagamine, T. Hayashi, and K. Inoue, submitted for publication).

A frozen stock of strain YM35 (Fujikawa et al., submitted) was inoculated into NBAF medium with acetate (10 mM) and fumarate (40 mM) as the sole electron donor and acceptor, respectively, and cultivated at 30°C, as described previously (7). The medium was bubbled with N<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub> mixed gas (80:20, vol/vol) and autoclaved at 121°C for 30 min. The sterilized anaerobic L-cysteine solution was added to the medium before use (final concentration, 1 mM). Genomic DNA was purified with the genomic-tip 100/G column and genomic DNA buffer set (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's instructions. A paired-end library was constructed using the Nextera XT DNA library preparation kit (Illumina). The library was sequenced using an Illumina MiSeq instrument with the MiSeq reagent kit version 2 (Illumina) to obtain 251-bp paired-end reads. An 8-kb mate-pair library was also prepared using the Nextera mate-pair sample preparation kit (Illumina) and sequenced using the MiSeq platform. Low-quality sequences and adapters were removed using Platanus\_trim version 1.0.7 ([http://platanus.bio.titech.ac.jp/platanus\\_trim](http://platanus.bio.titech.ac.jp/platanus_trim)). Default parameters were used for all software unless otherwise specified. A total of 3,206,380 paired-end and 1,057,520 mate-pair reads were assembled by Platanus version 1.2.1 (8), yielding 1 scaffold containing 33 gaps. The gap-spanning regions were amplified by PCR using the genomic DNA extracted from strain YM35 cells cultured in NBAF medium at 30°C as the template and the amplification primers listed in Table 1. Amplicons were sequenced by Sanger sequencing using the sequencing primers listed in Table 1, and gap sequences (69,183 bp in total) were determined. The coverage of the whole-genome sequence was 137×. The complete genome of strain YM35 consists of a 3,745,223-bp circular chromosome with a G+C content of 60.9%. The genome was smaller than that of

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**TABLE 1** Primers used for PCR and sequencing of the gaps in the assembled draft genome sequence of strain YM35

Gap no.	Forward primer (5' to 3') <sup>a</sup>	Reverse primer (5' to 3') <sup>a</sup>	For use in:	Annealing temp (°C) <sup>b</sup>	Extension time (s) <sup>b</sup>	In the final closed chromosome		
						No. of Ns	Start position	End position
1	<b>GGACGA</b> ACTACGGGTTCTTC	<b>CATCCAGGCTGATGTAGACC</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	30	287	225930	226216
2	<b>CCGGTATACGAGACA</b> CTCCAT	<b>CTGGCAGAATGTATAAGATG</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	30	5,772	489062	494833
	CATGTCGTTGGGGATCGAAG	AGCAGTGCCCCGTAGTAAAAC	Sequencing					
	TGTGGTCAACAGTGTATCGC	TCGAGACGGTACAGAACCTTC	Sequencing					
	TCGAAGATGTGGGGAGATC	ACAAGGGGGTCTGCGGATATC	Sequencing					
	CAACTCCGAAATACCAAAAC	GCTGGACCTTTCAAGGGGTC	Sequencing					
		TTCGGATGAAGTACTCGGAG	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	30	211	606728	606938
		<b>GATGTCGCTCATGGGATGC</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	30	4,872	690253	695124
3	<b>CTGAAACGGTA</b> CACGGAGGT	<b>GATGCTATCCTTCGACCATA</b> C	Sequencing					
4	<b>TGGGAA</b> TGATTGGTAGTTTC	AGCTGCCGTTGCAAGTATCATCG	Sequencing					
	AAGCACCGGCTAACCTCGTGC	ATGAGGCCACATCGAGGTGC	Sequencing					
	AGCGCAAAACCTTATCATCAG	AGTCGGTACCGCCATTCTC	Sequencing					
	AGGAGGTACATCGGTTGAAAC	CATCGTTTCCACTAAGCATGG	Sequencing					
		AGGGTGAATCAAGGTTTGC	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	30	1,846	776037	777882
		<b>CGTAA</b> CCCTTAACTGACATCC	Sequencing					
		ACGCTCTGATTGCCCCTTCGC	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	30	6,166	812018	818183
5	<b>CCACGAT</b> TCCCTTGATATAGT	<b>CAGATGTTATTGAGGAA</b> ACA	Sequencing					
6	<b>TCCCCAGA</b> ACTTGTACTGATT	ACCCACCTGGAGGATTATGTAC	Sequencing					
	GATCACCTTCAGAGCTTGTAG	ACAACATGGCAGGGATTATC	Sequencing					
	TGGCGATCTACATGCTG	TGATTTCGCCCTGGTAGAG	Sequencing					
	GAACAAATGGCCACGGCTC	CCATAACTAAACGGCCATG	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	1	302	913748	914049
	ACGTCACCAACAAATCAGC	GGTTCTGCTCCAGGGACTTTAAC	PCR amplification, sequencing	57	25	44	985548	985591
7	CATA	GAATACTCCAGAGCAGATCCT	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	1	234	1007442	1007675
8	<b>ATACCGG</b> TTGCTGTAGAAAT	GTAAATATCAA	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	30	3,292	1045471	1048762
9	<b>GAAGCT</b> ACACCATAGCGAGTA	<b>GGAAAC</b> CTGTTGTACC	Sequencing					
10	<b>ACGGCAT</b> CTGTTCAAATCTT	TCCAGCTGACTGAAAGGCCCTG	Sequencing					
	GCCATAGATGACCTGTCTCTTG	ACGTTCTGACAGTGCCTTG	Sequencing					
	TACACGGGTATAGAACGACG	GTGACTTGAAAGCTCTTGATG	Sequencing					
	TATCCTGTTCCGGTGGTCC	<b>AAAGG</b> ATCCATGTCAGGGTA	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	1	305	1070868	1071172
11	<b>CAAGATAGGGATT</b> CATTCTCAG	<b>CACAT</b> TCTCATGACTGAGAC	PCR amplification, sequencing	58	30	4,872	1235830	1240701
12	<b>TTGGTAGTT</b> CGGTGTCCTT	CTGCCCTGTCAGTACATCG	Sequencing					
	GAGAGGGATGATCAGCCACAC	AGTCGCAACCCCTTATCATCAG	Sequencing					
	AGGAGGGTACATCGGTTGAAAC	CATCGTTTCCACTAAGCATGG	Sequencing					
		AGGGTGAATCAAGGTTTGC	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	1	157	1288215	1288371
		<b>GGGCTATCTGCTCTTT</b> CAGA	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	1	279	1305843	1306121
13	<b>TTCC</b> CTGAGGACTATGCA	<b>TGAAAG</b> ATATTGAGGGGAGAT	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	1	369	1386224	1386592
14	<b>CTGGC</b> GAATGTTCCATCTAT	ATCAAGGTCAAGATCCTGGAA	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	1	285	1606542	1606826
15	<b>TTCTGG</b> CTCATCCTAATCAT	<b>GGG</b> ATATAGTCCAGATGGTCA	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	1	1,078	2268239	2269316
16	<b>CCTAGT</b> GTGAAAGGAGATG	<b>AAAGGAA</b> GCGCAAGTTTACCT	PCR amplification, sequencing	65				
17	<b>GCTG</b> ATGAGCCTGACTG	AAAGGCGTTGCCGCCAGCACGAT	Sequencing					

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TABLE 1 (Continued)

Gap no.	Forward primer (5' to 3') <sup>a</sup>	Reverse primer (5' to 3') <sup>a</sup>	In the final closed chromosome					
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18	<b>CCGGAGTCGATAGTACATGAGA</b>	<b>GCAACGAGTGGTGTACTTCAC</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	1	315	2312066	2312380
19	<b>CTTGACGAAACGACATGAAC</b>	<b>CTTACGGATTCCACCCAGATG</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	30	5,412	2590955	2596366
	AATACCGATTACCCAGATG	GATAATCACCTGCAATGATCACC	Sequencing					
	CAGCTGTAGTAGATCTTGC	CAGTAGAGATCACCCGCTG	Sequencing					
	AACTGGAGAGATCTGTC	CGAGGACATCAAGTCTGTC	Sequencing					
	ATCTTCGCCGTGACGTGGAAC	CTCTCTCATATCGTAC	Sequencing					
		TGGCGAGGAAAACGTTCTCTC	Sequencing					
		<b>CAACATATCTCGGTGAATTGAG</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	30	5,723	2663241	2668963
		GATCACCGCTGGTGAACAGGCTG	Sequencing					
		ACAGGGACGGATCACCATGAG	Sequencing					
		GCCGACTCTGGCATGGATATTG	Sequencing					
		ATAAACCTCTGGGGATCTC	Sequencing					
		<b>TTCATAATGGTAATGATGTGT</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	30	1,895	2686577	2688471
		ATACTCACCGGAGACCAATG	Sequencing					
		<b>AACGTGTTCTTGGTCATTTC</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	1	248	2742900	2743147
		<b>TTATGAAACGTGTGAATATGC</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	30	7,459	2756485	2763943
		GTCGCATCACACTGAAGTGT	Sequencing					
		GAATATGAAAAGACGAGCCGC	Sequencing					
		GACAACACACACCACAAAGG	Sequencing					
		AGGTTGTCCTGCGGTGTGATG	Sequencing					
		AAGAGCATCCTGGGGAGATCTC	Sequencing					
		GGGACACGGCAAAGCAATTTC	Sequencing					
		<b>ATCCCCCTGACTTCATCAATC</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	1	210	2777910	2778119
		<b>GGTTTCTGGTAGTGTGGAAAGC</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	1	843	1874360	1875202
		<b>CCGATATTCTCTACTGGTGGTG</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	30	3,285	2898646	2901930
		ATAACCTGGAGACCTTGGAC	Sequencing					
		GCTACTTCCGGAAATGAATACG	Sequencing					
		<b>GTGACGGAGATAACGCTAAACC</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	30	1,024	2949114	2950137
		GGCTTGGACGAGCATTCATC	Sequencing					
		GTCACTATGGGGAAACAC	Sequencing					
		<b>TGTAATATATCGATTGTTGGTG</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	30	17	295445	2954471
		<b>GAACCCGAAAGACCTCATCCATC</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	1	893	3026979	3027871
		<b>CCCCGAACATTATCGATAATGGAG</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	30	3,188	3043295	3046482
		GCTCGTCCTGCGCATTGAG	Sequencing					
		TTACCAAGGAAGTGCCTCAC	Sequencing					
		CCAATGGGGCAGAAATCAAAG	Sequencing					
		<b>CCCCGAACATAGGGTGAATA</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	30	3,554	3427838	3431391
		AGCTCGGTGCCAATGAAATTGC	Sequencing					
		GCCACATTGAAAGGTTATGAC	Sequencing					

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				Annealing temp (°C) <sup>b</sup>	Extension time (s) <sup>b</sup>	No. of Ns
32	<b>CCTGAAAGATCAATGGGAAAG</b>	<b>ATTGTACTCGGTCAATCCACCTC</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	1	173
33	<b>AACCACCAAGCACATAGAAG</b>	<b>GCGCCAACCCACAGCACATC</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	57	25	4,408
	GTTGCCATTGAAACAGCTGG	CCAGCTGTTCAATGGACAAC	Sequencing			
	CAAGTAATTCCAATGAGGCG	GATGATTACCTGCTGATTGC	Sequencing			
	GCAATGAGCAGGTAAATCATC	GAAAAGTCCTTCCATCCTTCG	Sequencing			
	CCGTGTTCTAAATTCTGAGG	AAGCCGCTACCTGAAGGCTTC	Sequencing			
	CGAAGGATGGGAAGGAGCTTC		Sequencing			
	CITCAACTTCAAGCCGTTAC		Sequencing			
34	<b>CACGTCCCTGGGATATTGTAA</b>	<b>GAAGATTACGACCTCTGGCTGA</b>	PCR amplification, sequencing	60	1	165
						3736120
						3736284

<sup>a</sup>The primer sets in bold were used for both PCR amplification and the sequence in each gap.<sup>b</sup>PCR conditions used were as follows: 25 cycles of 98°C for 10 s, annealing temperature indicated in the list for each reaction for 5 s, 68°C for extension time indicated in the list for each reaction, and 68°C for 5 min. For all reactions, KOD One PCR master mix (Toyobo) was used. The amplicons were gel purified by Monarch DNA gel extraction kit (New England Biolabs).

strain PCA (3,814,128 bp) and larger than those of strains KN400 (3,726,411 bp) and YM18 (3,714,272 bp). No plasmid was found. Annotation by NCBI Prokaryotic Genome Annotation Pipeline (PGAP) version 5.2 ([https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/annotation\\_prok](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/annotation_prok)) (9) identified 2 rRNA operons, 48 tRNA genes, and 3,324 protein-coding sequences (CDSs). The 3,324 CDSs included 102 genes for c-type cytochromes, which was comparable to those of strains PCA, KN400, and YM18.

**Data availability.** The complete genome sequence of strain YM35 was deposited under GenBank accession number [CP074693](#). The raw reads were deposited in the Sequence Read Archive under BioProject accession number [PRJNA742140](#).

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