Complete genome sequence and transcriptomics analyses reveal pigment biosynthesis and regulatory mechanisms in an industrial strain, *Monascus purpureus* YY-1

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Large scaffolds (>100	00 bps):	Large contigs (>1000 bps):		
Largest scaffold	C1	Largest contig		
Largest length	4,109,886	Largest length	166,030	
No. of large scaffolds	33	No. of large contigs	1102	
Bases in large scaffolds	24,147,356	Bases in large contigs	22,216,052	
N50 scaffold	4	N50 contig	208	
N50 length	2,821,034	N50 length	32,919	
N90 scaf	7	N90 contig	669	
N90 length	2,248,774	N90 length	9814	
GC content	49.14%	GC content	49.14%	

Supplementary Table S1. Statistical characteristics of the *M. purpureus* YY-1 genome assembly

PKS	chromosome location	Size (bp)	Closest matches	Similarity	Type & putative function/product in
				%	other fungi
PKS 1	Evm.model.C1.1084	8388	Aspergillus clavatus XP_001270320.1	78	Polyketide synthase
			Colletotrichum gloeosporioides	71	Polyketide synthase
			XM_007272514.1		
			Magnaporthe oryzae XP_003717383.1	67	Fatty acid synthase S-acetyl-
					transferase
PKS 2	Evm.model.C1.1255	9034	Penicillium chrysogenum	70	Hypothetical protein
			XM_002567484.1		
			Penicillium chrysogenum AM920436.1	68	
			Penicillium marneffei HM070051.1	68	Polyketide synthase (PKS7)
PKS 3	Evm.model.C2.25	6535	Monascus purpureus AJ414729.1	99	Polyketide synthase (pks1)
			Monascus purpureus AY954028.1	99	Polyketide synthase (PKS1)
			Vulpicida pinastri AB267849.1	74	Polyketide synthase
PKS 4	Evm.model.C5.137	8144	Monascus purpureus JX866749.1	99	Transcription factor and
					non-reducing polyketide synthase

Supplementary Table S2. Polyketide synthases of *M. purpureus* YY-1: gene location, orthologs and putative functions

		Monascus pilosus KC148521.1	97	Pigment biosynthetic gene cluster
		Penicillium marneffei HM070047.1	67	Polyketide synthase (PKS3)
		Penicillium marneffei XM_002149733.1	67	Polyketide synthase
Evm.model.C6.123	9140	Monascus aurantiacus EU309474.1	100	Citrinin biosynthesis gene cluster
		Monascus purpureus AB243687.1	100	Citrinin biosynthesis
		Monascus purpureus AB167465.1	100	Citrinin polyketide synthase (pksCT)
Evm.model.C8.37	8519	Monascus purpureus AY312161.1	99	Like polyketide synthase
		Monascus purpureus AY312162.1	99	Like polyketide synthase
		Monascus purpureus AY312164.1	98	Like polyketide synthase
	Evm.model.C6.123 Evm.model.C8.37	Evm.model.C6.123 9140 Evm.model.C8.37 8519	Monascus pilosus KC148521.1Penicillium marneffei HM070047.1Penicillium marneffei XM_002149733.1Evm.model.C6.1239140Monascus aurantiacus EU309474.1Monascus purpureus AB243687.1Monascus purpureus AB167465.1Evm.model.C8.378519Monascus purpureus AY312161.1Monascus purpureus AY312162.1Monascus purpureus AY312164.1	Monascus pilosus KC148521.1 97 Penicillium marneffei HM070047.1 67 Penicillium marneffei XM_002149733.1 67 Evm.model.C6.123 9140 Monascus aurantiacus EU309474.1 100 Monascus purpureus AB243687.1 100 100 Evm.model.C8.37 8519 Monascus purpureus AB167465.1 99 Monascus purpureus AY312161.1 99 99 Monascus purpureus AY312162.1 99 Monascus purpureus AY312164.1 98

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Supplementary Figure S1. An optical map of *M. purpureus* YY-1 consisting of

eight chromosomes. Each vertical line represents an AflII restriction site.

Chromosomes are ranked by size.



Figure S2. A comparison of relative gene numbers for each KOG. The ratios of the number of genes in *M. purpureus* against those in *P. marneffei* (MP/PM), *A. clavatus* (MP/AC), *A. flavus* (MP/AFL), *A. fumigatus* (MP/AFU), *A. nidulans* (MP/AND), *A. niger* (MP/ANG), *A. oryzae* (MP/AO), *A. terreus* (MP/AT), *N. fischeri* (MP/NF), *P. chrysogenum* (MP/PC) and *P. stipitatus* (MP/PS) for each KOG category were calculated. KOG functional category: A, RNA processing and modification; B, chromatin structure and dynamics; C, energy production and conversion; D, cell cycle control, cell division, chromosome partitioning; E, RNA processing and modification; F, nucleotide transport and metabolism; G, carbohydrate transport and metabolism; H, coenzyme transport and metabolism; I, lipid transport and metabolism; J, translation, ribosomal structure and biogenesis; K, transcription; L, replication, recombination and repair; M, cell wall/membrane/envelope biogenesis; N, cell motility; O, posttranslational modification, protein turnover, chaperones; P, inorganic ion transport and metabolism; Q, secondary

metabolites biosynthesis, transport and catabolism; R, general function prediction only; S, function unknown; T, signal transduction mechanisms;

U, intracellular trafficking, secretion, and vesicular transport; V, defense mechanisms; W, extracellular structures; Y, nuclear structure; Z,

cytoskeleton.





Supplementary Figure S3. A metabolic pathway view of the gene redundancy of pathway members. The gene redundancy of each member of metabolic pathways (A, carbohydrate; B, amino acid) in the *M. purpureus* YY-1 genome compared to *A. oryzae* and *A. fumigatus* is superimposed on the metabolic pathway map. Crosses indicate the missing genes in YY-1. The three values

delimited by slashes designate the number of corresponding genes found in the *M. purpureus*, *A. oryzae* and *A. fumigatus* genomes, respectively. The metabolic pathway view was constructed based

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on the pathways included in KEGG (http://www.genome.ad.jp/kegg/)⁵⁴.



Supplementary Figure S4. Gene expression of six PKS genes in *M. purpureus* **YY-1.** The tree is a dendrogram of cluster analysis by the hclust method in R, which is a hierarchical partitioning of data that visually resembles a heat map, reflecting gene expression values in different conditions. RM-4 represents *M. purpureus* YY-1 grown in rice medium (RM) on the fourth day, RM-8 represents *M. purpureus* YY-1 grown in rice medium (RM) on the eighth day, and SM-8 represents *M. purpureus* YY-1 grown in sucrose–yeast extract medium (SM) on the eighth day.



Supplementary Figure S5. Gene expression of the pigment biosynthetic gene cluster in *M. purpureus* YY-1. The tree is a dendrogram of cluster analysis by the hclust method in R, which is a hierarchical partitioning of data that visually resembles a heat map, reflecting gene expression values in different conditions. RM-4 represents *M. purpureus* YY-1 grown in rice medium (RM) on the fourth day, RM-8 represents *M. purpureus* YY-1 grown in rice medium (RM) on the eighth day, and SM-8 represents *M. purpureus* YY-1 grown in sucrose–yeast extract medium (SM) on the eighth day.



Supplementary Figure S6. Synteny analysis of the pigment biosynthetic gene clusters in *M. pilosus* and *M. purpureus*. The upper panel shows the gene cluster in the *M. pilosus* genome. The bottom panel shows the gene cluster in the *M. purpureus* genome.



Supplementary Figure S7 The proposed biosynthetic pathway for Monascus pigments, including orange pigment (rubropunctatin), yellow pigment (monascin), red pigment (rubropunctamine) and water-soluble pigments. The solid arrows indicate the experimentally identified steps, and the dashed arrows indicate the speculative procedures. In the assembly of the skeleton structure of the pigments, a 12-carbon acyl chain 1 and β-keto group 2 are produced from acetyl-coenzyme A and malonyl-coenzyme A by the PKS2 gene C5.137^{57,58} and FAS gene pair C5.127/C5.128^{12,13}, respectively. We suggest that PKS2 acts as a dual-functioning PKS or that another PKS gene, PKS1 (C2.25), is responsible for the synthesis of compound 3¹⁸. The formation of the classical polyketide chromophore structure 8 involves methylation⁵⁵, cyclization⁵⁷, reduction⁵⁸, hydroxylation⁵⁹ and dehydration, followed by compound 1 formation, successively. In parallel, the condensation product 3 has been proposed to be transferred to polyketide chromophore 8 by acylation from the acyl carrier protein (ACP)-domain to yield 9^{13, 59,60}. Then, the intermediate 9 is converted to orange pigment (rubropunctatin) by automatic dehydration. Orange pigments are used as the precursor for yellow and red pigments. The mechanisms by which orange pigments is converted to yellow pigment (monascin) are reduction steps in the existence of NADPH. Red pigment (rubropunctamine) and the water-soluble pigments may undergo further reduction and dehydration followed by amination^{61,62}.



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Supplementary Figure S8. Phylogenetic analysis of PKS genes in 12 Eurotiales. PKS genes of *M. purpureus* YY-1 are yellow colored, and the reported pigment-related PKS genes of relatives are orange colored.



Supplementary Figure S9. Pigment (red, orange and yellow pigments) production by *M. purpureus* YY-1 in four different mediums (malt medium (MM), potato/dextrose broth medium (PM), rice medium (RM) and sucrose-yeast extract medium (SM)) were monitored from the 2nd to the 20th day. All experiments were performed in triplicate. Error bars indicate the standard deviation.

- A. Red pigment production by *M. purpureus* YY-1.
- B. Orange pigment production by *M. purpureus* YY-1.
- C. Yellow pigment production by *M. purpureus* YY-1.



Supplementary Figure S10. Pigment (red, orange and yellow pigments) production in *M. purpureus* YY-1 grown on media with different carbon sources (rice powder, glucose, and sucrose) from the 2nd to 10th days. All experiments were performed in triplicate. Error bars indicate the standard deviation.

- A. Red pigment production by *M. purpureus* YY-1.
- B. Orange pigment production by M. purpureus YY-1.
- C. Yellow pigment production by *M. purpureus* YY-1.



Supplementary Figure S11. Gene expression in pigment biosynthesis-related metabolic pathways in *M. purpureus* YY-1 grown on different carbon sources. The tree is a dendrogram of cluster analysis by the hclust method in R, which is a hierarchical partitioning of data that visually resembles a heat map, reflecting

gene expression values in different conditions. RM-8 represents *M. purpureus* YY-1 grown in rice medium (RM) on the eighth day, and SM-8 represents *M. purpureus* YY-1 grown in sucrose–yeast extract medium (SM) on the eighth day.



Supplementary Figure S12. Biomass (dry cell weight) of M. purpureus YY-1 grown in rice medium (RM) and sucrose–yeast extract medium (SM) were monitored from the 2nd to 20th day. All experiments were performed in triplicate. Error bars indicate the standard deviation.



Supplementary Figure S13. Gene expression in pigment biosynthesis-related metabolic pathways in *M. purpureus* YY-1 at different grown stages in rice

medium. The tree is a dendrogram of cluster analysis by the hclust method in R,
which is a hierarchical partitioning of data that visually resembles a heat map,
reflecting gene expression values in different conditions. RM-4 represents *M. purpureus* YY-1 grown in rice medium (RM) on the fourth day, and RM-8 represents *M. purpureus* YY-1 grown in rice medium (RM) on the eighth day.



Supplementary Figure S14. The location of secondary metabolic genes in M. purpureus YY-1. Secondary metabolic genes predicted using the antiSMASH program are marked with different colors.







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Supplementary Figure S15. Agrose gel electrophoresis of PCR products which confirms the presence of PKS-NRPS hybrids (C1.427, C2.1159 and C6.698) in *M. purpureus* YY-1. Specific DNA fragments with expected size (Supplementary Data S8) could be amplified from (A) C1.427, (B) C2.1159 and (C) C6.698, respectively.

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