# **Genomic diversification of giant enteric symbionts reflects host dietary lifestyles**

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# **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

## *Fish sample collection*

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Samples for the single-cell genomics and metagenomic datasets of *Acanthurus sohal, Acanthurus nigrofuscus,* and *Naso elegans* were collected as described in Miyake et al.<sup>1</sup> from Abu Shosha reef (22°18'13.74"N, 39° 2'51.79"E), while *Naso unicornis* was collected from Qita Al-Kirsh reef (22°25'50.89"N, 38°59'41.99"E ). Single-cell genomics and metagenomics procedures are described separately in the respective subsections below.

## *Single-cell sorting, genome amplification, and reconstruction*

An adapted protocol was used for cell sorting, lysis, and DNA extraction of "*Epulopiscium*"-like cells from the midgut of *Acanthurus nigrofuscus* and *A. sohal*. Briefly, 250 µl of midgut fluid contents were filtered twice through a 40-µm filter to eliminate small-sized cells and algal debris. The retentate was then washed twice with 1 ml of 50% ethanol, after which around 100 large "*Epulopiscium*" cells were picked with a modified glass capillary or pipette under a stereomicroscope, and washed five times; twice in 400 µl of 50% ethanol followed by three washes in 800 µl EB buffer. Approximately 60 cells were then transferred in small volumes and washed again in 400 µl EB. Subsequently, 50 cells were individually picked in 25 ml of EB and placed in a 96-well plate, one cell per well. Several wells were left vacant with 25 ml of EB as control. The 96-well plate was span down to pellet the cells, followed by 5 rounds of freeze (liquid nitrogen) and thaw cycles (65°C) to lyse the cells. The contents of each well were gently mixed by pipetting and 5 µl of each lysate was subsampled for DNA quantification using the QuanTi PicoGreen dsDNA Assay kit (Invitrogen, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions with standard concentrations ranging

between  $\sim$ 15 pg/ $\mu$ l to 1ng/ $\mu$ l. Wells with high concentrations of genomic DNA were subjected to multiple displacement amplification (MDA) using the Repli-G Midi kit (Qiagen, Netherlands). SYBR Green dsDNA Assay (Invitrogen, USA) was included in the MDA reactions and incubated overnight at 30 $\rm{^oC}$  in real-time PCR using the CFX Connect detection system (Bio-Rad Laboratories,CA, USA), measuring dsDNA concentrations every 10 minutes for 90 cycles. Multiple controls including positive, negative, multiple cells and wash buffer (from previous isolation of single cells) were included for comparison. The resultant MDA products were then PCR-amplified with universal 16S rRNA gene primers for bacteria (27F/1492R) and also using *"Epulopiscium*"-specific primers (579uF/1232R) following Miyake et al.<sup>2</sup> to further ensure no contaminants were amplified in the wells. Finally, the resultant MDA products—a total of seven independent cells encompassing three different "*Epulopiscium*"-like bacteria—were whole-genome sequenced using the Illumina HiSeq 2000 platform at the KAUST Bioscience Core Laboratory (BCL). Illumina paired-end libraries ( $2 \times 101$  bp) were constructed following the standard protocols for genome sequencing and sequenced on a single lane.

The sequenced raw reads were quality-trimmed, while removing adaptor sequences, using Trimmomatic v0.32<sup>3</sup> with the following parameters: ILLUMINACLIP::4:30:10 LEADING:20 TRAILING:20 SLIDINGWINDOW:4:20 MINLEN:60. The "fastx\_trimmer" script from the FASTX Toolkit  $v0.0.13.1<sup>4</sup>$  was used for an additional quality control to trim either end of the sequences (parameters: -f 20 -m -t 10 -m 60). The phage reads from the internal sequencing standard PhiX 174 were subsequently removed by mapping the quality-trimmed reads against the PhiX 174 genome using Bowtie2  $v2.2.4<sup>5</sup>$  with the following parameters: -q -I 0 --sensitive -t --quiet --qc-filter -X 101. These high-quality sequences were then assembled independently using three *de novo* assembly programs that are suitable for single-cell amplified genome data, namely SPAdes v3.5.0<sup>6</sup>, Velvet v0.7.62<sup>7</sup>, and IDBA-UD v1.1.1<sup>8</sup>. SPAdes was operated in the single-cell and error-correction modes with the following additional settings: -k 21,33,55,77 --careful --mismatch-correction. IDBA-UD was run with the pre-correction mode; other parameters were --mink 20 --maxk 80 --min contig 500. Prior to assembly using Velveth-sc, we run the "velvetOptimizer.pl" script (v2.2.5; http://bioinformatics.net.au/software.velvetoptimiser.shtml) to determine the best kmer value with the options –s 33 –e 80 --optFunckmer 'n50'. Subsequently, Velveth-sc was run with the optimised "k" parameter of 77 in the "shortPaired" mode using the errorcorrected reads from SPAdes.

The assembled contigs from the above assemblers were subsequently used to generate an integrated set of contigs using CISA v1.3 $^9$ , which effectively reduced the number of contigs and increased the N50 size of the assemblies. CISA was run with the following settings: min length =1000, Gap = 11, R2 Gap=0.99, and genome=3800000, the expected genome size on the basis of data from Mendell et al.<sup>10</sup>. The resulting assemblies were filtered to retain contigs of lengths  $\geq$ 1000 base pairs, which is within the range of a bacterial gene, followed by fidelity and contamination checks using CheckM v1.0.3 $^{11}$ . The SAGs were assessed for completeness and contamination based on the presence or absence of 202 *Clostridia*-specific single-copy marker genes using the "taxonomy\_wf" command in CheckM. The resultant contigs were scaffolded and gapfilled using the "roundup" workflow of FinishM v0.07 (https://github.com/wwood/finishm) using the

error-corrected paired-end reads from SPAdes. Finally, local misassemblies, small indels and single base differences were identified and polished using Pilon v1.18<sup>12</sup>. Coverage information was obtained by mapping reads to the assembled scaffolds using Bowtie2  $v2.2.4<sup>6</sup>$  with default parameters.

# *Metagenomic sample preparation, sequencing, and analysis*

The extraction of community DNA from the intestine of *Acanthurus sohal, Naso elegans* and *Naso unicornis* was performed using the phenol-chloroform protocol of Ngugi et al.<sup>13</sup> based on  $\sim$ 2 ml of the midgut fluid content. DNA yield ranged from 3–5 µg per sample. The extracted DNA was used to construct whole-genome shotgun (WGS) libraries with the TruSeq library Prep kit (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA). WGS libraries were sequenced using the Illumina MiSeq (for *A. sohal* and *N. elegans*) or the HiSeq 4000 (for *N. unicornis*) platforms using Illumina paired-end libraries on a  $2 \times 250$  bp or  $2 \times 150$  bp lane, respectively, as part of a larger multiplexed pool at the KAUST BCL. Raw reads were quality trimmed and processed as described above using Trimmomatic<sup>3</sup> and FASTX Toolkit<sup>4</sup>, in addition to the removal of internal phage standard reads using Bowtie2<sup>5</sup>. These high-quality sequences were then assembled using SPAdes v3.8.2 $^6$  with the errorcorrection and metagenomic modes. The WGS contig sequences (filtered to 500 bp) have been deposited in GenBank with the following accession numbers: MDSO00000000 (*A. sohal*), MDSP00000000 (*N. elegans*), and MDSQ00000000 (*N. unicornis*).

To predict protein-coding genes from the size-filtered contigs, we first employed the RNAs prediction workflow of  $RAMICAL<sup>14</sup>$  to mask putative tRNAs and rRNAs in the assembled contigs prior to ORFs prediction using Prodigal v2.6.2<sup>15</sup> in the metagenomic mode. To identify putative carbohydrate-active enzymes (CAZymes) in the intestinal metagenomes of *A. sohal* and the two *Naso* species, the predicted protein-coding genes were searched locally against a CAZyme database that includes glycoside hydrolases (GHs), polysaccharide lyases (PLs), carboxyl esterases (CEs), and glycosyltransferases (GTs) using dbCAN and the accompanying profiled HMMs of the different CAZYmes  $(\frac{http://csbl.bmb.uga.edu/dbCAN/; 16}{http://csbl.bmb.uga.edu/dbCAN/; 16})$ , and classified into families following the assignment scheme of the CAZYmes database  $17$ . The proportion of GHs, PLs, CEs and GTs was calculated as the sum of these carbohydrases in each sample.

#### *Recovery and quality assessment of population genomes*

Population genomes (PGs) were recovered from the above intestinal metagenomic assemblies of *A. sohal*, *N. elegans*, and *N. unicornis*; these were selected because they harbour different "*Epulopiscium"*-like bacterial clades based on previous 16S rRNA gene diversity studies and FISH-based analyses<sup>2</sup>. The independently assembled contigs (see above) were grouped into genome bins using MetaBAT v0.26.1<sup>18</sup>. MetaBAT integrates empirical probabilistic distances of genome coverage and tetranucleotide signatures to group contigs into putative population genomes. Because our datasets likely includes contig sequences from multiple "*Epulopiscium*"-like clades and probably other diverse prokaryotic communities, we elected to use very conservative binning parameters  $(p1=97, p2=97, minProb=97, minBinned=30)$ , to minimise contamination and facilitate distinction between closely related "*Epulopiscium*"-like genotypes.

The binned genomes were subsequently improved using two iterative approaches. The first approach employed the workflows implemented in Check $M<sup>11</sup>$  including: (1)

assessing genome bins for completeness and contamination based on lineage-specific single-copy marker genes (SCMGs) in each bin, and (2) refinement of bins by merging bins with complementary SCMGs and removal of outlying contigs based on the distribution of their GC and tetranucleotide signatures, respectively, using the "merge" and "outliers" commands. Secondly, gaps were filled and scaffolds were formed from the resultant bins using the "roundup" workflow of FinishM, and further polished using Pilon<sup>12</sup> as described above for the SAGs. PGs that were less than 25% complete or with greater than 10% contamination were discarded after assessing *Clostridia*-like bins for completion and contamination based on 202 *Clostridia*-specific SCMGs using the "taxonomy\_wf" command in CheckM. Coverage information was obtained by mapping the specific metagenomic reads to the respective PGs using Bowtie2 with default parameters.

### *Genome annotation, metabolic reconstruction, and comparative genomics*

The Rapid Annotation using Subsystem Technology (RAST) pipeline<sup>19</sup> and the NCBI's Prokaryotic Genome Annotation Pipeline<sup>20</sup> were used for all genome annotations. Detailed metabolic reconstruction was done in the KEGG Automatic Annotation Server  $(KAAS;$ <sup>21</sup>). Carbohydrate-active enzymes, including glycoside hydrolases, polysaccharide lyases, glycosyltransferases, and carboxyl esterases were identified locally using dbCAN  $^{16}$ , as described in the metagenomic section (see above). SMART was used to predict the modular structures of protein-coding genes (http://smart.emblheidelberg.de), whereas MAPLE was used to characterise the completeness of KEGG functional modules 21. Transport proteins were deduced via the web-based transporter (TransAAP) annotation tool (http://www.membranetransport.org/). The theoretical subcellular localisation of the protein-encoding genes was predicted using the PSORTb v3.0 server for determining the subcellular location of proteins<sup>22</sup>.

Comparative (pan)-genomics was performed via the EDGAR phylogenomic and comparative analysis web server (https://edgar.computational.bio.uni-giessen.de/;  $^{23}$ ) as described in Ngugi et al.<sup>24,25</sup>. Delineation of closely related pairs of genotypes was done based on the average amino acid identity  $(AAI)$  metric<sup>26</sup> and phylogenomic inference using sixteen conserved single-copy genes (**Figure 3**; **Dataset S4**). Briefly, orthologous genes between genome pairs were identified based on a consensus approach employing the OrthoMCL- and the COGtriangles-based clustering methods implemented in the "GET\_HOMOLOGUES" software package<sup>27</sup>. The OrthoMCL-based pairwise amino acid identity matrix was then used to plot a heatmap of the AAI (**SI Appendix, Fig. S4**).

For the genome-based phylogenetic inference, we calculated the gene clusters supported by the two clustering methods using the "compare clusters.pl" script, with the options "–e" and "–t 36" to exclude in-paralogues, and to restrict the output to cover only single-copy genes (SCGs) present in the genomes being compared. A total of sixteen SCGs (**Dataset S4**) were then used for phylogenetic inference. These SCGs were concatenated separately for each genome and aligned using MUSCLE28 as implemented in Geneious Pro v8.1.4 (http://www.geneious.com) with default settings. The resultant alignment was further manually checked and trimmed using GBLOCKS v0.91 $b^{29}$  to eliminate poorly aligned positions and highly divergent regions based on the liberal settings that retain the maximum number of characters in the alignment. The final alignment consisted of 2,828 characters with 56% of the position being conserved. A

maximum-likelihood (ML) phylogenetic tree was reconstructed using RAxML v7.2.8<sup>30</sup> as implemented in Geneious Pro under the general time reversible (GTR) + GAMMA model, as determined by ProTest $3^{31}$ , with 1,000 bootstraps and a maximum-likelihood search of the best tree topology. *Leuconostoc buccalis* was used for rooting the tree.

ML trees for the 16S rRNA gene (**SI Appendix, Fig. S3**) and genes encoding carbohydrases specific for the red-agal sulphated galactans (i.e., β-agarases, βporphyranases, and carrageenases; **SI Appendix, Fig. S8**) were constructed, respectively, as described in Miyake et al.<sup>2</sup> and Hehemann et al.<sup>32</sup> in Geneious Pro. ML-based phylogenetic inferences for other carbohydrases (alginate lyases and fucoidases; **SI Appendix, Fig. S9, S11**, and **12**), targeting polysaccharides of brown algae, were constructed as follows. First, we retrieved protein sequences of experimentally characterized enzymes from Swissprot/Uniprot based on available literature and information from the CAZyme database. Next, putative genes encoding such enzymes in the "*Epulopiscium*" genomes, as deduced using dbCAN, were searched against the nonredundant NCBI database to retrieve closely related homologs. Collectively, these protein sequences were aligned independently for each enzyme using MUSCLE based on default parameters in Geneious Pro. The alignment was then filtered to retain positions that were conserved in 50% of the proteins, followed by phylogenetic inference using RAxML with 1000 bootstraps and the GTR+GAMMA amino acid substitution model. The final filtered alignments used for constructing trees for the respective enzymes consisted of 2,439 (alginate lyases), 1,437 (fucoidases), and 1,898 (endoglucanases) characters.

## *Metatranscriptomic sample preparation, RNA extraction, sequencing, and analysis*

For the metatranscriptome-based temporal studies, we sampled *A. sohal* directly from the Abu Shosha reef (22°18'13.74"N, 39° 2'51.79"E) on 28/04/2013. At least three replicates of *A. sohal* were collected every two hours during the day, and every 4 hours at night starting from 8 am (sampled at 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 12 am, and 4 am). Fishes were collected directly by spearfishing during the day (8am – 6pm), but this was not possible at night due to local regulations. Instead, samples sacrificed at night  $(8 \text{ pm} - 4 \text{ am})$  were collected well before dusk with a net and were kept in a large enclosure ( $\sim$ 3.5  $\times$  2.5 m). Note that the nighttime samples were collected well before sunset to decrease the effect of stress as much as possible. For each individual fish, approximately 500 µl of the midgut content was collected in microcentrifuge tube by making a small incision using a sterile scalpel on the intestinal portion where *"Epulopiscium*"-like bacteria were reported to be highest in abundance<sup>33,34</sup>. Samples were stored at 4 °C overnight in 10× RNAlater (v/v; ThermoFisher Scientific, USA), before the supernatant was removed and the remaining RNA-fixed samples were stored at  $-80^{\degree}$ C until RNA extraction.

Standard RNA extraction using RNeasy Mini kit (QIAGEN, Netherlands) in itself was ineffective, suggesting that "*Epulopiscium*" cell walls are resistant to enzymatic treatment or that the gut content contained inhibitory compounds. Similarly, the bead lysis method previously employed by Miyake et al.  $<sup>1</sup>$  sheared the total RNA, reducing the quality of the</sup> RNA yield. Thus, RNA extraction protocol was optimized using freeze-thaw cycles prior to extraction by RNAeasy Mini kit (QIAGEN, Netherlands). The total RNA quality and quantity were measured for once, three, five, and ten times of freeze-thaw cycles with

BioAnalyzer 2100 Total RNA Nano Series II (Agilent Technologies Inc., USA), which revealed three cycles of freeze-thaw to be optimal.

For all samples, the RNA later-fixed cells were concentrated by centrifugation  $(8,000 \times$ g for 5 min.), placed in LRT buffer (from RNeasy Mini kit) and subjected to three cycles of freezing (in liquid nitrogen) and thawing. The lysate was then homogenised and total RNA was extracted using the RNeasy Mini kit (QIAGEN, Netherlands) following the standard protocol with DNase treatment (Life Technologies, USA). The total RNA in each sample was purified with the RNeasy MinElute Cleanup kit (QIAGEN, Netherlands). Given our experimental design—in which we intended to use the 16S and 18S rRNA genes for community profiling of the active microbial fraction of the gut—and given that proportions of rRNA relative to total RNA was relatively low (as indicated by BioAnalyzer 2100 Total RNA Nano Series II), we retained all rRNAs present in the total RNA pool of all samples. To compensate for the potential reduction in the mRNA quota for each sample, we increased the overall sequencing depth as summarised in **Dataset S9** (on average  $28 \pm 14$  million reads per sample). Only samples with (i) total RNA concentration of >300 ng  $\mu$ l<sup>-1</sup>, (ii) 260-to-280 ratio of ~2.1, (iii) 260-to-230 ratio of ~1.4, and (iv) RNA Integrity Number (RIN) of >8 were RNA-sequenced, an empirical measure for RNA quality<sup>35</sup>. Consequently, all three replicates for the 20:00 time point were discarded, due to low RIN (< 7.5). Library preparation and sequencing was carried out using the Illumina HiSeq 2000 platform at the KAUST BCL. A strand-specific RNA sequencing library was prepared from  $2 \mu$ g of total RNA per sample using Illumina TruSeq Small RNA Sample Prep Kit. In the end, twenty-seven samples were multiplexed and sequenced using three lanes with 101 cycles.

Raw RNA sequence reads of each sample were quality-trimmed using Trimmomatic v0.3.23 , using the following parameters: ILLUMINACLIP::4:30:10 LEADING:20 TRAILING:20 SLIDINGWINDOW:4:20 MINLEN:60 and also removing sequencing adaptors. The "fastx\_trimmer" script from the FASTX Toolkit v0.0.13.1 $4$  was used for an additional quality control to trim both sequence ends (parameters: -f 20 -m -t 10 -m 60). Phage PhiX sequences were subsequently removed by mapping the quality-trimmed reads against the PhiX genome using Bowtie2 v2.2.4<sup>5</sup> with the following parameters: -q -I 0 --sensitive -t --quiet --qc-filter -X 101. Potential errors in the reads were then corrected using SPAdes' implementation of the BayesHammer error-correction tool with default parameters $6,36$ . The resultant sequences were then partitioned into rRNAs-only reads (including 16S, 23S, 18S, and 5S) and mRNA reads using SortMeRNA v1.99 $^{37}$ . The raw RNASeq reads have been deposited in the Short Reads Archive under the accession number SRP083815.

### *Simultaneous transcriptional profiling of host and gut symbionts*

To be able to follow the global gene expression of the host and its entire gut microbiota (including *"Epulopiscium*" clade members), we *de novo* assembled each metatranscriptome independently using Trinity v.2.1.1<sup>38</sup>. The assembler was run on the merged, concatenated fastq files of read 1 and 2 of each sample with the following parameters: parameters –seqType fq –single –run\_as\_paired –min\_contig\_length 300. **Dataset S10** summarizes the general features and statistics of the assembled transcripts. The resulting transcripts averaged  $15,793 \pm 9,915$  transcripts per sample ( $n = 27$ ) with mean lengths of  $680 \pm 101$  bp. However, as some assembled transcripts were as long as

32 kbp—that is, longer than the average bacterial coding gene length of ~600 bp—and to confidently annotate the transcripts at the protein level, we next identified candidatecoding regions within each transcript sequence using TransDecoder v2.01 (http://transdecoder.github.io/). TransDecoder identifies coding sequences in the transcript sequences and also gives their matching peptide sequences. The duplicated coding sequences found within larger transcripts were also removed. We maximised the sensitivity of capturing additional open-reading frames (ORFs) with potential functional significance by simultaneously also scanning all ORFs for homology to known proteins in the PFAM database as implemented in TransDecoder.

To evaluate the contribution of gut symbionts (and/or the host) to the digestive processes, we performed a functional analysis of carbohydrate active enzymes  $(CAZymes)$  by interrogating the transcripts using db $CAN<sup>16</sup>$ , followed by a taxonomic assignment (described below) of the identified CAZyme families in each metatranscriptome. dbCAN was run locally using the program hmmsearch within HMMER v3.1b2 (hmmer.org) with default parameters based on the provided profilehidden Markov models (dbCAN HMMs 5.0;

http://csbl.bmb.uga.edu/dbCAN/download.php) as described above.

### *Taxonomic assignment of coding genes and transcripts*

The taxonomic assignment of all metagenomic protein-coding genes and the nearly fulllength transcripts, including the predicted carbohydrases, was performed to evaluate the relative contributions of the host and the different symbionts to metabolic functions in the gut. For taxonomic profiling, protein-coding genes and transcripts were queried using DIAMOND v0.8.8<sup>39</sup> with default settings and an e-value of  $10^{-5}$  against the NCBI's nonredundant protein database (downloaded on 01.06.2015). The resulting blast output was filtered to retain matches to prokaryotic and eukaryotic genes above a bit score of 50 and with alignment coverage of 80%. The gi number to taxonomy mapping file provided by NCBI (gi\_taxid\_prot.dmp), in conjunction with the NCBI taxonomy node hierarchy file (nodes.dmp), was used to gather full taxonomic information of NCBI's classification, and consolidated into different taxonomic rankings using the scripts provided in the GenBank taxonomy processing tools repository (https://github.com/spond/gb\_taxonomy\_tools). Finally, the relative abundance of each phyla or genera in a given sample was calculated relative to the total number of transcripts in each sample.

At the time of our analysis, the NCBI database contained only the genomic data from the draft genome of "*Epulopiscium*" species type B from *Naso tonganus* 40, whose metabolism has not been formerly described. Alongside the phylogenomic divergence of genotype A1 and J/C relative to the A2/B genotypes (**SI Appendix, Fig. S3 and S4**), we were prompted to examine whether our ability to classify is hampered by the paucity of distantly related reference genomes in the NCBI database. To this end, we performed classification based on a customized database comprising the non-redundant database and the genomic sequences of all SAGs and PGs generated in this study, and compared these results to those based on the original database (**SI Appendix, Fig. S2**). The taxonomic assignment of all coding genes (**SI Appendix, Fig. S2a**) and glycoside hydrolases (GHs; **SI Appendix, Fig. S2b**) in each metagenome against the non-redundant database with and without the fourteen genomes revealed that there was a significant improvement in phylogenetic anchoring of "*Epulopiscium*"-like coding genes and GHs by approximately

21–60%. The greatest increase is observed for the *Naso* species presumably due to the fact that they are predominantly colonized by "*Ca.* Parepulopiscium" species types J and  $C^2$ , which are divergent to both "*Ca*. Epulopisciides" species types A2/B and "*Ca*. Epulopiscium fishelsoni" type A1 (**SI Appendix, Fig. S4**). This increase is also reflected in the overall alignment coverage of 88–95% (**SI Appendix, Fig. S2c**) and their corresponding high average amino acid identities (90–91%) of the proteins (**SI Appendix, Fig. S2d**). Accordingly, subsequent taxonomic assignments of the coding genes (in the metagenomes) and metatranscripts were conducted based on the customized database.

# *Taxonomic assignment of 16S rRNA transcripts*

Prior to taxonomic assignment of rRNA transcripts, sequences that had the following properties were discarded: less than 100 bp in length, with more than six polymers, and with ambiguous bases. The paired-end 16S (both Bacteria and Archaea) and 18S rRNA reads of each dataset—after the SortMeRNA step (see above), were first merged using Pandaseq v2.8<sup>41</sup> (with the parameters:  $-N - t$  0.32), and subsequently classified using MOTHUR v1.37 $^{42}$ . The resulting non-redundant sequences were taxonomically assigned based on the SILVA v123 taxonomy<sup>43</sup> and a confidence threshold of 80% using the latest 16S and 18S databases provided in the MOTHUR website (http://www.mothur.org/wiki/Silva\_reference\_files).

To robustly capture the potentially active "*Epulopiscium*" clade members in the temporal metranscriptome, we also selected all MOTHUR-classified "*Epulopiscium*"-like 16S rRNA transcripts and assigned them into specific subclades (or types) using Pplacer v1.1alpha18<sup>44</sup> (with default settings except option "--group 5" as suggested in the accompanying manual). Pplacer places reads onto a reference phylogeny by maximising the phylogenetic likelihood or posterior probability. For our work, we used the maximum-likelihood tree of full-length 16S rRNA genes from Miyake et al.<sup>2</sup>—created using  $GTR + I +$  gamma substitution model with 1000 bootstraps—as the scaffold tree upon which the 16S transcripts were phylogenetically assigned to specific clades. Taxonomically assigned rRNAs were then averaged per time point for comparison.

The subclade-specific taxonomic assignment of "*Epulopiscium*"-only 16S transcripts in gut metatranscriptomes from *A. sohal* (**SI Appendix, Fig. S14a**) revealed "*Ca.* Epulopisciides saccharus" type B as the most abundant genotype  $(44 \pm 18\%)$ , followed by "*Ca*. Epulopisciides gigas" type A2 (15  $\pm$  15%), "*Ca*. Epulopiscium fishelsoni" type A1 (10  $\pm$  6%), and genotypes RS01 (4  $\pm$  3%), "*Ca*. Parepulopiscium" type C (4  $\pm$  1%), RS03 ( $3 \pm 2\%$ ), and "*Ca*. Parepulopiscium" type J (~1%). To exclude the potential effect of multiple rRNA operons in "*Ca.* Epulopiscium" and related giant bacteria, we were prompted to examine in detail the temporal gene expression of the predominant genotypes in *A. sohal* (types A1, A2, and B). To this end, we compared the temporal expression of 16S rRNAs and two housekeeping genes (*oriC* and *ftsZ*), by mapping them against RNASeq reads of 16S rRNAs- and mRNAs only, respectively. Here also, the expression of these genes was consistently higher for the genotype B (and A2; **SI Appendix, Fig. S14b**); however, the expression of the 16S genes was remarkably higher than these single-copy genes. If rRNA operon copy number reflects the ecological strategies of bacteria<sup>45</sup>, then it appears that the B and A2 cell types have the ability to

respond rapidly to nutrient accretion based on their rRNAs expression pattern and the peak expression time (early morning).

### *Genotype-specific gene expression analyses*

The paired-end mRNAs reads were mapped to three genomes representing different genotypes of "*Epulopiscium*" clade members, namely "*Ca.* Epulopiscium fishelsoni" type A1 (SCG-B11WGA), "*Ca.* Epulopisciides gigas" type A2 (SCG-C07WGA), and "*Ca.* Epulopisciides saccharus" type B (PG-AS2M\_MBin01) using Bowtie2<sup>5</sup> with zero mismatches allowed per alignment. The resulting mapped read counts for each genome were used as input to the R package  $DESeq2^{46}$ , where normalization across libraries was done using the regularized logarithm transformation (rlog) procedure prior to visualization of clustering. Irrespective of the genotype, the samples grouped into clusters dependent on the time of sampling—that is, morning (8 and 10 am), afternoon (12, 2, and 6 pm), and nighttime (1 and 4 am) intervals (**SI Appendix, Fig. S14c** and **S14b**). Raw counts and discrete distributions were used for differential gene expression (DGE) analysis. Statistically significant differentially expressed genes were defined as those with a *p*-value  $\leq 0.05$  and a fold-change of  $\geq 2$  for top hits.

The differential expression of all coding genes in each genotype showed that they not only clustered by time of day (**SI Appendix, Fig. S15**), but also revealed that many were significantly upregulated (a fold-change of  $\geq 2$  and a *p*-value  $\leq 0.05$ ) in the case of genotype B (34 to 54% of 2,165 genes) and less for genotypes A2 (12–19% of 1,973 genes) and A1 (17–36% of 2,718 genes; **SI Appendix, Fig. S14c**). These results demonstrate that cells related with *Ca.* Epulopisciides saccharus type B are transcriptionally the most active microorganisms in the midgut of *A. sohal*.

## *Statistical analysis*

Statistical analyses were performed using GraphPad Prism v7.0a (GraphPad Software, In.). Significant differences between sample means were tested by conducting an analysis of variance (one-way ANOVA) and correcting for multiple comparisons by controlling the false discovery rate ( $\alpha$  = 0.05) using the recommended two-stage step up method of Benjamini et al.<sup>47</sup>. These tests were done for the genome-size scaled counts of CAZymes families and COG counts of "*Epulopiscium*" genomes against those of *Clostridium lentocellum*. Polarhistograms and heatmaps were generated using the "phenotypicForest" (http://chrisladroue.com/phorest/) and the heatmap.2 in the "ggplot2" R packages respectively (<sup>48</sup>; https://www.r-project.org/).

# *DAPI staining for cell counts*

4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI) staining for cell counts on different host fish was prepared as described in Miyake et al.<sup>2</sup>, which is a modified protocol from Daims et al. 49. Briefly, gut fluid from the midgut section where high "*Epulopiscium"* abundance has been reported <sup>34</sup> was collected from *A. nigrofuscus*, *A. sohal*, *N. elegans* and *N. unicornis* —all collected in the late morning—and fixed in 4% formaldehyde for a few hours at 4°C. For each fixed sample, a few drops of the fixed sample was placed on microscope slides and mounted in VECTASHIELD Antifade Mounting Medium with DAPI (H-1200, Vector Laboratories, USA). The slides were incubated in the dark for 10 minutes before analysis with fluorescence microscopy using a Zeiss LSM 710 upright confocal microscope at a magnification of 40×. Counts of DAPI-stained "*Epulopiscium"*-like

giant cells (>100µm), "*Epulopiscium"*-like small cells and other Prokaryotic cells were recorded at 10 randomly selected spots on the slide (**Dataset S2**).

# **Supplementary results/discussion**

# *Proposed classification of novel members of the "Epulopiscium" clade*

*"Candidatus* Epulopiscium fishelsoni" (gen. nov. sp. nov.)

The nomenclature follows the original proposed description by Montgomery and Pollack 50. "*Epulopiscium fishelsoni"* (L. n. *epulum*, "guest at a banquet"; L. adj. *piscium*, "of a fish", referring to the fact that the organisms were found inside the intestine of a fish; *fishelsoni*, named after Prof. Lev Fishelson, one of the discoverers. This organism encompasses the type A1 subclade represented by four single-cell genomes (SCG-B05WGA; SCG-B11WGA; SCG-C06WGA; SCG-D08WGA) and one population genome (PG-AS2M\_MBin02) from *Acanthurus sohal* and *Acanthurus nigrofuscus*.

*"Candidatus* Epulopisciides gigas" (gen. nov. sp. nov.)

*"Epulopisciides gigas"* (L. n. *epulum*, "guest at a banquet"; L. gen. *pisci*, "a fish", referring to the fact that the organisms were found inside the intestine of a fish; Suff. *ides*, ending means literally "son of" or "descendant of", used here to describe resemblance to "*Epulopiscium fishelsoni"*; L. gen. *gigas*, "giant", in reference to their enormous cell sizes  $(\sim 600 \text{ µm})$ , which is larger than any of the enteric prokaryotic symbionts. This organism encompasses the type A2 subclade represented by two single-cell genomes (SCG-B10WGA; SCG-C06WGA) from *Acanthurus nigrofuscus.*

*"Candidatus* Epulopisciides saccharus" (gen. nov. sp. nov.)

*"Epulopisciides gigas"* (L. n. *epulum*, "guest at a banquet"; L. gen. *pisci*, "a fish", referring to the fact that the organisms were found inside the intestine of a fish; Suff. *ides*, ending means literally "son of" or "descendant of", used here to describe resemblance to "*Epulopiscium fishelsoni"*; L. gen. *saccharus*, "sugars", describes their preference for sugars as inferred from the high density of glycoside hydrolases in their genomes. This organism encompasses the type B subclade and is represented by one single-cell genome (SCG-B10WGA; SCG-C06WGA) and one population genome (PG-AS2M\_MBin01) from *Acanthurus nigrofuscus* and *Acanthurus sohal,* respectively*.*

*"Candidatus* Parepulopiscium" (gen. nov.)

The description is the same as for the genus *Epulopiscium*. Prefix *par*, "outside of" or "abnormal", referring to their inferred distinctive physiological traits relative to the genus "*Epulopiscium"* and varied host preference. This organism encompasses the types C and J subclades, represented by four near-complete population genomes from *Naso elegans* (PG-Nele67M\_MBin01; PG-Nele67M\_MBin02; PG-Nele67M\_MBin03) and *Naso unicornis* (PG-Nuni2H\_MBin01; PG-Nun2H\_MBin03)*.*

#### **Supplementary figures**

**Fig. S1**. Schematic representation of the gut of *Acanthurus sohal* in its unraveled state, showing the "*Epulopiscium*"-rich gut section that we sampled; also representative of the other fishes used in this study. Image is not drawn to scale.

**Fig. S2**. Phylogenetic anchoring of metagenomic data using a customized non-redundant (NCBI) protein database comprising the fourteen genomes generated in this study. (**a**) The relative abundance of "Epulopiscium"-like genes in the metagenomes. Taxonomic assignment was done independently following the NCBI taxonomy with the non-redundant protein database with (cDB) and without (nDB) the fourteen "Epulopiscium" genome sequences. The total number of predicted proteins in each metagenome was 12,467 (*Acanthurus sohal*), 28,187 (*Naso elegans*), and 95,046 (*Naso unicornis*). (**b**) The relative abundance of "Epulopiscium"-like glycoside hydrolases in the metagenomes deduced using the same method as the total predicted proteins. The total counts of predicted GHs are 626 (*A. sohal*), 105 (*N. elegans*), and 106 (*N. unicornis*). (**c**) The overall protein alignment coverage of "*Epulopiscium*"-like GHs and (**d**) the average amino identity over the aligned regions based on the customized database. The bottom and top of the box (in **c** and **d**) indicate, respectively, the first and third interquartiles, while the inside line and plus sign denote the median and mean counts, respectively. The whiskers are located at 1.5 the interquartile range above and below the box.

**Fig. S3**. Phylogenetic placement of "*Ca.* Epulopiscium fishelsoni" and related giant bacteria (in red) based on 16S rRNA genes. The maximum-likelihood tree was constructed as described in Miyake et al.<sup>2</sup>. Only full-length sequences were used in addition to following the published clade affiliation nomenclature.

**Fig. S4.** Pairwise average amino acid identity (AAI) of "*Ca.* Epulopiscium" and related giant bacteria based on their orthologous genes. The dendogram on the left shows hierarchical clustering of genomes based on the Bray-Curtis dissimilarity matrix using the average linkage method. Parentheses show clade affiliation of each genotype (see **Figure 3** and **SI Appendix, Fig. S3**). The publicly available draft genome of "*Epulopiscium*" sp. type B (from *Naso tonganus*) is indicated with an asterisk. SCG, single-cell genome; PG, population genomes.

**Fig. S5.** Distribution of genes encoded in *"Ca.* Epulopiscium" and related giant bacteria based on COG functional categories. Significantly enriched COGs categories are depicted with letters on top of the barcharts; those followed by the same letters are significantly different based on one-way ANOVA of their means ( $P < 0.05$ ). Barcharts indicate the mean ( $\pm$  SD) for types A1 ( $n = 5$ ), A2 ( $n = 2$ ), B ( $n = 2$ ), C ( $n = 2$ ), and  $J(n = 3)$ .

**Fig. S6.** Genome-size scaled counts of carbohydrases in "*Ca.* Epulopiscium" and related giant bacteria relative to reference biopolymer-degrading bacteria. Boxplots represent genome-size scaled counts of carbohydrate esterases (upper panel), glycosyl transferases (middle panel), and polysaccharide lyases (lower panel) in the major "*Epulopiscium*" genotypes (A1, A2/B, and J/C) and in relation to other *Clostridia* or free-living agarolytic bacteria. Significant differences were measured using one-way ANOVA  $(**P < 0.01; **P < 0.001).$ 

**Fig. S7**. Polar histogram showing the relative abundance of CAZyme families in the reconstructed "*Ca.* Epulopiscium", related giant bacteria, and reference genomes belonging to agarolytic bacteria and plant biomass-degrading *Clostridia*.

**Fig. S8.** Maximum-likelihood tree of carbohydrases that target sulfated galactans of red algae in the reconstructed *"Epulopiscium*" genomes. The phylogenetic tree was constructed using following the approach and the reference sequences from Hehemann et al.<sup>32</sup>. Note that majority of the enzymes are encoded in the genomes of "*Ca*. Epulopisciides" species types A2 and B. Proteins of characterized reference organisms are shown with a black circle.

**Fig. S9.** Unrooted phylogenetic tree of characterized GH5 and GH74 endoglucanases and endoglucanaselike proteins from the *"Epulopiscium*" genomes using maximum-likelihood analysis. Endoglucanases lyases target the highly branched xyloglucan of cholorophycean green algae consisting of β-1,4-glucosyl

residues carrying side chains decorated with  $\alpha$ -1,6-xylosyl residues, which are additionally substituted with a β-1,2-galactosyl residue (details in **Figure 1**). Nearly of all endoglucanase-like proteins were found in the genomes of "*Ca*. Epulopicisciides gigas" type A2 and "*Ca*. Epulopicisciides saccharus" types B. Experimentally characterized enzymes are shown with a black circle. The predicted subcellular localization of the all proteins is indicated as well.

**Fig. S10.** Sequence alignment of characterized GH74 endoglucanases and endoglucanase-like proteins from the "*Ca*. Epulopicisciides" genomes using MUSCLE. The amino acid sequences of catalytic domains of experimentally characterized endo-xyloglucanases are indicated at positions W93, W96, W350, and W351 of *Paenibacillus* sp. KM21 (based on <sup>51</sup>), with conserved tyrosine residues highlighted in purple. Conserved amino acid sequences found in validated enzymes and those occurring in "*Ca*. Epulopicisciides" genomes are indicated with asterisks, while the conserved inserted sequence only found in GH74 endoglucanase-like proteins from "*Ca*. Epulopicisciides" genomes is shown with a grey bar. The active-site blocking extra loop (G397–H400 based on *Paenibacillus* sp. KM21 positions) responsible for the exoacitivity in *Geotrichum* sp. M128<sup>52</sup>—the difference between endo-processive and exo-active xyloglucanases––is depicted with a white box. Other details are as indicated in **SI Appendix, Fig. S9**.

**Fig.** S11. Unrooted phylogenetic tree of characterized GH29 and GH95  $\alpha$ -1,2-fucoidases and fucoidaselike proteins from *"Epulopiscium*" genomes using maximum-likelihood analysis. Proteins of characterized reference organisms are shown with a black circle; the predicted subcellular localization of the all proteins is indicated as well. Note that none of "*Epulopiscium*" genomes encodes the family 95 fucoidases, while all the putative GH29 fucoidases in their genomes lack signal peptides and carbohydrate-binding modules.

**Fig. S12.** Maximum-likelihood tree of characterized alginate lyases and putative alginate lyase-like proteins from the *"Epulopiscium*" genomes. Alginate lyases target alginate, a unique structural (linear) polysaccharide of brown algae, consisting of two uronic acids––α-L-guluronate and β-D-mannuronate. Note that all the enzymes were only found in "*Ca*. Parepulopicium" species types C and J. Experimentally characterized enzymes are shown with a black circle. Genes encoding characterized heparinases were used for outgroup.

**Fig. S13.** Genome-size scaled counts of peptidases in "*Ca.* Epulopiscium" and related giant bacteria relative to reference biopolymer-degrading bacteria. Boxplots represent genome-size scaled counts all peptidases (upper panel), serine peptidases (middle panel), and metalloproteases (lower panel) between the major "*Epulopiscium*" clades (A1, A2/B, and J/C) and in relation to other *Clostridia* or free-living agarolytic bacteria. Note that the A1 and J/C genotypes (and other *Clostridia*) are enriched relative to the A2/B genotypes. Additional details are provided in **Datasets S7** and **S8**. Significant differences were measured using one-way ANOVA (\* $P < 0.05$ ; \*\*  $P < 0.01$ ; \*\*\* $P < 0.001$ ).

**Fig. S14**. Genotype-specific gene expression patterns within major "*Epulopiscium*" clade members. (**a**) Relative abundance of *"Epulopiscium*" subclades based on 16S transcripts in the gut of *A. sohal*. (**b**) Temporal expression of 16S, OriC, and FtsZ genes in three of the most abundant genotypes. Bars depict the min and max gene expression levels, with means indicated as a solid horizontal line. The grey lines demarcate the average expression of each gene (15.8, 3.2, and 4.2, respectively) for all sampling points in genotype B. (**c**) The proportion of genes in the three genotypes that were significantly up- or downregulated at three time intervals: morning and afternoon (MvsA), morning and night (MvsN), and afternoon and night (AvsN). Significantly expressed genes are considered as those with an adjusted *p*-value of  $\leq 0.05$ and a fold change of  $\geq 2$ .

**Fig. S15**. Clustering of metatranscriptomes by the time of sampling independent of the genotype. Principle component analysis (PCA) was done using regularized logarithm transformed counts of mapped reads as determined using DESeq2.

**Fig. S16.** Predicted energetics of glucose and citrate fermentation in *"Epulopiscium*" clade members. (**a**) Fermentation pathways for glucose. Lactate can be formed also through an incomplete methylglyoxal shunt, yielding –2 ATP/glucose (not shown). (**b**) F-type ATP synthase and RNF complex driven by redox cofactors generated during glucose fermentation. *n* denotes number of ATP formed by electron transport phosphorylation (ETP; see next panel). If *n* is negative, the ATPase and RNF complex operate in the direction reverse to that illustrated. (**c**) ATP yield from glucose fermentation. (**d**) Citrate transport and fermentation. The translocation of electrons (e<sup>-</sup>) out of the cell by CitS is a formalism to make net transport

of citrate by CitS electroneutral; see Dimroth et al.<sup>53</sup>. Other abbreviations: SLP, substrate level phosphorylation; Fd<sub>red</sub>, reduced ferredoxin; Fd<sub>ox</sub>, oxidized ferredoxin.

Fig. S17. Multiple sequence alignment of subunit c of the Na<sup>+</sup>-specific F-ATP synthase of three "*Ca*. Epulopiscium" and one "*Ca*. Parepulopiscium" species (in bold) in comparison to *Acetobacterium woodii* and *Propionigenium modestum*. The sodium-binding motif is in red, underlined text. Subunit c of the H<sup>+</sup>specific F-ATPase of *Escherichia coli* is included for comparison and does not possess this motif. Residues in binding motif are those indicated in Rahlfs et al.<sup>54</sup>, excluding P25. Ten of the fourteen "*Epulopiscium*" genomes do not encode a subunit c gene and are not included in the figure. Locus tags (for "*Epulopiscium*") and GenBank accession numbers (for reference genomes) are shown in brackets.

**Fig. S18**. Inventory of genes encoding enzymes catalysing membrane energetics (squared symbols) and citrate fermentation (starred symbols) in the*"Epulopiscium*" clade and reference *Clostridia*. Square Symbols indicate genes that are present, either orthologous (solid symbols) or non-orthologous (open symbols) relative to the reference *Clostridia* genomes. The phylogenetic affiliation of all genomes is highlighted on the right side (as in **Figure 1**). For the V-type ATPase, only the subunits C to G were considered as diagnostic of this ATPase type as suggested by Lolkema et al.<sup>55</sup>. If more than two of the six subunits of the RNF complex were present in "*Ca.* Epulopiscium" and related giant bacteria, then they were scored as potentially having the complex. Note that the V-type ATPAse and the soluble [FeFe] hydrogenase (only one copy) of "*Ca*. Epulopiscium" are non-orthologous to most *Clostridia*.

**Dataset S1.** A compilation of algae types/species previously found in the stomach contents of herbivorous surgeonfishes.

**Dataset S2.** A compilation of algae types/species previously found in the stomach contents of herbivorous surgeonfishes.

**Dataset S3.** Extended stats of the assembled genomes.

**Dataset S4.** List of single-copy genes (SCGs) used for genome-based phylogenetic inference.

**Dataset S5.** Distribution of glycoside hydrolases (GHs) putatively targeting plant and algal polysaccharides encoded in "*Ca.* Epulopiscium" genomes, related giant bacteria and *Clostridia* species.

**Dataset S6.** Distribution of carbohydrate-active enzymes (CAZymes) in "*Ca.* Epulopiscium", related giant bacteria, and reference *Clostridia* genomes, including their counts scaled to the genome sizes (at the bottom of the table).

**Dataset S7.** Absolute counts and genome-size scaled abundances of predicted peptidases in "*Ca.* Epulopiscium" and related giant bacteria relative to other *Clostridia*.

**Dataset S8.** Overall counts of predicted serine peptidases and their abundances scaled to the genome sizes in in "*Ca.* Epulopiscium" and related giant bacteria.

**Dataset S9.** General features of metatranscriptomic datasets generated in this study and the taxonomic assignment of the 16S and 18S transcripts in each sample.

**Dataset S10.** General features of assembled metatranscriptomic contigs and the putative taxonomic origin of mRNA and glycoside hydrolase transcripts.

**Dataset S11.** Relative abundance of putative "host-associated" mRNA transcripts in the metatranscriptomes.

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*"Candidatus* Epulopiscium"

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Outgroup

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**Percentage of annotated COGs**

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*Catenovulum agarivorans* DS 2 (EWH08789; GH96/CBM6) #







Family GH29-E **Family GH29-E**



















**FigS17**

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