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# **Genome sequence of rock bream,** *Oplegnathus fasciatus*  **(Temminck & Schlegel, 1884): the first draft genome in family Oplegnathidae**

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#### **Abstract**

 

### **Background**

 The rock bream (*Oplegnathus fasciatus*), a member of the Oplegnathidae family of the Perciformes, is a commerically important rocky reef fish native to East Asia. *O. fasciatus* has become an important fishery resource for offshore cage aquaculture and fish stocking of marine ranching in China, Japan and Korea. Recently, growth of sexual dimorphism with neo-sex chromosome and widespread biotic diseases in *O. fasciatus* has received increasing concern. However, the adequate genome resources to make insight into sex-determining mechanism and to establish genetically basing resistant breeding systems for *O. fasciatus* have been lacking. Here, we performed whole genome of female fish for *O. fasciatus* using long-read sequencing and Hi-C data to generate chromosome-length scaffolds with highly contiguous genome assembly.

## **Findings**

 We assembled the *O. fasciatus* with a total of 245.0 Gb of raw reads, which were generated using both of PacBio Sequel and Illumina Hiseq 2000 platforms. The final draft genome assembly was approximately 778.7 Mb, which reached a remarkable high level of continuity with contig N50 of 2.1 Mb. The genome size was consistent with the estimated genome size (808.9 Mb) based on *k*-mer analysis. The identified repeat sequences account for 32.2% of the whole genome and 24 003 protein-coding genes with an average of 10.1 exons per gene were annotated using *de novo* method and with RNA-seq data and homologies to other teleosts. We combined Hi-C data with draft genome assembly to generate chromosome-length scaffolds. Twenty-four scaffolds corresponding to the twenty-four chromosomes were assembled to a final size of 768.8 Mb with contig N50 2.1 Mb and scaffold N50 of 33.5 Mb using 1372 contigs. According to the phylogenetic analysis using protein-coding genes, the *O. fasciatus* was close related to *Larimichthys crocea* and *O. fasciatus* diverged from their ancestor was at about 70.3-87.3 million years ago.

### **Conclusions**

We generated high-quality draft genome and chromosomes assembly for *O. fasciatus*

 using long reads generated using PacBio sequencing technologies, which is the first reference genome for Oplegnathidae species. The genome assembly will provide insight into sex-determining mechanism and serve as a resource for accelerating the genome-assisted improvement of resistant breeding systems.

 *Keywords*: *Oplegnathus fasciatus*; genome assembly; Hi-C assembly; sex-determining mechanism

# **Data description**

### **Introduction of** *O. fasciatus*

 The family Oplegnathidae belongs to the order Perciformes, including only one genus *Oplegnathus* comprised of two species, *O. fasciatus* and *O. punctatus* that are of commercial values. The rock bream, *O. fasciatus* (Temminck & Schlegel, 1844), is one of the two species in the *Oplegnathus*, which is commonly found at the depth of 71 one to ten meters in association with rocky reefs<sup>1, 2</sup>, being distributed in a wide range of shallow waters around Korea, Japan, China and Hawaii1, 3, 4 (Fig. 1). *O. fasciatus* has become an important fishery resource for offshore cage aquaculture and fish 74 stocking of marine ranching in China, Japan and Korea<sup>5</sup>. It was reported that the male of *Oplegnathus* has a neo-sex chromosome, possibly a sex chromosome Y, and the sex 76 chromosome system for *Oplegnathus* was considered to be  $X_1 X_1 X_2 X_2 / X_1 X_2 Y$ 77 based on the karyotype analyses<sup>6, 7</sup>. Furthermore, the growth sexual dimorphism was detected in the *O. fasciatus* and the male fish showed a faster growth advantage than 79 the female, may be due to the sex chromosome system of *Oplegnathus*<sup>8</sup>. *O. fasciatus*  is vulnerable to viruses (eg. Iridovirus) and genetic degradation caused by inbreeding 81 has led to higher susceptibility to diseases<sup>9, 10</sup>. It is vital to develop genomic resources for making insight into sex-determining mechanism and accelerating the genome-assisted improvement of resistant breeding systems.

 So far, the genome sequence and the chromosomes assembly of *O. fasciatus* have not been reported. Here we performed a high-quality reference genome assembly for *O. fasciatus* constructed using long reads by the PacBio DNA sequencing platform, and using a genome assembly strategy by taking advantage of genome assemblyer

88 Canu<sup>11</sup>. The genome assembly of *O. fasciatus* is the first reference genome constructed for the family Oplegnathidae. The completeness and continuity of the genome will provide high quality genomic resources for studies on sex-determining mechanism and for accelerating the genome-assisted improvement of resistant breeding systems.

 **Genomic DNA extraction, genome size estimation and Hi-C library construction** High-quality genomic DNA for Illumina platform (Illumina Inc., San Diego, CA, USA) and PacBio Sequel sequencing (Pacific Biosciences of California, Menlo Park, CA, USA) was extracted from fresh muscle tissue and blood sample of a single female *O. fasciatus*. The fish was collected from the near-shore area of Qingdao city (Yellow Sea), Shandong province. A whole-genome using Illumina DNA sequencing technology was applied to estimate *O. fasciatus* genome size. A short-insert library (300~350 bp) was constructed and generated a total of ~90.7 Gb of raw reads using the standard protocol provided by Illumina Hieq X Ten platform (Illumina Inc., San Diego, CA, USA). After removal of low-quality and redundant reads, we obtained about ~80.8 Gb of clean data for *de novo* assembly to estimate the genome size (S Table 1, Fig. 2). All the cleaned reads were subjected to 17-mer frequency distribution 106 analysis<sup>12</sup>. As the total number of *k*-mers was about 8.09 x  $10^{10}$  and the peak of *k*-mers at a depth of 100, the genome size of *O. fasciatus* was calculated to be 808.9 Mb 108 using the following formula: genome size  $=$  *k*-mer number  $\ell$  peak depth (Fig. 2). Meanwhile, the estimated heterozygosity of 0.29% and a repeat content of 38.46% were detected for *O. fasciatus* in this work. A pilot genome assembly was approximately 808.9 Mb with a contig N50 7.2 kb and scaffold N50 84.1kb using the 112 Illumina data and the assembly program Platanus package<sup>13</sup> (S Table 2). The GC content was 41% (S Fig. 1). This genome assembly was of low-quality partly due to its high genomics repeat content.

 The genomic DNA for Hi-C library was extracted from the whole-blood cell of 116 *O. fasciatus* as described<sup>14</sup>. The cells were fixed with formaldehyde and lysed, and the cross-linked DNA digested with MboI. Sticky ends were biotin-labeled and proximity  ligated to form chimeric junctions that were enriched for and then physically sheared to a size of  $300-500$  bp<sup>14</sup>. Chimeric fragments representing the original cross-linked long-distance physical interactions were then processed into paired-end sequencing libraries, and 629 million 150-bp paired-end Illumina reads (91.5 Gb) with Q20 and Q30 of ~94.0% were produced (S Table 1, S Table 3). As a result, the paired data, data with mate mapped to a different contig (or scaffold) and data with mapped to a different contig (or scaffold) (map Q5≥ 5) were 593.7 Mb (94.4%), 240.5 Mb (40.5%) and 205.1 Mb (34.6%), respectively (S Table 3).

#### **Genome assembly using PacBio long reads**

 Two 20 kb genomic DNA libraries were constructed and sequenced using PacBio Sequel platform, generating 62.9 Gb raw DNA reads. We obtain 4.8 million subreads (totally 62.8 Gb) with a read N50 length of ~22 kb after removing adaptor (S Table 1).

 The Canu v1.4 was firstly used to assemble the genome with the 133 Corrected-Error-Rate parameter set at  $0.040^{11}$ . As a result, a total length of 875.9 Mb genome assembly was achieved for *O. fasciatus*, which was consistent with the estimated genome size in 17-mer analysis based on the Illumina data (S Table 2). We 136 applied Redundans v0.13 $c^{15}$  to remove the sequence redundancy and obtain genome assembly size of 778.0 Mb. We then used the Arrow of Smrtlink 5.0 with the minCoverage parameter set at 15 to implement the error correction based on the PacBio long reads data (Table 1). The resulting genome assembly was further polished using NGS data, which were used in the genome survey analysis above. The final draft genome assembly was 778.7 Mb, which reached a remarkable high level of continuity with contig N50 length of 2.1 Mb (Table 1). The contig N50 of *O. fasciatus* was much higher than those of previous fish genome assemblies constructed using NGS DNA sequencing technologies, and is comparable with those of recently reported model fish species (S Table 4)

#### **Genome quality evaluation**

 To assess the completeness of the assembled *O. fasciatus* genome, we subjected the sequences to BUSCO version 3 evaluation (BUSCO, actinopterygii odb9) <sup>16</sup>. Overall, 96.6% and 1.5 % of the 4 584 expected actinopterygii genes were identified in the assembled genome as complete and partial BUSCO profiles, respectively. Approximately 85 genes could be considered missing in our assembly (S Table 5). Among the expected complete actinopterygii genes, both of 4 259 and 171 were identified as single copy and duplicated BUSCOs, respectively (S Table 5). We then used the Minimap2 to estimate the completeness and homogeneity of genome assembly based on the CLR (Continuous Long Reads) subreads. A high quality of completeness and homogeneity was checked for genome assembly, and the mapping rate, coverage rate and average sequencing depth were reached to 90.2%, 99.9% and 80.6, respectively (S Table 6).

 To further evaluate the accuracy of *O. fasciatus* genome assembly, we aligned the NGS-based short reads from whole-genome sequencing data against the reference 162 genome using  $BWA<sup>17</sup>$ . We then used the GATK to implement the SNP calling and 163 filter work, the result showed 99.8% and 0.2 % of the 1.6 x  $10^6$  expected SNP reads were identified in the assembled genome as heterozygosis and homology SNPs, respectively. SNP calling on the final assembly also yield a heterozygosity rate of 0.20%, supporting the estimate from *k*-mer analysis (0.29%) (S Table 7).

### **Repeat sequence within th**e *O. fasciatus* g**enome assembly**

 To identify tandem repeats, we utilized Tandem Repeat Finder to annotate repetitive elements in the *O. fasciatus* genome. RepeatModeler (version 1.04) and 171 LTR FINDER<sup>18</sup> were used to construct a *de novo* repeat library with default 172 parameters. Subsequently, we used RepreatMasker<sup>19</sup> (version 3.2.9) to map our 173 assembled sequences on the Repbase TE (version 14.04)<sup>20</sup> and the *de novo* repeat library to identify known and novel transposable elements (TEs). In addition, the TE-related proteins were annotated by using RepeatProteinMask software (version  $3.2.2$ )<sup>19</sup>.

The total identified repeat sequences accounted for 23.6% of the *O. fasciatus*

 

 genome based on the *de novo* repeat library (Table 2). Approximately 23.41% of the *O. fasciatus* genome was identified as interspersed repeats (most often TEs). Among them, DNA transposable elements were the most abundant type of repeat sequences, which occupied 11.5% of the whole genome. The long interspersed nuclear elements (LINE) and long terminal repeat (LTR) took up 7.3% and 4.0% of the whole genome (Table 2, S Fig. 2).

### **RNA preparation and sequencing**

 We sequenced cDNA libraries prepared from the eggs of *O. fasciatus* used for genome annotation using Illumina sequencing technologies. High quality of RNA were detected based on the estimation of the absorbance at 260nm / 280nm (OD = 2.0) and the RIN (value = 9.2) by Nanodrop ND-1000 spectrophotometer (LabTech, USA) and 2100 Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies, USA), respectively. We used the Clontech SMARTer cDNA synthesis kit to complete the process of reverse transcription. The paired-end library was prepared following the manual of the Paired-End Sample Preparation Kit (Illumina Inc., San Diego, CA, USA). Finally, the library with an insert length of 300 bp was sequenced by Illumina HiSeq X Ten in 150PE mode (Illumina Inc., San Diego, CA, USA). As a result, we obtained ~42.2 Gb high-quality transcriptome data from RNA-seq (S Table 1, S Table 8)

### **Gene annotation**

 Gene annotation of the *O. fasciatus* genome was performed using *de novo*, homology-based and transcriptome sequencing-based prediction. We employed 199 Augustus (version  $2.5.5$ )<sup>21</sup> and GenScan (version  $1.0$ )<sup>22</sup> softwares to predict protein-coding genes of *O. fasciatus* genome assembly. Protein sequences of closely related fish species including *Larimichthys crocea*,*Lates calcarifer*,*Gasterosteus aculeatus*,*Paralichthys olivaceus*,*Cynoglossus semilaevis* and *Gadus morhua* were downloaded from Ensembl<sup>23</sup> and aligned against to *O. fasciatus* genome using 204 TBLASTN software<sup>24</sup>. Subsequently, Genewise2.2.0 software<sup>25</sup> was employed to predict the potential gene structures on all alignments.

 We also mapped these NGS transcriptome short reads onto our genome assembly 207 using TopHat1.2 software<sup>26</sup>, and then we employed Cufflinks<sup>27</sup> to predict the gene

 structures (S Table 9). All gene models were then integrated using MAKER to obtain 209 a consensus gene set<sup>28</sup>. The final total gene set was composed of 24 003 genes, with an average of 10.1 exons per gene in *O. fasciatus* genome (Table 1). The gene number, gene length distribution, CDS length distribution, exon length distribution and intron length distribution were all comparable with those in other teleost fish species (S Table 9, S Fig. 3).

 In order to further obtain functional annotation of the protein-coding genes in *O. fasciatus* genome, we employed local BLASTX and BLASTN programs to align upon the non-redundant protein (NR), non-redundant nucleotide (NT) and Swissprot 217 database with an e-value  $\leq 1e^{-29}$ . We also used Blast2GO software to search the Gene ontology (GO), Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) pathway 219 database<sup>30, 31, 32</sup>. Finally, 97.3% (23 364 genes) of the 24 003 genes were annotated by at least one database (S Table10). Four types of non-coding RNAs (microRNAs, transfer RNAs, ribosomal RNAs, and small nuclear RNAs) were also annotated using 222 tRNAscan-SE and the Rfam database in this study<sup>33, 34</sup> (S Table11).

### **Hi-C assembly and chromosome interactions**

 Hi-C was a sequencing-based approach for determining chromosome interactions by calculating the contact frequency between pairs of loci, which depended strongly on 226 the one-dimensional distance, in base pairs, between a pair of loci<sup>35, 36</sup>. We employed BWA and Lachesis softwares to align paired-end reads to the draft genome assembly 228 and filtered all base sequences other than  $500bp$  from each restriction site<sup>37</sup>. According to the conduct of clustering, ordering, and orienting to the assembly contigs (1 692), those were grouped into 24 chromosome clusters and scaffolded 231 using Lachesis software with tuned parameters<sup>38</sup> (Table 3, Fig. 3). Finally, we constructed the chromosome interactions map using Juicer software and employed the JucieBox to complete the visual correction of interactions map. We obtained polished 1 756 contigs by interrupting misassembly from the 1 692 contigs. Twenty-four scaffolds corresponding to the 24 chromosomes of *O. fasciatus* based on the 236 karyotype analyses were assembled<sup>6, 7</sup> (Table 3, Fig. 3). A final size of 768.8 Mb accounting for the 98.7% draft genome was assembled, which remarkable high level

 of continuity with contig N50 of 2.1 Mb and scaffold N50 of 33.5 Mb using 1372 contigs. The anchor rate of contigs (> 100 kb) to chromosomes was reached up to the 99.7% based on the Hi-C assembly (Table 4). The contig N50 and scaffold N50 of *O. fasciatus* were much higher than those of previous fish genome assemblies constructed using NGS DNA sequencing technologies based on the genome assembly using PacBio long reads and Hi-C assembly (S Table 4).

# **Gene family identification and phylogenetic tree construction**

245 We employed the BLASTP program<sup>39</sup> with an e-value threshold of 1e-5 to identify gene family based on the transcripts alignments of each gene from *O. fasciatus* and other fish species, which included *Larimichthys crocea*, *Gadus morhua*, *Paralichthys olivaceus*, *Cynoglossus semilaevis*, *Notothenia coriiceps*, *Boleophthalmus pectinirostris*, *Branchiostoma floridae*, *Gasterosteus aculeatus*, *Callorhinchus milii*, *Danio rerio*, *Salmo salar* and *Oryzias latipes*. 23273 gene families were identified by clustering of homologous gene sequences based on H-scores calculated from Bit-score in Hcluster\_sg software (S Fig. 4). Subsequently, we selected 812 single-copy orthogroups from the above-mentioned species to construct the phylogenetic relationship between *O. fasciatus* and the other fish species. We used the 255 Clustal W program<sup>40</sup> to extract and align coding sequences of single-copy gene from the 765 orthogroups with length filter, respectively (S Fig. 5). All the alignments were concatenated as a single data set for each species. Nondegenerated sites extracted from the data set were then joined into new sequence of each species to construct a phylogenetic tree based on the maximum-likelihood method implemented in the 260 PhyML package<sup>41</sup> (with the -m PROTGAMMAAUTO model). We used the MCMCtree program to estimate divergence times among species based on the 262 approximate likelihood method and a molecular clock data from the divergence time 263 between medaka from the TimeTree database<sup>43</sup>. According to the phylogenetic analysis *O. fasciatus* were clustered together with *Larimichthys crocea* belonged to the order Perciformes, which was consistent with the fish species taxonomy. The taxonomy of Notothenioidei should be elevated to the order level from the Perciformes and be paralleled with Gasterosteiformes (Fig. 4). The divergence time between *O. fasciatus* and the common ancestor with *Larimichthys crocea* was at about

70.3-87.3 Ma.

**Conclusion**

 We successfully assembled the genome of *O. fasciatus* and reported the first whole genome sequencing, assembly and annotation based on long reads from the third-generation PacBio Sequel sequencing platform. The final draft genome assembly is approximately 778.7 Mb, accounting for 96.3% of the estimated genome size (808.9 Mb) based on *k*-mer analysis. The genome assembly of *O. fasciatus* was also the first high-quality genome of all species in Oplegnathidae family, which reached a remarkable high level of continuity with contig N50 of 2.1 Mb and scaffold N50 of 33.5 Mb. The contig N50 was remarkably longer than those of most fish genome assemblies, and was comparable with those of recently reported model fish species. We also predicated 24 003 protein-coding genes from the generated assembly, and 97.3% (23 364 genes) of all protein-coding genes were annotated. Twenty-four scaffolds corresponding to the twenty-four chromosomes were assembled to a final size of 768.8 Mb using 1372 contigs based on the Hi-C assembly. We found the taxonomy of Notothenioidei should be elevated to the order level and the divergence time between *O. fasciatus* and the common ancestor with *Larimichthys crocea* was at about 70.3-87.3 Ma. The genome assembly, together with gene annotation data generated in this work provided a valuable resource for research on sex-determining mechanism and for accelerating the genome-wide association studies on resistant breeding systems.

#### **Ethics Statement**

 This research was approved by the Animal Care and Use committee of Chinese Academic Science. All participates consent the study under the 'Ethics, consent and permissions' heading. All participants consent to publish the work under the 'Consent to publish' heading.

#### **Availability of supporting data**

 

 Supporting data and materials are available in the GigaScience GigaDB database, with the raw sequences deposited in the SRA under the accession number SRP158313.

#### **Competing interests**

The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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Genome assembly	values
Contig N50 size (Mb)	2.1
Contig number	1692
Scaffold N50 size (Mb)	33.5
Scaffold N50 number	24
Total length (Mb)	778.7
Genome coverage $(X)$	314.6
Contig number ( $\geq 1$ Mb)	219
Length of contig $(\geq 1 \text{ Mb})$ (bp)	565 184 128
The longest contig (bp)	8 8 9 1 8 5 1
The longest scaffold (bp)	38 619 456
Genome annotation	
Protein-coding gene number	24 003
Mean transcript length (kb)	16.1
Mean exons per gene	10.1
Mean exon length (bp)	217.7
Mean intron length (bp)	1527.4

Table 1 Summary of *Oplegnathus fasciatus* genome assembly and annotation



Table 2 The detailed classification of repeat sequences of *Oplegnathus fasciatus*



Table 3 Hi-C libraries for chromosome-scale assembly of *Oplegnathus fasciatus*



Table 4 Genome assembly of *Oplegnathus fasciatus* based on chromosome-length scaffolds



# **Figure Legends**



Fig. 1 A representative individual of *O. fasciatus*



Fig. 2 *k*-mer distribution of the *O. fasciatus* genome



Fig. 3 Hi-C interaction heatmap for *O. fasciatus* reference genome, showing interactions between the 24 chromosomes



Fig. 4 The phylogenetic relationships of *O. fasciatus* with other fishes

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