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3 Culturing the ubiquitous freshwater actinobacterial acI lineage by supplying a
4 biochemical ‘helper’ catalase

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50 **Description of two proposed '*Candidatus*' species**

51 The average nucleotide identity value calculated from genome sequences between strain IMCC25003 and
52 '*Ca. Planktophila sulfonica*' MMS-IA-56 was 84% and between strains MCC26103 and '*Ca. Planktophila lacus*'
53 MMS-21-148 was 78%, which were both below the 95–96% cut-off value for bacterial species demarcation [1,
54 2]. Analysis of genomic DNA-DNA relatedness and differential phenotypic characteristics indicated that strains
55 IMCC25003 and IMCC26103 each represent novel species of the genus '*Candidatus Planktophila*'. However,
56 because the two strains did not grow on a defined medium or a synthetic medium but replicated only in complex
57 natural lake water media, limiting the deposition of the acI strains in culture collections, we propose the
58 provisional names '*Candidatus Planktophila rubra*' for strain IMCC25003 and '*Candidatus Planktophila aquatilis*'
59 for strain IMCC26103.

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61 '***Candidatus Planktophila rubra***' (ru'bra. L. fem. adj. *rubra* reddish, pertaining to the reddish color of cells)

62 Represented by a cultured bacterial strain, IMCC25003. Gram-positive, aerobic, red-pigmented, non-
63 motile, and chemoheterotrophic. Cells are curved rods with biovolume of 0.041 μm^3 , 0.46–1.23 μm (average
64 0.68 μm) long and 0.25–0.37 μm (average 0.30 μm) wide. Grows in FAMV+CM+AA supplemented with >0.5 U
65 mL^{-1} catalase but does not grow in any liquid medium devoid of catalase and on any solid agar medium. Growth
66 occurs at 10–30°C (optimum, 25°C). No single carbon sources enhance cellular growth. Requires sulfur-
67 containing amino acids (methionine and cysteine) but prefers methionine. The major fatty acids (>10%) are
68 summed feature 3 ($\text{C}_{16:1} \omega 7c$ and/or $\text{C}_{16:1} \omega 7c$, 45.8%), $\text{C}_{16:0}$ (23.1%), and $\text{C}_{14:0}$ (18.2%). Strain IMCC25003 has
69 a genome size of 1.354 Mbp with DNA G+C content of 49.1%. The complete genome sequence of strain
70 IMCC25003 is available in GenBank (CP029557). Phylogenetically belongs to the acI-A1 tribe.

71 The representative strain IMCC25003 was isolated from a freshwater lake, Lake Soyang, Republic of
72 Korea, using a dilution-to-extinction culturing.

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74 '***Candidatus Planktophila aquatilis***' (a.qua.ti'lis. L. fem. adj. *aquatilis* living, growing, or found, in or near
75 water, aquatic).

76 Represented by a cultured bacterial strain, IMCC26103. Gram-positive, aerobic, red-pigmented, non-
77 motile, and chemoheterotrophic. Cells are curved rods with biovolume of 0.061 μm^3 , 0.49–1.23 μm (average
78 0.88 μm) long and 0.22–0.39 μm (average 0.31 μm) wide. Grows in FAMV+CM+AA supplemented with >0.5 U

79 mL⁻¹ catalase but does not grow in any liquid medium devoid of catalase and on any solid agar medium. Growth
80 occurs at 10–30°C (optimum, 25°C). D-Ribose and D-glucose enhance the cellular growth. Requires sulfur-
81 containing amino acids (methionine and cysteine) but prefers cysteine. The major fatty acids (>10%) are C_{16:0}
82 (28.5%), C_{18:1 ω9c} (25.8%), summed feature 3 (C_{16:1 ω7c} and/or C_{16:1 ω7c}, 12.3%), and C_{18:0} (10.5%). Strain
83 IMCC26103 has a genome size of 1.457 Mbp with DNA G+C content of 47.0%. The complete genome sequence
84 of strain IMCC26103 is available in GenBank (CP029558). Phylogenetically belongs to the acI-A4 tribe.

85 The representative strain IMCC26103 was isolated from a freshwater lake, Lake Soyang, Republic of
86 Korea, using a dilution-to-extinction culturing.

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88 **Supplementary Materials and Methods**

89 **Measurement of bacterial cell densities**

90 Bacterial cell densities in all growth experiments were determined by flow cytometry (Guava easyCyte
91 Plus, Millipore) as described previously [3, 4]. After 200 μL of bacterial cultures were stained with SYBR Green
92 I (5× final concentration, Invitrogen) for 1 h, each stained sample was run for 10 s or until total cell counts
93 reached 5000. To accurately measure the cell counts in the samples with high cell density, the stained sample
94 was diluted to contain less than 200 cells μL⁻¹.

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96 **Measurement of *katG* expression by qPCR**

97 Strain IMCC25003 was grown in triplicate in 4 L of FAMV+CM+AA supplemented with 1 U mL⁻¹ of
98 catalase until the early stationary phase. Each 4-L bacterial culture was harvested by centrifugation at 20,000 ×g
99 for 120 min. To examine the expression of IMCC25003 *katG* and compare the relative level of gene expression
100 according to H₂O₂ concentrations, harvested cells were treated with different concentrations of H₂O₂ (10, 50, and
101 100 μM) for 30 min and untreated cells were used as a control. RNA was extracted using TRIzol (Sigma-
102 Aldrich). Reverse transcription was performed with 1 μg of RNA using qPCRBIO cDNA Synthesis Kit
103 (PCRBIO Systems) and real-time qPCR was conducted using qPCRBIO SyGreen Blue Mix Lo-ROX (PCRBIO
104 Systems) in a real-time thermal cycler (Rotor-Gene 3000, Corbett Research). The *katG* primer set (forward, 5'-
105 CATGGCGATGAATGATGAAG-3'; reverse, 5'-GCTGTTCTTCCAGCCAAGTC-3') for targeting *katG* of
106 IMCC25003 was used to evaluate gene expression and the GAPDH gene of IMCC25003 was employed as a
107 housekeeping gene with the GAPDH primer set (forward, 5'-GTTCAGCGACAGACCTCACA-3'; reverse, 5'-
108 TGGTGAGCTGTGAATCGAAG-3').

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110 **Expression, purification, and characterization of KatG from IMCC25003**

111 The gene encoding catalase-peroxidase (KatG) of IMCC25003 was amplified by PCR using the following
112 primers: forward, 5'-CATATGATGACTCAAGAATCAACTCC-3'; reverse, 5'-
113 CTCGAGTTACTTCTTCTTTGAC-3'. The PCR product was inserted into the pET-15b vector (Novagen) and
114 expressed in *Escherichia coli* BL21 (DE3) using 1 mM isopropyl- β -D-thiogalatoside (Sigma-Aldrich). The
115 expressed KatG-His recombinant protein was purified using a gravity-flow Ni²⁺-nitrilotriacetic acid affinity
116 column (Novagen). The high concentration of salts used for elution in the affinity column was removed using a
117 PD-10 desalting column (GE Healthcare). To increase protein purity, the eluted fractions were applied to a
118 Superose-12 FPLC column (10 × 300 mm, GE Healthcare) equilibrated with 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer
119 (pH 7.0). The purified recombinant proteins were concentrated to approximately 10 mg mL⁻¹ in Centricon tubes
120 (MWCO 10,000 Da; Millipore) and stored at 4°C. All purification steps were carried out at 4°C or on ice.

121 The native molecular weight of IMCC25003 KatG was determined by size exclusion chromatography on a
122 Superose-12 FPLC column (10 × 300 mm, GE Healthcare) equilibrated with 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer
123 (pH 7.0). The molecular weights of the subunits were determined by discontinuous sodium dodecyl sulfate-
124 polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) according to the standard Laemmli method. Catalytic activity
125 of recombinant IMCC25003 KatG was determined using a spectrophotometric assay by measuring the
126 decomposition of H₂O₂ at 240 nm. Catalase-specific activity was quantified by allowing varying amounts of
127 enzyme (0–1.0 μ g for bovine catalase; 0–5.0 μ g for IMCC25003 KatG) to react with 5 mM H₂O₂ in 50 mM
128 potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) at 25°C. The absorption coefficient at 240 nm, pH 7.0, and 25°C for H₂O₂
129 was determined to be 49.8 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹. Kinetic parameters were determined in triplicate from initial linear reaction
130 rates of H₂O₂ ranging from 1 to 10 mM. The apparent *K_m* (mM) and *k_{cat}* (s⁻¹) values at these substrate
131 concentrations were determined from a Lineweaver-Burk plots. Catalase from bovine liver was used as a
132 positive control. In SDS-PAGE, staining for catalase activity was performed with the ferricyanide negative
133 staining method using 2% (w/v) ferric chloride and 2% (w/v) potassium ferricyanide solution, and peroxidase
134 activity was detected by double-staining with 3,3',5,5'-tetramethylbenzidine [5].

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136 **Phylogenetic analyses based on 16S rRNA gene, whole genome, and KatG protein**

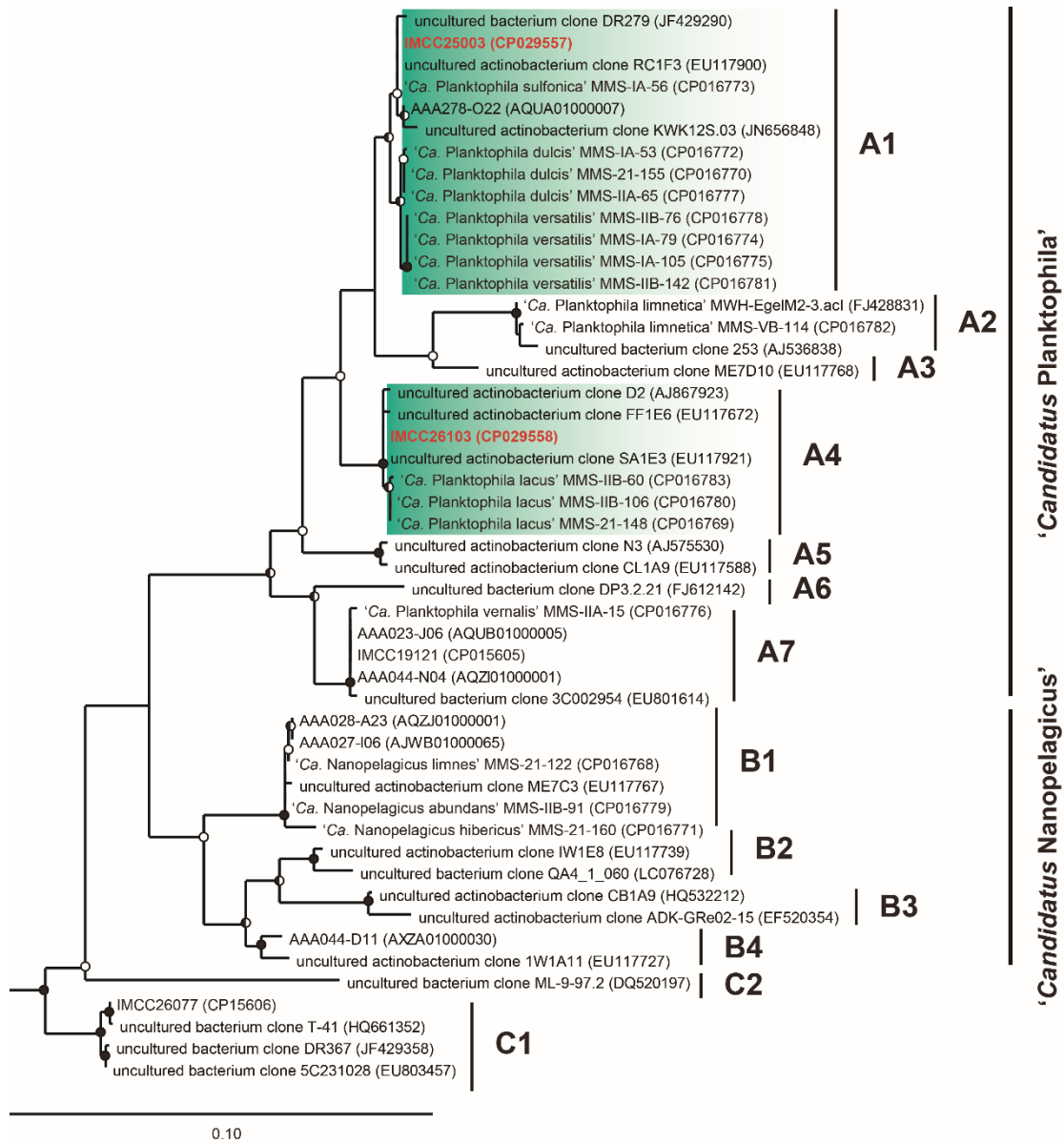
137 The 16S rRNA gene sequences of the *aci* genomes [6-8] were downloaded from the IMG database and
138 GenBank, aligned using SINA online aligner, and imported into the ARB-SILVA database (SSURef NR 99,

139 release 123). Multiple alignments of the imported sequences and other reference sequences of the acI lineage
140 were exported with the 'ssuref:bacteria' filter and used to construct a maximum-likelihood tree in RAxML 8.2.7
141 with the GTRGAMMA model. Phylogenetic assignment of the sequences was performed as described by
142 Newton *et al.* [9] and the recently proposed names for the two *Candidatus* genera [8].

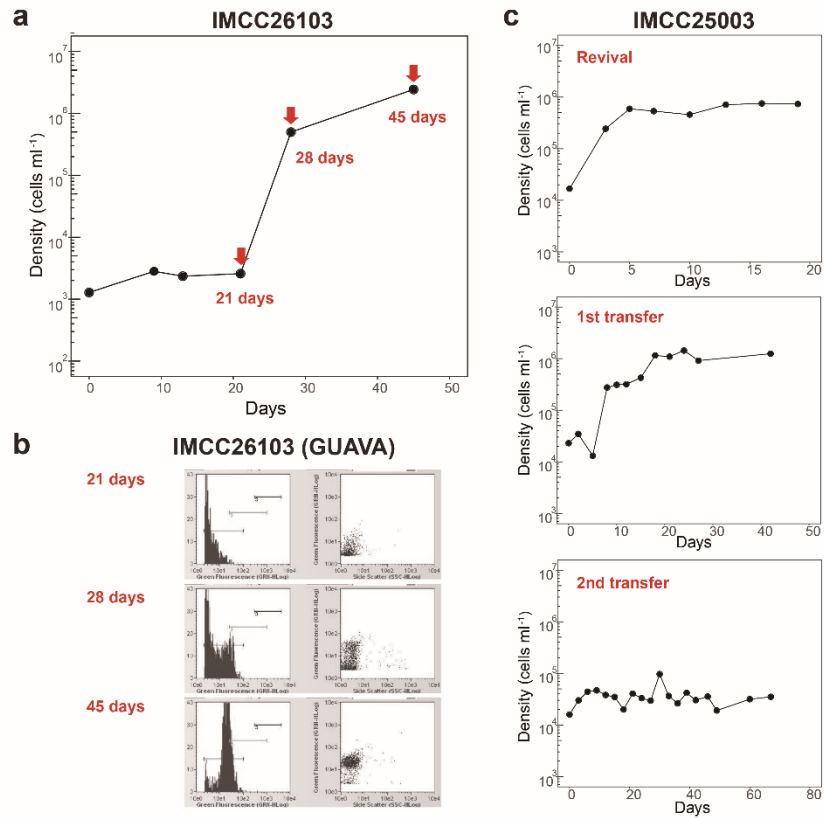
143 To build phylogenomic trees, protein sequences predicted in 4 completed acI genomes [7] and single-cell
144 genomes [6] and 16 recently published acI genomes [8] were downloaded from the IMG database and NCBI
145 RefSeq database. Downloaded protein sequences were processed using CheckM [10], which produces
146 concatenated alignment of 43 conserved proteins. This concatenated alignment was used to build a maximum-
147 likelihood tree using RAxML 8.2.7 with the PROTGAMMAAUTO model.

148 A phylogenetic tree of KatG proteins was constructed to identify the phylogenetic positions of the KatGs
149 found in the acI genomes. KatG proteins in the acI genomes (listed in Table S4) were searched by BLASTp
150 using the KatG sequence of IMCC25003 as a query and acI protein sequences downloaded above as a search
151 database, which revealed a total of 20 acI KatG proteins. Sequences collected for tree construction included the
152 following: 20 acI KatG proteins, 16 KatG proteins showing high similarities to acI KatG proteins in BLASTp
153 against the nr database of GenBank, 19 actinobacterial KatG proteins searched from the genomes representing
154 diverse taxonomic groups of the phylum *Actinobacteria* [7], and >300 KatG proteins downloaded from
155 PeroxiBase [11] (<http://peroxibase.toulouse.inra.fr>; Category 'Catalase peroxidase' of 'Class I peroxidase
156 superfamily' under 'Non Animal peroxidase'). After sequence collection, several rounds of alignment and tree
157 building were performed, and some sequences were excluded because of their short length, poor alignment, or
158 unstable positioning. Finally, 303 KatG proteins were selected, aligned with Muscle [12] implemented in the
159 MEGA 6 program, and used to construct a maximum likelihood tree using RAxML (version 8.2.7), with
160 automatic model selection based on aic criterion (-m PROTGAMMAAUTO --auto-prot=aic). The selected
161 model was LG likelihood with empirical base frequencies. Grouping of the KatG proteins was performed as
162 described by Zamocky *et al.* [13].

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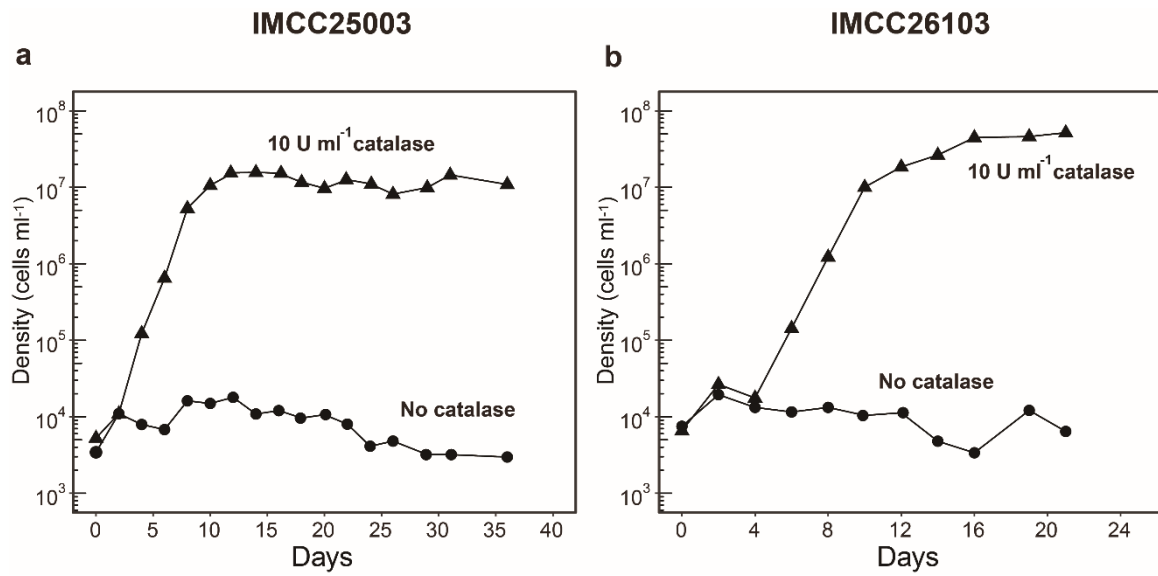


167 **Fig. S1.** Maximum-likelihood tree based on 16S rRNA gene sequences showing the phylogenetic position of
 168 strains IMCC25003 and IMCC26103. The two strains isolated in this study are marked in red. *Streptomyces*
 169 *sannanensis* (AB184579) and *Streptomyces griseus* (AY999909) were used as outgroup. Bootstrap supporting
 170 values (from 600 replicates) are shown at the nodes as filled circles ($\geq 90\%$), half-filled circles ($\geq 70\%$), and
 171 empty circles ($\geq 50\%$). Bar, 0.10 substitutions per nucleotide position.



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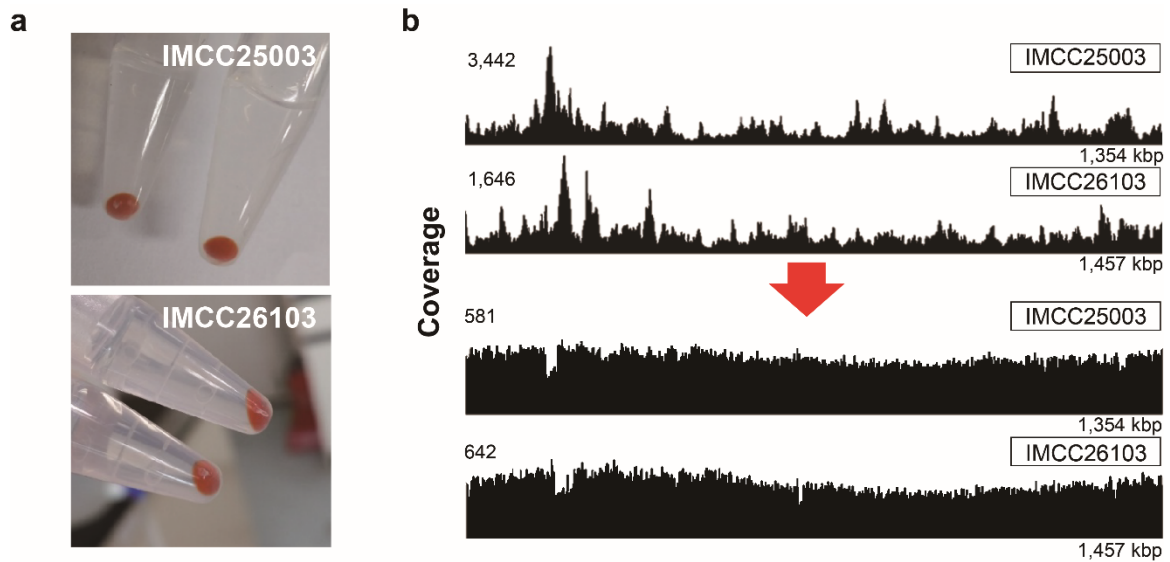
173 **Fig. S2** Revival and transfer cultures of strains IMCC25003 and IMCC26103. **a** Growth curve of a revival
 174 culture of strain IMCC26103. **b** Flow cytometry plots of strain IMCC26103 obtained at the time points indicated
 175 in **(a)**. Left, histograms showing the distribution of cell counts (y-axis) according to the green fluorescence (x-
 176 axis); Right, dot plots showing the distribution of cells according to side scatter (x-axis) and green fluorescence
 177 (y-axis). **c** Revival and two subsequent transfer cultures of strain IMCC25003.



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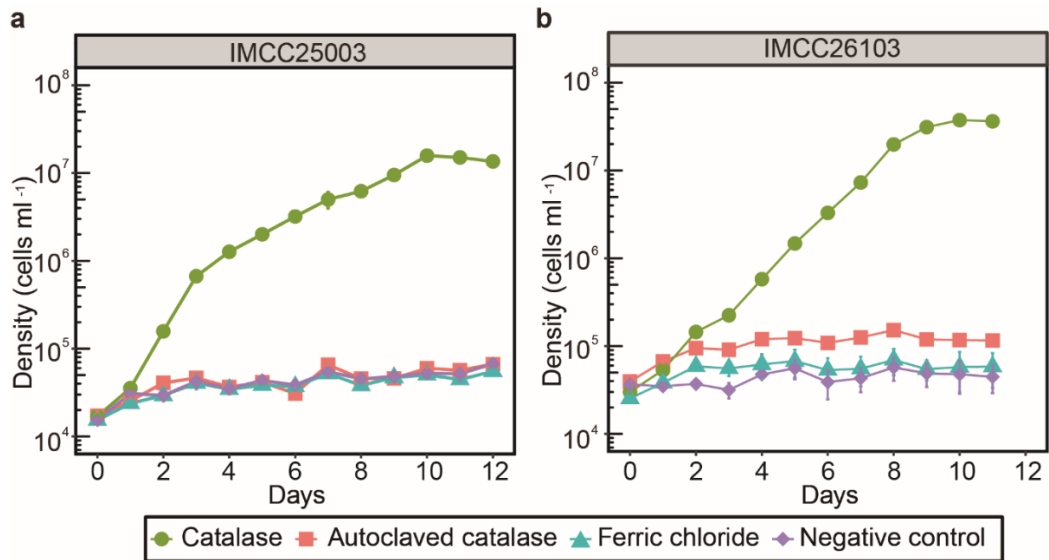
179 **Fig. S3** Growth curves of strains IMCC25003 (**a**) and IMCC26103 (**b**) obtained from the revival experiment of
 180 frozen glycerol stocks using culture medium (FAMV+CM+AA) supplemented with catalase. The triangle
 181 symbol represents growth in the medium amended with 10 U mL⁻¹ catalase, while the circle symbol represents
 182 growth in the medium without catalase.

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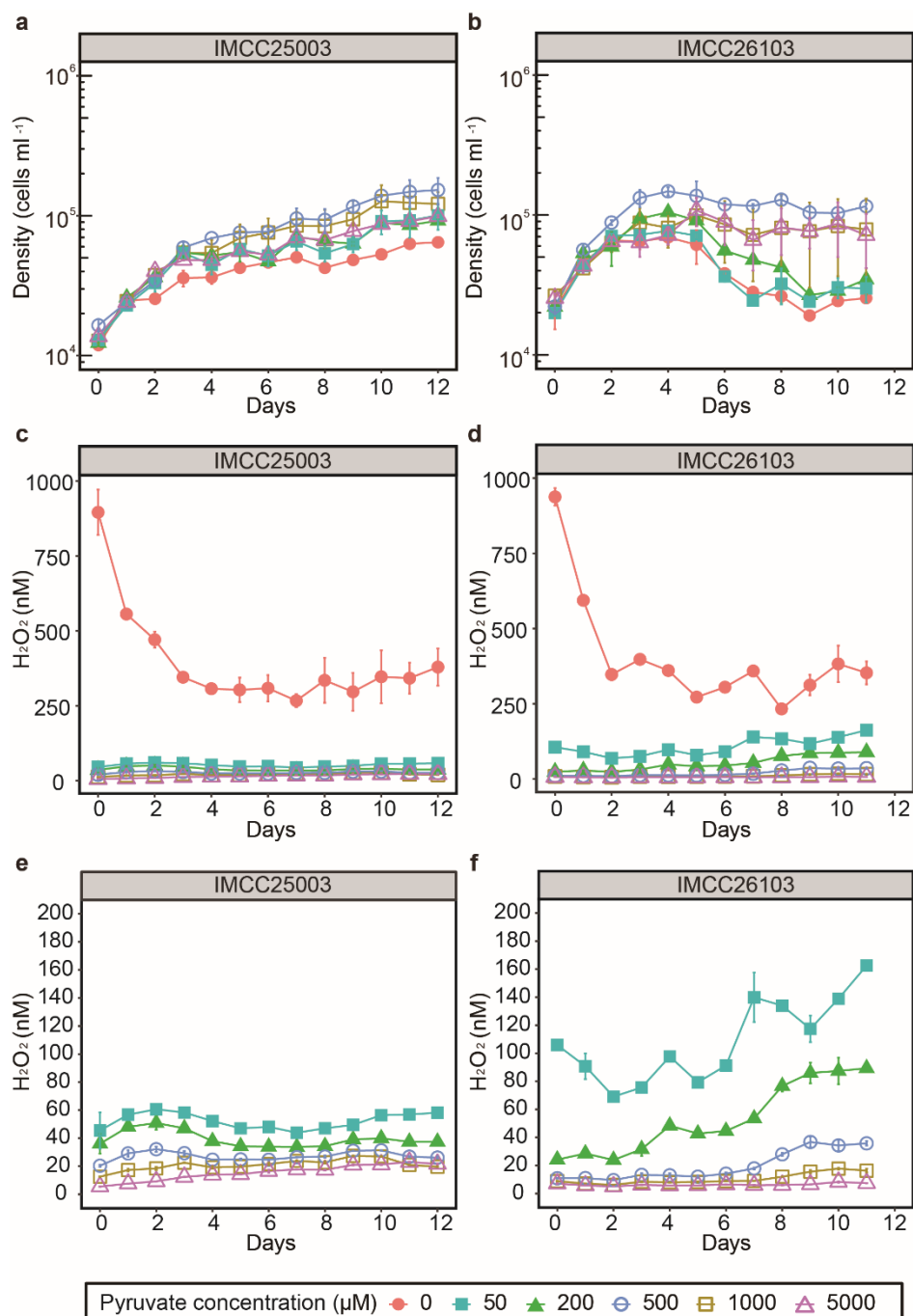
185 **Fig. S4** Genome sequencing using genomic DNA extracted from cultured and harvested cell pellets of the acI
 186 strains. **a** Cell pellets obtained by centrifugation from 4-L cultures of IMCC25003 (upper) and IMCC26103
 187 (lower). Genomic DNA extracted from these cell pellets were used for genome sequencing. **b** Coverage variation
 188 across the complete genome sequences of the acI strains. The two coverage plots above red arrow were obtained
 189 from our previous study using whole genome amplification (WGA) [7]. The two coverage plots below the arrow
 190 were obtained from this study using large-scale cultures without WGA. Coverage variation was calculated using
 191 a 25-bp window based on read mapping. Bar heights were normalized in each plot and the maximum coverages
 192 are indicated at the upper left corner of each plot.



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194 **Fig. S5** Growth of strains IMCC25003 (a) and IMCC26103 (b) in culture media supplemented with catalase,
 195 autoclaved catalase, or ferric chloride. Catalase, 10 U mL⁻¹ of bovine catalase; Autoclaved catalase, 10 U mL⁻¹ of
 196 bovine catalase autoclaved for 2 hrs; Ferric chloride, 100 nM of FeCl₃; Negative control, no supplement. All
 197 experiments were performed in duplicate using the culture medium FAMV+CM+AA. Error bars indicate
 198 standard error. Note that error bars shorter than the size of the symbols are hidden.

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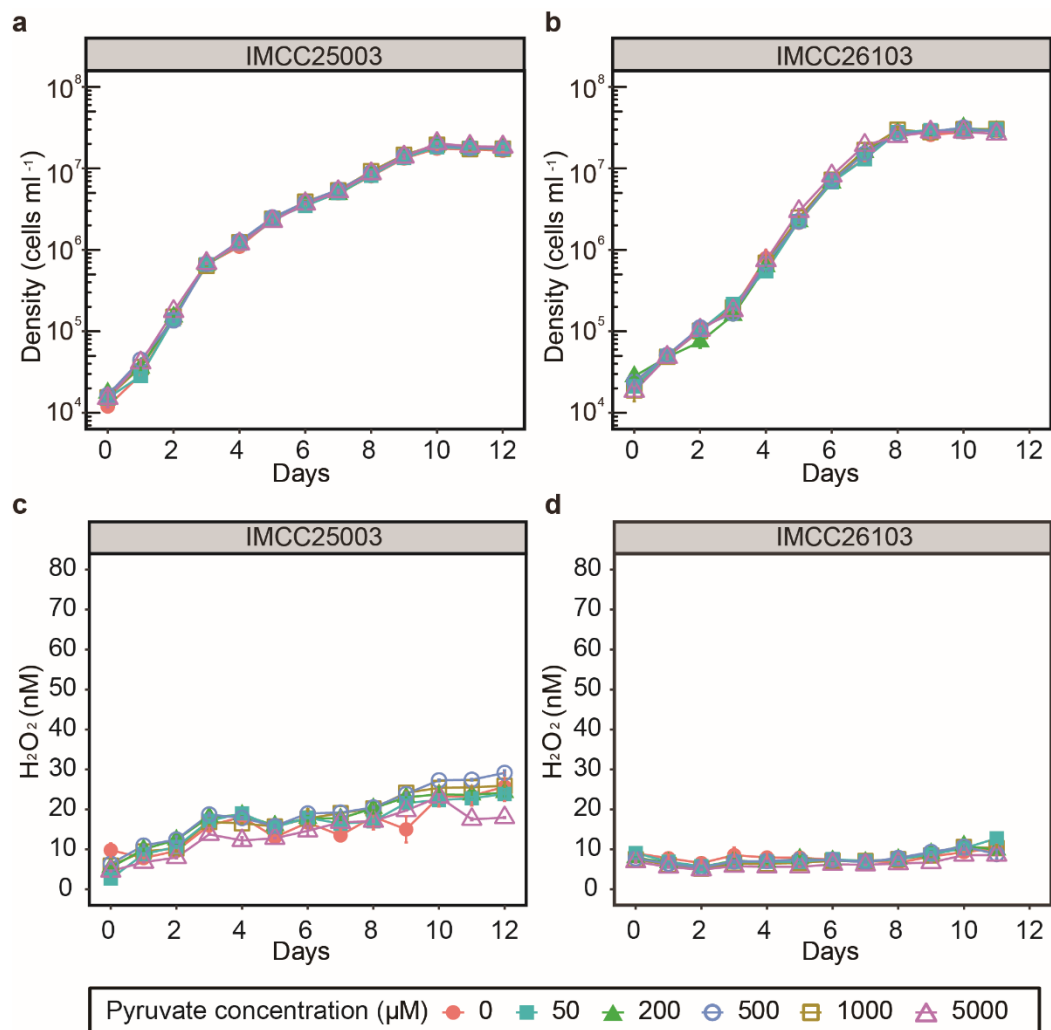
201 **Fig. S6** Effects of pyruvate concentration on the growth of *acI* strains and H_2O_2 concentration of media during
 202 cultivation. Various concentrations (0–5 mM) of pyruvate were added to the culture medium FAMV+CM+AA
 203 (without pyruvate) for experiments. **a** and **b** The growth of strains IMCC25003 (**a**) and IMCC26103 (**b**). **c-f**
 204 Changes in H_2O_2 concentration during cultivation of strains IMCC25003 (**c** and **e**) and IMCC26103 (**d** and **f**).

205 Note that the figures **e** and **f** show the same data as the figures **c** and **d**, respectively, with different y-axis scales.

206 All experiments were performed in duplicate. Error bars indicate standard error. Note that error bars shorter than
 207 the size of the symbols are hidden.

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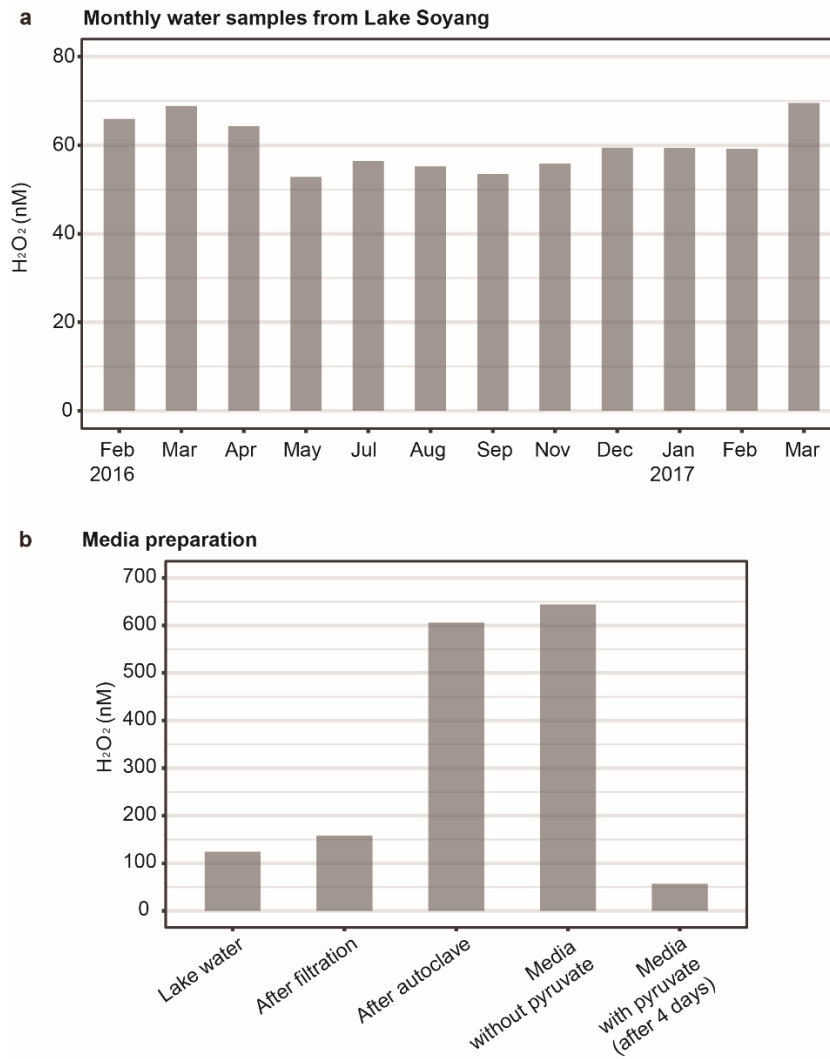
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212 **Fig. S7** Combined effects of catalase and various concentrations of pyruvate on the growth of acI strains and
 213 H₂O₂ concentration of media during cultivation. Various concentrations (0–5 mM) of pyruvate were added to the
 214 culture medium FAMV+CM+AA (without pyruvate) supplemented with catalase (10 U mL⁻¹) for experiments. **a**
 215 and **b** The growth of strains IMCC25003 (**a**) and IMCC26103 (**b**). **c-d** Changes in H₂O₂ concentration during
 216 cultivation of strains IMCC25003 (**c**) and IMCC26103 (**d**). All experiments were performed in duplicate. Error
 217 bars indicate standard error. Note that error bars shorter than the size of the symbols are hidden.

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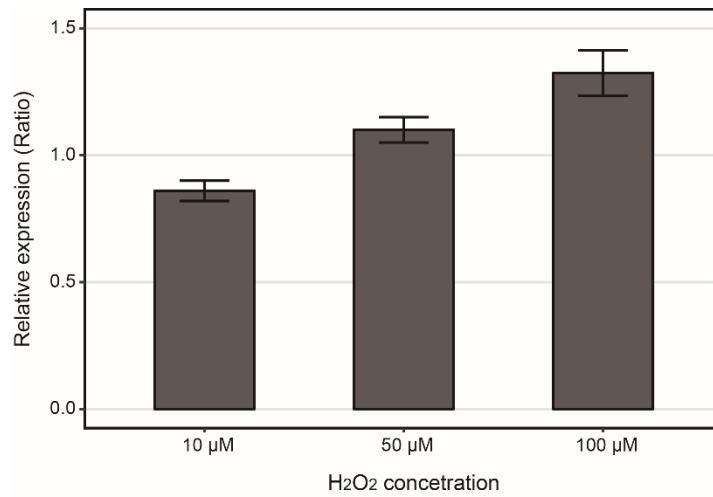


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220 **Fig. S8** H₂O₂ concentration of water samples collected monthly from the surface of Lake Soyang (**a**) and the

221 change in H₂O₂ concentration during preparation of the basal culture medium FAMV+CM+AA (**b**).

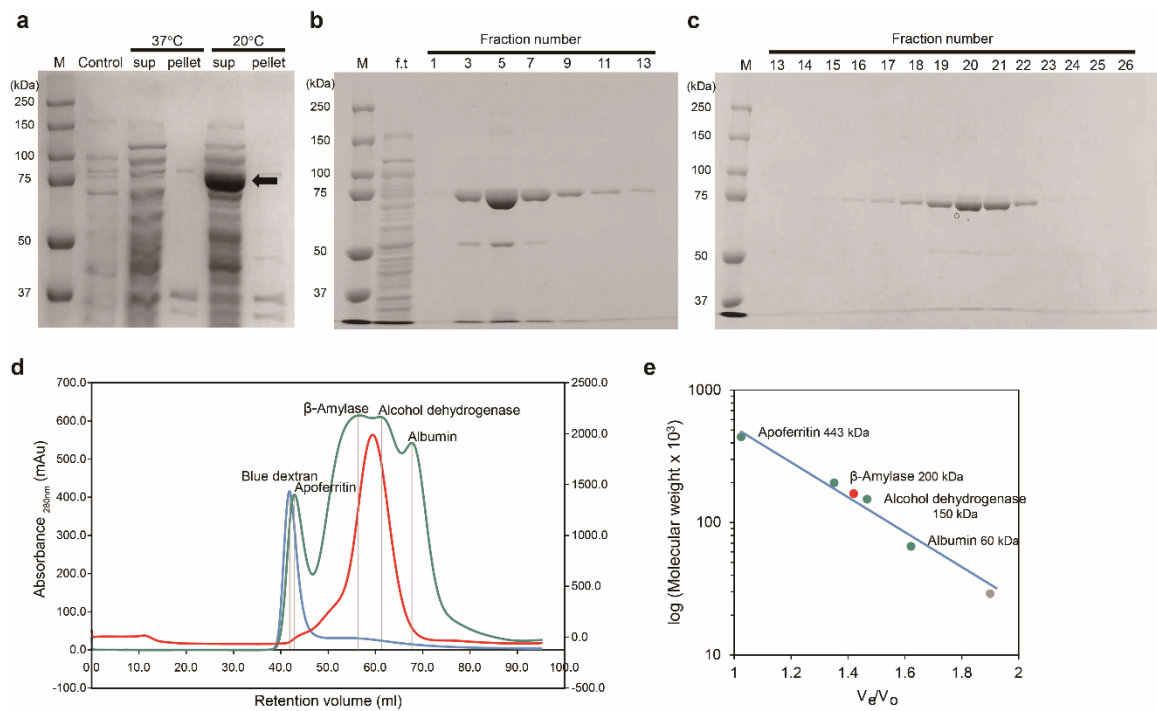
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224 **Fig. S9** Increase in IMCC25003 *katG* expression with increasing concentration of H₂O₂. Cells of IMCC25003
225 were treated with 3 different H₂O₂ concentrations (10, 50, and 100 μM) for 30 min and total RNA was used for
226 the analysis of *katG* expression by qPCR. Expression level of *katG* in H₂O₂-treated cultures was compared with
227 that in the control cultures (no H₂O₂ treatment). FAMV+CM+AA was used as the culture medium. Error bars
228 indicate standard deviations ($n = 3$).

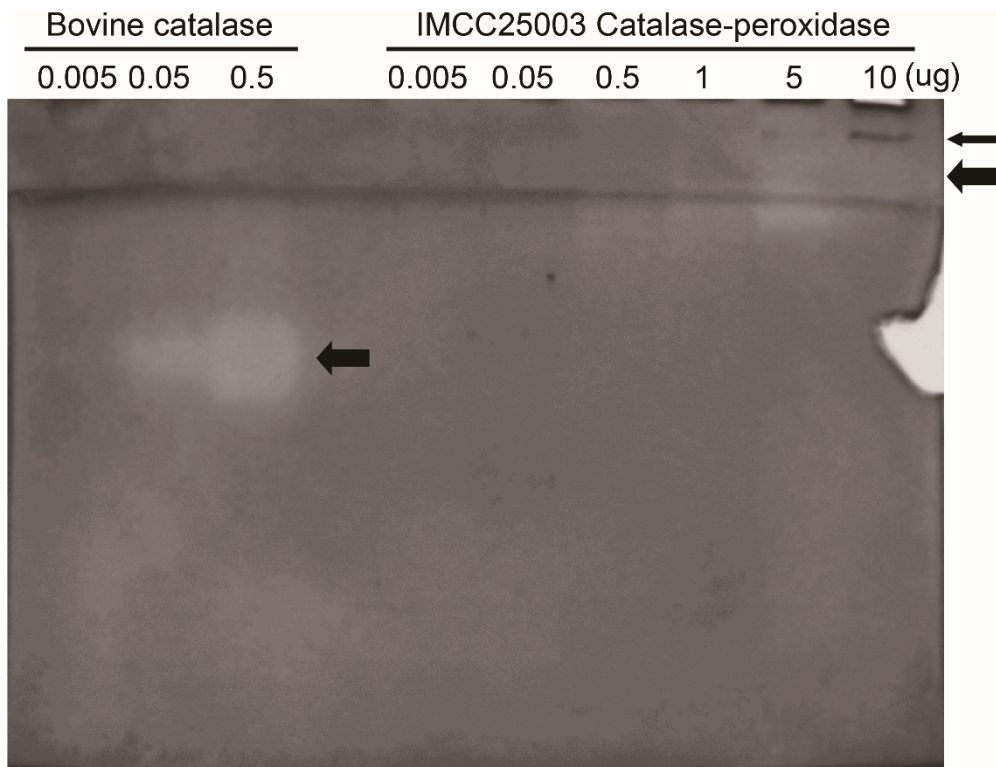
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231 **Fig. S10** Expression, purification, and determination of native molecular weight of recombinant IMCC25003
 232 KatG. **a** Expression of IMCC25003 KatG in *E. coli* analyzed by SDS-PAGE. The bold arrow indicates a band of
 233 KatG, which is approximately 82.6 kDa. M, molecular weight size marker; control, before induction of
 234 expression; sup, supernatant; pellet, cell debris and membrane. Purified IMCC25003 KatG bound to a Ni²⁺-
 235 nitrilotriacetic acid affinity column (**b**) and the purified protein through a size exclusion superpose-12 column
 236 (**c**), confirmed by SDS-PAGE. M, molecular weight size marker; f.t., unbound flow through fraction.
 237 Chromatograms (**d**) of protein-molecular-weight size markers and IMCC25003 KatG, and the molecular-weight
 238 calibration curve (**e**) obtained from protein-molecular-weight size markers and IMCC25003 KatG. The
 239 chromatogram colored in red and the red dot on the calibration curve represent IMCC25003 KatG.

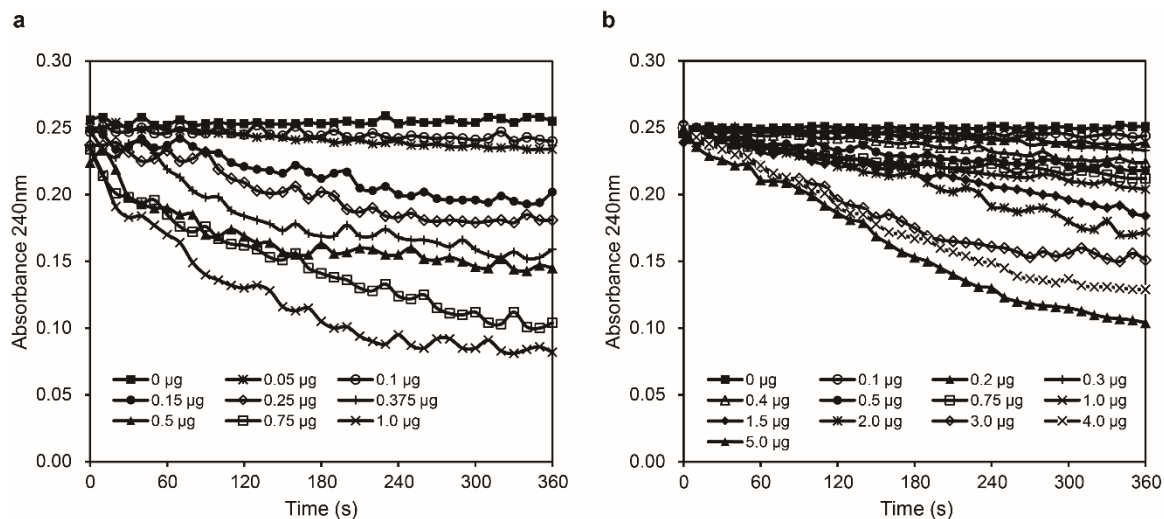
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242 **Fig. S11** Catalase and peroxidase activities of purified IMCC25003 KatG and bovine catalase (KatE). Bovine
 243 catalase [0.005 (0.01 U), 0.05 (0.1 U), and 0.5 (1 U) μ g] and IMCC25003 KatG (0.005, 0.05, 0.5, 1, 5, and 10
 244 μ g) were separated by 8% non-denaturing PAGE. The bold arrows indicate negatively stained catalase activity
 245 and the narrow arrow indicates peroxidase activity stained by 3,3',5,5'-tetramethylbenzidine.

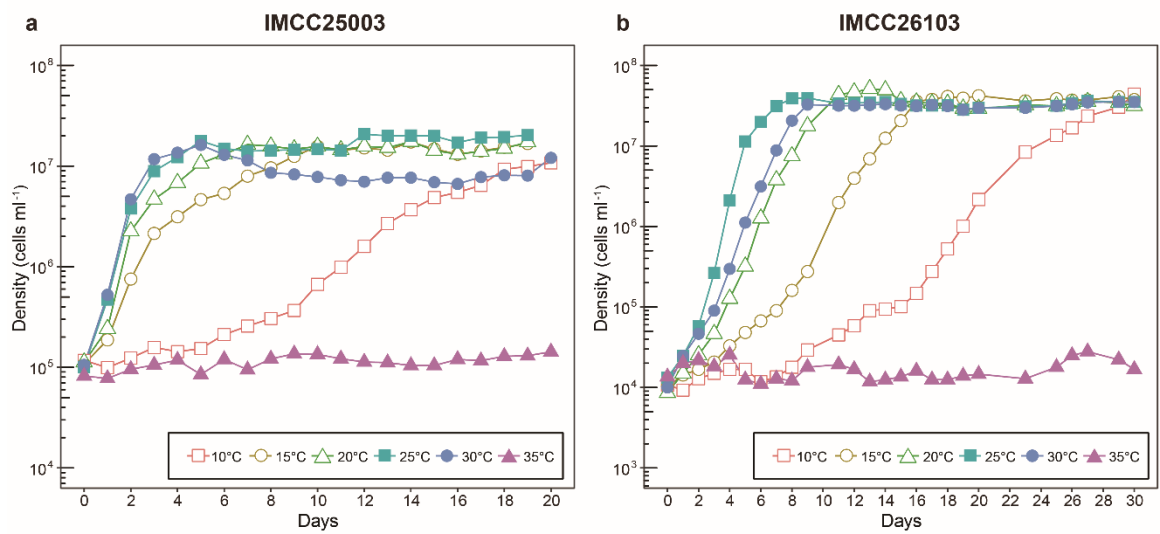
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248 **Fig. S12** Kinetic curves of H₂O₂ decomposition by IMCC25003 KatG and bovine catalase. The curves of
 249 absorbance at 240 nm over time were generated using varying quantities of (a) bovine catalase (0–1.0 µg) and
 250 (b) IMCC25003 KatG (0–5.0 µg).

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253 **Fig. S13** Growth curves of strain IMCC25003 (a) and strain IMCC26103 (b) at different temperatures.

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255 **Supplementary Tables**

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257 **Table S1** Media used in this study and their composition.

Components of media		
Components (abbreviation)	Compound(s)	Final concentration
Ammonium (N)	NH ₄ Cl	10 μM
Phosphate (P)	KH ₂ PO ₄	10 μM
Trace metals (TM)	FeCl ₃ ·6H ₂ O	117 nM
	MnCl ₂ ·4H ₂ O	9 nM
	ZnSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	800 pM
	CoCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	500 pM
	Na ₂ MoO ₄ ·2H ₂ O	300 pM
	Na ₂ SeO ₃	1 nM
	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	1 nM
	Vitamin mixture (V)	Thiamine·HCl
Niacin		81 nM
Ca-Pantothenate		84 nM
Pyridoxine		59 nM
Biotin		409 pM
Folic acid		453 pM
Vitamin B12		70 pM
Myo-inositol		555 nM
<i>p</i> -Aminobenzoic Acid		7 nM
Carbon mixture (CM)	Pyruvate	50 μM
	D-Glucose	5 μM
	<i>N</i> -Acetyl-D-glucosamine	5 μM
	D-Ribose	5 μM
	Methyl alcohol	5 μM
20 proteinogenic amino acid mixture (AA)	Each amino acid	100 nM, each
Media definition		
Media	Definition	
FAM	0.2 μm-filtered and autoclaved freshwater medium supplemented with N, P, and TM	
FAMV	FAM supplemented with V	
FAMV+CM	FAMV supplemented with CM	
FAMV+AA	FAMV supplemented with AA	
FAMV+CM+AA	FAMV supplemented with CM and AA	

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259 **Table S2** Trials to establish pure culture of strain IMCC25003.

Trial	Media composition	Additional substrate	Reference
1st attempt	FAMV		
	FAMV+CM		
	FAMV+AA	0.5×, 1×, 5×, and 10× of CM	
	AFM ^a +V+CM+AA		
	FM ^b +V+CM+AA		
2nd attempt	FAMV+CM+AA	20 μM acetate	[14]
		20 μM oxaloacetate	[6]
		20 μM putrescine	[6, 15]
		20 μM glycerol	[6]
		20 μM xylose	[15, 16]
		1 mg L ⁻¹ proteose peptone No. 3 1 mg L ⁻¹ yeast extract	
3rd attempt	FAMV+CM+AA	1:20 diluted spent medium ^c	[15, 17], This study
4th attempt	FAMV+CM+AA	10 U mL ⁻¹ catalase	

260 ^aAFM, Artificial freshwater medium [18]. ^bFM, 0.1 μm-filtered but non-autoclaved freshwater medium. ^cSpent
261 medium, a spent medium of the genus *Limnohabitans* filtrated through 0.1 μm pore-size membrane after
262 cultivation of *Limnohabitans* sp. IMCC26003. For the media abbreviations, refer to Supplementary Table S1.

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Table S3 Kinetic parameters of various catalase-peroxidases and bovine catalase.

Source	Molecular weight	Structure	Specific activity (Units mg ⁻¹)	K _m (mM)	k _{cat} (s ⁻¹)	k _{cat} /K _m (M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	pI	Reference
IMCC25003 ^a	165,000	A2	179.3	11.7	9.05 × 10 ²	7.74 × 10 ⁴	7.6 ^b	This study
<i>Archaeoglobus fulgidus</i> ^a	NA	NA	5,280	3.8	7.77 × 10 ³	2.04 × 10 ⁶	5.6 ^b	[19]
<i>Bacillus selenatarsenatis</i> SF-1	165,000	A2	3,375	2.6	1.15 × 10 ⁴	4.41 × 10 ⁶	6.0	[20]
<i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i> ^a	NA	NA	3,630	4.5	5.68 × 10 ³	1.26 × 10 ⁶	5.9 ^b	[19]
<i>Escherichia coli</i> K10	337,000	A4	1,486.5	3.9	1.63 × 10 ⁴	4.19 × 10 ⁶	5.1 ^b	[21]
<i>Escherichia coli</i> O157:H7	NA	NA	NA	4.0	1.40 × 10 ⁴	3.50 × 10 ⁶	5.1 ^b	[22]
<i>Geobacillus stearothermophilus</i> ^a	NA	NA	3,120	4.4	1.40 × 10 ³	3.18 × 10 ⁵	5.2	[23]
<i>Halobacterium salinarum</i>	240,000	A4	43.2	3.7	NA	NA	3.8	[24]
<i>Mycobacterium smegmatis</i>	NA	NA	NA	1.4	2.38 × 10 ³	1.70 × 10 ⁶	5.0 ^b	[25]
<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> ^a	175,000	A2	2,420	5.2	1.01 × 10 ⁴	1.94 × 10 ⁶	5.1	[26]
<i>Rhodobacter capsulatus</i>	236,000	A4	7,800	4.2	NA	NA	4.5	[27]
<i>Rhodobacter capsulatus</i> ^a	NA	NA	4,830	3.7	6.64 × 10 ³	1.79 × 10 ⁶	5.1 ^b	[19]
<i>Synechococcus elongatus</i> PCC 6301 ^a	165,000	A2	1,491	4.8	8.85 × 10 ³	1.84 × 10 ⁶	4.6	[28]
<i>Synechococcus elongatus</i> PCC 6301	165,000	A2	NA	4.3	7.20 × 10 ³	1.67 × 10 ⁶	5.1 ^b	[29]
<i>Synechococcus elongates</i> PCC 7942 ^a	NA	NA	NA	4.2	2.60 × 10 ⁴	6.19 × 10 ⁶	5.1 ^b	[30]
<i>Synechocystis</i> sp. PCC 6803 ^a	170,000	A2	5,420	4.9	3.50 × 10 ³	7.14 × 10 ²	5.4	[31]
<i>Thermoascus aurantiacus</i>	330,000	A4	NA	48.0	1.07 × 10 ⁵	2.22 × 10 ⁶	4.5	[32]
<i>Thermus brockianus</i>	178,000	A4	5,300	35.5	6.00 × 10 ³	1.69 × 10 ⁵	4.7	[33]
<i>Bos taurus</i> ^c	240,000	A4	1980.3	20.6	3.68 × 10 ⁴	1.79 × 10 ⁶	5.4	This study

265 ^aBiochemical properties were determined using recombinant catalase-peroxidase. ^bTheoretical pI values were estimated based on amino acids sequences. ^cThe

266 monofunctional bovine catalase which was amended to culture media of IMCC25003 was used as an experimental positive control. NA, not available.

Table S4 List of acI genomes used in this study and the presence or absence of *katG* gene.

Tribe	Organism name	Genome ID	Isolation site	Complete	No. of Scaffolds	Genome size (bp)	Length of KatG (aa)
A1	Actinobacteria bacterium IMCC25003	2602042019 ^a	Lake Soyang	O	1	1,353,947	746
	actinobacterium SCGC AAA278-O22	2236661007 ^a	Lake Mendota	X	43	1,138,490	X
	actinobacterium SCGC AAA027-M14	2236661003 ^a	Lake Mendota	X	22	822,296	725
	'Ca. Planktophilia dulcis' MMS-IIA-65	CP016777 ^b	Lake Zurich	O	1	1,348,019	732
	'Ca. Planktophilia dulcis' MMS-IA-53	CP016772 ^b	Lake Zurich	O	1	1,365,934	732
	'Ca. Planktophilia dulcis' MMS-21-155	CP016770 ^b	Lake Zurich	O	1	1,361,776	732
	'Ca. Planktophilia sulfonica' MMS-IA-56	CP016773 ^b	Lake Zurich	O	1	1,344,614	747
	'Ca. Planktophilia versatilis' MMS-IIB-76	CP016778 ^b	Lake Zurich	O	1	1,325,420	733
	'Ca. Planktophilia versatilis' MMS-IA-79	CP016774 ^b	Lake Zurich	O	1	1,331,009	733
	'Ca. Planktophilia versatilis' MMS-IA-105	CP016775 ^b	Lake Zurich	O	1	1,326,591	733
'Ca. Planktophilia versatilis' MMS-IIB-142	CP016781 ^b	Lake Zurich	O	1	1,266,983	733	
A2	'Ca. Planktophilia limnetica' MMS-VB-114	CP016782 ^b	Lake Zurich	O	1	1,328,793	722
A4	Actinobacteria bacterium IMCC26103	2602042020 ^a	Lake Soyang	O	1	1,456,516	X
	'Ca. Planktophilia lacus' MMS-IIB-106	CP016780 ^b	Lake Zurich	O	1	1,384,812	721
	'Ca. Planktophilia lacus' MMS-IIB-60	CP016783 ^b	Lake Zurich	O	1	1,410,107	721
	'Ca. Planktophilia lacus' MMS-21-148	CP016769 ^b	Lake Zurich	O	1	1,460,061	721
A5	actinobacterium SCGC AAA044-O16	2606217200 ^a	NA	X	17	1,313,698	718
	actinobacterium SCGC AAA028-G02	2606217191 ^a	NA	X	18	1,231,401	718
A6	actinobacterium SCGC AAA028-E20	2602042080 ^a	NA	X	19	727,714	X
	actinobacterium SCGC AAA028-I14	2619618809 ^a	NA	X	11	623,569	717
A7	Actinobacteria bacterium IMCC19121	2606217181 ^a	Lake Soyang	O	1	1,506,415	X
	actinobacterium SCGC AAA044-N04	2236661005 ^a	Damariscotta Lake	X	23	1,286,658	718
	actinobacterium SCGC AAA024-D14	2264265190 ^a	Sparkling Lake	X	82	778,696	X
	actinobacterium SCGC AAA023-J06	2236661001 ^a	Sparkling Lake	X	98	695,943	X
	'Ca. Planktophilia vernalis' MMS-IIA-15	CP016776 ^b	Lake Zurich	O	1	1,364,004	718
B1	actinobacterium SCGC AAA027-L06	2505679121 ^a	Lake Mendota	X	75	1,163,583	X
	actinobacterium SCGC AAA027-J17	2236661002 ^a	Lake Mendota	X	81	966,755	X
	actinobacterium SCGC AAA278-I18	2236661006 ^a	Damariscotta Lake	X	54	944,397	X

	actinobacterium SCGC AAA028-A23	2236661004 ^a	Lake Mendota	X	64	833,294	X
	actinobacterium SCGC AAA023-D18	2236661009 ^a	Sparkling Lake	X	67	753,259	X
	actinobacterium SCGC AB141-P03	2236876028 ^a	Lake Stechlin	X	66	660,403	X
	'Ca. Nanopelagicus limnes' MMS-21-122	CP016768 ^b	Lake Zurich	O	1	1,238,108	X
	'Ca. Nanopelagicus hibericus' MMS-21-160	CP016771 ^b	Lake Zurich	O	1	1,223,088	X
	'Ca. Nanopelagicus abundans' MMS-IIB-91	CP016779 ^b	Lake Zurich	O	1	1,161,863	X
B4	actinobacterium SCGC AAA044-D11	2619618811 ^a	NA	X	18	1,095,756	719
C1	Actinobacteria bacterium IMCC26077	2602042021 ^a	Lake Soyang	O	1	1,551,612	X

269 ^aIMG Genome ID (IMG Taxon ID). ^bGenBank accession number. NA, not available.

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Table S5 Fatty acids composition (%) of two acI strains.

Fatty acid	IMCC25003	IMCC26103
Saturated fatty acids		
C10:0		0.46
C12:0	1.64	7.93
C14:0	18.22	7.85
C16:0	23.11	28.45
C17:0		1.05
C18:0	2.14	10.49
Unsaturated fatty acids		
C15:1 ω 6 <i>c</i>	1.11	
C17:1 ω 8 <i>c</i>	2.31	1.35
C18:1 ω 9 <i>c</i>	2.10	25.80
summed feature 3 (16:1 ω 7 <i>c</i> /16:1 ω 6 <i>c</i>)	45.79	12.28
summed feature 5 (18:2 ω 6,9 <i>c</i> /18:0 ante)		0.99
summed feature 8 (18:1 ω 7 <i>c</i> , 18:1 ω 6 <i>c</i>)	3.58	3.36

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