

**Metabolism of the predominant human milk oligosaccharide fucosyllactose
by an infant gut commensal**

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Supplemental Table S1 *B. kashiwanohense* APCKJ1 genome sequencing reads and quality.

Sequencing Project	Number of Reads	Coverage	Mapped N50 (Long Reads)	Mapped N50 (Short Reads)	Polymerase Read Quality
<i>B. kashiwanohense</i> APCKJ1 Genome	61974	245.02x	17573bp	7971bp	0.853

Supplementary Table S2. *B. longum* subsp. *infantis* ATCC15697 genes involved in the catabolism of fucosyllactose, and their homologs in *B. kashiwanohense* APCKJ1 and *B. breve* UCC2003, based on a blastP search of the APCKJ1 and UCC2003 genomes.

Gene	Predicted Function	Gene	BLASTP Result	Gene	BLASTP Result
Blon_2335	GH95 α -fucosidase	BKKJ1_2069 <i>fumA1_{kw}</i>	77%, 1285, 0.0	Bbr_1288 <i>fumA1_{br}</i>	77%, 1285, 0.0
Blon_2336	GH29 α -fucosidase	BKKJ1_2070 <i>fumA2_{kw}</i>	86%, 879, 0.0	-	-
Blon_2337	L-fucose mutarotase	BKKJ1_2071 <i>fumB_{kw}</i>	87%, 262, 2e-62	-	-
Blon_2306	L-fuconolactone hydrolase	BKKJ1_2073 <i>fumD_{kw}</i>	96%, 513, 0.0	Bbr_1741 <i>fumD_{br}</i>	50%, 248, 7e-87
Blon_2340	L-fuconate dehydratase	BKKJ1_2075 <i>fumE_{kw}</i>	98%, 867, 0.0	Bbr_1744 <i>fumE_{br}</i>	78%, 703, 0.0
Blon_2339	L-2-keto-3-deoxy-fuconate-4-dehydrogenase	BKKJ1_2074 <i>fumC_{kw}</i>	94%, 487, 0.0	Bbr_1743 <i>fcuC_{br}</i>	76%, 390, 6e-143
Blon_2338	L-2-keto-3-deoxy-fuconate aldolase	BKKJ1_2072 <i>fumF_{kw}</i>	89%, 556, 0.0	Bbr_1740 <i>fumF_{br}</i>	70%, 429, 3e-157
Blon_0540	L-1,2-propanediol oxidoreductase	BKKJ1_0429 <i>fumG_{kw}</i>	95%, 750, 0.0	Bbr_1505 <i>fumG_{br}</i>	98%, 765, 0.0

Values in the BLASTP column represent match identity, Bit Score and e-value. Cut-off values of a minimum Bit Score of 200 bits, a minimum identity of 50% coverage and minimum e-value of 0.0001 were employed. *Denotes genes not upregulated in transcription during growth on 2-FL or 3-FL.

Supplementary Table S3: Bacterial plasmids and strains used in this work.

Cm^r, Km^r and Strep^r, resistance to chloramphenicol, kanamycin and streptomycin, respectively.
UCC, University College Cork Culture Collection.

Strain or plasmid	Relevant Features (antibiotic resistances are given in brackets)	Reference or Source
Strains		
<i>Escherichia coli</i> strains		
<i>E. coli</i> EC101	Cloning host, repA ⁺ (Km ^r)	[1]
<i>E. coli</i> EC101-pNZ-M.BbrII + M.BbrIII	EC101 harbouring pNZ8048 derivative containing <i>bbrIIM</i> and <i>bbrIIIM</i> (Cm ^r)	[2]
<i>E. coli</i> EC101-pBC1.2- <i>fumST1T2</i>	XL1-blue containing pBC1.2- <i>fumST1T2</i> (Cm ^r)	This study
<i>E. coli</i> EC101-NZ44- <i>fumA1</i> -strR	EC101 harbouring pNZ8048 pNZ44- <i>fumA1</i> -(Strep ^r)	This study
<i>E. coli</i> EC101-pNZ-M. BbrII + M.BbrIII +pNZ44- <i>fumA1</i> -strR	EC101 harbouring pNZ8048 derivative containing <i>bbrIIM</i> , <i>bbrIIIM</i> and pNZ44- <i>fumA1</i> -(Strep ^r)	This study
<i>Lactococcus lactis</i> strains		
<i>L. lactis</i> NZ9000	MG1363, pepN::nisRK, nisin-inducible overexpression host	[3]
<i>L. lactis</i> NZ9700	Nisin-producing strain (Cm ^r)	[3]
<i>L. lactis</i> NZ9000-pNZ- <i>fumA1</i>	NZ9000 containing pNZ- <i>fumA1</i> (Cm ^r)	This study
<i>L. lactis</i> NZ9000-pNZ- <i>fumA2</i>	NZ9000 containing pNZ- <i>fumA2</i> (Cm ^r)	This study
<i>L. lactis</i> NZ9000-pNZ44- <i>fumA1</i>	NZ9000 containing pNZ44- <i>fumA1</i> (Cm ^r)	This study
<i>Bifidobacterium</i> sp. Strains		
<i>B. kashiwanohense</i> APCKJ1	Isolate from nursing stool	This study
<i>B. breve</i> UCC2003	Isolate from nursing stool	[4]
<i>B. breve</i> UCC2003- <i>fumA1</i> - <i>fumST1T2</i>	UCC2003 harbouring pNZ44- <i>fumA1</i> -Strep ^R and pBC1.2- <i>fumST1T2</i> (Cm ^r) (Strep ^r)	This study
<i>B. breve</i> UCC2003- <i>fumA1</i> -pBC1.2	UCC2003 harbouring pNZ44- <i>fumA1</i> -Strep ^R and pBC1.2 (Cm ^r) (Strep ^r)	This study
<i>B. breve</i> UCC2003- <i>fumST1T2</i> -pNZ44-strR	UCC2003 harbouring pNZ44 -Strep ^R and pBC1.2- <i>fumSP1P2</i> (Cm ^r) (Strep ^r)	This study
Plasmids		
pBC1.2	pBC1-pSC101-(Cm ^r)	[5]
pBC1.2- <i>fumST1T2</i>	(Cm ^r), pBC1-pSC101-Cmr harbouring <i>fumST1T2</i> and its indigenous promoter	This study
pNZ8150	(Cm ^r), nisin inducible translational fusion vector	[6]
pNZ- <i>fumA1</i>	(Cm ^r), pNZ8150 derivative containing translational fusion of BKKJ_2069 encoding DNA fragment to nisin inducible promoter	This study
pNZ- <i>fumA2</i>	(Cm ^r), pNZ8150 derivative containing translational fusion of BKKJ_2070 encoding DNA fragment to nisin inducible promoter	This study
pNZ44-strR	(Strep ^r) pNZ8048 derivative containing constitutive p44 promoter from Lactococcal chromosome, pNZ44, harbouring CNCMI4321_0987	[7]
pNZ44- <i>fumA1</i> -strR	(Strep ^r), pNZ44 harbouring BKKJ_2069 downstream of p44 promoter, and CNCMI4321_0987	This study

Supplementary Table S4: Oligonucleotide primers used in this work.

Purpose	Primer	Sequence (5'-3')
Amplification of the ITS region for <i>Bifidobacterium</i> isolate species identification	Bifspp 23Sbif	gggtgaaagtccatcgct gtctgccaaggcatccacca
Cloning of BKKJ1_2069 in pNZ8150	2069F 2069R	tgcac ccggg atgcatcaccatcaccatcaccatcaccatcacaaactcacattcgatggaatc tgcgat ctagac gtaacggataaacgcaataacg
Cloning of BKKJ1_2070 in pNZ8150	2070F 2070R	tgcac ccggg atgcatcaccatcaccatcaccatcaccatcacagcaatccaacaatgatggg tgcgat ctagaa gtttcatgggtacgtatcgcc
Cloning of 2379bp fragment containing BKKJ1_2069 into pNZ44-strR	2069pNZ44F 2069pNZ44R	ctggtc ggtacc ggcgatacgtcaccatgaaact tgcgat ctagaa ataacgcaatacgttaacgccg
Cloning of BKKJ1_2076-2078 in pBC1.2	2076-78pBC1.2F 2076-78pBC1.2R	ctggtc ccggg gcccgctgttctctggatg tgcgat ctagac gatgcgcttctctttg

Restriction sites incorporated into oligonucleotide primer sequences are indicated in bold, and His-tag sequences incorporated into nucleotide primer sequences are indicated in italics.

A



B. kashiwanohense APCKJ1

B



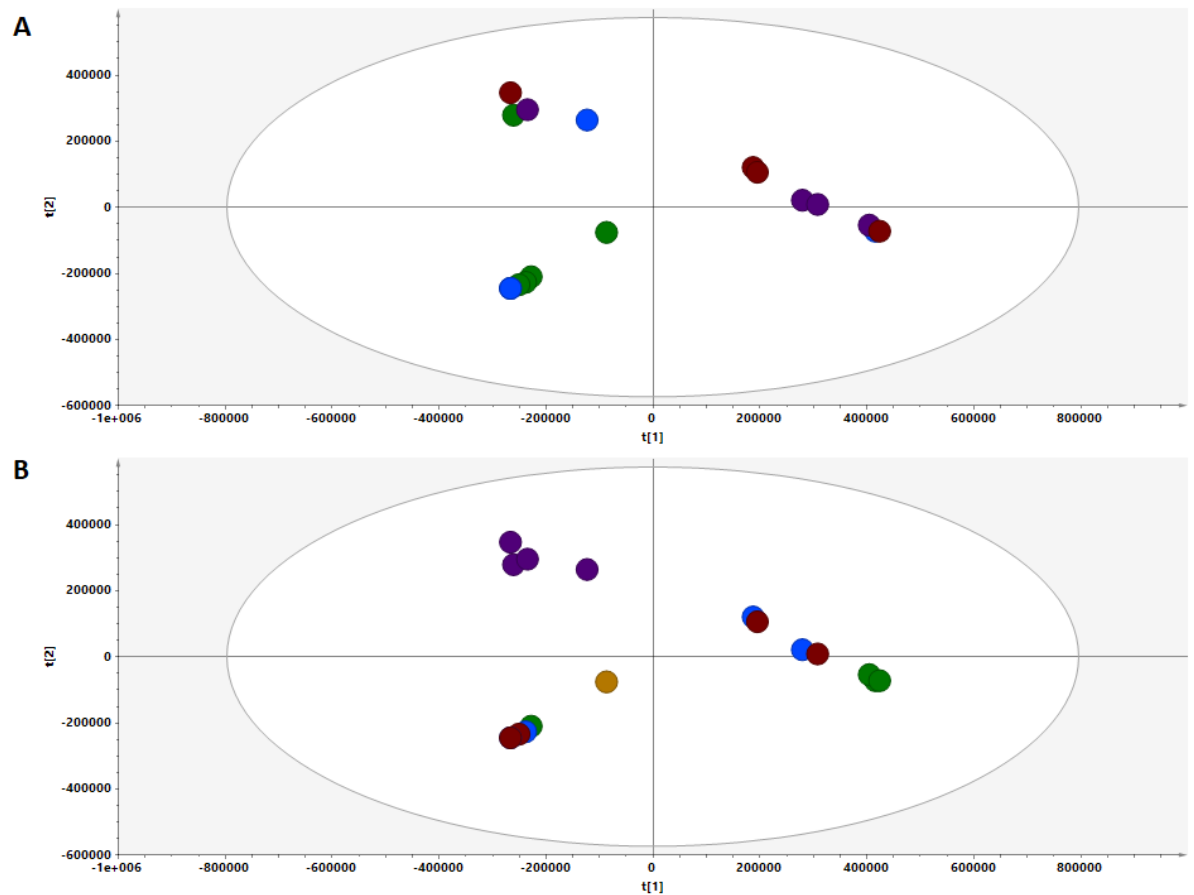
B. breve UCC2003

Supplementary Figure S1. Schematic representation of the gene loci involved in the utilisation of: (A) 2-FL or 3-FL in *B. kashiwanohense* APCKJ1, and (B) L-fucose in *B. breve* UCC2003; as based on transcriptome analysis. The length of the arrows is proportional to the size of the open reading frame and the gene locus name, which is indicative of its putative function, is given inside the arrows. Genes shown in red are predicted to encode proteins with a hydrolytic function, genes shown in yellow are predicted to encode proteins with a regulatory function, genes shown in green are predicted to encode proteins with a transport function and genes shown in blue are predicted to encode proteins with another metabolic function. Figure adapted from thesis Figure 5.3; James, 2018 [8].

Tree scale: 0.1



Supplementary Figure S2. Phylogenetic analysis of GH29 and GH95 α -fucosidases. Neighbour-joining tree based on the alignment of eighty three α -fucosidases retrieved from the Cazy database (<http://www.cazy.org/Glycoside-Hydrolases.html>). Previously characterized α -fucosidases are highlighted in blue (GH95) and red (GH29), while the FumA1 and FumA2 proteins from the current study are highlighted in purple. Light blue circles indicate bootstrap values higher than 70 %, while the outgroup sequence is highlighted in green.



Supplementary Figure S3: PCA plot depicting the relative similarity of the metabolite contents of the samples analysed by NMR; coloured by **(A)** bacterial species, and **(B)** sugar added to culture media.

R2X = 59.5% Q2 = 45.8%.

(A) Uninoculated media (green), *B. breve* UCC2003 WT (blue), *B. breve* UCC2003 *fumA1-fumSTIT2* (red), *B. kashiwanohense* APCKJ1 WT (purple).

(B) No sugar added (orange), 1% lactose (green), 1% L-fucose (purple), 1% 2'-FL (blue), 1% 3-FL (red).

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