

**Table 2** (Supplementary)

Rice varieties	Isolate name	Soil sampling site	Fields	Origin of isolates associated with	Closest relative based on 16S rRNA gene <sup>a</sup>	IAA production <sup>a</sup>	ARA <sup>b</sup>	<sup>c</sup> P-solubilization	<sup>d</sup> K-solubilization	<sup>e</sup> S-production	Accession Numbers
Leaf star	AF1	Baghlan	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Agrobacterium larrymoorei</i> (99%)	14.5±0.7	0.0	1.0±0.1	0.0	0.0	LC015599
	AF5	Baghlan	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Pseudomonas brassicacearum</i> * (100%)	8.4±0.2	2.9±0.1	0.0	0.0	6.0±0.8	LC015569
	AF19	Baghlan	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Rhizobium daejeonense</i> (99%)	10.9±0.3	2.7±0.2	0.0	0.0	3.0±0.2	LC015583
	AF21	Badakhshan	Alfalfa	Leaf	N.D.	0.0	1.3±0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N.D.
	AF27	Takhar	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Microbacterium testaceum</i> (99%)	7.3±0.1	0.0	1.0±0.1	0.0	0.0	LC015552
	AF28	Baghlan	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Agrobacterium larrymoorei</i> (99%)	4.2±0.1	0.0	1.0±0.2	0.0	1.0±0.1	LC015600
	AF57	Baghlan	Paddy	Leaf	N.D.	5.6±0.3	0.2±0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	N.D.
	AF80	Kabul	Clover	Leaf	<i>Microbacterium testaceum</i> (99%)	5.9±0.4	0.0	1.5±0.4	0.0	0.0	LC015554
	AF95	Takhar	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Pseudomonas straminea</i> (100%)	5.3±0.2	5.0±0.2	0.0	0.0	7.0±0.5	LC015565
	AF113	Baghlan	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Acidovorax oryzae</i> (100%)	2.8±0.4	0.0	3.0±0.1	0.0	6.0±0.8	LC015530
	AF52	Takhar	Paddy	Root	<i>Agrobacterium larrymoorei</i> (99%)	9.4±1.6	0.0	1.1±0.1	0.0	0.0	LC015601
	AF62	Badakhshan	Alfalfa	Root	N.D.	9.5±1.0	0.3±0.0	1.2±0.3	0.0	0.0	N.D.
	AF70	Takhar	Paddy	Root	<i>Pseudomonas monteili</i> (100%)	17.7±0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0±0.9	LC015566
	AF71	Badakhshan	Alfalfa	Root	<i>Paenibacillus pabuli</i> (99 %)	4.2±0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0±0.7	LC015557
	AF78	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	<i>Pseudomonas brassicacearum</i> * (99%)	10.5±2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015568
	AF87	Badakhshan	Paddy	Root	<i>Rhizobium daejeonense</i> (99%)	14.8±0.5	0.1±0.0	1.1±0.3	0.0	0.0	LC015588
	AF90	Kunduz	Paddy	Root	<i>Variovorax paradoxus</i> (100%)	3.2±0.5	0.0	0.0	1.0 ± 0.2	1.0 ± 0.0	LC015538
	AF17	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	<i>Acidovorax avenae</i> (100%)	0.0	0.0	1.5±0.3	0	4.0±0.5	LC015533
Sorkhaq	AF9	Kunduz	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Pantoea ananatis</i> (100%)	22.5±1.2	3.4±0.3	2.5±0.1	4.0 ± 0.5	1.0±0.2	LC015551
	AF10	Baghlan	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Xanthomonas sacchari</i> (100%)	8.0±0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015604
	AF11	Baghlan	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Rhizobium rosettiformans</i> (99%)	11.7±2.2	0.5±0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015582
	AF16	Kunduz	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Xanthomonas sacchari</i> (99%)	6.8±0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0±0.1	LC015607
	AF22	Badakhshan	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Pseudomonas resinovorans</i> (99%)	3.9±0.9	0.2±0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015561
	AF23	Takhar	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Brevundimonas bullata</i> (99%)	30.5±2.7	2.3±0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015540
	AF33	Baghlan	Paddy	Leaf	N.D.	9.2±3.1	1.3±0.2	0.0	0.0	2.0±0.4	N.D.
	AF39	Kabul	Clover	Leaf	<i>Acidovorax oryzae</i> (100%)	3.2±1.1	3.2±0.2	0.0	0.0	3.0±0.4	LC015531
	AF84	Baghlan	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Rhizobium daejeonense</i> (99%)	17.4±2.6	629.1±23.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015590
	AF118	Badakhshan	Alfalfa	Leaf	N.D.	0.0	0.0	1.3±0.1	0.0	0.0	N.D.
	AF136	Kabul	Clover	Leaf	N.D.	5.0±0.8	4.4±0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	N.D.

AF137	Kabul	Clover	Leaf	<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> (100%)	15.8±1.5	647.4±27.4	1.0±0.1	1.0±0.1	0.0	LC015575	
AF3	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	N.D.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N.D.	
AF13	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	<i>Enterobacter ludwigii</i> (99%)	36.9±2.1	0.1±0.0	1.0±0.2	6.0±0.5	1.0±0.1	LC015543	
AF15	Kunduz	Paddy	Root	<i>Xanthomonas sacchari</i> (99%)	7.4±0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0±0.3	LC015606	
AF42	Badakhshan	Paddy	Root	<i>Enterobacter ludwigii</i> (99%)	17.1±0.4	3.9±0.1	2.0±0.2	2.0±0.1	1.0±0.1	LC015545	
AF50	Badakhshan	Paddy	Root	<i>Xanthomonas sacchari</i> (99%)	7.5±2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0±0.2	LC015602	
AF91	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	<i>Paenibacillus bracinonensis</i> (99%)	0.0	0.3±0.0	1.5±0.3	0.0	0.0	LC015555	
AF115	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	N.D.	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0±0.3	0.0	N.D.	
AF117	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	<i>Paenibacillus barcinonensis</i> (99%)	0.0	0.5±0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015556	
AF74	Badakhshan	Paddy	Root	<i>Enterobacter ludwigii</i> (99%)	18.8±1.0	0.3±0.0	2.0±0.2	4.2±0.7	3.0±0.5	LC015546	
AF127	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	N.D.	11.4±1.6	1.8±0.0	1.0±0.1	5.0±0.7	0.0	N.D.	
AF135	Kabul	Clover	Root	<i>Enterobacter ludwigii</i> (100%)	74.9±4.7	0.5±0.0	1.5±0.4	0.0	2.0±0.3	LC015542	
AF6	Baghlan	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i> (99%)	16.5±0.9	0.0	1.0±0.3	0.0	0.0	LC015597	
AF20	Baghlan	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Rhizobium daejeonense</i> (99%)	10.0±1.4	16.7±2.1	1.2±0.2	0.0	0.0	LC015584	
AF24	Takhar	Paddy	Leaf	N.D.	8.8±0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N.D.	
AF25	Takhar	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Anchrobacter xylosoxidans</i> (99%)	6.6±0.5	2.8±0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015528	
AF100	Takhar	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Pseudomonas chengduensis</i> (99%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0±0.7	LC015559	
AF51	Takhar	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Rhizobium daejeonense</i> (99%)	10.6±1.0	363.3±11.4	1.0±0.1	0.0	0.0	LC015586	
AF69	Takhar	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Ensifer adhaerens</i> (99%)	2.0±1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015581	
AF73	Takhar	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> (100%)	7.4±0.8	14.1±1.1	1.5±0.4	0.0	6.5±0.4	LC015579	
AF79	Kunduz	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Enterobacter ludwigii</i> (99%)	47.4±3.0	0.4±0.1	1.0±0.1	0.0	1.0±0.1	LC015547	
AF83	Baghlan	Paddy	Leaf	N.D.	13.9±0.6	0.6±0.0	0.0	3.0±0.8	1.0±0.3	N.D.	
Bala Doshi	AF86	Baghlan	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Pseudomonas brassicacearum</i> * (100%)	10.0±2.4	0.8±0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0±0.9	LC015572
	AF7	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	<i>Ralstonia insidiosa</i> (100%)	2.7±0.4	2.8±0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015529
	AF8	Takhar	Paddy	Root	<i>Rhizobium borbori</i> (99%)	6.5±0.8	1.5±0.4	0.0	0.0	1.0±0.1	LC015592
	AF30	Takhar	Paddy	Root	<i>Rhizobium daejeonense</i> (99%)	12.3±0.4	96.3±6.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015585
	AF31	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	<i>Pseudomonas oryzihabitans</i> (99%)	36.9±1.2	0.71±0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015573
	AF32	Kunduz	Paddy	Root	<i>Enterobacter ludwigii</i> (99%)	23.6±2.6	0.0	1.3±0.4	4.0±0.9	0.0	LC015544
	AF43	Takhar	Paddy	Root	<i>Pseudomonas mosselii</i> (100%)	7.6±0.8	0.0	5.0±0.6	0.0	3.0±0.5	LC015563
	AF46	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	<i>Pseudomonas brassicacearum</i> * (99%)	3.1±1.8	16.0±0.9	0.0	0.0	6.0±0.3	LC015571
	AF55	Takhar	Paddy	Root	<i>Acidovorax facilis</i> (99%)	4.1±1.5	0.3±0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015537
	AF66	Badakhshan	Paddy	Root	<i>Acidovorax facilis</i> (99%)	2.4±0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015536
	AF76	Takhar	Paddy	Root	<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> (100%)	9.9±1.4	1.0±0.1	0.0	0.0	7.0±0.9	LC015578
	AF77	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	N.D.	2.1±0.6	0.2±0.0	0.9±0.2	0.0	0.0	N.D.

AF96	Takhar	Paddy	Root	<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> (100%)	7.8±1.4	0.0	1.2±0.5	2.0±0.3	6.0±0.4	LC015580	
AF97	Badakhshan	Paddy	Root	N.D.	2.9±0.7	0.0	0.0	3.0±0.5	0.0	N.D.	
AF98	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	N.D.	5.7±0.3	0.0	1.5±0.3	4.0±1.0	0.0	N.D.	
AF99	Kunduz	Paddy	Root	<i>Pseudomonas oryzihabitans</i> (99%)	6.5±0.6	1.0±0.0	0.0	0	4.0±0.9	LC015574	
AF108	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> (100%)	0.0	0.0	1.5±0.2	2.0±0.2	0.0	LC015577	
AF130	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	<i>Brevundimonas diminuta</i> (99%)	3.2±1.8	1.2 ± 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015539	
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AF36	Badakhshan	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Pseudoxanthomonas mexicana</i> (100%)	2.4±0.2	16.9±0.9	1.1±0.1	0.0	0.0	LC015562	
AF54	Badakhshan	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Xanthomonas sacchari</i> (99%)	5.5±0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015609	
AF60	Badakhshan	Paddy	Leaf	<i>Microbacterium testaceum</i> (99%)	3.2±0.2	0.0	1.0±0.1	0.0	0.0	LC015553	
AF112	Badakhshan	Alfalfa	Leaf	<i>Pseudomonas plecoglossicida</i> (99%)	11.5±1.3	0.3±0.0	2.0±0.2	0.0	0.0	LC015560	
AF114	Badakhshan	Alfalfa	Leaf	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i> (100%)	14.1±0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015594	
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Look Andarab	AF38	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	N.D.	4.9±0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0±0.3	N.D.
	AF40	Takhar	Paddy	Root	<i>Rhizobium borbori</i> (99%)	10.8±0.9	1.7±0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015591
	AF75	Badakhshan	Paddy	Root	<i>Rhizobium daejeonense</i> (99%)	13.5±0.7	345.2±14.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015589
	AF82	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	<i>Pseudomonas brassicacearum</i> * (99%)	7.2±0.8	0.9±0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0±0.6	LC015567
	AF106	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> (100%)	12.8±1.8	0.0	1.0±0.1	3.0±0.5	5.0±0.8	LC015576
	AF124	Badakhshan	Paddy	Root	<i>Rhizobium daejeonense</i> (99%)	19.2±3.4	218.3±23.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015587
	AF119	Badakhshan	Paddy	Root	<i>Xanthomonas sacchari</i> (99%)	6.7±0.4	0.0	1.0±0.1	0.0	2.0±0.3	LC015603
	AF132	Kabul	Clover	Leaf	<i>Acidovorax avenae</i> (100%)	9.9±1.1	0.0	1.0±0.3	3.0±0.7	1.0 ± 0.1	LC015534
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Monda Laghman	AF134	Kabul	Clover	Leaf	<i>Enterobacter ludwigii</i> (99%)	92.4±5.9	1.1±0.1	0.0	0.0	2.5±0.2	LC015549
	AF138	Kabul	Clover	Leaf	<i>Acidovorax avenae</i> (100%)	4.0±1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015535
	AF26	Takhar	Paddy	Root	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i> (100%)	8.6±0.5	0.0	0.0	1.0±0.2	0.0	LC015595
	AF29	Badakhshan	Paddy	Root	<i>Xanthomonas sacchari</i> (99%)	8.4±2.5	0.0	0.0	4.0±0.8	4.0±0.3	LC015608
	AF44	Baghlan	Paddy	Root	<i>Bacillus safensis</i> (100%)	3.8±0.3	1.7±0.2	2.0±0.2	0.0	0.0	LC015558
	AF48	Badakhshan	Paddy	Root	<i>Acidovorax oryzae</i> (100%)	6.4±0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015532
	AF49	Badakhshan	Alfalfa	Root	N.D.	9.4±1.0	1.1±0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	N.D.
	AF58	Badakhshan	Alfalfa	Root	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i> (100%)	15.9±1.3	0.0	1.0±0.1	0.0	0.0	LC015598
	AF59	Badakhshan	Alfalfa	Root	<i>Pseudoxanthomonas japonensis</i> (99%)	7.8±0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0±0.4	LC015564
	AF88	Badakhshan	Paddy	Root	N.D.	0.0	0.0	1.1±0.1	0.0	0.0	N.D.
	AF105	Badakhshan	Paddy	Root	<i>Enterobacter ludwigii</i> (99%)	32.3±2.0	1.2±0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015541
	AF116	Badakhshan	Paddy	Root	<i>Xanthomonas sacchari</i> (100%)	9.5±2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0±0.5	LC015605
	AF121	Badakhshan	Alfalfa	Root	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i> (100%)	13.9±1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	LC015596
	AF129	Badakhshan	Paddy	Root	<i>Pseudomonas brassicacearum</i> (99%)	2.9±0.8	3.9±0.4	0.0	0.0	3.0±0.2	LC015570
	AF133	Kabul	Clover	Root	<i>Pantoea dispersa</i> (99%)	35.5±2.5	1.6 ± 0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0±0.2	LC015550

AF139	Kabul	Clover	Root	<i>Enterobacter ludwigii</i> (99%)	46.8±4.0	0.4±0.0	1.2±0.3	1.0±0.1	0.0	LC015548
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<sup>a</sup> Amount of IAA produced (µg IAA per mL per 10<sup>6</sup> cells).

<sup>b</sup> Acetylene reduction assay (ARA). Values represent activity expressed as nmol C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> / h/ 10<sup>6</sup> cells.

<sup>c</sup> Phosphate-solubilizing activity. Units represent size of clear zone (in mm) caused by dissolution of calcium phosphate.

<sup>d</sup> Potassium-solubilizing activity. Units represent size of clear zone (in mm) caused by dissolution of potassium mineral.

<sup>e</sup> Siderophore production by bacterial strains. Units represent size of orange or yellow zone (in mm).

\* *Pseudomonas brassicacearum* subsp. *brassicacearum*

† Values into parentheses indicate the percent of similarity between 16S RNA gene sequences of the isolates and those of known microorganisms of the NCBI GenBank.

N.D. means not determined