

Comparative Characteristics of a Korean *Xenorhabdus nematophilus* Strain Versus Other Entomopathogenic Bacteria

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A symbiotic bacterium, *Xenorhabdus nematophilus*, was isolated from the entomopathogenic nematode *Steinernema carpocapsae* collected in Korea. To understand genetic homology with other *X. nematophilus* strain and other symbiotic bacteria (*X. nematophilus* F1, *X. poinarii* G6, *X. beddingii* Q58, *Photorhabdus luminescens* subsp. *temerata* C1), physiological and molecular characteristics were compared. They were different in pathogenicity to the fifth instar larvae of *Spodoptera exigua* when they were injected into the larval hemoceol. They were different in fatty acid composition and carbon utility analyzed by Sherlock and Biolog identification systems, respectively. PCR-RFLP against 16S rDNA were performed and showed variation among the entopathogenic bacteria. DNA sequence analysis of 16S rDNA was also performed and compared.