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A total of 66 endophytic actinomycetes were obtained from root and leaf tissues of endemic medicinal and agricultural Thai plants. The majority (50%) belonged to genus *Streptomyces* and the remainder belonged to 10 genera including *Microbispora* (n=14), *Micromonospora* (n=7), *Actinomadura* (n=4), *Actinoallomurus* (n=2), *Nocardia* (n=1), *Nocardiosis* (n=1), *Nonomuraea* (n=1), *Promicromonospora* (n=1), *Saccharopolyspora* (n=1) and a new genus *Actinophytocola* (n=1). Two isolates, GMKU 367 and GMKU 370, were completely identified by polyphasic taxonomy. On the basis of combination of the significant difference data of phylogenetic, chemotaxonomic and morphological analyses, the strain GMKU 367 was assigned as a novel genus in the family *Pseudonocardiaceae*, for which the name *Actinophytocola oryzae* gen. nov., sp. nov. was proposed and the strain GMKU370 represented a novel species of the genus *Actinoallomurus*, for which the name *Actinoallomurus oryzae* sp. nov. was proposed. The properties of plant growth promotion were determined and indicated that 34 strains produced NH<sub>3</sub>, 20 strains solubilized phosphate, 33 strains produced siderophores, 13 strains produced IAA and 16 strains produced ACC deaminase. Only *Streptomyces* sp. GMKU 344 showed ability of all five characters. Sixteen strains corresponding to the ACC deaminase producers, showed unique band approximately 650 bp of ACC deaminase gene which highly conserved with other reports at the level of 80-93% identities. For anti-microbial test, most strains were active against bacteria (*Bacillus cereus* ATCC 11778, *Ralstonia solanacearum* ATCC BAA-1114) and fungi (*Aspergillus niger* and *Colletotrichum* sp.). Furthermore, *Microbispora* sp. GMKU 363 isolated from a root of Thai medicinal plant 'Lin Ngu Hao' was determined to produce a new furanone-derived polyketide designated linfuranone A. These results revealed that endophytic actinomycetes isolated from endemic plants of Thailand are a novel valuable source of new taxa, bioactive compound and plant growth promoting agents.

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ACC	=	1-aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylate
ACCD	=	1-aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylate deaminase
APG	=	PG containing an acyl group
A <sub>2</sub> pm	=	diaminopimelic acid
ATCC	=	American Type Culture Collection
BCC	=	BIOTEC <i>Culture</i> Collection
BLAST	=	The Basic Local Alignment Search Tool
BSU	=	Bio-Technology Service Unit
CaCO <sub>3</sub>	=	calcium carbonate
CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	=	acetic acid
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> S	=	sulfanilic acid (4-aminobenzene sulfonic acid )
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>7</sub> ·nFe·nH <sub>3</sub> N	=	ammonium ferric citrate
C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	=	N,N-Dimethyl-1-naphthylamine
cm	=	centimeter
CuSO <sub>4</sub> ·5H <sub>2</sub> O	=	copper sulphate pentahydrate
°C	=	degree Celsius
DAP	=	diaminopimelic acid
DMSO	=	dimethyl sulfoxide
DNA	=	deoxyribonucleic acid
dNTP	=	deoxynucleotide triphosphate
DDH	=	DNA-DNA hybridization
ddH <sub>2</sub> O	=	double distilled water
DW	=	distilled water
EDTA	=	ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid
DEE	=	Diethyl Ether
DPG	=	Diphosphatidylglycerol
EtOH	=	ethanol
ExoI	=	Exonuclease I
FeSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	=	iron (II) sulfate heptahydrate or Ferrous sulphate
g	=	gram

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GLC	=	gas-liquid chromatography
GluNu	=	Phospholipids of unknown structure containing glucosamine
GMKU	=	Genetics Microbiology Kasetsart University
GR	=	Ground roots
GTP	=	guanosine triphosphate
×g	=	times gravity
h	=	hour
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	=	hydrogen peroxide
HV	=	Humic acid-salts-vitamin agar medium
I <sub>2</sub>	=	Iodine
IAA	=	indole-3-acetic acid
ISP	=	International <i>Streptomyces</i> Project
JCM	=	Japan Collection of Microorganisms
kb	=	kilobase pairs
KCl	=	potassium chloride
KCTC	=	<i>Korean Collection for Type Cultures</i>
KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	=	potassium dihydrogen phosphate
K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	=	dipotassium phosphate
KI	=	potassium iodide
KNO <sub>3</sub>	=	potassium nitrate
λ	=	lambda
L	=	Leaves
l	=	liter
LB	=	Luria-Bertani medium
LPSN	=	List of Prokaryotic names with Standing in Nomenclature
M	=	molar
Mb	=	mega base pairs
MEGA	=	Molecular Evolutionary Genetics Analysis
MgCl <sub>2</sub>	=	magnesium chloride
MgSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	=	magnesium sulfate USP

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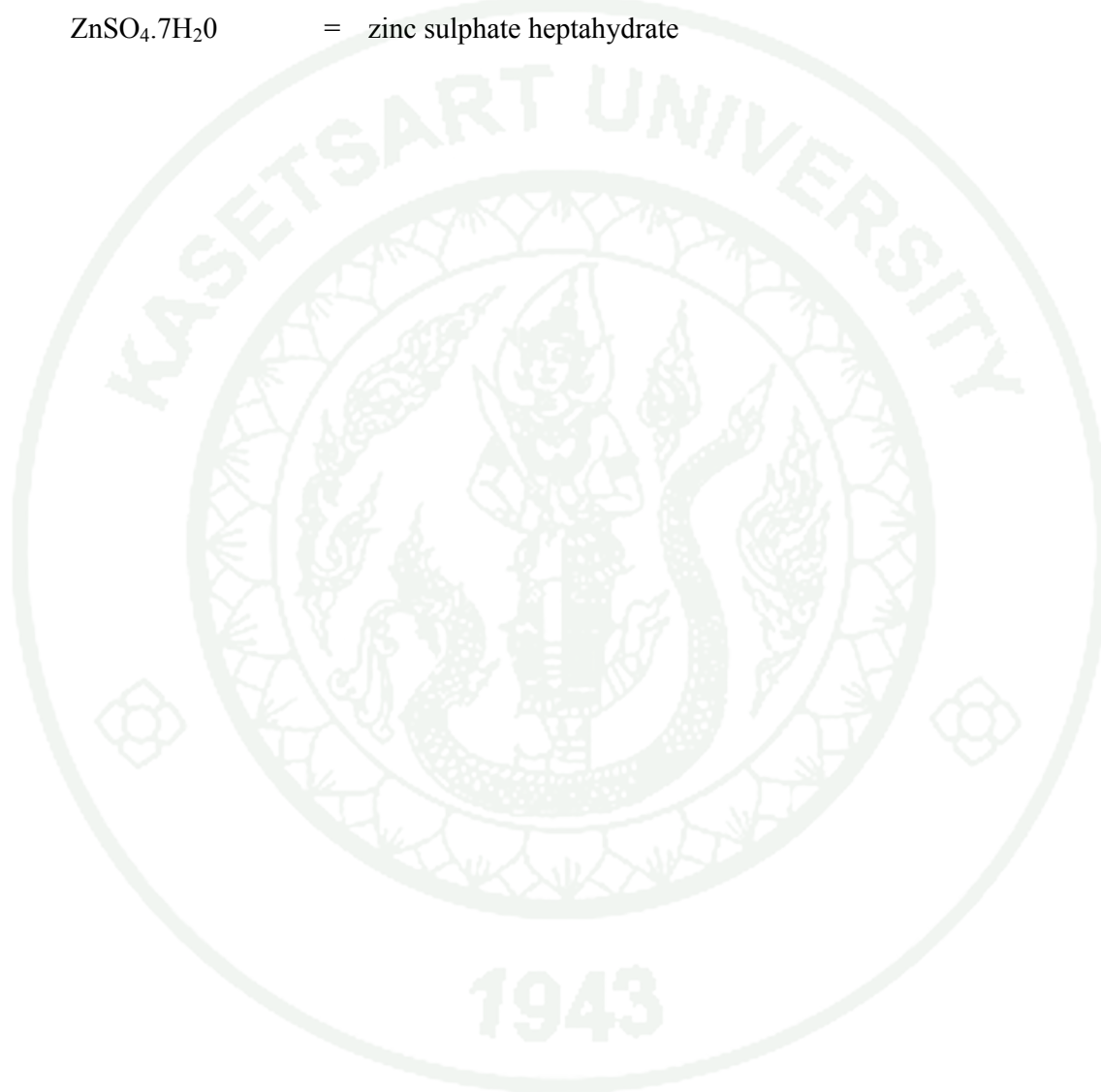
MIDI	=	Microbial Identification Inc.
min	=	minute
MK	=	Menaquinone
MM	=	Minimal medium
ml	=	milliliter
MnCl <sub>2</sub> .4H <sub>2</sub> O	=	manganese chloride tetrahydrate
MS	=	Mannitol Soya agar medium
µg	=	microgram
µl	=	microlitre
µM	=	micromolar
mg	=	milligram
mM	=	millimolar
n	=	number
NA	=	nutrient agar medium
NB	=	nutrient broth medium
NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	=	sodium hydrogen carbonate
NaCl	=	sodium chloride
NaClO	=	sodium hypochlorite
NaOAc	=	sodium acetate
Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	=	disodium hydrogen phosphate or disodium phosphate
Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	=	sodium thiosulfate
NBRC	=	Biological Resource Center
(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	=	ammonium sulfate
(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	=	ammonium phosphate dibasic (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>
NRRL	=	Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Culture Collection
nt	=	nucleotides
OD	=	Optical Density
OsO <sub>4</sub>	=	osmium tetroxide
PCR	=	Polymerase Chain Reaction
PDA	=	potato dextrose agar medium

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PB	=	Phosphatidylbutanediol
PC	=	Phosphatidylcholine
PE	=	Phosphatidylethanolamine
PG	=	Phosphatidylglycerol
PGPB	=	Plant growth-promoting bacteria
PI	=	Phosphatidylinositol
PIM	=	Phosphatidylinositol mannosides
PME	=	Phosphatidylmethylethanolamine
ρM	=	picomole
R	=	Roots
rRNA	=	ribosomal ribonucleic acid
rpm	=	revolutions per minute
RT	=	Room Temperature
SAM	=	S-adenosylmethionine
SAP	=	Shrimp Alkaline Phosphatase
SCA	=	starch casein agar medium
SDS	=	sodium dodecyl sulfate
sec	=	second
SEM	=	Scanning Electron Microscopy
TCA	=	Trichloro acetic acid
TAE	=	Tris-acetate-EDTA electrophoresis buffer solution
TE buffer	=	Tris-EDTA buffer
TLC	=	thin-layer-chromatography
TMPD	=	N,N,N',N'-tetramethyl-1,4-phenylenediamine dihydrochloride
U	=	unit
UV	=	ultraviolet
V	=	volume
v	=	various
WA	=	water agar medium
YD	=	yeast extract dextrose medium

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YS	=	yeast extract starch agar medium
ZnSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O	=	zinc sulphate heptahydrate



# CHARACTERIZATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF NOVEL TAXA, PLANT GROWTH PROMOTING PROPERTIES AND NEW COMPOUND FROM ENDOPHYTIC ACTINOMYCETES

## INTRODUCTION

Actinomycetes colonizing within living plants are new valuable source of medically and agriculturally useful compounds such as antibiotics, anti-tumor agents and plant growth-promoting agents. Several decades, actinomycetes are known as provider for over two-third of bioactive compounds used these days. However, the development of resistance to multiple drugs in the treatment of infections by pathogenic microorganisms has been increasingly and thus a research strategy to provide novel useful compounds is aimed towards isolation of novel actinomycetes from uncommon habitats. It is highly likely that the novel strains of actinomycetes contain new genes and also hold for the novel bioactive compounds. In general, most members of actinomycetes were isolated from environmental samples such as soil, fresh/sea water and sediments. Recently, some actinomycetes have been reported that they are able to closely associate inside living plants and do not harm the host plants. These microbes, known as endophytic actinomycetes, live in different organs of host plants, mainly in intercellular or intracellular spaces.

Endophytes confer profoundly enhanced fitness to the host plants by preventing the proliferation of pathogenic organisms as well as stimulating the growth of plants. As for the preventing, endophytic actinomycetes especially from medicinal plants in tropical rainforest possess inhibiting a wide variety of pathogens. For example, endophytic *Streptomyces munumbi* NRRL 30562 isolated from native medicinal snake-vine produces broad-spectrum antibiotic munumbicins which showed activity against several pathogens. For stimulation of plant growth, endophytes show ability for production of plant growth-promoting agents such as auxins and cytokinins, siderophores (to bind  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  from environments and help to improve nutrient uptake), and supply of plant nutrients such as phosphate, nitrogen

and other mineral nutrients or lower plant ethylene level through the action of the enzyme 1-aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylate (ACC) deaminase. The bacterial enzyme ACC deaminase is able to hydrolyze ACC, the intermediate biosynthetic precursors of the stress hormone ethylene, to ammonia and ketobutyrate resulting in decreased ethylene in plant tissues. However, a limited number of works have been done to elucidate the aforesaid abilities of endophytic actinomycetes especially the ability to stimulate plant growth.

This research demonstrated that actinomycetes colonized inside endemic plants of Thailand are a novel valuable source of medically and agriculturally useful compounds and plant growth-promoting agents. In this study endophytic actinomycetes were isolated from medicinal and agricultural important plants were characterized their taxonomy position. Some of them were identified at genus/species level by polyphasic taxonomy and new genus and new species were reported. Furthermore, their activities were detected as plant growth promoting agents. Anti-microbial activities were observed and a novel bioactive compound was characterized.

## OBJECTIVES

1. To identify novel taxa of endophytic actinomycetes isolated from medicinally and agriculturally important plants of Thailand.
2. To characterize plant growth promoting properties from endophytic actinomycetes.
3. To determine novel bioactive compounds produced by the endophytic actinomycetes.

## LITERATURE REVIEW

### 1. Actinomycetes

Actinomycetes (order Actinomycetales) are Gram-positive bacteria (Williams *et al.*, 1989) with a DNA base composition generally above 50 mol% G+C (Stackebrandt *et al.*, 1997). They are filamentous bacteria which produce aerial and substrate mycelium. The aerial mycelium is able to become spores (Takizawa *et al.*, 1993). Most of actinomycetes widely distribute in nature especially in soil where exist as saprophytes (Takizawa *et al.*, 1993). In the nature habitats, genus *Streptomyces* is commonly a major component of the total actinomycetes population while other genera are rare actinomycetes (Hayakawa, 2008). Actinomycetes, particularly *Streptomyces*, are best known for their ability to produce secondary metabolites especially antibiotics (Okami and Hotta, 1988).

### 2. Identification and classification of actinomycetes

In a new era of bacterial taxonomy, organisms proposed as members of the class Actinobacteria has its origin in three sources: firstly, the determination of 16S ribosomal ribonucleic acids (16S rRNA) sequence similarities, which reveals the extent of sequence variation among strains at all levels of relatedness (Stackebrandt, *et al.*, 1980); secondly, the establishment of chemotaxonomy; and thirdly, the introduction of DNA-DNA reassociation experiments that measures the gross similarities between single-stranded DNA of strains of closely related species (Stackebrandt and Kandler, 1979). Each of these approaches has contributed to the success of a classification strategy which has been termed polyphasic taxonomy. The term “polyphasic taxonomy” was called by Colwell (Vandamme *et al.*, 1996) and is used for the delineation of taxa at all levels (Murray *et al.*, 1990). The terms “polyphasic classification” and “polyphasic identification” can also be validly used. Development of bacterial, polyphasic taxonomy was aiming at the integration of different kinds of data and information namely, phenotypic and genotypic on microorganisms and essentially indicates a consensus type of taxonomy. Taxonomy

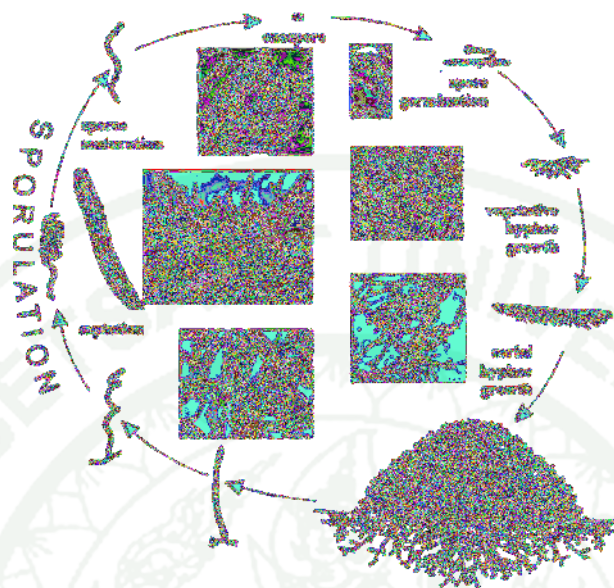
is generally taken as a synonym of systematics and is traditionally divided into three parts: (1) classification, i.e., the orderly arrangement of organisms into taxonomic groups on the basis of similarity; (2) nomenclature and (3) identification of unknown organisms (Vandamme *et al.*, 1996). The major categories of taxonomic method are divided into phenotypic and genotypic methods (Vandamme *et al.*, 1996; Tindall *et al.*, 2010).

## 2.1 Phenotypic methods

Phenotypic methods comprise all those that are not directed towards DNA or RNA therefore, they also include the chemotaxonomic techniques. The term “chemotaxonomy” refers to the application of analytical methods to collect information on various chemical constituents of the cell, such as cell wall amino acids, lipids, proteins, isoprenoid quinones and sugars, amongst members of microbial taxa and the use of such information for classification and identification of bacteria (Cummins and Harris, 1956; Vandamme *et al.*, 1996). The most commonly used chemical characters in actinomycete systematics are cellular fatty acids, menaquinones, mycolic acid, muramic acid types, phospholipids, whole-organism amino acids and sugars (Williams *et al.*, 1989). Besides, morphological, physiological, and biochemical characters are also used for identification. These methods were described in the identification key by Nonomura (1974) and Bergey’s Manual of Determinative Bacteriology (2012).

### 2.1.1 Morphological characters

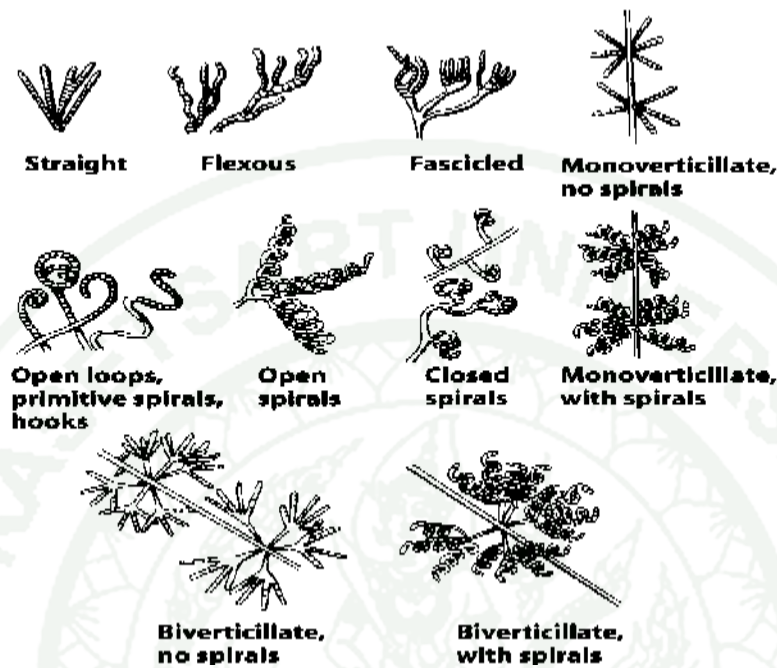
Actinomycetes can be characterized as differentiating prokaryotes which exhibit strain specific types of morphological differentiation including germination of spores, elongation and branching of vegetative mycelium, formation of aerial mycelium, septation of hyphae and spore maturation. This morphological variation was previously used to characterize the actinomycetes (Vobis and Miyadop, 1997).



**Figure 1** Life cycle of *Streptomyces* that grows as branching of vegetative hyphae mycelium which draw nutrients from the soil environment. When the nutrients are depleted, the *Streptomyces* colonies undergo differentiation, formation of aerial mycelium, septation of hyphae and spore maturation.

**Source:** Institute of Immunology and Experimental Therapy (2002)

Morphological characters have been an important characteristic to identify actinomycete isolates. It was used in the first descriptions. This study is best made by using a variety of standard culture media, including those recommended for the International *Streptomyces* Project (ISP) (Shirling and Gottlieb, 1966). Morphological observations including germination of spores, elongation and branching of vegetative mycelium, formation of aerial mycelium, color of aerial and substrate mycelium and pigment production are used to identify actinomycetes. These colors were determined by comparing its color with the color chips from Color Harmony Manual (Jacobson *et al.*, 1958). The spore surface and spore structure are observed by scanning electron microscopy (SEM).



**Figure 2** Various type of spore-bearing structure in *Streptomyces*.

**Source:** Madigan and Martinko (2006)

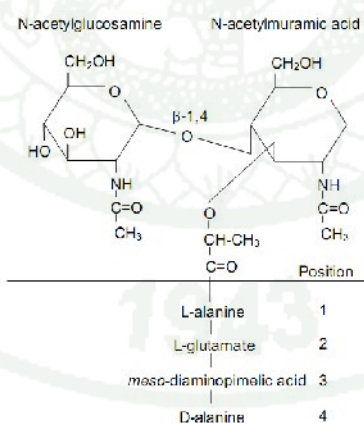
### 2.1.2 Chemotaxonomic characters

#### 2.1.2.1 Peptidoglycan

Peptidoglycans provide the basic structure of the bacterial cell wall. Although there is considerable inter-species variation in the detailed structure of peptidoglycan, its chemical architecture remains constant, that is, it consists of  $\beta$ -1,4 linked disaccharides of N-acetylglucosamine and N-acetylmuramic acid. Glycan chain length varies from 10-65 disaccharide units. Tetrapeptide side chains are linked to carboxyl group of muramic acid (Figure 3). L-alanine is usually linked to muramic acid while most variable occurs at position 3 (Figure 4) where a diamino acid usually occurs and the most widely distributed is diaminopimelic acid (DAP or A<sub>2</sub>pm). In Gram-positive bacteria, primary structure of two peptide subunits are usually cross-linked through interpeptide bridges composed of 1-6 amino acid

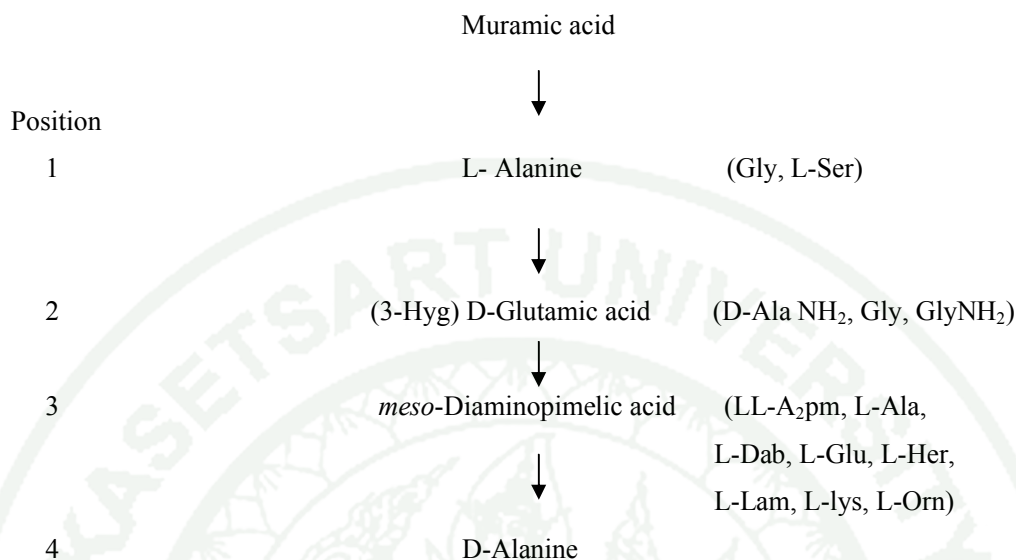
units. These cross-linkages are normally found between amino acids at position 3 and 4 (Suzuki *et al.*, 1993). Peptidoglycans are usually classified according to the system proposed by Schleifer and Kandler (1972). Most actinomycetes have the type A peptidoglycan (crosss-linkage between positions 3 and 4 of two peptide subunits) though members of the family *Microbacteriaceae* exhibit the distinctive type B form (crosss-linkage between positions 2 and 4 of two peptide subunits). Variation in peptidoglycans provides useful information for the classification of actinomycetes at and above the genus level (Schleifer & Kandler, 1972).

The muramic acids of actinomycete peptidoglycans can be either N-acetylated or N-glycolated (Uchida and Aida, 1977; 1984). Most actinomycetes contain N-acetylated muramic acids while the genera *Micromonospora*, *Mycobacterium*, and *Nocardia* are characterized by the presence of N-glycolated muramic acid residues (Uchida and Aida, 1977). A simple colorimetric method is available for the determination of glycolyl or acetyl residues in bacterial cells (Suzuki, 2003).



**Figure 3** Fragments of the primary structure of typical peptidoglycan. Complete structure of a single subunit show the linkage between the two amino-sugar that make up the glycan strand and tetrapeptide side chains are linked to carboxyl group of muramic acid.

**Source:** Suzuki *et al.* (1993)



**Figure 4** Some of the variations found in peptide subunits of Gram-positive bacteria. The amino acids in parentheses may replace the corresponding amino acid.

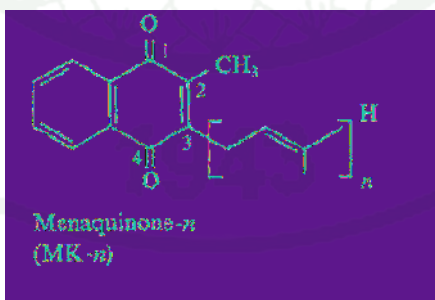
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#### 2.1.2.2 Cellular fatty acids

Cellular fatty acids can be defined as carboxylic acid derivatives of long-chain aliphatic molecules. In bacteria, they range in chain length from two (C<sub>2</sub>) to over ninety (C<sub>90</sub>) carbon atoms. Fatty acids in the range C<sub>10</sub> to C<sub>24</sub> are of the greatest taxonomic value. Cellular fatty acid composition can be quantitatively analyzed by using gas-liquid-chromatography. For gram positive bacteria, there are three main groups of cellular fatty acids, namely straight-chain, branched-chain and complex fatty acid types. Analysis of cellular fatty acids, the MIDI system (Newark, Delaware, USA) is a commercially available identification procedure for bacteria based on gas-liquid chromatography (GLC) analysis (Suzuki *et al.*, 1993).

### 2.1.2.3 Menaquinones

Various kinds of isoprenoid quinones occur in the cytoplasmic membranes of most prokaryotes as electron carriers in electron transport systems that menaquinones (MK) and ubiquinone (Q) are the two most widely distributed (Suzuki *et al.*, 1993). For actinomycetes, menaquinones are the most common type found in envelopes (Kroppenstedt, 1985; Suzuki *et al.*, 1993). The structures of isoprenoid quinones are generally described by the aberration of the quinone nucleus and by the number of isoprene units present in the side chain. In the case of isoprenoid quinones with partially hydrogenated side chains, the number of hydrogen atom is shown, e.g. MK-m (H<sub>2n</sub>) (Suzuki *et al.*, 1993). Menaquinones have a chemical structure analogous to that of vitamin K2 (MK-7; unsaturated menaquinone with seven isoprene units and are classified according to the number of isoprene units, which can vary from one up to fifteen, and the degree of saturation or hydrogenation. The structure and composition of bacterial menaquinones are determined either semi-quantitatively by mass spectrometry or quantitatively by high-performance liquid chromatography (Collins, 1977; Kroppenstedt, 1985). The position or point of hydrogenation in isoprenoid side-chains can be very specific and hence of taxonomic value (Collins, 1977).



**Figure 5** Structure of unsaturated menaquinones.

**Source:** Suzuki *et al.* (1993)

#### 2.1.2.4 Phospholipids

Phospholipids are the most common polar lipids found in bacterial cytoplasmic membranes (Suzuki *et al.*, 1993). The structural variations found in bacterial phospholipids are illustrated in Table 1. The different types of phospholipids are discontinuously distributed in actinomycetes and hence provide useful taxonomic information (Minnikin and O'Donnell, 1984). Lechevalier *et al.* (1981) classified actinomycetes into five phospholipid groups based on major phospholipids markers found in whole-organism extracts. Phospholipids extracted from actinomycetes by using organic solvent systems (Minnikin *et al.*, 1984) can be separated by thin-layer-chromatography (TLC) and detected using non-specific (5%, w/v, ethanolic molybdophosphoric acid) (Suzuki *et al.*, 1993) or specific spray reagents. The latter can be used to detect  $\alpha$ -glycols (periodate-Schiff) (Shaw, 1968), amino groups (0.2% ninhydrin, w/v, in water-saturated butanol) (Consdon and Gordon, 1948), choline (Dragendorff reagent; Wagner *et al.*, 1961), lipid phosphates (Dittmer and Lester, 1964) and sugars ( $\alpha$ -naphthol; Jacin & Mishkin, 1965). Actinomycetes can be assigned to established phospholipid patterns according to the presence or absence of specific or combinations of specific phospholipid markers (Table 2). In general, members of the same actinomycete genus have the same phospholipid type. Phospholipid patterns can be important for the recognition of actinomycete genera (Goodfellow, 1989; Williams *et al.*, 1989).

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**Table 1** Actinomycete phospholipids.

Overall charge	Polar head group substituent (Y)	Name and abbreviation
1+	Glycerol	Phosphatidylglycerol (PG)
2+	Phosphatidylglycerol	Diphosphatidylglycerol (DPG)
1+	Butane-2,3-diol	Phosphatidylbutanediol (PB)
1+	Inositol	Phosphatidylinositol (PI)
1+	Acylated mannosylinositols	Phosphatidylinositol mannosides (PIM)
0	Ethanolamine	Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE)
0	Choline	Phosphatidylcholine (PC)
0	Methylethanolamine	Phosphatidylmethylethanolamine (PME)

Source: Minikin and O'Donnell (1984)

**Table 2** Classification of actinomycete phospholipids

Type	Characteristics								
	PIM	PI	PC	PG	PE	PME	GluN	APG	DPG
PI	+	+	-*	various	-*	-	u	various	various
PII	+	+	-*	various	+	-	u	various	+
PIII	various	+	+	various	various *	+	u	various	various
PIV	?	+	-*	-*	various *	various	u	-	+
PV	?	+	-*	various *	various *	-	u	various	+

\*diagnostic phospholipid

Source: Lechevalier *et al.* (1977) and Lechevalier *et al.* (1981)

#### 2.1.2.5 Sugar composition

Neutral sugars, which are major components of actinomycete cell envelopes, are useful taxonomic markers at the suprageneric level. Sugar composition can be determined by simple paper chromatography (Schaal, 1985) or by using gas-liquid chromatography (Saddler *et al.*, 1991). Actinomycetes can be assigned to five groups on the basis of the discontinuous distribution of major diagnostic sugars, namely: group A, arabinose plus galactose; group B, madurose (3-O-methyl-D-galactose); C, no diagnostic sugars, D, arabinose plus xylose; and E, galactose plus rhamnose (Lechevalier and Lechevalier, 1970). A few rare sugars have also been reported to be diagnostic for members of some actinomycete taxa, notably the occurrence of 3-O-methyl-rhamnose in *Catellatospora* (Asano *et al.*, 1989) and tyvelose in *Agromyces* (Maltsev *et al.*, 1992).

#### 2.1.2.6 Mycolic acids

Mycolic acids are especially long chain 3-hydroxy fatty acids with an alkyl branch at position 2. These molecules are only present in members of the genera *Corynebacterium*, *Dietzia*, *Gordona*, *Mycobacterium*, *Nocardia*, *Rhodococcus* and *Tsukamurella* (Suzuki *et al.*, 1993).

### 2.2 Genotypic methods

Genotypic methods are those that are directed towards DNA or RNA molecules.

#### 2.2.1 Determination of the DNA base ratio (moles percent G+C)

Determination of the moles percent guanosine plus cytosine is one of the classical genotypic methods and is considered part of the standard description of bacterial taxa. Generally, the range observed is not more than 3% within a well-

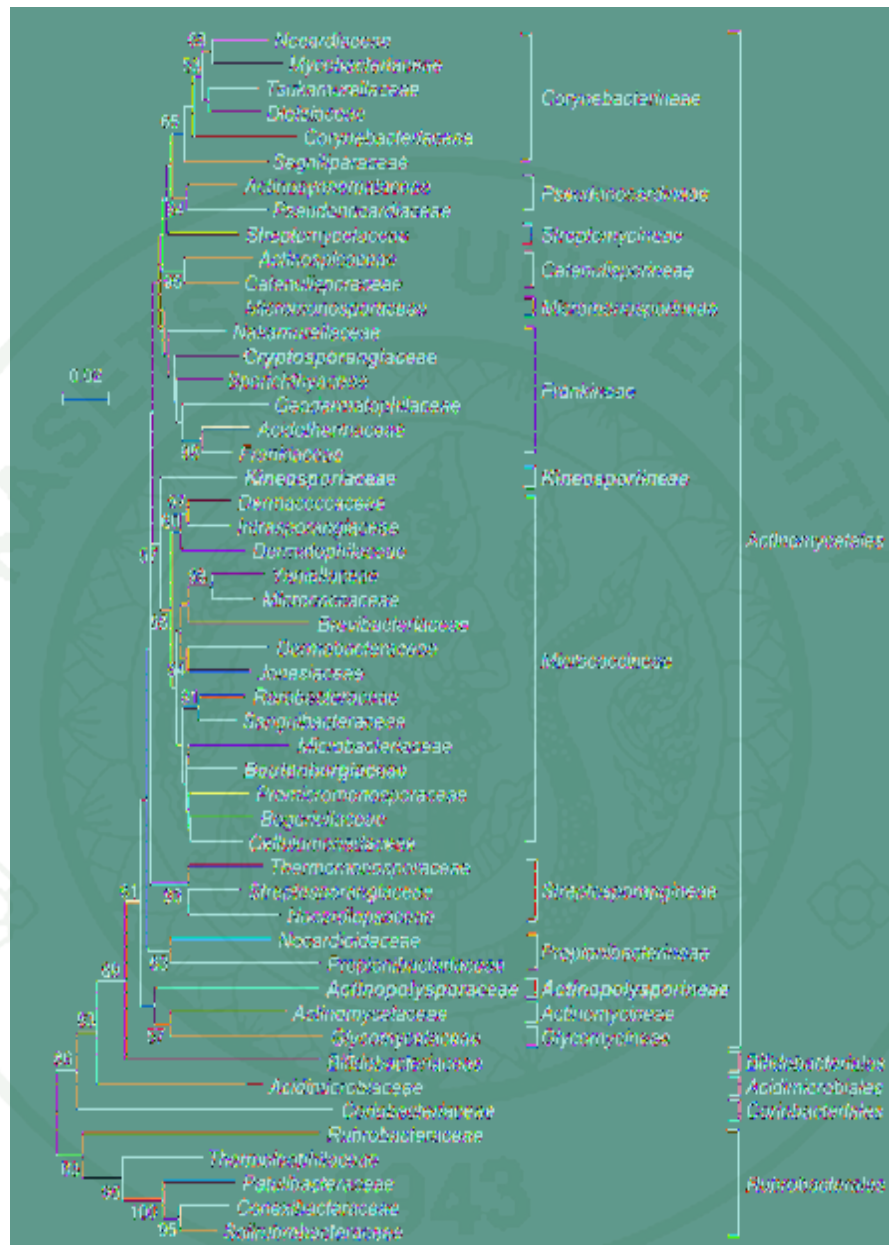
defined species and not more than 10% within a well-defined genus. Actinomycetes contain DNA within the range 51- 78 mol % G+C (Stackebrandt and Liesack, 1993).

### 2.1.2 Ribosomal ribonucleic acid (rRNA) gene

Bacterial systematics is increasingly being based on phylogenetic information, which derived from DNA and RNA molecules (Woese, 1987; Ludwig *et al.*, 1993; Ludwig and Schleifer, 1994). Woese (1987) focused on the small and large subunit of rRNA sequences that provide the most useful and suitable chronometer for phylogenetic analyses. They: (1) show a high degree of functional constancy which assures relatively good clockwise behavior; (2) occur in all organisms; (3) show different rates of mutation along different parts of the macromolecule thereby allowing distant phylogenetic comparisons to be made; and (4) can be sequenced directly. For these reason, the rRNA sequences were shown to be a very useful molecular marker for phylogenetic analyses (Luwig and Schleifer, 1994). There are three rRNAs in bacteria which are classified by their sedimentation (S) rates in ultracentrifugation, 23S, 16S and 5S which are 3300, 1650 and 120 bases, respectively. Most bacterial species, genes that encode for the three rRNA types are closely linked in gene sets in the order 16S-23S-5S rDNA (Rossello-Mora and Amann, 2001). Among the three rRNA molecules, 16S rRNA is the most commonly housekeeping genetic marker that used for bacterial phylogeny and taxonomy because (1) its presence in almost all bacteria, often existing as a multigene family, or operons; (2) the function of the 16S rRNA gene over time has not changed, suggesting that random sequence changes are a more accurate measure of time (evolution); and (3) the 16S rRNA gene is large enough for informatics purposes. Thus, significance of phylogenetic studies based on 16S rRNA gene is increasing in the systematics of bacteria. Phylogenetic tree based on sequences of 16S ribosomal DNA allows the investigation of evolution of bacteria also provides the basis for identification (Woese, 1987; Yokota, 1997). For 5S rRNA, it is not usually considered to be a suitable molecule for phylogenetic analyses because of its small size that does not allow statistically significant sampling (Woese, 1987). Relatively little work has been done on the more complex 23S rRNA which consists of approximately 3300 nucleotides.

Reasonably good agreement has been found between evolutionary trees based on 16S and 23S rRNA sequence data (Ludwig *et al.*, 1992).

The analysis of 16S rRNA sequence produces numerical values of 16S rRNA similarities that can be used as circumscription of a species. Strains that show  $\leq 97\%$  16S rRNA sequence similarity to all known taxa are considered to belong to a new species and isolates that have  $\geq 97\%$  identity is not as clear. This latter value can represent a new species or, alternatively, indicate clustering within a previously defined taxon (Amann *et al.*, 1992; Stackebrandt and Goebel, 1994; Vandamme *et al.*, 1996; Stackebrandt *et al.*, 2002; Gevers *et al.*, 2005 and Janda and Abbott, 2007). On the basis of phylogenetic analysis using particular 16S rRNA gene sequences, actinomycetes (order Actinomycetales) is known to be composed of 13 suborder (Zhi *et al.*, 2009), as shown in Figure 6, with a recent proposed suborder Jiangellineae (Tang, 2011).

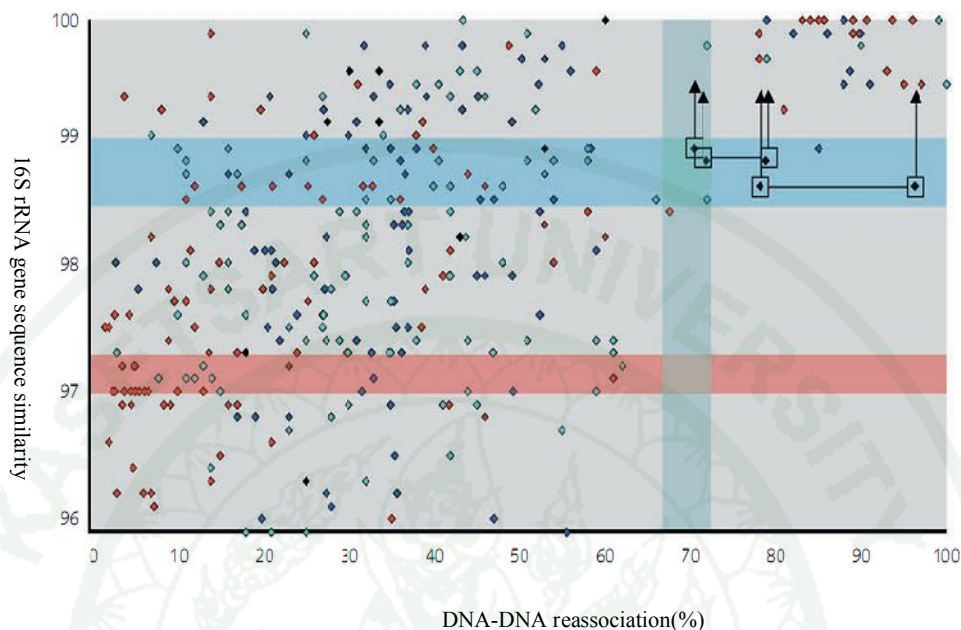


**Figure 6** Intra-class relatedness of the class Actinobacteria showing the presence of five orders (Actinomycetales, Bifidobacteriales, Acidimicrobiales, Coriobacteriales and Rubrobacteriales) based on 16S rRNA gene sequence comparison.

**Source:** Zhi *et al.* (2009)

### 2.2.3 DNA-DNA hybridization (DDH)

The percent DDH is unequivocally the gold standard for proposed new species (Wayne *et al.*, 1987). The percent DNA binding or the DDH value (percentage of whole-genome sequence similarity) or the relative binding ratio is an indirect parameter of the sequence similarity between two entire genomes (Grimont *et al.*, 1980). In this approach, the overall genetic similarity among isolates is assessed by the degree to which their genomes hybridize under standardized conditions. Isolates show more than 70% DNA-DNA-binding values and less than 5% difference in their melting temperature ( $\Delta T_m$ ) are considered to belong to the same species (although this threshold value might be adjusted by expert practitioners that are familiar with the vagaries of individual taxonomic groups) (Vandamme *et al.*, 1996; Stackebrandt *et al.*, 2002; Gevers *et al.*, 2005). Comparison of 16S rRNA gene sequence homology and DNA-DNA reassociation values, strains that show < 97% 16S rRNA sequence similarity usually share < 70% DDH, isolates that have  $\geq 97\%$  identity might or might not meet the 70% DDH criterion for inclusion in the same species as shown in Figure 7 (Stackebrandt and Goebel, 1994; Gevers *et al.*, 2005).



**Figure 7** Comparison of 16S rRNA gene sequence homology and DNA-DNA reassociation values. The different colours refer to broad categories of reassociation methods: red, microtitre plate technique, dark blue, spectrophotometric technique, light-blue, membrane filter method; black, other methods, e.g. dot hybridization, or not defined. Horizontal rules between squares indicate data obtained by two different reassociation methods. Arrows point to the position of *in silico*-recalculated binary 16S rRNA gene sequence similarity values of sequences. The horizontal blue bar indicates the threshold range above which it is now recommended to perform DNA–DNA reassociation experiments; the horizontal red bar indicates the threshold values published previously (Stackebrandt and Goebel, 1994).

**Source:** Stackebrandt and Eber (2006)

### 3. Endophytic actinomycetes

There are several definitions of endophytes but many reports have followed the definition of Hallmann *et al.* (1997) because this definition includes internal colonies with apparently neutral behavior as symbionts (Hasegawa *et al.*, 2006). The endophytes are defined as any microbes (fungi, bacteria, actinomycetes) as an endophyte if it does not visibly harm the plant and it can be isolated from the surface of disinfected plant tissues or extracted from inside the plant (Hallmann *et al.*, 1997). As for actinomycetes, the majority of them were once believed to survive in environments such as the soil, rhizosphere, and pond and lake sediments as saprophytes by degrading organic materials for nutrition (Suzuki *et al.*, 2005). However, in the 19th century some actinomycetes, proved to be closely associated within living plants and giving beneficial to the host plants, are known as endophytic actinomycetes (Hasegawa *et al.*, 2006).

#### 3.1 Distribution and diversity

The first report of endophytic actinomycete was found in member of the genus *Frankia* and was isolated from *Comptonia peregrina* root nodules in 1978 (Callahan, 1978). The *Frankia* species is nitrogen-fixing symbiosis with a large number of woody dicotyledonous (Simonet *et al.*, 1994; Provorov *et al.*, 2002). Symbiosis of *Frankia* is closest to the legume-rhizobia in terms of evolution, structure and function. While it had been well established that *Frankia* formed a symbiotic relationship with angiosperms it was not identified as endophyte until the first electron micrograph was made (Provorov *et al.*, 2002). Since the first isolation of *Frankia*, a number of other biologically active endophytes and root-colonising microorganisms belonging to the order actinomycetales have been isolated or detected. Endophytic actinomycetes have been isolated from variety of plants. The most common endophytic actinomycetes isolated from surface-sterilized of plant tissue belonged to the genus *Streptomyces* (Sardi *et al.*, 1992; Taechowisan *et al.*, 2003). Sardi *et al.* (1992) isolated 49 endophytic actinobacteria from a range of plant species with approximately 96% of isolates belonging to the genus *Streptomyces*.

The remainder belonged to *Nocardia*, *Micromonospora* and *Streptosporangium*. Stamford *et al.* (2001) isolated *Nocardiopsis* sp. from tubers of yam bean (*Pachyrhizus erosus* L. Urban) and studied their  $\alpha$ -amylase production. Taechowisan *et al.* (2003) isolated 330 actinomycetes from 26 different Thai medicinal plant species and the majority was *Streptomyces* spp. Likewise, Coombs and Franco (2003a; 2003b) isolated 38 strains belonging to *Streptomyces*, *Microbispora*, *Micromonospora* and *Nocardia* from surface-sterilized root tissues of healthy wheat plants and *Streptomyces* was demonstrated by using GFP-expressing. Endophytic streptomycete strains were isolated from roots of tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum*) and examined their antimicrobial activity (Cao *et al.*, 2004). Furthermore, Cao *et al.* (2004) and Tian *et al.* (2004) found that *Streptomyces* spp. were dominant species in banana (*Musa acuminata*) and rice plants. Besides, Valdes *et al.*, (2005) have reported actinobacteria in families of Thermomonosporaceae and Micromonosporaceae isolated from surface-sterilized root nodules of *Casuarina equisetifolia* growing in Mexico. Rosenblueth and Martinez-Romero (2006) listed 8 genera of plant-associated actinomycetes including *Arthrobacter*, *Curtobacterium*, *Kocuria*, *Nocardia* and *Streptomyces*.

### 3.2 As a source of novel genetic resources

Since a new genus of endophytic actinomycetes, *Actinosynnema*, isolated from a grass blade was described by Hasegawa *et al.* in 1978, only distribution and diversity of endophytic actinobacteria were reported in several plants. Until 1998, Kudo *et al.* (1998) have discovered four novel species of genus *Kineosporia* as endophytic actinomycetes isolated from leaves and roots of plant samples in Japan. Since then, several novel species of endophytic actinomycetes have been reported. For example, *Agromyces albus* was isolated from stems and leaves of *Androsace* sp. (Dorofeeva *et al.*, 2003). Song *et al.* (2004) have discovered a novel species of genus *Kribbella* as endophytic actinomycetes isolated from potato tuber. *Micromonospora coriariae* was isolated from root nodules of *Coriaria myrtifolia* (Trujillo *et al.*, 2006). *Pseudonocardia oroxyli* was isolated from root of surface-sterilized of traditional Chinese medicinal plant (*Oroxylum indicum*) (Gu *et al.*, 2006). *Glycomyces*

*sambucus* was isolated from stem of traditional Chinese medicinal plant, *Sambucus adnata* Wall (Gu *et al.*, 2007). Trujillo *et al.* (2007) have reported novel species *Micromonospora lupine* and *M. saelicesensis* that were isolated from root nodules of *Lupinus angustifolius*. And in Thailand, Duangmal *et al.* (2009) and Thachaienet *et al.* (2010) isolated *Pseudonocardia acacia* and *Actinoallomurus acacia* from *Acacia auriculiformis* A. Cunn. ex Benth. (earpod wattle) and reported novel species. The list of novel species and genus isolated from several plants was shown in Table 3.

**Table 3** The novel species and genus of endophytic actinomycetes

Name of the endophytic actinomycetes	Host plants	Closest non-endophytic species and 16S rRNA gene sequences similarity (%)	GenBank accession no.
<i>Actinosynnema mirum</i>	Grass	No report	CP001630
<i>Kineosporia succinea</i>	<i>Cyperus microiria</i>	<i>K. aurantiaca</i> (96.3-99.8%)	AB003932
<i>Kineosporia rhizophila</i>	<i>Cyperus microiria</i>		AB003933
<i>Kineosporia mikuniensis</i>	<i>Sphagnum</i> sp.		AB003934
<i>Kineosporia rhamnosa</i>	<i>Typha latifolia</i>		AB003935
<i>Agromyces albus</i>	<i>Androsace</i> sp.	<i>A. ramosus</i> (98.8%)	AF503917
<i>Kribbella solani</i>	<i>Ipomoea batatas</i> L.	<i>K. sandramycini</i> (98.6%)	AY253862
<i>Pseudonocardia oroxyli</i>	<i>Oroxylum indicum</i>	<i>P. halophobica</i> (97.8%)	DQ343154
<i>Micromonospora coriariae</i>	<i>Coriaria myrtifolia</i>	<i>M. endolithica</i> (98.94%)	AJ784008
<i>Glycomyces sambucus</i>	<i>Sambucus adnata</i> Wall	<i>G. lechevalierae</i> (97.2%)	DQ460469

Table 3 (Continued)

Name of the endophytic actinomycetes	Host plants	Closest non-endophytic species and 16S rRNA gene sequences similarity (%)	GenBank accession no.
<i>Micromonospora lupine</i>	<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i>	<i>M. mirobrigensis</i> (98.5%)	AJ783996
<i>Micromonospora saelicesensis</i>	<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i>	<i>M. purpureochromogenes</i> (98.7%)	AJ783993
<i>Leifsonia ginsengi</i>	<i>Ginseng</i>	<i>L. poae</i> (97.6%)	DQ473536
<i>Rhodococcus cercidiphylli</i>	<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	<i>R. fascians</i> (99.6%)	EU325542
<i>Dietzia schimae</i>	<i>Schima</i> sp.	<i>D. maris</i> (99.8%)	EU375845
<i>Dietzia cercidiphylli</i>	<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	<i>D. natronolimnaea</i> (99.5%)	EU375846
<i>Saccharopolyspora endophytica</i>	<i>Maytenus austroyunnanensis</i>	<i>S. flava</i> (97.7%)	EU814512
<i>Glycomyces endophyticus</i>	<i>Carex baccans</i> Nees	<i>G. algeriensis</i> (99%)	EU200681
<i>Streptomyces mayteni</i>	<i>Maytenus austroyunnanensis</i>	<i>S. phaeopurpureus</i> (99.5%)	EU200683
<i>Pseudonocardia endophytica</i>	<i>Lobelia clavata</i>	<i>P. kongjuensis</i> (98.5%)	DQ887489
<i>Micrococcus endophyticus</i>	<i>Aquilaria sinensis</i>	<i>M. luteus</i> (99.06%)	EU005372
<i>Pseudonocardia acacia</i>	<i>Acacia auriculiformis</i> A. Cunn. ex Benth	<i>P. spinosipora</i> (96.2%)	EU921261
<i>Phytohabitans suffuscus</i>	Orchid	<i>M. pattaloongensis</i> (97.7%)	AB490769
<i>Kineosporia mesophila</i>	<i>Tripterygium wilfordii</i>	<i>K. mikuniensis</i> (98.2%)	FJ214362

Table 3 (Continued)

Name of the endophytic actinomycetes	Host plants	Closest non-endophytic species and 16S rRNA gene sequences similarity (%)	GenBank accession no.
<i>Saccharopolyspora tripterygii</i>	<i>Tripterygium hypoglaucum</i>	<i>S. flava</i> (97.6%)	FJ214364
<i>Herbidospora osyris</i>	<i>Osyris wightiana</i> Wall. ex Wight	<i>H. cretacea</i> (99.9%)	FJ214356
<i>Streptomyces sedi</i>	<i>Sedum</i> sp.	<i>S. specialis</i> (97.5%)	EU925562
<i>Streptomyces alni</i>	<i>Alnus nepalensis</i> D. Don	<i>S. hebeiensis</i> (97.6%)	DQ460470
<i>Glycomyces scopariae</i>	<i>Scoparia dulcis</i>	<i>G. algeriensis</i> (97.4%)	EU200682
<i>Glycomyces mayteni</i>	<i>Maytenus austroyunnanensis</i>	<i>G. algeriensis</i> (97.1%)	EU814511
<i>Plantactinospora mayteni</i>	<i>Maytenus austroyunnanensis</i>	<i>M. endolithica</i> (98.1%)	FJ214343
<i>Nonomuraea antimicrobica</i>	<i>Maytenus austroyunnanensis</i>	<i>N. candida</i> (98.2%)	FJ157184
<i>Actinomadura flavalba</i>	<i>Maytenus austroyunnanensis</i>	<i>A. atramentaria</i> (97.4%)	FJ157185
<i>Jiangella alba</i>	<i>Maytenus austroyunnanensis</i>	<i>J. alkaliphila</i> (98.8%)	FJ157186
<i>Pseudonocardia tropica</i>	<i>Maytenus austroyunnanensis</i>	<i>P. alni</i> (99.5%)	GQ906587
<i>Micrococcus yunnanensis</i>	<i>Polyspora axillaris</i>	<i>M. luteus</i> (99.7%)	FJ214355
<i>Micromonospora pisi</i>	<i>Pisum sativum</i>	<i>M. pattaloongensis</i> (98.7%)	AM944497
<i>Pseudonocardia adelaidensis</i>	<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>	<i>P. zijingensis</i> (98.7%)	FJ805427
<i>Pseudonocardia eucalypti</i>	<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>	<i>P. spinosipora</i> (96.3%)	FJ805426

Table 3 (Continued)

Name of the endophytic actinomycetes	Host plants	Closest non-endophytic species and 16S rRNA gene sequences similarity (%)	GenBank accession no.
<i>Nocardia callitridis</i>	<i>Callitris preissii</i>	<i>N. nova</i> (97.4%)	FJ805428
<i>Actinoallomurus oryzae</i>	<i>Oryza sativa</i> L. cv. KDML 105	<i>A. iriomotensis</i> (99.2%)	EU420071
<i>Actinophytocola oryzae</i>	<i>Oryza sativa</i> L. cv. RD6	<i>Kibdelosporangium aridum</i> (95.5%)	EU420070
<i>Nonomuraea endophytica</i>	<i>Artemisia annua</i> L.	<i>N. candida</i> (98.8%)	GU367158
<i>Saccharopolyspora gloriosae</i>	<i>Gloriosa superba</i> L.	<i>S. gregorii</i> (99.1%)	EU005371
<i>Pseudonocardia sichuanensis</i>	<i>Jatropha curcas</i> L.	<i>P. zijingensis</i> (98.6%)	HM153789
<i>Nocardiooides caricicola</i>	<i>Carex scabrifolia</i> Steud	<i>N. pyridinoliticus</i> (97.0%)	EF466117
<i>Actinoallomurus acaciae</i>	<i>Acacia auriculiformis</i> A. Cunn. ex Benth	<i>A. caesius</i> (99.3%)	EU429322
<i>Jishengella endophytica</i>	<i>Acanthus illicifolius</i>	<i>M. olivasterospora</i> (98.7%)	EU560726
<i>Nocardia endophytica</i>	<i>Jatropha curcas</i> L.	<i>N. nova</i> (97.5%)	HM153801
<i>Pseudonocardia artemisiae</i>	<i>Artemisia annua</i> L.	<i>P. saturnea</i> (96.6%)	GU227146
<i>Streptomyces artemisiae</i>	<i>Artemisia annua</i> L.	<i>S. armeniacus</i> (99.9%)	EU200685

Source: Qin *et al.* (2011)

### 3.3 As a source of plant growth-promoting bacteria (PGPB)

Nowadays, concern about environmental problems has prompted researchers to consider alternative strategies for facilitating plant growth in agriculture (Glick *et al.*, 2007). Ideally, replacements for the chemicals that are currently in widespread use should not only enhance plant growth, but should also inhibit plant pathogens. One potential alternative may be the use of PGPB. PGPB can bind to either roots (rhizosphere bacteria), leaves (phyllosphere bacteria), or they may exist within plant tissues (bacterial endophytes) (Glick *et al.*, 2007). Among them, endophytes are special interested since they possess many properties that could benefit to plant growth involved in production of biological control agents, or production of plant growth promotion compounds, such as auxins, cytokinins and gibberellins, or producing siderophore to bind  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  from the environment and help to improve nutrient uptake, or supply of plant nutrients through nitrogen fixation, ammonia production and phosphate solubilization or suppression of stress ethylene production by 1-aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylate (ACC) deaminase activity (Compant *et al.*, 2005; Sun *et al.*, 2009; Nimnoi *et al.*, 2010; Qin *et al.*, 2011).

#### 3.3.1 Auxin production

The plant auxin hormone has profound effects on growth and differentiation of plants. Auxin (indole-3-acetic acid, IAA) is a key plant hormone which plays important role in cell division, cell elongation and differentiation, and in processes such as meristem maintenance, root elongation, lateral root development and senescence (Moller and Chua, 1999; Tao *et al.*, 2002). Not only plants but also bacteria can synthesis auxin. According to Sarwar and Kremer (1995), IAA synthetic bacteria may be useful in increasing the growth of crops. Soil or rhizosphere actinomycetes have been shown ability to produce IAA and promote growth of several cultivated plants (El-Tarabily and Sivasithamparam, 2006). Rhizospheric *Micromonospora*, *Nocardia*, *Actinomadura* and *Streptosporangium* were reported to IAA and most of them could increase dry-weight of corn, cucumbers, tomatoes, sorghums and carrots (Mishra *et al.*, 1987; El-Tarabily *et al.*, 1997). Besides,

Siddikee *et al.* (2010) reported that rhizospheric actinobacteria including *Arthrobacter*, *Brevibacterium*, *Corynebacterium*, *Micrococcus* and *Zhihengliuella* were able to produce IAA and promote the growth of canola seedling. For endophytic actinomycetes, *Streptomyces hygroscopicus* isolated from *Pteridium aquilinum* was able to produce novel pteridic acids A and B as plant growth promoters with auxin-like activity (Igarashi *et al.*, 2002). Three selected endophytic actinomycetes isolated from cucumber seedlings showed ability to produce IAA and the isolates colonized cucumber roots and also promoted plant growth (El-Tarabily *et al.*, 2009). Fialho *et al.* (2010) isolated 70 endophytic actinomycetes from tomato plants in southern Brazil of which 72.1% showed a positive reaction for IAA production. Nimnoi *et al.* (2010) showed that endophytic actinomycetes, isolated from *Aquilaria crassna* Pierre ex Lec including *Streptomyces*, *Nonomuraea*, *Actinomadura*, *Pseudonocardia* and *Nocardia* were able to detect of IAA production by using colorimetric assay.

### 3.3.2 Siderophore production

The term of siderophore was described as a low molecular weight molecule that binds ferric iron ( $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ) with an extremely high affinity (Lankford, 1973). Siderophore was derived from a Greek term meaning iron carrier (Ishimaru, 1993). Siderophores were produced and secreted under iron-deficient conditions and then bound iron with an extremely high affinity. It is specifically recognized by a corresponding outer membrane receptor protein, which in turn actively transports the complex into the periplasm of the cell. The molecular weights of siderophores range from approximately 600 to 1500 daltons, and passive diffusion does not occur for molecules greater than 600 daltons, so that siderophores must be actively transported across the outer and inner membranes of bacteria and fungi (Ishimaru, 1993). Many bacteria and fungi are capable of producing more than one type of siderophore or have more than one iron-uptake system to take up multiple siderophores (Neilands, 1981).

There are two main classes of siderophores, catechol and hydroxamate, which are classified on the basis of the chemical functional groups that use to chelate iron. Catechol-type siderophores bind  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  using adjacent hydroxyl

groups of catechol rings while hydroxamate-type siderophores bind  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  via a carbonyl group with adjacent nitrogen. Enterobactin, also known as enterochelin, is produced by a number of bacteria and is the classic example of a catechol-type siderophore (O'Brien and Gibson 1970; Pollack *et al.*, 1970; Clark, 2004).

Enterobactin production has been demonstrated in some nitrogen-fixing bacteria, including *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *K. terrigena*. Ferrichrome is the classic hydroxamate-type siderophore. It is produced by a number of fungi. Although produced by fungi, ferrichrome is used by a number of bacterial species with the appropriate receptor protein (Hofte, 1993).

For actinomycetes, *Streptomyces* species are known for the production of hydroxamate type siderophores, which inhibit phytopathogen growth by competing for iron in rhizosphere soils (Khamna *et al.*, 2009). Cao *et al.* (2005) indicated that siderophore-producing *Streptomyces* endophytes were effective candidates for the biological control of *Fusarium* wilt disease of banana roots. Endophytic actinobacterial isolated from the root of tomato showed ability to produce siderophore and inhibited phytopathogens that endophytic *Streptomyces* sp. R18(6) inhibited all phytopathogens (Tan *et al.*, 2006; Fialho *et al.*, 2010). In addition, Nimnoi *et al.* (2010) isolated 10 endophytic actinomycetes including *Streptomyces*, *Nonomuraea*, *Actinomadura*, *Pseudonocardia*, and *Nocardia* from *Aquilaria crassna* Pierre ex Lec. Eight isolates produced hydroxamate type siderophores while only one isolate, *Actinomadura*, produced catechols type siderophores. Xing *et al.* (2011) proposed a new species of endophytic *Kibdelosporangium phytohabitans* isolated from the root of the oil-seed plant *Jatropha curcas* L. collected from Sichuan province, south-west China that could produce siderophore. Besides, 72% of actinobacterial strains isolated from different plants, lentil (*Lens esculentus*), chickpea (*Cicer arietinum* L.), pea (*Pisum sativum*), faba bean (*Vicia faba*) and wheat (*Triticum vulgare*) from Paskerville, south Australia were able to produce siderophores (Misk and Franco, 2011). Recent reports showed that endophytic actinomycetes isolated from rice and wheat were able to produce hydroxamate and catechol type siderophores (Gangwar *et al.*, 2012).

### 3.3.3 Ammonia production

The nitrogen in most plants and animals exists in the form of protein. Most of the nitrogen in soil exists in the form of organic molecules, mostly proteins derived from the decomposition of dead plant and animal tissue. When an organism dies, its proteins are attacked by the proteases of soil bacteria to produce polypeptides (peptones) and amino acids ( $C_2H_4NO_2R$ ). This process is called peptonization. Then, the amino groups on the amino acids are removed by a process called deamination, producing ammonia ( $NH_3$ ). In most soils, the ammonia dissolves in water to form ammonium ions ( $NH_4^+$ ). The process of the production of ammonia from organic compounds is called ammonification. In addition to the ammonification of amino acids, other compounds such as nucleic acids, urea, and uric acid go through the ammonification process. The bacteria that accomplish it (*Bacillus*, *Clostridium*, *Proteus*, *Pseudomonas*, and *Streptomyces*) are called ammonifying bacteria (Savant and DeDatta, 1982; Kadlec and Knight, 1996; Rebolledo *et al.*, 2008). Rhizospheric actinobacteria including *Arthrobacter*, *Brevibacterium*, *Corynebacterium*, *Micrococcus* and *Zhihengliuella* were able to produce ammonia (Siddikee *et al.*, 2010). For endophytic actinomycetes, Nimnoi *et al.* (2010) have reported that 10 endophytic actinomycetes from *Aquilaria crassna* Pierre ex Lec were able to produce ammonia detected by Nessler's reagent.

### 3.3.4 Phosphate solubilization

Phosphorus (P) is one of the major essential macronutrients for plants and is applied to soil in the form of phosphate fertilizers. However, a large portion of soluble inorganic phosphate which is applied to the soil as chemical fertilizers are rapidly immobilized in the soil or quickly washed away by the raining waters, polluting rivers and ground waters and thus not available for plant growth (Reddy *et al.*, 2002; Shigaki *et al.*, 2006). Currently, phosphate solubilizing bacteria (PSB) which is a group of beneficial bacteria capable of hydrolysing organic and inorganic phosphorus from insoluble compounds have attracted the attention of agriculturists as soil inoculums to improve plant growth and yield (Young *et al.*,

1998; Goldstein *et al.*, 1999; Chen *et al.*, 2006). Among these bacteria, actinomycetes are of special interest because they possess many properties (Hamdali *et al.*, 2008). *Rhodococcus erythropolis* isolated from soil in central Taiwan showed ability as phosphate solubilizers (Chen *et al.*, 2006). Sahu *et al.* (2007) reported that seven strains of actinomycetes isolated from sediment in southeast coast of India showed positive phosphate activity. Among them, *Streptomyces galbus* PS-3 exhibited good activity and further investigated for optimum phosphorus solubilization at different pH and incubation periods.

Hamdali *et al.* (2008a; 2008b; 2008c) reported that actinomycetes isolated from rock phosphate (RP) soil extracts were able to decompose RP in synthetic minimum medium. Among these, *Streptomyces griseus* BH7 and *Micromonospora aurantiaca* KH7 were selected to investigate the effect on plant growth and fitness. Seeds of wheat plant (*Triticum durum* L. cv Vitron) were coated with mycelia of these strains and then grown in soluble phosphate deficient sterile soil supplemented with insoluble RP. The results showed that inoculation of the soil with *S. griseus* or *M. aurantiaca* promoted growth of shoots and roots (Hamdali *et al.*, 2008b). In addition, *S. griseus* BH7 showed colonization inside the root of wheat plants (Hamdali *et al.*, 2008c). Kaviyarasi *et al.* (2011) demonstrated that six actinomycetes including *Actinobispora yunnanensis*, *Micromonospora echinospora*, *Saccharomonospora viridis*, *Saccharopolyspora hirsute*, *Thermonospora mesophila* and *Streptoverticillum album* isolated from soil in coastal region of India acted as potent phosphate solubilizers.

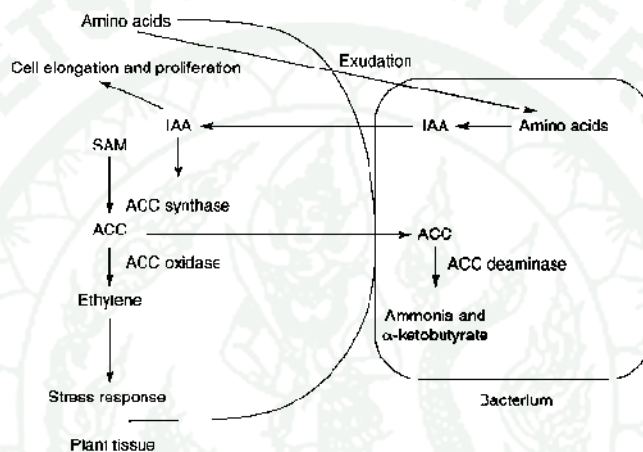
For endophytic actinomycetes, 16.2% of test strains isolated from roots of tomato plants (*L. esculentum*) in southern Brazil showed positive for phosphate solubility (Fialho *et al.*, 2010). Two endophytic *Streptomyces* from wheat also showed positive for phosphate solubility (Misk and Franco, 2011). Recently, seventeen isolates of endophytic actinomycetes isolated from wheat and rice were able to solubilize phosphate. The amount of phosphate solubilized by the isolates ranged from 4.8-42 mg/100 ml (Gangwar *et al.*, 2012a; 2012b).

### 3.3.5 Lower the plant ethylene level by an enzyme ACC deaminase

In plants, ethylene regulates several physiological processes such as seed germination, root hair development, root elongation and organ senescence. Under stresses including salinity, flooding, drought, extremes of temperature, the presence of organic or inorganic toxicants, phytopathogens, ethylene is accumulated in plants and very effective on plant growth and development and also on fruit ripening, the increased concentration of ethylene, especially in dicotyledons, may decrease seed germination and root growth (Belimov *et al.*, 2001; Saravana-kumar and Samiyappan, 2007). Ethylene is derived from the amino acid methionine that is converted to S-adenosylmethionine (SAM) by SAM synthetase, which metabolite serves as an intermediate in numerous biosynthetic pathways. After that, SAM is converted into ACC and then ethylene by the activity of ACC synthase and ACC oxidase, respectively. This ethylene production pathway can be controlled by altering endogenous levels of ACC, the intermediate precursor to ethylene, and thereby lower the level of ethylene in a developing or stressed plant (Glick *et al.*, 1997; Glick, 2004; Cheng *et al.*, 2007; Contesto *et al.*, 2007; McDonnell *et al.*, 2009). An enzyme ACC deaminase (E.C. 4.1.99.4) hydrolyses ACC into ammonia and  $\alpha$ -ketobutyrate instead of its conversion into ethylene (Glick *et al.*, 1994; 1998; Mayak *et al.*, 1999; Shaharoon *et al.*, 2006a). It is a multimeric enzyme (homodimer or homotrimer) with a subunit molecular mass of approximately 35-42 kDa (Glick *et al.*, 2007).

For the promotion of plant growth by bacterial ACC deaminase, a model was developed by Glick *et al.* (1998) to explain the role of bacteria that have ACC deaminase activity. In the model, the ACC deaminase-containing plant growth-promoting bacteria bind to the surface or located inside of either seed or root of a developing plant. In response to root exudate, including the amino tryptophan, the bacteria synthesize IAA. Plant cell take up some of the bacterial IAA and together with the endogenous plant IAA, can stimulate plant cell proliferation and elongation as well as induce the synthesis of the enzyme ACC synthase. Some of ACC is exuded and take up by ACC deaminase-containing bacteria. This ACC is cleaved by ACC deaminase into ammonia and  $\alpha$ -ketobutyrate, both of which are readily metabolized

by bacteria. As a consequence of lowering the level of ACC within a plant, the amount of endogenous ethylene is reduced (Figure 8). Direct consequence of this interaction are significantly increased plant root and shoot length, an increase biomass, and protection of plant from inhibitory effects of ethylene (Glick *et al.*, 2007).



**Figure 8** Schematic representation of the interaction between bacteria and plant through ACC deaminase and ethylene.

**Source:** Glick *et al.* (1998); Arshad *et al.* (2007)

ACC deaminase activity were found in a wide range of bacterial isolates including *Azospirillum*, *Rhizobium*, *Agrobacterium*, *Achromobacter*, *Burkholderia*, *Ralstonia*, *Pseudomonas* and *Enterobacter* (Blaha *et al.*, 2006). For actinomycetes, Christopher *et al.* (2008) reported that *Atriplex lentiformis* rhizospheric actinomycetes including *Streptomyces*, *Arthrobacter* and *Rhodococcus* possessed ACC deaminase activity. Production of ACC deaminase by tomato rhizospheric *Streptomyces* isolates was also found and some of isolates decreased the endogenous levels of ACC and increase the growth of plant (El-Tarabily, 2008). Besides, *Microbacterium*, *Brevibacterium*, *Zhihengliuella*, *Micrococcus* and *Corynebacterium* isolated from soil or rhizosphere showed ability of ACC deaminase activity. Inoculation of the isolates to ameliorate salt stress (150 mM NaCl) in canola

plants, could increase root length and dry weight when compared with uninoculated salt stressed canola seedling (Siddiquee *et al.*, 2010). He *et al.* (2010) reported that Cu-resistant isolates from different rhizosphere including *Microbacterium lactium* YJ7 and *Microbacterium* sp. JYC17 showed ACC deaminase activity. Sgroj *et al.* (2009) isolated 29 endophytic plant growth-promoting bacteria from roots of *Prosopis strombulifera* and six of which, *Bacillus subtilis*, *B. licheniformis*, *B. pumilus*, *Brevibacterium halotolerans*, *Pseudomonas putida* and *Achromobacter xylosoxidans* were positive for ACC deaminase activity. Tan *et al.* (2011) reported that ACC deaminase producing endophytic *Streptomyces* coated tomato seedlings showed significant resistant from bacterial wilt compared with the control seedlings. Xing *et al.* (2011) proposed a new species of endophytic *Kibdelosporangium phytohabitans* isolated from the root of the oil-seed plant *Jatropha curcas* L. collected from Sichuan Province, south-west China. *K. phytohabitans* had the ability to utilize ACC as sole source of nitrogen and possessed ACC deaminase enzyme.

For the structure of ACC deaminase gene (*acdS*) of actinomycetes, Hontzas *et al.* (2005) designed degenerate primers Deg ACC5' (5'- GGBGGVAA Y AARMYVMGSAAGCTYGA) and Deg ACC3' (5'- TTDCCHKYRTANACBGGRT C) based on stretches of conserved base pair towards the N terminus of the protein around the putative pyridoxal phosphate cofactor binding domain and a conserved region close to the carboxyl terminus of the protein. This allows for the amplification of a fragment of approximately 750 bp. ACC deaminase PCR products were positive for member of class Gammaproteobacteria (*Pseudomonas*, *Enterbacter* and *Serratia*), species of order Burkholderiales (*Variovorax*, *Acidovorax* and *Achromobacter*), member of class Alphaproteobacteria (*Rhizobium*) and two strains of class Actinobacteria (*Rhodococcus* sp. Fp2 and *Rhodococcus* sp. 4N-4). The Maximum Likelihood tree was constructed using the partial ACC deaminase DNA sequences from 750 bp region amplified with degenerate primers. In the tree, the actinobacterial *Rhodococcus* ACC deaminase gene separated from all Gram negative bacteria. Glick *et al.* (2007) took 154 available putative bacterial ACC deaminase gene (*acdS*) sequences to construct phylogenetic tree. From the tree, six *acdS* groups were defined. The first group consisted of Gammaproteobacteria and one

Betaproteobacterium. Group II and III contained sequences from the Betaproteobacteria, as well as two Gammaproteobacteria. Group IV includes Alphaproteobacteria and a small group of Betaproteobacteria, Group V consisted entirely of Actinobacteria, and the final, group VI consisted of Betaproteobacteria and Gammaproteobacteria.

However, a limited number of works have been done to elucidate the abilities of endophytic actinomycetes especially the ability to stimulate plant growth through ACC that has been detected in a wide range of soil and rhizosphere bacteria. In addition, the ACC deaminase genes of endophytic actinomycetes have not yet been characterized and identified so far.

#### 3.4 As a source of novel bioactive compounds

The principal reason behind the actinomycetes having such important roles in soil and in plant relationships comes from the ability of the actinomycetes to produce a large number of bioactive compounds which are secondary metabolites with a wide range of activities such as antibiotics, anti-tumors and hydrolytic enzymes (Nolan and Cross, 1988; Berdy, 2005). Nowadays, actinomycetes produce approximately two-thirds of the known antibiotics produced by all microorganisms (Butler *et al.*, 2003). The genus *Streptomyces* produces nearly 80% of the actinobacterial antibiotics, with the genus *Micromonospora* producing one-tenth as many as the *Streptomyces* (Baltz, 1998). However, the development of resistance to multiple drugs is a major problem in the treatment of infections by pathogenic microorganisms. Focus of research on new bioactive compounds is necessary to combat disease. Therefore, screening for new bioactive compounds are currently oriented towards the isolation of new strains from uncommon habitats and as the result, endophytic actinomycetes is the new entity (Igarashi, 2004; Mehdi, *et al.*, 2006). Since, Castillo *et al.* (2002) isolated antibiotic Munumbicin from endophytic *Streptomyces munumbicin* NRRL 30562 and then several novel bioactive compounds from endophytic actinomycetes have been found. For example, Igarashi *et al.* (2007) have reported two novel anthroquinones, lupinacidins A and B. These compounds

produced by novel endophytic actinomycete, *Micromonospora lupini* sp. nov. Lupinacidins were found to act as anti-tumor and showed significant inhibitory effects on the invasion of murine colon carcinoma cell without inhibiting cell growth.

*Streptomyces aureofaciens* CMKUAc130 was isolated from root tissue of Thai medicinal plant, *Zingiber officinale* Rosc. (Taechowisan and Lumyong, 2003) and revealed the production of coumarin secondary metabolites, 5, 7-dimethoxy-4- $\rho$ -methylphenylcoumarin and 5, 7-dimethoxy-4-phenylcoumarin with antifungal activities (Taechowisan *et al.*, 2005); and 4-arylcoumarins with anti-tumor activity (Taechowisan *et al.*, 2007). Liu *et al.* (2007) isolated 165 actinomycetes from medicinal plants and showed that over 42% of the isolates exhibited antagonism against pathogenic strains, and 54.5% displayed excellent inhibition against mouse melanoma cell line B16 or/and human alveolar epithelial cell line A549. These results are superior to those of soil actinomycetes indicating tremendous potential of endophytic actinomycetes for exploration. Coromycin is a complex of novel peptide antibiotics that produced by *Streptomyces* sp. MSU-2110 isolated from *Monstera* sp. Coromycin is active against malarial parasite *Plasmodium falciparum* and human fungi pathogen *Cryptococcus neoformans* (Ezra *et al.*, 2004). The list of novel bioactive compounds isolated from endophytic actinomycetes was shown in Table 4.

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**Table 4** Novel bioactive compounds isolated from endophytic actinomycetes.

Endophytes	Host	Bioactive compounds	Type	Activity
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. NRRL 30562	<i>Kennedia nigriscans</i>	Munumbicins A-D	Peptides	Antibiotic
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. MaB-QuH-8	<i>Maytenus aquifolia</i> Mart.	Celastramycins A and B	Heterocyclic compounds	Antimicrobial
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. NRRL 30566	<i>Grevillea pteridifolia</i>	Kakadumycins	Peptides	Antibiotic
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. CS	<i>Maytenus hookeri</i>	24-demethyl-bafilomycin C1	Macrolides	Antimicrobial, antitumor
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. CS	<i>M. hookeri</i>	24-demethyl-bafilomycin A2	Macrolides	Antimicrobial, antitumor
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. MSU-2110	<i>Monstera</i> sp.	Coronamycins	Peptides	Antibiotic
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. TP-A0595	<i>Allium tuberosum</i>	6-Prenylindole	Alkaloids	Antifungal
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. TP-A0556	<i>Aucuba japonica</i> Thunb	Demethylnovobiocins	Coumarins	Antimicrobial
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. TP-A0456	<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>	Cedarmycins A and B	Butyrolactones	Antifungal
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp.ls9131	<i>M. hookeri</i>	Dimeric dinactin and Dimeric nonactin	Macrotetrolide	Antimicrobial, antitumor

**Table 4** (Continued)

Endophytes	Host	Bioactive compounds	Type	Activity
<i>Streptomyces griseus</i>	<i>Kandelia candel</i>	7-(4-aminophenyl)-2,4-dimethyl-7-oxohept-5-enoic acid; 9-(4-aminophenyl)-7-hydroxy-2,4,6-trimethyl-9-oxo-non-2-enoic acid; 12-(4-aminophenyl)-10-hydroxy-6-(1-hydroxyethyl)-7,9-dimethyl-12-oxo-dodeca-2,4-dienoic acid	p-Aminoacetophenonic acids	Antimicrobial
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp.NRRL 30562	<i>Kennedia nigriscans</i>	Munumbicins E-4 and E-5	Peptides	Antibiotic
<i>Streptomyces laceyi</i>	<i>Ricinus communis</i> L.	Salaceyins A and B	6-Alkylsalicylic acids	Antitumor
<i>Streptomyces hygrosopicus</i> TP-A0451	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Pterocidin	$\delta$ -lactone	Antitumor
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. CS	<i>Maytenus hookeri</i>	Naphthomycin K	Ansamycins	Antitumor
<i>Streptomyces aureofaciens</i> CMUAc 130	<i>Zingiber officinale</i> Rosc.	5,7-dimethoxy-4-p-methoxyphenylcoumarin; 5,7-dimethoxy-4-phenylcoumarin	Arylcoumarins	Antifungal, antitumor, antiinflammatory

**Table 4** (Continued)

Endophytes	Host	Bioactive compounds	Type	Activity
<i>Micromonospora lupini</i>	<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i>	Lupinacidins A and B	Anthraquinones	Antitumor
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp.SUC1	<i>Ficus benjamina</i>	Lansai B and C	Phenols	Weakly anticancer antiinflammatory
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. Hedaya 48	<i>Aplysina fistularis</i> (sponge)	Saadamycin	Heterocyclic compound	Antifungal
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp.CS	<i>M. hookeri</i>	24-demethyl-bafilomycin A1; 21-O-methyl-24-demethyl-bafilomycinA1; 19,21-di-O-methyl-24-demethylbafilomycin A1; 17,18-dehydro-19,21-di-O-methyl-24-demethyl-bafilomycin A1; 24-demethyl-bafilomycin D	Macrolides	Antitumor
<i>Streptomyces albidoflavus</i>	<i>Bruguiera gymnorrhiza</i>	Antimycin A18	Macrolides	Antifungal

Source: Qin *et al.* (2011)

Based on all aforesaid reports, it is convinced that endophytic actinomycetes are a promising novel source for discovery new taxa and bioactive compounds apart from that they are high potential PGPB.



## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Materials

#### 1. Plant samples

Appendix Table A1 displays a total of plant samples belonging to 23 families, 31 species (32 varieties) including 29 medicinal and 3 agricultural plant samples. The plant samples were collected from: (1) Biology Department, Faculty of Science, Burapha University, Chonburi province in November 2006; (2) Khaohinsorn Royal Development Study Center, Chachoengsao province in November 2006; (3) Pathum Thani Rice Research Center, Pathum Thani province in August 2007; and (4) personal garden in Chumphon province in October 2007.

#### 2. Actinomycetes

##### 2.1 Endophytic actinomycetes

A total of 66 endophytic isolates (Appendix Table A2) recovered from surface sterilized tissue of plants were used in this study which were designated GMKU (Genetic-Microbiology-Kasetsart-University) culture collection.

##### 2.2 Type strains

The list of actinobacterial type strains which used in this study was shown in Table 5.

#### 3. Test microorganisms

Gram-positive bacteria and Gram-negative bacteria as well as fungi including phytopathogenic bacteria and fungi which used in this study were shown in Table 6.

**Table 5** Type strains of actinomycetes

Strains	Species	Sources	Accession number of 16S rRNA gene
GMKU 931 <sup>T</sup>	<i>Actinoallomurus acaciae</i>	Root of wattle tree, Bangkok, Thailand= BCC 28622 <sup>T</sup> = NRRL B-24610 <sup>T</sup>	EU429322
TT04-09 <sup>T</sup>	<i>A. coprocola</i>	Cow dung, Chiba, Japan= KCTC 19542 <sup>T</sup> = NBRC 103688 <sup>T</sup>	AB364579
TT02-47 <sup>T</sup>	<i>A. iriomotensis</i>	Meadow soil, Okinawa, Japan=KCTC 19539 <sup>T</sup> = NBRC 103685 <sup>T</sup>	AB364586
KCC A-0146 <sup>T</sup>	<i>A. spadix</i>	Soil, Yamanashi, Japan= ATCC 27298 <sup>T</sup> = NBRC 14099 <sup>T</sup>	AF163120
KA-605 <sup>T</sup>	<i>Actinokineospora fastidiosa</i>	Soil, Egypt=ATCC 31181 <sup>T</sup> = NBRC 14105 <sup>T</sup>	AJ400710
K99-5278 <sup>T</sup>	<i>Streptomyces albus</i>	Straw=ATCC 25426 <sup>T</sup> = NRRL-ISP 5313 <sup>T</sup>	AB184257
K01-B0171 <sup>T</sup>	<i>Rhodococcus jostii</i>	Soil, Yunnan, China= NBRC 16295 <sup>T</sup> = CCM 4760 = JCM 11615 <sup>T</sup>	AB204817

**Table 6** Test microorganisms

Oganisms	Comments
<i>Bacillus cereus</i> ATCC 11778	Gram-positive bacteria
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> subsp. <i>aureus</i> ATCC 25923	Gram-positive bacteria
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 8739	Gram-negative bacteria
<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>glycine</i> ATCC 43912	Phytopathogenic bacteria
<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> pv. <i>Carotovora</i> ATCC 495	Phytopathogenic bacteria
<i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> ATCC BAA-1114	Phytopathogenic bacteria
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	Fungus
<i>Candida albicans</i>	Fungus
<i>Fusarium proliferatum</i> DOAC 0842	Phytopathogenic fungi
<i>Colletotrichum</i> sp.	Phytopathogenic fungi

## Methods

### 1. Isolation and identification

#### 1.1 Isolation

The whole plant samples were used to isolate endophytic actinobacteria by using the surface-sterilization method modified from those of Coombs and Franco (2003) and Cao *et al.* (2004). Before isolation, the plant samples were washed with tap water to remove soil particles and kept at 4 °C for a week to decrease surface bacteria. The roots, stems and leaves were cut into small pieces and then surface-sterilized using serial treatments of 95% EtOH for 10 minutes, 1% NaClO for 15 minutes, sterile DW for three times and then immersed in 10% (w/v) NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution for 10 minutes. After air drying, the surface sterilized plant materials were ground in mortar containing Ringer's solution. Those of ground materials and their solution were placed and spread, respectively onto SCA (Küster and Williams, 1964) and WA media supplemented with 2.5 U/ml penicillin G and 50 mg/ml cyclohexamide. The solution of the third washed DW was also spread on the medium to ensure that the surface plant materials were actually sterilized. Colonies of endophytic actinobacteria appeared on the media after incubation at 30 °C for 1-8 weeks. The colony was isolated and purified on MS (Hobbs *et al.*, 1989). After purification, the pure isolates were grown on several media, namely ISP 2, ISP 3, and ISP 4 to determine culture characteristics. The duplicate plates of each isolates were incubated at 27 °C for 3 weeks and the growth on the medium, color (reverse plate) of substrate, soluble pigment and sporulation/aerial mycelium were determine.

To maintain the pure cultures, the endophytic actinomycetes were grown either on MS, ISP3, PDA or Oatmeal-nitrate agar medium and incubated at 27 °C until sporulation. The spores were scraped from the plate and placed in a 1.5 ml sterilized tube containing 1 ml of 20% glycerol. The spore suspension was maintained at -20 °C or -80 °C. For long term preservation, lyophilization was carried out. The spores were taken from the plate and placed in a 50 ml tube containing 5 ml

of 10% skim milk. The spore suspension was then divided into 5 sterilized ampoule tubes and freeze-dried.

## 1.2 Identification of endophytic actinomycetes by 16S ribosomal RNA gene sequencing

### 1.2.1 Extraction of total DNA (Kieser *et al.*, 2000)

After growing of endophytic actinomycetes on MS medium at 30 °C, two loopfuls of mycelia and spore were scraped from the plate and placed in a 1.5 ml tube containing 500 µl of lysozyme solution. The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 1 h and inverted every 10 min during incubation. The lysate was cooled to room temperature and 250 µl of 2% SDS was added and the tube was immediately inverted for several times till the lysate was clear. 250 µl of phenol-chloroform (25 phenol: 24 chloroform: 1 isoamyl alcohol) was then added and the tube was vigorously mixed by vortex for 30 sec and centrifuged at 12,000 rpm for 10 min at RT. The upper phase was transferred to a fresh sterilized tube and 0.1 V of 3 M sodium acetate pH 4.8 and 1 V of isopropanol were then added and the tube was inverted before keeping at -20 °C for at least 5 min and centrifuged at 12,000 rpm for 2 min at RT to precipitate DNA. The supernatant was discarded and the DNA pellet was collected and washed twice with 200 µl of 70% EtOH and dried at RT with the tube lid open. The pellet was then re-suspended in 20-50 µl of TE buffer. The total DNA was stored at 4 °C or -20 °C for a long period preservation.

### 1.2.2 Amplification of 16S rRNA gene

Approximately 50 ng of the chromosomal DNA was used to amplify almost complete the 16S rRNA gene with specific primer, STR1F and STR1530R (Table 7). The PCR was performed with the following reagents: 1X PCR buffer, 3 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.5 mM dNTP mixture, 0.125 µM each primer, 1.25 U *Taq* DNA polymerase, 10% DMSO in a total volume of 20 µl with sterilized ultra pure water. The PCR reactions were carried out in a Biometra Thermocycler by following

temperature cycling profile: 1<sup>st</sup> at 94 °C for 4 min, followed by 35 cycles at 94 °C for 1 min, 55 °C for 1 min, 72 °C for 1 min and final cycle at 72 °C for 4 min. The presence of the 1.5 Kb PCR product coding 16S rRNA gene was confirmed by 0.8% agarose gel electrophoresis. The PCR products were purified using QIAquick PCR Purification Kit (QIAGEN, Germany), NucleoSpin Extract 2 in 1 (MACHEREY-NAGEL, Germany) or Gel/PCR DNA Fragments Extraction kit (Geneaid) following the manufacturer's protocol. After that the purified PCR products of all isolates were partially sequenced with STR1F primer to obtain the 5'-end sequences of 16S rRNA gene at BSU BIOTEC, Thailand or Macrogen, Korea.

### 1.2.3 Sequence similarity analysis

To analyze the similarity values, the 16S rRNA sequences were preliminarily compared with nucleotide sequences in the GenBank and the EzTaxon database at [www.ncbi.nih.gov/BLAST](http://www.ncbi.nih.gov/BLAST) and [www.eztaxon-e.org](http://www.eztaxon-e.org), respectively.

### 1.2.4 Phylogenetic tree analysis

For phylogenetic tree construction, CLUSTAL\_X version 2 (Larkin, 2007) was used to multiple align of 16S rRNA sequences. MEGA 4 (Tamura *et al.*, 2007) and PHYLIP 3.68 (Felsenstein, 1981) were used for analysis of phylogenetic tree. Phylogenetic relationship was performed using three algorithms, namely neighbour-joining (Saitou & Nei, 1987), maximum-parsimony (Eck & Dayhoff, 1996) and maximum-likelihood (Felsenstein, 1981) in the case of novel species NJplot 2.3 and MEGA 4 were used for drawing a phylogenetic tree. The resultant neighbour-joining tree topology was evaluated for the confidence values of branches by 1,000 resamplings of bootstrap analysis (Felsenstein, 1985). The evolutionary distances were computed by using the Kimura 2-parameter method (Kimura, 1980).

## 2. Characterization of novel taxa

### 2.1 Phenotypic methods

#### 2.1.1 Morphological characteristics

##### 2.1.1.1 Cultural characteristics

To determine characteristics of culture, the putative novel genus/species were grown on several media of Difco, namely ISP 2, ISP 3, ISP 4, ISP 5, NA, PDA, oatmeal-nitrate agar (JCM medium 52) and 1/10 YS. The duplicate plates of each strain were incubated at 27 °C for 3 weeks and the color of mycelium and soluble pigment was determined by comparing its color with the color chips from Color Harmony Manual (Jacobson *et al.*, 1958).

##### 2.1.1.2 Spore characteristics

The putative novel genus/species were examined the spore characteristics by using SEM. The strains were grown on several media, namely ISP 2, ISP 3, ISP 4, ISP 5, oatmeal-nitrate agar, 1/10 YS, NA, PDA and HV for 4-6 weeks at 27 °C. After observation of sporulation of each strain under light microscopy, the selected spore areas were cut into smaller pieces (0.5×0.5 cm). The agar block was placed on the glass slide which was laid down on the coil in Petri dish and then fixation and dehydration for the SEM were carried out. Fixation of spores was carried out by adding 2-4 drops of 4% OsO<sub>4</sub> in the Petri dish for 16 h. To air dry of the spores, the Petri dish was opened in the fume hood for 16 h after that each piece of drying spores was introduced into the chamber of the coater JEOL JFC-1200 and coated with gold for 1 min. The morphology of spore chain was observed using the SEM model JSM5600; JEOL.

For spore motility, after sporulation of the putative strain, spore suspensions were obtained by gentle scraping of the agar surface and mixing with 10 ml sterile tap water. The spore suspension was incubated at 27 °C for about 1 h. The suspension was shaken allowed to settle down. About 0.1 ml supernatant was taken with a sterile pasteur pipette, spread onto a clean slide and covered with a coverslip. The motility of spores was observed under a light microscope at  $\times 100$  and  $\times 200$  magnifications.

### 2.1.2 Physiological characteristics

#### 2.1.2.1 Acid production from carbohydrates

To analyze acid production from carbohydrates, each putative strain was cultured on the basal inorganic nitrogen medium added with bromocresol purple indicator and 1% of each sugar. 12 sugar types were used including, adonitol, L-arabinose, dulcitol, erythritol, D-fructose, D-glucose, D-galactose, *myo*-inositol, lactose, D-mannitol, raffinose and L-rhamnose. After inoculation of the washed cells in duplicate slants, the cultures of these carbohydrate agars were incubated at 27 °C for 4 weeks and observed for acid production by yellow color change of the indicator.

#### 2.1.2.2 Catalase and oxidase activities

Catalase and oxidase activities were determined with a 3% (v/v) H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> solution and 1 % N,N,N',N'-tetramethyl-1,4-phenylenediamine dihydrochloride (TMPD) solution, respectively. For catalase test, a few drops of 3% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> were added into culture broth and culture agar of each strain and a positive result, which is the rapid evolution of O<sub>2</sub> evidenced by bubbling, was observed. To test oxidase activity, a sterile swab was used to obtain a small amount of each strain from a culture plate. One drop of 1 % TMPD was placed onto the culture on the swab. After that the reaction turned violet to purple color within 10 - 30 sec indicated positive reaction.

### 2.1.2.3 Degradation of starch

ISP 4 medium was used to analyze degradation of starch of each strain. A loop of the washed cells was inoculated on the center of the plate. After incubation at 27 °C, the duplicate plates of the cultures were flooded with Lugol's solution at 1, 2, 3 and 4 weeks respectively. After standing for 15 - 30 min, the clear zone around the strains was observed for positive strain.

### 2.1.2.4 Coagulation and peptonization of milk

A loop of the washed cells of each strain was inoculated in 10 % skim milk of duplicate tubes. Coagulation and peptonization were observed after incubating at 37 °C for 3 weeks.

### 2.1.2.5 Liquefaction of gelatin

A loop of the washed cells of each strain was inoculated in 20 % gelatin of duplicate slants. The strains were grown at 20 °C and 27 °C for 3 weeks after that liquefaction of gelatin, which changing from the solid substance to the liquid state, was observed for positive reaction.

### 2.1.2.6 NaCl tolerance

To clarify the NaCl tolerance, each test novel strain was cultured on the ISP 2 or ISP 3 medium with 1%, 2%, 3%, 4%, 5%, 6% and 7% NaCl. The strain was streaked once across a plate and the duplicate plates of each culture were incubated at 27 °C for 3 weeks.

#### 2.1.2.7 Production of melanin pigment

ISP6 and ISP7 media were used to determine production of melanin pigment of each strain. The strains were cultured on ISP6 and ISP7 media and observed the production of melanin after incubating for 3 weeks at 27 °C.

#### 2.1.2.8 Range of temperature for growth

To determine range of temperature for growth, ISP 2 or ISP 3 was used. Each test strain was grown on slants in a temperature gradient incubator (5-50 °C) for 3 weeks and then the optimum temperature and range of temperature for growth were determined.

#### 2.1.2.9 Range of pH for growth

To determine optimal pH and range of pH for growth, the strains were cultured on ISP 2 or NA medium which was various pH values which were pH 4, pH 5, pH 6, pH 7, pH 8, pH 9 and pH 10. The pH value of medium was adjusted after autoclaving. Each culture was done in duplicate plate and streaked once across a plate after that incubated at 27 °C for 3 weeks.

#### 2.1.2.10 Reduction of nitrate

ISP 8 broth was used to study reduction of nitrate. A loop of washed cells was incubated in the ISP8 medium and duplicate of each strain were grown at 27 °C, 250 rpm for 1-4 weeks. The cultures were observed N<sub>2</sub> gas and were added 6-8 drops of nitrite reagent A and B, respectively and then a bit of zinc powder was added into the tubes. The observation of pink color indicated positive strain.

#### 2.1.2.11 Utilization of carbon sources

Utilization of carbohydrate as sole carbon sources was tested using ISP 9 or ISP 4 media (without soluble starch) that contained 1 % of a sugar. A loop of each washed cells was streaked once across a plate and the cultures of these carbohydrate agars were incubated at 27 °C for 4 weeks and observed the growth. Sixteen sugars, L-arabinose, dulcitol, D-fructose, D-glucose, D-galactose, *myo*-inositol, lactose, maltose, D-mannitol, D-mannose, raffinose, L-rhamnose, D-sorbitol, sucrose, D-trehalose and D-xylose, were used in this study.

For utilization of benzoate and citrate, modifications of Koser's citrate and benzoate agar were used. The strain was inoculated in the duplicate slant media and incubated at 27 °C for 4 weeks. The observation of alkaline color of phenol red indicated positive strain.

#### 2.1.2.12 Utilization of nitrogen sources

Utilization of nitrogen sources was carried by using 5% casein medium, 5% xanthine-NA and 5% hypoxanthine-NA. Each strain was streaked once across a plate. The duplicate plates were incubated at 27 °C for 4 weeks. To observe utilization of casein, clearing of casein was appeared around the growth. For utilization of xanthine and hypoxanthine, disappearance of the crystals was observed around the growth.

### 2.1.3 Chemical characteristics

#### 2.1.3.1 Cell wall peptidoglycan

Freeze-dried cells were prepared by growing cell-mass of the strain in appropriate media and the cell-mass were harvested by centrifugation at 3,000 g for 15 min. The resultant pellets were washed twice with sterile distilled water and then was freeze-dried. For dried cells, the washed pellets were immersed in 70% EtOH at 4 °C for 16 h and then dried at 50 °C for 16 h. The freeze-dried and dried cells were kept at -20 °C before using.

To determine acyl type of muramic acid, the method of Uchida & Aida (1984) was carried out. Freeze dried cells (10 mg) of the strain were hydrolyzed with 6N HCl in a small grass tube at 100 °C for 3 h. After cooling to room temperature, 0.1 ml sterile DW and 2 ml saturated diethyl ether were added in the tube and the mixtures were strongly mixed by vortex for 1 min and centrifuged at 2,000 rpm at 4 °C for 5 min. Next, the lower phase of water layer was transfer to clean test tube and 2 ml saturated diethyl ether was added. The mixtures were strongly mixed by vortex for 1 min and centrifuged at 3,000 rpm at 4 °C for 10 min. The upper organic layer (1) was kept for color detection and the lower phase was continuously carried out by repeating the diethyl ether extraction for 2 times to collect the upper organic layer (2) and (3). Each tube of the upper organic layer (1), (2) and (3) was mixed with 10 $\mu$ l of 1N NaOH and then evaporated to dryness on a heating bath at 50 °C under a stream of nitrogen. To detect the color, each dried sample was dissolved in 2 ml of 0.02% 2,7-dihydroxynaphthalene-H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and kept at 100 °C for 10 min. As the standard, freeze dried cells of *Rhodococcus jostii* K01-B0171 and *Streptomyces albus* K99-5278 were also prepared as aforesaid the method. The sample color was compared with the standard strain *R. jostii* K01-B0171 which show reddish purple indicating glycosyl type while *S. albus* K99-5278 show colorless indicating acetyl type.

To determine the isomer of DAP in the cell wall, the strains were analyzed according to the method of Hasegawa *et al.* (1983). Dried cells (10 mg) were hydrolyzed with 1 ml 6N HCl in a small glass tube at 100 °C for 18 h. After cooling, the hydrolysate is filtered using absorbent cotton to another clean small glass tube and 1 ml of sterile DW was added to the filter. The combined filtrate was concentrated to dryness by a rotary evaporator at 40 °C. The dried material was dissolved in 1 ml of water and dried again. After that, the residue was dissolved in 0.3 ml of sterile DW and 5 µl was applied on the base line of cellulose TLC plate (Merck No. 5716, 20 cm × 20 cm). A standard for 3-5 µl 0.01 M DL-DAP (Sigma Chemical Co. St Louis, Mo., USA) was used. TLC was developed with the solvent system methanol: water: 6N HCl: pyridine (80: 26: 4: 10, v/v) (freshly prepared). Development was taken about 16 h. The TLC plate was then dried for about 30 min-1 h in fume hood and then development was repeated again about 4-5 h in the same solvent system. The spots were visualized by spraying with 0.2% ninhydrin solution followed by heating at 100 °C about 5-15 min. in a dryer incubator.

To isolate and purify the composition of amino acids of peptidoglycan, the method of Schleifer & Kandler (1972) was carried out. Freeze dried cells (500 mg) were suspended in 6 ml of 0.05 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2) and then homogenized with Sonicator Ultrasonic Processor for 45 min on ice. The homogenate was added with 6 ml of the phosphate buffer and centrifuged at 3,000 rpm for 15 min. The upper layer was transferred to clean test tube. Cell wall was then harvested by centrifugation at 9,000 rpm for 1 h. After centrifugation the resultant pellets consisted of a dark lower portion and a white top layer. The white layer was removed to clean test tube and suspended in 2 ml of 0.05 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2) and the suspension were vigorously mixed by vortex for 30 sec. 450 µl of 25% SDS was added to the suspension and incubated at 100 °C for 40 min and followed by three times washing with 5 ml of warm 0.05 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2) and centrifugation at 9,000 rpm at 30 °C for 1 h. After the third wash, 2 ml of 0.05 M phosphate buffer pH 7.2 and 100 µl of 1 mg/ml Pronase E were added to the pellet separated the soluble polysaccharide from the peptidoglycan. The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 2 h. After that, the cell walls were washed and harvested by

centrifugation at 9,000 rpm for 1 h. After centrifugation the resultant pellets consisted of a dark lower portion and a white top layer. The white layer was removed to clean test tube and suspended in 2 ml of 0.05 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2). Next, extraction of peptidoglycan with TCA was carried out. The resultant pellets were suspended in 5% (w/v) TCA and vigorously mixed by vortex for 30 sec. The mixture was incubated at 100 °C for 20 min. After that, the cell walls were washed and harvested by centrifugation at 9,000 rpm for 1 h. After centrifugation the resultant pellets consisted of a dark lower portion and a white top layer. The white layer was removed to clean test tube and suspended in 2 ml of 0.05 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.2) at least 3 times. To purify peptidoglycan, TCA was removed by extraction with absolute EtOH and diethyl ether (DEE). 3 ml absolute EtOH was added and mixed by vortex and then centrifuged at 9,000 rpm at 30 °C for 1 h and followed by adding 3 ml DEE and mixed by vortex. The mixture was centrifuged at 9,000 rpm at 30 °C for 1 h. The purified peptidoglycan was dried and kept at -20 °C until use.

The purified sample was hydrolysed (Becker *et al.*, 1965) and determined by TLC (Hasegawa *et al.* 1983). The dried sample (1 mg) were hydrolyzed with 1 ml 6N HCl in a small glass tube at 100 °C for 16 h. After cooling, the hydrolysate is concentrated to dryness by a rotary evaporator at 40 °C. The dried material was dissolved in 300 µl of water and dried again. After that, the residue was dissolved in 300 µl of sterile DW and used as sample. 5 µl of the sample was applied on the base line of cellulose TLC plate (Merck No. 5716, 20 cm × 20 cm). 1 µl of amino acid standards (Sigma) was also applied. TLC was developed with the solvent system n-butanol: acetic acid: water (4: 1: 2, v/v) (prepare fresh). Development was taken about 10 and 16 h. After development, the TLC plate was dried for about 30 min-1 h in fume hood and then development was replete again about 4-5 h in the the solvent system methanol: water: 10N HCL-pyridine (34: 12: 1: 4, v/v) (freshly prepared). The spots were visualized by spraying with 0.2% ninhydrin solution followed by heating at 100 °C about 5-15 min. in a dryer incubator.

Analysis of amino acid in peptidoglycan by using Pico Tag HPLC was carried out. The dried sample and standards were resuspended in 100  $\mu$ l of PicoTag solution and then 1  $\mu$ l of sample was injected into a PicoTag HPLC.

#### 2.1.3.2 Cellular fatty acid composition

The cellular fatty acid composition was analyzed by TechnoSuruga Co., Ltd Japan according to the instructions of the MIDI System by using a gas chromatograph (model HP6890; Hewlett Packard) (Sasser, 1990).

#### 2.1.3.3 Menaquinones

Menaquinones were extracted and purified by the method of Collins *et al.* (1977). Freeze dried biomass (300 mg) was placed in a flask added with 21 ml of chloroform-methanol (2: 1) and the flask was wrapped with aluminum foil. The contents were gently mixed on magnetic stirrer for overnight. The mixtures were filtered using Whatman filter paper No. 2 and the combined filtrate was concentrated to dryness by a rotary evaporator on a bath below 35 °C under a stream of nitrogen. The dried material was dissolved in 6 ml of acetone and dried again. After that, the extract containing the isoprenoid quinines was dissolved in 2 ml of acetone and used as sample. 2 ml of the sample were applied as 1-2 cm bands on the base line of silica gel plate (Merck, 20 PLC plates 20 × 20, silica gel 60 F254, 0.5 mm thickness). A standard 3-5  $\mu$ l of vitamin K solution was co-migrated to help identify the position of extracted menaquinones. TLC was developed with the 100% benzene. Development was taken about 1 h. After development, the TLC plate was dried for 5 min in fume hood and then the single band containing the menaquinones was visualized and located under UV at 254 nm and mark the band with pencil. The band was scraped from the plate and deposited in a glass tube containing 2 ml of acetone to extract the menaquinones. The preparations were mixed thoroughly and centrifuged at 3,000 rpm for 15 min. The supernatants were transferred to a small vial, dried on a bath below 35 °C under a stream of nitrogen. The dried menaquinones were resuspended in 2 ml acetone and placed in a round-bottom flask filtered with

disposable syringe filter units - hydrophilic PTFE membrane filter (0.5  $\mu\text{m}$ ). The purified menaquinones were dried on a bath below 35 °C under a stream of nitrogen and kept at -20 °C until use.

Analysis of isoprenoid quinones by using HPLC was carried out. The purified menaquinones were resuspended in 100  $\mu\text{l}$  of acetone and injected into HPLC using a JASCO 802-SC chromatograph equipped with a Shiseido CAPCELL PAK C18 column. Methanol-isopropanol (70:30, v/v) was used as a mobile phase and the samples were detected at 270 nm. Retention times and peak areas were determined using an integrator (Hitachi D2500 Chromato-integrator).

#### 2.1.3.4 Polar phospholipid

Phospholipids were extracted and determined by using the method of Minnikin *et al.* (1984). Freeze dried cells (20 mg) were placed in a glass tube containing 2.5 ml DW. The lipids were extracted with a mixture of 2.5 ml chloroform and 1.25 ml methanol (2: 1, v/v) in a small glass tube and were roughly mixed by vortex and then centrifuged at 3,000 rpm for 5 min. The lower layer was transferred to a new glass tube and extracted again. The resultant lipids were evaporated to dryness on a heating bath at 50 °C under a stream of nitrogen. Phospholipids were separated on TLC of 10  $\times$  10 cm silica gel plates (Merck, 20 PLC plates 20  $\times$  20, silica gel 60 F254, 0.5 mm thickness) with a solvent system of chloroform: methanol: DW (10: 5: 1, v/v). 5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  of PE, PC, PG, PI and DPG solutions were used as standards. For visualization of amines, phosphorylated molecules, glycolipids and sugar molecules each TLC plate was sprayed with ninhydrin, phosphorus, 50%  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  and anisaldehyde, respectively.

### 2.1.3.5 Whole-cell sugars

Whole-cell sugars were analyzed according to the method of Becker *et al.* (1965). 50 mg of dried cells were hydrolyzed with 1 ml of 1N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in a screw glass tube which covered with teflon and cap, incubated at 100 °C for 2 h. The hydrolysate were allow to cooled at room temperature and saturated Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub> was added to get pH to 5-7 (detected by pH paper). The supernatant was harvested by centrifugation at 3,000 rpm for 15-20 min. Methanol: chloroform (4:2 ml) was added and then tube was strongly vortexed. Centrifugation at 3,000 rpm for 15-20 min was conducted and the upper supernatant was kept at 4°C over night. The centrifugation 3,000 rpm for 15-20 minutes was repeated and the supernatant was harvested and dried by a rotary vacuum evaporator. The remainder was resuspended with 200 µl sterile DW and use as the sample. 40 µl of sample was applied on base line of paper chromatography size 10×40 cm. 20 µl of 2 mg/ml standard sugars were used as standards. Paper chromatography was developed with the solvent system n-butanol : toluene: pyridine: water (20:16:12:12, v/v and use the upper layer of the mixture about 25 ml) (prepare with in 24 h before use) for 51 h. After development, the paper was dried for about 30 min in fume hood. The spots are visualized by spraying with aniline-butanol-phthalic acid solution followed by heating at 100 °C in a dryer incubator a few minutes.

### 2.1.3.6 Mycolic acid

Mycolic acids were detected by TLC using the method of Tomiyasu (1982). The lipids were extracted three times with a mixture of chloroform and methanol (2:1, v/v). The fatty acids were obtained by hydrolysis with 10% KOH in methanol of the extractable lipids and the residual cell wall-bound lipids. After acidification with 6 N HCl, fatty acids were extracted with n-hexane and transmethylated with benzene: methanol: H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (10:20:1, v/v) for 1.5 h under reflux. The resultant methyl esters were extracted with n-hexane and separated on a thin-layer plate of Silica Gel G (Merck) with a solvent system of n-hexane: diethyl ether (4:1, v/v). After the mycolic acid esters were eluted from the thin-layer plate with

chloroform, they were further separated on 10% silver nitrate-impregnated silica gel according to the number of double bonds. The saturated monoenoic, dienoic, trienoic, and tetraenoic mycolic acid esters were well separated with a solvent system of chloroform: methanol (80:1.5, v/v).

## 2.2 Genotypic methods

### 2.2.1 DNA base composition

#### 2.2.1.1 Extraction and purification of total genomic DNA

Genomic DNA was isolated and purified by using the method modified from Saito and Miura (1963). 0.1 g of freeze-dried cells were ground in the mortar and placed in a 50 ml tube containing 5 ml saline-EDTA. A small spatula of lysozyme, a microspatula of achromopeptidase and 30  $\mu$ l of N-acetylmuramidase (1mg/100  $\mu$ l) were added in the mixture and vigorously mixed by vortex. The contents of the tube were left in the water-bath shaker at 37 °C for overnight. After that 500  $\mu$ l of 20% SDS were added and further incubated at 60 °C for 2 h and allowed to cool down at room temperature. Equal volume of Tris-phenol was added and the lysate was strongly mixed by vortex for 30 second and centrifuged at 10,000 rpm at 4 °C for 15 min. The supernatant was transferred to a 50 ml of fresh sterilized tube followed by addition of 0.025 volumn of RNase A and RNase T solution. The mixture was incubated in the water-bath shaker at 37 °C for overnight and was extracted by the equal volume of Tris-phenol. The supernatant was removed after centrifuge to a 50 ml of new sterilized tube followed by addition of 0.1 volumn of 3 M sodium acetate pH 5.2 and the content in the tube was thoroughly mixed. Equal volume of absolute EtOH was added and incubated a few minute on ice. Gently swirled the tube and DNA was pool by sterilized glass rod. DNA was washed with 70% EtOH 3 times, dried in the air for 1 h and dissolved in 15 ml tube containing 4 ml of 0.1X SSC at 4 °C for 16 h.

Purity of DNA was measured by OD<sub>260</sub>/OD<sub>280</sub> ratio. The concentration of DNA was calculated by following equation:

$$50 \times \text{OD}_{260} \text{ of the sample} = \text{concentration of DNA } (\mu\text{g/ml})$$

#### 2.2.1.2 G+C content analysis

G+C content was determined by HPLC of deoxyribonucleosides as described by Tamaoka and Komagata (1984). 300 µg of purified DNA was incubated at 100 °C for 10 min and allowed to cool down on ice. 10 µl the denature DNA was transferred to the new tube and 10 µl nuclease P1 was added and incubated at 50 °C for 1 h. After that 10 µl bacterial alkaline phosphatase was added. As a quantitative standard, the mixture of 5 µl dNMP was also digested with bacterial alkaline phosphatase. Both sample and standard were incubated at 37 °C for 1 h. 5 µl of sample and standard were injected into a HPLC using a JASCO 802-SC chromatograph equipped with a GC column. Ammonium phosphate: acetonitrile (40: 1, v/v) was used as the mobile phase and the samples were detected at 270 nm. Retention times and peak areas were determined using an integrator (Hitachi D2500 Chromato-integrator).

### 2.2.2 Analysis of almost complete sequencing of 16S rRNA gene

#### 2.2.2.1 Extraction and purification of genomic DNA

Genomic DNA was extracted and purified by method modified from Saito and Miura's (1963) as described in 2.2.1.1

### 2.2.2.2 Amplification

Approximately 50 ng of the genomic DNA was used to amplify the 16S rRNA gene with 11F sense primer and 1510R anti-sense primer (Table 7). The PCR was performed with the following reagents: 1X PCR buffer, 2.5  $\mu$ M dNTP mixture, 5 $\mu$ M each primers, 1.25 U *Taq* DNA polymerase in a total volume of 50  $\mu$ l with ddH<sub>2</sub>O. The reaction mixtures were carried out in a TaKaRa PCR Thermal Cycler by following temperature cycling profile: the first cycle at 94 °C for 1 min, followed by 30 cycles at 94 °C for 1 min, 50 °C for 1 min, 72 °C for 1 min and the final cycle at 72 °C for 1 min. The presence of the 1.5 Kb PCR products coding for 16S rRNA gene was detected using 0.8% agarose gel electrophoresis.

### 2.2.2.3 16S rRNA gene sequencing

PCR products of 16S rRNA gene were purified using QIAquick PCR Purification Kit (QIAGEN, Germany) before sequencing. The sequencing was performed by using a BigDye terminator cycle sequencing kit (Applied Biosystems) with eight sequencing primers (11F, 520F, 685F, 926F, 704R, 925R, 1115R, 1510R; Table 7) on ABI model 3130 automatic DNA sequencer (Applied Biosystems). The first step was to remove excess dNTPs and primers, 5  $\mu$ l of purified PCR products were added in the mixture of 0.65  $\mu$ l ddH<sub>2</sub>O, 0.2  $\mu$ l of 10X *Exo I* buffer, 1  $\mu$ l of SAP (1U/  $\mu$ l) and 0.25  $\mu$ l of *Exo I* (20U/  $\mu$ l) and then incubated at 37 °C for 15 min followed by 80°C for 15 min. The second step, the PCR products were purified using a QIAquick Gel Extraction kit (QIAGEN, Germany). In the third step, 10  $\mu$ l reaction mixtures (0.5  $\mu$ l of the purified PCR product, 3.5  $\mu$ l of BigDye Terminator Ready Reaction Kit (ABI), 0.5  $\mu$ l of single primer (10  $\mu$ M) and 5.5  $\mu$ l of ddH<sub>2</sub>O) were placed in TaKaRa thermal cycler using temperature cycling profile: the first cycle at 96 °C for 10 sec, followed by 25 cycles at 50 °C for 5 sec, 60 °C for 41 sec.

The PCR products were purified using a QIAquick Gel Extraction kit (QIAGEN, Germany). The PCR products were then dried for 2 h. The pellets were dissolved in 15  $\mu$ l of Hi-Di™ formamide and transferred to 96 well plates and heated plate at 95 °C for 2 min and then immediately transferred on ice. The PCR products were directly sequenced by an ABI model 3130 automatic DNA sequencer (Applied Biosystems).

**Table 7** Oligonucleotide primers used for PCR amplification and sequencing of 16S rRNA gene.

Primers	Nucleotide sequences (5' to 3')	Size (bp)	References
STR1F	TCACGGAGAGTTTGATCCTG	20	Kataoka <i>et al.</i> (1997)
STR1530R	AAGGAGATCCAGCCGCA	18	Kataoka <i>et al.</i> (1997)
ATT025F	GATTAGATACCCTGGTAGTCCA	22	Bunyoo (2008)
ATT026R	TGGACTACCAGGGTATCTAATC	22	Bunyoo (2008)
11F	AGTTTGATCATGGCTCAG	18	Tajima <i>et al.</i> (2001)
520F	CAGCAGCCGCGGTAATAC	18	Tajima <i>et al.</i> (2001)
685F	GTAGCGGTGAAATGCGTA	18	Tajima <i>et al.</i> (2001)
926F	AAACTCAAAGGAATTGACGG	20	Tajima <i>et al.</i> (2001)
704R	TCTACGCATTTACCGCTAC	20	Tajima <i>et al.</i> (2001)
925R	CGTCAATTCATTTGAGTT	18	Tajima <i>et al.</i> (2001)
1115R	AGGGTTGCGCTCGTTG	16	Tajima <i>et al.</i> (2001)
1510R	GGTTACCTGTTACGACT	18	Tajima <i>et al.</i> (2001)

#### 2.2.2.4 Analysis of sequence similarity

The DNA fragments were assembled by using CAP3 Sequence Assembly Program at <http://pbil.univ-lyon1.fr/cap3.php>. The similarity values were compared to the nucleotide sequences in the EzTaxon database.

### 2.2.2.5 Phylogenetic tree analysis

Phylogenetic trees were constructed by using the method that described in 1.2.4.

### 2.2.3 DNA - DNA hybridization

DNA was isolated and purified according to the method of Saito and Miura (1963) as described in 2.2.1.1. DDH experiment was carried out by fluorometric hybridization method (Ezaki *et al.*, 1989). The purified DNA solution (100 µg/ml DNA in 0.1xSSC buffer) was incubated at 100 °C for 10 min and immediately cooled on ice. Calf thymus DNA was also parallelly prepared control DNA. Next, 100 µl of the denatured DNA (10 ng/ml DNA in PBS/MgCl<sub>2</sub>) were loaded on each well of the 96 well black polystyrene microplates and sealed with self-adhesive vinyl tape before incubation at 37 °C for overnight. The plates were then washed once with 250 µl PBS per well with the aid of a multichannel pipette. A pre-hybridization step was performed by adding 200 µl pre-hybridization solution (2x SSC, 0.5x Denhardt's solution, 50% formamide, 0.1 mg/ml denatured salmon sperm DNA) per well, sealing the microplate with vinyl tape and incubated at 37 °C for 30 min in the hybridization oven.

For the DNA probe, the DNA sample was fragmented with sonicator for 2 min. DNA probe was then labelled by mixing 10 µg/ml DNA in 0.1 SSC with 3 volume of photobiotin solution (Photoprobe Biotin Kit, Vector Laboratories, Canada) in a 1.5 ml tube and illuminated the mixture for 30 min under a 300 W mercury vapor lamp positioned 10 cm above the tube while the open tube was kept upright on ice. After coupling, brought the volume of labeling reaction to 144 µl with distilled water and 16 µl of 0.1 M Tris/HCl (pH 9.0) was added. The remaining free photobiotin was removed by adding 160 µl 1-butanol to the nucleic acid solution, vigorously vortexed and centrifuged 1,000 g for 1 min to separate the phases. Discarded the upper butanol phase and repeat the butanol extraction. The water layer phase was then boiled for 10 min and immediately cooled on ice.

For the actual hybridization, the pre-hybridization solution was removed and 100  $\mu$ l hybridization solution (pre-hybridization solution plus 2.5 % dextran sulfate and 10  $\mu$ g/ml DNA probe) was added per well. The microplates were sealed again with vinyl tape and incubated at 54 °C for 3 h. The microplate was then washed three times with 200  $\mu$ l 1x SSC per well. For the enzymic development, 100  $\mu$ l streptavidin- $\beta$ -D-galactosidase solution was added per well (0.5 U/ml in PBS plus 0.5 % BSA and 0.01 % Triton) and the microplate was covered with vinyl tape and incubated at 37 °C for 30 min. Subsequently, the plate was washed three times with 250  $\mu$ l 1x SSC per well. Finally, the substrate for  $\beta$ -D-galactosidase, 100  $\mu$ l of 4-methylumbelliferyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (Sigma) 0.1 mg/ml was added per well. Percentage of hybridization will be detected by using Cytofluor multi-well plate reader series 4000 and by manual calculation.

### **3. Determination of plant growth promoting agents**

#### **3.1 Auxin production**

Auxin production was analyzed by growing each isolate in glucose-beef extract supplemented with 0.2 mg/ml tryptophan. The flasks were incubated at 28 °C, 250 rpm in the dark for 1 week. After incubation, colorimetric assay using method modified from Ahmad *et al.* (2006) was carried. 4 ml of Salkowski's reagent was added into 1 ml of the supernatant and vigorously mixed. The mixture was incubated in the dark at room temperature for 20 min and then measure OD 530 nm.

#### **3.2 Phosphate solubilization**

The isolates were streaked on the Pikovskaya's agar (Pikovskaya, 1948) and incubated at 30 °C. After good growth, the lawn of colony was plugged that had already plugged out (6 mm diameter) and transferred into the hole (6 mm diameter) of the Pikovskaya's agar. The solubilization of phosphate was determined by the formation of transparent "halo" zone around each bacterial plug after incubation at 30 °C for 3 weeks.

### 3.3 Siderophore production

Siderophores were detected using method modified from Schwyn *et al.* (1987). The isolates were streaked onto the MS medium and incubated at 30 °C. After good growth the lawn of colony was plugged (6 mm diameter) and transferred onto CAS agar plate and incubated at 30 °C for a week. The orange halo zone around bacterial plug indicated siderophores production.

### 3.4 Ammonia production

Ammonia production was studied by growing the isolates in peptone water broth and incubation at 30 °C, 250 rpm for 1-3 weeks. After incubation, 200 µl of the supernatant were loaded per well on the 96 well microplates and then 20 µl of Nesler's reagent was added. The production of ammonia was observed by development of yellow to brown color.

### 3.5 ACC deaminase production

All isolates were screened for their potential to produce ACC deaminase. Isolates were grown in seed media and incubation at 28 °C, 250 rpm for 4-7 days. After good growth, the cells were inoculated in the 5 ml of minimum media (Hopwood, 1967) supplemented with either 3.0 mM ACC or 2 g (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> per liter as a sole nitrogen source (Tarabily, 2008) and incubation at 28 °C, 250 rpm for 4 weeks. The cultures were harvested and the pellets washed twice with sterilized DW. 50 µg of the washed cells were then re-inoculated and incubated in the same experimental condition. New colonies formed in the media supplemented with ACC were observed as positive for ACC deaminase activity.

## 4. Identification of *acdS* (ACC deaminase) gene

### 4.1 Extraction of genomic DNA

Genomic DNA was extracted and purified by using the method of Kieser *et al.* (2000) that described in 1.2.1

### 4.2 Degenerate primer design

To identify *acdS* gene of endophytic actinomycetes, amino acid sequences of putative ACC deaminases i.e. *Actinosynnema mirum* DSM 43827<sup>T</sup> (accession number YP003099210), *Brevibacterium linens* BL2 (accession number ZP05915229), *Kribbella flavida* DSM 17836<sup>T</sup> (accession number YP003380387), *Mycobacterium abscessus* ATCC 19977<sup>T</sup> (accession number YP001702443), *M. smegmatis*str MC 2155 (accession number YP006571279), *Nakamurella multipartita* DSM 44233<sup>T</sup> (accession number YP\_003202162), *Streptomyces sviveus* ATCC 29083<sup>T</sup> (accession number ZP\_06916233), *S. ghanaensis* ATCC 14672<sup>T</sup> (accession number ZP06579762), *S. griseus* NBRC 13350<sup>T</sup> (accession number YP001824466), *S. albus* J1074 (accession number ZP06590640) and *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* NRRL 2338<sup>T</sup> (accession number YP001104984) were retrieved from the GenBank database. Multiple sequence alignment was conducted with ClustalW2 (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/clustalw2/>). The forward and reverse primers based on conserved amino acid regions with minimal degeneracy were designed for PCR amplification of *acdS* gene.

### 4.3 PCR amplification

50 ng of genomic DNA of each isolate was used to amplify *acdS* gene with ATT082F sense primer and ATT082R anti-sense primer. The PCR was performed with the following reagents: 1X PCR buffer, 3 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.5 mM dNTP mixture, 0.125 μM each primer, 1.25 U *Taq* DNA polymerase, 10% DMSO to a total volume of 20 μl with sterilized ultra pure water. The reaction mixtures were carried

out in a Biometra Thermocycler by following temperature cycling profile: the first cycle at 94 °C for 3 min, followed by 30 cycles at 94 °C for 30 sec, 63 °C for 30 sec, 72 °C for 1.5 min and the last cycle at 72 °C for 4 min. The presence of the 600 bp long DNA fragment coding for *acdS* gene confirmed by 0.8% agarose gel electrophoresis. PCR products were purified using QIAquick PCR Purification Kit (QIAGEN, Germany), NucleoSpin Extract 2 in 1 (MACHEREY-NAGEL, Germany) or Gel/PCR DNA Fragments Extraction kit (Geneaid) following the manufacturer's protocol. After that the purified PCR products of the isolates were directly sequenced using ATT082F primer (Macrogen, Korea).

#### 4.4 Sequence analysis

The analysis of similarity values was compared nucleotide sequences in the GenBank database.

#### 4.5 Phylogenetic tree analysis

Phylogenetic trees were constructed by using the method that described in 1.2.4.

### 5. Screening of anti-microbial activity

#### 5.1 Antibacterial activities

Antibacterial activities were determined using agar plug assay method (Jeffry, 1994). The isolates were grown on MS agar for a week and then were plugged using 6 mm cork borer and placed on NA medium that was flooded with  $10^8$  cfu/ml of test bacterial suspension. 1 mg of ampicillin on a paper disk was used as a positive control. All plates were incubated at 30 °C overnight. Antibacterial activities of the isolates were observed by clear halo zone (inhibition zone) around the agar plugs. The inhibition zone was measured after 24 h.

## 5.2 Antifungal activities

To test ability of individual isolate to inhibit the growth of fungi, the modified protocol of Crawford *et al.* (1993) was carried out. The isolate was cultured in ISP2 media and incubation at 28 °C, 250 rpm for 4-7 days. After good growth, the cells were inoculated on NA and PDA plates and incubated at 30 °C for a week or until the culture had sporulated. A PDA block (0.5 cm<sup>2</sup>) containing actively growing test and fungi was then aseptically placed in the center of the plate. Incubation was continued at 30 °C. Antifungal activities were indicated when mycelia growth in the direction of the isolates were retarded or prevented. For determination of antifungal activity against *C. albicans*, the protocol that described in 5.1 was used.

## 6. Identification of a novel compound

### 6.1 Fermentation

The selected strain of endophytic actinomycetes was cultured on Bn-2 slant agar medium and then was inoculated into 500-mL flasks each containing 100 ml of the V-22 seed medium (pH 7.0). The cultures were cultivated on a rotary shaker (200 rpm) at 30 °C for 4 days. The seed culture (3 ml) was transferred into 500 ml flasks each containing 100 ml of the A-11M production medium (pH 7.0) The flasks were inoculated on a rotary shaker (200 rpm) at 30 °C for 6 days.

### 6.2 Extraction and isolation

At the end of the fermentation period, 100 ml of 1-butanol were added to each flask, and they were allowed to shake for 1 additional hour. The mixture was centrifuged at 6,000 rpm for 10 min and the organic layer was separated from the aqueous layer containing the mycelium. Evaporation of the organic layer gave crude extract. The crude extract was subjected to silica gel column chromatography with a step gradient of CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH (1: 0, 20: 1, 10: 1, 4: 1, 2: 1, 1: 1 and 0: 1 v/v). Fraction were collected and evaporated and further purified by preparative C-18

HPLC using a gradient of MeCN/0.1% HCO<sub>2</sub>H (MeCN concentration: 15 to 40% over 60 min). Finally, fraction that contained the putative peak was evaporated and concentrated.

### 6.3 Identification of the putative novel compound

The pure fraction was subjected to the spectroscopic analyses. Optical rotations were measured using a JASCO DIP-3000 polarimeter. UV spectra were recorded on a Hitachi U-3210 spectrophotometer. IR spectra were measured on a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum 100. NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker AVANCE 400 or a Bruker AVANCE 500 spectrometer and referenced to residual solvent signals. J-resolved HMBC experiments were performed on a Varian INOVA-500 spectrometer. HRESITOFMS were recorded on a Bruker microTOF focus.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 1. Isolation and identification of endophytic actinomycetes

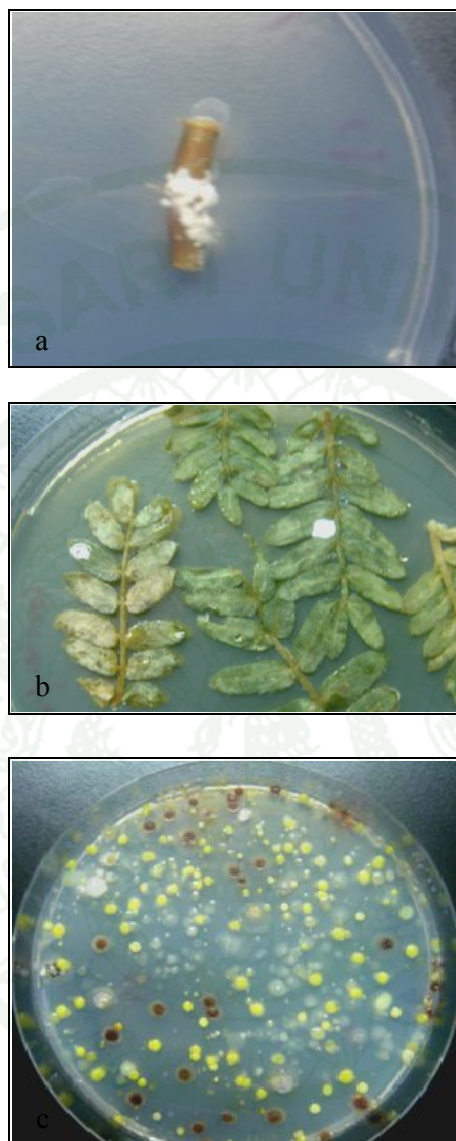
#### 1.1 Isolation

A total of 66 endophytic actinobacterial isolates were obtained. Thirty one species (32 varieties) of healthy Thai medicinal and agricultural plants belonging to 24 families were used. The majority of plants (22 species, 69%) are woody plants and the rests are herbaceous plants. The plant materials including roots, stems and leaves were surface-sterilized by using the method modified from Coombs and Franco (2003) and Cao *et al.* (2004). The pieces of those and crushed solution were distributed and spread onto starch casein agar (SCA) and water agar (WA) media.

Surface sterilization is an important step to eliminate all epiphytic microbes and to gain true endophytic microbes. In this study, the surface sterilization was carried out by using three-step procedure. The plants were washed in 95% ethanol for 10 min, sterilized with 1% NaClO for 15 min and immersed in 10% NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution for 10 min (to inhibit the growth of endophytic fungi) (Tan *et al.*, 2006; Nimnoi *et al.*, 2010). In addition, this alkaline environment favors the growth of actinomycetes especially *Streptomyces* (Verma *et al.*, 2009). Ethanol (70-99%) and NaClO (0.87-10%) are commonly used in the sterilization protocol which made it possible to isolate the actinomycetes associated with plant tissues (Coombs and Franco, 2003; Cao *et al.*, 2004; Tian *et al.*, 2004; Tan *et al.*, 2006; Qin *et al.*, 2011). Moreover, to ensure that the surface microbes were completely eliminated the final wash was spread on the WA and SCA in duplicate plates. None of the representative colonies appeared on any of the plates indicating that the protocol was effective in removing the epiphytic microbes and that the isolates obtained can be considered to be true endophytes (Coombs and Franco, 2003).

After 1-8 weeks of incubation at 30 °C on the SCA and WA plates, the actinobacterial colonies were morphologically observed on the SCA plates spread with ground root solution while mycelia of actinomycetes which took at least 3 weeks to grow out from tissues were detected on pieces of roots and leaves on the both media (Figure 9). No actinomycete was obtained from stems of any plant species. Growth of microbes in the laboratory is dependent on the composition of the media and the cultivation conditions (Qin *et al.* 2011). In this experiment, SCA (Küster and Williams, 1964) and WA were selected as isolation media following the report of Sardi *et al.* (1992). Both media were supplemented with 2.5 U penicillin G ml<sup>-1</sup> and 50 mg cyclohexamide ml<sup>-1</sup> to inhibit the growth of endophytic bacteria and fungi, respectively (Bunyoo *et al.*, 2008; Thamchaipenet *et al.*, 2008). However, the long time incubation of the plant materials onto the media at 30 °C made the antibiotics less effective and commonly allowed the growth of endophytic bacteria and fungi. In this study, contamination of endophytic bacteria and fungi was found lower on WA than on SCA, while the colonies of actinomycetes were higher obtained from the pieces of plant materials laid on WA than SCA. The results corresponded to the report of Sardi *et al.* (1992) that nearly 100% of plant materials incubated on WA were colonized whereas less colonies were observed on SCA. Coombs and Franco (2003), Qin *et al.* (2009) and Li *et al.* (2009) agree that low nutrient medium is effective for isolation of endophytic actinomycetes including WA.

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**Figure 9** Example of endophytic actinomycetes isolation. (a) Colonization on the root of Pak-bong-ta-lay (*Ipomoea pescaprae* Sweet) plated onto WA medium. (b) Colonization on leaves of Kok-ka-soon (*Tribulus cistoides* Linn.) plated on SCA medium. (c) Colonization from the solution of ground roots of Ka-jae (*Hesperethusa crenulata* Roem.) spread on SCA medium. Incubation time was 4 weeks at 30 °C.

Different morphology of actinobacterial colonies were picked and purified on MS medium. A total of 66 isolates were obtained from 22 plant species belonging to 17 families including Acanthaceae, Araliaceae, Compositae, Convolvulaceae, Ebenaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Lauraceae, Leguminosae, Moraceae, Myristicaceae, Myrsinaceae, Palmae, Plumbaginaceae, Poaceae, Rutaceae, Verbenaceae and Zygophyllaceae. The isolates designated GMKU (Genetics-Microbiology-Kasetsart-University) culture collection, the numbers were shown in Appendix Table A2. In this experiment, most of endophytic actinomycetes (n=46; 70%) obtained from woody plants (15 species) and the remainder (n=20; 30%) gained from herbaceous plants (7 species). In contrast, Taechowisan *et al.* (2003) using 36 plant species collected in Chiang Mai, Thailand gained a few actinomycetes from woody plants (2 species) while 99% of actinomycetes were recovered from herbaceous plants (34 species). However, both experiments indicated that actinomycetes are widely distributed in the internal tissues of Thai tropical plants ranging from herbaceous to woody plants. It is evident that plants in nature harbor a community of endophytic bacteria (Long *et al.*, 2008) and colonization inside the plant tissue of actinomycetes is ubiquitous and common in the nature (Qin *et al.*, 2011). In addition, the highest number of the actinobacterial isolates (n = 55, 83 %) was obtained from roots and their crushed solutions, and the rest were gained from leaves (Table 8). These results were in agreement with previous report that roots represent a good habitat for endophytes and this may relate to the fact that actinomycetes reside abundantly in rhizosphere and could easily move into the plant roots (Lamb *et al.*, 1996). No isolate was recovered from 10 plant species namely, *Adhatoda vasica* Nees, *Polyscias fruticosa* Harás, *Terminalia chebula* Retz., *Garcinia mangostana* Linn., *Cinnamomum camphora* Th. Fries, *Tinospora cordifolia* Mier, *Parkia speciosa* Hassk, *Rivina humilis* Linn, *Lepisanthes senegalensis* Leenh and *Boesenbergia pandurata* Holtt (Table 8). This may be because of the long time incubation that made the antibiotics less effective and allowed the growth of endophytic bacteria or fungi or these trees have mycorrhizal fungi associated with their roots which may form a barrier to the infection of other endophytic microorganisms (Taechowisan *et al.*, 2003).

**Table 8** Actinobacterial endophytes and host plants.

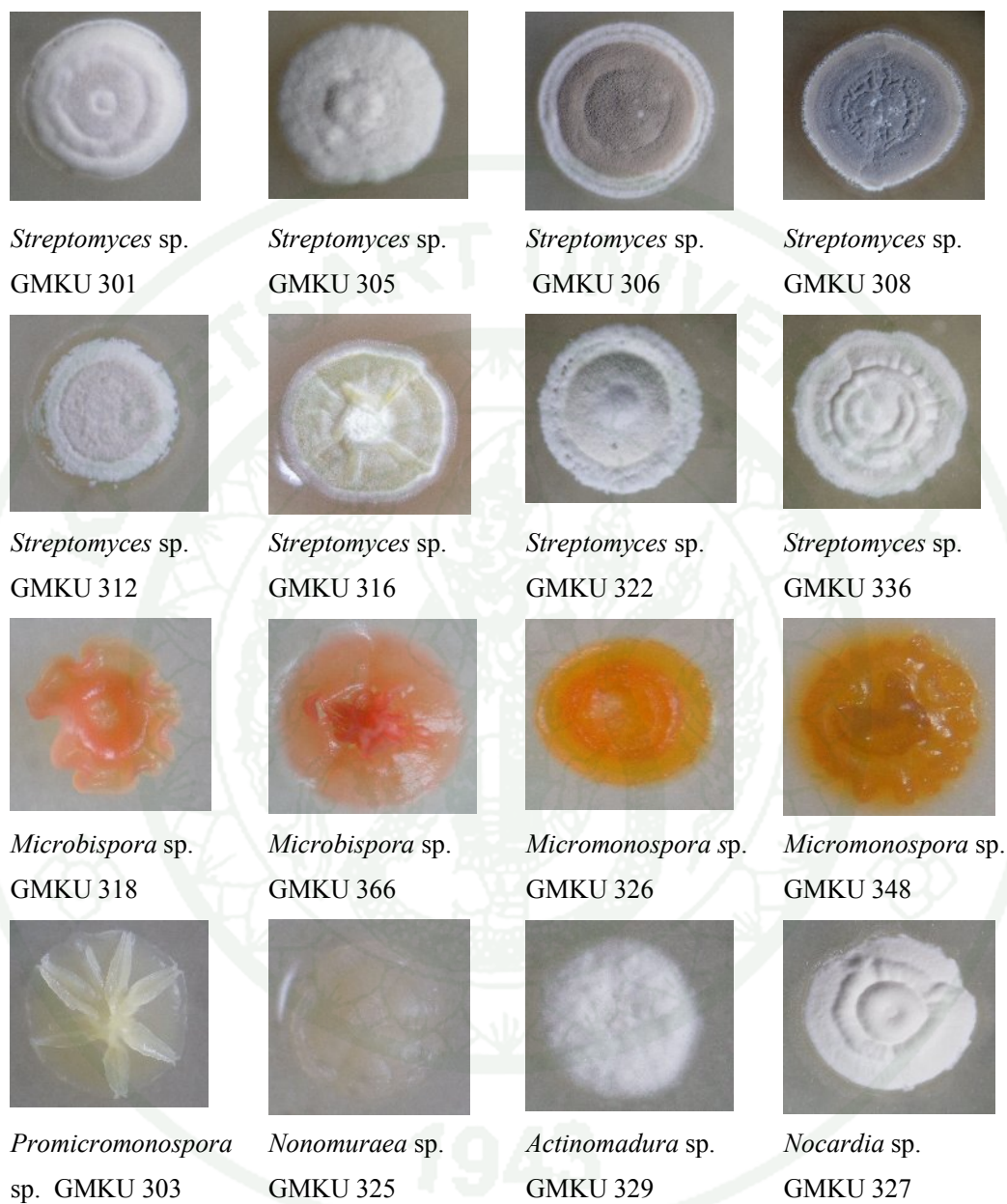
Family	Host plants Scientific name	Isolates				A total number of isolates
		Leaf	Stem	Root	Solution of ground roots	
Acanthaceae	<i>Adhatoda vasica</i> Nees <sup>b</sup>	–	–	–	–	–
	<i>Barleria strigosa</i> Willd. <sup>b</sup>	354	–	–	355, 356, 357, 358	5
	<i>Climacanthus nutans</i> Lindau <sup>a</sup>	346	–	–	–	1
	<i>Climacanthus siamensis</i> Brem. <sup>a</sup>	362, 363	–	360, 361	–	4
Araliaceae	<i>Polyscias fruticosa</i> Harás <sup>b</sup>	–	–	–	–	–
	<i>Schefflera venulosa</i> Harms <sup>b</sup>	–	–	–	330, 331	2
Combretaceae	<i>Terminalia chebula</i> Retz. <sup>b</sup>	–	–	–	–	–
Compositae	<i>Eupatorium</i> <i>stoechadosmum</i> Hance <sup>a</sup>	–	–	350	–	1
	<i>Ageratum conyzoides</i> Linn. <sup>a</sup>	348	–	–	–	1
Convolvulaceae	<i>Ipomoea pescaprae</i> Sweet <sup>a</sup>	312, 313	–	311	309, 314	5
Ebenaceae	<i>Diospyros mollis</i> Griff. <sup>b</sup>	–	–	315	316, 317, 318	4
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Croton caudatus</i> Geisel <sup>b</sup>	352	–	341, 342	353	4
	<i>Phyllanthus pulcher</i> Wall. <sup>b</sup>	324	–	–	–	1
Guttiferae	<i>Garcinia mangostana</i> Linn. <sup>b</sup>	–	–	–	–	–
	Lauraceae	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> Th. Fries <sup>b</sup>	–	–	308	347
	<i>Cinnamomum bejolghota</i> Sweet <sup>b</sup>	–	–	322, 323	320	3
Leguminosae	<i>Abrus pulchellus</i> Wall. <sup>b</sup>	–	–	–	325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 351	6

Table 8 (continued)

Host plants		Isolates				A total
Family	Scientific name	Leaf	Stem	Root	Solution of ground roots	number of isolates
Menispermaceae	<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i> Miers <sup>b</sup>	–	–	–	–	–
Mimosaceae	<i>Parkia speciosa</i> Hassk. <sup>b</sup>	–	–	–	–	–
Moraceae	<i>Streblus asper</i> Lour. <sup>b</sup>	–	–	–	364	1
Myristicaceae	<i>Myristica fragrans</i> Linn. <sup>b</sup>	–	–	–	377	1
Myrsinaceae	<i>Ardisia polycephala</i> Wall. <sup>a</sup>	–	–	344	343, 345	3
Palmae	<i>Elaeis guineensis</i> Jacq. <sup>b</sup>	–	–	–	378	1
Phytolaccaceae	<i>Rivina humilis</i> Linn. <sup>b</sup>	–	–	–	–	–
Plumbaginaceae	<i>Plumbago zeylanica</i> Linn. <sup>b</sup>	–	–	–	359	1
Poaceae	<i>Oryza sativa</i> L. cv KDML 105 <sup>a</sup>	–	–	–	368, 369, 370, 372	4
	<i>Oryza sativa</i> L. cv RD 6 <sup>a</sup>	–	–	–	366, 367	2
Rutaceae	<i>Hesperethusa crenulata</i> Roem. <sup>b</sup>	–	–	302	301, 303	3
Sapindaceae	<i>Lepisanthes senegalensis</i> Leenh. <sup>b</sup>	–	–	–	–	–
Verbenaceae	<i>Clerodendrum serratum</i> Moon <sup>b</sup>	340 (1)	–	334, 335	319, 333, 336, 337, 365	8
Zingiberaceae	<i>Boesenbergia pandurata</i> Holtt. <sup>a</sup>	–	–	–	–	–
Zygophyllaceae	<i>Tribulus cistoides</i> Linn. <sup>a</sup>	305 (1)	–	306, 307 (2)	–	3
Total of isolates		11	–	16	39	66
Total (%)		11 (17%)	–	55 (83%)		

<sup>a</sup> herbaceous plant; <sup>b</sup> woody plant

All isolates were cultured on MS until good growth to preliminarily identify their morphology as actinomycetes (Figure 10). After that, all isolates were preliminarily identified on the distinguished basis of characteristic colonial morphology notably the ability to form substrate and aerial mycelia as well as spore. The pure isolates were examined by growing on the media of Difco, namely ISP 2, ISP 3, and ISP 4 incubating at 27 °C for 3 weeks. The growth on each media, color of substrate mycelium (reverse plate), soluble pigment and sporulation were determined. The results of preliminary identification indicate that there were two groups including *Streptomyces* and rare actinomycetes (Table 9).



**Figure 10** Morphology of some endophytic actinomycetes cultured on MS media.

**Table 9** Characteristics of actinobacterial endophytes on ISP2, ISP3, and ISP4 media incubated at 27 °C for 2 weeks. 1, growth on the medium; 2, color of substrate mycelium; 3, soluble pigment; 4, sporulation. VG, very good; G, good; M, moderate; P, poor; VP very poor; – absent.

GM KU	ISP No.2 medium				ISP No. 3 medium				ISP No. 4 medium			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
301	G	Golden yellow	–	–	G	Golden yellow	–	M	G	Golden yellow	–	VG
303	G	Yellow	–	–	M	Light yellow	–	–	M	White	–	–
305	G	Golden yellow	–	G	G	White	–	M	G	Light yellow	–	G
306	G	Light yellow	–	G	VG	Greenish gray	–	VG	G	Light yellow	–	G
307	G	Light yellow	–	G	G	Golden brown	–	VG	G	Light yellow	–	G
308	VG	Light yellow	–	G	VG	Dark olive green	Pale brown	G	VG	Light yellow	–	G
309	G	Gold	Gold	G	G	Golden	–	VG	G	Light yellow	–	G
311	G	Light yellow	–	P	G	Light yellow	–	–	G	Light yellow	–	G
312	G	Light yellow	–	G	M	Light yellow	–	VP	G	Light yellow	–	VG
313	M	Yellow	–	P	M	Yellow	–	M	G	Light yellow	–	G
314	G	Yellow	–	G	VG	Yellow	Yellow	VG	G	Yellow	–	G
315	VG	Light yellow	–	VP	M	Yellow	–	P	G	Light yellow	–	G
316	VG	Yellow	Gold	–	VG	Light yellow	Pale brown	P	G	Yellow	–	M
317	–	–	–	–	G	Orange	–	G	VP	White	–	–

Table 9 (continued)

GM	ISP No.2 medium				ISP No. 3 medium				ISP No. 4 medium				
	KU	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
318	P	Orange	-	-	G	Orange	-	G	P	White	-	P	
319	G	Yellow	-	P	G	Yellow	-	M	G	Light Yellow	-	G	
320	G	Light Yellow	-	G	G	Gray	-	VG	G	Light Yellow	-	G	
322	G	Light Yellow	Light Yellow	G	G	Brown	-	M	G	Light Yellow	-	G	
323	G	Light Yellow	-	G	G	Yellow	-	M	G	Light Yellow	-	M	
324	VP	Orange	-	-	G	Orange	-	G	P	Light yellow	-	P	
326	P	Orange	-	-	M	Orange	-	-	-	-	-	-	
328	G	Orange	-	-	G	Orange	-	-	G	Orange	-	-	
330	G	Orange	-	-	M	Orange	-	-	VP	Orange	-	-	
333	G	Light Yellow	-	M	VG	Yellow	-	VG	G	Light yellow	-	G	
334	G	Light Yellow	-	P	G	Light Yellow	-	M	M	Light Yellow	-	M	
335	VG	Dark brown	-	VG	VG	Dark brown	Pale brown	G	VG	Light Yellow	-	VG	
336	P	Yellow	Gold	-	M	Gold	-	M	G	Golden yellow	Light yellow	G	
337	G	Gold	Gold	G	G	Golden brown	-	G	G	Light yellow	-	G	
340	P	Light Yellow	-	-	G	Orange	-	P	VP	White	-	-	
341	G	Dark brown	Pale brown	G	G	Dark brown	Pale brown	G	G	Dark brown	-	G	
342	G	Gray	-	G	M	Reddish brown	-	P	G	Light yellow	-	G	

Table 9 (continued)

GM	ISP No.2 medium				ISP No. 3 medium				ISP No. 4 medium				
	KU	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
344	G	Light yellow	Purple	G	G	Pink	-	G	G	Gold	-	VG	
345	G	Light yellow	Purple	G	G	Pink	-	G	G	Gold	-	VG	
346	M	Reddish brown	-	G	P	Light yellow	-	M	G	Yellow	-	G	
348	G	Orange Black	-	-	G	Orange	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
352	G	Light yellow	yellow	G	P	Light yellow	yellow	P	M	Light yellow	yellow	G	
350	P	Dark brown	-	-	M	Dark brown	-	P	VP	Dark brown	-	-	
353	G	Orange	-	-	M	Orange	-	-	-	-	-	-	
354	G	Yellow	-	G	G	Brown	-	VG	G	Light yellow	-	VG	
355	G	Yellow	-	G	G	Brown	Gold	G	G	Light yellow	-	VG	
357	P	Light Yellow	-	-	G	Reddish brown	-	-	P	Light yellow	-	-	
358	G	Orange	-	-	G	Orange	-	-	G	Orange	-	-	
359	G	Light yellow	-	-	M	White	-	-	P	Light yellow	-	P	
360	G	Yellow	Gold	G	G	Gold	Gold	G	G	Light yellow	-	G	
361	G	Light yellow	-	G	G	Dark brown	Brown	G	G	Light Yellow	-	G	
362	G	Orange	-	-	G	Orange	-	-	G	Orange	-	-	
367	M	yellow	-	-	G	yellow	-	M	P	yellow	-	P	
368	P	Dark brown	Gold	-	G	Orange	-	-	VP	yellow	-	-	

**Table 9** (continued)

GM	ISP No.2 medium				ISP No. 3 medium				ISP No. 4 medium				
	KU	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
369	P	Dark brown	–	–	G	Orange	–	M	P	White	–	–	–
370	P	Light yellow	–	–	M	White	–	P	–	–	–	–	–
372	P	Light yellow	–	–	M	Light yellow	–	G	VP	White	–	–	–
377	G	yellow	Gold	–	P	Pale brown	–	–	G	Tan	–	G	–

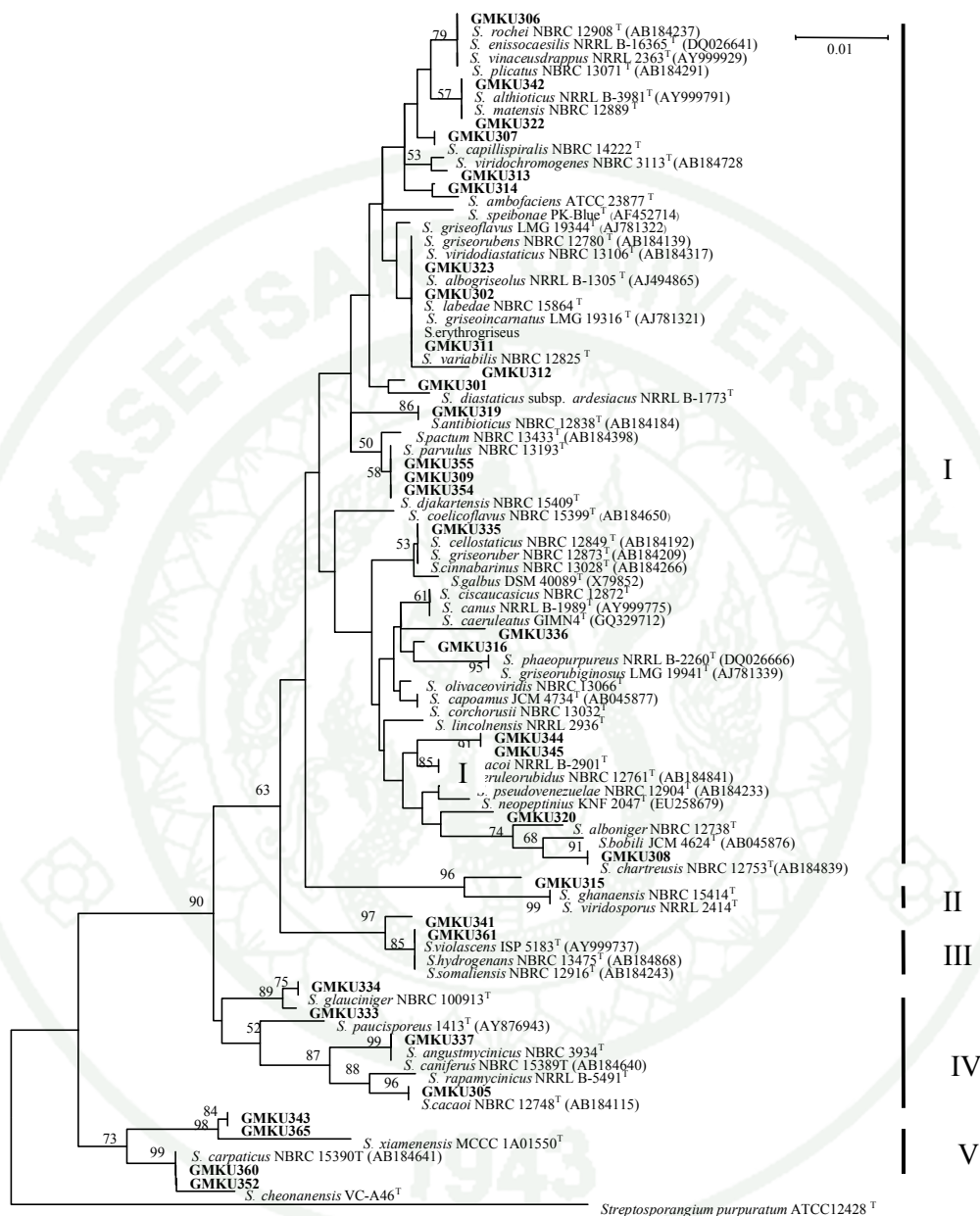
## 1.2 Identification based on partial sequences of 16S ribosomal RNA gene

Partial 16S rRNA gene sequencing was initially used to identify the 66 actinobacterial endophytes to the genus level and compared with EzTaxon web base tool and then the phylogenetic tree using the neighbour-joining method based on partial 16S rRNA gene sequence was constructed. The results of partial 16S rRNA sequencing analysis revealed that the majority (50%) of the isolates matched the EzTaxon database entries to genus *Streptomyces* and the remainder (50%) matched the entries to members of rare actinomycetes.

### 1.2.1 Genus *Streptomyces*

The majority of isolates that matched the EzTaxon database entries belong to genus *Streptomyces* which shared 98-100% identity to those of type strains in this genus. Results of partial 16S rRNA sequencing displayed in Appendix B and their similarity values with the closest species show in Table 10. To display the taxonomic position of 33 *Streptomyces* isolates with closely related type strains of *Streptomyces*, the phylogenetic tree using the neighbour-joining method based on partial 16S rRNA gene sequences was constructed (Figure 11). The sequence data for all closely related *Streptomyces* type strains were recovered from EzTaxon database and used to perform the phylogenetic tree, *Streptosporangium purpuratum* ATCC

12428<sup>T</sup> (AF191735) was used as an out group. The results indicated that 33 isolates formed distinct clade within the members of the genus *Streptomyces*. From the tree, five groups were defined. The first group consists of 22 isolates including GMKU 301, GMKU 302, GMKU 306, GMKU 307, GMKU 308, GMKU 309, GMKU 311, GMKU 312, GMKU 313, GMKU 314, GMKU 316, GMKU 319, GMKU 320, GMKU 322, GMKU 323, GMKU 335, GMKU 336, GMKU 342, GMKU 344, GMKU 345, GMKU 354 and GMKU 355. Group II consists of only GMKU 315. Group III contains isolates GMKU 341 and GMKU 361. Group IV contains sequences from 4 isolates GMKU 305, GMKU 333, GMKU 334 and GMKU 337. And the final group V consists of GMKU 343, GMKU 365, GMKU 352 and GMKU 360. From the analysis, it is likely that 8 isolates of *Streptomyces* including, GMKU 301, GMKU 312, GMKU 315, GMKU 316, GMKU 320, GMKU 336, GMKU 344 and GMKU 345 have potential to be novel species (Figure 11). However, full length sequencing of 16S rRNA gene should be performed to verify the confidential potential of novel species.



**Figure 11** Phylogenetic tree based on partial 16S rRNA gene sequence using the neighbour-joining method of 33 *Streptomyces* strains. The sequence data for all closely related *Streptomyces* type strains were recovered from EzTaxon database and *Streptosporangium purpuratum* ATCC12428<sup>T</sup> (AF191735) was used as an out group. Numbers at nodes indicate levels of bootstrap support (%) based on neighbour-joining analysis of 1000 resampled datasets and only values above 50 % are shown. Bar, 0.005 substitutions per site.

**Table 10** Identification of endophytic actinomycetes based on partial sequencing of 16S rRNA gene.

GMKU	Closest actinomycete species	Sequence similarity (%)	Diff/Total nucleotides	GenBank Accession no.
301	<i>Streptomyces coelicoflavus</i> NBRC 15399 <sup>T</sup>	99.50	3/608	AB184650
302	<i>S. viridodiastaticus</i> NBRC 13106 <sup>T</sup>	99.85	1/700	AB184317
	<i>S. albogriseolus</i> NRRL B-1305 <sup>T</sup>			AJ494865
	<i>S. erythrogriseus</i> LMG 19406 <sup>T</sup>			AJ781328
	<i>S. griseoincarnatus</i> LMG 19316 <sup>T</sup>			AJ781321
	<i>S. griseorubens</i> NBRC 12780 <sup>T</sup>			AB184139
	<i>S. labedae</i> NBRC 15864 <sup>T</sup>			AB184704
	<i>S. variabilis</i> NBRC 12825 <sup>T</sup>			AB184884
305	<i>S. cacaoi</i> subsp. <i>cacaoi</i> NBRC 12748 <sup>T</sup>	99.50	3/609	AB184115
306	<i>S. vinaceusdrappus</i> NRRL 2363 <sup>T</sup>	100	0/817	AY999929
	<i>S. rochei</i> NBRC 12908 <sup>T</sup>			AB184237
	<i>S. plicatus</i> NBRC 13071 <sup>T</sup>			AB184291
	<i>S. enissocaesilis</i> NRRL B-16365 <sup>T</sup>			DQ026641
307	<i>S. althioticus</i> NRRL B-3981 <sup>T</sup>	99.86	1/748	AY999791
	<i>S. matensis</i> NBRC 12889 <sup>T</sup>			AB184221
	<i>S. capillispiralis</i> NBRC 14222 <sup>T</sup>	99.47	4/755	AB184577
308	<i>S. chartreusis</i> NBRC 12753 <sup>T</sup>	100	0/825	AB184839
309	<i>S. djakartensis</i> NBRC 15409 <sup>T</sup>	99.88	1/809	AB184657
311	<i>S. labedae</i> NBRC 15864 <sup>T</sup>	100	0/825	AB184704
	<i>S. griseoincarnatus</i> LMG 19316 <sup>T</sup>			AJ781321
	<i>S. variabilis</i> NBRC 12825 <sup>T</sup>			AB184884
312	<i>S. griseorubens</i> NBRC 12780 <sup>T</sup>	99.22	5/647	AB184139
	<i>S. viridodiastaticus</i> NBRC 13106 <sup>T</sup>			AB184317
	<i>S. albogriseolus</i> NRRL B-1305 <sup>T</sup>			AJ494865

Table 10 (continued)

GMKU	Closest actinomycete species	Sequence	Diff/	GenBank
		similarity (%)	Total nucleotides	Accession no.
313	<i>S. speibonae</i> PK-Blue <sup>T</sup>	99.64	3/828	AF452714
	<i>S. viridochromogenes</i> NBRC 3113 <sup>T</sup>	99.15	7/826	AB184728
314	<i>S. viridochromogenes</i> NBRC 3113 <sup>T</sup>	99.76	2/815	AB184728
	<i>S. ambofaciens</i> ATCC 23877 <sup>T</sup>	99.27	6/816	M27245
315	<i>S. ghanaensis</i> NBRC 15414 <sup>T</sup>	98.50	12/786	AB184662
316	<i>S. capoamus</i> JCM 4734 <sup>T</sup>	99.75	2/795	AB045877
319	<i>S. antibioticus</i> NBRC 12838 <sup>T</sup>	100	0/809	AB184184
320	<i>S. galbus</i> DSM 40089 <sup>T</sup>	98.77	10/812	X79852
	<i>S. curacoii</i> NRRL B-2901 <sup>T</sup>			EF626595
	<i>S. corchorusii</i> NBRC 13032 <sup>T</sup>			AB184267
	<i>S. coeruleorubidus</i> NBRC 12761 <sup>T</sup>			AB184841
322	<i>S. althioticus</i> NRRL B-3981 <sup>T</sup>	100	0/802	AY999791
	<i>S. matensis</i> NBRC 12889 <sup>T</sup>			AB184221
323	<i>S. viridodiastaticus</i> NBRC 13106 <sup>T</sup>	100	0/810	AB184317
	<i>S. griseorubens</i> NBRC 12780 <sup>T</sup>			AB184139
	<i>S. albogriseolus</i> NRRL B-1305 <sup>T</sup>			AJ494865
333	<i>S. glauciniger</i> NBRC 100913 <sup>T</sup>	99.63	3/809	AB249964
334	<i>S. glauciniger</i> NBRC 100913 <sup>T</sup>	99.74	1/378	AB249964
335	<i>S. griseoruber</i> NBRC 12873 <sup>T</sup>	99.88	1/822	AB184209
	<i>S. cellostaticus</i> NBRC 12849 <sup>T</sup>			AB184192
336	<i>S. phaeopurpureus</i> NRRL B-2260 <sup>T</sup>	98.73	11/866	DQ026666
	<i>S. griseorubiginosus</i> LMG 19941 <sup>T</sup>			AJ781339
	<i>S. ciscaucasicus</i> NBRC 12872 <sup>T</sup>			AB184208
	<i>S. canus</i> NRRL B-1989 <sup>T</sup>			AY999775
	<i>S. caeruleatus</i> GIMN4 <sup>T</sup>			GQ329712
337	<i>S. caniferus</i> NBRC 15389 <sup>T</sup>	99.877	1/815	AB184640
341	<i>S. violascens</i> ISP 5183 <sup>T</sup>	99.76	2/835	AY999737
342	<i>S. althioticus</i> NRRL B-3981 <sup>T</sup>	100	0/698	AY999791
	<i>S. matensis</i> NBRC 12889 <sup>T</sup>			AB184221
343	<i>S. xiamenensis</i> MCCC 1A01550 <sup>T</sup>	98.87	10/886	EF012099

**Table 10** (continued)

<b>GMKU</b>	<b>Closest actinomycete species</b>	<b>Sequence similarity (%)</b>	<b>Diff/ Total nucleotides</b>	<b>GenBank Accession no.</b>
344	<i>S. neopeptinius</i> KNF 2047 <sup>T</sup>	98.85	9/780	EU258679
345	<i>S. neopeptinius</i> KNF 2047 <sup>T</sup>	98.91	9/824	EU258679
	<i>S. pseudovenezuelae</i> NBRC12904 <sup>T</sup>			AB184233
352	<i>S. carpaticus</i> NBRC 15390 <sup>T</sup>	99.88	1/808	AB184641
354	<i>S. parvulus</i> NBRC 13193 <sup>T</sup>	100	0/822	AB184326
355	<i>S. parvulus</i> NBRC 13193 <sup>T</sup>	100	0/771	AB184326
360	<i>S. carpaticus</i> NBRC 15390 <sup>T</sup>	99.88	1/826	AB184641
361	<i>S. somaliensis</i> NBRC 12916 <sup>T</sup>	100	0/814	AB184243
365	<i>S. xiamenensis</i> MCCC 1A01550 <sup>T</sup>	98.68	12/910	EF012099

### 1.2.2 Rare actinomycetes

Analysis of the remainder of the isolates (n = 33), results of partial 16S rRNA sequencing indicated that they matched EzTaxon database entries to 9 genera as follows: *Actinomadura* (n = 6), *Kibdelosporangium* (n = 1), *Microbispora* (n = 14), *Micromonospora* (n = 7), *Nocardia* (n = 1), *Nocardiopsis* (n = 1), *Nonomuraea* (n = 1), *Promicromonospora* (n = 1) and *Saccharopolyspora* (n = 1). And their similarity values with the closest species show in Table 11.

**Table 11** Identification of endophytic actinomycetes based on partial sequencing of 16S rRNA gene.

GMKU	Closest actinomycete species	Sequence similarity (%)	Diff/ Total nucleotides	GenBank Accession no.
303	<i>Promicromonospora citrea</i> DSM 43110 <sup>T</sup>	100	0/810	X83808
317	<i>Microbispora rosea</i> subsp. <i>rosea</i> IFO 14044 <sup>T</sup>	99.50	3/595	D86936
318	<i>M. rosea</i> subsp. <i>rosea</i> IFO 14044 <sup>T</sup>	98.88	9/805	D86936
324	<i>M. rosea</i> subsp. <i>rosea</i> IFO 14044 <sup>T</sup>	99.24	6/785	D86936
325	<i>Nonomuraea fastidiosa</i> IFO 14680 <sup>T</sup>	98.90	9/815	U48844
326	<i>Micromonospora auratinigra</i> TT1-11 <sup>T</sup>	99.03	7/724	AB159779
327	<i>Nocardia jiangxiensis</i> 43401 <sup>T</sup>	98.65	11/815	AY639902
328	<i>Micromonospora chalcea</i> DSM 43026 <sup>T</sup>	99.76	2/825	X92594
329	<i>Actinomadura nitritigenes</i> DSM 44137 <sup>T</sup>	99.64	3/827	AY035999
330	<i>Micromonospora aurantiaca</i> ATCC 27029 <sup>T</sup>	99.82	1/555	CP002162
331	<i>A. nitritigenes</i> DSM 44137 <sup>T</sup>	99.31	6/874	AY035999
340	<i>M. amethystogenes</i> JCM 3021 <sup>T</sup>	99.34	5/762	U48988
346	<i>Nocardiopsis dassonvillei</i> subsp. <i>dassonvillei</i> DSM 43111 <sup>T</sup>	99.68	3/946	ABUI01000017
347	<i>M. corallina</i> DF-32 <sup>T</sup>	98.80	11/918	AB018046
348	<i>Micromonospora tulbaghiae</i> TVU1 <sup>T</sup>	100	0/807	EU196562
351	<i>A. nitritigenes</i> DSM 44137 <sup>T</sup> <i>A. bangladeshensis</i> 3-46-b(3) <sup>T</sup>	98.60	11/783	AY035999 AB331652
353	<i>Micromonospora echinospora</i> ATCC 15837 <sup>T</sup>	99.63	3/810	U58532

**Table 11** (continued)

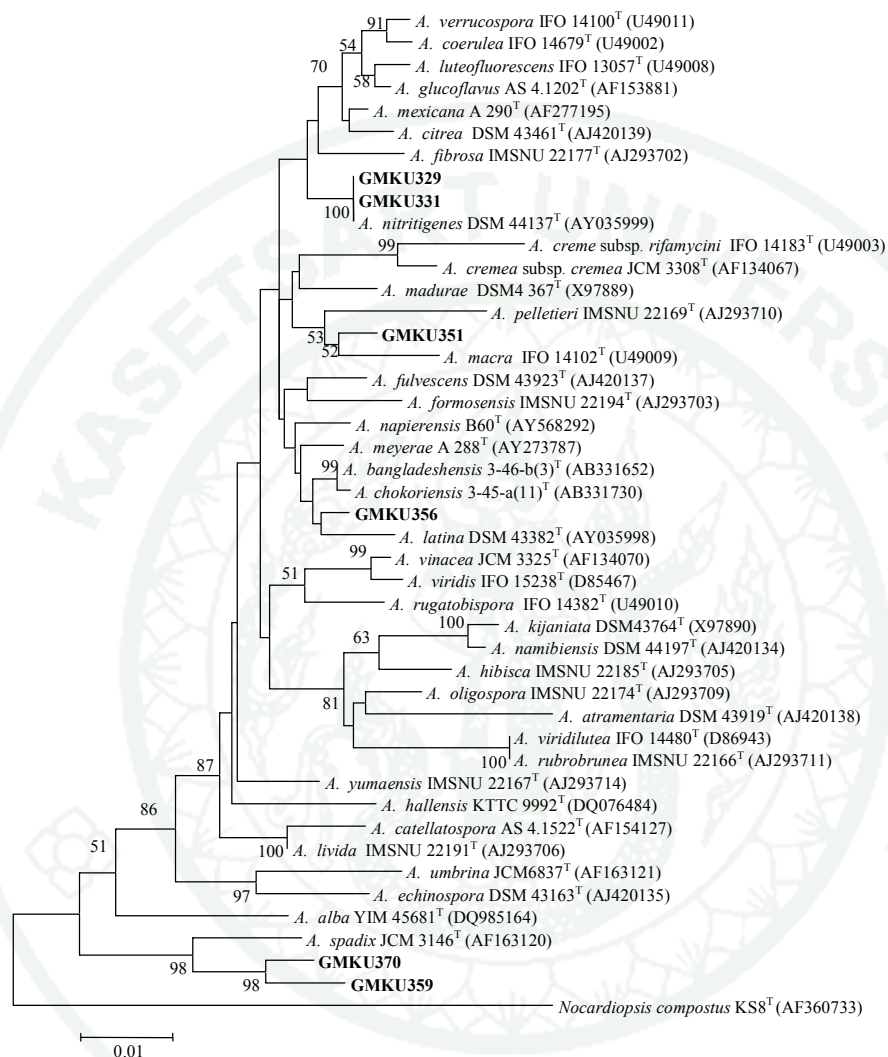
GMKU	Closest actinomycete species	Sequence similarity (%)	Diff/ Total nucleotides	GenBank Accession no.
356	<i>A. bangladeshensis</i> 3-46-b(3) <sup>T</sup>	99.14	7/810	AB331652
357	<i>M. mesophila</i> JCM 3151 <sup>T</sup>	98.94	6/566	AF002266
358	<i>Micromonospora chalcea</i> DSM 43026 <sup>T</sup>	99.12	6/685	X92594
359	<i>A. spadix</i> JCM 3146 <sup>T</sup>	96.79	25/779	AF163120
362	<i>Micromonospora chalcea</i> DSM 43026 <sup>T</sup>	99.36	6/936	X92594
363	<i>M. mesophila</i> JCM 3151 <sup>T</sup>	99.57	4/938	AF002266
364	<i>M. mesophila</i> JCM 3151 <sup>T</sup>	99.88	1/802	AF002266
366	<i>M. rosea</i> subsp. <i>rosea</i> IFO 14044 <sup>T</sup>	99.80	2/824	D86936
367	<i>Kibdelosporangium aridum</i> subsp. <i>largum</i> DSM 44150 <sup>T</sup>	94.19	46/791	AJ512463
368	<i>M. rosea</i> subsp. <i>rosea</i> IFO 14044 <sup>T</sup>	99.78	2/927	D86936
369	<i>M. amethystogenes</i> JCM 3021 <sup>T</sup>	99.23	6/774	U48988
370	<i>A. spadix</i> JCM 3146 <sup>T</sup>	97.26	23/839	AF163120
372	<i>M. amethystogenes</i> JCM 3021 <sup>T</sup>	99.10	7/774	U48988
377	<i>Saccharopolyspora shandongensis</i> 88 <sup>T</sup>	99.88	1/797	EF104116
378	<i>M. corallina</i> DF-32 <sup>T</sup>	98.08	19/988	AB018046

#### 1.2.2.1 Genus *Actinomadura*

There were six isolates of which four isolates (GMKU 329, GMKU 331, GMKU 351 and GMKU 356) shared 98.60-99.65% identity to those of genus *Actinomadura* type strains, while 2 isolates, GMKU 359 and GMKU 370, shared 96.79% and 97.26% identity with *A. spadix* JCM 3146<sup>T</sup> (AF163120), respectively. For GMKU 359 and GMKU 370, the results indicated that they had highly potential to be novel species in the genus *Actinomadura* because the isolate that shows  $\leq 97\%$  16S rRNA sequence similarity to all known taxa are considered to

belong to a new species (Amann *et al.*, 1992; Stackebrandt and Goebel, 1994; Vandamme *et al.*, 1996; Stackebrandt *et al.*, 2002; Gevers *et al.*, 2005 and Janda and Abbott, 2007). To display the taxonomic position of six isolates with the corresponding 16S rRNA gene sequence of all the type strains validly described as *Actinomadura*, the phylogenetic tree using the neighbour-joining method based on 729 nucleotides of 16S rRNA gene sequence was constructed (Figure 12). In the List of Prokaryotic names with Standing in Nomenclature (LPSN: [http:// www.bacterio.cict.fr/](http://www.bacterio.cict.fr/)) at the time of identification, this genus was known to compose of 38 species with validly published names. The sequence data of 38 species in this genus were recovered from EzTaxon database. *Nocardiopsis compostus* KS8<sup>T</sup> (AF360733) was used as an out group. The results of phylogenetic tree analysis indicated that six isolates formed clade within the members of the genus *Actinomadura*. GMKU 329 and GMKU 331 formed distinct clade with *A. nitritigenes* DSM 44137<sup>T</sup> (AY035999) and this was supported by 1000 bootstrap value. GMKU 351 formed clade with *A. macra* IFO 14102<sup>T</sup> (U49009) and this was supported by moderately bootstrap value and formed polyphyletic group with a type species *A. madurae* DSM4 367<sup>T</sup> (X97889). For GMKU 356, the isolate formed a clade with *A. latina* DSM 43382<sup>T</sup> (AY035998) but it was supported by low bootstrap value. From the tree, it is likely that GMKU 351, GMKU 356, GMKU 359 and GMKU 370 have highly potential to be novel species. As the result of partial sequence and phylogenetic tree analysis, the almost complete 16S rRNA gene sequences of GMKU 359 and GMKU 370 were determined by direct sequencing to further identification by using polyphasic taxonomy.

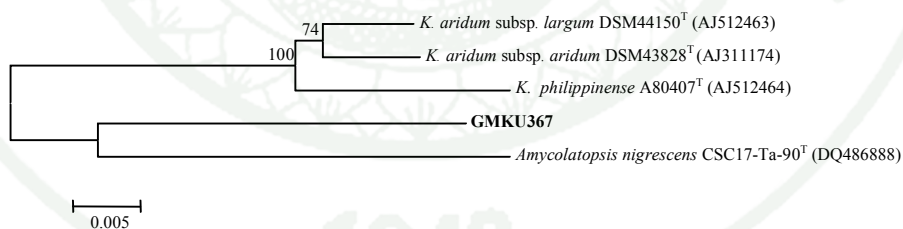
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**Figure 12** Phylogenetic tree based on 729 nucleotides of 16S rRNA gene sequences of six isolates and all the type strains of the genus *Actinomadura* using the neighbour-joining method. *Nocardioopsis compostus* KS8<sup>T</sup> (AF360733) was used as an out group. Numbers at nodes indicate levels of bootstrap support (%) based on neighbour-joining analysis of 1000 resampled datasets and only values above 50 % are shown. Bar, 0.01 substitutions per site.

### 1.2.2.2 Genus *Kibdelosporangium*

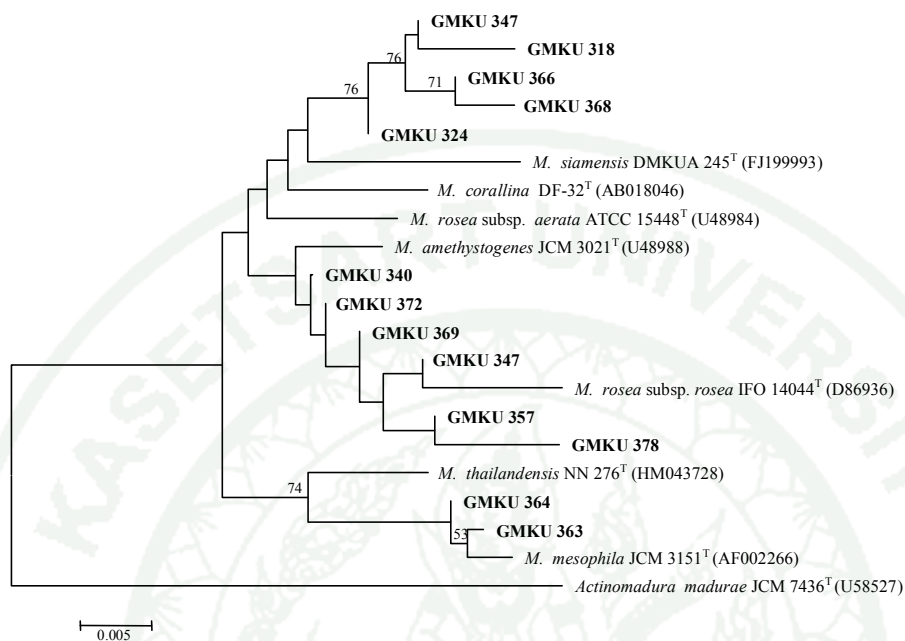
For the result of an isolate matched with genus *Kibdelosporangium*, GMKU 367 showed highest sequence similarity to *K. aridum* subsp. *largum* DSM 44150<sup>T</sup> (94.185%). To display the taxonomic position of GMKU 367 with all the type strains of the genus *Kibdelosporangium*, phylogenetic tree was constructed. In the LPSN at the time of identification, this genus was known to compose of 2 species with validly published names. The sequence data of 2 species in this genus were recovered from EzTaxon database. *Amycolatopsis nigrescens* CSC17-Ta-90<sup>T</sup> (DQ486888) was used as the root organism and the topology of tree was shown in Figure 13. The results of phylogenetic tree analysis indicated that the isolates separated from the members of genus *Kibdelosporangium*. From the results of the partial 16S rRNA sequence and the phylogenetic tree analysis, it was indicated that GMKU 367 did not belong to the genus *Kibdelosporangium* but might represent a novel genus of the family *Pseudonocardiaceae*. Thus the almost complete 16S rRNA gene sequence of the isolate was further determined to validate the isolate by using polyphasic taxonomy.



**Figure 13** Phylogenetic tree based on 791 nucleotides of 16S rRNA gene sequences of isolate GMKU367 with all the type strains of the genus *Kibdelosporangium* using the neighbour-joining method. *Amycolatopsis nigrescens* CSC17-Ta-90<sup>T</sup> (DQ486888) was used as an out group. Numbers at nodes indicate levels of bootstrap support (%) based on neighbour-joining analysis of 1000 resampled datasets and only values above 50 % are shown. Bar, 0.005 substitutions per site.

### 1.2.2.3 Genus *Microbispora*

On the basis of partial 16S rRNA gene sequence analysis, there are 14 isolates showed the sequence similarity to the genus *Microbispora* of which 13 isolates share 98.08-99.88% identity to those of type strains. But one isolate, GMKU 350, revealed poor sequencing data and was not included in the phylogenetic analysis. To display the taxonomic position of 13 isolates with the corresponding 16S rRNA gene sequences of all type strains validly described as *Microbispora*, the phylogenetic tree using the neighbour-joining method was constructed. The results of phylogenetic tree analysis indicated that the isolates formed distinct clade within the members of the genus *Microbispora* (Figure 14).

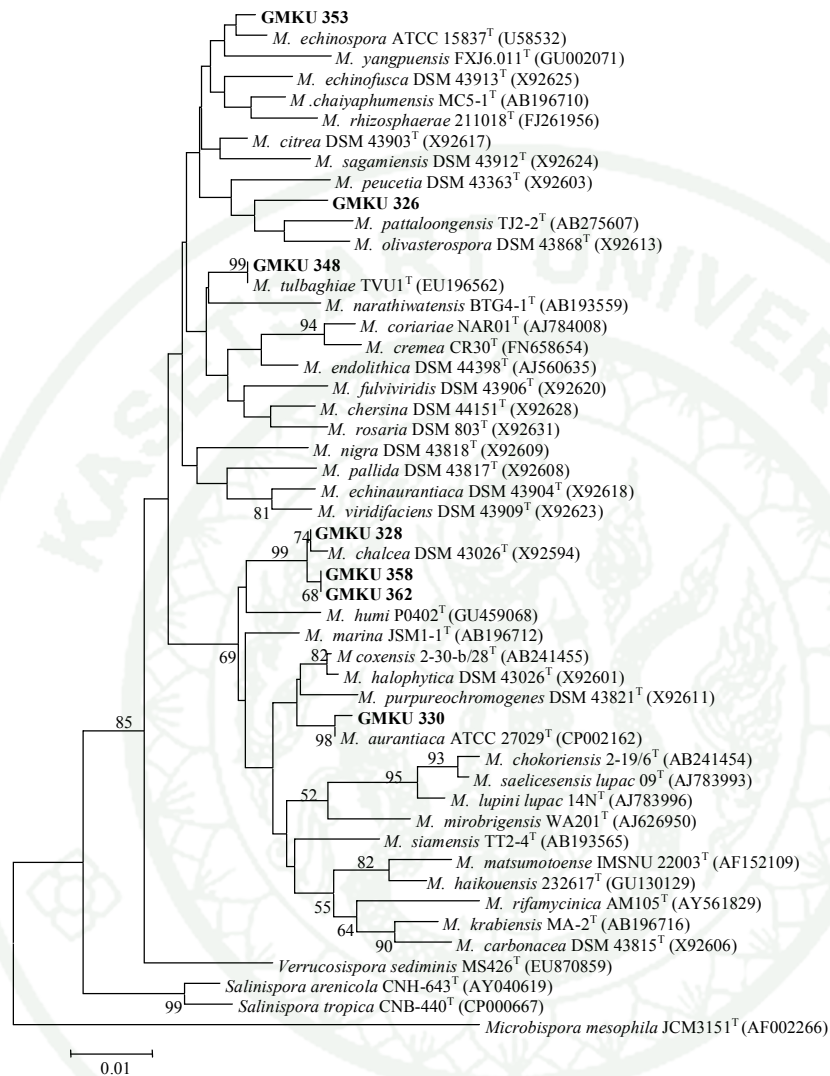


**Figure 14** Phylogenetic tree based on 540 nucleotides of 16S rRNA gene sequences of 13 isolates and all the type strains of genus *Microbispora* using the neighbour-joining method. Numbers at nodes indicate levels of bootstrap support (%) based on neighbour-joining analysis of 1000 resampled datasets and only values above 50 % are shown. Bar, 0.005 substitutions per site.

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#### 1.2.2.4 Genus *Micromonospora*

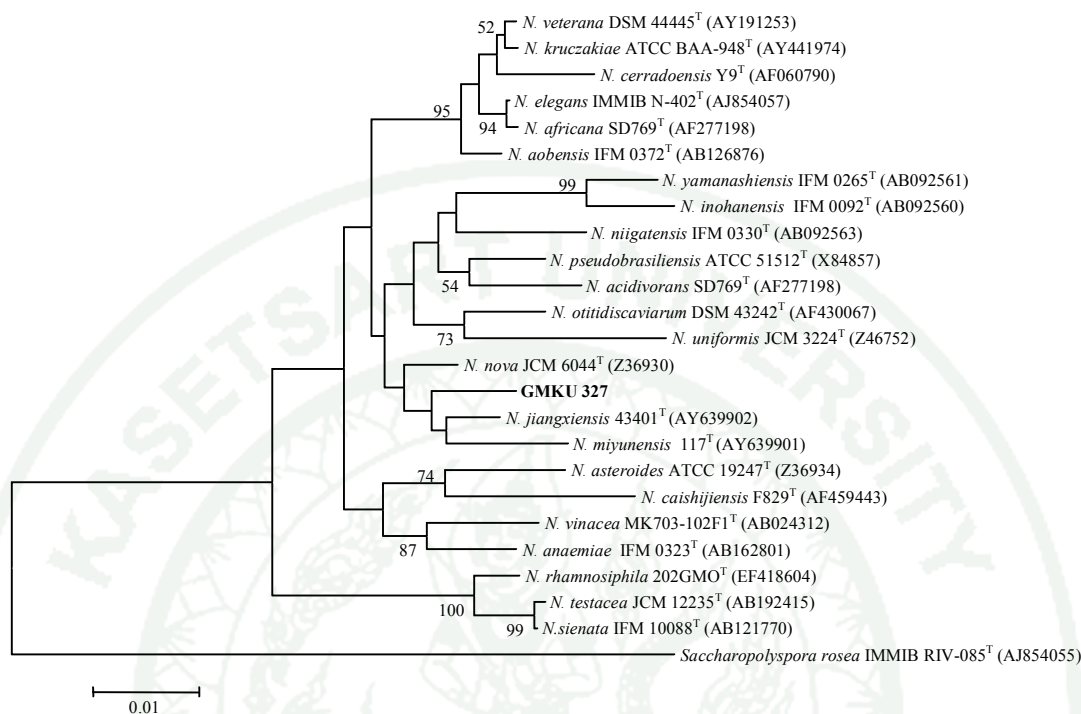
There are seven isolates belonged to the genus *Micromonospora* based on partial sequencing of 16S rRNA gene which shared 99.03-100 % identity to those of type strains. To display the taxonomic position of 7 isolates with the corresponding 16S rRNA gene sequences of all type strains validly described as *Micromonospora*, the phylogenetic tree using the neighbour-joining method based on 493 nucleotides of 16S rRNA gene sequence was constructed. In the LPSN at the time of identification, this genus was known to compose of 40 species with validly published names. The sequence data of 40 species in this genus were recovered from EzTaxon database. Apart from that, *Verrucospora sediminis* MS426<sup>T</sup> (EU870859), *Salinispora arenicola* CNH-643<sup>T</sup> (AY040619), *Salinispora tropica* CNB-440<sup>T</sup> (CP000667) and *Microbispora mesophila* JCM3151<sup>T</sup> (AF002266) were used as the root organisms and the topology of tree was shown in Figure 15. The results of phylogenetic tree analysis indicated that seven isolates formed distinct clade within the members of the genus *Micromonospora*.



**Figure 15** Phylogenetic tree based on 493 nucleotides of 16S rRNA gene sequences of seven isolates and all the type strains of the genus *Micromonospora* using the neighbour-joining method. Numbers at nodes indicate levels of bootstrap support (%) based on neighbour-joining analysis of 1000 resampled datasets and only values above 50 % are shown. Bar, 0.01 substitutions per site.

#### 1.2.2.5 Genus *Nocardia*

For the result of an isolate matched with genus *Nocardia*, GMKU 327 showed sequence similarity to *N. jiangxiensis* 43401<sup>T</sup> (98.65%). To display the taxonomic position of GMKU 327 with closely related type strains of the genus *Nocardia*, phylogenetic tree based on 792 nucleotides of 16S rRNA gene sequences with type strains was constructed. *Saccharopolyspora rosea* IMMIB RIV-085<sup>T</sup> (AJ854055) was used as an out group and the topology of tree was shown in Figure 16. The results of phylogenetic tree analysis indicated that the isolate GMKU 327 formed distinct clade with the number of the genus *Nocardia* and showed monophyletic group with *N. jiangxiensis* 43401<sup>T</sup>, *N. nova* JCM 6044<sup>T</sup> (Z36930) and *N. miyunensis* 117<sup>T</sup> (AY639901) but this was supported by low bootstrap value. It is likely that the isolate has potential to be novel species in this genus.

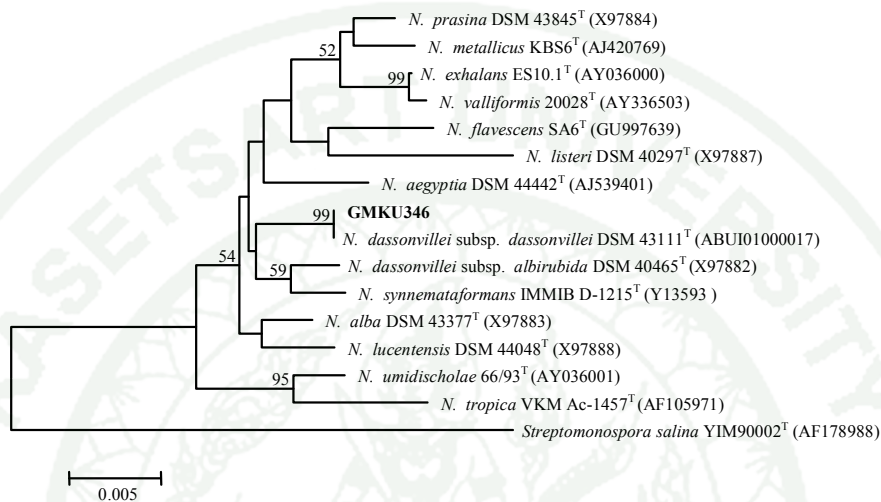


**Figure 16** Phylogenetic tree based on 791 nucleotides of 16S rRNA gene sequences of isolate GMKU327 and all the type strains of the genus *Nocardia* using the neighbour-joining method. *Saccharopolyspora rosea* IMMIB RIV-085<sup>T</sup> (AJ854055) was used as an out group. Numbers at nodes indicate levels of bootstrap support (%) based on neighbour-joining analysis of 1000 resampled datasets and only values above 50 % are shown. Bar, 0.01 substitutions per site.

#### 1.2.2.6 Genus *Nocardiopsis*

On the basis of partial 16S rRNA gene sequence analysis, there is an isolate GMKU 346 showed the sequence similarity to the genus *Nocardiopsis* which shared 99.68 % identity to *N. dassonvillei* subsp. *dassonvillei* DSM 43111<sup>T</sup>. To display the taxonomic position of the isolate with the corresponding 16S rRNA gene sequences of closely related type strains, the phylogenetic tree using the neighbour-joining method was constructed. The results of phylogenetic tree analysis indicated that the isolate formed distinct clade with

*N. dassonvillei* subsp. *dassonvillei* DSM 43111<sup>T</sup> and this was supported by 99 bootstrap values as shown in Figure 17.

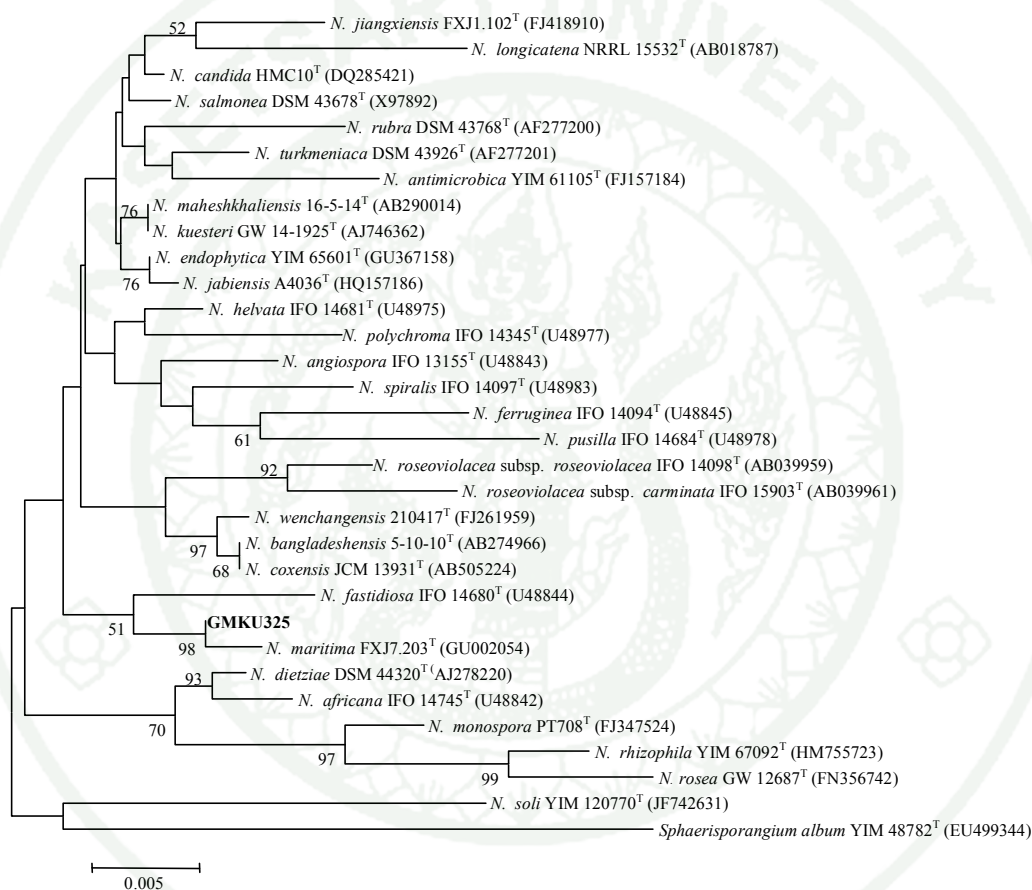


**Figure 17** Phylogenetic tree based on 901 nucleotides of 16S rRNA gene sequence of isolate GMKU346 and all the type strains of the genus *Nocardioopsis* using the neighbour-joining method. *Streptomonospora salina* YIM90002<sup>T</sup> (AF178988) was used as an out group. Numbers at nodes indicate levels of bootstrap support (%) based on neighbour-joining analysis of 1000 resampled datasets and only values above 50 % are shown. Bar, 0.005 substitutions per site.

#### 1.2.2.7 Genus *Nonomuraea*

For the result of an isolate matched with genus *Nonomuraea*, GMKU 325 showed sequence similarity to *N. fastidiosa* IFO 14680<sup>T</sup> (98.90%). To display the taxonomic position of the isolate with the corresponding 16S rRNA gene sequence of all type strains validly described as *Nonomuraea*, the phylogenetic tree using the neighbour-joining method based on 768 nucleotides of 16S rRNA gene sequence was constructed. In the LPSN at the time of identification, this genus was known to compose of 30 species with validly published names. The sequence data of 30 species in this genus were recovered from EzTaxon database.

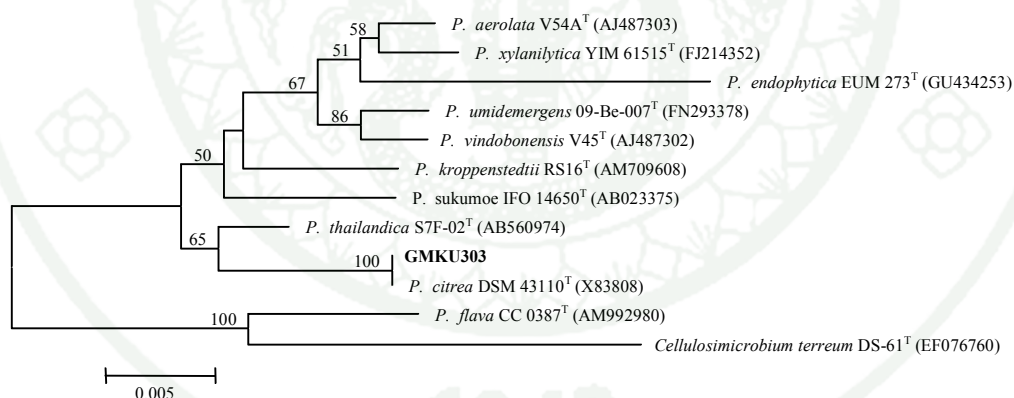
*Sphaerisorangium album* YIM 48782<sup>T</sup> (EU499344) was used as an root organism and the topology of tree was shown in Figure 18. The results of phylogenetic tree analysis indicated that the isolates formed distinct clade with *N. maritima* FXJ7.203<sup>T</sup> that supported by highly bootstrap value (98%).



**Figure 18** Phylogenetic tree based on 768 nucleotides of 16S rRNA gene sequences of an isolate GMKU325 and all the type strains of the genus *Nonomuraea* using the neighbour-joining. *Sphaerisorangium album* YIM 48782<sup>T</sup> (EU499344) was used as the out group. Numbers at nodes indicate levels of bootstrap support (%) based on neighbour-joining analysis of 1000 resampled datasets and only values above 50 % are shown. Bar, 0.005 substitutions per site.

### 1.2.2.8 Genus *Promicromonospora*

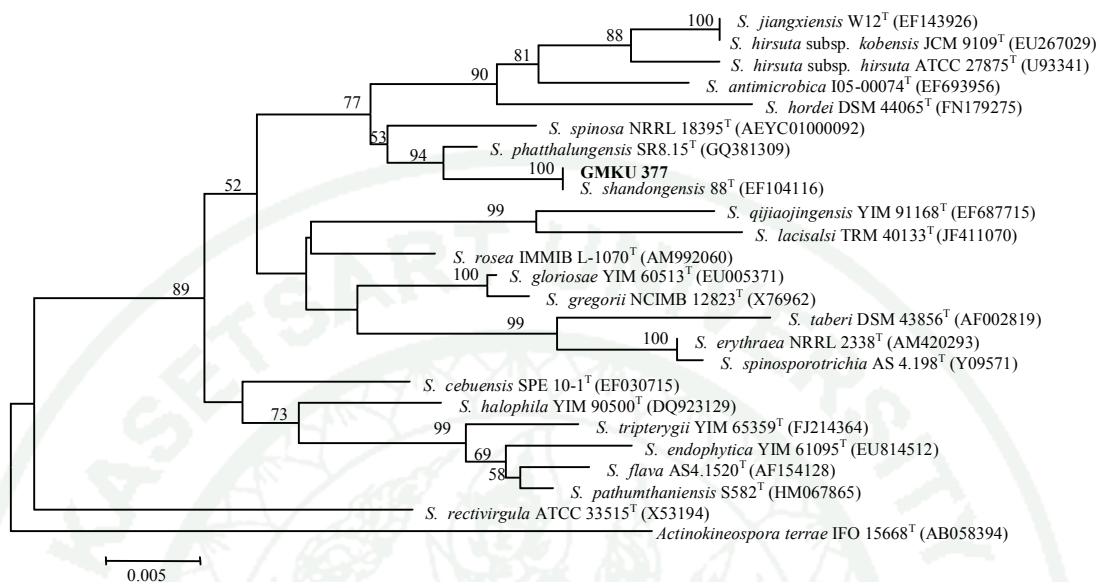
An isolate GMKU 303 matched with genus *Promicromonospora* showed sequence similarity to *P. citrea* DSM 43110<sup>T</sup> (100%). To display the taxonomic position of the isolates with the corresponding 16S rRNA gene sequence of all the type strains validly described as *Promicromonospora*, the phylogenetic tree using the neighbour-joining method based on 757 nucleotides of 16S rRNA gene sequence was constructed. In the LPSN at the time of identification, this genus was known to compose of 10 species with validly published names. The sequence data of 10 species in this genus were recovered from EzTaxon database. *Cellulosimicrobium terreum* DS-61<sup>T</sup> (EF076760) was used as an out group and the topology of tree was shown in Figure 19. The results of phylogenetic tree analysis indicated that the isolates formed distinct clade with *P. citrea* DSM 43110<sup>T</sup> that supported by highest bootstrap values (100%).



**Figure 19** Phylogenetic tree based on 757 nucleotides of 16S rRNA gene sequences of an isolate GMKU303 and all the type strains of the genus *Promicromonospora* using the neighbour-joining method. *Cellulosimicrobium terreum* DS-61<sup>T</sup> (EF076760) was used as an out group. Numbers at nodes indicate levels of bootstrap support (%) based on neighbour-joining analysis of 1000 resampled datasets and only values above 50 % are shown. Bar, 0.005 substitutions per site.

### 1.2.2.9 Genus *Saccharopolyspora*

For the result of an isolate matched with genus *Saccharopolyspora*, GMKU 377 showed sequence similarity to *S. shandongensis* 88<sup>T</sup> (99.88%). To display the taxonomic position of the isolates with the corresponding 16S rRNA gene sequences of all type strains validly described as *Saccharopolyspora*, the phylogenetic tree using the neighbour-joining method based on 744 nucleotides of 16S rRNA gene sequence was constructed. In the LPSN at the time of identification, this genus was known to compose of 20 species with validly published names. The sequence data of 20 species in this genus were recovered from EzTaxon database. Apart from that, *Actinokineospora terrae* IFO 15668<sup>T</sup> (AB058394) was used as an out group and the topology of tree was shown in Figure 20. The results of phylogenetic tree analysis indicated that the isolates formed distinct clade with *S. shandongensis* 88<sup>T</sup> that supported by highest bootstrap values (100%).



**Figure 20** Phylogenetic tree based on 744 nucleotides of 16S rRNA gene sequences of an isolate GMKU377 and all the type strains of the genus *Saccharopolyspora* using the neighbour-joining method. *Actinokineospora terrae* IFO 15668<sup>T</sup> (AB058394) was used as an out group datasets and only values above 50 % are shown. Numbers at nodes indicate levels of bootstrap support (%) based on neighbour-joining analysis of 1000 resampled datasets and only values above 50 % are shown. Bar, 0.005 substitutions per site.

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## 2. Characterization of novel taxa

### 2.1 Phenotypic methods

The results of partial 16S rRNA sequences and the phylogenetic tree analysis indicated that isolates GMKU 367 is likely to represent novel genus of the family *Pseudonocardiaceae* while GMKU 359 and GMKU 370 might be a novel species of genus *Actinomadura*. Thus, polyphasic taxonomy was carried out to validate the taxonomic position of three isolates.

#### 2.1.1 Morphological characteristics

##### 2.1.1.1 Cultural characteristics

GMKU 367 grew well on ISP 3 and oatmeal-nitrate agar after incubation at 27 °C for 3 weeks. However, moderate growth was observed on ISP 2 and YS, poor growth was found on ISP 4 and ISP 5. The trace of rust tan soluble pigment was produced only on oatmeal-nitrate agar. GMKU 367 produced pale peach aerial mycelium and melon yellow substrate mycelium on ISP 3. No aerial mycelium was generated on ISP 2 and YS agar.

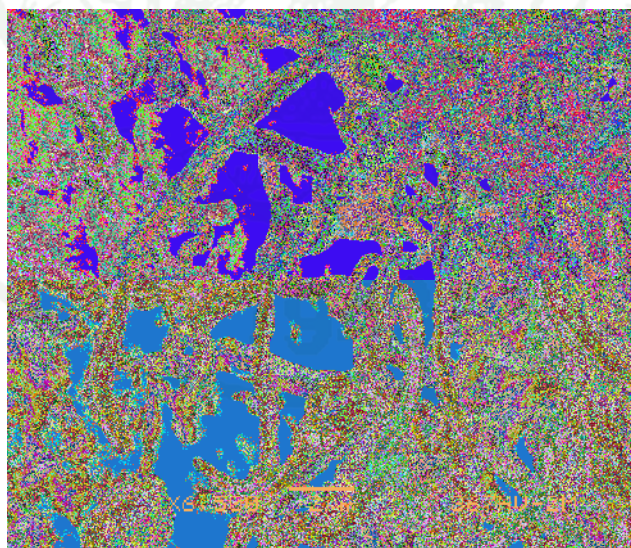
A growth of GMKU 359, good growth was observed on ISP 2 and ISP 5, while moderate growth was observed on ISP 3 and oatmeal-nitrate agar after incubation at 27 °C for 2 weeks. Poor growth was detected on ISP 4 and YS agar. However, GMKU 359 grew well on PDA and NA but did not produce spore. No soluble pigment was produced on any of the media tested. The whitish aerial mycelia were produced on ISP 4 and oatmeal-nitrate agar after growing for 3 weeks.

Moderate growth of GMKU 370, was observed on ISP 3, oatmeal-nitrate agar and YS agar. Poor growth was detected on ISP 2 and ISP 5 after incubation at 27 °C for 2 weeks. No growth was found on ISP 4. However, GMKU

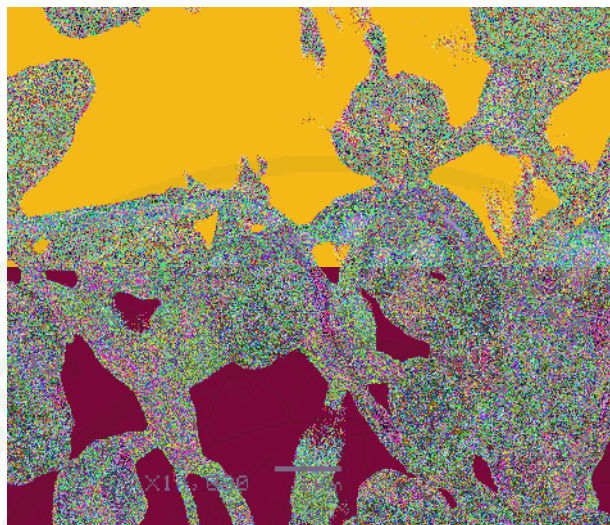
370 grew well on PDA and NA but did not produce spore. No soluble pigment was produced on any of the media tested. The whitish aerial mycelia were produced on ISP 3 and oatmeal-nitrate agar after growing for 3 weeks.

#### 2.1.1.2 Spore characteristics

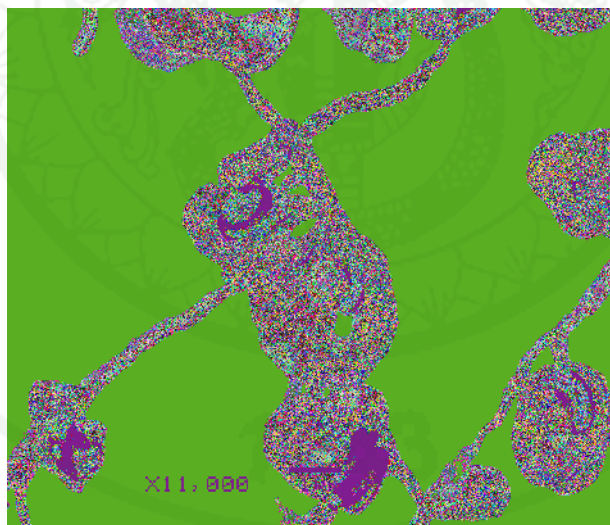
In order to examine spore characteristics, GMKU 367 was grown on humic acid vitamin agar (HV medium; Hayakawa & Nonomura, 1987) tap-water agar and sucrose-nitrate agar at 27 °C for 8 weeks and then spore morphology was observed using light and scanning electron microscopy (JSM5600; JEOL). For GMKU 359 and GMKU 370, the isolates grown on oatmeal-nitrate agar at 27 °C for 5 weeks before spore characteristics were observed. Spore morphology of the isolate GMKU 367 shows cylindrical spore on aerial mycelium, no sporangium-like structure nor fragmentation of substrate mycelium (Figure 21). Spore morphology of GMKU 359 and GMKU 370 showed short spiral chains of smooth-surfaced spores (Figure 22-23).



**Figure 21** Scanning electron micrograph of spores of GMKU 367 grown on HV medium after incubation at 27 °C for 8 weeks. Bar, 2  $\mu$ m.



**Figure 22** Scanning electron micrograph of spores of GMKU 359 grown on oatmeal nitrate agar at 27 °C for 5 weeks. Bar, 1 μm.



**Figure 23** Scanning electron micrograph of spores of GMKU 370 grown on oatmeal nitrate agar at 27 °C for 5 weeks. Bar, 1 μm.

## 2.1.2 Physiological characteristics

### 2.1.2.1 Acid production from carbohydrates

To analyze acid production from carbohydrates, the washed cells of each isolate was cultured on the basal inorganic nitrogen medium added with bromocresol purple as an indicator and 1% of each differ type of sugar. Twelve sugar types were used namely, adonitol, L-arabinose, dulcitol, erythritol, D-fructose, D-glucose, D-galactose, *myo*-inositol, lactose, D-mannitol, raffinose and L-rhamnose. GMKU 367 showed yellow color from L-arabinose, D-fructose and D-glucose. GMKU 370 showed yellow color from D-galactose, D-glucose and raffinose. GMKU 359 wasn't analyzed for acid product from carbohydrate.

### 2.1.2.2 Catalase and oxidase activities

GMKU 367 and GMKU 370 showed catalase positive by producing bubbles intensively. For oxidase test, GMKU 370 changed violet to purple color, while GMKU 367 showed colorless. These results indicated that oxidase of GMKU 370 was positive while GMKU 367 was negative. GMKU 359 wasn't analyzed for catalase and oxidase activities.

### 2.1.2.3 Degradation of starch

Degradation of starch on ISP 4 of each isolate was observed when the cultures were flooded with Lugol's solution. The clear zone around the strain GMKU 367 and GMKU 359 were observed indicated that both degraded starch, while GMKU 370 did not utilize starch.

#### 2.1.2.4 Coagulation and peptonization of milk

Coagulation and peptonization of milk were observed in wash cells grew in 10% skim milk. The results showed that three isolates, GMKU367, GMKU 359 and GMKU 370, were negative.

#### 2.1.2.5 Liquefaction of gelatin

Liquefaction of gelatin, which changing from the solid substance to the liquid state was observed in GMKU 359 while GMKU 367 and GMKU 370 could poorly degrade gelatin.

#### 2.1.2.6 NaCl tolerance

To clarify the NaCl tolerance, each test novel strain was cultured on the ISP 2 or ISP 3 supplements with 1%, 2%, 3%, 4%, 5%, 6% and 7% NaCl. The results showed that GMKU 367 and GMKU 359 tolerates up to 2% NaCl while GMKU 370 was not able to grow in 2% NaCl.

#### 2.1.2.7 Production of melanin pigment

ISP6 and ISP7 were used to determine production of melanin pigment of each strain. The strains were cultured on ISP6 and ISP7 to observe production of melanin. The results showed that neither diffusible pigment nor melanin of three isolates was produced on ISP6 and ISP7.

#### 2.1.2.8 Range of temperature for growth

To determine range of temperature for growth, ISP 2 or ISP 3 was used. Each test strain was grown on slants in a temperature gradient incubator (5-50 °C). GMKU 367 showed temperature range for growth 12-30 °C, with the optimal temperature for good growth at 18-28 °C. GMKU 359 was able to

grow at temperature range 20-40 °C and the optimal temperature for growth was 26-38 °C. GMKU 370 showed temperature range for growth at 20-44 °C and the optimal temperature for growth was 30-32 °C.

#### 2.1.2.9 Range of pH for growth

To determine optimal pH and range of pH for growth, the strains were cultured on ISP 2 or NA which have various pH values of pH 4, pH 5, pH 6, pH 7, pH 8, pH 9 and pH 10 respectively. The results showed that GMKU 367 was able to grow on ISP 2 in arrange of pH 5.0-10.0, with the optimal pH at 6.0-7.0. GMKU 359 and GMKU 370 was able to grow on NA at the pH range 5.0-9.0, with the optimal pH at 7.0-8.0.

#### 2.1.2.10 Reduction of nitrate

ISP 8 broth was used to study reduction of nitrate. The cultures were observed N<sub>2</sub> gas and pink color indicated positive strain. The results showed that GMKU 367, GMKU 359 and GMKU 370 not seen N<sub>2</sub> gas and pink color in the tubes indicated that all isolates did not reduce nitrate.

#### 2.1.2.11 Utilization of carbon sources

Utilization of carbohydrate as sole carbon sources was tested using ISP 9 for GMKU 359 and GMKU 370 and ISP 4 medium (without soluble starch) for GMKU 367 (as it could not grow on ISP9). Sixteen sugars, L-arabinose, dulcitol, D-fructose, D-glucose, D-galactose, *myo*-inositol, lactose, maltose, D-mannitol, D-mannose, raffinose, L-rhamnose, D-sorbitol, sucrose, D-trehalose and D-xylose, were used in this study.

The results showed that GMKU 367 utilized D-fructose, D-glucose and L-rhamnose as sole carbon sources, but not L-arabinose, dulcitol, D-

galactose, *myo*-inositol, lactose, maltose, D-mannitol, D-mannose, raffinose, D-sorbitol, sucrose, D-trehalose and D-xylose.

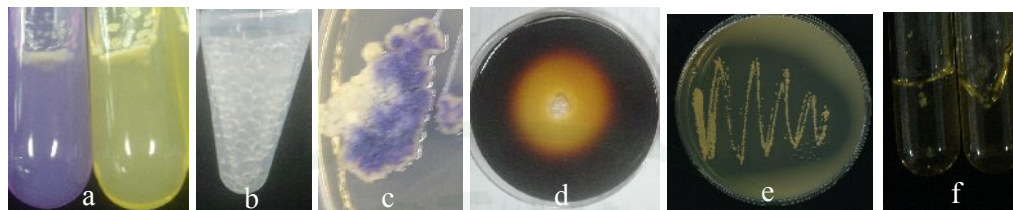
GMKU 370 was able to use dulcitol, D-galactose, *myo*-inositol, lactose, maltose, D-mannose, raffinose, L-rhamnose, D-sorbitol, sucrose, D-trehalose and D-xylose as sole carbon sources but not L-arabinose, D-fructose, D-glucose and D-mannitol.

GMKU 359 was able to use dulcitol, *myo*-inositol, D-mannose, L-rhamnose, D-xylose and D-sorbitol as sole carbon sources but not arabinose, D-fructose, D-glucose, D-galactose, maltose, lactose, raffinose, sucrose, D-trehalose and D-mannitol.

For utilization of benzoate and citrate, modifications of Koser's citrate and benzoate agar were used. The results showed that GMKU 367 could degrade citrate by changing color of phenol red to yellow while GMKU 359 and GMKU 370 were negative. Decomposition of benzoate was negative in all three strains.

#### 2.1.2.12 Utilization of nitrogen sources

Utilization of nitrogen sources was carried out by using 5% casein medium, 5% xanthine-NA and 5% hypoxanthine-NA. To observe utilization of casein, clearing of casein was appeared around the growth. For utilization of xanthine and hypoxanthine, disappearance of the crystals was observed around the growth. The results showed that GMKU 367 and GMKU 370 did not utilized casein, hypoxanthine and xanthine, while GMKU 359 was able to utilize casein.



**Figure 24** Physiological characteristics of GMKU 367, GMKU 359 and GMKU 370.

(a) GMKU 367 did not produce acid in 1% L-arabinose (blue) and produce acid in D-fructose (yellow). (b) GMKU 370 was catalase positive (bubble formation). (c) GMKU 370 was oxidase positive (purple color). (d) GMKU 367 degraded starch (clear zone). (e) GMKU 359 utilized casein (clear zone). (f) GMKU 359 liquefied gelatin.

### 2.1.3 Chemical characteristics

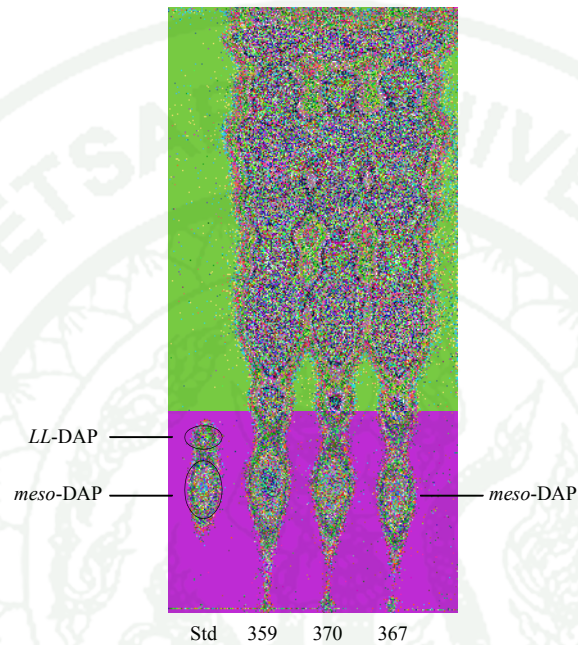
#### 2.1.3.1 Cell wall peptidoglycan

To determine acyl type of muramic acid in cell wall peptidoglycan, the method of Uchida and Aida (1984) was carried out and the color was detected by comparing with the standard strains. *Rhodococcus jostii* K01-B0171 shows reddish purple (glycosyl type) while *Streptomyces albus* K99-5278 shows colorless (acetyl type). The results showed that GMKU 367, GMKU 359 and GMKU 370 showed colorless. Therefore, the peptidoglycan of the three isolates was acetyl type.

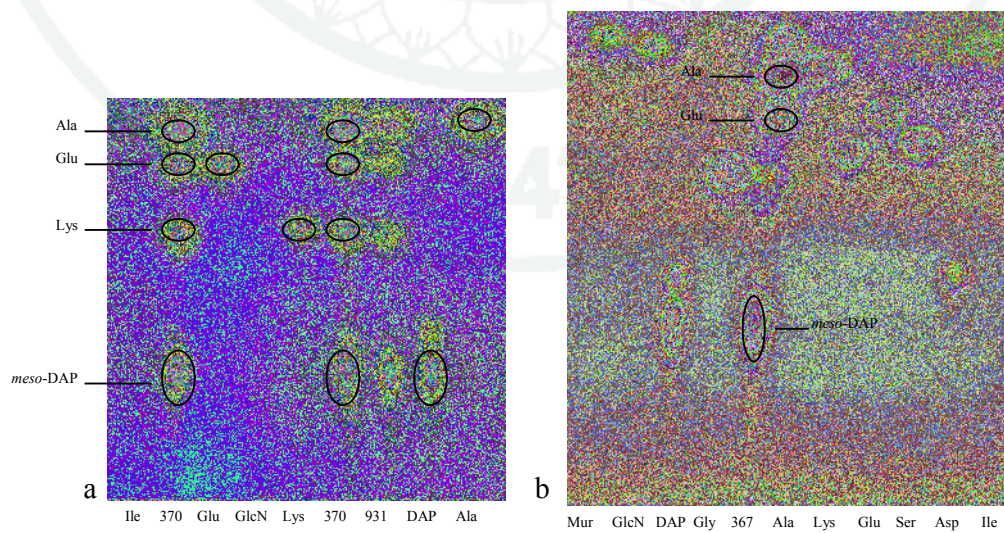
The isomer of diaminopimelic acid (DAP) in the cell wall was analyzed according to the method of Hasegawa *et al.* (1983). GMKU 367, GMKU 359 and GMKU 370 contained the *meso*-DAP in the cell wall peptidoglycan (Figure 25).

For the cell-wall amino acids, the results of TLC plate with Pico Tag HPLC showed that GMKU 370 contained alanine, glutamic acid and lysine

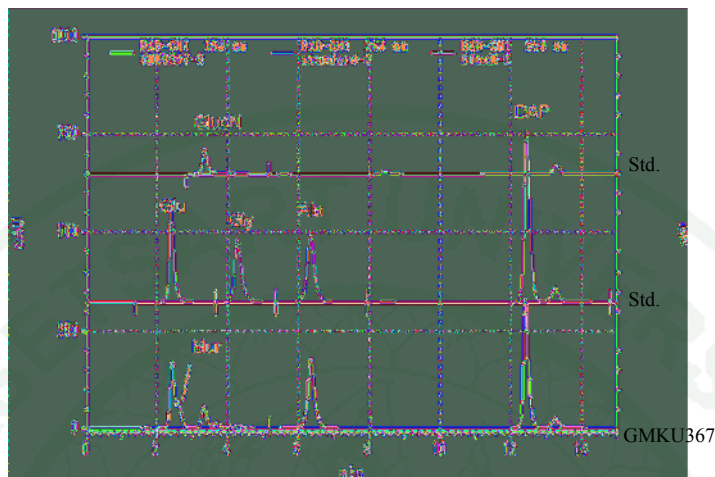
(Figure 26) while GMKU 367 contained alanine and glutamic acid (Figure 26) at a molar ratio of *meso*-DAP: alanine: glutamic acid = 1.0: 1.2: 1.0 (Figure 27).



**Figure 25** TLC analysis of the *meso*-DAP in the cell wall peptidoglycan of GMKU 367, GMKU 359 and GMKU 370.



**Figure 26** The TLC analysis of (a) GMKU 370 (b) GMKU 367.



**Figure 27** Pico Tag HPLC chromatogram of GMKU 367 contains glutamic acid, alanine and *meso*-DAP.

#### 2.1.3.2 Cellular fatty acid composition

Composition of cellular fatty acid was analyzed by TechnoSuruga Co., Ltd (Japan) according to the instructions of the MIDI System by using a gas chromatograph (model HP6890; Hewlett Packard) (Sasser, 1990). The results of GMKU 367 showed the major fatty acids (above 10%) as iso-C<sub>16:0</sub> (40.24%), iso-C<sub>15:0</sub> (12.17%) and C<sub>16:0</sub> (10.39%) and minor fatty acids (3-10%) as iso-C<sub>16:0</sub>-2-OH (7.67%), C<sub>15:0</sub> (3.39%), iso-C<sub>16:1</sub> (3.27%) and iso-C<sub>17:0</sub> (3.15%). For GMKU 370, the major fatty acids were iso-C<sub>16:0</sub> (37.3%), iso-C<sub>16:1</sub> iso G (15.0%) and anteiso-C<sub>17:0</sub> (13.7%) and minor fatty acids were C<sub>17:1</sub> ω9c (9.3%), 10-Methyl C<sub>17:0</sub> (6.9%) and anteiso-C<sub>17:1</sub> C (3.0%). For GMKU 359, the composition of cellular fatty acid was not analyzed.

### 2.1.3.3 Menaquinones

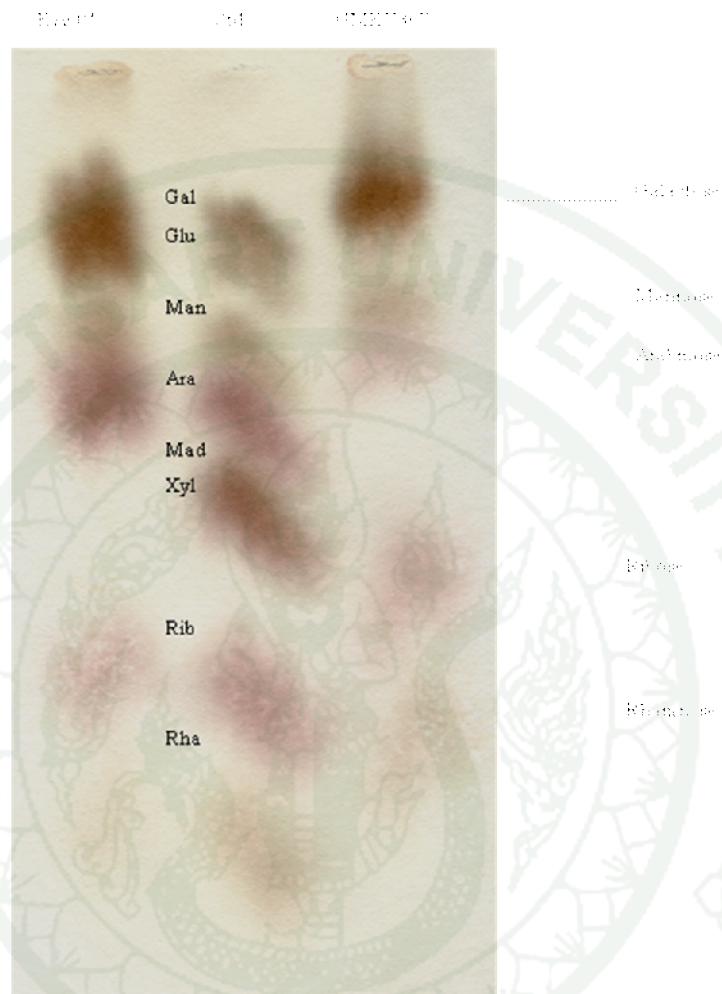
Isoprenoid quinones were determined by the method of Collins *et al.* (1977) using HPLC analysis. The results showed that diagnostic menaquinone of GMKU 367 was MK-9(H<sub>4</sub>) (100%) while GMKU 370 were MK-9(H<sub>6</sub>) (30%) and MK-9(H<sub>8</sub>) (30%) with the minor was MK-9(H<sub>2</sub>) (11%) and MK-9(H<sub>4</sub>) (23%). GMKU 359 was MK-9(H<sub>6</sub>) (16%) and MK-9(H<sub>8</sub>) (84%).

### 2.1.3.4 Polar phospholipid

Phospholipids were extracted and determined by using the method of Minnikin *et al.* (1984) using TLC analysis. The results showed that the phospholipids of GMKU 367 included phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) and hydroxyphosphatidylethanolamine (OH-PE) representing type PII (Lechevalier *et al.*, 1977). Phospholipids of GMKU 359 and GMKU 370 included phosphatidylglycerol (PG) and phosphatidylinositol (PI), representing type PI (Lechevalier *et al.*, 1977).

### 2.1.3.5 Whole-cell sugars

Whole-cell sugars were analyzed according to the method of Becker *et al.* (1965) using paper chromatography. The results showed that the whole-cell sugars of GMKU 367 were arabinose, galactose, mannose, rhamnose and ribose as shown in the Figure 28. The sugars presented in whole-cell hydrolysates of GMKU 370 were galactose, glucose, madurose, mannose and ribose. Madurose was the characteristic sugar, indicating type B whole-cell sugars (Lechevalier & Lechevalier, 1970). The sugars presented in whole-cell hydrolysates of GMKU 359 were galactose, mannose and ribose.



**Figure 28** Paper chromatography of GMKU 367 were arabinose, galactose, mannose, rhamnose and ribose and KA 605, standard sugar; galactose, glucose, mannose, arabinose, madurose, xylose, ribose and rhamnose.

#### 2.1.3.6 Mycolic acid

Mycolic acids were detected by TLC using the method of Tomiyasu (1982). No mycolic acid was detected in GMKU 367, GMKU 359 and GMKU 370.

All chemical characteristics of GMKU 367, GMKU 359 and GMKU 370 were shown in Table 12.

**Table 12** Chemotaxonomic characterizations of GMKU 367, GMKU 359 and GMKU370.

Characteristics	GMKU367	GMKU359	GMKU370
Cell wall diamino acid	meso-DAP	meso-DAP	meso-DAP
Characteristic sugar(s)			
Galactose	+	+	+
Glucose	-	-	+
Mannose	+	+	+
Arabinose	+	-	-
Madurose	-	-	+
Ribose	+	+	+
Rhamnose	+	-	-
Polar lipids			
PE	+	-	-
OH-PE	+	-	-
PC	-	-	-
PG	-	+	+
PI	-	+	+
DPG	-	-	-
Menaquinone			
MK-9(H <sub>0</sub> )	-	-	5%
MK-9(H <sub>2</sub> )	-	-	11%
MK-9(H <sub>4</sub> )	100%	-	23%
MK-9(H <sub>6</sub> )	-	16%	30%
MK-9(H <sub>8</sub> )	-	83%	30%
Mycolic acid	None	None	None
<i>N</i> -acyl type of muramic acid	Acetyl	Acetyl	Acetyl

**Table 12** (continued)

Characteristics	GMKU367	GMKU359	GMKU370
Major fatty acid	isoC16:0 (40.24%) iso-C <sub>15:0</sub> (12.17%) C <sub>16:0</sub> (10.39%)	ND	iso-C <sub>16:0</sub> (37.3%) iso-C <sub>16:1</sub> iso G (15.0%) anteiso-C <sub>17:0</sub> (13.7%)

ND = not determine

## 2.2 Genotypic methods

### 2.2.1 DNA base composition

G+C content was determined by HPLC as described by Tamaoka and Komagata (1984). The G+C content of GMKU 367, GMKU 359 and GMKU 370 was 71.1 mol%, 72.57 mol % and 65.37 mol %, respectively.

### 2.2.2 Analysis of almost complete sequence of 16S rRNA genes

#### 2.2.2.1 GMKU 367

An almost-complete 16S rRNA gene sequence of GMKU 367 was determined. The sequence (1444 bp) was preliminarily compared with those of 16S rRNA genes available in the GenBank and EzTaxon database and revealed that strain GMKU 367 belonged to the member of suborder *Pseudonocardineae* of which comprises 2 family, *Actinosynnemataceae* and *Pseudonocardiaceae*. GMKU 367 showed high sequence identity values to *Kibdelosporangium aridum* DSM 43828<sup>T</sup> (95.5%), *Streptoalloteichus hindustanus* IFO 15115<sup>T</sup> (95.4%), *Actinokineospora enzanensis* IFO 16517<sup>T</sup> (95.4%) and *Amycolatopsis nigrescens* CSC 17Ta-90<sup>T</sup>

(95.3%) (Table 13). No other type strains in the suborder *Pseudonocardineae* showed higher sequence similarity than 95.5 % to GMKU 367.

**Table 13** Sequence identity of GMKU 367 to member in suborder *Pseudonocardineae* based on an almost complete sequence of 16S rRNA genes.

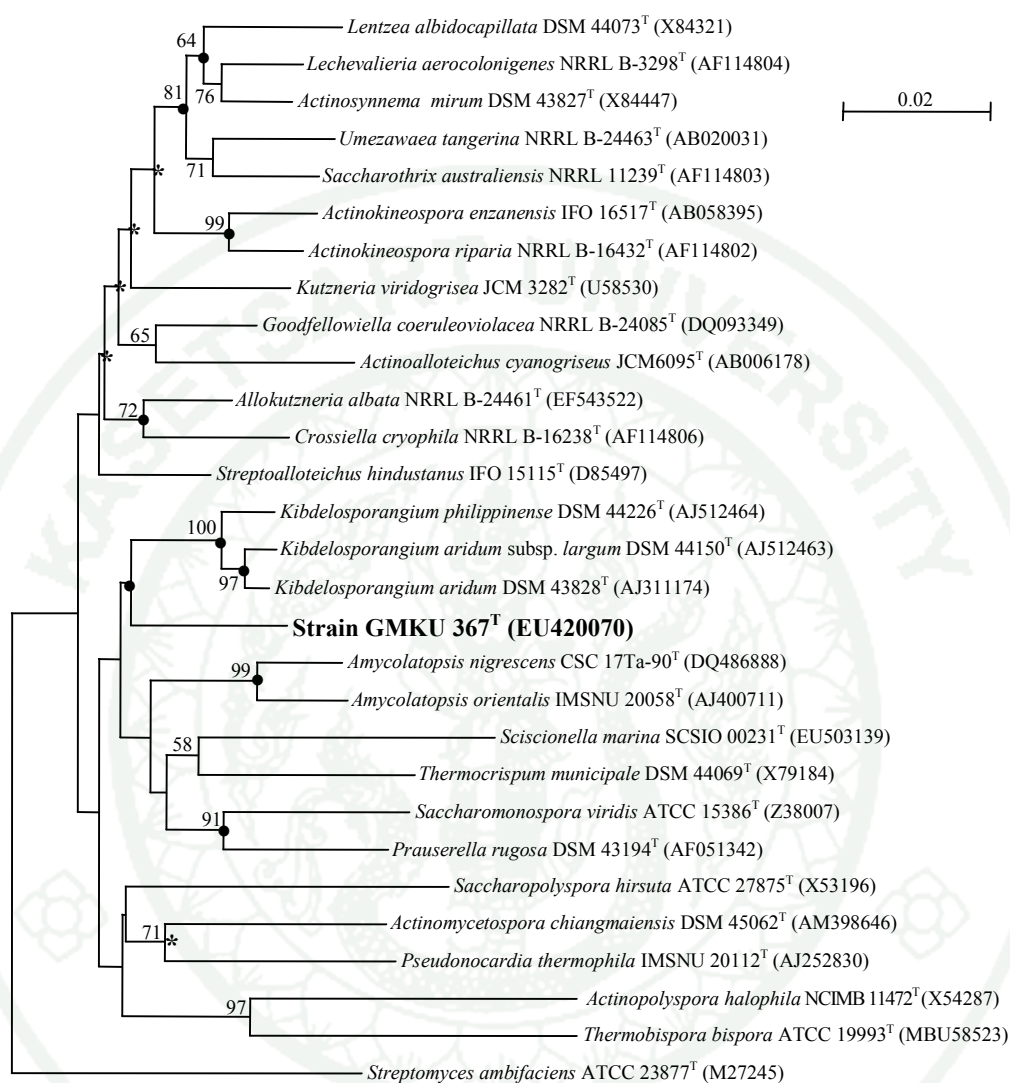
Closest actinomycetes species	GenBank Accession no.	Sequence identity (%)	References
<i>Kibdelosporangium aridum</i> DSM 43828 <sup>T</sup>	AJ311174	95.5	Sheaere <i>et al.</i> , 1986
<i>Streptoalloteichus hindustanus</i> IFO 15115 <sup>T</sup>	D85497	95.4	Tomita <i>et al.</i> , 1987
<i>Actinokineospora enzanensis</i> IFO 16517 <sup>T</sup>	AB058395	95.4	Otoguro <i>et al.</i> , 2003
<i>Amycolatopsis nigrescens</i> CSC 17Ta-90 <sup>T</sup>	DQ486888	95.3	Groth <i>et al.</i> , 2007

The nearly complete 16S rRNA sequence (1444 bp) of GMKU 367 was aligned with the representative type strains of the other 23 genera of the suborder *Pseudonocardineae* using CLUSTAL\_X 2 (Larkin *et al.*, 2007).

The phylogenetic trees were deduced using methods of neighbour-joining (Saitou & Nei, 1987), maximum-likelihood (Felsenstein, 1981) and maximum-parsimony (Eck & Dayhoff, 1966). The resultant neighbour-joining tree topology was evaluated the confidence values of branches by 1000 resamplings of bootstrap analysis (Felsenstein, 1985). The evolutionary distances were computed by using the Kimura 2-parameter method (Kimura, 1980). Strain GMKU 367 was phylogenetically separated from *Kibdelosporangium aridum* DSM 43828<sup>T</sup> and *Amycolatopsis nigrescens* CSC 17Ta-90<sup>T</sup> (Figure 29). It is evident from the phylogenetic tree that GMKU 367 formed a distinct subclade within the members of the family *Pseudonocardiaceae*. For the family *Pseudonocardiaceae*, it was firstly described by Embley *et al.* (1988), and was emended by Stackebrandt *et al.* (1997) on the basis of 16S rRNA gene sequence analysis. The family currently comprises 17 genera with validly published names, including *Actinoalloteichus* (Tamura *et al.*,

2000), *Actinomycetospora* (Jiang *et al.*, 2008), *Actinopolyspora* (Gochnauer *et al.*, 1975), *Allokutzneria* (Labeda & Kroppenstedt, 2008), *Amycolatopsis* (Lechevalier *et al.*, 1986), *Crossiella* (Labeda, 2001), *Goodfellowiella* (Labeda *et al.*, 2008), *Kibdelosporangium* (Shearer *et al.*, 1986), *Kutzneria* (Stackebrandt *et al.*, 1994), *Prauserella* (Kim & Goodfellow, 1999), *Pseudonocardia* (Henssen, 1957), *Saccharomonospora* (Nonomura & Ohara, 1971), *Saccharopolyspora* (Lacey & Goodfellow, 1975), *Sciscionella* (Tian *et al.*, 2009), *Streptoalloteichus* (Tomita *et al.*, 1987), *Thermobispora* (Wang *et al.*, 1996) and *Thermocrispum* (Korn-Wendisch *et al.*, 1995).

Strain GMKU 367 was recovered as a sister group of the genus *Kibdelosporangium*. Although the bootstrap value of neighbour-joining tree at the corresponding node is moderate (43%), the close relationship was solidly supported by maximum-likelihood and maximum-parsimony trees (Figure 29).



**Figure 29** Phylogenetic tree for taxa of suborder *Pseudonocardineae* was constructed using the neighbour-joining method based on almost complete 16S rRNA sequences to display the taxonomic position of GMKU 367. *Streptomyces ambifaciens* ATCC 23877<sup>T</sup> was used as the out group. Numbers at nodes indicate levels of bootstrap support (%) based on neighbour-joining analysis of 1000 resampled datasets; only values above 50 % are shown. Solid circles indicate corresponding nodes that were also recovered from maximum-likelihood and maximum-parsimony trees. Stars indicate corresponding nodes that were recovered from maximum-parsimony trees. Bar, 0.02 substitutions per site.

From the results of almost complete sequence of 16S rRNA gene and phylogenetic analysis, *Amycolatopsis orientalis* IMSNU 20058<sup>T</sup> (data from Lechevalier *et al.*, 1986; Lee and Hah, 2001), *Kibdelosporangium aridum* DSM 43828<sup>T</sup> (Shearer *et al.* 1986; Labeda & Kroppenstedt, 2008), *Pseudonocardia thermophila* ATCC 19285<sup>T</sup> (Warwick *et al.*, 1994; Reichert *et al.*, 1998; Huang *et al.*, 2002; Park *et al.*, 2008), *Saccharopolyspora hirsuta* NRRL B-5792<sup>T</sup> (Korn-Wendisch *et al.*, 1989) and *Thermocristum municipale* DSM 44069<sup>T</sup> (Korn-Wendisch *et al.*, 1995) were selected to compare morphological and chemotaxonomic characteristics with GMKU 367. The results revealed that morphological and chemotaxonomic characteristics of GMKU 367 distinguished from closely related members in the family *Pseudonocardiaceae*. Scanning electron microscopic observations of GMKU 367 showed cylindrical spore on aerial mycelium (Figure 33) but did not reveal sporangium-like structure or fragmentation of substrate mycelium which is absolutely distinct from the nearest neighbouring genus *Kibdelosporangium* and phylogenetically closely related genera. Phospholipid profile of strain GMKU 367 is clearly distinct from other closely related genera as it contains only phosphatidylethanolamine and hydroxyphosphatidylethanolamine without the present of phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylglycerol, diphosphatidylglycerol or phosphatidylinositol. The fatty acid profile of GMKU 367 is also dissimilar from those of phylogenetically nearest genera as shown in Table 14.

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**Table 14** Comparison of the morphological and chemotaxonomic profiles of GMKU 367 with those of phylogenetically nearest genera.

Characters	1	2	3	4	5	6
Morphology:						
Aerial hyphae	+	v	+	v	+	+
Fragmented mycelium	–	+	+	v	+	–
Sporangium-like	–	–	+	–	–	+
Whole-cell sugar pattern	Ara, Gal, Man, Rha, Rib	Ara, Gal	Ara, Gal, Glc, Mad <sup>†</sup> , Man, Rha,	Ara, Gal	Ara, Gal	Ara, Gal <sup>†</sup> , Glc, Man
Phospholipids	PE, OH-PE	PE, DPG, PI, PIM	Rib PE, PME, PG, PI, PIM, DPG	PC, PE, PME	PC, PE, <i>lyso</i> -PE, PME, DPG, PI, PG	PE, OH-PE, PI
Major menaquinone(s)	MK-9(H <sub>4</sub> )	MK-9(H <sub>2</sub> ), MK-9(H <sub>4</sub> )	MK-9(H <sub>4</sub> )	MK-8(H <sub>4</sub> ) or MK-9(H <sub>4</sub> ) MK-9(H <sub>0</sub> )	MK-9(H <sub>4</sub> )	MK-9(H <sub>4</sub> )
Major fatty acids	<i>i</i> -C <sub>15:0</sub> , <i>i</i> -C <sub>16:0</sub>	<i>i</i> -C <sub>15:0</sub> , <i>i</i> -C <sub>16:0</sub> , <i>ai</i> -C <sub>17:0</sub> , C <sub>17:0</sub>	<i>ai</i> -C <sub>15:0</sub> , <i>i</i> -C <sub>16:0</sub> , <i>ai</i> -C <sub>17:0</sub>	<i>i</i> -C <sub>16:0</sub>	C <sub>16:0</sub> , <i>i</i> -C <sub>17:0</sub> , <i>ai</i> -C <sub>17:0</sub>	<i>i</i> -C <sub>16:0</sub>
G+C content (mol%)	71.1	66–69	66	68–79	70.4–71.5	69–73

1, GMKU 367; 2, *Amycolatopsis orientalis* IMSNU 20058<sup>T</sup> (data from Lechevalier *et al.*, 1986; Lee, S.D. & Hah, Y.C., 2001); 3, *Kibdelosporangium aridum* DSM 43828<sup>T</sup> (Shearer *et al.* 1986; Labeda & Kroppenstedt, 2008); 4, *Pseudonocardia thermophila* ATCC 19285<sup>T</sup> (Warwick *et al.*, 1994; Reichert *et al.*, 1998; Huang *et al.*, 2002; Park *et al.*, 2008); 5, *Saccharopolyspora hirsuta* NRRL B-5792<sup>T</sup> (Korn-Wendisch *et al.*, 1989); 6, *Thermocrispum municipale* DSM 44069<sup>T</sup> (Korn-Wendisch *et al.*, 1995).–, absent; v, variable; ND, no data, <sup>†</sup>, trace.

On the basis of combination of the significant difference data of phylogenetic, chemotaxonomic and morphological analyzes, strain GMKU 367 accommodated in the family *Pseudonocardiaceae* and should be assigned as representing a novel genus and species, for which the name *Actinophytocola oryzae* gen.nov., sp.nov. is proposed. For nomenclature, the type strain GMKU 367<sup>T</sup> (= BCC 31372<sup>T</sup>, = NBRC 105245<sup>T</sup>) was *Actinophytocola* [Ac.ti.no.phy'to.co.la.Gr.n. *actis*, *actinos* a ray, beam; Gr.n. *phyto* (from Gr.n.*phuton*) plant; L.masc.suff.-*cola* (from L.n.*incola*) a dweller, inhabitant; N.L.masc.n. *Actinophytocola* actinobacterial dweller inside plant], *Actinophytocola oryzae* [o.ry'zae.Gr.n.*oryza*, rice; M.L.gen.n.*oryzae*; denoting the isolation of the strain from root of Thai glutinous rice plant (*Oryza sativa* L.cv. RD6)].

#### 2.2.2.1.1 Description of *Actinophytocola* gen.nov.

Aerobic, Gram-positive, non-acid-fast, non-motile actinomycetes. Non-fragmented substrate mycelium and, on some media, aerial mycelia are produced. Cylindrical spores are produced on aerial mycelia but not sporangium-like. Good growth occurs at 18-28 °C. The organism shows good growth on oatmeal agar and oatmeal-nitrate agar. Cell wall contains *meso*-diaminopimelic acid, alanine, glutamic acid and acetylated muramic acid. The whole-cell sugars are arabinose, galactose, mannose, rhamnose and ribose. Mycolic acids are absent. The major fatty acids are iso-C<sub>15:0</sub>, iso-C<sub>16:0</sub> and C<sub>16:0</sub>. The diagnostic menaquinone is MK-9(H<sub>4</sub>). The polar phospholipids consist of phosphatidylethanolamine and hydroxyphosphatidylethanolamine. The type species is *Actinophytocola oryzae*.

#### 2.2.2.1.2 Description of *Actinophytocola oryzae* sp.nov.

In addition to the characteristics given in the genus description, the type species has the following properties. Strain GMKU 367<sup>T</sup> grows well on ISP 3 and oatmeal-nitrate agar, moderate growth on ISP 2 and 1/10 yeast extract starch agar, and poor growth on ISP 4 and ISP 5. The pale peach (5ca)

aerial mycelium produces on ISP 3, substrate mycelium is light melon yellow (3ea) and no soluble pigment. The trace of rust tan (5le) soluble pigment produces on oatmeal-nitrate agar. Absence of aerial mycelium on ISP 2 and 1/10 yeast extract starch agar. No growth on ISP 9 and ISP 6. Temperature range for growth is 12–30 °C, with the optimal temperature for good growth at 18–28 °C. The strain is able to grow between pH 5.0–10.0, with the optimal pH at 6.0–7.0 and tolerates NaCl up to 2%. Reduction of nitrate and production of melanin pigments and H<sub>2</sub>S are negative. Catalase is positive but oxidase is negative. Degradation of starch is positive while decomposition of benzoate, hypoxanthine, xanthine and milk are negative. Liquefaction of gelatin is weakly positive. Degradation of citrate is positive. D-fructose, D-glucose and L-rhamnose can be utilized as sole carbon sources, but L-arabinose, dulcitol, D-galactose, *myo*-inositol, lactose, maltose, D-mannitol, D-mannose, raffinose, D-sorbitol, sucrose, D-trehalose and D-xylose are not utilized. Production of acid is observed from L-arabinose, D-fructose and D-glucose, while no acid produces from adonitol, dulcitol, erythritol, D-galactose, *myo*-inositol, lactose, D-mannitol, raffinose and L-rhamnose.

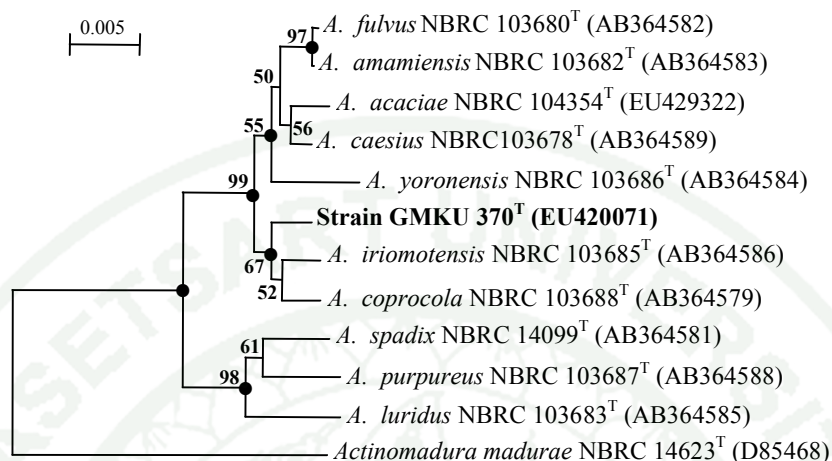
#### 2.2.2.2 GMKU 370

The almost complete 16S rRNA gene sequence (1468 bp) of GMKU 370 was preliminary compared with 16S rRNA genes in the GenBank and EzTaxon database. The result indicated the close relationship with genus *Actinomadura*, particularly *A. spadix* that GMKU 370 shared 97.8% identity.

However, *A. spadix* is a distinct species possessing low 16S rRNA gene similarity with the other species in the genus *Actinomadura* (Nonomura & Ohara, 1971). Polyphasic investigation revealed that *A. spadix* is clearly distinguished at the genus level from other members of *Actinomadura* species and therefore, was assigned the status as new genus, *Actinoallomurus spadix* comb. nov. (Tamura *et al.*, 2009). The genus *Actinoallomurus* is the newest genus belonging to the family *Thermomonosporaceae* (Tamura *et al.*, 2009). This family includes *Actinocorallia*, *Actinomadura*, *Excellospora*, *Spirillospora* and

*Thermomonospora* (Kroppenstedt & Goodfellow, 1991; Zhang *et al.*, 1998; 2001). Within this genus, other 8 species isolated from the soil and dung samples collected from various places in Japan were also chemotaxonomically characterized and were proposed as novel species belonging to the new genus *Actinoallomurus* with *Actinoallomurus spadix* as the type species (Tamura *et al.*, 2009). Thus, an almost-complete 16S rRNA gene sequence of GMKU 370 was recompiled. The result revealed that the sequence close relationship with members of the genus *Actinoallomurus* (Tamura *et al.*, 2009).

For phylogenetic tree analysis of GMKU 370, multiple alignments of the sequences obtained from 10 validly described *Actinoallomurus* species (Tamura *et al.*, 2009; Thamchaipenet *et al.*, 2011) and the GMKU 370 (using *Actinomadura madurae* NBRC 14623<sup>T</sup> as an outgroup) was performed using CLUSTAL X, version 2 (Larkin *et al.*, 2007). The phylogenetic trees were deduced using methods of neighbour-joining (Saitou & Nei, 1987), maximum-likelihood (Felsenstein, 1981) and maximum-parsimony (Eck & Dayhoff, 1966) and constructed by NJplot (Perrière & Gouy, 1996), phylip 3.68 and MEGA 4 (Tamura *et al.*, 2007), respectively. The resultant neighbour-joining tree topology was evaluated the confidence values of branches by 1000 resamplings of bootstrap analysis (Felsenstein, 1985). The evolutionary distances were computed by using the Kimura 2-parameter method (Kimura, 1980). The result of the phylogenetic analysis indicated that GMKU 370 formed a distinct clade within the members of the genus *Actinoallomurus* (Figure 30). The closest phylogenetic neighbour were *A.coprocola* NBRC 103688<sup>T</sup> and *A.iriomotensis* NBRC 103685<sup>T</sup> with the level of 16S rRNA gene sequence similarity at 99.20 % corresponding to 11 nucleotides substitutions with both of the type strains.



**Figure 30** Phylogenetic tree was constructed by using the neighbour-joining method based on almost complete of the 16S rRNA sequences to display relationship between strain GMKU 370<sup>T</sup> and all members of the genus *Actinoallomurus*. *Actinomadura madurae* was used as an outgroup. Numbers at nodes indicate levels of bootstrap support (%) based on neighbour-joining analysis of 1000 resampled datasets. Solid circles indicate corresponding nodes that were also recovered from maximum-likelihood and maximum-parsimony trees. Bar, 0.005 substitutions per site.

#### 2.2.2.2.1 DNA - DNA hybridization

The analysis of 16S rRNA sequence produces numerical values of 16S rRNA similarities that can be used as circumscription of a species. Strains that show  $\leq 97\%$  16S rRNA sequence similarity to all known taxa are considered to belong to a new species and isolates that have  $\geq 97\%$  identity is not as clear. This latter value can represent a new species or, alternatively, indicate clustering within a previously defined taxon (Amann *et al.*, 1992; Stackebrandt and Goebel, 1994; Vandamme *et al.*, 1996; Stackebrandt *et al.*, 2002; Gevers *et al.*, 2005 and Janda and Abbott, 2007). For this reasons, the percent DDH is unequivocally the gold standard for proposed new species (Wayne *et al.*, 1987). Thus, DDH of GMKU

370 was employed using the method of Ezaki *et al.* (1989) to determine the distinct taxonomic relationship among closely related species at species level.

Genomic DNA of GMKU 370 type strains, *A. iriomotensis* NBRC 103685<sup>T</sup> and *A. coprocola* NBRC 103688<sup>T</sup> were extracted and purified according to the method of Saito & Miura (1963) and DDH was carried out by fluorometric hybridization method (Ezaki *et al.*, 1989). Percentage of hybridization was detected by using Cytofluor multi-well plate reader series 4000. DNA-DNA relatedness value among type strains *A. coprocola* NBRC 103688<sup>T</sup> and *A. iriomotensis* NBRC 103685<sup>T</sup> with GMKU 370 were 17 % and 51 % (mean of duplication), respectively. Thus, the results clearly indicated that GMKU 370 does not belong to either *A. coprocola* NBRC 103688<sup>T</sup> or *A. iriomotensis* NBRC 103685<sup>T</sup> as this value were well below the threshold value of 70 % for the definition of bacterial species according to Wayne *et al.* (1987).

For the description of the genus *Actinoallomurus*, it contains *meso*-diaminopimelic acid in the cell wall and madurose as a characteristic sugar in the whole-cell hydrolysates the same as closely related genus *Actinomadura* (Lechevalier & Lechevalier, 1970; Goodfellow, 1989). Additionally, the cell wall peptidoglycan encloses D- and L-lysine that is an important differentiated characteristic to distinct *Actinoallomurus* from members in the genus *Actinomadura* (Tamura *et al.*, 2009). The acyl type of the muramic acid is *N*-acetyl. The fatty acid profiles include iso-hexadecanoic (iso-C<sub>16:0</sub>) as the major component and the phospholipid pattern comprises phosphatidylinositolmannoside. Main menaquinones are MK-9(H<sub>6</sub>) and MK-9(H<sub>8</sub>). Thus, comparison of the morphological and chemotaxonomic profiles of GMKU 370 with the closest phylogenetic related species, *A. coprocola* NBRC 103688<sup>T</sup> and *A. iriomotensis* NBRC 103685<sup>T</sup> was carried out (Table 15).

**Table 15** Phenotypic characteristics that differentiate strain GMKU 370 from the type strains of the most phylogenetically related *Actinoallomurus* species.

Characteristics	1	2	3
<b>Growth on ISP2</b>			
Growth	Poor	Absent	Good
Color of substrate mycelium	Pale yellow brown		Moderate orange yellow
Soluble pigment	None		None
<b>Growth on ISP3</b>			
Growth	Moderate	Good	Moderate
Color of substrate mycelium	White	Gray purplish red	Light yellow to moderate orange
Soluble pigment	None	Moderate to strong yellow	None
<b>Growth on ISP4</b>			
Growth			
Color of substrate mycelium	Absent	Moderate Pale yellow	Poor Light yellow
Soluble pigment		None	None
<b>Growth on YS agar</b>			
Growth	Moderate	Moderate	Poor
Color of substrate mycelium	White	Pale yellow Pale greenish	White
Soluble pigment	None	green	None
Range of temperature for growth (°C)	20–44	20–37	20–37
Growth at 2% NaCl	-	+	+
Growth at pH 8–9	+	-	-
<b>Utilization of:</b>			
Arabinose	-	+	+
D-Fructose	-	+	+

**Table 15** (continued)

Characteristics	1	2	3
Glucose	-	+	+
D-Mannitol	-	+	+
Hydrolysis of:			
Starch	-	+	+
Gelatin	w	+	+

Strains: 1, GMKU 370<sup>T</sup>; 2, *A. coprocola* NBRC 103688<sup>T</sup>; 3, *A. iriomotensis* NBRC 103685<sup>T</sup> (strains: 2 and 3, data from Tamura *et al.*, 2009) +, Positive; -, negative; v, variable; w, weakly positive.

The comparison revealed that GMKU 370 exhibits phenotypic characters dissimilar to both type strains. GMKU 370 generated whitish aerial mycelia on ISP 3 and did not produce soluble pigment on any media tested. The strain was able to grow at temperature range 20-44 °C and moderately alkaline condition (pH 8-9) but not tolerate NaCl at 2 %. GMKU 370 was not able to utilize arabinose, fructose, glucose and mannitol, did not degrade starch but poorly hydrolyzed gelatin and not reduced nitrate.

Based on the chemotaxonomic and phylogenetic analysis, it is confirmed that strain GMKU370<sup>T</sup> belongs to the genus *Actinoallomurus*. Phenotypic and genotypic data demonstrated in this study supported that strain GMKU 370<sup>T</sup> represents a species belonging to the genus *Actinoallomurus*. It is also evident from physiological characteristics and the levels of DNA-DNA relatedness that strain GMKU 370<sup>T</sup> is distinct from the type strains of closely phylogenetic related species. It is, therefore, proposed that strain GMKU 370<sup>T</sup> represents a novel species of the genus *Actinoallomurus*, for which the name *Actinoallomurus oryzae* sp. nov. is proposed. For nomenclature, the type strain *Actinoallomurus oryzae* GMKU 370<sup>T</sup> (BCC 31373<sup>T</sup> = NBRC 105246<sup>T</sup>), [o.ry'zae. Gr.n.oryza, rice; M.L.gen.n. *oryzae*; denoting the isolation of the strain from root of Thai jasmine rice plant

(*Oryza sativa* L.cv. KDML 105)].

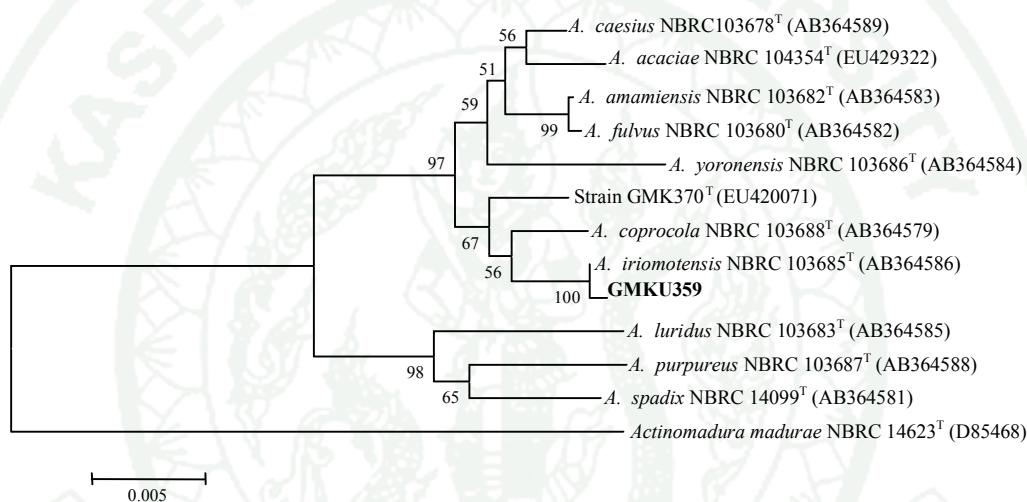
#### 2.2.2.2.2 Description of *Actinoallomurus oryzae* sp.nov.

Aerobic, Gram-positive. Cells grow well on PDA and NA and show moderate growth on ISP 3, oatmeal-nitrate agar and 1/10 yeast-starch agar, forming a well-developed white aerial mycelium that differentiated into short spiral spore chain with smooth surfaced. Neither diffusible pigment nor melanin is produced. The optimal temperature and pH for growth are 30–32 °C and pH 5.0-9.0. The strain be able to grow in 1% NaCl. Catalase and oxidase positive. Nitrate reduction is negative. Hydrolysis of casein is positive and gelatine is weakly positive. Degradation of hypoxantine, starch and xanthine are negative. No peptonization of milk. Dulcitol, D-galactose, *myo*-inosital,  $\beta$ -lactose, D-maltose, D-mannose, raffinose, L-rhamnose, D-sorbitol, sucrose, D-trehalose and D-xylose are utilized as sole carbon sources but L-arabinose, D-fructose, D-glucose, D-mannitol are not. Acid production appears from D-galactose, D-glucose and raffinose but not from L-arabinose, dulcitol, D-fructose, *myo*-inositol,  $\beta$ -lactose, D-mannitol and L-rhamnose. Strain GMKU 370<sup>T</sup> contained *meso*-diaminopimelic acid and lysine in the cell wall peptidoglycan. Whole cell sugars contain galactose, glucose, madurose, mannose and ribose. The glycan moiety of the murein is acetylated. The predominant menaquinones are MK-9(H<sub>6</sub>) and MK-9(H<sub>8</sub>). The minor menaquinones are MK-9(H<sub>4</sub>) and MK-9(H<sub>2</sub>) and MK-9(H<sub>0</sub>) is also detected. No mycolic acids. The major fatty acid is iso-C<sub>16:0</sub>. Main phospholipid pattern comprises phosphatidylglycerol and phosphatidylinositol. The G+C content of the DNA is 65.4 mol %.

#### 2.2.2.3 GMKU 359

Almost complete 16S rRNA gene sequence of GMKU 359 was preliminary compared with 16S rRNA genes in the EzTaxon database and indicated the close relationship with genus *Actinomadura*, *A.spadix* that GMKU 359 shared 97.7% identity. However, *A.spadix* was later assigned the status as new genus,

*Actinoallomurus spadix* comb.nov. (Tamura *et al.*, 2009). Therefore, GMKU 359 was re-compared with the members of *Actinoallomurus*. The phylogenetic trees were deduced and the result indicated that GMKU 359 formed a distinct clade within the members of the genus *Actinoallomurus* (Figure 31). The closest phylogenetic neighbour were *A. iriomotensis* NBRC 103685<sup>T</sup> with the 100% bootstrap support (Figure 31).



**Figure 31** Phylogenetic tree was constructed by using the neighbour-joining method based on almost complete of the 16S rRNA sequences to display relationship between strain GMKU 359 and all members of the genus *Actinoallomurus*. *Actinomadura madurae* was used as an outgroup. Numbers at nodes indicate levels of bootstrap support (%) based on neighbour-joining analysis of 1000 resampled datasets. Bar, 0.005 substitutions per site.

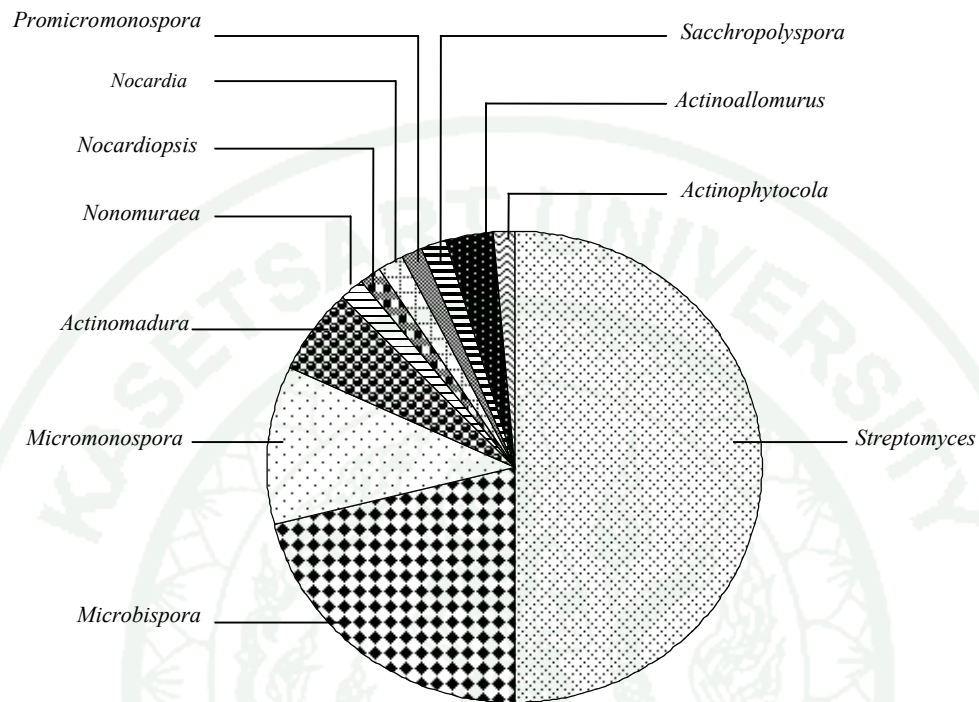
### 2.2.2.3.1 DNA-DNA hybridization

DNA-DNA relatedness value among type strains *A. iriomotensis* NBRC 103685<sup>T</sup> with GMKU 359 were 73%. Thus, the results clearly indicated that GMKU 359 belong to *A. iriomotensis* because the value was higher than the threshold value of 70% for the definition of bacterial species according to Wayne *et al.* (1987).

### 2.3 Diversity

The results of endophytic actinomycetes identification in this study showed that the majority (n=33, 50%) of endophytic actinomycetes belonged to genus *Streptomyces* and the remainder belonged to 10 genera including *Microbispora* (n=14), *Micromonospora* (n=7), *Actinomadura* (n=4), *Actinoallomurus* (n=2; GMKU 370 is a newly propose species), *Nocardia* (n=1), *Nocardiopsis* (n=1), *Nonomuraea* (n=1), *Promicromonospora* (n=1), and *Saccharopolyspora* (n=1) and a newly propose genus *Actinophytocola* (Figure 32).

This study is different from several reports that *Streptosporangium* spp. were commonly isolated and are the common endophytic microflora of a variety of plant species ranging from crop plants to woody tree species (Tan *et al.*, 2006; Qin *et al.*, 2011). There were 11 genera discovered in this study demonstrated that endophytic actinomycetes were diversified in endemic Thai tropical plants. This results supported several reports that the greatest diversity of endophytic actinomycetes is likely to occur in the tropical plants (Strobel and Dai, 2003; Qin *et al.*, 2009). Likewise, Taechowisan *et al.* (2003) isolated 330 actinomycetes from 26 different Thai medicinal plant species and they belonged to four different genera (*Streptomyces*, *Microbispora*, *Nocardia* and *Micromonospora*). Moreover, there are a novel genus and a novel species verified in this study which demonstrated that endemic plants of Thailand are a novel valuable source of novel strains.



**Figure 32** The diagram displays percentage of all actinobacterial endophytes (n=66) isolated from plant materials. The majority (n=33,) belonged to genus *Streptomyces* and the remainder belonged to 10 genera including *Microbispora* (n=14), *Micromonospora* (n=7), *Actinomadura* (n=4), *Actinoallomurus* (n=2), *Nocardia* (n=1), *Nocardiosis* (n=1), *Nonomuraea* (n=1), *Promicromonospora* (n=1), *Saccharopolyspora* (n=1) and *Actinophytocola* (n=1).

### 3. Determination of plant growth promoting agents

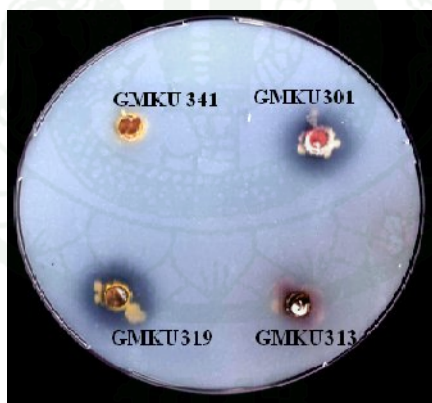
#### 3.1 Auxin production

Auxin production was analyzed by colorimetric assay using method modified from Ahmad *et al.* (2006). The results revealed that 13 isolates (20%) could produce auxin of which 12 isolates belonged to genus *Streptomyces* namely GMKU 306, GMKU 307, GMKU 308, GMKU 311, GMKU 334, GMKU 335, GMKU 342, GMKU 343, GMKU 352, GMKU 354, GMKU 361, GMKU 365 and an isolate GMKU 377 belonged to genus *Saccharopolyspora* (Table 16). Auxin is a key plant hormone which plays important role in cell division but bacteria can also synthesis auxin (Sarwar and Kremer, 1995 and Tao *et al.*, 2002). Soil or rhizosphere actinomycetes revealed ability to produce IAA but a little work has shown that endophytic actinomycetes were also able to produce auxin (El-Tarabily *et al.*, 1997; El-Tarabily and Sivasithamparam, 2006; El-Tarabily *et al.*, 2008). In 2002, Igarashi *et al.* isolated *Streptomyces hygrosopicus* from *Pteridium aquilinum* and reported that the strain was able to produce auxin-like compound. Endophytic actinomycetes isolated from cucumber, tomato and eagle wood showed ability to produce IAA (El-Tarabily *et al.*, 2009; Fialho *et al.*, 2010 and Nimnoi *et al.*, 2010) and they belonged to genus *Actinomadura*, *Nocardia*, *Nonomuraea*, *Pseudonocardia* and *Streptomyces*. In this study, 13 isolates of endophytic actinomycetes belonged to genus *Streptomyces* and *Saccharopolyspora* could produce IAA. Thus, it is firstly reported that an endophytic *Saccharopolyspora* isolated from Thai medicinal plant *Myristica fragrans* Linn. showed ability to produce IAA.

#### 3.2 Phosphate solubilization

To determine the solubilization of phosphate, the isolates were cultured onto Pikovskaya's medium (Pikovskaya, 1948) and the formation of transparent "halo" zone around each bacterial plug was observed (Figure 33). The results revealed that 20 isolates (30%) of endophytic actinomycetes namely, *Streptomyces* sp. GMKU 301, GMKU 306, GMKU 307, GMKU 308, GMKU 309, GMKU 312, GMKU 314, GMKU 316, GMKU 319, GMKU 336, GMKU 337, GMKU 344,

GMKU 345, GMKU 354, and GMKU 355 as well as *Actinoallomurus* sp. GMKU 359, *Microbispora* sp. GMKU 318 and GMKU 324, *Nocardiopsis* sp. GMKU 346 and *Saccharopolyspora* sp. GMKU 377 could solubilize phosphate (Table 16). Recently, endophytic actinomycetes isolated from tomato, wheat and rice have been reported to solubilize phosphate (Fialho *et al.*, 2010; Misk and Franco, 2011; Gangwar *et al.*, 2012a; 2012b) and they belonged to genus *Streptomyces*. In this study, the ability of phosphate solubilization not only found in the members of the genus *Streptomyces* but also found in several genera of rare actinobacteria including *Actinoallomurus*, *Microbispora*, *Nocardiopsis* and *Saccharopolyspora*. Phosphate solubilizing bacteria (PSB) is a group of beneficial bacteria capable of hydrolysing organic and inorganic phosphorus from insoluble compounds (Young *et al.*, 1998; Goldstein *et al.*, 1999; Chen *et al.*, 2006). This study firstly demonstrated that *Streptomyces*, *Actinoallomurus*, *Microbispora*, *Nocardiopsis* and *Saccharopolyspora* could be grouped as PSB.

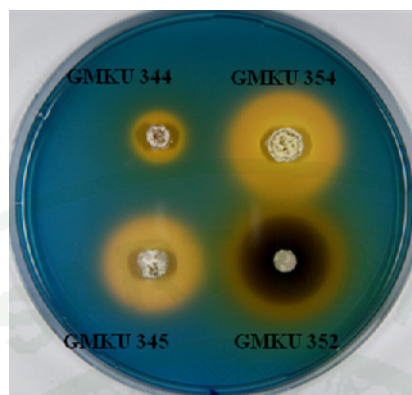


**Figure 33** The formation of halo zone around plug of endophytic *Streptomyces* sp. GMKU 301 and *Streptomyces* sp. GMKU 319 on PVK medium after incubation at 30 °C for 3 weeks.

### 3.3 Siderophore production

Siderophores was detected using modified method of Schwyn *et al.* (1987) by observation of orange halo zone formation around each bacterial plug. The results revealed that 33 isolates (50 %) showed orange halo zone indicated they could produce siderophores (Figure 34). Most of siderophore producing strains belonged to genus *Streptomyces* (18 isolates; GMKU 306, GMKU 307, GMKU 308, GMKU 313, GMKU 314, GMKU 315, GMKU 316, GMKU 333, GMKU 334, GMKU 335, GMKU 336, GMKU 344, GMKU 345, GMKU 352, GMKU 354, GMKU 355, GMKU 360 and GMKU 361) and the remainder belonged to 7 genera including *Actinoallomurus* (GMKU359 and GMKU 370), *Actinomadura* (GMKU 329, GMKU331 and GMKU 351), *Microbispora* (GMKU 363, GMKU 364 and GMKU 366), *Micromonospora* (GMKU 328, GMKU 330, GMKU 358 and GMKU 362), *Nocardiosis* (GMKU 346), *Saccharopolyspora* (GMKU 377) and a new genus *Actinophytocola oryzae* GMKU 367 (Table 16). In previous reports, siderophores production was observed in several genera of endophytic actinomycetes including *Actinomadura*, *Kibdelosporangium*, *Nocardia*, *Nonomuraea*, *Streptomyces* and *Pseudonocardia* (Nimnoi *et al.*, 2010; Misk and Franco, 2011; Xing *et al.*, 2011). In this study, the results showed that there were diversity of genera including *Actinoallomurus*, *Actinomadura*, *Actinophytocola* *Microbispora*, *Micromonospora*, *Nocardiosis*, *Saccharopolyspora* and *Streptomyces* to produce siderophores.

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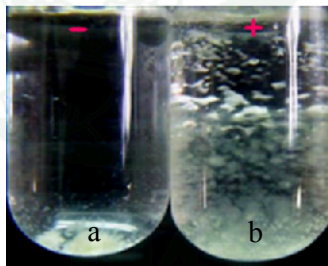
**Figure 34** The orange halo zone of siderophore formation on Chrome Azurol S (CAS) medium around plugs of *Streptomyces* sp. GMKU 344, GMKU 345, GMKU 354 and GMKU 352.

#### 3.4 Ammonia production

Ammonia production was studied by growing the cultures in peptone water broth and observed development of yellow to brown using Nesler's reagent. The results showed that 34 isolates (52%) produced ammonia (Table 16). *Streptomyces* are ammonifying bacteria (Savant and DeDatta, 1982; Kadlec and Knight, 1996; Rebolledo *et al.*, 2008). In this study, there were 34 isolates that showed ability of ammonifying bacteria of which 27 isolates (74%) belonged to genus *Streptomyces* including GMKU 301, GMKU 302, GMKU 305, GMKU 306, GMKU 309, GMKU 312, GMKU 314, GMKU 315, GMKU 316, GMKU 319, GMKU 320, GMKU 322, GMKU 323, GMKU 333, GMKU 335, GMKU 336, GMKU 337, GMKU 341, GMKU 342, GMKU 343, GMKU 344, GMKU 345, GMKU 352, GMKU 354, GMKU 355, GMKU 360 and GMKU 361 and the remainder were rare actinomycetes belonged to 3 genera including *Microbispora* (GMKU 363), *Micromonospora* (GMKU 326, GMKU 330, GMKU 348, GMKU 358 and GMKU 362) and *Promicromonospora* (GMKU 303).

### 3.5 ACC deaminase

All isolates were screened for their potential to produce ACC deaminase using minimum media (Hopwood, 1967) supplemented with either 3.0 mM ACC or 2g (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (El-Tarabily, 2008). Growth on ACC as a sole source of nitrogen indicated bacteria were able to produce ACC deaminase. For example, Figure 35 showed *Streptomyces* sp. GMKU 336 was able to grow in minimum media supplemented with 3.0 mM ACC while no growth was observed in minimum media. In this study, the results showed that 16 isolates (24%) of endophytic actinomycetes were able to grow on ACC as a sole source of nitrogen including *Streptomyces* (11 isolates; GMKU 308, GMKU 313, GMKU 314, GMKU 315, GMKU 316, GMKU 319, GMKU 320, GMKU 335, GMKU 336, GMKU 344 and GMKU 345), *Microbispora* (GMKU 363 and GMKU 364), *Nonomuraea* (GMKU 325) and *Micromonospora* (GMKU 362) and a new genus *Actinophytocola oryzae* GMKU 367 (Table 16). However, the ACC deaminase production has been found to be associated with a large number of different soil microorganisms and the high frequency has been found in many rhizospheric bacteris (Glick *et al.*, 2007; El-Tarabily *et al.*, 2009).



**Figure 35** ACC deaminase production of *Streptomyces* sp. GMKU 336 (a) no growth in minimum media (b) growth in minimum media supplemented with 3.0 mM ACC.

**Table 16** Production of plant growth promoting agents of all isolates

Isolates	ACCD production	Ammonia production	IAA production	Siderophore production	Phosphate solubiliza- tion
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 301	-	+	-	-	+
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 302	-	+	-	-	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 305	-	+	-	-	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 306	-	+	+	+	+
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 307	-	-	+	+	+
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 308	+	-	+	+	+
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 309	-	+	-	-	+
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 311	-	-	+	-	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 312	-	+	-	-	+
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 313	+	-	-	+	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 314	+	+	-	+	+
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 315	+	+	-	+	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 316	+	+	-	+	+
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 319	+	+	-	-	+
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 320	-	+	-	-	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 322	-	+	-	-	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 323	-	+	-	-	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 333	-	+	-	+	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 334	-	-	+	+	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 335	+	+	+	+	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 336	+	+	-	+	+
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 337	-	+	-	-	+
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 341	-	+	-	-	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 342	-	+	+	-	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 343	-	+	+	-	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 344	+	+	-	+	+
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 345	+	+	-	+	+
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 352	-	+	+	+	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 354	-	+	+	+	+
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 355	-	+	-	+	+

**Table 16** (continued)

Isolates	ACCD production	Ammonia production	IAA production	Siderophore production	Phosphate solubiliza- tion
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 360	-	+	-	+	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 361	-	+	+	+	-
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 365	-	-	+	-	-
<i>Actinoallomurus</i> sp. GMKU 359	-	-	-	+	+
<i>Actinoallomurus oryzae</i> GMKU 370	-	-	-	+	-
<i>Actinomadura</i> sp. GMKU 329	-	-	-	+	-
<i>Actinomadura</i> sp. GMKU 331	-	-	-	+	-
<i>Actinomadura</i> sp. GMKU 351	-	-	-	+	-
<i>Actinomadura</i> sp. GMKU 356	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Actinophytocola oryzae</i> GMKU 367	+	-	-	+	-
<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 317	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 318	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 324	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 340	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 347	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 350	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 357	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 363	+	+	-	+	-
<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 364	+	-	-	+	-
<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 366	-	-	-	+	-
<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 368	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 369	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 372	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 378	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Micromonospora</i> sp. GMKU 326	-	+	-	-	-
<i>Micromonospora</i> sp. GMKU 328	-	-	-	+	-
<i>Micromonospora</i> sp. GMKU 330	-	+	-	+	-
<i>Micromonospora</i> sp. GMKU 348	-	+	-	-	-
<i>Micromonospora</i> sp. GMKU 353	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Micromonospora</i> sp. GMKU 358	-	+	-	+	-
<i>Micromonospora</i> sp. GMKU 362	+	+	-	+	-
<i>Nocardia</i> sp. GMKU 327	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 16** (continued)

Isolates	ACCD production	Ammonia production	IAA production	Siderophore production	Phosphate solubiliza- tion
<i>Nocardioopsis</i> sp. GMKU 346	-	-	-	+	+
<i>Nonomuraea</i> sp. GMKU 325	+	-	-	-	-
<i>Promicromonospora</i> sp. GMKU 303	-	+	-	-	-
<i>Saccharopolyspora</i> sp. GMKU 377	-	-	+	+	+

For the properties of the plant growth promoting agents, the results revealed that 20% (13 isolates) could produce auxin, 30% (20 isolates) could solubilize phosphate, 50% (33 isolates) showed siderophore production, 52% (34 isolates) could produce ammonia and 24% (16 isolates) produced ACC deaminase as shown in Table 17. In summary, there were one isolate, *Streptomyces* sp. GMKU 344 showed ability of all five characters while 9 isolates of *Streptomyces* sp. GMKU 306, GMKU 308, GMKU 314, GMKU 316, GMKU GMKU 335, GMKU 336, GMKU 345, GMKU 354 and GMKU 355 carried four characters. There were seven isolates including *Streptomyces* sp. GMKU 307, GMKU 315, GMKU 319, GMKU 337, *Micromonospora* sp. GMKU 362, *Microbispora* sp. GMKU 363 and *Saccharopolyspora* sp. GMKU 377 showed ability of three characters and 16 isolates carried two characters (Table 17). Interestingly, there were 11 isolates showed no activity of those five plant growth promoting traits (Table 17). A part from that, two isolates, produced only IAA, three isolates could only solubilize phosphate, seven isolates produced only siderophore, nine isolates produced only ammonia and an isolate, *Nonomuraea* sp. GMKU 325, produced only ACC deaminase (Table 17). In this study, it is clear that endophytic actinomycetes can carry one or more characters of plant growth promoting properties. Endophytic actinomycetes isolated from endemic plants of Thailand should be a novel valuable source of plant growth promoting agents because they possess many properties such as production of auxins phytohormone, siderophore, ammonia and ACC deaminase (Nimnoi *et al.*, 2010; Qin *et al.*, 2011).

**Table 17** Plant growth promoting agents test from endophytic actinomycetes. +, Positive; -, negative

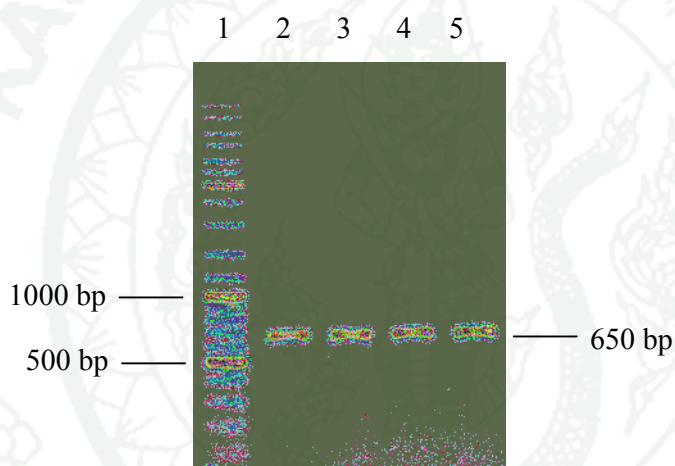
IAA production	Phosphate solubilization	Siderophore production	NH <sub>3</sub> production	ACC production	Number of isolates
+	+	+	+	+	1
+	+	+	+	-	3
+	+	+	-	+	1
-	+	+	+	+	4
+	-	+	+	+	1
+	+	+	-	-	2
-	-	+	+	+	3
-	+	-	+	+	1
+	+	-	+	-	1
-	+	-	+	-	3
-	-	+	-	+	3
-	-	-	+	+	1
-	-	+	+	-	6
+	-	+	-	-	1
+	-	-	+	-	1
-	+	+	-	-	1
+	-	-	-	-	2
-	+	-	-	-	3
-	-	+	-	-	7
-	-	+	-	-	9
-	-	-	-	+	1
-	-	-	-	-	11
Total = 66					

#### 4. Identification of *acdS* gene

To identify ACC deaminase gene (*acdS*) of endophytic actinomycetes, amino acid sequences of putative ACC deaminases including those of *Actinosynnema mirum* DSM 43827<sup>T</sup>, *Brevibacterium linens* BL2, *Kribbella flavida* DSM 17836<sup>T</sup>, *Mycobacterium abscessus* ATCC 19977<sup>T</sup>, *M. smegmatis*str MC 2155, *Nakamurella multipartita* DSM 44233<sup>T</sup>, *Streptomyces sviveus* ATCC 29083<sup>T</sup>, *S. ghanaensis* ATCC 14672<sup>T</sup>, *S. griseus* NBRC 13350<sup>T</sup>, *S. albus* J1074 and *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* NRRL 2338<sup>T</sup> were retrieved from the GenBank database. Multiple sequence alignment was conducted and the specific ATT082 sense primer (5'- CAGTCCAAC CACACSGCSCAG -3') and ATT082 anti-sense primer (5'- GCCATSGACTTSCCC TCGTASAC -3') based on conserved amino acid regions with minimal degeneracy were successfully designed for PCR amplification of *acdS* gene as shown in Figure 36.



For identification of *acdS* gene in the genome of endophytic actinomycetes, all isolates was amplified a partial *acdS* gene with ATT 082F sense primer and ATT 082R anti-sense primer. After PCR amplification of *acdS* gene, 16 isolates including, *Streptomyces* sp. GMKU 308, GMKU 313, GMKU 314, GMKU 315, GMKU 316, GMKU 319, GMKU 320, GMKU 335, GMKU 336, GMKU 344, and GMKU 345), *Microbispora* sp. GMKU 363 and GMKU 364, *Nonomuraea* sp. GMKU 325 and *Micromonospora* sp. GMKU 362 and a new genus *Actinophytocola oryzae* GMKU 367 showed unique bands approximately 650 bp (Figure 37).



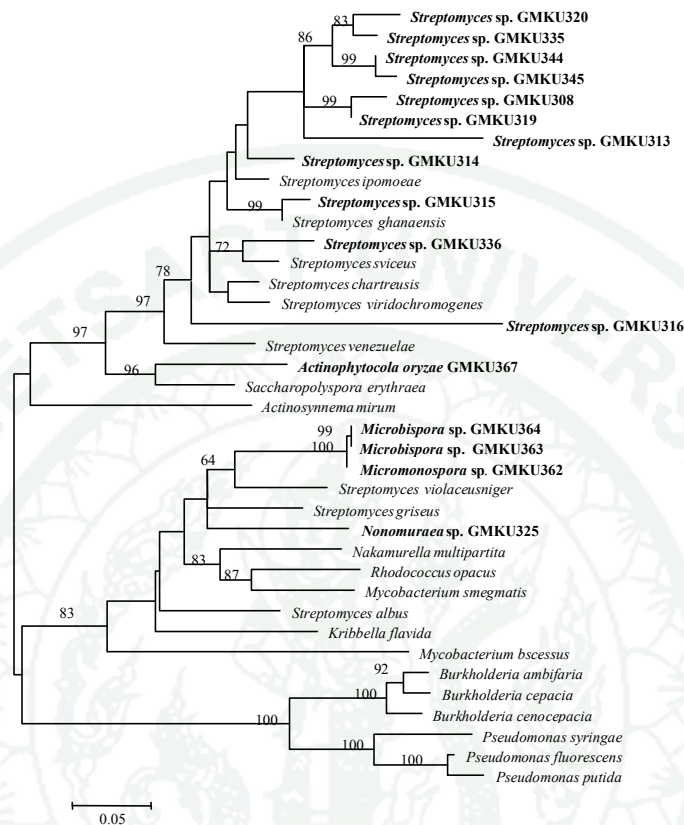
**Figure 37** PCR amplification of *acdS* gene (~650 bp) using specific primers, ATT082F and ATT082R. Lane 1, 1 Kb DNA ladder; Lane 2-5 GMKU 314, GMKU 315, GMKU 316 and GMKU 336, respectively.

After direct sequencing of *acdS* gene PCR products, the sequences were compared with *acdS* genes from database and the results showed that the sequence of 16 isolates were highly conserved with level of identity 80-93% at the nucleotide level. When the nucleotide sequences were conceptually translated into amino acid sequences, about 200 residues were obtained. The ACC deaminase were then compared at amino acid level and the isolates showed 83-99% identity and 90-100% similarity to those of actinobacterial ACC deaminase available in GenBank database (Table 18).

**Table 18** The identity and similarity values of 16 isolates when compared to the ACC deaminase amino acid sequences in the GenBank database using blastP.

Strains	ACC deaminase of actinobacteria	Identity/ Similarity (%)	Accession no.
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 308	<i>S. sviceps</i> ATCC 29083	90/95	ZP_06916233
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 313	<i>S. ghanaensis</i> ATCC 14672	87/93	ZP_06579762
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 314	<i>S. ipomoeae</i> 91-03	93/95	ZP_10450903
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 315	<i>S. ghanaensis</i> ATCC 14672	99/100	ZP_06579762
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 316	<i>S. ghanaensis</i> ATCC 14672	89/93	ZP_06579762
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 319	<i>S. sviceps</i> ATCC 29083	92/96	ZP_06916233
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 320	<i>S. ipomoeae</i> 91-03	91/94	ZP_10450903
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 335	<i>S. ipomoeae</i> 91-03	92/95	ZP_10450903
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 336	<i>S. sviceps</i> ATCC 29083	93/95	ZP_05016722
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 344	<i>S. ipomoeae</i> 91-03	92/95	ZP_10450903
<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. GMKU 345	<i>S. ipomoeae</i> 91-03	91/93	ZP_10450903
<i>Micromonospora</i> sp. GMKU 362	<i>S. violaceusniger</i> Tu 4113	88/94	YP_004814895
<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 363	<i>S. violaceusniger</i> Tu 4113	88/94	YP_004814895
<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 364	<i>S. violaceusniger</i> Tu 4113	88/94	YP_004814895
<i>Actinophytocola oryzae</i> GMKU 367	<i>Saccharopolyspora erythraea</i> NRRL 2338	87/93	YP001104984
<i>Nonomuraea</i> sp. GMKU 325	<i>S. violaceusniger</i> Tu 4113	83/90	YP_004814895

For phylogenetic tree analysis of ACC deaminases, multiple sequence alignment of amino acid sequences were determined and constructed with CLUSTAL X software. The topology tree was inferred by the neighbor joining and maximum likelihood methods and the result was shown in Figure 38.



**Figure 38** Phylogenetic tree based on amino acid sequences of ACC deaminase constructed using the neighbor-joining method to display the relationship of 16 isolates with the positive and putative strains of ACC deaminase activity. Numbers above branches indicate levels of bootstrap values (%) based on neighbor-joining analysis of 1,000 replicates; only values above 50 % are shown. Bar, 0.2 substitutions per site.

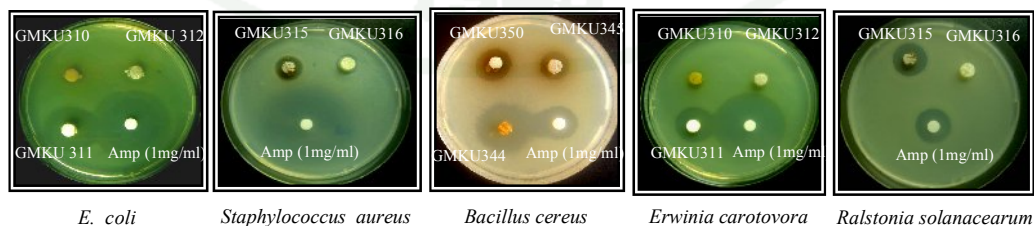
The result from phylogenetic tree analysis revealed that ACC deaminases of endophytic actinomycetes separated from those of *Pseudomonas* sp. (Gammaproteobacteria) and *Burkholderia* sp. (Betaproteobacterium). Glick *et al.* (2007) took 154 available putative bacterial ACC deaminase gene (*acdS*) sequences to construct phylogenetic tree and six *acdS* groups were defined. Group I, Group II and III contained sequences from Gammaproteobacteria, Betaproteobacteria and other two strains of Gammaproteobacteria respectively. Actinobacteria was in Group V while Group IV included Alphaproteobacteria and a small group of Betaproteobacteria. And

the Group VI consisted of Beta- and Gammaproteobacteria. From this tree, ACC deaminases from actinomycetes were clustered into two groups (Figure 38). The first group included most of *Streptomyces* spp. and some rare actinomycetes namely, *Actinophytocola oryzae* GMKU 367, *Saccharopolyspora erythraea* and *Actinosynnema mirum*. The second group included most of rare actinomycetes namely, *Kribbella flavida*, *Microbispora* spp., *Mycobacterium bscensus*, *M. smegmatis*, *Nakamurella multipartite*, *Nonomuraea* sp., and *Rhodococcus opacus*. There were some streptomycetes included in this group namely, *Streptomyces albus*, *S. griseus* and *S. violaceusniger*.

## 5. Screening of anti-microbial activities

### 5.1 Antibacterial activities

Antibacterial activities from endophytic actinomycetes were determined using agar plug assay method (Jeffrey, 1994). Some results of antibacterial activities showed in Figure 39. Thirty isolates (45%) inhibited *B. cereus*, 12 isolates (18%) inhibited *E. coli*, 15 isolates (23%) inhibited *S. aureus*, 7 isolates (11%) inhibited *E. carotovora* pv. *carotovora*, 30 isolates (45%) inhibited *R. solanacearum* and 3 isolates (5%) inhibited *X. campestris* pv. *glycine*. Interestingly, *Streptomyces* sp. GMKU 306 and GMKU 311 showed activity against all of the test bacteria (Table 19).



**Figure 39** Antibacterial activities of some endophytic actinomycetes.

**Table 19** Antibacterial activities of endophytic actinomycetes.

Isolates	<i>B.cereus</i>	<i>E.coli</i>	<i>S.aureus</i>	<i>E.carotovora</i>	<i>R.solanacearum</i>	<i>X.campestris</i>
GMKU301	+	+	+	+	+	-
GMKU302	-	-	-	-	-	-
GMKU303	-	+	-	-	-	-
GMKU305	+	-	-	-	++	-
GMKU306	+	+	+	+	+	+
GMKU307	+	+	+	+	+	-
GMKU308	-	-	-	-	-	-
GMKU309	+	++	-	-	++	-
GMKU311	++	+++	+++	++	++	+++
GMKU312	-	++	+	-	+	+
GMKU313	+	-	-	-	+	-
GMKU314	+	-	-	-	+	-
GMKU315	+	+	-	-	+	-
GMKU316	+	++	-	-	++	-
GMKU317	-	-	-	+	-	-
GMKU318	-	+	-	-	-	-
GMKU319	++	-	++	-	+	-
GMKU320	+	-	-	-	-	-
GMKU322	-	-	-	-	-	-
GMKU323	-	-	-	-	+	-
GMKU324	-	+	-	-	-	-
GMKU325	-	-	-	-	-	-
GMKU326	-	-	-	-	-	-
GMKU327	-	-	-	-	-	-
GMKU328	-	-	-	-	-	ND
GMKU329	+	-	-	-	+	-
GMKU330	-	-	-	-	-	-
GMKU331	-	-	-	-	-	-
GMKU333	-	-	-	-	-	ND
GMKU334	-	-	-	-	-	ND
GMKU335	+++	-	+++	-	+	-
GMKU336	-	-	-	-	-	ND

**Table 19** (continued)

Isolates	<i>B.cereus</i>	<i>E.coli</i>	<i>S.aureus</i>	<i>E.carotovora</i>	<i>R.solanacearum</i>	<i>X.campestris</i>
GMKU337	+	-	+	-	+	-
GMKU340	-	-	-	-	-	-
GMKU341	+	-	+	-	+	-
GMKU342	-	-	-	-	+	-
GMKU343	+	-	-	-	+	-
GMKU344	++	-	-	-	+	-
GMKU345	++	-	-	-	-	-
GMKU346	-	-	-	-	+	-
GMKU347	+	-	-	-	++	-
GMKU348	-	-	-	-	-	ND
GMKU350	+++	-	-	-	+	-
GMKU351	-	-	+	-	+	ND
GMKU352	++	-	-	-	+	ND
GMKU353	-	-	+	-	+	ND
GMKU354	+++	-	+++	-	+++	ND
GMKU355	+	-	+	-	+	-
GMKU356	+	-	-	-	-	ND
GMKU357	-	-	-	-	-	ND
GMKU358	-	-	-	-	-	ND
GMKU359	-	-	-	-	-	ND
GMKU360	-	-	-	-	-	-
GMKU361	+	-	+	-	+	-
GMKU362	-	-	-	-	-	ND
GMKU363	-	-	-	-	-	ND
GMKU364	-	-	-	-	-	ND
GMKU365	+	-	+	-	+	-
GMKU366	-	-	-	-	-	-
GMKU367	-	-	-	-	-	-
GMKU368	+	-	-	-	-	-
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GMKU370	-	-	-	-	-	-
GMKU372	+	-	-	-	-	ND

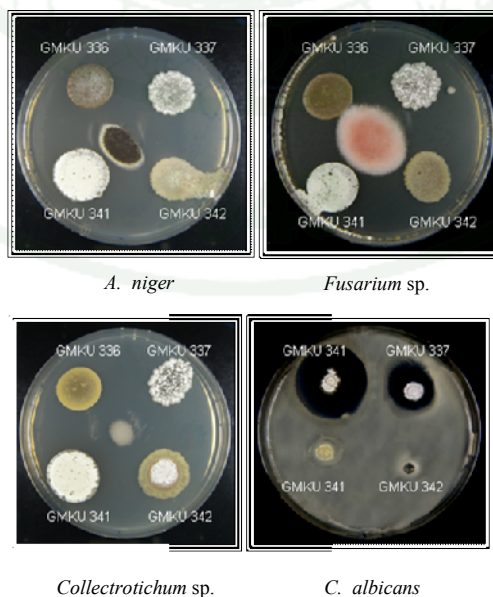
**Table 19** (continued)

Isolates	<i>B.cereus</i>	<i>E.coli</i>	<i>S.aureus</i>	<i>E.carotovora</i>	<i>R.solanacearum</i>	<i>X.campestris</i>
GMKU377	-	-	-	-	-	-
GMKU378	-	-	-	-	-	-

ND = not determined

### 5.2 Antifungal activities

The ability of individual isolate to inhibit the growth of test fungi was carried out by the modified protocol of Crawford *et al.* (1993). For determination of antifungal activity against *C. albicans*, the protocol of Jeffry, (1994) was used. The results revealed that all isolates were active against *A. niger* and *Collectotrichum* sp., while 39 isolates (66 %) inhibited *Fusarium* sp. and 5 isolates (9%) showed activity against *C. albicans* (Table 19). There were five isolates namely, *Streptomyces* sp. GMKU 319, GMKU 335, GMKU 337, GMKU 341 and GMKU 361 active against all test fungi.

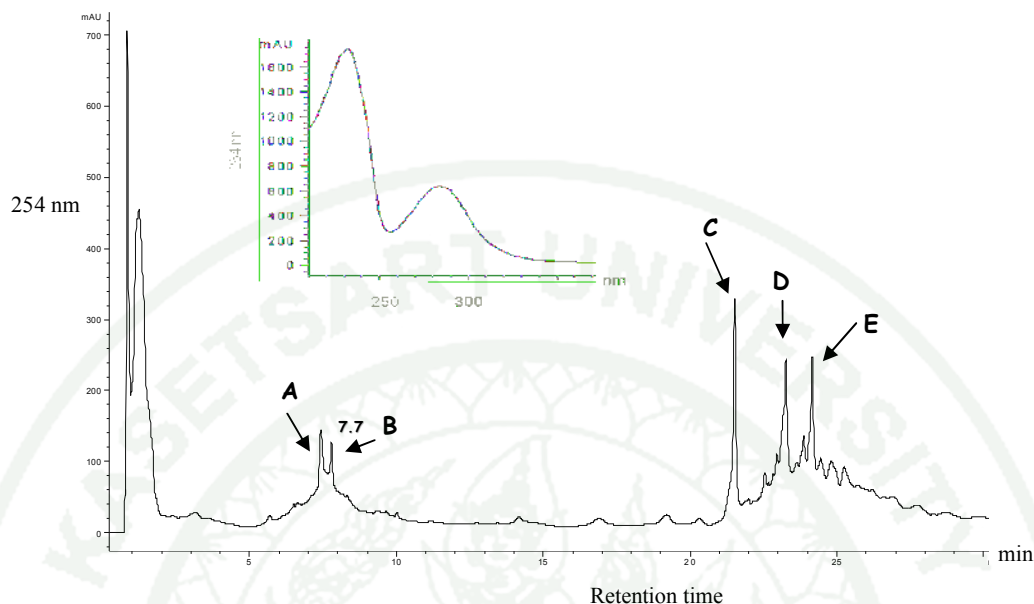


**Figure 40** Anti-fungal activities of some endophytic actinomycetes.

In this study, 45% of isolates inhibited *R. solanacearum* which is one of the most important bacteria that causes wilt disease in over 200 families of plant. All isolates were active against *Collectotrichum* sp and *A. niger* that causes anthracnose and black mold diseases, respectively on numerous plant species worldwide. These results of the screening of anti-microbial activities are in agreement with previous reports that endophytic actinomycetes are potential candidates for biocontrol agents that have high potential in medicine and agricultural biotechnology in the future. Nowadays, endophytic actinomycetes have been recognized as new members of plant growth promoting bacterial community due to their properties of plant growth enhancement and protection of plants from infectious diseases (Taechowisan *et al.*, 2003).

## 6. Identification of a novel compound

All of endophytic actinomycetes in this study had been preliminary screening for potential production of novel compounds. This early work was done by Associate Professor Arinthip Thamchaipenet with collaboration with Professor Yasuhiro Igarashi, Toyama Prefecture University, Japan. The results indicated that the endophytic *Microbispora* sp. GMKU 363 isolated from a root of Thai medicinal plant 'Lin Ngu Hao' (*Clinacanthus siamensis* Bremek.) had high potential to produce new metabolites. Strain GMKU 363 was then identified using 16S rRNA gene sequencing and showed that it was a member of the genus *Microbispora* on the basis of 99.9% 16S rRNA gene sequence (1387 nucleotides; GenBank accession number GU459171; Appendix) with the *Microbispora mesophila* JCM 3151<sup>T</sup> type strain (accession number AF002266). *Microbispora* sp. GMKU 363 was cultured in A-11M medium at 30 °C for 6 days, and the whole culture was extracted with 1-butanol. The crude extract was screened for novel compounds using reversed-phase column HPLC. The chromatogram (Figure 41) showed 5 target peaks, A, B, C, D and E. The target B was compared its UV spectrum to chemical data base (provided by Professor Yasuhiro Igarashi) and showed high potential to be a novel compound. To get high yield of target B, strain GMKU 363 was cultured again in 1.5 l of A-11M medium and the whole culture broth was extracted with 1-butanol. The organic solvent was pooled and taken to dryness under rotary evaporation to give a dark brown solid (3g).



**Figure 41** HPLC chromatogram of crude extract of *Microbispora* sp. GMKU 363 revealed 5 targets, A, B, C, D and E. UV spectrum of target B was indicated.

The solid was separated by flash column chromatography using silica gel 60 (3 cm diameter). The compounds were eluted with chloroform, chloroform: MeOH (20:1, 10:1, 4:1, 2:1 and 1:1) and MeOH, respectively to give eight fractions C1-C8 (Table 20).

**Table 20** Fractions obtained from the crude extract of *Microbispora* sp. GMKU 363.

Fraction No.	Weight (mg)	Physiological characters
C1	-	Yellow
C2	40	Colorless
C3	-	Pale yellow
C4	696	Red
C5	229	Yellow
C6	-	Yellow
C7	-	Yellow
C8	500	Dark brown

Each fraction was analyzed by HPLC and the target B was detected. Fraction C5, a yellow solvent (229 mg) was separated by HPLC purification using a C18 column, followed by dryness under rotary evaporation to give a colorless solid (0.7 mg). Fraction C5 (a colorless solid, 0.7 mg) was identified as a new compound designated linfuranone A.

Linfuranone A was obtained as an optically active, colorless amorphous powder that gave an  $[M + Na]^+$  peak at  $m/z$  417.2257 in the high resolution ESITOFMS appropriate for a molecular formula of  $C_{22}H_{34}O_6$ , (calcd for  $C_{22}H_{34}O_6Na$ , 417.2248), which was consistent with the  $^1H$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR data (Table 21). The IR spectrum of linfuranone A showed absorption bands for hydroxyl ( $3333\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and carbonyl ( $1691\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) functionalities.  $^{13}C$  NMR and HMQC spectral data confirmed the presence of 22 carbons, which were assigned to two oxygenated quaternary  $sp^2$  carbons, seven olefinic carbons (five are proton-bearing), one quaternary  $sp^3$  carbon, four  $sp^3$  methines (three are oxygen-bearing), three  $sp^3$  methylenes, five methyl carbons.

**Table 21**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data for linfuranone A in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ .

No.	$\delta_{\text{C}}^{\text{a}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ mult (J in Hz) <sup>b</sup>	HMBC <sup>b,c</sup>
1	22.3/22.4, $\text{CH}_3$	1.43/1.44, s	2, 3
2	104.37/104.39, qC		
3	205.5, qC		
4	110.3, qC		
5	187.2, qC		
6	38.5, $\text{CH}_2$	2.65, m 2.72, m	4, 5, 7, 8 4, 5, 7, 8
7	69.6, CH	3.96, m	
8	38.2/38.3, $\text{CH}_2$	1.61, m	7, 9, 10
9	29.9, $\text{CH}_2$	2.18, m 2.24, m	7, 8, 10 7, 8, 10
10	132.74/132.79, <sup>d</sup> CH	5.59, m	11, 12
11	132.68/132.70, <sup>d</sup> CH	6.06, m	
12	132.00/132.02, CH	6.06, m	
13	136.3/136.4, CH	5.58, m	11, 12
14	41.8, CH	2.31, m	13, 15, 21
15	83.1, C	3.63, d (8.4)	13, 14, 17, 21, 22
16	138.0, qC		
17	133.5, CH	5.35, d (8.4)	18, 22
18	65.2, CH	4.56, dq (8.4, 6.4)	16
19	22.9, $\text{CH}_3$	1.19, d (6.4)	17, 18
20	6.0, $\text{CH}_3$	1.67, s	3, 4, 5
21	18.0, $\text{CH}_3$	0.86, d (7.0)	13, 14, 15
22	11.6, $\text{CH}_3$	1.64, d (1.1)	15, 16, 17

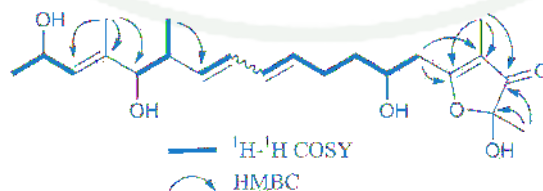
<sup>a</sup> Recorded at 100 MHz.

<sup>b</sup> Recorded at 500 MHz.

<sup>c</sup> HMBC correlations are from proton(s) stated to the indicated carbon.

<sup>d</sup> Interchangeable signals.

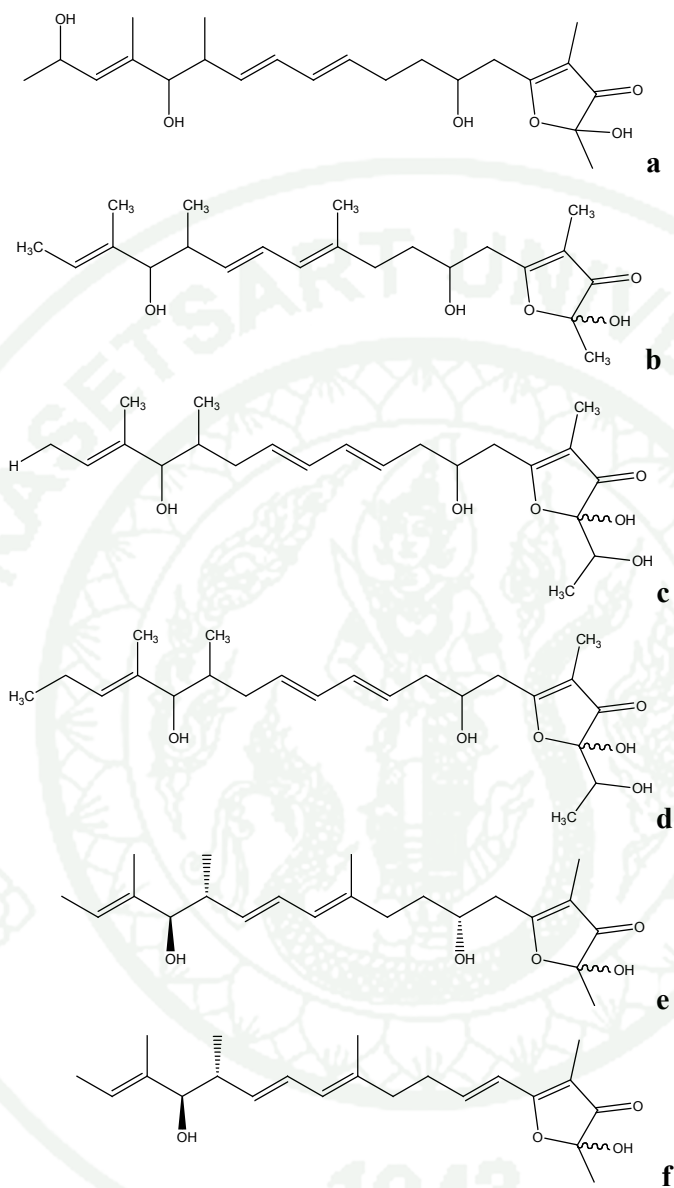
Analysis of the COSY spectrum led to four proton-bearing fragments, H-17 to H-19, H-15/H-14/H-21, H-12/H-13, and H-6 to H-11 (Figure 42). The first and second fragments were joined through the quaternary  $sp^2$  carbon C-16 by HMBC correlations from a vinyl methyl H-22 to C-15, C-16, and C-17. This fragment was expanded to include the third fragment on the basis of an HMBC correlation from H-21 to C-13, providing an eight-carbon fragment bearing two oxygen substitutions at C-15 and C-18. The last COSY-defined fragment was connected to the unsaturated ketone substructure bearing an oxygen substitution at position on the basis of a series of HMBC correlations from H-6 to C-4 and C-5, and from a vinyl methyl H-20 to C-3, C-4, and C-5. The carbonyl carbon C-3 was correlated with H-1, which also showed a correlation to the oxygenated carbon C-2 (104.4), establishing the attachment of the two-carbon fragment C-1/C-2 to C-3. The chemical shift of C-2 was suggestive of the bonding of two oxygen atoms to this carbon. Finally, consideration of the molecular formula and the remaining unsaturation degree provided the connectivity between C-11 and C-12 and the placement of an oxygen atom between C-2 and C-5 to establish this molecule as a new member of furanone-containing polyketides. *E* configuration for the double bond between C-16 and C-17 was confirmed by NOEs between H-18 and H-22, and H-15 and H-17. The geometry of C-10/C-11 and C-12/C-13 double bonds could not be assigned due to the proton signal overlapping. With respect to the four stereocenters in the linear chain part, there exist two possible configurations at the hemiketal C-2 carbon. Two signals corresponding to the two diastereomers were observed for H-1 and several carbons. Absolute stereochemistry of the compound is under investigation.



**Figure 42** Analysis of the COSY spectrum led to four proton-bearing fragments.

Linfuraone A is a relatively rare 3-furanone derived from polyketide with a hemiketal at C-2 and an unsaturated alkyl chain at C-5 (Figure 43). There are a few known structurally close metabolites isolated from *Streptomyces* spp., which are E837, E492, E975 and actinofuranones A and B (Banskota *et al.*, 2006 and Cho *et al.*, 2006) as shown in Figure 55. Further related structures are not from actinobacterial origin, but were isolated from myxobacteria, fungi and marine mollusks (Kuroda, *et al.*, 1984; Cimino, *et al.*, 1987; Capon *et al.*, 1993; Kunze *et al.*, 2005). E837, E492 and E975 exhibited inhibition against helminth NADH-fumarate reductase and bovine heart NADH oxidase, while actinofuranones had no display of biological activity (Table 22). Biological screening of linfuranone A in diverse bioassays indicated that this compound was active in an assay designed to screen antidiabetic and antiatherogenic activities using mouse ST-13 preadipocytes. By the treatment with 50  $\mu$ M the compound, about 47% of preadipocytes were differentiated into the matured adipocytes and accumulated the lipid droplets. The compound displayed no appreciable activities in antimicrobial and cytotoxic assays.

Since Castillo *et al.* (2002) had isolated an antibiotic, munumbicin, from endophytic *Streptomyces munumbicin* NRRL 30562, there were several novel bioactive compounds have been discovered from endophytic actinomycetes (Qin *et al.*, 2011). Recently, a new spirotetronic acid-containing polycyclic polyketide, maklamicin, has been identified from an endophytic actinomycete, *Micromonospora* sp. GMKU 326, in this GMKU culture collection (Igarashi *et al.*, 2011). *Micromonospora* sp. GMKU 326 was isolated from root of a leguminous plant, Maklam Phueak (*Abrus pulchellus* Wall. Ex *Thwaites* subsp. *pulchellus*). Maklamicin showed modest antimicrobial activity against Gram-positive bacteria. In this study, a novel compound, linfuraone A, was isolated from an endophytic actinomycete, *Microbispora* sp. GMKU 363, from the same culture collection. It is convinced that endophytic actinomycetes are high potential resources to discover new bioactive compounds and these compounds can be further investigate for drug candidates in the future.



**Figure 43** Structures of linfuranone A (a) and related compound; 5-alkenyl-3,3(2H)-furanones E-837 (b), 5-alkenyl-3,3(2H)-furanones E-492 (c), 5-alkenyl-3,3(2H)-furanones E-975 (d), actinofuranone A (e) and actinofuranone B (f).

**Table 22** The activities of linfuraone A and related compounds.

Compounds	Sources	Bioactivities	References
Linfuranone A	<i>Microbispora</i> sp. GMKU 363	Antidiabetic and antiatherogenic activities using mouse ST-13 preadipocytes	In this study
Furanones E-837	<i>Streptomyces aculeolatus</i> NRRL 18422	1. Antifungal activity: against <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> 2. Electron transport enzyme inhibition: against NADH-fumarate reductase of <i>Ascaris suum</i> (roundworm of pig) and NADH oxidase from bovine heart	Banskota A. H. <i>et al.</i> , 2006
Furanones E-492	<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. Eco86	Electron transport enzyme inhibition: against helminth NADH-fumarate reductase of <i>Ascaris suum</i> (roundworm of pig) and NADH oxidase from bovine heart	Banskota A. H. <i>et al.</i> , 2006
Furanones E-975	<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. Eco86	1. Antifungal activity: against <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> and <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> 2. Electron transport enzyme inhibition: against helminth NADH-fumarate reductase of <i>Ascaris suum</i> (roundworm of pig) and NADH oxidase from bovine heart	Banskota A. H. <i>et al.</i> , 2006
Actinofuranone A and B	Marine <i>streptomyces</i> CNQ 766	None	Cho <i>et al.</i> , 2006

## CONCLUSION

In this study endophytic actinomycetes were isolated from endemic medicinal and agricultural Thai plants using surface-sterilized method. A total of 66 endophytic actinomycetes were obtained from root and leaf tissues. The majority of endophytic actinomycetes (83%) was obtained from root tissues while the rest gained from leaf tissues. All isolates were identified using the distinguished basis of characteristic colonial morphology notably the ability to form substrate and aerial mycelia as well as spore indicated that there were two distinguished groups including *Streptomyces* and rare actinomycetes. Identification by using partial sequence of 16S ribosomal RNA gene, revealed that two isolates, GMKU 367 and GMKU 370, of rare actinomycetes were potentially novel strains. On the basis of polyphasic taxonomy, the results showed the significant difference data of phylogenetic, chemotaxonomic and morphological analyses of both strains. Strain GMKU 367 was assigned as a novel genus in the family *Pseudonocardiaceae*, for which the name *Actinophytocola oryzae* gen. nov., sp. nov. was proposed, and strain GMKU370 represented a novel species of the genus *Actinoallomurus*, for which the name *Actinoallomurus oryzae* sp. nov. was proposed. It was concluded that endophytic actinomycetes isolated from this work were very diverse which revealed *Streptomyces* as the majority members (50%), while the remainder belonged to 10 genera including *Microbispora* (n=14), *Micromonospora* (n=7), *Actinomadura* (n=4), *Actinoallomurus* (n=2), *Nocardia* (n=1), *Nocardiosis* (n=1), *Nonomuraea* (n=1), *Promicromonospora* (n=1), *Saccharopolyspora* (n=1) and a new genus *Actinophytocola* (n=1).

For characterization of plant growth promoting properties from all of 66 strains, the results revealed that 34 strains produced NH<sub>3</sub>, 20 strains (34%) could solubilize phosphate, 33 strains (52%) produced siderophores, 13 strains (22%) produced plant hormone (indole-3-acetic acid, IAA) and 16 strains (15%) produced aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylic acid (ACC) deaminase, while eleven strains showed none of the properties. There was one strain, *Streptomyces* sp. GMKU 344 showed ability of all five characters. Sixteen strains that produced ACC deaminase were *Streptomyces* (n=11), *Microbispora* (n=2), *Nonomuraea* (n=1) and *Micromonospora*

(n=1) and a new genus *Actinophytocola oryzae* GMKU 367 were identified ACC deaminase gene (*acdS*) with specific primers, ATT 082F and ATT 082R. 650 bp PCR product of each strain revealed nucleotide sequence identity with the level between 80 and 93%. When ACC deaminases were compared to those of actinobacterial ACC deaminases available in GenBank database at amino acid level, highly conserve values were obtained at 83-99% identity and 90-100% similarity. All endophytic actinomycetes were also tested for anti-bacterial and anti-fungal activities, 30 strains (45%) inhibited *B. cereus*, 12 strains (18%) inhibited *E. coli*, 15 strains (23%) inhibited *S. aureus*, 7 strains (11%) inhibited *E. carotovora* pv. *carotovora*, 30 strains (45%) inhibited *R. solanacearum* and 3 strains (5%) inhibited *X. campestris* pv. *glycine*. For antifungal activities, all strains were active against *A. niger* and *Collectotrichum* sp., while 39 strains (66%) inhibited *Fusarium* sp. and 5 strains (9%) showed activity against *C. albicans*. *Streptomyces* sp. GMKU 306 and GMKU 311, showed activity against all test bacteria while *Streptomyces* sp. GMKU 319, GMKU 335, GMKU 337, GMKU 341 and GMKU 361 were active against all test fungi.

For determination of a novel bioactive compound produced by an endophytic actinomycete, *Microbispora* sp. GMKU 363 isolated from a root of Thai medicinal plant 'Lin Ngu Hao' (*Clinacanthus siamensis* Bremek.) was extracted, purified and determined the novel structure. The new compound is a relatively rare 3-furanone derived from polyketide with a hemiketal at C-2 and an unsaturated alkyl chain at C-5 and was designated Linfuranone A. Linfuranone A was active in an assay designed to screen antidiabetic and antiatherogenic activities by differentiated mouse ST-13 preadipocytes into the matured adipocytes. In addition, Linfuranone A displayed no activities in antimicrobial and cytotoxic assays.

The results obtained from this study significantly indicated that endophytic actinomycetes isolated from endemic plants of Thailand are a novel valuable source for discovery new taxa, bioactive compounds and plant growth promoting agents that can be used for medicinal and agricultural applications in the future.

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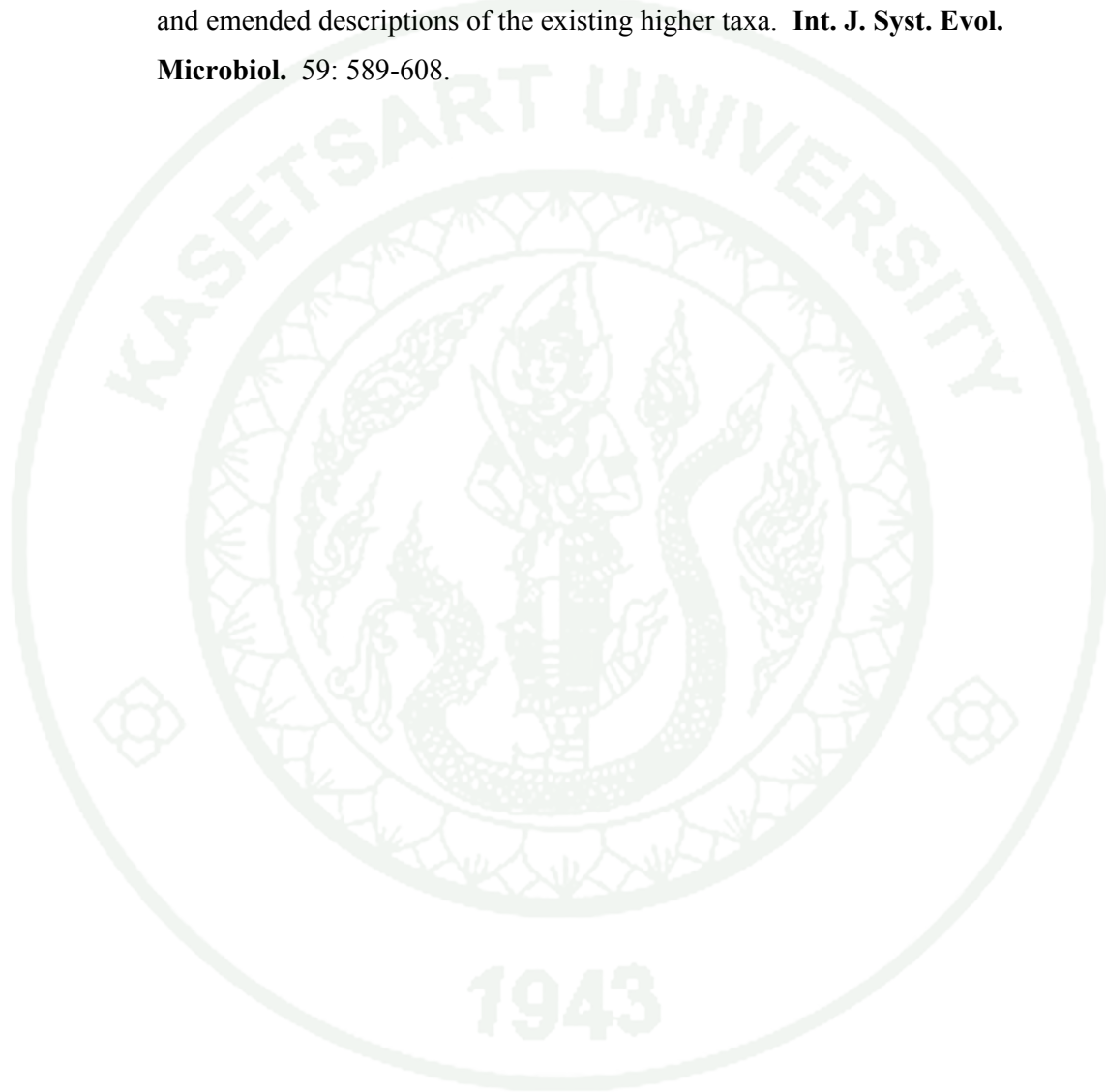
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**Appendix A**  
source of plant samples and endophytic actinomycetes

**Appendix Table 1** Type of medicinal and agricultural plants for isolation of actinobacterial endophytes.

Family	Scientific name	Thai names	Common names	Locations
Acanthaceae	<i>Adhatoda vasica</i> Nees	Sa-nead	Malabar Nut Tree,	2
Acanthaceae	<i>Barleria strigosa</i> Willd.	Sang-kor-ra-nee	Vasica, Adhatoda,	2
Acanthaceae	<i>Climacanthus nutans</i> Lindau	Pha-ya-plong-thong,	–	2
Acanthaceae	<i>Climacanthus siamensis</i> Brem.	Sa-led-pang-pon (tua-mea)	–	2
Araliaceae	<i>Polyscias fruticosa</i> Harms var. <i>deleauanum</i> N.E. Br.	Lin-ngu-how	–	2
Araliaceae	<i>Schefflera venulosa</i> Harms	Leb-krut	–	2
Combretaceae	<i>Terminalia chebula</i> Retz.	Ha-un-man-para-san-kai, Wan-oil-chang	–	2
Compositae	<i>Eupatorium stoechadosmum</i> Hance	Sa-more-thai	Myrobalan wood	1
Compositae	<i>Eupatorium stoechadosmum</i> Hance	Yha-sua-mob, Sun-pra-hom	–	2

Appendix Table 1 (Continued)

Family	Scientific name	Thai names	Common names	Locations
Compositae	<i>Ageratum conyzoides</i> Linn.	Sab-rang-sab-ka	Tropical ageratum	2
Convolvulaceae	<i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i> Sweet	Pak-bong-ta-lay	Beach morning glory,	1
Ebenaceae	<i>Diospyros mollis</i> Griff.	Ma-grea	Railroad vine	1
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Croton caudatus</i> Geisel	Kra-door-hod-bai-khon, Ko-klan	Ebony tree	2
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Phyllanthus pulcher</i> Wall. ex Muell. Arg.	Wan-thor-ra-nee-san	Tropical leaf flower	1
Guttiferae	<i>Garcinia mangostana</i> Linn.	Mang-kud	Mangosteen	4
Lauraceae	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> Th. Fries	Ka-ra-boon	Camphor tree	1 and 2
Lauraceae	<i>Cinnamomum bejolghota</i> Sweet	Op-choei-yuan	Cinnamon	1
Leguminosae	<i>Abrus pulchellus</i> Wall. ex Thwaites subsp. <i>pulchellus</i>	Op-chey		2
Menispermaceae	<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i> Miets	Ma-klam-puak		2
		Ching-cha-cha-lee	–	2

Appendix Table 1 (Continued)

Family	Scientific name	Thai names	Common names	Locations
Mimosaceae	<i>Parkia speciosa</i> Hassk.	Sa-tor	Stink Beam	4
Moraceae	<i>Streblus asper</i> Lour.	Koi	Siamese rough bush, Tooth brush tree	2
Myristicaceae	<i>Myristica fragrans</i> Linn.	Chan-ted	Nutmeg tree	4
Myrsinaceae	<i>Ardisia polycephala</i> Wall.	Pi-lang-ka-sa	–	2
Palmae	<i>Elaeis guineensis</i> Jacq.	Palm	Oil palm*	4
Phytolaccaceae	<i>Rivina humilis</i> Linn.	Prick-fha-rung	Rouge plant	2
Plumbaginaceae	<i>Plumbago zeylanica</i> Linn.	Jed-ta-mul-pleung-kaw	Wild leadwort	2
Poaceae	<i>Oryza sativa</i> L. cv KDML 105	<b>Khao-hom-ma-li</b>	Jasmine rice*	3
Poaceae	<i>Oryza sativa</i> L. cv RD 6	Khao-heaw	Glutinous rice*	3
Rutaceae	<i>Hesperethusa crenulata</i> Roem.	Ka-jae	–	1
Sapindaceae	<i>Lepisanthes senegalensis</i> Leenh.	Mak-wor	–	2
Verbenaceae	<i>Clerodendrum serratum</i> Moon var. wallichii Clarke	Tree-cha-wa	–	2
Zingiberaceae	<i>Boesenbergia pandurata</i> Holtt.	Kra-chai	–	2

Appendix Table 1 (Continued)

Family	Scientific name	Thai names	Common names	Locations
Zygophyllaceae	<i>Tribulus cistoides</i> Linn.	Kok-ka-soon	Jamaican feverplant, Ground bur-nut, Puncture vine	1

**Note:** Locations: 1, Chonburi province; 2, Chachoengsao province; 3, Pathum

Thani province; 4, Chumphon province

\*, agricultural plants

**Appendix Table 2** A total of actinobacterial endophytes isolated from plant tissues was used in this study.

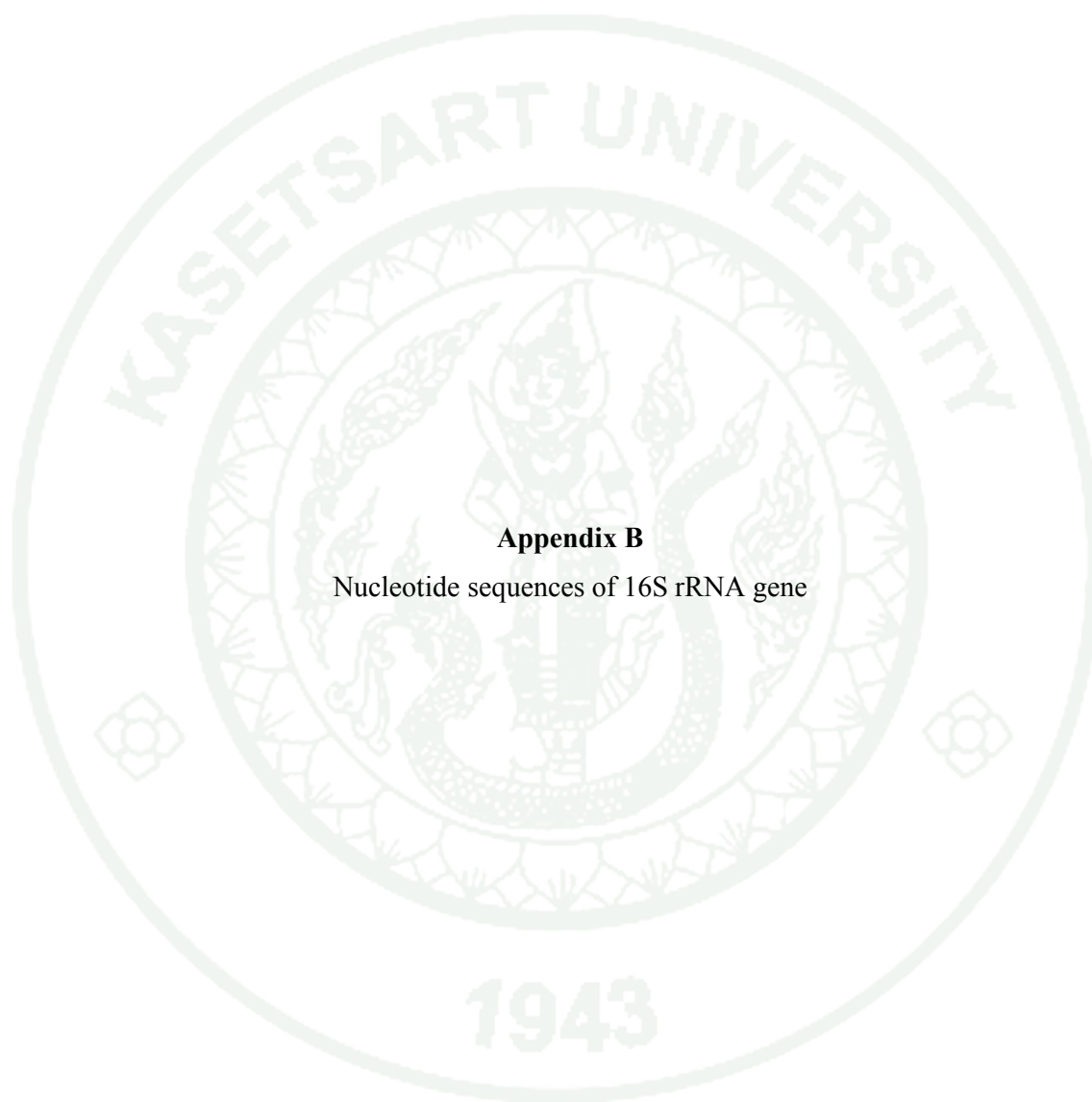
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2	GMKU 302	R, Ka-jae	18	GMKU 320	GR, Op-chey
3	GMKU 303	GR, Ka-jae	19	GMKU 322	R, Op-chey
4	GMKU 305	L, Kok-ka-soon	20	GMKU 323	R, Op-chey
5	GMKU 306	R, Kok-ka-soon	21	GMKU 324	L, Wan-thor-ra-nee-san
6	GMKU 307	R, Kok-ka-soon	22	GMKU 325	GR, Ma-klaum-puak
7	GMKU 308	R, Ka-ra-boon	23	GMKU 326	GR, Ma-klaum-puak
8	GMKU 309	GR, Pak-bong-ta-lay	24	GMKU 327	GR, Ma-klaum-puak
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10	GMKU 312	L, Pak-bong-ta-lay	26	GMKU 329	GR, Ma-klaum-puak
11	GMKU 313	L, Pak-bong-ta-lay	27	GMKU 330	GR, Ha-nu-man-pra-san-kai
12	GMKU 314	GR, Pak-bong-ta-lay	28	GMKU 331	GR, Ha-nu-man-pra-san-kai
13	GMKU 315	R, Ma-grea	29	GMKU 333	GR, Tree-cha-wa
14	GMKU 316	GR, Ma-grea	30	GMKU 334	R, Tree-cha-wa
15	GMKU 317	GR, Ma-grea	31	GMKU 335	R, Tree-cha-wa
16	GMKU 318	GR, Ma-grea	32	GMKU 336	GR, Tree-cha-wa

Appendix Table 2 (Continued)

No.	Isolates	Sources	No.	Isolates	Sources
33	GMKU 337	GR, Tree-cha-wa	50	GMKU 357	GR, Sang-kor-ra-nee
34	GMKU 340	L, Tree-cha-wa	51	GMKU 358	GR, Sang-kor-ra-nee
35	GMKU 341	R, Ko-klan	52	GMKU 359	GR, Jed-ta-mul-pleung-kaw
36	GMKU 342	R, L, Ko-klan	53	GMKU 360	R, Lin-ngu-how
37	GMKU 343	GR, Pi-lang-ka-sa	54	GMKU 361	R, Lin-ngu-how
38	GMKU 344	R, Pi-lang-ka-sa	55	GMKU 362	L, Lin-ngu-how
39	GMKU 345	GR, Pi-lang-ka-sa	56	GMKU 363	L, Lin-ngu-how
40	GMKU 346	L, Sa-led-pang-pon-tua-mea	57	GMKU 364	R, Koi
41	GMKU 347	GR, Ka-ra-boon	58	GMKU 365	GR, Tree-cha-wa
42	GMKU 348	L, Sab-rang-sab-ka	59	GMKU 366	GR, RD 6, glutinous rice plant
43	GMKU 350	R, San-pra-hom	60	GMKU 367	GR, RD 6, glutinous rice plant
44	GMKU 351	GR, Ma-klaum-puak	61	GMKU 368	GR, Khao Dawk Mali 105, rice plant
45	GMKU 352	L, Ko-klan	62	GMKU 369	GR, Khao Dawk Mali 105, rice plant

Appendix Table 2 (Continued)

No.	Isolates	Sources	No.	Isolates	Sources
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48	GMKU 355	GR, Sang-kor-ra-ra-nee	65	GMKU 377	R, Chan-ted
49	GMKU 356	GR, Sang-kor-ra-ra-nee	66	GMKU 378	GR, Plam



**Appendix B**

Nucleotide sequences of 16S rRNA gene

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