



Titre :

Desulfocurvus vexinensis g-en. nov., sp. nov., a
sulfate-reducing bacterium isolated from a deep
subsurface aquifer

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Résumé :

A novel anaerobic, chemo-organotrophic bacterium, designated VNs36 r, was isolated from that collected water from a deep saline aquifer used for underground gas storage at a 830 m in the Paris Basin, France. Cells were curved motile rods or vibrios (3.0-5.0x0.6 µm). Strain VNs36T grew at temperatures between 20 and 50 °C (optimum 37 °C) and at pH between 5.0 and 9.0 (optimum 6.9). It did not require salt for growth, but tolerated up to 20 NaCl (optimum 2 g/l). In the presence of sulfate, strain VNs36J used lactate, formate pyruvate as carbon and energy sources. The main fermentation products from lactate were acetate, H₂ and CO₂. Sulfate, thiosulfate and sulfite were used as electron acceptors. The genomic DNA G+C content of strain VNs36T was 67.2 mol%. Phylogenetic analysis of the 16S rRNA gene sequence indicated that strain VNs36 T was affiliated with the family Desulfocurvaceae within the class Deltaproteobacteria. On the basis of 16S rRNA gene sequence comparisons, DNA G + C content and the absence of desulfocurvadin in cell extracts, we proposed that strain VNs36 r be assigned to a new genus, *Desulfocurvus* gen. nov., as a representative of a novel species, *Desulfocurvus vexinensis* sp. nov. The type species of the genus is *Desulfocurvus vexinensis* with the type strain VNs36 T.

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