

Transcriptomic Analysis of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* Under High Glucose Condition and Analysis of Metabolic Related Genes

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: *Klebsiella pneumoniae* infection is an important opportunistic pathogen associated with hospital-acquired infections and increasing antimicrobial resistance. Hyperglycaemic conditions, particularly in diabetic patients, may influence bacterial metabolism, virulence, and antibiotic resistance. This study aimed to investigate the transcriptomic response of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* under high-glucose conditions and identify metabolic, virulence-associated, and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) genes involved in bacterial adaptation.

Methodology: *Klebsiella pneumoniae* cultures were grown in control and high-glucose conditions, and bacterial growth kinetics were monitored using spectrophotometry. Total RNA was extracted, and RNA sequencing was performed on the Illumina HiSeq platform. High-quality reads were analysed by standard bioinformatics pipelines including FastQC, TrimGalore, Bowtie2, featureCounts and edgeR for differential gene expression (DEG) analysis. Differentially expressed genes were considered significantly differentially expressed if fold change ≥ 2 and adjusted p-value < 0.05 . Functional annotation and pathway enrichment analyses were performed using KEGG, Gene Ontology (GO), STRING and ISMARA databases to identify biological pathways, virulence factors and AMR-associated genes.

Results: Transcriptional analysis revealed extensive changes in gene expression under high-glucose conditions, indicating significant metabolic reprogramming and adaptive responses of

K. pneumoniae. A total of 63 virulence-associated genes and 40 antimicrobial resistance (AMR) genes were identified. The gene *yagZ/ecpA*, encoding an adhesin-associated pilus structural protein, was the most up-regulated among virulence genes with a log fold change of 13.003, whereas biofilm-associated genes *csgF* and *csgG* were down-regulated. Among the AMR genes, *mphK* associated with macrolide resistance was strongly up-regulated (log fold change 11.102), and *mdtA* was slightly down-regulated. Altered expression of β -lactamase genes and efflux pump-associated genes indicated enhanced antimicrobial resistance under glucose stress conditions.

Conclusion: Overall, high glucose exposure induces significant transcriptomic changes in *K. pneumoniae*, enhancing virulence potential and antimicrobial resistance. These findings provide insight into bacterial adaptation in hyperglycaemic conditions and may inform the development of targeted therapeutic strategies.

Keywords: *Klebsiella pneumoniae*; Transcriptomics; RNA sequencing (RNA-seq); Differential gene expression; High glucose stress.

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Introduction

Klebsiella pneumoniae can acquire resistance to multiple antibiotics, such as broad-spectrum cephalosporins and β -lactams. It is an important pathogen in hospital settings, as it contributes to around 11.8% of all cases of hospital-acquired pneumonia globally. Fortunately, we can study *Klebsiella pneumoniae* in a laboratory due to its genetic tractability [1]. Transcriptome sequencing (RNA sequencing) is a recently developed analysis that uses high-throughput sequencing approaches for the next generation. The transcriptome is the collection of all RNA transcribed by an individual or a population of cells at a certain biological state. Transcriptome analysis of mRNA sequence using Illumina HI sequence methods to generate a million threads [2].

Transcriptomic analysis estimates the total number of mRNA transcripts to examine gene expression. It offers an understanding of the biological mechanisms and pathways that become activated in specific conditions. Transcriptomic analyses can be

verified by an alternative method, such as quantitative PCR (qPCR), which is easily identifiable and can be statistically evaluated. Gene expression is compared to established benchmarks for both the gene being studied and the control genes [3].

The methods used to examine an organism's transcriptome—the totality of its RNA transcripts—are known as transcriptomics technology. An organism's information is encoded in its genome's DNA and expressed through transcription. In this case, mRNA acts as a temporary bridge molecule in the information network, while non-coding RNAs carry out a variety of other roles. A transcriptome is a temporal snapshot of all the transcripts that are present in a single cell. Transcriptomics technology provides a comprehensive picture of both active and inactive cellular processes. In molecular biology, comprehending how a single genome gives rise to a multitude of cells is a fundamental difficulty. The regulation of gene expression is another [4].

Transcriptomics involves examining the transcriptome, which refers to all the RNA

present in a sample (such as a cell, tissue, or organ) at a specific moment. RNA plays various roles in the cell, and analysing the transcriptome offers a glimpse into gene activity and protein production within the organism [5].

In this study, we conducted a transcriptomic analysis of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* grown under high glucose conditions (T2) to compare the changes in gene expression profiles with those grown under standard conditions (C2).

Trans genomic analysis was conducted to find the virulence genes, genes responsible for resistance against antibiotics. RNA sequencing was used to measure transcript levels, followed by bioinformatics analyses to identify differentially expressed genes and enriched pathways.

The study revealed a direct correlation between mRNA expression of these genes and the presence of antibiotic resistance; also corroborated by mutation analysis of the *AmpC* promoter region.

Materials and Methods

Bacterial Strains and Growth Conditions

All bacterial strains used in this study are represented in Table 1. *E. coli* strains were cultured at 37 °C in Luria-Bertani (LB) (Becton & Dickinson, Sparks, MD, USA) broth or on Luria-Bertani Agar (Becton & Dickinson, Sparks, MD, USA). Wild-type (WT) strain refers to BW25113.

Growth Curves at High Glucose

An overnight culture of *K. pneumoniae* was normalised to 1.0 McFarland using a Densimat (bioMérieux, Marcy-l'Étoile, France) and further diluted 1:10 in fresh LB. This bacterial culture was grown in a volume of 1 mL in a 24-well plate (ThermoFisher, Waltham, MA, USA) and incubated at 37 °C with 5 mm orbital shaking in an Infinite 200PRO plate reader (Tecan, Männedorf, Switzerland).

Absorbance was measured every 10 min at an optical density of 595 nm (OD_{595nm}). At the early exponential phase (OD_{595nm} = 0.2), H₂O₂ was added from a 35% w/w (Acros Organics, Geel, Belgium) solution freshly diluted at 11-fold concentration in LB and serially diluted 1:2 in LB. A volume of 100 µL was added to the 1 mL bacterial culture (total volume per well: 1100 µL) to reach final concentrations ranging from 80 mM to 0.078 mM H₂O₂.

The concentration of H₂O₂ stock was assessed before the experiments by using a WPA Biowave DNA spectrophotometer (Biochrom, Cambridge, UK) at 240 nm with a quartz cuvette with a molar extinction coefficient of 43.6. The Doubling Time Software v3.1.0 (<http://www.doublingtime.com>, accessed on 18 February 2022) was used to calculate the growth rate after H₂O₂ addition.

RNA Isolation, RNA-Seq

2 mL of bacterial cultures (see conditions above) were harvested 10 and 60 min after H₂O₂ addition. RNA was extracted using the TRIzol® Max™ Bacterial RNA Isolation Kit (ThermoFisher, Waltham, MA, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions. After elution in RNA-free water, DNA digestion was performed in liquid by adding 2.5 L DNase I and 10 L Buffer RDD (Qiagen) in a total volume of 100 µL for 10 min at room temperature. Potential contaminants were removed by using the RNeasy mini kit plus (Qiagen, Germantown, MD, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Analysis of total RNA quality and quantity was performed using Nanodrop and Agilent 2100 BioAnalyzer (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA).

For RNA sequencing, 1.2 µg of total RNA was ribo-depleted with the RiboMinus™ Bacteria 2.0 Transcriptome Isolation kit

(ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). The TruSeq total RNA stranded kit (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA) was then used for the library preparation. Library quantity was measured by Qubit, and quality was assessed with a TapeStation on a DNA High sensitivity chip (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA). Libraries were pooled at equimolarity for clustering. Single-read sequencing (100 bases) was performed using the SBS chemistry on an Illumina HiSeq 4000 sequencer. Raw data have been deposited at ENA (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/ena>, accessed on 4 March 2022) under the following accession number: PRJEB51098.

The RNA-seq data were analysed as follows. Fastq reads were mapped to the ENSEMBL reference genome (Ecolibw25113.48) using STAR (version 2.4.0j) with standard settings, except that any reads mapping to more than one location in the genome (ambiguous reads) were discarded ($m = 1$). All reads were reported using feature Counts version 1.4.6-p1. Levels of expression were reported as raw counts and, in parallel, normalised in RPKM to filter out genes with low expression values (<1 RPKM) before calling genes as differentially expressed. Library size normalisations and differential gene expression calculations were performed using the package edgeR designed for the R software. Only genes having a significant fold-change (Benjamini-Hochberg corrected p -value < 0.01) were considered for the rest of the RNA-seq analysis. Genes under the regulation (regulon) of selected transcription factors were investigated in the Ecocyc database and used to generate heatmaps. Genes were categorised in different expression patterns depending on whether they were significantly up-

regulated, down-regulated, or unchanged at the 2 time points, leading to 8 different groups. STRING (Search Tool for the Retrieval of Interacting Genes/Proteins) web software was used to analyse physical or functional interactions in each of the 8 groups of genes.

GO term enrichment was performed using homemade scripts for the R software. Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) was performed, without a threshold of p -value or fold-change, using the KEGG metabolic pathways (KEGG <http://www.genome.jp/kegg/>, accessed on 15 December 2021) relative to Ecolibw25113.48 to generate gene sets. Genes were ranked by their calculated fold-changes (decreasing ranking). A gene set analysis using the GSEA package Version 2.2 from the Broad Institute (MIT, Cambridge, MA, USA) was used to analyse the pattern of differential gene expression between the two groups. Gene set permutations were performed 1000 times for each analysis. The Normalised Enrichment Score (NES) was calculated for each gene set. GSEA results with a nominal $FDR < 0.05$ and $abs(NES) > 1$ were considered significant. ISMARA analysis was performed to retrieve transcription factors implicated in causing changes in gene expression. Raw fastq data were uploaded to the ISMARA web server (Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Basel, Switzerland). Four replicates were averaged for each condition.

Softwares

GraphPad Prism v.9.3.1 for Windows (GraphPad Software, San Diego, CA, USA) was used for data processing, graph plotting and statistical analysis. Inkscape v.1.1.1 for Windows was used for image editing (<https://inkscape.org>).

Transcriptomic analysis

tool and select the FastQC reports and run the test.

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TrimGalore is a tool used to trim unwanted data and adapters.

Search for the TrimGalore tool, select the files and run the test.

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The next step is alignment. Alignment is a way to compare related DNA or protein sequences. They can be used to capture various facts about the sequences aligned, such as common evolutionary descent or common structural function. Download a reference FASTA data from NCBI in .gcf format.

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Upload the downloaded data to Galaxy Australia.

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Once turned green, go for Bowtie 2.

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Select single or paired ends

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Select the trimmed files.

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Select the reference files.

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The results are in SAM (Sequence Alignment Map) format to summarize the results, run the Samtools and flagstat tool.

*Note – since we used a reference data of a different bacterium, the mapping of the sequences was very low. If they were of the same species, the mapping percentage should be high.

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Run the feature counts tool. Feature counts is a program that counts how many reads map to genomic features, such as genes, exons, promoters, and genomic bins.

RNA SEQUENCE

RNA-Seq, short for RNA sequencing, is a cutting-edge methodology that employs

next-generation sequencing to uncover the abundance and existence of RNA molecules within a biological specimen. By doing so, it offers a comprehensive overview of gene expression in the sample, commonly referred to as the transcriptome.

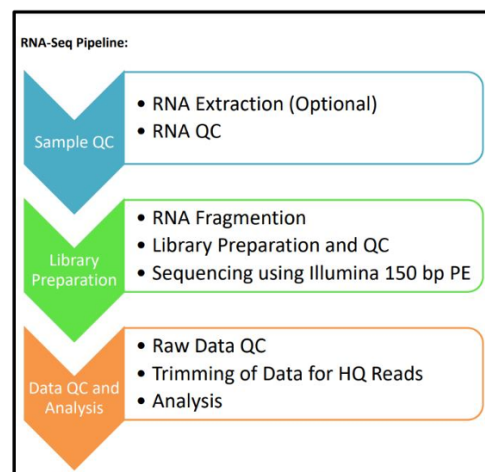


Fig :- RNA-Seq Pipeline

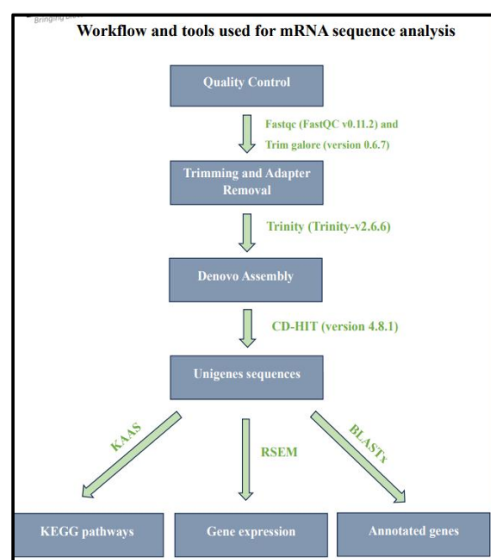


Fig ; -Workflow and tools for mRNA analysis

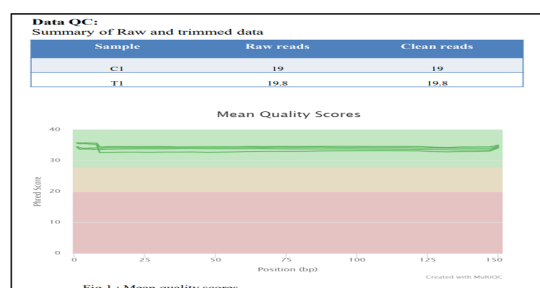


Fig :- data qc

De novo sequencing

De novo sequencing refers to the process of assembling sequences from scratch, without the aid of a reference genome. This is particularly important in genomics when sequencing new species or organisms for which no reference genome exists.

De Novo Sequencing offers numerous benefits:

- Including the production of precise reference sequences for intricate or polyploid genomes. It also supplies valuable data for the mapping of genomes from unfamiliar organisms or the completion of genomes from recognised organisms.

- Additionally, it aids in the clarification of highly similar or repetitive regions to facilitate

accurate de novo assembly. Furthermore, this sequencing method is capable of identifying structural variants and intricate rearrangements, such as deletions, inversions, or translocations.

- Two common types of de novo assemblers are greedy algorithm assemblers and De Bruijn graph assemblers.

De novo Assembly of reads - De novo assembly of high-quality reads was accomplished using Trinity software. Transcript sequences generated are provided in the data deliverables folder entitled "Primary assembly".

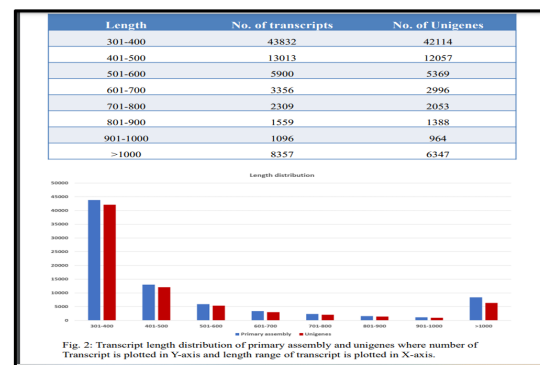
Description	
Total trinity transcripts	79422
Total assembled bases	54147099
Average contig	681.76
Contig N50	757

Transcripts were further processed for Unigene prediction using the CD-HIT package. Fasta sequences of these Unigenes predicted are provided in the data deliverables folder entitled "Unigene".

Basic statistics for Unigene predicted is given in table below:

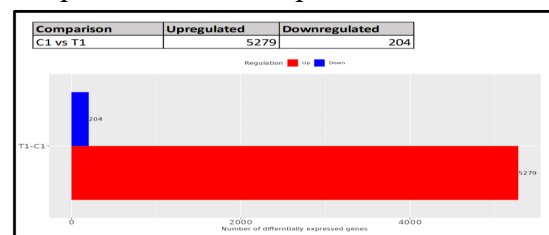
Description	
Total transcripts	73288
Total assembled bases	45344342
Average contig	618.71
Contig N50	605

Summary of transcripts, length distribution and unigenes were assembled



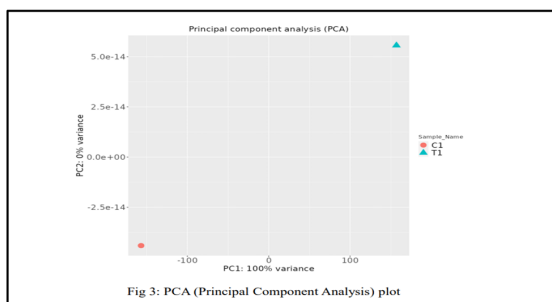
DEG stats

Note: DEGs have been filtered using a minimum fold change threshold of 2 and an adjusted p-value threshold of 0.05. Samples: C1, T1 Comparisons:



PCA - The PCA (Principal Component Analysis) plot shows how the samples in the dataset are related to each other based on their gene expression patterns. Variation between the expression profiles of samples and their counterpart groups is explained by the first (x-axis) and second (y-axis) principal components. In the PCA plot, each data point represents a sample, and the position of the points in the plot is determined by the expression levels of genes. The first principal component represents the largest source of variability in the data, and the second component

represents the second-largest source of variability, and so on. The distance between two data points in a PCA plot reflects the dissimilarity between their gene expression profiles. When samples are diagonally opposite, it means that they are farthest away from each other in terms of gene expression, indicating a substantial difference between the two samples, and they are influenced by different sets of genes or expression patterns that are nearly orthogonal to each other.

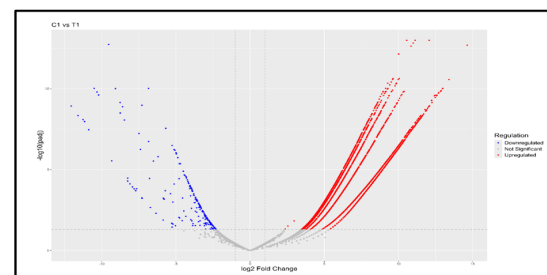


Volcano Plot:

In the volcano plot, each gene is represented by a data point, and two key measurements are used to position these points on the graph:

- **Fold Change:** The horizontal axis shows the fold change, which is the ratio of gene expression levels between the two groups. Genes that have a fold change greater than 1 are upregulated, and those with a fold change less than 1 are downregulated.
- **Statistical Significance (negative logarithm of adjusted p-value - $-\log_{10}(\text{padj})$):** The vertical axis illustrates the statistical significance of the gene expression change, often portrayed as the negative logarithm of the adjusted p-value. The adjusted p-value accounts for multiple testing and helps control the false discovery rate.
- **Smaller adjusted p-values indicate more significant changes.** Thus, genes with low adjusted p-values are considered statistically significant.

• In the volcano plot, genes that exhibit significant upregulation in the experimental condition will appear on the right side of the plot, displaying high fold change values and low adjusted p-values. Conversely, genes significantly downregulated will appear on the left side, characterised by low fold change values and low adjusted p-values. The adjusted p-value, reflecting the probability of observing the observed gene expression difference given multiple testing, provides a more stringent measure of statistical significance in RNA-seq analyses.



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The x-axis shows the fold change, which is a measure of how much a gene's expression level changes between two groups (e.g., disease vs. control).

Values to the right indicate upregulation, while values to the left indicate downregulation. The y-axis represents the statistical significance of the adjusted p-value.

Lower values (closer to the top) indicate higher significance, suggesting that the observed change in gene expression is less likely due to chance. In other words, as you move upwards on the y-axis, focusing on genes where the evidence for a real change in expression is stronger, even after accounting for the number of comparisons made during the analysis. Explanation of the colors of the dots: (Here C1 is the control group and T1 is the test condition in which up and down regulated genes have been identified.)

Red data points: represent genes that are significantly upregulated in the experimental condition. These genes have both a substantial fold change and a low p-value, indicating a strong association with the condition.

- Blue data points: represent genes that are significantly downregulated in the experimental condition.

Like the red dots, they also have a substantial fold change and a low p-value, suggesting a robust connection to the condition, but in the opposite direction.

- Gray data points: represent genes that do not show significant differential expression between the two groups. These genes have fold change values closer to 1 and higher p-values, indicating that their expression levels are relatively similar in both conditions.

Gene name	Product	Gene expression
yagZ/ecpA	<i>E. coli</i> common pilus structural subunit	upregulation with the log fold value of 13.003
yagY/ecpB	<i>E. coli</i> common pilus chaperone	upregulation with the log fold value of 9.103
yagX/ecpC	<i>E. coli</i> common pilus usher	upregulation with the log fold value of 9.103
yagV/ecpE	<i>E. coli</i> common pilus chaperone	upregulation with the log fold value of 6.594
aslA	putative arylsulfatase	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.716
aslA	putative arylsulfatase	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.147
entA	23-dihydro-23-dihydroxybenzoate dehydrogenase	upregulation with the log fold value of 7.812
entD	phosphopantetheinyl transferase component of enterobactin synthase multienzyme complex	downregulation with the log fold value -0.4143
iucB	aerobactin synthesis protein IucB	downregulation with the log fold value -0.410
iucC	aerobactin siderophore biosynthesis protein IucC	downregulation with the log fold value -0.410

csgF	curli production assembly/transport protein	downregulation with the log fold value -1.006
csgG	curli production assembly/transport protein	downregulation with the log fold value -1.006
csgD	DNA-binding transcriptional regulator	Down regulation with the log fold value of -2.742
gspL	general secretion pathway protein L	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.843
gspM	general secretion pathway protein M	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.843
fimF	FimF protein precursor	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.702
fimG	FimG protein precursor	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.702
fimA	Type-1 fimbrial protein A chain precursor	Down regulation with the log fold value of -1.359
fimE	Type 1 fimbriae Regulatory protein	Down regulation with the log fold value of -1.359
fimI	Fimbrin-like protein fimI precursor	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.885
papF	P pilus minor subunit PapF	upregulation with the log fold value of 5.066
papX	PapX protein regulates flagellum synthesis to repress motility	Down regulation with the log fold value of -1.084
papK	P pilus minor subunit PapK	upregulation with the log fold value of 1.163
papB	regulatory protein PapB	upregulation with the log fold value of 4.009
papC	usher protein PapC	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.618
chuT	periplasmic heme-binding protein ChuT	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.618

chuV	ATP-binding hydrophilic protein ChuV	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.618
chuU	heme permease protein ChuU	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.618
chuY	ChuY [Chu (VF0227)] <i>[Escherichia coli CFT073]</i>	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.618
chuX	putative heme-binding protein ChuX	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.618
chuW	Putative oxygen independent coproporphyrinogen III oxidase	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.618
chuS	(chuS) heme oxygenase ChuS	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.6326
ybtS	(ybtS) salicylate synthase Irp9	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.2903
ybtX	(ybtX) putative signal transducer	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.2903
ybtQ	(ybtQ) inner membrane ABC-transporter YbtQ	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.2903
ybtP	(ybtP) lipoprotein inner membrane ABC-transporter	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.2903
ybtA	(ybtA) transcriptional regulator YbtA	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.2903
irp2	(irp2) yersiniabactin biosynthetic protein Irp2	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.2903
irp1	(irp1) yersiniabactin biosynthetic protein Irp1 [Yersiniabactin]	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.2903
ybtU	(ybtU) yersiniabactin biosynthetic protein YbtU	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.2903
ybtT	(ybtT) yersiniabactin biosynthetic protein YbtT	upregulation with the log fold value of 0.2903
ybtE	(ybtE) yersiniabactin siderophore	up regulation with the log fold value

	biosynthetic protein	of 0.2903
fyuA	(fyuA) pesticin/yersiniabactin receptor protein	up regulation with the log fold value of 0.2903
ompA	(ompA) outer membrane protein A	Down regulation with the log fold value of -2.556
kpsD	(kpsD) KpsD [K1 capsule]	up regulation with the log fold value of 0.4573
yagV/ecpE	(yagV/ecpE) E. coli common pilus chaperone EcpE	up regulation with the log fold value of 0.3651
fdeC	(fdeC) adhesin FdeC	up regulation with the log fold value of 0.6643
ykgK/ecpR	(ykgK/ecpR) regulator protein EcpR	up regulation with the log fold value of 0.4963
yagZ/ecpA	(yagZ/ecpA) E. coli common pilus structural subunit EcpA	up regulation with the log fold value of 0.4963
yagY/ecpB	(yagY/ecpB) E. coli common pilus chaperone EcpB	up regulation with the log fold value of 0.4963
yagX/ecpC	(yagX/ecpC) E. coli common pilus usher EcpC	up regulation with the log fold value of 0.4963
entS	(entS) enterobactin exporter iron-regulated [enterobactin]	up regulation with the log fold value of 0.6994
fepB	(fepB) ferrienterobactin ABC transporter periplasmic binding protein	genes that do not show significant differential expression between the two groups with log fold value of -0.0643
entC	(entC) isochorismate synthase 1	genes that do not show significant differential expression between the two groups with log fold value of -

		0.0643
entE	(entE) 23-dihydroxybenzoate-AMP ligase component of enterobactin synthase multienzyme complex	genes that do not show significant differential expression between the two groups with log fold value of -0.0643
entB	(entB) isochorismatase	genes that do not show significant differential expression between the two groups with log fold value of -0.0643
entA	(entA) 23-dihydro-23-dihydroxybenzoate dehydrogenase	genes that do not show significant differential expression between the two groups with log fold value of -0.0643
entF	(entF) enterobactin synthase multienzyme complex component ATP-dependent	up regulation with the log fold value of 0.1486
fepA	(fepA) ferrienterobactin outer membrane transporter	Down regulation with the log fold value of -0.2825
fes	(fes) enterobactin/ferric enterobactin esterase	Down regulation with the log fold value of -0.4253
fepC	(fepC) ferrienterobactin ABC transporter ATPase	up regulation with the log fold value of 0.1372
fepG	(fepG) iron-enterobactin ABC transporter permease	up regulation with the log fold value of 0.1372
fepD	(fepD) ferrienterobactin ABC transporter permease	up regulation with the log fold value of 0.1372

Gene Hub Analysis

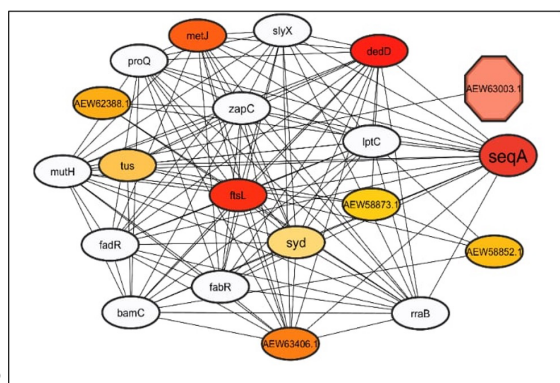
Materials:

- Gene List (e.g differentially expressed genes obtained from RNA-sequencing) (DEG)
- String database (version 12.0)
- Microsoft Excel
- Cytoscape software (version 3.10.3)
- cytoHubba (version 0.1) (install within Cytoscape)

Methods:

1. Prepare gene list - Obtained a list of genes of interest from RNA-sequencing data.
2. String database analysis - Open string database website (version 12.0)
 - The gene list was uploaded to the String database, and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* was selected as the organism.

- The database was then queried using the uploaded gene list to retrieve protein-protein interaction data.
 - Then downloaded the file as short tubular text output:
 - TSV: tab separated values - Can be opened in Excel and Cytoscape (lists only one way edges: A-B)
3. Formatting in Microsoft Excel - The obtained gene list file from String database was formatted into a 2-column table (node 1 and node 2) using Microsoft Excel and saved as a CSV file for further analysis.
 4. Cytoscape Analysis - Cytoscape software (version 3.10.3) was installed. Cytoscape visualization settings were configured as follows: network format set to BioPax_SIF, node shape set to ellipse, font size to 20, node fill color customized according to each node attributes. And border width set to 5.0.
 5. cytoHubba Analysis - cytoHubba (version 0.1) was installed within Cytoscape. This software was utilized to identify gene hub nodes in a biological network. Node scores were calculated using the Maximal Clique Centrality (MCC) method, and the top 15 hub nodes were selected. The analysis was configured to display the first-stage nodes, shortest paths and expanded subnetwork. The network visualization was customized with node fill colors and arranged for clarity.



- The network was then exported as a PNG image file named 'gene hub network'. The export settings included a 500% zoom, 2925*1840 pixels, and 'show all graphics details' option, ensuring a high-quality image with detailed graphics.

Results:

Based on the results of transcriptome analysis, we found the virulence activity of the pathogenic *K. pneumonia* also the genes responsible for it. 63 genes were responsible for the virulence activity. On the basis of DEG analysis, we found the upregulated and downregulated genes. We identified significant upregulation and downregulation of genes, providing insights into metabolic adaptations, particularly in response to high glucose conditions. The top upregulated virulence gene was *yagZ/ecpA*, functioning as a *Klebsiella* common pilus structural subunit, exhibited a high (log fold value) of 13.003 compared to the control sample with no glucose concentration. The lowest downregulated genes were *csgF* and *csgG*, functioning as curli production assembly/transport proteins, with the log fold value of -1.006.

AMR – antimicrobial resistance

The KEGG database is widely used as a reference for biological interpretation of

genome sequences of high-output data through processes called pathway mapping (KEGG pathway maps).

Information eroded in genome genes is converted to high-level functional information general methodology applied to microbiology genomes to infer AMR.

AMR methods

Current methods of determining AMR

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Phenotypic approaches

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Pathogen antimicrobial combinations

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Bacterial isolates from different species have contaminated AMR for multiple antibiotics [ex, carbapenem resistance]

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Identification of the AMR gene

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Identification of Virulence Factor Genes

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The virulence characteristics of a virus dictate its capacity to infect or harm the tissues of its host

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These are compounds that are often produced by bacteria or viruses and stored in their genomes, but they can also be ingested from the environment by means of genetic elements that are transmissible

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The genes responsible for the virulence activity of the organism are called as virulence factor genes

Genes	Product	Gene expression	RESISTANCE
<i>bacA</i>	The <i>bacA</i> gene product (BacA) recycles undecaprenyl pyrophosphate during cell wall biosynthesis which confers resistance to bacitracin.	upregulation with the log fold value of 8.973	Peptide
<i>Klebsiella_pneumoniae_KpnF</i>	KpnF subunit of KpnEF resembles EbrAB from <i>E. coli</i>	upregulation with the log fold value of 7.662	aminoglycoside; cephalosporin; macrolide; peptide; rifamycin; tetracycline
<i>Klebsiella_pneumoniae_KpnE</i>	Mutation in KpnEF resulted in increased susceptibility to cefepime ceftriaxone	upregulation with the log fold value of 7.662	aminoglycoside; cephalosporin; macrolide; peptide; rifamycin; tetracycline

	colistin erythromycin rifampin tetracycline and streptomycin		
<i>FosA5</i>	It is susceptible to amikacin tetracycline and imipenem and resistant to sulphonamide cephalosporins gentamicin ciprofloxacin chloramphenicol and streptomycin	upregulation with the log fold value of 7.485	fosfomycin
<i>marA</i>	the global activator protein MarA which besides inducing MDR efflux pump AcrAB also down-regulates synthesis of the porin OmpF.	upregulation with the log fold value of 9.294	epharmycin; fluoroquinolone; glycylicline; monobactam; penam; penem; phenicol; rifamycin; tetracycline; tetracycline; tetracycline
<i>CTX-M-15</i>	CTX-M-15 is a beta-lactamase found in the Enterobacteriaceae family	downregulation with the log fold value -2.134	Cephalosporin
<i>mdtB</i>	MdtB is a transporter that forms a heteromultimer complex with MdtC to form a multidrug transporter. MdtBC is part of the MdtABC-TolC efflux complex.	upregulation with the log fold value of 8.384	Aminocoumarin
<i>mdtA</i>	MdtA is the membrane fusion protein of the multidrug efflux complex mdtABC.	downregulation with the log fold value -0.075	aminocoumarin

<i>baeR</i>	BaeR is a response regulator that promotes the expression of MdtABC and AcrD efflux complexes.	upregulation with the log fold value of 7.531	aminocoumarin; aminoglycoside
<i>acrB</i>	Protein subunit of AcrA-AcrB-TolC multidrug efflux complex.	downregulation with the log fold value -0.751	cephalosporin; fluoroquinolone; glycylicline; penam; phenicol; rifamycin; tetracycline; triclosan
<i>emrB</i>	emrB is a translocase in the emrB-TolC efflux protein in <i>E. coli</i> .	downregulation with the log fold value -0.507	Fluoroquinolone
<i>emrA</i>	EmrA is a membrane fusion protein providing an efflux pathway with EmrB and TolC between the inner and outer membranes of <i>E. coli</i> a Gram-negative bacterium.	downregulation with the log fold value -0.507	Fluoroquinolone
<i>_KpnH</i>	KpnH consists of ~511 residues resembles EmrB of <i>E. coli</i> and is probably a translocase in the KpnGH-TolC efflux protein in <i>K.</i>	upregulation with the log fold value of 11.041	aminoglycoside; carbapenem; cephalosporin; fluoroquinolone; macrolide; penam; penem; peptide
<i>KpnG</i>	KpnG consists of ~390 residues and resembles EmrA of <i>E. coli</i> .	upregulation with the log fold value of 11.041	aminoglycoside; carbapenem; cephalosporin; fluoroquinolone; macrolide; penam; penem; Peptide
<i>emrR</i>	EmrR is a negative regulator for the EmrAB-TolC multidrug efflux pump in <i>E. coli</i> .	downregulation with the log fold value -0.219	fluoroquinolone

	Mutations lead to EmrAB-TolC overexpression.		
<i>AAC(6')-Ib-cr</i>	AAC(6')-Ib-cr is an aminoglycoside acetyltransferase encoded by plasmids transposons integrons in Enterobacteriaceae	downregulation with the log fold value -4.017	aminoglycoside; fluoroquinolone
<i>OKP-B-3</i>	OKP-B-3 is a beta-lactamase found in <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	upregulation with the log fold value of 5.677	cephalosporin; penam
<i>cpxA</i>	CpxA is a membrane-localized sensor kinase that is activated by envelope stress.	downregulation with the log fold value -1.460	aminocoumarin; aminoglycoside
<i>AAC(3)-Ile</i>	AAC(3)-Ile is a plasmid-encoded aminoglycoside acetyltransferase in <i>E. coli</i>	downregulation with the log fold value -1.874	Aminoglycoside
<i>ANT(2'')-Ia</i>	Plasmid or integron-encoded nucleotidyltransferase of 2'-deoxystreptamine aminoglycosides at the hydroxyl group at position 2'' in <i>P. aeruginosa</i> <i>K. pneumoniae</i> <i>Morganella morganii</i> <i>E. coli</i>	upregulation with the log fold value of 8.7620	Aminoglycoside
<i>OXA-2</i>	OXA-2 is a beta-lactamase found in the Enterobacteriaceae family.	upregulation with the log fold value of 7.214	carbapenem; cephalosporin; penam
<i>sul1</i>	Sul1 is a	upregulation	sulfonamide

AMR Genes are the genes, which confer antibiotic resistance, typically have minimal impact on the overall fitness of the host cell. For instance, a large number of these genes do not change the target site; instead, they actively kill the antibiotic. Additionally, certain resistance genes are actually made to express themselves by the antibiotic, which means that maintaining

the gene costs the organism even less. Based on the results of AMR analysis, we identified 40 genes that were responsible for the antimicrobial activity. The gene which showed the highest upregulation was *mphK* with log fold value of 11.102. This gene was found to be resistant to the antibiotic macrolide. The gene that showed the lowest level of downregulation was *mdtA*, with the log fold value of -0.075. This gene was recognised as resistant to aminocoumarin

The KEGG pathway map is the most intuitive database display results in analysis results of the transcriptome. In transcriptome analysis, 1000 or 10,000 genes are involved. To classify genes and to analyse genes with the same function together.

These are the KEGG results with annotation

Trinity	KO
TRINITY_DN204324_c0_g6_i2	K00845
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This gene classification can be achieved through gene annotation. Transcriptome analysis obtained by referencing information in the genome. For the unreferenced transcriptome, it is obtained

by comparing with specific data bases KEGG database, expressed genes.

KEGG analysis in biological research, gene function, biological pathways, molecular mechanisms, study of genes with functions, pathways, and databases.

Pathway Analysis

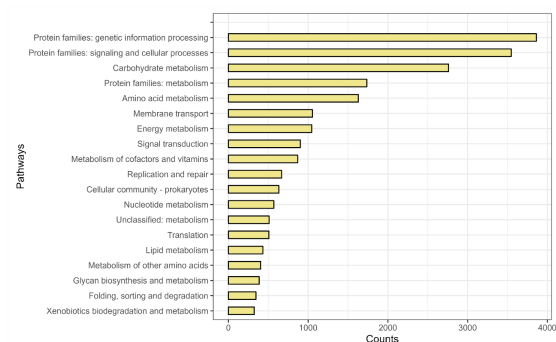
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Glycosaminoglycan degradation [PATH:ko00531]
Glycosphingolipid biosynthesis - globo and isoglobo series [PATH:ko00603]
Thiamine metabolism [PATH:ko00730]
Thiamine metabolism [PATH:ko00730]
Biosynthesis of various plant secondary metabolites [PATH:ko00999]
Benzoate degradation [PATH:ko00362]
Ribosome [PATH:ko03010]
Phosphotransferase system (PTS) [PATH:ko02060]

Description

glk; glucokinase [EC:2.7.1.2]
 GPI, pgj; glucose-6-phosphate isomerase [EC:5.3.1.9]
 pfkA, PFK; 6-phosphofructokinase 1 [EC:2.7.1.11]
 nuoA; NADH-quinone oxidoreductase subunit A [EC:7.1.1.2]
 ndh; NADH:quinone reductase (non-electrogenic) [EC:1.6.5.9]
 sdhA, frdA; succinate dehydrogenase flavoprotein subunit [EC:1.3.5.1]
 E3.1.4.46, glpQ, ugpQ; glycerophosphoryl diester phosphodiesterase [EC:3.1.4.46]
 aas; acyl-[acyl-carrier-protein]-phospholipid O-acyltransferase / long-chain-fatty-acid
 eutA; ethanolamine utilization protein EutA
 nudF; ADP-ribose diphosphatase [EC:3.6.1.13 3.6.1.-]
 nudE; ADP compounds hydrolase [EC:3.6.1.-]
 deoB; phosphopentomutase [EC:5.4.2.7]
 aspB; aspartate aminotransferase [EC:2.6.1.1]
 nadB; L-aspartate oxidase [EC:1.4.3.16]
 racD; aspartate racemase [EC:5.1.1.13]
 panD; aspartate 1-decarboxylase [EC:4.1.1.11]
 puuE; 4-aminobutyrate aminotransferase [EC:2.6.1.19]
 toa; taurine---2-oxoglutarate transaminase [EC:2.6.1.55]
 nagZ; beta-N-acetylhexosaminidase [EC:3.2.1.52]
 melA; alpha-galactosidase [EC:3.2.1.22]
 iscS, NFS1; cysteine desulfurase [EC:2.8.1.7]
 thil; tRNA uracil 4-sulfurtransferase [EC:2.8.1.4]
 bgIX; beta-glucosidase [EC:3.2.1.21]
 pcal; 3-oxoadipate CoA-transferase, alpha subunit [EC:2.8.3.6]
 RP-L16, MRPL16, rplP; large subunit ribosomal protein L16
 treB, treP; trehalose PTS system EIIBC or EIIBCA component [EC:2.7.1.201]

Pathway Function	Major Group
Carbohydrate metabolism	Metabolism
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Energy metabolism	Metabolism
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Energy metabolism	Metabolism
Lipid metabolism	Metabolism
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Lipid metabolism	Metabolism
Nucleotide metabolism	Metabolism
Nucleotide metabolism	Metabolism
Nucleotide metabolism	Metabolism
Amino acid metabolism	Metabolism
Amino acid metabolism	Metabolism
Amino acid metabolism	Metabolism
Metabolism of other amino acids	Metabolism
Metabolism of other amino acids	Metabolism
Metabolism of other amino acids	Metabolism
Glycan biosynthesis and metabolism	Metabolism
Glycan biosynthesis and metabolism	Metabolism
Metabolism of cofactors and vitamins	Metabolism
Metabolism of cofactors and vitamins	Metabolism
Biosynthesis of other secondary metabolites	Metabolism
Xenobiotics biodegradation and metabolism	Metabolism
Translation	Genetic Information Processing
Membrane transport	Environmental Information Processing

Pathway assignment and mapping of the CDS to the biological pathways were performed using KEGG automatic annotation server (KAAS)

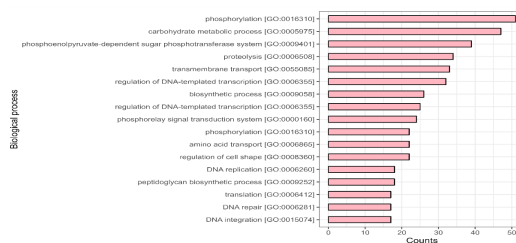


Gene ontology molecular function annotation

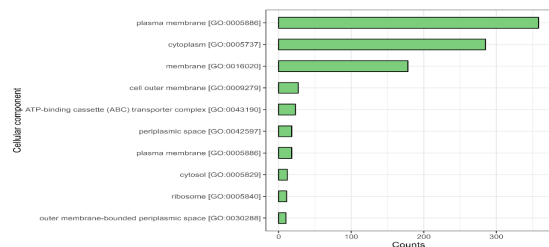
Gene Ontology (molecular function)
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 ATP binding [GO:0005524]; glutamine synthetase activity [GO:0004356]
 DNA binding [GO:0003677]; type II site-specific deoxyribonuclease activity [GO:0009036]
 hydrolase activity, acting on ester bonds [GO:0016788]
 siderophore uptake transmembrane transporter activity [GO:0015344]; signaling receptor activity [GO:0038023]
 long-chain fatty acid-CoA ligase activity [GO:0004467]
 hydrolase activity, hydrolyzing O-glycosyl compounds [GO:0004553]; metal ion binding [GO:0046872]; oxidoreductase activity, acting on iron, 4 sulfur cluster binding [GO:0015139]; aconitate hydratase activity [GO:0003994]; iron-responsive element binding [GO:0003994]
 myo-inositol:proton symporter activity [GO:0005366]
 mRNA binding [GO:0003729]; rRNA binding [GO:0019843]; structural constituent of ribosome [GO:0003735]
 inositol 2-dehydrogenase activity [GO:0050112]; nucleotide binding [GO:0000166]
 ribose-5-phosphate isomerase activity [GO:0004751]
 GTP binding [GO:0005525]; GTPase activity [GO:0003924]; guanosine tetraphosphate binding [GO:0097216]; translation elongation protein-N(P)-phosphohistidine-sugar phosphotransferase activity [GO:0008982]
 2-octaprenyl-3-methyl-6-methoxy-1,4-benzoquinol hydroxylase activity [GO:0043719]; FAD binding [GO:0071949]; pentachlorophenyl
 succinate-semialdehyde dehydrogenase (NAD+) activity [GO:0004777]
 kinase activity [GO:0016301]; protein-N(P)-phosphohistidine-sugar phosphotransferase activity [GO:0008982]; protein-phosphorylation activity [GO:0004038]; cobalt ion binding [GO:0050897]; zinc ion binding [GO:0008270]

Gene ontology

GO assignments were used to classify the functions of the transcripts. The GO mapping provides an ontology of defined terms representing gene product properties, which are grouped into three main domains: Biological Process, Molecular Function and Cellular Component.

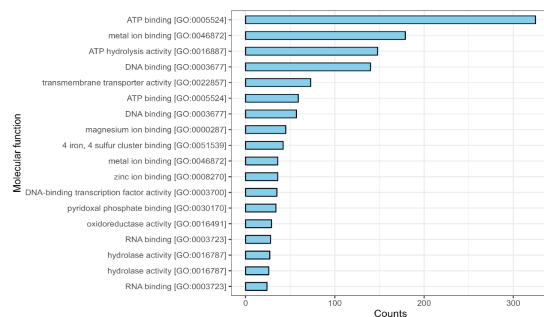


Biological process



Cellular

component



Molecular function

Gene Ontology (cellular component)

cytosol [GO:0005829]; primosome complex [GO:1990077]

cytoplasm [GO:0005737]; membrane [GO:0016020]

cell outer membrane [GO:0009279]
membrane [GO:0016020]

cytosol [GO:0005829]

apical plasma membrane [GO:0016324]
cytosolic small ribosomal subunit [GO:0022627]

cytosol [GO:0005829]
plasma membrane [GO:0005886]
ATP-binding cassette (ABC) transporter complex [GO:0043190]

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Gene ontology cellular

component annotation

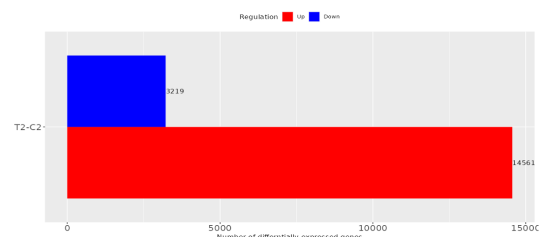
High glucose levels are known to promote the virulence of certain bacteria, including *K. pneumoniae*. This study aimed to identify genes and pathways involved in this process. Under high glucose conditions, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*'s transcriptome study revealed an intricate response that includes both virulence and antibiotic resistance. The formation of antibiotic-resistant phenotypes may be aided by high glucose environments, as

seen by the upregulation of genes linked to antimicrobial resistance, such as beta-lactamases and efflux pumps. This is concerning because it may decrease the number of treatments available for *K. pneumoniae* infections, especially for those who have diabetes or other disorders that are associated with elevated blood glucose levels.

In a bioinformatics lab, data quality control (QC) for pathogenic *Klebsiella pneumoniae* samples contain an array of steps that ensure the accuracy and reliability of the data generated via sequencing or other methods of analysis.

Pathogenic *Klebsiella pneumoniae* Samples: C2, T2

Biological QC: Perform additional checks about the biology of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* or the objectives of the investigation. For instance, utilise specialised databases and tools (e.g., ResFinder, CARD) to validate the presence of known virulence factors or genes associated with antibiotic resistance. Comparisons - Comparison of C2 vs T2



Number of differentially expressed genes

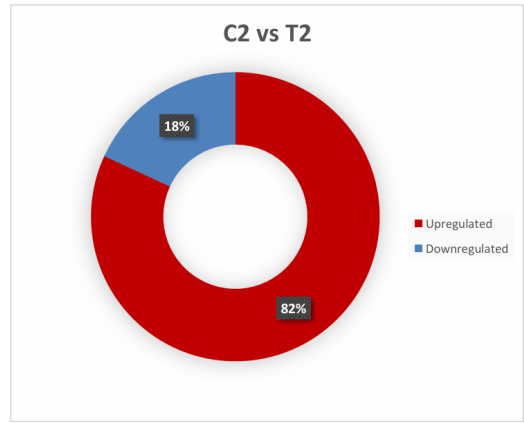
Note: DEGs have been filtered using a minimum fold change threshold of 2 and an adjusted p-value threshold of 0.05.

A low p-value (typically < 0.05) suggests that the observed change in expression is statistically significant and not due to random variation.

A high p-value suggests that the observed change might be due to chance. Typically,

such a file includes several columns, among which logFC and p-value are key metrics. Here's a detailed explanation of these terms and how they are interpreted

The organism column depicts the result based on blast result against bacterial database so our particular transcript matched with the gene present different bacterial species.



Pictorial representation of C2 vs T2 (Based on DEG)

Fold change is calculated by dividing the expression level of a gene in one condition by its expression level in another condition. The logarithm (usually base 2, but sometimes base 10 or natural log) of this fold change is then taken.

For example, if a gene's expression is twice as high in the treated condition as in the control, the fold change is 2, and the log2 fold change (logFC) would be $\log_2(2) = 1$. Positive logFC values indicate upregulation (higher expression in the treated condition). Negative logFC values indicate downregulation (lower expression in the treated condition). A logFC of 1 means the expression is doubled, -1 means the expression is halved.

The p-value indicates the statistical significance of the observed changes in gene expression.

Calculation: It is derived from a statistical test (e.g., t-test, Wald test, etc.) that compares the expression levels between the two conditions.

Interpretation:

A low p-value (typically < 0.05) suggests that the observed change in expression is statistically significant and not due to random variation. A high p-value suggests that the observed change might be due to chance.

DEG results for the upregulated genes

#	A	B	C	D
1	Trinity ID	Uniprot ID	log2FoldChange	padj
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5	TRINITY_DN205199_C12_G6_I1	A0A6P1V6L2	12.09822167	2.48E-15
6	TRINITY_DN200848_C0_G1_I1	#N/A	12.03909958	3.53E-15
7	TRINITY_DN204812_C1_G2_I1	A0A6M4MDA7	11.86135021	9.88E-15
8	TRINITY_DN205080_C14_G1_I1	#N/A	11.76781262	1.69E-14
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10	TRINITY_DN204055_C40_G1_I1	#N/A	11.54585876	1.86E-14
11	TRINITY_DN205182_C8_G2_I4	A0A3N2EVC6	11.43180406	3.45E-14
12	TRINITY_DN198809_C0_G1_I1	#N/A	11.41465034	1.24E-13
13	TRINITY_DN205074_C3_G9_I1	A0A6L6Y6L2	11.31164665	2.23E-13
14	TRINITY_DN203801_C1_G3_I2	A0AAE3UW90	11.29435398	2.44E-13
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23	TRINITY_DN205179_C1_G4_I3	A0A0A55FT1	11.07340499	8.32E-13
24	TRINITY_DN205035_C1_G1_I4	A0A514EWY4	11.06160313	9.27E-13
25	TRINITY_DN203867_C0_G5_I4	#N/A	11.0422122	9.77E-13

Gene Annotation

1	Protein names	Gene Names	Organism	Length
2	Replicative DNA helicase (EC 3.6.4.12)	dnab (CA267_011575)	Alteromonas pelagimontana	462
3	Glycylidyl/MucA family oxidoreductase	EB637_29525	Kluyvera ascorbata	451
4	Glutamine synthetase (EC 6.3.1.2)	glnA (CB837_13580) KATP_44760	Kluyvera ascorbata	469
5	Restriction endonuclease	GN952_31205	Klebsiella michiganensis	404
6	Rhamnogalacturonan acetyltransferase	CA267_010155	Alteromonas pelagimontana	368
7	Iron complex outer membrane receptor protein	EDF82_1229	Raoultella sp. B1603099	720
8	Long-chain-fatty-acyl-CoA ligase (EC 6.2.1.3) (l-fadD)	GC007_16600	Raoultella sp. 10-1	561
9	GntP family permease	QU525_04950	Klebsiella aerogenes (Enterobacter aerogenes)	463
10	Alpha-galactosidase	KOX_16445	Klebsiella michiganensis (strain ATCC 87_435)	435
11	Aconitate hydratase (Aconitase) (EC 4.2.1.3)	acnA (GC007_06530)	Raoultella sp. 10-1	890
12	PRD domain-containing protein	HB11_04025	Klebsiella quasipneumoniae	278
13	MFS transporter	GC007_14790	Raoultella sp. 10-1	475
14	Small ribosomal subunit protein uS3	rpsC (CG50_11750) CYG68_19455 N3392_19445	Morganella morganii (Proteus morganii)	233
15	Inositol 2-dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.18) (Myo-inositol dehydrogenase)	04533	Klebsiella electrica	337
16	Uncharacterized protein	NUK9737_32270 NUK9737_32280	Klebsiella varicola	63
17	Ribose-5-phosphate isomerase B (EC 5.3.1.6)	KOX_08520	Klebsiella michiganensis (strain ATCC 87_149)	700
18	Elongation factor G (EF-G)	fusA (CA267_011850)	Alteromonas pelagimontana	700
19	Permease IIC component	caIB (EB837_06305)	Kluyvera ascorbata	445
20	Metal ABC transporter permease	CY608_05635 OSC06_10975	Morganella morganii (Proteus morganii)	264
21	Penicillin-binding protein 4 monooxygenase (EC 1.14. penB)	electrica_00701	Klebsiella electrica	501
22	ABC transporter ATP-binding protein	EDY08_24875	Klebsiella sp. F3A4RG05_511	718
23	Succinate-semialdehyde dehydrogenase (EC 1.2.3)	gabD AC0703_17205	[Enterobacter] lipolyticus	482
24	DMT family transporter	HV064_20440 HV104_18240 KOS073_27002	Klebsiella grimontii	798
25	Negative regulator of SacY activity	sacX (SB4008_02377)	Klebsiella spallanzanii	456

Upregulated genes and their protein names

Virulence factors

AI		Q		f _x		SEQUENCE							
#	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	
1	SEQUENCE	START	END	STRAND	GENE	COVERAG	COVERAG	GAPS	NCOVERAGE	NCOVERIT	DATASOURCE	ABASIS	ACCESSIO
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3	TRINITY_DN0200082_c0_g1_i2	1	1152	+	fes	27.1178/1	=====	0/0	95.76	98.96	vdb	NP_75260	
4	TRINITY_DN0200798_c1_g1_i1	3	521	+	bsIAyuaB	1.519/546	=====	0/0	95.05	99.42	vdb	NP_39098	
5	TRINITY_DN021233_c1_g1_i5	1232	1976	-	yagV/ecpC	10.754/71	=====	0/0	98.54	97.99	vdb	NP_28600	
6	TRINITY_DN021233_c1_g5_i1	502	2675	-	yagV/ecpC	353.2526/	=====	0/0	86.06	97.52	vdb	NP_28600	
7	TRINITY_DN021929_c4_g3_i1	526	1377	-	entB	1.858/856	=====	02-Jun	99.3	82.05	vdb	NP_75261	
8	TRINITY_DN021118_c0_g2_i3	242	663	-	gspM	1.422/421	=====	0/0	99.76	92.42	vdb	YP_40460	
9	TRINITY_DN021118_c0_g2_i3	779	1638	-	gspL	1.861/861	=====	01-Jan	99.88	94.66	vdb	YP_40460	
10	TRINITY_DN0202399_c0_g1_i2	35	586	-	papK	1.552/552	=====	0/0	100	99.09	vdb	NP_75545	
11	TRINITY_DN0202399_c0_g1_i6	92	600	-	papK	1.529/552	=====	0/0	95.83	99.81	vdb	NP_75545	
12	TRINITY_DN0204013_c0_g6_i3	2	644	-	entD	1.643/771	=====	0/0	83.4	97.51	vdb	NP_75259	
13	TRINITY_DN0204555_c1_g10_i2	1173	2664	-	kpsD	186.1677/	=====	0/0	88.97	99.13	vdb	AAA21682	
14	TRINITY_DN0204535_c1_g3_i4	1	453	+	chuK	43.495/42	=====	0/0	91.52	100	vdb	NP_75617	
15	TRINITY_DN0204535_c1_g3_i4	453	1076	+	chuY	1.624/624	=====	0/0	100	98.24	vdb	NP_75617	
16	TRINITY_DN0204535_c1_g3_i4	1125	2117	+	chuJ	1.993/993	=====	0/0	100	99.5	vdb	NP_75617	
17	TRINITY_DN0204535_c1_g3_i4	2084	2884	+	chuV	1.801/801	=====	0/0	100	99.75	vdb	NP_75618	
18	TRINITY_DN0204535_c1_g6_i2	621	1649	+	chuS	1.1029/51	=====	0/0	100	99.03	vdb	NP_75616	
19	TRINITY_DN0204535_c1_g7_i3	346	1528	-	chuW	142.1325/	=====	01-Jan	88.42	98.73	vdb	NP_75617	
20	TRINITY_DN0204572_c1_g3_i2	250	789	-	papK	1.540/540	=====	0/0	100	100	vdb	NP_75546	
21	TRINITY_DN0204572_c1_g4_i4	146	379	-	papJ	1.234/234	=====	0/0	100	95.73	vdb	NP_75546	
22	TRINITY_DN0204611_c2_g1_i1	283	879	+	fimE	1.597/597	=====	0/0	100	98.83	vdb	NP_75724	
23	TRINITY_DN0204611_c2_g1_i1	1302	1906	+	fimA	1.606/606	=====	01-Jan	99.83	90.76	vdb	NP_75724	
24	TRINITY_DN0204611_c2_g1_i1	1971	2510	+	fimE	1.540/540	=====	0/0	100	98.33	vdb	NP_75724	
25	TRINITY_DN0204611_c2_g1_i1	2547	3272	+	fimC	1.726/726	=====	0/0	100	98.76	vdb	NP_75724	
26	TRINITY_DN0204611_c2_g1_i1	3414	4093	-	fimC	1.680/726	=====	0/0	93.66	98.53	vdb	NP_75724	
27	TRINITY_DN0204611_c2_g1_i1	4130	4669	-	fimE	1.540/540	=====	0/0	100	98.33	vdb	NP_75724	
28	TRINITY_DN0204611_c2_g1_i1	4734	5338	-	fimA	1.606/606	=====	01-Jan	99.83	90.76	vdb	NP_75724	
29	TRINITY_DN0204611_c2_g1_i1	5761	6357	-	fimE	1.597/597	=====	0/0	100	98.83	vdb	NP_75724	
30	TRINITY_DN0204611_c2_g1_i5	283	879	+	fimE	1.597/597	=====	0/0	100	98.83	vdb	NP_75724	
31	TRINITY_DN0204611_c2_g1_i5	1302	1906	+	fimA	1.606/606	=====	01-Jan	99.83	90.76	vdb	NP_75724	
32	TRINITY_DN0204611_c2_g1_i5	1971	2510	+	fimE	1.540/540	=====	0/0	100	98.33	vdb	NP_75724	
33	TRINITY_DN0204611_c2_g1_i5	2547	3272	+	fimC	1.726/726	=====	0/0	100	98.76	vdb	NP_75724	

Virulence factors annotation

PRODUCT	RESISTANCE
(pilH) twitching motility protein PilH [Type IV pili (VF0082)] [Pseudomonas aeruginosa PAO1]	
(fes) enterobactin/ferric enterobactin esterase [enterobactin (IA019)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(bsIAyuaB) hydrophobin BsIA [BsIA (VF0411)] [Bacillus subtilis subsp. subtilis str. 168]	
(yagV/ecpE) E. coli common pilus chaperone EcpC [ECP (VF0404)] [Escherichia coli O157:H7 str. EDL933]	
(yagV/ecpC) E. coli common pilus usher EcpC [ECP (VF0404)] [Escherichia coli O157:H7 str. EDL933]	
(entB) isochorismatase [Enterobactin (VF0228)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(gspM) general secretion pathway protein M [T2SS (VF0333)] [Shigella dysenteriae Sd197]	
(gspL) general secretion pathway protein L [T2SS (VF0333)] [Shigella dysenteriae Sd197]	
(papX) PapX protein regulates flagellum synthesis to repress motility [P fimbriae (CVF425)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(papK) PapX protein regulates flagellum synthesis to repress motility [P fimbriae (CVF425)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(entD) phosphopantetheinyl transferase component of enterobactin synthase multienzyme complex [Enterobactin (VF022)]	
(kpsD) KpsD [K1 capsule (VF0239)] [Escherichia coli O18:K1:H7 str. RS218]	
(chuD) putative heme-binding protein ChuK [Chu (VF0227)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(chuY) ChuY [Chu (VF0227)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(chuJ) heme permease protein ChuJ [Chu (VF0227)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(chuV) ATP-binding hydrophilic protein ChuV [Chu (VF0227)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(chuS) heme oxygenase ChuS [Chu (VF0227)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(chuW) Putative oxygen independent coproporphyrinogen III oxidase [Chu (VF0227)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(papK) P pilus minor subunit PapK [P fimbriae (VF0220)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(papI) regulatory protein PapI [P fimbriae (VF0220)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(fimE) Type 1 fimbriae Regulatory protein fimE [Type 1 fimbriae (VF0221)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(fimA) Type-1 fimbrial protein A chain precursor [Type 1 fimbriae (VF0221)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(fimI) Fimbrin-like protein fimI precursor [Type 1 fimbriae (VF0221)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(fimC) Chaperone protein fimC precursor [Type 1 fimbriae (VF0221)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(fimM) Fimbrin-like protein fimM precursor [Type 1 fimbriae (VF0221)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	
(fimA) Type-1 fimbrial protein A chain precursor [Type 1 fimbriae (VF0221)] [Escherichia coli CFT073]	

The **PRODUCT** column describes the functional product of the gene identified. This could be a protein or enzyme that the gene encodes.

The **RESISTANCE** column specifies the type of resistance conferred by the gene, often found when screening against databases related to antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Antimicrobial Resistance Genes

GENE

ErmB

AAC(3)-Ile

tolC

mdtH

baeR

baeS

emrR

emrB

CTX-M-15

CRP

AAC(6')-Ib-cr

gadW

Escherichia_coli_ampC

kdpE

Escherichia_coli_acrA

msbA

mdtG

mdtA

H-NS

TEM-116

eptA

mdtE

cpxA

CRP

bacA

emrR

emrA

Klebsiella_pneumoniae_Konf

The results of DEG analysis and AMR gene analysis helped us identify the genes responsible for virulence activity and the bacteria's resistance to various antibiotics.

PRODUCT	RESISTANCE
ErmB conf	lincosamide;macrolide;streptogramin
AAC(3)-Ile	aminoglycoside
TolC	is a pi aminocoumarin;aminoglycoside;carbapenem;cephalosporin;cephamycin;fluoroquinolone
Multidrug	r fluoroquinolone
BaeR	is a r aminocoumarin;aminoglycoside
BaeS	is a si aminocoumarin;aminoglycoside
EmrR	is a r fluoroquinolone
emrB	is a t fluoroquinolone
CTX-M-15	cephalosporin
CRP	is a gl fluoroquinolone;macrolide;penam
AAC(6)-Ib	aminoglycoside;fluoroquinolone
GadW	is ar fluoroquinolone;macrolide;penam
A class C	a cephalosporin;penam
kdpE	is a ti aminoglycoside
AcrA	is a si cephalosporin;fluoroquinolone;glycylcycline;penam;phenicol;rifamycin;tetracycline;tri
MsbA	is a r nitroimidazole
The MdtG	fosfomicin
MdtA	is thi aminocoumarin
H-NS	is a h cephalosporin;cephamycin;fluoroquinolone;macrolide;penam;tetracycline
TEM-116	i: cephalosporin;monobactam;penam;penem
PmrC	medi peptide
MdtE	is thi fluoroquinolone;macrolide;penam
CpxA	is a n aminocoumarin;aminoglycoside
CRP	is a gl fluoroquinolone;macrolide;penam
The bacA	g peptide
EmrR	is a r fluoroquinolone
EmrA	is a r fluoroquinolone
KonH	cons aminoelvcoside;carbapenem;cephalosporin;fluoroquinolone;macrolide;penam;penem

The **PRODUCT** column describes the functional product of the gene identified. The **RESISTANCE** column indicates the antimicrobial resistance.

The expression pattern of beta-lactam genes in resistant isolates was analysed in the test sample. The crucial step in the RT-PCR assay is the variance in the percentage of transcribed rRNA. The resistant isolates showed a difference in the level of expression of all beta-lactamase genes. Genes of ESBL classes were found to be highly resistant in isolates. The discovery of virulence factors, such as toxins, adhesins, and invasins, emphasises *K. pneumoniae*'s capacity to cause serious illness in conditions with elevated glucose levels. The upregulation of these genes helps the bacteria invade and colonise host tissues more effectively, resulting in more serious and invasive infections.

The downregulation of genes linked to breakdown processes, like the fatty acid degradation and tricarboxylic acid cycle, implies that *K. pneumoniae* might be changing its metabolic priorities in

response to the high glucose environment. The bacteria may be able to maximise energy production and survival in conditions with a lot of glucose because of this metabolic reprogramming.

The results of this investigation have significant implications for our comprehension of the transcriptome analysis of *K. pneumoniae* and the creation of efficient treatment plans.

The discovery of antibiotic resistance genes and virulence factors highlights the necessity for innovative antimicrobial drugs and tailored therapies that can interfere with these systems. Furthermore, the metabolic reprogramming seen in this work might present chances for the creation of cutting-edge antibiotic treatments that specifically target the metabolic weaknesses of *K. pneumoniae* few isolates where rRNA expression is comparable to control strains.

Discussion & Conclusion:

The observed decline in the growth of *Klebsiella pneumonia* with increasing glucose concentrations is a phenomenon that can be attributed to metabolic control mechanisms and the toxic by-products of glucose metabolism [6,7]. *Klebsiella*, when exposed to high concentrations of glucose in minimal medium, experiences a metabolic imbalance that leads to the secretion of acetate [8,9]. This acetate accumulation is detrimental as it can inhibit growth and reduce the overall viability and productivity of the bacteria [10]. Acetate is a known inhibitor of cellular processes, and its accumulation is a result of overflow metabolism, where excess carbon flux through glycolysis exceeds the capacity of downstream pathways [11].

The role of transcriptome, proteome, and metabolism analysis using KEGG pathway

underscores the pivotal role in unravelling the complex biological processes [12].

The KEGG analysis facilitates a deeper knowledge of high-throughput sequencing data, scientific discovery and innovation [13].

Based on the KEGG pathway analysis results of the pathogenic *K. pneumonia*, we discovered the number of genes responsible for various metabolic features [14,15]. For example, 2768 genes were responsible for carbohydrate metabolism, and 1629 genes were responsible for amino acid metabolism.

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