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34 **ABSTRACT**

35 The taxonomic position of an unknown bacterial strain designated CNM695-12, isolated  
36 from the blood of an immunocompromised subject, was investigated via phenotypic,  
37 chemotaxonomic, genotypic and genomic analyses. Bacterial cells were determined to  
38 be Gram-negative bacilli, aerobic, non-motile and non-sporeforming. The strain showed  
39 catalase activity but no oxidase activity. Optimal growth occurred at 37°C, pH 7 and  
40 with 0-1% NaCl. C16:0, summed feature 8 (comprising C18:1  $\omega$ 7c), and C18:1  $\omega$ 9c  
41 were the most abundant fatty acids, and UQ8 the major respiratory quinone. The polar  
42 lipids present included phosphatidylglycerol, phosphatidylethanolamine and other  
43 aminophospholipids. The 16S rRNA gene sequence showed  $\approx$ 93.5% similarity to  
44 different species with validly published names within the order *Burkholderiales* (e.g.,  
45 *Leptothrix mobilis* Feox-1<sup>T</sup>, *Aquabacterium commune* B8<sup>T</sup>, *Aquabacterium*  
46 *citratiphilum* B4<sup>T</sup> and *Schlegelella thermodepolymerans* K14<sup>T</sup>). Phylogenetic analyses  
47 based on 16S rRNA gene sequences and concatenated alignments including the  
48 sequences for 107 essential proteins, revealed the strain to form a new lineage close to  
49 family *Comamonadaceae*. The highest average nucleotide identity and average amino  
50 acid identity values were obtained with *Schlegelella thermodepolymerans* K14<sup>T</sup> (69.6  
51 and 55.7% respectively). The genome, with a size of 3.35 Mb, had a G+C content of  
52 52.4 mol% and encoded 3056 predicted genes, 3 rRNA, 1 tmRNA and 51 tRNA. Strain  
53 CNM695-12 thus represents a new species belonging to a novel genus within the order  
54 *Burkholderiales*, for which the name *Saezia sanguinis* gen. nov., sp. nov. is proposed.  
55 The type strain is CNM695-12<sup>T</sup> (=DSM 104959<sup>T</sup> = CECT 9208<sup>T</sup>).

56 **Keywords:** *Burkholderiales*; *Comamonadaceae*; *Saezia*; *sanguinis*

57 Bacteria belonging to the order *Burkholderiales* show wide phenotypic, metabolic and  
58 ecological diversity; strictly-aerobic and facultatively-anaerobic chemoorganotrophs,  
59 obligate and facultative chemolithotrophs, and nitrogen-fixing organisms are all  
60 represented (1). The type genus of this order is *Burkholderia*. The families  
61 *Alcaligenaceae*, *Burkholderiaceae*, *Comamonadaceae*, *Oxalobacteraceae* and  
62 *Sutterellaceae* fall within this same order, although *Burkholderiales* also comprises  
63 genera that cannot be accommodated within these families  
64 (<https://www.namesforlife.com/>). The order comprises Gram-negative microorganisms,  
65 mostly isolated from soil, water and vegetation, but which can infect plants and animals  
66 (1–4). Species such as *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*, *Pandoraea apista*, *Ralstonia*  
67 *picketii*, *Achromobacter xylosoxidans*, and members of the *Burkholderia cepacia*  
68 complex (Bcc) can behave as opportunistic human pathogens that mainly affect  
69 immunocompromised people (5). They have caused nosocomial outbreaks (5–7). Many  
70 of the above species show intrinsic resistance to many antimicrobial agents, making it  
71 difficult, for example, to treat patients with cystic fibrosis infected with  
72 *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia* or *Burkholderia cepacia* complex species (5,6).

73 The bacterium described in this work was isolated from an 84 year-old man with  
74 myelodysplastic syndrome admitted to a hospital in Madrid (Spain) with a respiratory  
75 infection. After treatment with ceftriaxone, levofloxacin and amphotericin B he  
76 progressed favourably, and was discharged. A week later, however, the patient's  
77 condition worsened, and he was readmitted to hospital with fever, malaise, dyspnoea  
78 with crackles in the lungs, and oedema in the lower limbs. A haemogram revealed him  
79 to have underlying acute myeloid leukaemia. *Escherichia coli* and an unidentified  
80 Gram-negative bacillus were isolated from blood cultures. Meropenem was  
81 administered but the patient died two days later. The unidentified strain was submitted  
82 for characterization to our laboratory (Reference and Research Laboratory for  
83 Taxonomy at the National Centre for Microbiology, Madrid, Spain) where it was  
84 codified as CNM695-12.

85 The strain was plated on 5% sheep blood Columbia agar (BCA) and incubated at 37°C  
86 for 48 h under aerobic conditions for its later identification and conservation. Gram-  
87 staining revealed small, Gram-negative bacilli. Two replicates of the strain were

88 examined using the VITEK MS automated mass spectrometry system (bioMérieux) -  
89 which uses matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization time-of-flight technology -  
90 following the manufacturer's protocol and making use of the VITEK MS v.3.2.0  
91 database. However, no ID profile was obtained (Fig. S1 shows the mass spectrum  
92 obtained). Genomic DNA was extracted using the QIAamp DNA Minikit (QIAGEN)  
93 following the manufacturer's instructions, and strain identification performed by 16S  
94 rRNA gene sequence analysis, using primers fD1 and rP2 (8) for amplification, and  
95 E781 and U1115 for sequencing (9). Contigs were assembled using SeqMan Pro  
96 v.12.3.1 software (DNASStar package) and a 1467 bp sequence was obtained (GenBank  
97 accession no. KY039174). This sequence was compared to those available in different  
98 databases (<http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi>, <https://www.ezbiocloud.net/identify>  
99 and <http://umr5558-bibiserv.univ-lyon1.fr/lebibi/lebibi.cgi>). Percentage similarities with  
100 sequences of bacterial species with validly published names were <94%. According to  
101 the cut-offs used to classify bacterial isolates (10), strain CNM695-12 could represent a  
102 new species of a novel genus within the order *Burkholderiales*. The strongest 16S rRNA  
103 gene sequence similarity (99.8%) was obtained with strain Da-11 isolated in Australia  
104 from the hindgut of *Dermolepida albohirtum* larvae (11), but neither that strain nor its  
105 genomic DNA was available for further comparison.

106 Having failed to identify strain CNM695-12 by 16S rRNA sequencing and VITEK MS,  
107 the aim of the present work was to determine its taxonomic position via phenotypic,  
108 chemotaxonomic, genotypic and genomic analyses.

109 For its phenotypic characterization, the growth of the bacterium at 20, 25, 30, 37, 40, 42  
110 and 45°C was tested under aerobic conditions on BCA. Plates were also incubated in a  
111 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere and under anaerobic conditions at 37°C. The pH range for growth  
112 was examined from pH 4.0 to 9.0, with intervals of 1 pH unit, at 37°C in tryptic soya  
113 broth (TSB) adjusted by the addition of 1 M NaOH or HCl (pH verified after  
114 autoclaving). Tolerance to NaCl was investigated at 37°C in TSB with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and  
115 10% (w/v) NaCl. Growth on tryptic soya agar (TSA), chocolate-polivitex agar (CPA)  
116 and McConkey agar (MA) (all from bioMérieux) was also tested. Cells and ultrathin  
117 cell sections were observed by transmission electron microscopy (TEM) using a Tecnai  
118 12 device (Philips) at 120kV, after negative staining with 2% phosphotungstic acid and  
119 using cells in the exponential phase of growth. Biochemical and enzyme profiles were  
120 determined at 37°C using the API 20NE, API 20E, API 50 CH, API ZYM, ID Color

121 Catalase, Oxidase Reagent (all from bioMérieux) and GN2 MicroPlate (Biolog) kits  
122 following the manufacturers' instructions. Cell motility was studied using motility-  
123 indole-ornithine medium (bioMérieux) by stab-inoculation from a bacterial suspension  
124 in TSB, and from colonies grown on BCA for 48 h. The minimum inhibitory  
125 concentrations (MICs) of ampicillin, piperacillin, amoxicillin/clavulate, piperacillin-  
126 tazobactam, cefepime, ceftazidime, ceftriaxone, aztreonam, imipenem, meropenem,  
127 amikacin, gentamicin, tobramycin, minocycline, tetracycline, ciprofloxacin,  
128 levofloxacin, moxifloxacin, chloramphenicol and cotrimoxazole were determined on  
129 Muller-Hinton medium at 37°C after 48 h of incubation, using the Etest (bioMérieux)  
130 and following the manufacturer's instructions. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853  
131 and *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922 were used as control strains. The results were  
132 interpreted according to the criteria of the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute  
133 (CLSI) supplement M-100 for other non-*Enterobacteriaceae* (12).

134 Cellular fatty acids analysis was performed at the Spanish Type Culture Collection  
135 (*Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo*) at the University of Valencia, Spain. Cells were  
136 grown on R2A medium for 48 h at 30°C; extractions and determinations were  
137 performed according to the standard protocol of the MIDI Microbial Identification  
138 System (13) using an Agilent 6850 gas chromatograph (Agilent Technologies)  
139 following the TSBA6 method (14). Respiratory quinones were identified by the  
140 German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (DSMZ) Identification Service  
141 (Braunschweig, Germany) by thin layer chromatography on silica gel followed by  
142 HPLC analysis using a reverse phase column with methanol:heptane as the eluent (15).  
143 Polar lipids were determined by the same service via two dimensional silica gel thin  
144 layer chromatography. Total lipid material was detected using molybdotophosphoric  
145 acid. Functional groups were revealed using specific spray reagents (16).

146 Pairwise similarity values for the CNM695-12 16S rRNA gene sequence and the closest  
147 type strains of the order *Burkholderiales* were calculated using the web-based tool  
148 available at <http://www.ezbiocloud.net/tools/pairAlign> (17). In addition, sequences were  
149 analysed using Bioedit software (18) after multiple alignments of the data using  
150 MAFFT v.7 software (available at <https://mafft.cbrc.jp/alignment/server/>) (19);.  
151 *Aquaspirillum serpens* DSM 68<sup>T</sup> was used as an outgroup. A phylogenetic study was  
152 performed by constructing a neighbour-joining (NJ) tree using the Tamura 3-parameter  
153 substitution model (20) and the rate of variation among sites modelled using a gamma

154 distribution (shape parameter=0.5). Maximum parsimony (MP) (21) and maximum  
155 likelihood (ML) (22) trees were generated to check the robustness of the analysis. All  
156 these studies were conducted using MEGA7 software (23), and the reliability of the  
157 phylogenetic trees assessed by Bootstrap testing with 1000 replicates. A NJ tree was  
158 also constructed with the type strains of the type genera belonging to each family and to  
159 each unclassified genus within the order *Burkholderiales*.

160 Genomic DNA was sequenced using the Illumina NextSeq500 sequencing system  
161 (<http://www.illumina.com>) and the paired-end library generated by the Nextera indexing  
162 system (Illumina 1.9). A quality control analysis involving fastQC v0.11.3  
163 (<http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/>) was performed and any  
164 adapter sequences removed using Trimmomatic v.0.36 software (24). Sequence reads  
165 were *de novo* assembled using SPAdes v.3.8.0 software, applying kmers 21, 33, 55 and  
166 77 (25). An assembly quality control check was performed using QUAST software (26).  
167 Finally, Prokka v.1.12-beta software was used for automatic structural and functional  
168 annotation (27).

169 *In-silico* genome-to-genome comparisons between the newly proposed species and the  
170 closest type and non-type strains with genomes accessible in the NCBI database  
171 (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/>), were performed using the GGDC 2.1 update  
172 of the web service <http://ggdc.dsmz.de> and employing the suggested BLAST+ software.  
173 The recommended formula of identities/HSP length, which is independent of the length  
174 of the genome sequences, was used for comparisons (28). The average nucleotide  
175 identity (ANI) and average amino acid identity (AAI) were calculated using tools  
176 available at <https://www.ezbiocloud.net/tools/ani> (29) and <http://enve-omics.ce.gatech.edu/> (30). Phylogenetic relationships were studied as previously  
177 described (31), involving the 19 related strains with the highest ANI values and whose  
178 proteomes were available at the NCBI website. Analysis was performed using the  
179 bcgTree software tool (<https://github.com/iimog/bcgTree>) (32), creating a full  
180 concatenated alignment including 107 essential proteins. Genes encoding 107 proteins  
181 are shown in Table S1. A maximum likelihood tree was built using RAxML software  
182 (<https://cme.h-its.org/exelixis/web/software/raxml/>) (33). GTRGamma was selected as  
183 the model (-m GTRGAMMA) for RAxML, using the rapidbootstrap option (-f a) with  
184 1000 bootstrap replicates. *Aquaspirillum serpens* DSM 68<sup>T</sup> was used as an outgroup.

186 Additional bioinformatic analyses were performed to examine the strain's metabolic  
187 pathways (using KEGG software, <http://www.genome.jp/kegg/kaas>) (34), the presence  
188 of secondary metabolite biosynthesis gene clusters (using antiSMASH v.4.0 software,  
189 <https://antismash.secondarymetabolites.org/>) (35), antimicrobial resistance genes (using  
190 ResFinder v.3.1 software, <https://cge.cbs.dtu.dk/services/ResFinder/>)(36) and virulence  
191 factors (using VirulenceFinder v.2.0 software,  
192 <https://cge.cbs.dtu.dk/services/VirulenceFinder/>) (37); and to estimate pathogenicity  
193 (using PathogenFinder v.1.1 software, <https://cge.cbs.dtu.dk/services/PathogenFinder/>)  
194 (38) (the last three softwares are the property of the Center for Genomic Epidemiology).

195 Cells were confirmed as Gram-negative, non-sporeforming, non-motile and rod-shaped  
196 (0.5 to 0.8  $\mu\text{m}$  wide and 1.4 to 2.2  $\mu\text{m}$  long). Pili-like structures 9-29 nm in diameter  
197 were observed under TEM (Fig. S2). After 48 h of aerobic growth on BCA, colonies  
198 reached 1-2 mm in diameter and were punctiform, bright, opaque and convex with  
199 entire margins. Growth occurred after 2 days at 30°C and 37°C (optimum 37°C); in a  
200 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere and under aerobic conditions; at pH 5-9 (optimum pH 7); and with  
201 0-4% NaCl (optimum 0-1%). Colonies were observed after 48 h at 37°C on CPA and  
202 after 72 h on TSA and MA (without lactose fermentation). Catalase activity was  
203 detected, but unlike for most species belonging to the order *Burkholderiales*, no oxidase  
204 activity was observed. API 20NE tests were positive for nitrate reduction and the  
205 assimilation of adipic acid and malate (profile 1000060: but identifying the strain as  
206 *Comamonas testosteroni/Pseudomonas alcaligenes* with just 57.8% probability).  
207 Acetoin production was positive with the API 20E test. All tests were negative for API  
208 50 CH. Using the API ZYM kit, alkaline phosphatase, esterase (C4), esterase lipase  
209 (C8), leucine arylamidase, valine arylamidase, cystine arylamidase, acid phosphatase  
210 and naphthol-AS-BI-phosphohydrolase activities were detected. In the GN2 MicroPlate  
211 test, pyruvic acid methylester, acetic acid, sebacic acid,  $\alpha$ -ketobutyric acid,  $\alpha$ -  
212 ketoglutaric acid, succinic acid, bromosuccinic acid, succinamic acid, L-aspartic acid,  
213 L-glutamic acid and L-proline were seen to be utilized as carbon sources. Table 1 shows  
214 the differential characteristics of strain CNM695-12 and the type strains of the  
215 phylogenetically related species within the order *Burkholderiales*.

216 The major cellular fatty acids in strain CNM695-12 were C16:0 (29.8%), summed  
217 feature 8 (comprising C18:1  $\omega$ 7c, 19.7%), and C18:1  $\omega$ 9c (10.2%). Percentages close to  
218 30% of C16:0 were also encountered in related species such as *Comamonas*

219 *serinivorans*, *Aquabacterium commune*, *Rubrivivax gelatinosus* and *Leptothrix mobilis*,  
220 and above 40% in *Caldimonas manganoxidans* and *Schlegelella thermodepolymerans*  
221 (39–44). In addition, C18:1  $\omega$ 7c, detected in CNM695-12 as feature 8, has been  
222 reported for *Comamonas humi* and *Rhizobacter gummiphilus* (2,3). The main fatty acid  
223 in *Comamonas humi*, *Leptothrix mobilis* and *Aquabacterium commune* - summed  
224 feature 3 (comprising C16:1  $\omega$ 7c and/or C16:1  $\omega$ 6c) with percentages above 40% -  
225 barely reached 10% in strain CNM695-12. Although the total hydroxyl fatty acid  
226 fraction (9.5%) was similar to that seen in related species, the distribution of these acids  
227 differed, with C18:1 2OH the major hydroxyl fatty acid in CNM695-12 (4.3%) and  
228 C10:1 3OH the main one in species belonging to the genera *Comamonas*, *Schlegelella*  
229 and *Aquabacterium*, (2,40,45). Finally, cyclopropane fatty acids - typical for many  
230 Gram-negative bacteria that use the anaerobic pathway of fatty acid biosynthesis (46) -  
231 were not found in CNM695-12. As reported in the literature (47), quinones were  
232 represented only by ubiquinones (UQ) in the strain described. As occurs within the  
233 order *Burkholderiales*, UQ8 was the main respiratory quinone (94%) but UQ7,  
234 previously detected in *Comamonas terrigena* ATCC 8461<sup>T</sup> (47), was also found in  
235 CNM695-12 (6%). The polar lipids identified were phosphatidylglycerol (PG),  
236 phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) and other aminophospholipids (PNL) (Fig. S3) whereas  
237 diphosphatidylglycerol (DPG), which is present in related species such as *Comamonas*  
238 *humi*, *Comamonas serinivorans* or *Rhizobacter gummiphilus* (2,48), was not observed  
239 in strain CNM695-12.

240 A total of 7,345,408 paired-end reads with a length of 35-151 bp were obtained by  
241 genomic DNA sequencing, deriving in 6,014,312 high-quality reads (81.9%) between  
242 50-151 bp after error correction. Assembly resulted in 245 contigs (maximum 909,344  
243 bp; N50 = 275,526). The final assembly contained 3,349,558 bp, with a fitted mean  
244 coverage of 195x. The G+C content was 52.4 mol% (data computed by QUASt  
245 software). Annotation using Prokka v.1.12-beta software predicted 3056 genes (3001  
246 coding sequences, 3 rRNA genes, 1 transfer-messenger-RNA and 51 tRNA genes). To  
247 ensure the quality and authenticity of the genome data, 16S rRNA sequences obtained  
248 by conventional Sanger analysis and from genome assembly were compared; both were  
249 identical. The draft genome sequence was deposited in the DDBJ/ENA/GenBank under  
250 accession number PQSP00000000. The version described in this paper is version  
251 PQSP01000000. The genome size and the G+C content of strain CNM695-12 were

252 similar to those of *Limnohabitans curvus* MWH-C5<sup>T</sup> (3.03 Mb, 55.9%), *Herminiimonas*  
253 *fonticola* S-94<sup>T</sup> (3.12 Mb, 51.6%) and *Advenella kashmirensis* UBA 4006 (3.24 Mb,  
254 55.5%). Although most species belonging to the order *Burkholderiales* possess genomes  
255 of >4 Mb, sizes from 0.11 Mb (*Comamonadaceae* bacterium JGI 0001003-E14) to  
256 11.66 Mb (*Caballeronia udeis* ES\_PA-B7) have been recorded (data from  
257 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/browse>). It is important to highlight that within  
258 the order *Burkholderiales*, species with smaller genome sizes are host-restricted  
259 microbial symbionts, whereas species that behave as plant or animal pathogens possess  
260 larger genomes (49). The G+C content within the order varies widely, ranging from  
261 37.3% in *Taylorella equigenitalis* ATCC 35865<sup>T</sup> to 72.9% in *Ideonella sakaiensis* 201-  
262 F6<sup>T</sup>.

263 Pairwise nucleotide sequence similarity values based on 16S rRNA gene sequences  
264 ranged from 90.8 to 93.7%. The type strains with the greatest sequence similarity to  
265 CNM695-12 were *Leptothrix mobilis* Feox-1<sup>T</sup>, *Aquabacterium commune* B8<sup>T</sup>,  
266 *Aquabacterium citratiphilum* B4<sup>T</sup>, *Schlegelella thermodepolymerans* K14<sup>T</sup> and  
267 *Rubrivivax benzoatilyticus* JA2<sup>T</sup>. The NJ tree based on 16S rRNA gene sequences  
268 revealed that the closest neighbour strains were *Ramlibacter tataouinensis* TTB310<sup>T</sup>,  
269 *Comamonas humi* GAU11<sup>T</sup> and *Comamonas serinivorans* SP-35<sup>T</sup>, although position of  
270 strain CNM695-12 within family *Comamonadaceae* was uncertain due to the low  
271 bootstrap value (<70). Similar results were obtained using ML and MP methods (Fig.  
272 1). In the same way, phylogenetic analysis using the type strains of type genera  
273 belonging to the order *Burkholderiales*, placed the novel strain on a branch next to  
274 *Comamonas terrigena* Hugh 247<sup>T</sup> (Fig. S4). The ANI values based on genome data, and  
275 calculated using the EzBiocloud ANI calculator, varied between 67.6 and 69.6%, with  
276 the highest figures seen for *Schlegelella thermodepolymerans* K14<sup>T</sup>, *Azohydromonas*  
277 *lata* DSM 1122<sup>T</sup>, *Piscinibacter defluvii* SH-1<sup>T</sup>, *Sphaerotilus natans* subsp *sulfidivorans*  
278 D-507 and *Roseateles depolymerans* KCTC 42856. In addition, the GGDC tool used to  
279 estimate DNA-DNA hybridization percentages (DDHe) returned the highest values for  
280 *Rubrivivax gelatinosus* IL144, *Sphaerotilus natans* subsp *sulfidivorans* D-507 and  
281 *Rhizobacter gummiphilus* NS21<sup>T</sup> (≈25.5%). The smallest difference in G+C content  
282 calculated at the GGDC site, was with *Comamonas testosteroni* TK102 (9.5%).  
283 However, in all cases, the above values are below the threshold for species demarcation  
284 (95% for ANI, 70% for DDHe and >1% variation in G+C content). When AAI (more

285 appropriate for comparisons between strains belonging to different taxa) were  
286 calculated, values  $\approx 55\%$  were obtained for *Schlegelella thermodepolymerans* K14<sup>T</sup>,  
287 *Ramlibacter tataouinensis* TTB310<sup>T</sup>, *Comamonas terrigena* Hugh 247<sup>T</sup> and  
288 *Comamonas serinivorans* SP-35<sup>T</sup>. According to a previous study (32), these percentages  
289 indicate strains to belong to different genera. The RAxML tree (Fig. 2) constructed from  
290 107 proteins concatenated sequences also positioned strain CNM695-12 next to species  
291 of the genera *Comamonas* and *Ramlibacter* but on a clearly separate branch, forming a  
292 new lineage. The clade comprising unclassified *Burkholderiales* showed different  
293 groupings in NJ (Fig. 1) and RAxML (Fig. 2) trees. Discrepancies between  
294 phylogenetic trees inferred from a single gene and those inferred from concatenated  
295 proteins sequences have been previously described (50); events such as variations in  
296 evolution rate, convergent evolution or horizontal gene transfer have been proposed to  
297 explain these discordances (51). In order to estimate distances between proteins  
298 sequences involving in RAxML tree generation, MEGA7 software was used. These  
299 divergence values - expressed as number of amino acid substitutions per site from  
300 averaging over all sequence pairs - were calculated for each protein, for the set of  
301 ribosomal proteins and for that of non-ribosomal proteins. Non-ribosomal proteins  
302 sequences showed greater distance (mean: 0.32) than sequences belonging to ribosomal  
303 proteins (mean: 0.19). Individually, the sequences proteins with the highest divergence  
304 values (between 0.51 and 1.07) were those encoded by *secE*, *dnaG*, *rnc*, *coaE*, *hisS* and  
305 *tilS* genes, whereas ribosomal proteins S10, S12, L14, S11 and L19 presented the lowest  
306 distances (between 0.04 and 0.09). Table 2 shows the different phenotypic, genomic and  
307 genetic characteristics of strain CNM695-12 plus those of the type strains of related  
308 species.

309 Of the 3001 coding sequences predicted by Prokka v.1.12-beta software analysis,  
310 KEGG analysis associated 1569 (52.2%) to molecular functions defined in the KEGG  
311 Orthology. Despite the relatively small estimated genome size of the novel strain, the  
312 percentage of genes assigned to each pathway (based on the total number of protein-  
313 coding sequences) was very similar to those of related species (Table S2), except for  
314 genes involved in the biodegradation of compounds such as benzoate, toluene or  
315 naphthalene. The absence of genes associated with motility was also noted. However,  
316 these results indicate that the strain CNM695-12 has retained the essential genes of each  
317 metabolic pathway. Three biosynthetic gene clusters coding for secondary metabolites

318 were predicted by analysis with antiSMASH v.4.0 software: for bacteriocin (from  
319 nucleotide 1 to 8863), for terpene (from 195,283 to 216,131), and for nonribosomal  
320 peptide synthetase (NRPS) (from 350,234 to 396,302). No virulence factor was found  
321 and the organism was predicted to be a non-human pathogen by the Center for Genomic  
322 Epidemiology's software. ResFinder v.3.1 found no acquired resistance genes, but, in  
323 agreement with the phenotypic results and KEGG assignments, Prokka analysis  
324 predicted several genes related to bacterial resistance.

325 Carbapenems, third and fourth generation cephalosporins and quinolones are commonly  
326 used in the treatment of infections caused by non-fermenting Gram-negative bacilli such  
327 as *Acinetobacter* spp., *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Burkholderia cepacia* complex, as  
328 well as by members of the family *Enterobacteriaceae*. However, ceftriaxone and  
329 levofloxacin, the first treatment received by the present patient, showed no *in vitro*  
330 activity against strain CNM 695-12. MIC values obtained by the Etest for beta-lactam  
331 antibiotics were: >256 µg/mL for ampicillin, piperacillin, piperacillin-tazobactam,  
332 cefepime, ceftriaxone, and aztreonam; 16 µg/mL for ceftazidime; 1 µg/mL for  
333 amoxicillin/clavulate; and 0.19 and 0.25 µg/mL for imipenem and meropenem  
334 respectively. This high resistance to beta-lactam antimicrobials (except for carbapenems  
335 and amoxicillin/clavulate) may be explained by the possession of a class A beta-  
336 lactamase showing 57.3% and 58% identity to beta-lactamases belonging to  
337 *Burkholderia dolosa* and *Klebsiella oxytoca* (as revealed by UniProt  
338 [<https://www.uniprot.org/>] and the Card database [<https://card.mcmaster.ca/>]  
339 respectively). Given the high MIC values obtained for ciprofloxacin, levofloxacin and  
340 moxifloxacin (>32 µg/mL), checks were made for possible replacements in the  
341 quinolone resistance-determining regions (QRDRs) of topoisomerases II (GyrA and  
342 GyrB) and IV (ParC and ParE). GyrA, GyrB, ParC and ParE sequences belonging to  
343 strain CNM695-12 aligned (as determined using the MAFFT server) with amino acid  
344 sequences of the related species *Comamonas terrigena* Hugh 247<sup>T</sup> and *Ramlibacter*  
345 *tataouinensis* TTB310<sup>T</sup>; with those of the type strain of the type genus in the order  
346 *Burkholderiales*, *Burkholderia cepacia* Ballard 717<sup>T</sup>; and with those of *Escherichia coli*  
347 K12 (used as reference) (all sequences were obtained from  
348 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/protein/>). Table S3 shows the differences found among  
349 the QRDRs of GyrA, GyrB, ParC and ParE. One of the main changes - associated with  
350 increased resistance to quinolones (52) - was found in GyrA sequence: Ser83-Val

351 (encoded by GTT). Other replacements shared by the four aligned sequences were  
352 identified in GyrB, ParC and ParE, some of which are also associated with changes in  
353 the resistance profile to quinolones. These shared variations might be related to the  
354 taxonomic position of strains within the order *Burkholderiales* (Table 2 shows the  
355 percentage identities for the 16S rRNA, *gyrA*, *gyrB*, *parC* and *parE* genes of CNM695-  
356 12, *Comamonas terrigena* and *Ramlibacter tataouinensis*). Possession of the efflux  
357 pumps MexAB-OprM, MexXY-OprM and AcrAD-TolC (identified in the strain's  
358 genome) might also contribute to the resistance shown to several of the antimicrobials  
359 tested. Finally, strain CNM695-12 was susceptible to all other antibiotics analysed  
360 except for amikacin (MIC 96 µg/mL).

361 In conclusion, the results of the 16S rRNA gene and genome analyses reveal strain  
362 CNM695-12 to be a novel species within a new genus within the order *Burkholderiales*  
363 and close to family *Comamonadaceae*. The strain shares phenotypic characteristics with  
364 species belonging to this family such as their inability to produce acids from sugars but  
365 can be clearly differentiated from them by its lack of oxidase activity and via other  
366 biochemical tests. Further, the strain has a significantly smaller genome size and G+C  
367 content than most species in this family. The name *Saezia sanguinis* is proposed for the  
368 novel taxon.

#### 369 **Description of *Saezia* gen. nov.**

370 *Saezia* (Sa.ez'i.a. N.L. fem. n. *Saezia* a tribute to the Spanish bacteriologist Juan A.  
371 Sáez-Nieto).

372 Cells are Gram-negative bacilli, aerobic, non-sporeforming and non-motile. Optimal  
373 growth occurs at 37°C, pH 7 and with 0-1% NaCl. Catalase is produced but not oxidase.  
374 The most abundant fatty acids are C16:0, feature 8 (comprising C18:1 ω7c) and C18:1  
375 ω9c. The major quinone is UQ8. The polar lipids present are phosphatidylglycerol,  
376 phosphatidylethanolamine and other aminophospholipids. The type species is *Saezia*  
377 *sanguinis*.

#### 378 **Description of *Saezia sanguinis* sp. nov.**

379 *Saezia sanguinis* (san'gui.nis L. gen. n. *sanguinis* of blood)

380 *Saezia sanguinis* exhibits all the characteristics of genus *Saezia*. Growth occurs on  
381 BCA, MA, TSA and CPA after 48-72 h of incubation at 37°C. Cells are approximately

382 0.5-0.8  $\mu\text{m}$  in wide and 1.4-2.2  $\mu\text{m}$  in length after 48 h of incubation on BCA at 37°C.  
383 Colonies grown on BCA under aerobic conditions reach 1-2 mm in diameter and are  
384 punctiform, bright, opaque and convex with entire margins. Positive for catalase,  
385 reduction of nitrate, assimilation of adipic acid and malate, and acetoin production.  
386 Pyruvic acid methylester, acetic acid, sebacic acid,  $\alpha$ -ketobutyric acid,  $\alpha$ -ketoglutaric  
387 acid, succinic acid, bromosuccinic acid, succinamic acid, L-aspartic acid, L-glutamic  
388 acid and L-proline can be utilized as carbon sources, but not  $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin, dextrin,  
389 glycogen, tween 40, tween 80, N-acetyl-D-glucosamine, adonitol, L-arabinose, D-  
390 arabitol, D-cellobiose, i-erythritol, D-fructose, L-fucose, D-galactose, gentibiose,  $\alpha$ -D-  
391 glucose, m-inositol,  $\alpha$ -D-lactose, lactulose, maltose, D-mannitol, D-mannose, D-  
392 melibiose,  $\beta$ -methyl-D-glucoside, D-psicose, D-raffinose, L-rhamnose, D-sorbitol,  
393 sucrose, D-trehalose, turanose, xylitol, succinic acid mono-methyl ester, cis-aconitic  
394 acid, citric acid, formic acid, D-galactonic acid lactone, D-galacturonic acid, D-gluconic  
395 acid, glucosaminic acid, D-glucuronic acid,  $\alpha$ -hydroxybutyric acid,  $\beta$ -hydroxybutyric  
396 acid,  $\gamma$ -hydroxybutyric acid, p-hydroxyphenylacetic acid, itaconic acid,  $\alpha$ -ketovaleric  
397 acid, D,L-lactic acid, malonic acid, propionic acid, quinic acid, D-saccharic acid,  
398 glucuronamide, L-alaninamide, D-alanine, L-alanine, L-alanyl-glycine, L-asparagine,  
399 glycyl-L-aspartic acid, glycyl-L-glutamic acid, L-histidine, hydroxy-L-proline, L-  
400 leucine, L-ornithine, L-phenylalanine, L-pyroglutamic acid, D-serine, L-serine, L-  
401 threonine, D,L-carnitine,  $\gamma$ -aminobutyric acid, urocanic acid, inosine, uridine,  
402 thymidine, phenylethylamine, putrescine, 2-aminoethanol, 2,3-butanediol, glycerol, D-  
403 L- $\alpha$ -glycerolphosphate,  $\alpha$ -D-glucose-1-phosphate, D-glucose-6-phosphate. Alkaline  
404 phosphatase, esterase (C4), esterase lipase (C8), leucine arylamidase, valine  
405 arylamidase, cystine arylamidase, acid phosphatase and naphthol-AS-BI-  
406 phosphohydrolase activities were detected. Negative for oxidase, lipase (C14), trypsin,  $\alpha$ -  
407 chymotrypsin,  $\alpha$ -galactosidase,  $\beta$ -galactosidase,  $\beta$ -glucuronidase,  $\alpha$ -glucosidase,  $\beta$ -  
408 glucosidase, N-acetyl- $\beta$ -glucosaminidase,  $\alpha$ -mannosidase, or  $\alpha$ -fucosidase.

409 The estimated genome size is 3.35 Mb and the G+C DNA content 52.4 mol%.

410 The type strain, isolated from human blood, is CNM695-12<sup>T</sup> (=DSM 104959<sup>T</sup> = CECT  
411 9208<sup>T</sup>).

412 **Supplementary material**

413 This article includes the following supplementary material: Table S1, Table S2, Table  
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422 The bacterial strain was sent to a public national reference laboratory for its  
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424 was used, therefore ethical approval was exempted. This work did not involve human or  
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**Table 1.** Differential characteristics of strain CNM695-12 and the type strain of phylogenetically related species within order *Burkholderiales*.

+, Positive; -, Negative; ND, data no available. SF8: Summed feature 8 (comprising C18:1 ω7c); SF3: Summed feature 3 (comprising C16:1 ω7c and/or C16:1 ω6c). PG: Phosphatidylglycerol; PE: Phosphatidylethanolamine; DPG: diphosphatidylglycerol; PS: phosphatidylserine; GL: glycolipid; PNL: unidentified aminophospholipid; PL: unidentified phospholipids

	CNM695-12	<i>Comamonas humi</i> GAU11 <sup>T</sup> (2)	<i>Comamonas serinivorans</i> SP-35 <sup>T</sup> (39)	<i>Ramlibacter tataouinensis</i> TTB310 <sup>T</sup> (53,54)	<i>Schlegelella thermodepolymerans</i> K14 <sup>T</sup> (45)	<i>Aquabacterium commune</i> B8 <sup>T</sup> (40,55)	<i>Rubrivivax gelatinosus</i> DSM 1709 <sup>T</sup> (41)	<i>Leptothrix mobilis</i> Feox-1 <sup>T</sup> (42)	<i>Rhizobacter gummiphilus</i> NS21 <sup>T</sup> (3,48)	<i>Roseateles depolymerans</i> 61A <sup>T</sup> (4,56)	<i>Caldimonas manganoxidans</i> HS <sup>T</sup> (43,57)
<b>Isolation source</b>	Blood	Soil	Wheat straw compost	Meteorite fragment	Activated sludge sample	Drinking water system biofilms	Mud	Sediment of freshwater lake	Soil	River water	Hot spring
<b>Cell shape (size, μm)</b>	Straight rods (0.5-0.8 by 1.4-2.2)	Rods (0.5-0.9 by 0.8-4.2)	Short rods (0.6-0.8 by 0.8-2)	Rods (0.2 by 3) or cyts (0.8 by 0.9)	Rods (0.5-0.6 by 1.0-2.8)	Rods (0.5 by 2-4)	Straight-slightly curved rods (0.4-0.7 by 1-3)	Straight rods (0.6-0.8 by 1.5-12)	Straight rods (0.6-0.7 by 1.2-1.5)	Straight rods (0.5 by 2)	Rods, (0.5-0.7 by 2.2-3.5)
<b>Gram stain</b>	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative
<b>Flagella</b>	-	-	-	-	+: Polar monotrichous	+: Single polar	+: Single polar	+: Single polar	+: Single polar	+: Several polar	+: Single polar
<b>Growth temperature °C (optimum)</b>	20-42 (37)	15-30 (25-30)	20-37 (30)	(30)	45-50 (50)	6-34	25-30	10-37	10-35 (15-30)	5-43 (35)	(50)
<b>Growth pH (optimum)</b>	5-9 (7)	5-10 (6-8)	5-9 (7)	(7.5)	6-9 (7)	6.5-9.5	5-9	6.5-8.5	6-9 (7-8)	5-8 (6.5)	(8-9)
<b>Growth NaCl range (% w/v) (optimum)</b>	0-4 (0-1)	0-3	0-3	ND	ND	0-0.4	<1	ND	≤0.7	ND	0-2
<b>Catalase production</b>	+	+	+	+	+	-	ND	ND	+	-	Weakly +
<b>Oxidase production</b>	-	+	+	+	+	+	ND	+	+	+	+
<b>Relation to O<sub>2</sub></b>	Aerobic	Aerobic	Aerobic	Aerobic	Aerobic	Aerobic	Aerobic, facultatively anaerobic	Aerobic	Facultatively anaerobic	Aerobic	Aerobic
<b>Major fatty acids (&gt;10%)</b>	C <sub>16:0</sub> , SF8, C <sub>18:1</sub> ω9c	SF3, C <sub>16:0</sub> , C <sub>18:1</sub> ω7c	C <sub>16:0</sub> , SF3, C <sub>17:0</sub> cyclo,	SF3, C <sub>16:0</sub> , C <sub>12:0</sub>	C <sub>16:0</sub> , C <sub>17:0</sub> cyclo	SF3, C <sub>16:0</sub>	C <sub>16:0</sub> , C <sub>16:1</sub> ω7c, C <sub>18:1</sub>	C <sub>16:1</sub> ω9c, C <sub>16:0</sub>	SF3, C <sub>16:0</sub> , C <sub>17:0</sub> cyclo, C <sub>18:1</sub> ω7c	C <sub>16:1</sub> ω7c, C <sub>16:0</sub> , C <sub>18:1</sub> ω7c/Rt/9t	C <sub>16:0</sub> , C <sub>16:1</sub> , C <sub>18:1</sub>
<b>Major polar lipids</b>	PG, PE, PNL	DPG, PE, PG	DPG, PE, PG	ND	ND	PE, PG, PS, DPG, PL	ND	ND	DPG, PE, PG	ND	DPG, PE, GL, PL
<b>Major ubiquinone</b>	UQ8	UQ8	UQ8	ND	ND	UQ8	UQ8, MK8	UQ8	UQ8	UQ8	UQ8
<b>G+C DNA content (mol%)*</b>	52.4	68.2	63.1	69.6	70	66	71.9	68	70.8	66.3	62.2

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<b>Genome size (Mb)*</b>	3.35	ND	4.52	4.07	3.83	3.56 †	5.04 †	4.91†	6.40	5.66	3.53

Data for related strains are taken from indicated references.

\* Data from [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome).

†Information not available for type strains. Data from: *Aquabacterium* sp. strain UBA666, *R. gelatinosus* strain IL144 and *L. cholodnii* strain sp-6.

**Table 2.** Differential phenotypic, genomic and genetic characteristics of strain CNM695-12 and type strains of related species belonging to family *Comamonadaceae*. Data for related strains are taken from indicated references. +, Positive; -, Negative; ND, data no available.

	CNM695-12	<i>Comamonas terrigena</i> Hugh 247 <sup>T</sup> (2,58)	<i>Ramlibacter</i> <i>tataouinensis</i> TTB310 <sup>T</sup> (54)
<b>Phenotypic Characteristics</b>			
Oxidase activity	-	+	+
<b>API ZYM:</b>			
Cystine arylamidase	+	-	w
<b>API 20 NE:</b>			
Indole production	-	ND	+
Hydrolysis esculin	-	ND	+
<b>Assimilation:</b>			
Potassium gluconate	-	+	-
Adipic acid	+	+	-
Malate	+	-	-
<b>BIOLOG GN2:</b>			
Tween 40	-	+	-
Succinic Acid Mono-Methyl Ester	-	+	-
$\alpha$ -Hydroxybutyric Acid	-	+	-
$\beta$ -Hydroxybutyric Acid	-	+	+
$\gamma$ -Hydroxybutyric Acid	-	-	+
$\alpha$ -Ketobutyric Acid	+	+	-
$\alpha$ -Ketoglutaric Acid	+	-	-
$\alpha$ -Ketovaleric Acid	-	+	-
D,L-Lactic Acid	-	+	+
Propionic Acid	-	+	+
Sebacic Acid	+	+	-
Succinic Acid	+	-	-
Bromosuccinic Acid	+	-	-
Succinamic Acid	+	-	-
L-Aspartic Acid	+	-	-
L-Glutamic Acid	+	+	-
L-Leucine	-	+	-
L-Proline	+	+	-
L-Pyroglutamic acid	-	+	-
L-Threonine	-	+	-
<b>Genomic and Genetic Characteristics *</b>			
Genome size (Mb)	3.35	4.63	4.07
G+C content (%)	52.4	65.1	69.6
Coding sequences genes	3001	4000	3843
rRNA	3	4	3
tRNA	51	61	43
ANI (%) †	100	69.2	69.2
GGDC (%DDH estimated) ‡	0 (100)	0.2337 (18.2)	0.2030 (21.6)
AAI (%) §	100	54.5	54.6
<b>% Identity with CNM695-12:</b>			
16S rRNA	100	91.1	92.0
gyrA	100	83.3	83.5
gyrB	100	69.0	70.5
parC	100	72.0	73.8
parE	100	77.7	80.3

\*Data from <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/>. NCBI reference sequences: NC\_015677.1 (*R. tataouinensis* TTB310<sup>T</sup>) and NZ\_BCNR00000000.1 (*Comamonas terrigena* Hugh 247<sup>T</sup>)

† ANI values were calculated at <https://www.ezbiocloud.net/tools/ani>

‡ Distances between genomes (GGDC) and DDH estimated were calculated at <http://ggdc.dsmz.de>

§ AAI values were calculated at <http://enve-omics.ce.gatech.edu/>

¶ % identity calculated after multiple alignments of sequences at MAFFT v7 and using MegAlign (DNASTar package 12.3.1).

**Table S1.** Genes used to generate the concatenated amino acid sequences for phylogenetic inference by RAxML of the strain CNM695-12 and related strains within the order *Burkholderiales* (31).

Gene symbol	Description	Accession/domain in TIGRFAM/ Pfam databases	Position in the concatenated amino acid sequence
<i>alaS</i>	Alanyl-tRNA synthetase	TIGR00344	7571-8432
<i>argS</i>	Arginyl- tRNA synthetase	PF00750.15	2037-2566
<i>aspS</i>	Aspartyl- tRNA synthetase	TIGR00459	14893-15483
<i>cgtA</i>	Obg family GTPase CgtA	TIGR02729	33435-33771
<i>coaE</i>	Dephospho-CoA kinase	TIGR00152	5963-6138
<i>cysS</i>	Cysteinyl-tRNA synthetase	TIGR00435	13761-14200
<i>dnaA</i>	Chromosomal replication initiator protein DnaA	TIGR00362	8433-8833
<i>dnaG</i>	DNA primase	TIGR01391	26732-27202
<i>dnaK</i>	Chaperone protein DnaK	TIGR02350	30658-31280
<i>dnaN</i>	DNA polymerase III, beta subunit	TIGR00663	19208-19571
<i>dnaX</i>	DNA polymerase III, gamma and tau subunits	TIGR02397	32666-33125
<i>engA</i>	Ribosome-associated GTPase EngA	TIGR03594	33977-34408
<i>era</i>	GTP-binding protein Era	TIGR00436	14201-14482
<i>ffh</i>	Signal recognition particle protein	TIGR00959	20262-20707
<i>fnt</i>	Methionyl-tRNA formyltransferase	TIGR00460	15484-15772
<i>frf</i>	Ribosome recycling factor	TIGR00496	17721-17906
<i>ftsY</i>	Signal recognition particle-docking protein FtsY	TIGR00064	4308-4613
<i>glyS</i>	Glycyl-tRNA synthetase	TIGR00388	8834-9130
<i>gmK</i>	Guanylate kinase	TIGR03263	33772-33976
<i>grpE</i>	Co-chaperone GrpE	PF01025.15	2567-2709
<i>gyrA</i>	DNA gyrase, subunit A	TIGR01063	24734-25579
<i>gyrB</i>	DNA gyrase, subunit B	TIGR01059	23936-24733
<i>hisS</i>	Histidyl-tRNA synthetase	TIGR00442	14483-14892
<i>ileS</i>	Isoleucyl-tRNA synthetase	TIGR00392	9131-10045
<i>infB</i>	Translation initiation factor IF-2	TIGR00487	16895-17720
<i>infC</i>	Translation initiation factor IF-3	TIGR00168	6489-6643
<i>ksgA</i>	Dimethyladenosine transferase	TIGR00755	19572-19802
<i>lepA</i>	GTP-binding protein LepA	TIGR01393	27203-27804
<i>leuS</i>	leucyl-tRNA synthetase	TIGR00396	10046-10881
<i>ligA</i>	DNA ligase, NAD-dependent	TIGR00575	17907-18539
<i>mmmA</i>	tRNA (5-methylaminomethyl-2-thiouridylate)-methyltransferase	TIGR00420	12508-12845
<i>mraW</i>	MraW methylase family	PF01795.15	2710-3007
<i>nusA</i>	Transcription termination factor NusA	TIGR01953	27948-28435
<i>nusG</i>	Transcription termination/ antitermination factor NusG	TIGR00922	20008-20180
<i>pgk</i>	Phosphoglycerate kinase	PF00162.15	1-397
<i>pheS</i>	Phenylalanyl-tRNA synthase $\alpha$ subunit	TIGR00468	15773-16120
<i>pheT</i>	Phenylalanyl-tRNA synthase $\beta$ subunit	TIGR00472	16121-16894
<i>prfA</i>	Peptide chain release factor 1	TIGR00019	3293-3642
<i>proS</i>	Prolyl-tRNA synthetase	TIGR00409	10882-11458
<i>pyrG</i>	CTP synthetase	TIGR00337	7036-7570
<i>recA</i>	RecA protein	TIGR02012	28436-28768
<i>rfbA</i>	Ribosome-binding factor A	TIGR00082	4614-4728
<i>rnc</i>	Ribonuclease III	TIGR02191	30450-30657
<i>rplA</i>	Ribosomal protein L1	TIGR01169	26227-26457
<i>rplB</i>	Ribosomal protein L2	TIGR01171	26458-26731
<i>rplC</i>	Ribosomal protein L3	PF00297.18	676-889
<i>rplD</i>	Ribosomal protein L4	PF00573.18	1836-2036
<i>rplE</i>	Ribosomal protein L5	PF00281.15	498-675
<i>rplF</i>	Ribosomal protein L6	PF00347.19	890-1066
<i>rplI</i>	Ribosomal protein L9	TIGR00158	6139-6285
<i>rplJ</i>	Ribosomal protein L10	PF00466.16	1666-1835
<i>rplK</i>	Ribosomal protein L11	TIGR01632	27805-27947
<i>rplL</i>	Ribosomal protein L7/L12	TIGR00855	19883-20007
<i>rplM</i>	Ribosomal protein L13	TIGR01066	25580-25721
<i>rplN</i>	Ribosomal protein L14	TIGR01067	25722-25843
<i>rplO</i>	Ribosomal protein L15	TIGR01071	25844-25986
<i>rplP</i>	Ribosomal protein L16	TIGR01164	26090-26226
<i>rplQ</i>	Ribosomal protein L17	TIGR00059	3876-4004

<i>rplR</i>	Ribosomal protein L18	TIGR00060	4005-4122
<i>rplS</i>	Ribosomal protein L19	TIGR01024	23139-23254
<i>rplT</i>	Ribosomal protein L20	TIGR01032	23515-23632
<i>rplU</i>	Ribosomal protein L21	TIGR00061	4123-4223
<i>rplV</i>	Ribosomal protein L22	TIGR01044	23633-23741
<i>rplW</i>	Ribosomal protein L23	PF00276.16	398-497
<i>rplX</i>	Ribosomal protein L24	TIGR01079	25987-26089
<i>rpmA</i>	Ribosomal protein L27	TIGR00062	4224-4307
<i>rpmB</i>	Ribosomal protein L28	TIGR00009	3153-3228
<i>rpmC</i>	Ribosomal protein L29	TIGR00012	3229-3292
<i>rpmF</i>	Ribosomal protein L32	TIGR01031	23455-23514
<i>rpmH</i>	Ribosomal protein L34	TIGR01030	23411-23454
<i>rpmI</i>	Ribosomal protein L35	TIGR00001	3008-3074
<i>rpoA</i>	DNA-directed RNA polymerase, $\alpha$ subunit	TIGR02027	30133-30449
<i>rpoB</i>	DNA-directed RNA polymerase, $\beta$ subunit	TIGR02013	28769-30132
<i>rpoC</i>	DNA-directed RNA polymerase, $\beta'$ subunit	TIGR02386	31281-32665
<i>rpsB</i>	Ribosomal protein S2	TIGR01011	22514-22760
<i>rpsC</i>	Ribosomal protein S3	TIGR01009	22281-22513
<i>rpsD</i>	Ribosomal protein S4	TIGR01017	22761-22967
<i>rpsE</i>	Ribosomal protein S5	TIGR01021	22968-23138
<i>rpsF</i>	Ribosomal protein S6	TIGR00166	6372-6488
<i>rpsG</i>	Ribosomal protein S7	TIGR01029	23255-23410
<i>rpsH</i>	Ribosomal protein S8	PF00410.15	1280-1410
<i>rpsI</i>	Ribosomal protein S9	PF00380.15	1150-1279
<i>rpsJ</i>	Ribosomal protein S10	TIGR01049	23742-23844
<i>rpsK</i>	Ribosomal protein S11	PF00411.15	1411-1544
<i>rpsL</i>	Ribosomal protein S12	TIGR00981	22157-22280
<i>rpsM</i>	Ribosomal protein S13	PF00416.18	1545-1665
<i>rpsO</i>	Ribosomal protein S15	TIGR00952	20181-20261
<i>rpsP</i>	Ribosomal protein S16	TIGR00002	3075-3152
<i>rpsQ</i>	Ribosomal protein S17	PF00366.16	1067-1149
<i>rpsR</i>	Ribosomal protein S18	TIGR00165	6286-6371
<i>rpsS</i>	Ribosomal protein S19	TIGR01050	23845-23935
<i>rpsT</i>	Ribosomal protein S20	TIGR00029	3643-3739
<i>secA</i>	Preprotein translocase, SecA subunit	TIGR00963	20708-21602
<i>secE</i>	Preprotein translocase, SecE subunit	TIGR00964	21603-21722
<i>secG</i>	Preprotein translocase, SecG subunit	TIGR00810	19803-19882
<i>secY</i>	Preprotein translocase, SecY subunit	TIGR00967	21723-22156
<i>serS</i>	Seryl-tRNA synthetase	TIGR00414	11459-11880
<i>smpB</i>	SmpB protein	TIGR00086	4729-4873
<i>thrS</i>	Threonyl-tRNA synthetase	TIGR00418	11881-12507
<i>tig</i>	Trigger factor	TIGR00115	5238-5669
<i>tilS</i>	tRNA(Ile)-lysine synthetase	TIGR02432	33126-33434
<i>tsf</i>	Translation elongation factor Ts	TIGR00116	5670-5962
<i>tyrS</i>	Tyrosyl-tRNA synthetase	TIGR00234	6644-7035
<i>uvrB</i>	Excinuclease ABC, B subunit	TIGR00631	18540-19207
<i>valS</i>	Valyl-tRNA synthetase	TIGR00422	12846-13760
<i>ybeY</i>	Conserved hypothetical protein YbeY	TIGR00043	3740-3875
<i>ychF</i>	GTP-binding protein YchF	TIGR00092	4874-5237

**Table S2.** Number of genes assigned to each molecular function defined in the KEGG Orthology (KO) for strain CNM695-12 and related species *Comamonas terrigena* Hugh 247<sup>T</sup> and *Schlegelella thermodepolymerans* K14<sup>T</sup>. In brackets, percentage of genes assigned, based on total number of coding-protein sequences.

Categories	Subcategories	CNM695-12	<i>C. terrigena</i>	<i>S. thermodepolymerans</i>
<b>Metabolism</b>	Carbohydrate metabolism	182 (6.1%)	222 (5.6%)	241 (6.6%)
	Energy metabolism	134 (4.5%)	155 (3.9%)	149 (4.2%)
	Lipid metabolism	49 (1.6%)	62 (1.6%)	60 (1.7%)
	Nucleotide metabolism	59 (2%)	75 (1.9%)	71 (2%)
	Amino acid metabolism	181 (6%)	231 (5.8%)	229 (6.5%)
	Metabolism of other aminoacid	36 (1.2%)	49 (1.2%)	50 (1.4%)
	Glycan biosynthesis and metabolism	37 (1.2%)	32 (0.8%)	36 (1.02%)
	Metabolism of cofactors and vitamins	105 (3.5%)	136 (3.4%)	128 (3.6%)
	Metabolism of terpenoids and polyketides	26 (0.9%)	16 (0.4%)	35 (1%)
	Biosynthesis of other secondary metabolites	31 (1%)	31 (0.8%)	37 (1.1%)
	Xenobiotics biodegradation and metabolism	39 (1.3%)	56 (1.4%)	119 (3.4%)
<b>Genetic information processing</b>	Transcription	5 (0.2%)	5 (0.1%)	4 (0.1%)
	Translation	82 (2.7%)	83 (2.1%)	83 (2.4%)
	Folding, sorting and degradation	39 (1.3%)	41 (1%)	41 (1.2%)
	Replication and repair	70 (2.3%)	69 (1.7%)	73 (2.1%)
<b>Environmental information processing</b>	Membrane transport	86 (2.9%)	95 (2.4%)	122 (3.5%)
	Signal transduction	71 (2.4%)	96 (2.4%)	95 (2.7%)
<b>Cellular processes</b>	Transport and catabolism	6 (0.2%)	7 (0.2%)	7 (0.2%)
	Cell growth and death	19 (0.6%)	24 (0.6%)	24 (0.7%)
	Cellular community eukaryotes	1 (-)	-	-
	Cellular community prokaryotes	63 (2.1%)	73 (1.8%)	106 (3%)
	Cell motility	2 (0.1%)	51 (1.3%)	48 (1.4%)
<b>Organismal System</b>		32 (1.1%)	53 (1.3%)	54 (1.5%)
<b>Human diseases</b>	Infectious diseases: bacterial	15 (0.5%)	17 (0.4%)	14(0.4%)
	Other diseases	25 (0.8%)	64 (1.6%)	63 (1.8%)
	Drug resistance: antimicrobial	25 (0.8%)	24 (0.6%)	24 (0.7%)
	Drug resistance: antineoplastic	7 (0.2%)	8 (0.2%)	8 (0.2%)
<b>Not included in other categories and uncharacterized proteins</b>		142 (4.7%)	385 (9.6%)	120 (3.4%)
<b>Number of coding sequences</b>		3001	4000	3514
<b>Percentage number KO assigned</b>		52.3% (1569)	54% (2160)	58.1% (2041)

**Table S3.** Alignments of those positions with changes from QRDRs of GyrA, GyrB, ParC and ParE from CNM695-12, *Escherichia coli* K12, *Comamonas terrigena* Hugh 247<sup>T</sup>, *Ramlibacter tataouinensis* TTB310<sup>T</sup> and *Burkholderia cepacia* Ballard 717<sup>T</sup>. Numeration is according to *E. coli* sequences.

GyrA (QRDR: from 67 to 106aa)											GyrB (QRDR: from 426 to 464aa)							
Positions	69	74	83 <sup>1</sup>	84	85	89	92	98	100	103	437	440	447 <sup>1</sup>	450	458	459	461	463
<i>E. coli</i>	V	I	S	A	V	I	M	L	Y	V	N	N	K	I	F	D	M	S
CNM695-12	I	M	V	*	I	V	*	*	H	I	D	F	R	*	Y	E	L	*
<i>C. terrigena</i>	I	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	H	*	D	F	R	*	A	E	L	*
<i>R. tataouinensis</i>	I	*	Q	S	*	*	L	M	H	*	D	F	R	*	Y	E	L	T
<i>B. cepacia</i>	I	*	T	*	*	*	*	*	*	I	D	F	R	V	Y	*	L	*

  

ParC (QRDR: from 64-103aa)													
Positions	73	74	80 <sup>1</sup>	81	82	84 <sup>1</sup>	86	88	89	92	94	95	100
<i>E. coli</i>	K	Y	S	A	C	E	M	L	M	P	S	Y	V
CNM695-12	R	F	Q	*	A	D	L	R	*	D	*	Q	*
<i>C. terrigena</i>	R	F	Q	S	A	D	L	R	*	D	N	Q	*
<i>R. tataouinensis</i>	R	F	Q	*	A	D	L	R	*	D	*	Q	I
<i>B. cepacia</i>	*	*	Q	S	A	D	L	R	L	D	*	L	I

  

ParE (QRDR: from 420 to 458)																		
Positions	428	429	431	432	434	437	438	441 <sup>1</sup>	444	447	450	451	452	454	455	456	457	458
<i>E. coli</i>	Q	A	D	R	Y	I	M	K	I	T	V	S	S	E	V	L	A	S
CNM695-12	M	G	N	K	*	V	L	R	*	A	*	E	Q	R	L	F	G	N
<i>C. terrigena</i>	M	G	*	K	T	V	L	R	V	*	*	D	R	R	L	F	*	N
<i>R. tataouinensis</i>	M	G	*	K	C	V	L	R	V	*	*	E	R	R	L	F	*	N
<i>B. cepacia</i>	M	G	*	K	*	*	L	R	V	*	T	E	R	R	L	F	*	N

<sup>1</sup> Marked positions have been described as being involved in major changes that increase resistance to quinolones.

## Figure legends

**Fig. 1.** Neighbour-joining phylogenetic tree based on 16S rRNA gene sequences (1393 alignment positions) showing relationships between strain CNM695-12 and closely related taxa within the order *Burkholderiales*. Filled circles indicate those nodes that were also recovered using maximum-parsimony and maximum-likelihood methods, whereas open circles indicate nodes also recovered using the maximum-likelihood algorithm. Bootstrap values  $\geq 70\%$  (expressed as percentages of 1000 replications) are shown above (NJ) and/or below nodes (MP). *Aquaspirillum serpens* DSM 68<sup>T</sup> was used as an outgroup. Bar, 0.02 substitutions per nucleotide position. GenBank accession numbers or NCBI reference sequences are given in brackets.

**Fig. 2.** RAxML phylogenetic tree inferred from the concatenated amino acid sequences of 107 proteins (Table S1 shows encode genes) and involving CNM695-12 and 19 related strains within order *Burkholderiales*. Node labels indicate bootstrap confidence levels (values  $\geq 70\%$  are shown). *Aquaspirillum serpens* DSM 68<sup>T</sup> was used as an outgroup. Bar, 0.05 substitutions per amino acid position. NCBI reference sequences are given in brackets.

**Fig. S1** Mass spectrum of strain CNM695-12 obtained by using the VITEK MS automated mass spectrometry system (bioMérieux). The horizontal axis shows mass/charge ratio (Da) and the vertical axis shows the relative intensities of ions (%). Peaks  $>12,500$  Da are not shown due to their low intensity.

**Fig. S2.** Transmission electron micrographs of cells of strain CNM695-12 non-stained (a) and negatively stained with 2% phosphotungstic acid (b) showing overall morphology and pili-like structures. Ultrathin sections of cells of strain CNM695-12 stained with 2% phosphotungstic acid (c).

**Fig. S3.** Chromatogram of polar lipids from strain CNM695-12 obtained by thin layer chromatography.

**Fig. S4.** Neighbour-joining phylogenetic tree based on 16S rRNA gene sequences (1397 alignment positions) showing relationships between CNM695-12 and type strains of type genera within order *Burkholderiales*. Bootstrap values  $\geq 70\%$  (expressed as percentages of 1000 replications) are shown. Bar, 0.01 substitutions per nucleotide

position. GenBank accession numbers or NCBI reference sequences are given in brackets.