

1   **Transfer of *Pantoea citrea*, *Pantoea punctata* and *Pantoea terrea* to the genus**  
2   ***Tatumella* emend. as *Tatumella citrea* comb. nov., *Tatumella punctata* comb. nov.,**  
3   **and *Tatumella terrea* comb. nov. (Kageyama *et al.*, 1992) and description of**  
4   ***Tatumella morbirosei* sp. nov.**

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23   for *Tatumella ptyseos* LMG 7888<sup>T</sup>, *Tatumella punctata* LMG 22050<sup>T</sup>, *Tatumella*  
24   *terrea* LMG 22051<sup>T</sup>, *Tatumella citrea* LMG 22049<sup>T</sup> and *Tatumella morbirosei* LMG

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26 FJ617235, respectively.

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## 28 **Summary**

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30 *Pantoea citrea*, *Pantoea punctata* and *Pantoea terrea* were described for strains  
31 isolated from fruit and soil originating in Japan. These three “Japanese” species have  
32 been shown to be phylogenetically distant from the remaining species of the genus  
33 *Pantoea*. It has previously been observed using multilocus sequence analysis (MLSA)  
34 that the “Japanese” species consistently form a distinct clade with an extended branch  
35 length, casting doubt on the inclusion of these species within the genus *Pantoea*.  
36 Furthermore, the “Japanese” species are closely related to *Tatumella ptyseos*, strains  
37 of which originate from human clinical specimens. DNA-DNA hybridization and  
38 phenotypic tests confirmed the observed phylogenetic distance of *P. citrea*,  
39 *P. punctata* and *P. terrea* from the genus *Pantoea* and the affiliation of these species  
40 with *Tatumella*. In addition, strains causing pink disease of pineapple, previously  
41 identified as *P. citrea*, were shown to belong to a separate species by 16S rRNA gene  
42 sequence analysis, MLSA and DNA-DNA hybridization data. The name *Tatumella*  
43 *morbirosei* sp. nov. with the type strain as LMG 23360<sup>T</sup> (= BD 878<sup>T</sup> = NCPPB 4036<sup>T</sup>  
44 = CMC6<sup>T</sup>) is proposed for these strains. The new combinations *Tatumella citrea*  
45 (Kageyama *et al.* 1992) comb. nov. with the type strain LMG 22049<sup>T</sup> (= BD 875<sup>T</sup> =  
46 ATCC 31623<sup>T</sup> = SHS 2003<sup>T</sup>), *Tatumella punctata* (Kageyama *et al.* 1992) comb. nov.  
47 with the type strain LMG 22050<sup>T</sup> (= BD 876<sup>T</sup> = ATCC 31626<sup>T</sup> = SHS 2006<sup>T</sup>) and  
48 *Tatumella terrea* (Kageyama *et al.* 1992) comb. nov. with the type strain LMG

49 22051<sup>T</sup> (= BD 877<sup>T</sup> = ATCC 31628<sup>T</sup> = SHS 2008<sup>T</sup>) are proposed for *P. citrea*, *P.*  
50 *punctata* and *P. terrea*, respectively.

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## 52 **Introduction**

53 Following the proposal of the novel genus *Pantoea* in 1989 (Gavini *et al.*, 1989), but  
54 preceding the transfer of *Erwinia ananas* and *Erwinia stewartii* to *Pantoea* (Mergaert  
55 *et al.*, 1993), three novel *Pantoea* species that produce 2,5-diketo-D-gluconic acid  
56 (DKGA) from D-glucose were described from fruit and soil samples in Japan  
57 (Kageyama *et al.*, 1992). *Pantoea citrea*, *Pantoea punctata* and *Pantoea terrea* were  
58 included in the genus *Pantoea* based on general phenotypic data and DNA-DNA  
59 hybridization values, despite the inability of the original *Pantoea* species to produce  
60 DKGA. Until recently, no phylogenetic study had been performed on all validly  
61 published *Pantoea* species, giving no reason to doubt the inclusion of *P. citrea*,  
62 *P. punctata* and *P. terrea* in the genus *Pantoea*. However, the most recent edition of  
63 Bergey's Manual of Systematic Bacteriology (Grimont & Grimont, 2005) states that  
64 more taxonomic work is required to justify the assignment of these three species to  
65 the genus *Pantoea*. A recent phylogenetic study of the *Enterobacteriaceae* revealed  
66 an *atpD* sequence indel which is specific to *Pantoea* and *Tatumella* (Paradis *et al.*,  
67 2005), indicating a close phylogenetic relationship between these two genera. This  
68 was in agreement with the initial suggestion of P. Grimont that the "Japanese" species  
69 may be more similar to *Tatumella ptyseos* than *Pantoea* in their nutritional patterns  
70 (Kageyama *et al.*, 1992). The single species genus *Tatumella* was created for clinical  
71 strains isolated in North and South America between 1960 and 1980 (Hollis *et al.*,  
72 1981). A MLSA scheme based on *gyrB*, *rpoB*, *atpD*, and *infB* genes was recently  
73 performed on 102 *Pantoea* strains including the "Japanese" species and *Tatumella*

74 *ptyseos* (Brady *et al.*, 2008). A concatenated tree constructed from the sequences of  
75 the four genes was found to be the most robust approach for revealing phylogenetic  
76 relationships amongst *Pantoea* strains. The MLSA study indicated a clear  
77 phylogenetic divergence between *P. citrea*, *P. punctata* and *P. terrea* and the  
78 remaining *Pantoea* species, and confirmed *Tatumella ptyseos* as a close phylogenetic  
79 relative of the “Japanese” species. It was concluded that the “Japanese” species  
80 should be transferred to the genus *Tatumella*. A similar study based on multilocus  
81 typing of *Pantoea* species using six protein-coding genes, was in agreement regarding  
82 the taxonomic position of the “Japanese” species and also suggested the  
83 reclassification of these three species as *Tatumella* (Delétoile *et al.*, 2008).

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#### 85 **Isolation of strains**

86 Strains used in this study were obtained from the BCCM/LMG Bacteria Collection  
87 (<http://www.belspo.be/bccm>) and the Centres for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia,  
88 U.S.A., and are listed in Table 1. An alkali extraction method (Niemann *et al.*, 1997)  
89 was used to isolate genomic DNA from the strains which was stored at -20 °C.

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#### 91 **16S rRNA gene sequencing**

92 The almost complete 16S rRNA gene was sequenced for the type strains of *P. citrea*  
93 (LMG 22049<sup>T</sup>), *P. punctata* (LMG 22050<sup>T</sup>) and *P. terrea* (LMG 22051<sup>T</sup>), and  
94 additional *P. citrea* strains (LMG 23359 and LMG 23360), which were found to cause  
95 pink disease of pineapple (Cha *et al.*, 1997), using the primers and conditions  
96 determined by Coenye *et al.* (1999). The sequences were aligned using ClustalX  
97 (Thompson *et al.*, 1997) and the overhangs were trimmed. The Modeltest 3.7  
98 programme (Posada & Crandall, 1998) was then applied to determine the best-fit

99 evolutionary model. Maximum likelihood and neighbour joining analyses were  
100 performed using Phylml (Guindon & Gascuel, 2003) and PAUP 4.0b10 (Swofford,  
101 2000) respectively, by applying the models and parameters determined by Modeltest  
102 (only Maximum likelihood phylogenetic trees are shown). Bootstrap analysis with  
103 1000 replicates was performed to assess the support for these clusters.

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105 In the 16S rRNA gene sequence tree (Fig. 1) the genus *Pantoea* is phylogenetically  
106 split, although this is not unusual as *Pantoea* has been shown to be polyphyletic  
107 (Brady *et al.*, 2008). The majority of the *Pantoea* “core” species are contained in a  
108 cluster supported by high bootstrap support, whilst *P. dispersa* and a *Pantoea* species  
109 from Brenner DNA group IV cluster amongst *Erwinia* species. The “Japanese”  
110 species are situated in a distinctly separate clade with a different branch point, also  
111 with high bootstrap support. These findings support those of Grimont & Grimont  
112 (2005), based on 16S rRNA gene and *rpoB* sequence comparisons that the “Japanese”  
113 species cluster at a lower level to the *Pantoea* “core” clade. Interestingly, LMG 7888<sup>T</sup>  
114 the type strain of *Tatumella ptyseos* clusters closely with the type strain of *Pantoea*  
115 *terrea*, within the “Japanese” species clade prompting further examination of the  
116 relationship of the “Japanese” species with *T. ptyseos*. The additional *P. citrea* strains  
117 LMG 23359 and LMG 23360, which cause pink disease of pineapple, do not cluster  
118 with the type strain of this species (LMG 22049<sup>T</sup>), but are found on a separate branch  
119 suggesting these strains do not belong to *P. citrea*. The 16S rRNA gene sequence  
120 similarity of LMG 23360 was greater than 98 % to the type strains of *P. punctata*,  
121 *P. citrea*, *Pantoea* sp. (Brenner DNA group II) and *T. ptyseos*.

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124 ***gyrB*, *rpoB*, *atpD*, and *infB* gene sequencing**

125 MLSA was performed on all strains, as previously described (Brady *et al.*, 2008), to  
126 provide further support for the removal of the “Japanese” species from *Pantoea*.  
127 Sequence analysis and tree construction was performed as described above. Several  
128 *Erwinia* species were included in the MLSA study and housekeeping gene sequences  
129 for *Erwinia tasmaniensis*, *Escherichia coli*, *Shigella dysenteriae*, *Klebsiella*  
130 *pneumoniae*, *Citrobacter rodentium*, *Citrobacter koseri* and *Cronobacter sakazakii*  
131 were obtained from genome sequencing databases (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>,  
132 <http://www.sanger.ac.uk>, <http://asap.ahabs.wisc.edu/asap>). In Fig. 2, a MLSA  
133 phylogenetic tree based on the concatenated sequences of *gyrB*, *rpoB*, *atpD* and *infB*  
134 genes, *Pantoea* strains form a monophyletic cluster within the *Enterobacteriaceae*.  
135 This cluster contains two sub lineages which are supported by high bootstrap values  
136 of 100 %. The first sub lineage contains the *Pantoea* “core” species including  
137 Brenner DNA groups II, IV and V. The second sub lineage consists of the “Japanese”  
138 species and the type strain of *T. ptyseos*. The type strain of *T. ptyseos* clusters closely  
139 with *P. terrea* strains, specifically with LMG 23565 and its duplicate CCUG 30163.  
140 This result indicates that LMG 23565 (= CCUG 30163) was erroneously classified  
141 and in fact belongs to *T. ptyseos*. LMG 23359 and LMG 23360, two supposed  
142 *P. citrea* strains causing pink disease of pineapple referred to as MLSA group J  
143 (Brady *et al.*, 2008) , group with LMG 22049<sup>T</sup>, the type strain of *P. citrea* but are  
144 situated on a separate branch with a long branch length. This supports the probability  
145 that these two strains do not belong to *P. citrea*, but to a novel species. All species  
146 clusters within both sub lineages of *Pantoea* are supported with 100 % bootstrap  
147 values. All four housekeeping- and 16S rRNA-gene sequences were examined for  
148 heterogenous nucleotides which could be used as signature nucleotide positions to

149 differentiate between *Tatumella* and *Pantoea*. Eight signature nucleotides were  
150 identified in the 16S rRNA gene sequences which differ between *Tatumella* and  
151 *Pantoea*. The gene sequences of *atpD* revealed the most heterogeneity with 23  
152 signature nucleotides which are conserved in *Tatumella* species and differ from all  
153 *Pantoea* species. The signature nucleotides for the 16S rRNA- and *atpD*-genes are  
154 listed in Supplementary Table S1, available on IJSEM online. The *E. coli* numbering  
155 positions are used to designate the nucleotide positions (Brosius *et al.*, 1978,  
156 <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>).

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#### 158 **DNA-DNA hybridizations**

159 High quality DNA for DNA-DNA hybridization of strains was prepared by the  
160 method of Wilson (1987), with minor modifications (Cleenwerck *et al.*, 2002). DNA-  
161 DNA hybridizations were performed using the microplate method (Ezaki *et al.*, 1989)  
162 with some modifications (Cleenwerck *et al.*, 2002). The hybridization temperature  
163 was  $45\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , reciprocal reactions (A x B and B x A) were performed for every  
164 DNA pair from all strains and their variation was within the limits of this method  
165 (Goris *et al.*, 1998). The values presented are based on a minimum of four replicates.  
166 Representative strains from each “Japanese” *Pantoea* species were selected for  
167 hybridization based on the 16S rRNA gene sequence- and MLSA- phylogenetic trees.  
168 The type strains of the “Japanese” species were hybridized amongst each other, and  
169 with the type strain of *Tatumella ptyseos*, their closest phylogenetic neighbour, as well  
170 as with the type strains of *P. agglomerans*, *P. ananatis*, *P. vagans*, *P. stewartii* ssp.  
171 *stewartii* and *P. dispersa*. A summary of the hybridization results is presented in  
172 Table 2. The DNA relatedness between the type strains of *P. citrea* LMG 22049<sup>T</sup>,  
173 *P. punctata* LMG 22050<sup>T</sup> and *P. terreus* LMG 22051<sup>T</sup> ranges from 13 to 21 %, which

174 is considerably lower than the 28-43 % reported by Kageyama *et al.* (1992) and could  
175 be due to different hybridization methods used. LMG 23359 and LMG 23360, the  
176 strains which can cause pink disease of pineapple (Cha *et al.*, 1997) shared 96 %  
177 DNA relatedness when hybridized against each other, whilst LMG 23360 displayed  
178 only 42 % DNA similarity with the type strain of *P. citrea* LMG 22049<sup>T</sup>. These  
179 results together with the 16S rRNA gene sequence- and MLSA-data prove that LMG  
180 23360 and LMG 23359 do not belong to *P. citrea*.

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182 *Pantoea citrea* LMG 22049<sup>T</sup> and *P. punctata* LMG 22050<sup>T</sup> displayed 14 and 21 %  
183 DNA relatedness when hybridized to *T. ptyseos* LMG 7888<sup>T</sup>, respectively. In contrast,  
184 the *T. ptyseos* type strain shared 66 % DNA relatedness with *P. terrea* LMG 22051<sup>T</sup>,  
185 and 87 % with LMG 23565, originally considered to be *P. terrea*. LMG 23565  
186 demonstrated only 55 % DNA similarity, when hybridized to *P. terrea* LMG 22051<sup>T</sup>.  
187 These results are in favour of the reclassification of LMG 23565 (= CCUG 30163) as  
188 *T. ptyseos* and confirm the close phylogenetic relationship between *P. terrea* and  
189 *T. ptyseos*, observed in both the 16S rRNA gene sequence- and MLSA- phylogenetic  
190 trees (Figs. 1 & 2). The DNA relatedness between the type strains of the “Japanese”  
191 *Pantoea* species and the type strains of *P. agglomerans*, *P. ananatis*, *P. vagans*,  
192 *P. stewartii* and *P. dispersa* was below 10 %. These low hybridization values are  
193 also reflected in the phylogenetic distance between the “Japanese” species and the  
194 *Pantoea* “core” species in both Figures 1 and 2.

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#### 196 **G + C content**

197 The mole % G + C content of the type strains, determined by HPLC (Mesbah *et al.*,  
198 1989), are as follows: *Pantoea citrea* (LMG 22049<sup>T</sup>) = 49.8 mol %; MLSA group J

199 (LMG 23360<sup>T</sup>) = 50.2 mol %; *Pantoea punctata* (LMG 22050<sup>T</sup>, LMG 22098) = 50.7  
200 mol %, *Pantoea terrea* (LMG 22051<sup>T</sup>, LMG 23564) = 52.6-52.8 mol % and  
201 *Tatumella ptyseos* (LMG 7888T, LMG 23565) = 51.7-52.1 mol %.

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### 203 **Phenotypic assays**

204 Differences between the *Pantoea* “core” species and the “Japanese” species have been  
205 previously noted, not only phylogenetically but also phenotypically (Grimont &  
206 Grimont, 2005, Delétoile *et al.*, 2008). API 20 E, API 50 CHB/E, Biotype 100  
207 (bioMérieux) and GN2 MicroPlate (Biolog) tests were performed on all *Tatumella*  
208 and *Pantoea* strains used in this study, to verify that the phenotypic data agrees with  
209 those available in literature. Cell suspensions were prepared from strains grown on  
210 tryptic soy agar for 12 hours. All phenotypic test strips and plates were incubated for  
211 24-48 hours at 28 °C, except the Biotype 100 strips which were incubated for up to  
212 six days. Scoring was performed according to the manufacturer’s instructions.  
213 Phenylalanine deaminase activity was determined by adding 10 % aqueous FeCl<sub>3</sub> to  
214 24 hour cultures grown on (D)-phenylalanine agar (Merck). The development of a  
215 green colour indicated a positive reaction. A high correlation was observed between  
216 the phenotypic results generated in this study, the phenotypic data presented in  
217 Bergey’s Manual of Systematic Bacteriology (Grimont & Grimont, 2005) and the  
218 original species descriptions of *P. citrea*, *P. punctata*, *P. terrea* (Kageyama *et al.*,  
219 1992) and *Tatumella ptyseos* (Hollis *et al.*, 1981). *T. ptyseos* and the “Japanese”  
220 species can be distinguished from the genus *Pantoea* by a positive reaction for  
221 arginine dihydrolase (except *P. terrea* and *T. ptyseos*) and 2-ketogluconate  
222 dehydrogenase, their inability to produce acid from arbutin, *myo*-inositol and L-  
223 rhamnose and their inability to utilize D-galacturonic acid, D-gluconic acid, *myo*-

224 inositol,  $\beta$ -methyl-D-glucoside, L-rhamnose, D-saccharic acid and *meso*-tartrate  
225 (except *T. ptyseos*). A summary of the most useful phenotypic and biochemical  
226 characteristics for differentiating *T. ptyseos* and the “Japanese” species from *Pantoea*  
227 species is presented in Table 3. Table 3 was assembled using data generated in this  
228 study (except for DKGA), of which the majority agrees with that previously  
229 published.

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231 A summary of biochemical and phenotypic characteristics which can differentiate  
232 between *T. ptyseos*, the “Japanese” species and the pink disease-causing strains LMG  
233 23360 and LMG 23359 is listed in Table 4. The strains causing pink disease of  
234 pineapple can be differentiated from *P. citrea* by a positive phenylalanine deaminase  
235 reaction, acid production from amidon, their ability to utilise adonitol and trigonelline,  
236 and their inability to utilize gentiobiose and lactulose. *P. terrea* can be differentiated  
237 from *T. ptyseos*, its closest phylogenetic neighbour, by negative phenylalanine  
238 deaminase reaction, the ability to utilize formic acid and pyruvic acid methyl ester,  
239 and the inability to utilize quinic acid and L-tartrate.

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241 A selection of 50 phenotypic characteristics was used to construct a UPGMA  
242 dendrogram (Fig. 3) in PAUP 4.0b10 (Swofford, 2000). The dendrogram shows a  
243 clear distinction of *T. ptyseos* and the “Japanese” species from the *Pantoea* “core”  
244 species, lending further support for the re-classification of these three species in the  
245 genus *Tatumella*, and the description of a novel species for the strains causing pink  
246 disease of pineapple.

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249 **Conclusions**

250 The many previous re-arrangements seen in the “*Erwinia herbicola-Enterobacter*  
251 *agglomerans* complex” were, for the most part, based on DNA-DNA hybridization  
252 data, biochemical characterization and protein-profiling. When *P. citrea*, *P. punctata*  
253 and *P. terrea* were described as belonging to the genus *Pantoea*, molecular techniques  
254 such as 16S rRNA gene sequencing and MLSA were not readily accessible. With  
255 rapid gene sequencing now a reality, it is possible to observe true phylogenetic  
256 relationships and to resolve evident taxonomic issues.

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258 The 16S rRNA gene- and MLSA-trees show a clear division of the *Pantoea* “core”  
259 species from the “Japanese” species and *T. tyseos*. Furthermore, MLSA group J  
260 (strains causing pink disease of pineapple) was shown to cluster independently from  
261 the type strain of *P. citrea* in both phylogenetic trees. These results were supported  
262 equally by DNA-DNA hybridization values, which share a high correlation with  
263 MLSA data (Brady *et al.*, 2008), and phenotypic data. Although the genus *Tatumella*  
264 is reported to have few distinguishing phenotypic properties (Farmer, 2005), a number  
265 of biochemical characteristics were identified which are shared by the “Japanese”  
266 species and which can be used to differentiate these species from *Pantoea* (see Table  
267 3).

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269 An important characteristic distinguishing *P. citrea*, *P. punctata*, *P. terrea*, *T. tyseos*  
270 and MLSA group J from *Pantoea* species is their ability to produce 2-ketogluconate  
271 dehydrogenase which oxidizes 2-ketogluconate to DKGA. The production of DKGA  
272 is responsible for the discolouration of fruit tissue typical of pink disease of pineapple  
273 (Pujol & Kado, 2000), and therefore plays an important role in disease expression.

274 Noticeably, not one *Pantoea* “core” species has this ability (Bouvet *et al.*, 1989).  
275 Several objections for not including the “Japanese” species in the genus *Tatumella*  
276 were stated in the original description, despite a personal communication from P.  
277 Grimont suggesting that the “Japanese” species were phenotypically similar to  
278 *Tatumella* (cited by Kageyama *et al.*, 1992). These included acid production from D-  
279 xylose and L-arabinose, arginine dihydrolase and phenylalanine deaminase activity,  
280 methyl red and Voges-Proskauer reaction, esculin hydrolase activity, citrate utilization  
281 and lower G + C content. However, closer examination of all available data revealed  
282 that all taxa are positive for acid production from D-xylose and L-arabinose, methyl  
283 red and Voges-Proskauer reactions and citrate utilization. *T. ptyseos* and *P. terrea* are  
284 both negative for arginine dihydrolase activity, whilst *P. citrea* and *P. punctata* are  
285 both positive. The G + C content of *T. ptyseos* is 53-54 mol % which is slightly higher  
286 compared to the “Japanese” species which ranges from 49.7 to 51.9 mol %. However,  
287 the G + C contents of *Pantoea* “core” species range from 53 to 61 mol %, which is  
288 considerably higher. Therefore the current data, both phylogenetic and phenotypic,  
289 supports the transfer of the “Japanese” species from the genus *Pantoea* to the genus  
290 *Tatumella*.

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292 We propose to transfer *P. citrea*, *P. punctata* and *P. terrea* to the genus *Tatumella* as  
293 *Tatumella citrea* comb. nov., *Tatumella punctata* comb. nov. and *Tatumella terrea*  
294 comb. nov. We further propose *Tatumella morbirosei* sp. nov. for strains LMG 23359  
295 and LMG 23360, the causal agent of pink disease of pineapple.

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299 **Emended description of the genus *Tatumella* Hollis, Hickman & Fanning, 1982**

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301 (Ta.tum.el'la. M.L. dim. Neut. *-ella* ending; M.L. fem. n. *Tatumella* named to honour  
302 Harvey Tatum, an American bacteriologist who made many contributions to our  
303 understanding of the classification and identification of fermentative and  
304 nonfermentative bacteria of medical importance.) The description below is based on  
305 the data of Hollis *et al.* (1981), Kageyama *et al.* (1992) and this paper.

306 Gram-negative, non-capsulated, non-sporeforming small rods that are 0.6-1.2 x 0.9-  
307 3.0  $\mu\text{m}$  in size. Cells are motile by means of polar, subpolar or lateral flagella or non-  
308 motile at 36 °C. Facultatively anaerobic, fermentative, catalase positive (weak and  
309 slow), oxidase negative. Non-pigmented, or pale beige to pale orange. Glucose  
310 dehydrogenase, gluconate dehydrogenase and 2-ketogluconate dehydrogenase are  
311 produced. Reduce nitrate to nitrite. Indole, urease and gelatin tests are negative.  
312 Positive for Voges-Proskauer (Coblentz), methyl red and citrate (Simmons);  
313 phenylalanine, arginine dihydrolase and ONPG tests are variable. Negative for H<sub>2</sub>S  
314 (TSI), lysine decarboxylase, ornithine decarboxylase, tryptophan deaminase, KCN  
315 test, lipase and DNase. Acid is produced from L-arabinose, D-galactose, D-glucose,  
316 glycerol, D-mannitol, D-mannose, melibiose, D-ribose, D-trehalose and D-xylose  
317 (variable reaction for *T. morbirosei*), but not from amygdalin, dulcitol, erythritol,  
318 glutarate, glycogen, histamine, *myo*-inositol,  $\alpha$ -methyl-D-glucoside, propionate, L-  
319 rhamnose, sorbitol and L-sorbose. *N*-acetyl-D-glucosamine, 4-aminobutyrate, L-  
320 asparagine, L-aspartic acid, bromosuccinic acid, D-fructose, fumarate,  $\beta$ -  
321 galactopyranoside, D-gluconic acid,  $\alpha$ -D-glucose-1-phosphate,  $\alpha$ -D-glucose-6-  
322 phosphate, L-glutamic acid, glycerol, inosine, 5-ketogluconate, D-mannose, L-  
323 proline, D-psicose, D-ribose, succinic acid, D-trehalose, thymidine and uridine are

324 utilized as sole sources of carbon and energy. Susceptible to many antibiotics.  
325 Isolated from human clinical samples, fruit and soil. The G + C content of the DNA  
326 ranges from 49.8 to 53 mol %. The type species is *Tatumella ptyseos* Hollis,  
327 Hickman & Fanning, 1982.

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329 **Description of *Tatumella citrea* (Kageyama, Nakae, Yagi & Sonoyama 1992)**  
330 **comb. nov.**

331 *Tatumella citrea* (ci'tre.a. M.L. adj. *citrea*, of citrus)

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333 Cells are Gram-negative, short rods (0.8-1.2 x 1.0-3.0  $\mu\text{m}$ ) occurring singly or in  
334 pairs, non-motile and non-sporeforming. Colonies are pale beige to pale orange,  
335 round, convex and smooth with entire margins. Nicotinic acid or nicotinamide are  
336 required for growth. Facultatively-anaerobic, oxidase negative, catalase positive,  
337 glucose dehydrogenase, gluconate dehydrogenase and 2-ketogluconate dehydrogenase  
338 are produced. Indole, urease and phenylalanine deaminase are negative, whilst  
339 arginine dihydrolase is positive. Reduce nitrate to nitrite. Acid is produced from: L-  
340 arabinose, D-fucose, D-galactose, D-glucose, glycerol, maltose, D-mannose, D-  
341 mannitol, D-tagatose and D-trehalose, but not from amidon, D-raffinose or sucrose.  
342 The following carbon sources are utilized at 28 °C: *N*-acetyl-D-glucosamine, *cis*-  
343 aconotic acid, L-arabinose, L-asparagine, L-aspartic acid, citrate, dextrin, erythritol,  
344 formic acid, D-fructose, D-galactose, gentiobiose (weak), D-gluconic acid, D-glucose,  
345 5-ketogluconate, lactose, lactulose, D-malate, D-maltose, maltotriose, D-mannitol,  
346 pyruvic acid methyl ester, succinic acid and D-tagatose. The following carbon sources  
347 are not utilized at 28 °C: D-adonitol, L-alanine, D-arabinose, betaine, dulcitol, L-  
348 fucose,  $\alpha$ -methyl-D-glucoside,  $\beta$ -methyl-D-glucoside, D-galacturonic acid, D-

349 glucuronic acid, glutarate, histidine, *myo*-inositol, D-melibiose, L-proline, propionate,  
350 quinic acid, D-raffinose, L-rhamnose, D-sorbitol, L-serine, sucrose, L-tartrate, *meso*-  
351 tartrate, and trigonelline. The G + C content of the type strain is 49.8 mol %. The  
352 type strain is LMG 22049<sup>T</sup> (= BD 875<sup>T</sup> = ATCC 31623<sup>T</sup> = SHS 2003<sup>T</sup>) and was  
353 isolated from mandarin orange in Japan.

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355 **Description of *Tatumella punctata* (Kageyama, Nakae, Yagi & Sonoyama 1992)**  
356 **comb. nov.**

357 *Tatumella punctata* (punc.ta'ta. L. N. *punctum*, a point; M.L. adj. *punctata*, full of  
358 points)

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360 Cells are Gram-negative, short rods (1.1-1.2 x 1.3-2.3 µm) occurring singly or in  
361 pairs, non-motile and non-sporeforming. Colonies are pale beige to pale orange,  
362 round, convex and smooth with entire margins. Nicotinic acid or nicotinamide are  
363 required for growth. Facultatively-anaerobic, oxidase negative, catalase positive,  
364 glucose dehydrogenase, gluconate dehydrogenase and 2-ketogluconate dehydrogenase  
365 are produced. Indole, urease and phenylalanine deaminase are negative, whilst  
366 arginine dihydrolase is positive. Reduce nitrate to nitrite. Acid is produced from: L-  
367 arabinose, D-fructose, D-fucose, D-galactose, D-glucose, glycerol, D-mannose, D-  
368 raffinose, sucrose and D-trehalose, but not from amidon or D-mannitol. The following  
369 carbon sources are utilized at 28 °C: *N*-acetyl-D-glucosamine, D-arabinose, L-  
370 asparagine, L-aspartic acid, cellobiose (variable), citrate, D-fructose, D-galactose,  
371 gentiobiose, D-gluconic acid, D-glucose, 5-ketogluconate, D-mannitol, D-mannose,  
372 succinic acid, sucrose and D-trehalose. The following carbon sources are not utilized  
373 at 28 °C within three to six days: *cis*-aconitic acid, D-adonitol, L-alanine, L-

374 arabinose, D-arabitol, L-arabitol, betaine, dextrin, dulcitol, erythritol, formic acid, L-  
375 fucose, D-galacturonic acid, D-glucuronic acid,  $\alpha$ -methyl-D-glucoside,  $\beta$ -methyl-D-  
376 glucoside, glutarate, histidine, *myo*-inositol, lactose, lactulose, D-maltose, maltotriose,  
377 D-melibiose, L-proline, propionate, pyruvic acid methyl ester, quinic acid, D-  
378 raffinose, L-rhamnose, D-sorbitol, L-serine, L-tartrate, *meso*-tartrate and trigonelline.  
379 The G + C content of the type strain is 50.7 mol %. The type strain is LMG 22050<sup>T</sup>  
380 (= BD 876<sup>T</sup> = ATCC 31626<sup>T</sup> = SHS 2006<sup>T</sup>) and was isolated from mandarin orange in  
381 Japan.

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383 **Description of *Tatumella terrea* (Kageyama, Nakae, Yagi & Sonoyama 1992)**  
384 **comb. nov.**

385 *Tatumella terrea* (ter're.a. L. n. *terra*, soil; L. adj. *terrea*, of soil)

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387 Cells are Gram-negative, short rods (0.8-0.9 x 1.2-2.0  $\mu$ m) occurring singly or in  
388 pairs, motile by means of one or two lateral flagella and non-sporeforming. Colonies  
389 are pale beige to pale orange, round, convex and smooth with entire margins.  
390 Nicotinic acid or nicotinamide are required for growth. Facultatively-anaerobic,  
391 oxidase negative, catalase positive, glucose dehydrogenase, gluconate dehydrogenase  
392 and 2-ketogluconate dehydrogenase are produced. Indole, urease, phenylalanine  
393 deaminase and arginine dihydrolase are negative. Reduce nitrate to nitrite. Acid is  
394 produced from: L-arabinose, D-fructose, D-galactose, D-glucose, glycerol, D-  
395 mannose, sucrose and D-trehalose, but not from amidon, D-mannitol or D-raffinose.  
396 The following carbon sources are utilized at 28 °C: *N*-acetyl-D-glucosamine, L-  
397 asparagine, L-aspartic acid, citrate, D-fructose, formic acid, D-galactose, D-gluconic  
398 acid, D-glucose, 5-ketogluconate, D-mannose, pyruvic acid methyl ester, succinic

399 acid and D-trehalose. The following carbon sources are not utilized at 28 °C: *cis*-  
400 aconotic acid, D-adonitol, L-alanine, D-arabinose, L-arabinose, D-arabitol, L-arabitol,  
401 betaine, cellobiose, dextrin, dulcitol, erythritol, L-fucose, D-galacturonic acid,  
402 gentiobiose, D-glucuronic acid,  $\alpha$ -methyl-D-glucoside,  $\beta$ -methyl-D-glucoside,  
403 glutarate, histidine, *myo*-inositol, lactose, lactulose, D-maltose, maltotriose, D-  
404 melibiose, L-proline, propionate, quinic acid, D-raffinose, L-rhamnose, D-sorbitol, L-  
405 serine, sucrose, L-tartrate and trigonelline. The G + C content of the type strain is 52.8  
406 mol %. The type strain is LMG 22051<sup>T</sup> (= BD 877<sup>T</sup> = ATCC 31628<sup>T</sup> = SHS 2008<sup>T</sup>)  
407 and was isolated from soil in Japan.

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409 **Description of *Tatumella morbirosei* sp. nov.**

410 *Tatumella morbirosei* (mor.bi.ró.se.i. L.N. *morbus*, disease; L.Adj. *roseus*, rosy,  
411 pink. N.L. gen. N. *morbirosei*, of the pink disease, referring to the causal agent of  
412 pink disease of pineapple)

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414 Cells are Gram-negative, short rods (0.8-1.2 x 1.0-3.0  $\mu$ m) occurring singly or in  
415 pairs, non-motile and non-sporeforming. Colonies are pale beige, round, convex and  
416 smooth with entire margins. Facultatively-anaerobic, oxidase negative, catalase  
417 positive, glucose dehydrogenase, gluconate dehydrogenase and 2-ketogluconate  
418 dehydrogenase are produced. Indole and urease are negative, whilst phenylalanine  
419 deaminase is positive and arginine dihydrolase is weakly positive. Reduce nitrate to  
420 nitrite. Acid is produced from: amidon, L-arabinose, D-fucose, D-fructose, D-  
421 galactose, D-glucose, glycerol, 5-ketogluconate, melibiose, D-mannitol, D-mannose,  
422 D-tagatose and D-trehalose but not from D-raffinose or sucrose. The following carbon  
423 sources are utilized at 28 °C: *N*-acetyl-D-glucosamine, D-adonitol, D-arabinose, L-

424 arabinose, L-asparagine, L-aspartic acid, citrate, dextrin, erythritol, formic acid (weak),  
425 D-fructose, D-galactose, D-gluconic acid, D-glucose, 5-ketogluconate, D-malate, D-  
426 maltose, maltotriose, D-mannitol, D-mannose, pyruvic acid methyl ester (weak),  
427 succinic acid, D-tagatose, D-trehalose and trigonelline. The following carbon sources  
428 are not utilized at 28 °C: *cis*-aconitic acid, L-alanine, L-arabitol, betaine, cellobiose,  
429 dulcitol, L-fucose, gentiobiose,  $\alpha$ -methyl-D-glucoside,  $\beta$ -methyl-D-glucoside, D-  
430 galacturonic acid, D-glucuronic acid, glutarate, histidine, *myo*-inositol, lactose,  
431 lactulose, D-melibiose, L-proline, propionate, quinic acid, D-raffinose, L-rhamnose,  
432 D-sorbitol, L-serine, L-tartrate and *meso*-tartrate. The G + C content of the type strain  
433 is 50.2 mol %. The type strain is LMG 23360<sup>T</sup> (= BD 878<sup>T</sup> = NCPPB 4036<sup>T</sup> =  
434 CMC6<sup>T</sup>) and was isolated from pineapple in the Philippines.

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560 **Table 1:** Strains of *Tatumella* and *Pantoea* used in this study, LMG = BCCM/LMG Bacteria Collection, Ghent University, Belgium, ATCC =  
561 American Type Culture Collection, Rockville, Maryland, U.S.A., CCUG = Culture Collection, University of Göteborg, Sweden, BD = Plant  
562 Pathogenic and Plant Protecting Bacteria (PPPPB) Culture Collection, ARC-PPRI, Pretoria, South Africa,  
563 <sup>T</sup> = type strain, <sup>a</sup> = Genbank accession numbers, Br HG = Brenner hybridization group

Species	Strain	Source	Location	<i>gyrB</i> <sup>a</sup>	<i>rpoB</i> <sup>a</sup>	<i>atpD</i> <sup>a</sup>	<i>infB</i> <sup>a</sup>
<i>Tatumella citrea</i>	LMG 22049 <sup>T</sup> = BD 875 <sup>T</sup>	Mandarin orange	Japan	EF988802	EF988974	EF988715	EF988888
<i>Tatumella morbirosei</i>	LMG 23360 <sup>T</sup> = BD 878 <sup>T</sup>	Pineapple	Philippines	EU344760	EU344768	EU344756	EU344764
	LMG 23359 = NCPPB 4035	Pineapple	Philippines	EU344759	EU344767	EU344755	EU344763
<i>Tatumella punctata</i>	LMG 22050 <sup>T</sup> = BD 876 <sup>T</sup>	Mandarin orange	Japan	EF988803	EF988975	EF988716	EF988889
	LMG 22097	Mandarin orange	Japan	EF988805	EF988977	EF988718	EF988891
	LMG 22098	Persimmon	Japan	EF988806	EF988978	EF988719	EF988892
	LMG 23562	Mandarin orange	Japan	EF988807	EF988979	EF988720	EF988893
	LMG 23563	Mandarin orange	Japan	EF988808	EF988980	EF988721	EF988894
	CCUG 30157	Mandarin orange	Japan	EF988795	EF988967	EF988708	EF988881
	CCUG 30160	Mandarin orange	Japan	EF988796	EF988968	EF988709	EF988882
<i>Tatumella terrea</i>	LMG 22051 <sup>T</sup> = BD 877 <sup>T</sup>	Soil	Japan	EF988804	EF988976	EF988717	EF988890
	LMG 23564	Soil	Japan	EF988809	EF988981	EF988722	EF988895
	CCUG 30162	Soil	Japan	EF988797	EF988969	EF988710	EF988883
<i>Tatumella ptyseos</i>	LMG 7888 <sup>T</sup> = ATCC 33301 <sup>T</sup>	Human	USA	EU145260	EU145292	EU145244	EU145276
	LMG 23565	Soil	Japan	EU344758	EU344766	EU344754	EU344762
	CCUG 30163	Soil	Japan	EU344757	EU344765	EU244753	EU344761
<i>Pantoea agglomerans</i>	LMG 1286 <sup>T</sup>	Human	Zimbabwe	EF988798	EF988970	EF988711	EF988884
	LMG 2660	<i>Wisteria floribunda</i>	Japan	EF988823	EF988995	EF988736	EF988909
<i>Pantoea ananatis</i>	LMG 2665 <sup>T</sup>	Pineapple	Brazil	EF988824	EF988996	EF988737	EF988910
	LMG 20103	Eucalyptus	South Africa	EF988799	EF988971	EF988712	EF988885
<i>Pantoea stewartii</i> ssp. <i>stewartii</i>	LMG 2715 <sup>T</sup>	Maize	USA	EF988831	EF989003	EF988744	EF988917
	LMG 2718	Maize	USA	EF988832	EF989004	EF988745	EF988918
<i>Pantoea stewartii</i> ssp. <i>indologenes</i>	LMG 2632 <sup>T</sup>	Fox millet	India	EF988822	EF988994	EF988735	EF988908
	LMG 2673	Pineapple	Hawaii	EF988827	EF988999	EF988740	EF988914
<i>Pantoea dispersa</i>	LMG 2603 <sup>T</sup>	Soil	Japan	EF988818	EF988990	EF988731	EF988904

<i>Pantoea anthophila</i>	LMG 2604	Wild rose	Netherlands	EF988819	EF988991	EF988732	EF988905
	LMG 2558 <sup>T</sup>	<i>Impatiens balsamina</i>	India	EF988812	EF988984	EF988725	EF988898
	LMG 2560	<i>Tagetes erecta</i>	Unknown	EF988813	EF988985	EF988726	EF988899
<i>Pantoea vagans</i>	LMG 24199 <sup>T</sup>	Eucalyptus	Uganda	EF988768	EF988940	EF988715	EF988854
	LMG 24201	Maize	South Africa	EF988792	EF988964	EF988705	EF988878
<i>Pantoea eucalypti</i>	LMG 24197 <sup>T</sup>	Eucalyptus	Uruguay	EF988762	EF988934	EF988675	EF988848
	LMG 24198	Eucalyptus	Uruguay	EF988763	EF988935	EF988676	EF988849
<i>Pantoea deleyi</i>	LMG 24200 <sup>T</sup>	Eucalyptus	Uganda	EF988770	EF988950	EF988683	EF988856
<i>Pantoea</i> sp. (Br HG II)	LMG 5345 <sup>T</sup>	Human, stool	New Jersey, USA	EU145272	EU145304	EU145256	EU145288
	LMG 24526	Human, blood	New York, USA	EU145261	EU145293	EU145245	EU145277
<i>Pantoea</i> sp. (Br HG IV)	LMG 2781 <sup>T</sup>	Human, trachea	Connecticut, USA	EU145271	EU145303	EU145255	EU145287
	LMG 24529	Human, cyst	Georgia, USA	EU145264	EU145296	EU145248	EU145280
<i>Pantoea</i> sp. (Br HG V)	LMG 5343 <sup>T</sup>	Human, urethra	Montana, USA	EU145270	EU145302	EU145254	EU145286
	LMG 24532	Human, sputum	Wisconsin, USA	EU145267	EU145299	EU145251	EU145283
<i>Pantoea</i> sp. (Br HG V)	LMG 24534 <sup>T</sup>	Human, blood	Paris, France	EU145269	EU145301	EU145253	EU145285
<i>Erwinia billingiae</i>	LMG 2613 <sup>T</sup>	Pear	UK	EU145275	EU145307	EU145259	EU145291
<i>Erwinia psidii</i>	LMG 7034	Guava	Brazil	FJ187834	FJ187844	FJ187829	FJ187839
<i>Erwinia rhapontici</i>	LMG 2688 <sup>T</sup>	Rhubarb	UK	EF988838	EF989010	EF988751	EF988924
<i>Erwinia toletana</i>	LMG 24162 <sup>T</sup>	Olive tree	Spain	EU145274	EU145306	EU145258	EU145290

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569 **Table 2:** DNA-DNA hybridization values between *T. citrea* comb. nov., *T. morbirosei* sp. nov., *T. punctata* comb. nov., *T. terrea* comb. nov.,  
 570 *T. ptyseos* and selected species belonging to *Pantoea*.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<i>Tatumella citrea</i>	1. LMG 22049 <sup>T</sup>	100													
<i>Tatumella morbirosei</i>	2. LMG 23360 <sup>T</sup>	42	100												
	3. LMG 23359		96	100											
<i>Tatumella punctata</i>	4. LMG 22050 <sup>T</sup>	21	17		100										
	5. LMG 22098	16			93	100									
<i>Tatumella terrea</i>	6. LMG 22051 <sup>T</sup>	13	11		17	18	100								
	7. LMG 23564						82	100							
<i>Tatumella ptyseos</i>	8. LMG 7888 <sup>T</sup>	14	15		21		66		100						
	9. LMG 23565	15	13		20		55	54	87	100					
<i>Pantoea agglomerans</i>	10. LMG 1286 <sup>T</sup>	6			8		8				100				
<i>Pantoea ananatis</i>	11. LMG 2665 <sup>T</sup>	5			6		6				21	100			
<i>Pantoea vagans</i>	12. LMG 24199 <sup>T</sup>	5			7		8				65	20	100		
<i>Pantoea stewartii</i> ssp. <i>stewartii</i>	13. LMG 2715 <sup>T</sup>	2			3		3				6	20	9	100	
<i>Pantoea dispersa</i>	14. LMG 2603 <sup>T</sup>	7			7	7	8				24	20	19	22	100

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577 **Table 3:** Selected phenotypic characteristics useful for distinguishing *Tatumella* species from *Pantoea* species. 1 = *Tatumella ptyseos* (1 strain),  
578 2 = *Tatumella citrea* comb. nov. (1 strain), 3 = *Tatumella morbirosei* sp. nov. (2 strains), 4 = *Tatumella punctata* comb. nov. (7 strains),  
579 5 = *Tatumella terrea* comb. nov. (3 strains), 6 = *Pantoea agglomerans* (3 strains), 7 = *Pantoea ananatis* (4 strains), 8 = *Pantoea anthophila* (2  
580 strains), 9 = *Pantoea deleyi* (1 strain), 10 = *Pantoea dispersa* (2 strains), 11 = *Pantoea eucalypti* (2 strains), 12 = *Pantoea stewartii* ssp. *stewartii*  
581 (1 strain), 13 = *Pantoea stewartii* ssp. *indologenes* (2 strains), 14 = *Pantoea vagans* (7 strains). All data presented was generated during this  
582 study, except for 2-ketogluconate dehydrogenase for which the results were taken from Kageyama *et al.*, 1992 and Bouvet *et al.*, 1989.  
583 +, positive; -, negative; (+), weakly positive; +/-, variable reaction, ND, not determined  
584 \* *T. ptyseos* is non-motile at 36 °C but many strains are motile at 25 °C. Flagella of *Tatumella* species are polar, sub-polar or lateral rather than  
585 peritrichous like *Pantoea* species.  
586 <sup>a</sup> API 50 CHB/E, <sup>b</sup> Biotype 100, GN2 MicroPlate

Characteristic	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
motility (36 °C)*	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
arginine dihydrolase	-	+	(+)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-ketogluconate dehydrogenase	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	ND	ND	-	ND	-	-	ND
Acid from <sup>a</sup> :														
arbutin	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
<i>myo</i> -inositol	-	-	-	-	-	(+)	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+

L-rhamnose	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Utilization of <sup>b</sup> :														
<i>cis</i> -aconitic acid	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
D-alanine	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
L-alanine	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
cellobiose	-	-	-	+/-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
D-galacturonic acid	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
D-glucuronic acid	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
L-histidine	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<i>myo</i> -inositol	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
D,L-lactic acid	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
maltose	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
β-methyl-D-glucoside	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
L-proline	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
L-rhamnose	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
D-saccharic acid	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
L-serine	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<i>meso</i> -tartrate	(+)	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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588 **Table 4:** Phenotypic characteristics distinguishing *T. citrea* comb. nov., *T. morbirosei*  
 589 sp. nov., *T. punctata* comb. nov. and *T. terrea* comb. nov. from each other and from  
 590 *T. ptyseos*

591 1 = *T. ptyseos* LMG 7888<sup>T</sup>, LMG 23565, 2 = *T. citrea* LMG 22049<sup>T</sup>,  
 592 3 = *T. morbirosei* LMG 23360<sup>T</sup>, LMG 23359, 4 = *T. punctata* LMG 22050<sup>T</sup>,  
 593 LMG 22097, LMG 22098, LMG 23563, 5 = *T. terrea* LMG 22051<sup>T</sup>, LMG 23564.

594 +, positive; (+), weakly positive; -, negative

595 All data presented was generated during this study.

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
arginine dihydrolase	-	+	(+)	+	-
phenylalanine deaminase	+	-	+	-	-
Acid from:					
amidon (starch)	-	-	+	-	-
D-mannitol	-	+	+	-	-
D-raffinose	-	-	-	+	-
sucrose	+	-	-	+	+
Utilization of:					
adonitol	-	-	+	-	-
L-arabinose	-	+	+	-	-
dextrin	-	+	+	-	-
erythritol	-	+	+	-	-
formic acid	-	+	(+)	-	+
gentiobiose	-	(+)	-	+	-
lactulose	-	+	-	-	-
pyruvic acid methyl ester	-	(+)	(+)	-	+
quinic acid	+	-	-	-	-
L-tartrate	+	-	-	-	-
trigonelline	-	-	+	-	-

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601 **Supplementary Table S1:** Signature nucleotides of the 16S rRNA- and *atpD*-gene  
602 sequences for the differentiation of *Tatumella* species from *Pantoea* species. *E. coli*  
603 numbering positions are used.

<b>E.coli numbering position</b>	<b><i>Tatumella</i></b>	<b><i>Pantoea</i></b>
16S rRNA gene signature nucleotides:		
136	T	C
593	C	T
619	C	T
624	C	T
637	C	T
652	A	T
1115	C	T
1366	T	C
<i>atpD</i> gene signature nucleotides:		
198	C	T
201	T	G
204	G	M
207	G	H
330	T	A
338	A	C
351	T	C
360	A	T
361	A	T
366	C	T
374	T	A
376	G	T
385	A	C
387	T	G
549	A	Y
603	G	C
613	C	A
615	G	C
693	T	C
699	T	G
739	G	A
804	T	R
828	A	S

**Figure 1:** Maximum likelihood tree based on 16S rRNA gene sequences of *Tatumella* species. Bootstrap values after 1000 replicates are expressed as percentages. *Escherichia coli* was included as an outgroup.

**Figure 2:** Maximum likelihood tree based on the concatenated nucleotide sequences of *gyrB*, *rpoB*, *atpD* and *infB* genes of *Tatumella* and *Pantoea* strains. Bootstrap values after 1000 replicates are expressed as percentages. *Cronobacter sakazakii* was included as an outgroup. Gene sequences for *Erwinia tasmaniensis*, *Escherichia coli*, *Shigella dysenteriae*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Citrobacter rodentium*, *Citrobacter koseri* and *Cronobacter sakazakii* were obtained from genome sequencing databases (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>, <http://www.sanger.ac.uk>, <http://asap.ahabs.wisc.edu/asap>).

**Figure 3:** UPGMA dendrogram constructed from 50 phenotypic characteristics useful for the differentiation of the “core” *Pantoea* species from species of the genus *Tatumella*.





