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Sequenced-Based Science

Early-branching gut fungi possess a large, comprehensive array of biomass-degrading enzymes. This systems-level approach integrated transcriptomic sequencing, proteomics, phenotype and biochemical studies to identify a large array of novel biomass-degrading enzymes that synergistically degrade crude and untreated plant biomass.
Solomon, K. V. et al. (2016) Science. 10.1126/science.aad1431

Lineage-specific chromatin signatures reveal a regulator of lipid metabolism in microalgae. JGI has published over 75 percent of all publicly available algal genomes including Chlamydomonas reinhardtii released in 2007. This study identified two transcription factors that play a pivotal role in lipid accumulation.

Comparative genomics of biotechnologically important yeasts. JGI conducted a comparative genomic analysis of 29 yeasts, providing new platforms for bioengineering cellulose degrading, lipid producing, acid tolerant yeasts that use a wide range of substrates.

DNA Synthesis/ Metabolomics

Phylogenomically guided identification of industrially relevant GH1 β-Glucosidases through DNA synthesis and nanostructure-initiator mass spectrometry. Developed a workflow combining DNA synthesis with high-throughput mass spectrometry to harness the biotechnological potential of the large number of proteins available in sequence databases.
Heins, R. A. et al. (2014) ACS Chemical Biology 9(9), 2082-2091

Exploiting plant enzymes to synthesize phenyl propanoids in yeast. Demonstrated the effectiveness of expressing members of the plant BAHD acyltransferase family in yeast for the synthesis of numerous valuable hydroxyccinnamate and benzoate conjugates.
Eudes, A et al. Microbial Cell Factory (2016) 15:198

A synthetic pathway for the fixation of carbon dioxide in vitro. Described a synthetic cycle for the continuous fixation of CO₂ in vitro by metabolic retrosynthesis.
Schwander, T. et al. (2016) Science 354(6314), 900-904

Big Data Science

Protein structure determination using metagenome sequence data. More than tripled the number of protein families with sufficient sequences for accurate modeling.

Uncovering Earth’s virome. Utilized the largest collection of assembled metagenomic datasets from around the world to uncover over 125,000 partial and complete viral genomes.

1,003 reference genomes of bacterial and archaeal isolates expand coverage of the tree of life. These phylogenetically diverse bacterial and archaeal reference genomes represent the single largest release to date.