

## CHAPTER IV



### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 1. Isolation and primary screening of actinomycetes

##### 1.1 Isolation of the strains

Ninety eight soil samples were collected from Chiangrai (15 samples), Nan (50 samples), Phatthalung (9 samples), Satun (3 samples), Songkhla (3 samples), Chaiyaphum (10 samples), and Trat (8 samples) provinces, Thailand. A total of 127 actinomycetes were isolated; 24 strains from Chiangrai, 54 strains from Nan, 14 strains from Phatthalung, 3 strains from Satun, 4 strains from Songkhla, 7 strains from Chaiyaphum, and 21 strains from Trat. All strains were cultivated on YMA and kept in cold room at 4 °C. Sources of samples, pH, date of isolation and strain number were shown in Table 4.1.

**Table 4.1 Sources of soil samples, pH, date of isolation and strain number**

| Sample | Source    | pH  | Date of isolation | Strain number                                     |
|--------|-----------|-----|-------------------|---|
| Soil   | Chiangrai | 7.5 | 10 May 2006       | S1-2  |
| Soil   | Chiangrai | 7.0 | 10 May 2006       | K2-1, K2-2  |
| Soil   | Chiangrai | 7.0 | 10 May 2006       | S3-1, S3-2, K3-1                                  |
| Soil   | Chiangrai | 6.8 | 10 May 2006       | S4-6  |
| Soil   | Chiangrai | 7.0 | 10 May 2006       | S7-1, K7-1  |
| Soil   | Chiangrai | 7.0 | 10 May 2006       | S9-1, S9-2, S9-3, S9-4                            |
| Soil   | Chiangrai | 7.5 | 10 May 2006       | S10-1   |
| Soil   | Chiangrai | 7.0 | 10 May 2006       | S11-1, S11-2, S11-3                               |
| Soil   | Chiangrai | 6.8 | 10 May 2006       | S12-1   |
| Soil   | Chiangrai | 7.5 | 10 May 2006       | S 13-1, S 13-3, S 13-4, S 13-5, S 13-6,<br>K 13-1 |
| Soil   | Nan       | 7.0 | 5 July 2006       | S 31-1  |
| Soil   | Nan       | 7.5 | 5 July 2006       | S 32-1, S 32-2, S 32-5                            |

**Table 4.1 Sources of soil samples, pH, date of isolation and strain number (Continued)**

| Sample | Source      | pH  | Date of isolation | Strain number                                  |
|--------|-------------|-----|-------------------|--|
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.0 | 5 July 2006       | S 33-1, S 33-2, S 33-3, S 33-4                 |
| Soil   | Nan         | 8.0 | 5 July 2006       | S 35-5   |
| Soil   | Nan         | 6.8 | 12 July 2006      | SB 3-2   |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.0 | 12 July 2006      | SB 4-1, KB 4-1                                 |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.0 | 12 July 2006      | SB 5-2   |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.5 | 12 July 2006      | SB 7-3   |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.5 | 12 July 2006      | SB 9-1, SB 9-3                                 |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.0 | 12 July 2006      | SB 10-1  |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.0 | 12 July 2006      | SB 12-1  |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.0 | 12 July 2006      | SC 13-3, SC 13-4, SC 13-5, SC 13-7,<br>SC 13-9 |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.5 | 20 July 2006      | SC 18-2  |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.0 | 20 July 2006      | SC 16-1, SC 16-2                               |
| Soil   | Nan         | 6.8 | 20 July 2006      | SC 19-1, KC 19-1, KC 19-2                      |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.0 | 20 July 2006      | KC 20-1  |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.0 | 27 July 2006      | S 1-5-6  |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.0 | 27 July 2006      | S 3-1-2, S 3-1-4, S 3-1-5, S 3-1-6             |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.0 | 27 July 2006      | S 3-2-1, S 3-2-2, S 3-2-5, S 3-2-6             |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.5 | 27 July 2006      | S 3-3-1, S 3-3-2, S3-3-5, S3-3-6               |
| Soil   | Nan         | 6.8 | 27 July 2006      | S 3-4-4  |
| Soil   | Nan         | 6.8 | 27 July 2006      | S 3-7-4, S 3-7-5                               |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.0 | 27 July 2006      | S 4-1-1  |
| Soil   | Nan         | 6.8 | 27 July 2006      | S 4-2-1  |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.0 | 27 July 2006      | S 4-2-2  |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.0 | 27 July 2006      | S 4-5-2, S 4-5-3                               |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.0 | 27 July 2006      | S 4-6-1, S 4-6-2                               |
| Soil   | Nan         | 7.5 | 27 July 2006      | S 4-9-1  |
| Soil   | Phatthalung | 7.0 | 1 August 2006     | S 38-2, K 38-2                                 |

**Table 4.1 Sources of soil samples, pH, date of isolation and strain number (Continued)**

| Sample | Source      | pH  | Date of isolation | Strain number   |
|--------|-------------|-----|-------------------|---|
| Soil   | Phatthalung | 7.0 | 1 August 2006     | S39-7, K 39-4   |
| Soil   | Phatthalung | 6.8 | 1 August 2006     | S 40-1  |
| Soil   | Phatthalung | 7.5 | 1 August 2006     | S 42-1, S 42-2  |
| Soil   | Phatthalung | 7.0 | 1 August 2006     | S 45-4, K 45-2, K 45-3, K 45-5, K 45-6, K 45-9, K 45-10 |
| Soil   | Satun       | 7.5 | 1 August 2006     | S 47-4  |
| Soil   | Satun       | 7.5 | 1 August 2006     | S 48-2, S 48-4  |
| Soil   | Songkhla    | 7.0 | 1 August 2006     | S 49-1, S 49-3, S 49-4, S 49-6                          |
| Soil   | Chaiyaphum  | 7.5 | 1 August 2006     | S 55-2, S 55-4  |
| Soil   | Chaiyaphum  | 7.5 | 1 August 2006     | S 57-1, K 57-1, K 57-3                                  |
| Soil   | Chaiyaphum  | 7.5 | 1 August 2006     | S 65-3  |
| Soil   | Chaiyaphum  | 7.5 | 1 August 2006     | S 68-2  |
| Soil   | Trat        | 7.5 | 1 December 2006   | S 70-2, S 70-4, S 70-5                                  |
| Soil   | Trat        | 7.0 | 1 December 2006   | S 71-1, S 71-2  |
| Soil   | Trat        | 7.0 | 1 December 2006   | S 72-10, S 72-11, S 72-12, S 72-15                      |
| Soil   | Trat        | 7.5 | 1 December 2006   | S 74-1, S 74-5, S 74-6, S74-7                           |
| Soil   | Trat        | 7.0 | 1 December 2006   | S 75-1, S 75-3, S 75-4, S 75-5                          |
| Soil   | Trat        | 7.5 | 1 December 2006   | S 76-1, S 76-6  |
| Soil   | Trat        | 7.0 | 1 December 2006   | S 77-2, S 77-3  |

### 1.2 Primary screening for the antimicrobial activity of the strains.

Forty eight strains showed an inhibitory activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 6538, 47 strains against *Bacillus subtilis* ATCC 6633, 16 strains against *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922, 28 strains against *Micrococcus luteus* ATCC 9341, 21 strains against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853, and 18 strains against *Candida albicans* ATCC 10231 as shown in Table 4.2. Eighteen strains that showed antimicrobial activity against many test microorganisms or exhibited an inhibition zone of primary screening at least 20.1 mm (++++) against one test microorganism, were selected from 78 active strains for further study.

**Table 4.2 Antimicrobial activity of actinomycetes strains**

| Strain no. | Inhibition zone               |                                 |                              |                               |                                     |                                  |
|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|            | <i>S. aureus</i><br>ATCC 6538 | <i>B. subtilis</i><br>ATCC 6633 | <i>E. coli</i><br>ATCC 25922 | <i>M. luteus</i><br>ATCC 9341 | <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i><br>ATCC 27853 | <i>C. albicans</i><br>ATCC 10231 |
| S 1-2      | ++++                          | ++++                            | +                            | ++++                          | +                                   | +++                              |
| K 2-1      | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| K 2-2      | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 3-1      | ++++                          | ++++                            | -                            | ++++                          | +                                   | -                                |
| K 3-1      | -                             | -                               | <u>±</u>                     | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 3-2      | +++                           | ++++                            | -                            | +++                           | <u>±</u>                            | -                                |
| S 4-6      | -                             | -                               | -                            | <u>±</u>                      | -                                   | -                                |
| S 7-1      | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| K 7-1      | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 9-1      | -                             | <u>±</u>                        | -                            | -                             | -                                   | +                                |
| S 9-2      | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 9-3      | -                             | ++                              | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 9-4      | -                             | ++                              | -                            | -                             | <u>±</u>                            | +                                |
| S 10-1     | -                             | -                               | -                            | ++                            | -                                   | -                                |
| S 11-1     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |

**Table 4.2 Antimicrobial activity of actinomycetes strains (Continued)**

| Strain no. | Inhibition zone               |                                 |                              |                               |                                     |                                  |
|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|            | <i>S. aureus</i><br>ATCC 6538 | <i>B. subtilis</i><br>ATCC 6633 | <i>E. coli</i><br>ATCC 25922 | <i>M. luteus</i><br>ATCC 9341 | <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i><br>ATCC 27853 | <i>C. albicans</i><br>ATCC 10231 |
| S 11-2     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | ±                                |
| S 11-3     | +++                           | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 12-1     | ±                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 13-1     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| K 13-1     | -                             | +++                             | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 13-3     | ±                             | -                               | -                            | ±                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 13-4     | -                             | ++                              | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 13-5     | -                             | ±                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 13-6     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 31-1     | +++                           | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 32-1     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 32-2     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 32-5     | -                             | -                               | -                            | ++                            | -                                   | -                                |
| S 33-1     | ++++                          | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 33-2     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 33-3     | ++++                          | +++                             | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 33-4     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 35-5     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | ±                                   | -                                |
| SB 3-2     | +++                           | +++                             | -                            | ++++                          | +                                   | -                                |
| SB 4-1     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| KB 4-1     | ±                             | +++                             | ±                            | -                             | -                                   | ±                                |
| SB 5-2     | ±                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| SB 7-3     | +++                           | ++                              | -                            | +++                           | -                                   | -                                |
| SB 9-1     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| SB 9-3     | ±                             | -                               | ±                            | -                             | -                                   | ++                               |
| SB 10-1    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | +                                   | -                                |

Table 4.2 Antimicrobial activity of actinomycetes strains (Continued)

| Strain no. | Inhibition zone               |                                 |                              |                               |                                     |                                  |
|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|            | <i>S. aureus</i><br>ATCC 6538 | <i>B. subtilis</i><br>ATCC 6633 | <i>E. coli</i><br>ATCC 25922 | <i>M. luteus</i><br>ATCC 9341 | <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i><br>ATCC 27853 | <i>C. albicans</i><br>ATCC 10231 |
| SB 12-1    | + + + +                       | + + + +                         | -                            | + + + +                       | +                                   | -                                |
| SC 13-3    | ±                             | ±                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| SC 13-4    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| SC 13-5    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| SC 13-7    | -                             | -                               | ±                            | -                             | ±                                   | -                                |
| SC 13-9    | ±                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | ±                                |
| SC 16-1    | + + +                         | -                               | -                            | -                             | ±                                   | -                                |
| SC 16-2    | + + +                         | -                               | + +                          | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| SC 18-2    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| SC 19-1    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| KC 19-1    | + + +                         | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| KC 19-2    | -                             | + +                             | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| KC 20-1    | + +                           | + +                             | -                            | + + + +                       | + +                                 | -                                |
| S 1-5-6    | -                             | -                               | ±                            | +                             | -                                   | ±                                |
| S 3-1-2    | ±                             | + +                             | -                            | + + +                         | -                                   | -                                |
| S 3-1-4    | ±                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 3-1-5    | -                             | + +                             | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 3-1-6    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | ±                                   | -                                |
| S 3-2-1    | + + +                         | -                               | + + +                        | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 3-2-2    | + + + +                       | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 3-2-5    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 3-2-6    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 3-3-1    | + + +                         | +                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 3-3-2    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 3-3-5    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 3-3-6    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |

Table 4.2 Antimicrobial activity of actinomycetes strains (Continued)

| Strain no. | Inhibition zone               |                                 |                              |                               |                                     |                                  |
|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|            | <i>S. aureus</i><br>ATCC 6538 | <i>B. subtilis</i><br>ATCC 6633 | <i>E. coli</i><br>ATCC 25922 | <i>M. luteus</i><br>ATCC 9341 | <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i><br>ATCC 27853 | <i>C. albicans</i><br>ATCC 10231 |
| S 3-4-4    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 3-7-4    | +++                           | -                               | -                            | -                             | +                                   | ++                               |
| S 3-7-5    | ±                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 4-1-1    | -                             | ++                              | ±                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 4-2-1    | +++                           | ±                               | -                            | +                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 4-2-2    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 4-5-2    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 4-5-3    | ±                             | ++++                            | -                            | +++                           | -                                   | ++                               |
| S 4-6-1    | ++                            | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 4-6-2    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 4-9-1    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 38-2     | ±                             | +++                             | -                            | ++++                          | +                                   | -                                |
| K 38-2     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| K 39-4     | +                             | ++                              | -                            | +++                           | ±                                   | -                                |
| S 39-7     | ++++                          | ++++                            | ++++                         | ++++                          | +                                   | -                                |
| S 40-1     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 42-1     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 42-2     | -                             | +++                             | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| K 45-3     | -                             | +++                             | -                            | +++                           | -                                   | +                                |
| K 45-2     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 45-4     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| K 45-5     | +                             | -                               | ±                            | +++                           | -                                   | -                                |
| K 45-6     | -                             | ++                              | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| K 45-9     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| K 45-10    | -                             | ++                              | -                            | ++                            | -                                   | -                                |
| S 47-4     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |

**Table 4.2 Antimicrobial activity of actinomycetes strains (Continued)**

| Strain no. | Inhibition zone               |                                 |                              |                               |                                     |                                  |
|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|            | <i>S. aureus</i><br>ATCC 6538 | <i>B. subtilis</i><br>ATCC 6633 | <i>E. coli</i><br>ATCC 25922 | <i>M. luteus</i><br>ATCC 9341 | <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i><br>ATCC 27853 | <i>C. albicans</i><br>ATCC 10231 |
| S 48-2     | -                             | +++                             | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 48-4     | +++                           | +++                             | -                            | ++++                          | -                                   | -                                |
| S 49-1     | +++                           | ++++                            | +                            | ++++                          | +                                   | -                                |
| S 49-3     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 49-4     | -                             | +++                             | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 49-6     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 55-2     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 55-4     | ++++                          | +++                             | -                            | -                             | -                                   | +                                |
| S 57-1     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| K 57-1     | -                             | -                               | ++                           | +++                           | -                                   | -                                |
| K 57-3     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 65-3     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 68-2     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 70-2     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 70-4     | ++                            | +++                             | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 70-5     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 71-1     | ++++                          | -                               | -                            | ++                            | -                                   | +++                              |
| S 71-2     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 72-10    | ++++                          | ++++                            | -                            | -                             | +                                   | -                                |
| S 72-11    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 72-12    | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 72-15    | ++                            | ++++                            | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 74-1     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 74-5     | -                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 74-6     | -                             | +++                             | -                            | -                             | +                                   | -                                |
| S 74-7     | +++                           | +++                             | -                            | -                             | -                                   | ±                                |



**Table 4.2 Antimicrobial activity of actinomycetes strains (Continued)**

| Strain no. | Inhibition zone               |                                 |                              |                               |                                     |                                  |
|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|            | <i>S. aureus</i><br>ATCC 6538 | <i>B. subtilis</i><br>ATCC 6633 | <i>E. coli</i><br>ATCC 25922 | <i>M. luteus</i><br>ATCC 9341 | <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i><br>ATCC 27853 | <i>C. albicans</i><br>ATCC 10231 |
| S 75-1     | ++                            | +++                             | -                            | -                             | -                                   | ±                                |
| S 75-3     | -                             | +++                             | +                            | -                             | -                                   | ++                               |
| S 75-4     | ±                             | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 75-5     | ++++                          | ++++                            | +                            | ++++                          | +                                   | +++                              |
| S 76-1     | ++++                          | ++++                            | -                            | -                             | +                                   | -                                |
| S 76-6     | -                             | +++                             | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 77-2     | -                             | +++                             | ±                            | +                             | -                                   | -                                |
| S 77-3     | ++                            | ++                              | -                            | ++                            | -                                   | ++                               |

++++, 25.1 mm; +++, 20.1-25.0 mm; ++, 15.1-20.0 mm; +, 10.1-15.0 mm; ±, 0-10.0 mm; -, no activity

## 2. Identification of strains

### 2.1 Morphological and cultural characteristics

The morphological and cultural characteristics of 127 strains on YMA plate at 30°C for 14 days were shown in Table 4.3 and 4.4. Spore morphological study showed that the spore chains from 21 strains were spiral, 103 strains were rectiflexibiles and 3 strains were rectinaculiaperti. Spore color of 127 strains were black (2 strains), gray (29 strains), red (5 strains), white (59 strains), yellow (5 strains), pale beige (11 strains), orange (3 strains), brown (5 strains), gold (2 strains) and purplish pink (6 strains). The spore color of strain S1-2 and S75-5 grew on YMA medium were initially white and turned into dark during incubation for 14 days. Twenty one strains could produce soluble pigment including light brown (6 strains), brown (9 strains), orange yellow (3 strains), bright yellow (2 strain), and dark red (1 strains). Colonies on agar media showed the presence of powdery colonies in 90 strains, granular colonies in 31 strains, and velvety colonies in 6 strains. The cultural characteristics of 127 strains on various media after incubation at 30°C for 14 days showed that all strains grew better on Yeast Extract- Malt Extract Agar, and Oatmeal agar than Tyrosine, Glycerol-Asparagine agar, and Inorganic salt-Starch agar.

Colonial appearance and scanning electron micrograph of the strains S3-1, S38-2, S72-10, S75-5, SB7-3, S39-7, KC19-1, KC20-1, K57-1, SB3-2 cultivated on YMA medium after incubation at 30°C for 14 days were shown in Figures 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10, respectively.

**Table 4.3 Morphological and cultural characteristics of the strains on YMA after 14 days incubation**

| Strain no. | Spore chain | Spore color     | Soluble pigment | Colonial appearance | Colony color    |               |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|
|            |             |                 |                 |                     | Upper colony    | Lower colony  |
| S 1-2      | S           | Black           | Light brown     | Powdery             | Pale beige      | Pale beige    |
| K 2-1      | R           | Graynish white  | -               | Granular            | Graynish white  | Dark brown    |
| K 2-2      | R           | Graynish yellow | -               | Granular            | Graynish yellow | Dark brown    |
| S 3-1      | R           | Vivid red       | -               | Velvety             | Vivid red       | Vivid red     |
| K 3-1      | R           | Yellowish gray  | -               | Granular            | Yellowish gray  | Dark brown    |
| S 3-2      | R           | Vivid red       | -               | Velvety             | Vivid red       | Vivid red     |
| S 4-6      | S           | Strong yellow   | -               | Granular            | Strong yellow   | Pale yellow   |
| S 7-1      | R           | Pinkish white   | -               | Granular            | Pinkish white   | Dark brown    |
| K 7-1      | R           | Pale beige      | Orange yellow   | Granular            | Pale beige      | Orange yellow |
| S 9-1      | R           | Yellowish white | -               | Granular            | Yellowish white | Gold          |
| S 9-2      | R           | Brownish white  | -               | Powdery             | Brownish white  | Brown         |
| S 9-3      | R           | Pinkish white   | -               | Granular            | Pinkish white   | Gold          |
| S 9-4      | R           | Brownish white  | -               | Granular            | Brownish white  | Brownish gold |
| S 10-1     | S           | Brownish white  | -               | Granular            | Brownish white  | Pale beige    |
| S 11-1     | R           | Yellowish white | -               | Granular            | Yellowish white | Pale yellow   |
| S 11-2     | R           | Pale beige      | -               | Velvety             | Pale beige      | Pale beige    |
| S 11-3     | R           | Brownish white  | -               | Granular            | Brownish white  | Gold          |
| S 12-1     | R           | Yellowish white | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish white | Gold          |
| S 13-1     | S           | Yellowish white | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish white | Pale beige    |
| K 13-1     | R           | Grayish white   | -               | Powdery             | Grayish white   | Pale beige    |
| S 13-3     | R           | Grayish white   | -               | Velvety             | Grayish white   | Pale beige    |
| S 13-4     | R           | Yellowish white | -               | Granular            | Yellowish white | Pale beige    |
| S 13-5     | R           | Brownish white  | -               | Powdery             | Brownish white  | Pale beige    |
| S 13-6     | R           | Grayish white   | -               | Powdery             | Grayish white   | Gold          |
| S 31-1     | S           | Grayish white   | -               | Powdery             | Grayish white   | Pale beige    |
| S 32-1     | R           | Yellowish white | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish white | Brown         |

**Table 4.3 Morphological and cultural characteristics of the strains on YMA after 14 days incubation (continued)**

| Strain no. | Spore chain | Spore color       | Soluble pigment | Colonial appearance | Colony color      |                    |
|------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|            |             |                   |                 |                     | Upper colony      | Lower colony       |
| S 32-2     | R           | Light gray        | -               | Powdery             | Light gray        | Pale beige         |
| S 32-5     | R           | Yellowish gray    | Brown           | Powdery             | Yellowish gray    | Dark reddish brown |
| S 33-1     | R           | Light medium gray | -               | Powdery             | Light medium gray | Yellowish brown    |
| S 33-2     | R           | Yellowish gray    | Brown           | Granular            | Yellowish gray    | Brownish gold      |
| S 33-3     | R           | Grayish white     | -               | Powdery             | Grayish white     | Pale beige         |
| S 33-4     | R           | Grayish white     | Light brown     | Powdery             | Grayish white     | Brown              |
| S 35-5     | R           | Medium gray       | -               | Powdery             | Medium gray       | Light brown        |
| SB 3-2     | R           | Medium gray       | Brown           | Powdery             | Medium gray       | Grayish brown      |
| SB 4-1     | S           | Grayish white     | -               | Powdery             | Grayish white     | Gold               |
| KB 4-1     | R           | Medium gray       | -               | Granular            | Medium gray       | Grayish brown      |
| SB 5-2     | S           | Pale beige        | -               | Powdery             | Pale beige        | Pale beige         |
| SB 7-3     | R           | Pinkish white     | Light brown     | Powdery             | Pinkish white     | Dark red           |
| SB 9-1     | R           | Pale beige        | -               | Powdery             | Pale beige        | Pale beige         |
| SB 9-3     | R           | Yellowish white   | -               | Granular            | Yellowish white   | Gold               |
| SB 10-1    | R           | Pale beige        | -               | Powdery             | Pale beige        | Gold               |
| SB 12-1    | R           | Vivid red         | -               | Velvety             | Vivid red         | Vivid red          |
| SC 13-3    | RC          | Pale beige        | -               | Granular            | Pale beige        | Pale beige         |
| SC 13-4    | S           | Yellowish white   | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish white   | Pale beige         |
| SC 13-5    | R           | Pale beige        | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish white   | Pale beige         |
| SC 13-7    | R           | Gold              | -               | Powdery             | Gold              | Light brown        |
| SC 13-9    | RC          | Deep orange       | -               | Powdery             | Deep orange       | Pale beige         |
| SC 16-1    | R           | Deep orange       | -               | Granular            | Deep orange       | Gold               |
| SC 16-2    | R           | Strong yellow     | -               | Granular            | Strong yellow     | Gold               |
| SC 18-2    | S           | Medium gray       | Brown           | Powdery             | Medium gray       | Reddish brown      |
| SC 19-1    | R           | Bright yellow     | Orange yellow   | Powdery             | Bright yellow     | Gold               |
| KC19-1     | R           | Brownish white    | -               | Powdery             | Brownish white    | Pale beige         |

**Table 4.3 Morphological and cultural characteristics of the strains on YMA after 14 days incubation (continued)**

| Strain no. | Spore chain | Spore color          | Soluble pigment | Colonial appearance | Colony color         |                       |
|------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|            |             |                      |                 |                     | Upper colony         | Lower colony          |
| KC19-2     | R           | Pinkish white        | Bright yellow   | Powdery             | Pinkish white        | Yellowish pink        |
| KC20-1     | R           | Yellowish white      | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish white      | Vivid orange          |
| S 1-5-6    | R           | Yellowish gray       | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish gray       | Pale beige            |
| S 3-1-2    | S           | Strong yellow        | Bright yellow   | Powdery             | Strong yellow        | Vivid yellow          |
| S 3-1-4    | S           | Grayish white        | -               | Powdery             | Grayish white        | Brownish gold         |
| S 3-1-5    | S           | Pale beige           | -               | Powdery             | Pale beige           | Bright yellow         |
| S 3-1-6    | S           | Medium gray          | Orange yellow   | Powdery             | Medium gray          | Gold                  |
| S 3-2-1    | R           | Vivid orange         | -               | Granular            | Pale beige           | Pale beige            |
| S 3-2-2    | R           | Yellowish brown      | -               | Granular            | Yellowish brown      | Brown                 |
| S 3-2-5    | R           | Grayish yellow       | -               | Powdery             | Grayish yellow       | Light brown           |
| S 3-2-6    | R           | Light gray           | -               | Powdery             | Light gray           | Pale beige            |
| S 3-3-1    | RC          | Strong yellow        | -               | Powdery             | Strong yellow        | Strong yellowish pink |
| S 3-3-2    | R           | Yellowish white      | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish white      | Pale beige            |
| S 3-3-5    | R           | Deep purplish red    | -               | Granular            | Deep purplish red    | Deep red purple       |
| S 3-3-6    | R           | Medium gray          | -               | Powdery             | Medium gray          | Grayish brown         |
| S 3-4-4    | R           | Medium gray          | Brown           | Powdery             | Medium gray          | Yellowish brown       |
| S 3-7-4    | S           | Brownish white       | -               | Granular            | Brownish white       | Pale beige            |
| S 3-7-5    | S           | Brown                | -               | Powdery             | Brown                | Brown                 |
| S 4-1-1    | R           | Grayish white        | -               | Powdery             | Grayish white        | Pale beige            |
| S 4-2-1    | R           | Medium gray          | -               | Powdery             | Medium gray          | Brown                 |
| S 4-2-2    | R           | Dark yellowish brown | Brown           | Powdery             | Dark yellowish brown | Dark brown            |
| S 4-5-2    | R           | Light gray           | -               | Powdery             | Light gray           | Pale yellow           |
| S 4-5-3    | R           | Medium gray          | -               | Powdery             | Medium gray          | Pale beige            |
| S 4-6-1    | R           | Bluish gray          | -               | Powdery             | Bluish gray          | Gold                  |
| S 4-6-2    | R           | Light medium gray    | -               | Powdery             | Light medium gray    | Pale beige            |

**Table 4.3 Morphological and cultural characteristics of the strains on YMA after 14 days****incubation (continued)**

| Strain no. | Spore chain | Spore color       | Soluble pigment | Colonial appearance | Colony color      |                    |
|------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|            |             |                   |                 |                     | Upper colony      | Lower colony       |
| S 4-9-1    | R           | Pale beige        | -               | Powdery             | Pale beige        | Gold               |
| S 38-2     | R           | Light medium gray | -               | Powdery             | Light medium gray | Yellowish brown    |
| K 38-2     | R           | Pinkish white     | -               | Powdery             | Pinkish white     | Brown              |
| K 39-4     | R           | Grayish white     | -               | Powdery             | Grayish white     | Medium brown       |
| S 39-7     | R           | Pinkish white     | Dark red        | Powdery             | Pinkish white     | Vivid purplish red |
| S 40-1     | S           | Light gray        | Brown           | Powdery             | Light gray        | Brown              |
| S 42-1     | S           | Yellowish white   | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish white   | Pale beige         |
| S 42-2     | R           | Grayish white     | -               | Powdery             | Grayish white     | Pale beige         |
| K 45-3     | R           | Grayish white     | -               | Powdery             | Grayish white     | Pale beige         |
| K 45-2     | R           | Brownish white    | -               | Powdery             | Brownish white    | Yellowish brown    |
| S 45-4     | R           | Light bluish gray | -               | Powdery             | Light bluish gray | Brown              |
| K 45-5     | R           | Pale beige        | -               | Powdery             | Pale beige        | Pale beige         |
| K 45-6     | R           | Brownish white    | -               | Powdery             | Brownish white    | Light brown        |
| K 45-9     | R           | Yellowish white   | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish white   | Pale beige         |
| K 45-10    | R           | Pale beige        | -               | Powdery             | Pale beige        | Light brown        |
| S 47-4     | S           | Grayish white     | -               | Powdery             | Grayish white     | Pale beige         |
| S 48-2     | R           | Purplish pink     | -               | Powdery             | Purplish pink     | Pale beige         |
| S 48-4     | R           | Pinkish white     | -               | Powdery             | Pinkish white     | Brownish gold      |
| S 49-1     | R           | Purplish pink     | -               | Granular            | Purplish pink     | Vivid purplish red |
| S 49-3     | R           | Brownish white    | -               | Powdery             | Brownish white    | Pale beige         |
| S 49-4     | R           | Yellowish white   | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish white   | Brown              |
| S 49-6     | R           | Grayish white     | -               | Powdery             | Grayish white     | Pale beige         |
| S 55-2     | R           | Grayish white     | -               | Powdery             | Grayish white     | Pale beige         |
| S 55-4     | R           | Brownish white    | -               | Powdery             | Brownish white    | Light brown        |
| S 57-1     | R           | Grayish pink      | -               | Powdery             | Grayish pink      | Pale beige         |

**Table 4.3 Morphological and cultural characteristics of the strains on YMA after 14 days****incubation** (continued)

| Strain no. | Spore chain | Spore color       | Soluble pigment | Colonial appearance | Colony color      |                 |
|------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|            |             |                   |                 |                     | Upper colony      | Lower colony    |
| K 57-1     | R           | Yellowish white   | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish white   | Pale beige      |
| K 57-3     | R           | Brownish white    | -               | Powdery             | Brownish white    | Light brown     |
| S 65-3     | R           | Gold              | -               | Granular            | Gold              | Pale beige      |
| S 68-2     | S           | Yellowish white   | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish white   | Pale beige      |
| S 70-2     | R           | Yellowish gray    | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish gray    | Pale beige      |
| S 70-4     | R           | Brownish white    | -               | Granular            | Brownish white    | Brownish gold   |
| S 70-5     | R           | Light gray        | -               | Powdery             | Light gray        | Yellowish brown |
| S 71-1     | R           | Yellowish white   | -               | Granular            | Yellowish white   | Pale beige      |
| S 71-2     | R           | Light medium gray | -               | Powdery             | Light medium gray | Pale beige      |
| S 72-10    | R           | Purplish pink     | Brown           | Powdery             | Purplish pink     | Light brown     |
| S 72-11    | R           | Yellowish brown   | Light brown     | Powdery             | Yellowish brown   | Brown           |
| S 72-12    | R           | Brownish white    | -               | Powdery             | Brownish white    | Pale beige      |
| S 72-15    | R           | Purplish pink     | -               | Granular            | Purplish pink     | Pale beige      |
| S 74-1     | R           | Light brown       | -               | Granular            | Light brown       | Pale beige      |
| S 74-5     | R           | Purplish pink     | -               | Powdery             | Purplish pink     | Pale beige      |
| S 74-6     | R           | Light medium gray | -               | Powdery             | Light medium gray | Brownish gold   |
| S 74-7     | R           | Yellowish white   | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish white   | Pale beige      |
| S 75-1     | R           | Yellowish white   | -               | Granular            | Yellowish white   | Pale beige      |
| S 75-3     | R           | Brownish white    | -               | Granular            | Brownish white    | Pale beige      |
| S 75-4     | R           | Vivid red         | -               | Velvety             | Vivid red         | Vivid red       |
| S 75-5     | S           | Black             | Light brown     | Powdery             | Pale beige        | Pale beige      |
| S 76-1     | R           | Purplish pink     | Brown           | Powdery             | Purplish pink     | Light brown     |
| S 76-6     | R           | Yellowish white   | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish white   | Pale beige      |
| S 77-2     | S           | Yellowish white   | -               | Powdery             | Yellowish white   | Pale yellow     |
| S 77-3     | R           | Brownish white    | Light brown     | Powdery             | Brownish white    | Brownish gold   |

R, Rectiflexibiles; RC, Rectinaculiaperti; S, Spiral

**Table 4.4 Cultural characteristics of the strains on different media after 14 days incubation**

| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color          | Colony color         |                      |
|------------|-------------|--------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|            |             |        |                      | Upper colony         | Lower colony         |
| S1-2       | YM          | +++    | Black                | Pale beige           | Pale beige           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Black                | Pale yellow          | Dark brown           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Dark medium gray     | Pale yellow          | Pale yellow          |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Dark medium gray     | Medium gray          | Medium gray          |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Dark gray            | Pale beige           | Dark gray            |
| K 2-1      | YM          | +++    | Grayish white        | Grayish white        | Dark brown           |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Yellowish white      | Yellowish white      | Dark brown           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish white        | Grayish white        | Light brown          |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Yellowish white      | Yellowish white      | Light brown          |
|            | Inorg. salt | ++     | Yellowish white      | Yellowish white      | Light brown          |
| K 2-2      | YM          | +++    | Grayish yellow       | Grayish yellow       | Dark brown           |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Grayish brown        | Grayish yellow       | Dark brown           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Medium gray          | Pale lavender        | Light brown          |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Medium gray          | Light medium gray    | Light brown          |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Medium gray          | Light medium gray    | Light brown          |
| S 3-1      | YM          | +++    | Vivid red            | Vivid red            | Vivid red            |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Vivid red            | Vivid red            | Vivid red            |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Vivid red            | Vivid red            | Vivid red            |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Strong yellowish red | Strong yellowish red | Deep yellowish red   |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Vivid red            | Vivid purplish red   | Strong yellowish red |
| K 3-1      | YM          | +++    | Yellowish gray       | Yellowish gray       | Dark brown           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish gray       | Yellowish gray       | Dark brown           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish gray       | Grayish yellow       | Brownish gold        |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Yellowish gray       | Grayish yellow       | Dark brown           |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Yellowish gray       | Yellowish gray       | Brownish gold        |
| S 3-2      | YM          | +++    | Vivid red            | Vivid red            | Vivid red            |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Vivid red            | Vivid red            | Vivid red            |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Vivid red            | Vivid red            | Vivid red            |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Strong yellowish red | Strong yellowish red | Deep yellowish red   |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Vivid red            | Vivid purplish red   | Strong yellowish red |



**Table 4.4 Cultural characteristics of the strains on different media after 14 days incubation**

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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color     | Colony color         |               |
|------------|-------------|--------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|
|            |             |        |                 | Upper colony         | Lower colony  |
| S 4-6      | YM          | +++    | Strong yellow   | Strong yellow        | Pale yellow   |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Strong yellow   | Vivid reddish yellow | Pale beige    |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Strong yellow   | Strong yellow        | Pale beige    |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Strong yellow   | Vivid reddish yellow | Pale yellow   |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Strong yellow   | Vivid reddish yellow | Pale yellow   |
| S 7-1      | YM          | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white        | Dark brown    |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish white  | Pinkish white        | Dark red      |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white        | Dark brown    |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white        | Dark red      |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white       | Dark red      |
| K 7-1      | YM          | +++    | Pale beige      | Pale beige           | Orange yellow |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Light yellow    | Yellowish white      | Orange yellow |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white      | Orange yellow |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Light yellow    | Pale beige           | Pale yellow   |
|            | Inorg. salt | ++     | Light yellow    | Yellowish white      | Pale yellow   |
| S 9-1      | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white      | Gold          |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white      | Light brown   |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white      | Gold          |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white      | Brown         |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white      | Gold          |
| S 9-2      | YM          | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white       | Brown         |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Brownish white  | Brownish white       | Light brown   |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white       | Pale beige    |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Brownish white  | Yellowish white      | Pale beige    |
|            | Inorg. salt | +      | Brownish white  | Yellowish white      | Pale beige    |
| S 9-3      | YM          | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white        | Gold          |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish white  | Grayish white        | Brown         |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white  | Pinkish white        | Brownish gold |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Brownish white  | Pinkish white        | Gold          |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white        | Gold          |

**Table 4.4 Cultural characteristics of the strains on different media after 14 days incubation**

(Continued)

| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color         | Colony color    |                     |
|------------|-------------|--------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|            |             |        |                     | Upper colony    | Lower colony        |
| S 9-4      | YM          | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white  | Brownish gold       |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Grayish white       | Yellowish white | Gold                |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white      | Yellowish white | Gold                |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Grayish white       | Brownish white  | Gold                |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Grayish white       | Brownish white  | Gold                |
| S 10-1     | YM          | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white  | Pale beige          |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Brownish white      | Brownish white  | Pale beige          |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white  | Dull yellow         |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Brownish white      | Yellowish white | Dull yellow         |
|            | Inorg. salt | ++     | Brownish white      | Yellowish white | Pale beige          |
| S 11-1     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white | Pale yellow         |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white  | Pale yellow         |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white  | Pale yellow         |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white | Pale yellow         |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white | Pale yellow         |
| S 11-2     | YM          | +++    | Pale beige          | Pale beige      | Pale beige          |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Pale yellow         | Pale beige      | Pale yellow         |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pale reddish yellow | Pale beige      | Pale yellow         |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pale beige          | Pale beige      | Pale beige          |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Pale beige          | Pale beige      | Pale beige          |
| S 11-3     | YM          | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white  | Gold                |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white  | Brown               |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white  | Brownish gold       |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white | Gold                |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white | Gold                |
| S 12-1     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white | Gold                |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish white      | Yellowish white | Light brown         |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white | Gold                |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white | Dull reddish yellow |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white | Dull reddish yellow |

**Table 4.4 Cultural characteristics of the strains on different media after 14 days incubation**

(Continued)

| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color     | Colony color    |              |
|------------|-------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
|            |             |        |                 | Upper colony    | Lower colony |
| S 13-1     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale beige   |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale beige   |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale beige   |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pale beige      | Yellowish white | Pale beige   |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale beige   |
| K 13-1     | YM          | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale beige   |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale beige   |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Gold         |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Light brown  |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale beige   |
| S 13-3     | YM          | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale beige   |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale yellow  |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale beige   |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale yellow  |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale beige   |
| S 13-4     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale beige   |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale beige   |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale beige   |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white  | Pale beige   |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white  | Pale beige   |
| S 13-5     | YM          | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white  | Pale beige   |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white  | Pale beige   |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white  | Pale beige   |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white  | Pale beige   |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white  | Pale beige   |
| S 13-6     | YM          | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Gold         |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Gold         |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Gold         |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Light brown  |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Light brown  |

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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color       | Colony color      |                    |
|------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|            |             |        |                   | Upper colony      | Lower colony       |
| S 31-1     | YM          | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Pale beige         |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Pale yellow        |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Pale beige         |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Dull yellow        |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Dull yellow        |
| S 32-1     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white   | Brown              |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white   | Brownish gold      |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white   | Brownish gold      |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Brownish white    | Yellowish white   | Brownish gold      |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Brownish white    | Yellowish white   | Gold               |
| S 32-2     | YM          | +++    | Light gray        | Light gray        | Pale beige         |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Light medium gray | Light gray        | Dull yellow        |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish gray    | Yellowish gray    | Dull yellow        |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Light gray        | Light gray        | Pale beige         |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Light gray        | Light gray        | Pale beige         |
| S 32-5     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish gray    | Yellowish gray    | Dark reddish brown |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish gray     | Brownish gray     | Dark brown         |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish yellow    | Grayish yellow    | Brown              |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Dark gray         | Brownish gray     | Brownish olive     |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Grayish brown     | Grayish brown     | Dark brown         |
| S 33-1     | YM          | +++    | Light medium gray | Light medium gray | Yellowish brown    |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Medium gray       | Light medium gray | Dark gray          |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Medium gray       | Light medium gray | Dark gray          |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Light gray        | Light medium gray | Yellowish brown    |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Light gray        | Light gray        | Yellowish brown    |
| S 33-2     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish gray    | Yellowish gray    | Brownish gold      |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish gray     | Brownish gray     | Dark brown         |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish yellow    | Grayish yellow    | Brown              |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Dark gray         | Brownish gray     | Brownish olive     |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Grayish brown     | Grayish brown     | Brownish gold      |

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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color       | Colony color         |                  |
|------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|
|            |             |        |                   | Upper colony         | Lower colony     |
| S 33-3     | YM          | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white        | Pale beige       |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white        | Pale beige       |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white        | Pale beige       |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Grayish white     | Yellowish white      | Pale beige       |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Grayish white     | Yellowish white      | Pale beige       |
| S 33-4     | YM          | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white        | Brown            |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Light gray        | Light gray           | Light brown      |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white        | Brownish gold    |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white        | Brownish gold    |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white        | Brownish gold    |
| S 35-5     | YM          | +++    | Medium gray       | Medium gray          | Light brown      |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish gray    | Yellowish gray       | Light brown      |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Medium gray       | Light medium gray    | Light brown      |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Grayish leaf      | Grayish leaf         | Pale yellow      |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Grayish leaf      | Pale yellowish green | Pale yellow      |
| SB 3-2     | YM          | +++    | Medium gray       | Medium gray          | Grayish brown    |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Medium gray       | Medium gray          | Grayish brown    |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Gray              | Medium gray          | Dark medium gray |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Light medium gray | Light gray           | Dark bluish gray |
|            | Inorg. salt | ++     | Medium gray       | Medium gray          | Grayish brown    |
| SB 4-1     | YM          | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white        | Gold             |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white        | Gold             |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white        | Gold             |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white        | Light brown      |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white        | Light brown      |
| KB 4-1     | YM          | +++    | Medium gray       | Medium gray          | Grayish brown    |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Light medium gray | Light medium gray    | Grayish brown    |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Medium gray       | Medium gray          | Brown            |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Light medium gray | Light medium gray    | Grayish brown    |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Light medium gray | Light medium gray    | Grayish brown    |

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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color          | Colony color         |                      |
|------------|-------------|--------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|            |             |        |                      | Upper colony         | Lower colony         |
| SB 5-2     | YM          | +++    | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Pale beige           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Pale yellow          | Pale beige           | Pale yellow          |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pale reddish yellow  | Pale beige           | Pale yellow          |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Pale beige           |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Pale beige           |
| SB 7-3     | YM          | +++    | Pinkish white        | Pinkish white        | Dark red             |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Pinkish white        | Pinkish white        | Brown                |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pinkish white        | Pinkish white        | Light brown          |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pinkish white        | Pale purplish pink   | Pale purplish pink   |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Pinkish white        | Pinkish white        | Pale pinkish beige   |
| SB 9-1     | YM          | +++    | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Pale beige           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Pale yellow          | Pale beige           | Pale yellow          |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pale reddish yellow  | Pale beige           | Pale yellow          |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Pale beige           |
|            | Inorg. salt | ++     | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Pale beige           |
| SB 9-3     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white      | Yellowish white      | Gold                 |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish white      | Yellowish white      | Brownish gold        |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white      | Yellowish white      | Brownish gold        |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Brownish white       | Yellowish white      | Brownish gold        |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Brownish white       | Yellowish white      | Gold                 |
| SB 10-1    | YM          | +++    | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Gold                 |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Light brown          |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Gold                 |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Pale reddish yellow  | Pale beige           | Brownish gold        |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Gold                 |
| SB 12-1    | YM          | +++    | Vivid red            | Vivid red            | Vivid red            |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Vivid red            | Vivid red            | Vivid red            |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Vivid red            | Vivid red            | Vivid red            |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Strong yellowish red | Strong yellowish red | Deep yellowish red   |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Vivid red            | Vivid purplish red   | Strong yellowish red |

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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color          | Colony color         |                     |
|------------|-------------|--------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
|            |             |        |                      | Upper colony         | Lower colony        |
| SC 13-3    | YM          | +++    | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Pale beige          |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Pale yellow          | Pale beige           | Pale yellow         |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pale reddish yellow  | Pale beige           | Pale yellow         |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Pale beige          |
|            | Inorg. salt | ++     | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Pale beige          |
| SC 13-4    | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white      | Yellowish white      | Pale beige          |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish white      | Yellowish white      | Pale beige          |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white      | Yellowish white      | Pale beige          |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pale beige           | Yellowish white      | Pale yellow         |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Yellowish white      | Yellowish white      | Pale beige          |
| SC 13-5    | YM          | +++    | Pale beige           | Yellowish white      | Pale beige          |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Pale beige           | Yellowish white      | Pale beige          |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pale beige           | Yellowish white      | Pale beige          |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pale beige           | Yellowish white      | Pale yellow         |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Pale beige           | Yellowish white      | Pale beige          |
| SC 13-7    | YM          | +++    | Gold                 | Gold                 | Light brown         |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish brown      | Yellowish brown      | Yellowish brown     |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Vivid yellow orange  | Gold                 | Light brown         |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Vivid yellow orange  | Vivid yellow orange  | Vivid yellow orange |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Vivid orange         | Vivid orange         | Light brown         |
| SC 13-9    | YM          | +++    | Deep orange          | Deep orange          | Pale beige          |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Pale yellow          | Pale yellow          | Pale beige          |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Deep orange          | Deep orange          | Pale beige          |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Deep orange          | Deep orange          | Pale beige          |
|            | Inorg. salt | ++     | Pale yellow          | Pale yellow          | Pale beige          |
| SC 16-1    | YM          | +++    | Deep orange          | Deep orange          | Gold                |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Light reddish yellow | Light reddish yellow | Light brown         |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Light reddish yellow | Light reddish yellow | Brownish gold       |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Pale yellow          | Pale yellow          | Yellowish brown     |
|            | Inorg. salt | ++     | Pale yellow          | Pale yellow          | Yellowish brown     |

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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color         | Colony color        |                       |
|------------|-------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|            |             |        |                     | Upper colony        | Lower colony          |
| SC 16-2    | YM          | +++    | Strong yellow       | Strong yellow       | Gold                  |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Vivid yellow        | Vivid yellow        | Light brown           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Vivid yellow        | Vivid yellow        | Yellowish brown       |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Vivid yellow        | Vivid yellow        | Yellowish brown       |
|            | Inorg. salt | ++     | Vivid yellow        | Strong yellow       | Brownish gold         |
| SC 18-2    | YM          | +++    | Medium gray         | Medium gray         | Reddish brown         |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Medium gray         | Medium gray         | Reddish brown         |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Medium gray         | Medium gray         | Brown                 |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Medium gray         | Medium gray         | Reddish brown         |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Medium gray         | Medium gray         | Brown                 |
| SC 19-1    | YM          | +++    | Bright yellow       | Bright yellow       | Gold                  |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish white     | Brownish white      | Pale yellow           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pale yellow         | Light yellow        | Pale yellow           |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pale yellow         | Light yellow        | Vivid yellow          |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Pale yellow         | Light yellow        | Pale yellow           |
| KC 19-1    | YM          | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white      | Pale beige            |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white     | Pale yellow           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white     | Pale yellow           |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white      | Pale beige            |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white      | Pale beige            |
| KC 19-2    | YM          | +++    | Pinkish white       | Pinkish white       | Yellowish pink        |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Pinkish beige       | Pinkish white       | Strong reddish orange |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pinkish white       | Pinkish white       | Yellowish pink        |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pinkish white       | Pinkish white       | Yellowish pink        |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Pinkish white       | Pinkish white       | Pale reddish yellow   |
| KC 20-1    | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white     | Vivid orange          |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white     | Pale beige            |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white     | Brownish white      | Pale yellow           |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pale reddish yellow | Pale reddish yellow | Pale reddish yellow   |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white     | Pale yellow           |



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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color    | Colony color      |                |
|------------|-------------|--------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
|            |             |        |                | Upper colony      | Lower colony   |
| S 1-5-6    | YM          | +++    | Yellowish gray | Yellowish gray    | Pale beige     |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Medium gray    | Medium gray       | Yellowish gray |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Medium gray    | Medium gray       | Grayish yellow |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Medium gray    | Medium gray       | Yellowish gray |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Yellowish gray | Medium gray       | Pale beige     |
| S 3-1-2    | YM          | +++    | Strong yellow  | Strong yellow     | Vivid yellow   |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Vivid yellow   | Vivid yellow      | Strong yellow  |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Vivid yellow   | Vivid yellow      | Vivid yellow   |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Vivid yellow   | Vivid yellow      | Vivid yellow   |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Vivid yellow   | Strong yellow     | Gold           |
| S 3-1-4    | YM          | +++    | Grayish white  | Grayish white     | Brownish gold  |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Grayish white  | Brownish white    | Pale beige     |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish white  | Yellowish white   | Gold           |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Grayish white  | Brownish white    | Light brown    |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Grayish white  | Grayish white     | Brownish gold  |
| S 3-1-5    | YM          | +++    | Pale beige     | Pale beige        | Bright yellow  |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Light yellow   | Pale yellow       | Pale yellow    |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pale beige     | Pale beige        | Bright yellow  |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Light yellow   | Pale yellow       | Pale yellow    |
|            | Inorg. salt | ++     | Pale beige     | Pale beige        | Pale yellow    |
| S 3-1-6    | YM          | +++    | Medium gray    | Medium gray       | Gold           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Bluish gray    | Medium gray       | Bright yellow  |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Medium gray    | Light medium gray | Gold           |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Bluish gray    | Light medium gray | Vivid yellow   |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Bluish gray    | Light bluish gray | Vivid yellow   |
| S 3-2-1    | YM          | +++    | Vivid orange   | Pale beige        | Pale beige     |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Vivid orange   | Vivid orange      | Pale beige     |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Vivid orange   | Vivid orange      | Pale beige     |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Deep orange    | Deep orange       | Pale beige     |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Vivid orange   | Vivid orange      | Pale beige     |

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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color         | Colony color        |                       |
|------------|-------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|            |             |        |                     | Upper colony        | Lower colony          |
| S 3-2-2    | YM          | +++    | Yellowish brown     | Yellowish brown     | Brown                 |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brown               | Yellowish brown     | Dull yellow           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Dull reddish yellow | Dull reddish yellow | Yellowish brown       |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Yellowish brown     | Yellowish brown     | Light brown           |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Yellowish brown     | Yellowish brown     | Light brown           |
| S 3-2-5    | YM          | +++    | Grayish yellow      | Grayish yellow      | Light brown           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Light gray          | Light medium gray   | Gold                  |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish yellow      | Medium gray         | Grayish yellow        |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Grayish yellow      | Medium gray         | Brownish gold         |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Grayish yellow      | Light medium gray   | Gold                  |
| S 3-2-6    | YM          | +++    | Light gray          | Light gray          | Pale beige            |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Light gray          | Light gray          | Gold                  |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish yellow      | Grayish brown       | Light brown           |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Light gray          | Light gray          | Pale beige            |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Light gray          | Light gray          | Pale beige            |
| S 3-3-1    | YM          | +++    | Strong yellow       | Strong yellow       | Strong yellowish pink |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Vivid yellow        | Vivid yellow        | Dull reddish yellow   |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Vivid yellow        | Vivid yellow        | Dull reddish yellow   |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Vivid yellow        | Vivid yellow        | Dull reddish yellow   |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Strong yellow       | Strong yellow       | Strong yellowish pink |
| S 3.3-2    | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white     | Pale beige            |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Pale beige          | Pale beige          | Pale beige            |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white     | Pale beige          | Dull yellow           |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Yellowish white     | Brownish white      | Pale beige            |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Yellowish white     | Brownish white      | Pale beige            |
| S 3-3-5    | YM          | +++    | Deep purplish red   | Deep purplish red   | Deep red purple       |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Vivid red purple    | Deep purplish red   | Deep red purple       |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Deep purplish red   | Vivid red purple    | Deep red purple       |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Vivid red purple    | Deep purplish red   | Deep red purple       |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Vivid red purple    | Deep purplish red   | Deep red purple       |

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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color       | Colony color      |                     |
|------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|            |             |        |                   | Upper colony      | Lower colony        |
| S 3-3-6    | YM          | +++    | Medium gray       | Medium gray       | Grayish brown       |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Medium gray       | Light medium gray | Brown               |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Medium gray       | Light medium gray | Dark brown          |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Medium gray       | Light medium gray | Light brown         |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Yellowish gray    | Light medium gray | Brownish gold       |
| S 3-4-4    | YM          | +++    | Medium gray       | Medium gray       | Yellowish brown     |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish gray    | Medium gray       | Grayish brown       |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish gray    | Medium gray       | Light reddish brown |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Light gray        | Grayish sky       | Grayish brown       |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Dark medium gray  | Medium gray       | Grayish brown       |
| S 3-7-4    | YM          | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Pale beige          |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white   | Pale yellow         |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Pale beige          |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Pale beige          |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Pale beige          |
| S 3-7-5    | YM          | +++    | Brown             | Brown             | Brown               |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Dull orange       | Brown             | Brown               |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish brown   | Yellowish brown   | Yellowish brown     |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Dull orange       | Brown             | Brown               |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Yellowish brown   | Yellowish brown   | Yellowish brown     |
| S 4-1-1    | YM          | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Pale beige          |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Strong yellow       |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Pale yellow         |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white   | Pale yellow         |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white   | Pale yellow         |
| S 4-2-1    | YM          | +++    | Medium gray       | Medium gray       | Brown               |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Medium gray       | Medium gray       | Grayish yellow      |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Medium gray       | Medium gray       | Light brown         |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Bluish gray       | Bluish gray       | Grayish yellow      |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Light medium gray | Light medium gray | Grayish yellow      |

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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color          | Colony color         |                      |
|------------|-------------|--------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|            |             |        |                      | Upper colony         | Lower colony         |
| S 4-2-2    | YM          | +++    | Dark yellowish brown | Dark yellowish brown | Dark brown           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Medium gray          | Medium gray          | Dark yellowish brown |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Dark medium gray     | Medium gray          | Dark yellowish brown |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Medium gray          | Medium gray          | Dark yellowish brown |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Medium gray          | Medium gray          | Dark brown           |
| S 4-5-2    | YM          | +++    | Light gray           | Light gray           | Pale yellow          |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Light gray           | Light gray           | Pale yellow          |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish sky          | Grayish sky          | Pale beige           |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Light bluish gray    | Light bluish gray    | Pale beige           |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Light gray           | Light gray           | Pale yellow          |
| S 4-5-3    | YM          | +++    | Medium gray          | Medium gray          | Pale beige           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Medium gray          | Medium gray          | Pale beige           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Medium gray          | Medium gray          | Pale beige           |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Medium gray          | Medium gray          | Pale beige           |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Medium gray          | Medium gray          | Pale beige           |
| S 4-6-1    | YM          | +++    | Bluish gray          | Bluish gray          | Gold                 |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Light gray           | Light gray           | Light brown          |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Bluish gray          | Bluish gray          | Brown                |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Bluish gray          | Bluish gray          | Brownish gold        |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Bluish gray          | Bluish gray          | Gold                 |
| S 4-6-2    | YM          | +++    | Light medium gray    | Light medium gray    | Pale beige           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Grayish sky          | Grayish sky          | Pale beige           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish sky          | Grayish sky          | Pale beige           |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Dark medium gray     | Medium gray          | Pale beige           |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Light medium gray    | Light medium gray    | Pale beige           |
| S 4-9-1    | YM          | +++    | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Gold                 |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Light brown          |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Gold                 |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pale reddish yellow  | Pale beige           | Brownish gold        |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Pale beige           | Pale beige           | Gold                 |

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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color       | Colony color      |                    |
|------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|            |             |        |                   | Upper colony      | Lower colony       |
| S 38-2     | YM          | +++    | Light medium gray | Light medium gray | Yellowish brown    |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Medium gray       | Medium gray       | Yellowish gray     |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Medium gray       | Medium gray       | Yellowish gray     |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Medium gray       | Medium gray       | Yellowish gray     |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Medium gray       | Medium gray       | Yellowish gray     |
| K 38-2     | YM          | +++    | Pinkish white     | Pinkish white     | Brown              |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Pinkish white     | Pinkish white     | Brown              |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Reddish brown      |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pinkish white     | Pinkish white     | Brown              |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Pinkish white     | Pinkish white     | Brown              |
| K 39-4     | YM          | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Medium brown       |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Dark brown         |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Medium brown       |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Dark brown         |
|            | Inorg. salt | ++     | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white   | Pale yellow        |
| S 39-7     | YM          | +++    | Pinkish white     | Pinkish white     | Vivid purplish red |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Pinkish white     | Pinkish white     | Dark violet        |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pinkish white     | Pinkish white     | Deep purplish red  |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pinkish white     | Pinkish white     | Dark brown         |
|            | Inorg. salt | ++     | Pinkish white     | Pinkish white     | Vivid purplish red |
| S 40-1     | YM          | +++    | Light gray        | Light gray        | Brown              |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Light medium gray | Light medium gray | Light Brown        |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Light medium gray | Light medium gray | Light Brown        |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Light gray        | Light gray        | Brown              |
|            | Inorg. Salt | ++     | Light gray        | Light gray        | Brown              |
| S 42-1     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white   | Pale beige         |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white   | Pale beige         |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white   | Pale beige         |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white   | Pale beige         |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white   | Pale beige         |

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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color       | Colony color      |                 |
|------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|            |             |        |                   | Upper colony      | Lower colony    |
| S 42-2     | YM          | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Pale beige      |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Pale beige      |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Pale beige      |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Pale beige      |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Pale beige      |
| K 45-3     | YM          | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Pale beige      |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Dull yellow     |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Dull yellow     |
|            | Asparagine  | +      | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Pale beige      |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +      | Grayish white     | Grayish white     | Pale beige      |
| K 45-2     | YM          | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Yellowish brown |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Light brown     |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Gold            |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Yellowish brown |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Yellowish brown |
| S 45-4     | YM          | +++    | Light bluish gray | Light bluish gray | Brown           |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Light gray        | Light gray        | Brown           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Light gray        | Light gray        | Brown           |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Light gray        | Light gray        | Brown           |
|            | Inorg. Salt | ++     | Light bluish gray | Light gray        | Brown           |
| K 45-5     | YM          | +++    | Pale beige        | Pale beige        | Pale beige      |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Pale beige        | Pale beige        | Pale beige      |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pale yellow       | Pale yellow       | Pale yellow     |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pale yellow       | Pale yellow       | Pale yellow     |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Pale beige        | Pale beige        | Pale beige      |
| K 45-6     | YM          | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Light brown     |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Light brown     |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Light brown     |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Brown           |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Light brown     |

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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color     | Colony color    |                    |
|------------|-------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|            |             |        |                 | Upper colony    | Lower colony       |
| K 45-9     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale beige         |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale beige         |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale yellow        |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale yellow        |
|            | Inorg. Salt | ++     | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale beige         |
| K 45-10    | YM          | +++    | Pale beige      | Pale beige      | Light brown        |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Pale beige      | Pale beige      | Brown              |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pale yellow     | Pale yellow     | Brown              |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Pale yellow     | Pale yellow     | Light brown        |
|            | Inorg. Salt | ++     | Pale beige      | Pale beige      | Light brown        |
| S 47-4     | YM          | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale beige         |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white   | Pale yellow        |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white   | Pale beige         |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale beige         |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale beige         |
| S 48-2     | YM          | +++    | Purplish pink   | Purplish pink   | Pale beige         |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Purplish pink   | Purplish pink   | Pale beige         |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Purplish pink   | Purplish pink   | Pale beige         |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Purplish pink   | Purplish pink   | Pale beige         |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Purplish pink   | Purplish pink   | Pale beige         |
| S 48-4     | YM          | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white   | Brownish gold      |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white   | Brown              |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white   | Light brown        |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white   | Brown              |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white   | Brownish gold      |
| S 49-1     | YM          | +++    | Purplish pink   | Purplish pink   | Vivid purplish red |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Vivid red       | Vivid red       | Rose               |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Vivid red       | Vivid red       | Vivid red          |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Purplish pink   | Purplish pink   | Vivid red          |
|            | Inorg. Salt | ++     | Purplish pink   | Purplish pink   | Purplish pink      |

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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color     | Colony color    |                       |
|------------|-------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|            |             |        |                 | Upper colony    | Lower colony          |
| S 49-3     | YM          | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white  | Pale beige            |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white  | Pale beige            |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white  | Pale beige            |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Brownish white  | Yellowish white | Pale beige            |
|            | Inorg. Salt | ++     | Brownish white  | Yellowish white | Pale beige            |
| S 49-4     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Brown                 |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Brown                 |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Brown                 |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Light brown           |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Light brown           |
| S 49-6     | YM          | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale beige            |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Grayish white   | Pinkish white   | Pale beige            |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale pinkish beige    |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale beige            |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white   | Pale beige            |
| S 55-2     | YM          | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale beige            |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale yellow           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale yellow           |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Grayish white   | Grayish white   | Pale beige            |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white   | Pale yellow           |
| S 55-4     | YM          | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white  | Light brown           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white   | Light brown           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale beige            |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white   | Light yellowish brown |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Pinkish white   | Pinkish white   | Light yellowish brown |
| S 57-1     | YM          | +++    | Grayish pink    | Grayish pink    | Pale beige            |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Grayish pink    | Grayish pink    | Pale yellow           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Grayish pink    | Grayish pink    | Pale beige            |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Grayish pink    | Grayish pink    | Pale beige            |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Grayish pink    | Grayish pink    | Pale beige            |



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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color         | Colony color        |                      |
|------------|-------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
|            |             |        |                     | Upper colony        | Lower colony         |
| K 57-1     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white     | Pale beige           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white     | Pale yellow          |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white     | Pale beige           |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white     | Pale yellow          |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white     | Pale yellow          |
| K 57-3     | YM          | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white      | Light brown          |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white      | Brownish gold        |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white      | Brown                |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white      | Light brown          |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white      | Light Brown          |
| S 65-3     | YM          | +++    | Gold                | Gold                | Pale beige           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Dull yellow         | Dull yellow         | Pale yellow          |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Gold                | Gold                | Pale beige           |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pale reddish yellow | Pale reddish yellow | Light reddish yellow |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Gold                | Gold                | Pale beige           |
| S 68-2     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white     | Yellowish white     | Pale beige           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish white     | Brownish white      | Pale yellow          |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish white     | Brownish white      | Pale beige           |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Brownish white      | Brownish white      | Pale beige           |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Yellowish white     | Brownish white      | Pale beige           |
| S 70-2     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish gray      | Yellowish gray      | Pale beige           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Medium gray         | Medium gray         | Yellowish gray       |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Medium gray         | Medium gray         | Grayish yellow       |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Medium gray         | Medium gray         | Yellowish gray       |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Yellowish gray      | Medium gray         | Pale beige           |
| S 70-4     | YM          | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white      | Brownish gold        |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Brownish white      | Brownish white      | Brown                |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white      | Brownish white      | Light brown          |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Brownish white      | Brownish white      | Light Brown          |
|            | Inorg. Salt | ++     | Brownish white      | Brownish white      | Brownish gold        |

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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color       | Colony color      |                 |
|------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|            |             |        |                   | Upper colony      | Lower colony    |
| S 70-5     | YM          | +++    | Light gray        | Light gray        | Yellowish brown |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Light gray        | Light bluish gray | Light Brown     |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Light gray        | Light bluish gray | Yellowish brown |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Light gray        | Light gray        | Yellowish brown |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Light gray        | Light gray        | Yellowish brown |
| S 71-1     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white   | Pale beige      |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white   | Pale beige      |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white    | Yellowish white   | Pale beige      |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white   | Pale beige      |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white   | Pale beige      |
| S 71-2     | YM          | +++    | Light medium gray | Light medium gray | Pale beige      |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Light medium gray | Light medium gray | Pale beige      |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Medium gray       | Medium gray       | Pale beige      |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Light medium gray | Light medium gray | Pale beige      |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Light medium gray | Light medium gray | Pale beige      |
| S 72-10    | YM          | +++    | Purplish pink     | Purplish pink     | Light brown     |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Purplish pink     | Purplish pink     | Brown           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Purplish pink     | Purplish pink     | Brownish gold   |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Purplish pink     | Purplish pink     | Light brown     |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Purplish pink     | Purplish pink     | Light brown     |
| S 72-11    | YM          | +++    | Yellowish brown   | Yellowish brown   | Brown           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Yellowish brown   | Light brown       | Brownish gold   |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Yellowish brown   | Yellowish brown   | Brownish gold   |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Yellowish brown   | Yellowish brown   | Brown           |
|            | Inorg. Salt | ++     | Yellowish brown   | Light brown       | Brown           |
| S 72-12    | YM          | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Pale beige      |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Pale beige      |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Pale beige      |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Pale beige      |
|            | Inorg. Salt | ++     | Brownish white    | Brownish white    | Pale beige      |

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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color       | Colony color       |                 |
|------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|            |             |        |                   | Upper colony       | Lower colony    |
| S 72-15    | YM          | +++    | Purplish pink     | Purplish pink      | Pale beige      |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Purplish pink     | Purplish pink      | Pale beige      |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Purplish pink     | Purplish pink      | Pale beige      |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Pinkish gray      | Pale purplish pink | Pale beige      |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Pinkish gray      | Pinkish gray       | Pale beige      |
| S 74-1     | YM          | +++    | Light brown       | Light brown        | Pale beige      |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish gold     | Brownish gold      | Pale beige      |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish gold     | Brownish gold      | Pale beige      |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Light brown       | Light brown        | Pale beige      |
|            | Inorg. Salt | ++     | Light brown       | Light brown        | Pale beige      |
| S 74-5     | YM          | +++    | Purplish pink     | Purplish pink      | Pale beige      |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Purplish pink     | Purplish pink      | Pale yellow     |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Purplish pink     | Purplish pink      | Pale beige      |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Purplish pink     | Purplish pink      | Pale beige      |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Purplish pink     | Purplish pink      | Pale beige      |
| S 74-6     | YM          | +++    | Light medium gray | Light medium gray  | Brownish gold   |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Light gray        | Light bluish gray  | Brownish gold   |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Light medium gray | Light bluish gray  | Brown           |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Light gray        | Light gray         | Brown           |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Light gray        | Light gray         | Yellowish brown |
| S 74-7     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white    | Pale beige      |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white    | Pale yellow     |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white    | Yellowish white    | Pale beige      |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white    | Pale beige      |
|            | Inorg. Salt | ++     | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white    | Pale beige      |
| S 75-1     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white    | Pale beige      |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish white    | Yellowish white    | Pale beige      |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white    | Brownish white     | Light brown     |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white    | Light brown     |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Yellowish white   | Yellowish white    | Pale beige      |

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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color          | Colony color         |                      |
|------------|-------------|--------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|            |             |        |                      | Upper colony         | Lower colony         |
| S 75-3     | YM          | +++    | Brownish white       | Brownish white       | Pale beige           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish white       | Brownish white       | Pale beige           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white       | Brownish white       | Pale beige           |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Brownish white       | Brownish white       | Pale beige           |
|            | Inorg. salt | +++    | Brownish white       | Brownish white       | Pale beige           |
| S 75-4     | YM          | +++    | Vivid red            | Vivid red            | Vivid red            |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Vivid red            | Vivid red            | Vivid red            |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Vivid red            | Vivid red            | Vivid red            |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Strong yellowish red | Strong yellowish red | Deep yellowish red   |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Vivid red            | Vivid purplish red   | Strong yellowish red |
| S 75-5     | YM          | +++    | Black                | Pale beige           | Pale beige           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Black                | Pale yellow          | Dark brown           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Dark medium gray     | Pale yellow          | Pale yellow          |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Dark medium gray     | Medium gray          | Medium gray          |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Dark gray            | Pale beige           | Dark gray            |
| S 76-1     | YM          | +++    | Purplish pink        | Purplish pink        | Light brown          |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Purplish pink        | Purplish pink        | Brown                |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Purplish pink        | Purplish pink        | Brownish gold        |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Purplish pink        | Purplish pink        | Light brown          |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Purplish pink        | Purplish pink        | Light brown          |
| S 76-6     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white      | Yellowish white      | Pale beige           |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish white       | Yellowish white      | Pale beige           |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white       | Brownish white       | Pale beige           |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Yellowish white      | Yellowish white      | Pale beige           |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Yellowish white      | Yellowish white      | Pale beige           |

**Table 4.4 Cultural characteristics of the strains on different media after 14 days incubation**

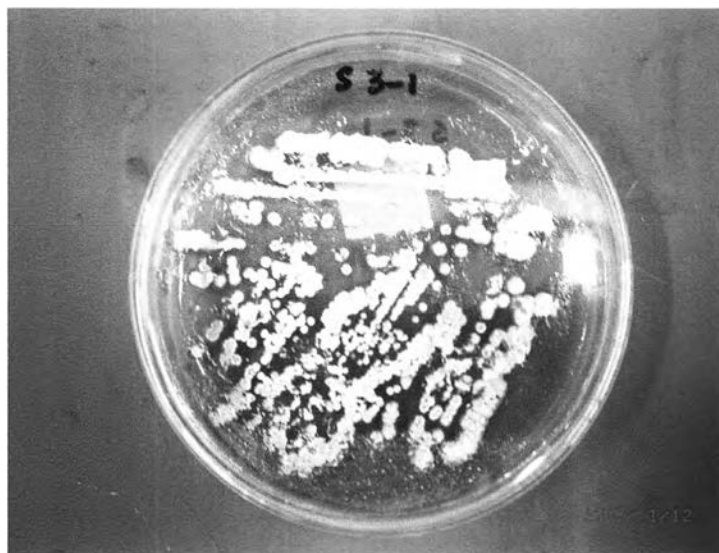
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| Strain no. | Medium      | Growth | Spore color     | Colony color    |               |
|------------|-------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
|            |             |        |                 | Upper colony    | Lower colony  |
| S 77-2     | YM          | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale yellow   |
|            | Tyrosine    | ++     | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale yellow   |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white  | Yellowish white | Pale beige    |
|            | Asparagine  | ++     | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale yellow   |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Yellowish white | Yellowish white | Pale yellow   |
| S 77-3     | YM          | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white  | Brownish gold |
|            | Tyrosine    | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white  | Brown         |
|            | Oatmeal     | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white  | Light brown   |
|            | Asparagine  | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white  | Light Brown   |
|            | Inorg. Salt | +++    | Brownish white  | Brownish white  | Brownish gold |

YM, Yeast Extract- Malt Extract agar; Tyrosine, Tyrosine agar; Oatmeal, Oatmeal agar (Difco);

Asparagine, Glycerol-Asparagine agar; Inorg. Salt, Inorganic salt-Starch agar.

+++, good; ++, moderate; +, poor; -, no growth

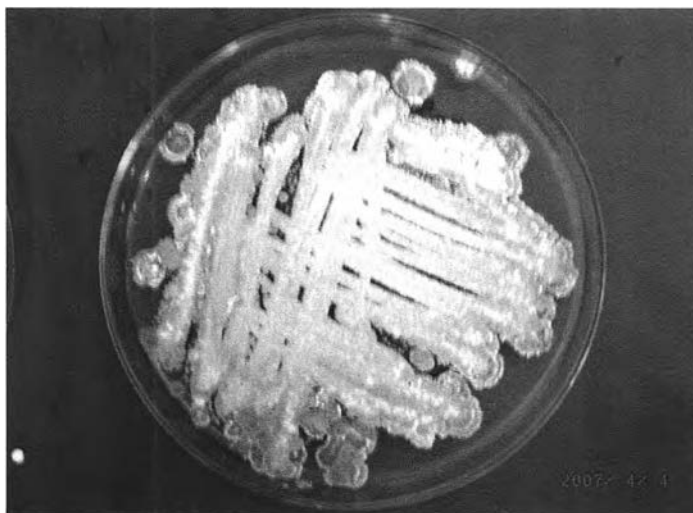


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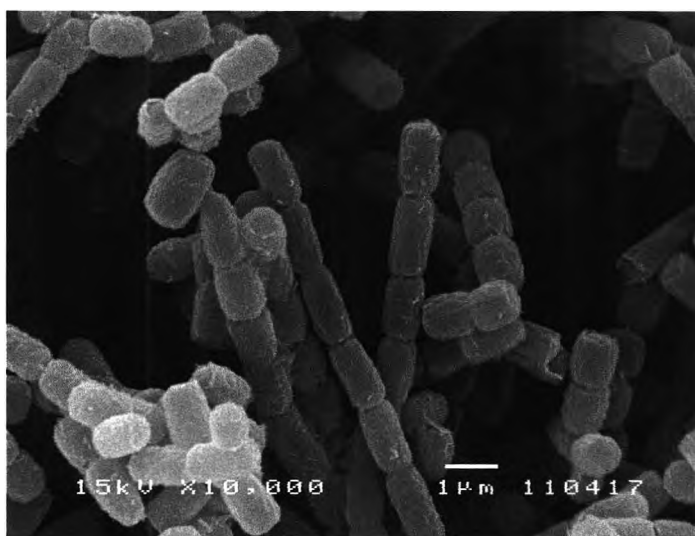


B

**Figure 4.1** Colonial appearance (A, velvety and vivid red spore color) and scanning electron micrograph of S3-1 on YMA medium (B) (14 days)



A



B

**Figure 4.2** Colonial appearance (A, powdery and gray spore color) and scanning electron micrograph of S38-2 , rectiflexibles of spore chain on YMA medium (B) (14 days)



A



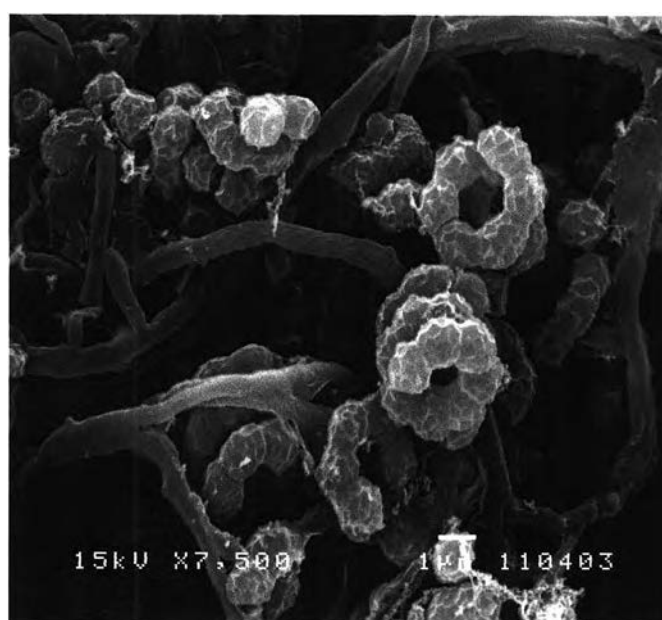
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**Figure 4.3** Colonial appearance (A, powdery and purplish pink spore color) and scanning electron micrograph of S72-10, rectiflexibles of spore chain on YMA medium (B) (14 days)



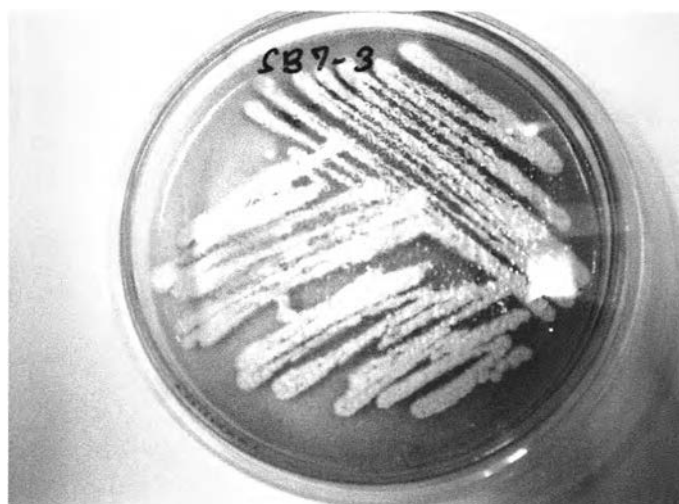


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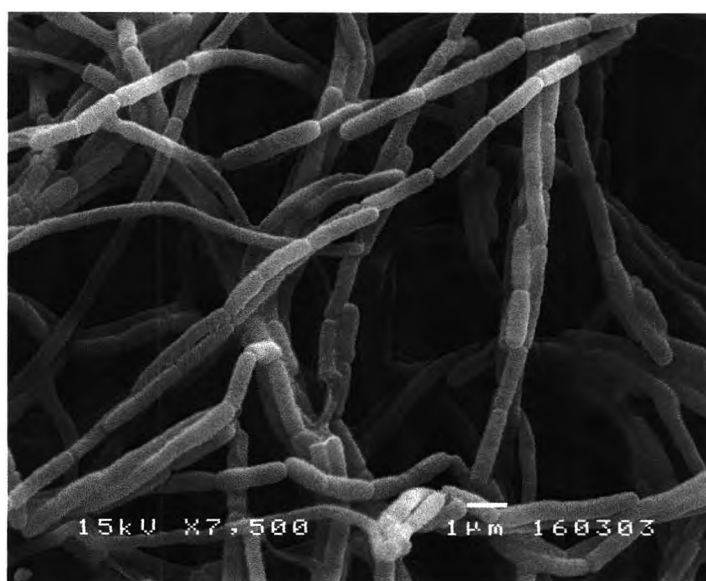


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**Figure 4.4** Colonial appearance (A, powdery and black spore color) and scanning electron micrograph of S75-5, spiral of spore chain on YMA medium (B) (14 days)



A

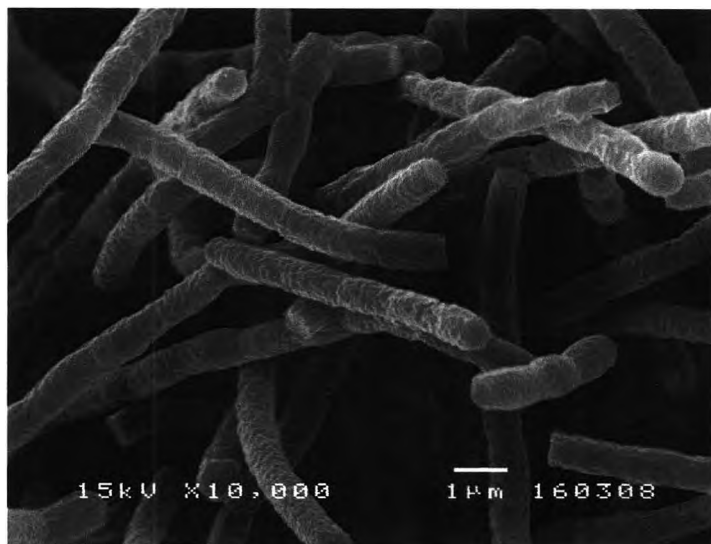


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**Figure 4.5** Colonial appearance (A, powdery and pinkish white spore color) and scanning electron micrograph of SB7-3, spore chain on YMA medium (B) (14 days)



A

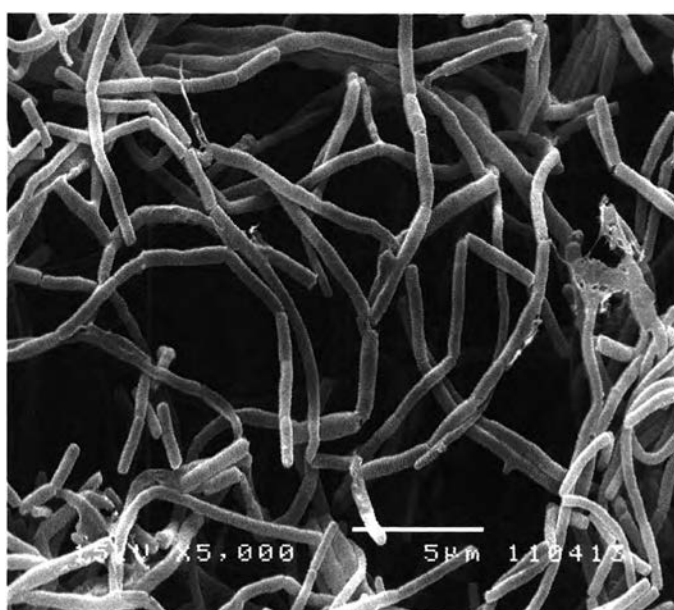


B

**Figure 4.6** Colonial appearance (A, powdery and pinkish white spore color) and scanning electron micrograph of S39-7, spore chain on YMA medium (B) (14 days)



A



B

**Figure 4.7** Colonial appearance (A, powdery and brownish white spore color) and scanning electron micrograph of KC19-1, spore chain on YMA medium (B) (14 days)



A

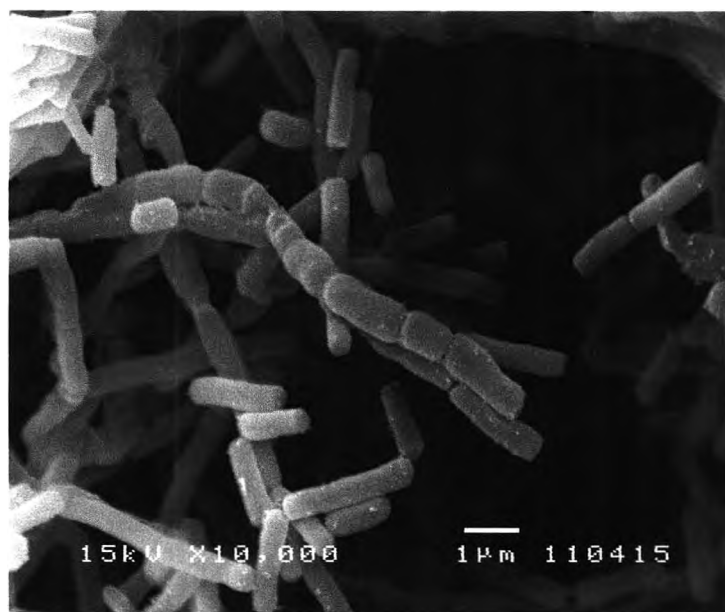


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**Figure 4.8** Colonial appearance (A, powdery and yellowish white spore color) and scanning electron micrograph of KC20-1, spore chain on YMA medium (B) (14 days)

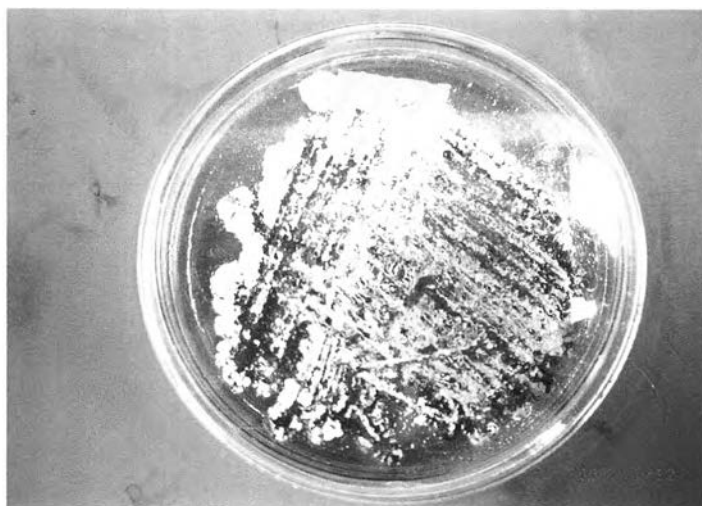


A



B

**Figure 4.9** Colonial appearance (A, powdery and yellowish white spore color) and scanning electron micrograph of K57-1, rectiflexibles of spore chain on YMA medium (B) (14 days)



A



B

**Figure 4.10** Colonial appearance (A, powdery and medium gray spore color) and scanning electron micrograph of SB3-2, rectiflexibles of spore chain on YMA medium (14 days)

## 2.2. Physiological and biochemical characteristics

The physiological characteristics of 18 selected strains were shown in Table 4.5. Most strains grew in YMA with 2% and 4% NaCl, at pH 5.0, 7.0, 9.0 and 10 and at 28°C, whereas fewer strains grew in 6% NaCl, at pH 4.0 and at 10°C and 45°C. All strains could not form melanin but all strains coagulated and peptonized skim milk. Most strains liquefied gelatin and hydrolyzed esculin, whereas fewer strains reduced nitrate and hydrolysed starch (Table 4.6). Most strains used glucose, glycerol, arabinose, D-xylose, D-manitol, D-fructose, sucrose, melibiose, rhamnose, and raffinose (Tables 4.7). Seven strains in genus *Amycolatopsis* could produce acid from glucose, adonitol, arabinose, cellobiose, dextrin, *meso*-erythriol, fructose, galactose, *meso*-inositol, lactose, maltose, mannitol, melezitose, melibiose, methyl D-glucoside, raffinose, rhamnose, salicin, sorbitol, sucrose, trehalose, and xylose (Table 4.8). Strain SB7-3, KC19-1, KC20-1, K57-1 grew on YMA containing 50 µg/ml of novobiocin, whereas only KC 19-1, KC 20-1, K57-1 grew in YMA containing 100 µg/ml of novobiocin. As mentioned, three strains were resistant to novobiocin 100 µg/ml but *A. keratinophila* KCTC 19104<sup>T</sup> and *A. albidoflavus* KCTC 9471<sup>T</sup> were sensitive as shown in Table 4.9. However, *A. eurytherma* DSM 44348<sup>T</sup>, *A. palatopharyngis* 1BDZ<sup>T</sup>, and *A. rubida* JCM 10871<sup>T</sup> were resistant to only on novobiocin 5 µg/ml (Huang *et al.*, 2001; 2004; Kim *et al.*, 2002). In addition, strain SB3-2 was sensitive to low concentrations of novobiocin and hence cannot be expected to grow on the novobiocin 50 and 100 µg/ml containing agar medium use by Tajima *et al.*, (2001); Takahashi and Omura (2003). Therefore, the use of novobiocin in the medium for the screening of *Amycolatopsis* and *Kitasatospora* strains should be considered.

## 2.3 Chemotaxonomic characteristics

On the basis of cell wall peptidoglycan, the selected 18 strains were divided into 3 groups. Group I contained 12 strains which were S1-2, S3-1, SB12-1, S33-3, S38-2, S49-1, S55-4, S71-1, S72-10, S75-3, S75-5 and S76-1. The cell wall component of the strains in this group was LL-isomer of diaminopimelic acid (DAP) which was the same pattern as the genus *Streptomyces*. They had MK-9 (H<sub>6</sub>) and MK-9 (H<sub>8</sub>) as the predominant menaquinones and the small amounts of MK-9 (H<sub>2</sub>) and MK-9 (H<sub>4</sub>). Their DNA G+C contents were ranged from 69.0-75.4 mol% (Lechevalier *et al.*, 1977; Goodfellow, 1988; Collin *et al.*, 1977).

Five strains, SB7-3, S39-7, KC19-1, KC20-1, K57-1 (Group II) contained *meso*-diaminopimelic acid which was the same pattern as the genus *Amycolatopsis*. The predominant



menaquinone was MK-9 (H<sub>4</sub>) and the small amounts of MK-9 (H<sub>2</sub>), MK-9 (H<sub>6</sub>), and MK-9 (H<sub>8</sub>). Their DNA G+C content ranged from 66.5-73.4 mol% as reported by Lechevalier *et al.*, (1977).

One strains, SB3-2 (Group III) contained LL and *meso* isomer of diaminopimelic acid which had the same pattern as the genus *Kitasatospora*. The predominant menaquinones were MK-9 (H<sub>6</sub>) and MK-9 (H<sub>8</sub>) and the small amounts of MK-9 (H<sub>4</sub>) and MK-10 (H<sub>0</sub>). DNA G+C content was 76.1 mol% as reported by Zang *et al.*, (1997) (Table 4.10).

**Table 4.5 Physiological characteristics of 18 selected strains**

| Strain no.             | NaCl |    |    | pH |   |   |   |    | Temperature |      |      |
|------------------------|------|----|----|----|---|---|---|----|-------------|------|------|
|                        | 2%   | 4% | 6% | 4  | 5 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 10°C        | 28°C | 45°C |
| S 1-2                  | +    | +  | +  | +  | + | + | + | +  | +           | +    | +    |
| S 3-1                  | +    | +  | w  | +  | + | + | + | +  | -           | +    | -    |
| SB 12-1                | +    | +  | w  | +  | + | + | + | +  | -           | +    | -    |
| S 33-3                 | +    | +  | -  | -  | + | + | + | +  | -           | +    | -    |
| S 38-2                 | +    | -  | -  | -  | + | + | + | +  | -           | +    | -    |
| S 49-1                 | +    | +  | -  | -  | w | + | + | -  | -           | +    | -    |
| S 55-4                 | +    | +  | -  | -  | + | + | + | +  | -           | +    | -    |
| S 71-1                 | +    | +  | -  | -  | - | + | + | -  | -           | +    | -    |
| S 72-10                | +    | +  | -  | -  | + | + | + | +  | -           | +    | -    |
| S 75-3                 | +    | +  | -  | -  | + | + | + | +  | -           | +    | -    |
| S 75-5                 | +    | +  | +  | +  | + | + | + | +  | +           | +    | +    |
| S 76-1                 | +    | +  | -  | -  | + | + | + | +  | -           | +    | -    |
| SB 7-3                 | +    | +  | +  | -  | + | + | + | +  | -           | +    | -    |
| S39-7                  | +    | +  | +  | -  | + | + | + | +  | -           | +    | -    |
| KC 19-1                | +    | +  | w  | -  | - | + | + | +  | -           | +    | -    |
| KC 20-1                | +    | +  | +  | -  | + | + | + | +  | -           | +    | -    |
| K 57-1                 | +    | +  | -  | -  | + | + | + | +  | -           | +    | -    |
| SB 3-2                 | +    | -  | -  | -  | + | + | + | +  | -           | +    | -    |
| KCTC19104 <sup>T</sup> | +    | +  | +  | -  | + | + | + | +  | +           | +    | -    |
| KCTC 9471 <sup>T</sup> | +    | +  | +  | -  | + | + | + | +  | +           | +    | -    |

+, positive; w, weak; -, negative; *A. keratinophila* KCTC 19104<sup>T</sup>; *A. albidoflavus* KCTC 9471<sup>T</sup>

**Table 4.6 Biochemical characteristics of 18 selected strains**

| Strain no.                 | NO <sub>3</sub><br>reduction | Melanin<br>formation | Strach<br>hydrolysis | Esculin<br>hydrolysis | Gelatin<br>liquefaction | Skim milk   |               |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|
|                            |                              |                      |                      |                       |                         | Coagulation | Peptonization |
| S 1-2                      | -                            | -                    | +                    | +                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| S 3-1                      | -                            | -                    | -                    | +                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| SB 12-1                    | -                            | -                    | -                    | +                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| S 33-3                     | -                            | -                    | +                    | -                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| S 38-2                     | -                            | -                    | +                    | -                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| S 49-1                     | +                            | -                    | +                    | +                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| S 55-4                     | -                            | -                    | -                    | -                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| S 71-1                     | -                            | -                    | +                    | +                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| S 72-10                    | -                            | -                    | +                    | +                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| S 75-3                     | -                            | -                    | -                    | +                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| S 75-5                     | -                            | -                    | +                    | +                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| S 76-1                     | -                            | -                    | +                    | +                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| SB 7-3                     | -                            | -                    | -                    | +                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| S 39-7                     | -                            | -                    | -                    | +                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| KC19-1                     | -                            | -                    | -                    | +                     | -                       | +           | +             |
| KC20-1                     | -                            | -                    | -                    | +                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| K 57-1                     | -                            | -                    | +                    | +                     | -                       | +           | +             |
| SB 3-2                     | +                            | -                    | -                    | +                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| KCTC<br>19104 <sup>T</sup> | +                            | -                    | -                    | +                     | +                       | +           | +             |
| KCTC<br>9471 <sup>T</sup>  | -                            | -                    | -                    | +                     | +                       | +           | +             |

+, positive; -, negative; *A. keratinophila* KCTC 19104<sup>T</sup>; *A. albidoflavus* KCTC 9471<sup>T</sup>

Table 4.7 Utilization of various carbon sources of 18 selected strains

| Strain no.                 | None | Glucose | Glycerol | L-Arabinose | D-Xylose | D-Mannitol | D-fructose | Sucrose | Melibiose | Rhamnose | Raffinose |
|----------------------------|------|---------|----------|-------------|----------|------------|------------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| S 1-2                      | -    | +       | +        | +           | +        | +          | +          | +       | +         | +        | +         |
| S 3-1                      | -    | +       | +        | +           | +        | +          | +          | +       | +         | +        | +         |
| SB 12-1                    | -    | +       | +        | +           | +        | +          | +          | +       | +         | +        | +         |
| S 33-3                     | -    | +       | +        | -           | +        | +          | +          | +       | +         | -        | -         |
| S 38-2                     | -    | +       | +        | +           | -        | +          | +          | -       | +         | +        | +         |
| S 49-1                     | -    | +       | w        | -           | -        | -          | +          | +       | -         | -        | -         |
| S 55-4                     | -    | +       | -        | +           | +        | -          | +          | +       | +         | +        | -         |
| S 71-1                     | -    | +       | +        | w           | +        | +          | +          | -       | +         | -        | -         |
| S 72-10                    | -    | +       | +        | +           | +        | -          | +          | +       | +         | +        | -         |
| S 75-3                     | -    | +       | -        | -           | -        | +          | +          | w       | w         | -        | +         |
| S 75-5                     | -    | +       | +        | +           | +        | +          | +          | +       | +         | +        | +         |
| S 76-1                     | -    | +       | +        | +           | +        | -          | +          | +       | +         | +        | -         |
| SB 7-3                     | -    | +       | +        | -           | +        | +          | +          | +       | +         | +        | +         |
| S 39-7                     | -    | +       | +        | +           | +        | +          | +          | +       | -         | +        | +         |
| KC19-1                     | -    | +       | +        | +           | +        | +          | +          | +       | +         | +        | +         |
| KC20-1                     | -    | +       | +        | -           | +        | +          | +          | +       | +         | +        | +         |
| K 57-1                     | -    | +       | +        | -           | +        | +          | +          | +       | +         | +        | +         |
| SB 3-2                     | -    | +       | +        | +           | -        | -          | +          | -       | -         | -        | -         |
| KCTC<br>19104 <sup>T</sup> | -    | +       | +        | +           | +        | +          | +          | -       | +         | +        | +         |
| KCTC<br>9471 <sup>T</sup>  | -    | +       | +        | +           | +        | +          | +          | -       | +         | +        | +         |

+, positive; w, weak; -, negative; *A. keratinophila* KCTC 19104<sup>T</sup>; *A. albidoflavus* KCTC 9471<sup>T</sup>

**Table 4.8 Acid production from various carbohydrates of 7 strains in Group II**

| Strain no.<br>Carbon   | SB7-3 | S39-7 | KC19-1 | KC20-1 | K57-1 | KCTC<br>19104 <sup>T</sup> | KCTC<br>9471 <sup>T</sup> |
|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| None                   | -     | -     | -      | -      | -     | -                          | -                         |
| Glucose                | +     | +     | +      | +      | +     | +                          | -                         |
| Adonitol               | +     | +     | +      | -      | +     | +                          | +                         |
| L-Arabinose            | +     | +     | +      | -      | -     | +                          | +                         |
| Cellobiose             | +     | +     | +      | +      | +     | +                          | +                         |
| Dextrin                | +     | +     | +      | +      | +     | +                          | +                         |
| <i>meso</i> -Erythriol | +     | +     | +      | -      | +     | +                          | +                         |
| D-Fructose             | +     | +     | +      | +      | +     | +                          | +                         |
| D-Galactose            | -     | +     | +      | +      | +     | +                          | +                         |
| <i>meso</i> -Inositol  | +     | +     | +      | -      | +     | +                          | +                         |
| Lactose                | +     | +     | +      | +      | +     | +                          | +                         |
| Maltose                | +     | +     | +      | +      | +     | +                          | +                         |
| D-Mannitol             | +     | +     | +      | +      | +     | +                          | +                         |
| Melezitose             | -     | +     | +      | +      | +     | -                          | -                         |
| Melibiose              | -     | +     | +      | +      | +     | +                          | -                         |
| Methyl D-<br>glucoside | +     | +     | +      | +      | +     | +                          | -                         |
| Raffinose              | -     | +     | +      | +      | +     | +                          | -                         |
| Rhamnose               | -     | -     | +      | +      | +     | +                          | -                         |
| Salicin                | +     | -     | +      | +      | +     | +                          | -                         |
| Sorbitol               | -     | -     | +      | -      | +     | -                          | -                         |
| Sucrose                | -     | +     | +      | +      | +     | +                          | +                         |
| Trehalose              | +     | +     | +      | +      | +     | +                          | +                         |
| D-Xylose               | +     | +     | +      | +      | +     | +                          | +                         |

+, positive; -, negative

**Table 4.9 Growth of 18 selected strains on YMA containing novobiocin ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )**

| Strain no.                                      | Novobiocin 50 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ | Novobiocin 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| S 1-2   | -                              | -                               |
| S 3-1   | -                              | -                               |
| SB 12-1   | -                              | -                               |
| S 33-3  | -                              | -                               |
| S 38-2  | -                              | -                               |
| S 49-1  | -                              | -                               |
| S 55-4  | -                              | -                               |
| S 71-1  | -                              | -                               |
| S 72-10   | -                              | -                               |
| S 75-3  | -                              | -                               |
| S 75-5  | -                              | -                               |
| S 76-1  | -                              | -                               |
| SB 7-3  | w                              | -                               |
| S 39-7  | -                              | -                               |
| KC 19-1   | +                              | +                               |
| KC 20-1   | +                              | +                               |
| K 57-1  | +                              | +                               |
| SB 3-2  | -                              | -                               |
| <i>A. keratinophila</i> KCTC 19104 <sup>T</sup> | -                              | -                               |
| <i>A. albidoflavus</i> KCTC 9471 <sup>T</sup>   | -                              | -                               |

+, positive; w, weak; -, negative

**Table 4.10 Diaminopimelic acid, DNA G+C and menaquinone of 18 selected strains**

| Strain<br>no. | Diaminopimelic acid  |            | DNA<br>G+C<br>(mol%) | Menaquinone (%)           |                           |                           |                           |                            |
|---------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
|               | <i>meso</i> -<br>DAP | LL-<br>DAP |                      | MK-9<br>(H <sub>2</sub> ) | MK-9<br>(H <sub>4</sub> ) | MK-9<br>(H <sub>6</sub> ) | MK-9<br>(H <sub>8</sub> ) | MK-10<br>(H <sub>0</sub> ) |
| S 1-2         | -                    | +          | 72.5                 | 1.06                      | 2.2                       | 71.5                      | 25.2                      | -                          |
| S 3-1         | -                    | +          | 74.1                 | 2.7                       | 8.3                       | 30.6                      | 55.9                      | -                          |
| SB 12-1       | -                    | +          | 73.6                 | 7.3                       | 21.7                      | 41.9                      | 29.0                      | -                          |
| S 33-3        | -                    | +          | 71.0                 | 4.3                       | 15.1                      | 32.6                      | 48.1                      | -                          |
| S 38-2        | -                    | +          | 75.4                 | 0.9                       | 1.5                       | 41.6                      | 55.9                      | -                          |
| S 49-1        | -                    | +          | 73.2                 | 2.8                       | 12.6                      | 27.2                      | 57.5                      | -                          |
| S 55-4        | -                    | +          | 69.7                 | 3.2                       | 4.2                       | 50.2                      | 42.6                      | -                          |
| S 71-1        | -                    | +          | 70.7                 | 0.9                       | 20.7                      | 48.7                      | 29.7                      | -                          |
| S 72-10       | -                    | +          | 69.0                 | 1.9                       | 2.1                       | 56.0                      | 39.9                      | -                          |
| S 75-3        | -                    | +          | 71.1                 | 5.4                       | 8.0                       | 30.3                      | 56.3                      | -                          |
| S 75-5        | -                    | +          | 73.0                 | 1.5                       | 17.1                      | 32.6                      | 48.8                      | -                          |
| S 76-1        | -                    | +          | 69.1                 | 4.1                       | 2.9                       | 45.9                      | 47.0                      | -                          |
| SB 7-3        | +                    | -          | 66.5                 | 20.4                      | 76.4                      | 1.1                       | 2.1                       | -                          |
| S 39-7        | +                    | -          | 67.2                 | 0.3                       | 94.5                      | 3.1                       | 2.1                       | -                          |
| KC 19-1       | +                    | -          | 73.4                 | 3.8                       | 91.2                      | 2.4                       | 2.6                       | -                          |
| KC 20-1       | +                    | -          | 73.2                 | 16.4                      | 78.4                      | 1.5                       | 3.7                       | -                          |
| K 57-1        | +                    | -          | 73.1                 | 5.4                       | 88.5                      | 1.5                       | 4.6                       | -                          |
| SB 3-2        | +                    | +          | 76.1                 | -                         | 8.1                       | 56.4                      | 28.9                      | 8.6                        |

+, positive; -, negative

**Table 4.11 Characteristics of *Streptomyces* strain S3-1**

| Characteristics  | Result  |
|--|---|
| Spore chain  | Rectiflexibiles                                   |
| Spore color  | Vivid red   |
| Colonial appearance  | Velvety   |
| Upper colony color on YMA  | Vivid red   |
| Lower colony color on YMA  | Vivid red   |
| <b>Growth on agar medium:</b><br>Yeast Extract-Malt extract, Tyrosine, Oatmeal, Asparagine and Inorganic salt starch                                   | +   |
| <b>Growth at:</b><br>10°C<br>28°C<br>45°C<br>pH 4-10   | -<br>+<br>-<br>+                                  |
| Growth in NaCl (2-6%)  | +   |
| <b>Decomposition of:</b><br>Starch<br>Esculin<br>Gelatin   | +<br>+<br>+                                       |
| Production of melanin  | -   |
| Reduction of nitrate   | -   |
| Coagulation of skim milk   | +   |
| <b>Growth on sole carbon source (1%w/v)</b><br>Glucose, Glycerol, Arabinose, D-xylose, D- manitol, D-fructose, Sucrose, Melibiose, Rhamnose, Raffinose | +   |
| Cell wall  | LL- diaminopimelic acid                           |
| Major menaquinone  | MK-9 (H <sub>6</sub> ) and MK-9 (H <sub>8</sub> ) |
| G+C content (%mol)   | 74.1  |

+, positive; -, negative

### 3. 16S rDNA amplification and nucleotide sequence analysis

#### 3.1 16S rDNA sequencing

The PCR products of 18 selected strains were determined for their 16S rDNA nucleotide sequences as illustrated in Appendix C.

#### 3.2 16S rDNA sequences and phylogenetic tree analysis

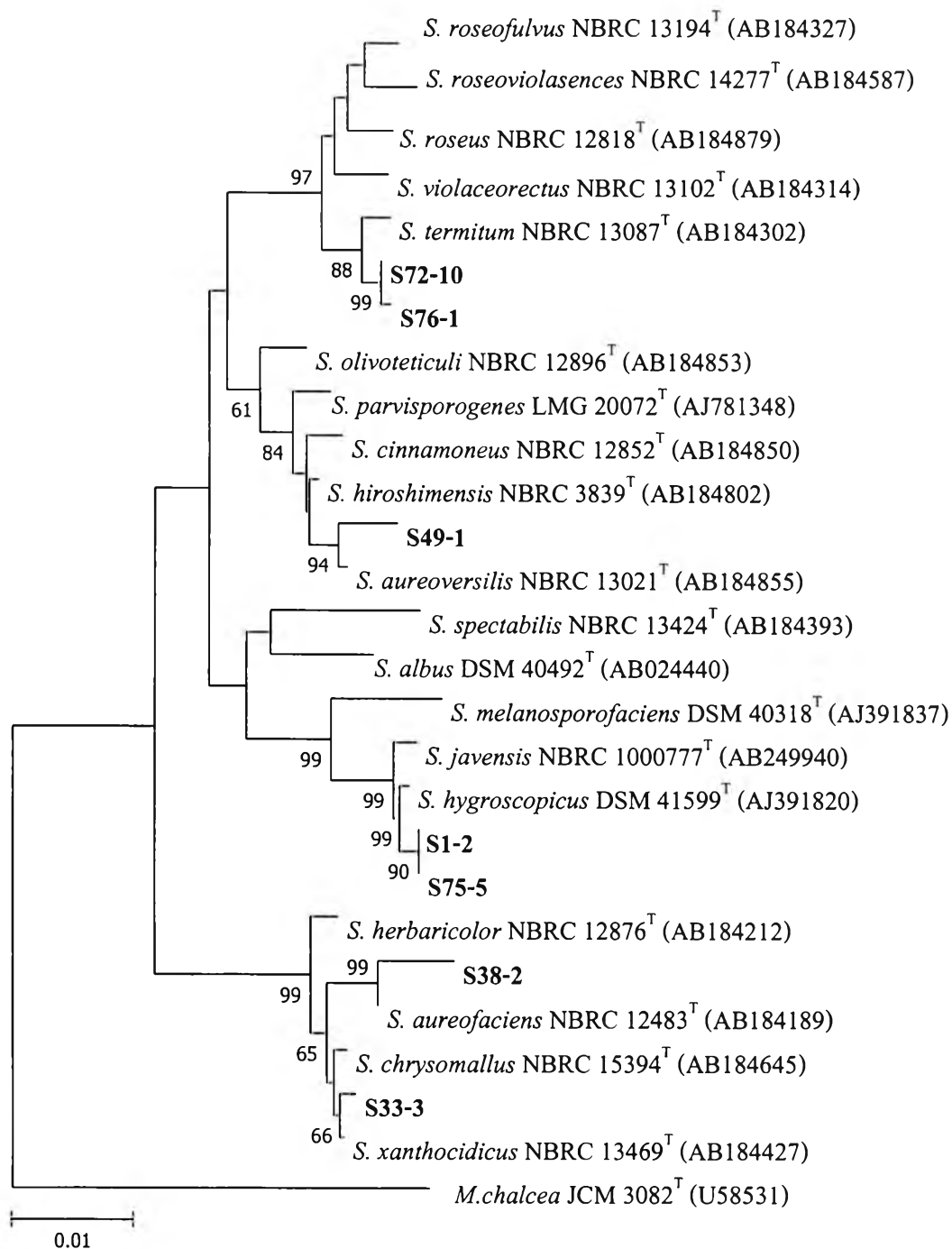
The almost complete 16S rDNA sequence consisting of about 1300-1500 nucleotides were determined for some type strains of *Streptomyces*, *Amycolatopsis*, and *Kitasatospora*. Based on 16S rDNA sequences from the selected strains, the phylogenetic tree were constructed from evolutionary distances by using neighbor-joining method in the MEGA program version 2.1.

Phylogenetic analysis of Group I (S1-2, S3-1, SB12-1, S33-3, S38-2, S49-1, S55-4, S71-1, S72-10, S75-3, S75-5, S76-1) strains revealed that they were belonged to the genus *Streptomyces* comparing with some of the type strains validly described, and selected *Micromonospora chalcea* JCM 3082<sup>T</sup> as an outgroup (Figure 4.11 and 4.12). The percentage of 16S rDNA sequence similarity of selected *Streptomyces* strains to another strains were showed in Table 4.12 and 4.13. The strains S72-10 and S76-1 were 99.9% related to each other and showed 99.6 and 99.8% similarity with *S. termitum* NBRC 13087<sup>T</sup>, respectively. Strain S49-1 showed 99.4% similarity with *S. aureoversilis* NBRC 13021<sup>T</sup>. The strains S1-2 and S75-5 were 100% related to each other and shared 16S rDNA nucleotide similarity within 99.8% with *S. hygroscopicus* DSM 41599<sup>T</sup>. The strains of *S. hygroscopicus* were reported to produce geldanamycin and 17-0-demethylgeldanamycin (Glasby, 1993). Strains S38-2 showed 99.4% similarity with *S. aureofaciens* NBRC 12483<sup>T</sup> which was reported to produced tetracycline (Tortota *et al.*, 1995). Strain S33-3 showed 99.8% similarity with *S. xanthocidicus* NBRC 13469<sup>T</sup>. The strains of *S. xanthocidicus* were reported to produce respinomycins (Ubukata *et al.*, 1993). Strain S55-4 showed 99.9% similarity with *S. roseocinereus* NBRC 13829<sup>T</sup>. Strains S71-1 showed 99.4% similarity with *S. mycarofaciens* NBRC 13792<sup>T</sup>. The strains of *S. mycarofaciens* were reported to produce midecamycin (Harold, 1983). Strains S75-3 showed 99.4% similarity with *S. albospinus* NBRC 13846<sup>T</sup>. The strains of *S. albospinus* were reported to produce spinamycin (Wang *et al.*, 1996). The strains S3-1 and SB12-1 were 99.5% related to each other and showed 99.6 and 99.7% similarity with *S. spectabilis* NBRC 13424<sup>T</sup> respectively. The strains of *Streptomyces spectabilis* were reported to produce antimicrobial agents such as spectinabilin (Kakinuma *et al.*, 1976), spectinomycin (Yu and Fan, 1994), desertomycin (Ivanova, 1997), spectomycin (Staley and Rinehart, 1994), and streptovaricin (Spasova *et al.*, 1997).



Phylogenetic analysis of Group II strains, SB7-3, S39-7, KC19-1, KC20-1, and K57-1 revealed that they were belonged to the genus *Amycolatopsis* (Figure 4.13). The percentage of 16S rDNA sequence similarity of five selected *Amycolatopsis* strains to another strains were showed in Table 4.14. Strain S39-7 was closely related to *A. albidoflavus* KCTC 9471<sup>T</sup> (Lee and Hah, 2001). The two organisms shared 16S rDNA similarity value of 99.2%. Strain SB7-3 showed 99.3% similarity with *A. keratinophila* KCTC 19104<sup>T</sup> (Almusallam *et al.*, 2003). The strains KC19-1 and K57-1 were 99.3% related to each other and showed 99.3 and 99.2% similarity with *A. kentuckyensis* NRRL B-24129<sup>T</sup> (Labeda *et al.*, 2003), respectively. The strains KC20-1 and K57-1 were 98.3% related to each other and strains KC20-1 and KC19-1 were 98.1% related to each other. Strain KC20-1 showed 98.1% similarity with *A. kentuckyensis* NRRL B - 24129<sup>T</sup>. Five selected strains and related *Amycolatopsis* species were differentiated from each other as shown in Table 4.15. S39-7 could produce dark red soluble pigment, acid production from raffinose but no growth at 10 ° C. These characteristics could differentiate it from *A. albidoflavus* KCTC 9471<sup>T</sup>. SB7-3 could produce light brown soluble pigment, but no acid production from D-galactose, rhamnose, raffinose and no growth at 10 ° C. These characteristics could differentiate it from *A. keratinophila* KCTC 19104<sup>T</sup>. KC19-1 could produce acid from raffinose but not decompose gelatin. KC20-1 could not produce acid from L-arabinose, meso-inositol and sorbitol but produce acid from raffinose, while K57-1 could produce acid from raffinose but not from L-arabinose and not liquefy gelatin that differentiated them from *A. kentuckyensis* NRRL B-14129<sup>T</sup>. DNA-DNA hybridization experiment is acknowledged as the superior method for the elucidation of relationships between closely related taxa, such as known strains and species, in which a DNA homology value of about >70% plays a dominant role (Wayne *et al.*, 1987). For further study, selected *Amycolatopsis* strains should be hybridized with closely related type strains for proposed that they possible new species.

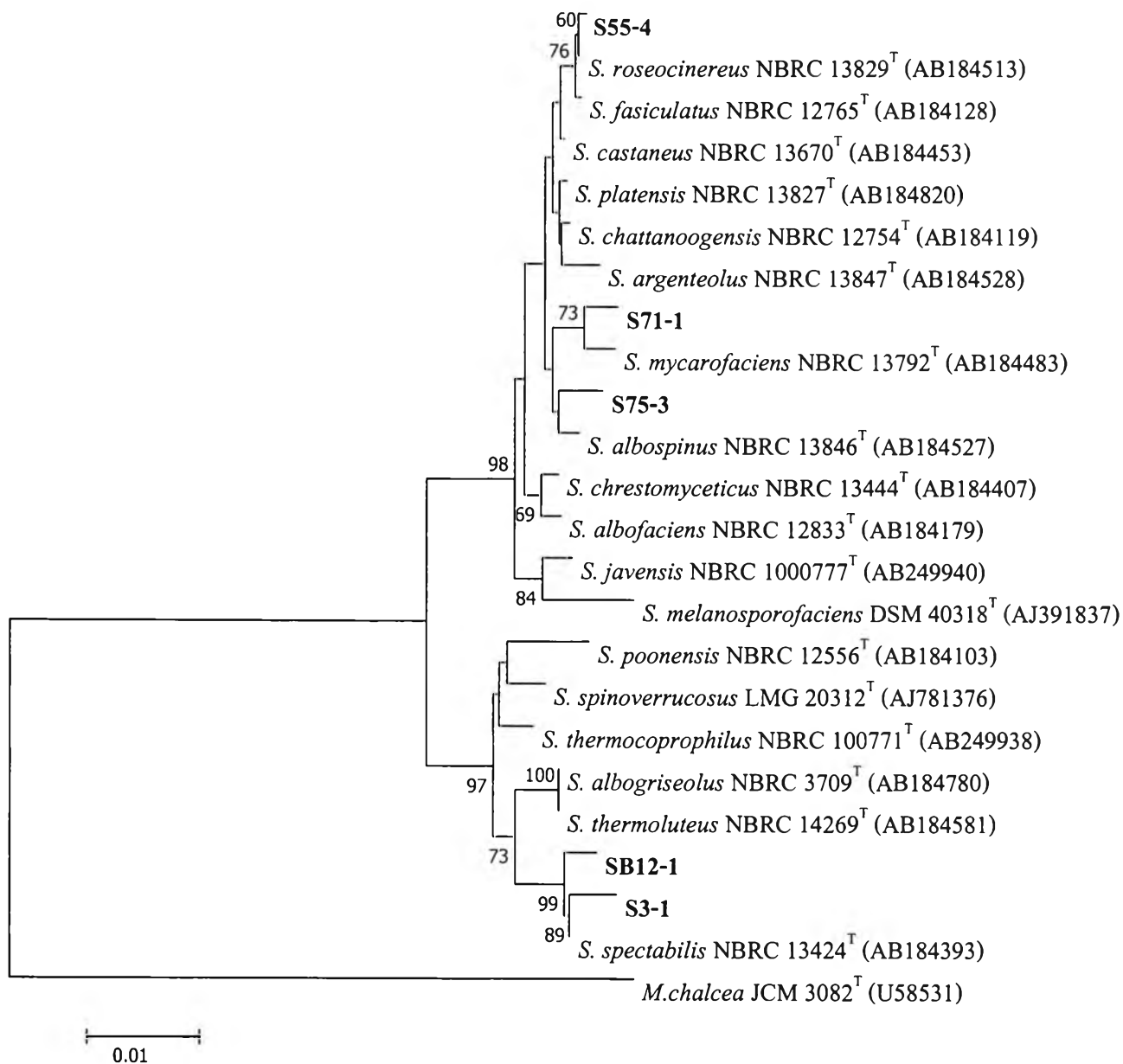
Phylogenetic analysis of Group III strain, SB3-2 revealed that it was belonged to the genus *Kitasatospora* (Figure 4.14). The percentage of 16S rDNA sequence similarity of strain SB3-2 and *Kitasatospora* strains was showed in Table 4.16. Strain SB3-2 was closely related *K. putterlickiae* DSM 44665<sup>T</sup> (Groth *et al.*, 2003). They shared 16S rDNA similarity value of 98.9%. Strain SB3-2 was differentiated from *K. putterlickiae* and closely related *Kitasatospora* species by melanin pigment and utilization of carbon (Table 4.17). However the DNA-DNA hybridization studies should resolve the taxonomic relationship to separate it as a new species.



**Figure 4.11** A neighbour-joining tree based on 16S rDNA sequences, showing the position of S72-10, S76-1, S49-1, S1-2, S75-5, S38-2, and S33-3. The tree validated by a bootstrap analysis (1000 replications) and values greater than 50% are indicated at the nodes. Bar, 0.01 substitutions per nucleotides position.

**Table 4.12 Percentage similarities of S72-10, S76-1, S49-1, S1-2, S75-5, S38-2, S33-3 and related taxa**

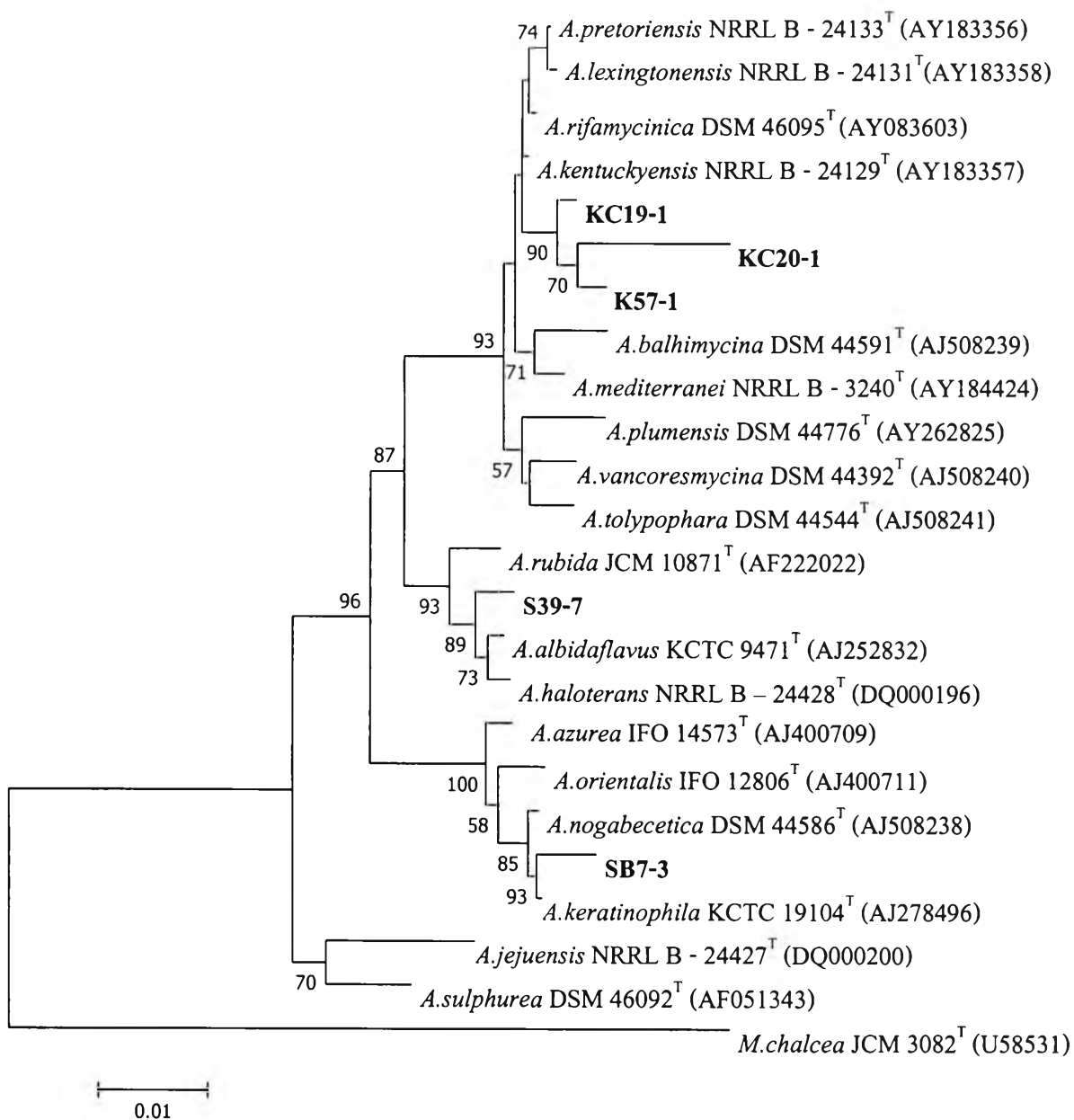
| Accession no. | % Similarity |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
|---------------|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
|               | 1            | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | 11   | 12   | 13   | 14   | 15   | 16   | 17   | 18   | 19   | 20   | 21   | 22   | 23   | 24   | 25   | 26   | 27   |     |
| 1.S1-2        | 100          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 2.S38-2       | 95.3         | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 3.S49-1       | 97.0         | 95.7 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 4.S33-3       | 95.9         | 98.7 | 96.6 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 5.S72-10      | 96.5         | 96.5 | 97.6 | 97.4 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 6.S75-5       | 100          | 95.3 | 97.0 | 95.9 | 96.5 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 7.S76-1       | 96.4         | 96.5 | 97.5 | 97.4 | 99.9 | 96.4 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 8.AB184302    | 96.6         | 96.8 | 97.4 | 97.7 | 99.6 | 96.6 | 99.8 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 9.AB184327    | 96.6         | 96.1 | 97.4 | 97.0 | 99.2 | 96.6 | 99.1 | 99.0 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 10.AB184879   | 96.6         | 96.0 | 97.3 | 96.9 | 99.2 | 96.6 | 99.1 | 99.1 | 99.3 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 11.AB184587   | 96.6         | 95.8 | 97.0 | 96.7 | 98.8 | 96.6 | 98.7 | 98.6 | 99.3 | 99.0 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 12.AB184314   | 96.8         | 96.1 | 97.3 | 97.0 | 98.9 | 96.8 | 98.8 | 98.6 | 98.9 | 99.0 | 99.2 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 13.AB184189   | 95.8         | 99.4 | 96.4 | 99.3 | 97.2 | 95.8 | 97.1 | 97.4 | 96.7 | 96.6 | 96.5 | 96.6 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 14.AB184855   | 97.4         | 96.1 | 99.4 | 97.2 | 98.2 | 97.4 | 98.1 | 97.9 | 98.0 | 97.9 | 97.5 | 97.9 | 96.8 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 15.AB184802   | 97.5         | 95.9 | 99.2 | 96.8 | 97.8 | 97.5 | 97.7 | 97.5 | 97.6 | 97.5 | 97.5 | 97.8 | 96.5 | 99.6 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 16.AB184850   | 97.0         | 95.6 | 99.0 | 96.5 | 97.9 | 97.0 | 97.8 | 97.6 | 97.7 | 97.6 | 97.5 | 97.9 | 96.3 | 99.4 | 99.6 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 17.AJ781348   | 97.5         | 96.1 | 98.8 | 96.8 | 97.5 | 97.5 | 97.4 | 97.4 | 97.4 | 97.4 | 97.2 | 97.5 | 96.7 | 99.2 | 99.6 | 99.2 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 18.AB184853   | 96.8         | 96.5 | 98.4 | 97.2 | 98.4 | 96.8 | 98.3 | 98.3 | 98.3 | 98.3 | 98.1 | 98.4 | 97.1 | 98.8 | 99.1 | 99.1 | 99.1 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 19.AB184427   | 96.1         | 98.8 | 96.8 | 99.8 | 97.4 | 96.1 | 97.4 | 97.7 | 97.0 | 96.9 | 96.7 | 97.0 | 99.4 | 97.2 | 97.0 | 96.7 | 97.0 | 97.4 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 20.AB184212   | 96.1         | 98.5 | 96.6 | 99.5 | 97.3 | 96.1 | 97.2 | 97.5 | 96.8 | 96.8 | 96.9 | 97.2 | 99.1 | 97.0 | 97.3 | 97.0 | 97.3 | 97.7 | 99.7 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 21.AB184645   | 96.2         | 98.8 | 96.6 | 99.7 | 97.4 | 96.2 | 97.4 | 97.7 | 97.0 | 96.9 | 96.7 | 96.9 | 99.4 | 97.0 | 97.0 | 96.5 | 97.1 | 97.4 | 99.8 | 99.5 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 22.AJ391820   | 99.8         | 95.4 | 97.0 | 96.0 | 96.6 | 99.8 | 96.5 | 96.7 | 96.7 | 96.6 | 96.7 | 96.9 | 95.9 | 97.5 | 97.5 | 97.1 | 97.6 | 96.9 | 96.1 | 96.1 | 96.3 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 23.AB249940   | 99.6         | 95.4 | 96.9 | 96.0 | 96.4 | 99.6 | 96.3 | 96.6 | 96.6 | 96.5 | 96.7 | 96.9 | 95.9 | 97.3 | 97.4 | 97.0 | 97.6 | 96.9 | 96.1 | 96.1 | 96.3 | 99.7 | 100  |      |      |      |      |     |
| 24.AB184393   | 96.9         | 94.7 | 96.9 | 95.6 | 96.6 | 96.9 | 96.6 | 96.8 | 96.8 | 97.3 | 96.6 | 96.8 | 95.4 | 97.5 | 97.5 | 97.3 | 97.5 | 96.9 | 95.6 | 95.9 | 95.4 | 97.0 | 96.8 | 100  |      |      |      |     |
| 25.AJ391837   | 98.3         | 95.1 | 96.8 | 95.9 | 96.2 | 98.3 | 96.1 | 96.6 | 96.3 | 96.1 | 96.2 | 96.1 | 95.8 | 97.2 | 97.3 | 97.0 | 97.5 | 96.7 | 96.1 | 96.1 | 96.2 | 98.4 | 98.4 | 96.7 | 100  |      |      |     |
| 26.AB024440   | 97.6         | 95.0 | 97.2 | 95.9 | 96.9 | 97.6 | 96.8 | 97.0 | 97.0 | 97.5 | 97.3 | 97.5 | 95.6 | 97.6 | 97.7 | 97.9 | 97.8 | 97.5 | 96.1 | 96.2 | 95.9 | 97.7 | 97.9 | 97.9 | 97.8 | 100  |      |     |
| 27.U58531     | 89.1         | 88.7 | 88.5 | 88.7 | 88.3 | 89.1 | 88.2 | 88.6 | 87.9 | 88.0 | 87.9 | 88.2 | 89.3 | 89.0 | 89.2 | 88.9 | 89.4 | 88.9 | 88.9 | 88.9 | 88.9 | 89.1 | 89.2 | 89.2 | 89.1 | 88.7 | 88.4 | 100 |



**Figure 4.12** A neighbour-joining tree based on 16S rDNA sequences, showing the position of S55-4, S71-1, S75-3, SB12-1, and S3-1. The tree validated by a bootstrap analysis (1000 replications) and values greater than 50% are indicated at the nodes. Bar, 0.01 substitutions per nucleotides position.

**Table 4.13 Percentage similarities of S55-4, S71-1, S75-3, SB12-1, S3-1 and related taxa**

| Accession no. | % Similarity |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
|---------------|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
|               | 1            | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | 11   | 12   | 13   | 14   | 15   | 16    | 17   | 18   | 19   | 20   | 21   | 22   | 23   | 24  |
| 1.S71-1       | 100          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 2.S75-3       | 99.2         | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 3.S3-1        | 97.1         | 96.6 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 4.SB12-1      | 97.3         | 96.8 | 99.5 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 5.S55-4       | 99.1         | 99.1 | 96.8 | 97.0 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 6.AB184483    | 99.4         | 98.9 | 97.1 | 97.3 | 99.1 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 7.AB184119    | 99.1         | 99.3 | 96.9 | 97.0 | 99.6 | 99.0 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 8.AB184527    | 99.3         | 99.4 | 96.5 | 96.7 | 99.3 | 99.0 | 99.5 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 9.AB184407    | 98.8         | 98.8 | 97.3 | 97.5 | 99.3 | 98.7 | 99.4 | 98.9 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 10.AB184528   | 98.8         | 99.0 | 97.0 | 97.2 | 99.2 | 98.9 | 99.6 | 99.3 | 99.0 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 11.AB184179   | 98.8         | 99.2 | 97.3 | 97.5 | 99.2 | 98.7 | 99.3 | 98.9 | 99.7 | 99.0 | 100  |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 12.AB184820   | 99.1         | 99.3 | 96.7 | 96.9 | 99.6 | 99.2 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 99.3 | 99.6 | 99.3 | 100  |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 13.AB184393   | 97.6         | 97.0 | 99.6 | 99.7 | 97.2 | 97.6 | 97.3 | 97.0 | 97.7 | 97.5 | 97.7 | 97.1 | 100  |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 14.AB184103   | 97.0         | 96.9 | 98.0 | 98.1 | 97.0 | 97.4 | 97.0 | 96.7 | 97.4 | 97.4 | 97.6 | 97.0 | 98.4 | 100  |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 15.AB249938   | 97.7         | 97.4 | 98.5 | 98.7 | 97.6 | 97.8 | 97.6 | 97.3 | 97.9 | 98.1 | 98.1 | 97.6 | 98.9 | 99.0 | 100  |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 16.AB184780   | 97.4         | 96.9 | 98.7 | 98.9 | 97.5 | 97.6 | 97.4 | 97.0 | 97.7 | 97.6 | 97.7 | 97.4 | 99.1 | 98.6 | 99.0 | 100   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 17.AB184581   | 97.4         | 96.9 | 98.7 | 98.9 | 97.5 | 97.6 | 97.4 | 97.0 | 97.7 | 97.6 | 97.7 | 97.4 | 99.1 | 98.6 | 99.0 | 100.0 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 18.AB184513   | 99.1         | 99.1 | 96.9 | 97.0 | 99.9 | 99.2 | 99.7 | 99.3 | 99.4 | 99.3 | 99.3 | 99.7 | 97.3 | 97.1 | 97.7 | 97.6  | 97.6 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 19.AB184453   | 99.1         | 99.3 | 96.9 | 97.0 | 99.8 | 99.2 | 99.8 | 99.5 | 99.4 | 99.4 | 99.3 | 99.8 | 97.3 | 97.0 | 97.6 | 97.5  | 97.5 | 99.8 | 100  |      |      |      |      |     |
| 20.AB184128   | 99.2         | 99.2 | 97.0 | 97.1 | 99.8 | 99.3 | 99.6 | 99.4 | 99.3 | 99.2 | 99.2 | 99.6 | 97.4 | 97.0 | 97.6 | 97.5  | 97.5 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 100  |      |      |      |     |
| 21.AB249940   | 98.4         | 98.7 | 96.7 | 96.9 | 98.8 | 98.8 | 98.8 | 99.0 | 99.1 | 98.6 | 99.1 | 99.0 | 97.1 | 97.3 | 97.4 | 97.2  | 97.2 | 98.9 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 100  |      |      |     |
| 22.AJ391837   | 97.8         | 98.2 | 96.4 | 96.5 | 98.2 | 98.4 | 98.3 | 98.5 | 98.3 | 98.6 | 98.3 | 98.5 | 96.8 | 96.8 | 97.2 | 97.0  | 97.0 | 98.2 | 98.4 | 98.3 | 98.9 | 100  |      |     |
| 23.AJ781376   | 97.5         | 97.1 | 98.5 | 98.7 | 97.6 | 97.6 | 97.4 | 97.2 | 97.8 | 97.7 | 98.0 | 97.6 | 98.9 | 98.9 | 99.2 | 99.0  | 99.0 | 97.6 | 97.6 | 97.6 | 97.6 | 97.0 | 100  |     |
| 24.U58531     | 89.1         | 89.7 | 89.2 | 89.4 | 89.1 | 89.2 | 89.3 | 89.2 | 89.4 | 89.6 | 89.7 | 89.3 | 89.6 | 89.5 | 89.4 | 89.5  | 89.5 | 89.2 | 89.3 | 89.3 | 89.6 | 88.9 | 89.5 | 100 |



**Figure 4.13** A neighbour-joining tree based on 16S rDNA sequences, showing the position of SB7-3, S39-7, KC19-1, KC20-1 and K57-1. The tree validated by a bootstrap analysis (1000 replications) and values greater than 50% are indicated at the nodes. Bar, 0.01 substitutions per nucleotides position.

**Table 4.14 Percentage similarities of SB7-3, S39-7, KC19-1, KC20-1, K57-1 and related taxa**

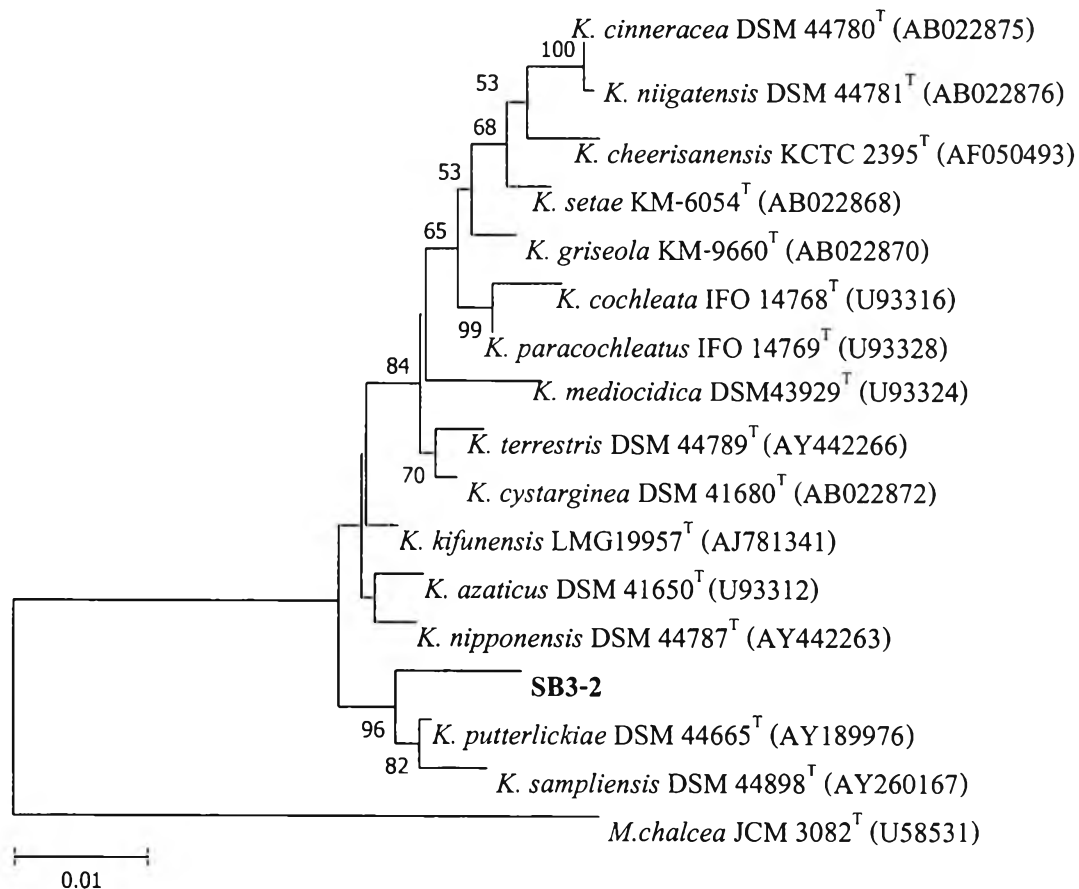
| Accession no. | % Similarity |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
|---------------|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
|               | 1            | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | 11   | 12   | 13   | 14   | 15   | 16   | 17   | 18   | 19   | 20   | 21   | 22   | 23   | 24  |
| 1.S39-7       | 100          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 2.KC19-1      | 97.4         | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 3.SB7-3       | 96.6         | 96.5 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 4.KC20-1      | 96.0         | 98.1 | 95.1 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 5.K57-1       | 97.1         | 99.3 | 96.1 | 98.3 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 6.DQ000196    | 99.0         | 97.7 | 96.6 | 96.1 | 97.5 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 7.AJ508240    | 98.1         | 98.8 | 95.7 | 97.4 | 98.6 | 98.4 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 8.AJ508238    | 97.4         | 97.0 | 99.2 | 95.6 | 96.7 | 97.2 | 96.2 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 9.AJ400711    | 97.7         | 96.6 | 98.6 | 95.2 | 96.4 | 97.6 | 96.5 | 99.3 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 10.AJ400709   | 97.6         | 97.1 | 98.6 | 95.6 | 96.9 | 97.4 | 96.4 | 99.3 | 99.3 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 11.DQ000200   | 97.0         | 95.5 | 95.2 | 93.8 | 95.1 | 96.5 | 96.0 | 95.7 | 96.0 | 96.1 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 12.AJ508241   | 97.6         | 98.6 | 95.7 | 97.2 | 98.3 | 97.7 | 99.2 | 96.2 | 96.4 | 96.6 | 96.1 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 13.AY183356   | 97.6         | 99.2 | 96.5 | 97.7 | 98.8 | 97.4 | 98.8 | 96.9 | 96.5 | 97.2 | 96.0 | 98.9 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 14.AY183358   | 97.7         | 99.2 | 96.6 | 97.8 | 98.9 | 97.5 | 98.7 | 97.0 | 96.6 | 97.4 | 95.9 | 98.8 | 99.9 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 15.AF051343   | 97.4         | 96.2 | 95.7 | 94.7 | 96.0 | 97.4 | 96.4 | 96.4 | 96.7 | 96.7 | 97.8 | 96.1 | 96.5 | 96.6 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 16.AY262825   | 97.2         | 98.3 | 95.2 | 97.0 | 98.1 | 97.4 | 98.7 | 95.7 | 96.1 | 96.1 | 95.5 | 98.8 | 98.7 | 98.6 | 96.0 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 17.AJ508239   | 97.0         | 98.4 | 95.9 | 97.1 | 98.2 | 97.2 | 98.2 | 96.4 | 96.0 | 96.7 | 95.2 | 98.3 | 98.9 | 98.8 | 96.1 | 98.1 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 18.AY083603   | 97.6         | 99.2 | 96.4 | 98.0 | 99.0 | 97.6 | 99.0 | 96.9 | 96.5 | 97.2 | 96.0 | 99.0 | 99.8 | 99.6 | 96.5 | 98.8 | 98.9 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |     |
| 19.AY184424   | 97.2         | 98.9 | 96.2 | 97.6 | 98.7 | 97.5 | 98.7 | 96.7 | 96.4 | 97.1 | 95.6 | 98.9 | 99.2 | 99.0 | 96.1 | 98.4 | 99.0 | 99.4 | 100  |      |      |      |      |     |
| 20.AY183357   | 97.5         | 99.3 | 96.2 | 98.1 | 99.2 | 97.7 | 99.2 | 96.7 | 96.4 | 97.1 | 95.9 | 99.2 | 99.6 | 99.5 | 96.4 | 98.9 | 99.0 | 99.9 | 99.5 | 100  |      |      |      |     |
| 21.AJ278496   | 97.1         | 97.1 | 99.3 | 95.6 | 96.6 | 97.1 | 96.2 | 99.8 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 95.6 | 96.2 | 97.1 | 97.2 | 96.2 | 95.7 | 96.4 | 96.9 | 96.7 | 96.7 | 100  |      |      |     |
| 22.AF222022   | 98.9         | 97.7 | 96.9 | 96.2 | 97.5 | 99.0 | 98.1 | 97.4 | 97.1 | 97.5 | 96.4 | 97.5 | 97.7 | 97.8 | 96.9 | 97.0 | 97.4 | 97.7 | 97.6 | 97.8 | 97.4 | 100  |      |     |
| 23.AJ252832   | 99.2         | 97.6 | 96.6 | 96.0 | 97.4 | 99.6 | 98.3 | 97.2 | 97.6 | 97.4 | 96.6 | 97.6 | 97.5 | 97.6 | 97.4 | 97.2 | 96.9 | 97.7 | 97.4 | 97.6 | 97.1 | 98.9 | 100  |     |
| 24.U58531     | 88.2         | 88.3 | 88.3 | 87.1 | 87.9 | 88.1 | 88.1 | 88.6 | 88.6 | 88.8 | 89.2 | 87.8 | 88.8 | 88.6 | 89.6 | 87.9 | 88.5 | 88.8 | 88.8 | 88.6 | 88.8 | 88.6 | 88.1 | 100 |

**Table 4.15 Differential characteristics of S39-7, SB7-3, KC19-1, KC20-1, K57-1 and the closest *Amycolatopsis* species**

| Characters             | S39-7       | KCTC<br>9471 <sup>T</sup> | SB7-3          | KCTC<br>19104 <sup>T</sup> | KC19-1 | KC20-1 | K57-1 | NRRL B-<br>14129 <sup>T</sup> |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------------------------------|
| Soluble pigment        | Dark<br>red | -                         | Light<br>brown | -                          | -      | -      | -     | Faint<br>brownish             |
| Acid production        |             |                           |                |                            |        |        |       |                               |
| L-Arabinose            | +           | +                         | +              | +                          | +      | -      | -     | +                             |
| Cellobiose             | +           | +                         | +              | +                          | +      | +      | +     | +                             |
| D-Galactose            | +           | +                         | -              | +                          | +      | +      | +     | +                             |
| <i>meso</i> - Inositol | +           | +                         | +              | +                          | +      | -      | +     | +                             |
| Lactose                | +           | +                         | +              | +                          | +      | +      | +     | +                             |
| Maltose                | +           | +                         | +              | +                          | +      | +      | +     | +                             |
| Mannitol               | +           | w                         | +              | +                          | +      | +      | +     | +                             |
| Raffinose              | +           | -                         | -              | +                          | +      | +      | +     | -                             |
| Rhamnose               | -           | -                         | -              | +                          | +      | +      | +     | +                             |
| Sorbitol               | -           | -                         | -              | -                          | +      | -      | +     | +                             |
| D-Xylose               | +           | +                         | +              | +                          | +      | +      | +     | +                             |
| Decomposition of       |             |                           |                |                            |        |        |       |                               |
| Casein                 | +           | +                         | +              | +                          | +      | +      | +     | +                             |
| Gelatin                | +           | +                         | +              | +                          | -      | +      | -     | +                             |
| Growth at              |             |                           |                |                            |        |        |       |                               |
| 10 ° C                 | -           | +                         | -              | +                          | -      | -      | -     | -                             |
| 45 ° C                 | -           | -                         | -              | -                          | -      | -      | -     | -                             |

+, positive; w, weak; -, negative; *A. keratinophila* KCTC 19104<sup>T</sup>; *A. albidoflavus* KCTC 9471<sup>T</sup>; *A. kentuckyensis* NRRL B -14129<sup>T</sup>.





**Figure 4.14** A neighbour-joining tree based on 16S rDNA sequences, showing the position of SB3-2. The tree validated by a bootstrap analysis (1000 replications) and values greater than 50% are indicated at the nodes. Bar, 0.01 substitutions per nucleotides position.

**Table 4.16 Percentage similarities of SB3-2 and related taxa.**

| Accession no. | % Similarity |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |  |
|---------------|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|--|
|               | 1            | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | 11   | 12   | 13   | 14   | 15   | 16   | 17  |  |
| 1.SB3-2       | 100          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |  |
| 2.AY189976    | 98.9         | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |  |
| 3.U93312      | 98.3         | 98.8 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |  |
| 4.AB022875    | 96.5         | 97.3 | 97.7 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |  |
| 5.AB022868    | 97.0         | 97.7 | 98.1 | 99.3 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |  |
| 6.AY442266    | 97.6         | 98.2 | 98.6 | 98   | 98.6 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |  |
| 7.AB022872    | 97.8         | 98.4 | 98.6 | 98.2 | 98.8 | 99.5 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |  |
| 8.AB022876    | 96.4         | 97.2 | 97.7 | 99.9 | 99.3 | 98   | 98.1 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |  |
| 9.U93324      | 97.3         | 97.9 | 98.3 | 97.9 | 98.4 | 98.6 | 98.7 | 97.8 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |  |
| 10.AJ781341   | 98.2         | 98.8 | 99.2 | 97.8 | 98.4 | 98.9 | 99.2 | 97.7 | 98.4 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |  |
| 11.U93316     | 96.8         | 97.4 | 97.9 | 98.3 | 98.1 | 98.7 | 98.7 | 98.2 | 98.0 | 98.1 | 100  |      |      |      |      |      |     |  |
| 12.AY442263   | 98.0         | 98.6 | 99.3 | 97.7 | 98.3 | 98.8 | 99   | 97.6 | 98.3 | 99.4 | 98.0 | 100  |      |      |      |      |     |  |
| 13.U93328     | 97.3         | 98.0 | 98.4 | 98.8 | 98.6 | 99.3 | 99.3 | 98.7 | 98.6 | 98.6 | 99.5 | 98.5 | 100  |      |      |      |     |  |
| 14.AB022870   | 97.2         | 98.0 | 98.3 | 99.1 | 98.8 | 98.7 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 98.5 | 98.4 | 98.9 | 98.1 | 99.5 | 100  |      |      |     |  |
| 15.AF050493   | 96.5         | 97.1 | 97.6 | 99.0 | 98.7 | 98.0 | 98.3 | 99.0 | 97.7 | 97.9 | 98.2 | 97.6 | 98.7 | 99.0 | 100  |      |     |  |
| 16.AY260167   | 98.3         | 99.4 | 98.3 | 97.1 | 97.1 | 97.6 | 97.8 | 97.0 | 97.3 | 98.2 | 97.3 | 98.0 | 97.8 | 97.8 | 97.0 | 100  |     |  |
| 17.U58531     | 88.3         | 89.4 | 89.3 | 88.8 | 88.6 | 88.7 | 89.0 | 88.7 | 88.2 | 89.5 | 88.6 | 89.2 | 89.0 | 89.1 | 88.8 | 89.1 | 100 |  |

**Table 4.17 Differential characteristics of SB3-2 and the closely related *Kitasatospora* species**

| Characteristic        | SB3-2 | <i>K. putterlickiae</i><br>DSM 44665 <sup>T</sup> | <i>K. azatica</i> IFO<br>13803 <sup>T</sup> | <i>K. kifunesis</i> DSM<br>41654 <sup>T</sup> |
|-----------------------|-------|---|---|---|
| Aerial mycelia        | R     | R   | R   | R   |
| Melanin formation     | -     | +   | -   | +   |
| Nitrate reduction     | +     | +   | +   | -   |
| Starch hydrolysis     | -     | -   | +   | +   |
| Gelatin liquefaction  | +     | +   | -   | -   |
| Utilization of carbon |       |   |   |   |
| L-Arabinose           | +     | -   | +   | +   |
| D-Fructose            | +     | +   | +   | -   |
| D-Mannitol            | -     | -   | -   | +   |
| D-Sucrose             | -     | +   | -   | +   |
| D-Xylose              | -     | -   | +   | +   |
| G+C content (mol%)    | 76.1  | ND  | 70.5  | ND  |

+, positive; - negative; R, Rectiflexibiles; ND, no data

### 3.3 DNA-DNA relatedness of *Amycolatopsis* strains

The strains SB7-3 showed DNA relatedness values of 39.2% similar to *A. keratinophila* KCTC 19104<sup>T</sup>, and S39-7 showed DNA relatedness values of 67.1% similar to *A. albidoflavus* KCTC 9471<sup>T</sup> (Table 4.17) The values are well lower than 70% recommended by Wayne *et al.*, (1987), so they could be classified as a new species.

**Table 4.18 DNA-DNA relatedness of strains SB7-3, S39-7, KC19-1, K57-1 and related *Amycolatopsis* species**

| Strain no.                                      | Percentage DNA complementary with Labeled DNA |                         |                        |
|---|---|-------------------------|------------------------|
|   | S39-7   | KCTC 19104 <sup>T</sup> | KCTC 9471 <sup>T</sup> |
| SB7-3   | 5.3   | 39.2                    | 4.2                    |
| S39-7   | 100   | 6.0                     | 67.1                   |
| KC19-1  | 1.0   | 1.0                     | 2.6                    |
| K57-1   | 4.5   | 3.7                     | 16.5                   |
| <i>A. keratinophila</i> KCTC 19104 <sup>T</sup> | 16.6  | 100                     | 2.2                    |
| <i>A. albidoflavus</i> KCTC 9471 <sup>T</sup>   | 59.2  | 10.4                    | 100                    |

### 4. Distribution of actinomycetes in soils

The 18 selected strains were isolated from various soils samples collected from Chiangrai, Nan, Phatthalung, Songkhla, Chaiyaphum, and Trat provinces and they were found to be *Streptomyces*, *Kitasatospora*, and *Amycolatopsis*. The known species, *Streptomyces hygroscopicus* (1 strain) and *S. spectabilis* (1 strain) were distributed in soil from Chiangrai. *Streptomyces xanthocidicus* (1 strain), *S. spectabilis* (1 strain), *Amycolatopsis* sp. nov. (3 strains) and *Kitasatospora* sp. nov. (1 strain) were distributed in soil from Nan. *Streptomyces aureofaciens* (1 strain) and *Amycolatopsis* sp. nov. (1 strain) were distributed in soil from Phatthalung. *Streptomyces aureoversilis* (1 strain) was distributed in soil from Songkhla. *Streptomyces roseocinereus* (1 strain) and *Amycolatopsis* sp. nov. (1 strain) were distributed in soil from Chaiyaphum. *Streptomyces albospinus* (1 strain), *S. hygroscopicus* (1 strain), *S. mycarofaciens* (1 strain), and *S. termitum* (2 strains) were distributed in soil from Trat (Table 4.19).

**Table 4.19 Distribution of actinomycetes strains**

| Province    | Strain | Closest species         | % similarity of<br>16S rDNA | Identification                |
|-------------|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Chiangrai   | S1-2   | <i>S. hygrosopicus</i>  | 99.8                        | <i>S. hygrosopicus</i>        |
| Chiangrai   | S3-1   | <i>S. spectabilis</i>   | 99.6                        | <i>S. spectabilis</i>         |
| Nan         | SB12-1 | <i>S. spectabilis</i>   | 99.7                        | <i>S. spectabilis</i>         |
| Nan         | S33-3  | <i>S. xanthocidicus</i> | 99.8                        | <i>S. xanthocidicus</i>       |
| Nan         | KC19-1 | <i>A. kentuckyensis</i> | 99.3                        | <i>Amycolatopsis</i> sp. nov. |
| Nan         | KC20-1 | <i>A. kentuckyensis</i> | 98.1                        | <i>Amycolatopsis</i> sp. nov. |
| Nan         | SB7-3  | <i>A. keratinophila</i> | 99.3                        | <i>Amycolatopsis</i> sp. nov. |
| Nan         | SB3-2  | <i>K. putterlickiae</i> | 98.9                        | <i>Kitasatospora</i> sp. nov. |
| Phatthalung | S38-2  | <i>S. aureofaciens</i>  | 99.4                        | <i>S. aureofaciens</i>        |
| Phatthalung | S39-7  | <i>A. albidoflavus</i>  | 99.2                        | <i>Amycolatopsis</i> sp. nov. |
| Songkhla    | S49-1  | <i>S. aureoversilis</i> | 99.4                        | <i>S. aureoversilis</i>       |
| Chaiyaphum  | S55-4  | <i>S. roseocinereus</i> | 99.9                        | <i>S. roseocinereus</i>       |
| Chaiyaphum  | K57-1  | <i>A. kentuckyensis</i> | 99.2                        | <i>Amycolatopsis</i> sp. nov. |
| Trat        | S75-3  | <i>S. albospinus</i>    | 99.4                        | <i>S. albospinus</i>          |
| Trat        | S75-5  | <i>S. hygrosopicus</i>  | 99.8                        | <i>S. hygrosopicus</i>        |
| Trat        | S71-1  | <i>S. mycarofaciens</i> | 99.4                        | <i>S. mycarofaciens</i>       |
| Trat        | S72-10 | <i>S. termitum</i>      | 99.6                        | <i>S. termitum</i>            |
| Trat        | S76-1  | <i>S. termitum</i>      | 99.8                        | <i>S. termitum</i>            |

## 5. Fermentation of the selected strains and antimicrobial activity

Antimicrobial activities of 18 selected strains were shown in Table 4.20 and 4.21. Sixteen strains exhibited antimicrobial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 6538, 15 strains against *Bacillus subtilis* ATCC 6633, 6 strains against *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922, 12 strains against *Micrococcus luteus* ATCC 9341, 11 strains against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853, 5 strains against *Candida albicans* ATCC 10231, 2 strains against all tested microorganisms. Seven strains against Methicillin resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) 266, 6 strains against both MRSA 269 and 643. Strains SB7-3, S39-7, KC19-1, KC20-1, K57-1 which were identified as a new species in genus *Amycolatopsis* could produce antimicrobial substances especially in strain S39-7 that showed antimicrobial activity against Methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* 266, 269, 643. In addition, strain SB3-2 which was identified as a new species in genus *Kitasatospora* showed antimicrobial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 6538, *Bacillus subtilis* ATCC 6633, *Micrococcus luteus* ATCC 9341, and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853. The studies of antimicrobial substances from *Amycolatopsis* and *Kitasatospora* strains were interesting to further studies on the fermentation, extraction, purification, and structure elucidation. Strain S3-1 which was identified as *S. spectabilis* was selected for secondary metabolite fermentation study because this strain exhibited good antimicrobial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 6538, *Bacillus subtilis* ATCC 6633, *Micrococcus luteus* ATCC 9341, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853 and Methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* 266, 269, 643. Moreover, there had no reports to study on antimicrobial substances from *S. spectabilis* in Thailand. While S1-2 and S75-5 identified as *S. hygrosopicus* were similar in antimicrobial activity as the strain produced geldanamycin that already reported by Jongrungruanchok *et al.*, (2006). Therefore, the strain S3-1 was selected for secondary metabolite fermentation study.

**Table 4.20 Antimicrobial activity of 18 selected strains**

| Strain<br>no. | Inhibition zone (mm)          |                                 |                              |                               |                                     |                                 |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|               | <i>S. aureus</i><br>ATCC 6538 | <i>B. subtilis</i><br>ATCC 6633 | <i>E. coli</i><br>ATCC 25922 | <i>M. luteus</i><br>ATCC 9341 | <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i><br>ATCC 27853 | <i>C. albicans</i><br>ATCC10231 |
| S 1-2         | 27                            | 20                              | 11                           | 31                            | 8                                   | 11                              |
| S 3-1         | 26                            | 22                              | -                            | 31                            | 9                                   | -                               |
| SB 12-1       | 23                            | 22                              | -                            | 31                            | 8                                   | -                               |
| S 33-3        | 17                            | 15                              | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                               |
| S 38-2        | 8                             | 16                              | -                            | 21                            | 10                                  | -                               |
| S 49-1        | 12                            | 19                              | 11                           | 30                            | 8                                   | -                               |
| S 55-4        | 17                            | 12                              | -                            | -                             | -                                   | 9                               |
| S 71-1        | 18                            | -                               | -                            | 12                            | -                                   | 15                              |
| S 72-10       | 20                            | 20                              | -                            | -                             | 9                                   | -                               |
| S 75-3        | -                             | 15                              | 9                            | -                             | -                                   | 10                              |
| S 75-5        | 27                            | 21                              | 12                           | 31                            | 9                                   | 11                              |
| S 76-1        | 19                            | 18                              | -                            | -                             | 8                                   | -                               |
| SB 7-3        | 14                            | 11                              | -                            | 15                            | -                                   | -                               |
| S 39-7        | 19                            | 22                              | 20                           | 22                            | 9                                   | -                               |
| KC 19-1       | 15                            | -                               | -                            | -                             | -                                   | -                               |
| KC 20-1       | 11                            | 11                              | -                            | 19                            | 15                                  | -                               |
| K 57-1        | -                             | -                               | 12                           | 14                            | -                                   | -                               |
| SB 3-2        | 15                            | 12                              | -                            | 20                            | 9                                   | -                               |

**Table 4.21 Antimicrobial activity of 18 selected strains against methicillin resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA)**

| Strain no. | Inhibition zone (mm) |          |          |
|------------|----------------------|----------|----------|
|            | MRSA 266             | MRSA 269 | MRSA 643 |
| S 1-2      | 18                   | 17       | 17       |
| S 3-1      | 15                   | 16       | 15       |
| SB 12-1    | 14                   | 15       | 14       |
| S 33-3     | 12                   | 11       | 11       |
| S 38-2     | -                    | -        | -        |
| S 49-1     | 9                    | -        | -        |
| S 55-4     | -                    | -        | -        |
| S 71-1     | -                    | -        | -        |
| S 72-10    | -                    | -        | -        |
| S 75-3     | -                    | -        | -        |
| S 75-5     | 18                   | 18       | 17       |
| S 76-1     | -                    | -        | -        |
| SB 7-3     | -                    | -        | -        |
| S 39-7     | 14                   | 12       | 12       |
| KC 19-1    | -                    | -        | -        |
| KC 20-1    | -                    | -        | -        |
| K57-1      | -                    | -        | -        |
| SB 3-2     | -                    | -        | -        |



## 6. Extraction and Fractionation of the extract of *S. spectabilis* S3-1

The crude ethyl acetate extract from the fermentation broth of S3-1 was detected for active spot by bioautography technique and showed an active spot with  $R_f$  value 0.8 (solvent system 15%MeOH in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

Crude extract of S3-1 was purified by quick column chromatography and flash column chromatography to give 13 fractions as shown in Scheme 4.1.

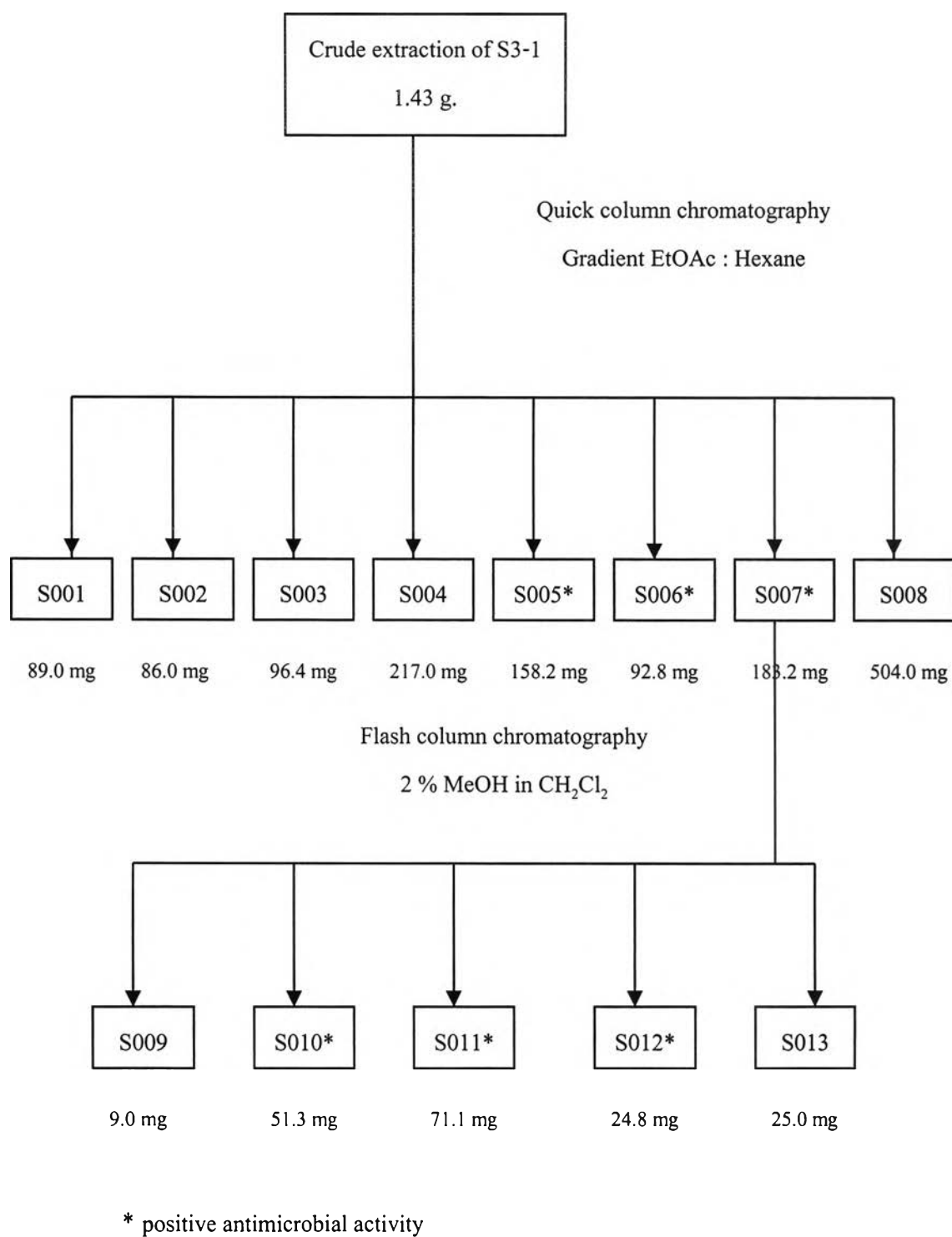
The fractions from the ethyl acetate extract were tested by agar disc diffusion method using *S. aureus* ATCC 6538, Methicillin resistant *S. aureus* 266, 269, 643, *B. subtilis* ATCC 6633, *M. luteus* ATCC 9341 and *Ps. aeruginosa* ATCC 27853 as tested microorganisms. The active fractions (fraction codes S005, S006, S007, S010, S011, and S012) against test microorganisms were shown in Table 4.22. The fraction code S010 which contained a yellow spot at  $R_f$  value 0.8 (solvent system 15%MeOH in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) showing the highest antimicrobial activity were submitted to measure proton NMR spectrum (Figure 4.15).

The proton MNR spectrum of S010 revealed that S010 was a mixture of several components containing the characteristics of olefinic protons in the region of chemical shifts at 5.5-8.5 ppm, the chelated hydroxyls at about 12 ppm, the methoxy signals at 3.5-4.0 ppm, the heteroatom-connected methine or methylene protons at 3.0-5.5 ppm and methyl protons at 0.9-2.5 ppm.

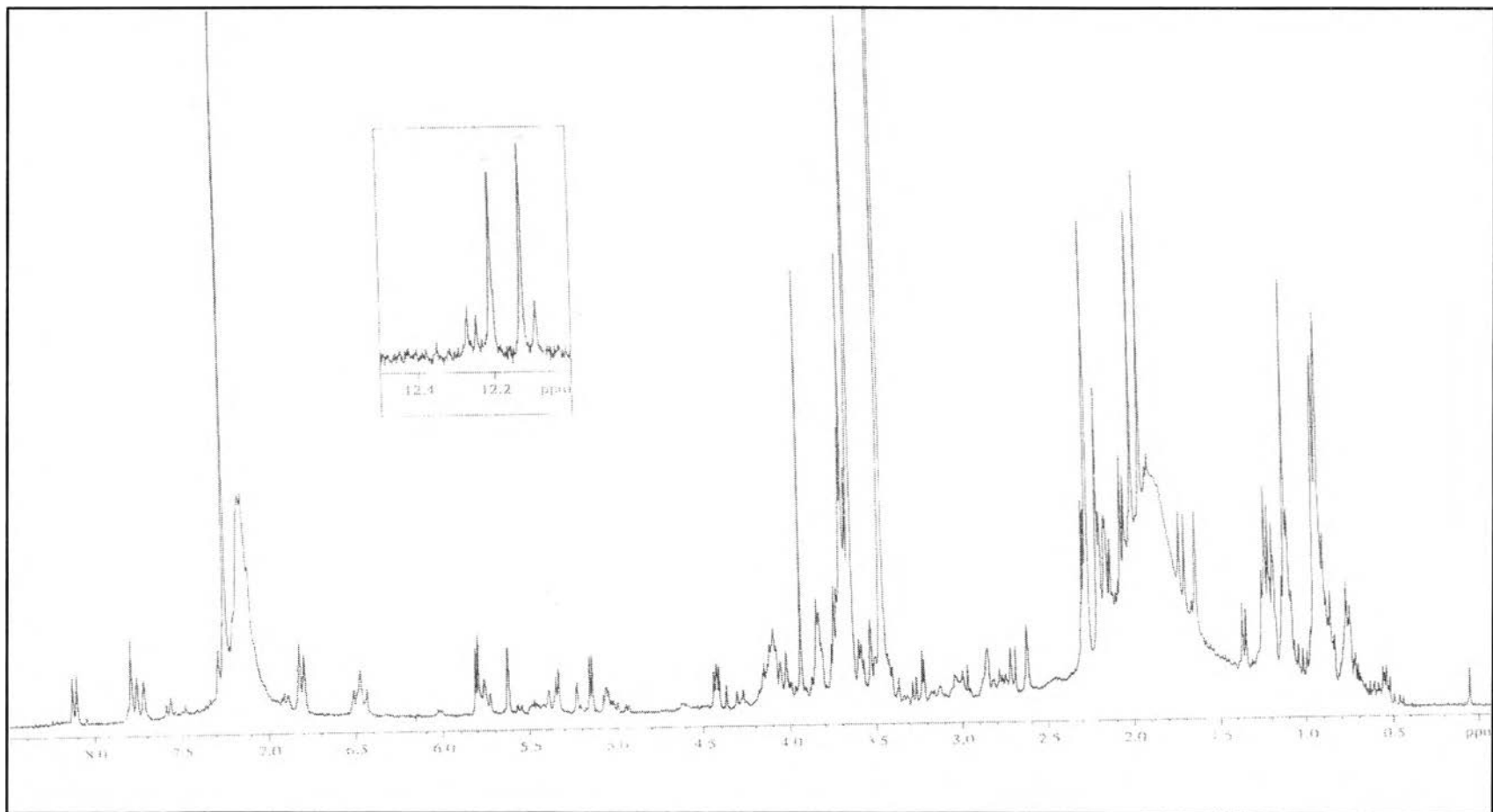
This study, the strain S3-1 which identified as *S. spectabilis* produced active fractions that exhibited antimicrobial activity as mentioned above however, the strains of *S. spectabilis* were reported to produce a number of antimicrobial agents such as spectinabilin (Kakinuma *et al.*, 1976), spectinomycin or actinospectacin (Yu *et al.*, 1994), desertomycin (Ivanova, 1997), spectomycin (Staley *et al.*, 1994), and streptovaricin (Spasova *et al.*, 1997). The active fractions of strain S3-1 isolated from soil in Chiangrai, Thailand, are still interesting for further purification and structure elucidation of the active compounds.

**Table 4.22 Antimicrobial activity of fractions**

| Fraction code | Inhibition zone (mm)          |             |             |             |                                 |                               |                                     |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|               | <i>S. aureus</i><br>ATCC 6538 | MRSA<br>266 | MRSA<br>269 | MRSA<br>643 | <i>B. subtilis</i><br>ATCC 6633 | <i>M. luteus</i><br>ATCC 9341 | <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i><br>ATCC 27853 |
| S001          | -                             | -           | -           | -           | -                               | -                             | -                                   |
| S002          | -                             | -           | -           | -           | -                               | -                             | -                                   |
| S003          | -                             | -           | -           | -           | -                               | -                             | -                                   |
| S004          | -                             | -           | -           | -           | -                               | -                             | -                                   |
| S005          | 24                            | 12          | 11          | 12          | 18                              | 31                            | 8                                   |
| S006          | 26                            | 13          | 14          | 14          | 19                              | 31                            | 9                                   |
| S007          | 26                            | 15          | 15          | 15          | 22                              | 31                            | 9                                   |
| S008          | -                             | -           | -           | -           | -                               | -                             | -                                   |
| S009          | -                             | -           | -           | -           | -                               | -                             | -                                   |
| S010          | 26                            | 15          | 15          | 15          | 21                              | 31                            | 9                                   |
| S011          | 20                            | 11          | 11          | 10          | 14                              | 30                            | -                                   |
| S012          | 12                            | 8           | 8           | 8           | 11                              | 15                            | -                                   |
| S013          | -                             | -           | -           | -           | -                               | -                             | -                                   |



**Scheme 4.1 Chromatography of crude extraction from *S. spectabilis* S3-1**



**Figure 4.15** The 300 MHz proton NMR spectrum of fraction code S010 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$