Synergistes jonesii is a Gram-negative, anaerobic, non-spore-forming, non-motile bacterium that was isolated from the rumen of a Hawaiian goat (1). S. jonesii has the capacity to ferment pyridinediols and was originally isolated for its suspected role in aiding Hawaiian ruminants grazing on Leucaena leucocephala, which is usually toxic due to 3,4-dihydroheptaprenol (3,4-DHP) produced in the digestion of the toxic amino acid mimosine (2). S. jonesii was selected in 2002 as part of a project at the Institute for Genomic Research to sequence the genomes of representatives of the seven phyla of bacteria that at the time had cultured representatives but no available genome sequence. The genome was sequenced with Sanger clone-based sequencing but the data were inadequate for high-quality assembly and the project was delayed pending additional sequencing with Illumina technology.

Here we present the draft genome of Synergistes jonesii 78-1, ATCC 49833, a member of the Synergistes phylum. This organism was isolated from the rumen of a Hawaiian goat and ferments pyridinediols. The assembly contains 2,747,397 bp in 61 contigs.

Nucleotide sequence accession numbers. This whole-genome shotgun project has been deposited at DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank under the accession number JMKI00000000. The version described in this paper is version JMKI01000000. Complete Illumina reads have been deposited at the European Nucleotide Archive (ENA) with the accession number PRJEB6249. Sanger quality files are available at http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1009730 and Sanger reads are available at http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1009729.

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