**Characterization of some naphthalene utilizing bacteria isolated from contaminated Cooum Riverine sediment of the Bay of Bengal (India)**

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**Table1: Biochemical characteristics of the isolates**

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| TEST | Shape | Gram’s staining | Indole | MR | VP | Citrate |
| NS3 (SRMND14B) | Rod |  + |  + |  +  |  - |  + |
| NS6 | Coccus |  - |  - |  - |  - |  + |
| NS9 | Rod |  - |  + |  + |  - |  + |
| NS10 | Rod |  - |  - |  + |  - |  + |
| NS11 | Coccus |  - |  - |  + |  - |  + |
| NS14(SRMND14A) | Coccus |  - |  - |  - |  - |  + |
| NS15(SRMND14D) | Coccus |  + |  - |  - |  - |  - |
| NS19(SRMND14E) | Coccus |  - |  - |  - |  - |  + |
| NS21 | Rod |  + |  - |  + |  - |  - |
| + : positive results, - negative results |