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

TABLE I. 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