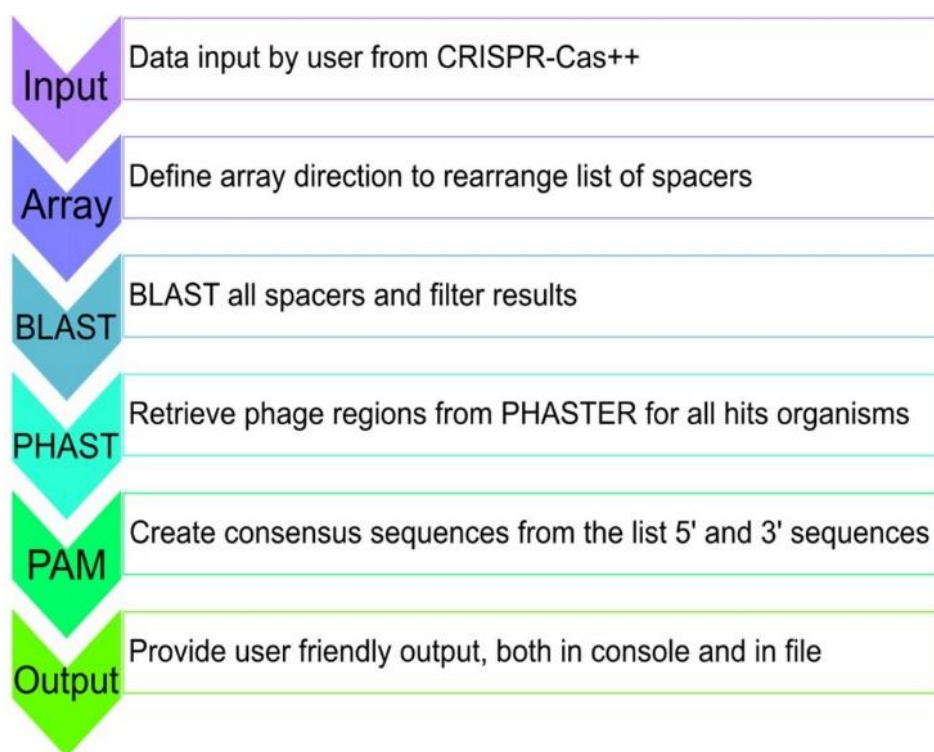


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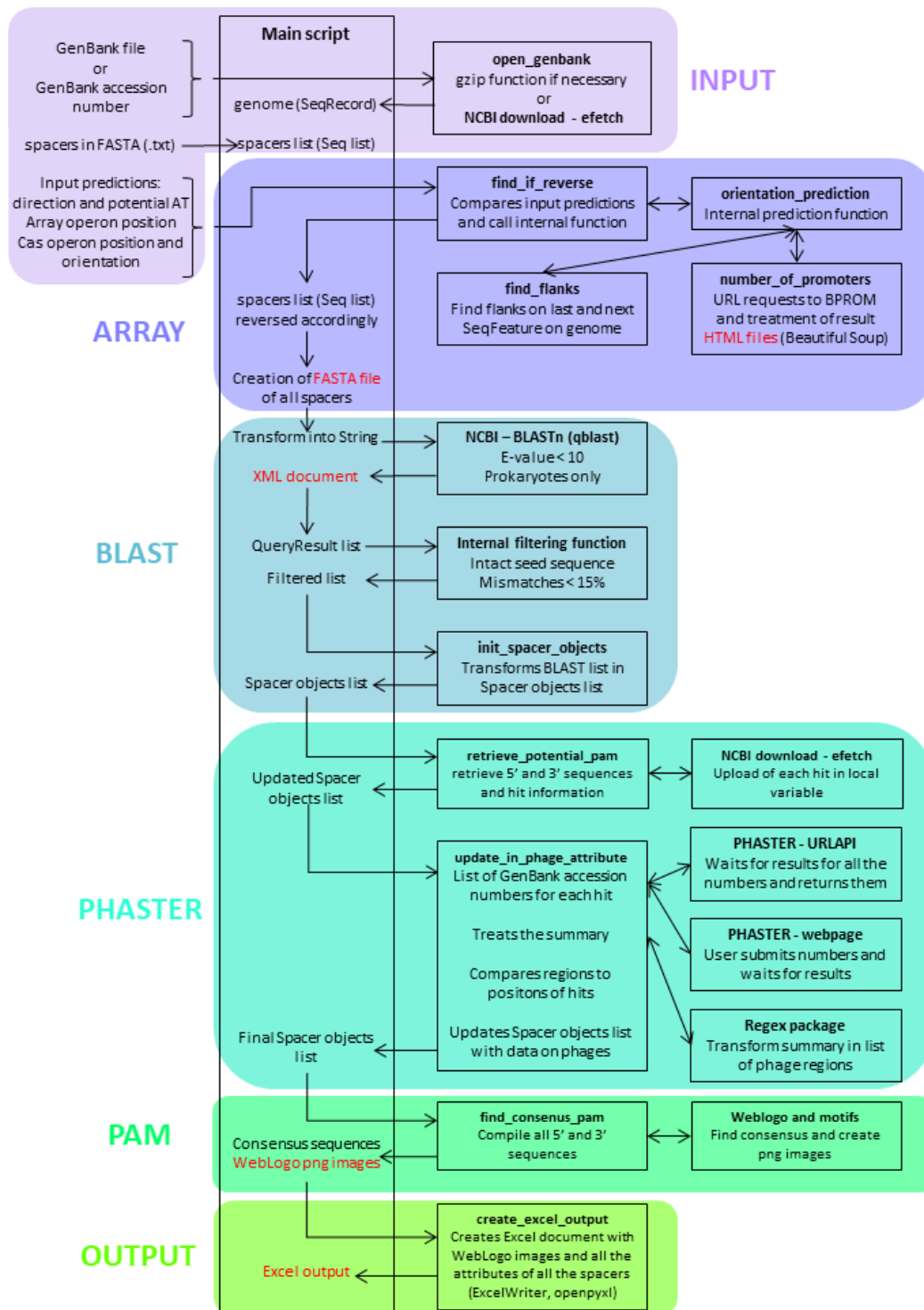
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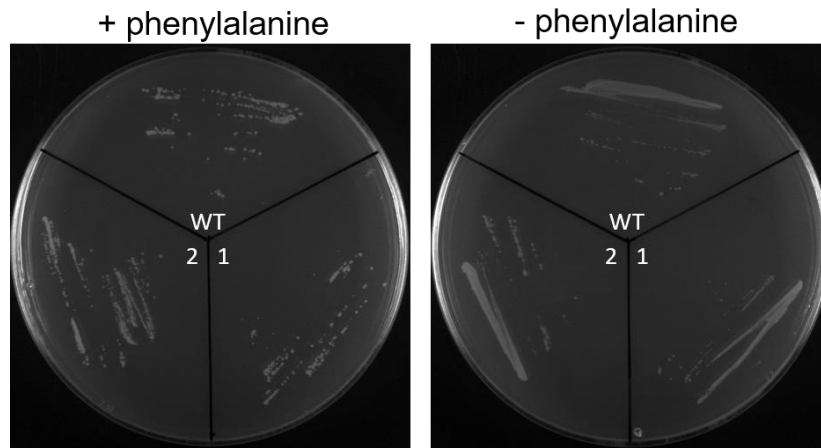
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Supplementary Figure S1: General overview from initial user input to final user-friendly results of the developed Python script.



Supplementary Figure S2: Schematic representation of all the steps of the Python script as described in this study. The colour code for each block references Figure 6. The outputs saved to the working directory are written in red, they allow the user to restart the script without submitting again to the different databases or tools, the functions and objects taken from external packages are indicated.



Supplementary Figure S3: Growth on minimal media with and without phenylalanine supplementation (20 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$) of two *A. woodii* *pheA* KI colonies (marked 1 and 2) in comparison to WT.

Supplementary Table S1: Attributes kept in the Spacer object for each hit during the Python script run.

| Column name | Details |
|--------------------|--|
| number | Spacer identification number |
| query | Query number from the original spacer list |
| iterations | Number of duplicate matches with the same attributes |
| sequence | Full sequence of the query |
| target_acc | GenBank accession number of the hit organism found with BLAST |
| target_org | NCBI name of the hit organism |
| query_pos | Position of the hit in the query sequence |
| hit_pos | position of the query in the hit sequence |
| hit_dirac | Direction of the hit, 1 for forward and -1 for reverse |
| hit_sequence | Sequence of the hit |
| similarity | Similarity between hit and query sequences, each bar represents a nucleotide match |
| mismatch | Mismatch percentage between query and hit |
| hit_locus | Locus in the target genome where the hit was found |
| hit_product | Product from the gene where the hit was found |
| in_phage | Indicates if the match was found to be in a phage sequence by PHAST |
| phage_completeness | Completeness of the phage as indicated by PHAST |
| phage_name | Phage name as indicated by PHAST |
| fivep | 5' sequence retrieved from the target organism |
| threep | 3' sequence retrieved from the target organism |

Supplementary Table S2: Bacterial strains

| Bacterial strain | Genotype | Source |
|---|---|---------------|
| <i>Escherichia coli</i> TOP10 | <i>mcrA</i> , $\Delta(mrr-hsdRMS-mcrBC)$, <i>Phi80lacZ(del)M15</i> , $\Delta lacX74$, <i>deoR</i> , <i>recA1</i> , <i>araD139</i> , $\Delta(ara-leu)7697$, <i>galU</i> , <i>galK</i> , <i>rpsL(Sm^R)</i> , <i>endA1</i> , <i>nupG</i> | Invitrogen |
| <i>Acetobacterium woodii</i> DSM1030 | Wild type strain | DSMZ |
| <i>Clostridium autoethanogenum</i> DMS10061 | Wild type strain | DSMZ |
| <i>Acetobacterium woodii</i> $\Delta pheA$ 1.0 kb 5 h | $\Delta pheA$, obtained with 1.0 kb HAs and 5 h recovery | This study |
| <i>Acetobacterium woodii</i> $\Delta pheA$ 1.0 kb 7.5 h | $\Delta pheA$, obtained with 1.0 kb HAs and 7.5 h recovery | This study |
| <i>Acetobacterium woodii</i> $\Delta pheA$ 1.5 kb 5 h | $\Delta pheA$, obtained with 1.5 kb HAs and 5 h recovery | This study |
| <i>Acetobacterium woodii</i> $\Delta pheA$ 1.5 kb 7.5 h | $\Delta pheA$, obtained with 1.5 kb HAs and 7.5 h recovery | This study |
| <i>Acetobacterium woodii</i> $\Delta hsdR1$ colonies 1 to 3 | $\Delta hsdR1$ | This study |
| <i>Acetobacterium woodii</i> P_{thl_FAST} | P_{thl_FAST} inserted at <i>pheA</i> locus | This study |
| <i>Clostridium autoethanogenum</i> $\Delta pyrE$ colonies 1 to 6 | $\Delta pyrE$ | This study |

Supplementary Table S3: Rich *A. woodii* media: liquid AWM and modified ATCC medium 1019

| <i>Acetobacterium woodii</i> liquid medium (AWM), for 1 L | | Modified ATCC 1019 plates, for 1 L | |
|--|-------------|--|---------------|
| K ₂ HPO ₄ | 0.45 g | K ₂ HPO ₄ | 0.4 g |
| KH ₂ PO ₄ | 0.33 g | KH ₂ PO ₄ | 0.4 g |
| NH ₄ Cl | 1 g | NH ₄ Cl | 1.0 g |
| NaCl | 20 mg | NaCl | 0.1 g |
| MgSO ₄ .7H ₂ O | 0.16 g | MgSO ₄ .7H ₂ O | 0.1 g |
| CaCl ₂ | 20 mg | | |
| yeast extract | 2 g | yeast extract | 1.0 g |
| SL9 | 1 ml | SL9 | 1 ml |
| selenite-tungstate | 1 ml | selenite-tungstate | 1 ml |
| vitamin solution | 20 ml | vitamin solution | 2 ml |
| NaHCO ₃ | 10.0 g | NaHCO ₃ | 3.0 g |
| L-cysteine* | 0.04% (w/v) | L-cysteine* | 40 µl / plate |
| Fructose* | 20 mM | Fructose* | 20 mM |
| Adjust pH to 7.2 with HCl after autoclaving and filter sterilise before adding fructose and L-cysteine. Asterisks indicate elements added after autoclaving. | | Add 15 g/L of agar to make plates. Asterisks indicate elements added after autoclaving. Fructose is added when pouring the plates and L-cysteine is spread on the plates before use. | |

| Trace element solution SL9, for 1 L | | Vitamin solution, for 1 L | | Selenite-tungstate solution, for 1 L | |
|--|---------|------------------------------------|----------|---|-------|
| nitrilotriacetic acid | 12.8 g | Biotin | 2.00 mg | NaOH | 0.5 g |
| FeCl ₂ .4H ₂ O | 2.0 g | Folic acid | 2.00 mg | Na ₂ SeO ₃ .5H ₂ O | 3 mg |
| ZnCl ₂ | 0.070 g | Pyridoxine-HCl | 10.00 mg | Na ₂ WO ₄ .2H ₂ O | 4 mg |
| MnCl ₂ .4H ₂ O | 0.1 g | Thiamine-HCl.2H ₂ O | 5.00 mg | Filter sterilise and store at 4°C. | |
| H ₃ BO ₃ | 0.006 g | Riboflavin | 5.00 mg | | |
| CoCl ₂ .6H ₂ O | 0.19 g | Nicotinic acid | 5.00 mg | | |
| CuCl ₂ .2H ₂ O | 0.002 g | D-Ca-pantothenate | 5.00 mg | | |
| NiCl ₂ .6H ₂ O | 0.024 g | Vitamin B12 | 0.10 mg | | |
| Na ₂ MoO ₄ .2H ₂ O | 0.036 g | p-Aminobenzoic acid | 5.00 mg | | |
| First dissolve nitrilotriacetic acid and adjust pH to 6.0 with NaOH, then add minerals. Filter sterilise and store at 4°C. | | Lipoic acid | 5.00 mg | | |
| | | Filter sterilise and store at 4°C. | | | |
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Supplementary Table S4: Rich *C. autoethanogenum* YTF media

| YTF, for 1 L | |
|--|-------|
| Yeast extract | 10 g |
| Tryptone | 16 g |
| Fructose | 10 g |
| NaCl | 0.2 g |
| Acidic trace elements solution | 1 ml |
| Basic trace elements solution | 1 ml |
| Vitamin solution | 1 ml |
| Adjust pH to 5.8 with HCl and autoclave. For agar media, add 15 g of bacteriological agar. | |

| Vitamin solution, for 1 L | | Acidic trace elements solution, for 1 L | | Basic trace elements solution, for 1 L | |
|---|--------|--|--------|---|-------|
| p-aminobenzoate | 100 mg | HCl | 50 mM | NaOH | 10 mM |
| riboflavin | 100 mg | H ₃ BO ₃ | 100 mg | Na ₂ SeO ₃ | 58 mg |
| thiamine | 200 mg | MnCl ₂ .4H ₂ O | 230 mg | Na ₂ WO ₄ | 53 mg |
| nicotinate | 200 mg | FeCl ₂ .4H ₂ O | 780 mg | Na ₂ MbO ₄ .2H ₂ O | 52 mg |
| pyridoxin | 500 mg | CoCl ₂ .6H ₂ O | 103 mg | Filter sterilise and store at 4°C. | |
| pantothenate (calcium) | 100 mg | NiCl ₂ .6H ₂ O | 602 mg | | |
| cyanocobalamin | 100 mg | ZnCl ₂ | 78 mg | Filter sterilise and store at 4°C. | |
| d-biotin | 20 mg | CuSO ₄ .5H ₂ O | 50 mg | | |
| folate | 50 mg | AlK(SO ₄) ₂ .12H ₂ O | 50 mg | Filter sterilise and store at 4°C. | |
| lipoate/thioctic acid | 50 mg | | | | |
| 2-mercapto sulfonic acid | - | | | Filter sterilise and store at 4°C. | |
| <p>Dissolve p-aminobenzoate separately by titrating with 5 M NaOH until dissolved. Dissolve riboflavin separately at 50°C (0.012% solubility). Dissolve lipoate separately by titrating with 5 M NaOH until dissolved.</p> <p>Final pH 7.8; filter sterilise and store at 4°C</p> | | | | | |

Supplementary Table S5: Minimal *C. autoethanogenum* PETC MES media

| PETC MES minimal, for 1 L | | | |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| NH ₄ Cl | | 1.00 g | |
| KCl | | 0.10 g | |
| MgSO ₄ .7H ₂ O | | 0.20 g | |
| KH ₂ PO ₄ | | 0.20 g | |
| CaCl ₂ | | 0.02 g | |
| Nitrilotriacetic Acid | | 0.05 g | |
| Fe(SO ₄) ₂ (NH ₄) ₂ .6H ₂ O | | 0.05 g | |
| CH ₃ COONa | | 0.25 g | |
| MES buffer | | 20.00 g | |
| Trace metals (100X) | | 10 ml | |
| Wolfe's vitamins (100X) | | 10 ml | |
| Resazurin (2 g.L ⁻¹) (2000X) | | 0.5 ml | |
| Adjust pH to 5.8 with NaOH and autoclave. For agar media, add 15 g of bacteriological agar. | | | |
| Wolfe's vitamin solution, for 1 L | | 100X Trace metal solution, for 1 L | |
| Biotin | 0.004 g | Nitrilotriacetic Acid | 2.00 g |
| Folic acid | 0.004 g | MnSO ₄ .H ₂ O | 1.00 g |
| Pyridoxine hydrochloride | 0.002 g | Fe (SO ₄) ₂ (NH ₄) ₂ .6H ₂ O | 0.80 g |
| Thiamine.HCl | 0.010 g | CoCl ₂ .6H ₂ O | 0.20 g |
| Riboflavin | 0.010 g | ZnSO ₄ .7H ₂ O | 0.0002 g |
| Nicotinic acid | 0.010 g | CuCl ₂ .2H ₂ O | 0.02 g |
| Calcium D-(+)-pantothenate | 0.010 g | NaMoO ₄ .2H ₂ O | 0.02 g |
| Vitamin B ₁₂ | 0.0002 g | Na ₂ SeO ₃ | 0.02 g |
| p-Aminobenzoic acid | 0.010 g | NiCl ₂ .6H ₂ O | 0.02 g |
| Thioctic acid | 0.010 g | Na ₂ WO ₄ .2H ₂ O | 0.02 g |
| Filter sterilise and store at 4°C. | | | |

Supplementary Table S6: Primers

| | Primer name | Sequence | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| pMTL80000 series | ColE1+tra-F2 | CCATCAAGAAGAGCGAC | Used for colony PCRs and Sanger sequencing of vectors |
| | pBP1-R1 | CTTCATTAAATGCCTTAGAATC | |
| | pCB102-R1 | CTGTTATGCCTTTTGACTATC | |
| | pCD6-R1 | GACTTTAAGCCTACGAATACC | |
| <i>A. woodii</i> interference assay | FW_proto8 | AAACAGCTATGACCgcggccctagaCAAATGA ATCAAAATCATTAATAGCTTTAATTAAAT | Assembly of each of the 3 protospacer with and without 5' PAM |
| | RV_proto8 | gcgcccattGACGTCtatGTCGACTAAATGAC GATTTAATTAAAGCTATTAATGATTTTGA | |
| | FW_proto8-5' | AAACAGCTATGACCgcggccctagaATGCCGA ATCAAAATCATTAATAGCTTTAATTAAAT | |
| | FW_proto20 | AAACAGCTATGACCgcggccctagaCAAATTT ATTCTATGAGGTGATGAGATGAATGTT | |
| | RV_proto20 | cgccattGACGTCtatGTCGACTAAATTCTTAA TAACATTCATCTCATCACCTCAT | |
| | FW_proto20-5' | AAACAGCTATGACCgcggccctagaGGGTGTT ATTCTATGAGGTGATGAGATGAATGTT | |
| | FW_proto22 | AAACAGCTATGACCgcggccctagaCAAATAA TAACTATCAGGCTATCAGCTTCGGGG | |
| | RV_proto22 | ccattGACGTCtatGTCGACTAAATAAAGTCT CCCCGAAGCTGATAGCCTGATA | |
| | FW_proto22-5' | AAACAGCTATGACCgcggccctagaAACCAAA TAACTATCAGGCTATCAGCTTCGGGG | |
| Leader characterisation | FW_leader | CAGGAAACAGCTATGACCgcggttgacgacctg gat | Assembly of leader_MCS |
| | RV_leader_SacI | atatggatctactcaaagagctcccgtgcttgtagatacc | |
| | FW_catP_SacI | gcacgggagctcatggtattgaaaaaattg | Assembly of leader sequence with catP or FAST gene |
| | RV_catP_NheI | gcaggaattgataaatgtaagctagcataaaa | |
| | FW_FAST_SacI | gcataagagctcATGGAACACGTAGC | |

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| | RV_FAST_NheI | atTTTTatgctagcTCATACCCTCTTAACG | |
| <i>A. woodii pyrE</i> KO | FW_LHA_pyrE | ggcttcttattttatGACGTCTAGCAACTGGGAAG ATGCG | Amplification of HAs from gDNA |
| | RV_LHA_pyrE+B M4 | CCTTCCGTACAACCCACAACCCTTTTTTCG TTCCGTAAAAATGG | |
| | FW_BM4+1+RHA_ pyrE | AGGGTTGTGGGTTGTACGGAAGGATAAG TTAAAGAGCACGTAAA | |
| | RV_RHA_pyrE | aataatggcggcgccGCTGGTAACATGAATGC | |
| | FW_leader | CAGGAAACAGCTATGACCGCGGTTGTCG ACCTGTGAT | Amplification of leader sequence |
| | RV_leader | ATCTACTCAAATGTGACCCGTGCTTGTT AGATACCTAT | |
| | RV_RHA_pyrE+M CS | tcttattttatgctagcGCTGGTAACATGAATGC | RV editing cassette |
| | FW_pyrE_endo2 | ttaacaagcacggGTTCGACatttgagtagatccatattgaa tgtaaataggcgatcttaccgcttgacaaaccgggcaatcgt | spacer assembly with flanking DR |
| | RV_pyrE_endo2 | CGCATCTTCCCAGTTGCTAGACGTCatttaca ttccaatatggatctactcaaacgattgcccggttgtcaagcgg gtaagat | |
| | AW_CRISPR_pyrE _armF | tatacgcgcgcgatcccgggtatggcgat | Colony PCR for <i>pyrE</i> locus |
| AW_pyrEcomp_RH AR | tataGGCGCGCCccatccatttcatctgatt | | |
| <i>A. woodii pheA</i> KO | FW_pheA_spacer | taacaagcacgggagctcatttgagtagatccatattggaatgtaa taaccaatgtcaccgatttgtgattatttcccga | spacer assembly with flanking DR |
| | RV_pheA_spacer | ccatggacgcgtgacGTCatttaccattccaatatggatctactcaa attgcccggaaataatcacaatcgc | |
| | RV_LHA_pheA | taatctggaaATTCTTtgacttaaaatcttctc | LHA and RHA amplification, lengths of 0.5 kb, 1.0 kb and 1.5 kb |
| | FW_RHA_pheA | taagtcaAAGAATttccagattatagatttccccggc | |
| | FW_L0.5 | aaatGACgtccggcacagtcgatgtag | |
| | RV_R0.5 | tatgctagctctatccgcaaacgctt | |
| | FW_L1.0 | aaatGACgtcattgacggctgggg | |

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| | RV_R1.0 | atgctagcgagattggcctgctc | Colony PCR primers |
| | FW_L1.5 | taaatGACgtccagccgactgatactga | |
| | RV_R1.5 | ttttatgctagcaagcctcgtcatcgc | |
| | FW_pheAHA1.5_out | ccggaaagggatcaaatttg | |
| | RV_pheAHA1.5_out | tggttctgcttttttaggtag | |
| <i>A. woodii</i> hsdR1 KO | FW_hsdR1_spacer | aacaagcacgggagctcattgagtagatccatattggaatgtaaattcgaaatactgaccggcctgggctac | spacer assembly with flanking DR |
| | RV_hsdR1_spacer | ctgtatttgaatttcattGACGTCatttacattccaatatggatctactcaaataggcatacgcgtagcccaggccggtcagtatt | |
| | FW_LHA_hsdR1 | gtaaatGACGTCGGTTGTGATAGAGCTT | LHA and RHA amplification |
| | RV_LHA_hsdR1 | ctgctacaccgtaaacataacgtgtccc | |
| | FW_RHA_hsdR1 | gagtttacgggtgtagcaggttg | |
| | RV_RHA_hsdR1 | tattttatgctagcaagtgtcacc | Colony PCR primers |
| | FW_hsdR1_screen_1.5 | GCTGTTGATGATGGGATG | |
| | RV_hsdR1_screen_1.5 | cattggcatagggatttttc | |
| | FW_hsdR1_del_screen | caataaagtaacgggttgatta | Deletion sequencing |
| RV_hsdR1_del_screen | caagtatgctatgattgtatc | | |
| <i>A. woodii</i> pheA CCG KI | FW_AWO_pheA_CCG_KI_spacer | aagcacgggagctcattgagtagatccatattggaatgtaaattttttgaccttaagcagtcgtcgttaaagcggggatttgagta | spacer assembly with flanking DR |
| | RV_AWO_pheA_CCG_KI_spacer | gcaaaaataaccctcgaGACGTCatttacattccaatatggattactcaaatccccgctttaacgacgactgcttaaggtcaa | |
| | FW_AWO_LHA_pheA_cargo | gtaaatGACGTCtcgagggtatttttgc | LHA and RHA amplification |
| | RV_AWO_LHA_pheA_CCG_cargo_MCS | gaatcgctataggacagcggccgcgactcGGATCCggggttatctgtcatg | |

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| | FW_AWO_RHA_pheA_CCG_cargo_MCS | gccgctgtccatgatgacgattctagacggctttttgaccttaagcagtcgtc | |
| | RV_AWO_RHA_pheA_cargo | tttatgctagccagccgactgatactgaa | |
| | FW_BamHI_FAST_cassette | gataaccccGGATCCttttaacaaaatatattgataaaaat | Cargo amplification |
| | RV_FAST_NotI_AscI | ttaagggcgggcgcgccGCGGCCGCTCATACCC TCTTAACGAA | <i>P_{thl}</i> _FAST_term |
| | FW_pheA_KI_seq | gtcaatgattcatcgagttc | Colony PCR and Sanger sequencing primers |
| | RV_pheA_KI_seq | gataattatcagaatcttagtaaate | |
| | FW_pheA_cargo_seq | CTTCACTGGTAATATTTTAC | Vector Sanger sequencing |
| | RV_pheA_cargo_seq | TGATTATAGCCCGGTAGTAGA | |
| <i>C. autoethanogenum pyrE KO</i> | FW_leader4_CLAU | ctatgaccgcggaatacacattctccctcat | Amplification of the leader sequence of CRISPR array4 |
| | RV_leader4_CLAU | GGTACCGAGCTCCACAGTAAAATAGCCA TTTCT | |
| | FW_CLAUpyrE_HA | ccggggatccgtaccgctg | Amplification of the assembled HAs from vFS67 |
| | RV_CLAUpyrE_HA | tttatgctagccctgtaatecggagcatc | |
| | FW_CLAUpyrE_spacer1 | atggctattttactgtggagctcGTTGAACCTCAACAT GAGATGTATTTAAATctgtgtttcctgaagaaagtag aaaatg | spacer assembly with flanking DR |
| | RV_CLAUpyrE_spacer1 | cgcgtgacgtcactctagaggatccATTTAAATACAT CTCATGTTGAGGTTCAACgaagggcattttctacttt cttcaggaaaa | |
| | FW_pyrECLAU_screening | gttaattgagaatctttgctattac | Colony PCR primers |
| | RV_pyrECLAU_screening | gtcttgatgtacttgtagtac | |

Supplementary Table S7: Plasmids

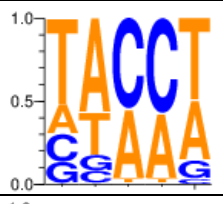
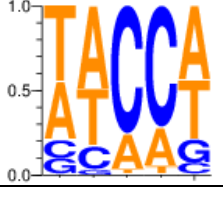
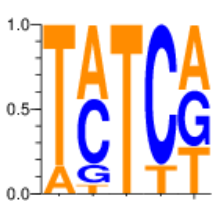
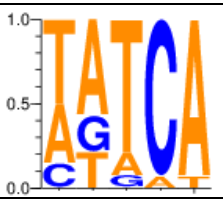
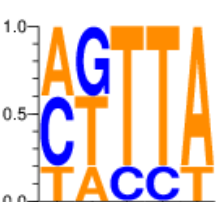
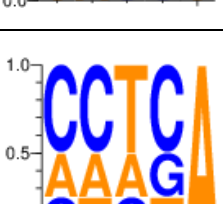
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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Backbones | pMTL82151 | Cm ^R ; pBP1 | SBRC Nottingham culture collection |
| | pMTL84151 | Cm ^R ; pCD6 | |
| | pMTL8415X_P _{thl} _FAST | Cm ^R ; pCD6; P _{thl} _FAST | |
| | pRECas1_MCS | Cm ^R ; P _{fdx} -RbE-Cas9; P _{araE} -MCS; pCB102 | Canadas et al. 2019 |
| | pMTL8215_P1339_MCS | Cm ^R ; P _{araE} -MCS; pBP1 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD15 | Cm ^R ; leader sequence upstream a MCS; pCD6 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD23 | Cm ^R ; leader sequence upstream <i>pheA</i> intergenic spacer; <i>pheA</i> HAS flanking a MCS; pCD6 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD25 | Cm ^R ; <i>C. autoethanogenum</i> leader4 sequence upstream a MCS; pCB102 | This study |
| <i>A. woodii</i> interference assay | pMTL-MPD1 | Cm ^R ; pBP1; <i>A. woodii</i> protospacer 8 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD2 | Cm ^R ; pBP1; <i>A. woodii</i> protospacer 8 with 5' PAM candidate | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD3 | Cm ^R ; pBP1; <i>A. woodii</i> protospacer 20 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD4 | Cm ^R ; pBP1; <i>A. woodii</i> protospacer 20 with 5' PAM candidate | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD5 | Cm ^R ; pBP1; <i>A. woodii</i> protospacer 22 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD6 | Cm ^R ; pBP1; <i>A. woodii</i> protospacer 22 with 5' PAM candidate | This study |
| Leader characterisation | pMTL-MPD29 | Cm ^R ; pCD6; leader_catP | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD30 | Cm ^R ; pCD6; leader_FAST | This study |
| <i>A. woodii</i> pyrE KO | pMTL-MPD7 | Cm ^R ; P _{araE} -MCS; <i>pyrE</i> HAS; pBP1 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD8 | Cm ^R ; leader sequence upstream <i>pyrE</i> spacer2; <i>pyrE</i> HAS; pBP1 | This study |

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|-----------------------------------|------------|---|------------|
| | pMTL-MPD9 | Cm ^R ; <i>pyrE</i> HAs; pBP1 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD10 | Cm ^R ; leader sequence upstream <i>pyrE</i> spacer2; pBP1 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD11 | Cm ^R ; leader sequence upstream <i>pyrE</i> spacer2; <i>pyrE</i> HAs; pBP1 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD12 | Cm ^R ; <i>pyrE</i> HAs; pCD6 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD13 | Cm ^R ; leader sequence upstream <i>pyrE</i> spacer2; pCD6 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD14 | Cm ^R ; leader sequence upstream <i>pyrE</i> spacer2; <i>pyrE</i> HAs; pCD6 | This study |
| <i>A. woodii pheA</i> KO | pMTL-MPD16 | Cm ^R ; <i>pheA</i> 0.5 kb HAs; pCD6 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD17 | Cm ^R ; <i>pheA</i> 1.0 kb HAs; pCD6 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD18 | Cm ^R ; <i>pheA</i> 1.5 kb HAs; pCD6 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD19 | Cm ^R ; leader sequence upstream <i>pheA</i> spacer; <i>pheA</i> 0.5 kb HAs; pCD6 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD20 | Cm ^R ; leader sequence upstream <i>pheA</i> spacer; <i>pheA</i> 1.0 kb HAs; pCD6 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD21 | Cm ^R ; leader sequence upstream <i>pheA</i> spacer; <i>pheA</i> 1.5 kb HAs; pCD6 | This study |
| <i>A. woodii</i> vectors | pMTL-MPD22 | Cm ^R ; leader sequence upstream <i>hsdR1</i> spacer; <i>hsdR1</i> HAs; pCD6 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD24 | Cm ^R ; leader sequence upstream <i>pheA</i> intergenic spacer; <i>pheA</i> HAs flanking <i>P_{thl}_FAST</i> ; pCD6 | This study |
| <i>C. autoethanogenum pyrE</i> KO | pMTL-MPD26 | Cm ^R ; <i>pyrE</i> HAs; pCB102 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD27 | Cm ^R ; <i>C. autoethanogenum</i> leader4 sequence upstream <i>pyrE</i> spacer; pCB102 | This study |
| | pMTL-MPD28 | Cm ^R ; <i>C. autoethanogenum</i> leader4 sequence upstream <i>pyrE</i> spacer; <i>pyrE</i> HAs; pCB102 | This study |

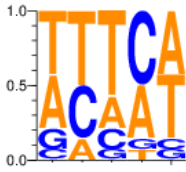
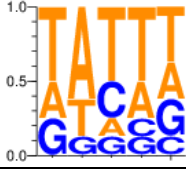
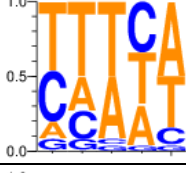
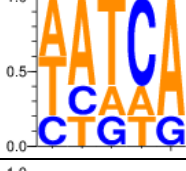
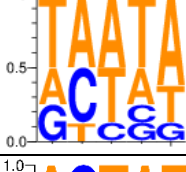
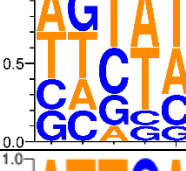
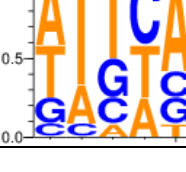
Supplementary Table S8: Primers for RNA quality control and RT-qPCR

| Primer name | Sequence | Product size | Comments |
|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--|
| gDNA_FW | tatacgcgcgcggatatcccggttatggcgat | 1997 bp | gDNA contamination control |
| gDNA_RV | tataGGCGCGCCccatccatttcacatgatt | | |
| FWD 4 | GGAAGGAGTAGCTAGTGGTAAT | 145 bp | FAST reporter gene |
| REV4 | CCTCTTAACGAAAACCCAGTAG | | |
| Chow_gyrA_FW | GTAAGTCGGCCCGTATTGTTG | 108 bp | <i>A. woodii</i> gyrase, internal reference gene (Shin et al., 2021, Chowdhury et al., 2020) |
| Chow_gyrA_RV | AACGGATCGACCATTCCTGAG | | |
| orfB_FWD | gtattacacaggagtttgaacc | 74 bp | Plasmid backbone. |
| orfB_REV | aaatactctgcttggtcgctt | | |

Supplementary Table S9: Comparison of the 5' PAM consensus sequences (5' → 3') found in the literature with the ones from the Python script for different strains of *Clostridium spp.*. Bold: PAMs verified experimentally; *: sequence that have not been experimentally tested. The total indicates the number of spacers analysed; Hits in phage, the number of spacers that were found in invading elements, all the consensus were done by WebLogo 3.7.4 (Crooks et al., 2004). (Ambiguous nucleotides codes: W for A or T; R for A or G; K for T or G; D for A, G or T)

| Strain | Total | Hits in phage | Script WebLogo | Script consensus 5' → 3' | Consensus (source) 5' → 3' |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| <i>C. difficile</i> 630 | 105 | 234 |  | CCW / AAK* | CCW (Boudry et al., 2015, Maikova et al., 2019) |
| <i>C. difficile</i> R20291 | 96 | 147 |  | CCW | CCW (Boudry et al., 2015, Maikova et al., 2019) |
| <i>C. pasteurianum</i> ATCC 6013 | 45 | 18 |  | TCW / TTG / TCG* / TTA* | TCW / TTG (Pyne et al., 2016) |
| <i>C. tetani</i> 12124569 | 31 | 14 |  | TCA | TNA (Pyne et al., 2016) |
| <i>C. thermocellum</i> ATCC 27405 | 168 | 5 |  | TTA / TTG / TCA | NCA (Pyne et al., 2016) TTN / TNA (Walker et al., 2020) |
| <i>C. tyrobutyricum</i> | 25 | 4 |  | TCA / GGA* / ATA* | TCR (Zhang et al., 2018) |

Supplementary Table S10: Details of the analyses of the arrays corresponding to CRISPR/Cas Type I-B systems of a range of *Clostridium spp.*. The array numbers correspond to the ones that can be found in the CRISPRFinder database. The number of spacers found in invading elements corresponds to the number found by the script to be in plasmid / phages / prophages / mobility-related genes. The 5' PAMs indicated were compiled manually to account for separate consensus sequences possible for each organism. . (Ambiguous nucleotides codes: Y: C or T; S: G or C; M: A or C; W: A or T; D: not C; H: not G)

| Strain | Array | # of spacers | # in invading elements | 5' WebLogo | 5' PAM 5'→ 3' |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------------|------------------------|--|---|
| <i>C. butyricum</i> KNU-L09 | 3 | 57 | 14 |  | TCM / TAW / GTT / CCG / TGT / CAT / ACT / AAA |
| <i>C. limosum</i> 14S0207 | 1 | 29 | 8 |  | unclear |
| | 2 | 35 | 26 |  | TCT / ATA / TAA / ATT |
| | 3 | 40 | 3 |  | GTG / TCA / AAA |
| <i>C. novyi</i> NT | 2 | 20 | 8 |  | TTD / GYA / TCA / SAC / AAG / CCA |
| | 3 | 26 | 10 |  | HAT / TTM / GTW / CGC / TCA |
| | 4 | 50 | 12 |  | TTT / AAA / TGG / CCA / ATA |

Supplementary Table S11: List of protospacer matches in invading elements from *A. woodii* spacers obtained with the Python script described. # is the position of the spacer in the array; the spacer and protospacer sequences are aligned and mismatches underlined; % is the percentage of mismatch between spacer and protospacer sequences; the invading elements are indicated and position of the hit in the genome indicated if relevant in parentheses; potential 5' PAM are indicated in the last column based on each match.

| # | Spacer – protospacer sequences | % | Invading element | 5' PAM |
|----|---|----|--|--------|
| 5 | GGGAGGAATAAAAATGAACTTAAAAGATGTAAAAG -GGAGGAAT <u>C</u> AAAATGAACTTAAAA <u>A</u> TTTAAA--- | 19 | <i>Fusobacterium</i> <i>varium</i> Fv113-g1 (questionable prophage) | AAATA |
| 5 | GGGAGGAATAAAAATGAACTTAAAAGATGTAAAAG -GGAGGACTTAAAATGAACTTAAATGATG <u>A</u> CAAA- | 17 | Bacteriophage sp. isolate 150 | CTATA |
| 5 | GGGAGGAATAAAAATGAACTTAAAAGATGTAAAAG -GGAGGAT <u>T</u> AAAATGAACTG <u>T</u> AAAGA <u>A</u> TTTAAAAG | 19 | <i>Fusobacterium</i> sp. oral taxon 203 (incomplete prophage) | AATAA |
| 8 | GAATCAAATCATTAAATAGCTTTAATTAAATCGTC GAATCTAAATTTTAAATAGCTTTTAT <u>C</u> ACATCGTC | 17 | <i>Yersinia</i> phage phiR1-RT | ATGCC |
| 15 | TTGAAGACATGAGAAAAG---CAAAGAAACAATTCTT TTGAAGAAATGAGTAACGTTCCAAAAGAAACAATT--- | 17 | <i>Listeria</i> <i>monocytogenes</i> FDAARGOS_57 (unnamed plasmid) | AACTT |
| 29 | TTATTCTATGA--GGTGATGAGATGAATGTTATTAAGA TTATTCTAT <u>C</u> ATTGGTGATAAGATGAATGTTACTA--- | 17 | <i>Aeromonas</i> phage AS-zj | GGGTG |
| 34 | AATAACTATCAGGCTATCAGCTTCGGGAGACTTT AATAACTAT <u>T</u> ATGCTATCAGCTTCAGGC <u>A</u> ACT-- | 20 | <i>Hathewayia</i> <i>histolytica</i> NCTC503, (phage protein) | AACCA |
| 45 | ACCACCAACGCCGGGATTACCCTTGCAAGCGCCATC -CCACCAG <u>G</u> GCCTG <u>G</u> ATTACCCTTG <u>C</u> AC <u>G</u> C <u>A</u> CCATC | 17 | <i>Pseudomonas</i> sp. Leaf58 pBASL58 | CCCAG |

Supplementary Table S12: List of protospacer matches in invading elements from *C. autoethanogenum* spacers obtained with the Python script described in increasing mismatch percentage (up to 15%). # refers to the array number and the position of the spacer in the array; the spacer and protospacer sequences are aligned and mismatches underlined; % is the percentage of mismatch between spacer and protospacer sequences; the invading elements are indicated and position of the hit in the genome indicated if relevant in parentheses; potential 5' PAM are indicated in the last column based on each match.

| # | Spacer – protospacer sequences | % | Invading element | 5' PAM |
|------|--|----|---|--------|
| 4-27 | GCACCTAAGTAATCTATAAGTAAAGTATCAACTCTT GCACCTAAGTAATCTATAAGTAAAGTATCAACTCTT | 0 | <i>Clostridium ljungdahlii</i> DSM 13528 (phage protein) | CTTCA |
| 4-27 | GCACCTAAGTAATCTATAAGTAAAGTATCAACTCTT GCACCTAA <u>A</u> TAATCTATAAA <u>A</u> TAAAGT <u>T</u> TCAACTCTT | 8 | incomplete phage PHAGE_Staphy_ PT1028_NC_0070 45 | CATCA |
| 4-8 | CCTCATATTCTTTTAATAATTTATAAAATGTATTT -CTCATATTCTTTTAT <u>T</u> ATTTTATAAAATGTATTT | 9 | <i>Bacillus cereus</i> strain FORC087 plasmid pFORC087.2 | GTGTT |
| 4-7 | TTTCTCTTAT-AGATCCTTTAATTCTTCTATAGCTTC TTTCTCTTAT <u>TAA</u> CCCTTTAATTCTTCTAA <u>A</u> TCTTC | 11 | intact phage PHAGE_Clostr_p hiCT19406C_NC_ 029006 | TTCCC |
| 4-8 | CCTCATATTCTTTTAATAATTTATAAAATGTATTT CCTCATATTCTTTTAT <u>T</u> ATTTTATAGAA <u>A</u> GTATTT | 11 | <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> strain YGd22-03 plasmid pYGD30 (recombinase gene) | TTTTA |

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|------|---|----|---|-------|
| 4-17 | TCTTTT <u>G</u> ATATGGCCCCTGCATGAGAAAGTTGTTG TCTTTT <u>GAA</u> AT <u>GAC</u> ACCTGCATGAGAAAGCTGTTG | 11 | intact phage PHAGE_Clostr_p hiCT9441A_NC_ 029022 | TTGCA |
| 4-10 | AATACATCTATATGCTTAATGCATGTAGTATCTATAC AATAT <u>A</u> TCTATATGCTTAAT <u>A</u> CATGTAGTATCTA--- | 14 | <i>Clostridium</i> <i>pasteurianum</i> BC1 (phage portal protein) | TAGAG |
| 3-21 | TTTATACATTCCCTCCATTTTTTATACTAATTATTTAA TTTT <u>T</u> ACATTCCCTCCA <u>A</u> TTTT <u>T</u> AT <u>T</u> ATTATTTAA | 14 | intact phage PHAGE_Clostr_p hiCTC2B_NC_03 0951 | ACTCA |
| 3-22 | TGGAAAGGAAGTATA-ATATGATAGATGAGATATTAA -GGAAAGGAT <u>G</u> TATAAATATGATAGATA <u>AA</u> A <u>A</u> TAA | 14 | intact phage PHAGE_Clostr_p hiCD27_NC_0113 98 | ATAAA |
| 3-25 | CTTACAGGCGTATGTCCAAGATCATTTACTGCCTCC CTTACAGG <u>A</u> G <u>C</u> ATGTCCAAGG <u>T</u> CATT <u>C</u> ACTGCT <u>T</u> CC | 14 | incomplete phage PHAGE_Clostr_p hiCTC2A_NC_03 0949 | CTTCA |
| 4-27 | GCACCTAAGTAATCTATAAGTAAAGTATCAACTCTT GCACCTAA <u>A</u> TAATCTATAA <u>A</u> TAAT <u>G</u> T <u>G</u> TCAACTCT- | 14 | questionable phage PHAGE_Clostr_v B_CpeS_CP51_N C_021325 (virulence- associated protein E) | CTTCA |
| 4-28 | GAATTTA-TATAAACCCAATCAGAATATATATAATTA GAAT <u>A</u> TA <u>C</u> TATAAA <u>A</u> CCAAT <u>T</u> CAATAGATATAATTA | 14 | <i>Clostridium</i> <i>taeniosporum</i> strain 1/k plasmid pCt3 | CTGAT |

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|------|--|----|--|-------|
| 4-28 | GAATTTA-TATAAACCCAATCAGAATATATATAATTA GAAT <u>A</u> CTATAAAA <u>CC</u> AAT <u>TACA</u> ATAGATATAATTA | 14 | <i>Clostridium taeniosporum</i> strain 1/k plasmid pCt3 | CTGAT |
| 4-6 | TATATATCTATACCTTTTAACAATTTAAATACCTC -ATATATCTAT <u>TCC</u> TTTTAAC-ATTTACAT <u>TC</u> CCTC | 14 | questionable phage PHAGE_Clostr_p hiMMP04_NC_01 9422 | ATTTG |
| 4-8 | CCTCATATTCTTTTAATAATTTATAAAATGTATTT CCT <u>TAT</u> ATTCTTT <u>CA</u> ATAATTTAT <u>CAT</u> ATGT <u>TTT</u> | 14 | <i>Borrelia turicatae</i> strain BTE5EL plasmid lp159 | ATATT |

Supplementary Tables S13: List of protospacer matches in invading elements from *C. autoethanogenum* spacers obtained with the Python script described in increasing mismatch percentage (between 15% and 20%). # refers to the array number and the position of the spacer in the array; the spacer and protospacer sequences are aligned and mismatches underlined; % is the percentage of mismatch between spacer and protospacer sequences; the invading elements are indicated and position of the hit in the genome indicated if relevant in parentheses; potential 5' PAM are indicated in the last column based on each match.

| # | Spacer – protospacer sequences | % | Invading element | 5' PAM |
|------|---|----|--|--------|
| 3-37 | GTGGATTTAGGATCTTTTGTGAAGTTTCTATTTATAA -TGGATT-AGGCTATTTTGT--AGTTTCTATTTATAA | 16 | incomplete phage PHAGE_Staphy_PT1028_NC_007045 | CAAAAT |
| 4-10 | AATACATCTATATGCTTAATGCATGTAGTATCTATAC AATATATCTAAATGTTTATA_CATGTAGTATCTATA- | 16 | <i>Clostridium botulinum</i> CDC_53174, (phage portal protein) | CTGCA |
| 2-9 | GAATACAGATACCAATCTCGGAACTGGAATAACTAA -AATACAGATACTAATATTGGAAGTGGAAATAAGTAA | 17 | <i>Clostridium kluiveri</i> NBRC 12016 plasmid pCKL1 | GATTA |
| 2-20 | GAAATTA AAAAGC---TTGAAGAACAAATTCTTGATAGC GAAAGTAAAAGCCACTTGAAGAACAAATTATTGA---- | 17 | <i>Mycoplasma salivarium</i> NCTC10113 plasmid 2 | TTCTA |
| 2-20 | GAAATTA AAAAGCTT---GAAGAACAAATTCTTGATAGC GAAATTA AAAAGAAATATGAAGAAAATTTCTTGAT--- | 17 | <i>Spiroplasma citri</i> C5 plasmid pScpC5-3 | GTACA |

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|------|--|----|--|-------|
| 3-3 | TATATGCCTGTAATTAATAAAATTACTGCTATTATT TATAT-CCT-TAATTA <u>AAAA</u> ATTAGTGCTATTA-- | 17 | incomplete phage PHAGE_Lister _B054_NC_00 9813 | ATTAT |
| 3-7 | AAAAAATGACTAATATAATATTATCTTATCCATTAT AAAAAATGACG <u>A</u> ATAT <u>C</u> AT <u>T</u> TTAT-TTATAC <u>A</u> TTA- | 17 | <i>Candidatus</i> <i>Proffella</i> <i>armatura</i> YCPA plasmid | AATCA |
| 3-10 | TGATGTAATTATTCCTAATCCAGTATCTTTAGCACC TGATGTAA <u>A</u> AGT <u>G</u> CCTAATCCAGTAG <u>T</u> TTTAGCACC | 17 | intact phage PHAGE_Clost r_vB_CpeS_C P51_NC_0213 25 | GTTAA |
| 4-27 | GCACCTAAGTAATCTATAAGTAAAGTATCAACTCTT GCACCTAG <u>G</u> TAATCTATTA <u>A</u> TAAAGT <u>G</u> TT <u>T</u> ACTCTT | 17 | Clostridium phage phiCT453A (virulence- associated protein E) | CTTCA |
| 2-20 | GTTTCTT--TTGTAGGAGTATTCTTTGTAGTGGTTGT -TTTCTTGGTTGTAGT <u>A</u> GT <u>C</u> TTCTTTGTAGTAGTT-- | 17 | uncultured phage genome assembly, NCBI LR745210 | GTAGA |
| 4-6 | TATATATCTATACCTTTTAACAATTTAAATACCTC -ATATATCTAT <u>C</u> CTTTTAT <u>C</u> ATTTTAC <u>A</u> TT <u>C</u> CTC | 17 | questionable phage PHAGE_Clost r_PhiS63_NC_ 017978 | ATTTG |

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|------|--|----|--|-------|
| 4-8 | CCTCATATTCTTTTAATAATTTATAAAAATGTATTT -CTCATATTCTTTCATTACCTTGTA AAAATGTATTT | 17 | <i>Bacillus pseudomycoide s</i> BTZ plasmid pBTZ_1 | TGATT |
| 4-10 | AATACATCTATATGCTTAATGCATGTAGTATCTATAC AATAAATCAATGTGCTTAATGGCTTTAGTATCTATA | 19 | intact phage PHAGE_Lister _2389_NC_00 3291 | CATCT |
| 3-1 | GCGAATAGTACCTTTGGTTTTTGGCTCCTGGAGCTGC GCAAATATTACTTTTGGCTTTTGGCTCCTGAAGTTG- | 19 | <i>Clostridium kluveri</i> DSM 555 (predicted prophage) | TTTCT |
| 4-7 | TTTCTCTTATAGATCCTTTAATTCTTCTATAGCTTC TTTGTCTTAATGATCCTTTAATTCTTTGTAGCT-- | 19 | intact phage PHAGE_Clost r_vB_CpeS_C P51_NC_0213 25 | TTATT |
| 4-27 | GCACCTAAGTAATCTATAAGTAAAGTATCAACTCTT GCGCCTAAGTAATCTATAAGTAAGGTATCAA----- | 19 | <i>Clostridium scatologenes</i> ATCC 25775 (phage-like protein) | CCTCA |
| 4-27 | GCACCTAAGTAATCTATAAGTAAAGTATCAACTCTT GCACCTAAATAGTCTATAAATAAAGTACTTACTCT- | 19 | intact phage PHAGE_Clost r_vB_CpeS_C P51_NC_0213 25 | CTTCC |