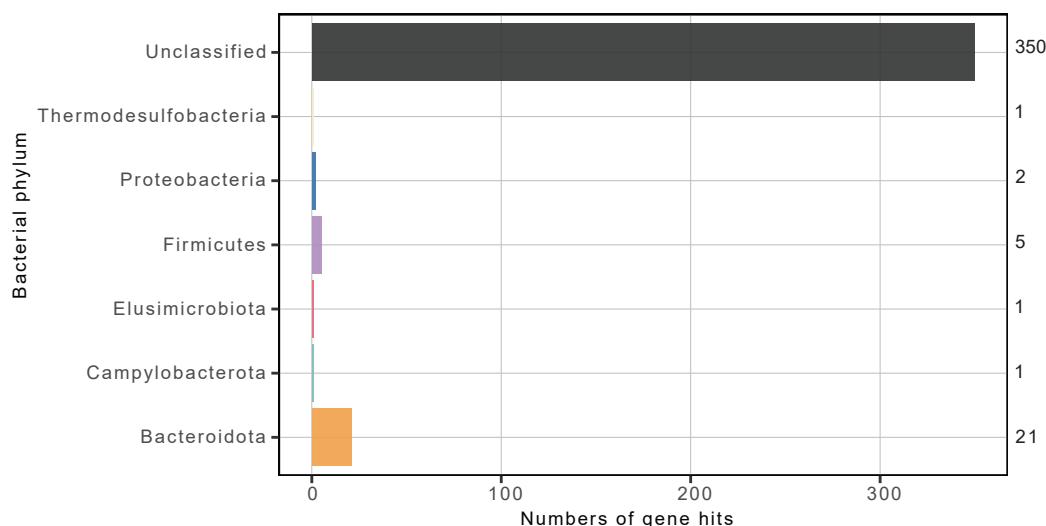
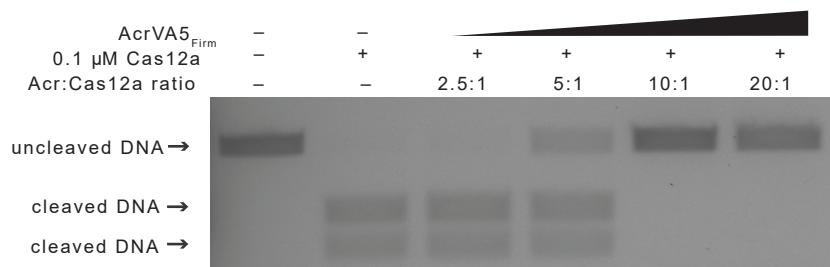
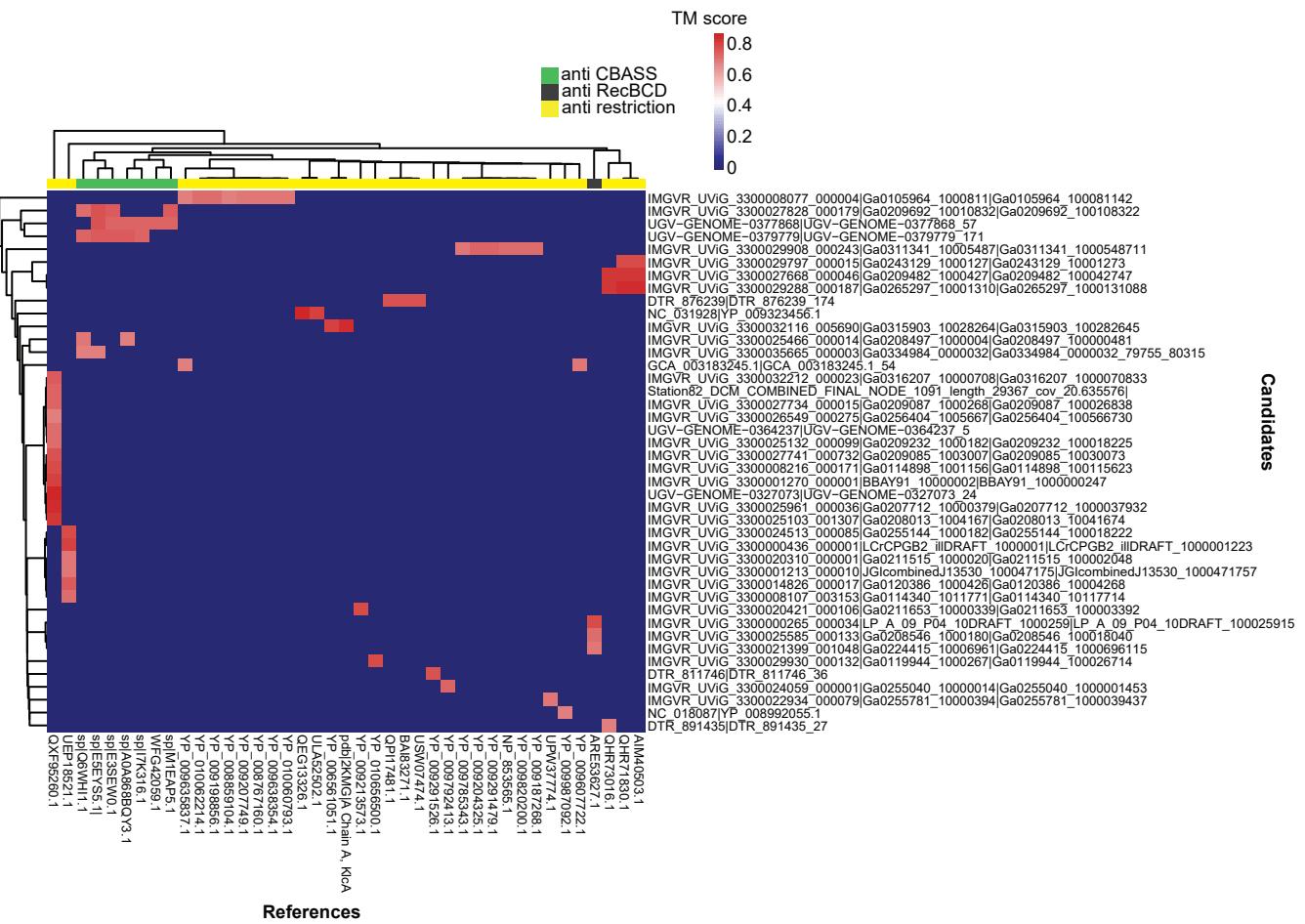


**Supplementary Figure 1: Structural comparison between putative and known Acr proteins.**  
AlphaFold2 model of candidate Acrs (in red) superposed to known Acr proteins (blue). The candidate Acrs are indicated by their IMG/VR gene id.

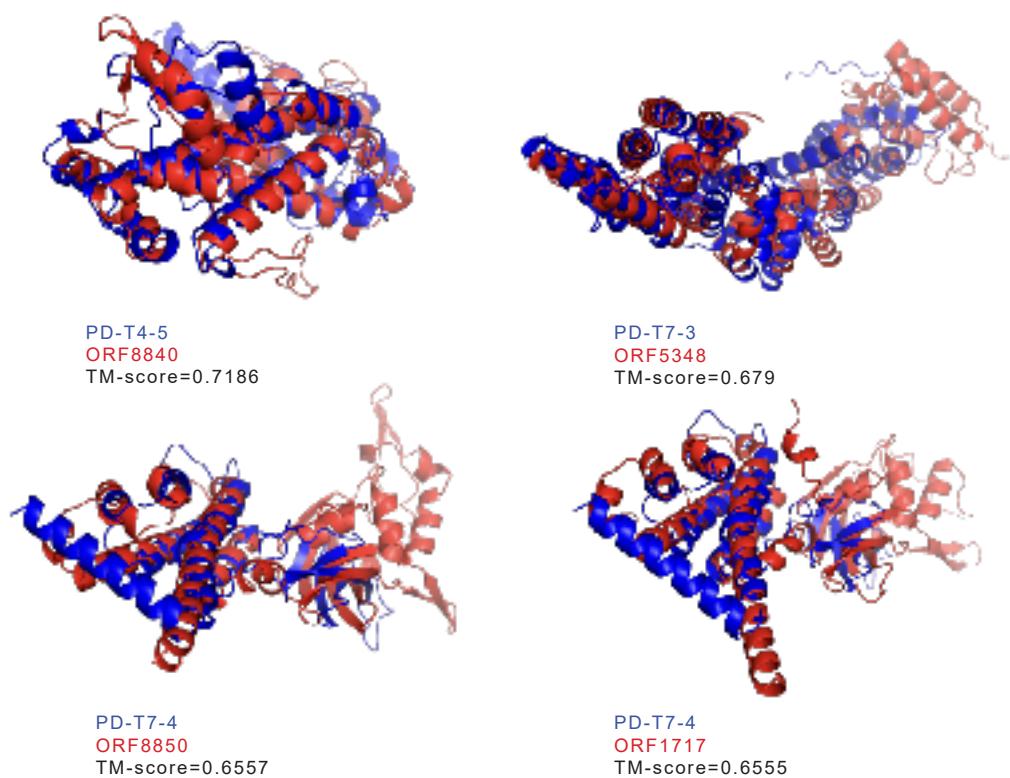
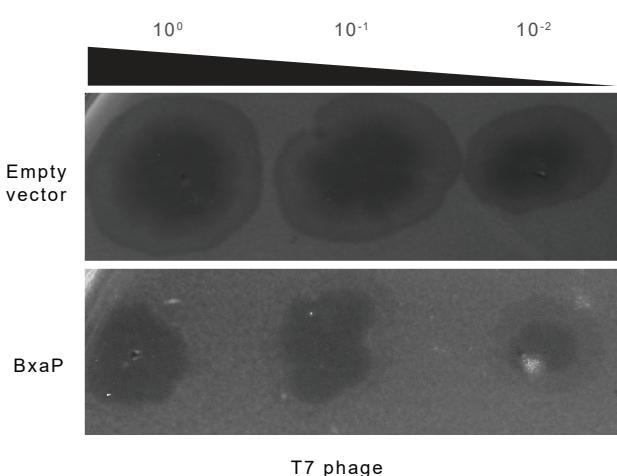
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**Supplementary Figure 2: Characterization of AcrVA5<sub>Bsp</sub> and homolog from a Firmicutes host.**  
(A) Primary sequence alignment between AcrVA5 and AcrVA5<sub>Bsp</sub>. The numbers in parenthesis show the protein length, while the numbers in bold represent the alignment start and end positions. No significant similarity between both proteins at an evalve threshold of 0.05. (B) Distribution of BLAST hits of protein-coding genes in the scaffold containing AcrVA5<sub>Bsp</sub>. The BLAST search was implemented in the online server of IMG/VR. Though most of the genes were unassigned, 21 genes had hits in a *Bacteroidota* genome. (C) Agarose gel showing LbCas12a-mediated dsDNA cleavage in the presence of increasing amounts of AcrVA5<sub>Firm</sub>. Acr concentrations used are 0.25, 0.5, 1, and 2 μM. Image is representative of duplicate. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



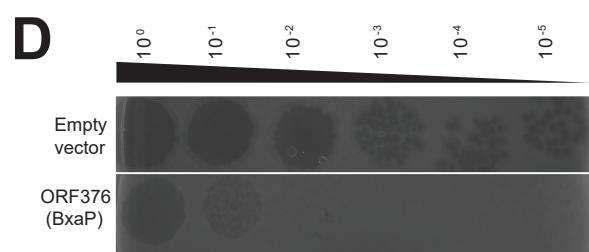
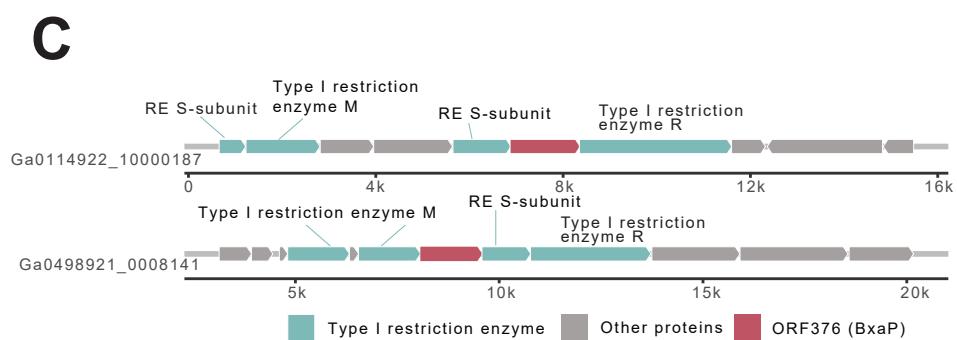
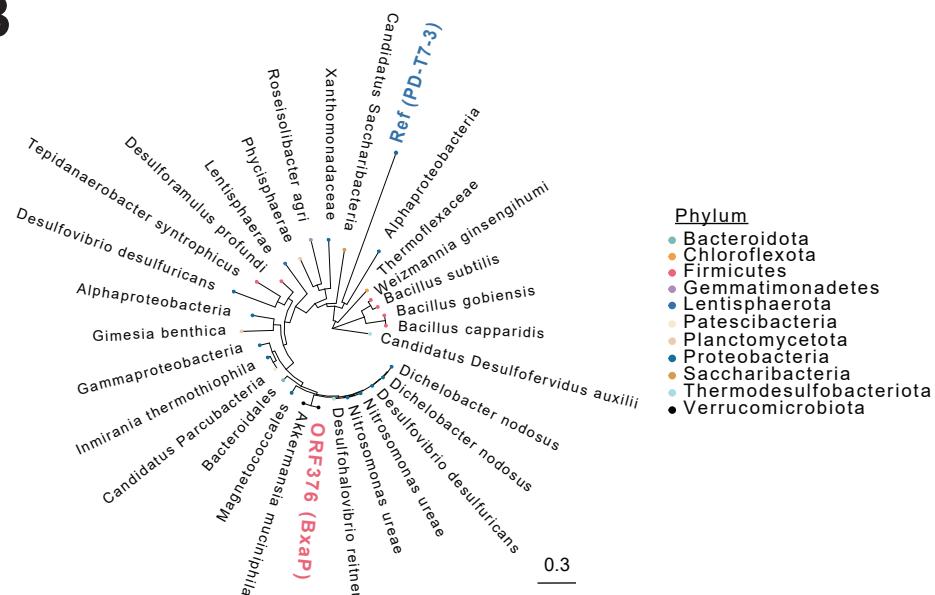
**Supplementary Figure 3: Identification of remote homologs of other phage counter-defenses.**

Heatmap showing proteins in IMG/VR (rows) with no sequence similarity, but having high structural similarities to known counter-defenses (columns). For instance, DTR\_891435|DTR\_891435\_27 is structurally similar to a known anti-restriction protein (QHR73016.1)

**A****B**

**Supplementary Figure 4: Structural similarities between putative and known defense proteins and effect of BxaP expression on T7 infection.**

(A) AlphaFold2 model of candidate defense proteins (in red) superposed to predicted single-protein defense systems reported in Vassallo *et al.* (blue). (B) A 10-fold serial dilution plaque assay of T7 phage on *E. coli* strain containing either an empty vector or overexpressing BxaP. Image is representative of triplicate.



### Supplementary Figure 5: BxaP protects against phage infection.

(A) One-step growth curves showing measurements of plaque forming units (PFU) over time in T4-infected *E. coli* strain containing either an empty vector, or overexpressing WT or mutant BxaP. Experiments were conducted in duplicates, and error bars represent SEM. (B) Phylogenetic distribution of BxaP homologs in NCBI non-redundant database. Branch tips are colored based on bacteria phyla. PD-T7-3 is included in the tree for reference purposes. (C) Examples of phage genomic loci containing BxaP. The IMG/VR ID are shown beside each scaffold. (D) A 10-fold serial dilution plaque assay of T4 phage on an *E. coli* strain (DH10B) lacking both BREX and type-I RM systems. Image is representative of duplicate. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Bxp			
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**Supplementary Figure 6: Primary sequence alignment of some BxaP homologs.** The shaded area shows mutated site used to generate the P121A BxaP mutant.