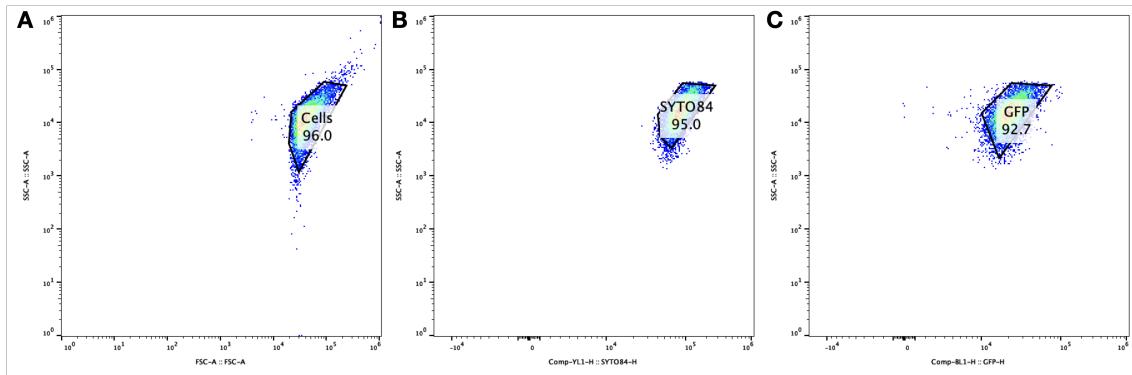


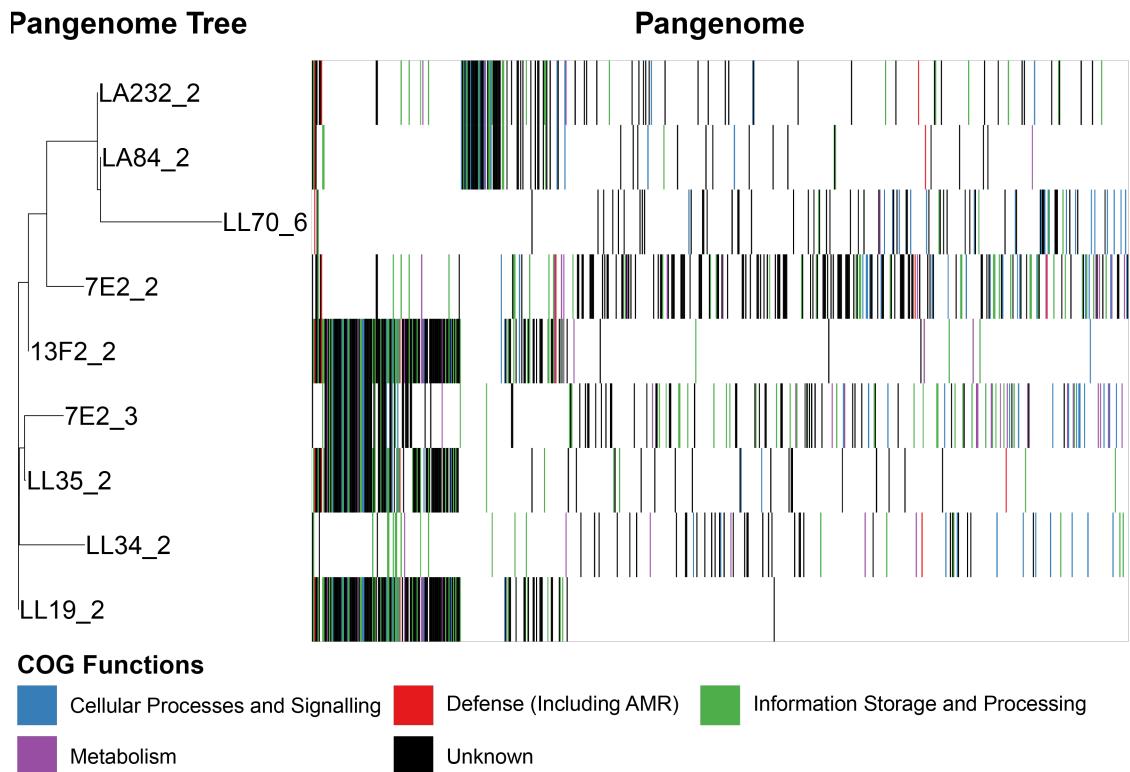
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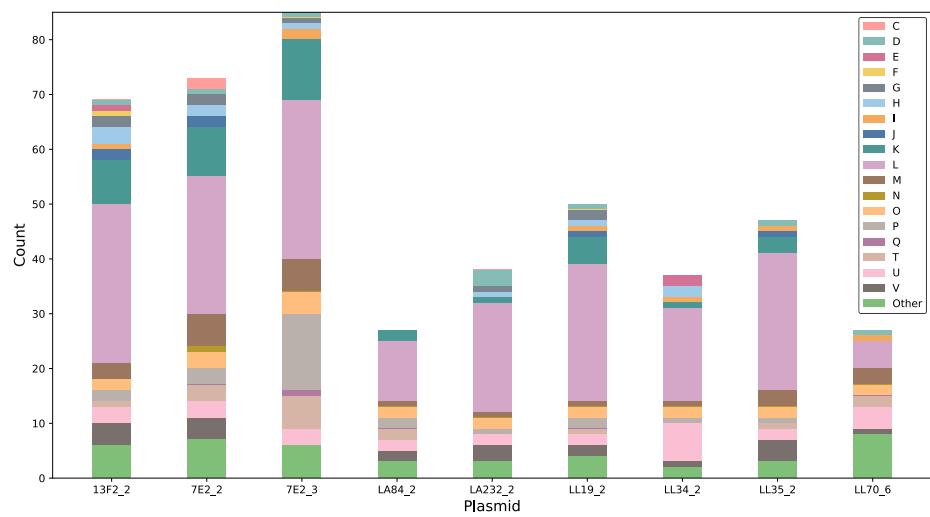
**Fig. S1** Example gating applied to all test populations. **A** All cells, WT population unstained. **B** SYTO™84 stained cells. **C** GFP+ cells. Gating applied so that single (SYTO™84 only, plasmid bearer) and double (SYTO™84 stained plus GFP+ expressing, plasmid-free) labelled cells could be counted.

**Table S1** Competition Index (CI) values for all independent biological replicates.

Transconjugant	Replicate	CI	Mean
7E2	1	0.015	
	2	0.036	0.032
	3	0.045	
13F2	1	0.054	
	2	0.157	0.082
	3	0.034	
LA84	1	0.017	
	2	0.005	0.012
	3	0.015	
LA232	1	0.008	
	2	0.005	0.006
	3	0.005	
LL19	1	0.006	
	2	0.006	0.005
	3	0.004	
LL34	1	0.013	
	2	0.210	0.096
	3	0.065	
LL35	1	0.041	
	2	0.024	0.025
	3	0.010	
LL70	1	0.015	
	2	0.004	0.007
	3	0.003	



**Fig. S2** Presence and absence of plasmid-encoded genes on the nine conjugated plasmids. Genes coloured by functions as assigned by eggNOG, grouped into categories for simplicity.



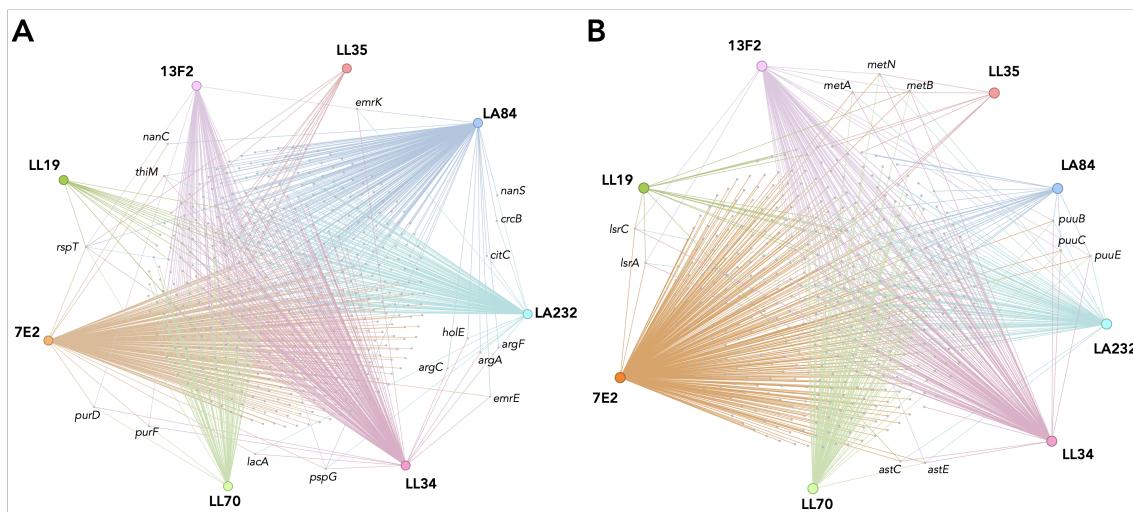
**Fig. S3** COG categories of genes with known function encoded by the conjugative plasmids, as assigned by eggNOG-mapper.

**Table S2** Mutations in transconjugant long read sequences as predicted by breseq.  
All predicted mutations were deletions. bp = base pair.

Transconjugant	Position	Deletion	Annotation	Gene	Description
7E2	3,436,101	1 bp	Coding (152/234 nt)	<i>gnaB</i> →	Rac prophage; cold shock protein, function unknown
13F2	3,436,802	1 bp	Coding (303/591 nt)	<i>pinR</i> →	Rac prophage; predicted site-specific recombinase
LA84	None				
LA232	660,566	1 bp	Intergenic (-39/+48)	<i>NDAJDAOJ_00649</i> ←← <i>NDAJDAOJ_00650</i>	tRNA-Glu/16S ribosomal RNA
LL19	660,566	1 bp	Intergenic (-39/+48)	<i>NDAJDAOJ_00649</i> ←← <i>NDAJDAOJ_00650</i>	tRNA-Glu/16S ribosomal RNA
LL19	3,436,802	1 bp	Coding (303/591 nt)	<i>pinR</i> →	Rac prophage; predicted site-specific recombinase
LL34	None				
LL35	None				
LL70	2,682,571	1 bp	Intergenic (+51/+32)	<i>yehA_2</i> →← <i>rcnB</i>	Putative fimbrial protein/periplasmic protein for nickel/cobalt efflux

**Table S3** Gene Ontology (GO) terms enriched across the differentially expressed from all transconjugants combined.

Ontology	GO ID	Term	Count	Expected	Fold enrichment	P value (Fisher)
Biological process	GO:0000041	Transition metal ion transport	33	14.41	2.29	1.59E-04
	GO:0006811	Monoatomic ion transport	74	41.92	1.77	2.7E-05
	GO:0006810	Transport	198	136.81	1.45	8.07E-07
	GO:0051234	Establishment of localization	199	138.31	1.44	9.09E-07
	GO:0051179	Localization	200	138.87	1.44	9.27E-07
	GO:0034220	Monoatomic ion transmembrane transport	60	34.25	1.75	2.03E-04
	GO:0055085	Transmembrane transport	182	120.72	1.51	2.33E-07
	GO:0009987	Cellular process	594	539.20	1.10	1.77E-04
	GO:0071702	Organic substance transport	133	90.58	1.47	4.74E-05
	UNCLASSIFIED	Unclassified	133	184.54	0.72	4.49E-05
	GO:0006396	RNA processing	6	22.65	0.26	1.73E-04
	GO:0043170	Macromolecule metabolic process	136	194.27	0.70	5.15E-06
	GO:0006399	tRNA metabolic process	4	18.72	0.21	1.93E-06
	GO:0034660	ncRNA metabolic process	6	26.58	0.23	9.72E-06
	GO:0051301	Cell division	2	15.16	0.13	1.83E-04
Molecular function	GO:0022857	Transmembrane transporter activity	159	103.50	1.54	7.48E-07
	GO:0005215	Transporter activity	159	105.00	1.51	1.49E-06
	GO:0140640	Catalytic activity, acting on a nucleic acid	27	56.33	0.48	4.29E-05
Cellular component	GO:1902495	Transmembrane transporter complex	82	52.97	1.55	4.50E-04
	GO:0098796	Membrane protein complex	98	63.07	1.55	1.11E-04
	GO:0016020	Membrane	350	281.86	1.24	7.08E-06
	GO:0005886	Plasma membrane	301	239.94	1.25	2.92E-05
	GO:0071944	Cell periphery	334	261.65	1.28	1.24E-06



**Fig. S4** Genes of known function that are **A** up- or **B** downregulated in the eight transconjugants. Nodes that depict transconjugants are labelled in bold. Edges connect the transconjugants to their significantly differentially expressed genes. Select genes are highlighted.