Supplemental figures

Figure S1. Examination of phages by transmission electron microscopy. All phages negatively stained with 1 % uranyl acetate belonged to the class of *Caudoviricetes*. Phage 6, phage 12, phage 18, phage 11, phage 13, phage 27 and phage 23 were siphophages*.* Phage 2 and phage 4 were myophages. Phage 16 and phage 7 were podophages.

Figure S2 : One step growth kinetics of phages Porthos (A), dArtagnan (B), Aramis (C), Planchet (D) and Athos (E) on their respective isolation strains**.** For each kinetic, the values indicate the means and standard deviations of three independent experiments.

Figure S3. Placement of *Enterococcus* phages dArtagnan and Aramis in the dendrogram generated by whole proteome tBLASTx similarity with VIPTree (49). The relevant region of the tree where the siphophages are positioned is shown, and dArtagnan, Aramis and vB_Efm_LG62 (56) are labeled with red stars.

Tree scale: 0.1 -

Figure S4. Placement of *Enterococcus* phage Athos in dendrograms generated with VIPTree (A) and GRAViTy (B). In the dendrogram A, generated by whole proteome tBLASTx similarity (49), only the relevant region of the tree corresponding to the *Salasmaviridae* is shown and Athos is labeled with a red star. In the dendrogram B, which is based on hidden Markov and genomic organization models (50, 51), a focus is made on the separation between the families *Rountreeviridae* in blue and *Salasmaviridae,* which includes Athos, in red.

Figure S5. Annotation and comparison of *Enterococcus* phage Athos genome with "plasmids" pIN-1-11_03 and p63-3 (A) or with *Actinomyces* phage Av-1 and *Bacillus* phage phi29 (B). Genkank accession numbers of these mobile genetic elements are listed in Table S3. Genome comparisons were performed using genoplotR (46). Shed of gray lines connect regions of adjacent mobile genetic elements that have respectively BLASTn (A) or tBLASTx (B) similarity from 30% to 100% (over 100 bp for (B)). Gene functions are color-coded: orange, DNA metabolism; green, DNA packaging and head; dark blue, tail; light blue, connector; pink, lysis; yellow, transcriptional regulation; gray, hypothetical proteins; white, unannotated in A. Selected Athos genes are annotated and abbreviated: ssb, single-strand DNA-binding protein; tp, terminal protein; polB, B family polymerase; mcp, major capsid protein; mtp, major tail protein; upp, upper collar protein; low, lower collar protein; hol, holin; lys, endolysin; enc, encapsidation protein.

Figure S6: Adsorption of Aramis (A), Athos (B) and Porthos (C) phages to their isolation strains and their respective resistant mutants. These experiments were independently conducted at least three times and average values are given with standard deviations.

Round 1: phage cocktail dilution rates

Round 5: phage cocktail dilution rates

Round 10: phage cocktail dilution rates

Round 15: phage cocktail dilution rates

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Figure S8. Base substitution mutations and small indels predicted in K35.2, K36.1, K36.3 and K41.1. These predictions were made by examining the pileup of the respective evolved phage cleaned reads mapped to each position in the Porthos reference genome using the consensus mode of breseq tool (52). Each mutation/indel were predicted thanks to read alignment evidence (evidence column, RA) and listed with their position in comparison with the reference genome (position column); their nature (mutation column); their consequence (annotation column, nonsense, silent and missense substitutions are respectively detailed in red, green and blue); the gene and protein concerned or the intergenenic region (gene and encoded protein columns).

 $PORT_124 \rightarrow$

 $PORT_140 \rightarrow$

Putative antisigma factor

Single-stranded DNA binding protein

RA

RA

106,817

118,113

 $C \rightarrow T$

 $C \rightarrow T$

A84V (GCT→GTT)

S155L (TCA→TTA)

Figure S9: Adsorption of Porthos phage and its derived mutant K35.2 to the strains VE14984 (on which both phages grew as efficiently), VE14978 and VE14989 (both only sensitive to K35.2). These experiments were independently conducted four times and average values are given with standard deviations. *, *P*<0.05; **, *P*<0.01; by unilateral unpaired Student's t test.

Supplemental tables

Table S1. Description of VREfm clinical isolates used to constitute the bacteriophage collection and evaluate phage host spectra.

The phylogenetic neighbor-joining tree based on the core genome SNPs was generated with iTOL (31). CNR, Centre National de Référence; ST, Sequence Type; *van* gene, vancomycin-resistance operon.

Table S2. Description of *E. mundtii*, *E. durans*, *E. hirae* and *E. faecalis* strains used to evaluate the host spectra of the five natural phages characterized in details, as well as those of two of the five evolved phages emerged from the Appelmans experiment.

ST, Sequence Type.

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Table S3. Genbank accession numbers of all phage genomes and plasmids used in this study for comparative genomics and/or taxonomic classification

Table S4. Details about the isolation of the 21 phages isolated using VREfm isolates.

ST, sequence type; Ø, diameter; bull's eye morphology, plaque center clearer than the outer edges.

Table S5. Host ranges of the collection of VREfm phages.

VREfm isolates (Sequence Type)

Host ranges were evaluated by spot assays on the 14 VREfm isolates. Dark gray, strong lytic activity; light gray, weak lytic activity; white, no apparent productive lytic activity. Respective isolation strains are indicated by an asterisk.

Table S6. Morphological characterization of the phages in transmission electron microscopy.

Measurements were performed using ImageJ (37) on five virions for each phage. Average values are given with standard deviations (sd).

Table S7. Host ranges of Porthos, dArtagnan, Aramis, Planchet and Athos on a set of 21 tested enterococcal isolates other than *E. faecium*.

Phages

Host ranges were evaluated by spot assays on five *E. durans*, six *E. hirae*, one *E. mundtii* and nine *E. faecalis* isolates. Dark gray, strong lytic activity; light gray, weak lytic activity; white, no apparent productive lytic activity. Table S8. Theoretical spectrum of activity of the 5 phages in mixture against the panel of 14 VREfm tested, based on individual phage plaquing host ranges.

Host ranges were evaluated by spot assays. Dark gray, strong lytic activity; light gray, weak lytic activity; white, no apparent productive lytic activity.

Table S9. Resistance and crossed resistance evaluation of the spontaneous phage-resistant mutants to Aramis, Athos, Porthos and Planchet by spot assays.

Dark gray, same amount (efficiency of plating ~10-100%) and same morphology of plaques obtained on mutants and the corresponding wild-type strain, no (significant) phage-resistance of the mutants; light gray, turbid plaques (efficiency of plating ~1%) on the spontaneous mutant compared the clear plaques obtained on the wild-type strain, weak phage-resistance of the mutant; white, no apparent productive lytic activity, strong phage-resistance of the mutants.

Table S10. Point mutations found with breseq (52) in the variable part of *epa* locus in Aramis- and Athos-respective primary adsorption resistant mutants, which were always susceptible to Porthos.

CDS, coding sequence; SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism; Del, deletion; +, strong phage-resistance of the mutants; +/-, weak phage-resistance of the mutants; -, no (significant) phage-resistance of the mutants.

Table S11. Antibiotic susceptibility of phage-resistant *E. faecium* mutants compared to their corresponding parental strains.

^aAntibiotics tested by disk diffusion: API, ampicillin; CHL, chloramphenicol; CMN, clindamycin; DQU, dalfopristin-quinupristin; ERY, erythromycin; GME, gentamicin; NOR, norfloxacin; IPM, imipenem; RIF, rifampicin; SXT, cotrimoxazole; TET, tetracycline.

^bAntibiotics tested by MIC determination: DAL, dalbavancin; DAP, daptomycin; LZD, linezolid; ORI, oritavancin; TDZ, tedizolid; TEC, teicoplanin; TEL, telavancin; TGC, tigecycline; VAN, vancomycin. Significant changes in MICs (≥ 4 fold) are indicated in bold.

Table S12 Emergence of VE14983 spontaneous CFUs following teicoplanin, Aramis and teicoplanin/Aramis exposures.

The frequency of emergence of VE14983 spontaneous CFUs was estimated following three independent experiments and average values are given with standard deviations (sd).

Table S13. Isolated and purified phages from the evolved cocktail per development strain.

Table S14. Comparison between the host ranges of the wild-type phages present in the cocktail at the starting point and those of the 18 phages purified from the cocktail at the ending point.

Host ranges were evaluated by spot assays on the eight development strains used during the evolution experiment. Dark gray, strong lytic activity; light gray, weak lytic activity; white, no apparent productive lytic activity.

Table S15. Comparison between the host ranges of the wild-type phages present in the cocktail at the starting point and those of the five selected evolved phages purified from the cocktail at the ending point.

Host ranges were evaluated by spot assays on both the eight development strains and the remaining VREfm strains from our collection that were not used for the evolution experiment. Dark gray, strong lytic activity; light gray, weak lytic activity; white, no apparent productive lytic activity.

Table S16. Comparison between the host ranges of Porthos and its derivates K35.2 and K41.1 on enterococci species distinct from *E. faecium.*

Host ranges were evaluated by spot assays on five *E. durans*, six *E. hirae*, one *E. mundtii* and nine *E. faecalis* isolates. Dark gray, strong lytic activity; light gray, weak lytic activity; white, no apparent productive lytic activity.