

Supplementary figure 1

HpDnaB	-----MDHLKHLQQQLQNIERIVLGLSIVLANHKIEEVHSVLEPSDF	40
CjDnaB	-----MQQEYYDLDLERAILSSCIMSEEAYASIAGDISPKDF	37
EcDnaB	MAGNKPFNKKQAEPRERDPQVAGLKVPVHSIEAFQSVLGGMLDNERWDDVAERVVADDF	60
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	HpDelN1	
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HpDnaB	YYPPNGLFFEIALKLHEEDCPIDENFIRQKMPKDKQIKEE-----DLVAIFAASPIDNIE	95
CjDnaB	SLKAHQDIFKAVIACSNNEKEPISVSFLR----KHKKIDEQ----ILAEILATPSMIDLP	88
EcDnaB	YTRPHRHIFTEMARLQESGSPIDLITLAESLERQGQLDSVGGFAYLAELSKNTPSAANIS	120
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	HpDelN2	
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HpDnaB	AYVEEIKNASIKRKLFGLANTIREQALES-AQKSSDILGAVEREVYALLNG--STIEGFR	152
CjDnaB	AYVNELEHKSVKRQLLSFAHLLPTRINE--DRAVSEIADEIGKEIFSITNR--VNSRDIK	144
EcDnaB	SYADIVRERAVVREMISVANEIAEAGFPQGRTEQPSLDLLAESRVFKIAESRANKDEGPK	180
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	EcDelN156	
	HpDelN3	HpDelN4
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HpDnaB	NIKEVLESAMDLITENQRKGSLEVTCPTGFVQLDNYTSGFNKGSLVIIG ARPSMGKT SL	212
CjDnaB	DVMVISELFEFFKKQKTLENKGIGLDTGFEGLNMTKGFKGGELIIIAARPGMGTTL	204
EcDnaB	NIADVLDAVARIEQLFQPHDGVTVGNTGYDDLNNKTAGLQPSDLIIVAARPSMGKTTF	240
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HpDnaB	MMNMVLSALNDDRGVAVFSLEMSAEQLALRALSDLTSINMHDLGESGRLLLLQWENLAKC	271
CjDnaB	CLNFID-KVLRQKKGVALFSLEMPATQIMQRMSSKTSIPLQKILTADLNDEWERLGDA	263
EcDnaB	AMNLVENAAMLQDKPVULFSLEMPSEQIMMRSLASLRSRVDQTKIRTGQLDDEDWARISGT	300
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HpDnaB	FDHLSQKK-LFFYDKSYVRIEQIRQLRKLKSQHKELGIAFIDYLQLMSGSKATKERHEQ	330
CjDnaB	CNDYSQKK-LYIYDSGYATIADVRAILRLKSQDESIGLCVIDYIGLMMNSNSNFNDRHLQ	322
EcDnaB	MGILLEKRNIYIDDSSGLTPTEVRSRARRIAREHGGIGLIMIDYLQLMRVPALSDNRTLE	360
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HpDnaB	IAEISRELKTLARELEIPIIIALVQLNRSLENRDDKRPILSDIKDSSGIEQDADIVLFLYR	390
CjDnaB	VSEISRGLKLLARELDMPIIALSQNLNRGLEQRANKRPLMSDLRESGAIEQDADAILFVYR	382
EcDnaB	IAEISRSLKALAKELNVPVALSQLNRSLEQRADKRPVNSDLRESGSIEQDADLIMFIYR	420
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HpDnaB	GYIYQMRAEDNKIDKLKKEGKIEEAQELYLVNEERRIH KQNGS IEEAEIIVAKNRNGAT	450
CjDnaB	DEVREQEEKERENKAKAEG-----KAYQRLFIPNPMQENAEIIVGKNRNGPV	430
EcDnaB	DEVYHENSD-----LKGIAEIII GQRNG PI	446
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	HpDelNC1	
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HpDnaB	GTVVYTRFNAPFTTRYEDMPIDSHLEEGQETKVVDYDIVTT	488
CjDnaB	GTIEVVFLKEKSCFVDKPIGYETTEFTG-----	458
EcDnaB	GTVRFLTNGQWSRFDNYAGPQYDDE-----	471
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*, identical; :, strongly similar; .., weakly similar

Amino acid sequence alignment of *H. pylori* DnaB (HpDnaB), related *Campylobacter jejuni* DnaB (CjDnaB) and *E. coli* DnaB (EcDnaB). The alignment was done using CLUSTALW multiple alignment software. The WALKER A nucleotide binding domain (ARPSMGKT) and 34 amino acid insertion region at the ‘C’ terminus of HpDnaB, not present in EcDnaB are marked in bold. The relative positions of different deletion mutants of HpDnaB are marked by ‘Ñ’. The start point of *E. coli* deletion mutant (EcDelN156) that shows *in vitro* ATPase activity but no helicase activity (comparable to HpDelN2) is marked by arrowhead (-).