

Additional Table A2- Average nucleotide distance between DUS. Δ DUS are all DUS elements. Δ cDUS is the distance between composite DUS, which correspond to isolated DUS or to 2 inverted copies of a DUS in a transcription terminator. In this last case the distance between the two inverted copies is not counted as the two copies are regarded as one single composite element.

	Δ DUS	Δ cDUS
<i>N. men.</i> Z2491	1154	1469
<i>N. men.</i> MC58	1174	1511
<i>N. men.</i> FAM18	1162	1506
<i>N. men.</i> 8013	1189	1525
<i>N. gonorrhoeae</i>	1096	1372
<i>N. lactamica</i>	995	1280