

Table S1. Multiplex PCR primers for Luminex® plasmid detection.

Pool 1 PCR Primers							
Primer Name	Replicon	Primer Sequence (5' - 3')	Length	Tm	Product Length	Genbank coordinates	Unique
5476	Ip36, F	ATTAAGCACAAATGTATGGCCATTGCTGCATTCT	35	68	361	5294-5654	yes
5477	Ip36, R	TGCAGCCAAAAGTAATTTGAAGAATGGACTAAAGA	35	65			no
5472	Ip28-4, F	GGGAAATGAGTCAAAAATAAATACCCCAAATGAAA	35	65	437	2598-3034	yes
5473	Ip28-4, R	CAGTGTTTGCTTTAAATTTTTAGGGTGTCTGGA	35	66			yes
5470	Ip28-3, F	GAAGGAGAAGCGGGTGGGCAATAAAATT	28	65	473	12113-12585	yes
5471	Ip28-3, R	TGGGCAAAATCTTTTTACTAATAAGCCACTCTTGG	35	65			yes
5484	cp32-7, F	GCGACAAATTCACCATTAAATTTAAAGGGATTCTT	35	65	500	8974-9473	no
5485	cp32-7, R	TTTAGCAAATCCATACATAAATCCAATAAGCCCG	34	65			yes
5492	cp32-3, F	TTTGTTTTGATAATTTCTTGCAAGATTGATGCGAG	35	66	527	26747-27273	yes
5493	cp32-3, R	GGCTCTGCTAGCTTTTCAAGTTCTTCCCTCAATATT	35	65			yes
5500	Chromosome, F	ATCTAAGCAATGACAAAACATATTGGGGAACTTGA	35	65	582	147651-148232	yes
5501	Chromosome, R	AAAATGTAAGAACAGCTGAAGAGCTTGAATGC	33	65			yes
5486	cp32-1, F	CCTAAAATAATAACAATAGCGTCAATTAAGGGCGG	35	65	606	20781-21386	no
5487	cp32-1, R	CCCCAAAACCTTTTCTTTTTTTGCAACATTTCTA	35	65			yes
5488	Ip56, F	CATTTATCCGAAATTTGAGAAGTAACCAAAGCATG	35	65	662	41115-41776	yes
5489	Ip56, R	GACATTCAAACTGGGGTTGCAATTGCTATTTT	32	65			yes
Pool 2 PCR Primers							
Primer Name	Replicon	Primer Sequence (5' - 3')	Length	Tm	Product Length	Genbank coordinates	Unique
5455	Ip54, F	AGCCTTAATAGCATGTAAGCAAAATGTTAGCAGCC	35	66	263	9428-9690	yes
5456	Ip54, R	CAAGTGTGGTTTGACCTAGATCGTCAGAAATTGTT	35	66			yes
5482	cp32-9, F	ACCTAAAATAATAACAATAGCGTCAATCAAGGGCG	35	65	401	20831-21231	no
5483	cp32-9, R	GATGTCCTAAGCTGGGATTTGATCGATTATCACA	35	65			yes
5459	cp9, F	TAGCATGGAGTGCAATAGGACTGGTATTTACTCCG	35	67	285	6355-6639	yes
5460	cp9, R	AGGCCGATGAAGTTGCATTTAAACATTGTAGAG	33	65			yes
5480	cp32-6, F	TTATTTGTGCTATTTTGGCGTGATAGTTTCTTGC	35	66	521	26276-26803	no
5481	cp32-6, R	TTATTCCAATTGCAGATTCAACTTGACCCCTAAGT	35	65			yes
5496	Ip21, F	CCAAATATTTTAAACAATAGCAAGTTTGAAGGGCGG	35	65	639	2880-3518	yes
5497	Ip21, R	TGAAAAATGAATCTTGCCCTTGACATAACTACCAT	35	65			yes
5474	Ip38, F	TTCACTTAATTTAAAATCCCAACTTGGTTTGGGA	35	65	382	19396-19777	yes
5475	Ip38, R	TCTATCCTTTGCCTTTGTCTCCAGACATATAT	34	65			yes
5601	Ip28-1, F	AATTGTCACCTAATTATGGGTTGAGCATTCTCTTG	35	65	278	10643-10920	yes
5602	Ip28-1, R	GTCAAGCAATAATGCTGAAAACAAAATGGATGATA	35	65			yes
5536	Ip25, F	ATTATTAAGCTTTTGGGGCATCATTTTGATTTT	35	65	700	19443-20142	Yes
5537	Ip25, R	TCGCTACAAATTTTCTTTCAATATTGACTTGGC	35	65			Yes
Pool 3 PCR Primers							
Primer Name	Replicon	Primer Sequence (5' - 3')	Length	Tm	Product Length	Genbank coordinates	Unique
5569	Ip17	TGTTGTTGTGATTGATCTTCAATTTTATTGATGGC	35	65	552	11051-11602	yes
5570	Ip17	GGGCATAAAAGGAACTTTCTTTGGAAATTCCTCAAT	35	66			yes
5457	cp26, F	TTACTTAGCATTGCAAATAAAAACGGAATGAAACC	35	69	389	4919-5307	yes
5458	cp26, R	GCGGCTGTTGGGATTGAATAATGTTAAATATTTT	35	65			yes
5490	cp32-4, F	TGATGTAAGTAAAGATTTAGAAAGGGGCGGTGA	35	65	415	26918-27332	yes
5491	cp32-4, R	CGTTACTCCAGTTGCAGATTGAGCTTTGGTTTT	32	66			yes
5478	cp32-8, F	ACCTAAAATAATAACAATAGCGTCAATCAAGGGCGG	35	65	451	20754-21204	no
5479	cp32-8, R	TGCCGTCATTGGAAGTATTACACAATTGCTAGTTA	35	66			yes
5468	Ip28-2, F	ATGTGACATTTTTGATGTACACAAAGCTTGCATCT	35	65	515	20126-20640	yes
5469	Ip28-2, R	CAAAATAGGAATAAGCGACTATTTGTCTGGGGCT	34	66			yes
5609	Ip5, F	GTGTTAACTTTAAAATCCCAAACCTTATAATTTGGGAAA	40	64	738	163-900	yes ^a
5495	Ip5, R	CGTTAAAAGTAAACGCACGGCGTATAAACCC	31	66			yes
4596	Ip25, F	TTGCTGCCATTTCTCACTTGGTAA	24	68	177	9783-9959	yes
4597	Ip25, R	ATAAAAGCGACAGGTTATCGTGACG	25	67			yes
5466	Ip28-1, F	CTTCAACACTTATCAAAAAGTGAAGACCAAGCCAA	35	66	540	590-1129	yes
5467	Ip28-1, R	CCCCGATATTTCTTTGGTGTCTTTTGAATTTA	35	65			yes

^a Primer matches Ip21 and Ip28-4 at 39/40 positions.

Table S2. ASPE primers for Luminex® plasmid detection.

Pool 1 ASPE primers

Primer No.	TAG	Sequence (5'-3') ^a	Replicon	Primer ^b length	Genbank Coordinates	Unique
5523	14	<u>CTACTATACATCTTACTATACTTTTT</u> TTGGGTACTTTTATCACC	lp36	20/44	5553-5572	Yes
5524	20	<u>CTTTTACAATACTTCAATACAATCAA</u> AAATAAATACGGCCCTTTGGACAAGC	lp28-4	27/51	2806-2832	Yes
5558	34	<u>TCATTATATACATACCAATTCATTA</u> ATTTTAATAGTTGGTTGCGACTGGGG	lp28-3	28/52	12160-12187	Yes
5526	52	<u>TCAATCATCTTTATACTTCACAATGG</u> TAGTGCTTTAGGAAATGTCATTGGCA	cp32-7	28/52	9390-9417	Yes
5527	55	<u>TATATACACTTCTCAATAACTAACT</u> CCCACGATAACACACCCGTATTA AAA	cp32-3	27/51	26903-26929	Yes
5555	61	<u>AATCTTACCAATTCATAATCTTCA</u> AGCCTGCGCAATCATTGCCA	Chromosome	20/44	147688-147707	Yes
5529	59	<u>TCATCAATCAATCTTTTTCACTTTA</u> AGCTTGCACACTTTTAGTGAAGAGCCC	cp32-1	28/52	21053-21080	Yes
5530	82	<u>TACATACACTAATAACATACTCAT</u> CATATTTGTTCTTGCATCTTGTCTCTGG	lp56	28/52	41395-41422	Yes

Pool 2 ASPE primers

Primer No.	TAG	Sequence (5'-3') ^a	Replicon	Primer ^b length	Genbank Coordinates	Unique
5584	2	<u>CTTTATCAATACATACTACAATCAG</u> AAAAACAGCGTTTCAGTAGATTTGCCT	lp54	28/52	9470-9497	Yes
5585	12	<u>TACACTTTCTTTCTTTCTTTCTTT</u> TATTGATAATTGATAGTGATCCACAGGCCA	cp32-9	30/54	20929-20958	Yes
5586	44	<u>TCATTTACCAATCTTTCTTTATACT</u> CATCATTATCGTTTGCATTAATCTTTGG	cp9	30/54	6435-6464	Yes
5587	68	<u>TCATAATCTCAACAATCTTTCTTT</u> TTTTTTGGAGATTTAAAAAACAGAAAGCAA	cp32-6	30/54	26405-26434	Yes
5588	77	<u>CAATTAACTACATAACAATACATACT</u> GAAAGGGGGAGTTTCTTTTAATAATTGTG	lp21	30/54	3070-3099	Yes
5589	80	<u>CTAACTAACAATAATCTAACTAAC</u> TACGGGGAGCGGCAAGACAACCTTT	lp38	25/49	19440-19464	Yes
5603	45	<u>TCATTTACAATTCATTAATCAAT</u> TCAATGCAATATGAATAGTTTATTATAGGAATCCG	lp28-1	33/57	10709-10741	Yes
5538	24	<u>TCAATTACCTTTTCAATACAATAC</u> AGCCAAAACAAGCTCAAAGATCCCC	lp25	26/50	19738-19763	Yes

Pool 3 ASPE primers

Primer No.	TAG	Sequence (5'-3') ^a	Replicon	Primer ^b length	Genbank Coordinates	Unique
5571	33	<u>TCAATTACTTCACTTTAATCCTTT</u> TGGATAAATTATGAACCAACTGCAGAAGAA	lp17	30/54	11210-11180	Yes
5550	36	<u>CAATTCATTTCAATCACAATCAAT</u> GCTTGGCGCCTGGGCAATTAGATTA	cp26	25/49	5044-5068	Yes
5551	42	<u>CTATCTTCATATTTCACTATAAACT</u> CTCTCTCTTTTTTTCTTTTTTAAGCTCTCTGA	cp32-4	33/57	27257-27225	Yes
5552	47	<u>CTTCTCATTAACTTACTTCATAAT</u> TGGGAAAAGTACGAGTTCAATAATATTGTC	cp32-8	31/55	20792-20822	Yes
5553	51	<u>TCATTTCAATCAATCATCAACAATA</u> CATAGACTGATGATCTGGCCTCTTCTTG	lp28-2	29/53	20164-20192	Yes
5554	54	<u>CTTTTTCAATCACTTTCAATTCAT</u> CCTCAGAAGACCAAAGGAATTAGAAATTACG	lp28-1	32/56	636-667	Yes
5556	65	<u>CTTTTCATCAATAATCTTACCTTT</u> CATGCATGCAGAATACTTATTCTTACCGCA	lp5	30/54	306-335	Yes
5590	62	<u>TCAATCATAATCTCATAATCCAAT</u> TTTTTCATGCTTTGAACTTTAGCATCTTCA	lp25	30/54	9811-9840	Yes

^a The xTAG sequence is underlined.

^b The first number indicates the length of the sequence complementary to the plasmid-specific multiplex PCR product. The second number indicates the length of the entire ASPE primer (xTAG sequence plus primer sequence).

Table S3. Normalized MFI values used to determine replicon presence (positive) or absence (negative).

	Negative (-)	Intermediate	Positive (+)
BB147	≤0.2		>0.2
cp9	≤0.2	>0.2-0.6	>0.6
cp26	≤0.2	>0.2-0.5	>0.5
cp32-1	≤0.2		>0.2
cp32-3	≤0.2		>0.2
cp32-4	≤0.2		>0.2
cp32-6	≤0.15		>0.15
cp32-7	≤0.15		>0.15
cp32-8	≤0.2	>0.2-0.4	>0.4
cp32-9	≤0.2	>0.2-0.5	>0.5
lp5	≤0.2	>0.2-0.4	>0.4
lp17	≤0.2	>0.2-0.4	>0.4
lp21	≤0.15		>0.15
lp25B	≤0.2		>0.2
lp28-1A	≤0.2	>0.2-0.55	>0.55
lp28-2	≤0.2		>0.2
lp28-3	≤0.2	>0.2-0.4	>0.4
lp28-4	≤0.2		>0.2
lp36	≤0.2	>0.2-0.4	>0.4
lp38	≤0.2	>0.2-0.5	>0.5
lp54	≤0.2		>0.2
lp56	≤0.2		>0.2

TABLE S4. Luminex® plasmid analysis assay results for 45 *B. burgdorferi* B31 clones, including 19 passage 5 clones previously characterized by PCR (B31-5A1 through B31-5A19; ref. 41), 25 additional passage 5 clones (B31-2597 through B31-2621), and 3 high passage clones (B31-312 through B31-314).

	BB147	cp9	cp26	cp32-1	cp32-3	cp32-4	cp32-6	cp32-7	cp32-8	cp32-9	lp5	lp17	lp21	lp25	lp28-1	lp28-2	lp28-3	lp28-4	lp36	lp38	lp54	lp56	
B31-5A1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	
B31-5A2	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
B31-5A3	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
B31-5A4	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
B31-5A5	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
B31-5A6	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
B31-5A7	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
B31-5A8	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
B31-5A9	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
B31-5A10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
B31-5A11	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
B31-5A12	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
B31-5A13	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
B31-5A14	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
B31-5A15	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
B31-5A16	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
B31-5A17	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
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B31-5A19	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
B31-2597	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
B31-2598	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
B31-2599	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
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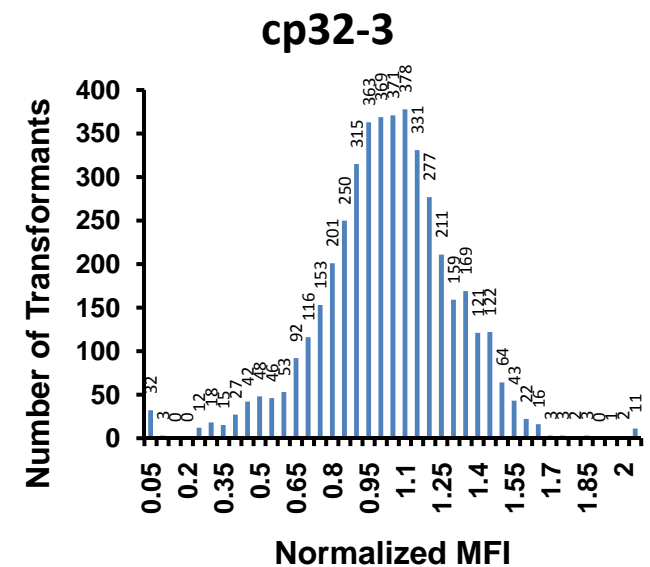
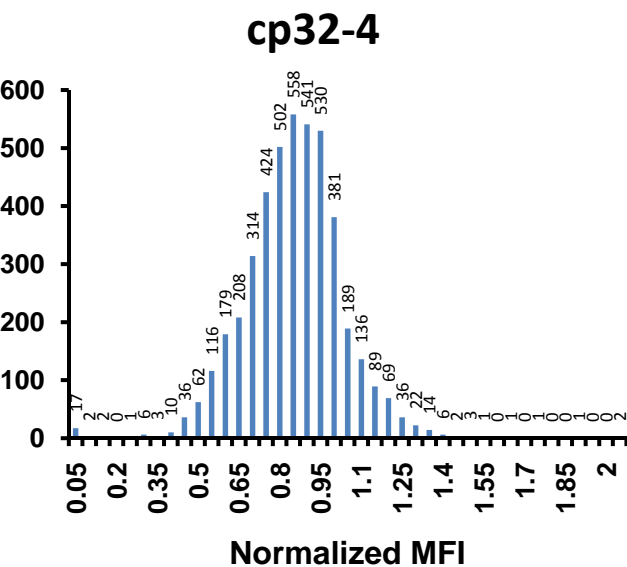
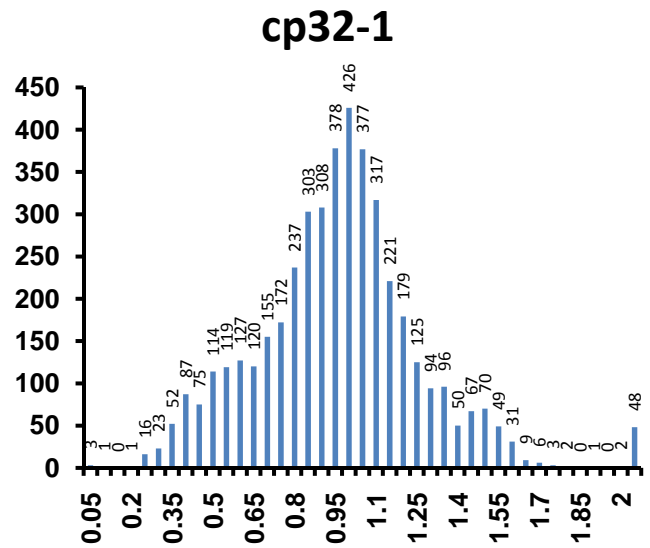
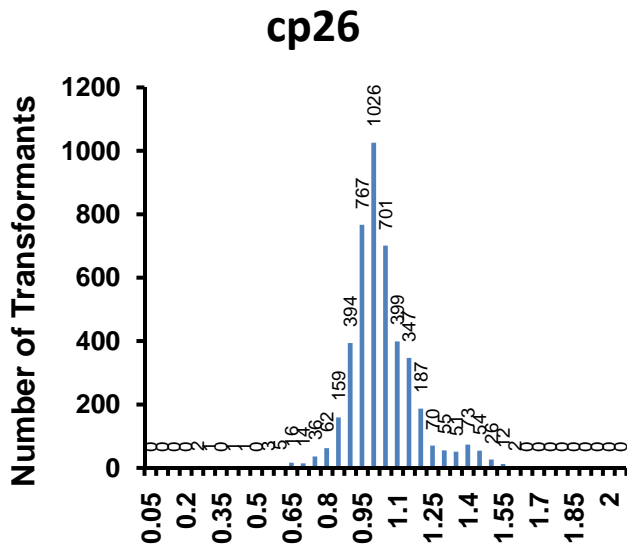
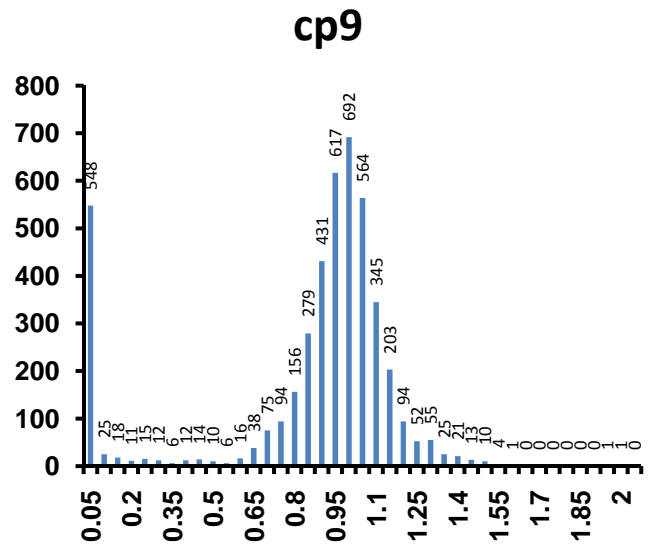
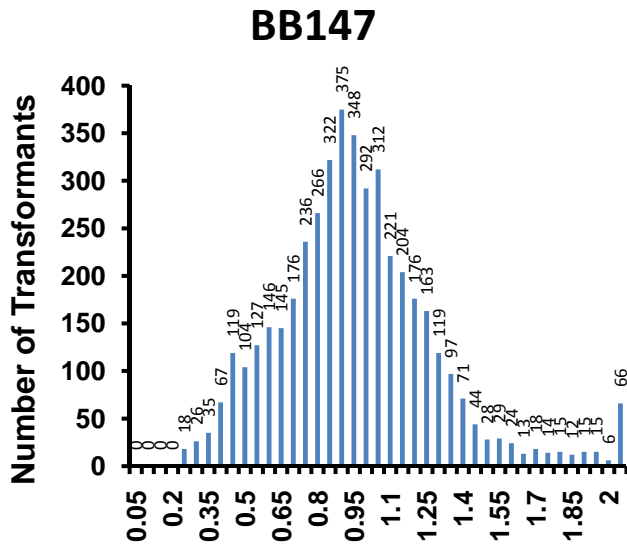


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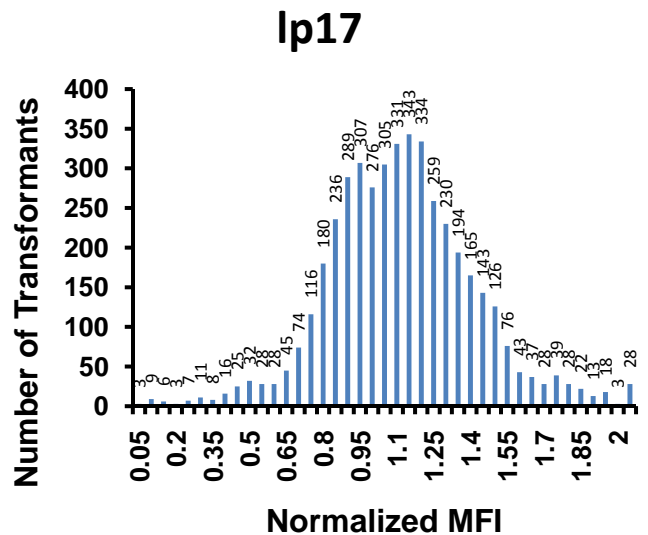
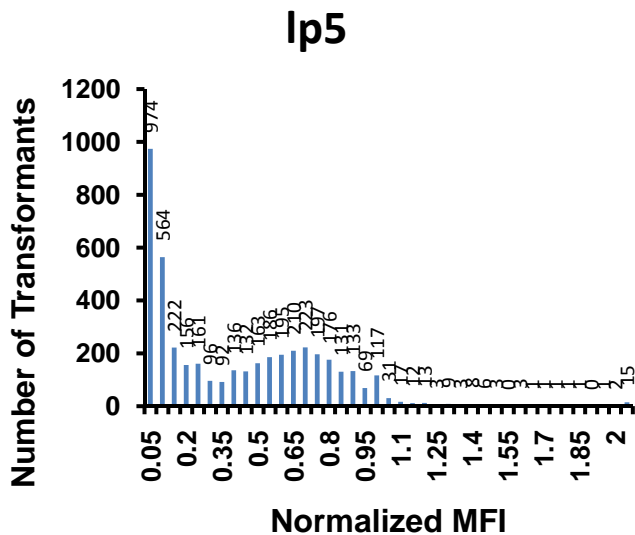
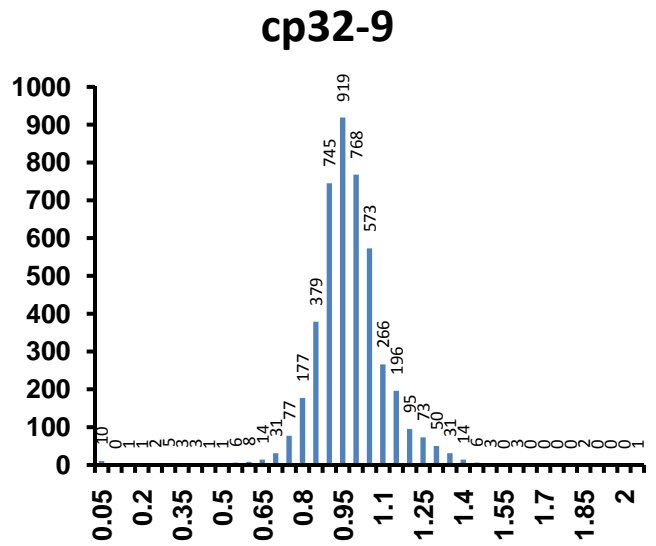
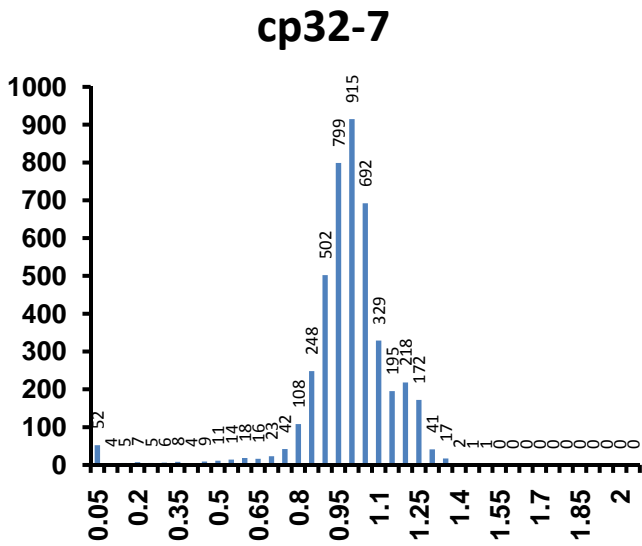
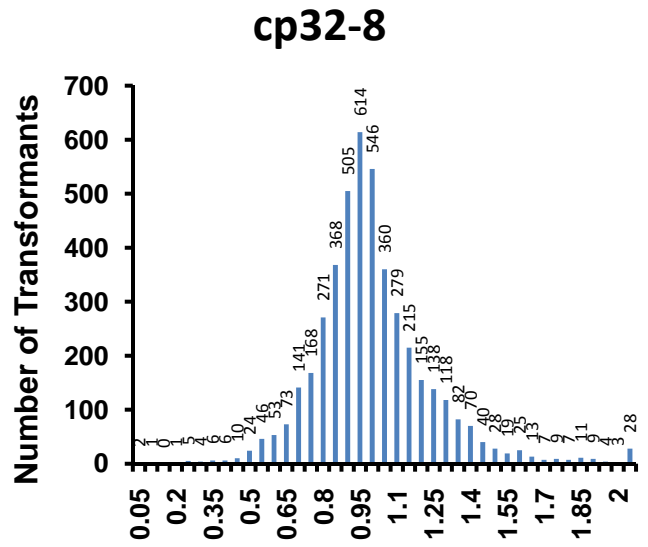
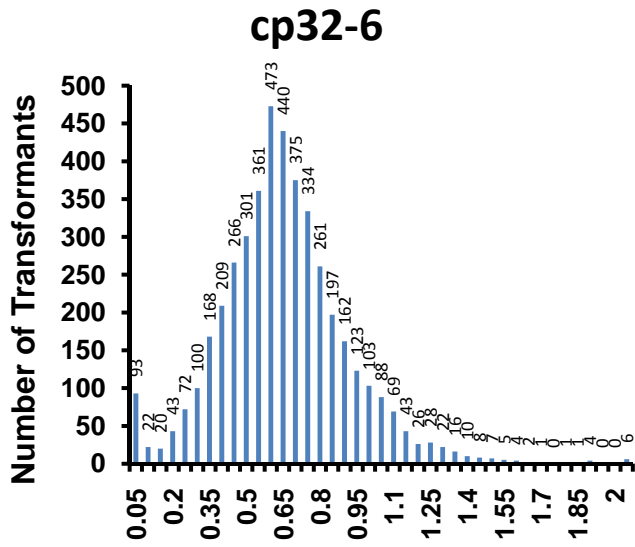


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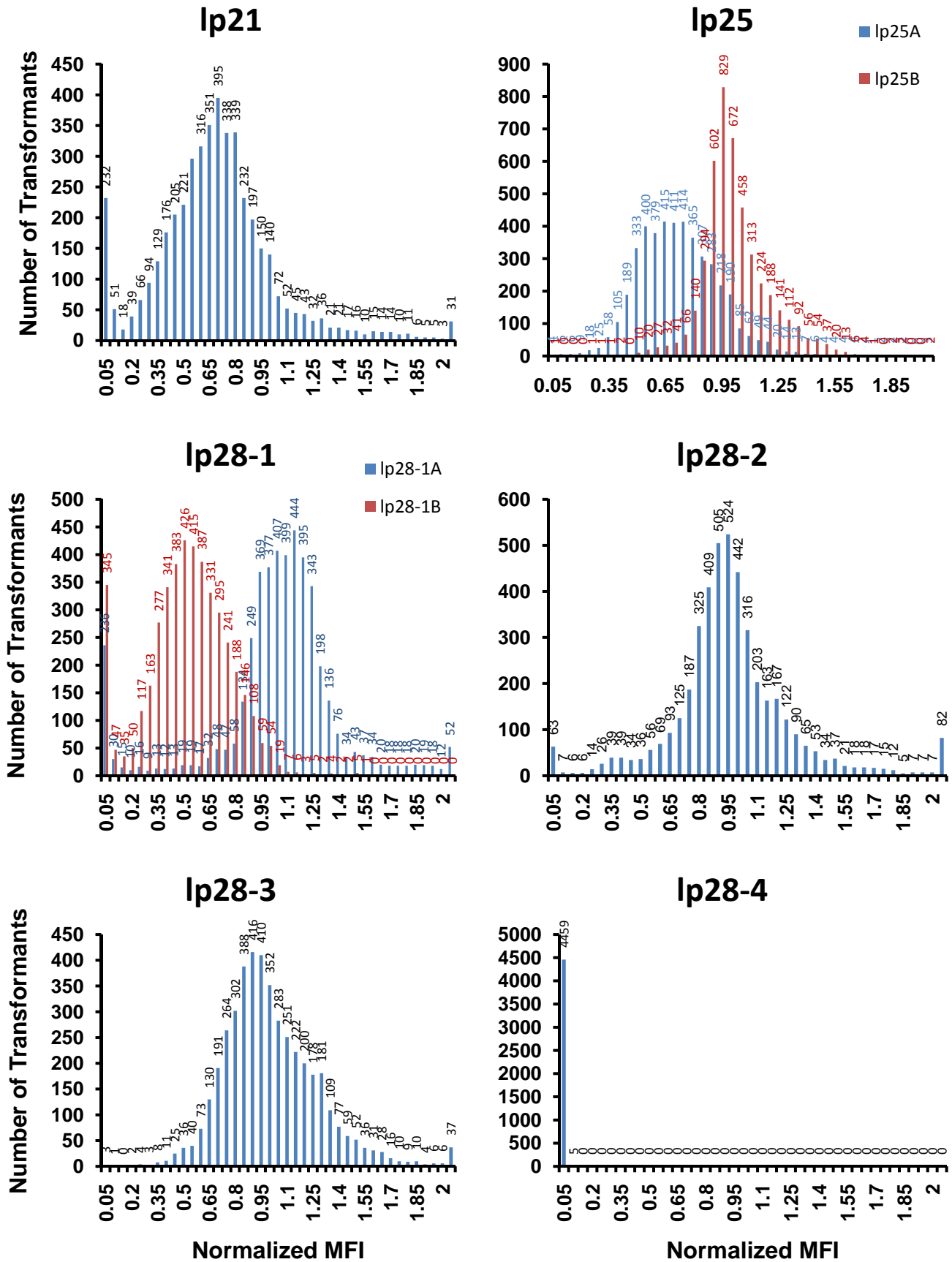


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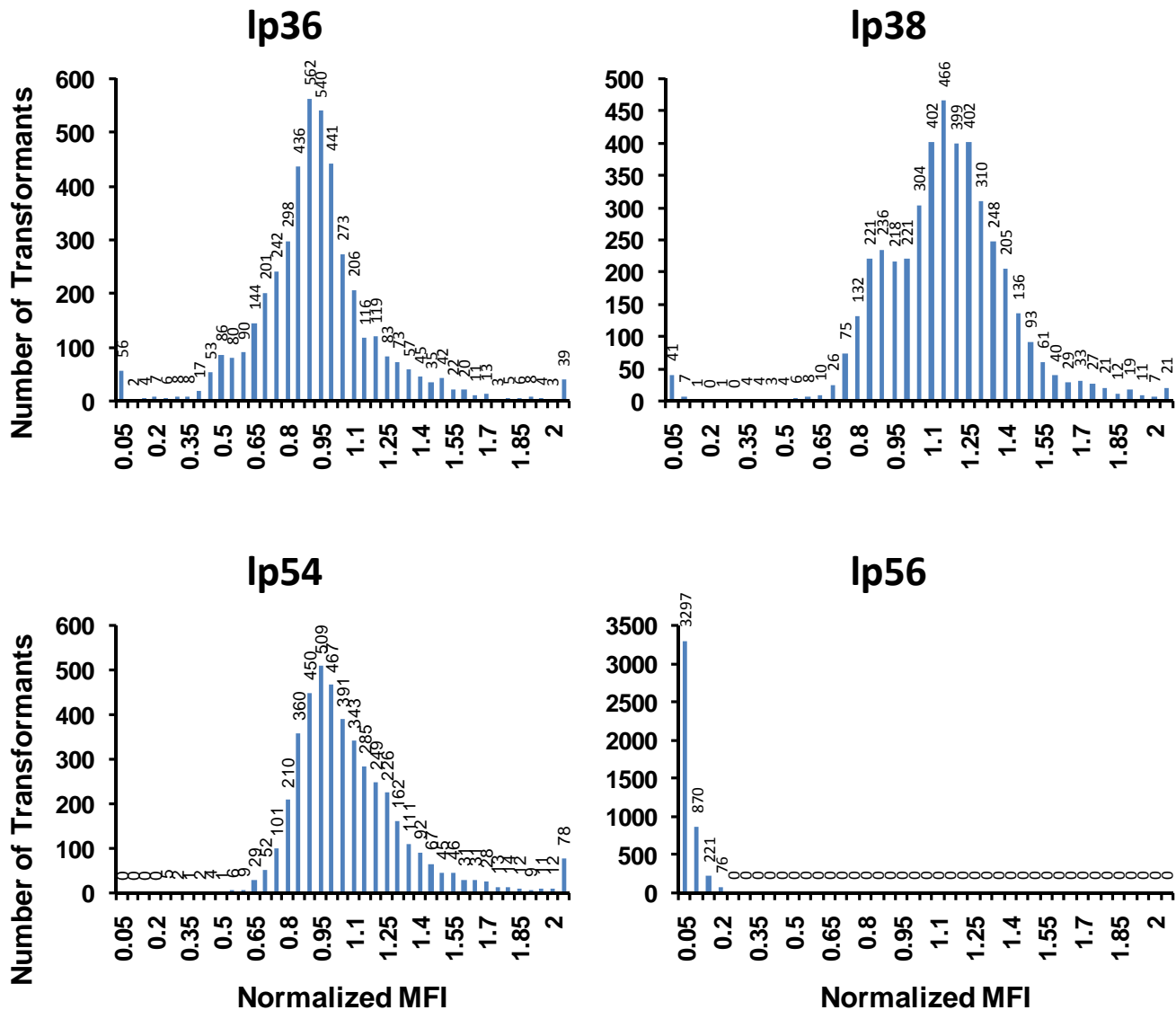
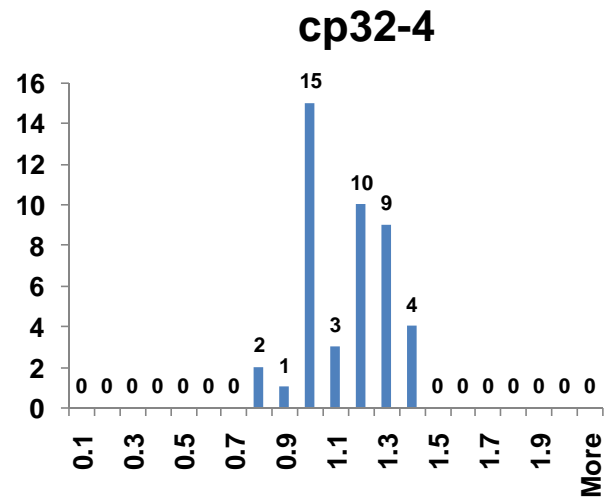
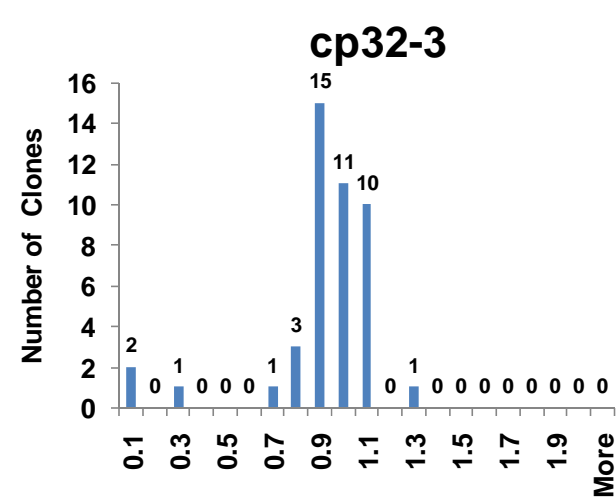
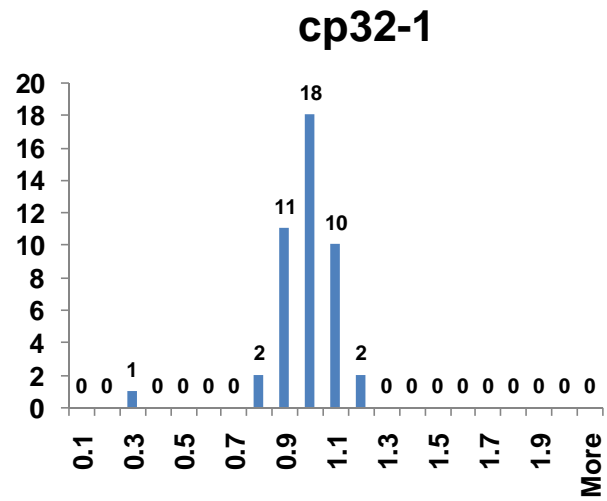
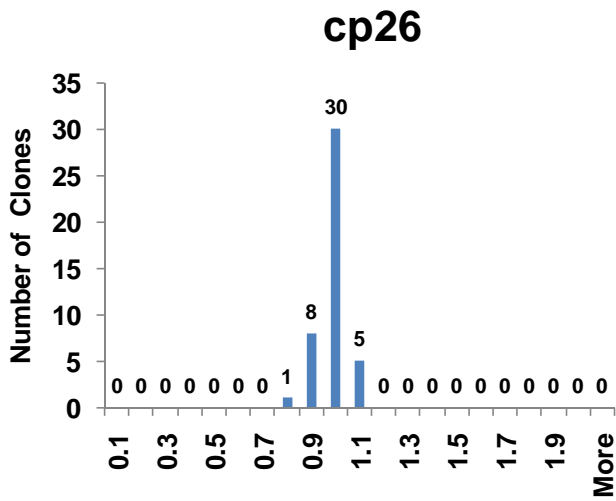
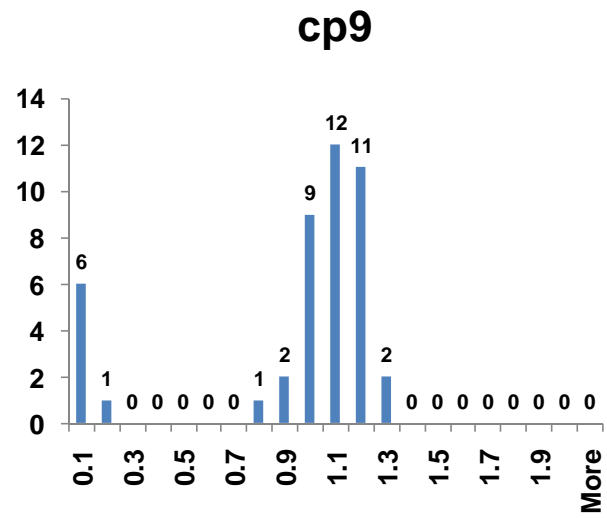
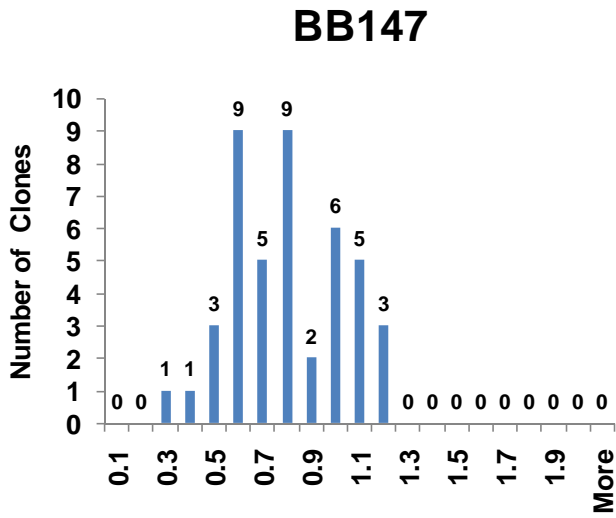


Figure S1. Histograms showing distribution of normalized MFI values for 4464 STM mutants. Each transformant was subjected to the LPAA and the MFI value for each replicon was normalized by dividing by the RPP MFI. Each bar (and the number above it) corresponds to the number of clones with a normalized MFI value in a 0.05 range (e.g. 0-0.05); the last bar represents those clones with normalized MFI values >2.0. MFI values for lp5 were normalized using the median of the five greatest MFI values from each assay plate as described in the text.

Fig. S2

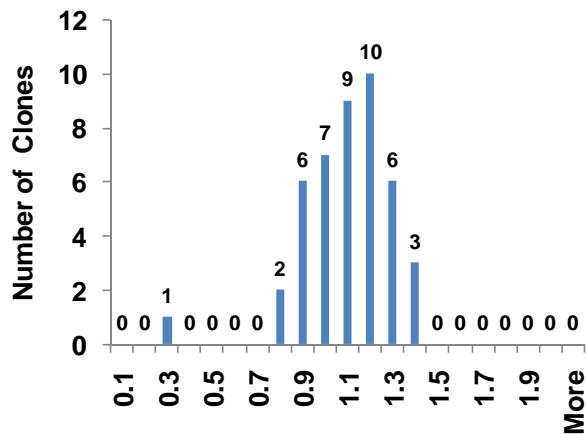


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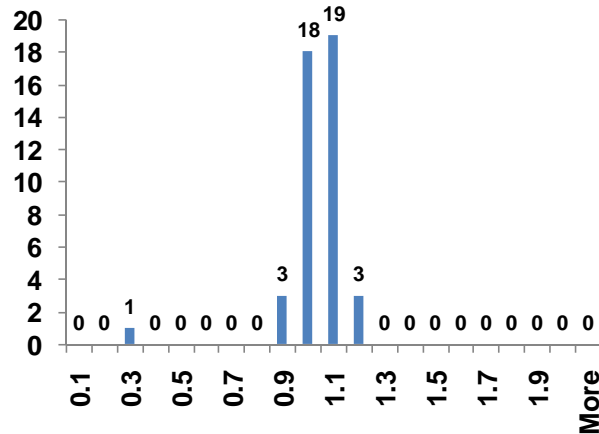
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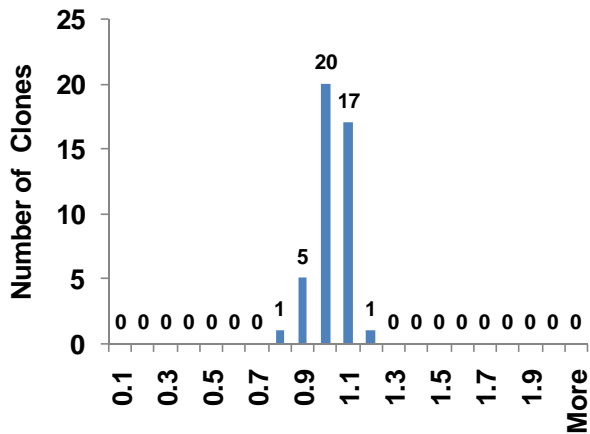
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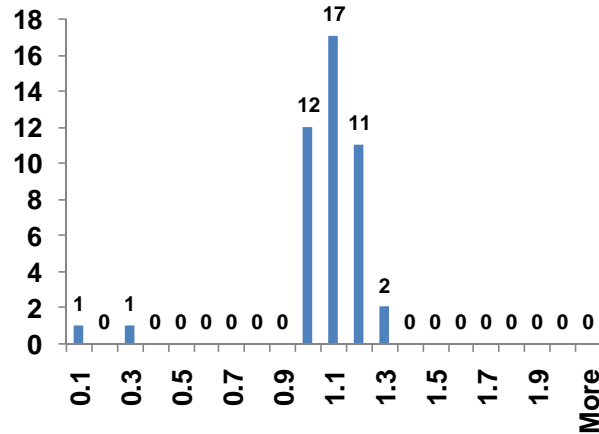
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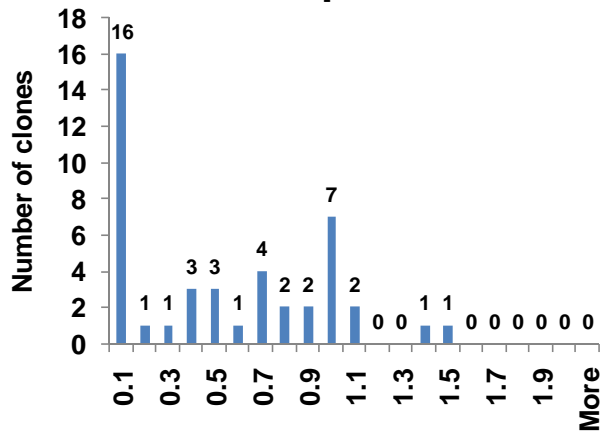
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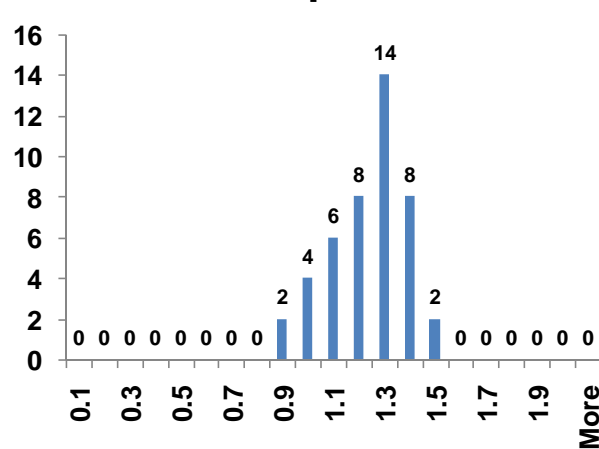
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lp5



lp17



Normalized MFI

Normalized MFI

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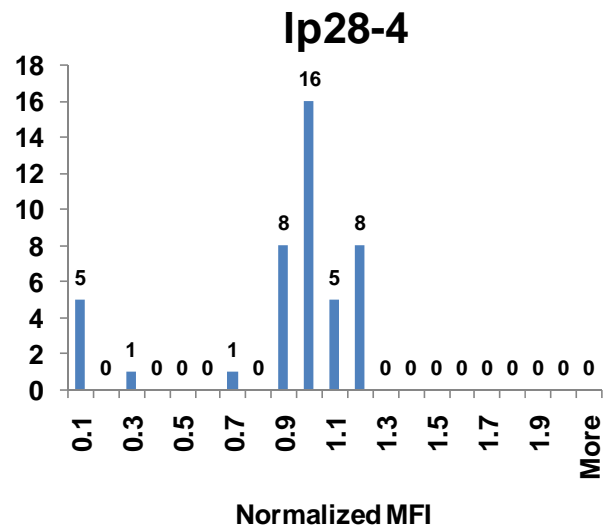
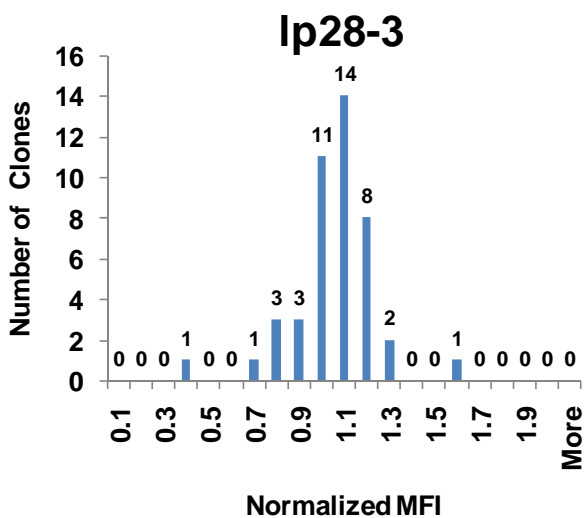
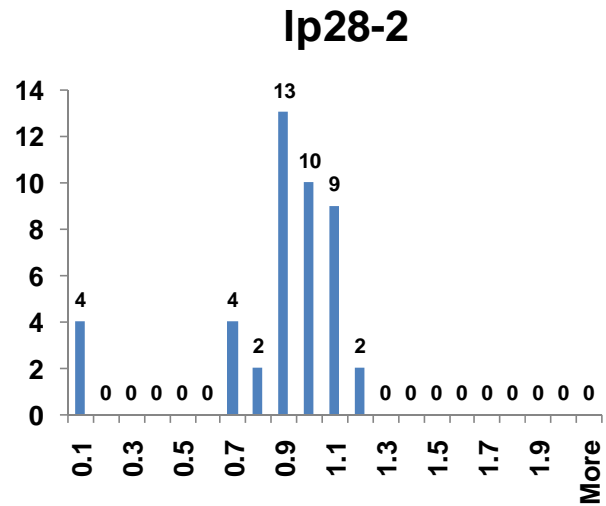
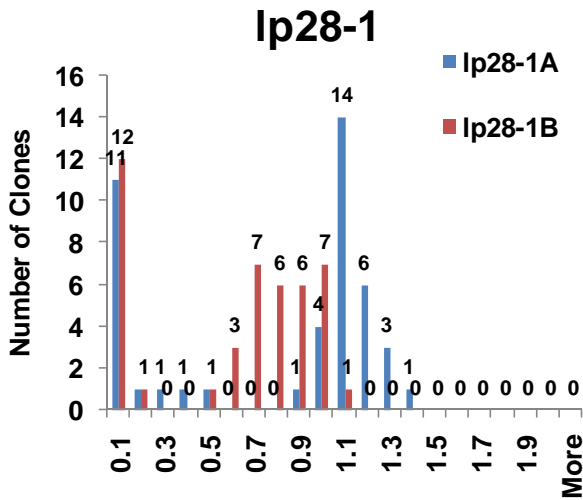
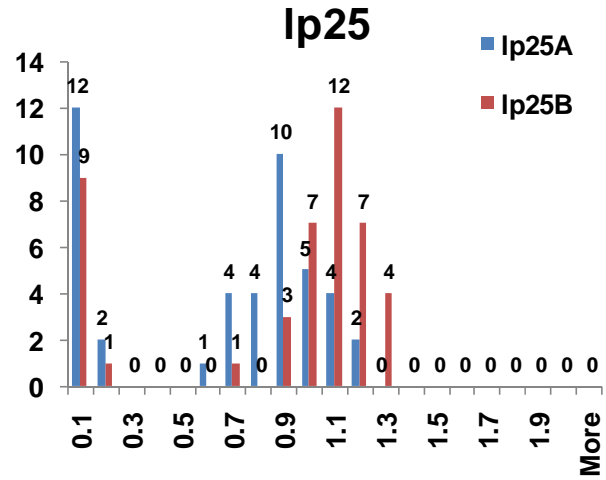
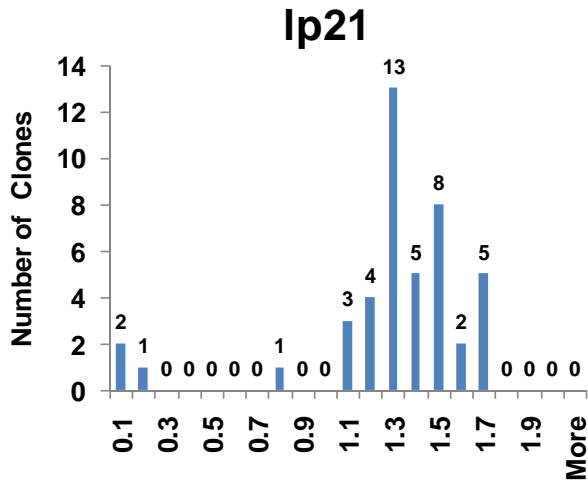


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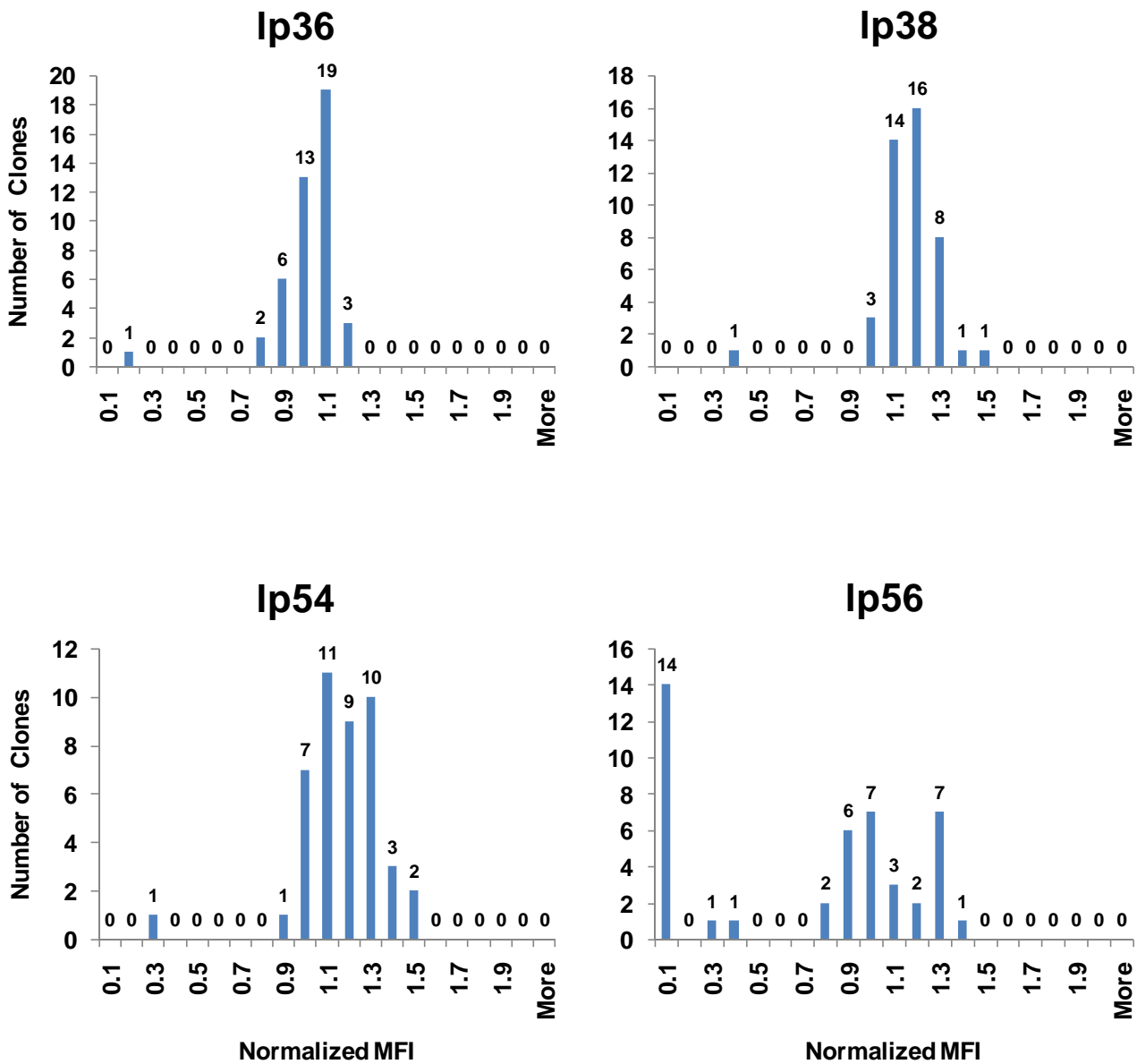


Figure S2. Histograms showing distribution of normalized MFI values for 44 B31 clones. Each clone was subjected to the LPAA and the MFI value for each replicon was normalized by dividing by the MFI value for the RPP. Each bar (and the number above it) corresponds to the number of clones with a normalized MFI value in a 0.1 range (e.g. 0-0.1). MFI values for Ip5 were normalized using the median of the five greatest MFI values from each assay plate as described in the text.

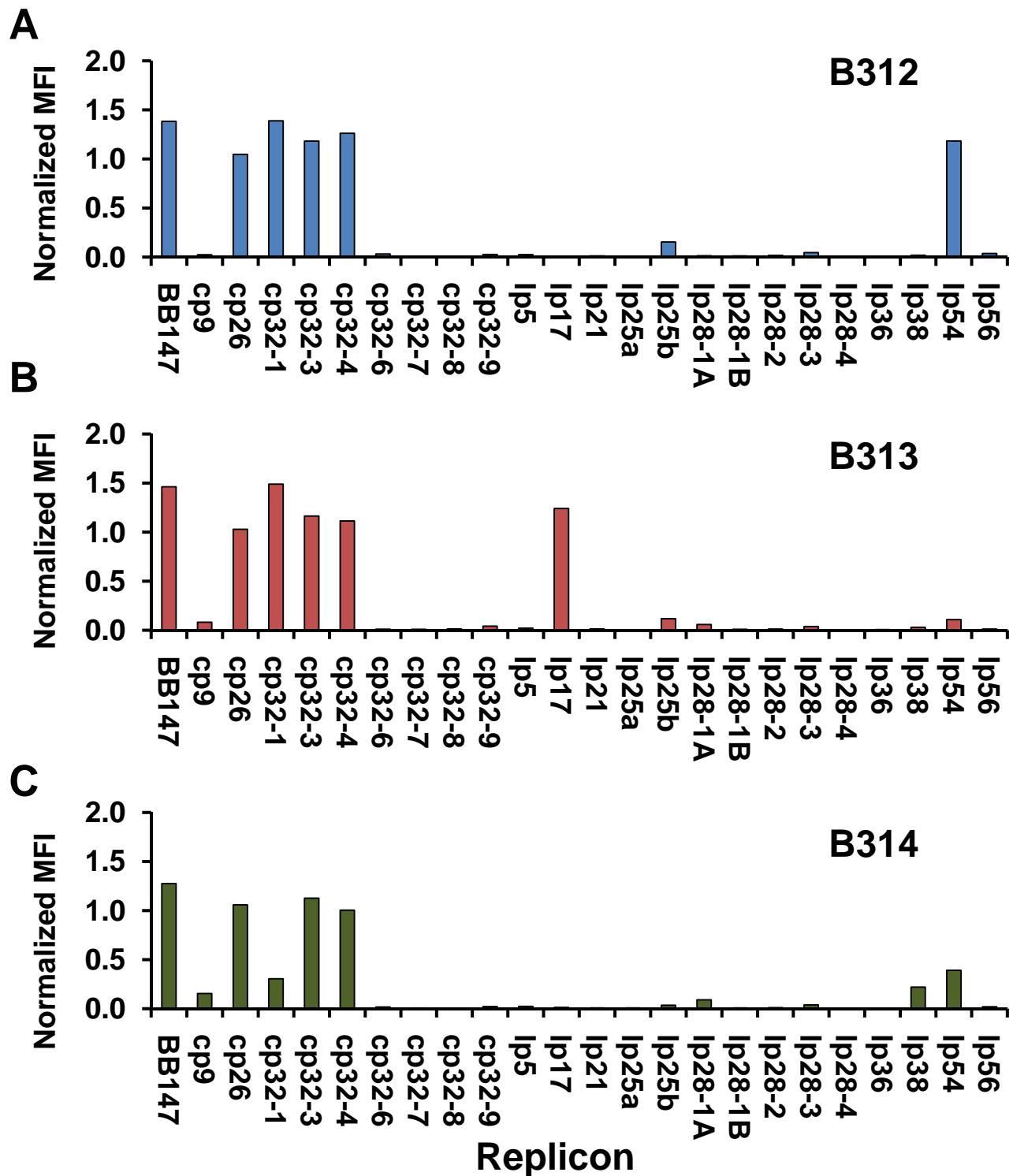


Figure S3. Plasmid content analysis of high passage *B. burgdorferi* strains using the Luminex® Assay. A scraping of frozen stock of the indicated strains were used as template for Luminex® plasmid analysis. Median fluorescence intensity (MFI) obtained for each *B. burgdorferi* replicon was normalized by dividing culture MFI values by RPP MFI values. (A) B312 (B) B313 (C) B314.