

Table S1: Screening for fructose-negative strains

Strains Name	Fructose fermentation*	PCR for <i>fruE</i> gene
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-1	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-2	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-3	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-4	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-5	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-6	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-7	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-8	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-9	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-10	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-11	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-12	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-13	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-14	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-15	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-16	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-17	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-18	-	-
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-19	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-20	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-21	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-22	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-23	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-24	+	+

<i>B. longum</i> DCP-25	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-26	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-27	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-28	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-29	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-30	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-31	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-32	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-33	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-34	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-35	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-36	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-37	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-38	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-39	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-40	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-41	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-42	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-43	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-44	+	+
<i>B. longum</i> DCP-45	+	+

*: The fructose fermentation of all strains was determined by using the GEN III MicroPlate™ test panel (Biolog, Hayward) and API 20A system (bioMérieux). The substrates tested were L-arabinose, D-cellobiose, cellulose, D-fructose, D-galactose, D-glucose, lactose, maltose, D-mannose, D-raffinose, starch, sucrose, xylan, D-xylose, glycerol, D-mannitol, rhamnose, D-ribose, D-sorbitol, trehalose, peptone (0.1%, w/v) and yeast extract. All substrates were examined at a final concentration of 0.2%, with the exception of peptone (0.1%, w/v), xylan (1%, w/v) and cellulose (1%, w/v).

Supplemental Table 2 Proteins identified by ESI-MS/MS

NCBI nr accession no.	Locus	Protein Description	Total Score ^b	Matched Peptide number	Peptide sequence	Sequence Coverage %	% Identify ^a	Delta
gi 23464661	BL0033	ABC-type sugar transport system, periplasmic component	768	20(10)	TANEKDIQK	46	100	0.0033
					VKIITIDGTK		100	-0.0026
					NVDVKDAEAK		100	-0.0079
					EALDNNTRAY		100	0.0003
					TVTAGLLDKYK		100	-0.0142
					TVEKDIEIESK(2)		100	-0.0016
					TVGFVAVGPEGGFR		100	-0.0743
					AAEAEIPVFTVDR		100	-0.0136
					ETAQAVKDYLDGK		100	-0.0331
					TFDAASAKEALDNNTR(3)			-0.0009
					AAEAEIPVFTVDRNVDVK(2)			-0.0041
					NFPDGANGFILEGPAGLSVVK(4)			-0.0035
					AFEDAGFDLTYSPTQNNQK(2)			-0.0143
gi 23464661	BL0033	COG1879: ABC-type sugar transport system, periplasmic component	1052	33(18)	IITIDGTK	58	100	-0.0008
					TANEKDIQK		100	-0.0009
					NVDVKDAEAK		100	-0.0131
					TVEKDIEIESK(3)		100	-0.0052
					AAEAEIPVFTVDR(2)		100	-0.0086

						ETAQAVKDYLDGK(5)	100	0.0003	
						KAAEAEIPVFTVDR	100	-0.0326	
						VLESQSANWSTDEAK	100	-0.0067	
						TFDAASAKEALDNNTR(3)	100	-0.0045	
						AAEAEIPVFTVDRNVDVK(3)	100	-0.0025	
						NFPDGANGFILEGPAGLSVVK(6)	100	-0.0044	
						AFEDAGFDLTYSPTQNNQK(2)	100	-0.0027	
						NALQALVDGDLSYVIEYNPIFGK	100	-0.0110	
						SDNPQFIFAQNDEMGLGAAQAV	100	0.0180	
						DAAGLK[Oxidation (M)](3)			
gi 23464661	BL0033	ABC-type sugar transport system, periplasmic component	520	10(8)		NVDVKDAEAK	23	100	0.0029
						TVEKDIEIESK(3)	100	-0.0026	
						TVGFVAVGPEGGFR	100	0.0065	
						AAEAEIPVFTVDR	100	-0.0042	
						ETAQAVKDYLDGK	100	-0.0081	
						KTVGFVAVGPEGGFR	100	0.0055	
						TFDAASAKEALDNNTR	100	-0.0058	
						AAEAEIPVFTVDRNVDVK	100	-0.0015	
gi 23464661	BL0033	ABC-type sugar transport system, periplasmic component	1222	37(22)		DIEIESK	62	100	-0.0615
						TANEKDIQK	100	0.0037	
						VKIITIDGTK	100	-0.0066	
						NVDVKDAEAK	100	0.0009	

					TVTAGLLDKYK	100	-0.0020	
					TVEKDIEIESK(3)	100	0.0006	
					TVGFVAVGPEGGFR(2)	100	0.0011	
					AAEAEIPVFTVDR(3)	100	0.0018	
					ETAQAVKDYLDGK(4)	100	0.0001	
					KAAEAEIPVFTVDR	100	-0.0062	
					TFDAASAKEALDNTR(2)	100	0.0092	
					AAEAEIPVFTVDRNVDVK(2)	100	0.0010	
					NFPDGANGFILEGPAGLSVVK(4)	100	0.0032	
					NFPDGANGFILEGPAGLSVVKDR(4)	100	0.0040	
					AFEDAGFDLTYSPTQNNDQK	100	-0.0097	
					FVNDEVDAIILSSTEDSGWDDSLK	100	0.0337	
					K			
					SDNPQFIFAQNDEMGLGAAQAV	100	0.0077	
					DAAGLK[Oxidation (M)](3)			
					YKSDNPQFIFAQNDEMGLGAAQ	100	0.0139	
					AVDAAGLK[Oxidation (M)]			
gi 23464661	BL0033	ABC-type sugar transport system, periplasmic component	1307	36(24)	DIEIESK	60	100	-0.0366
					TANEKDIQK	100	-0.0005	
					VKIITIDGTK	100	-0.0064	
					NVDVKDAEAK	100	-0.0051	
					TVEKDIEIESK(4)	100	0.0016	
					TVGFVAVGPEGGFR(2)	100	0.0053	

					AAEAEIPVFTVDR(2)	100	0.0020	
					ETAQAVKDYLDGK(3)	100	0.0019	
					KAAEAEIPVFTVDR	100	-0.0096	
					TFDAASAKEALDNNTR(3)	100	-0.0051	
					AAEAEIPVFTVDRNVDVK(2)	100	-0.0017	
					NFPDGANGFILEGPAGLSVVK(2)	100	0.0004	
					NFPDGANGFILEGPAGLSVVKDR(4)	100	-0.0020	
					AFEDAGFDLTYSPTQNNDQOK	100	-0.0154	
					FVNDEVDAIILSSTEDSGWDDSLK	100	0.0175	
					K(2)			
					SDNPQFIFAQNDEMGLGAAQAV	100	0.0167	
					DAAGLK[Oxidation (M)](3)			
					SDNPQFIFAQNDEMGLGAAQAV	100	0.0129	
					DAAGLKGK[Oxidation (M)](2)			
					YKSDNPQFIFAQNDEMGLGAAQ	100	0.0181	
					AVDAAGLK[Oxidation (M)]			
gi 23464661	BL0033	ABC-type sugar transport system, periplasmic component	1359	41(26)	TANEKDIQK	65	100	-0.0009
					VKIITIDGTK	100	-0.0026	
					NVDVKDAEAK	100	0.0065	
					TVEKDIEIESK(4)	100	0.0006	
					TVGFVAVGPEGGR(2)	100	0.0063	
					AAEAEIPVFTVDR(2)	100	-0.0048	
					ETAQAVKDYLDGK(4)	100	0.0011	

					KTVGFVAVGPEGGR	100	-0.0105	
					KAAEAEIPVFTVDR	100	0.0008	
					VLESQSANWSTDEAK	100	0.0061	
					TFDAASAKEALDNNTR	100	-0.0128	
					AAEAEIPVFTVDRNVDVK(2)	100	0.0127	
					NFPDGANGFILEGPAGLSVVK(4)	100	0.0016	
					NFPDGANGFILEGPAGLSVVKDR(4)	100	0.0010	
					AFEDAGFDLTYSPTQNNDQK(2)	100	0.0056	
					FVNDEVDAIILSSTEDSGWDDSLK	100	0.0322	
					K			
					SDNPQFIFAQNDEMGLGAAQAV	100	-0.0031	
					DAAGLK[Oxidation (M)](6)			
					SDNPQFIFAQNDEMGLGAAQAV	100	-0.0009	
					DAAGLKGK[Oxidation (M)](2)			
					YKSDNPQFIFAQNDEMGLGAAQ	100	0.0208	
					AVDAAGLK[Oxidation (M)]			
gi 23464661	BL0033	ABC-type sugar transport system, periplasmic component	1612	44(27)	QIQAFNK	67	100	-0.0039
					TANEKDIQK	100	0.0007	
					VKIITIDGTK	100	-0.0016	
					NVDVKDAEAK	100	-0.0027	
					EALDNNTRAY	100	-0.0033	
					TVEKDIEIESK(4)	100	0.0002	
					TVGFVAVGPEGGR(2)	100	0.0073	

						AAEAEIPVFTVDR(2)	100	0.0038	
						ETAQAVKDYLDGK(4)	100	-0.0011	
						KTVGFVAVGPEGGFR	100	-0.0453	
						KAAEAEIPVFTVDR	100	-0.0360	
						VLESQSANWSTDEAK(3)	100	-0.0103	
						TFDAASAKEALDNNTR(2)	100	-0.0360	
						AAEAEIPVFTVDRNVDVK(2)	100	0.0040	
						NFPDGANGFILEGPAGLSVVK(3)	100	0.0120	
						NFPDGANGFILEGPAGLSVVKDR(5)	100	-0.0077	
						AFEDAGFDLTYSPTQNNQK(3)	100	-0.0018	
						FVNDEVDAIILSSTEDSGWDDSLK	100	0.0214	
						K			
						SDNPQFIFAQNDEMGLGAAQAV	100	-0.0004	
						DAAGLK[Oxidation (M)](3)			
						SDNPQFIFAQNDEMGLGAAQAV	100	0.0126	
						DAAGLKGK[Oxidation (M)](2)			
						YKSDNPQFIFAQNDEMGLGAAQ	100	0.0244	
						AVDAAGLK[Oxidation (M)]			
gi 23464661	BL0033	ABC-type sugar transport system, periplasmic component	934	25(14)		DIEIESK	48	100	-0.0279
						IITIDGTK	100	-0.0058	
						NVDVKDAEAK(2)	100	-0.0001	
						TVEKDIEIESK	100	-0.1194	
						TVGFVAVGPEGGFR	100	-0.0325	

AAEAEIPVFTVDR	100	-0.0438
ETAQAVKDYLDGK(3)	100	0.0015
TFDAASAKEALDNNTR(2)	100	-0.0171
AAEAEIPVFTVDRNVDVK(2)	100	-0.0119
NFPDGANGFILEGPAGLSVVK(2)	100	-0.0040
NFPDGANGFILEGPAGLSVVKDR(4)	100	0.0012
AFEDAGFDLTYSPTQNNQK(2)	100	-0.0053
SDNPQFIFAQNDMGLGAAQAV	100	0.0017
DAAGLK[Oxidation (M)](2)		
YKSDNPQFIFAQNDMGLGAAQ	100	0.0118
AVDAAGLK[Oxidation (M)]		

- a) Percentage of identity between the amino acids present in MS/MS tag and the sequences in databases.
- b) Ion scores greater than 44 are significant ($p < 0.05$), total score is the sum of every ion score.

Figure S1A

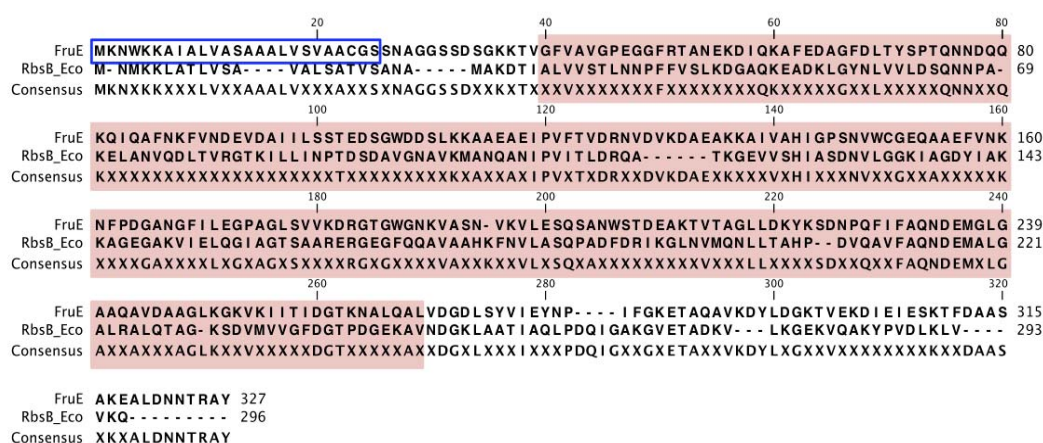


Fig. S1A: Alignment of the amino acid sequences of FruE (BL0033) and RbsB of *E. coli* K-12 MG1655 with predicted signal peptide (blue box) and the residues of the conserved periplasmic sugar binding (light red background). The two proteins show an identity of 28.6% and a similarity of 45.5%.

Figure S1B

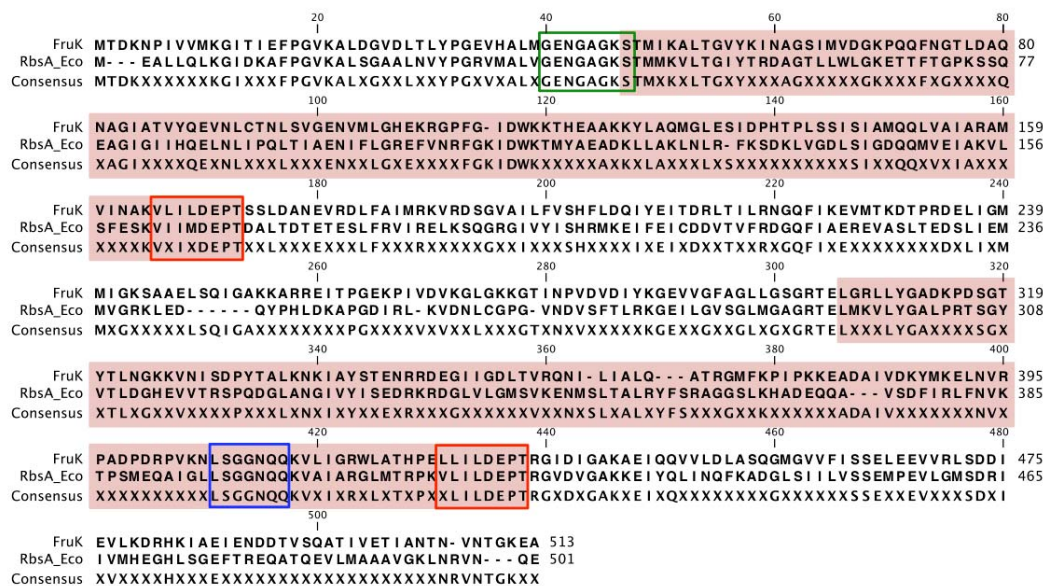


Fig. S1B: Alignment of the amino acid sequences of FruK (BL0034) and RbsB with motifs Walker A (GXXGXGKS, green box) and Walker B (X₄DEPT, residues 166-173 and 426-433, red boxes) as well as the conserved signature motif (LSGGNQQ/RQ, residues 406-412). The conserved ATP-binding cassette domains are marked by a light red background. The two proteins 37.5% identity and 57.7% similarity.

Figure S1C



Fig. S1C: Alignment of the amino acid sequences of FruF (BL0035), FruG (BL0036) and RbsC with the conserved ABC-transporter permease domain marked by a light red background, predicted transmembrane helices are indicated by blue boxes. The Similarity and identity between the FruF and RbsC are 30.8 and 51.0% respectively. FruG and RbsC share 31.4% identical and 54.0% similar amino acid residues.

Figure S1D

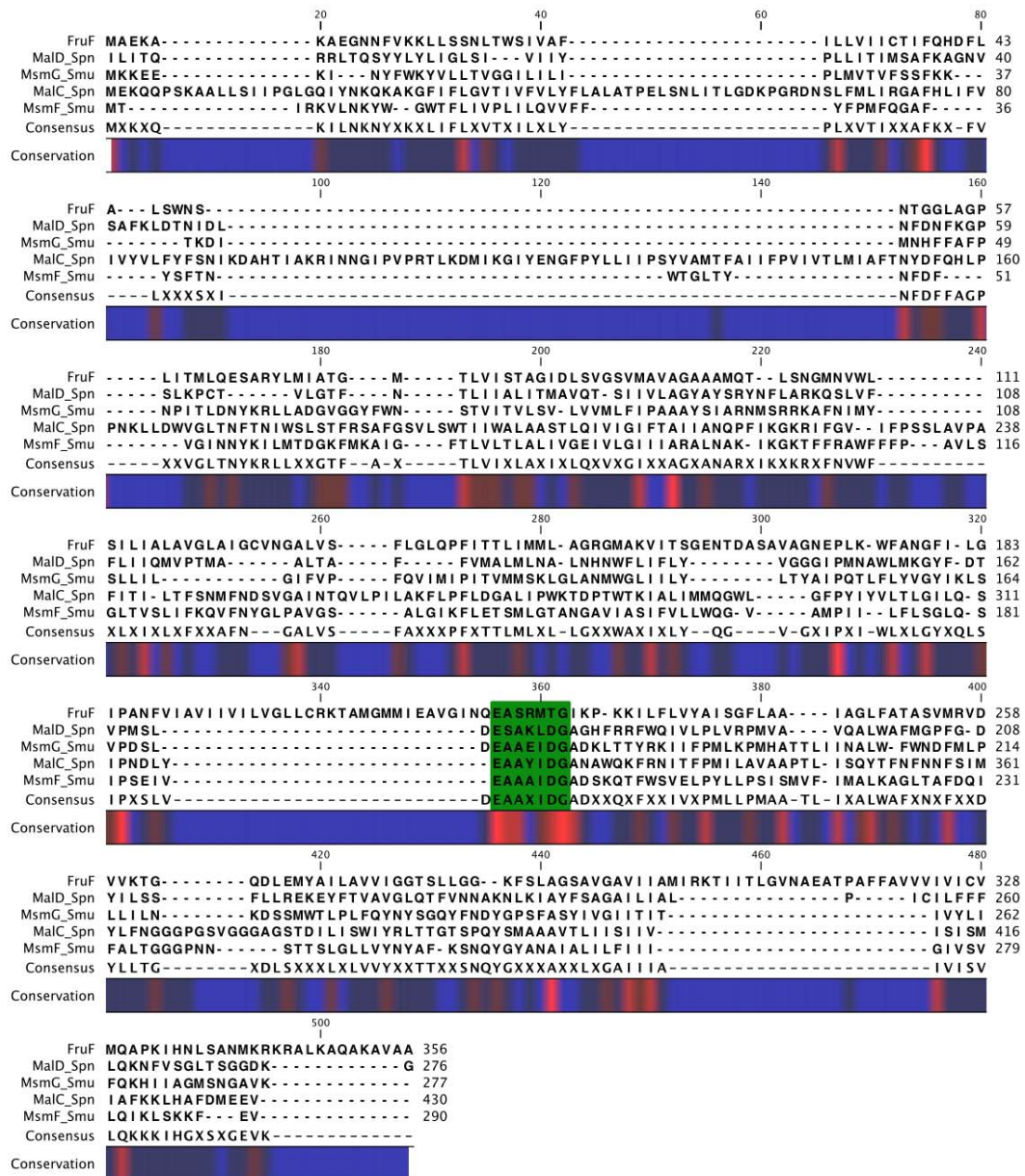


Fig. S1D: Alignment of the amino acid sequences of FruF (BL0035) with the ABC sugar transporter permeases MalC and MalD of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (MalC_Spn and MalD_Spn) and MsmF and MsmG of *Streptococcus mutans* (MsmF_Smu and MsmG_Smu). Regions of high conservation are indicated by red colour in the conservation plot. The identified EAA motif is marked by green background color.