SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

S2 | **Map locations of SaPI att sites. a** | The circle represents a composite staphylococcal chromosome with scales in minutes (corresponding to main text, table 1) and in megabases. All elements at a given site have the same integrase; thus the sites are designated "*att/int*" and are numbered in clockwise order. Note that ShPI2, though located at 48°, belongs to *att/int*III. This is because the *S. haemolyticus* chromosome has undergone a major inversion⁸. **b** | The SaPI nearest neighbor tree at lower right demonstrates that SaPIs at a given *att/int* site are not necessarily closely related (except for their integrases) The *att/int* sites at right are coloured to match the colours in part **a**.

