**Supplemental Materials and Methods**

### **Southern blot hybridization, PCR, and pulsed-field gels**

Genomic DNAs (gDNAs) were purified from 0.5 ml of overnight cultures of selected strains using the Qiagen DNeasy kit (cat# 69506) per manufacturer's instructions.

5 Approximately 0.5 µg of gDNA was digested with NEB restriction enzymes and resolved on a 0.8% agarose gel for 2 hr at 80V. Genomic DNA fragments were transferred from

6 the gel via capillary action to an S&S Nytran SPC membrane (0.45 µm Nylon) using alkaline transfer [\(1\)](#page-34-0). The membrane was baked for 2hr at 80C under vacuum. Hybridization

was performed at 45C overnight using Roche's Dig Easy Hybridization solution. Washing, blocking and detection were accomplished according to manufacturer's directions using

the Roche Wash and Block Buffer Set along with the DIG DNA Labeling and Detection Kit. Probe for *telA* was produced via PCR of *A. tumefaciens* C58 genomic DNA using the

primers 5'CTAGCCATCTGCAACATGAAGA3' and 5'AGCGACGTTTCGAGGTCGTT3'. Probe for *atu2522* was produced via PCR of *A. tumefaciens* C58 genomic DNA

using the primers 5'ATGATGAAACGCAATCTGATAGG3' and 5'GTCGGAATGCAGTTTTACCA3'.

PCR amplification of putative gene transfer junctions and novel genes on chromosome II [\(2\)](#page-34-1) was conducted using the primers 5'-AGATGTCGGATTACCTCGTCAAG-3' and 5'-

AGGCAGCAAACATCACTATCTCC-3' to amplify the region adjacent to Atu3706; primers 5'-GTCGAAGAGATTAAGCCTGTTTCC-3' and 5'-

GGTTACGAGACATGGTGGACATAC-3'to amplify a region within Atu3765; and primers 5'-CTTTACGGTCTCCTCTATGATCAGC-3' and 5'-

CACTTGGCCTGTCTTTGATGGTTG-3' to amplify a region within Atu3669.

- Pulsed-field gel electrophoresis was conducted as previously described [\(3\)](#page-34-2).
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#### **Genome comparisons and analysis of sequence differences**

All primary sequence data generated by Goodner *et al.* [\(4\)](#page-34-3) were transferred from Monsanto Company to the University of Washington genome center, along with the original DNA

sample used for construction of the genomic library. Comparison of the sequences identified 37 differences. Each variant locus was amplified by PCR using DNA from the two

22 sequenced strains and seven additional C58 culture lines (Table S4). The amplified DNA was sequenced using BigDye termination reactions (Applied Biosystems, Inc.) according

- to manufacturer's directions.
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## **Protein-coding gene prediction**

 Gene predictions in the revised C58 annotation are the result of a careful evaluation of the annotation of the two original projects [\(4,](#page-34-3) [5\)](#page-34-4) complemented by automated annotation provided by the Comprehensive Microbial Resource (CMR) [\(6\)](#page-34-5) and EasyGene predictions [\(7\)](#page-34-6). Orthologous groupings were computed among three sequenced *Agrobacterium* 28 strains and other sequenced members of the Rhizobiaceae [\(2,](#page-34-1) [4,](#page-34-3) [5,](#page-34-4) [8-13\)](#page-34-7); synteny among these genomes provided additional evidence for the presence or absence of genes. The tool OrthoMCL [\(14\)](#page-35-0) was used for ortholog computation. Gene predictions meeting the following criteria were evaluated by a team member and deleted or modified as necessary: Genes having low similarity (BLASTP e-value higher than 1e-15; [\(15\)](#page-35-1)) to known genes, genes that overlapped other predicted genes by more than 30 base pairs, and genes with predicted start sites more than 10 codons different from the closest predicted ortholog or paralog. Finally, all regions greater than 500 bp that lacked genes were scanned using BLASTX [\(15\)](#page-35-1) against GenBank's non-redundant sequence repository and against the genomes of *A. vitis* S4 and *A. radiobacter* K84. As a result of this process, a number of new gene predictions have been added and some original predictions were deleted. Translation starts for the accepted gene predictions were also examined and revised when

appropriate, taking into account a multiple alignment of close orthologs and the presence of potential ribosomal binding sites.

The gene identifiers (also known as locus tags) for the revised C58 annotation that refer to genes that have been kept from the original annotations are the same as those defined by

Wood *et al.* [\(5\)](#page-34-4) (format AtuXXXX), which have been widely adopted in the literature. Newly-predicted genes were given the locus tag pattern Atu8XXX, as were a number of

- genes that were initially predicted only by Goodner *et al.* [\(4\)](#page-34-3) or through subsequent reanalysis by Chen et al. (23).
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## **Functional assignment for protein-coding genes**

Since the original annotations from 2001, many genes have been experimentally characterized, both in *Agrobacterium* and in related species. The annotation was updated to reflect

these new analyses. Many product descriptions have also been improved using TIGRFams, a database of well characterized protein families [\(16\)](#page-35-2).

#### **RNA gene annotation**

In the original annotation, ribosomal RNAs, tRNAs, a tmRNA, and an RNAse had been identified. Using data available from the RFAM database [\(17\)](#page-35-3), we have located 24

46 additional RNAs with special features, including 14 mRNAs with riboswitches and 10 small, non-coding RNAs. We have also added to the annotation of the linear chromosome a

- tRNA interrupted by a self-splicing group I intron, which had been noted by Reinhold-Hurek and Shub in the early 1990's [\(18\)](#page-35-4) but had not been included in either of the original
- annotations. The locus tags of the two tRNA halves are Atu8111.1 and Atu8111.2. The intron has been added to the database as a "genome feature".

 Putative small RNA (sRNA) genes were derived from the work of Wilms *et al*. [\(19\)](#page-35-5) and given numbers in the *atu9xxx* format. We added only those genes for which transcripts were detected by RNA sequencing experiments (Table S4 in the Wilms *et al*. manuscript).

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## **Pseudogene annotation**

- 53 The original UW annotation reported 11 pseudogenes [\(5\)](#page-34-4). The corrected C58 sequence showed that two of these putative pseudogenes are actually predicted functional genes;
- Atu1168, a bifunctional riboflavin deaminase-reductase, and Atu3304, a cellulose synthesis gene. Other pseudogenes or gene fragments have been added or correctly labeled, for a

55 current total of 28 pseudogenes or gene fragments, many of which are transposon fragments. Fifteen of the 28 pseudogenes or gene fragments are located on the plasmid pAtC58.

Some of the newly identified pseudogenes were found by the tool GenVar [\(20\)](#page-35-6).

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## **Abbreviations**

C58, *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* C58; S4, *Agrobacterium vitis* S4; K84, *Agrobacterium radiobacter* K84; ATCC, American Type Culture Collection; PCR, Polymerase Chain

Reaction; Indel, insertion or deletion mutation; NCBI, National Center for Biotechnology Information; bp, base-pairs; Kbp, kilobase-pairs; Mbp, megabase-pairs.

#### **Supplemental Figure Legend**

**Figure S1.**

Southern blot hybridization for detection of *telA*. DNA samples from the strains listed in Table S5 were digested with restriction endonucleases and hybridized at low stringency.

Only Biovar 1 strains gave a detectable signal, and the restriction endonuclease digestion patterns fell into several recognizable patterns, suggesting that the strains within each

pattern group are closely related. Representative blots for each group are shown. The left lane in each panel contains DNA molecular weight marker set III (Roche Applied

Bioscience) labeled with digoxigenin. The size of each marker band, in base pairs, is shown to the left of Panel A. Each panel is from a different gel, so each requires reference to

the panel's specific marker lane. Note that the patterns shown in panels A and F may be RFLP variants, as may panels B and G. Strains falling into a particular pattern group

include: Panel A, *A. tumefaciens* strains C58 and MUM-1; Panel B, *A. tumefaciens* strains A6, Ach5, ANT4, ATCC 15955, IIBV7, Bo542, and NCPPB 396; Panel C, *A.* 

*tumefaciens* strains B8-806 and KU12; Panel D., *A. tumefaciens* FACH; Panel E, *A. rhizogenes* DC-AR2; Panel F, *A. tumefaciens* T37; Panel G, *A. tumefaciens* R10; Panel H, *A.*

*tumefaciens* Chry5; Panel I, *A. rhizogenes* K599; Panel J, *A. tumefaciens* FA-1. Samples of DNA in panels A – I were digested (left to right) using BclI, EcoRI, HindIII, and SacII;

- Panel J uses identical endonucleases, except that the SacII digestion is missing.
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## 77 **Supplemental Tables**

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80 **Table S1.** Positions and types of sequence discrepancies between the *A. tumefaciens* C58 genome sequences produced by Goodner *et al.* [\(4\)](#page-34-3) and Wood *et al.* [\(5\)](#page-34-4). The locus 81 discussed in the text containing 16 sequence discrepancies downstream of the 16s rRNA gene at 58.3 kbp of Chromosome I is not included in the table, but is provided as a











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- 86 <sup>a</sup> The sequence around the differing region of the rRNA loci are shown below. Variants are shown in bold:
- 87 C58UW GTAAGACG**A**TC**GCAC**C**G**A-TCTTCG**GA**T**CAA**C**GC**G**GT**ATGAA
- 88 ATCC33970 –GTAAGACG**C**TC**CGGA**C**A**A**G**TCTTCG**AC**T**TGC**C**TT**G**AG**ATGAA
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- <sup>b</sup> The replicon on which the designated sequence discrepancy resides. Chr. I, Chromosome I; Chr. II, Chromosome II. The two genome projects had no discrepancies in the
- 91 sequence of pTiC58.
- <sup>c</sup> Position of the sequence discrepancy in the original C58UW sequence files, the original ATCC33970 sequence files or the current ATCC33970 sequence files respectively.
- 93 Renumbering of the current ATCC33970 sequence files followed the addition of telomere sequences and corrections noted in the text.
- <sup>d</sup>Nucleotide at the sequence discrepancy in the designated sequence. N denotes that no nucleotide was called at the analogous position in the designated sequence.
- <sup>e</sup>Consensus nucleotide at the variant locus based on comparison of all C58 strains shown in table S4. These data are used to determine which of the two sequenced strains has
- 96 acquired a mutation at that locus. The correct sequence is noted in the case of a base calling error by one project team or the other.

97 <sup>f</sup>The types of sequence discrepancies identified. E, Base-calling error by one project team or the other; I, Large Indel; F, Single-base frameshift; P, single-base point mutation.

- <sup>8</sup>The sequence of ATCC33970 surrounding the point of the sequence discrepancy. Capital letters indicate the location of the consensus base, according to sequencing of reference
- 99 strains (see text). An asterisk (\*) indicates the approximate location of the erroneous base call; note that it is not possible to identify which base in a string of identical bases was

100 called incorrectly.

- <sup>h</sup>To determine which of the two strains harbors a mutation at a given locus, both sequences were compared to the consensus sequence generated from the strains listed in Table S4.
- 102 Note that at each variant position either C58UW or ATCC33970 matched all other C58 strains tested. N.A. indicates that neither strain is mutated at that position since the
- 103 difference in the sequence derives from an initial base-calling error.
- <sup>*i*</sup>The ORF designation indicates the locus ID of the open reading frame in which this variation is located. N.A. indicates that neither strain is a variant. OUT indicates that the
- 105 variation is outside a predicted open reading frame, although some may be located in regulatory regions.
- <sup>*j*</sup>Denotes the specific amino acid change seen in the mutant with respect to the consensus matched sequence. Note in all but the first two rows the mutations are found in C58UW.
- 107 Single amino acid codes are shown separated by an arrow  $(\rightarrow)$  indicating the amino acid found in the wild type strain and mutant respectively as defined in the mutant strain
- 108 column. NONE indicates that the mutation was outside of an open reading frame. SILENT indicates no change in the encoded amino acid. F indicates a frameshift.
- <sup>k</sup>The frameshift mutation in C58UW alters amino acids starting at position 198 to read as follows: HDGKACLGCGKRQAASDRARFTLCRR.
- <sup>*l*</sup>Atu8131 is the wild-type version of a mutant gene designated Atu0512 by Wood et al. [\(5\)](#page-34-4). The two genes differ in their N-terminal region, upstream of the frameshift mutation.
- 111 <sup>*m*</sup>The sequence of nucleotides deleted at this location in strain C58UW is:
- 112 5'ccccctcaaggggggagatcgatctgcggcaaggtttcgcccatctcaacctttgaggatgaagcgacgaaagggcctcctgccgatctccccccttgagggggagatgcc3'.
- <sup>n</sup>The frameshift mutation in C58UW alters amino acids starting at position 390 to read as follows: 389-
- 114 DMPIGTLSGGNQQKIFISRWLATSPKLLLLDDPTKGIDLGAKADLFALMRQQADAGATILLYSSEDAEILEYADRILVFNGGRISAELTG
- 115 ADMTSVNMTRAAYGDAA.
- 116 <sup>o</sup>The sequence of nucleotides deleted at this location in strain C58UW is:
- 117 5'agcagatcgtccattgcaaggcagatcagtaccgtgcggcggtgtggctgactattcgcttcatccggtaaaaacatgtcgaggctcggc 3'.
- <sup>p</sup>The deletion in C58UW removed the following amino acids from Atu5121 of ATCC33970 starting at position 34: PSLDMFLPDEANSQPHRRTVLICLAMDDLL.



**Table S2.** Distribution of AgroCir1, AgroCir2, and KE3 repetitive elements in sequenced *Agrobacterium* strains and close relatives.

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157 <sup>c</sup>Five of the KE3 elements have internal spacers of <50 bp, and one has an internal spacer of >100 bp.

158 **Table S3.** Repeat elements that overlap open reading frames in the *A. tumefaciens* C58 Genome. None of these intragenic repetitive elements are found in orthologous genes in

159 the *A. tumefaciens* H13-3 genome.



175 **Table S4.** Strains used as sequence references when comparing the two sequenced versions of *A. tumefaciens* C58 [\(4,](#page-34-3) [5\)](#page-34-4). All strains except the "original isolate" probably derive

176 from the same C58 culture sent from E. Nester to J. Schell in 1971.







**Table S5.** Survey of *Agrobacterium* strains for *telA*, *acvB*, and the presence of a linear chromosome II. A (+) indicates that the gene (or linear chromosome) was detected, a (-)

indicates that it was not detected, and a NT indicates that it was not tested for a particular strain.















183<sup>a</sup> This strain has an intermediate phenotype. It has the Biovar 1 characteristic of 3-ketolactose production, and the Biovar 2 characteristics of growth on erythritol as a sole carbon source and sensitivity to 2% NaCl.

**Table S6.** Biovar I-specific protein-coding genes. These genes were identified using the Phylogenetic Profiler function within the IMG database (img.jgi.doe.gov). Biovar I-

187 specific genes are those conserved at >70% amino acid sequence identity within Biovar I genomes (C58, H13-3, & ATCC31749 [draft]) but not found within any other non-Biovar

I member of the Rhizobiaceae at >30% amino acid sequence identity.





















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