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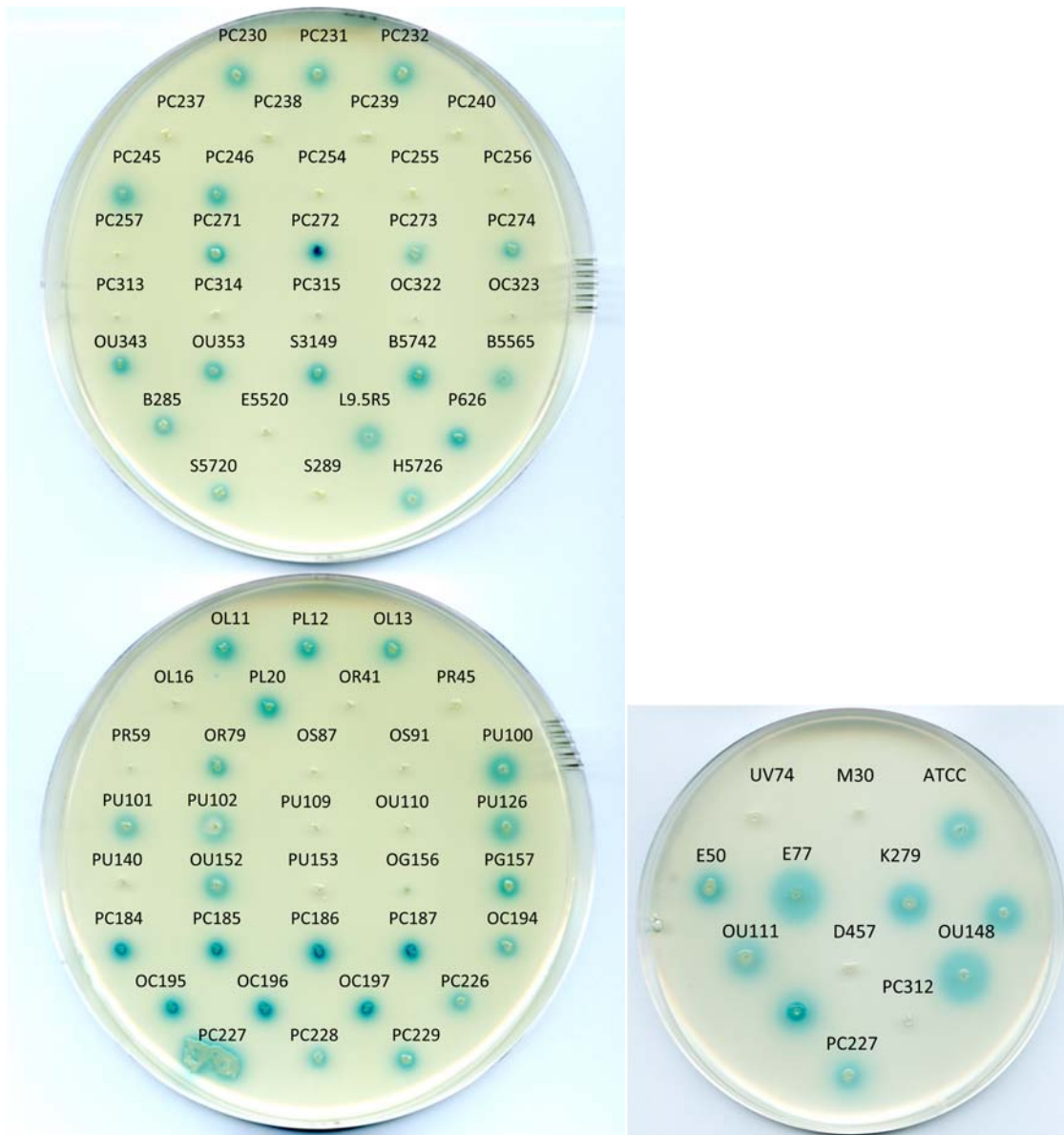


FIG S1 Colony DSF bioassay of 78 *S. maltophilia* strains. Blue halo around the colony indicates DSF activity and corresponded to RpfF-1 variant strains. Colonies without DSF production corresponded to RpfF-2 variant strains.

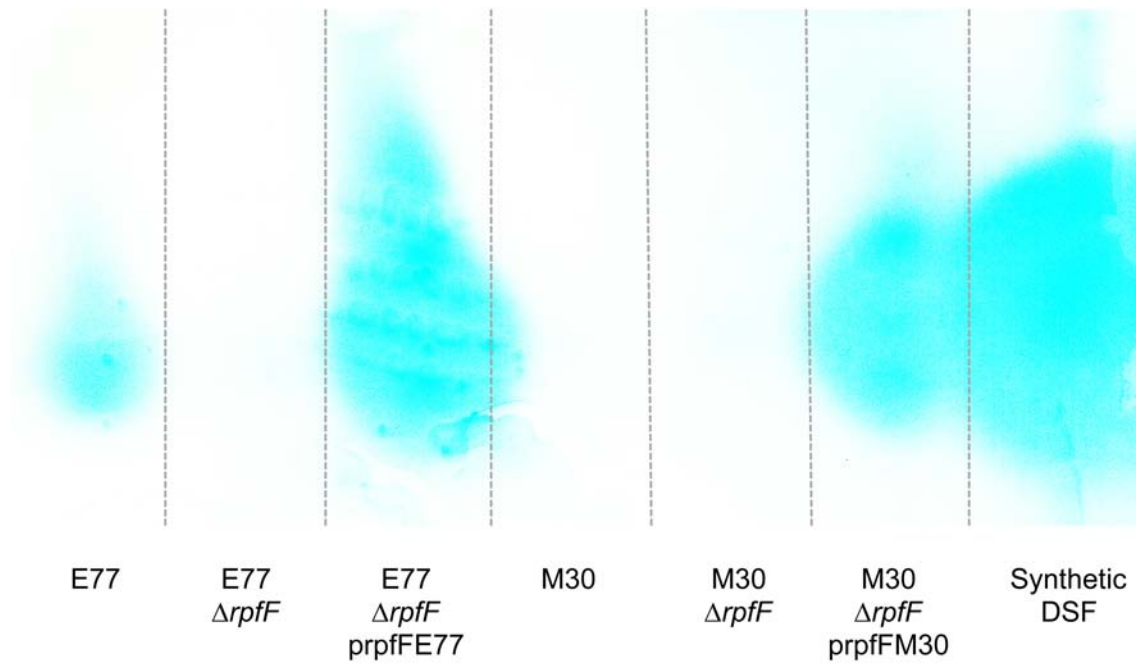
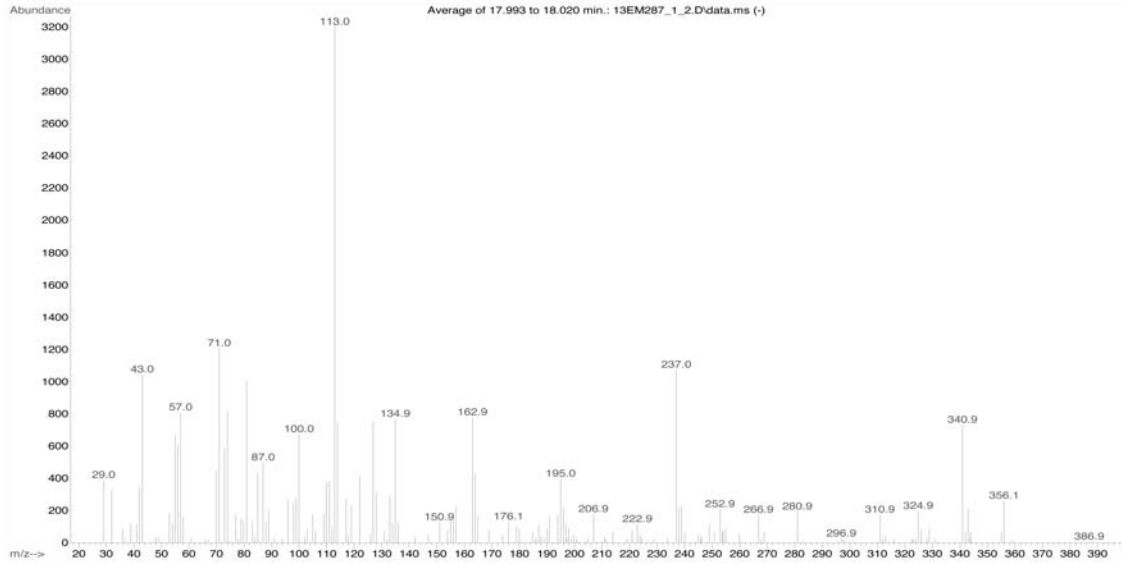


FIG S2 TLC coupled to DSF bioassay of culture supernatants from E77 and M30 with their respective *rpfF* mutants and complemented strains.

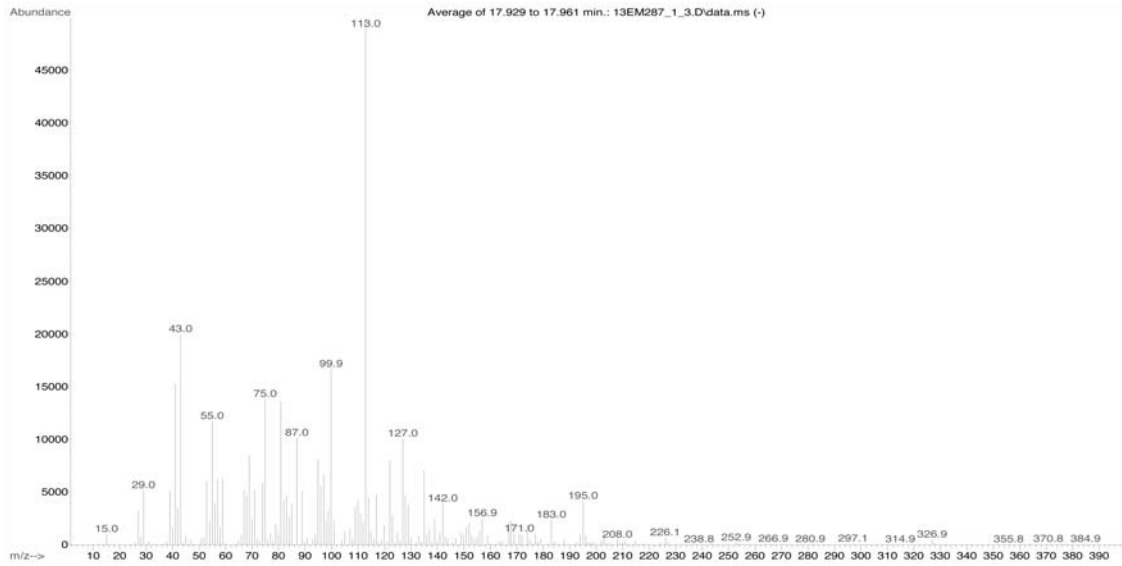
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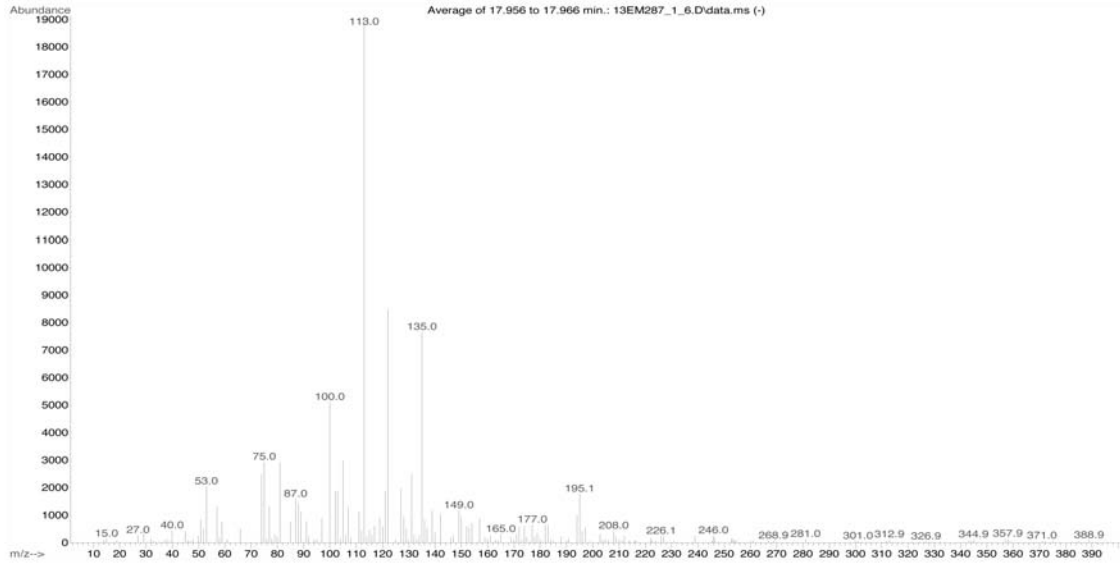
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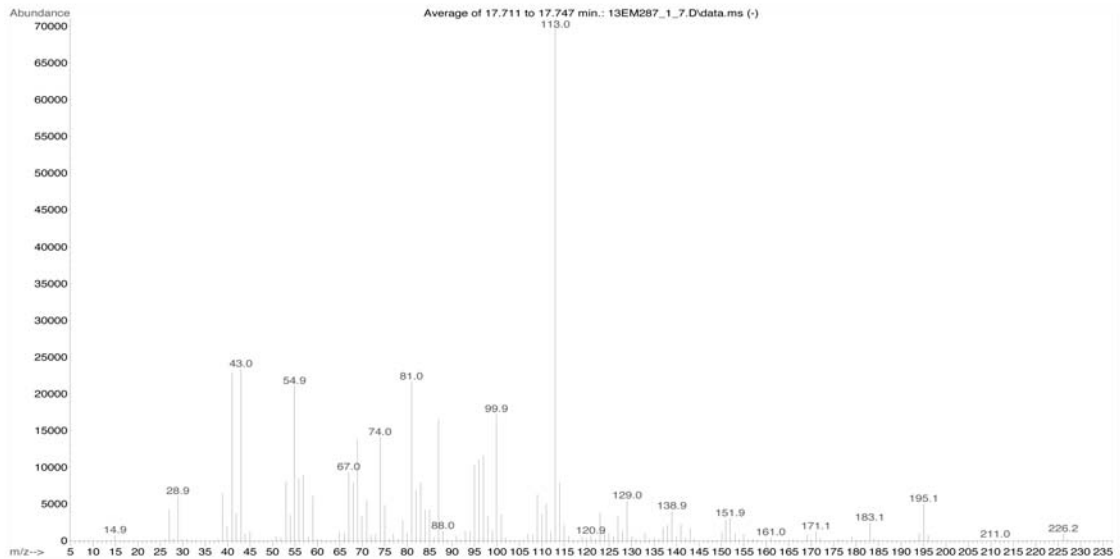


FIG S3 Mass spectra of the Gas Chromatography peaks with DSF activity (17,9 min.) (see also Fig. 4). (A) E77, (B) E77 Δ *rpfF* prpfFE77, (C) M30 Δ *rpfF* prpfFM30 and (D) Synthetic DSF.

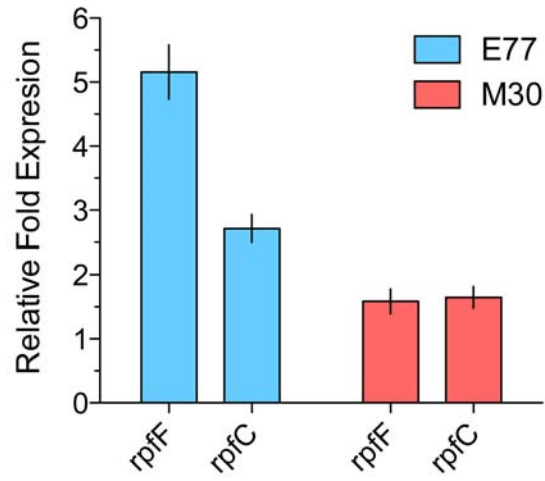


FIG S4 Quantification of gene expression of *rpfF* and *rpfC* from strains E77 and M30 normalized with the gene expression of the housekeeping gene *gyrA*, using the $2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}$ method.

TABLE S1. *S. maltophilia* clinical isolates used in this study

| Strain | RpfF Variant | Source | Hospital | Country |
|--------|--------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| OL11 | 1 | Oropharynx | Ljubljana Medical Center | SLO |
| PL12 | 1 | Perineum | Ljubljana Medical Center | SLO |
| OL13 | 1 | Oropharynx | Ljubljana Medical Center | SLO |
| OL16 | 2 | Oropharynx | Ljubljana Medical Center | SLO |
| PL20 | 1 | Perineum | Ljubljana Medical Center | SLO |
| OR41 | 2 | Oropharynx | Hopital Raymond Poincare, Paris | FRA |
| PR45 | 2 | Perineum | Hopital Raymond Poincare, Paris | FRA |
| PR59 | 2 | Perineum | Hopital Raymond Poincare, Paris | FRA |
| OR79 | 1 | Oropharynx | Hopital Raymond Poincare, Paris | FRA |
| OS87 | 2 | Oropharynx | Hopital St Joseph, Paris | FRA |
| OS91 | 2 | Oropharynx | Hopital St Joseph, Paris | FRA |
| PU100 | 1 | Perineum | University of Antwerp | BEL |
| PU101 | 1 | Perineum | University of Antwerp | BEL |
| PU102 | 1 | Oropharynx | University of Antwerp | BEL |
| PU109 | 2 | Perineum | University of Antwerp | BEL |
| OU110 | 2 | Oropharynx | University of Antwerp | BEL |
| OU111 | 1 | Oropharynx | University of Antwerp | BEL |
| PU140 | 2 | Perineum | University of Antwerp | BEL |
| OU141 | 2 | Oropharynx | University of Antwerp | BEL |
| OU148 | 1 | Oropharynx | University of Antwerp | BEL |
| OU152 | 1 | Oropharynx | University of Antwerp | BEL |
| PU153 | 2 | Perineum | University of Antwerp | BEL |
| OG156 | 2 | Oropharynx | University Clinic of Respiratory and Allergic Disease, Golnik | SLO |
| PG157 | 1 | Perineum | University Clinic of Respiratory and Allergic Disease, Golnik | SLO |
| PC184 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC185 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC186 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC187 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| OC194 | 1 | Oropharynx | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| OC195 | 1 | Oropharynx | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| OC196 | 1 | Oropharynx | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| OC197 | 1 | Oropharynx | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC226 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC227 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC228 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC229 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC230 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC231 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC232 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC237 | 2 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC238 | 2 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC239 | 2 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC240 | 2 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC245 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC246 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC254 | 2 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC255 | 2 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC256 | 2 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC257 | 2 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC271 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC272 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC273 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC274 | 1 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC312 | 2 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC313 | 2 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC314 | 2 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| PC315 | 2 | Perineum | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| OC322 | 2 | Oropharynx | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |
| OC323 | 2 | Oropharynx | ChariteClinic, Berlin | GER |

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|-----------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| OU343 | 1 | Oropharinx | University of Antwerp | BEL |
| OU353 | 1 | Oropharinx | University of Antwerp | BEL |
| ATCC13637 | 1 | Collection | ATCC | USA |
| UV74 | 2 | Vascular Ulcera | Hospital Municipal de Badalona | ESP |
| L9.5R5 | 1 | (1) | Hospital Clínic de Barcelona | ESP |
| 4834-R | 2 | (2) | Hospital Clínic de Barcelona | ESP |
| D457 | 2 | (3) | (3) | ESP |
| K279 | 1 | Blood Infection | (4) | GBR |
| E77 | 1 | Sputum | Hospital Municipal Badalona | ESP |
| E50 | 1 | Sputum | Hospital Municipal Badalona | ESP |
| M30 | 2 | Decubitus ulcer | Hospital Municipal Badalona | ESP |
| S3149 | 1 | Surgical wound | Hospital Universitari Germans Trias i Pujol, Barcelona | ESP |
| P626 | 1 | Oropharinx | Hospital Universitari Germans Trias i Pujol, Barcelona | ESP |
| P815 | 1 | Oropharinx | Hospital Universitari Germans Trias i Pujol, Barcelona | ESP |
| E5520 | 2 | Environmental control | Hospital Universitari Germans Trias i Pujol, Barcelona | ESP |
| B5565 | 1 | Bronchitis | Hospital Universitari Germans Trias i Pujol, Barcelona | ESP |
| S5720 | 1 | Sputum | Hospital Universitari Germans Trias i Pujol, Barcelona | ESP |
| H5726 | 1 | Hematologic neoplasia | Hospital Universitari Germans Trias i Pujol, Barcelona | ESP |
| S289 | 2 | Sputum | Hospital Universitari Germans Trias i Pujol, Barcelona | ESP |
| B285 | 1 | Bronchitis exudate | Hospital Universitari Germans Trias i Pujol, Barcelona | ESP |
| B5742 | 1 | Bronchitis exudate | Hospital Universitari Germans Trias i Pujol, Barcelona | ESP |

TABLE S2. Strains used in mutant generation, complementation and DSF bioassay

| Strains | Relevant characteristics | Reference |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i> | | |
| E77 $\Delta rpfF$ | E77 $\Delta rpfF$ mutant, <i>Erm^r</i> | This work |
| E77 prpfFE77 | E77 wild type harboring prpfFE77, <i>Cm^r</i> | This work |
| E77 pBBR1MCS1-Cm | E77 wild type harboring pBBR1MCS1-Cm <i>Cm^r</i> | This work |
| E77 $\Delta rpfF$ pBBR1MCS1-Cm | E77 $\Delta rpfF$ harboring pBBR1MCS1 <i>Erm^r Cm^r</i> | This work |
| E77 $\Delta rpfF$ prpfFE77 | E77 $\Delta rpfF$ harboring prpfFE77 <i>Erm^r Cm^r</i> | This work |
| E77 $\Delta rpfF$ prpfFM30 | E77 $\Delta rpfF$ harboring prpfFM30 <i>Erm^r Cm^r</i> | This work |
| E77 prpfGCE77 | E77 wild type harboring prpfGCE77, <i>Cm^r</i> | This work |
| E77 prpfGCM30 | E77 wild type harboring prpfGCM30, <i>Cm^r</i> | This work |
| M30 $\Delta rpfF$ | M30 $\Delta rpfF$ mutant, <i>Erm^r</i> | This work |
| M30 prpfFM30 | M30 wild type harboring prpfFM30, <i>Cm^r</i> | This work |
| M30 pBBR1MCS1-Cm | M30 wild type harboring pBBR1MCS1-Cm <i>Cm^r</i> | This work |
| M30 $\Delta rpfF$ pBBR1MCS1-Cm | M30 $\Delta rpfF$ harboring pBBR1MCS1 <i>Erm^r Cm^r</i> | This work |
| M30 $\Delta rpfF$ prpfM30 | M30 $\Delta rpfF$ harboring prpfM30 <i>Erm^r Cm^r</i> | This work |
| M30 $\Delta rpfF$ prpfFE77 | M30 $\Delta rpfF$ harboring prpfFE77 <i>Erm^r Cm^r</i> | This work |
| M30 $\Delta rpfC$ | M30 $\Delta rpfC$ mutant, <i>Erm^r</i> | This work |
| M30 $\Delta rpfC$ prpfGCE77 | M30 $\Delta rpfC$ wild type harboring prpfGCE77, <i>Cm^r</i> | This work |
| M30 $\Delta rpfC$ prpfGCM30 | M30 $\Delta rpfC$ wild type harboring prpfGCM30, <i>Cm^r</i> | This work |
| <i>Escherichia coli</i> | | |
| DH5 α | <i>fhuA2 lac(del)U169 phoA glnV44Φ80' lacZ(del)M15 gyrA96 recA1 relA1 endA1 thi-1 hsdR17</i> | Lab collection |
| DH5 α pEX18Tc | DH5 α harboring suicide vector pEX18Tc, <i>Tc^r</i> | Lab collection |
| DH5 α pGEM- <i>rpfFE77</i> UP | DH5 α harboring pGEM- <i>rpfFE77</i> UP, <i>Ap^r</i> | This work |
| DH5 α pGEM- <i>rpfFE77</i> DW | DH5 α harboring pGEM- <i>rpfFE77</i> DW, <i>Ap^r</i> | This work |
| DH5 α pEXE77 <i>rpfF</i> | DH5 α harboring suicide vector pEXE77 <i>rpfF</i> <i>Tc^r, Erm^r</i> | This work |
| DH5 α prpfFE77 | DH5 α harboring prpfFE77 | This work |
| DH5 α pGEM- <i>rpfFM30</i> UP | DH5 α harboring pGEM- <i>rpfFM30</i> UP | This work |
| DH5 α pGEM- <i>rpfFM30</i> DW | DH5 α harboring pGEM- <i>rpfFM30</i> DW | This work |
| DH5 α prpfFM30 | DH5 α harboring prpfFM30 | This work |
| DH5 α prpfFE77 | DH5 α harboring prpfFE77 | This work |
| DH5 α pEXM30 <i>rpfC</i> | DH5 α harboring suicide vector pEXM30 <i>rpfC</i> <i>Tc^r, Erm^r</i> | This work |
| DH5 α prpfGCM30 | DH5 α harboring prpfGCM30 | This work |
| DH5 α prpfGCE77 | DH5 α harboring prpfGCE77 | This work |
| DH5 α pEXM30 <i>rpfF</i> | DH5 α harboring pEXM30 <i>rpfF</i> | This work |
| OP50 | Non-pathogenic strain, <i>C. elegans</i> maintenance | C.G.C. |
| <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>campestris</i> | | |
| <i>Xcc</i> 8523 pL6engGUS | <i>rpfF</i> mutant, DSF reporter strain, carrying plasmid pL6engGUS, <i>Tc^r, Kan^r</i> | (5) |

TABLE S3. Primers used in this study

| Primer | Sequence 5'-3' | Restriction Site |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Erythromycin resistance gene</i> | | |
| P5Erm | GGATCCGAAACGTAAAAGAAGTTATG | BamHI |
| P3Erm | GGATCCTACAAATTCCTCCGTAGGC | BamHI |
| P5Ermrev | GATACTGCACTATCAACACAC | - |
| P3Ermrev | CTTCCAAGGAGCTAAAGAGGT | - |
| <i>rpfF determination</i> | | |
| PrpfFtypeUp | GCAGAAGACCAACGTCCGGCAAG | - |
| PrpfFtypeDw | CTTCCTAGGCGACGATGGTGTG | - |
| <i>qRT-PCR</i> | | |
| P1rpfC-RT | GTTCCGCACGCCGTTGAA | - |
| P2rpfC-RT | CGAGGCCTGGATGGTGT | - |
| P1rpfF-RT | CTGAGCTGCCACACCATC | - |
| P2rpfF-RT | GAACAGCACCTCCGGCAG | - |
| P1gyrA-RT | GTCGACGGCCAGGGTAAC | - |
| P2gyrA-RT | GCCTCGGTGTATCGCATT | - |
| <i>E77</i> | | |
| P1E77rpfFUp | GGATCCAGTTCTCCGTGTGACCGTCC | HindIII |
| P2E77rpfFUp | AAGCTTCGAGGACGTCATCGCGATGAT | BamHI |
| P3E77rpfFDw | GAATTCTGGGCATGGGCGATGGCTTC | BamHI |
| P4E77rpfFDw | GGATCCTCGTCTGGCGGGTCAGGACG | EcoRI |
| P1DemRpfFE77 | TCGACCGCAAGAAGGACATGA | - |
| P2DemRpfFE77 | TCGGCGATGGCGTGCTCGATA | - |
| PrprpfFE77FUp | AAGCTTCGTGAAGGTCGTGATCGTGAAGAA | HindIII |
| PrprpfFE77FDw | TCTAGAACGATCAGGCCGGGTCGCCAT | XbaI |
| P1RpfFE77FInt | TGGTCGACATTCGTTGATACAC | - |
| P2RpfFE77FInt | GCACGTCCTGTACCCGCAT | - |
| P1rpfGCE77 | ATCAAGCTTTGCTGCTGTTCCCGTACAT | HindIII |
| P2rpfGCE77 | CATCTAGATCTGGGTAGACACTGCGATG | XbaI |
| <i>M30</i> | | |
| P1M30rpfFUp | GCGGATCCAACGGTCCACACACGCGG | XbaI |
| P2M30rpfFUp | CATCTAGATGGTGTCCGGCTTCAACG | BamHI |
| P3M30rpfFDw | CTGAATTCCTGGCTTCGCTGGGCAT | BamHI |
| P4M30rpfFDw | CCGGATCCCAGCGCGCTTCACCATCA | EcoRI |
| P1DemRpfFM30 | ATCCAGCGCTGTACTIONCAG | - |
| P2DemRpfFM30 | CAGGTGATGAAGGGCTACT | - |
| PrprpfFM30Up | GCCAAGCTTGGGTTTGCGGCAATCTGGACAG | HindIII |
| PrprpfFM30Dw | GGTCTAGACGATGATGGTGAAGCGCGCTGA | XbaI |
| P1RpfFM30Int | GCCATGCGTCTGACAT | - |
| P2RpfFM30Int | AGACAATACTTGCTCAT | - |
| P1M30rpfCUp | AGGAATCCCAGAATCGCTTCATCCAGGT | EcoRI |
| P2M30rpfCUp | GCGGATCCAGCTGCGACAACAGGCGTTTC | BamHI |
| P3M30rpfCDw | ACGGATCCTGATGGTGAAGCGCGCTGA | BamHI |
| P4M30rpfCDw | GCTCTAGACCCCATCTGGCCGAGAAGA | XbaI |
| P1DemRpfCM30 | GAGGAAGAGCTGGCGATCAT | - |

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| P2DemRpfCM30 | GCGACCTCCTGCTGAACTAC | - |
| P1prpfGCM30 | GTCAAGCTTGATCCGCGATGTACTGCTGT | HindIII |
| P2rpfGCM30 | TCGTCTAGAAGTCTCGACGCGGCCTGATT | XbaI |
| P1rpfCM30int | ATCGGTCTGATCCTGTTGCCA | - |
| P2rpfCM30int | TTCCAGATAGCCGATGTCACC | - |

TABLE S4. Plasmids used in this study

| Plasmids | Relevant Characteristics | Reference |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| pL6engGUS | DSF reporter plasmid, transcriptional fusion <i>engXCA::gus</i> , <i>Tc^r</i> , <i>Kan^r</i> | (5) |
| pEX18Tc | Suicide allelic exchange vector; <i>Tc^r</i> | (6) |
| pBBR1MCS1Cm | Broad-host-range cloning vector, <i>Cm^r</i> | (7) |
| pGEM-T Easy Vector | Cloning vector, <i>Ap^r</i> | PROMEGA |
| pEX18TcErm | pEX18Tc carrying <i>Erm</i> resistance gene, <i>Erm^r</i> , <i>Tc^r</i> | Lab. collection |
| pGEM-Erm | pGEM-T carrying <i>Erm</i> resistance gene <i>Erm^r</i> , <i>Tc^r</i> | Lab. collection |
| pGEM- <i>rpfFE77FUP</i> | Cloning vector, carrying E77F <i>rpfF</i> upstream flanking region, <i>Ap^r</i> | This work |
| pGEM- <i>rpfFE77FDW</i> | Cloning vector, carrying E77F <i>rpfF</i> downstream flanking region, <i>Ap^r</i> | This work |
| pEXE77 <i>rpfF</i> | pEX18Tc suicide vector, carrying E77F <i>rpfF</i> flanking regions interrupted with <i>Erm</i> gene, <i>Tc^r</i> , <i>Erm^r</i> | This work |
| prpfFE77F | Complementation vector, pBBR1MCS1Cm carrying <i>rpfF</i> promoter and its ORF from E77F strain, <i>Cm^r</i> | This work |
| pGEM- <i>rpfFM30UP</i> | Cloning vector, carrying M30 <i>rpfF</i> upstream flanking region, <i>Ap^r</i> | This work |
| pGEM- <i>rpfFM30DW</i> | Cloning vector, carrying M30 <i>rpfF</i> downstream flanking region, <i>Ap^r</i> | This work |
| pEXM30 <i>rpfF</i> | pEX18Tc suicide vector, carrying M30 <i>rpfF</i> flanking regions interrupted with <i>Erm</i> gene, <i>Tc^r</i> , <i>Erm^r</i> | This work |
| prpfFM30 | Complementation vector, pBBR1MCS1Cm carrying <i>rpfF</i> promoter and its ORF from M30 strain, <i>Cm^r</i> | This work |
| pEXM30 <i>rpfC</i> | pEX18Tc suicide vector, carrying M30 <i>rpfC</i> flanking regions interrupted with <i>Erm</i> gene, <i>Tc^r</i> , <i>Erm^r</i> | This work |
| prpfGCM30 | Complementation vector, pBBR1MCS1Cm carrying <i>rpfGC</i> operon from M30 strain, <i>Cm^r</i> | This work |
| prpfGCE77 | Complementation vector, pBBR1MCS1Cm carrying <i>rpfGC</i> operon from E77 strain, <i>Cm^r</i> | This work |

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