

## Biswas et al 2016. Additional files

### Additional File S1. CRISPRDetect array quality scoring scheme

#### 1. Presence of either *cas1* or *cas2* genes in the genome is awarded (+1, or 0). (cas)

This method is only applied when an annotation file (NCBI gbk or gbff file) is used as input. The annotation files are searched (term based) to create a list of all *cas* genes present in the genome. The scoring system awards the quality score with '+1' when annotation of either *cas1* or *cas2* genes are present in the input file.

#### 2. Match to known repeat using a set of reference repeats from high confidence arrays (+3). (likely repeat)

We use 26 experimentally verified representative repeats as reference and increased the set of known repeats by allowing up to 7 base mismatches. This extended set of ~400 repeat was used to predict a higher confidence set. Arrays were predicted then those with greater than 7 repeats and scores > 4 were used to predict a set of likely repeats. This file was converted in to a BLAST database and potential repeat searched against that with blastn-short which is optimised for short sequences. When a match is found, the array quality score is awarded '+3'.

#### 3. Repeat has at least 23 bases and ATTGAAA(N) at the end (+3, or 0). (motif\_match)

Another feature adapted from the CRISPRDirection algorithm is the presence of motif ATTGAAA(N) at the 3' end of repeats. We observed that, this motif is an accurate indicator of the direction of transcription. In that paper we also observed that all the potential repeats that are >=23nt long containing this motif were genuine CRISPRs. Hence, we used this information to contribute to the quality score, and the quality score is awarded with '+3' when the repeats are >=23nt long and contains ATTGAAA(N) at the 3' end.

#### 4. Overall repeat identity within an array (0 to 1). (overall\_repeat\_identity)

The overall repeats identity score (S) is calculated using the following method

$$S = (\text{average \% identity of the repeats} - 80) / 20$$

The maximum possible positive score can be 1 (when all repeats are identical). However, the score will be negative, when the overall repeat identity is <80%.

#### 5. The repeats in the array do not form one sequence similarity cluster (-1.5, or 0). (one\_repeat\_cluster)

The repeat are clustered using CD-HIT-EST if they form more than one cluster the quality score is penalized by '-1.5'.

## 6. Scoring the repeat lengths (range -3 to +1). (exp\_repeat\_length)

In this method, we use the table of repeat length distribution (Figure 3). The relative score (S) for a repeat of length (L) is determined using the following rules:

$$S = 0.25 + L/H \quad \text{[where, } L \geq 23 \text{ and } L \leq 47;$$

H is the most abundant repeat length for bacteria or archaea]

$$S = -0.25 * (23 - L) \quad \text{[where, } L < 23]$$

$$S = -0.25 * (L - 47) \quad \text{[where, } L > 47]$$

The maximum negative score limit is set to -3, and maximum positive score limit is +1.

## 7. Scoring the spacer lengths (range -3 to +3). (exp\_spacer\_length)

In this method, each spacer of an array is independently scored, and counted towards a final spacer length score. The individual spacer length score (S) for a spacer with length (L) within the range 28-48 (see Fig 3B) are awarded a positive score using the formula:

$$S = 0.01 + N/H \quad \text{[where, } 27 < L \leq 48;$$

N= Total number of spacers of this length;  
H= Most abundant spacer length for bacteria or archaea

Any spacer length outside this range is penalised by the following rule:

$$S = -0.10 * (28 - L) \quad \text{[where, } L < 28]$$

$$S = -0.10 * (L - 48) \quad \text{[where, } L > 48]$$

Finally, an average spacer score for the current array is calculated using

$$\text{Average score} = \text{Sum\_of\_scores} / \text{no\_of\_spacers}$$

The maximum negative score limit is -3 and maximum positive score limit is +1.

## 8. Overall spacer identity (-3 to +1) (spacer\_identity)

In this method we test the sequence (dis)similarity among all the spacers. If the spacers are all near identical it is more likely to be a direct repeat, possibly a tandem repeat rather than a CRISPR array. If the spacers belong to a total number of clusters (C) with identity  $\geq 80\%$ , the spacer identity score (S) for an array with number of spacers (N) is calculated using the following rule:

$$S = -3 \quad [\text{where, } C \leq \text{integer}(N/2); ]$$

$$S = 0.20 * C \quad [\text{where, } C > \text{integer}(N/2); ]$$

The positive score limit is +1.

### 9. Scoring total number of identical repeats 0 to +1) (log(total repeats) - log(total mutated repeats))

Since longer arrays, and those with a greater number of identical repeats are more likely to be a true CRISPR, this scoring method uses both. If an array contains 'P' identical repeats out of the 'N' total number of repeats, then the score (S) is calculated using the following rule:

$$S = \log(N) - \log(N-P) \quad [\text{where, } P = \text{Identical repeats, } N = \text{total number of repeats}]$$

The maximum positive score limit is +1.

In CRISPRDetect scoring system the sum total of the scores can range from +13 to -12.5.

**Additional file S2 Comparison of three widely used CRISPR prediction tools with CRISPRDetect.**

<b>Feature</b>	<b>PILER-CR</b>	<b>CRT</b>	<b>CRISPI</b>	<b>CRISPRFinder</b>	<b>CRISPRDetect</b>
Identifies insertion/deletions in repeats and spacers	yes	no	n/a	no	yes
Identifies complete spacer deletions	no	no	n/a	no	Yes
Identifies degenerate repeats in putative spacer sequence	no	no	no	no	yes
Identifies degenerated repeat and/or spacer in flanking regions	yes (threshold <sup>1</sup> )	yes (threshold)	n/a	yes (uses dedicated function)	yes (uses dedicated function)
Identifies spacerless genomic tandem repeats	no	no	n/a	yes (with limitations)	yes
Extends arrays with a lower stringency. Joins closely spaced arrays separated by degenerated repeats	no	no	n/a	yes	yes
Removal of falsely predicted degenerated repeats from CRISPRs	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	yes
Shows flanking regions of the CRISPRs in the output	yes (partial, max 10nt)	no	no	no	yes
Identification of arrays with only 2 repeats	no	yes	n/a	yes	yes
Compares to a database of known repeats and features	no	no	yes	yes	yes
Annotates arrays at the end of circular genomes	no	no	n/a	no	yes

Determines family/type	no	no	no	no	yes
Determines the representative repeat	yes	no	no	yes	yes
Determines the CRISPR direction	no	no	no	no	yes
Shows <i>cas</i> genes present in the genome	no	no	yes	no	yes
Interactive web interface	no	no	yes	yes	yes
Pipeline version	yes	yes	no	yes (part)	yes
Supporting database	no	no	yes	yes (CRISPRdb)	yes (CRISPRBank)
User defined dictionary of spacers	no	no	no	yes (CRISPRtionary)	no
Compare flanks of two arrays	no	no	no	yes (FlankAlign)	<b>no</b>
					<b>no</b>
Compare two more arrays	no	no	no	yes (CRISPRCompare)	
Classify repeat into families	no	no	no	no	<b>yes<sup>2</sup></b>

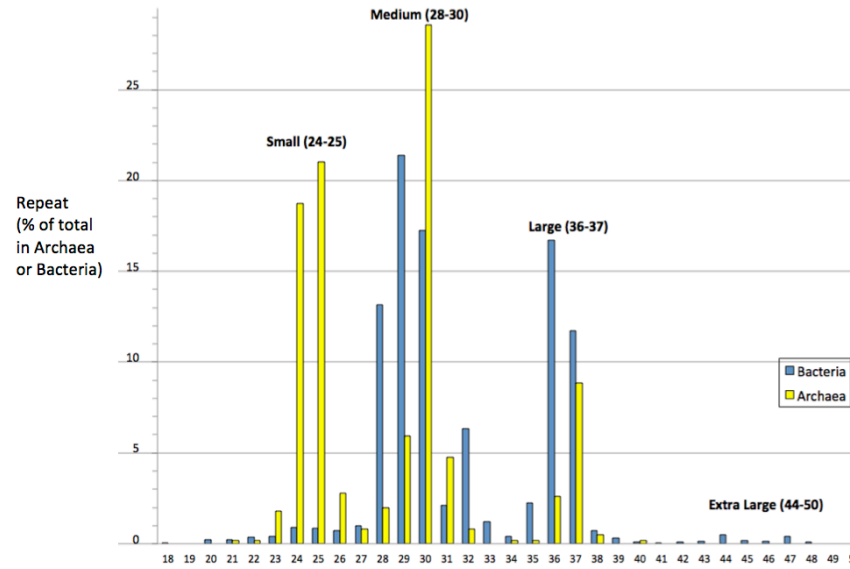
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<sup>1</sup> In CRT 'threshold' refers to the global repeat/spacer identity parameter. PILER-CR and CRT do not support the use of specific parameters (e.g. a threshold) to identify degenerated repeat/spacers.

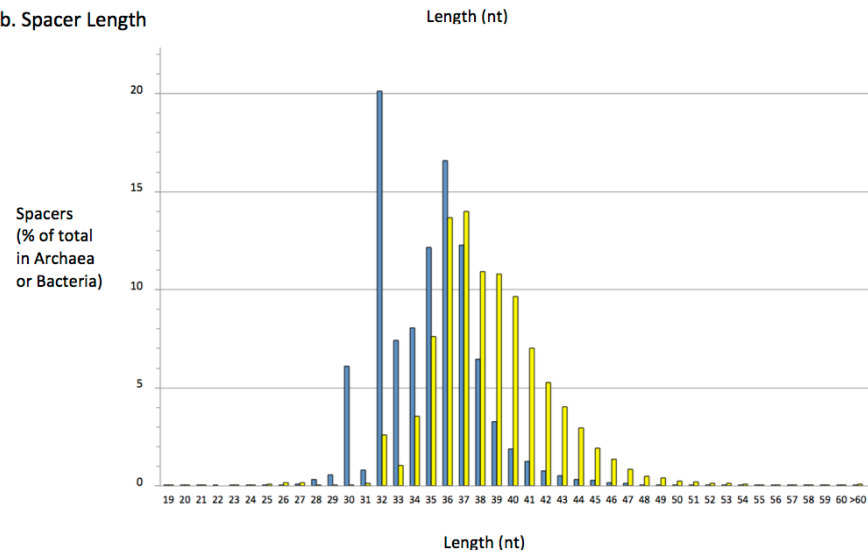
<sup>2</sup>. Gives an indication only, CRISPRMap gives a more comprehensive analysis.

**Additional file S3.**  
**As Figure 3 except that**  
**all strains are included.**

a. Repeat Length



b. Spacer Length



## Additional File S4.

### Initial Prediction

Repeat	Spacer
=====	=====
.....-.....	GGACAGCAACCCGTGTCGGATATCAGACT
.....-.....	ACGCGAATCGCCAATCGCCGCGGTGAGC
GC.....TGATCA	CGATGTATGCCGACCGTGATTTTATGTC
.....-.....	AGATACGCCTTTACGTGCGCTCTA
ATTC.....G.....	TAAAACACCCGTTGCGCAACCTGCAACGG
.....-.....	TCTAAATCTA -//-
=====	=====
CGGTTTATCCCGC-TGGCGGGGATCAC	

### Refined Prediction

Repeat	Spacer	Insertion/Deletion
=====	=====	=====
.....	GGACAGCAACCCGTGTCGGATATCAGACT	
.....	ACGCGAATCGCCAATCGCCGCGGTGAG	
.....	GATGTATGCCGACCGTGATTTTATGTC	C, T [X <sub>1</sub> , X <sub>2</sub> ]
.....	AGATACGCCTTTACGTGCGCTCTAATTC	
-----	TAAAACACCCGTTGCGCAACC	G [X <sub>3</sub> ], Deletion [X <sub>4</sub> ]
.....	TCTAAATCTA -//-	
=====	=====	=====
CGGTTTATCCCGCTGGCGGGGATCAC		

**S4A.** A hypothetical array is shown before and after refinement. The bases belonging to the flanks are shown in green, repeat bases are shown in blue and insertion(s) are shown in red, X1 and X2 refers to corresponding positions of the insertions or deletions.

### Initial prediction

Repeat	Spacer
=====	=====
.....	GGACAGCAACCCGTGTCGGA
.....T	TCACACGCGAATCGCCAATC
.....	GATGTATGCCGACCGTGATT
.....	AGATACGCCTTTACGTGCCC
.....	GAAAACACCCGTTGCGCAAC
.....	GCTAAAT -//-
=====	=====
GGTTTATCCCGCTATTGAAA	

GGTTTATCCCGCTATTGAAA- Rep. repeat  
 ATTGAAAN Ref. Motif

### Refined Prediction

Repeat	Spacer
=====	=====
.....	GGACAGCAACCCGTGTCGGA
.....	TCACACGCGAATCGCCAATC
.....	GATGTATGCCGACCGTGATT
.....	AGATACGCCTTTACGTGCCC
.....	TAAAACACCCGTTGCGCAAC
.....	TCTAAAT -//-
=====	=====
GGTTTATCCCGCTACCGATA	

GGTTTATCCCGCTACCGATA Rep. repeat  
 -GTTTATCCCGCTACCGAT- Ref. repeat

Repeat	Spacer
=====	=====
.....	GACAGCAACCCGTGTCGGA
.....T	CACACGCGAATCGCCAATC
.....	ATGTATGCCGACCGTGATT
.....A	GATACGCCTTTACGTGCCC
.....	AAAACACCCGTTGCGCAAC
.....	CTAAAT -//-
=====	=====
GGTTTATCCCGCTATTGAAAG	

Repeat	Spacer
=====	=====
.....	AGGACAGCAACCCGTGTCGGA
.....	ATCACACGCGAATCGCCAATCG
.....	AGATGTATGCCGACCGTGATTG
.....	AAGATACGCCTTTACGTGCCC
.....	ATAAACACCCGTTGCGCAAC
.....	ATCTAAAT -//-
=====	=====
GTTTATCCCGCTACCGAT	

### S4B. Comparison to a reference motif and known repeat from CRISPRBank.

**Initial Prediction**

Flank	Repeat	Spacer
TGCAGGTTTATCCCCGCTGGCGATATGCAA	.....	GGACAGCAACCCGTGTCGGAT
		TCACACGCGAATCGCCAATCG
		GATGTATGCCGACCGTGATTT
		AGATACGCCTTTACGTCGCCT
		TAAACACCGGTTGCGCAACC
		TCTAAATCTTTATCCCCACTGGCGGAAA -//-
	CGGTTTATCCCCGCTGGCGGGGG	

**Refined Prediction**

Flank	Repeat	Spacer
-//- TGC	A.....	ATATGCAA
		GGACAGCAACCCGTGTCGGAT
		TCACACGCGAATCGCCAATCG
		GATGTATGCCGACCGTGATTT
		AGATACGCCTTTACGTCGCCT
		TAAACACCGGTTGCGCAACC
		TCTAAATCT
	A.....	AAATGCTAAGCTATTGCAGTA
.C.....	.A.....	CTAG -//-
		CGGTTTATCCCCGCTGGCGGGGG

← Extension

### S4C. Extension of the array

**A.**

Flank	Repeat	Spacer
TATGCCGAA	-----	GGACAGCAACCCGTGTCGGATATCAGACT
		TCACACGCGAATCGCCAATCGCCGCGGTGAG
		GATGTATGCCGACCGTGATTTTAGTCAT
		AGATACGCCTTTACGTCGCCTCTAATTAACGGTA
		TAAACACCGGTTGCGCAACC
		TCTAAATCTA
	CGGTTTATCCCCGCTGGCGGGGATCAC	

**B.**

Repeat	Spacer	Insertion/Deletion
.....	GGACAGCAACCCGTGTCGGATATCAGACT	AA [X <sub>1</sub> ]
.....C.....	ACGCGAATCGCCAATCGCCGCGGTGAG	
.....	GATGTATGCCGACCGTGATTTTAGTCAT	
.....	AGATACGCCTTTACGTCGCCTCTAATTA	A [X <sub>2</sub> ]
.....	TAAACACCGGTTGCGCAACC	
.....T	TCTAAATCTA	
CGGTTTATCCCCGCTGGCGGGGAACAC		

### S4D. Inclusion of an initial predicted spacer bases in the repeats.



**Additional File S5. Comparison of predictions from CRISPRDetect, PILER-CR, CRT and CRISPRFinder for the identification of partial/total spacer loss in *Salmonella enterica* subsp. *enterica* serovar Typhi str. CT18, array beginning at 2,926,568.**

**#----- predicted by CRISPRDetect**

Array 1 2926568-2926181 \*\*\*\* Predicted by CRISPRDetect 2.1 \*\*\*  
 >gi|16758993|ref|NC\_003198|-Salmonella enterica subsp. enterica serovar Typhi str. CT18, Array\_Orientation: Reverse

Position	Repeat	%id	Spacer	Repeat_Sequence	Spacer_Sequence	Insertion/Deletion
2926568	29	100.0	0	.....	-	Deletion [2926539]
2926539	26	86.2	0	---A.....	-	Deletion [2926536]
2926513	26	86.2	32	---A.....	ATCCCCGCGGAGGTTGCGCAACCGGTGTTTTA	
2926455	29	100.0	32	.....	CGCGCCAAAGAGGGCGACGTAAAGCGTATCT	
2926394	29	100.0	32	.....	GCGGTA AAAATCACGGTCGGCATAACATCGTGG	
2926333	29	100.0	32	.....	CAATTCACGCGGGCGGATTGGCGATTGCGGT	
2926272	29	100.0	32	.....	ATCTGTCTGATATCCGACACGGGTTGCTGTCC	
2926211	29	100.0	0	.....		A [2926183]
8	29	96.5	23	GTGTTCCCGCGCCAGCGGGGATAAACCG		

# Left flank : TGTTGAAAATCAATAAGTTAGAGATCTTTAAAAATTAGGAAAAGTTGGTGGGTTTTTTGTGCGCTAAAAAAGTATTTAAATTCAATTGGGTAGATTTAGA  
 # Right flank : TTTACCAGCATATCAGGACGTTTTTTCCGCCTTCGCCAGCTCTTTTACCAACGGCAGCATTTATCCGACTACATCGCGGCTACGGCGCTCAATCCGCC

# Questionable array : NO Score: 7.77  
 # Score Detail : 1:1, 2:3, 3:0, 4:0.83, 5:0, 6:1, 7:-0.06, 8:1, 9:1,  
 #  
 # Score Legend : 1: cas, 2: likely\_repeat, 3: motif\_match, 4: overall\_repeat\_identity, 5: one\_repeat\_cluster, 6: exp\_repeat\_length, 7:exp\_s  
 pacer\_length, 8: spacer\_identity, 9: log(total repeats) - log(total mutated repeats),  
 # Primary repeat : GTGTTCCCGCGCCAGCGGGGATAAACCG  
 # Alternate repeat : NA

# Directional analysis summary from each method:  
 # Motif ATTGAAA(N) match prediction: NA Score: 0/4.5  
 # A,T distribution in repeat prediction: R [4,5] Score: 0.37/0.37  
 # Reference repeat match prediction: R [matched GTGTTCCCGCGCCAGCGGGGATAAACCG with 100% identity] Score: 4.5/4.5  
 # Secondary Structural analysis prediction: R [-12.50,-13.40] Score: 0.37/0.37  
 # Array degeneracy analysis prediction: R [1-0] Score: 0.41/0.41  
 # AT richness analysis in flanks prediction: R [50.0-70.0]%AT Score: 0.27/0.27  
 # Longer leader analysis prediction: R [15,85] Score: 0.18/0.18  
 # -----  
 # Final direction: R [0,6.1 Confidence: HIGH]

# Identified Cas genes: CRISPR/Cas system associated Cas1:NP\_457327 [2926948-2927865]; CRISPR/Cas system associated Cse2:NP\_457331 [2930385-  
 2930987]; CRISPR/Cas system associated RAMP super Unclassified\_Cas\_protein:NP\_457328 [2927865-2928569]; Cas1:NP\_457327 [2926948-  
 2927865]; Cas5:NP\_457329 [2928569-2929294]; Cas7:NP\_457330 [2929304-2930368]; Cse1:NP\_457332 [2931004-2932539]; Cse2:NP\_457331 [2930385-

2930987]; DinG helicase Csf4:NP\_456328 [1840118-1842028]; RAMP Cas5:NP\_457329 [2928569-2929294]; RAMP Cas6e:NP\_457328 [2927865-2928569]; Transcriptional regulator CasRa Unclassified\_Cas\_protein:NP\_455939 [1470680-1471168];  
 # Array family : I-E [Matched known repeat from this family],  
 # Sequence source strain : CT18  
 # Taxonomy hierarchy : Bacteria; Proteobacteria; Gammaproteobacteria; Enterobacteriales; Enterobacteriaceae; Salmonella.; Salmonella enterica subs p. enterica serovar Typhi str. CT18  
 //

**#----- Predicted by PILER-CR**

Array 1  
 >NC\_003198

Pos	Repeat	%id	Spacer	Left flank	Repeat	Spacer
2926184	29	93.1	32	GGTGAAACGT	--.....	GGACAGCAACCCGTGTCGGATATCAGACAGAT
2926245	29	100.0	32	TCAGACAGAT	.....	ACGCGAATCGCCAATCGCCGCCGCGTGAATTG
2926306	29	100.0	32	GCGTGAATTG	.....	CCACGATGTATGCCGACCGTGATTTTACC GC
2926367	29	100.0	32	TTTTTACCGC	.....	AGATACGCCTTTACGTGCCCCCTTTGGCGCG
2926428	29	100.0	84	CTTTGGCGCG	.....	
TAAAACACCGGTTGCGCAACCTCCGCGGGGATCGGTTTATCCCGCTGGCGCGGGGATCGGTTTATCCCGCTGGCGCGGGGAT						
2926541	29	100.0		GCGCGGGGAT	.....	TCTAAATCTA
6	29		42		CGGTTTATCCCGCTGGCGCGGGGAACAC	

**#----- predicted by CRT**

CRISPR 10 Range: 2926182 - 2926567

POSITION	REPEAT	SPACER
2926182	GTGTTTATCCCGCTGGCGCGGGGAACAC	GGACAGCAACCCGTGTCGGATATCAGACAGAT [ 29, 32 ]
2926243	CGGTTTATCCCGCTGGCGCGGGGAACAC	ACGCGAATCGCCAATCGCCGCCGCGTGAATTG [ 29, 32 ]
2926304	CGGTTTATCCCGCTGGCGCGGGGAACAC	CCACGATGTATGCCGACCGTGATTTTACC GC [ 29, 32 ]
2926365	CGGTTTATCCCGCTGGCGCGGGGAACAC	AGATACGCCTTTACGTGCCCCCTTTGGCGCG [ 29, 32 ]
2926426	CGGTTTATCCCGCTGGCGCGGGGAACAC	TAAAACACCGGTTGCGCAACCTCCGCGGGGAT [ 29, 32 ]
2926487	CGGTTTATCCCGCTGGCGCGGGGATCGG	TTTATCCCGCTGGCGCGGGGAT [ 29, 23 ]
2926539	CGGTTTATCCCGCTGGCGCGGGGAACAC	

Repeats: 7 Average Length: 29 Average Length: 30

**#----- predicted by CRISPRFinder**

```
#####
# Program: Crispr Finder Program
# Author: Ibtissem GRISSA
# Rundate (GMT): 16/11/2006 15:27:24
# Report_file: /var/www/crispr/databases/Output/220341/NC_003198/NC_003198_1
#####
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#####
#
# Sequence: NC_003198
# Description: Salmonella enterica subsp. enterica serovar Typhi str. CT18, complete genome
# Length: 4809037
# Id: gi|16758993|ref|NC_003198.1|
#
#####
# Crispr Rank in the sequence: 1
# Crispr_begin_position: 2926182      Crispr_end_position: 2926515
# DR: CGGTTTATCCCCGCTGGCGCGGGGAACAC  DR_length: 29  Number_of_spacers: 4
Spacer_begin_position  Spacer_length  Spacer_sequence
      2926211           32  GGACAGCAACCCGTGTCGGATATCAGACAGAT
      2926272           32  ACGCGAATCGCCAATCGCCGCCGCGTGAATTG
      2926333           32  CCACGATGTATGCCGACCGTGATTTTTACCGC
      2926394           32  AGATACGCCTTTACGTCGCCCTCTTTGGCGCG
      2926455           32  TAAAACACCGGTTGCGCAACCTCCGCGGGGAT
#####
#####

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**Additional File S6. Reduction in the repeat identity in *E. coli* K-12 DH10B chromosome (array beginning at 2,969,028) identifies additional repeat and spacer in CRISPRDetect web application.**

**#----- CRISPRDetect initial output**

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Array 1 2969028-2968265      **** Predicted by CRISPRDetect 2.1 ***
>gi|170079663|ref|NC_010473|-Escherichia coli str. K-12 substr. DH10B chromosome, complete      Array_Orientation: Reverse

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Position	Repeat	%id	Spacer	Repeat_Sequence	Spacer_Sequence	Insertion/Deletion
2969028	29	100.0	32	.....	CTTTCGCAGACGCGCGGATACGCTCACGCA	
2968967	29	100.0	32	.....	CAGCCGAAGCCAAAGTGATGCCGAACACGCT	
2968906	29	100.0	32	.....	GGCTCCCTGTCGGTTGTAATTGATAATGTTGA	
2968845	29	100.0	33	.....	TTGGATCGGGTCTGGAATTTCTGAGCGGTTCGC	
2968783	29	100.0	33	.....	CGAATCGCGCATACCTGCGGTCGCCGCTGC	
2968721	29	100.0	32	.....	TCAGCTTTATAAATCCGAGATACGGAACTA	
2968660	29	96.6	32	.....A.....	GACTCACCCGAAAGAGATTGCCAGCCAGCTT	
2968599	29	100.0	32	.....	CTGCTGGAGCTGGCTGCAAGGCAAGCCGCCA	
2968538	29	100.0	32	.....	GGGGCGCATGACCGTAAACATTATCCCCGG	

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2968477      29  100.0   32  ..... GGAGTTCAGACATAGGTGGAATGATGGACTAC
2968416      29   93.1   32  .....TT..... CCGGGTAGCCAGGTTTGAACGCCTGAACCGA
2968355      29   96.6   32  .....A..... GCAACGACGGTGAGATTCACGCCTGACGCTG
2968294      29   89.7    0  .T.....AT..... |
=====
13          29   98.2   32  GAGTTCGCCGCGCCAGCGGGGATAAACCG
# Left flank :  AAGAATTAGCTGATCTTTAATAATAAGGAAATGTTACATTAAGGTTGGTGGGTTGTTTTTATGGGAAAAATGCTTTAAGAACAAATGTATACTTTTAGA
# Right flank :  GGCGCACTGGATGCGATGATGGATATCACTTGGAGTTCCCCCGCCTCTGCGGTAGAACTCCAGCTCCCATTTTCAAACCCATCAAGACGCCTTCGCCAA

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**#--- CRISPRDetect output (partial output) [after reducing the repeat identity to 55% from the default 80%, and using dynamic search]**

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Array 3 2969028-2968205      **** Predicted by CRISPRDetect 2.1 ***
>NC_010473|Escherichia-coli str. K-12 substr. DH10B chromosome, complete      Array_Orientation: Reverse

Position      Repeat      %id  Spacer  Repeat_Sequence      Spacer_Sequence      Insertion/Deletion
=====
2969028      29  100.0   32  ..... CTTTCGCAGACGCGCGGCATACGCTCACGCA
2968967      29  100.0   32  ..... CAGCCGAAGCCAAAGGTGATGCCGAACACGCT
2968906      29  100.0   32  ..... GGCTCCCTGTGCGTTGTAATTGATAATGTTGA
2968845      29  100.0   33  ..... TTGGATCGGGTCTGGAATTTCTGAGCGGTGCG
2968783      29  100.0   33  ..... CGAATCGCGCATAACCTGCGCGTCGCCGCTGC
2968721      29  100.0   32  ..... TCAGCTTTATAAATCCGGAGATACGGAACTA
2968660      29   96.6   32  .....A..... GACTCACCCGAAAGAGATTGCCAGCCAGCTT
2968599      29  100.0   32  ..... CTGCTGGAGCTGGCTGCAAGGCAAGCCGCCA
2968538      29  100.0   32  ..... GGGGGCGCATGACCGTAAACATTATCCCCCGG
2968477      29  100.0   32  ..... GGAGTTCAGACATAGGTGGAATGATGGACTAC
2968416      29   93.1   32  .....TT..... CCGGGTAGCCAGGTTTGAACGCCTGAACCGA
2968355      29   96.6   32  .....A..... GCAACGACGGTGAGATTCACGCCTGACGCTG
2968294      29   89.7   32  .T.....AT..... GGCGCACTGGATGCGATGATGGATATCACTTG
2968233      28   69.0    0  .....CT.T...T-.G..CT.C |
=====
14          29   96.1   32  GAGTTCGCCGCGCCAGCGGGGATAAACCG
C [2968220]

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**Additional File S7. A. An example of array extension in *Leptospira interrogans* serovar Lai str. 56601 chromosome I, array beginning at 3,163,253.**

**#----- predicted by PILER-CR**

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Array 1
>NC_004342

Pos      Repeat      %id  Spacer  Left flank      Repeat      Spacer
=====
3163253      39   97.4   32  AATAAAATGC      .....C.      GTTCTGATTTTTTCTTTTCTTCTTTTGTTA
3163324      39  100.0   32  CCTTTGTTA      .....      CCCACGATACTACCTGTCAGACCGTGCCCGGA
3163395      39   97.4   32  CGTGCCCGGA      .....G.      ACTCCTCGA
=====
3          39          32  TCTGAATATAACTTTGATGCCGTTAGGCGTTGAGCACAC

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#----- predicted by CRISPRDetect (partial output)

```

Array 2 3163253-3163504          **** Predicted by CRISPRDetect 2.1 ***
>gi|294827553|ref|NC_004342|-Leptospira interrogans serovar Lai str. 56601 chromosome I,          Array_Orientation: Forward

  Position      Repeat      %id  Spacer  Repeat_Sequence          Spacer_Sequence          Insertion/Deletion
  =====
  3163253       37    100.0   34  ..... CCGTTCTGATTTTTTCTTTTCCTTCCTTTTGTTA
  3163324       37    100.0   34  ..... ACCCCACGATACTACCTGTGACACCGTGCCCGGA
  3163395       37    100.0   34  ..... GCACTCCTCGAACTGGTAAAACTACCGATGCTCG
  3163466       37     89.2    0  C.....T..A.T |          G [3163493]
  =====
  4             37     97.3   34  TCTGAATATAACTTTGATGCCGTTAGGCGTTGAGCAC

# Left flank : AACATGAAAAATAACGATAAAAAACGATATACTTGTCTCTCCTTTGAAAACACTCATATCCACAATTTATGCTTATAAAAGCCATTTAAATAAAATGC
# Right flank : GAAGAGAAGATTTGTTTTGGCCCAAATTGTTTCGCACCAACCGTGCAAACGGATAAAATGTAGGAACTACTACTTTTTTCGAAAAACAGTACTTTGTTCAA

# Questionable array : NO          Score: 5.14
#   Score Detail : 1:1, 2:0, 3:0, 4:0.86, 5:0, 6:1, 7:0.68, 8:0.6, 9:1,
#
#   Score Legend : 1: cas, 2: likely_repeat, 3: motif_match, 4: overall_repeat_identity, 5: one_repeat_cluster, 6: exp_repeat_length, 7:exp_s
#   pacer_length, 8: spacer_identity, 9: log(total repeats) - log(total mutated repeats),
# Primary repeat : TCTGAATATAACTTTGATGCCGTTAGGCGTTGAGCAC
# Alternate repeat : NA

# Directional analysis summary from each method:
#   Motif ATGAAA(N) match prediction: NA Score: 0/4.5
#   A,T distribution in repeat prediction: NA [Repeat is AT rich:56.76%AT]
#   Reference repeat match prediction: NA
#   Secondary Structural analysis prediction: F [-7.60,-3.60] Score: 0.37/0.37
#   Array degeneracy analysis prediction: F [0-5] Score: 0.41/0.41
#   AT richness analysis in flanks prediction: F [71.7-61.7]%AT Score: 0.27/0.27
#   Longer leader analysis prediction: R [366,995] Score: 0.18/0.18
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#   Final direction: F [1.05,0.18 Confidence: HIGH]

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**S7B Array extension by joining closely spaced arrays in *Myxococcus fulvus* HW-1 chromosome, array beginning at 2,683,776.** PILER-CR predicted two CRISPRs with the same representative repeat 'GTCGCTCCCCGTGAACGCGGGGAGCGTGGGTTGAAAC' separated by 520 bases. Since PILER-CR and CRT do not support providing any specific gap parameter to join closely spaced array, no further analysis was possible. Providing a higher maximum spacer length of 520 had no effect on the outcome. More detailed analysis using

CRISPRDetect revealed additional repeats and spacers within this 520 base long region. Using the program defaults, both CRISPRDetect and CRISPRFinder, successfully identified a longer CRISPR array instead of two shorter one. However, the array predicted by CRISPRFinder only had 80 repeats, whereas the array predicted by CRISPRDetect contained 104 repeats.

#---- predicted by PILER-CR

Array 9  
>NC\_015711

Pos	Repeat	%id	Spacer	Left flank	Repeat	Spacer
2683776	37	100.0	36	CGCGGAAATC	.....	CTTCCACCACTGCCAATGCGCCGCTGGGCACCATTTC
2683849	37	97.3	34	GGCACCATTTC	.....T.....	GCGTCGGCCTCCAGCGAGTCGGGCAGCAGGAGAA
2683920	37	100.0	32	AGCAGGAGAA	.....	GCCATGCAGTGGCTGGAGGAGTTCGTCCTGCC
2683989	37	100.0	34	TCGTCCCTGCC	.....	CCTCGCCACCCTCCGCCAAATTTGCCACC GCGTG
2684060	37	100.0	32	CCACCGCGTG	.....	ACCGTGGACGGCCGCAACTGGTGCCTGCAC
2684129	37	100.0	35	TGCCCTGCAC	.....	AAGTCTCCGTGTTCTCCATGTCGCTTCCCGCCTG
2684201	37	100.0	37	TTCCCGCCTG	.....	CCATGACGCTGCCCCCTCGCGGGCCTCGAGCCCGAT
2684275	37	100.0	35	CGAGCCCGAT	.....	ACCACCTGTGCGCTTTGGTGGTTCGGCGTAGTGGAT
2684347	37	100.0	32	CGTAGTGGAT	.....	GTCACCCACAGCCTGCCAGCGGGCGCCACCTG
2684416	37	100.0	33	GCGCCACCTG	.....	ACCCTGGAGGTCGTAGGTCGAACCTCAAGCCGA
2684486	37	100.0	34	TTCAAGCCGA	.....	AAGGGCAGCCGTCCGCGCGCTGTCCACCACGGCCT
2684557	37	100.0	35	ACCACGGCCT	.....	CCTCCTCCTGGAGGGCGGGTGAATAGCCTGCGCG
2684629	37	100.0	33	AGCCTGCGCG	.....	TTCGAACTGCGCGACCGGCGGTGCAGTTCACC
2684699	37	100.0		GCAGTTCACC	.....	TGGCACTGCC
14	37		34		GTCGCTCCCCGTGAACGCGGGGAGCGTGGGTGAAAC	

Array 10  
>NC\_015711

Pos	Repeat	%id	Spacer	Left flank	Repeat	Spacer
2685256	37	100.0	35	ACCACGGCCT	.....	CCTCCTCCTGGAGGGCGGGTGAATAGCCTGCGCG
2685328	37	100.0	33	AGCCTGCGCG	.....	TTCGAACTGCGCGACCGGCGGTGCAGTTCACC
2685398	37	100.0	35	GCAGTTCACC	.....	TGGCACTGCGCCTTGACCTCCGAGGCTTGAAGGT
2685470	37	100.0	33	GCTTGAAGGT	.....	CCCTGACGCTGCCCCCTCGCGGGCCTCGGGCC
2685540	37	100.0	34	GCCTCGGGCC	.....	AGCGGGCCGAACATCGCCCCGCTGCGGGCGCTT
2685611	37	100.0	32	CCGGGCGCTT	.....	ACCGTCACCGAGGTTATCCCACCGCTCCCCAC
2685680	37	100.0	34	CGCTCCCCAC	.....	GCGGGAATCATTACCGACCCGATGGTGTCCCGG
2685751	37	100.0	32	GGTGTCCCGG	.....	GCAACATCCAGGTGAAGCCCGGCGGAAATC
2685820	37	100.0	34	CGCGGAAATC	.....	AAGATGACGACACCGCAGCGGGCGCACGTCTGCT
2685891	37	100.0	36	CACGCTGTGCT	.....	CTTCCACCACTGCCAATGCGCCGCTGGGCACCATTTC
2685964	37	97.3	34	GGCACCATTTC	.....T.....	GCGTCGGCCTCCAGCGAGTCGGGCAGCAGGAGAA
2686035	37	100.0	35	AGCAGGAGAA	.....	TGGTGGATGTGGTGGTTCGACGCGTCCGGCACCCG
2686107	37	100.0	35	CCGGCACCCG	.....	GTAATCATCCGCTGGCCGCCCTTCCAGCGCAG

2686179	37	100.0	32	TCCAGCGCAG	.....	CGCAACACGCCGATCCTCACGCTCGGAAGAA
2686248	37	100.0	36	TCGCGAAGAA	.....	GCTTCCTGCGAGACAACGACTCGGACCCGATCCCCA
2686321	37	100.0	35	CCGATCCCCA	.....	CAGCTCCAGCGCACCGTCCGGTTATCGCTCCGGCC
2686393	37	100.0	34	CGCTCCGGCG	.....	GCGGGCGGTTCGATGAACACCTGATTGCCGAACCC
2686464	37	100.0	34	TGCCGAACCC	.....	CGGTCTCCCTTCGCGGTCCGGAGGAGAAGGGGCC
2686535	37	100.0	32	AGAAGGGGCC	.....	ATAGGGCCTGGGGAGCCATGGGCCCTTGAAGC
2686604	37	100.0	32	CCCTTGAAGC	.....	ATAGGGCCTGGGGAGCCATGGGCCCTTGAAGC
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2686742	37	100.0	32	CCCTTGAAGC	.....	ATAGGGCCTGGGGAGCCATGGGCCCTTGAAGC
2686811	37	100.0	34	CCCTTGAAGC	.....	CGTGGTTTCGGGGCGGCGCAGGTGGCTCCCGAC
2686882	37	100.0	34	GGCTCCCGAC	.....	GCGCGATAGACGCTCATGGCCGTCTCGTCGTGGT
2686953	37	97.3	34	TCGTTCGTGGT	.....T.....	GCGCGATAGACGCTCATGGCCGTCTCGTCGTGGT
2687024	37	97.3	34	TCGTTCGTGGT	.....T.....	GCGCGATAGACGCTCATGGCCGTCTCGTCGTGGT
2687095	37	100.0	35	TCGTTCGTGGT	.....	ACATGGCTGACGGGCTTCGCGCGGACGCGGTGTG
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2687586	37	97.3	33	AAATCCTGGT	.....T.....	GGCATCAGCAACGCCGGTGTCTCGAATGCG
2687656	37	94.6	36	CTCGAATGCG	.....A.....A.....	GTCCTCTGCGGTTTACGTAGCCCAGCACCTTGCC
2687729	37	94.6	36	GCACCTTGCC	.....T.....A.....	ACCCGTGCCAGCGTTCGAGGCCCGCCTGGGCGGGTAC
2687802	37	97.3	36	GGCGGGGTAC	.....A.....	GTCCTCTGCGGTTTACGTAGCCCAGCACCTTGCC
2687875	37	100.0		GCACCTTGCC	.....	CGAGTGAGCA
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38	37		33			GTGCTCCCCGTGAACGCGGGGAGCGTGGGTTGAAAC

**#---- predicted by CRISPRFinder (the sets of identical spacers shown in red, green and blue are identical to each other)**

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# Program: Crispr Finder Program
# Author: Ibtissem GRISSA
# Rundate (GMT): 23/8/2013 1:43:22
# Report_file: /var/www/html/CRISPR/Server/.tmp/Output/139.80.26.223_Aug_21_2013_06_06_13/tmp_1/tmp_1_Crispr_4
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#=====
#
# Sequence: tmp_1
# Description:
# Length: 9003593
# Id: NC_015711
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#=====
# Crispr Rank in the sequence: 5
# Crispr_begin_position: 2682223          Crispr_end_position: 2687911
# DR: GTCGCTCCCCGTGAACGCGGGGAGCGTGGGTTGAAAC   DR_length: 37   Number_of_spacers: 79
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2682260	38	GTCACCCACAGCCTGCCAGCGGGCCACCGGGCGCTT
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2682445	34	AGCGGGCCGAACATCGCCCGGCTGCCGGGCGCTT
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2682587	35	CCTCCTCCTGGAGGGCGGGGTGAATAGCCTGCGCG
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2683957	32	GCCATGCAGTGGCTGGAGGAGTTCGTCTGCC



2684026	34	CCTCGCCACCCTCCGCCAAATTTGCCACCGCGTG
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2687483      33  CGCCGACCGGGAGCGGGCCATGGAATCCTGGT
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2687839      36  GTCCTCTGCGCGTTTACAGTAGCCCAGCACCTTGCC

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**#----- predicted by CRISPRDetect (partial output) (using default parameters)**

Array 6 2680594-2687986 \*\*\*\* Predicted by CRISPRDetect 2.1 \*\*\*  
>NC\_015711|Myxococcus-fulvus HW-1 chromosome, complete genome. Array\_Orientation: Forward

Position	Repeat	%id	Spacer	Repeat_Sequence	Spacer_Sequence	Insertion/Deletion
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2680594	37	100.0	35	.....	CTCTGCAGATGATGCAGTGGGCGGTGGCGGGCTT	
2680666	37	100.0	33	.....	TCTGGATGCGGAGCCGCTGGCATGACGTAGGCC	
2680736	37	100.0	35	.....	CTCTGCAGATGATGCAGTGGGCGGTGGCGGGCTT	
2680808	37	100.0	33	.....	TCTGGATGCGGAGCCGCTGGCATGACGTAGGCC	
2680878	37	100.0	34	.....	CGGTGCGCGTCCACACGTAGTCGTGCCACCACC	
2680949	37	100.0	32	.....	ACCGTCACCGAGGTTATCCCACCGTCCCCAC	
2681018	37	100.0	34	.....	GCGGGAATCATTACCAGCCCGCATGGTGTCCCGG	
2681089	37	100.0	32	.....	GCAACATCCAGGTGAAGCCCGCGCGGAATC	
2681158	37	100.0	34	.....	AAGATGACGACACCCGAGCGGGCGCACGTCTGCT	
2681229	37	100.0	36	.....	CTTCCACCACTGCCAATGCGCCGCTGGGCACCATTC	
2681302	37	97.3	34	.....T.....	GCGTCGGCCTCCAGCGAGTCGGGCAGCAGGAGAA	
2681373	37	100.0	35	.....	TGGTGGATGTGGTGGTTCGACGCGTCCGGCACCCG	
2681445	37	100.0	35	.....	GTAATCATCCGCTGGCCGCCGCCCTTCCAGCGCAG	
2681517	37	100.0	32	.....	CGCAACACGCCGATCCTCACGCTCGCGAAGAA	
2681586	37	100.0	36	.....	GCTTCTGCGAGACAACGACTCGGACCCGATCCCCA	
2681659	37	100.0	35	.....	CAGCTCCAGCGCACCGTCCGGTTATCGCTCCGGCG	
2681731	37	100.0	37	.....	GGTGGCGGCACCCGCCACTGGGCGACGCTGGAAATG	
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2681876	37	100.0	34	.....	GCGCGATAGACGCTCATGGCCGCTCTCGTCGTGGT	
2681947	37	100.0	34	.....	GCGGGCGGTCGATGAACACCTGATTGCCGAAACC	
2682018	37	100.0	37	.....	CCATGACGCTGCCCCCTCTCGCGGGCCTCGAGCCCGAT	
2682092	37	100.0	22	.....	ATCGCCCGGCTGCCGGGCGCTT	Deletion [2682151]
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2685820	37	100.0	34	.....	AAGATGACGACACCCGAGCGGGCGCACGTCGCT
2685891	37	100.0	36	.....	CTTCCACCACTGCCAATGCGCCGCTGGGCACCATT
2685964	37	97.3	34	.....T.....	GCGTCGGCCTCCAGCGAGTCGGGCAGCAGGAGAA
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# Right flank :   GCATTAGCGAGCTTGAGTTGGCAGGCCGTTGGGGGAGTGCCTCCTCGTGGCCGCTTGGCCCGTATGGGCATCCAGTGGCCGTTTCTGTTGAGCCGACA

# Questionable array : NO Score: 0.62
# Score Detail : 1:0, 2:0, 3:0, 4:0.97, 5:0, 6:1, 7:0.65, 8:-3, 9:1,
# Score Legend : 1: cas, 2: known_repeat, 3: motif_match, 4: overall_repeats_identity, 5: minimum_2_identical_repeats, 6: model_repeat_length, 7:spacer_lengths, 8:
spacer_identity, 9: log(no_of_perfect_repeats),
# Primary repeat :   GTCGCTCCCCGTGAACGCGGGGAGCGTGGGTTGAAAC
# Alternate repeat :   NA

# Directional analysis summary from each method:
#   Motif ATGAAA(N) match prediction:      NA Score: 0/4.5
#   A,T distribution in repeat prediction:  NA [6,6] Score: 0.37/0.37
#   Reference repeat match prediction:      NA
#   Secondary Structural analysis prediction: F [-12.10,-10.40] Score: 0.37/0.37
#   Array degeneracy analysis prediction:    F [1-14] Score: 0.41/0.41
#   AT richness analysis in flanks prediction: NA [40.0-35.0]%AT Score: 0/0.27
#   Longer leader analysis prediction:      NA [184,367] Score: 0/0.18
#   -----
#   Final direction:      F [0.78,0] Confidence: HIGH]

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**S7C Example of array splitting due to non-identification of a propagating mutation in a CRISPR array.** The CRISPR array from position 856227 to 857471 in the *Pyrobaculum neutrophilum* V24Sta chromosome contains mutation in the middle of the repeat (repeat no 12) that propagated to the next 6 repeats (up to repeat number 18). This event was not handled correctly by PILER-CR, which divided the array into two shorter ones with the following two representative repeats. As shown in the following alignment, both the

repeats are almost identical (except the bases shown in red) and should be predicted as a single array. CRISPRDetect uses methods like dynamic search to handle cases like this, which can adapt changes within an array. In the dynamic search method, instead of a fixed representative repeat, the closest repeat is used as the representative repeat during array extension. This ensures a better representation of the array as well as improves the array quality score.

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Representative repeat1:  GAATCTCAAGTTGAGGATTGAAAG
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Representative repeat2:  GAATCTCAAAGAGAGGATTGAAAG
  
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**#----- predicted by PILER-CR**

Array 4

>gi|171184485|ref|NC\_010525.1|Pyrobaculumneutrophilum V24Sta chromosome, complete

Pos	Repeat	%id	Spacer	Left flank	Repeat	Spacer
856227	24	100.0	48	AGAAGACCCA	.....	CGATCAGCTTGACGATCGTGGAGTGATTACCGACTTCTGCTCCTCGG
856299	24	100.0	45	TGCTCCTCGG	.....	CGTAGTGGTAATCTCTAATCTCTAATGATGTCCTCATCTCCA
856368	24	100.0	42	TCATTCTCCA	.....	CTTCATGACCGCATTAATATATATCGGGTCTTGCAATTGCTAC
856434	24	100.0	41	GCATTGCTAC	.....	CCTCGAGGAAGGCGTGGGGATCCCTGGCCAGCAGCTCAGCC
856499	24	100.0	42	CAGCTCAGCC	.....	TTTAACCGCAGAACTTGTCGATAACTGAAAAACGGGGTTG
856565	24	100.0	45	AACGGGGTTG	.....	TTGTACTCTTATAGAAACGTATTGTGGCCACCTTACGGCGGAGTG
856634	24	100.0	44	CGGCGGAGTG	.....	CAGTCTCCGCGGATGCTTGTGCATCGTTGCGGCGCCGACAACCTCA
856702	24	100.0	41	CGACAACCTCA	.....	ATCTTCACAGCGTAGTACACCTGCGTGTGGCTGAGGGAGAG
856767	24	100.0	38	TGAGGGAGAG	.....	CGTCTAGGACGAGGGGCACTATCATTATGCGCCTGTCC
856829	24	100.0	43	GCGCCTGTCC	.....	CTCAGCTTGTAGACGTTCTCCATGTATTATCGATATAGTACA
856896	24	100.0		ATATAGTACA	.....	CTCCACCA
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
11	24		42		GAATCTCAAGTTGAGGATTGAAAG	

Array 5

>gi|171184485|ref|NC\_010525.1|Pyrobaculumneutrophilum V24Sta chromosome, complete

Pos	Repeat	%id	Spacer	Left flank	Repeat	Spacer
856966	24	95.8	48	CATGTATTGG	.....A.....	CAAATACATGTAATACGTTGCAGTATTCTTATACAGCCTACTCTTTAC
857038	24	95.8	43	TACTCTTTAC	.....A.....	AATTGCCCCACGACTTGGGGGAGAGAAACGGCGGCGTGGGGT
857105	24	100.0	45	GCGTGGGGT	.....	AGGAGAGCGGCGTCGACGACGTCGCCCTTCCGGGAACTTGGGA
857174	24	95.8	54	GAACTTGGGA	.....A.....	ATAACATCCATAAGGTTTATTGGTGTGCGAATGGCACCTCTTCATTGGGCAGA
857252	24	100.0	41	ATTGGGCGAGA	.....	TCCACCACAGACCCGTAATTGTATACCACCGGAATACCT
857317	24	100.0	43	GCGAATACCT	.....	ATCTGTATATGCGCCAACCTGTCAATAAGCGGGTCTGCGTTTT
857384	24	95.8		TCTGCGTTTT	.....G.....	TGCACCGGAA
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#----- Predicted by CRISPRDetect (partial output) [array extension without using the Dynamic search method]

Array 5 856227-857472 \*\*\*\* Predicted by CRISPRDetect 2.1 \*\*\*  
 >gi|171184485|ref|NC\_010525|-Pyrobaculum neutrophilum V24Sta chromosome, complete genome. Array\_Orientation: Forward

Position	Repeat	%id	Spacer	Repeat_Sequence	Spacer_Sequence	
Insertion/Deletion						
856227	24	100.0	48	.....	CGATCAGCTTGACGATCGTGGAGTGTATTACCGACTTCTGCTCCTCGG	
856299	24	100.0	45	.....	CGTAGTGGTAATCTCTAATCTCTAATGATGTCCTCATTCTCCA	
856368	24	100.0	42	.....	CTTCATGACCGCATTAAATATATCGGGGTCTTGCAATTGCTAC	
856434	24	100.0	41	.....	CCTCGAGGAAGGCGTGGGGATCCCTGGCCAGCAGCTCAGCC	
856499	24	100.0	42	.....	TTTAACCGCAGAACTTGTCGATAACTGAAAAACGGGGTTG	
856565	24	100.0	45	.....	TTGTACTCTTATAGAAACGTATTGTGGCCACCTACGGCGGAGTG	
856634	24	100.0	44	.....	CAGTCTCGCGGATGCTGTGCATCGTTCGGCGCCGACAACCTCA	
856702	24	100.0	41	.....	ATCTTACAGCGTAGTACACCTGCGTGTGGCTGAGGGAGAG	
856767	24	100.0	38	.....	CGTCTAGGACGAGGGGCACTATCATTATGCGCCTGTCC	
856829	24	100.0	43	.....	CTCAGCTTGTAGACGTTCTCCATGTATTCATCGATATAGTACA	
856896	24	100.0	46	.....	CTCCACCAACGTCCTTATCTCTTTTAGGCATATTTCCATGTATTGG	
856966	24	87.5	48	.....AAA.....	CAAATACATGTAATACGTTGCAGTATTCTTATACAGCCTACTCTTTAC	
857038	24	87.5	43	.....AAA.....	AATTGCCCCACGACTTGGGGGAGAGAAACGGCGCGCTGGGGGT	
857105	23	91.7	45	.....-A.....	AGGAGAGCGGCGTCGACGACGTCGCCCTTCCGGGGAACCTGGGA	A [857112]
857174	24	87.5	54	.....AAA.....	ATAACATCCATAAGGTTTATTGGTCGTGCGAATGGCACCTCTCATTGGGCAGA	
857252	23	91.7	41	.....-A.....	TCCACCACAGAGCCCGTAATTGTATACCACCGCAATACCT	A [857259]
857317	23	91.7	43	.....-A.....	ATCTGTATATGCGCCAACCTGTCAATAAGCGGGTCTGCGTTTT	A [857324]
857384	23	91.7	40	.....-A.....	TGCACCGAATGCACCGAAAACCTACACTGTGCCCTGA	G [857391]
857448	24	95.8	0	.....T.....		
19	24	96.1	44	GAATCTCAAGTTGAGGATTGAAAG		

#----- Predicted by CRISPRDetect [array extension using the Dynamic search method]

Array 5 856227-857471 \*\*\*\* Predicted by CRISPRDetect 2.1 \*\*\*  
 >gi|171184485|ref|NC\_010525.1|Pyrobaculum neutrophilum V24Sta chromosome, complete genome Array\_Orientation: Unconfirmed

Position	Repeat	%id	Spacer	Repeat_Sequence	Spacer_Sequence
Insertion/Deletion					
856227	24	100.0	48	.....	CGATCAGCTTGACGATCGTGGAGTGTATTACCGACTTCTGCTCCTCGG
856299	24	100.0	45	.....	CGTAGTGGTAATCTCTAATCTCTAATGATGTCCTCATTCTCCA

856368	24	100.0	42	.....	CTTCATGACCGCATTAAATATATCGGGGTCTTGCAATTGCTAC
856434	24	100.0	41	.....	CCTCGAGGAAGGCGTGGGGATCCCTGGCCAGCAGCTCAGCC
856499	24	100.0	42	.....	TTTAACCGCAGAACTTGTGATAACTGAAAAACGGGGTTG
856565	24	100.0	45	.....	TTGTACTCTTATAGAAACGTATTGTGGCCACCTTACGGCGGAGTG
856634	24	100.0	44	.....	CAGTCTCCGCGGATGCTTGTGCATCGTTCGGCGCCGACAACCTCA
856702	24	100.0	41	.....	ATCTTCACAGCGTAGTACACCTGCGTGTGGCTGAGGGAGAG
856767	24	100.0	38	.....	CGTCTAGGACGAGGGGCACTATCATTATGCGCCTGTCC
856829	24	100.0	43	.....	CTCAGCTGTAGACGTTCTCCATGTATTCATCGATATAGTACA
856896	24	100.0	46	.....	CTCCACCAACGTCCTTATCTCTTTTAGGCATATTTCCATGTATTGG
856966	24	87.5	48	.....AAA.....	CAAATACATGTAATACGTTGCAGTATTCTTATACAGCCTACTCTTTAC
857038	24	87.5	43	.....AAA.....	AATTGCCCCACGACTTGGGGGAGAGAAACGGCGGCGTGGGGGT
857105	24	87.5	45	.....AGA.....	AGGAGAGCGGCGTCGACGACGTCCGCCCTTCCGGGGAACCTGGGA
857174	24	87.5	54	.....AAA.....	ATAACATCCATAAGGTTTATTGGTCGTGCGAATGGCACCTCTTCATTGGGCAGA
857252	24	87.5	41	.....AGA.....	TCCACCACAGAGCCCGTAATTGTATACCACCGGAATACCT
857317	24	87.5	43	.....AGA.....	ATCTGTATATGCGCCAACCTGTCAATAAGCGGGTCTGCGTTTT
857384	24	83.3	40	.....G.AGA.....	TGCACCGGAATGCACCGGAAAACCTACACTGTGCCCTGA
857448	23	83.3	0	.....-T.AG.....	
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=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
19	24	94.3	44	GAATCTCAAGTTGAGGATTGAAAG	

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**Additional File S8A Identification of tandem repeats. The region 982819 to 982966 in the *Bacillus cereus* ATCC 10987 complete genome contains 7 near identical 21 nt long repeats.** This region was predicted as a CRISPR array by CRT but is not detected with a score > - 4.0 by CRISPRDetect. Note that the non-identical columns 3/4 matches at the beginning of the spacer make this appear like a CRISPR. CRISPRDetect has functions and scoring which eliminate such tandem repeats

**#----- predicted by CRT**

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>NC_003909
CRISPR 8   Range: 982851 - 983084
POSITION   REPEAT           SPACER
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982851     GTGGAGAAACAGAAACACCAGGTG   GAGAAACAGAAACACCAGGCGAAGAAACAGAGAAACCAG   [ 24, 39 ]
982914     GTGAAGAAACAGAAAAGCCAGGTG   AGGAAACAGAAAAGCCAGGCGAAGAGACAGGAAAACCGG   [ 24, 39 ]
982977     GTGAAGAAACAGAGAAACCAGGTG   AAGAGACAGGAAAACCGG   [ 24, 18 ]
983019     GTGAAGAAACAGAGAAGCCAGGTG   AAGAGACAGGAACATCAG   [ 24, 18 ]
983061     GTGAAGAAACAGAGAAGCCAGGTG
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Repeats: 5   Average Length: 24   Average Length: 28
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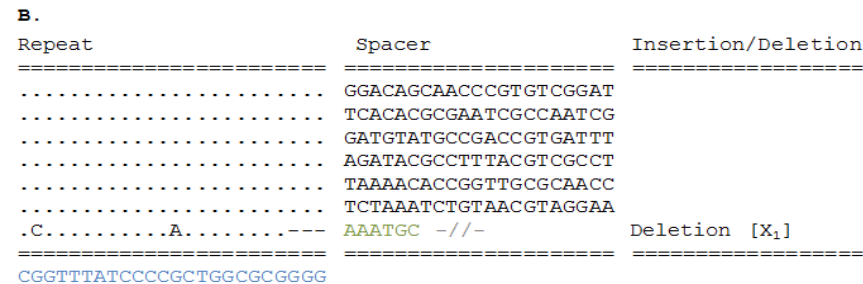
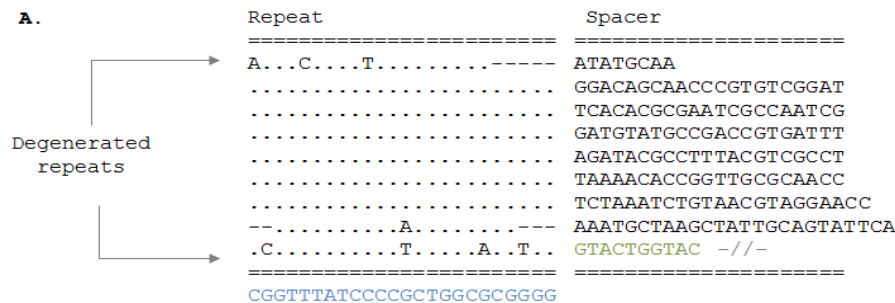
**S8B Example of multiple identical spacers in an array.** CRISPRs often contains multiple identical spacers together with non-identical spacers, as shown in the example CRISPR of *Methanocaldococcus jannaschii* DSM 2661 chromosome. The spacers in red are identical.

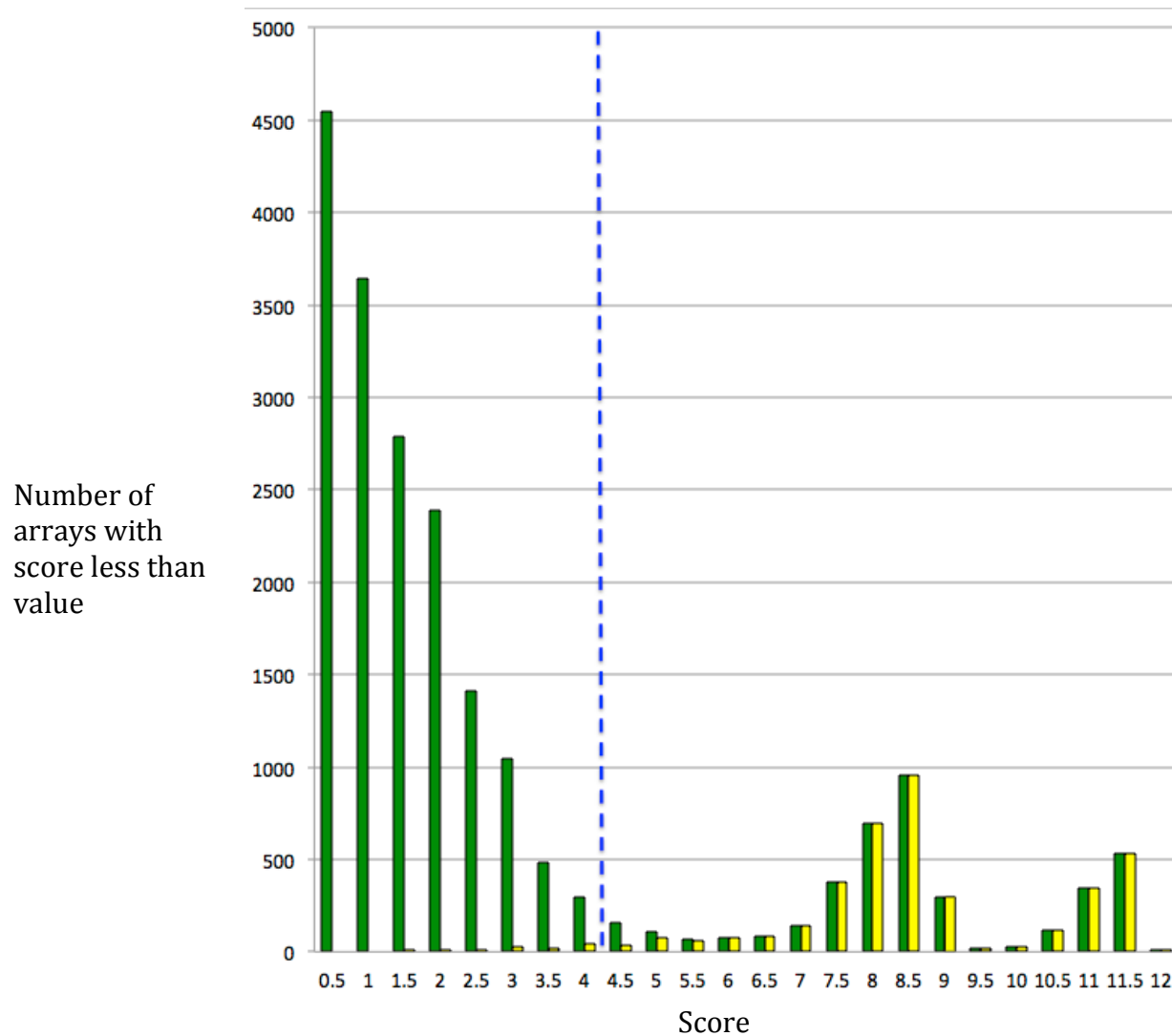
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Array 4 236564-238185   **** Predicted by CRISPRDetect 2.1 ****
>gi|15668172|ref|NC_000909|-Methanocaldococcus jannaschii DSM 2661 chromosome, complete genome.   Array_Orientation: Forward
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Position	Repeat	%id	Spacer	Repeat_Sequence	Spacer_Sequence
236564	30	100.0	42	.....	GATATTATTAACAACATAATCAGTGTAAATGTATAGATATG
236636	30	100.0	36	.....	ATTTGATGATTTGGTGGATTATACAAATAGAAATTA
236702	30	100.0	39	.....	TACTGTTAAATATTCAGATTTATTAATCAGTTATTTCCCT
236771	30	100.0	38	.....	GATTTTCTTATGTTTAAATCCCTTATGAACGCTCGGAT
236839	30	100.0	36	.....	TCTTTATCTCTTTACAGTATCGTATCTTAATTTT
236905	30	100.0	51	.....	TTTTCAACAAGCATTCTAACAAGTTTGGAGGTAATACTGCAACAATTTCA
236986	30	93.3	38	G.....C	GTGATTGTAGAATTCTCATCTTCTTCTTGGGAGAGCCG
237054	30	100.0	38	.....	GATTGGATGAGGGATATATCCAAAACATAAAAGGATTG
237122	30	100.0	37	.....	CTGTTAGGGAACCCATAAAAGGTTCCCTTGAGGGTTC
237189	30	100.0	37	.....	CTGTTAGGGAACCCATAAAAGGTTCCCTTGAGGGTTC
237256	30	100.0	37	.....	CTGTTAGGGAACCCATAAAAGGTTCCCTTGAGGGTTC
237323	30	100.0	37	.....	CTGTTAGGGAACCCATAAAAGGTTCCCTTGAGGGTTC
237390	30	100.0	37	.....	CTGTTAGGGAACCCATAAAAGGTTCCCTTGAGGGTTC
237457	30	100.0	37	.....	CTGTTAGGGAACCCATAAAAGGTTCCCTTGAGGGTTC

237524	30	100.0	37	.....	CTGTTAGGGAACCCATAAAAGGTTCCCTTGAGGGTTC
237591	30	100.0	43	.....	TCATTTGCATCATTTGTGCTGGGTCTGGCTGACTCTGTGTGTC
237664	30	96.7	35	.....T.....	TTCTTGGAAATTGCTAAGTGGTTTATGCATAGTTGC
237729	30	100.0	37	.....	ATGAGATTCAATTCCTTTGATCGAGGGCGATAGAGGTTTC
237796	30	100.0	39	.....	GAATTTTTCGCACACGGCTACATCTAATAAACAGATTTC
237865	30	100.0	38	.....	GATGAAAAGAAAGCAATTGAAACAGCTATTATAACTTA
237933	30	100.0	47	.....	ATACCATTAACAATTTTCATATATCTGTTTTTGTATTCAATCTTTTT
238010	30	96.7	46	.....G	CATAGATTATTTTAAAGCTGTTTTTTGGATTTTCTAATTTTAAATT
238087	30	93.3	38	.....G..C	AATGTTCTAAATTCTCCTTGTAAATTCCTAATGTTGT
238155	30	96.7	0	.....A.....	
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24	30	99.0	39	ATTAAATCAGACCGTTTCGGAATGGAAAT	C [238039]

**Additional File S9 Schematic of removal of degenerated repeats at either end of CRISPRs. A. Before refinement. B. After refinement.** The repeats with degeneracy above the cutoff are removed from either end, producing a CRISPR with higher quality score. This function is useful in predicting arrays, which could be otherwise excluded due to a poor quality score. Once the quality score is checked, and an array is identified to be a potential CRISPR, the CRISPRDetect pipeline will try to extend the arrays both ends with lower identity cutoff, to make the degenerated repeats be shown in the final output.





**Additional file S10. Frequency counts for all predictions from CRISPRDetect.** Only the scores above 0 are shown (these are included in CRISPRBank). Arrays with poor scores (<4.0 blue dotted line) would be flagged as 'questionable' in the output. Scores for CRISPRs with known repeats are shown as yellow bars, a match to these repeats adds additional +3 resulting in high scores.