

Supplementary Figures

Fig 1. Raw HHpred server output for a) residues 1-191 containing the OB fold and b) residues 479-776, containing the β -lactamase-like nuclease domain, of *B. subtilis* ComEC.

a)

No Hit		Prob	E-value	P-value	Score	SS	Cols	Query	HMM	Template	HMM
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	3kdf_D	Replication protein A 3	79.5	14	0.00038	25.2	7.7	64	77-142	33-97 (132)
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	3au7_A	TIAS, putative uncharac	77.8	11	0.0003	31.6	7.6	62	77-139	286-348 (402)
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	3kf6_A	Protein STN1; OB fold,	71.0	29	0.0008	24.6	9.1	66	77-144	49-116 (159)
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	4gn4_B	Obody AM2EP06; beta bar	68.5	26	0.00072	23.0	7.1	64	77-142	21-88 (108)
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	4gnx_B	Putative uncharacterize	65.0	35	0.00096	23.2	7.5	65	77-142	38-102 (136)
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	2pi2_A	Replication protein A 3	60.9	47	0.0013	25.9	7.7	63	78-142	74-137 (270)
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	1c0a_A	Aspartyl tRNA synthetas	58.8	58	0.0016	28.7	8.6	69	77-147	17-86 (585)
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	4wj4_A	Aspartate--tRNA(Asp/Asn	55.2	53	0.0015	29.0	7.8	69	77-147	26-95 (599)
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<input type="checkbox"/>	10	1sr3_A	APO-CCME; OB fold, beta	52.9	66	0.0018	22.6	9.5	56	77-139	30-88 (136)
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	3m4p_A	Ehasnrs, asparaginy1-tR	51.0	1.1E+02	0.003	25.9	8.8	72	77-149	32-109 (456)
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<input type="checkbox"/>	32	4j15_A	Aspartate--tRNA ligase,	23.1	4.2E+02	0.012	22.9	9.0	68	77-147	79-149 (521)

b)

<input type="checkbox"/>	1	2bib_A	CBPE, teichoic acid pho	100.0	4.2E-33	1.2E-37	264.4	28.0	245	16-281	1-297 (547)
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<input type="checkbox"/>	39	3iek_A	Ribonuclease TTHA0252;	99.8	5.1E-18	1.4E-22	156.4	13.9	214	21-265	1-249 (431)
<input type="checkbox"/>	40	3bk2_A	RNase J, metal dependen	99.8	3.7E-17	1E-21	155.2	20.1	211	15-267	11-272 (562)
<input type="checkbox"/>	41	1ycg_A	Nitric oxide reductase;	99.8	3.5E-18	9.6E-23	155.6	12.5	202	31-263	36-283 (398)
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<input type="checkbox"/>	43	4ad9_A	Lactb2, beta-lactamase-	99.7	2E-17	5.4E-22	144.4	13.4	171	28-229	29-213 (289)
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<input type="checkbox"/>	45	4c1d_A	Beta-lactamase class B	99.7	9.9E-17	2.7E-21	136.2	14.0	167	31-236	45-241 (242)
<input type="checkbox"/>	46	5a0t_A	Ribonuclease J; hydrola	99.7	8.3E-16	2.3E-20	146.0	21.8	209	18-267	16-266 (561)
<input type="checkbox"/>	47	2az4_A	Hypothetical protein EF	99.7	1.8E-16	5E-21	146.0	16.7	210	16-266	2-282 (429)
<input type="checkbox"/>	48	4eyb_A	Beta-lactamase NDM-1; m	99.7	2.6E-17	7.3E-22	142.0	10.0	181	2-219	15-253 (270)
<input type="checkbox"/>	49	2i7x_A	Protein CFT2; polyadeny	99.7	4E-17	1.1E-21	158.6	11.8	215	21-277	1-249 (717)
<input type="checkbox"/>	50	1vjn_A	Zn-dependent hydrolase	99.7	6.2E-17	1.7E-21	135.7	11.3	173	18-258	10-195 (220)

Fig 2. Raw DALI scores for a) the chosen final model, encompassing residues 72-167 of *B. subtilis* ComEC (see Fig 3B) and b) the top cluster centroid model for residues 72-172. Each is the top cluster centroid resulting from contact-assisted (PconsC2/bbcontacts predictions) *ab initio* Rosetta modelling.

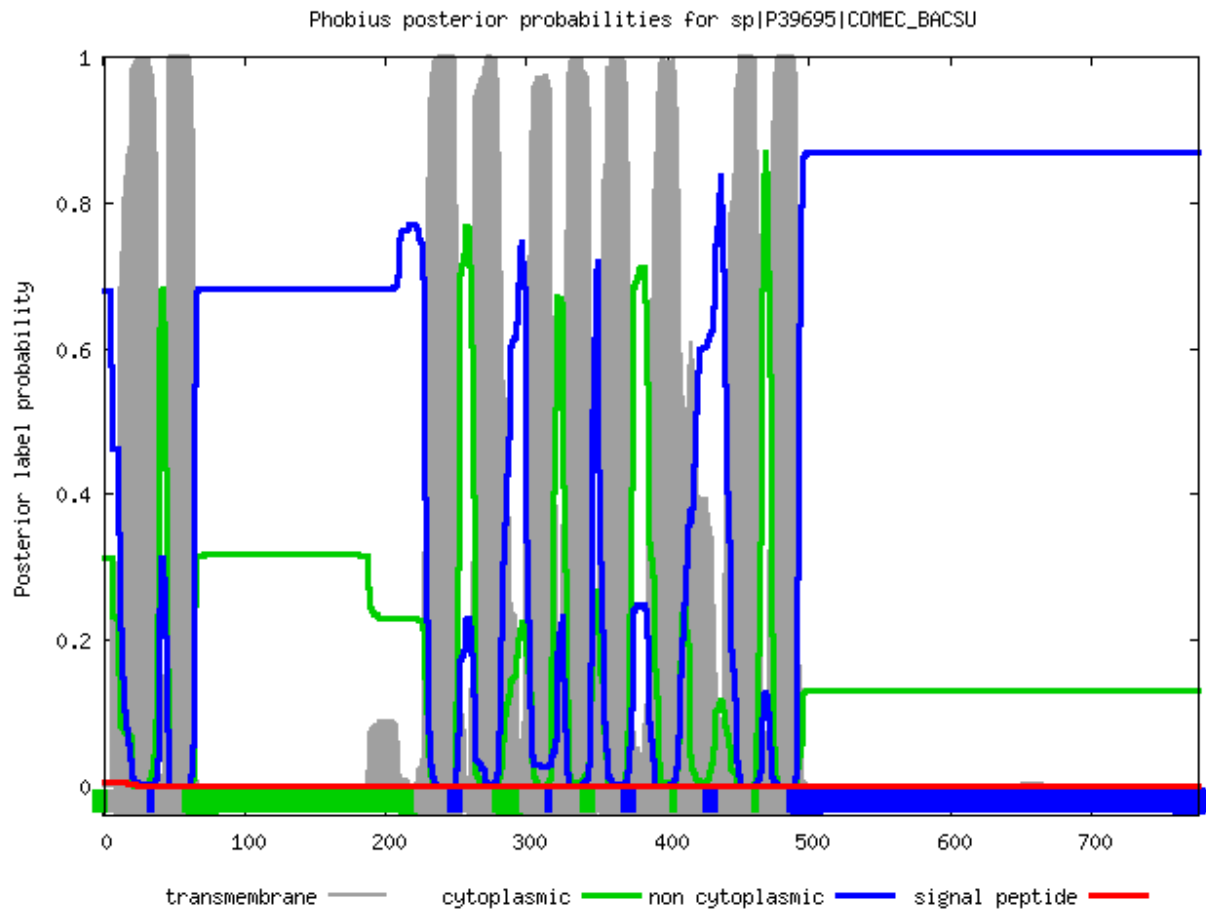
a)

No:	Chain	Z	rmsd	lali	nres	%id	PDB	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	1:	4apv-A	8.2	2.4	76	97	8 PDB	MOLECULE: PRIMOSOMAL REPLICATION PROTEIN N;
<input type="checkbox"/>	2:	1woc-B	8.1	2.5	79	99	6 PDB	MOLECULE: PRIMOSOMAL REPLICATION PROTEIN N;
<input type="checkbox"/>	3:	1woc-D	7.9	2.4	78	99	6 PDB	MOLECULE: PRIMOSOMAL REPLICATION PROTEIN N;
<input type="checkbox"/>	4:	3afq-A	7.8	2.5	77	105	12 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRANDED DNA-BINDING PROTEIN;
<input type="checkbox"/>	5:	1z9f-A	7.8	2.1	75	89	7 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRAND BINDING PROTEIN;
<input type="checkbox"/>	6:	1woc-A	7.8	2.6	79	99	6 PDB	MOLECULE: PRIMOSOMAL REPLICATION PROTEIN N;
<input type="checkbox"/>	7:	1x3f-B	7.8	2.5	78	115	10 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRAND BINDING PROTEIN;
<input type="checkbox"/>	8:	3f2c-A	7.7	2.2	75	993	7 PDB	MOLECULE: GEOBACILLUS KAUSTOPHILUS DNA POLC;
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:	1x3e-B	7.7	2.6	79	119	11 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRAND BINDING PROTEIN;
<input type="checkbox"/>	10:	2pnh-B	7.7	2.3	73	94	7 PDB	MOLECULE: PRIMOSOMAL REPLICATION PROTEIN N;
<input type="checkbox"/>	11:	4ycw-B	7.7	2.6	75	502	8 PDB	MOLECULE: LYSINE--TRNA LIGASE;
<input type="checkbox"/>	12:	4ycw-A	7.7	2.8	76	502	8 PDB	MOLECULE: LYSINE--TRNA LIGASE;
<input type="checkbox"/>	13:	3f2b-A	7.6	2.2	75	994	7 PDB	MOLECULE: DNA-DIRECTED DNA POLYMERASE III ALPHA CHAIN;
<input type="checkbox"/>	14:	1ue7-C	7.6	2.4	76	98	11 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRAND BINDING PROTEIN;
<input type="checkbox"/>	15:	3afq-C	7.6	2.2	75	105	11 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRANDED DNA-BINDING PROTEIN;
<input type="checkbox"/>	16:	3f2d-A	7.6	2.2	75	993	7 PDB	MOLECULE: 5'-D>(*DCP*DAP*DGP*DTP*DGP*DAP*DGP*DAP*DCP*DGP*DGP
<input type="checkbox"/>	17:	1woc-C	7.6	2.7	79	100	6 PDB	MOLECULE: PRIMOSOMAL REPLICATION PROTEIN N;
<input type="checkbox"/>	18:	2pnh-A	7.6	2.3	75	96	7 PDB	MOLECULE: PRIMOSOMAL REPLICATION PROTEIN N;
<input type="checkbox"/>	19:	2dud-B	7.6	2.5	78	92	8 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRANDED DNA-BINDING PROTEIN;
<input type="checkbox"/>	20:	2ccz-B	7.6	2.7	79	118	8 PDB	MOLECULE: 5'-D(*TP*TP*TP*TP*TP*TP*TP*TP*TP*TP
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<input type="checkbox"/>	22:	3afq-B	7.5	2.6	77	113	10 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRANDED DNA-BINDING PROTEIN;
<input type="checkbox"/>	23:	3eiv-A	7.5	2.2	74	98	12 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRANDED DNA-BINDING PROTEIN 2;
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<input type="checkbox"/>	25:	3koj-A	7.5	2.2	73	89	11 PDB	MOLECULE: UNCHARACTERIZED PROTEIN YCF41;
<input type="checkbox"/>	26:	4dam-D	7.4	2.9	80	109	10 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRANDED DNA-BINDING PROTEIN 1;
<input type="checkbox"/>	27:	4dam-J	7.4	3.0	81	108	10 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRANDED DNA-BINDING PROTEIN 1;
<input type="checkbox"/>	28:	1ue6-C	7.4	2.5	79	106	10 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRAND BINDING PROTEIN;
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<input type="checkbox"/>	31:	1v1q-B	7.4	2.6	79	112	8 PDB	MOLECULE: PRIMOSOMAL REPLICATION PROTEIN N;
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<input type="checkbox"/>	37:	4dam-E	7.2	2.9	80	112	10 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRANDED DNA-BINDING PROTEIN 1;
<input type="checkbox"/>	38:	3k80-D	7.2	2.1	75	101	8 PDB	MOLECULE: ANTIBODY;
<input type="checkbox"/>	39:	3eiv-D	7.2	2.2	73	100	11 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRANDED DNA-BINDING PROTEIN 2;
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<input type="checkbox"/>	42:	1x3g-B	7.2	2.6	78	115	12 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRAND BINDING PROTEIN;
<input type="checkbox"/>	43:	1s3o-B	7.2	2.4	78	104	6 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRANDED DNA-BINDING PROTEIN,
<input type="checkbox"/>	44:	1ue5-B	7.2	2.4	75	109	9 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRAND BINDING PROTEIN;
<input type="checkbox"/>	45:	1txy-A	7.2	2.0	71	92	7 PDB	MOLECULE: PRIMOSOMAL REPLICATION PROTEIN N;
<input type="checkbox"/>	46:	3a5u-B	7.1	2.5	79	112	11 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRANDED DNA-BINDING PROTEIN;
<input type="checkbox"/>	47:	3tqy-D	7.1	2.5	77	98	10 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRANDED DNA-BINDING PROTEIN;
<input type="checkbox"/>	48:	1ue7-D	7.1	2.2	73	95	10 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRAND BINDING PROTEIN;
<input type="checkbox"/>	49:	3klw-B	7.1	2.4	74	90	9 PDB	MOLECULE: PRIMOSOMAL REPLICATION PROTEIN N;
<input type="checkbox"/>	50:	3koj-B	7.1	1.8	69	90	12 PDB	MOLECULE: UNCHARACTERIZED PROTEIN YCF41;

b)

No:	Chain	Z	rmsd	lali	nres	%id	PDB	Description
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<input type="checkbox"/>	3:	2hq1-B	4.5	2.4	70	101	9 PDB	MOLECULE: HYPOTHETICAL PROTEIN MG376 HOMOLOG;
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<input type="checkbox"/>	7:	3pgz-A	4.3	3.1	73	109	7 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRANDED DNA-BINDING PROTEIN;
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<input type="checkbox"/>	10:	3koj-B	4.2	3.2	69	90	6 PDB	MOLECULE: UNCHARACTERIZED PROTEIN YCF41;
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<input type="checkbox"/>	14:	3k8a-B	4.1	3.1	70	103	14 PDB	MOLECULE: PUTATIVE PRIMOSOMAL REPLICATION PROTEIN;
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<input type="checkbox"/>	19:	3fhw-B	4.1	3.2	69	100	7 PDB	MOLECULE: PRIMOSOMAL REPLICATION PROTEIN N;
<input type="checkbox"/>	20:	1s3o-B	4.1	3.1	72	104	10 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRANDED DNA-BINDING PROTEIN,
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<input type="checkbox"/>	24:	1woc-A	4.0	3.7	71	99	7 PDB	MOLECULE: PRIMOSOMAL REPLICATION PROTEIN N;
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<input type="checkbox"/>	26:	1woc-B	4.0	3.8	71	99	7 PDB	MOLECULE: PRIMOSOMAL REPLICATION PROTEIN N;
<input type="checkbox"/>	27:	1s3o-A	4.0	2.9	71	107	10 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRANDED DNA-BINDING PROTEIN,
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<input type="checkbox"/>	29:	3ull-B	4.0	3.1	72	103	8 PDB	MOLECULE: DNA BINDING PROTEIN;
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<input type="checkbox"/>	36:	3nel-A	3.9	3.0	68	439	3 PDB	MOLECULE: ASPARTYL-TRNA SYNTHETASE;
<input type="checkbox"/>	37:	4fdb-A	3.9	3.2	67	95	12 PDB	MOLECULE: PROBABLE PRIMOSOMAL REPLICATION PROTEIN N;
<input type="checkbox"/>	38:	3ulp-C	3.9	3.1	73	116	8 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRAND BINDING PROTEIN;
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<input type="checkbox"/>	40:	3ulp-D	3.9	3.1	73	113	8 PDB	MOLECULE: SINGLE-STRAND BINDING PROTEIN;
<input type="checkbox"/>	41:	3k80-C	3.9	2.9	71	103	13 PDB	MOLECULE: ANTIBODY;
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<input type="checkbox"/>	46:	1wyd-B	3.9	3.0	68	429	1 PDB	MOLECULE: HYPOTHETICAL ASPARTYL-TRNA SYNTHETASE;
<input type="checkbox"/>	47:	1v1q-B	3.9	3.3	74	112	5 PDB	MOLECULE: PRIMOSOMAL REPLICATION PROTEIN N;
<input type="checkbox"/>	48:	2vl6-A	3.9	2.8	70	259	10 PDB	MOLECULE: MINICHROMOSOME MAINTENANCE PROTEIN MCM;
<input type="checkbox"/>	49:	3ull-A	3.9	2.9	71	106	10 PDB	MOLECULE: DNA BINDING PROTEIN;
<input type="checkbox"/>	50:	2vl6-B	3.9	2.8	70	259	10 PDB	MOLECULE: MINICHROMOSOME MAINTENANCE PROTEIN MCM;

Fig.3 Phobius transmembrane helix prediction for *B. subtilis* ComEC



Supplementary Table 1: Numbers of sequences in alignments used by the metapredictor PconsC2 to predict contacts for DUF4131 region of *B. subtilis* ComEC. Figures exclude the query sequence.

E-value	Number of sequences in alignment (HHblits)	Number of sequences in alignment (Jackhmmer)
1	4478	11621
1e-4	2180	11039
1e-10	1262	3028
1e-40	0	93