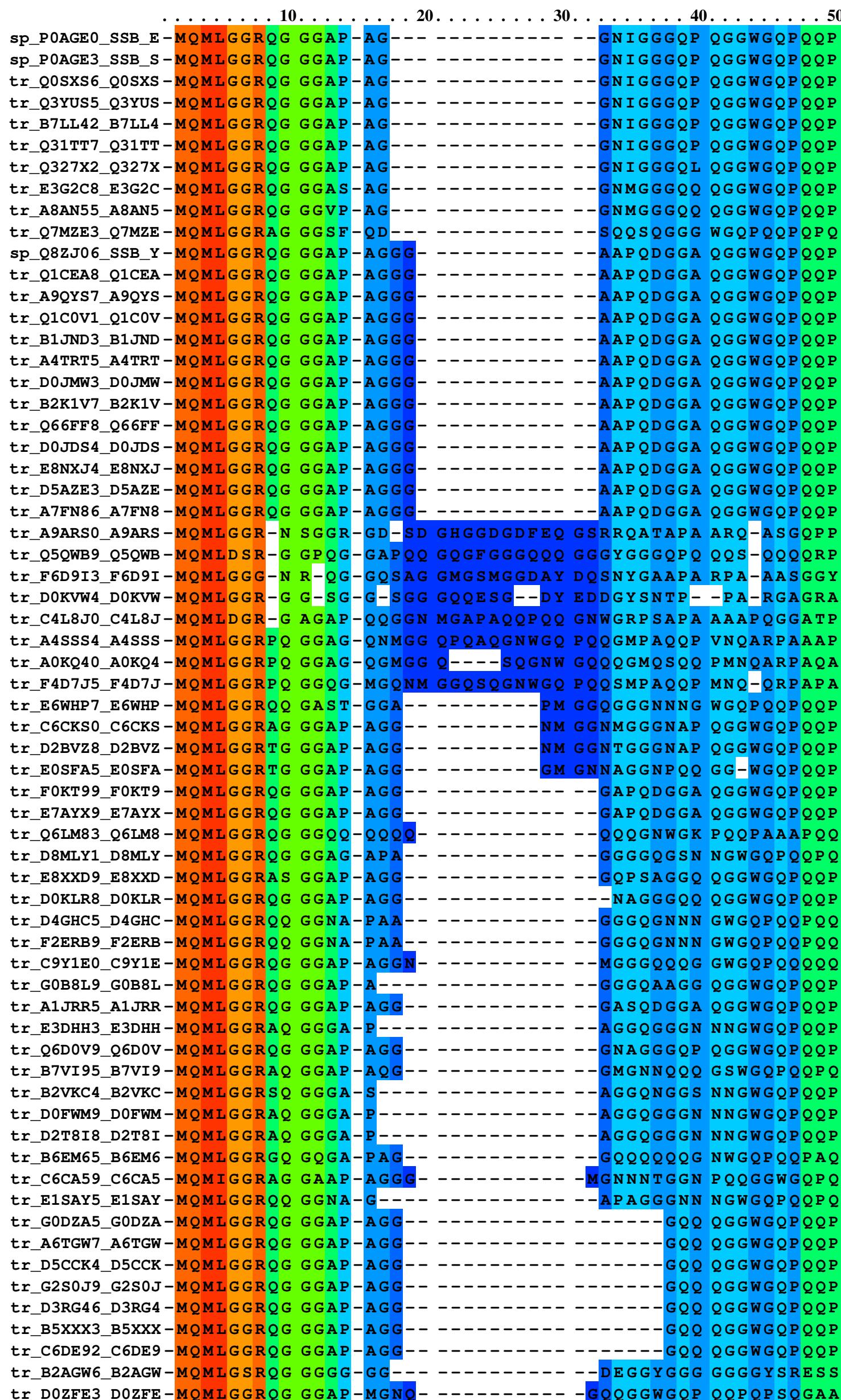
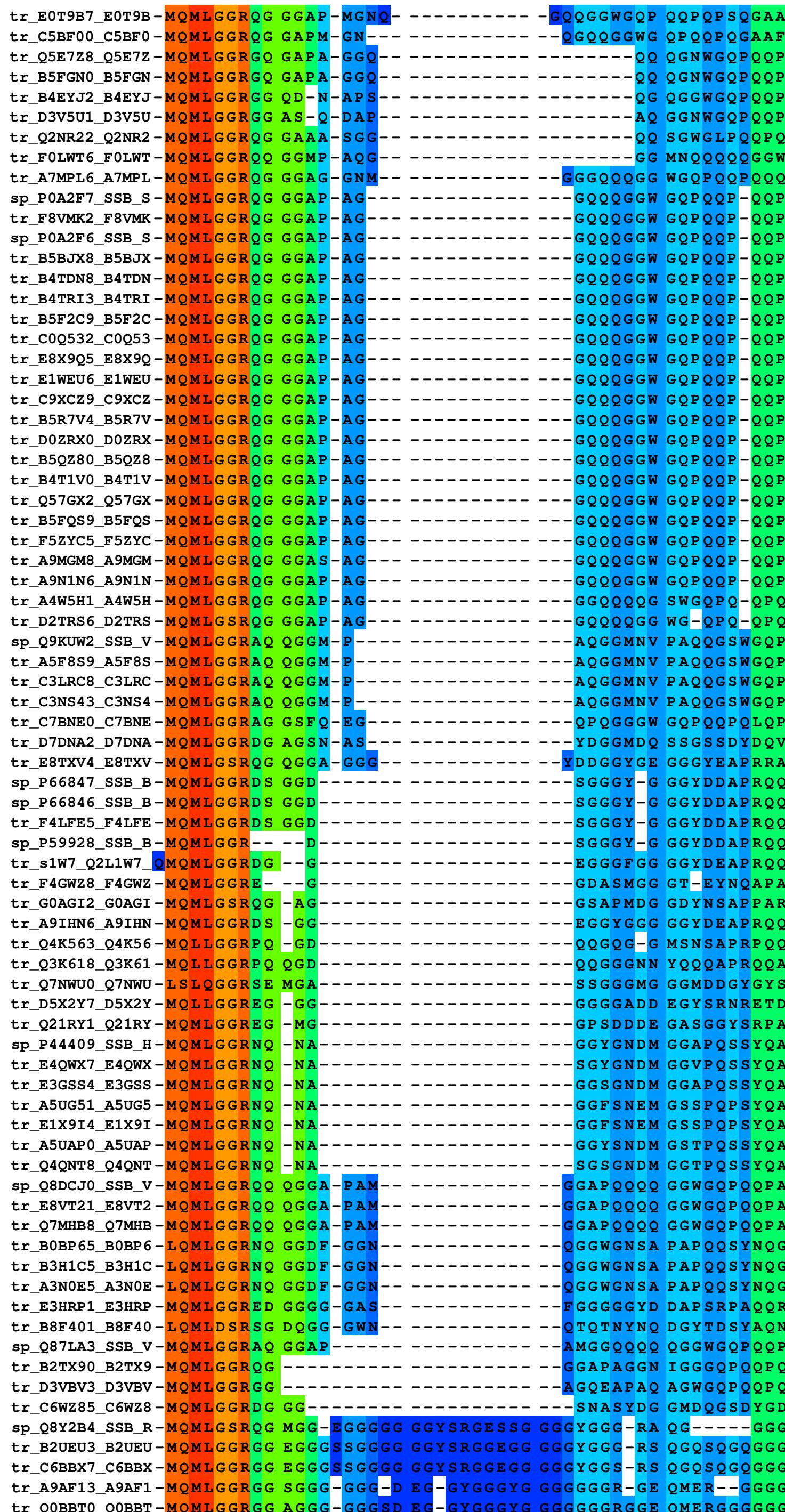
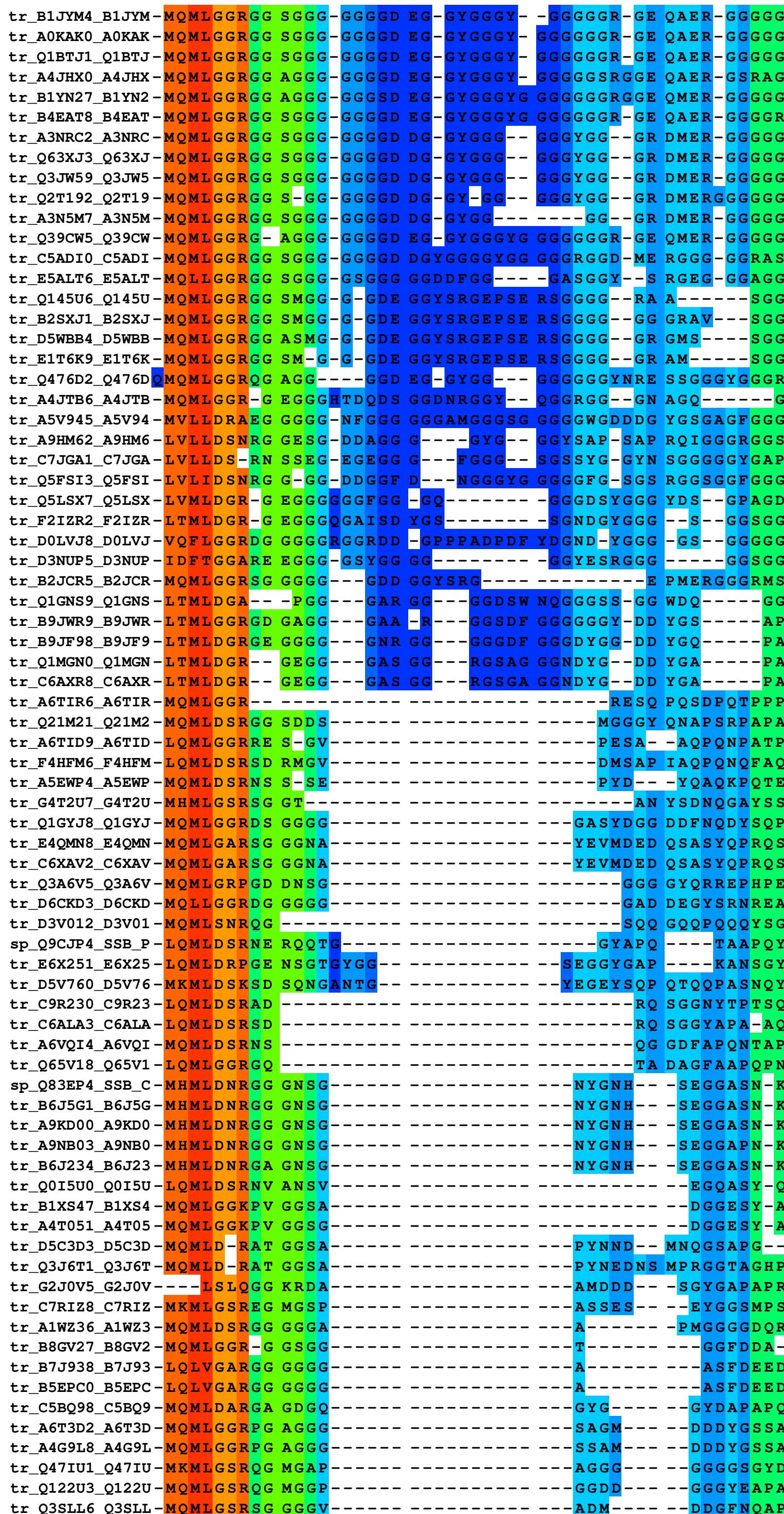


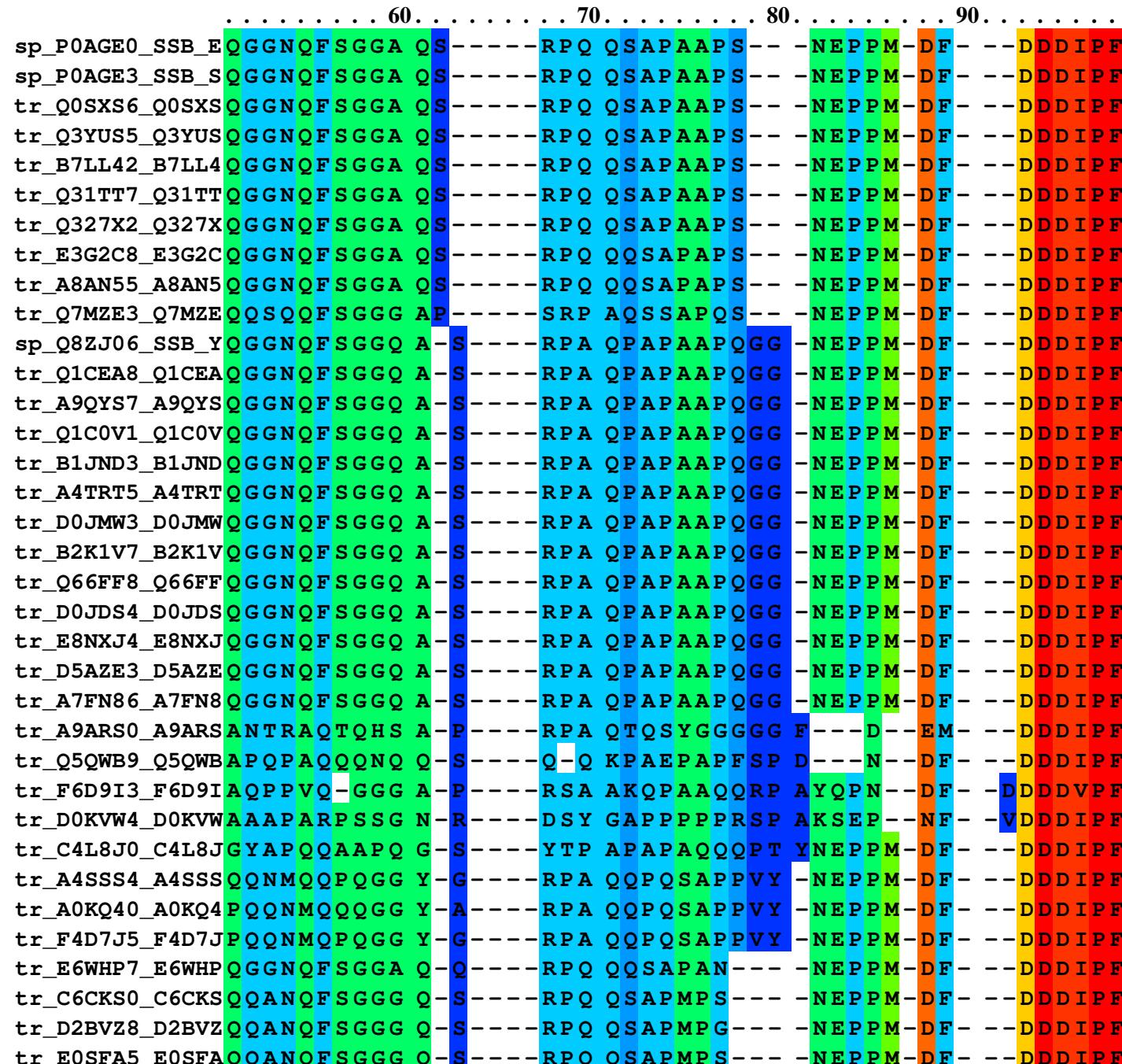
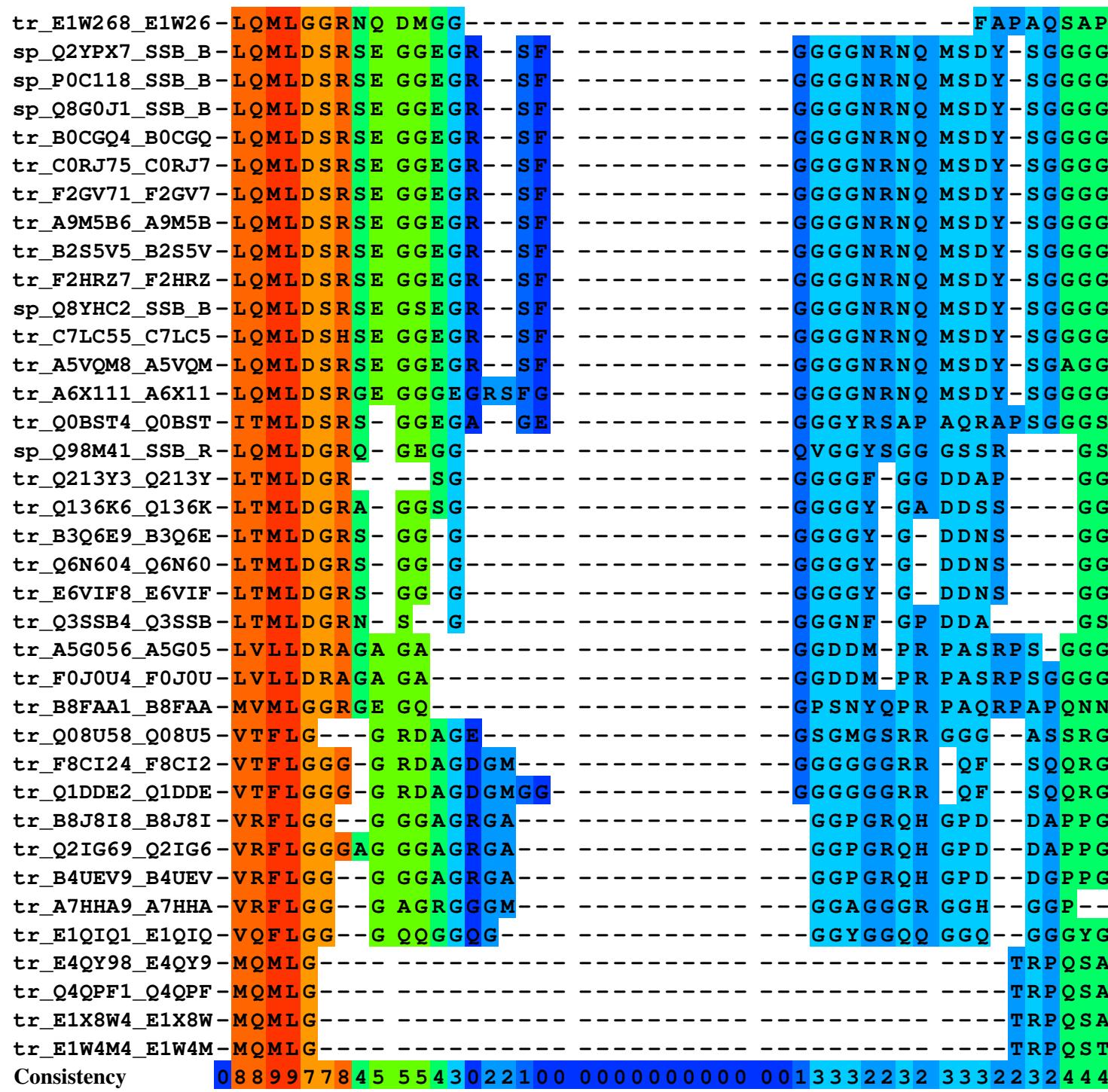
**Supplementary Figure 1. Alignment of the C-terminal domains of 251 Proteobacterial SSB proteins.** The alignment was done using PRALINE (Simossis and Heringa, 2005). The numbers above the sequences correspond to the numbering in the alignment using methionine 110 in the E.coli sequence as position 1. The consistency or conservation score is a value out of 10 and is indicated at the bottom of each sequence group. In the alignments, 10 appears as \* to maintain spacing. In the alignment shown, the sequence of the C-terminus divided into 2 sections with the E.coli SSB (P0AGE0) occurring on the first line of each (pages 1 and midway down on page 4).

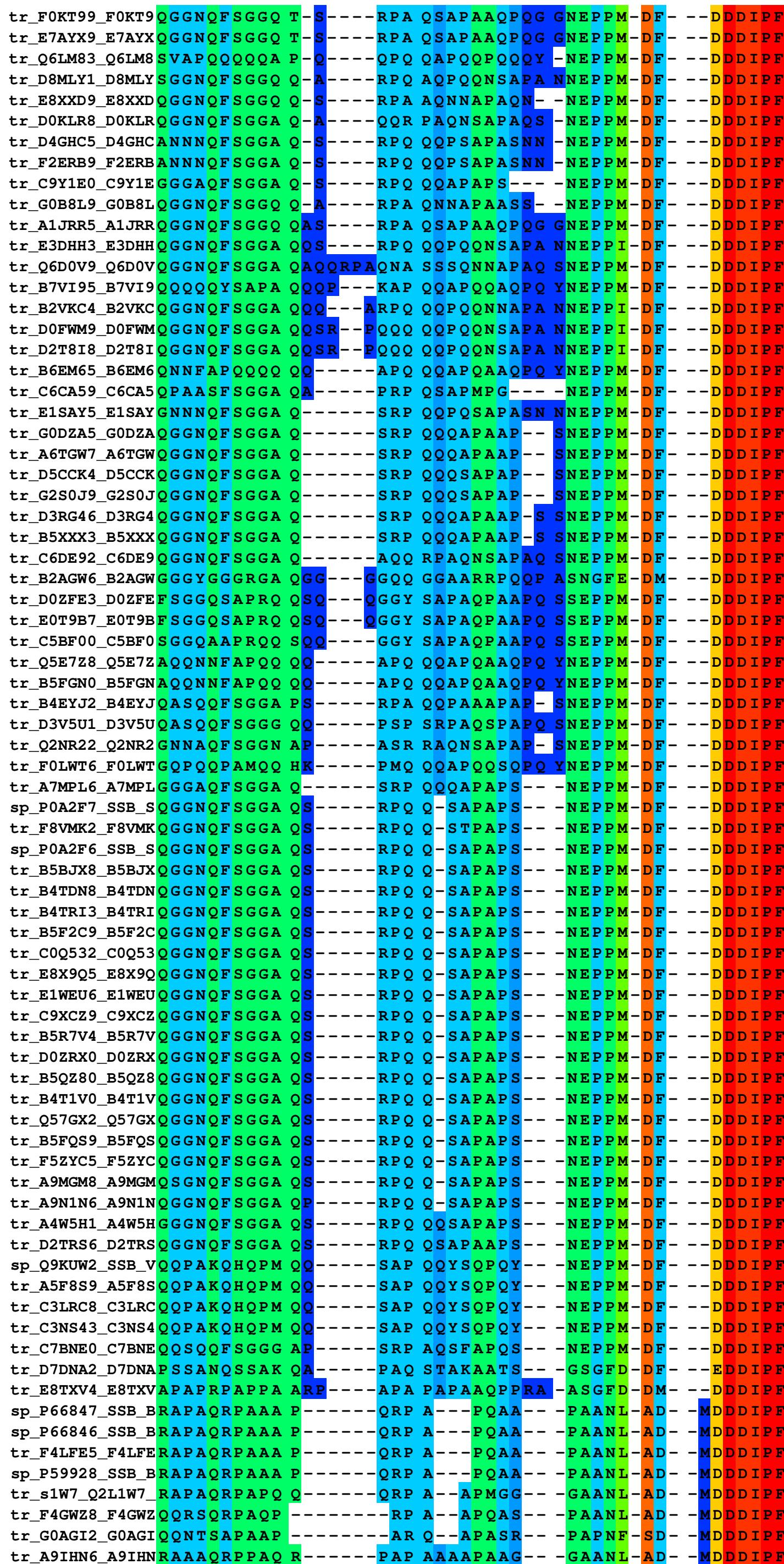
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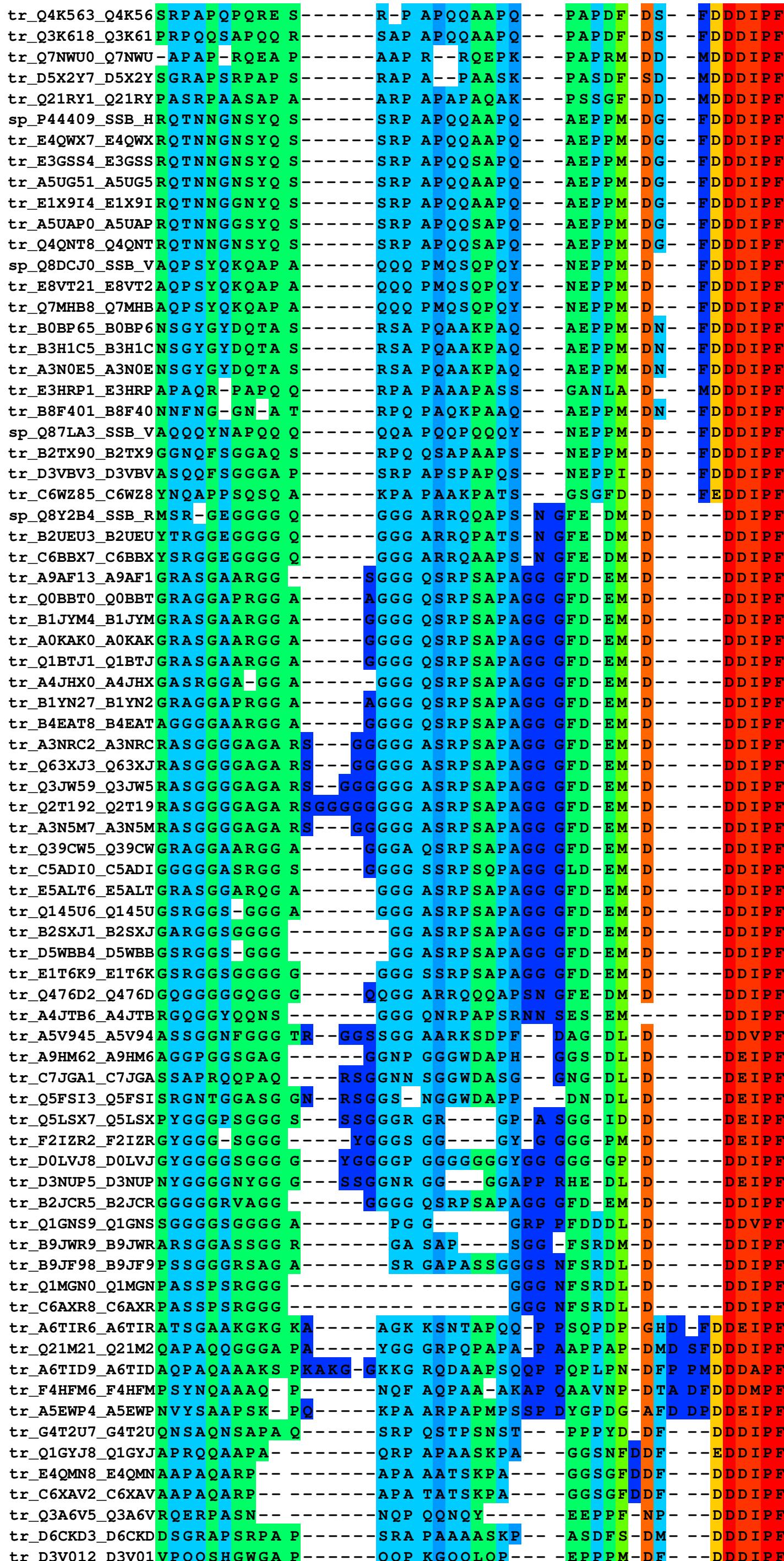












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