

Supplementary Tables

Table S1. List of pPLOT plasmids

Name	Resistance	5' tagging cassette		3' tagging cassette	
		tags	size (kb)	tags	size (kb)
pPLOT- mNG blast-blast	BLAST	Myc ₍₃₎ ::mNeonGreen	2.1	mNeonGreen::Myc ₍₃₎	2.5
pPLOT- mNG neo-neo	NEO	Myc ₍₃₎ ::mNeonGreen	2.5	mNeonGreen::Myc ₍₃₎	2.9
pPLOT- mNG puro-puro	PURO	Myc ₍₃₎ ::mNeonGreen	2.3	mNeonGreen::Myc ₍₃₎	2.7
pPLOT- mCherry phleo-phleo	BLE	Myc ₍₃₎ ::mCherry	2.1	mCherry::Myc ₍₃₎	2.5
pPLOT- mCherry puro-puro	PURO	Myc ₍₃₎ ::mCherry	2.3	mCherry::Myc ₍₃₎	2.7
pPLOT- Halo phleo-phleo	BLE	Myc ₍₃₎ ::Ty::Halo::Ty	2.3	Ty::Halo::Ty::Myc ₍₃₎	2.7
pPLOT- Halo puro-puro	PURO	Myc ₍₃₎ ::Ty::Halo::Ty	2.4	Ty::Halo::Ty::Myc ₍₃₎	2.8
pPLOT-10 Ty puro-puro	PURO	Myc ₍₃₎ ::Ty ₍₁₀₎	2.0	Ty ₍₁₀₎ ::Myc ₍₃₎	2.3
pPLOT- nanoLuc puro-puro	PURO	Myc ₍₃₎ ::Luciferase	2.1	Luciferase::Myc ₍₃₎	2.5
pPLOT- nanoLuc phleo-phleo	BLE	Myc ₍₃₎ ::Luciferase	1.9	Luciferase::Myc ₍₃₎	2.3
pPLOT- BirA* puro-puro	PURO	Myc ₍₃₎ ::BirA*	2.6	BirA*::Myc ₍₃₎	3.0
pPLOT- BirA* phleo-phleo	BLE	Myc ₍₃₎ ::BirA*	2.4	BirA*::Myc ₍₃₎	2.8

Table S2. List of pT plasmids

Name	Resistance	knockout cassette size (kb)
pTBlast	BLAST	1.7
pTNeo	NEO	1.75
pTPuro	PURO	1.8

Table S3. List of expression plasmids for Cas9, T7 RNAP, and adback

Name	Resistance	protein expression	targeting sequences	species
pRM006	HYG	hSpCas9	β-tubulin array	<i>L. major</i>
pTB007	HYG	hSpCas9, T7 RNAP	β-tubulin array	<i>L. major</i>
pTB008	PHLEO	T7 RNAP	SSU rRNA	<i>Leishmania</i> spp.
pTB011	PURO BLAST	hSpCas9	β-tubulin array	<i>T. brucei</i>
pTadd	PHLEO	(experiment-specific)	β-tubulin array	<i>L. major</i>

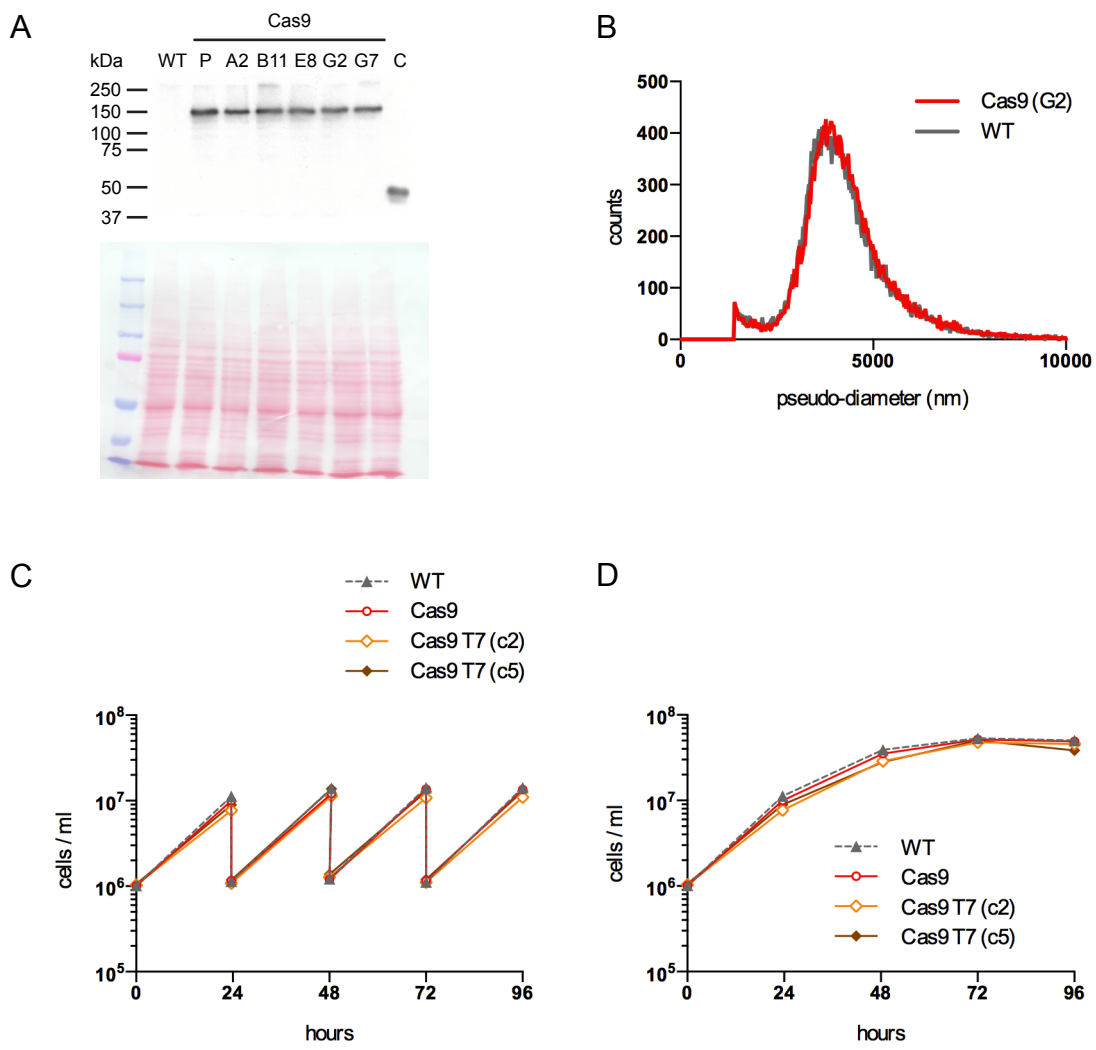


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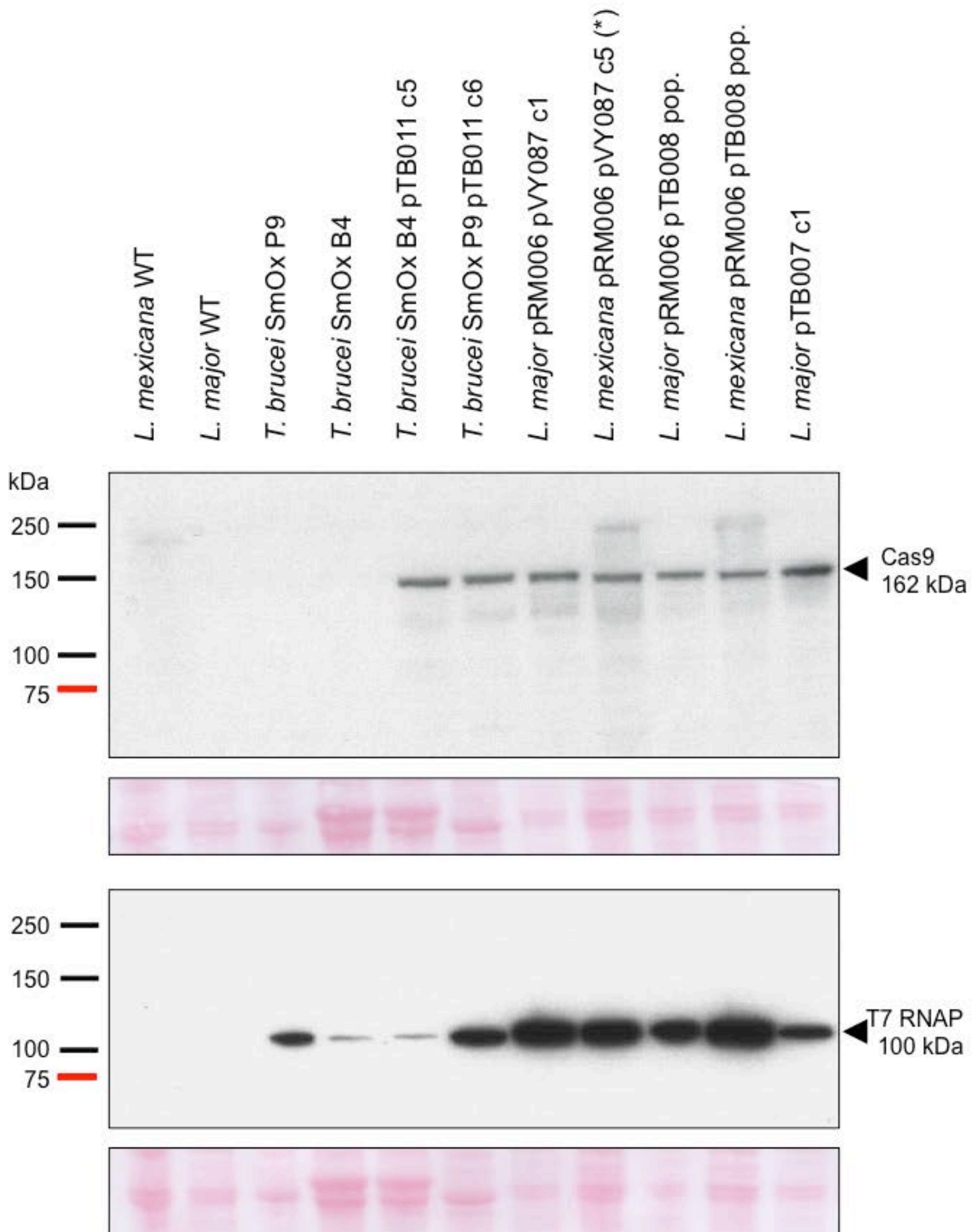
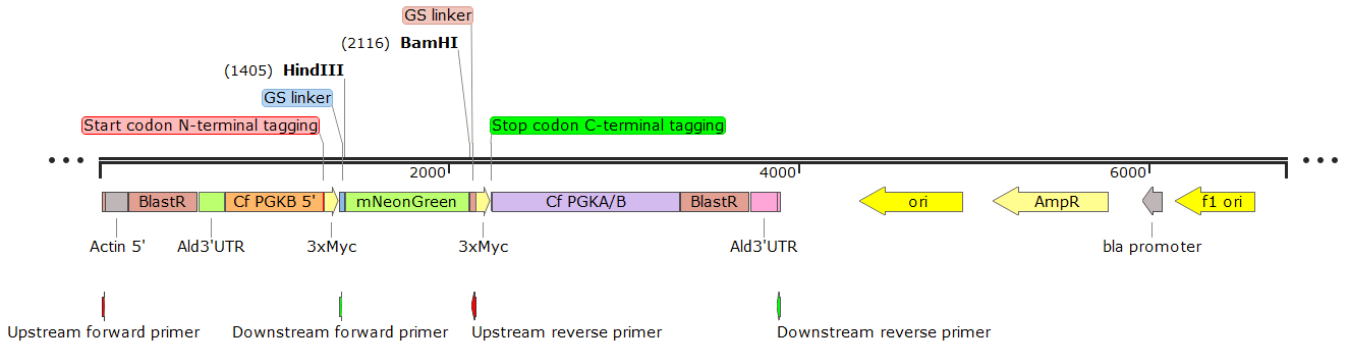
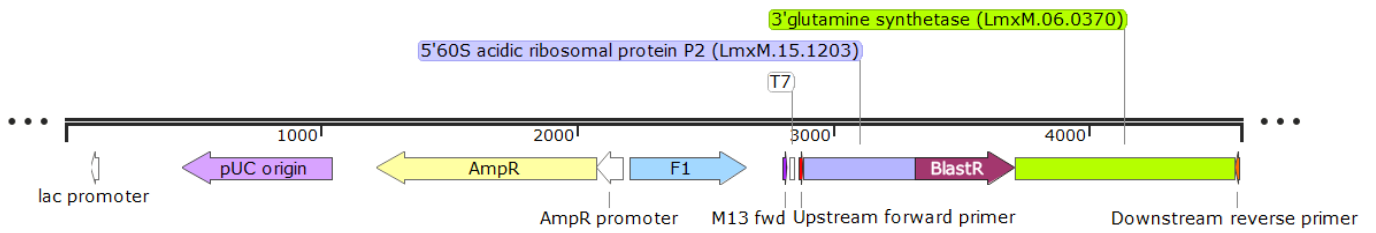


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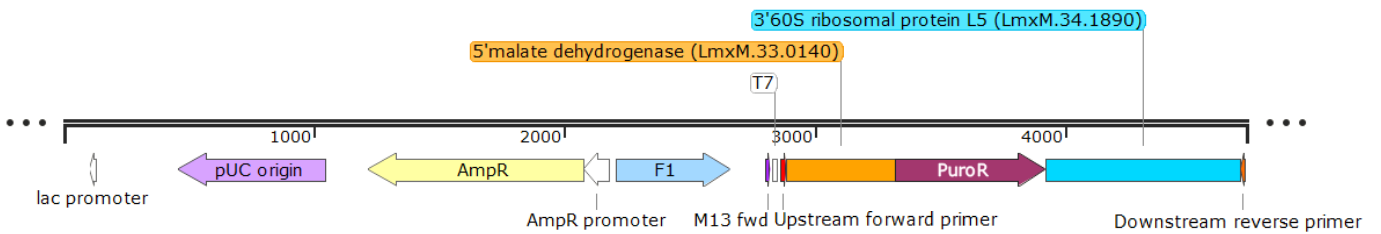
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pTBlast



pTPuro



pTNeo

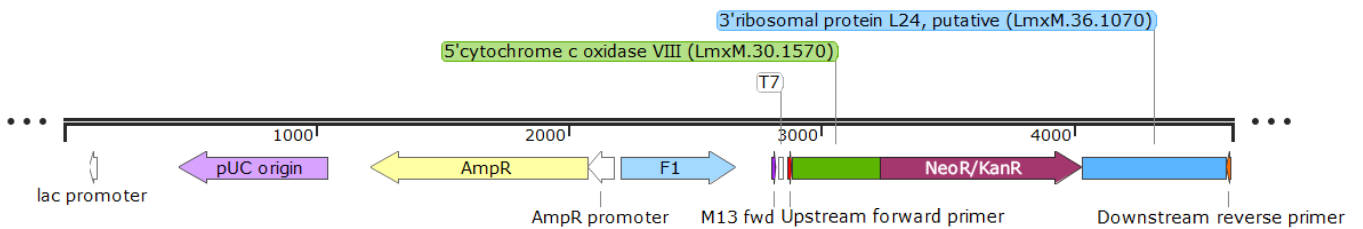


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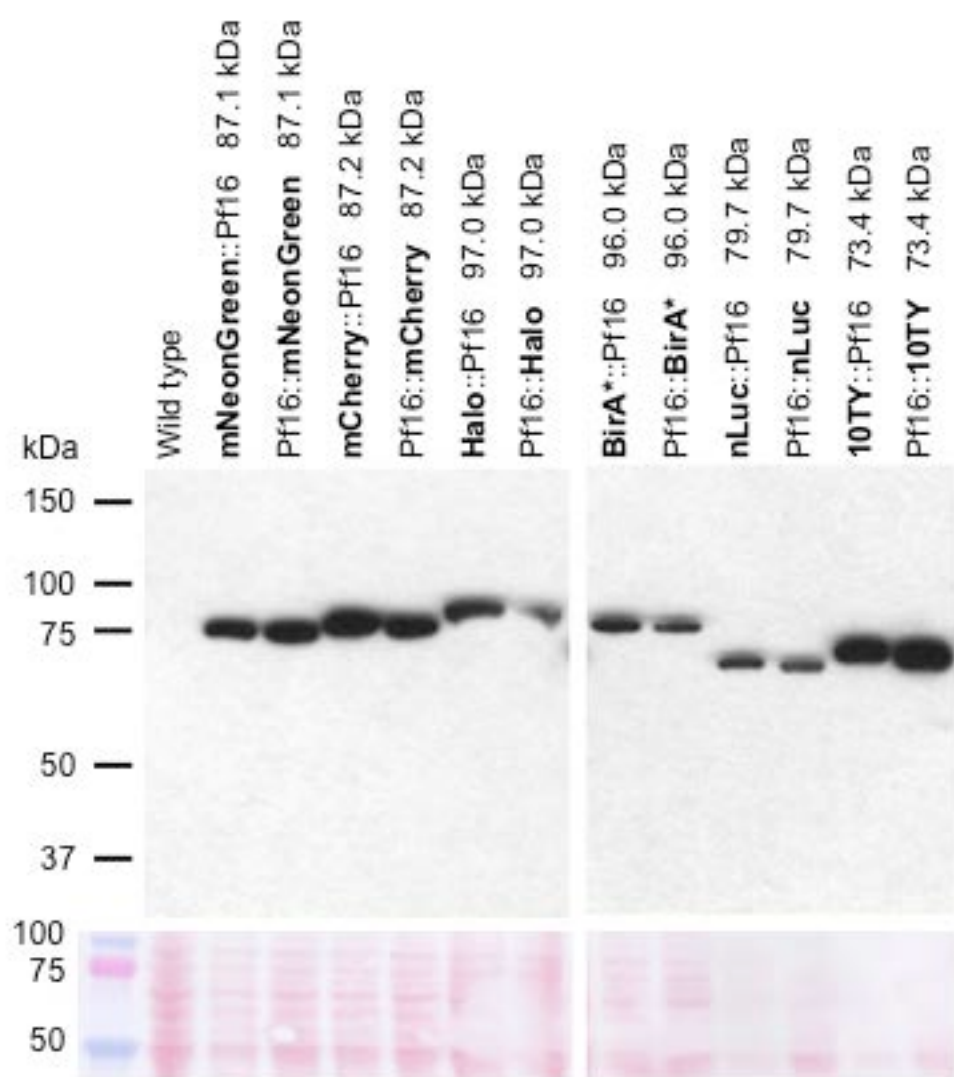


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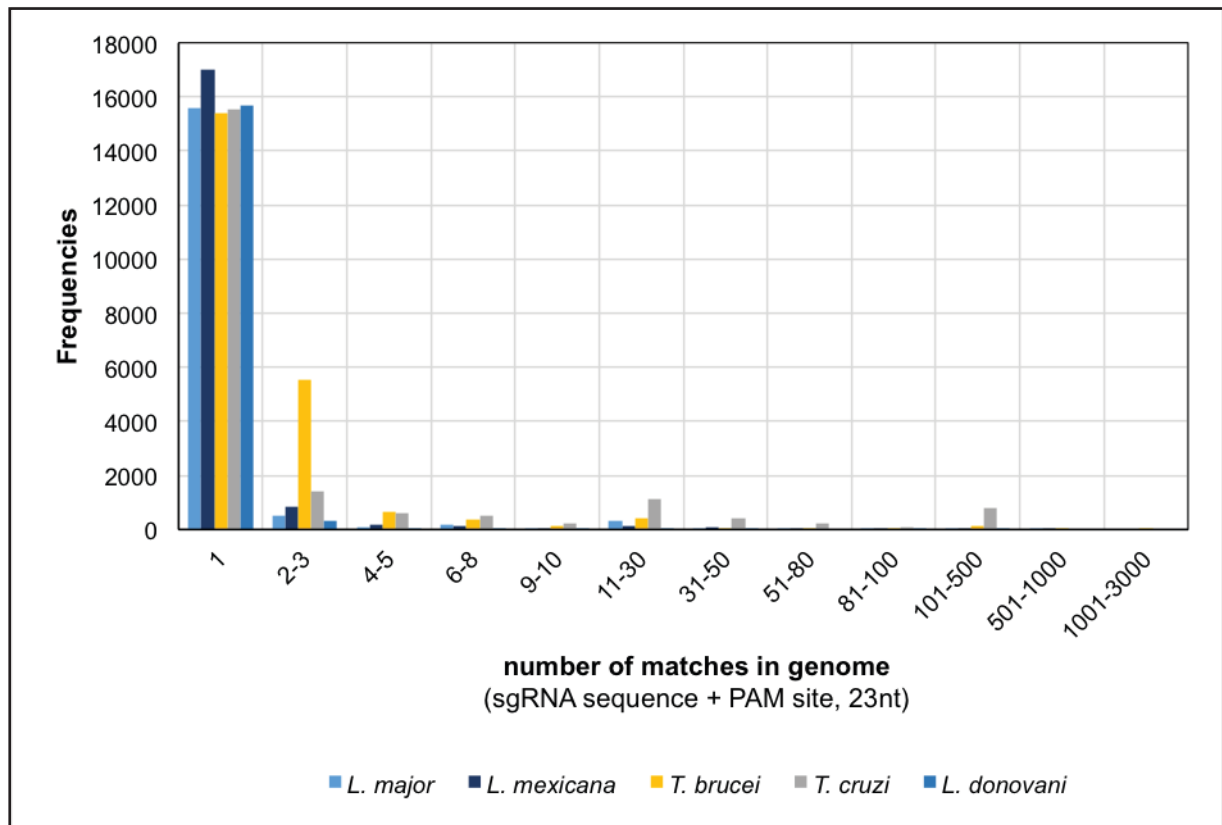


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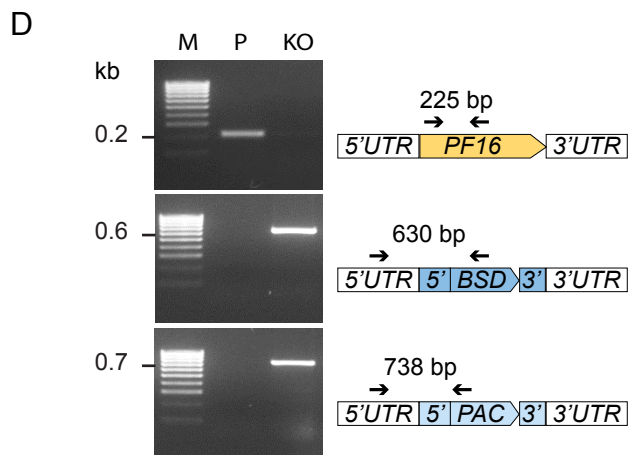
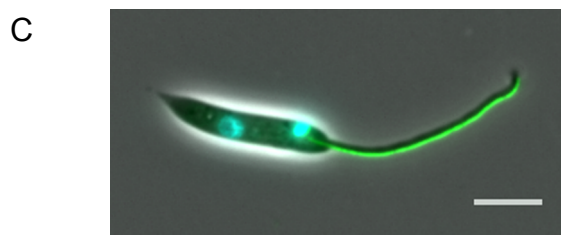
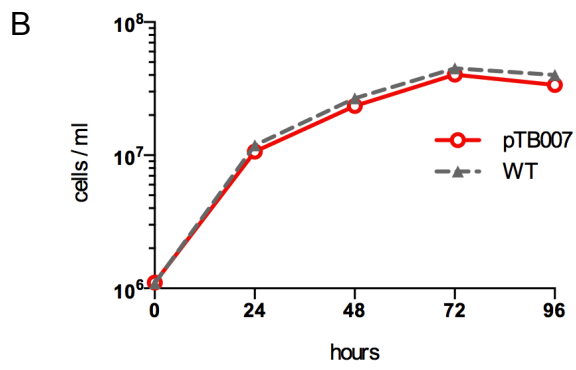


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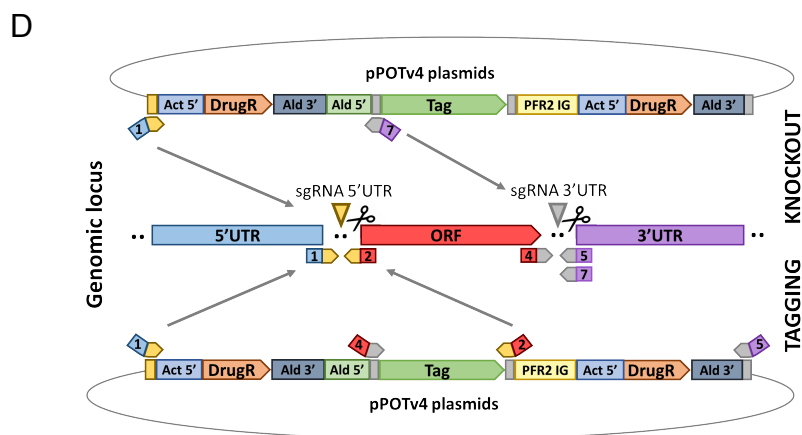
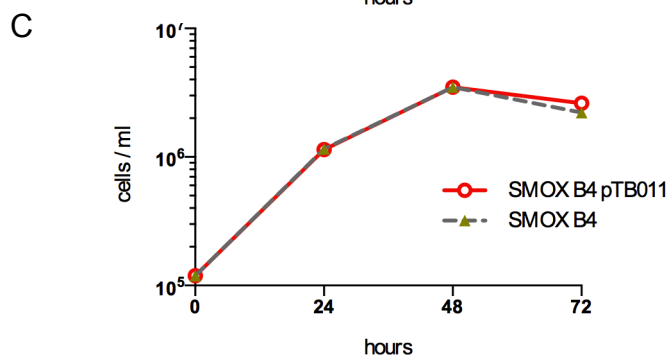
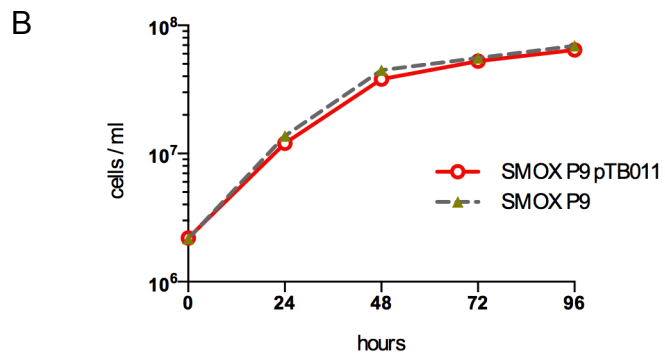
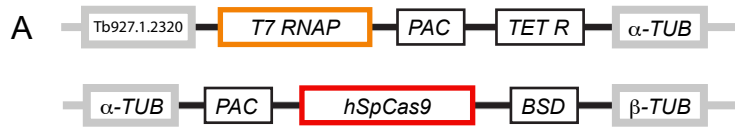


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Figure Legends

Figure S1. Expression of Cas9 and T7 RNAP

(A) Upper panel: Whole cell lysates of *L. mexicana* wild type (WT), the uncloned *L. mex* Cas9 population (P) and five clonal *L. mex* Cas9 cell lines (A2, B11, E8, G2 and G7) were analysed in a Western blot probed with anti-FLAG. The calculated MW for hSpCas9 is 165kDa. C, positive control containing a 41 kDa protein with a FLAG epitope (Abcam, ab5395). Lower panel: the membrane stained with Ponceau S before antibody detection. (B) histogram showing cell volumes of *L. mexicana* wild type cells and *L. mex* Cas9 clone G2 measured using a CASY cell counter. (C, D) Growth curves of *L. mexicana* wild type, *L. mex* Cas9 clone G2, *L. mex* Cas9 T7 clones c2 and c5. Cultures were seeded at 1×10^6 cells/ml and cells were counted and diluted back to 1×10^6 cells/ml every 24 h (C) or left to grow to stationary phase (D).

Figure S2. Detection of Cas9 and T7 RNAP in Western blots of *Leishmania* spp. and *T. brucei* cell lines

Western blot of whole cell lysates probed with anti-Flag (upper-panel) or anti-T7 RNAP (lower-panel). The asterisk (*) indicates the *L. mex* Cas9 T7 cell line. The Ponceau S-stained membrane for each blot, showing the tubulin band, is included as a loading control.

Figure S3. Detailed maps of pPLOT and pT

Maps of pT and pPLOT plasmids. Dotted lines indicate site where they were linearized for display purposes. The 5' and 3' UTRs flanking the drug resistance genes in pTBlast, pTPuro and pTNeo are labelled with LmxM GeneIDs indicating the origin of the UTR sequences.

Figure S4. Detection of pPLOT tags on Western blot

The *L. mexicana* PF16 gene was tagged in its endogenous locus with pPLOT amplicons encoding different tags; for each tag two cell lines were produced, to generate N- or C-

terminal fusions. Upper panel: Western blot of whole cell lysates tagged with an anti-myc antibody. Lower panel: the membrane stained with Ponceau S before antibody detection. Tagged nLuc runs slightly faster than its calculated MW.

Figure S5. sgRNA target counts for automated primer design

Each selected sgRNA target (including the PAM site) was aligned to the relevant genome and the number of matches was counted. The histogram shows frequencies for counted numbers of matches; the majority of sgRNAs match a unique site in the genome.

Figure S6. Sequence of edited *PF16* locus

(A) 5' end of the *PF16* gene sequence. The location of the 5'HF, 20 nt gRNA target and cleavage site are indicated. Red numbers indicate nucleotide positions relative to the start codon and red letters denote the start codon. PAM, protospacer adjacent motif. (B, C) Sequence alignment of the annotated *PF16* sequence and expected sequence resulting from integration of the pT drug resistance cassettes pTNeo (B) or pTPuro (C) and sequencing reads obtained from the Δ *PF16* population and a Δ *PF16* clone; green and orange boxes show the sequencing chromatograms.

Figure S7. Tagging and knockout of *PF16* in *L. major*

(A) Diagram showing *hSpCas9* and *T7 RNAP* integrated in the β -*tubulin* locus (β -*TUB*) of *L. major*. (B) Growth curve of *L. major* wild type (WT) and *L. major* pTB007. (C) Micrograph showing flagellar localisation of PF16::mNG in *L. major* pTB007 co-transfected with a tagging cassette amplified from pPLOT and *PF16* sgRNA template. Phase contrast image merged with mNG fluorescence (green) and Hoechst-stained DNA fluorescence (cyan). Scale bar 5 μ m. (D) PCR analysis of the *L. major* pTB007 Δ *PF16* cell line. Left panel: PCR products visualised on agarose gel. M, 100 bp DNA ladder; P, parental cell line *L. major* pTB007; KO, Δ *PF16* population. Right panel: diagram showing the *PF16* locus and PCR primers (arrows)

used to test for presence of the CDS or correct integration of drug resistance genes (blue boxes).

Figure S8. *T. brucei* cell lines expressing Cas9 and T7 RNAP

(A) Diagram showing location of *T7 RNAP* upstream of the tubulin (*TUB*) array in *T. brucei* SmOx cell lines (adapted from Poon *et al.*, 2012. *Open Biology*. **2**, 110037; *TET R* denotes Tetracyclin repressor protein gene) and pTB011 integrated in the tubulin locus for expression of hSpCas9. (B, C) Growth curves of procyclic form *T. brucei* SmOx P9, bloodstream form SmOx B4 and their pTB011-transfected derivatives. (D) Strategy for donor DNA amplification from pPOTv4 plasmids (Dean *et al.*, 2015. *Open Biology*. **5**, 140197). primer pairs 1/2 and 4/5 amplify N- and C-terminal tagging cassettes, respectively; primer pair 1/7 amplifies knockout cassettes. Primers include 30 nt HF for double-strand break repair by homologous recombination. Primers 3 and 6 (not shown) are used to amplify the 5' and 3' sgRNA templates.

Supplementary methods

Antibodies and buffers used in Western blots

Antibody	Blocking buffer	1 st Ab dilution	Wash buffer	2 ⁿ Ab buffer
Anti-T7 RNAP, Novagen 70566	TBST* + 1% gelatin	1:2,500 in TBST	TBST	Anti-mouse 1:20,000 TBST + 1% milk (Marvel)
Anti-myc, Millipore 05-724	TBST + 5% milk (Marvel)	1:3,000 in TBST + 5% milk (Marvel)	TBST + 5% milk (Marvel)	Anti-mouse 1:20,000 TBST + 5% milk (Marvel)
Anti-FLAG M2, Sigma F3165	TBST + 5% milk (Marvel)	1:25,000 in TBST + 5% milk (Marvel)	TBST + 5% milk (Marvel)	Anti-mouse 1:20,000 TBST + 5% milk (Marvel)
Anti-LPG, LT22 [1]	TBST + 5% milk (Marvel)	1:1,000 in TBST + 5% milk (Marvel)	TBST	Anti-mouse 1:20,000 TBST + 5% milk (Marvel)
Anti-GPI-PLC [2]	TBST + 5% milk (Marvel)	1:1,500 in TBST + 5% milk (Marvel)	TBST + 5% milk (Marvel)	Anti-rabbit 1:5,000 in TBST + 5% milk (Marvel)

*TBST: Tris-buffered saline with 0.05% Tween 20

1. Ilg T, Harbecke D, Wiese M, Overath P (1993) Eur J Biochem 217: 603-615.
2. Sunter J, Webb H, Carrington M (2013) PLoS Pathog 9: e1003566.

PCR Primers

All sequences are written in the 5' to 3' orientation. Underlined sequences indicate sgRNA target sites.

sgRNA transcription

sgRNA forward (n. gene-specific target sequence)	GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGGnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC
G00	AAAAGCACCGACTCGGTGCCACTTTTTCAAGTTGATAACGGACTAGCCTTATTTAACTTGCTATT TCTAGCTCTAAAAC

Recombination rate measurement

PF16 3' sgRNA forward	GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG <u>TGCAGCAGCACTAGCGGGGGAGGG</u> TTTTAGAGCTAGAAAT AGC
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mCherry / eYFP double tagging of PF16

PF16 eYFP forward	333: AAGATCGAGAACTACCACGTGCAGCAGCACGTGAGCAAGGGCGAGGAGCTGTT
PF16 eYFP reverse	334: GCAGCGTGCATGGGCGTGACTGTGCCGAAATTAGCCCTCCCACACATAACCCAGAG
PF16 mCherry forward	335: AAGATCGAGAACTACCACGTGCAGCAGCACACTAGTATGGTGAGCAAGGGCGAGG
PF16 mCherry reverse	336: GCAGCGTGCATGGGCGTGACTGTGCCGAAATTACACTTTATGCTTCCGGCTCGTATGTTG
PF16 sgRNA forward	295: GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG <u>CGGATGCTCAGCGGGCCTTTG</u> TTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC

Construction of pT plasmids

	5'UTR, 1 st reaction	3'UTR, 1 st reaction	Nested primers, 2 nd second reaction
pTBlast	478F: TTAGCAATCTGAGCAATCTGCCGGA TGAAAACGAGAGAGAGAC	480F: CTCTGGTTATGTGTGGGAGGG CTAAATAGAAGCCACACCGCG TGAG	482F: GTCGCAATTTAAATGTATAATGCAG ACCTGCTGCCGGATGAAAACGAGA GAGAGAC
	479R: GGGTGGATTCTTCTTGAGACAAAGG CATGGTGGAGCGAGGATACGAG	481R: TCTTAGTACGAACTGCAATGCA ACCAGTGTGTCAGTTGGAGAG A	483R: CGAGTCATTTAAATCCAATTTGAGA GACCTGTGCAACCAAGTGTGTCAGT TGGAGAGA
pTNeo	502F: TTAGCAATCTGAGCAATCTGCTGAC CTACGCAGCCTTTTGCG	504F: CTATCGCCTTCTTGACGAGTTC TTCTGAAGCTCCGCCGGTGTT CGTC	506F: GTCGCAATTTAAATGTATAATGCAG ACCTGCTGCTGACCTACGCAGCCT TTTGCG
	503R: TCCATCTTGTCAATGGCCGATCCC ATAGCCTTCGAGTATGAGCTGCTTT	505R: TCTTAGTACGAACTGCAATGCA GATGAGAAAGCGCGGCCATC	507R: CGAGTCATTTAAATCCAATTTGAGA GACCTGTGCAGATGAGAAAAGCGC

			GGCCATC
pTPuro	496F: TTAGCAATCTGAGCAATCTGCAGCC GTTGCATTGGTGGTCGT	498F: CATGACACGTAAGCCGGGAGC CTAAGTCGAGCGCTCACCTCT GAA	500F: GTCGCAATTTAAATGTATAATGCAG ACCTGCTGCAGCCGTTGCATTGGT GGTCGT
	497R: GACGAACCGTTGGCTTGTATTCAAGT CATTATGAAAGACCGCAAAAGAAAA TGTG	499R: TCTTAGTACGAACTGCAATGCG TCGTTGTAGTTCATGGAGACAC	501R: CGAGTCATTTAAATCCAATTTGAGA GACCTGTGCGTCGTTGTAGTTCAT GGAGACAC

Construction of pPLOT plasmids

5'PGKB myc-tag forward	473: TTAGCAAAGCTTAGAACCGGAACCGGAACCACTACCAGAACCAGGTCTCCTCGCTAATCAGC TTCTGCTCGAGGTCTCCTCGCTAATGA
5'PGKB myc-tag reverse	474: AACTATCTTCCACTTGTCAAGCATGGAACAGAAGCTGATCAGCGAAGAAGACCTGGAGCAAAAG CTCATTAGCGAGGAGGACCTCGAGCA
5'PGKB second reaction	472: TTAGCAACGCGTTCGAGACCGACAAGACCAGAAT
PGKB/A myc-tag forward	475: TTAGCAGGATCCGGATCAGGATCTGGATCAGGATCGGGTAGTGAACAGAAGCTGATCAGCGAAG AAGACCTGGAGCAAAAGCT
PGKB/A myc-tag reverse	476: GAATTCTCAGTGGTGGTGGTGTACAGGTCTCCTCGCTAATCAGCTTCTGCTCGAGGTCTC CTCGCTAATGAGCTTTTGTCCAGGTCTTCTTCGC
PGKB/A second reaction	477: TTAGCAGCTAGCCGCTTGACAAGTGAAGATAGTTG

Construction of addback plasmids

PF16 forward	533ABF: GCAATCACTAGTCAAACAAGCATGTGCAATCGGG
PF16 reverse	533ABR: GTCGAGAAATCCCTCCTCCCCGCTAGTGCTGCT
LPG1 forward	LPG_350: TTACGTACTAGTCACAGAGAAATGGCGCCG
LPG1 reverse	LPG_351: TTACGTCCTCGAGBAGAATGCTTAACGGGAGCGA

Tagging and knockout of PF16 and LPG1 with pT / pPLOT plasmids in *L. mexicana*

<i>Lmex</i> PF16 5'HF forward	533NF: TACAACGCACACGGGGACACGTATCCGCGCgtataatgcagacctgctgc
<i>Lmex</i> PF16 5'HF reverse	533NR: GAAGGTTTGCAGAATAACCCGATTCGACATactaccgatcctgatccag
<i>Lmex</i> PF16 3'HF forward	533CF: AAGATCGAGAACTACCACGTGCAGCAGCACggttctgtagtggttccgg
<i>Lmex</i> PF16 3'HF reverse	533CR: CGCGACGAGCAGCGTGCATGGGCGTGACTGccaattgagagacctgtgc
<i>Lmex</i> PF16 5' sgRNA forward	GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGGC <u>TTTTGTTGGCGGACGGGAGGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC</u>
<i>Lmex</i> PF16 3' sgRNA reverse	GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGGC <u>GGATGCTCAGCGGGCCTTTGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC</u>

sgRNA forward	
LPG1 5'HF forward	LPG_313: GAGGACGCGCGCCGGTTATCGTTACCTAGAgataatgcagacctgtgc
LPG1 3'HF reverse	LPG_315: CCAACTTGCGGAATGCGCGCGTCGCAACGGccaattgagagacctgtgc
LPG1 5' sgRNA forward	GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGGTGTTTCTACGAGGAGGCACTGGGGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC
LPG1 3' sgRNA forward	GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGGAGCGTGTGCGGCGCATCAGGGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC

Tagging and knockout of PF16 with pT / pPLOT plasmids in *L. major*

<i>LmjF</i> PF16 5'HF forward	587NF: CGTATCAGCGCTACACAGTGGCCCTCTCCTgtataatgcagacctgtgc
<i>LmjF</i> PF16 5'HF reverse	587NR: GAAGGTTTGCAGAATAACCCGATTCGACATactacccgatcctgatccag
<i>LmjF</i> PF16 3'HF forward	587CF: AAGATCGAGAACTACCACGTGCAGCAGCACggttctgtagtggtccgg
<i>LmjF</i> PF16 3'HF reverse	587CR: CGAGCAGCGTGCCTGGGCGTGACTATGCCGccaattgagagacctgtgc
<i>LmjF</i> PF16 5' sgRNA forward	GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGGCTTTGTGTGGCGGCGAGGAGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC
<i>LmjF</i> PF16 3' sgRNA forward	GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGCTGATGCTCAGCCGCCATTGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC

Tagging and knockout of GPI-PLC

GPI-PLC 5'HF forward	593NF: AAAGAAAGAAAGAAAGAAAGAAAGAAAAAGGTATAATGCAGACCTGCTGC
GPI-PLC PF16 5'HF reverse	593NR: CTGCGGTGACCACTTTACACCACCAAACATACTACCCGATCCTGATCCAG
GPI-PLC PF16 3'HF forward	593CF: CATTAAACACCAACCAAACCGCAAGGTCAGGTTCTGGTAGTGGTTCCGG
GPI-PLC PF16 3'HF reverse for tagging	593CR: CACTTAACTTTTTTTTACTTTTTAAACCCTCCAATTTGAGAGACCTGTGC
GPI-PLC PF16 3'HF reverse for knockout	593CRF: CACTTAACTTTTTTTTACTTTTTAAACCCTCCGGAACCACTACCAGAACC
GPI-PLC PF16 5' sgRNA forward	GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGGAGGGGAAGGGGACTTTGAGAGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC
GPI-PLC PF16 3' sgRNA forward	GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGGCTGCGTTTGTGACTGAAACAGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC

Knockout validation

ORF amplification	<i>Lmex</i> PF16 ORF forward	533OF: CCTTCGACGAGTACCAGAAGGCA
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	<i>Lmex</i> PF16 ORF reverse	533OR: CATCTCCAGACACGACGTTCTCG
	<i>LmajF</i> PF16 ORF forward	587OF: GACGAGTACCAGAAGGCACG
	<i>LmajF</i> PF16 ORF reverse	587OR: CATCTCCAGAAACGACGTTTC
	LPG1 ORF forward	LPG_334: ATTAGTGCGTATCGGCCTGT
	LPG1 ORF reverse	LPG_335: AATGACAGCGAATATTCTCGC
	GPI-PLC forward	593OF: TCATGGATGAGTGACACGCG
	GPI-PLC reverse	593OR: AAAGATTTTGACAACGTCCC
Amplification of sequence across integration junction, <i>Lmex</i> PF16	<i>Lmex</i> PF16 5'UTR forward	533UF: GACGTCGCTGCAGAAGTTATCCT
	Neomycin reverse	519: GTCTTGACAAAAGAACCGGGC
	Puromycin reverse	558: TCAATGTGTCGATCTGGGTCAAC
Amplification of sequence across integration junction, LPG1	LPG1 3'UTR reverse	LPG_331: TTGATTCGGTGATGGCTCG
	Blasticidin forward	LPG_127: CTGCATCCTGGGATCAAAGC
	Neomycin forward	LPG_319: ACCGTTCTCTCGTGCTTTA
Amplification of sequence across integration junction, <i>LmajF</i> PF16	<i>LmajF</i> PF16 5'UTR forward	587UF: TGACATTGCTGCCGAAGTGA
	Blasticidin reverse	518A: CCGTTGCTCTTTCAATGAGGGTG
	Puromycin reverse	558: TCAATGTGTCGATCTGGGTCAAC
Amplification of sequence across integration junction, GPI-PLC	GPI-PLC 5'UTR forward	593UF: GTCGTCGTAGTTGTTGTTAT
	Neomycin reverse	519: GTCTTGACAAAAGAACCGGGC
	Hygromycin reverse	JV78: CAGCTATTTACCCGCAGGAC
Sequencing primers for analysis of <i>Lmex</i> PF16 knockout cell line	Neomycin integration	532: CTGTTCCCTGTCGTACGAAAG
	Puromycin integration	533UF: GACGTCGCTGCAGAAGTTATCCT

Detection of sgRNA template

G00F	562: TTAATACGACTCACTATAGG
G00R	563: GCACCGACTCGGTGCCACTT