## **Supplementary materials**

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Application of the thermostable  $\beta$ -galactosidase, BgaB, from *Geobacillus* stearothermophilus as a versatile reporter under anaerobic and aerobic conditions

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Fig. S1 Alignment of the promoter sequences arranged according to their activity, with the most active promoter in the top, the black boxes indicate the -35 and -10 regions of the promoter

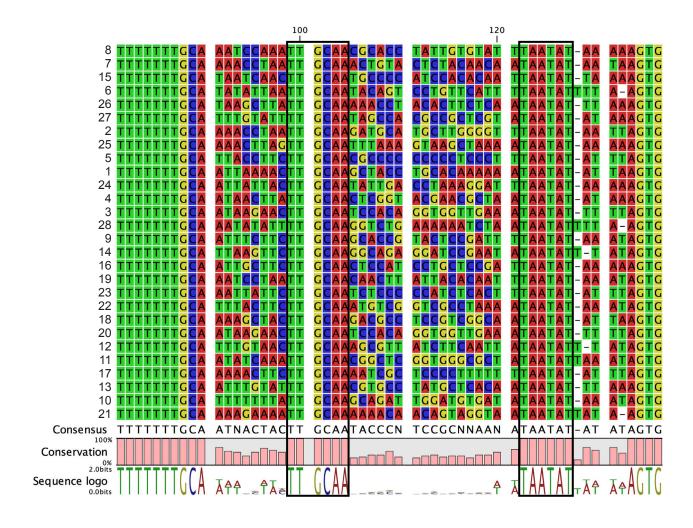


Fig. S2 Cells expressing  $\beta$ -galactosidase on a medium supplemented with S-gal. a,  $E.\ coli$  TOP10 parent strain with empty plasmid and b,  $E.\ coli$  TOP10 with bgaB expressed from a plasmid

