

**Table S1.** Genomic characteristics of sequenced phages in this study

| Phage | Lineage | Genome      | GC % | No. predicted | Similarity to STP1 | Genbank       |
|-------|---------|-------------|------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
|       |         | length (kb) |      | ORFs          | (% nt id/coverage) | accession no. |
| STP1  | 1       | 35.283      | 39.0 | 41            | 100/100            | MF580773      |
| STP2  | 1       | 35.286      | 38.5 | 44            | 99/99              | MF580774      |
| A0    | 1       | 35.481      | 38.9 | 44            | 95/90              | MF580765      |
| B0    | 1       | 36.773      | 38.9 | 47            | 99/92              | MF580766      |
| C0    | 1       | 34.718      | 39.0 | 42            | 94/90              | MF580768      |
| B5    | 1       | 35.636      | 38.6 | 42            | 99/91              | MF580767      |
| L5A1  | 1       | 36.884      | 38.9 | 44            | 96/91              | MF580769      |
| 7A5   | 1       | 35.936      | 38.7 | 44            | 99/88              | MF580759      |
| 31B4  | 2       | 36.438      | 39.0 | 40            | 95/77              | MF580764      |
| 16B8  | 2       | 34.379      | 38.6 | 38            | 96/75              | MF580763      |
| 9B4   | 2       | 34.636      | 38.7 | 41            | 96/74              | MF580762      |
| 7T    | 2       | 35.141      | 39.2 | 41            | 96/78              | MF580760      |
| V2    | 2       | 34.698      | 38.7 | 40            | 95/77              | MF580775      |
| R1    | 2       | 34.652      | 38.7 | 39            | 95/77              | MF580772      |
| MM25  | 3       | 34.059      | 39.0 | 41            | 96/68              | MF580771      |
| 9A    | 3       | 35.604      | 39.5 | 41            | 91/60              | MF580761      |
| M19   | 4       | 34.328      | 38.9 | 44            | 93/69              | MF580770      |

**Table S2.** Bacterial strains used in this study

| <i>S. thermophilus</i> strain | Source          |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| P1                            | UCC collection  |
| P2                            | UCC collection  |
| P3                            | UCC collection  |
| P4                            | UCC collection  |
| P5                            | UCC collection  |
| P6                            | UCC collection  |
| P7                            | UCC collection  |
| P8                            | UCC collection  |
| P9                            | UCC collection  |
| P10                           | UCC collection  |
| P11                           | UCC collection  |
| P12                           | UCC collection  |
| P13                           | UCC collection  |
| P14                           | UCC collection  |
| P15                           | UCC collection  |
| P16                           | UCC collection  |
| P17                           | UCC collection  |
| P18                           | UCC collection  |
| P19                           | UCC collection  |
| P20                           | UCC collection  |
| P21                           | UCC collection  |
| CNRZ447                       | CNRZ collection |
| CNRZ160                       | CNRZ collection |
| CNRZ385                       | CNRZ collection |
| CNRZ887                       | CNRZ collection |
| CNRZ1443                      | CNRZ collection |
| CNRZ1151                      | CNRZ collection |
| CNRZ1202                      | CNRZ collection |
| MM1                           | UCC collection  |
| MM7                           | UCC collection  |
| MM20                          | UCC collection  |
| M8                            | UCC collection  |
| MM8                           | UCC collection  |
| MM15                          | UCC collection  |
| MM21                          | UCC collection  |
| AVA1122                       | UCC collection  |
| AVA116                        | UCC collection  |
| AVA117                        | UCC collection  |
| AVA118                        | UCC collection  |
| AVA119                        | UCC collection  |
| STR1                          | UCC collection  |
| STR2                          | UCC collection  |
| 4033                          | UCC collection  |
| 1205.3                        | UCC collection  |
| 4149                          | UCC collection  |
| 4031                          | UCC collection  |
| 4097                          | UCC collection  |
| 1A                            | UCC collection  |
| 4145                          | UCC collection  |

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| 4043 | UCC collection |
| 4053 | UCC collection |
| 4137 | UCC collection |

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