

FIG S1 A brief history of *Anabaena* 7120 substrains used in this study. CPW, C. Peter Wolk; CcZ, Chengcai Zhang; HAU, Huazhong Agriculture University; IHB, Institute of Hydrobiology; MSU, Michigan State University; RH, Robert Haselkorn; RbZ, Ruanbao Zhou; XuX, Xudong Xu. 1st, 2nd and 3rd stand for different generation sequencing data.



FIG S2 Ongoing substitutions in *Anabaena* PCC 7120 IHB. Filaments of the substrain were plated after sonication and dilution, 6 colonies were randomly picked and cultured. PCR products were generated with DNA of the 6 colonies and sequenced. Arrowheads point to bases being substituted in the population.

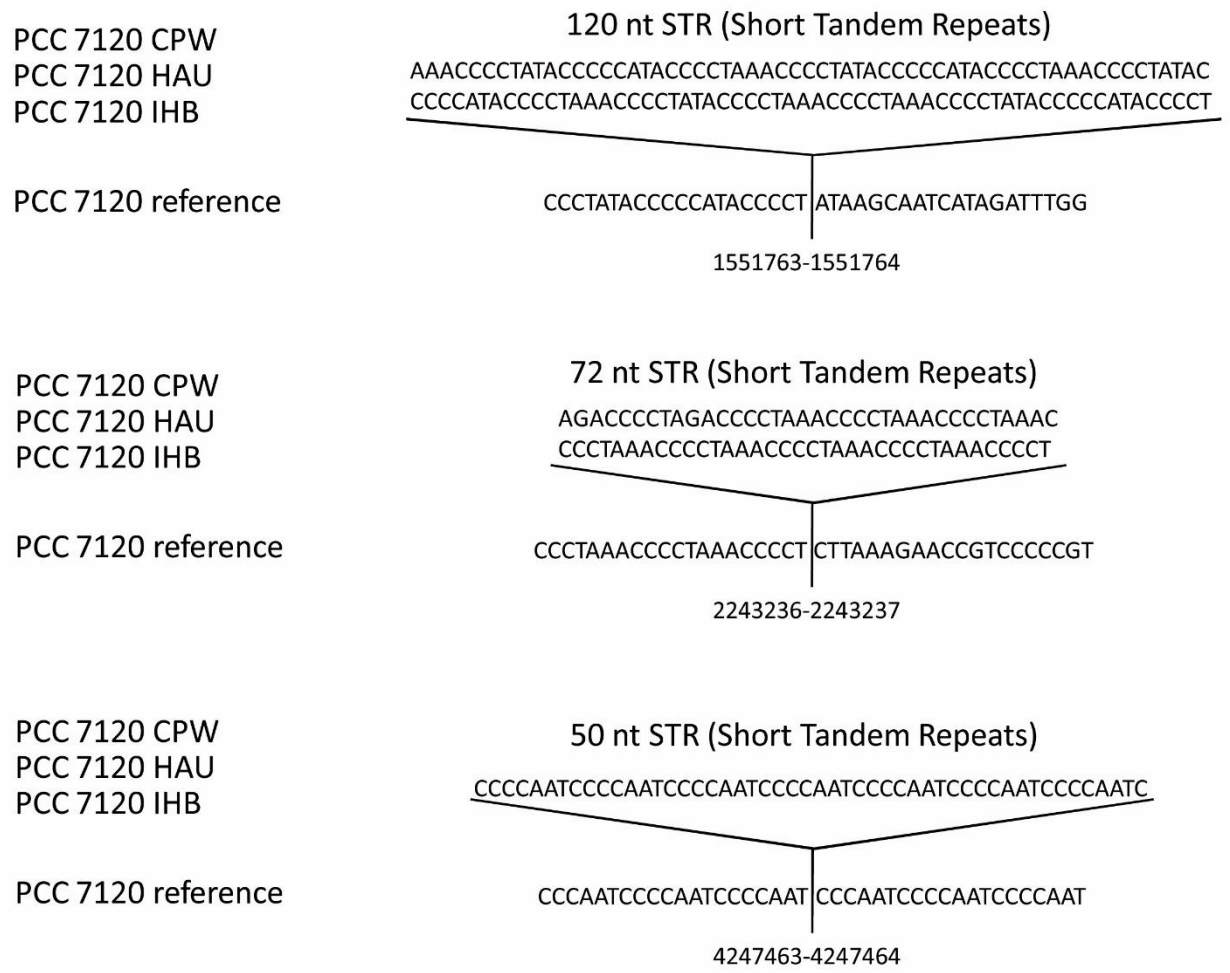


FIG S3 Three short sequence stretches that are missing in the PCC 7120 reference sequence in the Cyanobase.



FIG S4 Complementation of *Anabaena* 7120-MSU *hetC*::C.CE2 with pHB3589 that carries *hetC*. The photomicrograph was taken at 24 h after N-stepdown. The arrowhead points to a heterocyst.

FIG S5 Proposed sequence of the extra IS(*all7245*, *asl7246*) at the alpha plasmid position 165178 in HAU and IHB (Fig. 2B). The short highlighted sequence (yellow) at the 3' end is not found at the end of the copy at alpha plasmid position 45585 in IHB (Fig. 2B) and the end of the copy at alpha 267900-266184 in HAU, IHB and MSU [where *all7245* and *asl7246* are located; not shown in Fig. 2B]. Start and stop codons for *all7245* and *asl7246* are indicated in red and boxed.

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CGTG TGA GGTTCAA GATAGAATCAGCTAAATCTTGA

Table S1 Chromosomal SNPs in *Anabaena* sp. PCC 7120 substrains IHB and HAU*

| Position | Ref. base | IHB | | HAU | | Gene | Region |
|----------|--------------|------|-------|------|-------|-------------------------|------------|
| | | base | depth | base | depth | | |
| 99793 | C | C | \ | T | 439 | <i>alr0094</i> | ORF |
| 136013 | T | T | \ | C | 383 | <i>alr0132, all0131</i> | Intergenic |
| 141747 | A | A | \ | G | 414 | <i>asl0137, all0138</i> | Intergenic |
| 165432 | A | A | \ | G | 427 | <i>all0160</i> | ORF |
| 172755 | T | T | \ | C | 295 | <i>all0167</i> | ORF |
| 176465 | G | A | 414 | G | \ | <i>all0168</i> | ORF |
| 228394 | T | C | 398 | C | 375 | <i>all0211</i> | ORF |
| 240374 | A | G | 439 | G | 449 | <i>alr0223</i> | ORF |
| 254220 | A | G | 309 | A | \ | <i>alr0236, alr0237</i> | Intergenic |
| 335391 | T | T | \ | C | 383 | <i>alr0295, all0293</i> | Intergenic |
| 367421 | A | G | 498 | A | \ | <i>all0323</i> | ORF |
| 388027 | C | T | 474 | C | \ | <i>alr0336</i> | ORF |
| 411083 | A | G | 491 | G | 473 | <i>all0355</i> | ORF |
| 461600 | A | A | \ | G | 430 | <i>all0394</i> | ORF |
| 635525 | A | A | \ | G | 467 | <i>alr0543, all0542</i> | Intergenic |
| 663464 | A | G | 522 | G | 345 | <i>alr0568</i> | ORF |
| 676298 | G | G | \ | T | 337 | <i>asr0581, alr0582</i> | Intergenic |
| 703818 | C | C | \ | T | 393 | <i>all0606</i> | ORF |
| 791750 | T | C | 478 | T | \ | <i>all0684</i> | ORF |
| 804565 | A | G | 504 | A | \ | <i>asr0697</i> | ORF |
| 838235 | G | G | \ | A | 371 | <i>alr0719</i> | ORF |
| 850685 | T | T | \ | C | 421 | <i>all0729</i> | ORF |
| 873358 | T | C | 568 | T | \ | <i>alr0751, alr0752</i> | Intergenic |
| 964001 | G | G | \ | A | 427 | <i>alr0838</i> | ORF |
| 965275 | T | C | 461 | C | 454 | <i>alr0840, all0839</i> | Intergenic |
| 1105390 | C | T | 524 | C | \ | <i>alr0950, alr0951</i> | Intergenic |

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| 1164680 | C | C | \ | T | 299 | <i>all0993</i> | ORF |
| 1181589 | T | C | 441 | C | 389 | <i>all1011</i> | ORF |
| 1197843 | T | C | 477 | C | 404 | <i>all1027</i> | ORF |
| 1213151 | T | T | \ | C | 43 | <i>alr1042, alr1041</i> | Intergenic |
| 1218823 | C | T/C | 355/89 | C | \ | <i>all1047</i> | ORF |
| 1233544 | G | G | \ | A | 462 | <i>all1058</i> | ORF |
| 1234860 | A | G | 472 | A | \ | <i>all1059</i> | ORF |
| 1260414 | A | G | 480 | G | 416 | <i>all1076</i> | ORF |
| 1276768 | A | G | 535 | G | 474 | <i>all1089</i> | ORF |
| 1291183 | A | G | 409 | G | 421 | <i>all1101</i> | ORF |
| 1297308 | C | C | \ | T | 439 | <i>alr1108</i> | ORF |
| 1297479 | A | G | 431 | G | 373 | <i>alr1108</i> | ORF |
| 1313571 | T | T | \ | C | 416 | <i>alr1121</i> | ORF |
| 1326135 | C | T | 468 | C | \ | <i>alr1128</i> | ORF |
| 1384940 | G | G | \ | A | 414 | <i>all1177</i> | ORF |
| 1425785 | T | T | \ | C | 418 | <i>all1210</i> | ORF |
| 1449194 | A | G | 462 | G | 432 | <i>all1227</i> | ORF |
| 1467026 | T | C | 548 | C | 446 | <i>alr1236</i> | ORF |
| 1469539 | T | T | \ | C | 491 | <i>all1237, alr1238</i> | Intergenic |
| 1473304 | A | G | 449 | A | \ | <i>alr1240</i> | ORF |
| 1503377 | A | G | 532 | G | 389 | <i>alr1266</i> | ORF |
| 1511804 | G | G | \ | A | 425 | <i>all1272</i> | ORF |
| 1524963 | G | A | 497 | A | 407 | <i>all1281</i> | ORF |
| 1526058 | T | C | 479 | C | 436 | <i>alr1282</i> | ORF |
| 1589551 | G | G | \ | A | 392 | <i>all1338</i> | ORF |
| 1603350 | G | A | 378 | A | 429 | <i>alr1348</i> | ORF |
| 1611061 | A | G | 492 | A | \ | <i>all1357</i> | ORF |
| 1611129 | A | G | 480 | A | \ | <i>all1357</i> | ORF |
| 1689791 | A | G/A | 446/93 | A | \ | <i>all1427</i> | ORF |

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| 1720294 | G | G | \ | A | 379 | <i>all1463, alr1462</i> | Intergenic |
| 1740294 | G | A | 405 | G | \ | <i>all1477</i> | ORF |
| 1740843 | T | C | 455 | C | 401 | <i>all1478</i> | ORF |
| 1771480 | A | A | \ | C | 412 | <i>all1509</i> | ORF |
| 1810252 | T | T | \ | C | 443 | <i>all1549</i> | ORF |
| 1816020 | T | C | 433 | T | \ | <i>all1553</i> | ORF |
| 1829742 | G | T | 515 | G | \ | <i>alr1564</i> | ORF |
| 1839174 | C | T | 447 | T | 386 | <i>all1574, alr1575</i> | Intergenic |
| 1895931 | G | A | 468 | A | 386 | <i>alr1614</i> | ORF |
| 1897575 | G | A | 500 | A | 379 | <i>alr1614</i> | ORF |
| 1907745 | A | A | \ | G | 370 | <i>alr1619</i> | ORF |
| 1908542 | T | C | 460 | T | \ | <i>alr1620</i> | ORF |
| 1939174 | C | T | 488 | C | \ | <i>all1639</i> | ORF |
| 1968465 | T | T | \ | C | 342 | <i>all1649</i> | ORF |
| 1981387 | G | A | 473 | A | 464 | <i>alr1659</i> | ORF |
| 1992410 | A | A | \ | G | 389 | <i>alr1669</i> | ORF |
| 2008739 | G | A | 480 | A | 432 | <i>all1683</i> | ORF |
| 2020785 | G | A | 528 | A | 499 | <i>all1691, all1692</i> | Intergenic |
| 2027656 | G | A | 500 | G | \ | <i>all1695</i> | ORF |
| 2028469 | C | T | 486 | C | \ | <i>all1695</i> | ORF |
| 2095482 | A | G | 474 | A | \ | <i>alr1742</i> | ORF |
| 2103674 | A | A | \ | G | 446 | <i>asl1749</i> | ORF |
| 2199111 | T | T | \ | C | 455 | <i>alr1833, alr1834</i> | Intergenic |
| 2203380 | C | T | 488 | T | 456 | <i>asl1839</i> | ORF |
| 2212421 | C | C | \ | T | 389 | <i>all1849</i> | ORF |
| 2232920 | C | T | 465 | C | \ | <i>alr1870</i> | ORF |
| 2310473 | A | G | 240 | A | \ | <i>alr1926, alr1927</i> | Intergenic |
| 2348508 | A | T | 433 | A | \ | <i>alr1965, alr1966</i> | Intergenic |
| 2359208 | T | C | 420 | C | 410 | <i>all1974</i> | ORF |

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| 2386615 | G | G | \ | A | 421 | <i>all1990</i> | ORF |
| 2466963 | C | T | 458 | T | 360 | <i>all2058</i> | ORF |
| 2479725 | T | G | 460 | G | 440 | <i>alr2073, all2072</i> | Intergenic |
| 2498543 | C | C | \ | A | 244 | <i>alr2090</i> | ORF |
| 2498548 | T | T | \ | C | 248 | <i>alr2090</i> | ORF |
| 2556356 | T | T | \ | C | 463 | <i>alr2130</i> | ORF |
| 2571912 | A | A | \ | G | 429 | <i>alr2143</i> | ORF |
| 2580643 | G | G | \ | A | 385 | <i>all2149</i> | ORF |
| 2665829 | T | C | 523 | C | 407 | <i>all2221, all2222</i> | Intergenic |
| 2677570 | G | A | 534 | G | \ | <i>alr2233</i> | ORF |
| 2756402 | A | G | 462 | G | 355 | <i>all2287</i> | ORF |
| 2832449 | G | G | \ | A | 401 | <i>alr2350, all2349</i> | Intergenic |
| 2834963 | A | A | \ | G | 435 | <i>all2352</i> | ORF |
| 2843120 | C | T | 465 | C | \ | <i>alr2361</i> | ORF |
| 2856383 | T | C | 462 | C | 358 | <i>alr2373</i> | ORF |
| 2871033 | C | C | \ | T | 430 | <i>all2384</i> | ORF |
| 2902538 | G | G | \ | A | 431 | <i>alr2418</i> | ORF |
| 2927969 | T | T | \ | C | 395 | <i>alr2434</i> | ORF |
| 2966029 | C | C | \ | T | 428 | <i>alr2467</i> | ORF |
| 2979695 | A | A | \ | G | 436 | <i>alr2481</i> | ORF |
| 3067783 | A | G/A | 370/93 | A | \ | <i>all2567</i> | ORF |
| 3150434 | G | A | 477 | A | 439 | <i>all2635</i> | ORF |
| 3164466 | T | C | 414 | C | 426 | <i>all2643</i> | ORF |
| 3214501 | A | G | 545 | G | 464 | <i>all2655</i> | ORF |
| 3244445 | A | G | 406 | G | 424 | <i>all2675, all2676</i> | Intergenic |
| 3280388 | A | G | 447 | G | 404 | <i>all2688</i> | ORF |
| 3280989 | A | A | \ | G | 422 | <i>all2689</i> | ORF |
| 3292733 | A | A | \ | G | 408 | <i>all2699</i> | ORF |
| 3299861 | A | G | 436 | G | 366 | <i>all2706</i> | ORF |

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| 3314107 | C | T | 494 | T | 434 | <i>alr2719, alr2718</i> | Intergenic |
| 3321812 | C | T | 448 | T | 407 | <i>alr2725</i> | ORF |
| 3376560 | T | C | 510 | C | 455 | <i>asl2779, alr2780</i> | Intergenic |
| 3384352 | A | G | 485 | G | 411 | <i>alr2784, alr2785</i> | Intergenic |
| 3385448 | C | T | 491 | T | 374 | <i>alr2785</i> | ORF |
| 3388341 | T | A | 329 | A | 356 | <i>all2787</i> | ORF |
| 3404883 | C | T | 469 | T | 435 | <i>alr2800</i> | ORF |
| 3439866 | T | C | 479 | C | 445 | <i>alr2824</i> | ORF |
| 3449008 | C | C | \ | T | 403 | <i>alr2832</i> (glycosyltransferase) | ORF |
| 3461181 | G | G | \ | A | 433 | <i>alr2840</i> (glycosyltransferase) | ORF |
| 3461281 | TT | C/T | 413/103 | T | \ | <i>alr2840</i> | ORF |
| 3522353 | C | T | 487 | T | 314 | <i>alr2884, all2883</i> | Intergenic |
| 3529532 | A | G | 444 | G | 337 | <i>all2891</i> | ORF |
| 3553554 | T | T | \ | C | 392 | <i>all2911</i> | ORF |
| 3561805 | T | T | \ | C | 437 | <i>alr2920, alr2921</i> | Intergenic |
| 3665879 | T | C | 439 | C | 337 | <i>asl3025</i> | ORF |
| 3678170 | A | G | 444 | A | \ | <i>alr3037</i> | ORF |
| 3678824 | A | G | 466 | G | 436 | <i>alr3037</i> | ORF |
| 3682278 | C | T | 407 | T | 439 | <i>all3040, all3041</i> | Intergenic |
| 3707449 | A | G | 424 | A | \ | <i>alr3059</i> | ORF |
| 3717999 | T | T | \ | C | 407 | <i>alr3068</i> | ORF |
| 3902869 | T | C | 476 | T | \ | <i>all3232</i> | ORF |
| 3997485 | T | C/T | 387/50 | T | \ | <i>alr3311</i> | ORF |
| 4004306 | C | T | 434 | C | \ | <i>all3314</i> | ORF |
| 4054871 | T | T | \ | C | 442 | <i>alr3351</i> | ORF |
| 4070477 | G | G | \ | A | 340 | <i>alr3363</i> | ORF |
| 4071943 | T | T | \ | C | 397 | <i>alr3364</i> | ORF |

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| 4074557 | C | T | 455 | T | 320 | <i>alr3366, all3367</i> | Intergenic |
| 4085038 | C | T | 449 | T | 463 | <i>all3375</i> | ORF |
| 4096661 | T | C | 469 | C | 375 | <i>alr3385</i> | ORF |
| 4105348 | A | A | \ | G | 366 | <i>alr3397</i> | ORF |
| 4206630 | T | T | \ | C | 416 | <i>alr3491</i> | ORF |
| 4211631 | G | A | 490 | A | 365 | <i>alr3497</i> | ORF |
| 4219140 | A | G | 486 | A | \ | <i>all3503</i> | ORF |
| 4283858 | A | G | 453 | A | \ | <i>alr3553, alr3554</i> | Intergenic |
| 4329437 | G | A | 479 | A | 431 | <i>alr3584</i> | ORF |
| 4372460 | A | C | 71 | C | 472 | <i>alr3620</i> | ORF |
| 4383161 | C | T/C | 517/59 | C | \ | <i>all3632</i> | ORF |
| 4429266 | A | G | 294 | A | \ | <i>alr3672, all3673</i> | Intergenic |
| 4524010 | G | G | \ | A | 455 | <i>all3746</i> | ORF |
| 4542759 | A | A | \ | G | 388 | <i>alr3761</i> | ORF |
| 4580258 | C | T | 452 | C | \ | <i>alr3789</i> | ORF |
| 4591842 | G | A | 500 | G | \ | <i>alr3799, alr3800</i> | Intergenic |
| 4609347 | G | A | 409 | G | \ | <i>alr3811, alr3812</i> | Intergenic |
| 4624534 | A | A | \ | G | 395 | <i>alr3825</i> | ORF |
| 4633553 | G | A | 460 | A | 417 | <i>alr3832, alr3833</i> | Intergenic |
| 4658414 | G | A | 515 | G | \ | <i>all3859</i> | ORF |
| 4667926 | A | A | \ | G | 460 | <i>alr3867</i> | ORF |
| 4692046 | G | A | 455 | G | \ | <i>all3891</i> | ORF |
| 4707809 | A | G | 522 | A | \ | <i>all3903, alr3904</i> | Intergenic |
| 4708391 | A | A | \ | G | 426 | <i>alr3904</i> | ORF |
| 4741099 | G | A | 484 | A | 387 | <i>all3927</i> | ORF |
| 4834014 | G | A/G | 437/131 | G | \ | <i>asl4014</i> | ORF |
| 4835685 | C | T | 490 | C | \ | <i>alr4016</i> | ORF |
| 4853972 | T | C | 480 | C | 418 | <i>alr4028</i> | ORF |
| 4862032 | C | T | 488 | T | 430 | <i>all4035</i> | ORF |

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| 4930827 | T | T | \ | C | 470 | <i>all4092</i> | ORF |
| 4942838 | C | C | \ | T | 396 | <i>all4102</i> | ORF |
| 4960654 | T | T | \ | C | 418 | <i>all4117</i> | ORF |
| 4987803 | T | C | 453 | T | \ | <i>alr4141, all4142</i> | Intergenic |
| 5012714 | C | T | 526 | T | 473 | <i>alr4166</i> | ORF |
| 5031775 | C | C | \ | T | 389 | <i>all4182</i> | ORF |
| 5036789 | T | C | 478 | C | 420 | <i>all4188</i> | ORF |
| 5053532 | T | T | \ | C | 432 | <i>alr4216</i> | ORF |
| 5054846 | C | A | 488 | C | \ | <i>all4218</i> | ORF |
| 5069810 | T | C | 417 | C | 434 | <i>all4233</i> | ORF |
| 5072713 | A | G | 513 | G | 361 | <i>all4236</i> | ORF |
| 5093978 | T | T | \ | C | 397 | <i>alr4247</i> | ORF |
| 5096718 | A | G | 452 | G | 378 | <i>all4248</i> | ORF |
| 5118388 | T | C | 494 | C | 486 | <i>alr4268</i> | ORF |
| 5123906 | T | C | 487 | T | \ | <i>alr4273</i> | ORF |
| 5128378 | T | C | 473 | C | 467 | <i>alr4275</i> | ORF |
| 5130579 | T | T | \ | C | 355 | <i>alr4277</i> | ORF |
| 5148689 | A | G/A | 376/85 | A | \ | <i>all4294</i> | ORF |
| 5220452 | C | T | 484 | C | \ | <i>all4358</i> | ORF |
| 5268442 | G | A | 461 | G | \ | <i>alr4394</i> | ORF |
| 5277885 | C | T | 511 | C | \ | <i>all4402</i> | ORF |
| 5295867 | G | T | 489 | G | \ | <i>alr4417</i> | ORF |
| 5299799 | G | A | 541 | A | 397 | <i>asr4421</i> | ORF |
| 5366378 | A | C | 466 | A | \ | <i>all4480</i> | ORF |
| 5376257 | T | C | 532 | T | \ | <i>alr4489</i> | ORF |
| 5451412 | A | A | \ | G | 457 | <i>all4556</i> | ORF |
| 5472869 | A | G | 174 | A | \ | <i>all4578</i> | ORF |
| 5472870 | A | C | 174 | A | \ | <i>all4578</i> | ORF |
| 5501951 | A | G | 458 | G | 450 | <i>alr4604</i> | ORF |

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| 5542778 | A | G | 462 | G | 423 | <i>all4639</i> | ORF |
| 5596861 | C | T | 482 | T | 462 | <i>all4690</i> | ORF |
| 5636415 | T | T | \ | C | 344 | <i>all4729</i> | ORF |
| 5638397 | A | G | 465 | G | 391 | <i>all4731</i> | ORF |
| 5646409 | A | G | 464 | G | 437 | <i>alr4734, all4735</i> | Intergenic |
| 5656553 | A | G | 493 | G | 461 | <i>asl4743</i> | ORF |
| 5677447 | G | G | \ | T | 469 | <i>all4763</i> | ORF |
| 5718687 | A | G | 427 | G | 387 | <i>all4799</i> | ORF |
| | | | | | | <i>alr4811, alr4812</i> | |
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| 5730046 | C | T | 487 | T | 442 | differentiation related | Intergenic |
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| 5746803 | C | C | \ | T | 420 | <i>all4828</i> | ORF |
| 5808428 | A | G | 470 | G | 437 | <i>alr4877</i> | ORF |
| 5873706 | C | A | 526 | C | \ | <i>all4925</i> | ORF |
| 5895688 | C | T | 484 | C | \ | <i>alr4938, alr4939</i> | Intergenic |
| 5930524 | C | C | \ | T | 399 | <i>all4968</i> | ORF |
| 6040371 | T | T | \ | C | 353 | <i>alr5068</i> | ORF |
| 6053276 | G | G | \ | A | 398 | <i>all5082, alr5081</i> | Intergenic |
| 6053727 | T | T | \ | C | 381 | <i>all5082, alr5081</i> | Intergenic |
| 6077149 | C | T | 509 | C | \ | <i>all5100, alr5101</i> | Intergenic |
| 6078691 | T | T | \ | C | 406 | <i>alr5101</i> | ORF |
| 6085980 | G | A | 491 | G | \ | <i>all5105</i> | ORF |
| 6087384 | G | T | 443 | G | \ | <i>all5106</i> | ORF |
| 6103380 | G | G | \ | A | 435 | <i>all5113</i> | ORF |
| 6150516 | C | T | 478 | C | \ | <i>all5153</i> | ORF |
| 6239409 | G | A | 531 | G | \ | <i>alr5225</i> | ORF |
| 6263798 | T | C | 438 | C | 423 | <i>alr5249</i> | ORF |
| 6275081 | G | G | \ | A | 377 | <i>alr5259</i> | ORF |

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| 6276832 | G | A | 527 | A | 367 | <i>asr5261</i> | ORF |
| 6352567 | C | T/C | 441/61 | C | \ | <i>all5323</i> | ORF |
| 6365449 | G | A/G | 426/92 | G | \ | <i>alr5331</i> | ORF |
| 6375751 | C | T | 465 | C | \ | <i>all5342</i> | ORF |
| | | | | | | <i>alr5351</i> | |
| 6386500 | T | T | \ | C | 448 | (heterocyst glycolipid synthase) | ORF |
| 6387506 | A | G | 482 | G | 481 | <i>alr5351</i> | ORF |

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Table S2 InDels in chromosome (chr) and plasmids of *Anabaena* sp. PCC 7120 substrains

IHB and HAU*

| Chr or plasmid | Position | Type | Ref. base | IHB | | HAU | | Gene | Region |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|------|-------|------|-------|------------------------------------|------------|
| | | | | base | depth | base | depth | | |
| chr | 14661 | Deletion | A | A | \ | - | 1784 | <i>alr0018</i> | ORF |
| chr | 36912-3 | Insertion | □ | - | \ | □ | 461 | <i>alr0035, all0036</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 207447 | Deletion | T | T | \ | - | 1731 | <i>alr0191, all0192</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 414839-40 | Insertion | - | A | 599 | A | 1999 | <i>alr0357</i> | ORF |
| chr | 554951-2 | Insertion | - | T | 459 | - | \ | <i>all0466</i> | ORF |
| chr | 589912-3 | Insertion | - | - | \ | T | 1166 | <i>all0493</i> | ORF |
| chr | 610519 | Deletion | □ | □ | 384 | □ | 1246 | <i>trnH-GUG,</i> <i>alr0518</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 771861 | Deletion | T | - | 541 | - | 1664 | <i>all0665, all0665</i> | ORF |
| chr | 809568-9 | Insertion | - | - | \ | A | 1572 | <i>all0703, alr0704</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 902956-7 | Insertion | - | T | 485 | - | \ | <i>asl0779</i> | ORF |
| chr | 940479 | Deletion | T | - | 526 | - | 1451 | <i>asl0814</i> | ORF |
| chr | 972329 | Deletion | □ | □ | 462 | T | \ | <i>all0848</i> | ORF |
| chr | 1058848-9 | Insertion | - | - | \ | T | 2052 | <i>all0914</i> | ORF |
| chr | 1115022 | Deletion | T | T | \ | - | 2060 | <i>all0959</i> | ORF |
| chr | 1333941-2 | Insertion | - | - | \ | GAA | 1170 | <i>alr1133</i> | ORF |
| chr | 1393819-20 | Insertion | - | - | \ | T | 1457 | <i>alr1184</i> | ORF |
| chr | 1545050 | Deletion | C | C | \ | - | 1217 | <i>all1304</i> | ORF |
| chr | 1843512 | Deletion | A | - | 601 | A | \ | <i>alr1575, alr1576</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 1939746-7 | Insertion | - | T | 507 | - | \ | <i>all1640</i> | ORF |
| chr | 1951712-3 | Insertion | - | T | 536 | T | 1185 | <i>all1646</i> | ORF |
| chr | 1993136 | Deletion | A | - | 575 | A | \ | <i>all1670, asl1671</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 2086016-7 | Insertion | □ | □ | 475 | - | \ | <i>alr1733, asr1734</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 2124780 | Deletion | □ | T | \ | □ | 2006 | <i>all1769</i> | ORF |
| chr | 2271317-8 | Insertion | - | T | 471 | - | \ | <i>alr1901</i> | ORF |

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|-----|------------|-----------|----|----|-----|----|------|-------------------------|------------|
| chr | 2326295-6 | Insertion | - | A | 498 | A | 1004 | <i>alr1942, alr1942</i> | ORF |
| chr | 2640110 | Deletion | T | - | 281 | - | 2197 | <i>asl2199, all2200</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 2685079 | Deletion | T | T | \ | - | 1839 | <i>all2237</i> | ORF |
| chr | 2720514 | Deletion | T | T | \ | - | 1667 | <i>all2260, alr2261</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 2724275-6 | Insertion | - | - | \ | T | 1655 | <i>alr2264</i> | ORF |
| chr | 2787260 | Deletion | A | T | 447 | T | 1356 | <i>alr2312</i> | ORF |
| chr | 2836658 | Deletion | C | - | 546 | C | \ | <i>asl2353, asl2354</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 2848795-6 | Insertion | - | - | \ | G | 1098 | <i>all2364</i> | ORF |
| chr | 2852744-5 | Insertion | - | - | \ | A | 1827 | <i>asr2369</i> | ORF |
| chr | 3131501 | Deletion | T | - | 559 | - | 1919 | <i>all2622, all2623</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 3145914 | Deletion | A | A | \ | - | 1853 | <i>asl2632</i> | ORF |
| chr | 3205733-4 | Insertion | - | - | \ | A | 1455 | <i>all2651, all2652</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 3293129-30 | Insertion | - | A | 564 | - | \ | <i>all2699, all2700</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 3487835-6 | Insertion | - | A | 487 | A | 1710 | <i>alr2862</i> | ORF |
| chr | 3517885 | Insertion | T | G | 232 | - | \ | <i>alr2882, all2883</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 3594745 | Deletion | T | T | \ | - | 1435 | <i>all2952</i> | ORF |
| chr | 3810307 | Deletion | G | - | 447 | - | 1052 | <i>alr3146</i> | ORF |
| chr | 3909868 | Deletion | A | - | 547 | A | \ | <i>all3237, alr3238</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 3925317-8 | Insertion | - | A | 556 | A | 1413 | <i>alr3248</i> | ORF |
| chr | 3942866 | Deletion | T | T | \ | - | 1696 | <i>all3270, all3271</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 3990028-9 | Insertion | - | T | 500 | T | 1511 | <i>all3306, alr3307</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 4070842-3 | Insertion | - | G | 545 | G | 1782 | <i>alr3363, alr3364</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 4203130 | Deletion | T | - | 497 | T | \ | <i>all3487, all3488</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 4247463-4 | Insertion | - | - | \ | C | 48 | <i>alr3525</i> | ORF |
| chr | 4336583-4 | Insertion | - | A | 483 | - | \ | <i>alr3588</i> | ORF |
| chr | 4723840 | Deletion | GA | T | 521 | GA | \ | <i>alr3917</i> | ORF |
| chr | 4776489 | Deletion | T | - | 443 | - | 1305 | <i>alr3956, alr3957</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 5022643 | Deletion | A | A | \ | - | 1295 | <i>alr4174</i> | ORF |
| chr | 5063682 | Deletion | AG | AG | \ | T | 2154 | <i>alr4226</i> | ORF |

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| chr | 5087164 | Deletion | A | A | \ | - | 1573 | <i>all4242</i> | ORF |
| chr | 5106430-1 | Insertion | - | G | 459 | - | \ | <i>all4257</i> | ORF |
| chr | 5146433 | Deletion | T | - | 460 | - | 1817 | <i>all4292</i> | ORF |
| chr | 5651270-1 | Insertion | - | A | 535 | A | 1842 | <i>alr4739</i> | ORF |
| chr | 5746722-3 | Insertion | □ | □G | 503 | □G | 1760 | <i>all4828</i> | ORF |
| chr | 5808188-9 | Insertion | - | - | \ | A | 1811 | <i>alr4877</i> | ORF |
| chr | 5945191-2 | Insertion | - | - | \ | A | 39 | <i>rrn23Sd</i> | rrn23Sd |
| chr | 5989467 | Deletion | T | - | 537 | - | 1558 | <i>all5017</i> | ORF |
| chr | 6035648 | Deletion | A | - | 474 | - | 1500 | <i>all5062, all5063</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 6098981 | Deletion | C | C | \ | - | 1154 | <i>all5111</i> | ORF |
| chr | 6130243 | Deletion | T | - | 513 | - | 1942 | <i>all5133, alr5134</i> | Intergenic |
| chr | 6390098-9 | Insertion | - | A | 400 | - | \ | <i>alr5351</i> | ORF |
| alpha | 29215-6 | Insertion | - | C | 1958 | - | \ | <i>all7030</i> | ORF |
| alpha | 62179-80 | Insertion | - | - | \ | TT | 8035 | <i>all7072, alr7073</i> | Intergenic |
| alpha | 132994 | Deletion | A | A | \ | - | 9566 | <i>all7130</i> | ORF |
| alpha | 160054 | Deletion | C | - | 577 | C | \ | <i>all7158, asl7159</i> | Intergenic |
| alpha | 160612-3 | Insertion | - | - | \ | C | 6095 | <i>all7160</i> | ORF |
| alpha | 272804-5 | Insertion | - | A | 2169 | - | \ | <i>alr7254, all7255</i> | Intergenic |
| alpha | 303864 | Deletion | A | - | 2312 | A | \ | <i>alr7295, asl7296</i> | Intergenic |
| alpha | 365507 | Deletion | A | A | \ | - | 7279 | <i>all7332</i> | ORF |
| alpha | 386284-5 | Insertion | □ | □T | 2466 | □T | 9286 | <i>asl7356</i> | ORF |
| alpha | 392645 | Deletion | T | - | 2335 | - | 6603 | <i>all7367</i> | ORF |
| alpha | 398598-9 | Insertion | - | - | \ | T | 4243 | <i>all7376, all7377</i> | Intergenic |
| alpha | 402532 | Deletion | A | A | \ | - | 7873 | <i>all7379</i> | ORF |
| beta | 58391 | Deletion | G | - | 542 | G | \ | <i>all7564</i> | ORF |
| gamma | 72469-70 | Insertion | □ | - | \ | □C | 355 | <i>all8065, alr8066</i> | Intergenic |
| delta | 9538 | Deletion | T | - | 520 | - | 684 | <i>all8511, asl8512</i> | Intergenic |
| delta | 27841 | Deletion | A | - | 416 | - | 698 | <i>asl8536</i> | ORF |

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