

**S9 Table:** Primers used in this study.

Primer	Sequence	Usage
Bar-up	CGCCTGGACGACTAAACC	Confirmation of the gene disruptions
Bar-down	TCAGCCTGCCGTACCGC	
ΔMAA-Pks2-5-1	GGGGACAGCTTCTGTACAAAGTGAAGTTGTGACTTCGGTAG	Disruption of <i>Pks2</i> in <i>M. robertsii</i>
ΔMAA-Pks2-5-2	GGGGACTGCTTTTGACAAACTTGTGACAGATGCTATC	
ΔMAA-Pks2-3-1	GGGGACAACTTGTATAGAAAAGTTAGACGTCGACATGAAC	
ΔMAA-Pks2-3-2	GGGGACAACTTGTATAATAAAAGTTGTTCCGTGCTGTATCCATC	
ΔMAA-Pks2-CF-1	AATCACACGTTCCGCAC	Confirmation of <i>Pks2</i> disruption in <i>M. robertsii</i>
ΔMAA-Pks2-CF-2	GTGCTTGTGCGTGAAC	
ΔMAN-Pks1-5-1	GGGGACAGCTTCTGTACAAAGTGAAGATGAGGACCGTCTTG	Disruption of <i>Pks1</i> in <i>M. anisopliae</i>
ΔMAN-Pks1-5-2	GGGGACTGCTTTTGACAAACTTGTGCTTACCAAGTGGTCAC	
ΔMAN-Pks1-3-1	GGGGACAACTTGTATAGAAAAGTTAGTTAGGTTCTGCTCATGATG	
ΔMAN-Pks1-3-2	GGGGACAACTTGTATAATAAAAGTTGTCACGTCCAAGAAGTTG	
ΔMAN-Pks1-CF-1	CGCACGAAAGTCTTCAC	Confirmation of the <i>Pks1</i> disruption in <i>M. anisopliae</i>
ΔMAN-Pks1-CF-2	ATGTTGGCCTTGACAG	
ΔMBR-Pks1-5-1	GGGGACAGCTTCTGTACAAAGTGAATTTCCTCTGCCATGTG	Disruption of <i>Pks1</i> in <i>M. brunneum</i>
ΔMBR-Pks1-5-2	GGGGACTGCTTTTGACAAACTTGTGCTTGAGCACAGACATTG	
ΔMBR-Pks1-3-1	GGGGACAACTTGTATAGAAAAGTTAGTACGAACGCAACGTTCAC	
ΔMBR-Pks1-3-2	GGGGACAACTTGTATAATAAAAGTTGTTGCGCATCAAAGATG	
ΔMBR-Pks1-CF-1	TGATCAAGGTTCTGCTC	Confirmation of <i>Pks1</i> disruption in <i>M. brunneum</i>
ΔMBR-Pks1-CF-2	CATGCTTCAAAGTCGTG	
ΔMGU-Pks1-5-1	GGGGACAGCTTCTGTACAAAGTGAATTATCGTCGCGAACAC	Disruption of <i>Pks1</i> in <i>M. guizhouense</i>
ΔMGU-Pks1-5-2	GGGGACTGCTTTTGACAAACTTGTGTCATTGAGCCATGAG	
ΔMGU-Pks1-3-1	GGGGACAACTTGTATAGAAAAGTTAGTTAGGTTCTGCTCATGATG	
ΔMGU-Pks1-3-2	GGGGACAACTTGTATAATAAAAGTTGTCGAAGCCTCGTCTTG	
ΔMGU-Pks1-CF-1	TGCTTCGCTCCATCAAC	Confirmation of <i>Pks1</i> disruption in <i>M. guizhouense</i>
ΔMGU-Pks1-CF-2	CATCTTGTGCGCATC	
MAJ-Pks1-RNAi-5	ggaaattcCGTGCCTACAGCGGATGCCGGTCCAAAGTCCgatacgctggccgtcccc	Cloning the genomic clone for knocking down <i>Pks1</i> in <i>M. majus</i>
MAJ-Pks1-RNAi-3	ggctagaCGTGCCTACAGCGGATGCCGGTCCAAAGTCCtggaaagcgccgtttaca	
MAJ-Pks1-Promoter-F	cggaaattcAGAGCACTCAAATCATAG	Cloning the promoter for knocking down <i>Pks1</i> in <i>M. majus</i>
MAJ-Pks1-Promoter-R	ccggaaattcGTTGATCCGAAGGTTGC	
ΔMAC-Pks1-5-1	GGGGACAGCTTCTGTACAAAGTGAAGGGCATACTCTAAATTG	Disruption of <i>Pks1</i> in <i>M. acridum</i>
ΔMAC-Pks1-5-2	GGGGACTGCTTTTGACAAACTTGTGCTCTCTGGTTATG	
ΔMAC-Pks1-3-1	GGGGACAACTTGTATAGAAAAGTTGTTATCATTAGACCTGCGAG	
ΔMAC-Pks1-3-2	GGGGACAACTTGTATAATAAAAGTTGATGAGCTGACTTGGTG	
ΔMAC-Pks1-CF-1	ATTTCCAGCTCTCTAG	Confirmation of <i>Pks1</i> disruption in <i>M. acridum</i>
ΔMAC-Pks1-CF-2	GTGAAGACTTCTGTGAG	
MAM-Pks1-RNAi-5	ggaaattcGCTTGTTCAGTCACCAAGCCTCGGCCAATgatacgctggccgtcccc	Cloning the promoter for knocking down <i>Pks1</i> in <i>M. album</i>
MAM-Pks1-RNAi-3	ggctagaGCTTGTTCAGTCACCAAGCCTCGGCCAATtggaaagcgccgtttaca	
MAM-Pks1-Promoter-F	cggaaattcGTAAGCAATCTGTCTTATC	Cloning the promoter for knocking down <i>Pks1</i> in <i>M. album</i>
MAM-Pks1-Promoter-R	ccggaaattcGTTGATGCAGGCAGGCCTC	
MAA-Gpd-RT-5	GTCGTCACTCTGCTCCCTC	<i>gpd</i> gene in <i>M. robertsii</i>
MAA-Gpd-RT-3	CAATGGTGAACCTTGTGCGTGG	
MAA-Tef-RT-5	AGGCTGACTGCCATTCTC	<i>tef</i> gene in <i>M. robertsii</i>
MAA-Tef-RT-3	ACTTGGTGGTGTCCATCTTG	
MAA-Pks1-RT-5	AACTACTTGGAGACGGCCA	qRT-PCR for <i>Pks1</i> in <i>M. robertsii</i>

MAA-Pks1-RT-3	ACCAAGAGGCCAACCTTGAG	
MAA-Pks2-RT-5	GCACTGTCGAGAACCTGTCA	qRT-PCR for <i>Pks2</i> in <i>M. robertsii</i>
MAA-Pks2-RT-3	CACCTCGTCCCAGTTGATTT	
MAN-Pks1-RT-5	ACGATCAAGCAGTCTGATAC	qRT-PCR for <i>Pks1</i> in <i>M. anisopliae</i>
MAN-Pks1-RT-3	ACTAGAAAAGGCAGGGAAATG	
MAN-Pks2-RT-5	TGGCCTGTTCATCTACAAA	qRT-PCR for <i>Pks2</i> in <i>M. anisopliae</i>
MAA-Pks2-RT-3	CCAGCCACTATTACATCTCC	
MBR-Tef-RT-5	TATTCTCATTATCGCTGCG	<i>tef</i> in <i>M. brunneum</i>
MBR-Tef-RT-3	CTCCTTGATGATTCTCTGGT	
MBR-Pks1-RT-5	ACGATCAAGCAGTCTGATAC	qRT-PCR for <i>Pks1</i> in <i>M. brunneum</i>
MBR-Pks1-RT-3	TCGAGCAACCAGATTGTGA	
MBR-Pks2-RT-5	AAAGTTGCACAAGACATGG	qRT-PCR for <i>Pks2</i> in <i>M. brunneum</i>
MBR-Pks2-RT-3	TTGCTGTGATACTTTCGAA	
MGU-Gpd-RT-5	AAGAAGGTCATCATCTCTGC	<i>gpd</i> in <i>M. guizhouense</i>
MGU-Gpd-RT-3	CTCGACAATGGTGAACCTGT	
MGU-Pks1-RT-5	ACGATCAAGCAGTCTGATAC	qRT-PCR for <i>Pks1</i> in <i>M. guizhouense</i>
MGU-Pks1-RT-3	ACTAGAAAAGGCAGGGAAATG	
MGU-Pks2-RT-5	AATTTCACAAGACATGGAC	qRT-PCR for <i>Pks2</i> in <i>M. guizhouense</i>
MGU-Pks2-RT-3	TGGGAAGGTGATTTCTCG	
MAJ-Gpd-RT-5	CAGCTTACTCTTGCAGATG	<i>gpd</i> in <i>M. majus</i>
MAJ-Gpd-RT-3	AGAACTTGACCTCTTGCC	
MAJ-Pks1-RT-5	ACGATCAAGCAGTCTGATAC	qRT-PCR for <i>Pks1</i> in <i>M. majus</i>
MAJ-Pks1-RT-3	TCGAGCAACCAGATTGTGA	
MAJ-Pks2-RT-5	TTTGGCGAGAAAAACAGC	qRT-PCR for <i>Pks2</i> in <i>M. majus</i>
MAJ-Pks2-RT-3	GTGACAGTTTGGATTGGG	
MAC-Gpd-RT-5	CCAGCTTTAGTTTGCAGAA	<i>gpd</i> in <i>M. acridum</i>
MAC-Gpd-RT-3	TTGATGTCGCCCTTGAAAT	<i>tef</i> in <i>M. acridum</i>
MAC-Tef-RT-5	GGGTAAAGGAAGACAAGACTC	
MAC-Tef-RT-3	TGTAGGCTCCAAAACATACC	
MAC-Pks1-RT-5	CAAGAGGCATATCCAAC	qRT-PCR for <i>Pks1</i> and the fragment PS2 in Fig. S1 in <i>M. acridum</i>
MAC-Pks1-RT-3	GTCCGAGCAACCAAGAG	
MAC-Pks2-RT-5	GAAATAATGGAAGCTGTCGC	qRT-PCR for <i>Pks2</i> in <i>M. acridum</i>
MAC-Pks2-RT-3	ACACCCACCCAATACTTAC	
MAM-Gpd-RT-5	AAGAAGGTCATCATCTCTGC	<i>gpd</i> in <i>M. album</i>
MAM-Gpd-RT-3	CCTCAACAAATGGTGAACCTG	
MAM-Pks1-RT-5	CCAAATACCCACGTCTC	qRT-PCR for <i>Pks1</i> and the fragment PS2 in Fig. S1 in <i>M. album</i>
MAM-Pks1-RT-3	AGAGGACGAGCAAGAAG	
MAC-Pks1-RT-6-F	CCAGCTGTACGTACCTG	RT-PCR analysis of the fragment PS3 in <i>M. acridum</i> in Fig. S1
MAC-Pks1-RT-6-R	CACCTTCTCCAAGAACATC	
MAM-Pks1-RT-6-F	CTGATTATGACTGCATC	RT-PCR analysis of the fragment PS3 in <i>M. album</i> in Fig. S1
MAM-Pks1-RT-6-R	GCAAACCTCTGGTGGTC	
PS1-5	MAC-Pks1-RT-6-F/ MAM-Pks1-RT-6-F	RT-PCR analysis of the fragment PS1 in Fig. S1.
PS1-3	MAC-Pks1-RT-3/MAM-Pks1-RT-3	
MAC-Pks1-Re-F	ATGGAACACGTGACGATC	RT-PCR analysis of the fragment PS4 in <i>M. acridum</i> in Fig. S1.
MAC-Pks1-Re-R	GCAACCAAGAGGCCAAC	
MAM-Pks1-Re-F	ATGGAGCACGTGATAATC	RT-PCR analysis of the fragment PS4 in <i>M. album</i> in Fig. S1.
MAM-Pks1-Re-R	TTGAGTGACACAAGGAC	
MAA_Arp1-5	GGATCCATGAACCAATCTTAACCC	Cloning the genomic clone of <i>M. robertsii</i>
MAA_Arp1-3	GATATCCTACGAATGTTCTCCGAC	<i>Arp1</i> for constructing expression plasmid

MAA-Pks2-OE-5	GGATTAAATATGGCAACGCAGGATGCGCCTAT	Cloning the genomic clone of <i>M. robertsii</i> <i>Pks2</i> for constructing overexpressing vector
MAA-Pks2-OE-3	GGATTAAATCTAGCTGGGACCAAGCAAAATTG	
MAA-Pks2-SEQ-F	AGTCCAGCAACGGACAG	Confirming the insertion of <i>M. robertsii Pks2</i> into the genomes of <i>M. album</i> and <i>APks2</i>
Trpc-seq-5	TTCTTGTGACATGGAG	
MAA_Pks1_F1	CTTCAGTATATTCATCTTCCCCTCCAAGAACCTTAATCGATGAACCACGTGACGA TCAAGCAG	Amplification of <i>M. robertsii's Pks1</i> for heterologous expression in <i>A. nidulans</i>
MAA_Pks1_R1	CTCGACTTGCGAAGCTATGGC	
MAA_Pks1_F2	GATGCGTGGCCATCCGAAGCAG	
MAA_Pks1_R2	CACAACATATTCGTCAGACACAGAATAACTCTCGTAGCGCGTTGAGAGACCAT AAACAATG	
MAA_Pks1_RT_F	CTGGTCAGCGATTGGCTCTAG	Confirmation of the insertion of <i>Pks1</i> into the genome of <i>A. nidulans</i>
MAA_Pks1_RT_R	GTCGTGATCTGCAATGGCCTC	
MAA_Pks2_F1	CTTCAGTATATTCATCTTCCCCTCCAAGAACCTTAATCGCCGTCAGAGAGAGC TGTACTG	Amplification of <i>M. robertsii's Pks2</i> for heterologous expression in <i>A. nidulans</i>
MAA_Pks2_R1	GCACCCACAATGGTAACCAAGG	
MAA_Pks2_F2	CTTGGCTGGCTGTATCAGGC	
MAA_Pks2_R2	CACAACATATTCGTCAGACACAGAATAACTCTCGTAGGACTGGCTGCTCGATT GGACC	
MAA_Pks2_RT_F	GCATATGCCCAAGGAGGCAG	Confirmation of the insertion of <i>Pks2</i> into the genome of <i>A. nidulans</i>
MAA_Pks2_RT_R	CGAAGGTGGCCAGGACAGAAC	
The loop DNA	GATACGCTGGCTGCCAACCTTCGGTATAAAGACTTCGCGCTGATACCAAGACG TTGCCCGATAATTACGAATATCTGCATCGCGAAGTGTGTTAAACTGCGCT GCACAGCAATTGCCCGCTTCTGTAACCGCTTITCCCA	The DNA fragment for the loop in a dsRNA for RNAi