

## Supplemental Figure Legends

### **Fig S1. Nel kills Ngo clinical isolates D006 and D020 in mixed culture**, Related to Fig 2.

CFUs of Ngo clinical isolates D006 and D0020 and lab strain MS11 cultured alone ( $\sim 5 \times 10^7$  CFUs total CFUs) or in the presence of Nel ( $\sim 5 \times 10^7$  total CFUs each strain). Time of first plating: 6 h post-inoculation. Level of detection: 10 CFUs.

### **Fig S2. CFU/mL of vaginal swab suspension in mice colonized by Ngo and Nel**, Related to Fig 3.

Average number of (A) Ngo or (B) Nel CFUs recovered from 1 ml vaginal swab suspensions from mice inoculated vaginally with  $10^6$  CFU of Nel or Ngo alone or a mixture containing  $10^6$  CFU of each species. ( $n = 8-9$  mice/group).  $P=0.0013$  for the difference in recovery of Ngo from mice inoculated with Ngo alone or Ngo+Nel (repeated measures ANOVA). The number of (C, E) Nel or (D, F) Ngo CFU isolated from vaginal swab suspensions of individual mice inoculated with (C) Nel alone, (D) Ngo alone or (E, F) Ngo + Nel. Dotted line indicates level of detection.

### **Fig S3. CFU/ml from mice inoculated with WT or ComP-deficient Ngo, or either Ngo strain plus Nel**, Related to Fig 6.

(A-D) Average number of Nel or Ngo CFUs recovered from 1 ml vaginal swab suspensions from mice inoculated vaginally with  $10^6$  CFU of Nel, WT Ngo or the Ngo $\Delta comP$  mutant alone or a mixture containing  $10^6$  CFU of Nel and either Ngo strain. ( $n = 8-9$  mice/group).  $P=0.007$  for the difference in recovery of WT Ngo from mice inoculated with WT Ngo alone or WT Ngo+Nel (repeated measures ANOVA). The number of (E,H) Nel, (F,I) WT Ngo, or (G,J) Ngo $\Delta comP$  CFU isolated from individual mice inoculated with (E) Nel alone, (F) WT Ngo alone, (G) Ngo  $\Delta comP$  alone, (H,I) WT Ngo + Nel or (J) Ngo $\Delta comP$  + Nel. Dotted line indicates level of detection.

### **Fig S4. Restriction digests of Nel DNA confirm methylation of GpC and CpG sequences**, Related to Fig 7.

Purified Nel DNA was incubated with buffer or M.CviPI and/or M.SssI methyltransferases, and subsequently digested with HaeIII or BstUI, restriction enzymes which cleave only unmethylated GGCC and CGCG sequence, respectively.

**Fig S5. *iga* DNA from *E. coli* but not Ngo i35A is fragmented by Ngo restriction enzymes**, Related to Fig 7.

ADIDA DNA fragment derived from Ngo i35A (left) and *E. coli* K-12 (right) digested with HaeII or NlaIV (isoschizomers of NgoI and NgoV) and separated in a 0.7% agarose gel. (-) indicates incubation with buffer alone.

**Fig S6. Nel is not killed by Nel or Ngo DNA**, Related to Fig 7.

Nel and Ngo CFUs recovered after a 4 h incubation with chromosomal DNA purified from Nel and Ngo (5 µg/mL). Starting CFUs:  $5 \times 10^5$ . n=3. Error bars represent SEM. LOD: 10 CFUs. (\*\* $P < 0.01$ ; Student's t-test).

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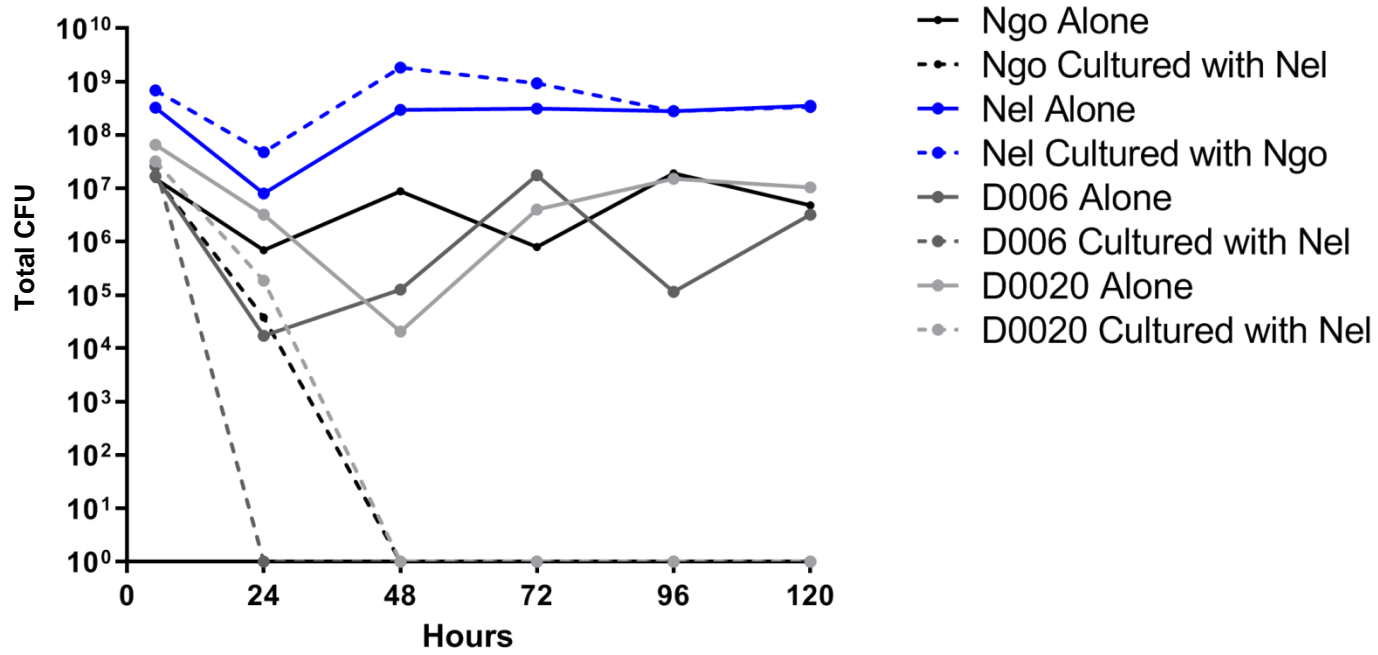
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**Table S6. Toxic DNAs in this study contain sequences recognized by Ngo MS11 R/M systems, Related to Fig 4 and Fig 7.**

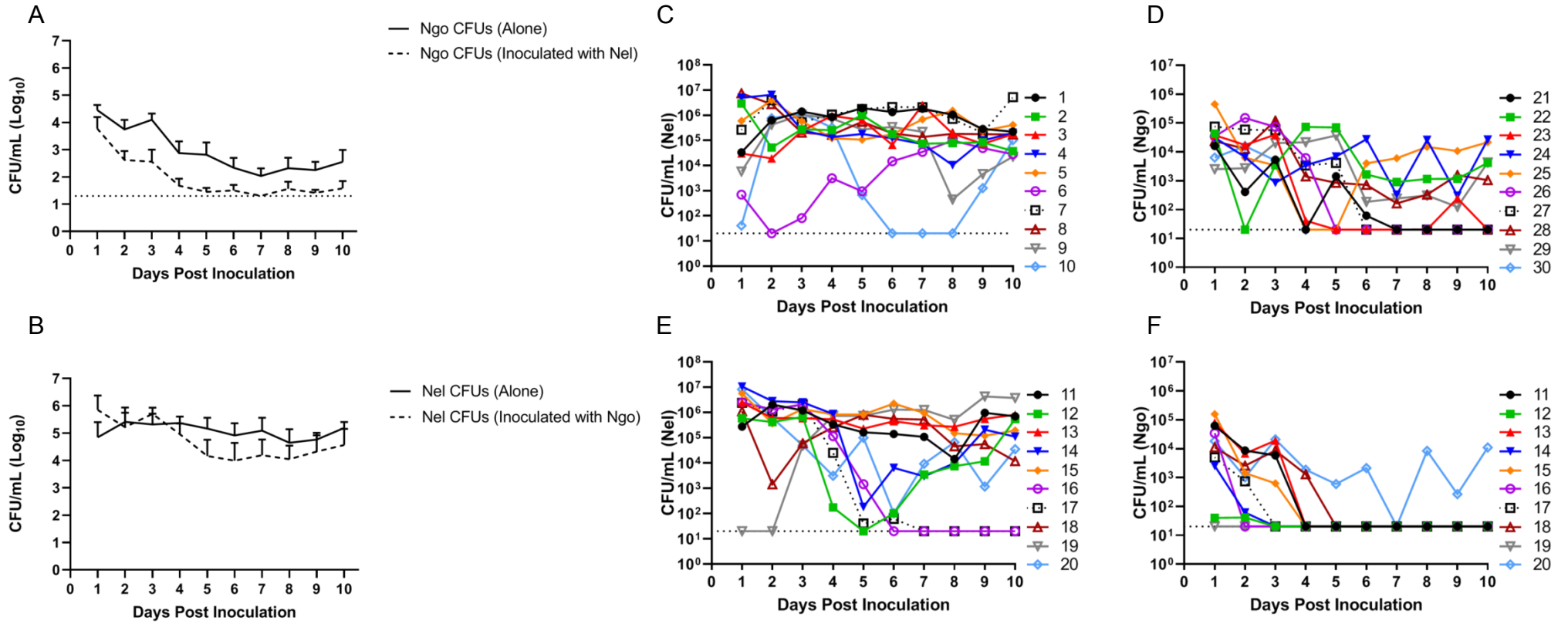
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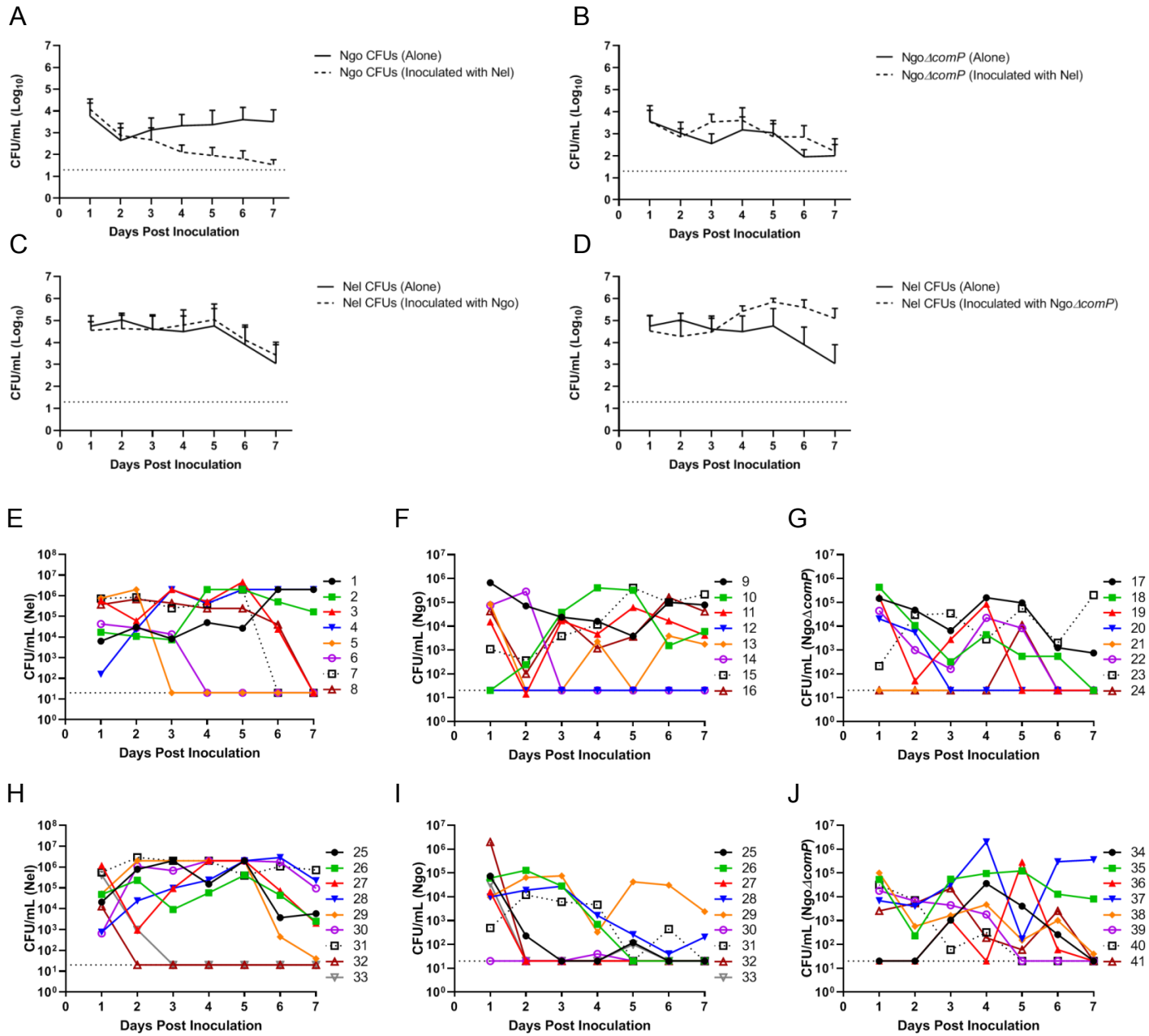
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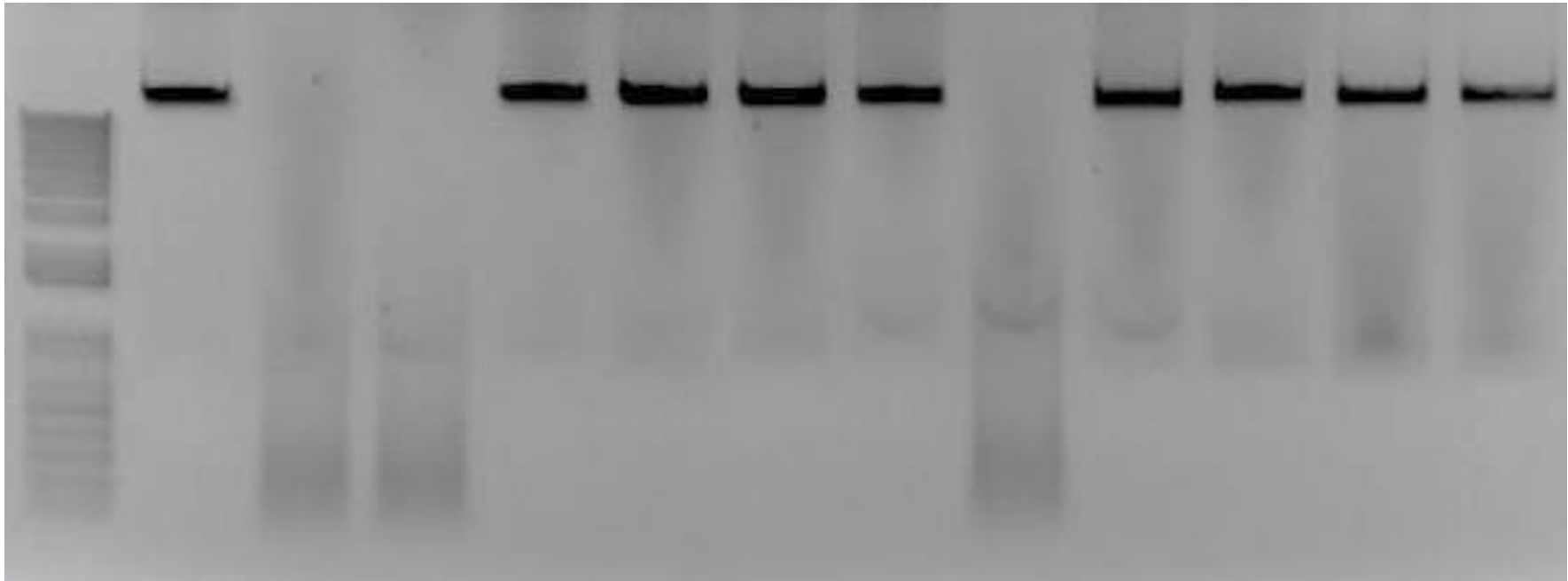


**Fig S3. CFU/ml from mice inoculated with WT or ComP-deficient Ngo, or either Ngo strain plus Nel.**



**Fig S4. Restriction digests of Nel DNA confirm methylation of GpC and CpG sequences.**

Motifs methylated	-	-	-	Gp <sup>m</sup> C	Gp <sup>m</sup> C	Gp <sup>m</sup> C	<sup>m</sup> CpG	<sup>m</sup> CpG	<sup>m</sup> CpG	Both	Both	Both
Restriction enzyme	-	HaeIII	BstUI	-	HaeIII	BstUI	-	HaeIII	BstUI	-	HaeIII	BstUI



HaeIII recognition sequence: GGCC

BstUI recognition sequence: CGCG

Fig S5. *iga* DNA from *E. coli* but not from Ngo i35A is fragmented by Ngo restriction enzymes.

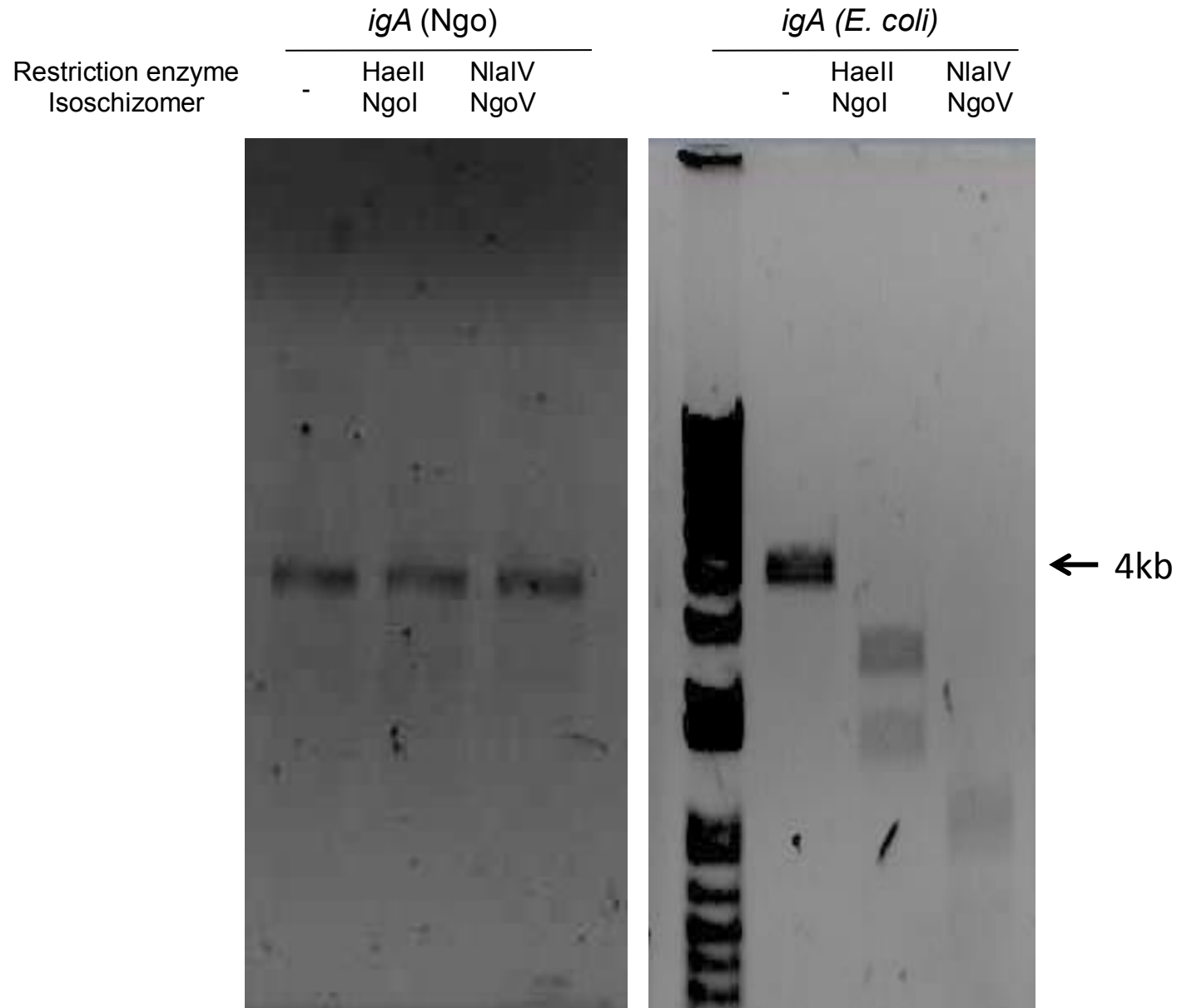
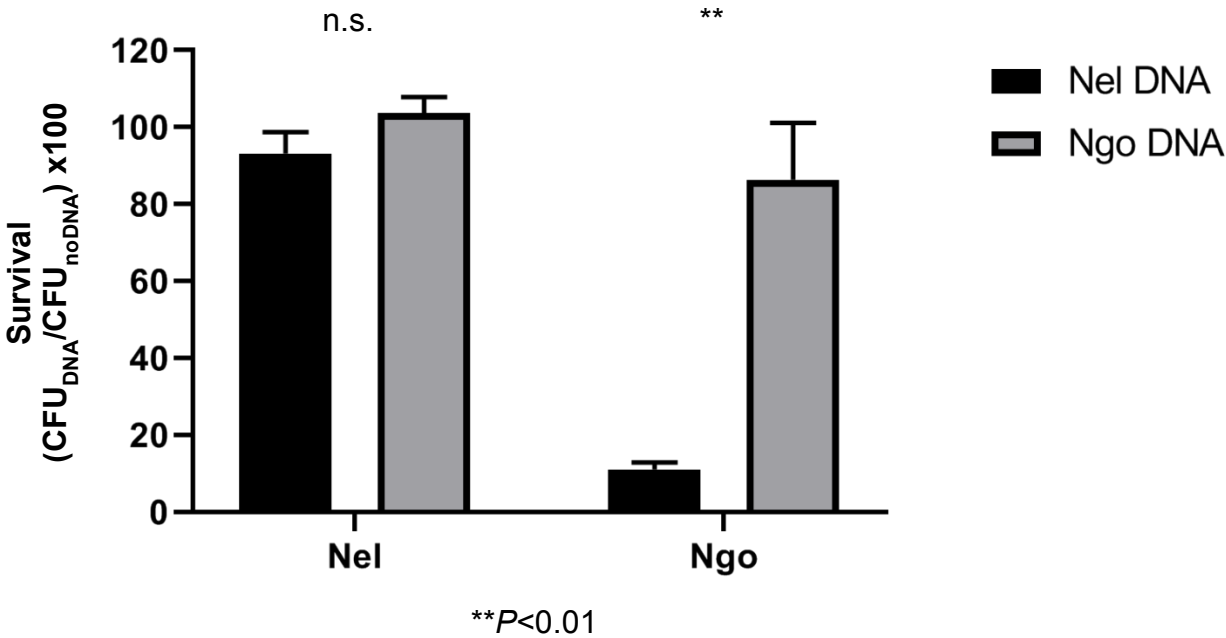




Fig S6. Nel is not killed by Nel or Ngo DNA.



**Table S1. Bacterial strains and primers used in this study.**

Organism (strain)	Genotype	Source
<i>E. coli</i> (DH5 $\alpha$ )	<i>dam</i> <sup>+</sup> , <i>dcm</i> <sup>+</sup>	Lab collection
<i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> (MS11)	WT, P+, Opa-nonexpressing	(Segal <i>et al.</i> , 1985)
$\Delta pilT$	$\Delta pilT$	(Dietrich <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
$\Delta pilT/ipilT$	$\Delta pilT$ containing IPTG-inducible <i>pilT</i> <sub>WT</sub> inserted between <i>aspC</i> and <i>lctP</i>	This study
$\Delta comP$	$\Delta comP$	This study
$\Delta comP/comP_{WT}$	<i>comP</i> <sub>WT</sub> inserted between <i>iga</i> and <i>trpB</i>	This study
TD3	$\Delta ngoll$ , $\Delta ngoIV$ , $\Delta ngoV$ R/M loci deleted	This study
N400	IPTG-inducible <i>recA</i>	(Tonjum <i>et al.</i> , 1995)
i35A	AsiSI-DUS- <i>iga</i> -DUS-AsiSI (ADIDA)	This study
<i>N. elongata</i>	ATCC 29315	(Marri <i>et al.</i> , 2010)
<i>N. lactamica</i>	ATCC 23970	(Marri <i>et al.</i> , 2010)
<i>N. cinerea</i>	ATCC 14685	(Marri <i>et al.</i> , 2010)
<i>N. mucosa</i>	ATCC 25996	(Marri <i>et al.</i> , 2010)
<i>N. sicca</i>	ATCC 29256	(Marri <i>et al.</i> , 2010)
<i>N. polysaccharea</i>	ATCC 32768	(Marri <i>et al.</i> , 2010)
<i>N. meningitidis</i>	8013	(Nassif <i>et al.</i> , 1993)
Primer	Sequence (5'-3')	Use
comP_MS11_F	CGCCCGCACCAAAGGCCCGCCAAACCGGTGCTGCCTGCGGTTAAAA AATAGAGTGGGAAATATGCATACTGCTGAATGGGATAGTAAAGTCTGTTCA AAGAAATATGTTGAATAATCTGTTCTTATTGGAAGTAAAGTAATGACTGAT AATCGGGGGTTTCTCGAGGGCTTGACACTTTATG	Deletion of <i>comP</i>
comP_MS11_R	GATACGGATCACGGGTCATAACTATAGGCTTAATATTACACGATTCTCAT TCCATCAAGGCGGAAAACCGCACAAATACTGAAACACTATCGATCGATTT GTAAACAAGCCTACTTAAGTAACTTGACATCGATGTTTTAACTTCAG ACGGC	Deletion of <i>comP</i>
MR392	CCGTCCATTTCCGGTATTCAC	Confirmation of <i>comP</i> deletion
MR395	TTTTCGATTTCTTCGCTGTG	Confirmation of <i>comP</i> deletion
MR396	GTAAACATCAATGCGGCTTC	Confirmation of <i>comP</i> insertion
165F	CTCGAAGCCTTTGACTTGCT	Confirmation of <i>comP</i> insertion
Ngoll_FC_F	CAAATGCGCCAAATCAAC	Deletion of <i>ngoll</i> ; confirmation of <i>ngoll</i> deletion
Ngoll_FC_R	GGGTTTCAGTCCCAAGTTTGA	Delete <i>ngoll</i> ; confirmation of <i>ngoll</i> deletion
NgolV_FC_F	GAAATCGCCGAACACGTTAT	Deletion of <i>ngolV</i> ;

		confirmation of <i>ngoIV</i> deletion
NgoIV_FC_R	CCAATACGCCGACATAATCC	Deletion of <i>ngoIV</i> ; confirmation of <i>ngoIV</i> deletion
NgoV_FC_F	TCGCGCACAATCAAATATC	Deletion of <i>ngoV</i> ; confirmation of <i>ngoV</i> deletion
NgoV_FC_R	ACGCGTAAAACTTCGGTTG	Delete <i>ngoV</i> ; confirmation of <i>ngoV</i> deletion
DUS_pCR- Blunt_F	ATGCCGTCTGAAGTACGGCA GTTTAAGGTTTACACC	Addition of DUS to pCR-Blunt; PCR amplification of pCR- Blunt
pCR-Blunt_R	GTATAGGCTGCGCAACTGTT	PCR amplification of pCR- Blunt
M13_F	TGTAAAACGACGGCCAGT	Sequencing of pCR-Blunt and BAC clones/ subclones
M13_R	CAGGAAACAGCTATGAC	Sequencing of pCR-Blunt and BAC clones/ subclones
Iga5_F	GCAGCTATCTGATGCAGGAC	Sequencing of i35A; PCR amplification of ADIDA
Iga5_R	AGCTTGAGAAGCCGGTTACA	Sequencing of i35A
Iga3_F	TTCCATTCTTGCCATGATTTT	Sequencing of i35A
Iga3_R	TTCTTGCCTATGCCCTTACG	Sequencing of i35A; PCR amplification of ADIDA
MR616	ATACGTTTCCTTAATTAACAGAGCCGCATTATGCAGATTA	<i>pilT</i> amplification to clone into pKH37
MR617	ATACGTTTCCATCGATGGTTGTGTGTCAGAACTCATAC	<i>pilT</i> amplification to clone into pKH37
MR618	ATGCACTTCTTCGCAGGTTT	Confirmation of <i>pilT</i> insertion between <i>aspC</i> and <i>lctP</i>
Iga5AD	CGGTTTGGGCGTGGATACGCCTGACCACGCCGCGCCGATTACTTCGGG CGCACCGATTGGCGTACTGCACGGCTTCCGCAGCTATCTGATGCAGGA CGAAAACGGCCAAGTCTTGGGGACGCACTCTGTTTCCGCAGGCTTGGA TTACCCCGGCATCGGCCCGGAACACAGCCATCTGCACGACATCAAGCG CGTCGAATACACCGTTGCCAAAGATGACGAAGCACTCGAAGCCTTTGAC TTGCTCTGCCGATTTCGAGGGCATCATCCCCGCGCTCGAATCCAGCCAC GCCGTTGCTTGGGCGGTGAAAAACGCGCCGAAAATGGGTAAAGACCAA GTGATTTTGGTCAACCTGTCGGGTCGCGGCGACAAAGACATCAATACCG TGGCGAAACTCAAAGGCATTGAGCTGTAGCTTTGTTAGTCTGATAAAAAT GCCGTCCGAAGCTTGAGTTCAGACGGCATTATTTTGTCTATGAATTTGG TATT <b>GCGATCGCATGCCGTCTGA</b> ATTAGAAACGAATCTGTATTTTAATTT GTCCGGATTTTTGTTTTCCAATTGTTTTCTTTTGTAAACTGCCATTTA CGTTTAATGTAACATTACGGTACAGTAACGCGGCGCCTGCTGAATATTG	Introduction of <b>AsiSI</b> restriction site and <u>DUS12</u> to 5' end of <i>iga</i>

	<p>CTGTTGATTATCTGCTTTATAGGCGAAGGATTTACCGCCACATTACGC  CGCCTTTGCCATAATTGGCAAAGTAAGCTGCAGATAACAAGGGTTTTAC  GGTAAGGTTGCCGACTTTAAACCGATAAGCAAAATCCAGTCCGGCCGTT  AGTGTTTTCACTGCCATAGAACTTACTTTAACACTGTCGTCACCCAACTT  GTAATCTGCAGATGACAGGCGGCTGTAACGGATACCCGCACTAGGGAC  AATCTCGAATTGATTGATTTTTCAGCGTATTGCCCAAAGTAAGGCCGGTTT  GGATGCTTGTTGCGTTAAAGTTTGCTTTTTGCTGCGTTTGTAAACCGCTT  CTCAAGCTGCCCGCACCA</p>	
DAIga3	<p>TCGTGTTGTTTGATTTTATCTGCAAATTCTTTTTTATAGATATTCCATTCTT  GCCATGATTTTTTTCCGTAACCTGCCCAATAATCGTAAGTTCCCAAAAAG  ACCCATTGATTTTTTTGTTTGTCAAAGCAAATAGTGGAGAGCCGCTATC  GCCCAACACGCCGTAATTTGTTAACGCATCTTGCGAAAGTGCTTGTTTAA  GTTCTTCTGCCGAATACTGTTTATTATGATTACCAAAGCCGATCAAACCT  TCGGTATTCATTGTTTGGTCAATATTAATATCTTTATAAGGCGTACCTGCA  ATGGCATAACGATAGGCTTGTGAAAGATCGCGCAAATCGTAGCCTTTTT  CATTTCTTCTTGATGATAAACCCCTTTTTTCATAAACTAATTGCCTGCCCG  CACCGATTCTGACAAAAGAGGAAAAACGGTTTTTATCTTTGTAGGTATCC  AATCCGCCGCCGGCATCAGTTGGTGAATCGGTGCCAATGCCGTCTGA  <u>AGCGATCGC</u>CTTCGGTTACAACTTATTTAAAACGCGCCATATTATAATCT  TCGAGGCGGCCTAAATTGCTCGCACCCCAAGCTTTATGGGGTTCATAGT  TATTTTGTTCGACAACGCGGTATTCATTTCTTTGTCGGCTACATCATTAT  GACCGTTGTATTGGCCGTAATAAAAAGTATGGACTTCTGCTTTGGCGTGT  TTGACGCTGACGGCATATTGGGGATCGACTACCGTTGCTATGCGTTTTGT  TGACATCTGCAACGCTAAAATCAATCATCGGTACGTTGGATAATGCGTTG  CCGATGTTTTGACCTCGTTTGTTTTTCACTGATAAATCGGTTGCGCCGAC  AAAAAATTTGCCTTTGTTTTCTGCAAAGTCACGGAATATTTGATAATCGAC  ATCGTCTCTACCAATGCCGCTTCTGAGTATGGCGTAAGGGCATAGGCA  AGAAAGATGGATAAGGATATGGCGTTAATTTTAAAACGTTTGGCTTTCAT</p>	<p>Introduction of <u>DUS12</u> and <b>AsiSI</b> restriction site to 3' end of <i>iga</i></p>

**Table S2. Identification of DNA as the toxic compound in *N. elongata* supernatant.**

<b>Supernatant treatment</b>	<b>Clearance zone</b>
DNase I	No
DNase I, boiled	Yes
Proteinase K	Yes
Proteinase K, boiled	Yes
RNase I	Yes

**Table S3. Resistance of *N. gonorrhoeae* DNA uptake mutants to killing by *N. elongata* DNA.**

Strain	Clearance zone
MS11 WT	Yes
$\Delta pilE$	No
$\Delta comP$	No
$\Delta comP/comP_{WT}$	Yes

**Table S4. Toxicity of DNA from BACs and BAC subclones for *N. gonorrhoeae*.**

<b>BAC clones</b>	<b>Insert start position</b>	<b>Insert end position</b>	<b>Insert length (bp)</b>	<b>Clearance zone</b>
pBeloBAC11 vector (7.5kb)	-	-	0	No
6.1	1021119	1044807	23688	Yes
6.2	2097448	2126542	29094	Yes
6.3	1193060	1242918	49858	Yes
6.4	1030576	1081623	51047	Yes
6.5	2097448	2126542	28358	Yes
<b>BAC 6.1 subclones</b>				
pUC19 vector (2.7 kb)	-	-	0	No
6.1.3	1024777	1029727	4950	Yes
6.1.11	1033760	1038767	5007	Yes
6.1.13	1042473	1044193	1720	Yes
6.1.20	1021144	1024413	3269	Yes
6.1.24	1039200	1044555	5355	Yes
6.1.26	1031310	1038748	7438	Yes

**Table S5. Modifications in Nel 29315 (this study), Ngo FA1090 (Blow *et al.*, 2016, Srikhanta *et al.* 2009), Ngo MS11 (Stein *et al.*, 1992) and *E. coli* K-12 (Marinus and Løbner-Olesen, 2014) DNA.**

Organism	R/M System	Recognition Sequence	Nucleotide	Detection Method
<b>Nel 29315</b>	Unknown	GGA <sup>m</sup> AC	Adenine	PacBio SMRT
		CRT <sup>m</sup> ANNNNNNTGC	Adenine	
		TA <sup>m</sup> ATNNNNNNRRTAY	Adenine	
<b>Ngo FA1090</b>	NgoI	RG <sup>m</sup> CGCY	Cytosine	PacBio SMRT
	NgoII	GG <sup>m</sup> CC	Cytosine	
	NgoIII	<sup>m</sup> CCGCGG	Cytosine	
	NgoIV	G <sup>m</sup> CCGGC	Cytosine	
	NgoV	GGNN <sup>m</sup> CC	Cytosine	
	NgoAV	GC <sup>m</sup> ANNNNNNNNTGC	Adenine	
	NgoAXVII	G <sup>m</sup> AGNNNNNTAC	Adenine	
	NgoAXVI	GGTG <sup>m</sup> A	Adenine	
	NgoAX	CC <sup>m</sup> ACC	Adenine	
NgoAXII	AGAA <sup>m</sup> A	Adenine	Restriction analysis	
<b>Ngo MS11</b>	NgoI	RG <sup>m</sup> CGCY	Cytosine	Restriction analysis
	NgoII	GG <sup>m</sup> CC	Cytosine	
	NgoIII	<sup>m</sup> CCGCGG	Cytosine	
	NgoIV	G <sup>m</sup> CCGGC	Cytosine	
	NgoV	GGNN <sup>m</sup> CC	Cytosine	
	NgoVIII	T <sup>m</sup> CACC	Cytosine	
	NgoAXVI	GGTG <sup>m</sup> A	Adenine	PacBio SMRT
<b><i>E. coli</i> K-12</b>	EcoKI	A <sup>m</sup> ACNNNNNGTCG	Adenine	Review of previous studies
	Dam	G <sup>m</sup> ATC	Adenine	
	Dcm	C <sup>m</sup> CWGG	Cytosine	

R: A or G; Y: C or T; N: any base.



**Table S6. Toxic DNAs in this study contain sequences recognized by Ngo MS11 R/M systems.**

R/M system	Recognition sequence	# Occurrences		
		Nel DNA	pCR-Blunt	ADIDA
Ngol	RG <sup>m</sup> CGCY	514	3	2
Ngoll	GG <sup>m</sup> CC	16392	24	9
Ngolll	<sup>m</sup> CCGCGG	420	0	0
NgolV	G <sup>m</sup> CCGGC	1592	3	4
NgoV	GGNN <sup>m</sup> CC	2710	9	7
NgoVIII	T <sup>m</sup> CACC	1582	3	2
NgoAXVI	GGTG <sup>m</sup> A	1656	3	2

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**Table S7. Short regions of homology (9-20 bp) between *E. coli* plasmids and Ngo MS11 chromosome contain recognition sequences from Ngo MS11 restriction modification (R/M) systems.**

Plasmid	R/M system	Recognition sequence	# of occurrences in Ngo chromosome	Homology length (minimum)	Homology length (maximum)
pCR-Blunt	NgoI	RG <sup>m</sup> CGCY	11	10	12
	NgoII	GG <sup>m</sup> CC	414	10	17
	NgoIII	<sup>m</sup> CCGCGG	0	-	-
	NgoIV	G <sup>m</sup> CCGGC	94	10	17
	NgoV	GGNN <sup>m</sup> CC	36	10	15
	NgoVIII	T <sup>m</sup> CACC	14	10	15
	NgoAXVI	GGTG <sup>m</sup> A	21	10	13
pBeloBAC11	NgoI	RG <sup>m</sup> CGCY	6	10	13
	NgoII	GG <sup>m</sup> CC	205	10	18
	NgoIII	<sup>m</sup> CCGCGG	0	-	-
	NgoIV	G <sup>m</sup> CCGGC	104	10	17
	NgoV	GGNN <sup>m</sup> CC	30	10	17
	NgoVIII	T <sup>m</sup> CACC	51	10	15
	NgoAXVI	GGTG <sup>m</sup> A	48	10	16
pUC19	NgoI	RG <sup>m</sup> CGCY	20	9	15
	NgoII	GG <sup>m</sup> CC	178	9	15
	NgoIII	<sup>m</sup> CCGCGG	0	-	-
	NgoIV	G <sup>m</sup> CCGGC	1	20	20
	NgoV	GGNN <sup>m</sup> CC	47	9	15
	NgoVIII	T <sup>m</sup> CACC	65	9	15
	NgoAXVI	GGTG <sup>m</sup> A	64	9	13

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**Table S8. Orthologs of *N*-acetylmuramyl-L-alanine-amidase AmiC and lytic transglycosylase LtgA in commensal *Neisseria*.**

<i>Neisseria</i> species (strain)	AmiC		LtgA	
	Coverage (%)	Identity (%)	Coverage (%)	Identity (%)
<i>N. elongata</i> (ATCC 29315)	99	56	99	61
<i>N. sicca</i> (ATCC 29256)	99	76	98	69
<i>N. mucosa</i> (ATCC 25996)	99	76	99	68
<i>N. subflava</i> (NJ9703)	100	75	98	71
<i>N. flavescens</i> (NRL30031)	86	79	98	71
<i>N. cinerea</i> (ATCC 14685)	100	94	99	88
<i>N. polysaccharea</i> (ATCC 43768)	100	95	100	96
<i>N. lactamica</i> (ATCC 23970)	100	97	100	97

Coverage and identity values were obtained by querying AmiC and LtgA amino acid sequences against the genome database using blastp at ncbi. (<http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi>).