

# Molecular Characterization of the *Burkholderia cenocepacia* *dcw* Operon and FtsZ Interactors as New Targets for Novel Antimicrobial Design

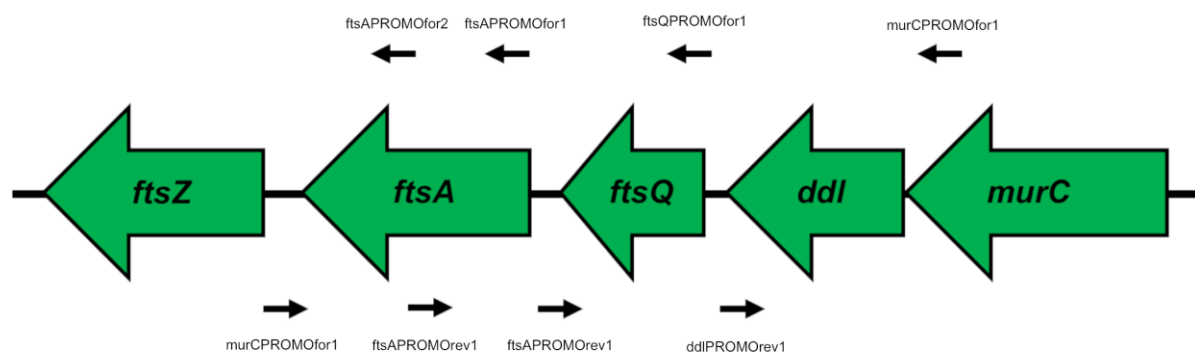
Gabriele Trespidi †, Viola Camilla Scoffone †, Giulia Barbieri, Giovanna Riccardi, Edda De Rossi \* and Silvia Buroni \*

Department of Biology and Biotechnology “Lazzaro Spallanzani”, University of Pavia, 27100 Pavia, Italy; gabriele.trespidi01@universitadipavia.it (G.T.); viola.scoffone@unipv.it (V.C.S.); giulia.barbieri@unipv.it (G.B.); giovanna.riccardi@unipv.it (G.R.)

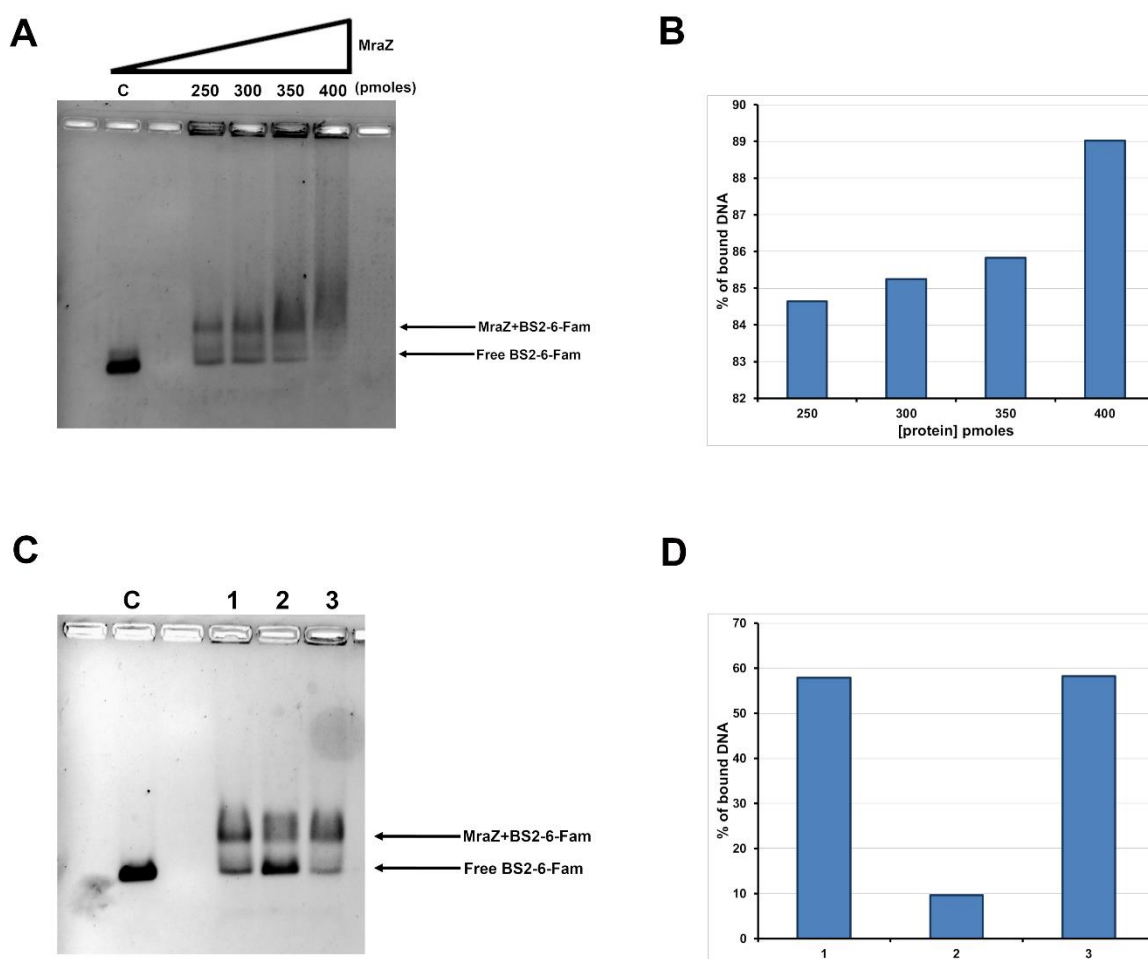
\* Correspondence: edda.derossi@unipv.it (E.D.R.); silvia.buroni@unipv.it (S.B.)

† These authors contributed equally to this work.

## Supplementary figures



**Figure S1.** Representation of the distal genes of the *dcw* cluster. The black arrows represent the primers used for the amplification of the fragments tested for their promoter activity.



**Figure S2.** Electrophoretic mobility shift assay of the MraZ protein. (A) The gel represents the band shift using a constant BS2-6-Fam DNA amount (0.34 pmoles) and increasing quantities of MraZ. (B) The bars indicate the relative quantification of the percentage of the bound DNA obtained by densitometry analysis in function of the protein concentration. (C) Demonstration of the specificity of the binding of MraZ to the fragment BS2, using a fixed amount of protein (300 pmoles) and BS2-6-Fam (0.34 pmoles) (lane 1), a 20X excess of non-labeled BS2 fragment which competes for the binding of MraZ (lane 2), or a 20X concentration of non-specific, non-labeled competitor (a 250 bp *cepI* fragment) (lane 3). (D) The bars indicate the relative quantification of the percentage of the bound DNA of the corresponding lanes obtained by densitometry analysis.

### Supplementary tables

**Table S1**

Primer	Sequence 5' - 3'	Expected fragment
mraZRTfor1	GTGTTCCAAGGGGCGTCGGC	661bp



---

mraWRTrev1	GCATCCTTGATGCCCTGCGCCGTCT	
mraWRTfor1	AAGTCGTA TAGACGCGGCA	503bp
ftsLRTrev1	TCGAGATCGGCTGCATTTTCAGCGA	
ftsLRTfor1	GCCTCAATATCTTCCTGCTG	509bp
ftsIRTrev1	CCTGCTTCTGATAGAACGCG	
ftsIRTfor1	GGGTAGCGGCGCAAAGCATA	514bp
murERTrev1	CGGGCATCCCGGTGCCGAGCGT	
murERTfor1	GGCTCGAGTCGGTCAATGGC	561bp
murFRTrev1	ATCAGGCGGGCGGCTTCGCCG	
murFRTfor1	AAGATGGAGCGCGTGGTCGA	512bp
mraYRTrev1	ACAGCCCGATCACCGATTGC	
mraYRTfor1	ACCTGCTGTTCCCGCACATC	571bp
murDRTrev1	CCTCGCGGGTATCGGCAATA	
murDRTfor1	TCGACATGTTACGAACTAC	529bp
ftsWRTrev1	GTTACGCCCTTGCCGACAT	
ftsWRTfor1	ACGATGCTCGTGTGGCTGTC	581bp
murGRTrev1	GGTGCCGCCTGCCATACCA	
murGRTfor1	AGGCTACCGACGAAGTCGCG	568bp
murCRTrev1	GAACGACGCATCCGACTCGT	
murCRTfor1	CTGGCGCTGGCGGAGTTCAA	544bp
ddlIRTrev1	GAACAACACTGCCACCTTGC	
ddlIRTfor1	CGCGACGCACGACAAGATCG	512bp
ftsQRTrev1	CGCCAACACGAGCAGCAGCA	
ftsQRTfor1	GGCAGGCATGCGGTTCTGAC	557bp
ftsARTrev1	CCCGTCACGATGTGCACCTTC	
ftsARTfor1	AAGACATCAAGGTCGGCTACGGGAT	616bp
ftsZRTrev1	TGGTCTCGGTTTCCAGCATT	
ftsZRTfor1	GAAGAAGCAGCAGTCGGCAC	581bp
BCAL3456RTrev1	AATCCGAAGATCACCACCCG	
BCAL3456RTfor1	CAAATTCGAAGTGAGCGATG	573bp

---

lpxCRTrev1

TCGACATACAGGTTGTCGAT

**Table S1:** List of primers used for the transcription analysis of the *dcw* operon, and expected length of the PCR fragments.

**Table S2**

Primer	Sequence 5'-3'	Restriction site
dcwPROMOfor1_2	GGTATCGATA <u>AAGCTT</u> ACGCCCGTCTGGGCCGTCT T	<i>Hind</i> III
dcwPROMOrev2	TCTAGCTAGA <u>AAGCTT</u> TTTCCGCTCTCCCGTTCAGG	<i>Hind</i> III
dcwPROMOfor2_2	GGTATCGATA <u>AAGCTT</u> ATTTCGTCAAAAAAGCGGG CC	<i>Hind</i> III
murCPROMOfor1	GGTATCGATA <u>AAGCTT</u> CATTCAACAGAAGGCATG AC	<i>Hind</i> III
ddlPROMOrev1	TCTAGCTAGA <u>AAGCTT</u> ACGTCGTTCCGTTCTGCG T	<i>Hind</i> III
ftsQPROMOfor1	GGTATCGATA <u>AAGCTT</u> ATGTGGAACAACGTTTCGCC A	<i>Hind</i> III
ftsQPROMOrev1	TCTAGCTAGA <u>AAGCTT</u> AAAGTGCTCTTGCGTGTGA T	<i>Hind</i> III
ftsAPROMOfor1	GGTATCGATA <u>AAGCTT</u> ATGAGCAAAGACTACAAG GA	<i>Hind</i> III
ftsAPROMOrev1	TCTAGCTAGA <u>AAGCTT</u> GATGTCGACCAGCACCAC GC	<i>Hind</i> III
ftsAPROMOfor2	GGTATCGATA <u>AAGCTT</u> GGCGGCGGCACGACGGAC AT	<i>Hind</i> III
ftsAPROMOrev2	TCTAGCTAGA <u>AAGCTT</u> TGTTGCCTCCGTCAAGAGA A	<i>Hind</i> III
mraZBS1for	GATTGGCGCCGGGGTGGCGT	
mraZBS1rev	GGAGCGGCCCGCTTTTTTGA	
mraZBS2for	AAGTTGCACTAGCTCATTCA	
mraZBS2rev	TTTCCGCTCTCCCGTTCAGG	
mraZpET28aFOR	ATGGGTCGCGGATCC <u>CTGGAAGTTCTGTTCCAGG</u> <u>GGCCC</u> aTGTTCCAAGGGGCGTCCGC	<i>Bam</i> HI
mraZpET28aREV	TGCGGCCGCA <u>AAGCTT</u> TCAGAACGTGAAATTCTTC A	<i>Hind</i> III
sulApBADM41for	TTCAGGGCGCCATGGg <u>CTGGAAGTTCTGTTCCA</u> <u>GGGGCCC</u> CACCCCGCCCTCGCC	<i>Nco</i> I
sulApBADM41rev	ACGGAGCTCGAATTCCTCAGGCGACGGCGCC	<i>Eco</i> RI
ftsASUMOfor	GAGAACAGATTGGTGGTATGAGCAAAGACTACA AGGA	
ftsASUMOrev	ATACCTAAGCTTGTCTTCAGAAGTTGCTCAGGAA CC	
ZipASUMOFOR	GAGAACAGATTGGTGGTTGGCAGGGCGCGAAAG TGCGGCGC	

ZipASUMORev	ATACCTAAGCTTGTCTTTACTGGCTGAAGAGGCCG GCGCGTGAC
mraZBSNSfor	ACACGAACTCGCGGCGGATC
mraZBSNSrev	TTGCGGCAGCGGCATGTCCT
mraZRACErev1	CATTCCCAACAACATGACTT
RA1	GACCACGCGTATCGATGTCGAC(T) <sub>16</sub>
mraZRACErev2	CGGAAACAGCAACAGGCAGC
RA2	GACCACGCGTATCGATGTCGAC
mraZRACErev3	GTCACAGTCACCCGTCCTTC

**Table S2:** List of primers used for gene and promoter sequences cloning into plasmids, EMSA and 5'-RACE. The restriction site is underlined and the prescission protease sequence is in blue.

**Table S3**

Plasmid	Description	Source
pSU11	<i>E. coli-Burkholderia</i> shuttle vector containing <i>lacZ</i> reporter gene downstream of the MCS, Gm <sup>r</sup>	Jenul <i>et al.</i> , 2018
pSU11-161	pSU11 containing the <i>dcw</i> predicted promoter sequence in a 161 bp fragment	This study
pSU11-289	pSU11 containing the <i>dcw</i> predicted promoter sequence in a 289 bp fragment	This study
pSU11-ftsQp	pSU11 containing the DNA sequence of the gene <i>ddl</i>	This study
pSU11-ftsAp	pSU11 containing the DNA sequence of the gene <i>ftsQ</i>	This study
pSU11-ftsZp1	pSU11 containing the first half of the <i>ftsA</i> gene sequence	This study
pSU11-ftsZp2	pSU11 containing the second half of the <i>ftsA</i> gene sequence	This study
pET28a	Expression vector IPTG inducible, Kan <sup>r</sup>	Novagen
pET28a-MraZ	pET28a containing MraZ coding sequence	This study
pBADM-41	Expression vector for toxic or unstable proteins, containing MBP fusion, controlled by <i>araBAD</i> promoter, Amp <sup>r</sup>	Laboratory collection
pBADM-41-SulA	pBADM-41 containing SulA coding sequence	This study
pETSUMO	Expression system incorporating a SUMO fusion, IPTG inducible, Kan <sup>r</sup>	Invitrogen
pETSUMO-FtsA	pETSUMO containing FtsA coding sequence	This study
pETSUMO-ZipA	pETSUMO containing ZipA coding sequence	This study
pUT18	Derivative of pUC19. A MCS allows construction of in-frame fusions at the N-terminal end of the T18 polypeptide under the control of a lac promoter.	Karimova <i>et al.</i> , 1998



---

pUT18C	Derivative of pUC19. A MCS allows construction of in-frame fusions at the C-terminal end of the T18 polypeptide under the control of a lac promoter.	Karimova <i>et al.</i> , 1998
pKT25	Derivative of pSU40. A multicloning site sequence (MCS) allows construction of in-frame fusions at the N-terminal end of the T25 polypeptide under the control of a lac promoter.	Karimova <i>et al.</i> , 1998
pKNT25	Derivative of pSU40. A MCS allows construction of in-frame fusions at the C-terminal end of the T25 polypeptide under the control of a lac promoter.	Karimova <i>et al.</i> , 1998
pUT18FtsZ	pUT18 containing the T18 fused to the C-terminal end of FtsZ	This study
pUT18CFtsZ	pUT18C containing the T18 fused to the N-terminal end of FtsZ	This study
pKT25FtsZ	pKT25 containing the T25 fused to the N-terminal end of FtsZ	This study
pKNT25FtsZ	pKNT25 containing the T25 fused to the C-terminal end of FtsZ	This study
pUT18FtsA	pUT18 containing the T18 fused to the C-terminal end of FtsA	This study
pUT18CFtsA	pUT18C containing the T18 fused to the N-terminal end of FtsA	This study
pKT25FtsA	pKT25 containing the T25 fused to the N-terminal end of FtsA	This study
pKNT25FtsA	pKNT25 containing the T25 fused to the C-terminal end of FtsA	This study
pUT18FtsE	pUT18 containing the T18 fused to the C-terminal end of FtsE	This study
pKNT25FtsE	pKNT25 containing the T25 fused to the C-terminal end of FtsE	This study
pUT18FtsQ	pUT18 containing the T18 fused to the C-terminal end of FtsQ	This study
pKNT25FtsQ	pKNT25 containing the T25 fused to the C-terminal end of FtsQ	This study
pUT18FtsI	pUT18 containing the T18 fused to the C-terminal end of FtsI	This study
pUT18CFtsI	pUT18C containing the T18 fused to the N-terminal end of FtsI	This study
pKT25FtsI	pKT25 containing the T25 fused to the N-terminal end of FtsI	This study
pKNT25FtsI	pKNT25 containing the T25 fused to the C-terminal end of FtsI	This study
pUT18FtsN	pUT18 containing the T18 fused to the C-terminal end of FtsN	This study
pUT18CFtsN	pUT18C containing the T18 fused to the N-terminal end of FtsN	This study
pKT25FtsN	pKT25 containing the T25 fused to the N-terminal end of FtsN	This study
pKNT25FtsN	pKNT25 containing the T25 fused to the C-terminal end of FtsN	This study

---



pUT18ZipA	pUT18 containing the T18 fused to the C-terminal end of ZipA	This study
pUT18CZipA	pUT18C containing the T18 fused to the N-terminal end of ZipA	This study
pKT25ZipA	pKT25 containing the T25 fused to the N-terminal end of ZipA	This study
pKNT25ZipA	pKNT25 containing the T25 fused to the C-terminal end of ZipA	This study
pUT18SulA	pUT18 containing the T18 fused to the C-terminal end of SulA	This study
pKNT25SulA	pKNT25 containing the T25 fused to the C-terminal end of SulA	This study
pUT18ZapA	pUT18 containing the T18 fused to the C-terminal end of ZapA	This study
pUT18CZapA	pUT18C containing the T18 fused to the N-terminal end of ZapA	This study
pKT25ZapA	pKT25 containing the T25 fused to the N-terminal end of ZapA	This study
pKNT25ZapA	pKNT25 containing the T25 fused to the C-terminal end of ZapA	This study

Table S3: List of plasmids used in this work.

Table S4

Strain	Genotype	Source
<i>Escherichia coli</i>		
DH5 $\alpha$	F <sup>-</sup> , $\phi$ 80dlacZ $\Delta$ M15 $\Delta$ (lacZYA-argF)U169, endA1, recA1, hsdR17(rk <sup>-</sup> mk <sup>+</sup> ), supE44, thi-1, $\Delta$ gyrA96, relA1	Laboratory stock
BL21(DE3)	F <sup>-</sup> , ompT, hsdS <sub>B</sub> (r <sub>B</sub> -m <sub>B</sub> <sup>-</sup> ), gal, dcm (DE3)	Laboratory stock
TOP10	F <sup>-</sup> , mcrA, $\Delta$ (mrr-hsdRMS-mcrBC), $\phi$ 80lacZ $\Delta$ M15, $\Delta$ lacX74, recA1, araD139, $\Delta$ (ara-leu)7697, galU, galK $\lambda$ -rpsL(Str <sup>r</sup> ), endA1, nupG	Laboratory stock
XL1Blue	recA1, endA1, gyrA96, thi-1, hsdR17, supE44, relA1, lac [F' proAB lacI <sup>q</sup> Z $\Delta$ M15 Tn10 (Tet <sup>r</sup> )].	Laboratory stock
BTH101	F <sup>-</sup> , cya-99, araD139, galE15, galK16, rpsL1 (Str <sup>r</sup> ), hsdR2, mcrA1, mcrB1	Euromedex
<i>Burkholderia cenocepacia</i>		
J2315	Wild type strain	Laboratory stock
K56-2	Wild type strain	Laboratory stock

Table S4: List of strains used in this work.

Table S5

Primer	Sequence 5'-3'	Restriction site
--------	----------------	------------------



FtsZpUT18pKNT25For	GATTACGCCAAGCTT <u>GATGGAATTCGAAATGCTG</u> GA	<i>HindIII</i>
FtsZpUT18pKNT25Rev	GGTACCCGGGGATCCTCGTCAGCCTGCTTGCGCA GGAAAG	<i>BamHI</i>
FtsZpUT18CFor	GACTCTAGAGGATCCCATGGAATTCGAAATGCT GGA	<i>BamHI</i>
FtsZpUT18CRev	GAATTCGAGCTCGGTACCCGGTCAGCCTGCTTGC GCAGGAAAG	<i>KpnI</i>
FtsZpKT25For	GACTCTAGAGGATCCCATGGAATTCGAAATGCT GGA	<i>BamHI</i>
FtsZpkT25Rev	CTTAGTACTTAGGTACCCGGTCAGCCTGCTTGC GCAGGA	<i>KpnI</i>
SulApUT18pKNT25For	GATTACGCCAAGCTT <u>GATGCACCCCGCCCTCGCC</u> CATCCTG	<i>HindIII</i>
SulApUT18Rev	CGGTACCCGGGGATCCTCGGGCAGCGGCCGGC GATCGTGGCC	<i>BamHI</i>
SulApKNT25Rev	GTACCCGGGGATCCTCGGGCAGCGGCCGGCGA TCGTGGCC	<i>BamHI</i>
SulApUT18CpKT25For	GACTCTAGAGGATCCCATGCACCCCGCCCTCGCC CATCCT	<i>BamHI</i>
SulApUC18CRev	GTTATATCGATGAATTCGAGGCGACGGCGCCGG CGATCGTGGCC	<i>EcoRI</i>
SulApKT25Rev	GTTACTTAGGTACCCGGGCGACGGCGCCGGCGA TCGTGGCC	<i>KpnI</i>
FtsApUT18pKNT25For	GATTACGCCAAGCTT <u>GATGAGCAAAGACTACAA</u> GGATC	<i>HindIII</i>
FtsApUT18pKNT2Rev	TTCGAGCTCGGTACCCGGAAGTTGCTCAGGAAC C	<i>KpnI</i>
FtsApUT18CpKT25For	GACTCTAGAGGATCCCATGAGCAAAGACTACAA GGATC	<i>BamHI</i>
FtsApUT18CRev	GAATTCGAGCTCGGTACCCGGAAGTTGCTCAGG AACCATTCC	<i>KpnI</i>
FtsApKT25Rev	GTTACTTAGGTACCCGGAAGTTGCTCAGGAACC ATTCC	<i>KpnI</i>
ZipApUT18pKNT25For	GATTACGCCAAGCTT <u>GATGGACGAGTTGACACT</u> CGGTTTG	<i>HindIII</i>
ZipApUT18pKNT25Rev	CGGGGATCCTCTAGAGTCTGGCTGAAGAGGCGG CGCGTGA	<i>XbaI</i>
ZipApUT18CpKT25For	GACTCTAGAGGATCCCATGGACGAGTTGACACT CGGTTTG	<i>BamHI</i>
ZipApUT18CRev	GAATTCGAGCTCGGTACCCGCTGGCTGAAGAGG CGGCGCTGAC	<i>KpnI</i>
ZipApKT25Rev	GTTACTTAGGTACCCGCTGGCTGAAGAGGCGGC GCGTGAC	<i>KpnI</i>
ZapApUT18pKNT25For	GATTACGCCAAGCTT <u>GATGAGCACCAAGCAGAT</u> CGAAGTCT	<i>HindIII</i>
ZapApUT18pKNT25rev	GTACCCGGGGATCCTCCTGCGTCTCGTGCTGTGC GAGC	<i>BamHI</i>
ZapApUT18CpKT25For	GACTCTAGAGGATCCCATGAGCACCAAGCAGAT CGAAGTCT	<i>BamHI</i>





ZapApUT18CRev	CGAGCTCGGTACCCGCTGCGTCTCGTGCTGTGCG AGC	<i>KpnI</i>
ZapApKT25Rev	GTTACTTAGGTACCCGCTGCGTCTCGTGCTGTGC GAGC	<i>KpnI</i>
FtsEpUT18pKNT25For	GATTACGCCAAGCTTGATGATCCGCCTCGAACGC ATCGAC	<i>HindIII</i>
FtsEpUT18pKNT25Rev	GTACCCGGGGATCCTCGAACGCCGGCACGCCTT GCCGAG	<i>BamHI</i>
FtsEpUT18CpKT25For	GACTCTAGAGGATCCCATGATCCGCCTCGAACG CATCGAC	<i>BamHI</i>
FtsEpUT18CRev	CGAGCTCGGTACCCGGAACGCCGGCACGCCTTG CGCGAG	<i>KpnI</i>
FtsEpKT25Rev	GTTACTTAGGTACCCGGAACGCCGGCACGCCTTG CGCGAG	<i>KpnI</i>
FtsQpUT18pKNT25For	GATTACGCCAAGCTTGATGTGGAACAACGTTTCG CCAAC	<i>HindIII</i>
FtsQpUT18pKNT25Rev	GTACCCGGGGATCCTCCTTCTTGCCTTGTCCGT ATCG	<i>BamHI</i>
FtsQpUT18CpKT25For	GACTCTAGAGGATCCCATGTGGAACAACGTTTCG CCAAC	<i>BamHI</i>
FtsQpUT18CRev	CGAGCTCGGTACCCGCTTCTTGCCTTGTCCGTA TCG	<i>KpnI</i>
FtsQpKT25Rev	GTTACTTAGGTACCCGCTTCTTGCCTTGTCCGTA TCG	<i>KpnI</i>
FtsIpUT18pKNT25for	GATTACGCCAAGCTTGATGAAGCCGTCCCAGAA GCCG	<i>HindIII</i>
FtsIpUT18pKNT25rev	GTACCCGGGGATCCTCTCGAACTACTCCTGGTGA ATTAC	<i>BamHI</i>
FtsIpUT18CFor	CAGGTCGACTCTAGAGATGAAGCCGTCCCAGAA GCCG	<i>XbaI</i>
FtsIpUT18CRev	GTTATATCGATGAATTCGATCGAACTACTCCTGG TGAATTAC	<i>EcoRI</i>
FtsIpKT25For	GGGTCGACTCTAGAGATGAAGCCGTCCCAGAAG CGC	<i>XbaI</i>
FtsIpKT25Rev	AACGACGGCCGAATTCATCGAACTACTCCTG GTGAATTAC	<i>EcoRI</i>
FtsNpUT18pKNT25For	GATTACGCCAAGCTTGGTGCTGGGCCTGATCGTC GGCCTCG	<i>HindIII</i>
FtsNpUT18pKNT25Rev	GTACCCGGGGATCCTCCTGCTTCGTGAAGCGGAT CACC	<i>BamHI</i>
FtsNpUT18CpKT25For	GACTCTAGAGGATCCCGTGCTGGGCCTGATCGTC GGCCTCG	<i>BamHI</i>
FtsNpUT18CRev	CGAGCTCGGTACCCGCTGCTTCGTGAAGCGGATC ACC	<i>KpnI</i>
FtsNpKT25Rev	GTTACTTAGGTACCCGCTGCTTCGTGAAGCGGAT CACC	<i>KpnI</i>
pUT18pKNT25CheckFor	CTTTATGCTTCCGGCTCG	
pUT18CheckRev	GTTCGCGATCCAGGCCGC	
pKNT25CheckRev	GCGTAACCAGCCTGATGCG	



pUT18CCheckFor	<u>GTCACCCGGATTGCGGCG</u>	
pUT18CCheckRev	<u>GTGTCGGGGCTGGCTTAAC</u>	
pKT25CheckFor	<u>GCAGTTCGGTGACCAGCGG</u>	
pKT25CheckRev	<u>GCAAGGCGATTAAGTTGGG</u>	

**Table S5:** List of primers used for cloning the divisome genes into the BACTH plasmids. The restriction site is underlined.