

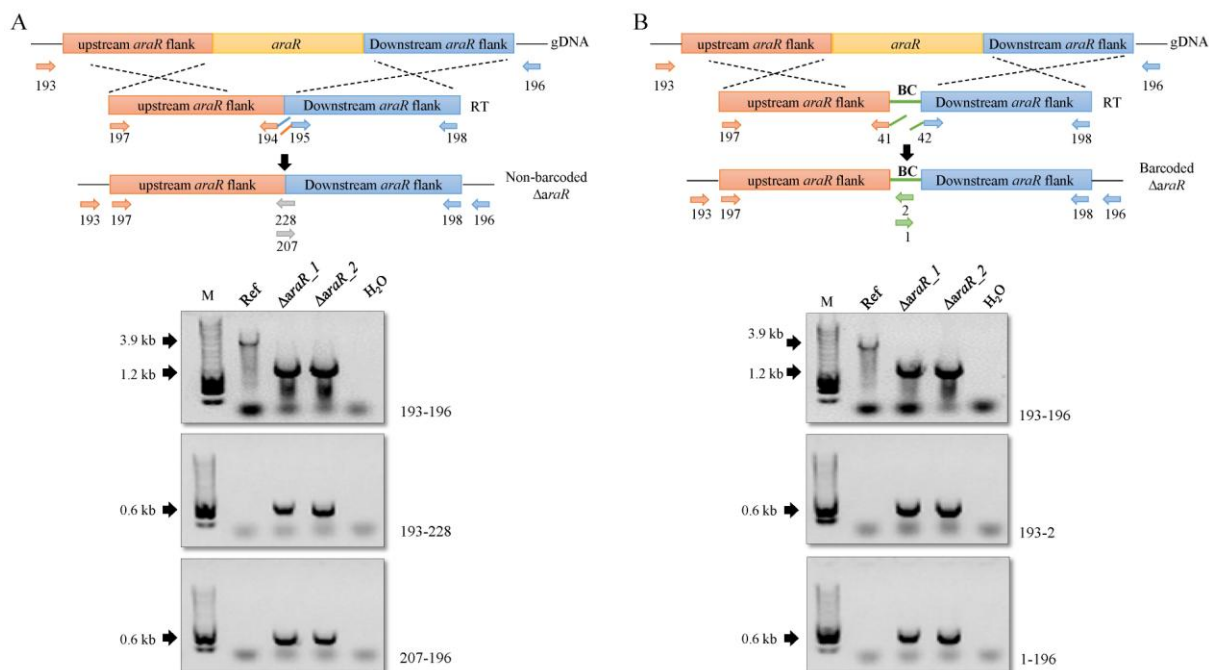
Supplementary Material

Genetic barcodes allow traceability of CRISPR/Cas9-derived *Aspergillus niger* strains without affecting their fitness

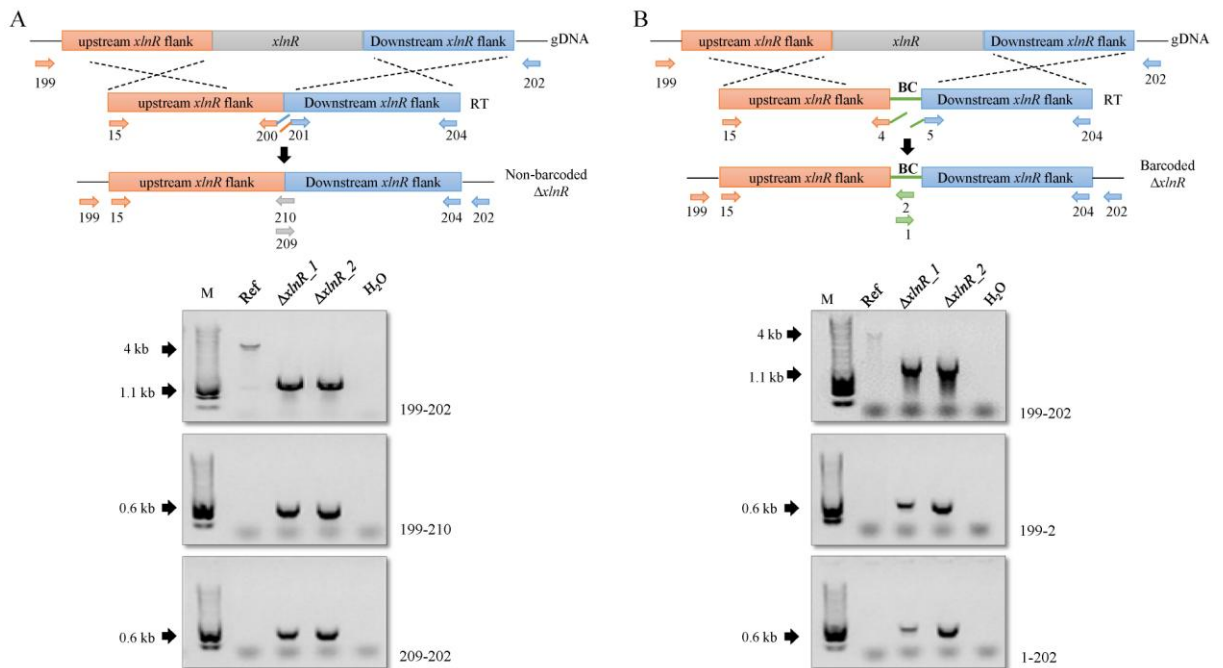
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Supplementary Figure S1. Molecular confirmation of non-barcoded (A) and barcoded (B) $\Delta araR$ mutant strains. Graphical representation of the *araR* gene in *A. niger*, the repair templates (RT) designed to delete this gene, and the different $\Delta araR$ strains obtained after homologous recombination are represented on the top. Primers used to check transformants by PCR amplification are localized in the figure and represented with arrows. Results of PCR amplifications of genomic DNA from two independent non-barcoded and barcoded $\Delta araR$ strains using distinct primer pairs are represented on the bottom. The lower PCR bands (~0.6 and 1.2 kb) correspond to the mutants, while the higher bands (~3.9 kb) correspond to the parental strain, in which *araR* is present. Figures are not drawn to scale.

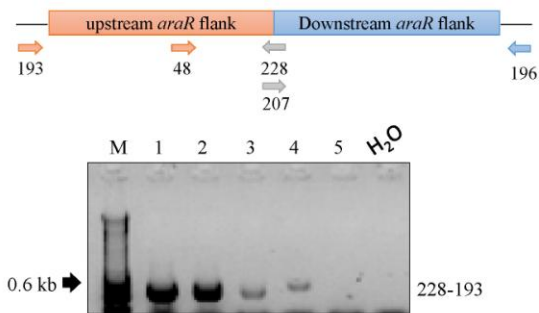


Supplementary Figure S2: Molecular confirmation of non-barcoded (A) and barcoded (B) $\Delta xlnR$ mutant strains. Graphical representation of the *xlnR* gene in *A. niger*, the repair templates (RT) designed to delete this gene, and the different $\Delta xlnR$ strains obtained after homologous recombination are represented on the top. Primers used to check transformants by PCR amplification are localized in the figure and represented with arrows. Results of PCR amplifications of genomic DNA from two independent non-barcoded and barcoded $\Delta xlnR$ strains using distinct primer pairs are represented on the bottom. The lower PCR bands (~0.6 and 1.1 kb) correspond to the mutants, while the higher bands (~4 kb) correspond to the parental strain, in which *xlnR* is present. Figures are not drawn to scale

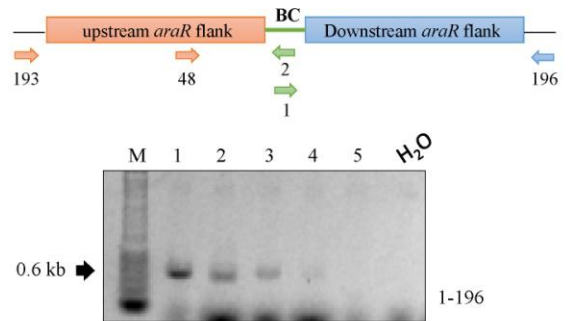
A

Condition	Control DNA (ng)	Mutant DNA (ng)
1	0	10
2	0	1
3	0	0.1
4	0	0.01
5	0	0.001

B



C



Supplementary Figure S3: Study of the traceability of the mutants without genomic DNA of the parental strain. (A) Genomic DNA amounts used for the traceability of the barcoded and non-barcoded $\Delta araR$ strains. Notice that no parental DNA is added. (B) Non-barcoded mutants. (C) Barcoded mutants. Numbers in each well correspond to the conditions showed in (A). Primer locations are showed on the upper schemes. Primer pair combination for each PCR reaction is shown next to the corresponding electrophoresis gel. Bands of 0.6 kb correspond to the mutants. M: molecular weight marker (HyperLadder™ 1kb, Biorline). Figures are not drawn to scale