

## **Supplementary Information**

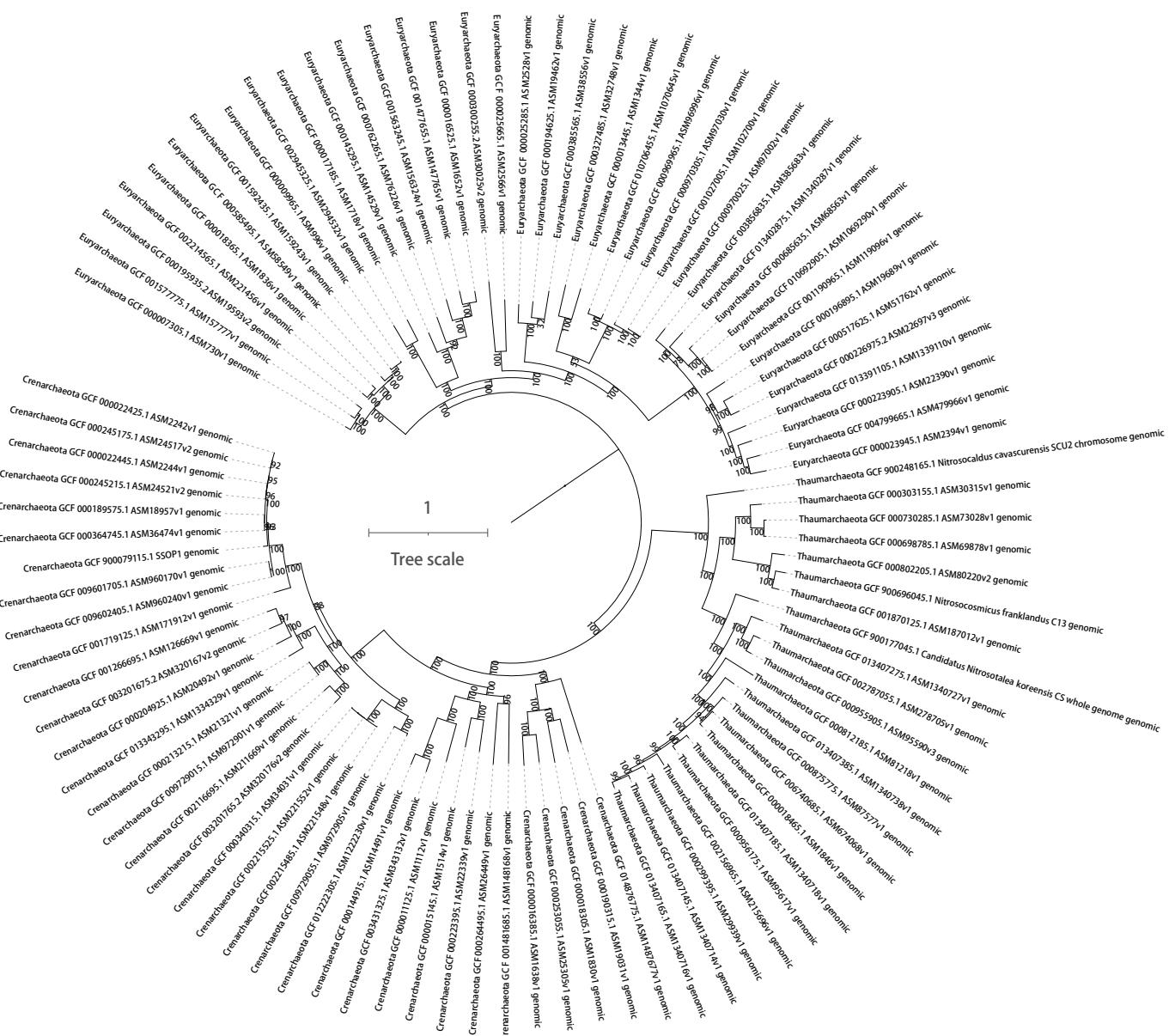
### **The origin and impeded dissemination of the DNA phosphorothioation system in prokaryotes**

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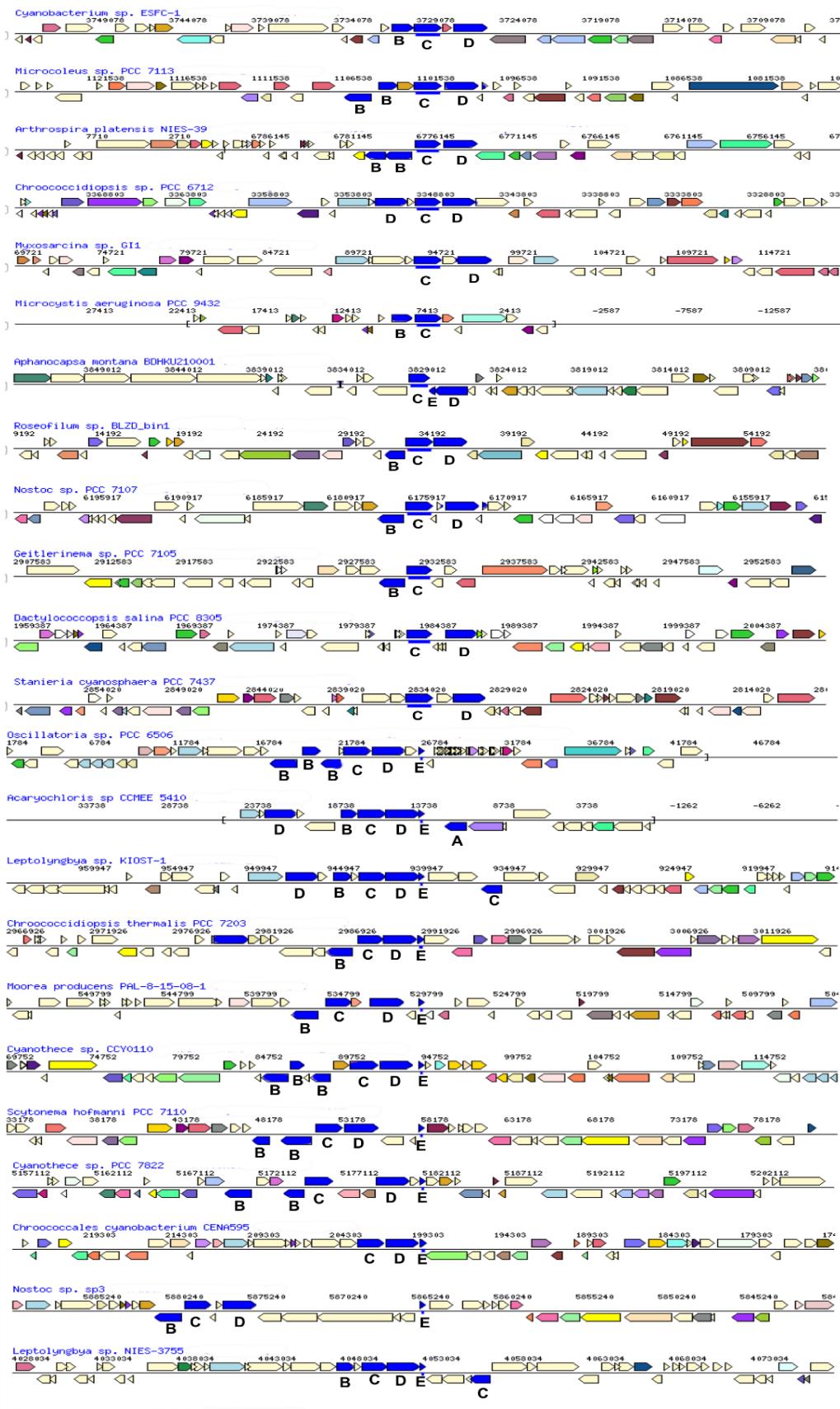
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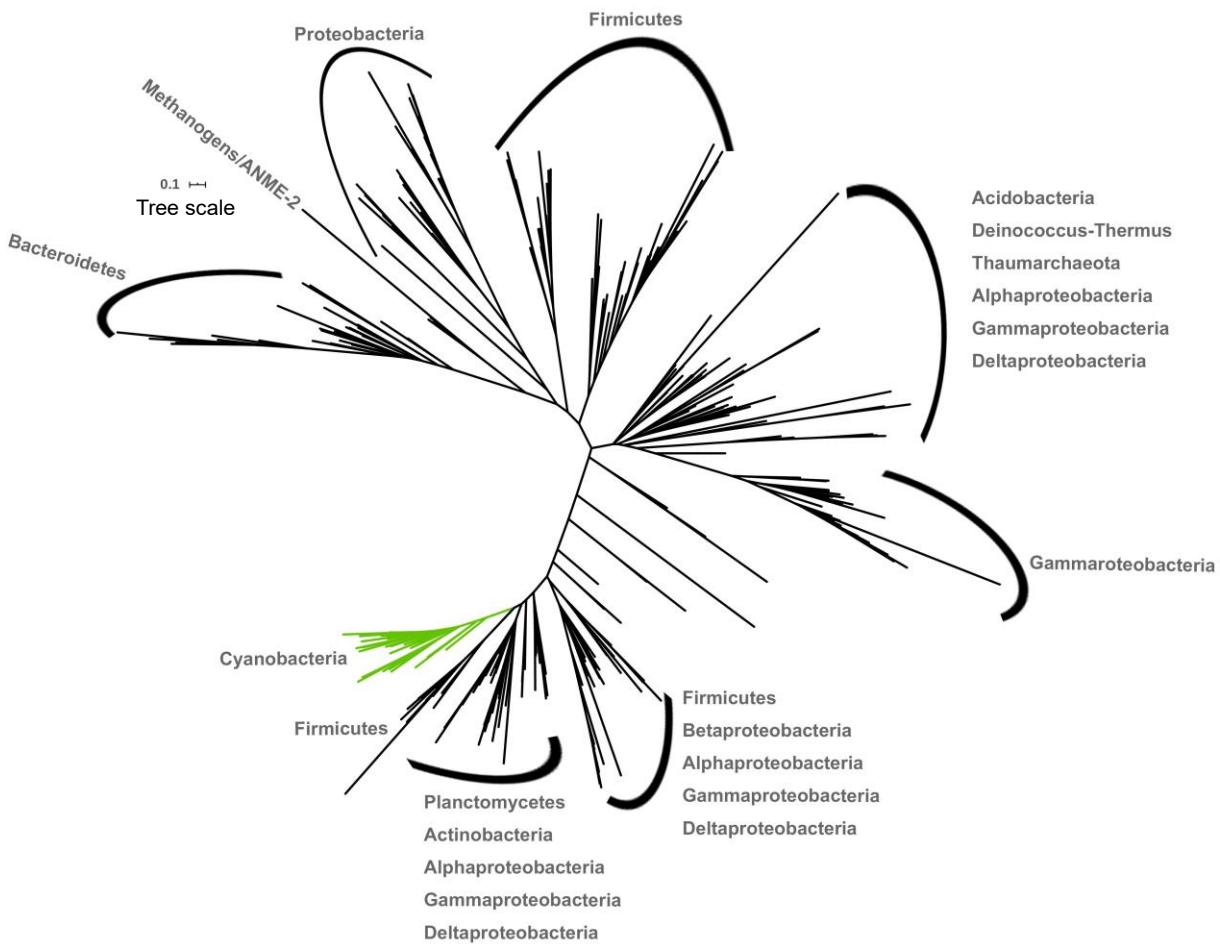
**Fig. S1.** Reference phylogenetic tree of major lineages of bacteria. A total of 120 conserved proteins from 771 bacterial genomes were identified, concatenated and aligned by GTDB-Tk<sup>1</sup>. The tree was reconstructed using FastTree v2.1.9<sup>2</sup> based on the maximum-likelihood algorithm and visualized by iTOL<sup>3</sup>. Sericytochromatia was set as the root lineage. Bootstrap support estimated from 1,000 replicates is listed below or above each branch. Only the bacterial orders with  $\geq 30$  high-quality genomes are shown.



**Fig. S2.** Reference phylogenetic trees of major lineages of archaea. A total of 122 conserved proteins from 97 archaeal genomes were identified, concatenated and aligned by GTDB-Tk<sup>1</sup>. The tree was reconstructed using FastTree v2.1.9<sup>2</sup> based on the maximum-likelihood algorithm and visualized by iTOL<sup>3</sup>. Bootstrap support estimated from 1,000 replicates is listed below or above each branch. Only the bacterial orders with  $\geq 30$  high-quality genomes are shown.



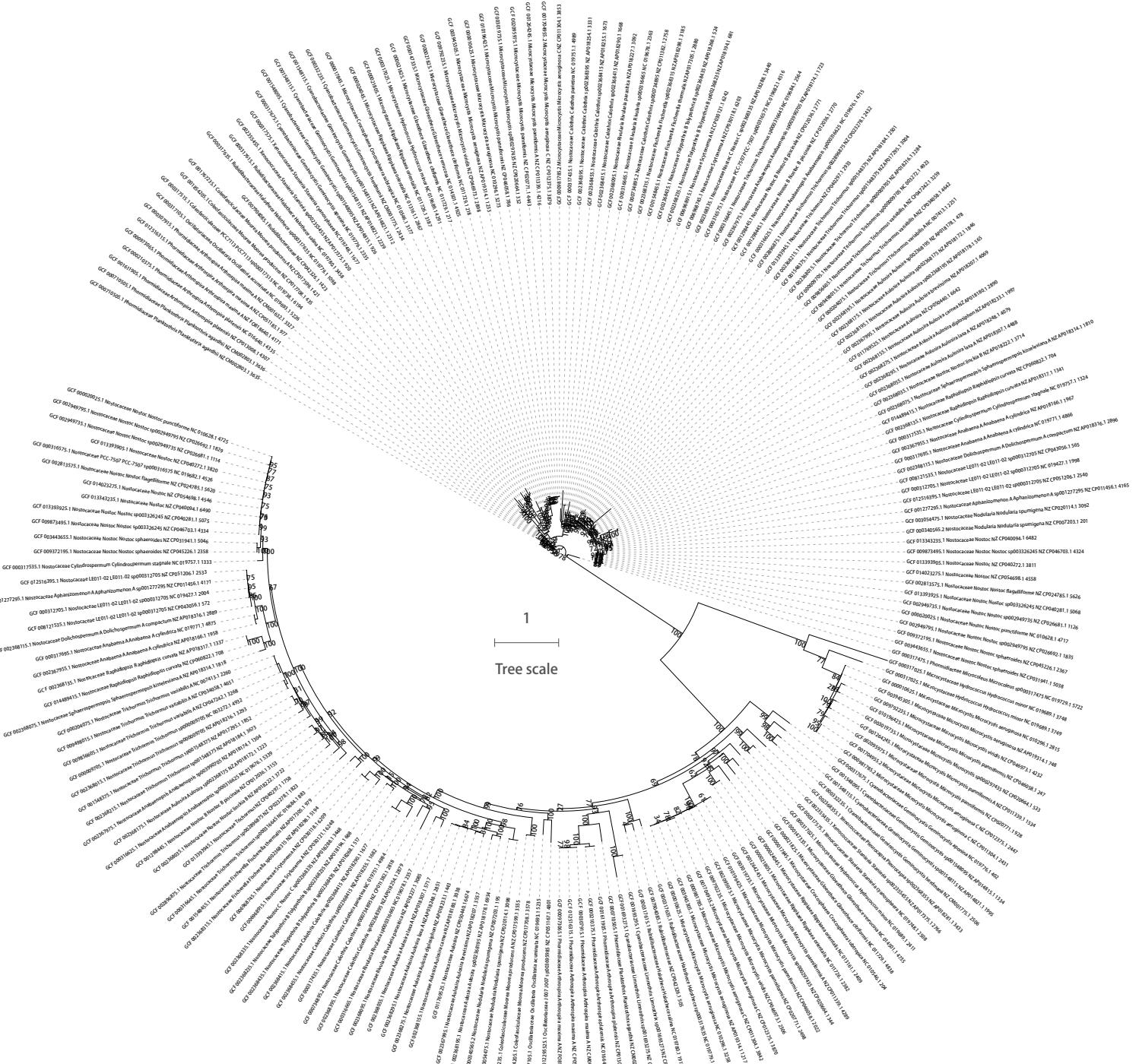
**Fig. S3.** The *dnd* gene cluster in cyanobacteria genomes. The *dnd* genes are indicated in blue. The *dndA*, *dndB*, *dndC*, *dndD* and *dndE* genes are indicated with A, B, C, D and E, respectively.



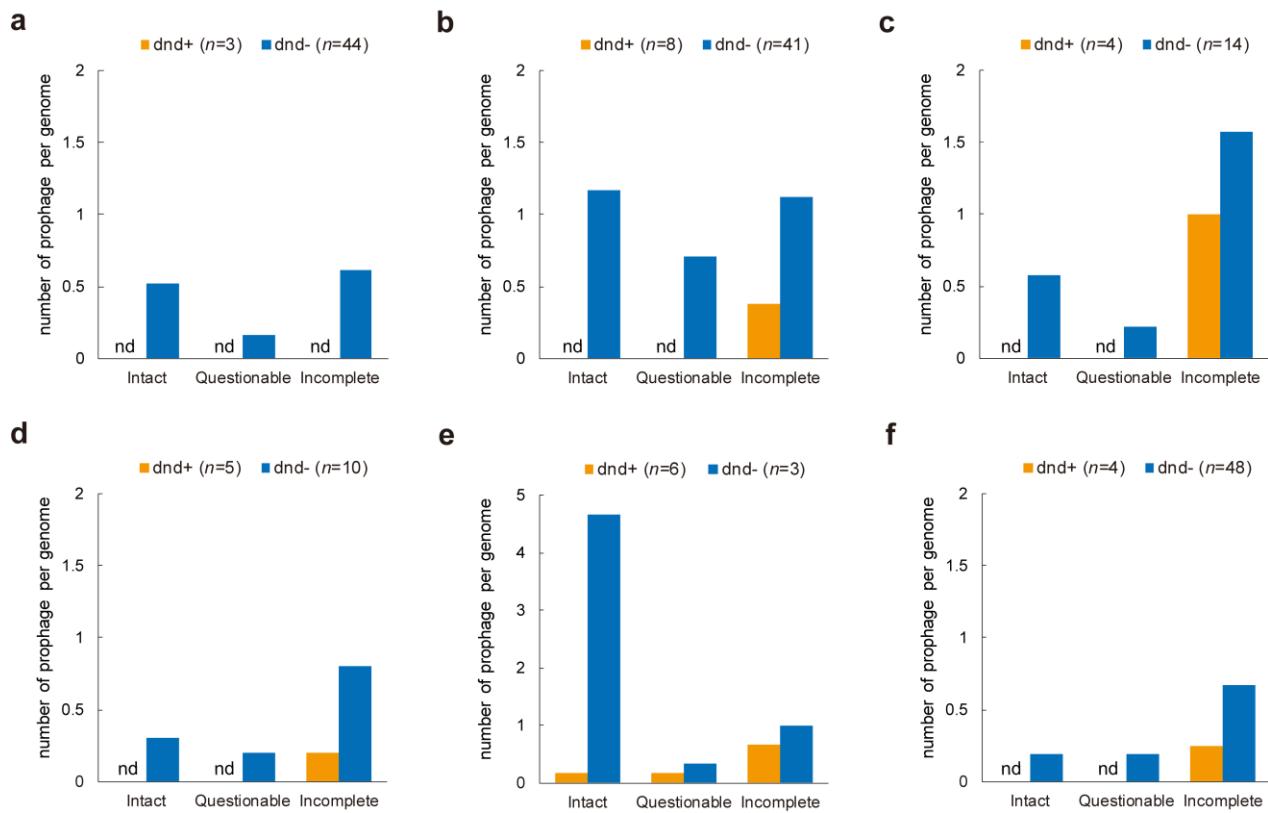
**Fig. S4.** Phylogenetic affiliations of DndC proteins. The phylogenetic tree was constructed based on the alignments of DndC that were generated using MAFFT and then filtered with trimAI, and the trees were built by the IQ-Tree method with model LG+C60+F+G and 1000 bootstrap replicates. The tree branches were classified into different bacterial or archaeal phyla or class groups. The green branch is Cyanobacteria, indicating an independent evolutionary path.



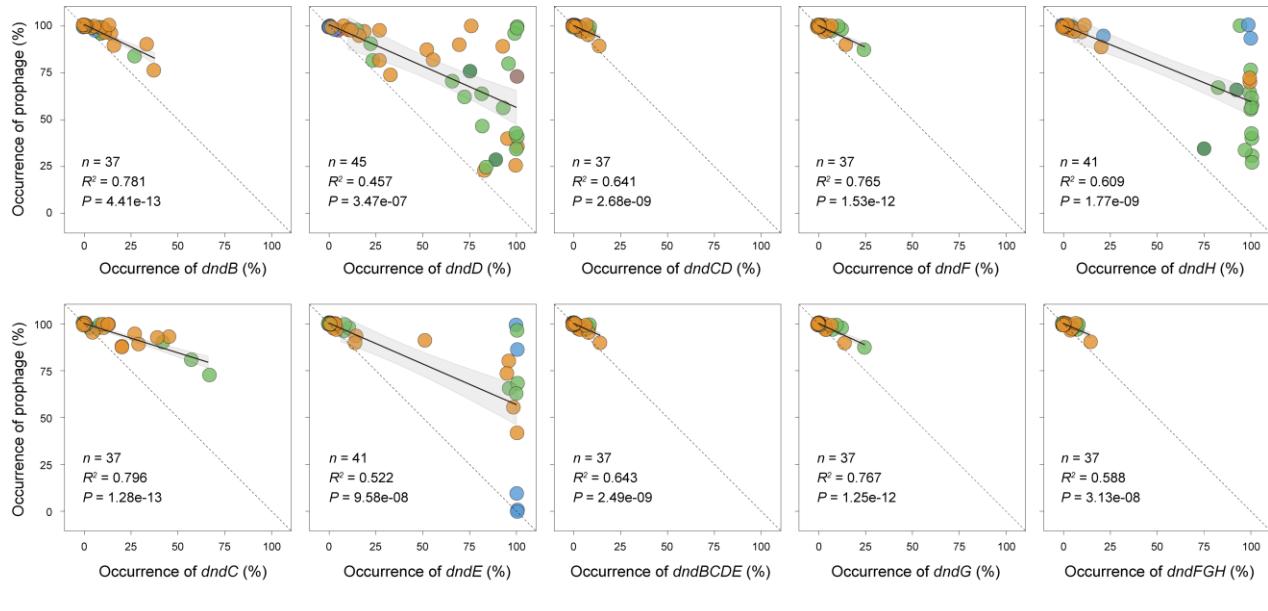
**Fig. S5.** Phylogenetic tree of Cyanobacteria. A total of 120 conserved proteins from Cyanobacteria genomes were identified, concatenated and aligned by GTDB-Tk<sup>1</sup>. The tree was reconstructed using FastTree v2.1.9<sup>2</sup> based on the maximum-likelihood algorithm and visualized by iTOL<sup>3</sup>. Sericytochromatia was set as the root lineage. Bootstrap support estimated from 1,000 replicates is listed below or above each branch.



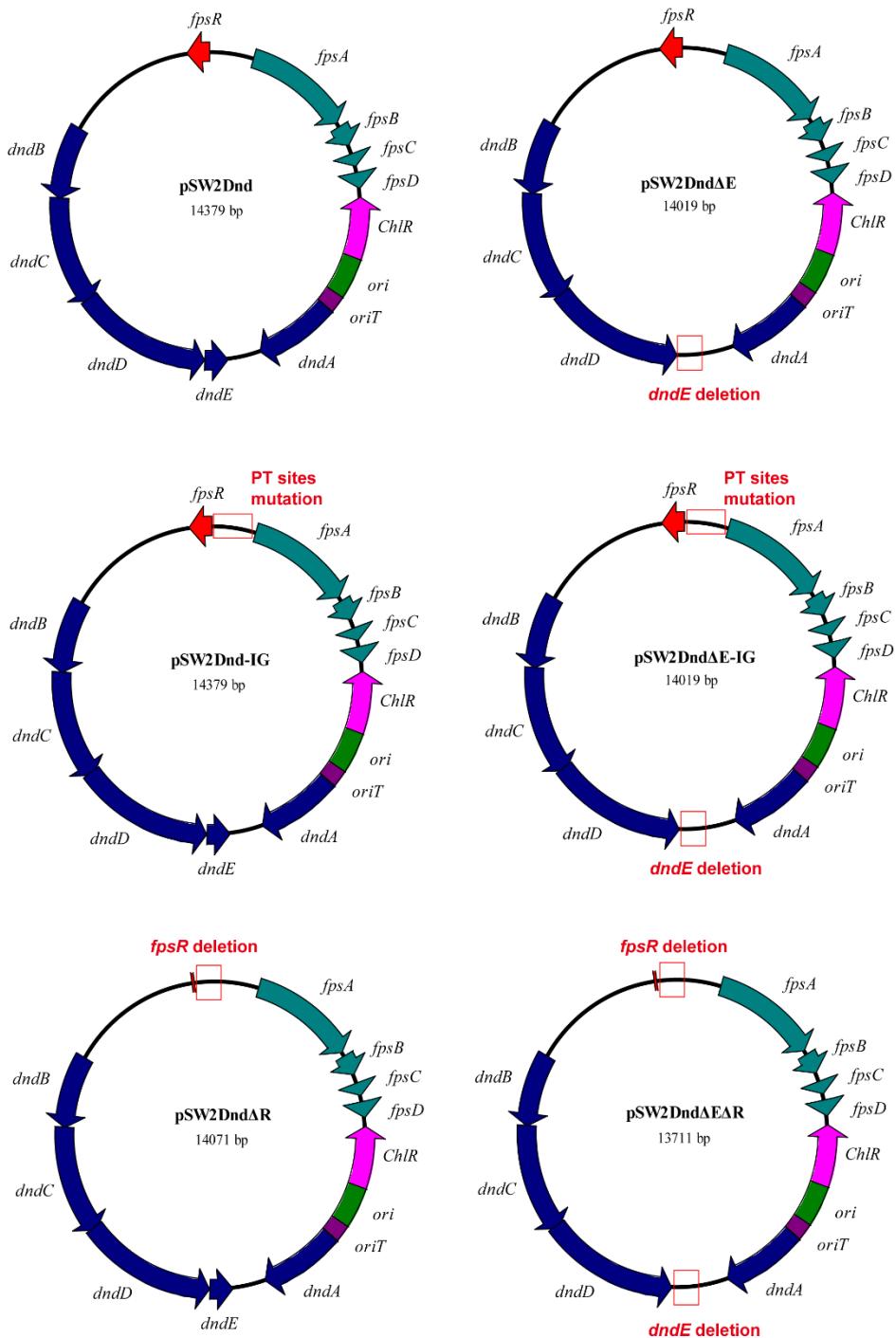
**Fig. S6.** Phylogeny of DndD in cyanobacteria. The tree was reconstructed using FastTree v2.1.9<sup>2</sup> based on the maximum-likelihood algorithm and visualized by iTOL<sup>3</sup>. Bootstrap support estimated from 1,000 replicates is listed below or above each branch.



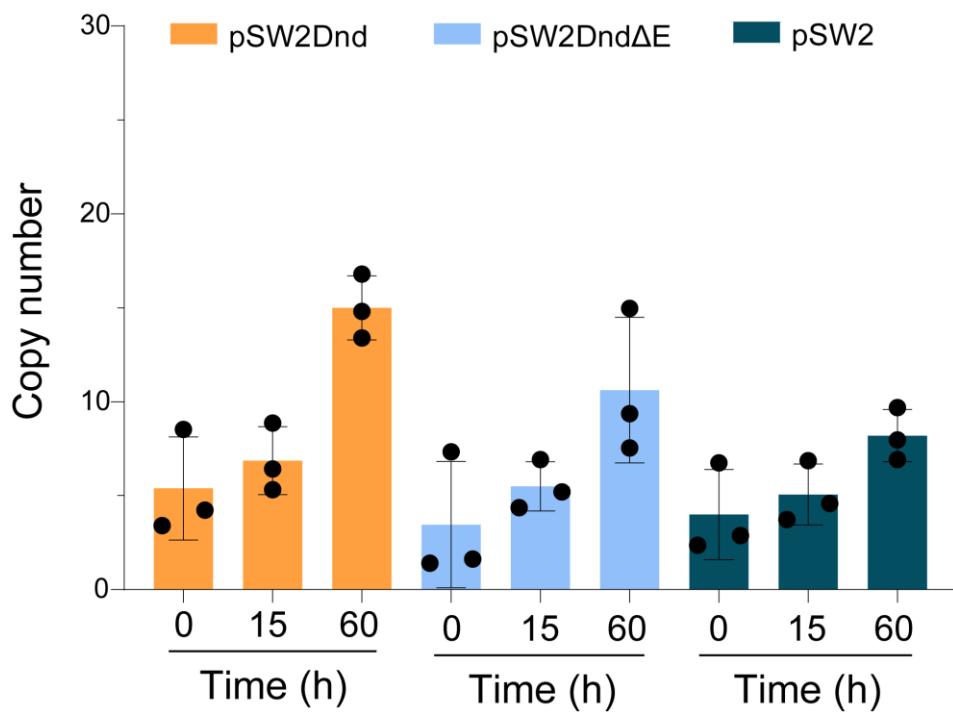
**Fig. S7.** Prophages in the *dnd*-positive strains are rare. Six different genera (**a**, *Shewanellaceae*; **b**, *Aeromonas*; **c**, *Halomonas*; **d**, *Marinobacter*; **e**, *Photobacterium*; **f**, *Rhodococcus*), which inhabited diverse environments, were chosen to analyse the relationship between the *dnd* gene cluster and prophages. The number of prophages in each bacterium was identified using the PHASTER tool<sup>4</sup>. The presence of a *dnd* gene cluster in each strain was determined according to a previous study<sup>5</sup>.



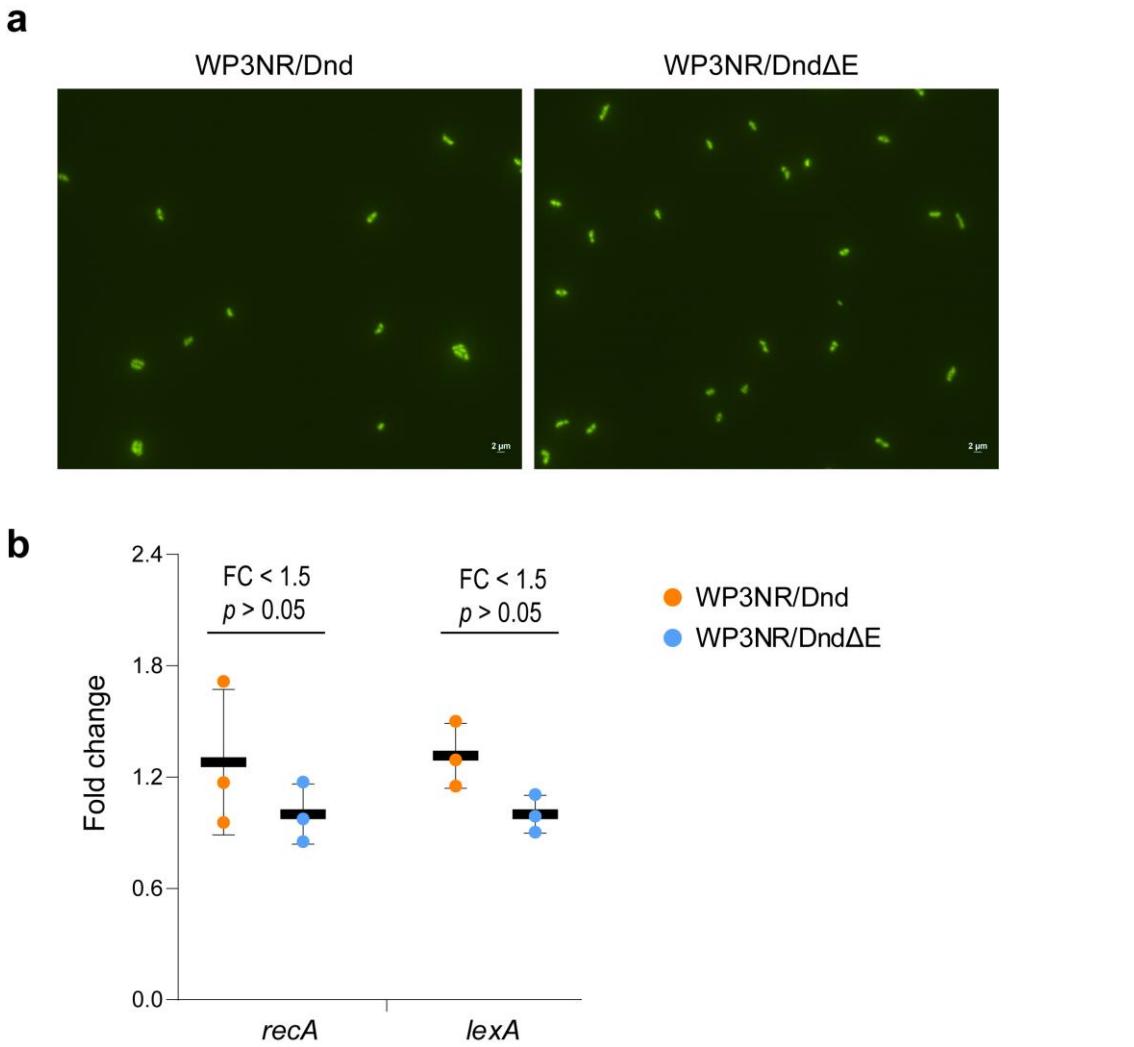
**Fig. S8.** Correlation analysis between the abundance of *dnd* genes/gene clusters and prophages among different species. The black solid line in each subplot refers to the best fitting, and the grey shadow displays the 95% confidence interval from linear regressions. The dashed lines depict the 1:1 linear relationship. The number of analysed species (*n*),  $R$  values and *P* values of linear regressions are shown in each subplot. Each circle represents a single species and is depicted in the color representing the taxonomy at the phylum and class levels (for Proteobacteria).



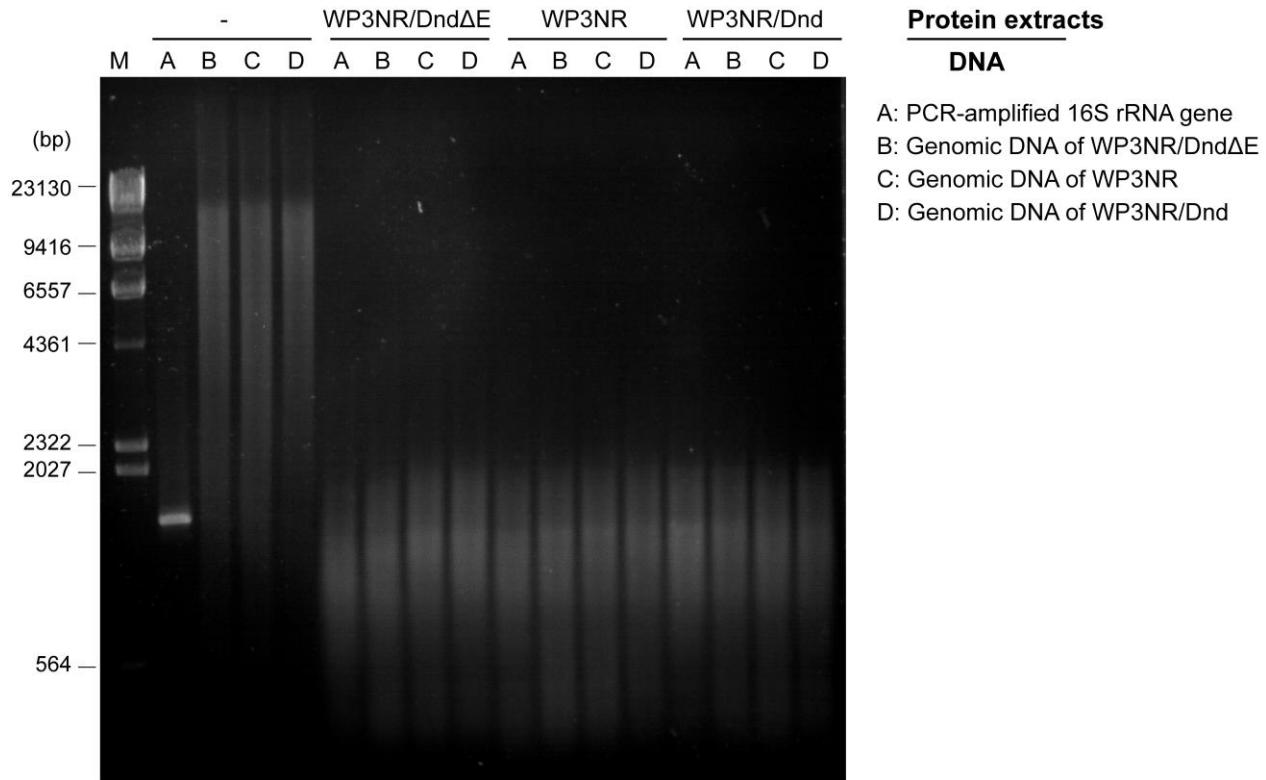
**Fig. S9.** Construction of the series of PT modification vectors based on pSW2Dnd<sup>6</sup>. A detailed method for the construction of vectors can be found in the Materials and Methods. The mutated components in each vector compared to pSW2Dnd are indicated by red boxes.



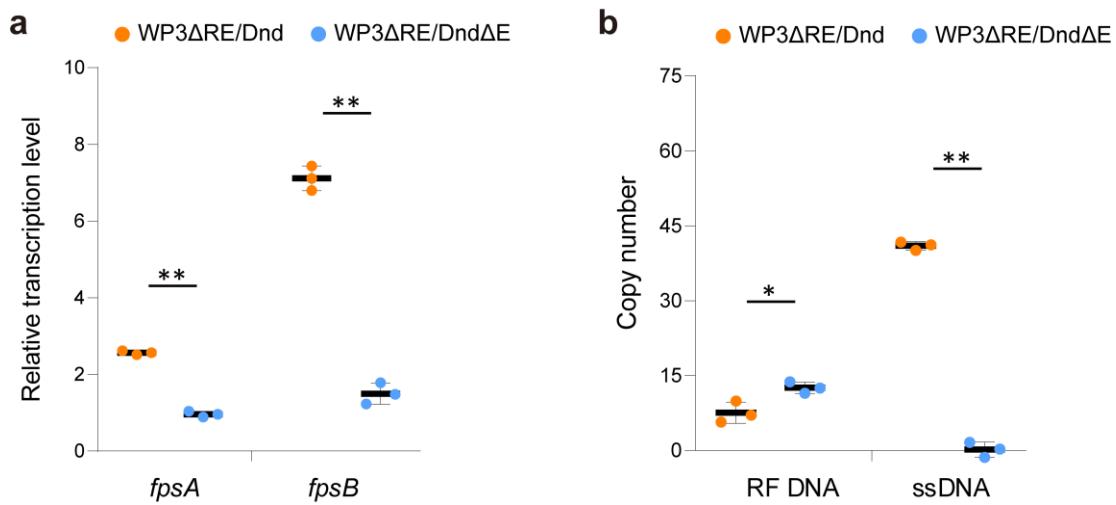
**Fig. S10.** Stability of different PT modification vectors. Samples were taken from cultures at different time points during the growth of WP3NR strains, and the DNA copy number was determined via qPCR. Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  s.d.. and are based on three biologically independent samples.



**Fig. S11.** Examination of the potential SOS response in WP3NR strains. **a.** Cell morphology of WP3NR/Dnd and WP3NR/Dnd $\Delta$ E. The cells were stained with SYBR-Gold and visualized by epifluorescence microscopy. The scale bars are shown at the bottom right. Results are representative of two independent experiments. **b.** Relative transcriptional levels of the key SOS pathway genes *recA* and *lexA* in the PT-modified strain. The transcription level of the non-PT modified strain WP3NR/Dnd $\Delta$ E was set as 1. Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  s.d.. and are based on three biologically independent samples. The data were analysed by two-sided unpaired Student's *t* test. Specifically,  $P = 0.3162$  for *recA* and  $P = 0.0546$  for *lexA* in WP3NR/Dnd vs WP3NR/Dnd $\Delta$ E.



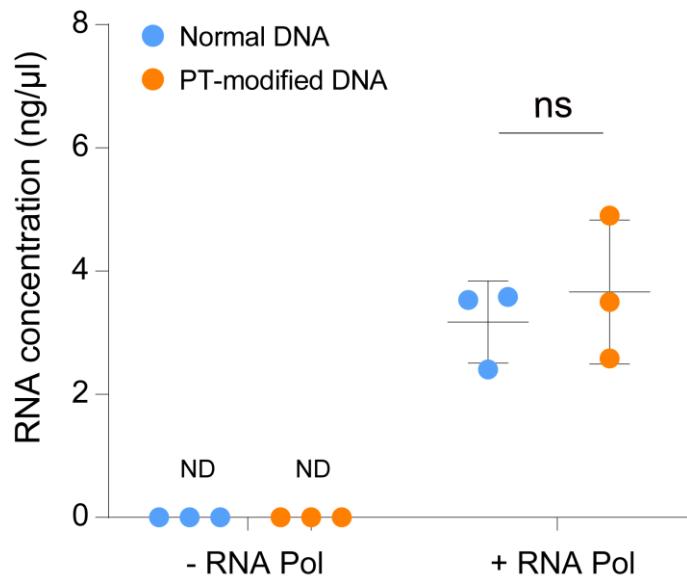
**Fig. S12.** Nuclease activity assay of WP3NR strains. Cell lysates derived from different bacterial cultures grown to the mid-exponential phase were assayed for their nuclease activity by the addition of DNA fragments of the 16S rRNA gene and genomic DNA of different strains. DNA without the addition of supernatants was used as a control. Images of representative agarose gels from two independent experiments are shown. M = Lambda DNA/HindIII marker (Fermentas).



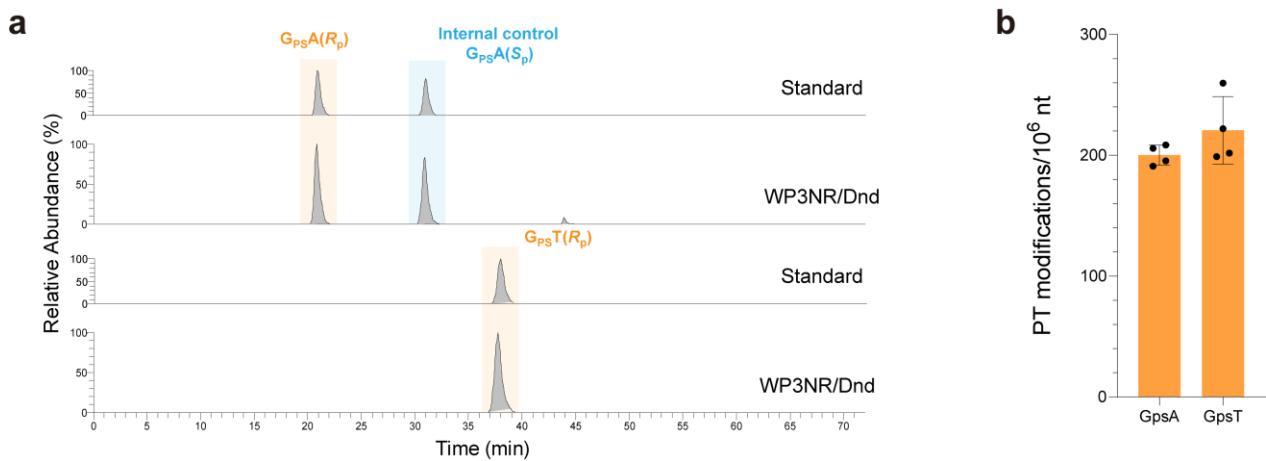
**Fig. S13.** PT modification influences the gene transcription and DNA replication of phage SW1. **a.** RTLs of SW1 genes in the WP3ΔRE/Dnd and WP3ΔRE/DndΔE strains. **b.** RF DNA and ssDNA copy numbers of SW1 in the WP3ΔRE/Dnd and WP3ΔRE/DndΔE strains. Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  s.d.. and are based on three biologically independent samples. The data were analysed by two-sided unpaired Student's *t* test. Specifically,  $P = 7.01 \times 10^{-6}$  (\*\*) for *fpsA* and  $P = 2.14 \times 10^{-5}$  (\*\*) for *fpsB* in WP3ΔRE/Dnd vs WP3ΔRE/DndΔE;  $P = 0.0233$  (\*) for RF DNA and  $P = 2.10 \times 10^{-6}$  (\*\*) for ssDNA in WP3ΔRE/Dnd vs WP3ΔRE/DndΔE.

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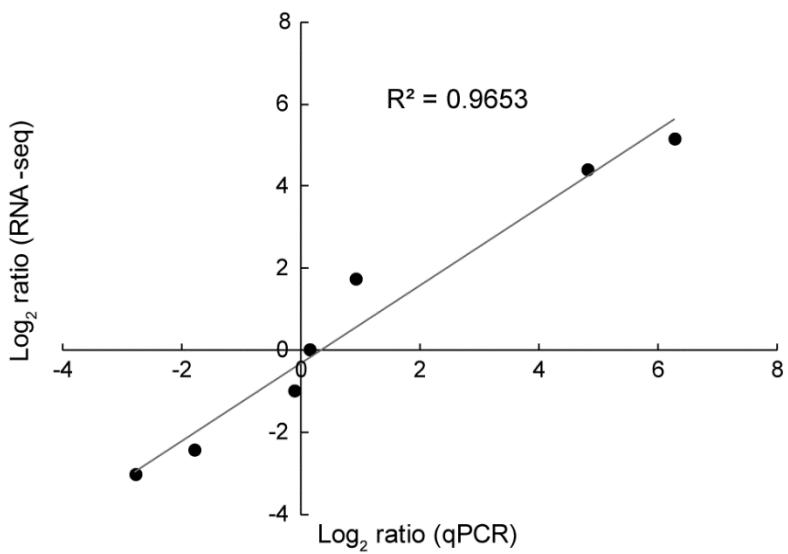
**Fig. S14.** Base substitution of PT motifs in the *fpsA-fpsR* intergenic region. The transcription start sites of the *fpsA* and *fpsR* genes are marked with angled arrows. The PT modification motifs are highlighted in red. The single-base mutations are underlined with solid lines, and the substituted bases are indicated above.



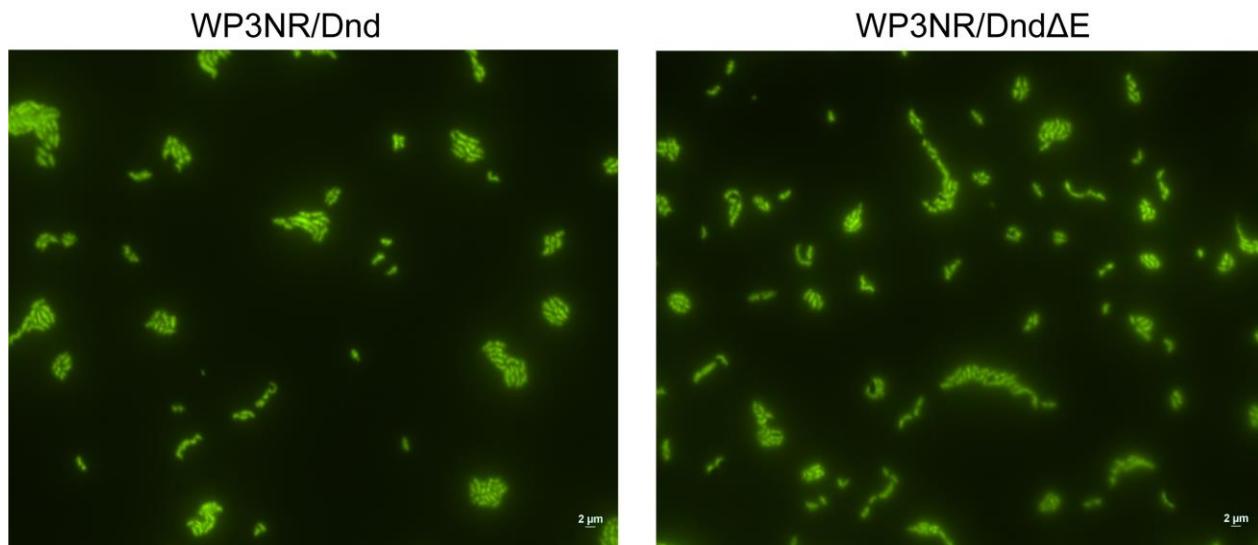
**Fig. S15.** In vitro transcription assay of PT-modified DNA and normal DNA. The influence of PT modification on RNA polymerase activity was assessed by quantifying the amount of synthesized RNA. Reaction mixtures lacking RNA polymerase addition were used as negative controls. ND, not detected. Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  s.d.. and are based on three biologically independent samples. The data were analysed by two-sided unpaired Student's *t* test. Specifically,  $P = 0.3631$  (ns, not significantly different) for the PT-modified and normal DNA.



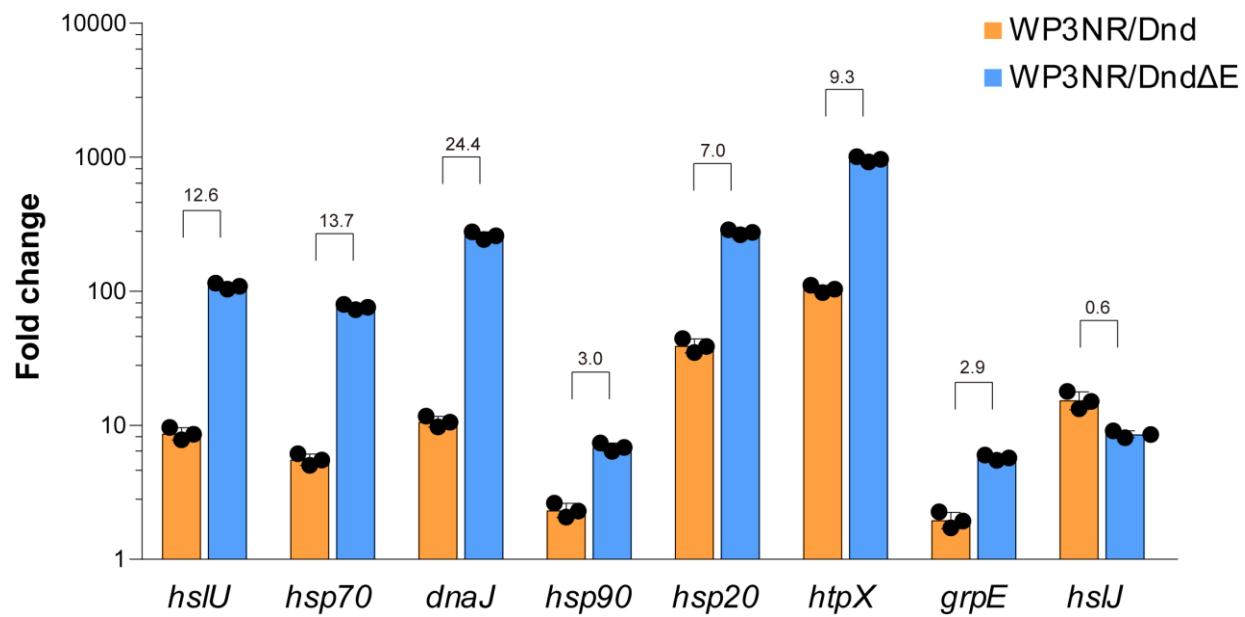
**Fig. S16.** **a.** PT modifications in WP3NR/Dnd quantified using LC-MS/MS. Chemically synthesized d(G<sub>ps</sub>A) and d(G<sub>ps</sub>T) in the *R<sub>p</sub>* configuration were used as references. PT-linked dinucleotides were detected in the hydrolysate of WP3NR/Dnd genomic DNA. Representative results from four replicate assays are shown. **b.** Quantification of PT modifications (G<sub>ps</sub>A and G<sub>ps</sub>T) in WP3NR/Dnd. Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  s.d.. and are based on four biologically independent samples.



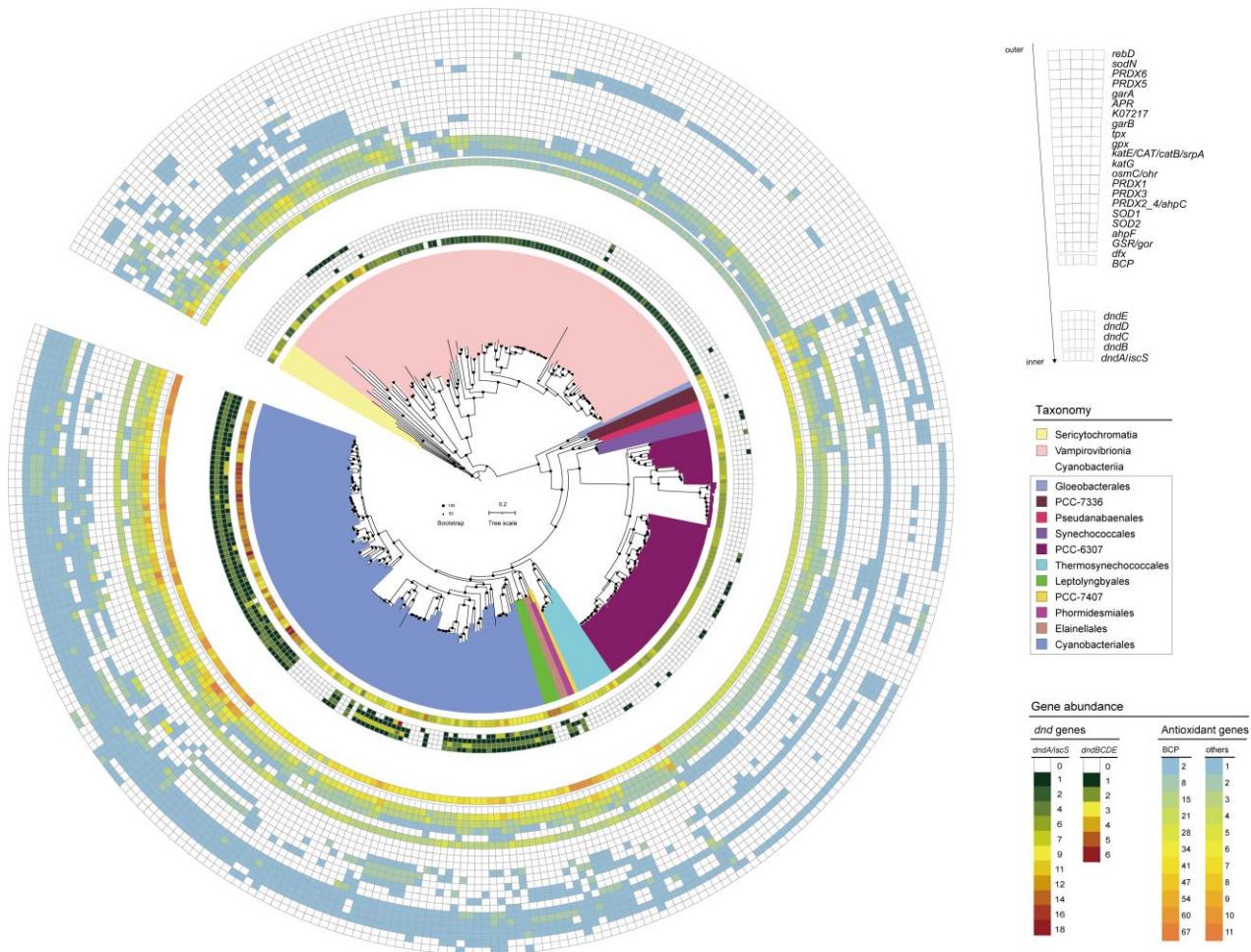
**Fig. S17.** Correlation analysis of the RNA-seq and RT-qPCR assays. Seven genes showing different expression levels were selected randomly for this assay. The RT-qPCR log<sub>2</sub> values were plotted against the RNA-seq log<sub>2</sub> values, and the correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) is shown in the plot.



**Fig. S18.** Cell morphology of the PT-modified strain WP3NR/Dnd. The cells were stained with SYBR-Gold and visualized by epifluorescence microscopy. The scale bars are shown at the bottom right. Results are representative of two independent experiments.

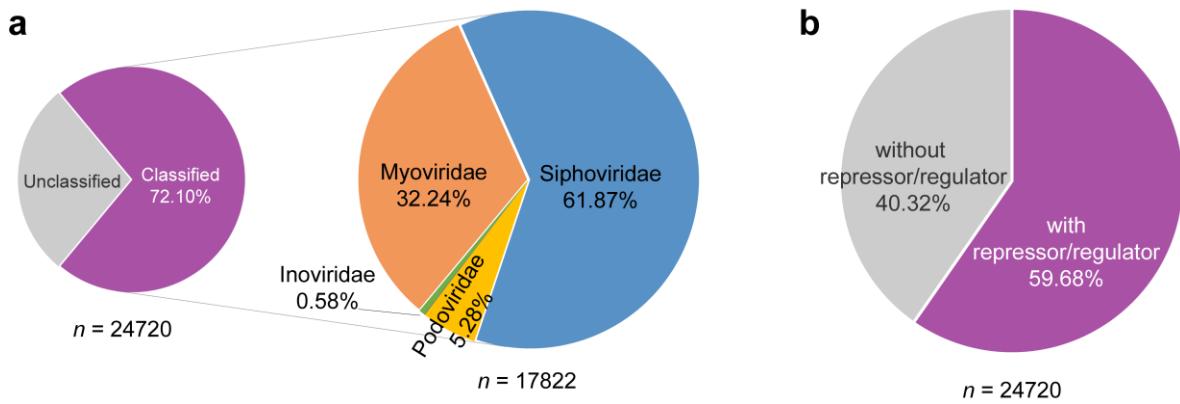


**Fig. S19.** PT modification influences the transcription of heat-shock genes in WP3 under high-temperature stress. The relative transcription levels of genes encoding heat shock proteins in the WP3NR/Dnd strain were compared with those in the WP3NR/Dnd $\Delta$ E strain at 28°C. The transcription levels of these genes in the WP3NR/Dnd $\Delta$ E strain at 20°C were set as 1. Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  s.d.. and are based on three biologically independent samples.



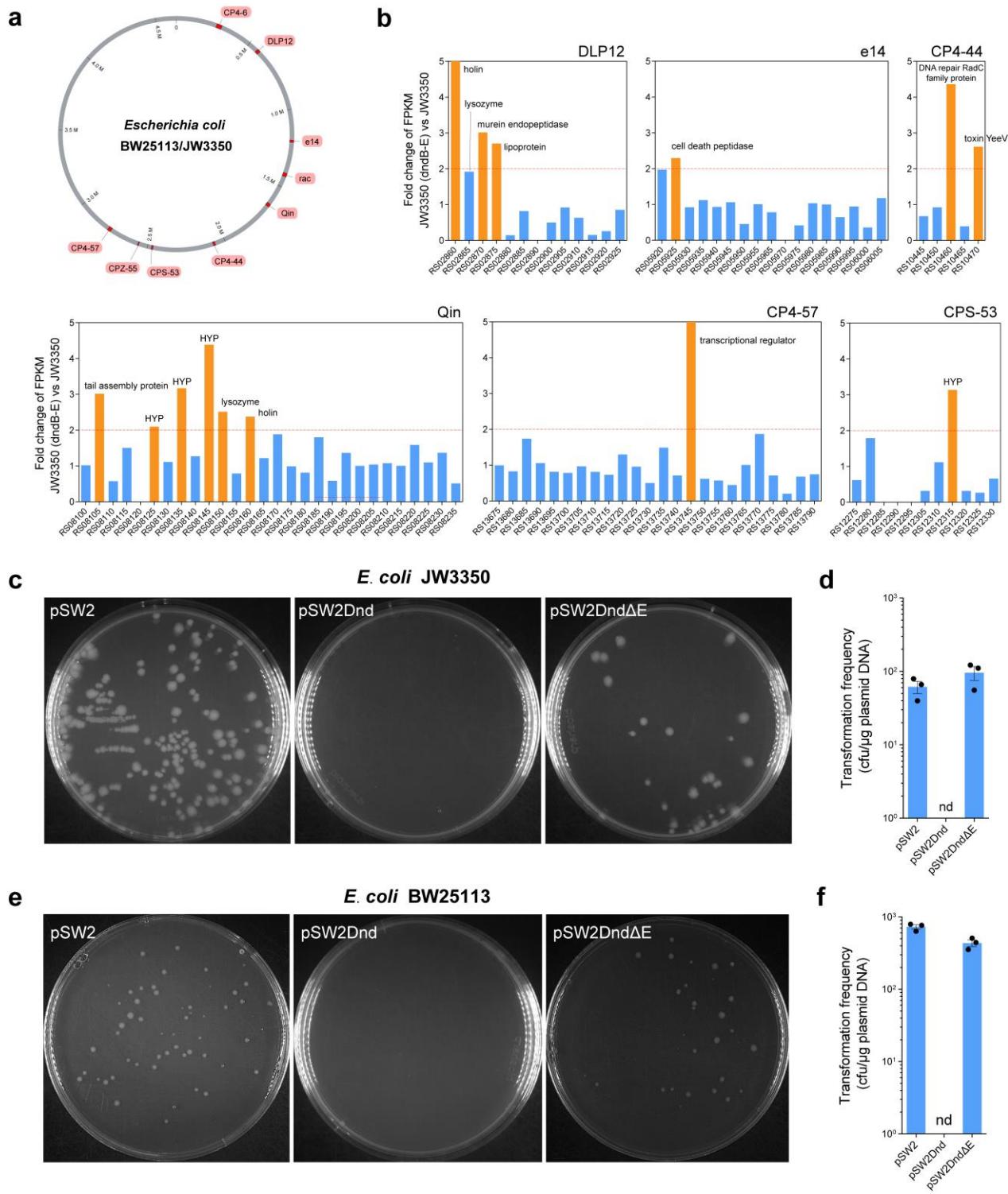
**Fig. S20.** Phylogenetic distribution of antioxidant genes in Cyanobacteria. The phylogenetic tree and distribution of *dnd* genes are shown in Fig. 2b in the main text. The antioxidant genes were identified based on their KEGG annotation. Antioxidant genes are abbreviated as follows: *BCP*, peroxiredoxin Q/BCP (K03564); *dfx*, superoxide reductase (K05919); *GSR/gor*, glutathione reductase (NADPH) (K00383); *ahpF*, alkyl hydroperoxide reductase subunit F (K03387); *SOD2*, superoxide dismutase (Fe-Mn family) (K04564); *SOD1*, superoxide dismutase (Cu-Zn family) (K04565); *PRDX2\_4/ahpC*, peroxiredoxin (alkyl hydroperoxide reductase subunit C) (K03386); *PRDX3*, peroxiredoxin 3 (K20011); *PRDX1*, peroxiredoxin 1 (K13279); *osmC/ohr*, lipoyl-dependent peroxidase (K04063); *katG*, catalase-peroxidase (K03782); *katE/CAT/catB/srpA*, catalase (K03781); *gpx*, glutathione peroxidase (K00432); *tpx*, thiol peroxidase, atypical 2-Cys peroxiredoxin (K11065); *garB*, glutathione amide reductase (K23076); Mn-containing catalase (K07217); *APR*, adenylyl-sulfate reductase

(glutathione) (K05907); *garA*, glutathione amide-dependent peroxidase (K23075); *PRDX5*, peroxiredoxin 5, atypical 2-Cys peroxiredoxin (K11187); *PRDX6*, peroxiredoxin 6,1-Cys peroxiredoxin (K11188); *ahpD*, alkyl hydroperoxide reductase subunit D (K04756); *sodN*, nickel superoxide dismutase (K00518); *rebD*, dichlorochromopyrrolate synthase/catalase (K19885); *GPX4*, phospholipid-hydroperoxide glutathione peroxidase (K05361). The circular heatmap shows the abundance of *dnd* genes and antioxidant genes in Cyanobacteria genomes.



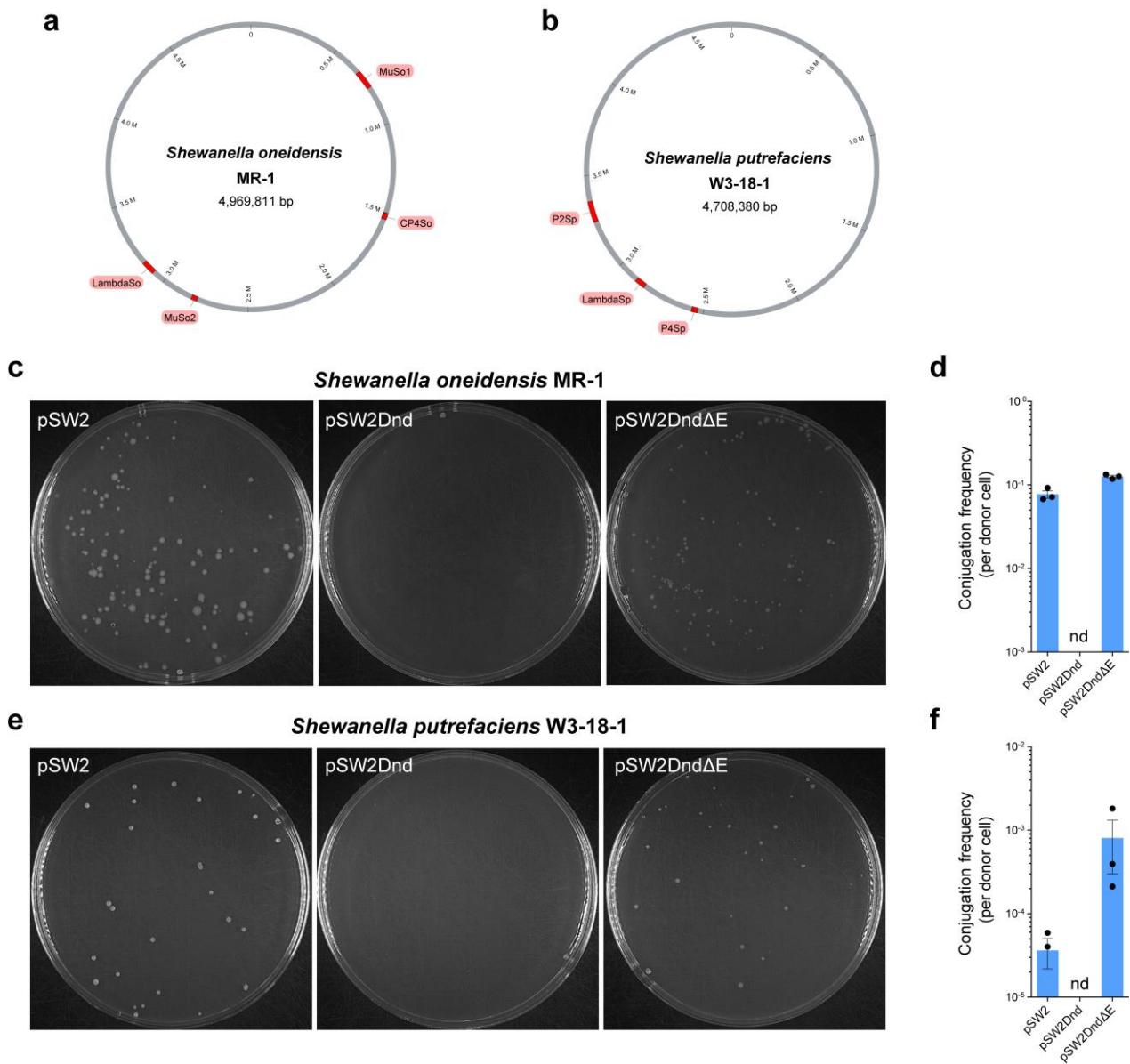
**Fig. S21. a.** Taxonomic classification of the prophages identified in bacterial genomes.

The pie chart on the left indicates the percentage of prophages with taxonomic assignment (purple), and the pie graph on the right shows the relative abundance (%) of viral taxa at the family level for those prophages with predicted taxonomy. **b.** Occurrence of repressors and regulators encoded by prophages.

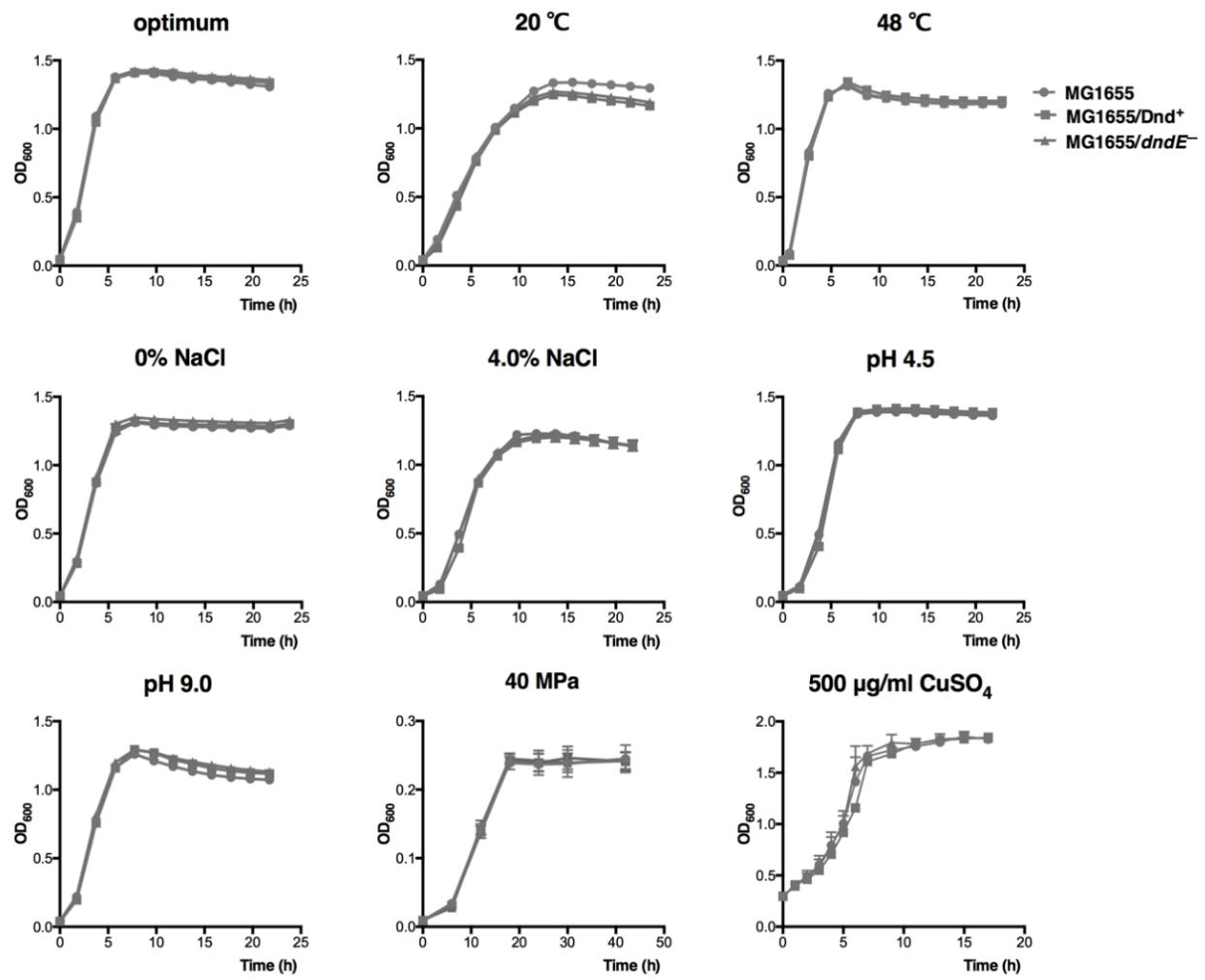


**Fig. S22.** The effect of PT modification on prophage gene expression and plasmid transfer of *E. coli*. **a.** The distribution of prophages (highlighted in red) in the *E. coli* BW25113 and JW3350 genomes. **b.** The expression levels of prophage genes in JW3350/Dnd compared with those in JW3350 measured by FPKM (fragments per kilobase per million). The red dashed line indicates a 2-fold change, which is considered

the threshold for differentially expressed genes. The publicly available transcriptomic data were obtained from a previous study (accession number GSE135938 in the GEO database)<sup>7</sup>. **c-f.** Transformation of pSW2Dnd and pSW2DndΔE to *E. coli* JW3350 (**c-d**) and BW25113 (**e-f**). The transformation frequency was calculated as the number of transformants per µg plasmid DNA. nd: not detected in the current assays (transformation frequency <  $1.1 \times 10^1$ ). Data are represented as mean ± SEM and are based on three independent experiments.



**Fig. S23. a-b.** Conjugation assay of plasmids pSW2Dnd and pSW2Dnd $\Delta$ E to *Shewanella* strains. **a-b.** The distribution of prophages (highlighted in red) in the *S. oneidensis* MR-1 (**a**) and *S. putrefaciens* W3-18-1 (**b**) genomes. **c-f.** Conjugal transfer of pSW2Dnd and pSW2Dnd $\Delta$ E to *S. oneidensis* MR-1 (**c-d**) and *S. putrefaciens* W3-18-1 (**e-f**). The *E. coli* strain WM3064 harbouring pSW2Dnd or pSW2Dnd $\Delta$ E was used as the donor. As a control, the WM3064 strain harbouring pSW2 was used. The conjugation frequency was calculated as the number of transconjugants per number of donors. nd: not detected in the current assays (conjugation frequency  $< 1.1 \times 10^{-7}$ ). Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  SEM and are based on three independent experiments.



**Fig. S24.** Growth curves of *E. coli* MG1655 PT strains under multiple stress conditions.

The growth of the strains was detected at OD<sub>600nm</sub>. Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  s.d. and are based on three biologically independent samples.

**Table S1.** Correlation analysis of the occurrence of *dnd* gene/gene clusters and prophages at the genus/species level. Pearson correlation coefficient was calculated via the Python function “Pearsonr” from SciPy (v1.0) and linear regression analyses in R (v3.5.3). Two-sided unpaired Student *t* test was used to measure significance (*p* value). No adjustments were made for multiple comparisons.

	Gene/gene cluster	Pearson correlation coefficient	<i>p</i> value	Number of genus/species	Number of genomes
genus	<i>dndB</i>	-0.916	4.80E-13	<i>n</i> =31	13565
	<i>dndC</i>	-0.753	1.04E-06	<i>n</i> =31	13565
	<i>dndD</i>	-0.737	1.53E-06	<i>n</i> =32	13693
	<i>dndE</i>	-0.792	1.09E-07	<i>n</i> =31	13565
	<i>dndCD</i>	-0.800	6.45E-08	<i>n</i> =31	13565
	<i>dndBCDE</i>	-0.877	9.56E-11	<i>n</i> =31	13565
	<i>dndF</i>	-0.876	1.13E-10	<i>n</i> =31	13565
	<i>dndG</i>	-0.784	1.81E-07	<i>n</i> =31	13565
	<i>dndH</i>	-0.783	1.89E-07	<i>n</i> =31	13565
	<i>dndFGH</i>	-0.789	1.31E-07	<i>n</i> =31	13565
species	<i>dndB</i>	-0.884	4.41E-13	<i>n</i> =37	8334
	<i>dndC</i>	-0.892	1.28E-13	<i>n</i> =37	8334
	<i>dndD</i>	-0.676	3.47E-07	<i>n</i> =45	8749
	<i>dndE</i>	-0.723	9.58E-08	<i>n</i> =41	8547
	<i>dndCD</i>	-0.801	2.68E-09	<i>n</i> =37	8334
	<i>dndBCDE</i>	-0.802	2.49E-09	<i>n</i> =37	8334
	<i>dndF</i>	-0.875	1.53E-12	<i>n</i> =37	8334
	<i>dndG</i>	-0.876	1.25E-12	<i>n</i> =37	8334
	<i>dndH</i>	-0.781	1.77E-09	<i>n</i> =41	8499
	<i>dndFGH</i>	-0.767	3.13E-08	<i>n</i> =37	8334

**Table S2.** Kinetic parameters for the interaction between FpsR and PT-modified/normal DNA<sup>a</sup>.

	Normal DNA	PT-modified DNA
$K_a$ (1/ms)	6.32E+05	8.64E+05
$K_a$ T value	9.27E+01	9.46E+01
$K_a$ SE	6.82E+03	9.32E+03
$K_d$ (1/s)	4.43E-03	3.28E-03
$K_d$ T value	2.35E+02	2.31E+02
$K_d$ SE	1.89E-05	1.42E-05
$K_D$ (M)	7.01E-09	3.80E-09
$K_D$ SE	6.61E-21	1.95E-21

<sup>a</sup> Equilibrium dissociation constants ( $K_D$ ) were determined by surface plasmon resonance (SPR) using a Biacore 8K system. Errors listed in this table are the standard errors for the fit to a Langmuir 1:1 binding model.  $K_a$ , association rate constant;  $K_d$ , dissociation rate constant.

**Table S3.** Relative fitness of PT-modified *S. piezotolerans* WP3 strain as measured by competition assays.

Temperature	Sample	Number of colonies	WP3NR/Dnd (%) <sup>a</sup>	WP3NR/DndΔE (%) <sup>a</sup>	Relative fitness
28°C	T0	212±13	50.67	49.33	1.1797±0.0468
	T1	202±14	33.67	66.33	1.1308±0.0128
	T5	171±23	6.67	93.33	1.1189±0.0051
20°C	T0	329±26	52.33	47.67	1.0382±0.0272
	T1	345±27	48	52	1.0421±0.0031
	T5	352±31	31	69	1.0431±0.0102

<sup>a</sup>The average percentage of each strain identified by PCR (100 colonies per plate).

**Table S4.** Differentially expressed genes in WP3NR/Dnd by compared with WP3NR/Dnd $\Delta$ E. Data represents the averaged fold change (FC) of transcription level and are based on three biologically independent samples. The *P*-value corresponding to differential gene expression test was calculated by edgeR based on an overdispersed Poisson model<sup>8</sup>. False Discovery Rate (FDR) was used in the multiple hypothesis testing to correct for *P*-value by the Benjamini-Hochberg (BH) method.

Gene ID	log2FC	P-value	FDR	Protein ID	Description
SWP_RS13835	-3.0364	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	WP_079891946.1	marine proteobacterial sortase target protein
SWP_RS13840	-3.0283	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	WP_020913159.1	OmpA
SWP_RS13830	-2.8235	2.04E-251	2.08E-248	WP_052634186.1	class GN sortase
SWP_RS11570	-2.4380	6.40E-10	2.31E-08	WP_020912663.1	zonular occludens toxin
SWP_RS14445	-2.0831	6.25E-03	4.39E-02	WP_020913285.1	hypothetical protein
SWP_RS19905	-1.9564	2.39E-191	1.62E-188	WP_020914447.1	class D beta-lactamase
SWP_RS22130	-1.7412	4.44E-18	2.92E-16	WP_020914944.1	hypothetical protein
SWP_RS20105	-1.5664	8.26E-158	4.81E-155	WP_020914486.1	porin
SWP_RS20440	-1.5651	1.52E-156	7.76E-154	WP_020914562.1	TonB-dependent receptor
SWP_RS13630	-1.3941	1.61E-03	1.44E-02	WP_020913110.1	hypothetical protein
SWP_RS19760	-1.3370	4.25E-21	3.27E-19	WP_020914413.1	purine-nucleoside phosphorylase
SWP_RS10565	-1.3175	5.30E-194	4.32E-191	WP_020912467.1	TonB-dependent receptor
SWP_RS17750	-1.2992	2.00E-12	9.07E-11	WP_020913987.1	heme utilization cytosolic carrier protein HutX
SWP_RS13850	-1.2741	3.34E-39	5.05E-37	WP_044555935.1	proteobacterial dedicated sortase system histidine kinase
SWP_RS13845	-1.2691	1.05E-59	2.86E-57	WP_020913160.1	proteobacterial dedicated sortase system response regulator
SWP_RS05840	-1.2688	2.52E-04	3.08E-03	WP_020911487.1	hypothetical protein
SWP_RS09445	-1.2359	1.01E-08	3.05E-07	WP_020912232.1	NAD(P)/FAD-dependent oxidoreductase
SWP_RS17240	-1.1983	2.84E-46	5.52E-44	WP_020913886.1	hypothetical protein

SWP_RS04225	-1.1928	1.53E-55	3.47E-53	WP_020911140.1	CBS domain-containing protein
SWP_RS08090	-1.1521	7.14E-04	7.25E-03	WP_044555782.1	tol-pal system-associated acyl-CoA thioesterase
SWP_RS08380	-1.1447	5.44E-04	5.85E-03	WP_020912028.1	azurin
SWP_RS21235	-1.1204	3.66E-09	1.19E-07	WP_020914743.1	hypothetical protein
SWP_RS22125	-1.0629	6.20E-25	5.62E-23	WP_020914943.1	hypothetical protein
SWP_RS22120	-1.0619	6.08E-57	1.46E-54	WP_020914942.1	DNA-binding response regulator
SWP_RS02595	-1.0458	4.61E-03	3.47E-02	WP_052634156.1	hypothetical protein
SWP_RS22005	-1.0385	5.59E-03	4.03E-02	WP_020914918.1	VUT family protein
SWP_RS11335	-1.0324	1.00E-30	1.24E-28	WP_020912616.1	bifunctional metallophosphatase/5'-nucleotidase
SWP_RS02455	-1.0036	5.56E-04	5.96E-03	WP_020910746.1	hypothetical protein
SWP_RS17785	-1.0010	5.24E-03	3.85E-02	WP_044556508.1	heme ABC transporter ATP-binding protein
SWP_RS20550	1.0133	6.73E-03	4.64E-02	WP_020914585.1	STAS/SEC14 domain-containing protein
SWP_RS18475	1.0359	7.94E-08	2.04E-06	WP_020914144.1	Probable cytochrome-c peroxidase
SWP_RS17675	1.0647	1.98E-60	5.76E-58	WP_020913969.1	ammonia-forming nitrite reductase cytochrome c552 subunit
SWP_RS13815	1.0943	1.68E-04	2.15E-03	WP_020913154.1	hypothetical protein
SWP_RS15855	1.0978	3.39E-67	1.15E-64	WP_020913587.1	TonB-dependent receptor
SWP_RS02860	1.1086	6.40E-03	4.46E-02	WP_020910846.1	chitinase
SWP_RS07595	1.1212	5.15E-67	1.62E-64	WP_020911855.1	TonB-dependent receptor
SWP_RS16275	1.1471	1.25E-06	2.56E-05	WP_020913687.1	OsmC family peroxiredoxin
SWP_RS11885	1.1614	6.50E-37	9.14E-35	WP_044555880.1	hydrogenase
SWP_RS17950	1.2004	1.36E-75	5.05E-73	WP_020914033.1	TonB-dependent receptor
SWP_RS01970	1.2848	2.03E-06	4.00E-05	WP_020910642.1	fumarate reductase respiratory complex%2C subunit
SWP_RS19980	1.3404	1.22E-131	5.55E-129	WP_020914464.1	lipase family protein
SWP_RS19985	1.3572	1.18E-78	4.82E-76	WP_020914465.1	hypothetical protein
SWP_RS19990	1.3596	1.00E-11	4.27E-10	WP_020914466.1	hypothetical protein
SWP_RS11310	1.3992	1.19E-06	2.45E-05	WP_020912611.1	FAD:protein FMN transferase

SWP_RS19975	1.4061	1.04E-54	2.24E-52	WP_020914463.1	DUF1508 domain-containing protein
SWP_RS02420	1.4293	2.46E-07	5.98E-06	WP_044555588.1	hypothetical protein
SWP_RS05470	1.5297	2.10E-04	2.62E-03	WP_020911408.1	DNA-binding response regulator
SWP_RS09400	1.5584	3.51E-03	2.77E-02	WP_044555807.1	hypothetical protein
SWP_RS17205	1.5867	6.38E-03	4.45E-02	WP_020913879.1	RNA polymerase sigma factor
SWP_RS07215	1.6129	1.16E-03	1.10E-02	WP_048908459.1	hypothetical protein
SWP_RS09565	1.7216	1.15E-04	1.53E-03	WP_044555815.1	LysR family transcriptional regulator
SWP_RS11920	1.7720	2.47E-03	2.08E-02	WP_020912737.1	HypC/HybG/HupF family hydrogenase formation chaperone
SWP_RS15615	1.8168	4.01E-04	4.51E-03	WP_020913538.1	NADPH:quinone reductase and related Zn-dependent oxidoreductase
SWP_RS04865	2.0237	1.69E-53	3.44E-51	WP_020911283.1	hypothetical protein
SWP_RS04770	2.6177	1.64E-03	1.47E-02	WP_020911263.1	hypothetical protein
SWP_RS17130	4.3937	1.02E-45	1.90E-43	WP_044556498.1	alkaline phosphatase
SWP_RS17125	5.1544	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	WP_044556048.1	TonB-dependent receptor

**Table S5.** Bacterial strains and plasmids used in this study.

Strain or plasmid	Relevant genotype	Reference or source
<i>E. coli</i> strains		
WM3064	Donor strain for conjugation; $\Delta dapA$	Lab stock
C41(DE3)	Recombinant protein expression host	GE healthcare
BW25113	<i>E. coli</i> K-12 derivative	9
JW3350	<i>E. coli</i> BW25113 $\Delta dam$ mutant	9
MG1655	<i>E. coli</i> K-12 wild type strain	10
MG1655/Dnd+	MG1655 strain harboring pJTU1238	This work
MG1655/Dnd-	MG1655 strain harboring pJTU3529	This work
<i>Shewanella</i> strains		
MR-1	<i>S. oneidensis</i> MR-1 wild type strain	Dr. Xiaoxue Wang
W3-18-1	<i>S. putrefaciens</i> W3-18-1 wild type strain	Dr. Xiaoxue Wang
<i>S. piezotolerans</i> WP3 strains		
WP3	<i>S. piezotolerans</i> WP3 wild type strain	11
WP3NR	Wild-type WP3 strain with 3 endonuclease-encoding genes ( <i>swp0009</i> , <i>swp0840</i> , <i>swp2190</i> ) and phage SW1 deletion	6
WP3NR/Dnd	WP3NR strain harboring pSW2Dnd	6
WP3NR/Dnd $\Delta$ E	WP3NR strain harboring pSW2Dnd $\Delta$ E	This work
WP3NR/Dnd-IG	WP3NR strain harboring pSW2Dnd-IG	This work
WP3NR/Dnd $\Delta$ E-IG	WP3NR strain harboring pSW2Dnd $\Delta$ E-IG	This work
WP3NR/Dnd $\Delta$ R	WP3NR strain harboring pSW2Dnd $\Delta$ R	This work
WP3NR/Dnd $\Delta$ E $\Delta$ R	WP3NR strain harboring pSW2Dnd $\Delta$ E $\Delta$ R	This work
WP3 $\Delta$ RE	Wild-type WP3 strain with 3 endonuclease-encoding genes ( <i>swp0009</i> , <i>swp0840</i> , <i>swp2190</i> ) deletion	Lab stock
WP3 $\Delta$ RE/Dnd	WP3 $\Delta$ RE strain harboring pSW2Dnd	This work
WP3 $\Delta$ RE/Dnd $\Delta$ E	WP3 $\Delta$ RE strain harboring pSW2Dnd $\Delta$ E	This work
Plasmids		
pSW2	Chl $r$ , derived from the filamentous bacteriophage SW1	12
pSW3	pSW2 containing <i>pepN</i> , used for SW1 RF- and ssDNA quantification	13
pET24b	Kan $r$ , His-tag protein expression vector	Novagen
pJTU1238	pBluescript II sk (+) derivative carrying a 6.7 kb fragment of <i>dndBCDE</i> gene cluster from <i>S. enterica</i> Cerro 87, Amp $r$	14
pJTU3529	A derivative of pJTU1238, <i>dndE</i> , in-frame deletion, Amp $r$	15
pJTU3619	pET15b carrying <i>dndA</i> from <i>E. coli</i>	16
pSW2Dnd	pSW2 derivative carrying <i>dndA</i> from pJTU3619 and <i>dndBCDE</i> from pJTU1238	6
pSW2Dnd $\Delta$ E	pSW2Dnd with deletion of <i>dndE</i> gene	This work
pSW2Dnd-IG	pSW2Dnd with mutation of PT sites in the intergenic region between <i>fpsA</i> and <i>fpsR</i>	This work
pSW2Dnd $\Delta$ E-IG	pSW2Dnd $\Delta$ E with mutation of PT sites in the intergenic region between <i>fpsA</i> and <i>fpsR</i>	This work
pSW2Dnd $\Delta$ R	pSW2Dnd with deletion of <i>fpsR</i> gene	This work

pSW2DndΔEΔR	pSW2DndΔE with deletion of <i>fpsR</i> gene	This work
pET24b- <i>fpsR</i>	pET24b containing the coding region of the <i>fpsR</i> gene	This work

**Table S6.** Primers and oligonucleotides used in this study.

Name	Sequence (5'-3')	Description
pSW2dndFor	CTCGAGATGAAATTACCGATTATCTGACTAC	Vector construction
pSW2dndRev	CTCGAGGCCAGCCTCGCAGAGCAGGATTCC	Vector construction
dndBczFor	ATGGCTAGTGTGATGCAGA	Vector construction
dndBczRev	TCTGCATCAACACTAGCCAT	Vector construction
KOdndEFor	CTGTCTGATGTTAGAATAATATGGCACCATGAA	Vector construction
KOdndERev	TATTATTCTACATCAGACAGCCTCCTGGTT	Vector construction
SW1IGczFor	CTAGATTTCTGAGCTGCTGATCAT	Vector construction
SW1IGczRev	CGAGCGGACGCAGACTCAACCGA	Vector construction
SW1IGdoczFor	GTTGAGTCTGCGTCCGCTCGACTTA	Vector construction
SW1IGupczRev	GCAGCTCAGAAAATCTAGAAAACGG	Vector construction
pSW2dndczFor	CAGGGAACCAGGCCGCACTGCA	Vector construction
pSW2dndczRev	GTAATTTCATCTCGAGGCCAGCCTC	Vector construction
KOdndEyzFor	ATCAGGTTGTGCTGCTATCCA	Vector construction
KOdndEyzRev	ACTAATGTTAGGAGTTGATTTACC	Vector construction
KOfpsRyzFor	TACATTGTGCGAATTCTCTCGA	Vector construction
KOfpsRyzRev	CAGTAGTACAAGACCGAACACCA	Vector construction
pSW2seqFor	AGCGGGTGTCCCTCTTCACTG	Vector construction
pSW2seqFev	CCTAATCTCTGCGACCTCTGG	Vector construction
pSW2For	GCCCCCTTAAGCGCTTATTATCACTTATTCA	Plasmid verification
pSW2Rev	TATGGAAAATAAATAATCCTGGTGTCC	Plasmid verification
SW1RFRTFor	CACGCCATACGTTAATGAGTCTCT	qPCR
SW1RFRTRev	GACGGCCAGTATTCAACATAACAT	qPCR

pepNRTFor	TTAAGGCAATGGAAGCTGCAT	qPCR
pepNTRRev	CGTCTTACCCGTTAATGATACGA	qPCR
tonRTFor	TGCCAGTAGTGGTGGCTCTCTT	qPCR
tonRTRRev	TGAGCTTGCAGTCGGTAAA	qPCR
alkRTFor	GGCCACAGCAACGATATTAGC	qPCR
alkRTRRev	GACCGTCTCGCCAATCAT	qPCR
lysRTFor	AACCGCGAAATTGGCAACT	qPCR
lysRTRRev	AATGCGGCCGAATGATTG	qPCR
hemRTFor	CGCCGACAGGCTAACGCTT	qPCR
hemRTRRev	CGGCGATCCATCACTGACT	qPCR
zonRTFor	GTCAAGGCCTTTATTTGTTGTTG	qPCR
zonRTRRev	CTTGGCGTCACGGCCTAT	qPCR
marRTFor	AAGCAAACGGTGGCACTGA	qPCR
marRTRRev	TCCTGCTGAGACAGCGCTTT	qPCR
gluRTFor	TCCACCTAAACTGCGGCTTA	qPCR
gluRTRRev	TCGCCATGCCCTACGA	qPCR
fpsARTFor	GGCCACAACGCTACAATGG	qPCR
fpsARTRev	TGTTGCGCCTTCCCTTAGCT	qPCR
fpsBRTFor	CCGACCCAAACGGTAGATGT	qPCR
fpsBRTRev	CCTGTAGCGTTAGGGCTTCA	qPCR
recARTFor	GCAGCAGCGCAGAAGCA	qPCR
recARTRev	GATCCAAGGCATGTTCTGCAT	qPCR
lexARTFor	GGAACCGGAAGAGGTCGAA	qPCR
lexARTRev	GCTCACCTGCAGCAACTGA	qPCR
O4(PT)-F	5'-Biotin-TTTTACGCTTGAGCTTATTTCACCAATTGTCATTTTG*AACCTTGTGGGGC	SPR

O4(PT)-R	GCCCCCACAAAGG*TTCAAAAATGACAATTGGTAAAAATAAAGCTAAGCGTAAAA	SPR
O4-F	5'-Biotin-TTTTACGCTTGAGCTTATTTCACCAATTGTCATTTGAACCTTGTGGGGC	SPR
O4-R	GCCCCCACAAAGGTTAAAAATGACAATTGGTAAAAATAAAGCTAAGCGTAAAA	SPR
O4-fpsA(PT)-F	GGCTTTACGCTTGAGCTTATTTCACCAATTGTCATTTG*AACCTTGTGGGGCATGT ATGACTTATTAAACTATTTCTTGCATGTTGATCTTAGGTTGACGCTTGCATATTGATT	In vitro transcription
O4-fpsA(PT)-R	AATCAATATGACGCAAGCGTACAACCTAAAGATCAAACATGCAAGAAAATAGTTAAATAAGTCAT ACATGCCCAACAAAGG*TTCAAAAATGACAATTGGTAAAAATAAAGCTAAGCGTAAAAGCC	In vitro transcription
O4-fpsA-F	GGCTTTACGCTTGAGCTT	In vitro transcription
O4-fpsA-R	AATCAATATGACGCAAGCG	In vitro transcription

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