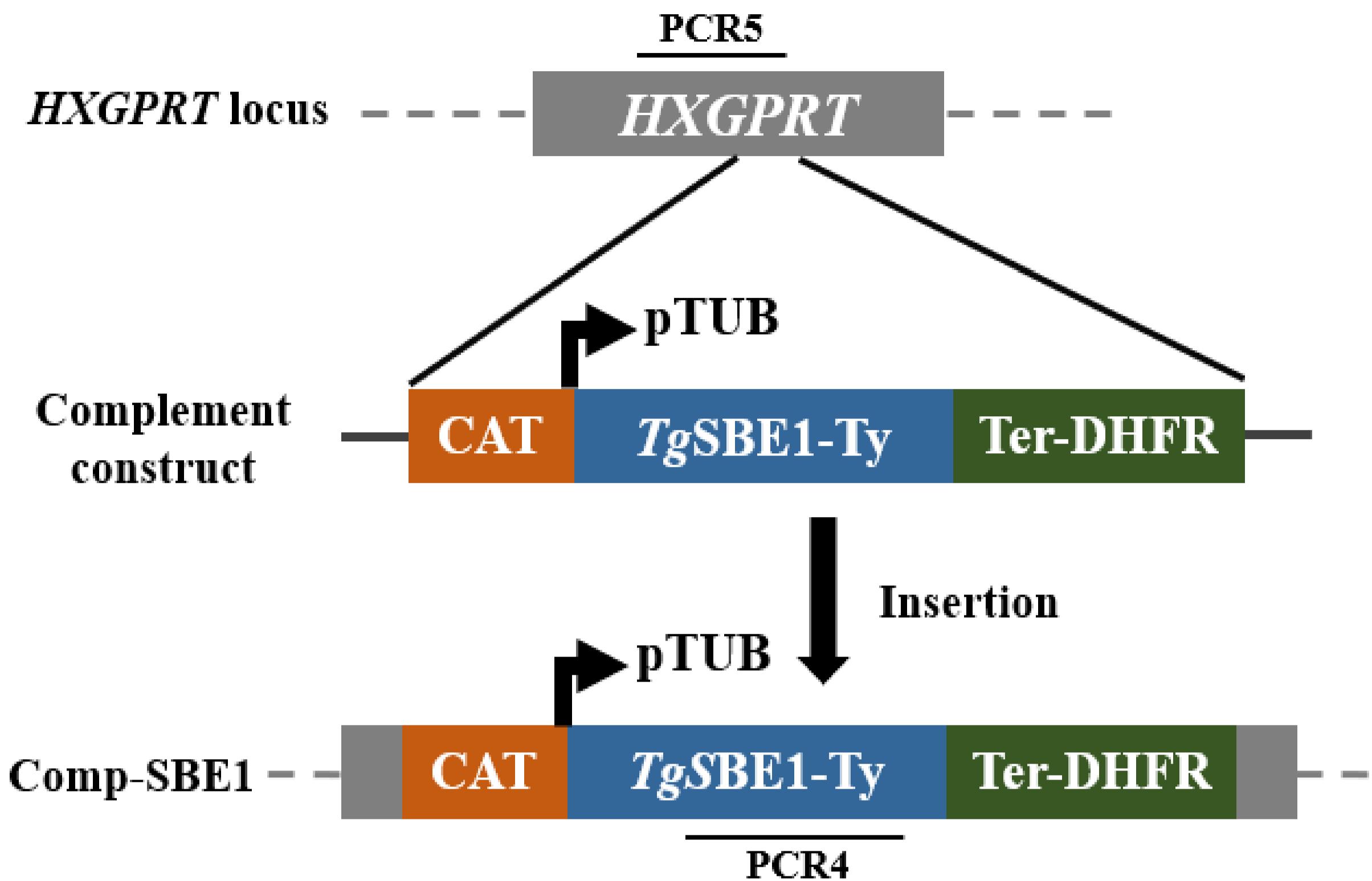
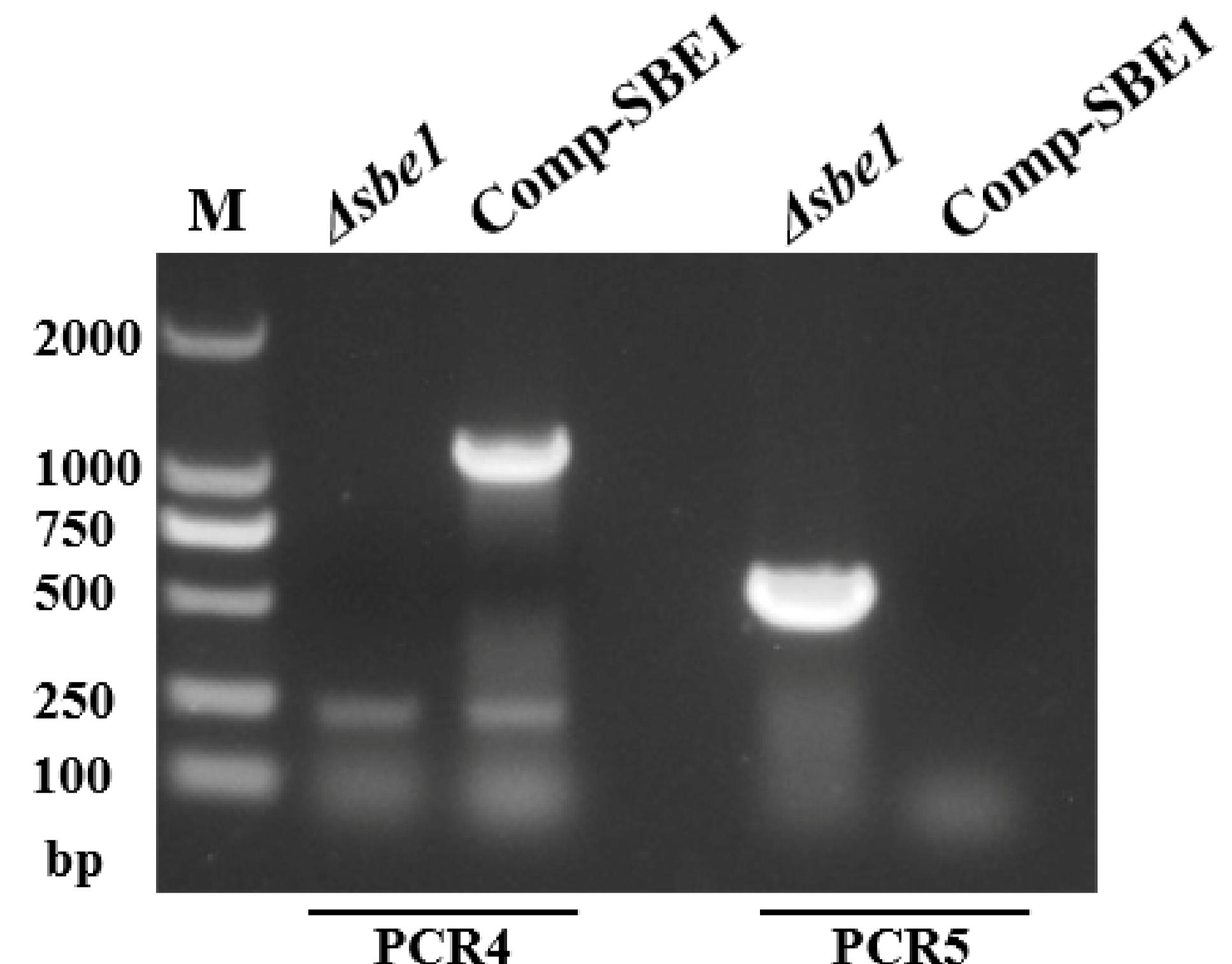


Fig. S1. Alignment of amino acid sequence and phylogenetic relationships analysis of starch branching enzyme in *T. gondii* and selected species.

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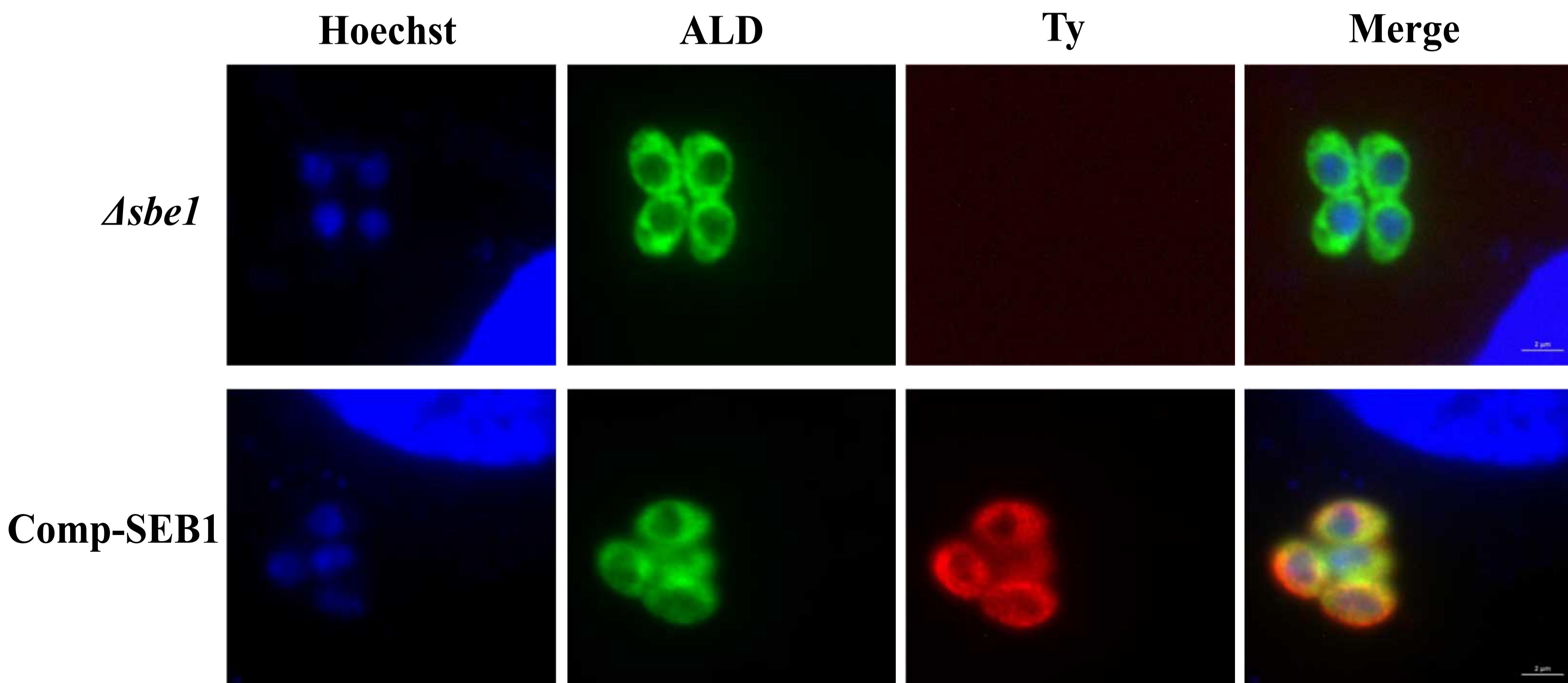


Fig. S2. Construction of SBE1 complementation strains.

A. Schematic illustration of generation of the Comp-SBE1 strain via CRISPR/CAS9-mediated technique.

B. Diagnostic PCRs on a Comp-SBE1 clone. C. The presence of SBE1 was confirmed by IFA. Samples were stained with mouse anti-Ty and rabbit anti-*T. gondii* ALD.

**Table S1: Primers used in this study.**

Primer	Sequence (5'-3')	Used for
gRNA-SBE1-Fw	GGGTCTGCATATTCATAGCAGTTTAGAGCTAGAAAT AGC TAGAAATAGC	Construction of gRNA plasmid for <i>SBE1</i>
gRNA-Rv	AACTTGACATCCCCATTAC	knockout
pUC19-Fw	GGCGTAATCATGGTCATAGC	Amplification of pUC19
pUC19-Rv	ACTGCCGTCGTTTACAAC	vector
loxp-DHFR*-loxp-Fw	CAACCCGCGCAGAAGACATC	Amplification of loxp-
loxp-DHFR*-loxp-Rv	GGACACGCTGAACTTGTGGC	DHFR*-loxp fragment
U5-SBE1-Fw	GTTGTAAAACGACGGCCAGTCTCTCATGCACTCAAC ATC	Amplification of the 5' homologous arm of
U5-SBE1-Rv	GATGTCTTCTGCGCGGGTTGCTTCTCCTGACTGAGG TGAC	<i>SBE1</i>
U3-SBE1-Fw	GCCACAAGTTCAGCGTCCGTGAAGGCGCGTGAA AACCC	Amplification of the 3' homologous arm of
U3-SBE1-Rv	GCTATGACCATGATTACGCCGTACTCCTCCATCTG GC	<i>SBE1</i>
5'-UpU5-SBE1	GGTAGCCCGATATTCACATGCAG	Verification of
3'-In DHFR*	GATTGTGAGGACGACTCAC	<i>SBE1</i> deletion by PCR1
5'-In DHFR*	CACGACAGCAGACAACCTTC	Verification of <i>SBE1</i>
3'-DnU3-SBE1	GTGCCGTGCGAAAAACACGGAAC	deletion by PCR2
In-SBE1-Fw	GTCACAGGTTATACGCGCC	Verification of <i>SBE1</i>

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In-SBE1-Fw	GCTCTGGAGGAGAGACATG	deletion by PCR3
Vec-Fw	GAGGTCCACACGAACCAGGAC	Amplification of the
Vec-Rv	CTTGCTCACCATTAGATC	complementation vector
	GATCTAAAATGGTGAGCAAGATGGGAGATCTCGAG	
SBE1-CDS-Fw	CATC	Amplification of <i>SBE1</i>
	GTCCTGGTTCGTGTGGACCTCCTGGCGCTCGTA	CDS
SBE1-CDS-Rv	AACAG	
	GCAGAACTTACTCGCGAGGGTTTAGAGCTAGAA	Construction of gRNA
gRNA-HXPRT-Fw	ATAGC	plasmid for <i>HXPRT</i>
		knockout
PCR4-SBE1-Fw	GTGGACATGGCCGCTGCATG	Verification of <i>SBE1</i>
		complementation by
PCR4-SBE1-Rv	GTTGTTGTCGCCACGCATCCAG	PCR4
In-HXPRT-Fw	CAAGGGCCGTATTGAGCCCATG	Verification of <i>HXPRT</i>
In-HXPRT-Rv	CACACGCCTCCAATGTCGCG	deletion by PCR5
	CGTGTTACTCGGATACTGACGAGGTCGACGGTATC	
CAT-Fw	GATAAGC	Amplification of CAT
		fragment
CAT-Rv	CCCTGCCACTGTTATTCGCGCTAGAACTAGTGGA	
	TCG	
p-SBE1-CAT-U5-Fw	GATGCTACACATTCTCAC	Amplification of the 5'
		homologous arm of
p-SBE1-CAT-U5-Rv	GTCAGTATCCGAGTAAACACG	<i>SBE1</i> based on CAT tag

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p-SBE1-CAT-U3-Fw	CGAATAAACAGTGGCAGGG	Amplification of the 3'
p-SBE1-CAT-U3-Rv	AGTTGCTAGCTCTACTTCGC	homologous arm of <i>SBE1</i> based on CAT tag
3'-In CAT	GCACGTGAGCACTGATAGG	Verification of <i>SBE1</i> deletion by PCR1
5'-In CAT	GGAGTGTTCGCAGCAAGC	Verification of <i>SBE1</i> deletion by PCR2

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