

BarTn7: Optimizing Bacterial Lineage Tracking at Sub-Species Resolution for Population Dynamics in Ecological and Evolutionary Studies

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Abstract

Communities of bacteria undergo population bottlenecks which are crucial to their population, ecological, and evolutionary dynamics. However, conventional amplicon sequencing cannot distinguish such demographic shifts between very closely related lineages. Here we describe BarTn7, an optimized method for bacterial lineage tracking through chromosomal integration of phenotypically neutral DNA barcodes with transposon Tn7. By combining conventional conjugative plasmids into a single vector and leveraging a parts-based strategy to optimize delivery to different recipients, BarTn7 increases barcoding efficiency and enables the systematic application of this tool to diverse bacteria. We tested BarTn7 in multiple bacterial species and confirmed a lack of lineage-specific growth effects. We then used BarTn7 to measure the colonization of *Panicum virgatum* roots under differing phosphate concentrations. Lineage tracking enabled discrimination between unique colonization events and the proliferation of existing bacteria during root colonization, the ratio of which differed between three plant-associated bacterial species. The strategy further allowed the measurement of phosphate-dependent ingress rates of the root endosphere by *Paraburkholderia phytofirmans* PsJN. We then demonstrated the effectiveness of BarTn7 to detect adaptive mutation(s) and facilitate identification of mutant lineages. Additionally, we demonstrated that BarTn7 is more accurate than conventional 16S rRNA gene sequencing at measuring community composition of a 5-member synthetic bacterial community (SynCom) and compares favorably to shotgun metagenomics. Our results illustrate the utility of BarTn7 as a simple, cost-efficient, and broadly applicable method of measuring bacterial population dynamics at sub-species resolution.

Introduction

Many microbial communities undergo demographic shifts at the strain level which are ecologically relevant and impact host physiology (1-4). During colonization of the plant root, for instance, bacteria must first move towards and attach to the root, then penetrate root tissue before proliferating therein (5-6). Each of these steps imposes a population bottleneck, however the relative contributions of ingress and proliferation within tissue are difficult to measure. 16S rRNA gene sequencing is generally limited to measuring these shifts at the level of bacterial genera and can be biased towards specific taxa (7-8). In contrast, whole-genome metagenomics can measure genetic diversity at high resolution but cannot assign alleles to specific strains. The ability to measure microdiversity quickly and cost-efficiently would therefore enable greater understanding of bacterial population dynamics.

To make these measurements, we describe BarTn7, a scalable method of quantifying lineage dynamics within populations of clonal bacteria. BarTn7 uses the previously described ‘magic-pool’ method of adding DNA barcodes and other genetic cargo in diverse bacteria (9) in a Tn7 transposon system. The Tn7 transposon is ideal for high-resolution measurement of nearly isogenic populations of bacteria, as the TnsD subunit of Tn7 protein targets transposition downstream of a highly conserved gene, *glmS* (10), such that BarTn7 is applicable to a variety of bacteria. Targeted integration downstream of *glmS* typically does not introduce biased fitness effects between recipient strains. Furthermore, the presence of an initial Tn7 transposon has been shown to prevent subsequent transposition events (11), such that the gene cargo can be delivered in single copy.

We introduced a DNA-barcoded Tn7 transposon encoding an antibiotic resistance marker and fluorophore into the genomes of diverse recipient bacteria. Transposition downstream of *glmS* was validated by PCR in all species, including those with multiple homologs of the gene. We used this system to generate populations of thousands to hundreds-of-thousands of barcoded lineages within seven individual bacterial species and passaged these libraries to confirm that lineages grow without bias relative to their broader community. We then used barcoded libraries of three root-associated bacteria to measure the colonization of *Panicum virgatum* (henceforth “switchgrass”) roots under two phosphorus concentrations. Our measurements demonstrate that root colonization by different species can be driven by increased proliferation or additional recruitment from the surrounding medium. Furthermore, we show that low phosphate causes a change in strain recruitment of these bacteria such that the sampled communities are less evenly distributed—with individual lineages becoming more prolific.

To confirm the utility of BarTn7 in ecological studies, we grew a synthetic community (SynCom) of five barcoded bacterial species in four different media and compared their community composition as measured by BarTn7, 16S rRNA gene amplification, and Illumina shotgun metagenomics. In these experiments, BarTn7 was more accurate than 16S sequencing even when controlling for 16S gene copy number, comparably accurate to WGS, and less costly than both. As a proof of concept, we also used BarTn7 to predict beneficial mutations within barcoded populations of *Escherichia coli* BW25113 and *Klebsiella michiganensis* M5a1 treated with trimethoprim.

Finally, we optimized the Tn7 delivery vector by testing different cargo orientations, combining the transposase enzymes and transposon into a single vector, and implementing a parts-based method to identify genetic components which work best for a given recipient. These alterations served to increase conjugative efficiency, reduce unwanted toxicity of the system to certain recipient hosts, and rapidly identify the ideal combination of genetic parts for BarTn7 implementation for several otherwise recalcitrant bacteria. Using this BarTn7 system we were able to generate large, barcoded communities in multiple bacteria and use these to draw novel inferences around their population, ecological, and evolutionary dynamics.

Results

Overview of BarTn7

Our BarTn7 approach is summarized in **Fig. 1**. Incorporation of Tn7 typically uses a two-plasmid system wherein one vector contains the transposon, and another encodes the transposase (**12-14**). Briefly, we constructed a vector pool, pRH05, each of which contains a kanamycin resistance cassette, GFP, and a random 20 nucleotide DNA barcode, flanked by the Tn7 left and right arms (**Fig. 1A**). The resulting plasmid pool contained ~4 million unique barcodes and was used for the initial tests of the BarTn7 system. We performed a triparental conjugation of this barcoded transposon library and the Tn7 transposase encoded on a separate “helper” plasmid pTNS2 into 7 individual recipient bacteria (**Fig. 1B**). For each target bacterium, we validated the expected locus and orientation of transposition by PCR targeting the terminus of *glmS* (**Fig. 1C**).

We tested at least three single colonies of all 7 recipients to confirm that transposition occurred as expected. In colonies of all the tested recipients, transposition occurred at the expected *attTn7* site 23-25 bp downstream of *glmS*. The species tested ranged from one to three homologs of *glmS*. In species which encode multiple *glmS* homologs (e.g. *P. phytofirmans* PsJN and *P. bryophila* 376MFSHa3.1, with 3 and 2 homologs, respectively) Tn7 integrated downstream of a single homolog, confirming previous observations that an initial transposition event attenuates further integration events.

We then generated pooled BarTn7 populations of seven different bacterial species (**Table S1**) of varying richness to use for experimental measurements of population dynamics. For each library, we performed barcode sequencing (BarSeq) to estimate population sizes, ranging from ~4,000 to ~280,000 unique strains per library (**Table S1**). In each of two species, *E. coli* BW25113 and *Pseudomonas simiae* WCS417, we generated three populations with log-fold differences in barcode richness (**Table S1**). To test whether individual barcoded strains grow without a biased fitness effect relative to the broader population we passaged each barcoded population individually in LB medium (**Fig. 1D-F, Fig. S1**). While rare strains varied in frequency due to sampling bias during passaging, most strains of all tested species were found at comparable relative abundances between the starting (Time0) and third timepoints, demonstrating that the barcoded lineages were predominantly phenotypically neutral. In populations of the same species the number of rare lineages varying in starting and ending abundances increased in positive correlation with barcode richness due to increasing levels of rare lineages.

Strain-resolved measurement of switchgrass root colonization

Having confirmed the expected transposition activity of BarTn7 in diverse recipients, we first measured the strain-resolved population dynamics of three root-associated bacterial species during recruitment to the roots of switchgrass plants. We cultivated inoculated switchgrass seedlings with BarTn7 populations of either *Paraburkholderia phytofirmans* PsJN (henceforth “Bfirm”), *Ralstonia* sp. UNC404CL21Col (henceforth “CL21”), or *Pseudomonas simiae* WCS417 (henceforth “WCS417”). For the known plant endophyte *Paraburkholderia phytofirmans* PsJN, we measured colonization of both rhizosphere and root endosphere samples. We also varied the planted medium between high and low phosphate conditions (625 and 30 μM KH_2PO_4 , respectively) as phosphate deficit is known to increase root biomass, root branching, root hair formation, and root exudate composition in multiple plant species (15), all of which could alter the formation of a root microbiome. For Bfirm and CL21, the abundance of each lineage in the rhizosphere generally corresponded with their abundance in the starting community (Fig. 2A, Fig. S2, Fig. S3). For WCS417, however, the rhizosphere communities were typically predominated by a subset of the ~31,000 barcode starting population (Fig. S2). Furthermore, for each species, and in most samples, a small number of lineages increased in abundance by 100- to 1,000-fold. Interestingly, some, but not all, of these more successful lineages consistently increased in abundance in multiple replicate rhizosphere samples (Fig. S3), potentially indicating pre-existing mutations which increased fitness for rhizosphere colonization. In endosphere samples, consistent with a greater expected bottleneck, the abundance of Bfirm lineages differed dramatically; with most of the initial population lost and the remaining subset representing a greater relative proportion of the resulting community (Fig. 2B, Fig. S4). These resulting endosphere communities ranged from 194 to 3,504 barcodes, representing ~1.8 to ~31.8% of the starting ~11,000 barcode library.

In the starting populations of each BarTn7 library, no lineages represent more than 1% of the community (Fig. 2C-E). In contrast, in the rhizosphere, multiple lineages consistently increased to at least 1% of the community in most experimental samples. These increases differed by species: individual lineages of WCS417 accumulated to greater than 1% of the population in all samples and the proportion of these more abundant barcodes typically represented a greater proportion of the community than for Bfirm or CL21 under both phosphate treatments—in some experiments composing close to 100 percent of the community. Furthermore, the proportion of the community composed by lineages which individually represented more than 1% of the community was consistently higher in high-phosphate samples compared to low-phosphate samples.

To interrogate the cause of single-lineage predominance in the rhizosphere, we tested whether lineages given an early arrival advantage were more competitive than the rest of the population. Briefly, we isolated a uniquely barcoded colony from barcoded CL21 and WCS417 populations and dipped switchgrass roots in saturated cultures of these isolated lineages for 20 minutes prior to transfer to medium inoculated with mixed populations of the corresponding species. For both species, single lineages composed a greater proportion of the rhizosphere communities of plants pre-inoculated with an individual lineage before transfer to the mixed community compared to samples without pre-inoculation (Fig. S5). In most cases the isolated lineage represented a significant, if not predominant, proportion of the community. Interestingly, in contrast to plants inoculated with the original mixed inoculation regimen, lineages

representing > 1% of the rhizosphere population represented a slightly greater proportion of the population in low-phosphate compared to high-phosphate treated plants, potentially indicating a phosphate-dependent benefit of early arrival to the rhizosphere. In most cases, the preinoculum represented the predominant lineage. Furthermore, for plants inoculated with WCS417, preinoculation was not always sufficient for the pre-inoculum to outperform other members of the mixed community, suggesting additional components required for successful root colonization by an individual lineage of a given species.

BarTn7 additionally enabled the discrimination between two broad drivers of host colonization: colonization events and the proliferation of cells which have already arrived at the root. If the number of barcodes observed represents the minimum number of unique recruitment events, the disparity between unique barcodes and colony forming units (CFU) represents the maximum proportion of the population derived from proliferation of lineages already present in the rhizosphere. For both Bfirm and CL21, the number of CFU recruited per plant was greater than the number of barcodes observed (**Fig. 2F-H**, “CFU per barcode”). However, this ratio changed both by phosphate treatment and species. The ratio of CFU to barcodes was higher in low phosphate samples than high phosphate for both CL21 and WCS417, whereas the ratio was roughly the same for Bfirm. The ratio was also lower for WCS417 under both phosphate treatments than either Bfirm or CL21, likely reflecting either A) the greater starting population richness in the BarTn7 library for this species or B) differences in viability of WCS417 cells when removed from the root and plated on LB agar. Taken together with the number of lineages present at >1% relative abundance in experimental samples, these results highlight potential species- and nutrient-specific root colonization dynamics in WCS417.

To quantify differences in rhizosphere development potentially derived by different means of recruitment, i.e. colonization events versus proliferation, we used conventional ecological measurements to test for differences in barcode evenness and richness in each sample. We first measured Shannon’s diversity, which measures both richness and evenness of taxa observed, in this case of barcoded lineages. In all tested species, high-phosphate samples had lower Shannon’s diversity measurements than their low-phosphate counterparts (**Fig. 2F-H**, “Shannon’s Diversity”), consistent with a smaller number of lineages representing a larger proportion of the community. Consistent with previous measurements, samples inoculated with WCS417 were consistently less diverse than those inoculated with either Bfirm or CL21 despite a larger number of barcodes in the starting population of the former. We then measured Bray-Curtis dissimilarity, which evaluates both richness and abundance of a tested community compared to a separate sample. In this case, experimental samples were compared against the Time0 averages for their respective species, with greater dissimilarity indicating a potential population bottleneck. Consistent with Shannon’s diversity measurements, all species had higher dissimilarity under high-phosphate treatment compared to low-phosphate (**Fig. 2F-H**, “Bray-Curtis Dissimilarity”) and WCS417 samples were more dissimilar from their corresponding Time0 population than either Bfirm or CL21. These results reveal population dynamics common to all three species, e.g. loss of initially rare lineages corresponding to increases in initially abundant counterparts.

Finally, we plotted representative samples against their Time0 averages to draw more specific conclusions from these diversity metrics. In all species, the starting communities are relatively even, with most lineages falling within an order of magnitude of the median (**Fig. 2I**,

Fig S6). In contrast, both high- and low-phosphate treated samples revealed subsets of each community either increasing or decreasing in proportion (**Fig. S3, Fig. S6**). The proportion of lineages which changed in abundance relative to their respective Time0 averages was greater for high-phosphate samples compared to those with low-phosphate (**Fig. 2I, Fig. S3, Fig. S6**). Furthermore, and consistent with other metrics, the proportion of the communities composed by these “successful” lineages was also greater under high-phosphate treatment. In all species tested, we observed a trend of initially predominant lineages increasing more in abundance than their rarer counterparts under both phosphate treatments (**Fig. S3, Fig. S6**). Taken together, BarTn7 enabled the measurement of colonization patterns both specific to individual species and dependent on nutrient availability, for example. potential selection for preexisting mutations and competitive exclusion.

Identification and prediction of adaptive mutations via relative abundance of barcoded lineages

We next tested whether BarTn7 could effectively measure evolutionary dynamics at the strain level. Specifically, we tested whether changes in the relative abundance of barcoded strains could be used to detect the emergence of adaptive mutation(s) in an *in vitro* passaging experiment. We passaged barcoded *E. coli* BW25113 (Keio_BarTn7_Lib4) and *Klebsiella michiganensis* M5a1 (Koxy_BarTn7_Lib5) in liquid LB medium supplemented with increasing concentrations of trimethoprim and measured changes in barcode relative abundance over ~60 doublings by BarSeq (**Fig. 3A**). After around four passages, we observed unique lineages from each replicate adaptation experiment increase to close to 100% relative abundance (**Fig. 3B, E**). We then plated the final timepoint for four replicate adaptations and screened for colonies matching the barcode of successful lineages by Sanger sequencing.

After isolating the correct lineages, we first demonstrated with individual growths that these strains were indeed resistant to trimethoprim (**Fig. 3D, G**). Next, we submitted two replicate colonies of four adapted lineages for long-read, whole-genome sequencing to identify causal mutation(s). Using MUMmer4 (**16**), we identified multiple, nonsynonymous single nucleotide polymorphisms in homologs of the *folA* gene for both species (**Fig. 3C, F**), which is known to impact resistance to trimethoprim in both *E. coli* and *Klebsiella* species (**17-18**). Furthermore, at least one such mutation was identified in isolates from separate replicate adaptations of the same library in both species (e.g. Keio_BarTn7_Lib4 *folA* P62Q, A77V, and W88G; or Koxy_BarTn7_Lib5 locusID BWI76_RS04500 -60C->T), emphasizing the impact of these alleles on fitness under treatment with the antibiotic. Interestingly, for Koxy_BarTn7_Lib5, this convergent mutation, as well as two other identified SNPs, occur upstream of *folA* homolog in a predicted pseudogene (locus ID BWI76_RS04500). We therefore reasoned that the observed mutations might be altering the expression of *folA*. In support of this, using Sapphire (**19**) we identified two predicted promoter regions covering all detected mutations.

Lastly, BarTn7 allows us to monitor the population dynamics of low abundance lineages which might otherwise be missed (**Fig. S7**). In all replicate samples strong selective sweeps result in a rapid loss of barcode diversity. Most lineages drop from thousands of reads at early timepoints to near extinction by the middle of the experiment. However, we consistently observe transiently successful lineages competing briefly suggesting partial resistance. Furthermore,

especially for Keio_BarTn7_Lib4, many lineages share nearly identical adaptive trajectories early on during passaging, suggesting the simultaneous emergence of resistant strains.

Comparative sequencing analysis of a multi-species SynCom

We next asked whether BarTn7 could measure ecological dynamics of a population by simultaneously measuring multiple species. We assembled a SynCom from barcoded populations of five species mixed in a 1:1:1:1:1 ratio by OD₆₀₀ (**Fig. 4A**) then outgrew this SynCom in either LB, R2A, or minimal medium supplemented with either 20 mM D-Xylose or D-Glucose as the sole carbon source. We then sequenced the resulting outgrowths via 16S rRNA gene amplification, BarTn7 (BarSeq), and Illumina shotgun whole-genome sequencing (WGS). When comparing the number of reads which aligned to each constituent genome, normalized by genome size, WGS consistently measured each constituent taxon as present in roughly equal relative abundances at the start of the experiment (Time0) (**Fig. 4B**). This trend was consistent across outgrowths in all other media types, with slight discrepancies after growth in LB or RCH2 supplemented with D-xylose (**Fig. 4C-G**). In contrast, even after normalizing by 16S gene copy number, 16S amplicon sequencing differed from WGS by 11.9% on average across all species, samples, and replicates with the exception of one Time0 sample which deviated from the average across all sequencing methods (**Fig. 4G**). Furthermore, the 16S sequences of two SynCom constituents of the genus *Paraburkholderia* were difficult to disambiguate due to their phylogenetic relatedness, a known issue with 16S sequencing. Finally, BarTn7 consistently measured the relative abundance of each species comparably to WGS, differing by an average of 0.9%.

Optimization of Tn7 delivery vectors for increased efficiency in diverse bacteria

Having demonstrated the utility of the BarTn7 system across multiple experimental designs, we attempted to optimize the system for ease of assembly, efficiency of delivery, and breadth of applicability to various recipient bacteria. First, while deriving and testing various Tn7 vectors, we noticed that some transposon cargo had heterogeneous effects on recipient physiology. Specifically, a barcoded Tn7 vector (pRH54), derived from pRH05 but without the GFP cassette, caused recipient colonies of *E. coli* BW25113 and *K. michiganensis* M5a1 to grow unevenly in size, indicating colony-specific toxicity. We submitted representative colonies from the transconjugation into *E. coli* BW25113 and *K. michiganensis* M5a1 for whole genome sequencing. For *E. coli*, the colonies which grew more quickly had either lost the BarTn7 transposon or never incorporated it to begin with. In contrast, larger *K. michiganensis* M5a1 transconjugants incorporated multiple copies of the Tn7 vector into the *att* site, while the smaller colonies of both contained the Tn7 transposon in the expected location and orientation. As Tn7 is known to cause an increase in recombination at the site of transposition (**20**), we reasoned that if the integration of an engineered Tn7 transposon is indeed toxic, this might select for rare recombination events which alleviate this toxicity. The Tn7 *att* site often sits between two conserved, often essential, operons: the *glmU* operon involved in peptidoglycan synthesis and the *pst* operon involved in phosphate-specific transport. We therefore sought to confirm whether Tn7 integration influenced native gene function by testing four Tn7 delivery vectors (pAD274-pAD277) that contain design elements of previously established Tn7 vectors (see Methods). We conjugated these vectors as before into three recipient bacteria *E. coli* BW25113, *P. simiae*

WCS417, and *K. michiganensis* M5a1 to test the impact of varying the sequence surrounding the Tn7 cargo on recipient physiology. All tested vectors (pAD274-pAD276) incorporating the Tn7 transposon such that transcription of the cargo was directed towards *glmS*, caused identical, colony-specific growth effects in *E. coli* BW25113 and *K. michiganensis* M5a1. Both of these bacteria have the *pst* operon downstream of *glmS*. In contrast, Tn7 insertions derived from these plasmids showed no toxicity in *P. simiae* WCS417, which contains a nonessential hypothetical gene downstream of *glmS*. Surprisingly, pAD277, which is identical to pAD274 except the reversal of the orientation of the transposon cargo, alleviated this toxicity effect in both *E. coli* BW25113 and *K. michiganensis* M5a1. To eschew any potential negative impact of the Tn7 cargo, we incorporated the transposon cargo of all subsequent plasmids in this reverse orientation.

In most published systems, Tn7 is delivered via a tri-parental conjugation of two plasmids: one encoding the transposon and the other the transposase, into the desired recipient (12-14). We reasoned that eliminating the need for the second, “helper” plasmid might increase conjugative efficiency and simplify the generation of BarTn7 libraries in new bacteria. Furthermore, concatenating both elements into a single vector would simplify the optimization of promoters expressing the transposase alongside the transposon cargo via the parts-based strategy of a magic pool system (9). We therefore derived two transposon vectors: pRH90 and pRH102. pRH90 is the barcoded version of pAD277, a “two-pot” Tn7 vector containing a kanamycin resistance cassette within the Tn7 transposon, designed to be included in a tri-parental conjugation with a published helper plasmid pTNS2. pRH102 is a single, “one-pot” vector containing the same transposon cargo as pRH90, as well as the Tn7 transposase expressed by the same promoter as in pTNS2. We conjugated these vectors at 1:1:1 or 1:1 ratios of OD₆₀₀, as appropriate, with four different recipient bacteria. With the exception of *P. simiae* WCS417, the “one-pot” delivery system was roughly an order of magnitude more efficient than the two-plasmid delivery method (Fig. 5A). Our results demonstrate that a single BarTn7 plasmid provides an efficient, simplified system for the construction of new libraries in diverse bacteria.

Lastly, we considered the possibility that the application of BarTn7 to new species could be limited by the functionality of the BarTn7 vector parts (promoters, antibiotic resistance genes) in the target bacterium. To streamline this genetic tool development, we implemented the “magic pools” approach for combinatorial vector design and parallel assessment, as described previously for Tn5 and mariner vectors (9). For the magic pool designs, we implemented the single-vector system (identical in transposon cargo orientation to pRH102 described in Figure 5A). Each BarTn7 magic pool contains 2 different coding sequences for genes conferring resistance to either kanamycin, chloramphenicol, or gentamicin, and a set of promoters for both the transposase and the drug marker in the transposon (Table S2). Each vector is linked to its combination of parts by nanopore long read sequencing and a unique barcode in the transposon. Then, by conjugating one of these magic pools into a recipient and performing BarSeq on the pool of resulting transconjugants, we could determine which combination of parts is most efficient for constructing a BarTn7 library.

We tested the magic pool conferring kanamycin resistance in three bacterial members of a published SynCom (21): *Variovorax* sp. OAS795, *Paraburkholderia* sp. OAS925, and *Bosea* sp. OAE506. For *Variovorax* and *Paraburkholderia*, most of the promoter parts for both the

transposase and antibiotic resistance cassette were well-represented (**Fig. 5B-C**). In contrast, the BarTn7 library produced for the *Bosea* recipient was strongly biased towards the *D. vulgaris* *recA* promoter (p2.67) as the promoter for the drug marker and the *Enterobacter* sp. TBS079 *recA* promoter (p5.4) to express the transposase. Notably, the pTNS2 promoter (p5.11) commonly used for the transposase produced no colonies for either *Paraburkholderia* and *Bosea*, and was poorly represented in the *Variovorax* community. In summary, the resulting magic pools including our changes to transposon orientation and “one-pot” system, serve to optimize the Tn7 system by increasing conjugative efficiency, decreasing potentially toxic effects of transposon integration, and identifying unique promoters and antibiotic resistance cassettes ideal for a variety of recipient bacteria.

Discussion

This work was designed to increase the resolution of population, evolutionary, and ecological dynamics in microbiome work. We optimized a system (BarTn7) for generating populations of thousands of barcoded lineages, which, apart from the barcode, are isogenic and do not exhibit biased fitness effects relative to one another under standard laboratory growth conditions. These barcoded BarTn7 populations enabled measurements of multiple population dynamics during switchgrass root colonization which would be difficult or impossible to measure with conventional approaches such as 16S rRNA sequencing. Firstly, previous work has demonstrated reduced genetic diversity within the microbiome along a gradient of increasing proximity to the plant (**22-24**) and our experiments confirm this phenomenon at the strain level across the surrounding medium, rhizosphere, and endosphere samples. Secondly, our measurements reveal that these population bottlenecks can be caused by different colonization dynamics. The most relevant of these is the disambiguation of a root-associated population derived from recruitment from the surrounding medium versus the division of cells already in the rhizosphere. Because of the potential for individual lineages being recruited from the surrounding medium multiple times, the disparity between the number of CFU and barcodes observed represents the maximum proportion of the community derived by proliferation, while the number of barcodes represents a minimum number of unique recruitment events. We observed a relatively consistent ratio of CFU to barcodes ranging from 1:1 to 10:1. While there is a potential disparity in cell viability when outgrown in liquid versus on plates (**25**), the fact that this ratio was maintained across all three tested species suggests the ratio observed is accurate. Therefore, we conclude that the proliferation of cells which arrive to the root early on are more impactful to root colonization under our experimental conditions than the continual recruitment of new cells from the medium. Furthermore, this ratio increased under low phosphate conditions for two of three tested bacteria, implying that strain-level root colonization dynamics are dependent on abiotic conditions as is microbiome composition at higher taxonomic levels (**26**).

Moreover, we identified that the importance of early arrival to the root is species-specific. Two species, Bfirm and CL21, colonized the rhizosphere in a relatively neutral fashion: individually-barcoded strains were generally recruited in accordance with their initial predominance in the community. In contrast, WCS417 was observed to colonize the rhizosphere in a biased manner such that individual strains typically came to represent the preponderance of the population. *Pseudomonas* species are known to compete with other

bacteria and fungi in the rhizosphere (27-28). Indeed, mutualistic species of *Pseudomonas* have been shown to inhibit root colonization by closely-related *Pseudomonas* pathogens (29) leading us to question the possibility of strain-level competitive interactions during the development of a root-associated WCS417 population. Our pre-inoculation experiments show that both WCS417 and CL21 strains are likely to outcompete their surrounding counterparts when given an early advantage during colonization. Importantly, some of the predominance of these single lineages can be attributed to a greater starting load. However, the pre-inoculum is unlikely to be sufficient to cause the predominance of one strain in a population of hundreds of thousands of cells. Furthermore, the pre-inoculum did not always predominate, suggesting other population dynamics at play which contribute to colonization. These experiments therefore show potential competitive exclusion, a mechanism conferring historical contingency (30) which, to our knowledge, has not been observed at such a high taxonomic resolution.

BarTn7 also enables measurements of ecological dynamics in bacterial communities. We show that measurement of DNA barcodes as a proxy for strain abundance in a SynCom is more accurate than 16S sequencing. This is likely due to several factors: 16S sequencing is known to be impacted by primer bias and the 16S rRNA gene can be encoded in multiple copies, the number of which varies by species, while Tn7 is chromosomally integrated in monocopy. We also show that BarTn7 is almost identically accurate to shotgun metagenomics, the gold standard for interpreting community composition. Furthermore, because BarTn7 requires a targeted BarSeq PCR amplicon and only 50 base-pair reads, it is less expensive than both 16S and whole genome sequencing.

Finally, BarTn7 enables and hastens the measurement of evolutionary dynamics in bacterial populations. Adaptive mutations are easily identifiable by tracking barcode frequencies. Unlike metagenomic sequencing, the knowledge of a specific barcode associated with greater fitness relative to the ancestral population enables the linkage of a potential mutant allele to a specific strain. Indeed, we unintentionally identified several lineages which appear to have preexisting mutations which confer increased fitness in our root inoculation experiments. Thus, evolutionary experiments can be performed without laborious screening of colonies for phenotypes and mutant alleles of interest, and at a fraction of the cost.

Others have used various forms of DNA barcoding, both with Tn7 and other genetic systems, for tracking closely related lineages (31-34). In contrast to existing methods, our magic pool system allows a variety of genetic parts to be rapidly screened to identify an ideal combination for a given recipient. Indeed, many of the promoters we used in our magic pool were more efficient in expressing the Tn7 transposase than that from the published pTNS2 helper plasmid. These new parts combinations enabled transposition of Tn7 into recipient strains which were previously recalcitrant. Next, combining the Tn7 transposon and transposase into a single plasmid increased conjugative efficiency in three out of four tested recipient species. Finally, during the development of our vectors we identified previously undescribed, recipient-specific toxicity of certain Tn7 transposon vector designs. Alterations in the orientation of the transposon cargo serve to alleviate this toxicity and maintain the fitness neutrality of barcoded recipient strains. In combination, BarTn7 enables the rapid implementation of inexpensive, high-resolution lineage tracking in diverse and new strains of bacteria.

Materials & Methods

Bacterial strains and cultivation

Bacterial strains (**Table S3**) were maintained in glycerol stocks stored at -80°C. Media used were lysogeny broth (LB; 10 g/L tryptone, 5 g/L yeast extract, and 5 g/L NaCl), R2A (0.5 g/L casein hydrolysate, 0.5 g/L D-glucose, 0.5 g/L soluble starch, 0.5 g/L yeast extract, 0.3 g/L dipotassium phosphate, 0.3 g/L sodium pyruvate, 0.25 g/L casein peptone, 0.25 g/L meat peptone, 0.024 g/L magnesium sulfate), or RCH2 (100 mLs 10X salts, 10 mLs Wolfe's Vitamins, 10 mLs Wolfe's Minerals, 50 mLs 0.6M PIPES buffer, 820 mLs water). Liquid precultures were inoculated with single colonies or 1 mL aliquots of barcoded libraries in 5 mL and 50 mL LB plus antibiotic and/or diaminopimelic acid (DAP), respectively, and grown at 30°C shaking at 180 RPM. Optical density was measured at 600 nm.

Construction of BarTn7 plasmids

For a full list of plasmids used in this study, along with details about their construction, see **Table S4**. Primers and gBlocks used for construction are listed in **Table S5** and **Table S6**. To construct a mini-Tn7 vector backbone, two DNA fragments were synthesized as gBlocks from IDT: gRH1, containing an ampicillin resistance cassette and the Tn7 right arm and gRH2, containing the Tn7 left arm and a barcoding region containing an internal pair each of BbsI and BsmBI cut sites. A DNA fragment containing an R6K conditional origin of replication and an origin of transfer was amplified from the pTNS2 “helper” plasmid (Addgene #64968) (**35**) with oRH1 and oRH2. This PCR product, gRH1, and gRH2 were ligated by Gibson assembly, yielding pRH01. An antibiotic resistance cassette and fluorophore were added as transposon cargo by Golden Gate assembly with pRH01, pHLL216 (Kan promoter), pHLL238 (KanR gene), pTKO5 (GFP promoter), and pTKO16 (GFP gene) using BbsI to yield pRH02. Random, 20 nucleotide DNA barcodes were generated and incorporated by Golden Gate assembly with BsmBI into pRH02 to yield pRH05, as previously described (**9**). All restriction enzymes were purchased from Thermo Fisher Scientific. After each Golden Gate assembly, the resulting vector was purified using a Zymo DNA Clean and Concentrator Kit (Cat. #D4004), re-digested with the appropriate restriction enzyme for 16 h to remove residual background vector and purified again with the Zymo kit. During the course of the project, we found via whole plasmid sequencing that our pRH05 construct contained two copies of both the kanamycin resistance gene and GFP, thus libraries made with this barcoded Tn7 library contain a larger cargo region within the Tn7 arms. All other barcoded plasmid libraries we made in this study were confirmed with whole plasmid sequencing to only have a single copy of the cargo genes. We constructed a subsequent barcoded Tn7 vector (pRH54) where we substituted the GFP promoter/gene with a transcriptional terminator part (pAD213), but found Tn7 insertions derived from this construct to be toxic to some recipient bacteria.

To explore different BarTn7 vector designs, particularly with respect to the sequences between the Tn7 arms and antibiotic resistance cassette, along with the orientation of transcription of the antibiotic resistance gene, we constructed a set of 4 non-barcoded Tn7 vectors; pAD274 contains sequences including FRT sites derived from pUC18T-mini-Tn7T_Gm (**35**), pAD275 contains sequence features from pTn7-SCOUT12.G (**36**), pAD276 has sequences from Tn7 integration vector (**12**), and pAD277 is identical to pAD274 except the orientation of the antibiotic resistance cassette is flipped. We found that Tn7 insertions derived from pAD277

were not toxic in any recipient bacteria. Subsequently, we incorporated the DNA barcodes into pAD277 as described (9) to generate pRH90. We constructed pRH102, a one-pot BarTn7 vector that combines elements of pRH90 and the pTNS helper plasmid, via Golden Gate assembly of plasmids pAD278, pHLL216, pHLL238, pAD281, pAD213, and pAD279; followed by barcode incorporation with an additional round of Golden Gate assembly.

Preparation of barcoded bacterial communities

Barcoded plasmid libraries were electroporated into a DAP auxotrophic *E. coli* WM3064 conjugative donor strain and grown overnight at 37°C in 50 mL LB with carbenicillin and DAP. The resulting donor library was split into 1 mL aliquots in 25% glycerol and stored at -80°C. For each conjugation, an entire aliquot of the transposon donor library, the wild-type recipient, and, when necessary for two-vector systems, a second WM3064 donor carrying either pTNS2 or pTNS3, were outgrown overnight. Each strain was washed 3X in LB without antibiotics, mixed 1:1:1 by OD₆₀₀, plated on recipient medium plus DAP, and incubated at 30°C. The next day, the conjugation mix was scraped and re-plated on recipient medium plus antibiotics, without DAP. The conjugation media and selection media was LB for all libraries except for *Paraburkholderia* sp. OAS925, *Variovorax* sp. OAS795, and *Bosea* sp. OAE506. For these 3 bacteria, we used R2A.

Integration of the Tn7 transposon was confirmed by PCR with primers annealing to the 3' end of the recipient-specific *glmS* gene and roughly 100 bp downstream of *glmS*. For recipient strains with multiple *glmS* homologs, each homolog was tested with unique primer pairs. After validating Tn7 insertion and localization, barcoded communities were pooled by plating the conjugation mixture as above and scraping the desired number of colonies into 50 mL recipient medium plus antibiotic and the number of uniquely barcoded strains was confirmed by BarSeq. We made multiple glycerol stock aliquots for each library for future experiments.

***In vitro* growth assays of barcoded communities**

Aliquots of barcoded libraries were outgrown overnight in 50 mL rich medium plus 100 µg/mL kanamycin. For passaging assays to demonstrate the libraries were predominantly phenotypically neutral, libraries were initially cultured in 50 mL LB plus kanamycin until saturation, then diluted back into fresh 5 mL LB cultures plus kanamycin to repeat the process, for a total of 3 passages. Relative abundances of barcoded lineages were compared between the initial outgrowth (Time0) and the third passage. For *in vitro* adaptation experiments, barcoded communities were first outgrown in 50 mL LB supplemented with 100 µg/mL kanamycin. The following day, these cultures were diluted to a starting OD₆₀₀ of 0.01 in quadruplicate, 5 mL cultures in fresh LB with 0.5 µM trimethoprim. After 1-2 days of growth (2 days for first passage in the minimal trimethoprim concentration and 1 day for all subsequent concentrations), 1 mL samples were collected for BarSeq to represent one passage, and each culture was diluted 1:1000 in fresh LB medium with a slightly higher trimethoprim concentration. For co-inoculation of multiple bacterial species, barcoded pools of each species were grown, individually and overnight, in 50 mL LB plus 100 µg/mL kanamycin, washed to remove antibiotics, and combined at equal ODs immediately prior to use. Quadruplicate Time0 samples were taken from cultures of both the individual species and the SynCom. The SynCom was then

inoculated to a starting OD₆₀₀ of 0.01 in quadruplicate, 5 mL volumes of LB, R2A, or RCH2 with 20 mM D-glucose or D-xylose as a sole carbon source and grown overnight before sampling.

Plant growth conditions and root inoculation

Seeds of *Panicum virgatum* v. Blackwell (switchgrass) were a generous gift from Dr. Jenny Mortimer. Seeds were surface sterilized by a 1-minute wash in 70% (v/v) ethanol, a 15-minute wash in 5% (v/v) sodium hypochlorite, and three rinses with sterile water. Seeds were stratified for four days in the dark at 4°C on ½ Murashige and Skoog agar (Cassion labs MSP01, 1 g/L MES hydrate, 0.9% w/v BactoAgar) before germination under a 12:12 day light:dark cycle at 24°C. At the emergence of the first set of true leaves (4-5 d) individual seedlings were transferred to 80 mL ½ MS with 0.3% BactoAgar in magenta boxes (Fisher Scientific). High or low phosphate treatments (625 and 30 µM, respectively) were performed by preparing soft agar with appropriate amounts of MS basal salts with or without phosphate (Cassion labs MSP11). Bacteria were grown in LB overnight with 100 µg/mL kanamycin and washed without antibiotic prior to inoculation at a concentration of 10⁵ CFU per mL of soft agar.

After three weeks of incubation, rhizosphere fractions were collected by removing the roots and vortexing for 30 s in a 5 mL final volume of LB with antibiotic as appropriate. The washed roots were removed and weighed. To collect endosphere fractions, roots were surface-sterilized by vortexing 30 s in 70% ethanol, 30 s in 5% sodium hypochlorite plus 0.01% (v/v) Triton-X 100, then washed three times in sterile water. One mL of the final wash solution was plated on LB to assess surface sterility. Surface-sterilized roots were homogenized in 1 mL LB plus antibiotic in a Qiagen TissueLyser II at 30 Hz for fifteen seconds. All fractions were outgrown in LB plus kanamycin overnight prior to gDNA extraction.

DNA sequencing, barcode quality filtration, and statistical analysis

Shotgun whole-genome metagenomics of the BarTn7 SynCom was performed by Novogene on an Illumina NovaSeq instrument. V3V4 amplicon sequencing of the 16S rRNA gene was also performed by Novogene. Reads were first trimmed for quality control using Trimmomatic (37) then aligned to either the reference genomes or 16S sequences of the SynCom constituents. Species relative abundance was assessed by comparing the proportion of reads which aligned to reference sequences associated with each of the five species, normalized by number of 16S homologs or genome size for 16S or whole genome sequencing, respectively. BarSeq was performed as described in Wetmore, *et al* (38), except we used dual-indexed primers to identify instances of index hopping. For the adaptive evolution experiments on trimethoprim, we performed Nanopore long-read whole genome sequencing (Plasmidsaurus) and mutations were identified by comparing the *folA* sequences from the ancestral and adapted strains (NCBI Taxon IDs 511145 and 290337) using Geneious Prime (39).

Quadruplicate Time0 samples of barcoded communities were collected prior to all experiments. DNA from frozen pellets was isolated using the Qiagen DNeasy Blood and Tissue kit according to the manufacturer's instructions. DNA barcodes were filtered by those with Phred quality scores >30 for each base. For single timepoint experiments, barcodes were clustered using Shepherd (40), then filtered by removing barcodes with fewer than three reads in experimental samples. For timecourse experiments, barcodes were clustered using Shepherd, then analyzed using the union of all barcodes across corresponding Time0 samples. This

method allowed for the possibility of low-abundance barcodes which increase in proportion over the course of the experiment. For SynCom experiments, sets of barcodes were determined for each species from their individual Time0 samples, then used to determine the species of lineages observed in SynCom samples. Strains which could not be unambiguously assigned to a single species were never more than 5% of these samples. In instances wherein low numbers of barcodes came to predominate the community, the error rate during clustering was loosened to account for a greater frequency of sequencing errors relative to the predominant barcode sequence.

BarTn7 magic pool construction

The BarTn7 magic pool design and cloning approach were largely modeled from those used in the original random barcode transposon site sequencing (RB_TnSeq) *mariner* and Tn5 vectors (9). The BarTn7 design is a modular 6 or 7 part Golden Gate assembly: Part_1 contains Tn7 *tns* enzymes and the right Tn7 arm and is invariable, Part_2 contains the promoter for the antibiotic resistance marker and varies in the magic pool, Part_3 is the antibiotic resistance gene and is also a variable part in the pool (both Part_2 and Part_3 are identical to the original parts designed for Tn5 and *mariner*, and some of these part vectors are used in this study), Part_4 contains the DNA barcodes, the Tn7 left arm, oriT, the ampicillin resistance gene, and the R6K origin of replication, Part_5 is the promoter for the Tn7 enzymes and is a variable part, Part_6 is a promoter for the fluorescence gene, while Part_7 is the fluorescence gene coding sequence. Part_6 and Part_7 are also within the transposon and can be subbed out for any cargo of interest. In the magic pools designed and used in this study, we used a short combined Part_6-Part_7 sequence, and this part was invariable. All parts were cloned into a universal holding vector (pJW52) as previously described (9). Detailed information about all plasmid constructions can be found in **Table S4**. We constructed 3 magic pools in this study: pAD286 contains 19 Part_2 promoter variants, 2 Part_3 variants encoding proteins that confer resistance to kanamycin, and 11 variants of the Part_5 promoter. Promoter parts were derived from several “housekeeping” genes of various bacteria. pAD287 and pAD288 are identical to pAD286 except we substituted the Part_3 variants with those that conferred resistance to gentamicin and chloramphenicol (see **Table S2** for full designs). After Golden Gate assembly with BbsI to generate the magic pool, we transformed into EC100D pir⁺ cells, and selected for colonies on LB plates with carbenicillin. We pooled together ~10,000 colonies per magic pool and extracted plasmid DNA from the library. To link each DNA barcode to its variable parts (Part_2, Part_3, and Part_5) in the plasmid, we used long-read nanopore sequencing. For pAD286, we could confidently link 6,004 unique DNA barcodes to at least one variable part. We could do the same for 9,435 unique barcodes in pAD287 and 6,183 unique barcodes in pAD288. We then transformed the magic pool plasmids into the WM3064 conjugation strain for delivery into recipient bacteria.

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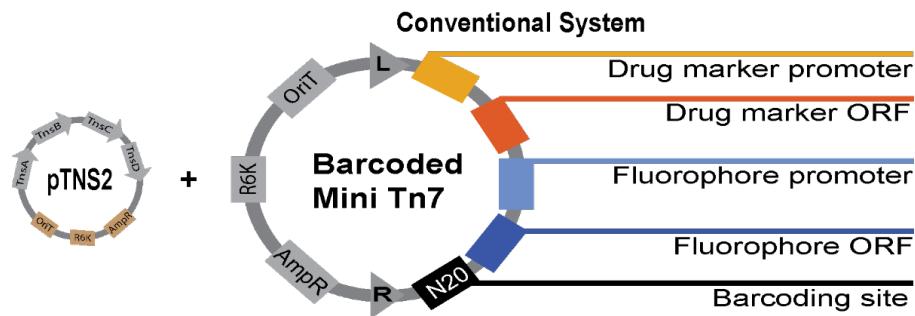
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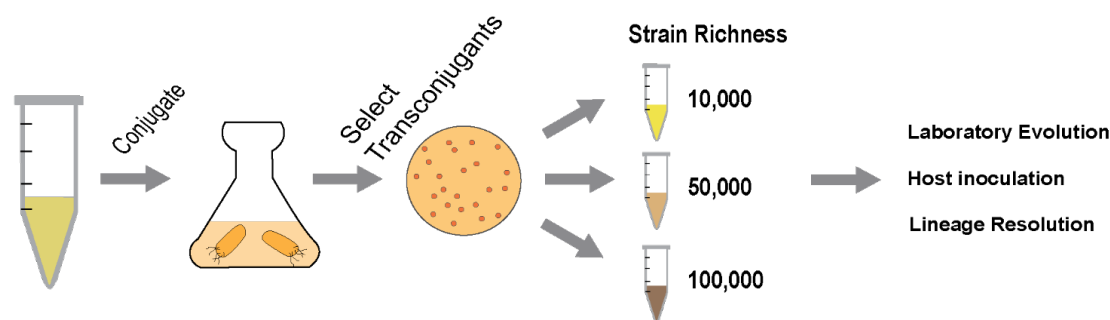
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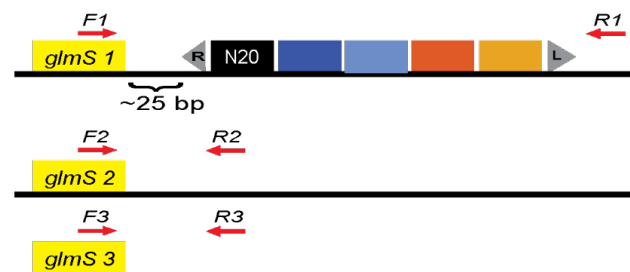
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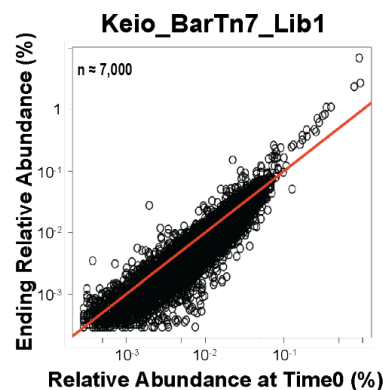
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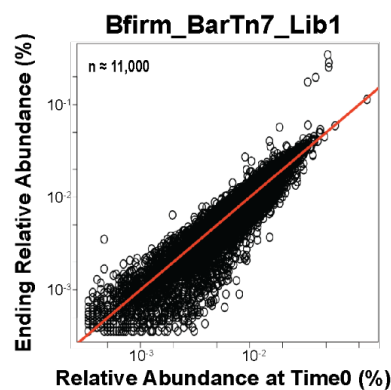
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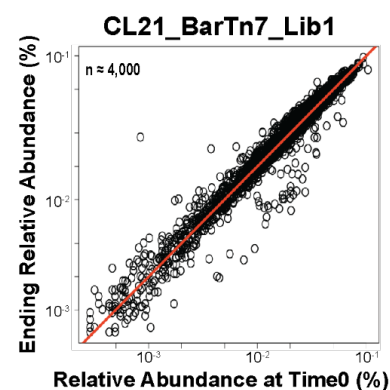


Figure 1. Design and implementation of BarTn7. **(A)** Schematic of the initial BarTn7 vector. Modular genetic cargo are combined onto an R6K-dependent vector. The desired vector is then barcoded and

introduced into a desired recipient through tri-parental conjugation including a donor carrying the helper plasmid pTNS2. **(B)** Schematic for barcoding recipient bacteria. In the canonical strategy, two different donor strains are used to deliver the transposase and transposon, carried on two separate plasmids, through conjugation. Transconjugants are pooled to a desired richness appropriate to their experimental use. **(C)** A PCR based strategy for confirming correct localization and orientation of the Tn7 transposon. Species-specific primers are designed to target the junction of the 3' end of all copies of *glmS* and ~100 base pairs downstream. For species with multiple homologs of *glmS*, homolog-specific primers are used to confirm Tn7 integrates in monocopy **(D-F)** Results of representative passaging experiments (growth in LB) in BarTn7 populations of three recipient bacteria. In these experiments, we grew each library with serial transfer in LB. The first timepoint (x-axis) represents barcode abundance after an initial outgrowth in 25 mL LB (Time0), while the ending sample (y-axis) is after the third transfer (~21 population doublings total). The number of detected barcodes in each plot are derived from clustering the starting BarSeq samples using Sheperd **(40)**. The red line represents $x = y$.

Figure 2

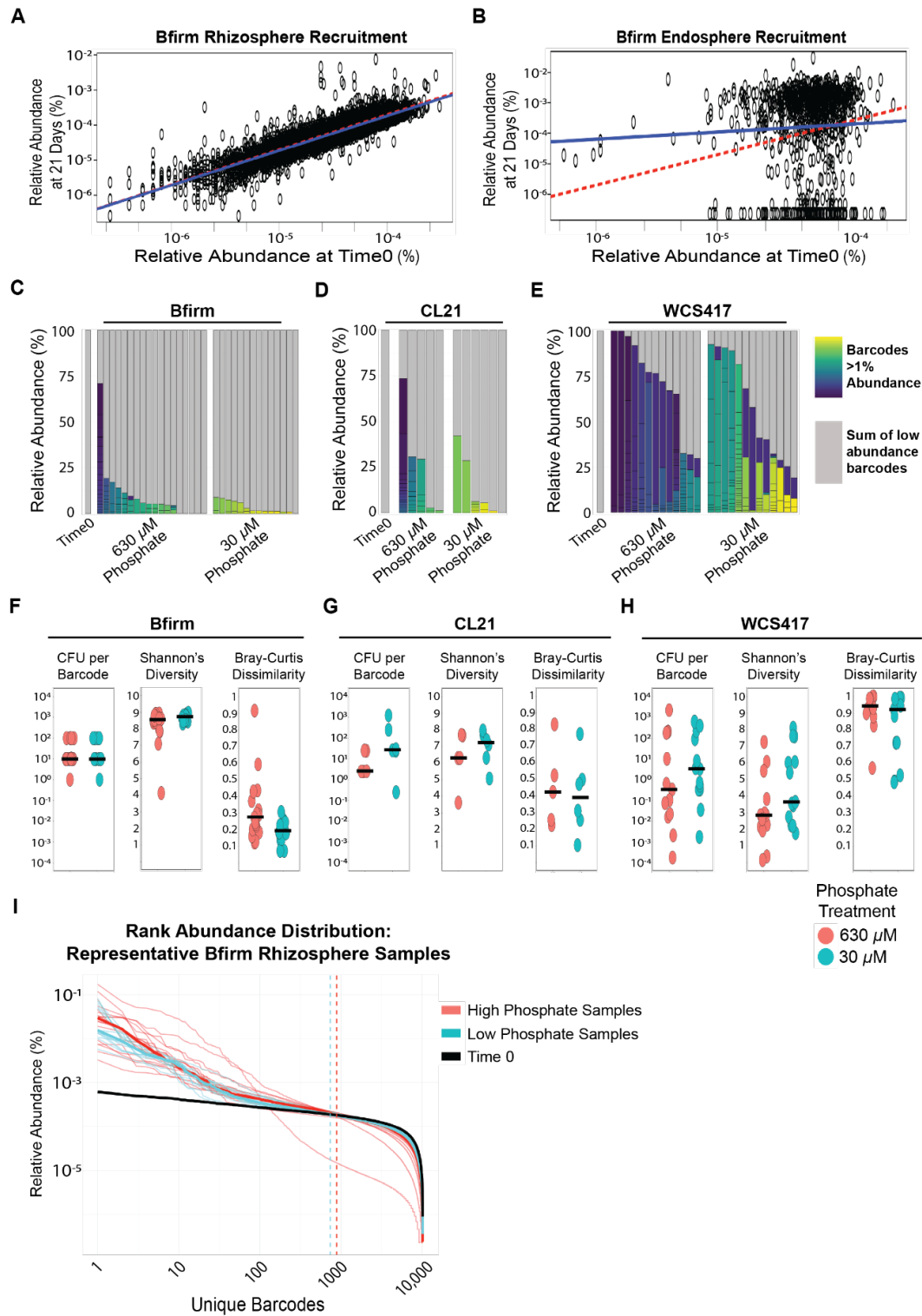


Figure 2. BarTn7 results of switchgrass roots inoculated with barcoded plant-associated bacteria. **(A-B)** Linked rhizosphere and root endosphere samples from the same representative plant inoculated with Bfirm_BarTn7_Lib1 (Bfirm). Solid blue and red dashed lines represent the line of $x = y$ and regressions of barcode relative abundance of the starting population (Time0) versus 21 days post inoculation, respectively. **(C-E)** Proportions of rhizosphere communities derived from barcoded populations of Bfirm_BarTn7_Lib1 (Bfirm), CL21_BarTn7_Lib1 (CL21), and WCS417_BarTn7_Lib2 (WCS417), respectively, present at >1% relative abundance under two different phosphate treatments. Each bar represents a unique rhizosphere sample. Grey portions of each bar represent the sum of the abundances of all barcodes present at < 1% relative abundance and each differently colored portion represents the relative abundance of a unique barcode comprising at least 1% of the community. **(F-H)** Diversity metrics from all rhizosphere samples of Bfirm, CL21, and WCS417 under similar phosphate treatments. Solid lines represent the mean value for each metric. **(I)** Rank abundance distribution of barcodes across the Bfirm BarTn7 population at Time0 versus all rhizosphere samples. Thin lines represent individual samples whereas thicker lines represent the mean across all samples of the same phosphate treatment. Dashed lines represent the point of intersection between experimental samples and Time0. Barcodes are initially ranked along the x axis based on their average abundance across at least four time0 samples.

Figure 3

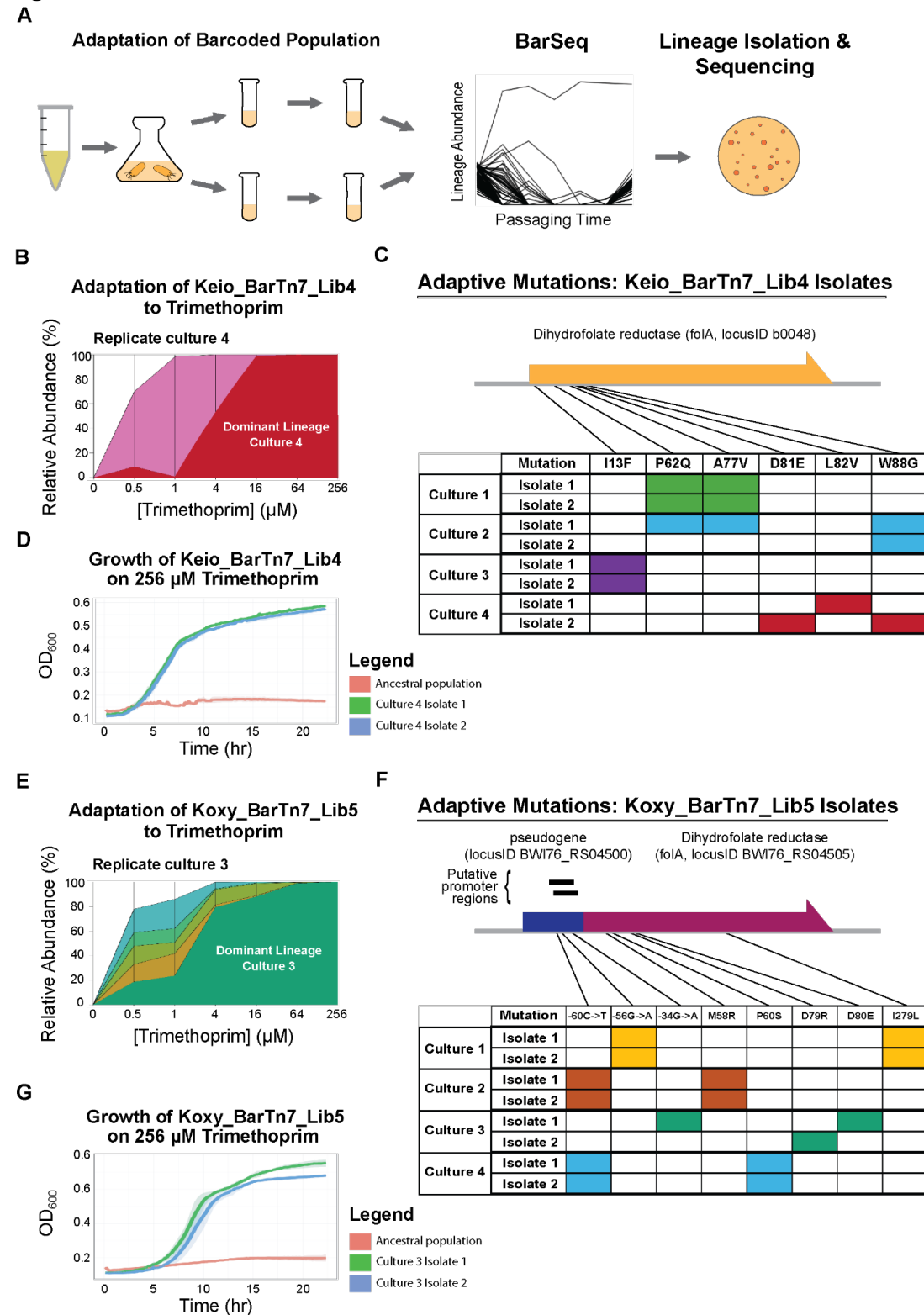


Figure 3. Identification of adaptive mutations during laboratory evolution of barcoded bacterial populations. (A) Schematic of experimental design: Keio_BarTn7_Lib4 and Koxy_BarTn7_Lib5 were

passaged individually in LB supplemented with increasing concentrations of trimethoprim for ~60 generations. **(B)** Adaptive trajectories of the most abundant strains at the end of passaging from a representative evolution experiment with Keio_BarTn7_Lib4 and trimethoprim. For the transfer between Time0 and the first trimethoprim-treated sample, the transfer lasted for two nights, shaking at 30°C, whereas all subsequent transfers were overnight at the same temperature. **(C)** Nonsynonymous mutations identified in the *folA* gene of two colonies isolated from the final timepoint of four replicate passages in trimethoprim. Isolates from Culture 4 are the red, dominant lineage in panel **B**. **(D)** Microplate assay comparing the growth of both adapted Keio_BarTn7_Lib4 lineages from Culture 4 and the ancestral population on LB supplemented with 256 µM trimethoprim. **(E)** Adaptive trajectories of the most abundant strains at the end of passaging from a representative set of Koxy_BarTn7_Lib5 samples. For the transfer between Time0 and the first trimethoprim-treated sample, the transfer lasted for two nights with shaking at 30°C, whereas all subsequent transfers were overnight at the same temperature. **(F)** Regulatory and nonsynonymous mutations identified in the Koxy *folA* homolog of two replicate colonies isolated from the final timepoint of four replicate passages in trimethoprim. Isolates from Culture 3 are the green, dominant lineage in panel **E**. **(G)** Microplate assay comparing the growth of both adapted Koxy_BarTn7_Lib5 lineages from Culture 3 and the ancestral population on LB supplemented with 256 µM trimethoprim.

Figure 4

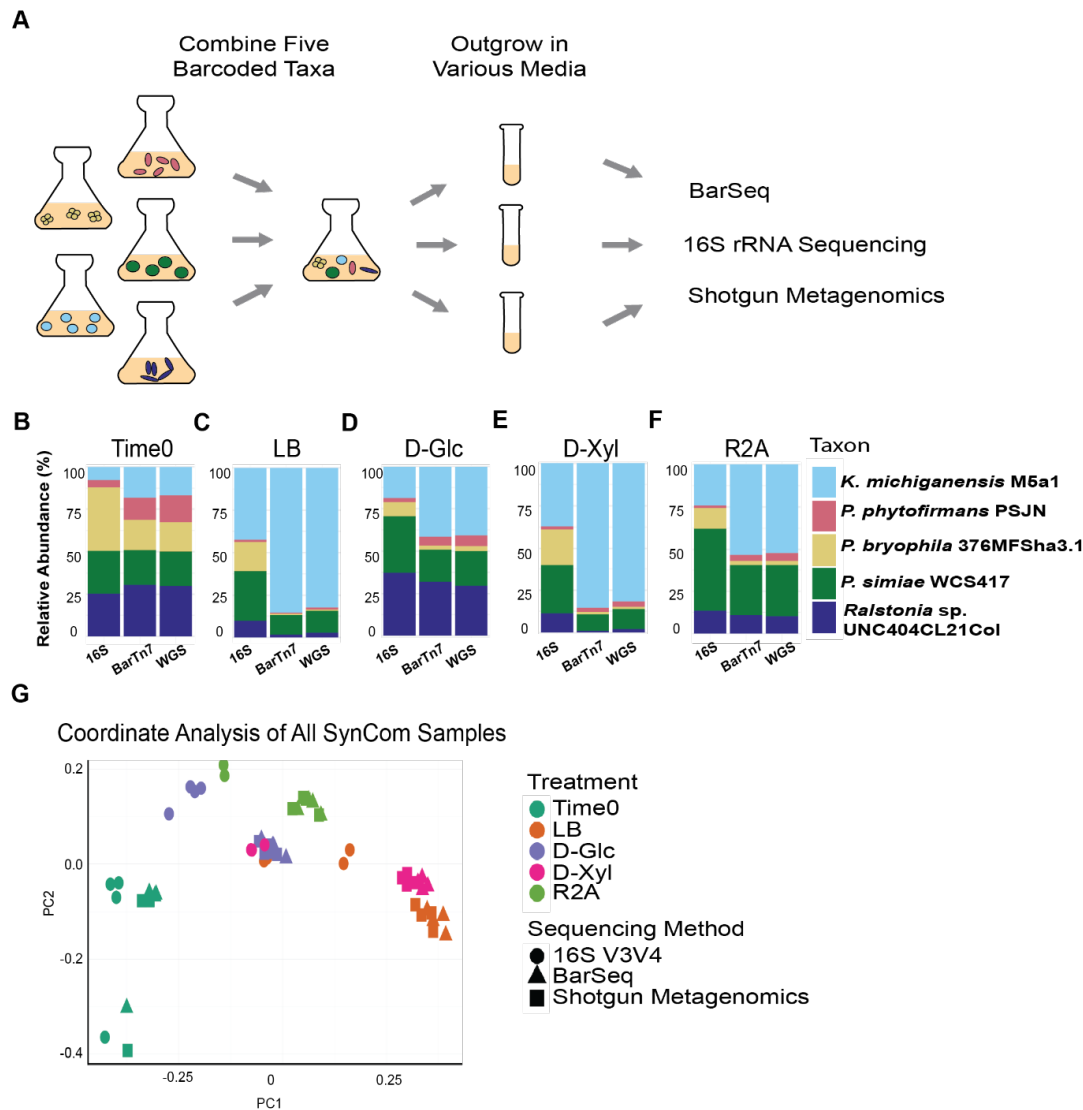


Figure 4. Comparison of a 5-member bacterial synthetic community (SynCom) as measured by three sequencing strategies. **(A)** Experimental schematic: Five barcoded bacterial species were combined at roughly equal OD₆₀₀ into a SynCom, the SynCom was grown in different experimental conditions, and the relative abundance of the community members were measured by BarSeq, 16S rRNA sequencing, and WGS. **(B-F)** Representative plots of the relative abundance of SynCom members as measured by the 3 different methods in the starting population **(B)**, and after growth on LB **(C)**, RCH2 minimal media supplemented with either D-glucose or D-xylose **(D-E)**, or R2A **(F)**. **(G)** Principal coordinate analysis of all SynCom samples.

Figure 5

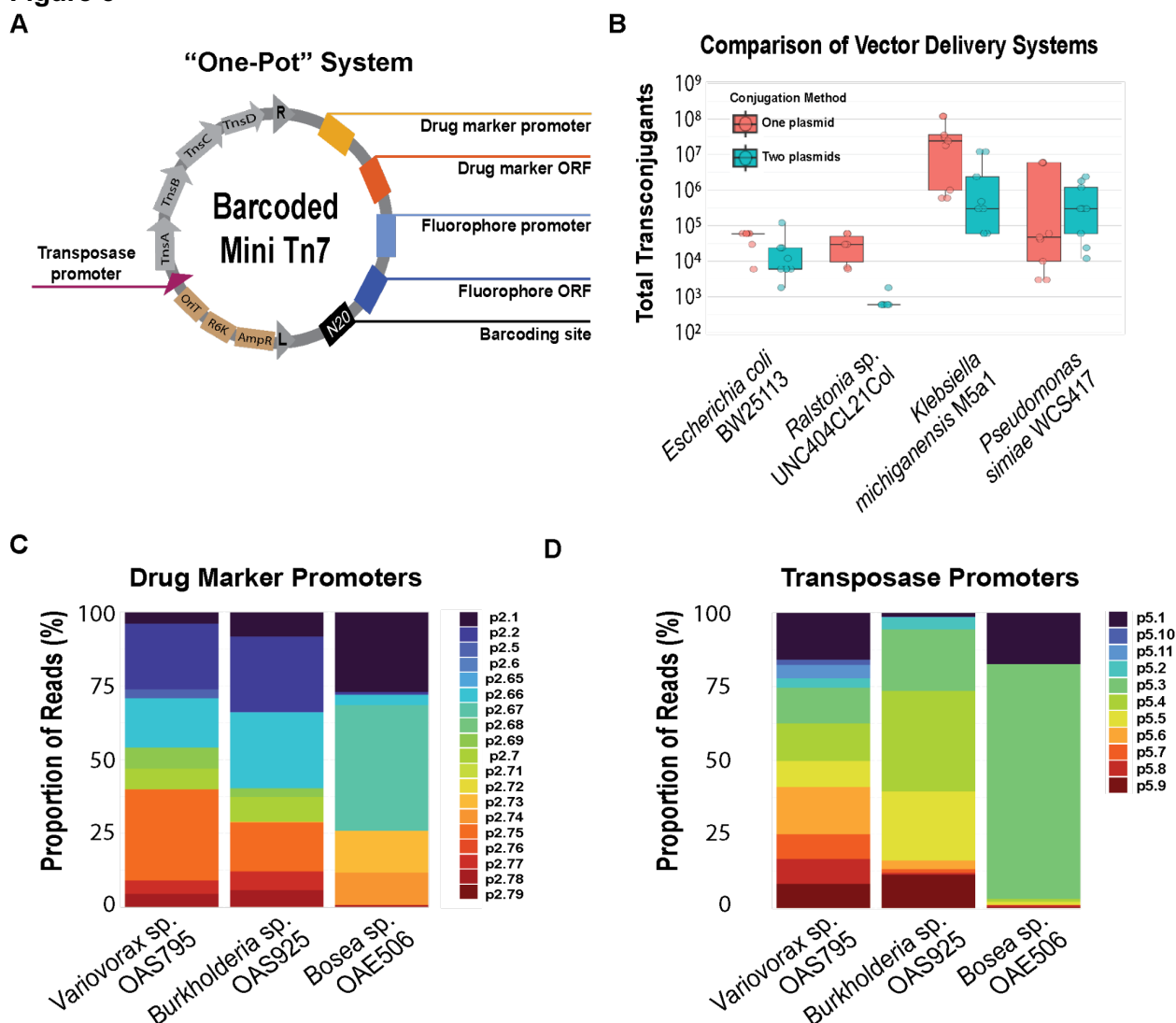


Figure 5. Parts-based optimization of BarTn7 delivery vectors. **(A)** Schematic of the final, single-vector BarTn7 system. Modular genetic cargo, promoters, and *tnsABCD* are combined into a single R6K-dependent vector. The resulting plasmid is then barcoded and introduced into a desired recipient through bi-parental conjugation. **(B)** Comparison of the conjugative efficiency of one (pRH102) and two-pot Tn7 (pRH90) vectors. **(C)** Preference across three species for promoters (part 2 in magic pool design) for kanamycin resistance cassettes. See Table S2 for information about each part. **(D)** Preference across three species for promoters (part 5 in magic pool design) for the Tn7 transposase. See Table S2 for information about each part.

Table S1: BarTn7 Libraries

Strain ID	Parental strain	BarTn7 library	Estimated library size	Construction note
AMD1351	<i>Escherichia coli</i> BW25113	Keio BarTn7 Lib1	7,000	made via conjugation with AMD1386 (<i>E. coli</i> WM3064 carrying pRH05 barcoded transposon)
AMD1352	<i>Escherichia coli</i> BW25113	Keio BarTn7 Lib2	90,000	made via conjugation with AMD1386 (<i>E. coli</i> WM3064 carrying pRH05 barcoded transposon)
AMD1353	<i>Escherichia coli</i> BW25113	Keio BarTn7 Lib3	280,000	made via conjugation with AMD1386 (<i>E. coli</i> WM3064 carrying pRH05 barcoded transposon)
AMD3525	<i>Escherichia coli</i> BW25113	Keio BarTn7 Lib4	385,000	made via conjugation with AMD3509 (<i>E. coli</i> WM3064 carrying pRH90 barcoded transposon)
AMD1346	<i>Ralstonia sp.</i> UNC404CL21Col	CL21 BarTn7 Lib1	4,000	made via conjugation with AMD1386 (<i>E. coli</i> WM3064 carrying pRH05 barcoded transposon)
AMD1348	<i>Pseudomonas simiae</i> WCS417	WCS417 BarTn7 Lib1	5,000	made via conjugation with AMD1386 (<i>E. coli</i> WM3064 carrying pRH05 barcoded transposon)
AMD1349	<i>Pseudomonas simiae</i> WCS417	WCS417 BarTn7 Lib2	31,000	made via conjugation with AMD1386 (<i>E. coli</i> WM3064 carrying pRH05 barcoded transposon)
AMD1350	<i>Pseudomonas simiae</i> WCS417	WCS417 BarTn7 Lib3	110,000	made via conjugation with AMD1386 (<i>E. coli</i> WM3064 carrying pRH05 barcoded transposon)
AMD1843	<i>Klebsiella michiganensis</i> M5a1	Koxy BarTn7 Lib1	72,000	made via conjugation with AMD1386 (<i>E. coli</i> WM3064 carrying pRH05 barcoded transposon)
AMD3526	<i>Klebsiella michiganensis</i> M5a1	Koxy BarTn7 Lib5	347,000	made via conjugation with AMD3509 (<i>E. coli</i> WM3064 carrying pRH90 barcoded transposon)
AMD1844	<i>Paraburkholderia bryophila</i> 376MFSHa3.1	Burk376 BarTn7 Lib1	45,000	made via conjugation with AMD1386 (<i>E. coli</i> WM3064 carrying pRH05 barcoded transposon)
AMD1846	<i>Paraburkholderia phytofirmans</i> PsJN	BFirm BarTn7 Lib1	11,000	made via conjugation with AMD1386 (<i>E. coli</i> WM3064 carrying pRH05 barcoded transposon)
AMD1847	<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> SBW25	SBW25 BarTn7 Lib1	62,000	made via conjugation with AMD1386 (<i>E. coli</i> WM3064 carrying pRH05 barcoded transposon)

Table S2: Magic Pool Parts

Magic_Pool_Name	pAD286		
Description	One pot BarTn7 magic pool with Kan resistance		
Magic Pool Vector Type	BarTn7_onepot_reverse_orientation		
Antibiotic resistance	Kanamycin		
Part_Vector	Plasmid	Part designation	Notes
Part_1.BarTn7_onepot	pAD278	BarTn7_onepot_p1.1	
Part_2_promoter	pHLL216	p2.1	part2 (kanR promoter from pKMW3)
Part_2_promoter	pHLL217	p2.2	part2 (CatR promoter from pDONR221)
Part_2_promoter	pJW9	p2.5	part2 (tetA promoter from pKMW7)
Part_2_promoter	pJW64	p2.6	part2 (apFAB68 promoter)
Part_2_promoter	pRH59	p2.65	Part_2_promoter: Agrobacterium DnaA promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH60	p2.66	Part_2_promoter: BfIm sigma70 promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH61	p2.67	Part_2_promoter: Dvulgans recA promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH62	p2.68	Part_2_promoter: Variovorax OAS795 DnaA promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH63	p2.69	Part_2_promoter: Enterobacter TBS079 FtsH promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH64	p2.70	Part_2_promoter: Herbie RpoE promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH65	p2.71	Part_2_promoter: Dyella DnaA promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH66	p2.72	Part_2_promoter: PseudoSBW25 Sigma70 promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH67	p2.73	Part_2_promoter: Smell DnaA promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH68	p2.74	Part_2_promoter: Xantho MeB promoter
Part_2_promoter	pAD232	p2.75	Part_2_promoter: P3-BCD2
Part_2_promoter	pAD233	p2.76	Part_2_promoter: pTel-bujard
Part_2_promoter	pAD234	p2.77	Part_2_promoter: P7-Bujard
Part_2_promoter	pAD235	p2.78	Part_2_promoter: pTac-bujard
Part_2_promoter	pAD236	p2.79	Part_2_promoter: T5p_pBAVT5K-RBS
Part_3_drugmarker	pHLL238	p3.8	part3 KanR ORF from pKMW2
Part_3_drugmarker	pJW19	p3.9	part3 (KanR gene from pRL27; no BsmBI site)
Part_4.BarTn7_onepot	pAD279_NN2	BarTn7_onepot_p4.1	
Part_5_promoter	pRH69	Pro_p5.1	Part_5_promoter: Agrobacterium fabrum ftsH
Part_5_promoter	pRH70	Pro_p5.2	Part_5_promoter: Paraburkholderia phytofirmans PSJN dnaA
Part_5_promoter	pRH71	Pro_p5.3	Part_5_promoter: Desulfovibrio vulgaris ftsH
Part_5_promoter	pRH72	Pro_p5.4	Part_5_promoter: Enterobacter sp. TBS079 recA
Part_5_promoter	pRH73	Pro_p5.5	Part_5_promoter: Herbaspirillum seropedicae SmR1 ftsH
Part_5_promoter	pRH74	Pro_p5.6	Part_5_promoter: Dyella japonica ftsH
Part_5_promoter	pRH75	Pro_p5.7	Part_5_promoter: Pseudomonas fluorescens SMB25 bamE
Part_5_promoter	pRH76	Pro_p5.8	Part_5_promoter: Sinorhizobium meliloti sigma-70
Part_5_promoter	pRH77	Pro_p5.9	Part_5_promoter: Xanthomonas campestris recA
Part_5_promoter	pRH78	Pro_p5.10	Part_5_promoter: transposase promoter from pRL27
Part_5_promoter	pAD281	Pro_p5.11	pTNS2 promoter part in pJWS2
Part_6_7_combo.BarTn7	pAD213	BarTn7_p6and7.1	
Magic_Pool_Name	pAD287		
Description	One pot BarTn7 magic pool with Gent resistance		
Magic Pool Vector Type	BarTn7_onepot_reverse_orientation		
Antibiotic resistance	Gentamicin		
Part_Vector	Plasmid	Part designation	Notes
Part_1.BarTn7_onepot	pAD278	BarTn7_onepot_p1.1	
Part_2_promoter	pHLL216	p2.1	part2 (kanR promoter from pKMW3)
Part_2_promoter	pHLL217	p2.2	part2 (CatR promoter from pDONR221)
Part_2_promoter	pJW9	p2.5	part2 (tetA promoter from pKMW7)
Part_2_promoter	pJW64	p2.6	part2 (apFAB68 promoter)
Part_2_promoter	pRH59	p2.65	Part_2_promoter: Agrobacterium DnaA promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH60	p2.66	Part_2_promoter: BfIm sigma70 promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH61	p2.67	Part_2_promoter: Dvulgans recA promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH62	p2.68	Part_2_promoter: Variovorax OAS795 DnaA promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH63	p2.69	Part_2_promoter: Enterobacter TBS079 FtsH promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH64	p2.70	Part_2_promoter: Herbie RpoE promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH65	p2.71	Part_2_promoter: Dyella DnaA promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH66	p2.72	Part_2_promoter: PseudoSBW25 Sigma70 promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH67	p2.73	Part_2_promoter: Smell DnaA promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH68	p2.74	Part_2_promoter: Xantho MeB promoter
Part_2_promoter	pAD232	p2.75	Part_2_promoter: P3-BCD2
Part_2_promoter	pAD233	p2.76	Part_2_promoter: pTel-bujard
Part_2_promoter	pAD234	p2.77	Part_2_promoter: P7-Bujard
Part_2_promoter	pAD235	p2.78	Part_2_promoter: pTac-bujard
Part_2_promoter	pAD236	p2.79	Part_2_promoter: T5p_pBAVT5K-RBS
Part_3_drugmarker	pAD223	p3.28	Part_3_drugmarker: Gent resistance gene; Full=Gentamicin 3
Part_3_drugmarker	pMTB2	p3.29	part3 drug marker: gentamicin resistance gene aacC3(IIIa)
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Part_5_promoter	pRH69	Pro_p5.1	Part_5_promoter: Agrobacterium fabrum ftsH
Part_5_promoter	pRH70	Pro_p5.2	Part_5_promoter: Paraburkholderia phytofirmans PSJN dnaA
Part_5_promoter	pRH71	Pro_p5.3	Part_5_promoter: Desulfovibrio vulgaris ftsH
Part_5_promoter	pRH72	Pro_p5.4	Part_5_promoter: Enterobacter sp. TBS079 recA
Part_5_promoter	pRH73	Pro_p5.5	Part_5_promoter: Herbaspirillum seropedicae SmR1 ftsH
Part_5_promoter	pRH74	Pro_p5.6	Part_5_promoter: Dyella japonica ftsH
Part_5_promoter	pRH75	Pro_p5.7	Part_5_promoter: Pseudomonas fluorescens SMB25 bamE
Part_5_promoter	pRH76	Pro_p5.8	Part_5_promoter: Sinorhizobium meliloti sigma-70
Part_5_promoter	pRH77	Pro_p5.9	Part_5_promoter: Xanthomonas campestris recA
Part_5_promoter	pRH78	Pro_p5.10	Part_5_promoter: transposase promoter from pRL27
Part_5_promoter	pAD281	Pro_p5.11	pTNS2 promoter part in pJWS2
Part_6_7_combo.BarTn7	pAD213	BarTn7_p6and7.1	
Magic_Pool_Name	pAD288		
Description	One pot BarTn7 magic pool with Chlor resistance		
Magic Pool Vector Type	BarTn7_onepot_reverse_orientation		
Antibiotic resistance	Chloramphenicol		
Part_Vector	Plasmid	Part designation	Notes
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Part_2_promoter	pHLL216	p2.1	part2 (kanR promoter from pKMW3)
Part_2_promoter	pHLL217	p2.2	part2 (CatR promoter from pDONR221)
Part_2_promoter	pJW9	p2.5	part2 (tetA promoter from pKMW7)
Part_2_promoter	pJW64	p2.6	part2 (apFAB68 promoter)
Part_2_promoter	pRH59	p2.65	Part_2_promoter: Agrobacterium DnaA promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH60	p2.66	Part_2_promoter: BfIm sigma70 promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH61	p2.67	Part_2_promoter: Dvulgans recA promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH62	p2.68	Part_2_promoter: Variovorax OAS795 DnaA promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH63	p2.69	Part_2_promoter: Enterobacter TBS079 FtsH promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH64	p2.70	Part_2_promoter: Herbie RpoE promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH65	p2.71	Part_2_promoter: Dyella DnaA promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH66	p2.72	Part_2_promoter: PseudoSBW25 Sigma70 promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH67	p2.73	Part_2_promoter: Smell DnaA promoter
Part_2_promoter	pRH68	p2.74	Part_2_promoter: Xantho MeB promoter
Part_2_promoter	pAD232	p2.75	Part_2_promoter: P3-BCD2
Part_2_promoter	pAD233	p2.76	Part_2_promoter: pTel-bujard
Part_2_promoter	pAD234	p2.77	Part_2_promoter: P7-Bujard
Part_2_promoter	pAD235	p2.78	Part_2_promoter: pTac-bujard
Part_2_promoter	pAD236	p2.79	Part_2_promoter: T5p_pBAVT5K-RBS
Part_3_drugmarker	pST8	p3.11	Part_3_drugmarker: Escherichia coli chloramphenicol acetyltransferase
Part_3_drugmarker	pST53	p3.13	Part_3_drugmarker: CatA13, Chloramphenicol acetyltransferase
Part_4.BarTn7_onepot	pAD279_NN2	BarTn7_onepot_p4.1	
Part_5_promoter	pRH69	Pro_p5.1	Part_5_promoter: Agrobacterium fabrum ftsH
Part_5_promoter	pRH70	Pro_p5.2	Part_5_promoter: Paraburkholderia phytofirmans PSJN dnaA
Part_5_promoter	pRH71	Pro_p5.3	Part_5_promoter: Desulfovibrio vulgaris ftsH
Part_5_promoter	pRH72	Pro_p5.4	Part_5_promoter: Enterobacter sp. TBS079 recA
Part_5_promoter	pRH73	Pro_p5.5	Part_5_promoter: Herbaspirillum seropedicae SmR1 ftsH
Part_5_promoter	pRH74	Pro_p5.6	Part_5_promoter: Dyella japonica ftsH
Part_5_promoter	pRH75	Pro_p5.7	Part_5_promoter: Pseudomonas fluorescens SMB25 bamE
Part_5_promoter	pRH76	Pro_p5.8	Part_5_promoter: Sinorhizobium meliloti sigma-70
Part_5_promoter	pRH77	Pro_p5.9	Part_5_promoter: Xanthomonas campestris recA
Part_5_promoter	pRH78	Pro_p5.10	Part_5_promoter: transposase promoter from pRL27
Part_5_promoter	pAD281	Pro_p5.11	pTNS2 promoter part in pJWS2
Part_6_7_combo.BarTn7	pAD213	BarTn7_p6and7.1	

Table S3: Strains Used

Strain ID	Strain	Purpose	Source
AMD1305	<i>E. coli</i> EC100D pir+	PIR+ cloning strain carrying pRH05	this study
AMD1386	<i>E. coli</i> WM3064	DAP auxotrophic conjugative donor strain strain carrying pRH05	this study
AMD3394	<i>E. coli</i> EC100D pir+	PIR+ cloning strain carrying pAD274	this study
AMD3395	<i>E. coli</i> EC100D pir+	PIR+ cloning strain carrying pAD275	this study
AMD3396	<i>E. coli</i> EC100D pir+	PIR+ cloning strain carrying pAD276	this study
AMD3397	<i>E. coli</i> EC100D pir+	PIR+ cloning strain carrying pAD277	this study
AMD3417	<i>E. coli</i> WM3064	DAP auxotrophic conjugative donor strain carrying pAD274	this study
AMD3418	<i>E. coli</i> WM3064	DAP auxotrophic conjugative donor strain carrying pAD275	this study
AMD3419	<i>E. coli</i> WM3064	DAP auxotrophic conjugative donor strain carrying pAD276	this study
AMD3420	<i>E. coli</i> WM3064	DAP auxotrophic conjugative donor strain carrying pAD277	this study
AMD3239	<i>E. coli</i> EC100D pir+	PIR+ cloning strain carrying pRH54	this study
AMD3240	<i>E. coli</i> WM3064	DAP auxotrophic conjugative donor strain carrying pRH54	this study
AMD3476	<i>E. coli</i> EC100D pir+	PIR+ cloning strain carrying pRH90	this study
AMD3509	<i>E. coli</i> WM3064	DAP auxotrophic conjugative donor strain carrying pRH90	this study
AMD3028	<i>E. coli</i> EC100D pir+	PIR+ cloning strain carrying pTNS2	this study
AMD3029	<i>E. coli</i> EC100D pir+	PIR+ cloning strain carrying pTNS3	this study
AMD1663	<i>E. coli</i> WM3064	DAP auxotrophic conjugative donor strain carrying pTNS2	this study
AMD1664	<i>E. coli</i> WM3064	DAP auxotrophic conjugative donor strain carrying pTNS3	this study
AMD1796	<i>E. coli</i> NEB-10-beta	Cloning strain carrying pAD198	this study
AMD118	<i>E. coli</i> top10	Cloning strain carrying pJW52	this study
AMD2881	<i>E. coli</i> NEB-10-beta	Cloning strain carrying pAD220	this study
AMD3583	<i>E. coli</i> EC100D pir+	one-pot BarTn7 magic pool pAD286 (KanR) in cloning strain	this study
AMD3584	<i>E. coli</i> EC100D pir+	one-pot BarTn7 magic pool pAD287 (GentR) in cloning strain	this study
AMD3585	<i>E. coli</i> EC100D pir+	one-pot BarTn7 magic pool pAD288 (ChlorR) in cloning strain	this study
AMD3586	<i>E. coli</i> WM3064	one-pot BarTn7 magic pool pAD286 (KanR) in DAP auxotrophic conjugative donor strain	this study
AMD3587	<i>E. coli</i> WM3064	one-pot BarTn7 magic pool pAD287 (GentR) in DAP auxotrophic conjugative donor strain	this study
AMD3588	<i>E. coli</i> WM3064	one-pot BarTn7 magic pool pAD288 (ChlorR) in DAP auxotrophic conjugative donor strain	this study
AMD35	<i>Escherichia coli</i> BW25113	wild-type strain	lab strain collection
AMD120	<i>Ralstonia</i> sp. UNC404CL21Col	wild-type strain	Jeff Dangl laboratory
AMD616	<i>Pseudomonas simiae</i> WCS417	wild-type strain	Jeff Dangl laboratory
AMD170	<i>Klebsiella michiganensis</i> M5a1	wild-type strain	lab strain collection
AMD125	<i>Paraburkholderia bryophila</i> 376MFSHa3.1	wild-type strain	Jeff Dangl laboratory
AMD53	<i>Paraburkholderia phytofirmans</i> PsJN	wild-type strain	lab strain collection
AMD1229	<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> SBW25	wild-type strain	lab strain collection
AMD1320	<i>Paraburkholderia</i> sp. OAS925	wild-type strain	PMID: 40920748
AMD1321	<i>Varovox</i> sp. OAS795	wild-type strain	PMID: 40920748
AMD1329	<i>Bosea</i> sp. OAE506	wild-type strain	PMID: 40920748
AMD3531	<i>E. coli</i> EC100D pir+	PIR+ cloning strain carrying pAD282	this study
AMD3550	<i>E. coli</i> EC100D pir+	PIR+ cloning strain carrying pRH102	this study
AMD3558	<i>E. coli</i> WM3064	DAP auxotrophic conjugative donor strain carrying pRH102	this study

Table S4: Plasmids Used

Name	Purpose	Strain ID	Construction note	Source
pR901	Empty two-pot Tn7 transposon in conditionally replicative vector	AMQ2816	3 part Gibson assembly: pRH1, cRH2, and pTNS2 amplified with cRH1 and cRH2	this study
pR902	Two-pot Tn7 transposon with Kan and GFP; not barcoded		Golden Gate assembly with pR901, pHLL216, pHLL238, pTKO5, pTKO16	this study
pR905	Barcoded two-pot Tn7 transposon vector	AMQ1305	Standard BamBI-based barcoding of pR902 as described in PMID: 29359196	this study
pAD270	New non-barcoded Tn7 backbone part	AMQ3365	4 part Gibson assembly: pAD1668, pAD1669, pAD198 amplified with oAD1670 and oAD1671, and pAD198 amplified with oAD1672 and oAD1673	this study
pAD271	New non-barcoded Tn7 backbone part	AMQ3366	4 part Gibson assembly: pAD1668, pAD1674, pAD198 amplified with oAD1670 and oAD1671, and pAD198 amplified with oAD1672 and oAD1673	this study
pAD272	New non-barcoded Tn7 backbone part	AMQ3367	4 part Gibson assembly: pAD1668, pAD1675, pAD198 amplified with oAD1670 and oAD1671, and pAD198 amplified with oAD1672 and oAD1673	this study
pAD273	New non-barcoded Tn7 backbone part	AMQ3368	2 part Gibson assembly: pAD270 amplified with oAD1676 and oAD1677, pAD270 amplified with oAD1678 and oAD1679	this study
pAD274	non-barcoded Tn7 vector with design elements from pUC18T-mini, Tn7T-Gm, including FRT sites	AMQ3394	Golden Gate assembly with pHLL216, pHLL238, pAD213, pAD270	this study
pAD275	non-barcoded Tn7 vector with design elements from pUC18T-mini, Tn7T-Gm and pTn7-SCOUT12	AMQ3395	Golden Gate assembly with pHLL216, pHLL238, pAD213, pAD271	this study
pAD276	non-barcoded Tn7 vector with design elements from pUC18T-mini, Tn7T-Gm and Tn7 integrator	AMQ3396	Golden Gate assembly with pHLL216, pHLL238, pAD213, pAD272	this study
pAD277	non-barcoded Tn7 vector with design elements from pUC18T-mini, Tn7T-Gm, including FRT sites	AMQ3397	Golden Gate assembly with pHLL216, pHLL238, pAD213, pAD273	this study
pR960	Barcoded pAD277. Barcoded Tn7 two-pot transposon with transposon cargo in an inverse orientation	AMQ3476	Standard BamBI-based barcoding of pAD277 as described in PMID: 29359196	this study
pTNS2	Conditionally replicative vector containing the <i>tra</i> ABCD genes		previously described	Addgene #64968; PMID: 15908923
pTNS3	Conditionally replicative vector containing the <i>tra</i> ABCD genes		previously described	Addgene #63127; PMID: 18156316
pAD198	Holding vector containing the R6K origin of replication, beta-lactamase cassette, the right Tn7 <i>ori</i>	AMQ1796	Amplify pR901 with cAD987 and cAD988, clone into pJW52	this study
pJW52	Holding vector used to deliver individual parts for golden gate assembly	AMQ118	previously described	PMID: 29359196
pAD220	Holding vector containing the <i>tra</i> ABCD genes and flanking BbsI cut sites	AMQ2881	Amplify pR900 with oAD1533 and oAD1534, clone into pJW52	this study
pR954	Barcoded two-pot Tn7 transposon vector with GFP replaced with transcriptional terminator	AMQ3239	Golden Gate assembly with pR901, pHLL216, pHLL238, pTKO5, pTKO16	this study
pAD278	Part 1. BarTn7, one-pot; new one-pot BarTn7 part 1 vector	AMQ3496	2 part Gibson reaction: pAD220 amplified with oAD1718 and oAD1719, pAD273 amplified with oAD1722 and oAD1723	this study
pHLL216	Part 2. promoter, (kanR promoter from pKMW3)	AMQ233	previously described	PMID: 29359196
pHLL217	Part 2. promoter, (CmR promoter from pDONR221)	AMQ234	previously described	PMID: 29359196
pJW9	Part 2. promoter, (bla ₂ promoter from pKMW7)	AMQ236	previously described	PMID: 29359196
pJW64	Part 2. promoter, (apFAB88 promoter)	AMQ463	previously described	PMID: 29359196
pR959	Part 2. promoter, Agrobacterium DnaA promoter	AMQ3007	pAD1513 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR960	Part 2. promoter, BfM sigma70 promoter	AMQ3008	pAD1514 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR961	Part 2. promoter, DvlA181 reA promoter	AMQ3009	pAD1515 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR962	Part 2. promoter, <i>Vibrio</i> OAS785 DnaA promoter	AMQ3010	pAD1516 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR963	Part 2. promoter, <i>Enterobacter</i> TBS579 FlhA promoter	AMQ3011	pAD1517 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR964	Part 2. promoter, <i>Helicobacter</i> RpoE promoter	AMQ3012	pAD1518 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR965	Part 2. promoter, Dvella DnaA promoter	AMQ3013	pAD1519 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR966	Part 2. promoter, <i>Pseudomonas</i> Sigma70 promoter	AMQ3014	pAD1520 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR967	Part 2. promoter, Small DnaA promoter	AMQ3015	pAD1521 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR968	Part 2. promoter, Xantho MreB promoter	AMQ3016	pAD1522 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pAD232	Part 2. promoter, P3-B-COD	AMQ2962	pAD1488 in pJW52	this study
pAD233	Part 2. promoter, pTet-buysd	AMQ2963	pAD1492 in pJW52	this study
pAD234	Part 2. promoter, PT-Buysd	AMQ2964	generate promoter by PCR with oAD1493, oAD1494, oAD1495, oAD1496, then clone PCR product into pJW52	this study
pAD235	Part 2. promoter, pTet-buysd	AMQ2965	generate promoter by PCR with oAD1497, oAD1498, oAD1499, oAD1500, then clone PCR product into pJW52	this study
pAD236	Part 2. promoter, Tsp, pBAVTSK-RBS	AMQ2966	generate promoter by PCR with oAD1501, oAD1502, oAD1503, oAD1504, then clone PCR product into pJW52	this study
pHLL238	part3 KanR ORF from pKMW2	AMQ238	previously described	PMID: 29359196
pJW19	part3 KanR gene from pRL27, no BamBI site	AMQ91	previously described	PMID: 29359196
pAD279	Part 4. BarTn7, one-pot; new one-pot BarTn7 part 4 vector	AMQ3497	2 part Gibson reaction: pAD198 amplified with oAD1724 and oAD1725, pAD273 amplified with oAD1726 and oAD1727	this study
pAD279_NN2	barcoded pAD279	AMQ3506	Standard BamBI-based barcoding as described in PMID: 29359196	this study
pR969	Part 5. promoter, Agrobacterium fabrum flhA	AMQ3017	pAD1523 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR970	Part 5. promoter, <i>Pseudomonas</i> <i>phoA</i> promoter	AMQ3018	pAD1524 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR971	Part 5. promoter, <i>Desulfovibrio</i> <i>sigA</i> promoter	AMQ3019	pAD1525 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR972	Part 5. promoter, <i>Enterobacter</i> sp. TBS579 reA	AMQ3020	pAD1526 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR973	Part 5. promoter, <i>Helicobacter</i> <i>semperparac</i> Smr1 flhA	AMQ3021	pAD1527 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR974	Part 5. promoter, Dvella japonica flhA	AMQ3022	pAD1528 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR975	Part 5. promoter, <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> SMB25 hmeE	AMQ3023	pAD1529 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR976	Part 5. promoter, <i>Sinorhizobium meliloti</i> sigma-70	AMQ3024	pAD1530 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR977	Part 5. promoter, <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> reA	AMQ3025	pAD1531 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pR978	Part 5. promoter, transposase promoter from pRL27	AMQ3026	pAD1532 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pAD281	pTNS2 promoter part in pJW52	AMQ3523	amplify pTNS2 with oAD1730 and oAD1731, clone into pJW52	this study
pAD213	Bba_B0015 transcriptional terminator	AMQ2630	pAD1508 in pJW52	this study
pAD223	Part 3. drugmarker: Gent resistance gene; Full-Gentamicin 3-N-acetyltransferase; AtnName: Full	AMQ2953	pAD1479 in pJW52	this study
pMTB2	part3 drug marker, gentamicin resistance gene <i>aacC310a</i>	AMQ1502	pMTB2 in pJW52	this study
pJST8	Part 3. drugmarker, <i>Escherichia coli</i> chloramphenicol acetyltransferase <i>CatA1</i>	AMQ2723	pJST8 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pJST3	Part 3. drugmarker, <i>CalA13</i> , ChlA13, Chloramphenicol acetyltransferase	AMQ1763	pJST20 cloned into linearized pJW52	this study
pTKO5	Part 6. promoter, DnaB promoter from <i>Vibrio</i> <i>sigA</i> 110	AMQ1169	pAD440 in pJW52	this study
pTKO16	Part 7. CDS, fRGFP	AMQ1184	pAD435 in pJW52	this study
pAD282	BarTn7, one-pot; one pot BarTn7 vector version of standard pTNS2 and pR960	AMQ3531	Golden Gate reaction with BbsI using pAD278, pHLL216, pHLL238, pAD281, pAD213, pAD279	this study
pR9109	BarTn7, one-pot; barcoded version of pAD282	AMQ3550	Standard BamBI-based barcoding of pAD282	this study
pUC18T-mini, Tn7-T	Published Tn7 vector		previously described	Addgene #63121; PMID: 15908923
pTn7-SCOUT12-G	Published Tn7 vector		previously described	Addgene #201000; PMID: 38715147
Tn7 integration plasmid	Published Tn7 vector		previously described	Addgene #154134; PMID: 32094541

Table S5: Primers Used

Name	Sequence (5' → 3')	Purpose
oAD1493	TCCGCGCGAAGACTTTTCAGAAAAATTTATTGCTT	construct pAD234
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oAD1495	TCCGCGCGAAGACTTTTCAG	construct pAD234
oAD1496	GTTTCATGGAAGACTTATCAGGTAC	construct pAD234
oAD1497	TCCGCGCGAAGACTTTTCAGTTGACAATTAATCATC	construct pAD235
oAD1498	GTTTCATGGAAGACTTATCAGGTACCTTTCTCCTCTT	construct pAD235
oAD1499	TCCGCGCGAAGACTTTTCAGTTG	construct pAD235
oAD1500	GTTTCATGGAAGACTTATCAGG	construct pAD235
oAD1501	TCCGCGCGAAGACTTTTCAGTctagaggaaatcataaaaaa	construct pAD236
oAD1502	GTTTCATGGAAGACTTATCActagatttctccttctctatag	construct pAD236
oAD1503	TCCGCGCGAAGACTTTTCAGtc	construct pAD236
oAD1504	GTTTCATGGAAGACTTATCActagt	construct pAD236
oAD1533	TCCGCGCGaagacttaattggctaaagcaaacctcttctttctg	construct pAD220
oAD1534	GTTTCATGgaagactctgacctatagtgagtgctattac	construct pAD220
oAD1670	GAAGTTATGGAGCATAGTAACATGCTCGTC	construct pAD270, pAD271, pAD272
oAD1671	AGGTATACTTTCCGCTGCATAACCC	construct pAD270, pAD271, pAD272
oAD1672	CCTACGGTTATCCACAGAATCAGG	construct pAD270, pAD271, pAD272
oAD1673	GAAGAACGCCCGCGCGCAACC	construct pAD270, pAD271, pAD272
oAD1676	aaccagataagtgaatctagtctcaaac	construct pAD273
oAD1677	CCACGCCCTCTTTAATACGACGG	construct pAD273
oAD1678	CCGTCGTATTAAGAGGGGCGCTGG ggcctgcaaggct	construct pAD273
oAD1679	gtttggaactgatttcaattatctgtt AGCCGACGTGGGCCG	construct pAD273
oAD1718	CATGAACCTACGGTTATCCACAGA	construct pAD278
oAD1719	Agaacattgtttaaggatttcggtcttg	construct pAD278
oAD1722	caagaacgggaataacctaaacaatgttcTCCAGGATTTGTGG	construct pAD278
oAD1723	TCTGTGGATAACCGTAGGTTTCATGGAAGACTTCTG	construct pAD278
oAD1724	AATCCTGGTACGCGGAACCC	construct pAD279
oAD1725	GCGCGGAAACGCCCGG	construct pAD279
oAD1726	CCGGGCGTTTCCGCGCGAAGACTTTCAGCcgccgccc	construct pAD279
oAD1727	GGGTTCCGCGTACCAGGATTgtggggcgcaaaaaaat	construct pAD279
oAD1730	TCCGCGCGAAGACTTTATCGCCGATTCAATTAATGC	construct pAD281
oAD1731	GTTTCATGGAAGACTTCATTTCGCTTTGATCAGCGCC	construct pAD281
oAD987	TCCGCGCGAAGACTTGAGCGGATAAGAGACG	construct pAD198
oAD988	AGGTTTCATGGAAGACTTGATAAGAACATTGTTAA	construct pAD198
oRH01	ggttaaCATTTTGTAAccggttgcagccgttaagtgctctg	Forward primer for amplification of the oriT and R6K origin of replication from pTNS2
oRH02	ttaaggatctattccgctgcataaaccctg	Reverse primer for amplification of the oriT and R6K origin of replication from pTNS2
oRH477	TCAAAGGCACCGACGTTGAC	Forward primer at the 3' end of <i>Escherichia coli</i> BW25113 glmS (locus ID b3729)
oRH202	CTTCTACACCGTACCGCTGCAG	Forward primer at the 3' end of <i>Klebsiella michiganensis</i> M5a1 glmS (locus ID BWI76_RS00165)
oRH38	AACTCGGCCGAAGTCGGTGACG	Forward primer at the 3' end of <i>Paraburkholderia bryophila</i> 376MFSa3.1 glmS homolog 1 (locus ID H281DRAFT_05826)
oRH39	GCGAAGTCGGTCACTGTGCAA	Forward primer at the 3' end of <i>Paraburkholderia bryophila</i> 376MFSa3.1 glmS homolog 1 (locus ID H281DRAFT_05935)
oRH52	TTCTGATGTGGTGCCGTTG	Forward primer at the 3' end of <i>Paraburkholderia phytofirmans</i> PSJN glmS homolog 1 (locus ID Bphyt_1501)
oRH54	TGTTGTGCCGATTCTGCATG	Forward primer at the 3' end of <i>Paraburkholderia phytofirmans</i> PSJN glmS homolog 2 (locus ID Bphyt_3728)
oRH53	TTTGCAACTGCTCGCGTATCACA	Forward primer at the 3' end of <i>Paraburkholderia phytofirmans</i> PSJN glmS homolog 3 (locus ID Bphyt_4716)
oRH155	CAACCTGGCGAAGTCGGTGAC	Forward primer at the 3' end of <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> SBW25 glmS (locus ID PFLU_RS30100)
oRH40	TGGCTAAGTCGGTGACGGTGG	Forward primer at the 3' end of <i>Pseudomonas simiae</i> WCS417 (locus ID PS417_28445)
oRH42	GCGAAATCGGTGACTGTGCAAT	Forward primer at the 3' end of <i>Ralstonia</i> sp. UNC404CL21Col (locus ID N511DRAFT_1312)
oRH478	GAGAAAAAGTAGCCGAAGATGACGG	Reverse primer downstream of <i>Escherichia coli</i> BW25113 glmS (locus ID b3729)
oRH473	CGGTGGTAGCATAACGTTTCATAATG	Reverse primer downstream of <i>Klebsiella michiganensis</i> M5a1 glmS (locus ID BWI76_RS00165)
oRH101	GCTTCTCGCGCTATCAAGC	Reverse primer downstream of <i>Paraburkholderia bryophila</i> 376MFSa3.1 glmS homolog 1 (locus ID H281DRAFT_05935)
oRH58	CGGGAGCAGCAGTCGAACTAG	Reverse primer downstream of <i>Paraburkholderia phytofirmans</i> PSJN glmS homolog 1 (locus ID Bphyt_1501)
oRH82	CGGGAGCAGCAGTCGAACTAG	Reverse primer downstream of <i>Paraburkholderia phytofirmans</i> PSJN glmS homolog 1 (locus ID Bphyt_1501)
oRH98	GTCGCCATCAAGGGCAGAC	Reverse primer downstream of <i>Paraburkholderia phytofirmans</i> PSJN glmS homolog 1 (locus ID H281DRAFT_05826)
oRH84	GCTGTCAAGGAGTTGGACGC	Reverse primer downstream of <i>Paraburkholderia phytofirmans</i> PSJN glmS homolog 2 (locus ID Bphyt_3728)
oRH83	TCAGCCCGAGCATGTGATTC	Reverse primer downstream of <i>Paraburkholderia phytofirmans</i> PSJN glmS homolog 3 (locus ID Bphyt_4716)
oRH157	CCCTGGTAAGTCCCGGAAATGG	Reverse primer downstream of <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> SBW25 glmS (locus ID PFLU_RS30100)
oRH104	CATTGTTGGCGACGGTGAAC	Reverse primer downstream of <i>Pseudomonas simiae</i> WCS417 (locus ID PS417_28445)
oRH107	CTCATGTGGAACCTCTGGGCCG	Reverse primer downstream of <i>Ralstonia</i> sp. UNC404CL21Col (locus ID N511DRAFT_1312)
oRH51	cgaaggcctgcacgtgat	Forward primer at the 3' end of <i>Variovorax</i> sp. OAS795 (locus ID ABID97_RS06640)
oRH87	atcgaggagctccctgtttg	Reverse primer downstream of <i>Variovorax</i> sp. OAS795 glmS (locus ID ABID97_RS06640)
oRH47	cagttgctgcataacacacgg	Forward primer at the 3' end of <i>Burkholderia</i> sp. OAS925 (locus ID Ga0395975_5620)
oRH80	ccgcggttgcataaacgaaag	Reverse primer downstream of <i>Burkholderia</i> sp. OAS925 glmS (locus ID Ga0395975_5620)
oRH514	CATGGACCCGACCTTCGC	Forward primer at the 3' end of <i>Bosea</i> sp. OAE506 (locus ID ABIE41_RS15800)
oRH515	CCTCGATGCTGCTGAGCTT	Reverse primer downstream of <i>Bosea</i> sp. OAE506 glmS (locus ID ABIE41_RS15800)

Table S6: gBlocks Used

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