

genes	terminus	Primer sequence
glnS	N-ter	5'-TAAGATCATACGCCGTTACGTTACGCTTGAGGAATCCACGATG <i>ATTCCGGGGATCCGTC</i> <i>GACC</i>
	C-ter	5'-CGCCCCATCCGGCATAGCGAAACTAAAATTACTCGCCTACTTCGCCA <i>TGTAGGCTGGAGCTG</i> <i>CTTCG</i>
serS	N-ter	5'-AGGCTGTGGCCACATCTCCCATTAAATTGATAAGCACAGGATAAGCATG <i>ATTCCGGGGATCCGTC</i> <i>GACC</i>
	C-ter	5'-GCGCTTTAGATTCAAAAAATTGGGTATTAGCCAATATATTCCAGTC <i>TGTAGGCTGGAGCTG</i> <i>TTCG</i>

Table S1. Primer sequences used for strain construction

Sequences in (blue in bold and italic) are the sequences for pKD13. The rest of sequences are for the target genes' N and C-terminus regions for homologous recombination.

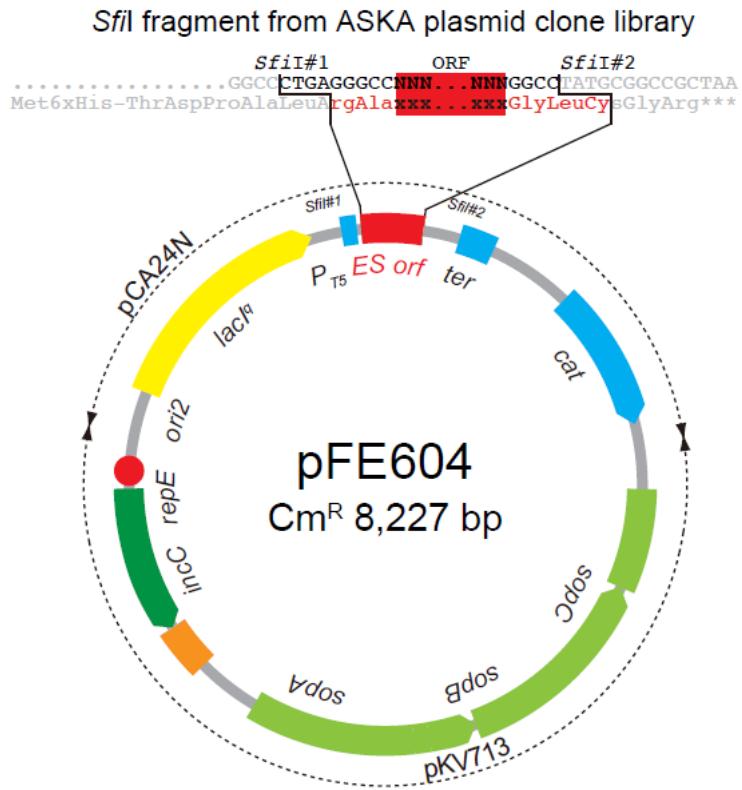


Figure S1. Construction of essential gene complementing plasmid.

pFE604 is a derivative of F plasmid almost the same as pFE604T as previously shown [1]. The essential genes' fragments were prepared by SfiI cut of the corresponding ASKA plasmid clones [2]. pCA24N is the vector of the ASKA plasmid clone library. pKV713 is the rreplcation and partition responsibleble framgnet of miniF plasmid [3]

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