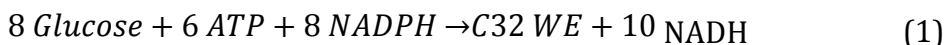


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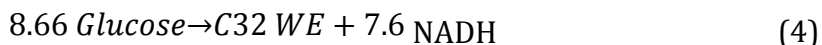
2 *Calculation of wax ester stoichiometric theoretical yields* - As most glucose is utilized via the ED
3 pathway by PD630,¹ and this pathway is highly upregulated in RHA1 during growth on glucose
4 under lipid accumulating conditions,² the production of a 32-carbon WE can be defined by the
5 following stoichiometric reaction:



6 Assuming that the remaining ATP requirements are fulfilled by oxidative phosphorylation and
7 NADPH is generated through the pentose phosphate pathway (~5% of glucose flux in PD630¹):



8 WE production in *Rhodococcus* can be simplified to:



9 Based on these considerations, the theoretical yield of C32 WEs is ~0.32 g per g glucose.

10 Supplemental tables

11 Table S1. Candidate genes of screened constitutive promoters.

Name ^a	Locus ^b	Predicted gene product
P ₁	RS04990	Quinolinate synthetase
P ₂	RS05290	Division cluster transcriptional repressor
P ₃	ro01178	Hypothetical protein
P ₄	RS15810	MerR-family transcriptional regulator
P ₅	RS19555	Bacterioferritin
P ₆	RS19805	Membrane protein
P ₇	RS20995	Transcriptional regulator
P ₈	RS21170	Cold-shock protein
P ₉	RS30940	Ribosomal subunit interface protein
P ₁₀	RS36130	MerR-family transcriptional regulator
P ₁₁	RS44810	Bacterial RNase P
P ₁₂	RS11020	Hypothetical protein
P ₁₃	RS30980	Stearoyl-CoA 9-desaturase
P ₁₄	RS05505	Hypothetical protein
P ₁₅	RS21725	CarD-family transcriptional regulator
P ₁₆	RS30245	Co-chaperone GroES
P ₁₇	RS10475	Molecular chaperone GroEL
P ₁₈	RS09620	50S ribosomal protein L10
P ₁₉	RS09350	Elongation factor Tu
P ₂₀	RS19475	Superoxide dismutase

12 ^aName of promoter

13 ^bGene predicted to be under control of the promoter

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19 Table S2. Synthesized DNA^a

Gene / Fragment

ws1 of Marinobacter hydrocarbonoclasticus DSM 8798

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ws2 of Marinobacter hydrocarbonoclasticus DSM 8798

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atfA of Acinetobacter baylyi ADP1

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20 ^aFragment/gene name followed by nucleotide sequence. Genes encoding WSs were codon-optimized for
21 *Rhodococcus*.

22 ^bUsed for universal linkers, linearization sites and Gibson overlaps.

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24 Table S3. Bacterial strains used in this study.

Strains	Use	Reference
<u><i>Escherichia coli</i> strains</u>		
<i>E. coli</i> DH5α	Propagation of DNA	n/a
<i>E. coli</i> NEB® 10-beta	Cloning pMiniT plasmids	(New England Biolabs)
<u><i>Rhodococcus</i> strains</u>		
<i>R. jostii</i> RHA1	Wild-type, protein expression, WE accumulation	3
RHA1::T1/M6 ^a		
RHA1::T1/T1		
RHA1::T1/T2	RHA1 strains carrying <i>fcrA</i> and <i>ws2</i> co-expression cassettes driven by different strength promoters.	This study
RHA1::T2/M6		
RHA1::T2/T1		
RHA1::T2/T2		

25 ^aNamed according to promoters driving *fcrA* and *ws2* expression, respectively (e.g., T1/T2 designates the
26 strain in which: *fcrA* and *ws2* expression are driven by P_{T1} and P_{T2}, respectively)

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28 Table S4. Plasmids used in this study

Plasmid	Description / Use	Reference
pTipQC2	<i>Rhodococcus</i> expression vector	⁴
pmCherry	Source of <i>mCherry</i>	(Takarabio)
pTip- <i>mCherry</i>	Cloning intermediate in the production of pSYN- <i>mCherry</i>	This study
pSET152	Integrative vector	^{5, 6}
pSYN- <i>mCherry</i>	Modular integrative vector. Promotor-less backbone carrying <i>mCherry</i> . Promoter characterization	This study
pSYN-P _x - <i>mCherry</i>	pSYN carrying <i>mCherry</i> under control of P _x . Used to characterize promoter	This study
pSYN-P _x - <i>fcrA</i>	pSYN carrying <i>fcrA</i> under control of P _x . WE accumulation	This study
pUC57- <i>ws1</i>	Synthesized Ws. Cloning intermediates	(GENEWIZ)
pUC57- <i>ws2</i>		
pUC57- <i>atfA</i>		
pUC57- <i>aftA2</i>		
pTip- <i>ws1</i>	Overproduction of Ws in RHA1 to promote WE accumulation	This study
pTip- <i>ws2</i>		
pTip- <i>atfA</i>		
pTip- <i>aftA2</i>		
pSYN-P _x - <i>ws2</i>	pSYN carrying <i>ws2</i> under control of P _x . Cloning intermediates for cassette assembly	This study
pLB	Integrative recipient vector for <i>fcrA</i> and <i>ws2</i> co-expression cassettes	This study
pMiniT	Cloning of TSS junction amplicons	(NEB)

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31 Table S5. Primers used in this study

Name	Sequence (5' to 3')
<u>Cloning Primers used to amplify indicated gene or fragment</u>	
mCherry_fwd	CTTTAAGAAGGAGATATACATATGGTGAGCAAGGGCGAG
mCherry_rev	CACGGGTGCCGGTGGGTCGACTAGTCACTTGTACAGCTCGTCCATG
MOD-MCS_fwd	GGCTGCAGGTCGACTCTAGAGCGGCCGCATCGATCATTGATATCGTCTAGAAATA ATTTTGTTAACTTTAAG
MOD-MCS_rev	GCGTTGGCCGATTCATTAATACTAGAGTCCCGCTGAGG
UL1-frcA-UL2_fwd	CATTACTCGCATCCATTCTCAGGCTGTCTCGTCTCGTCTCGGCGCGCCGTTTTCCCA GTCACGACGTT
UL1-frcA-UL2_rev	GCTTGGATTCTGCGTTTGTTCGGTCTACGAACTCCCAGCGAGTCAGTGAGCGAGG AAGC
UL2-ws2-ULX_fwd	GCTGGGAGTTCGTAGACGGAAACAAACGCAGAATCCAAGCGTTTTCCAGTCACG ACGTT
UL2-ws2-ULX_rev	GGTGGAAGGGCTCGGAGTTGTGGTAATCTATGTATCCTGGTTAATTAAGAGTCAG TGAGCGAGGAAGC
<u>Promoter amplification primers</u>	
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PT1_rev	AACAAAATTATTTCTAGACGATATCCTTGCGACGAAAGGAACTC
PT2_fwd	GGTCGACTCTAGAGCGGCCGCGACCGCTCTGGTCAGCGAC
PT2_rev	AACAAAATTATTTCTAGACGATATCGAAAGGAACTCTACAACAGCGAC
P1_fwd	GGTCGACTCTAGAGCGGCCGCGAGTCCGAGGAAGGTCGAC
P1_rev	AACAAAATTATTTCTAGACGATATCTTCGCTCGCCTCGACGC
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P2_rev	AACAAAATTATTTCTAGACGATATCTGGTGACCATCAACCCTCC
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PM7_rev	AACAAAATTATTTCTAGACGATATCGAACTCTACAACAGCGACACCTC
PM8_fwd	CTGCAGGTCGACTCTAGAGCGGCCGCACCGCTCTGGTCAGCGAC
PM8_rev	AACAAAATTATTTCTAGACGATATCTGGAGTCGGTTGACCAG
PM9_fwd	CTGCAGGTCGACTCTAGAGCGGCCGCACCGCTCTGGTCAGCGAC
PM9_rev	AACAAAATTATTTCTAGACGATATCCGTCGACGTCGCCGGGT

ARF-TSS primers

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PCR screening / Sequencing primers

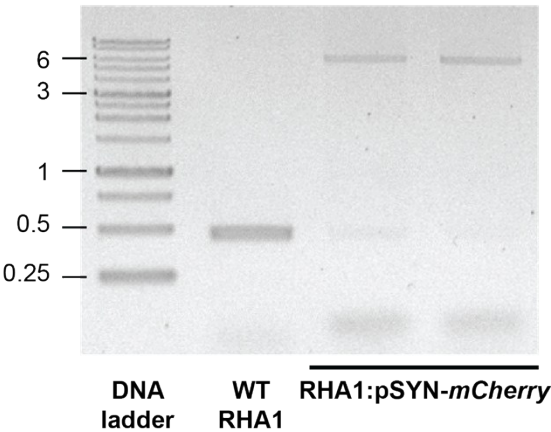
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34 **Supplemental figures**

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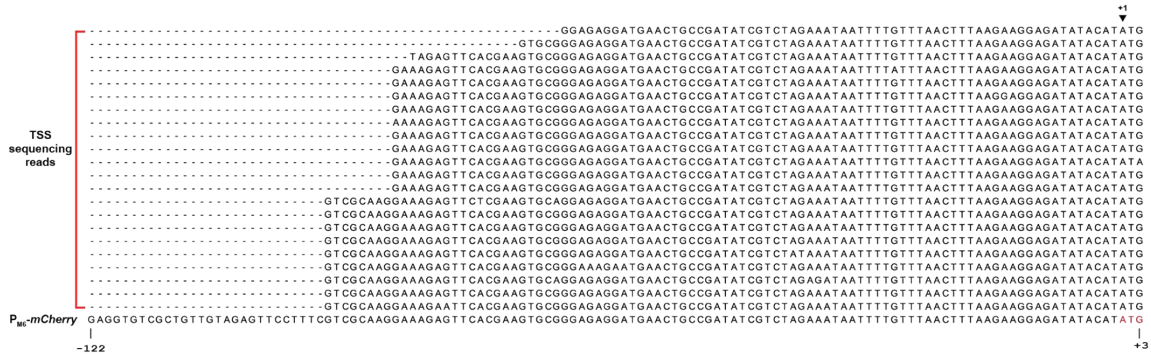
37 **Figure S1. PCR analysis of the integration of pSYN-*mCherry* into the RHA1 genome.**

38 Amplicons resulting from PCR amplification of the ϕ C31 *attB* integration site in *RS20555* using a
39 flanking primer pair (pSYN_flank; Table S5) in the indicated RHA1 strains. In the WT strain, the
40 primers are separated by 0.45 kb. pSYN-mCherry is 6.5 kb. PCR was performed on colonies
41 grown on solid LB media. From left to right: Lane 1, 1 kb DNA ladder, major bands are indicated
42 (kb); Lane 2, WT RHA1; Lanes 3 and 4, biological replicates of RHA1:pSYN-*mCherry*.

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47 Figure S2. ARF-TSS results for P_{M6} .

48 Sequence reads obtained from ARF-TSS analysis mapped using RHA1::pSYN- P_{M6} -*mCherry*.

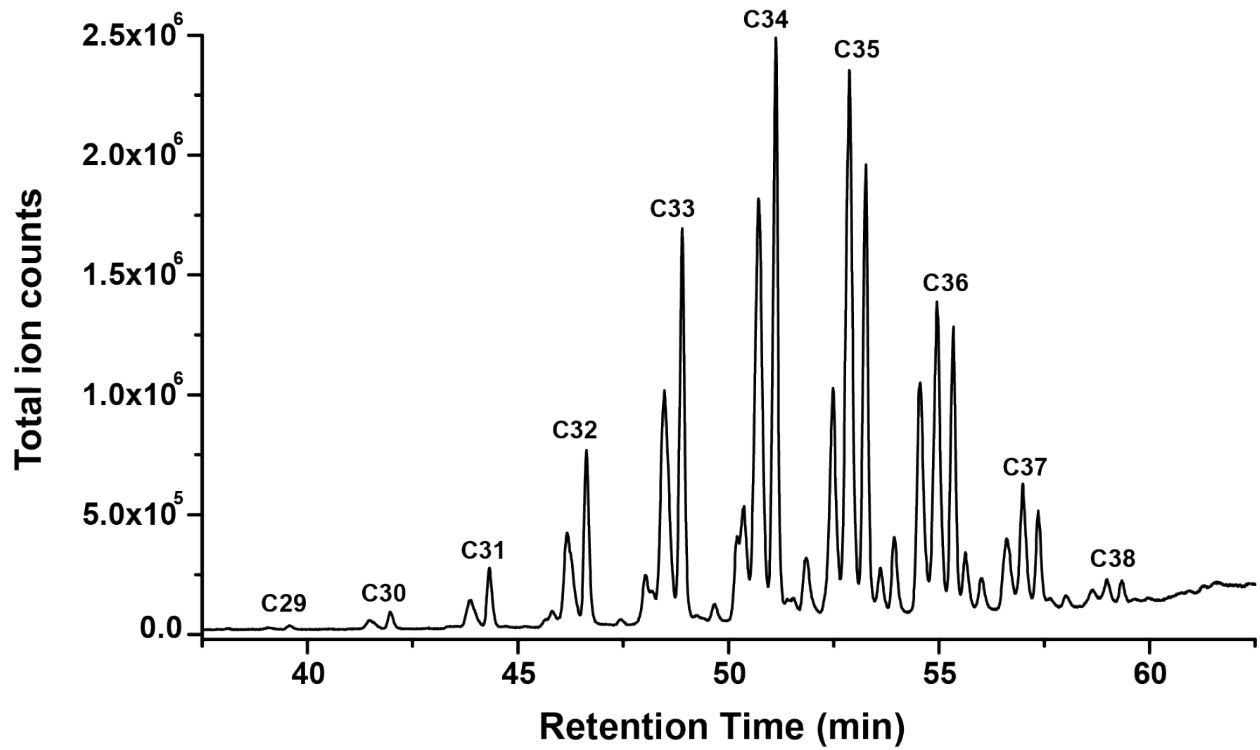
49 Resulting sequencing reads were trimmed and aligned against the sequence of P_{M6} -*mCherry*.

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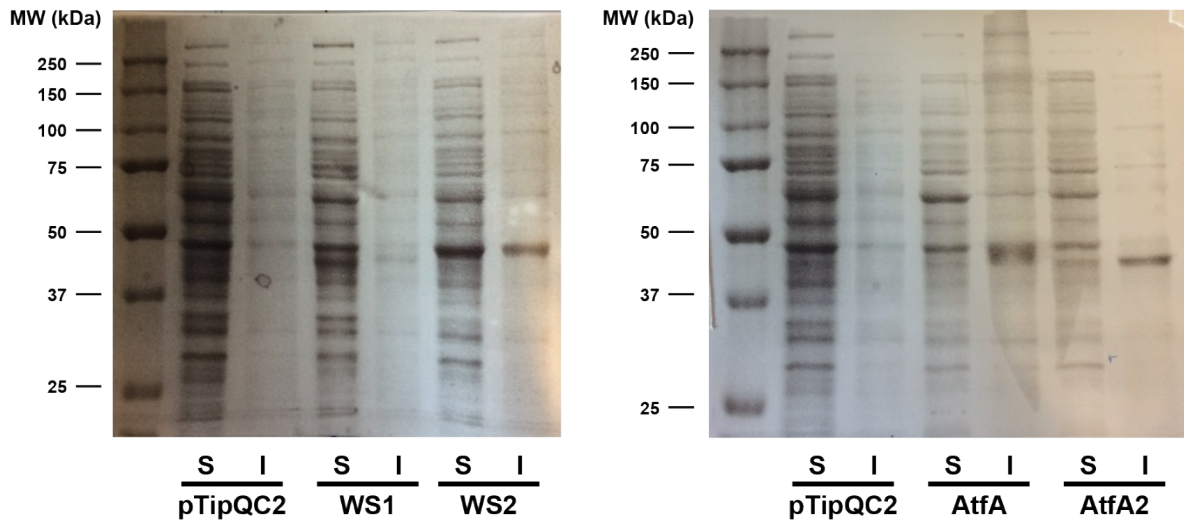


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55 Figure S3. WE profile of *R. jostii* RHA1 constitutively expressing a single-copy of *fcrA*.

56 GC/MS analysis of WEs isolated from RHA1::pSYN-P_{M6}-*fcrA*. Cells were grown in N⁻ medium (4

57 g/L glucose, 0.05 g/L ammonium chloride). Cells were harvested in stationary phase.



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59 Figure S4. SDS-PAGE analysis of heterologous production of wax synthases in RHA1.

60 Lanes were loaded with soluble (S) and insoluble (I) fractions of RHA1 containing: WS1, pTip-

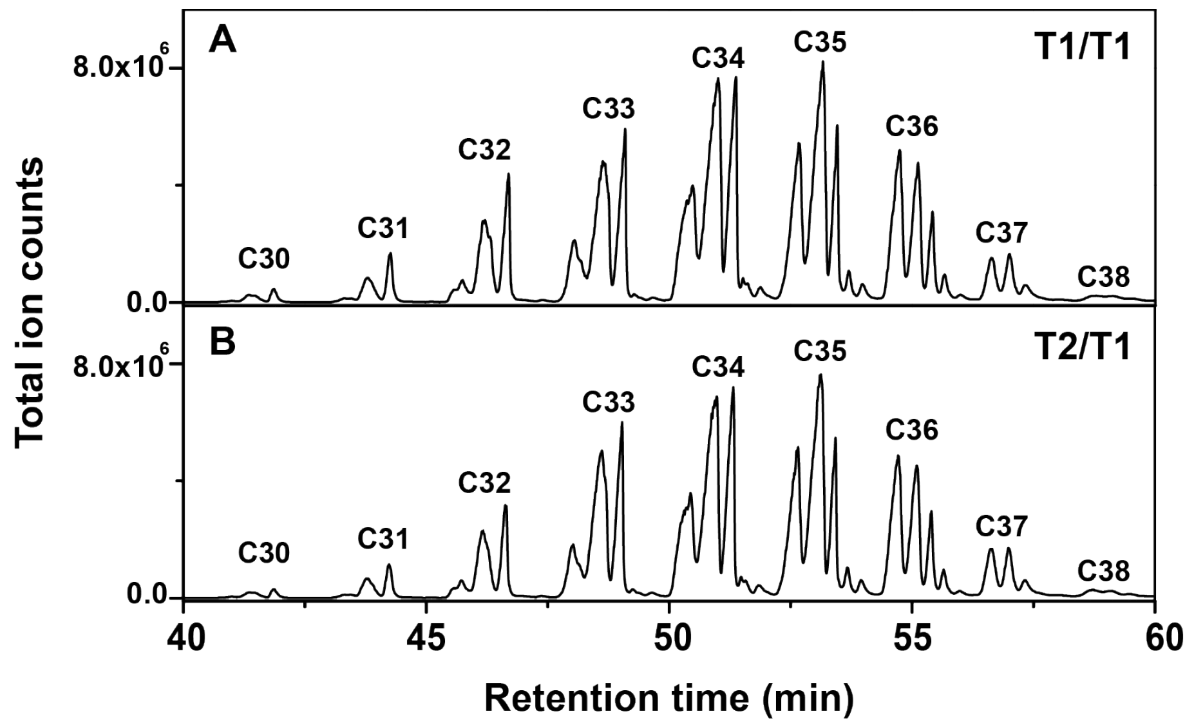
61 *ws1*; WS2, pTip-*ws2*; AtfA, pTip-*atfA*; AtfA2, pTip-*atfA2*; pTipQC2, empty vector, or molecular

62 weight markers. Expected molecular weights of WSs: WS1, 51.5 kDa; WS2, 52.5 kDa; AtfA, 51.8

63 kDa; AtfA2, 49.8 kDa.

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67 Figure S5. WE profile of *R. jostii* RHA1 strains containing chromosomal *fcrA* and *ws2*.

68 GC/MS analysis of WEs isolated from (A) RHA1::pSYN- P_{T1} -*fcrA*- P_{T1} -*ws2* and (B) RHA1::pSYN- P_{T2} -

69 *fcrA*- P_{T1} -*ws2*. Cells were grown in N⁻ medium (4 g/L glucose, 0.05 g/L ammonium chloride) and

70 harvested in stationary phase.

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