

Green acetyl modification of puerarin to form puerarin 6''-O-
acetate using engineered *Escherichia coli* with favorable
pathways and elevated acetyl-CoA supply

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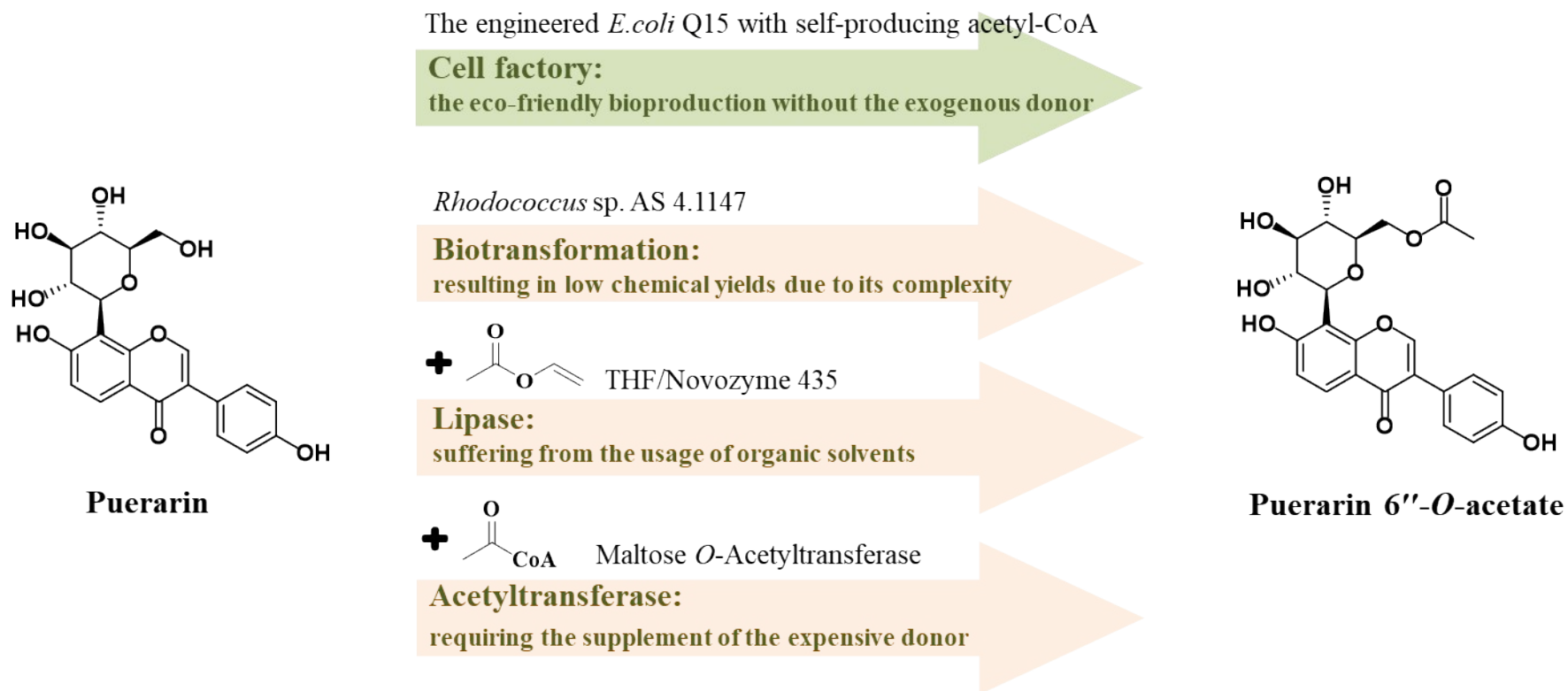


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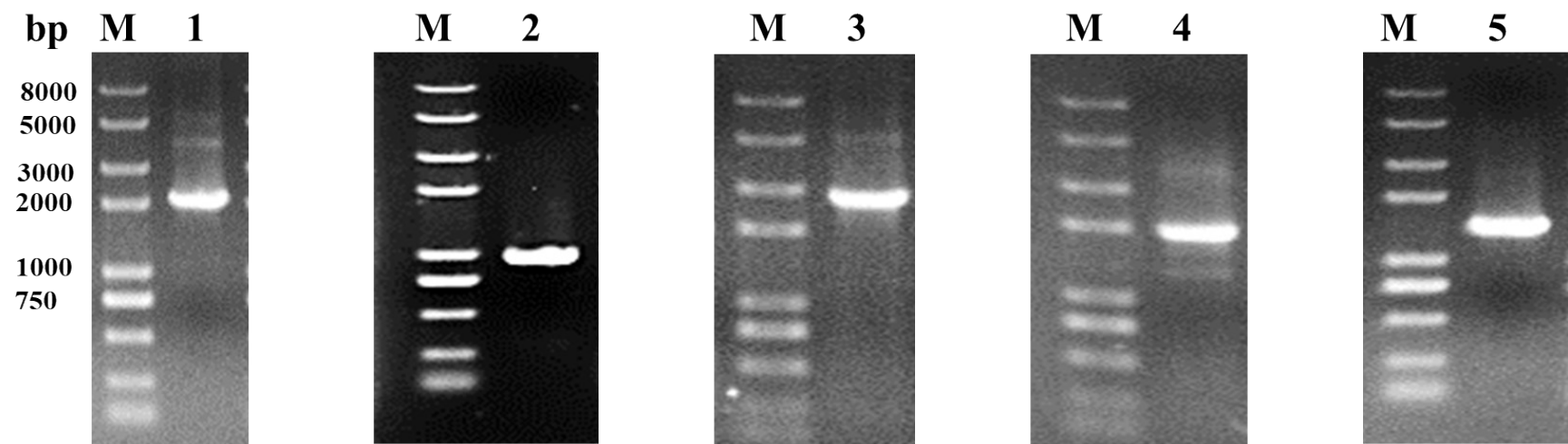


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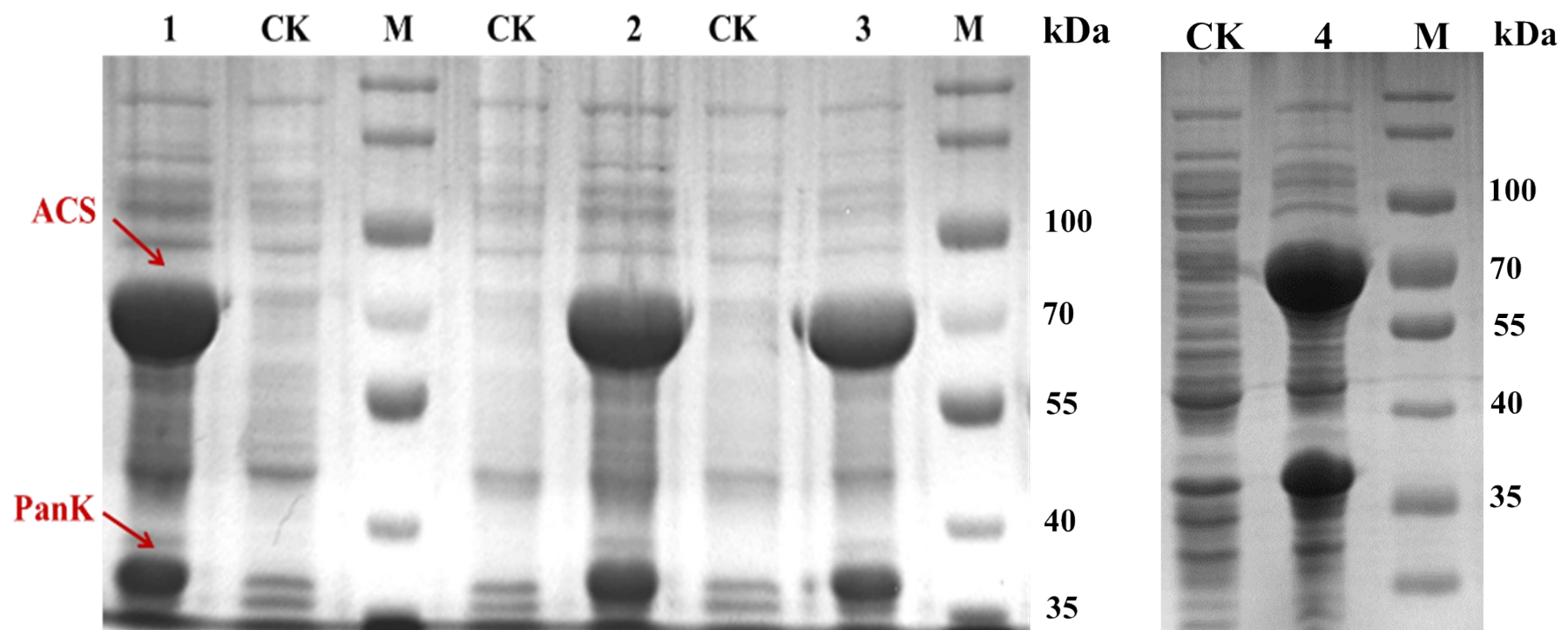


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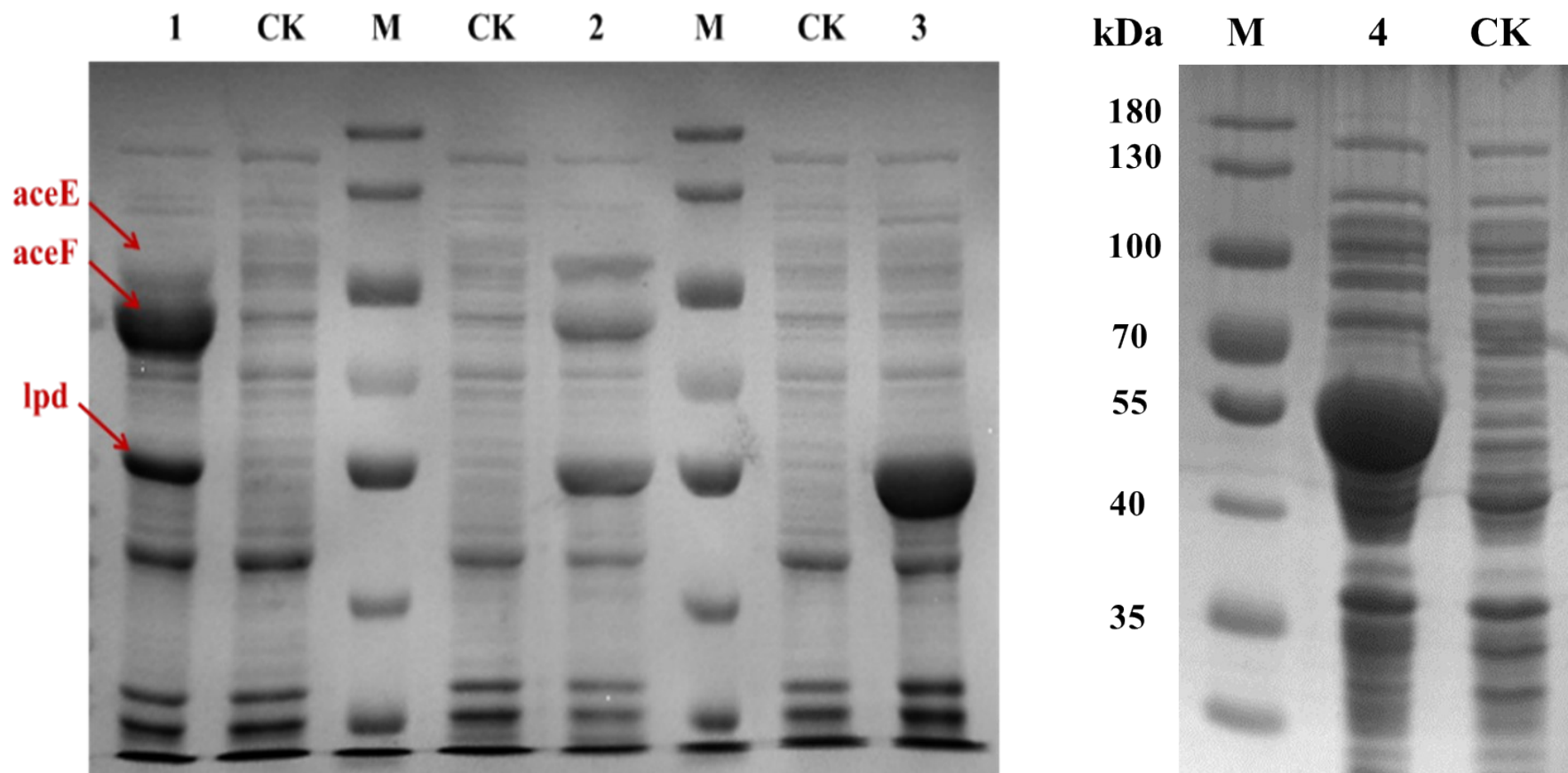


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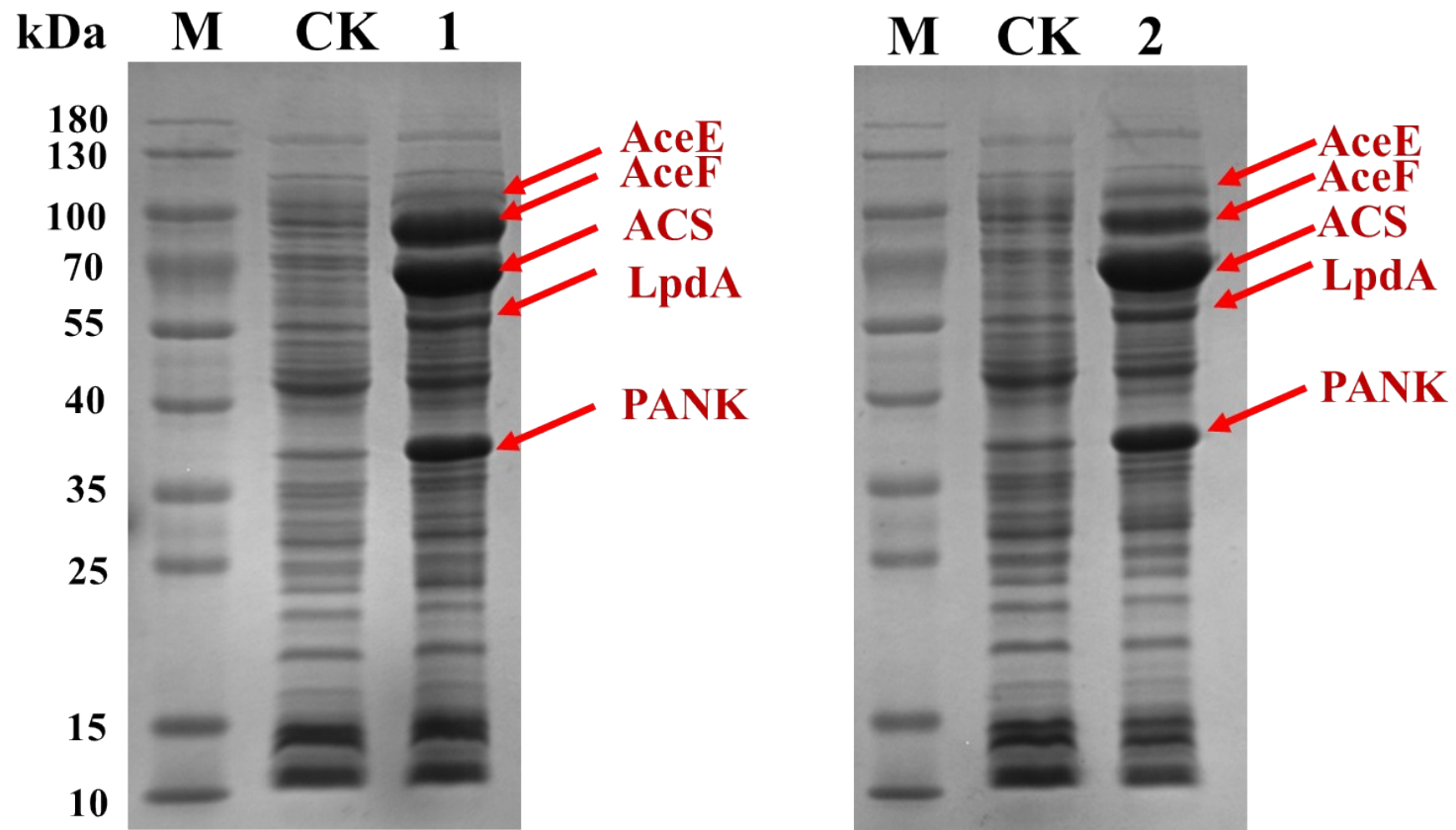


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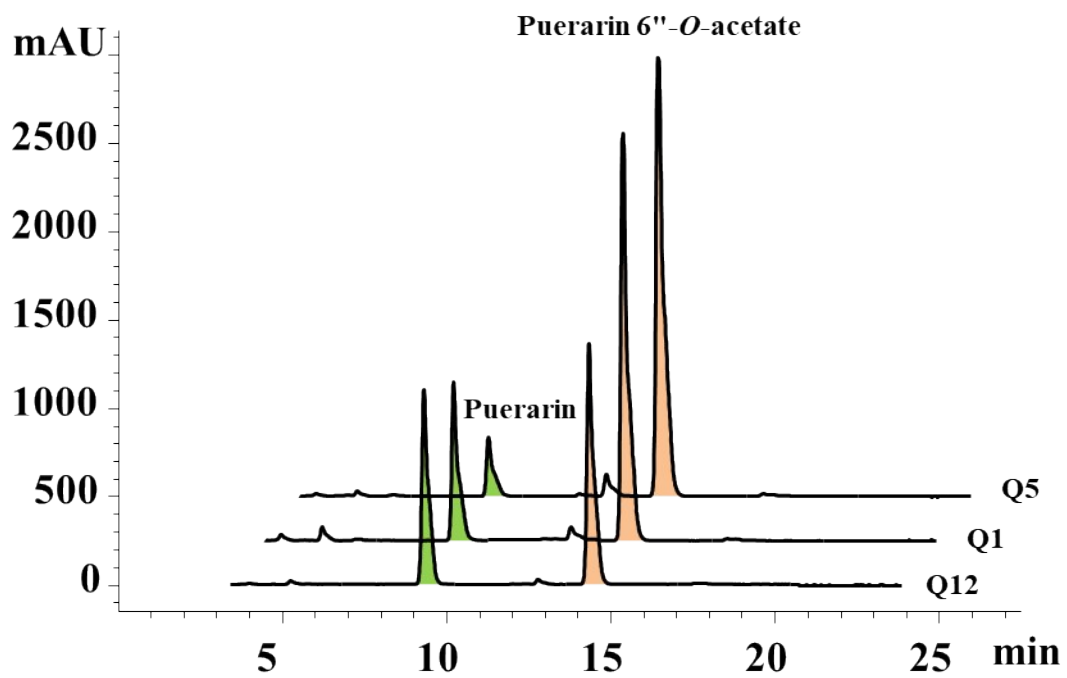


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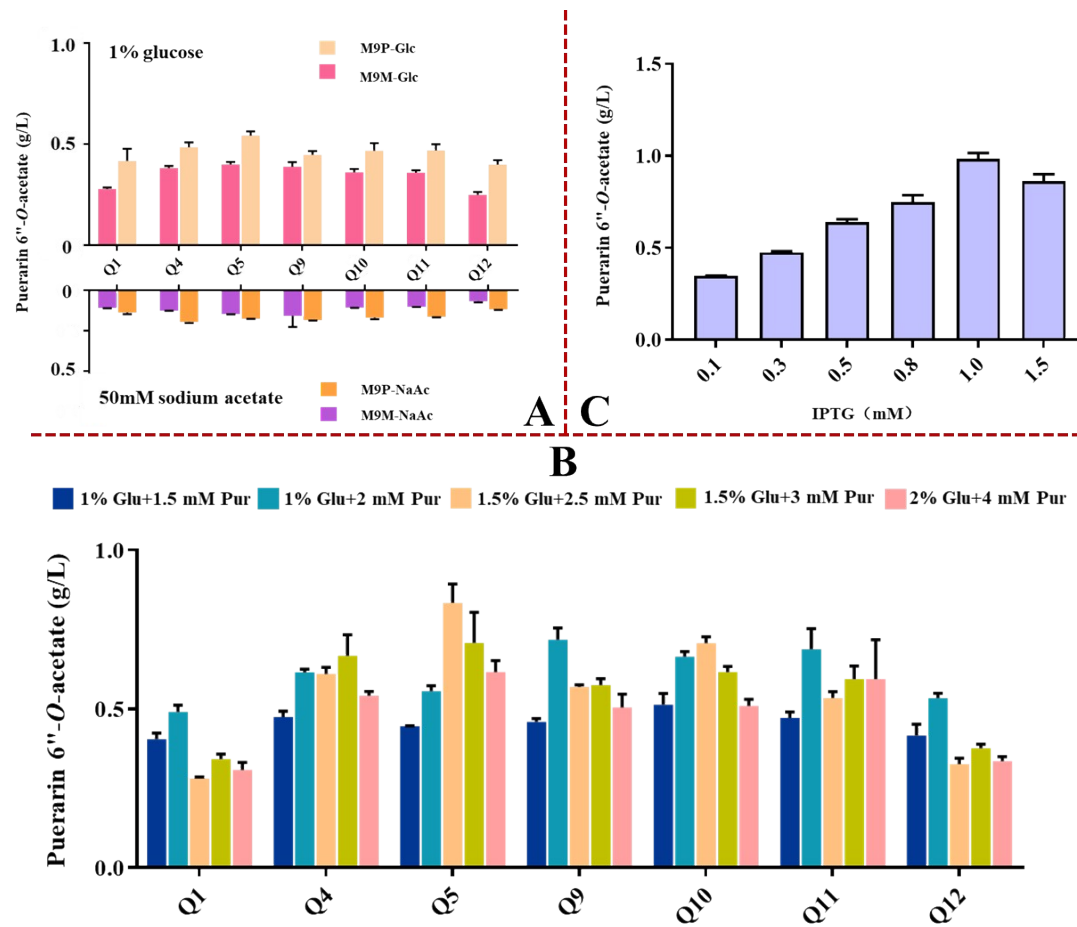


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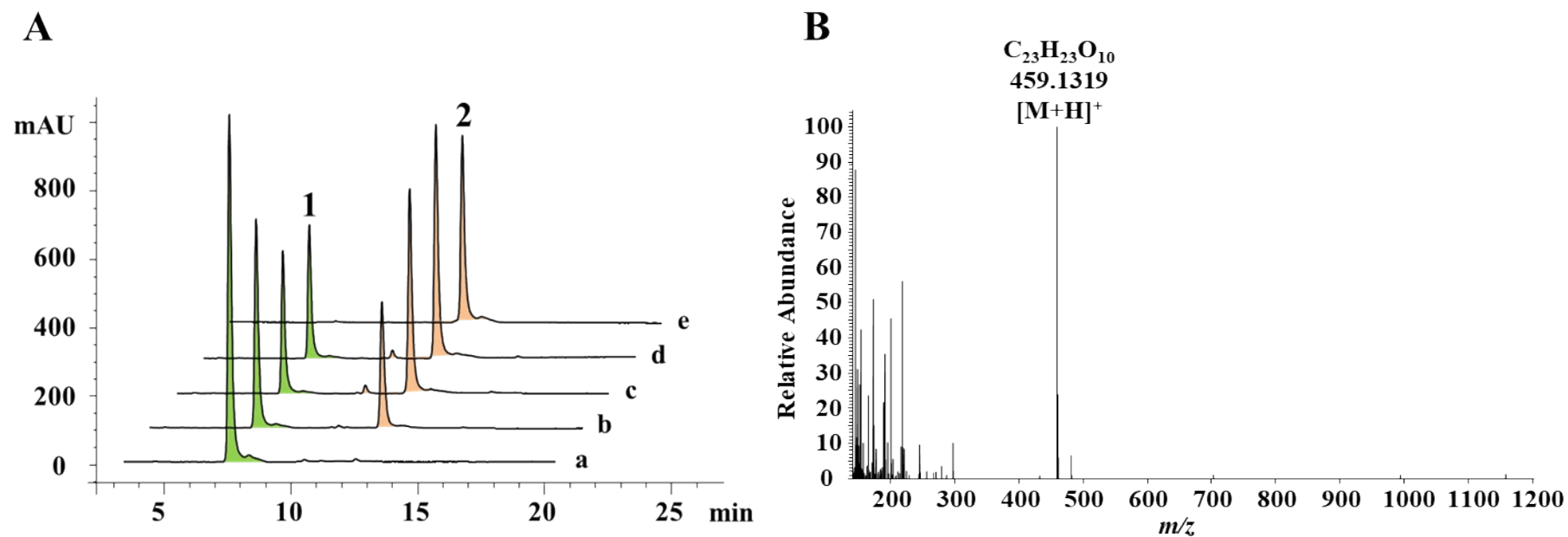


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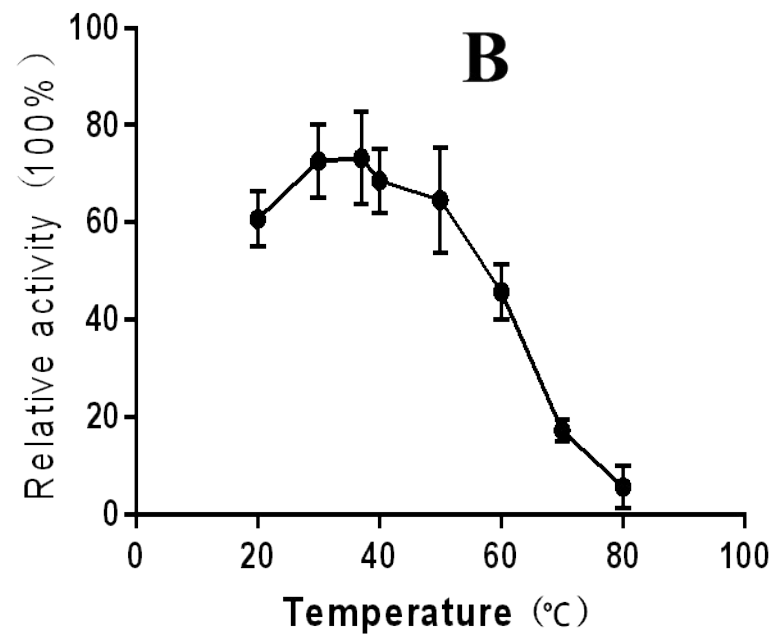
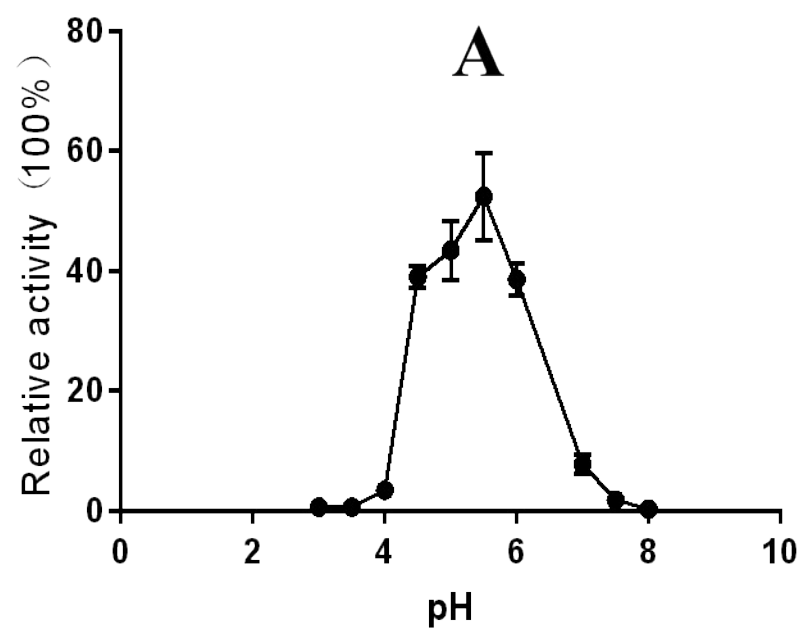


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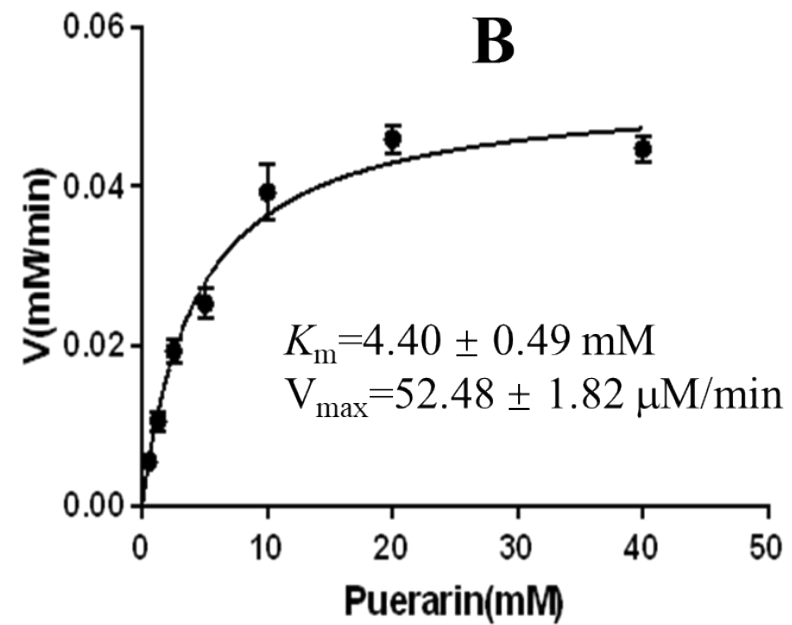
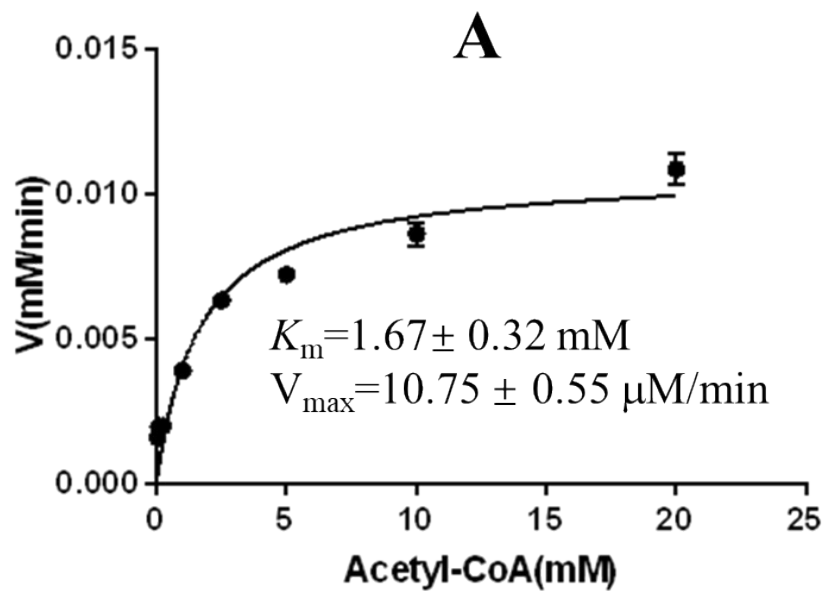


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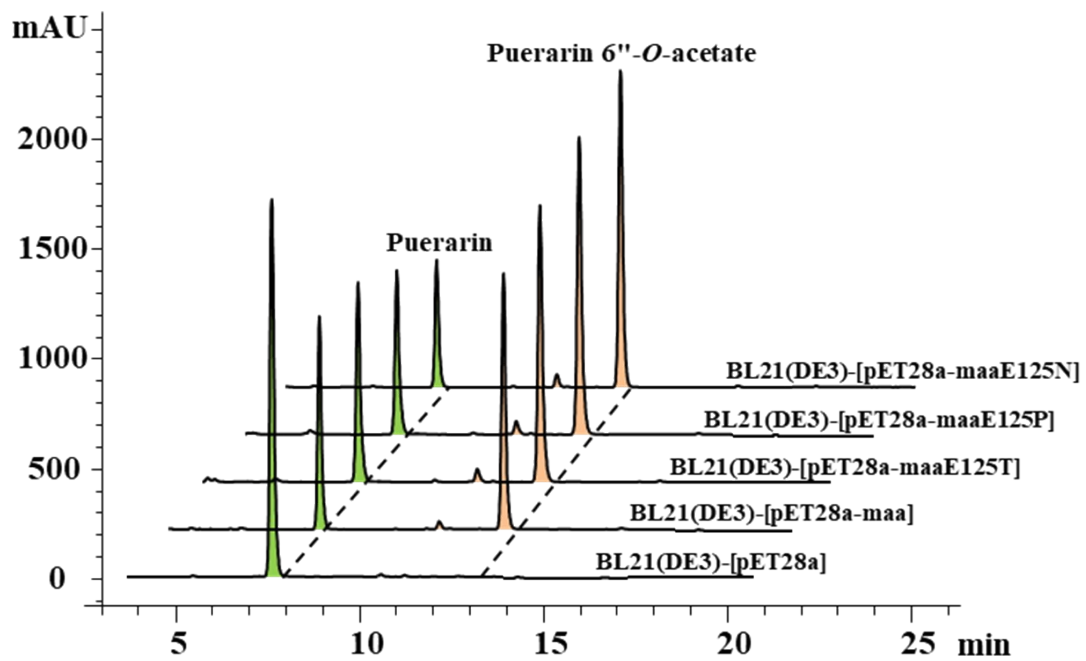


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Strain	Genotype	Source
<i>Trans1-T1</i>	F- ϕ 80(lacZ) Δ M15 Δ lacX74hsdR(rk ⁻ , mk ⁺) Δ recA1398 endA1tonA	Transgen
BL21(DE3)	F ⁻ <i>ompT hsdS</i> (r _B ⁻ m _B ⁻) <i>gal dcm</i> (DE3)	Transgen
BL21(DE3)-CoA	BL21(DE3)[pRSFDuet-acs + pCDFDuet-pdh]	This study
Q1	BL21(DE3)[pETDuet- <i>maa</i>]	This study
Q2	BL21(DE3)[pETDuet- <i>maa</i> +pRSFDuet-acs]	This study
Q3	BL21(DE3)[pETDuet- <i>maa</i> +pRSFDuet-acs- <i>pank</i>]	This study
Q4	BL21(DE3)[pETDuet- <i>maa</i> +pCDFDuet-pdh]	This study
Q5	BL21(DE3)[pETDuet- <i>maa</i> +pRSFDuet-acs+pCDFDuet-pdh]	This study
Q6	BL21(DE3)[pETDuet- <i>maa</i> +pRSFDuet-acs- <i>pank</i> +pCDFDuet-pdh]	This study
Q7	BL21(DE3)[pRSFDuet- <i>maa</i> +pACYCDuet-acs]	This study
Q8	BL21(DE3)[pRSFDuet- <i>maa</i> +pACYCDuet-acs- <i>pank</i>]	This study
Q9	BL21(DE3)[pRSFDuet- <i>maa</i> +pCDFDuet-pdh]	This study
Q10	BL21(DE3)[pRSFDuet- <i>maa</i> +pACYCDuet-acs+pCDFDuet-pdh]	This study
Q11	BL21(DE3)[pRSFDuet- <i>maa</i> +pACYCDuet-acs- <i>pank</i> +pCDFDuet-pdh]	This study
Q12	BL21(DE3)[pRSFDuet- <i>maa</i>]	This study
Q13	BL21(DE3)[pRSFDuet- <i>maa</i> +pACYCDuet-pdh- <i>pank</i> -acs]	This study
Q14	BL21(DE3) [pRSFDuet- <i>maa</i> +pCDFDuet-pdh- <i>pank</i> -acs]	This study
Q15	BL21(DE3)[pETDuet- <i>maa</i> E125N+pRSFDuet-acs+pCDFDuet-pdh]	This study

Table S2 Plasmids used in this study

Plasmids	Relevant properties or genetic marker	Source
pEASY-Blunt	A cloning vector	TransGen
pET-28a(+)	An expression plasmid developed for the protein expression in <i>E. coli</i>	Novagen
pACYCDuet TM -1; pCDFDuet TM -1; pETDuet TM -1; pRSFDuet TM -1	Duet plasmids, containing two multiple cloning sites (MCS), are designed for the co-expression of two target genes.	Novagen
pEASY-aceF; pEASY-aceE; pEASY-lpd; pEASY-pank; pEASY-acs	pEASY-Blunt derived plasmids, each containing an <i>E. coli</i> gene	This study
pET28a-lpd	A pET-28a(+) derived plasmid containing <i>lpd</i> gene	This study
pACYCDuet-acs; pCDFDuet-acs; pETDuet-acs; pRSFDuet-acs	Duet-derived plasmids containing <i>acs</i> gene	This study
pACYCDuet-acs-pank; pCDFDuet-acs-pank; pETDuet-acs-pank; pRSFDuet-acs-pank	Duet-derived plasmids, each containing both <i>acs</i> and <i>pank</i> genes	This study
pACYCDuet-aceF; pCDFDuet-aceF; pETDuet-aceF; pRSFDuet-aceF	Duet-derived plasmids containing <i>aceF</i> gene	This study
pACYCDuet-aceE/F; pCDFDuet- aceE/F; pETDuet- aceE/F; pRSFDuet- aceE/F	Duet-derived plasmids, each containing both <i>aceE</i> and <i>aceF</i> genes	This study
pACYCDuet-pdh; pCDFDuet-pdh; pETDuet-pdh; pRSFDuet-pdh	Duet-derived plasmids, each containing <i>aceE</i> , <i>aceF</i> and <i>lpd</i> genes	This study
pACYCDuet-pdh-pank-acs and pCDFDuet-pdh-pank-acs	Duet-derived plasmids containing pdh, pank and acs genes	This study
pET28a-lacA	A pET-28a(+) derived plasmid containing <i>lacA</i> gene	1
pET28a-maa	A pET-28a(+) derived plasmid containing <i>maa</i> gene	1,2
pACYCDuet-maa, pCDFDuet-maa, pETDuet-maa and pRSFDuet-maa	Duet-derived plasmids containing <i>maa</i> gene	
pET28a-maaE125N	A pET-28a(+) derived plasmid containing <i>maaE125N</i> gene	2
pET28a-maaE125T	A pET-28a(+) derived plasmid containing <i>maaE125T</i> gene	2
pET28a-maaE125P	A pET-28a(+) derived plasmid containing <i>maaE125P</i> gene	2

Table S3 Genes used in this study

Protein	CDS (aa)	gene	ORF (bp)	GenBank
ACS (acetyl-CoA synthetase)	652	<i>acs</i>	1959	NP_418493.1
PanK (type I pantothenate kinase)	316	<i>panK</i>	951	QNG34802.1
AceE (pyruvate dehydrogenase subunit E1)	887	<i>aceE</i>	2664	QNG31207.1
AceF (pyruvate dehydrogenase subunit E2)	630	<i>aceF</i>	1893	QNG31208.1
Lpd (dihydrolipoyl dehydrogenase)	474	<i>lpdA</i>	1425	QNG31209.1

Table S4 Primers used in this study

Primer	Sequence (5'-3')	Description
<i>acs</i> -TF	ATGAGCCAAATTCACAAACACACC	A forward primer used for <i>acs</i> gene isolation
<i>acs</i> -TR	TTACGATGGCATCGGATAGCCTG	A forward primer used for <i>acs</i> gene isolation
<i>aceE</i> -TF	ATGTCAGAACGTTTCCCAAATGACGTGG	A forward primer used for <i>aceE</i> gene isolation
<i>aceE</i> -TR	TTACGCCAGACGCGGGTAACTTTATCT	A reverse primer used for <i>aceE</i> gene isolation
<i>aceF</i> -TF	ATGGCTATCGAAATCAAAGTACCGGACATCGGG	A forward primer used for <i>aceF</i> gene isolation
<i>aceF</i> -TR	TTACATCACCAGACGGCGAATGTCA	A reverse primer used for <i>aceF</i> gene isolation
<i>lpd</i> -TF	ATGAGTACTGAAATCAAAACTCAGGTCGTGG	A forward primer used for <i>lpdA</i> gene isolation
<i>lpd</i> -TR	ATGAGTACTGAAATCAAAACTCAGGTCGTGG	A reverse primer used for <i>lpdA</i> gene isolation
<i>pank</i> -TF	ATGAGTATAAAAGAGCAAACGTTAATGACGCC	A forward primer used for <i>pank</i> gene isolation
<i>pank</i> -TR	TTATTTGCGTAGTCTGACCTCTTCTACCGC	A reverse primer used for <i>pank</i> gene isolation
Duet-MAT-F	CACCACAGCCAGGATCCGAATTCGATGAGCACAGAAAAA	A forward primer to construct Duet-derived plasmids containing <i>maa</i> gene
Duet-MAT-R	TAAGCATTATGCGGCCGAAGCTTTTACAATTTTTTAAT	A reverse primer to construct Duet-derived plasmids containing <i>maa</i> gene
<i>acs</i> -DuetF	GTATAAGAAGGAGATATACATATGATGAGCCAAATTCACAAACAC	A forward primer to construct Duet-derived plasmids containing <i>acs</i> gene
<i>acs</i> -DuetR	GCCGATATCCAATTGAGATCTTACGATGGCATC	A reverse primer to construct Duet-derived plasmids containing <i>acs</i> gene
<i>pank</i> -DuetF	CCATCATCACCACAGCCAGGATCCGATGAGTATAAAAAGAGCAA	A forward primer to construct Duet-derived plasmids containing <i>pank</i> gene
<i>pank</i> -DuetR	CAGGCGCGCCGAGCTCGAATTCTTATTTGCGTAGTCT	A reverse primer to construct Duet-derived plasmids containing <i>pank</i> gene
<i>lpd</i> -28aF	GCAAATGGGTGCGGGATCCGAATTCATGAGTACTGAAATC	A forward primer to construct pET28a- <i>lpd</i>
<i>lpd</i> -28aR	CTCGAGTGCGGCCGCAAGCTTTACTTCTTCTTCGC	A reverse primer to construct pET28a- <i>lpd</i>
T7+ <i>lpd</i> -DuetF	GCTGACGTCGGTACCCTCGAGAGATCTCGATCCCGC	A forward primer to construct Duet-derived plasmids containing <i>lpd</i> gene
T7+ <i>lpd</i> -DuetR	CGGTGGCAGCAGCCTAGGTTAATTAATTACTTCTTCTTCGCTTTCGG G	A reverse primer to construct Duet-derived plasmids containing <i>lpd</i> gene
<i>aceE</i> DuetF	CATCATCACCACAGCCAGGATCCGATGTCAGAACGTTTCCC	A forward primer to construct Duet-derived plasmids containing <i>aceE</i> gene
<i>aceE</i> DuetR	AGGCGCGCCGAGCTCGAATTCTTACGCCAGACGCGG	A reverse primer to construct Duet-derived plasmids containing <i>aceE</i> gene

<i>aceF</i> DuetF	ATAAGAAGGAGATATACATATGATGGCTATCGAAATCAAAGTACC	A forward primer to construct Duet-derived plasmids containing <i>aceF</i> gene
<i>aceF</i> DuetR	GCCGATATCCAATTGAGATCTTTACATCACCAGACG	A reverse primer to construct Duet-derived plasmids containing <i>aceF</i> gene
<i>pdh-acs-pank-</i> DuetF	AAAGCGAAGAAGAAGTAATTAATTAAGCCATACCGCGAAAGGTT	A forward primer to construct pACYCDuet-pdh-pank-acs
<i>pdh-acs-pank-</i> DuetR	TCAGCGGTGGCAGCAGCCTAGGTTACGATGGCATCGC	A reverse primer to construct pCDFDuet-pdh-pank-acs

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