

Supplementary Information

Green Synthesis of ω -Hydroxydodecanoic Acid by Engineering *C. viswanathii* with Cas13d

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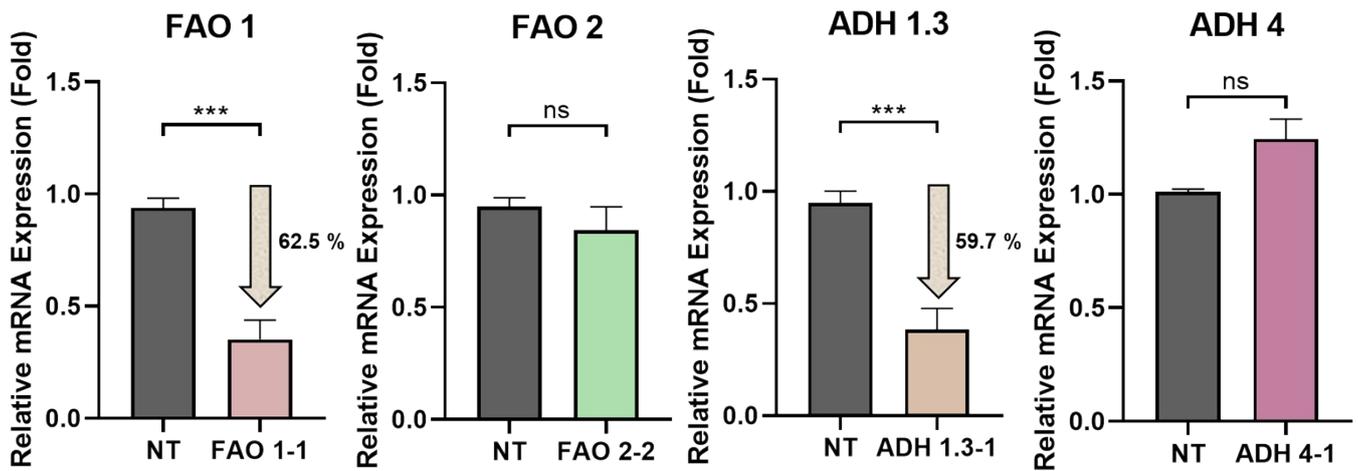


Fig. S1. Incomplete multiplex gene knockdown by the Array plasmid. The Array plasmid was electroporated into cells and the recombinants were selected. The recombinants were cultured in the shake flasks and induced by dodecane addition for HDA production. The mRNA levels were measured after 24 h by qRT-PCR and normalized to those of the NT plasmid. The data showed that only FAO1 and ADH 1.3 were significantly knocked down.

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| Strain | Integrated gene |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| ATCC 20962 | None |
| P19 | CYP52A19, POS5 |
| P19C | CYP52A19, CPRb, POS5 |
| aFP19C | CYP52A19, CPRb, POS5, antiFAO2 |

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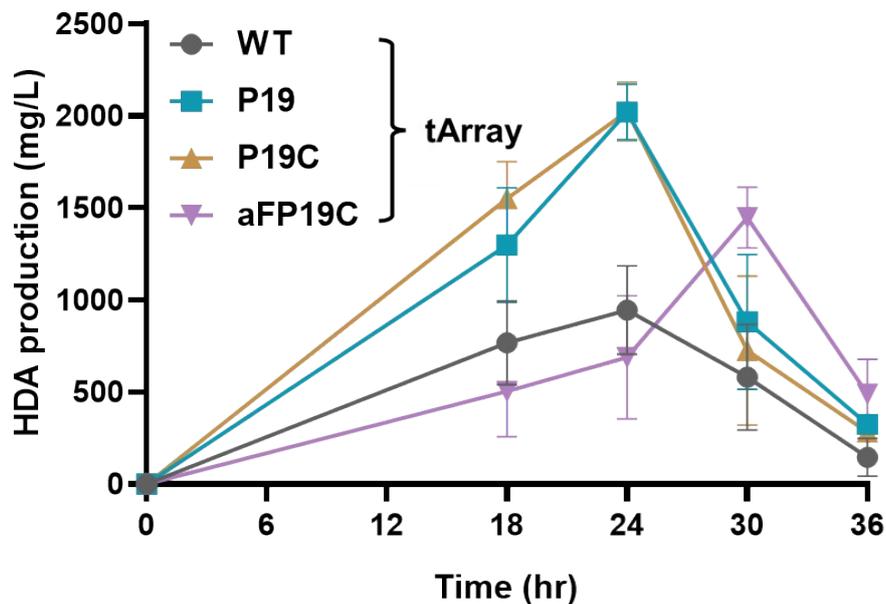


Fig. S2. HDA production in different *C. viswanathii* strains. ATCC 20962 was the parent *C. viswanathii* strain we used for engineering. *Pox4* and *pox5* were deleted in this strain. P19 strain was the engineered strain in which we inserted CYP52A19, *Nrs^R* and POS5 genes. P19C was the strain in which we inserted CYP52A19, *Nrs^R*, CPRb and POS5 genes. aFP19C was the strain in which we inserted CYP52A19, *Nrs^R*, CPRb and POS5 genes and an anti-sense gene for FAO2. The tArray plasmid was electroporated into these strains and HDA production was induced in the shake flasks. The data showed that only P19C resulted in similar HDA titers compared to P19, which peaked at 24 h and then declined. Other strains gave poorer HDA production.

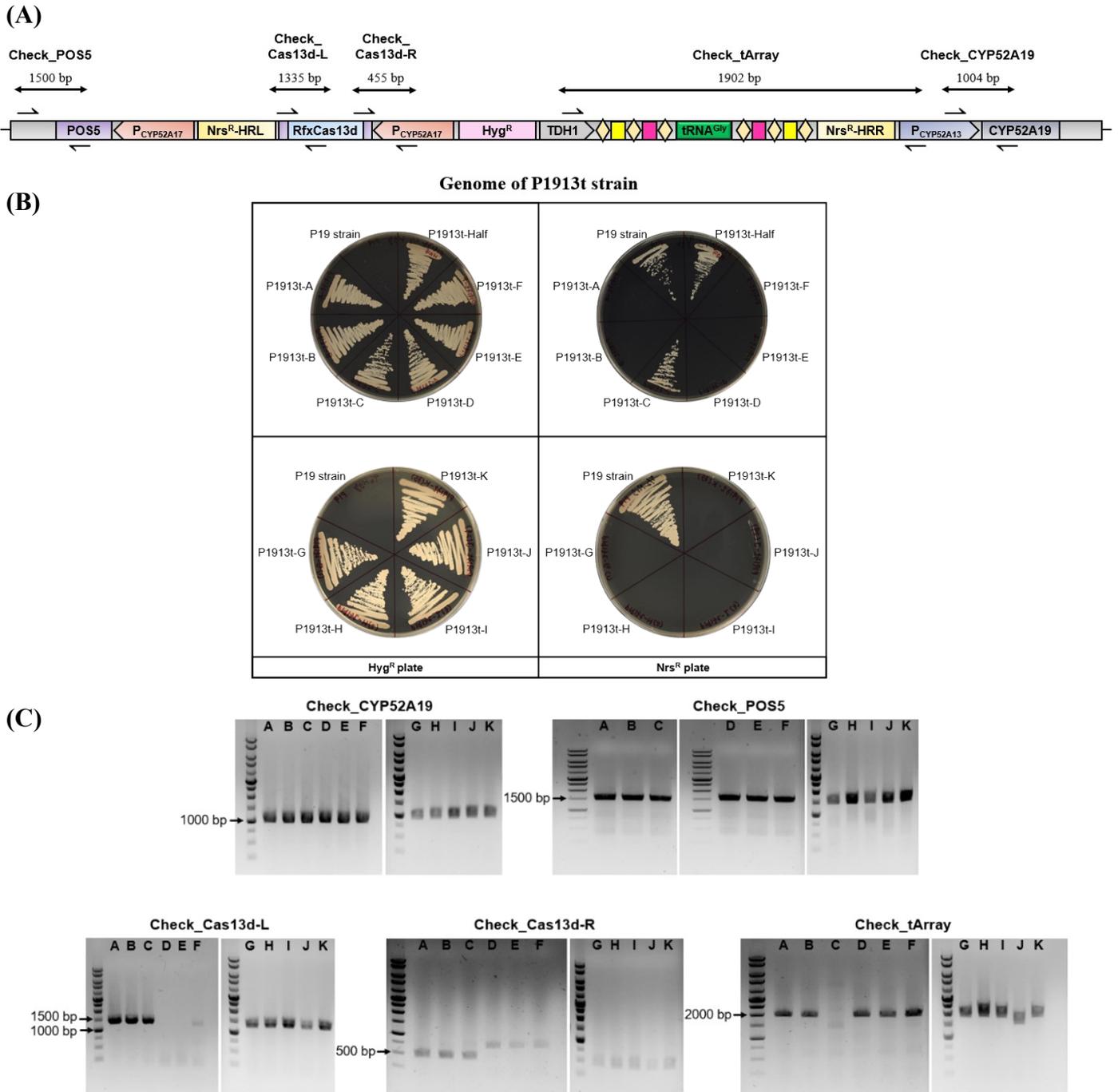


Fig. S3. Successful integration of the CRISPR/Cas13d repression module into *C. viswanathii* P19 strain. (A) Schematic illustration of the genome containing the integrated CRISPR/Cas13d module and the primer pairs for colony PCR check. (B) Colonies after antibiotic selection. (C) Results of colony PCR confirmation. P19 strain was the engineered strain in which we inserted CYP52A19, Nrs^R and POS5 genes. The genome contained an Nrs^R gene as the selectable marker and integration site. We linearized the pHRR-tArray and pHRL-17Cas13d plasmids with restriction enzymes and co-electroporated both linear templates into P19 strain, followed by antibiotic selection. *C. viswanathii* is a diploid so that homozygous integration (integrated with 2 copies) would result in Nrs-sensitive (Nrs^S) and Hyg^R phenotype while heterozygous integration (integrated with only 1 copy) would lead to Nrs^R and Hyg^R phenotypes. Non-engineered cells would be Hyg^S and Nrs^R. After recovery, we spread the cells onto YPD agar plate containing hygromycin to select Hyg^R colony groups A to K, among them >50 colonies were picked for second round of Nrs selection. Except colony group C, most of the colony groups were Hyg^R and Nrs^S (B). Colony PCR confirmed that P1913t clones A, B, G, H, I and K possessed correct genotypes.

Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Methods and titers of HDA Production using Biological Methods

| Host strain | Substrate | Key enzyme / genetic modification | HDA titer (g/L) | References |
|----------------|--------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>E. coli</i> | Dodecane | CYP153AM.aq-CYP102A1 fusion protein | 1.2 | (Scheeps, <i>et al.</i> , 2013) |
| <i>E. coli</i> | Glucose | ACC, TesA, and CYP102A1 | 0.0587 | (Cao, <i>et al.</i> , 2016) |
| <i>E. coli</i> | Decanoic acid | AlkBGT from <i>P. putida</i> GPo1 | 10.320.2490 | (He, <i>et al.</i> , 2019) |
| <i>E. coli</i> | Dodecanedioic acid | CYP153AL.m, ferredoxin, and ferredoxin reductase | 2 | (Joo, <i>et al.</i> , 2019) |

Table S2. Formula of CM^{Flask} (Culture Medium for Flask)

| component | concentration (g/L) |
|---|---------------------|
| K ₂ HPO ₄ | 1.18 |
| KH ₂ PO ₄ | 4.88 |
| (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄ | 8 |
| Yeast extract | 3 |
| Glycerol | 30 |
| YNB (Yeast Nitrogen Base without amino acid) | 1.7 |

Table S3. Formula of RM^{Flask} (pH~8.0, Reaction Medium for Flask)

| component | concentration (g/L) |
|--|---------------------|
| Glucose | 20 |
| Urea | 8 |
| Tris-base | 60.5 |
| NP-40 | 0.5 |
| YNB (Yeast Nitrogen Base without amino acid) | 1.7 |

Table S4. Formula of CM (Culture Medium for Bioreactor)

| component | concentration (g/L) |
|---|---------------------|
| Soy Peptone | 5 |
| Yeast Extract | 3 |
| K ₂ HPO ₄ | 1.18 |
| KH ₂ PO ₄ | 4.88 |
| (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄ | 8 |
| Glucose | 90 |
| NaCl | 0.1 |
| CaCl ₂ | 0.1 |
| MgSO ₄ | 0.5 |

*The medium was supplemented with 10 µl of each component of Trace Elements (Table S4) to finalize the formulation.

Table S5. Formula of FM (Feeding Medium for Bioreactor)

| component | concentration (g/L) |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Tween80 | 0.9 |
| Urea | 27 |
| Glucose | 300 |
| NaCl | 0.1 |
| CaCl ₂ | 0.1 |
| MgSO ₄ | 0.5 |

*The medium was supplemented with 10 µl of each component of Trace Elements (Table S4) to finalize the formulation.

Table S6. Formula of Trace Elements (TE)

| component | concentration (g/L) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| H ₃ BO ₃ | 50 |
| CuSO ₄ ·5H ₂ O | 4 |
| KI | 10 |
| FeCl ₂ ·7H ₂ O | 20 |
| MnCl ₂ | 40 |
| NaMoO ₄ ·2H ₂ O | 20 |
| ZnSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O | 40 |

Table S7. Spacer sequences

| Target gene name | Spacer Sequence (5'-3') |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| EGFP-1 | AATTTACCGTAAGTAGCATCACCTTCACCT |
| EGFP-2 | AATTC AACCAAAATTGGGACAACACCAGTG |
| EGFP-3 | ACAGAAAATTTGTGACCATTAACATCACCA |
| FAO1-1 | ACATAATAACATAAGGGTGTCGACGTGTTT |
| FAO1-2 | CACCAAAAGTGGAACCAGCAAGAACAACA |
| FAO1-3 | ACAACAAGTCAGCAGTGACCAACAATGCCT |
| FAO2-1 | TGTTTGTATTCGAGCACGTCTGGCAAGAAG |
| FAO2-2 | AATACCGTACTTACAGCCCAAGTAACAGAA |
| FAO2-3 | GTAGGCAAAACACTAGCATCAGCAACATAG |
| ADH0-1 | GCCTTGTAACAGTGACACCAGCACACAAG |
| ADH0-2 | GTGTAAATCAGTGTGGCAGACACCGGAGTA |
| ADH0-3 | AGGAAATCAACAAGACCTCAGCGCCAAA |
| ADH1.3-1 | AACCATTCAACCACTTGATAACCAGCCAAGT |
| ADH1.3-2 | CAGCACCAGAGATAGCCACCCATTGGCCAG |
| ADH1.3-3 | TTTGTATTCTAACTTGCCACCATTGGTTTC |
| ADH4-1 | AATCAACGAAAACCTTCAGCACCCAACGATT |
| ADH4-2 | TTCAACATCTTTATACCTGCCAAGTCACCT |
| ADH4-3 | GCTTTGTAAACAGTAACACCGGCGCAGGAT |
| FALDH3H1-1 | TCCCGATTTACCAATACCACCGAACGGAGC |
| FALDH3H1-2 | AAGCACTATCCATTTTACCACCGATGATTA |
| FALDH3H1-3 | GTCAGTATAAGTGAGAACCGGCAAGATAGG |
| FALDH3A1-1 | CTCACCAAGCAAATGGAAGACACCAGTGAA |
| FALDH3A1-2 | GACCGCAAAGTAAAGGTTACGCAATTGGTT |
| FALDH3A1-3 | AGATGATCAACACGACCCCAATGGGATTC |
| FALDH3A2-1 | CCAGCATTAGCATATCTCCCAAGCAATAC |
| FALDH3A2-2 | TCATCGACTGTTGAAGCAAGCGACTTTGAC |
| FALDH3A2-3 | TCCACTTGTGCAATTGCGACATCGTGTACA |

Table S8. Primer sequences used for qRT-PCR

| Primers | Sequence (5'-3') |
|------------|-------------------------|
| 18s rRNA-F | CATGGCCGTTCTTAGTTGGT |
| 18s rRNA-R | ATTGCCTCAAACCTCCATCG |
| Q-EGFP-F | ATGTCTAAAGGTGAAGAATTATT |
| Q-EGFP-R | AACTGGCAATTTACCAGTA |
| Q-FAO1-F | GCTCCATTTTTGCCCCG |
| Q-FAO1-R | GGGTTTGGTGAATGTCC |
| Q-FAO2-F | AAGGAGGTAAGAAGTTGG |
| Q-FAO2-R | TGAACTTGGACCCGTG |
| Q-ADH1.3-F | TCAAGGGCTGGAAGGTG |
| Q-ADH1.3-R | TCCAAGCTGCCAAGATCC |
| Q-ADH4-F | GACGAAAGAGGAGTGTTTG |
| Q-ADH4-R | TATTCAACAGACTGGTTGATGG |

F: forward; R: reverse

Table S9. Calculation of green chemistry metrics.

| Name | Formula | Calculation |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Theoretical Atom Economy (%) | $\frac{MW \text{ of product}}{MW \text{ of reactant}} \times 100$ | $\text{CH}_3\text{-(CH}_2\text{)}_{10}\text{-CH}_3 + 2 \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{OH-CH}_2\text{-(CH}_2\text{)}_{10}\text{-COOH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ <p style="text-align: center;">MW:170.34 g/mol MW:31.99 g/mol MW:216.32 g/mol</p> $\frac{216.32}{234.32} \times 100 = 92.3\%$ |
| Experimental Atom Economy (%) | $\frac{\text{mass of product}}{\text{mass of reactant}} \times 100$ | $\frac{23.8}{300} \times 100 = 7.9\%$ |
| E-Factor | $\frac{\text{Mass of wastes (kg)}}{\text{Mass of Product (kg)}}$ | $= \frac{(0.3845 \text{ (chemicals)} \times 0.3 \text{ (dodecane)} \times 0.1278 \text{ (dry biomass)})}{0.0238 \text{ (HDA)}}$ $= 33.1 \%$ |
| Percentage Yield (%) | $\frac{\text{Actual yield}}{\text{Theoretical yield}} \times 100$ | $\frac{23.8}{1.761 \times 216.32} \times 100 = 6.25\%$ |

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