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(a)

AP50 (RBP_{AP50} protein P28)

Wip1 (RBP_{Wip} protein P23)

Matrix: EBLOSUM62; gap_penalty: 10.0; extend_penalty: 0.5; length: 151;
identity: 32/151 (21.2%); similarity:55/151 (36.4%); gaps: 52/151 (34.4%);
score: 56.5

AP50	1	MGLKKPS-----GAPFMSAQGESFVTIESQKSATLEINNLSFTPN	40
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Wip1	1	MGLKKPAVGGKRVAKGIGKPFQPQGSASWV-----VEVRGLSFKPS	41
AP50	41	MIVIR-CETQYGEVYQMTYHPFQMIYGINVTRGV---NVDKNRPTYLSND	86
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Wip1	42	VVATKPKKSQIDADY-----PYR-VGTVGIARTAFEPPLDEDLLNMINND	85
AP50	87	---SYG-LLTPSAKGFNAKLTPDTDIFRGSALFKWKAYYFPSVKEEAKEP	132
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Wip1	86	GDYSVGRVVTFYDDGFKIYLDKGNE-----QPWVAYE-----	117
AP50	133	F133	
Wip1	118	-117	

(b)

AP50 (protein P29)

Wip1 (protein P24)

Matrix: EBLOSUM62; gap_penalty: 10.0; extend_penalty: 0.5; length: 118;
identity: 60/118 (50.8%); similarity: 85/118 (72.0%); gaps: 0/118 (0.0%);
score: 324.0

AP50	1	MFVPLRIYYDKKTGLIIQYTGNGFDNNMIQAPTIEDDFTSYQSLNERVKE	50
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Wip1	1	MYVNKRIFYEKDTGIVVMVTGGFRDDWLHSHPTVQEDMAKYSVLAERVPD	50
AP50	51	TVGVIBLEQNQYKEELYKATNVTVDVKTKGQLMFDFTPPIVKKEIEBKKTLE	100
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Wip1	51	TLSMLELKEGTYEDEFKARSFKVDVKTNTIVDFDTPEDKKVEEKKTPE	100
AP50	101	QRITLVESTINDILLGGM	118
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Wip1	101	HRVTMVESAINDILLGGM	118

(c)

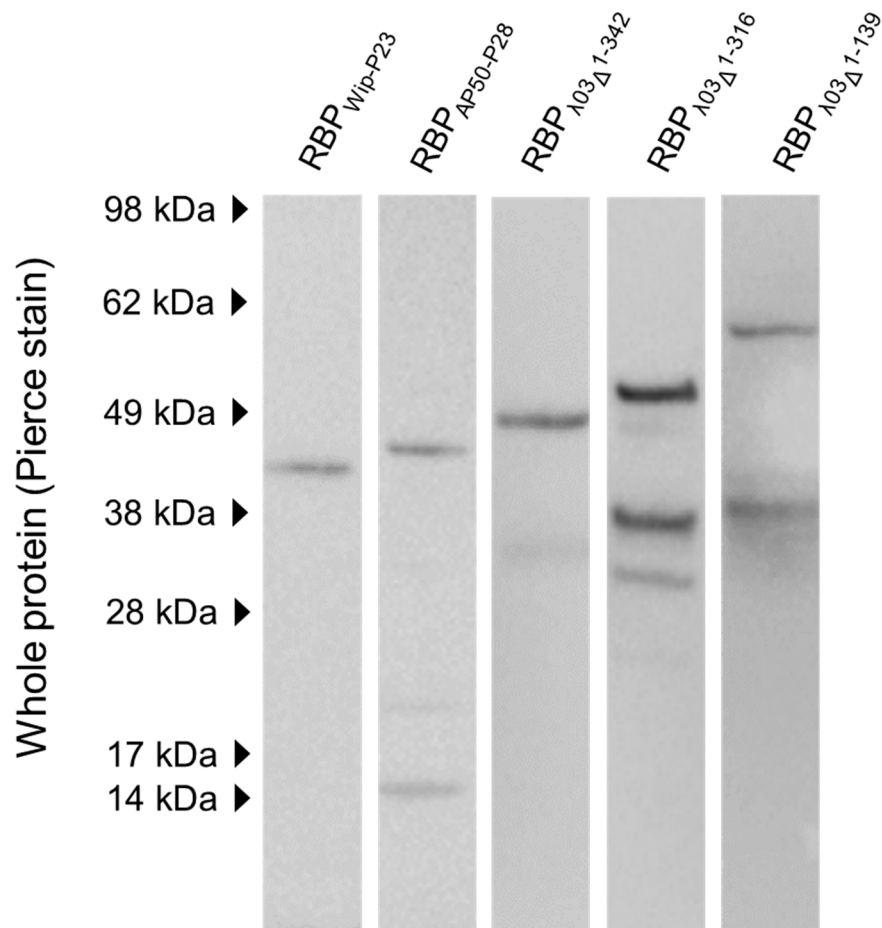
Lambda03 (RBP_{λ03Δ1-120})

Gamma (RBP_γ)

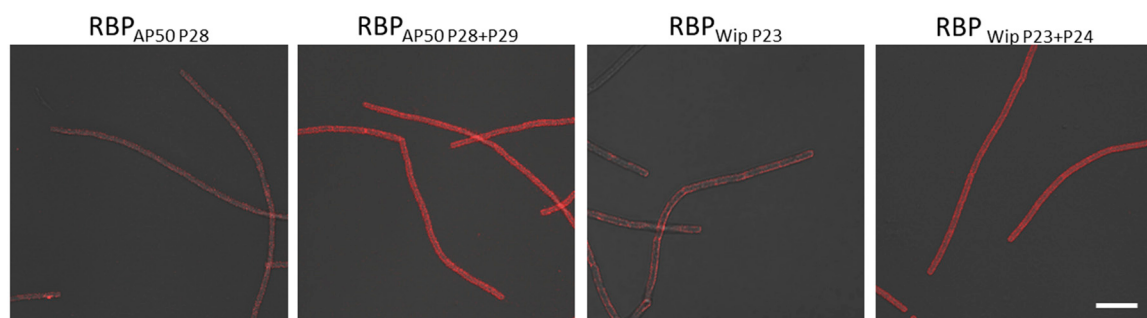
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Lambda03	1	-----mssfsfngerksyihiergwkrpiwaplrrnflsvpsypgarll	44
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Gamma	1	mvstlgklsftfnnirkdyiqmlvgrkrpswapvkrllrvvphragalll	50
Lambda03	45	ntqtemrvfsvpgiiaapsgv-dmkilsediaswlitdqpkelifdtepd	93
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Gamma	51	nteteerridvplvikakkdmdlqklkedladwlyteqpaelifddeld	100
Lambda03	94	rtylavvdeefdadefveigqgnlkfi[green]mpykgkkinthkftqewstet	143
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Gamma	101	rtylslidgsvdldelvnrkgvitfvcumpykgkkinthkftqewstet	150
Lambda03	144	tsfftnkgsveapaliemtvmkpsfldvwfgeyphnrdfyfrigyplte	193
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Gamma	151	tsyftnkgsveapaliemtvmkpsfldvwfgeyphnrdfyfrigyplte	200
Lambda03	194	ettvqerervmwdematpigwtpvtggqfddmkgtsfksrggyalyc[green]dy	243
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Gamma	201	ettvqerervmwdematpigwtpvtggqfeemkgtsfksrgghalycedy	250
Lambda03	244	gkevgfygaiakknipggplqdfemeawmtlksknigemgrvevllldea	293
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Gamma	251	gketgfygaiakknipggplqdfemeawvtlksknisemgrvevllldet	300
Lambda03	294	snvvarinmndlyataeitrahmk[green]gnsghpnsfrklvdtsgyysttfng	343
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Gamma	301	snvisrinmndlyataeitrahmtignsgtpnsfrklvdtsgfyysttfng	350
Lambda03	344	[green]frgrlriarrgkvsvvyvakfidgtekdgaslverwidetgnpmterkia	393
Gamma	351	frgrlriarrgkvsvvyvakfidgtekdgaslverwidetgnpmterkia	400
Lambda03	394	qvmiaickwdnhpvnneiqiddlkfwkvnkvpsnaqpyifdtgdkiuidt	443
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Gamma	401	qvmiaickwdnhqpinnemqiddlkiwkvkvpsnaqpyifdtgdkiuidt	450
Lambda03	444	ekslvtingknainikeifsnfpivirgenridimppdvnatysyreryr	493
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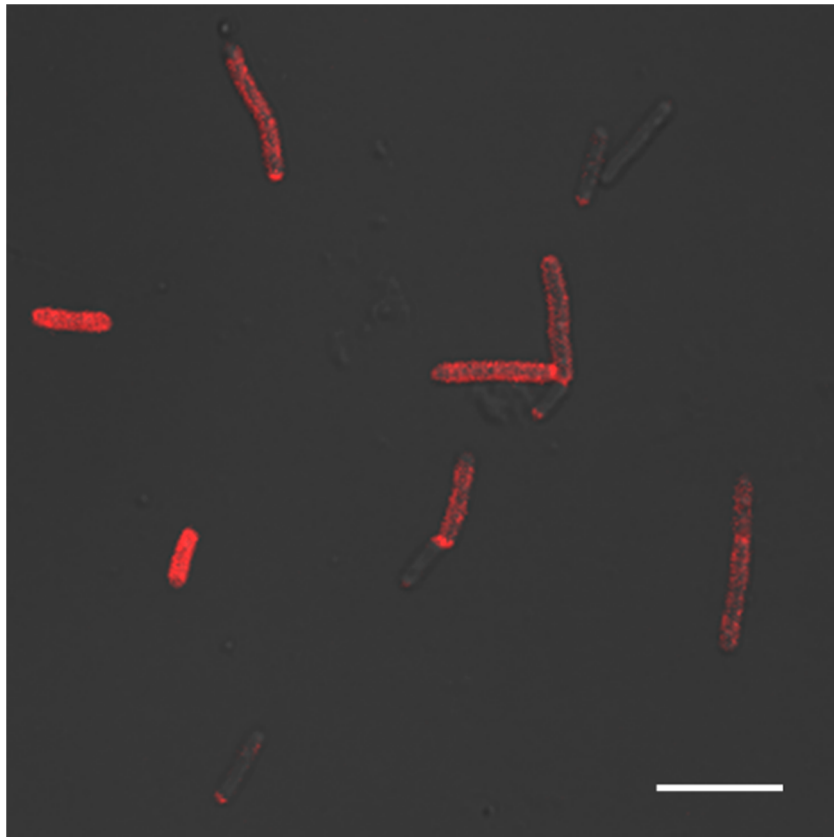
Supplementary Figure S1: Protein sequence alignments of RBP and accessory proteins of *Bacillus anthracis* phages Wip1 AP50 and prophage LambdaBa03. Alignments of RBP proteins and their putative chaperons. Shown are pair-wise amino acid residue sequence alignments (single letter code) of (a) RBP_{AP50} (protein P28) with RBP_{Wip1} (protein P23); of (b) the putative RBP chaperons P28 of phage Wip1 with P23 of phage AP50c, and of (c) RBP_{λ03Δ1-120} (protein BA4079) with RBP_γ (protein Gp14). Highlighted in green are starting positions of N-terminally truncated derivatives of RBP_{λ03}. Protein sequence alignments were performed with EMBOSS Needle using standard parameters [1].



Supplementary Figure S2: Pierce stain of heterologously produced additional or truncated RBP reporter fusions. SDS-PAGE with subsequent staining (Pierce stain) was carried out after transfer of proteins onto a nitrocellulose membrane. Expected sizes of mCherry RBP fusions are: RBP_{Wip-P23} 44 kDa, RBP_{AP50c-P28} 46 kDa, RBP_{λ03Δ1-342} 49 kDa, RBP_{λ03Δ1-316} 52 kDa, RBP_{λ03Δ1-139} 74 kDa. Letters indicate the size positions of the protein size marker (SeeBlue Plus2 prestained (ThermoFisher Scientific, Darmstadt, Germany)).



Supplementary Figure S3: Binding of different fluorescent RBP reporter fusions to *B. anthracis* cells. Cells of *B. anthracis* Sterne were incubated with RBP reporters (RBP_{AP50 P28}, RBP_{AP50 P28 +P29}, RBP_{Wip P23} or RBP_{Wip P23+P24}) and subjected to fluorescence microscopy. Representative micrographs were recorded as merged light and fluorescence channels. Scale bar: 10 μ m.



Supplementary Figure S4: Binding of RBP γ reporter to *B. cereus* ATCC4342 cells. *B. cereus* ATCC4342 was grown for 2-3 h, washed with HEPES-Ringer-buffer, mixed with RBP γ reporter, washed again to remove unbound RBP and subjected to fluorescence and bright-field microscopy. Scale bar: 10 μ m.

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