

**Table S1 – Characteristics of the oligonucleotides primers used in this study**

Name	Sequence (5'-3')	Purpose
pC and pC derivatives		
pC_Fw	TCATAAATTGCTTTAAGGCG	Forward (Fw) and reverse (Rv) primers for PCR amplification and DNA sequencing of the coding sequences cloned in pC
pC_Rv	GTGTAACAAGGGTGAACAC	
pFC1_Fw	GGCGACGTGCGTCCTCAAGC	Forward (Fw) and reverse (Rv) primers for PCR amplification and DNA sequencing of the coding sequences cloned in pC
pFC1_Rv	GTGTAACAAGGGTGAACAC	
pFC1_seq_rev_Theo	CGTTTCAGTTTGCTCATGGA	Forward (Fw) primer for PCR amplification and sequencing of inserts ( <i>prk gene</i> or <i>rbc operons</i> ) cloned in the pC vector.
Km_HincII_Fw	GGCGCTGAGGTCGACCTCGTGAAGAAG	Forward (Fw) and reverse (Rv) primers used for Km <sup>r</sup> cassette amplification and <i>HincII</i> restriction sites addition.
Km_HincII_Rv	ACCTGCAGGGGGTCGACGGAAGCCAC	
Mv13_Fw	GTAAAACGACGGCCAGT	Forward (Fw) and reverse (Rv) primers using for sequencing plasmids send by Twist Biosciences and verify the insertion of the Km <sup>r</sup> cassette in the good direction
Mv13_Rv	CAGGAAACAGCTATGAC	
Km1_Rv	ACGTTTCCCGTTGAATATGGCTC	
Amplification and cloning of <i>rbc</i> operon from various cyanobacteria in the pC vector		
rbcLXS_S6803_For(long)	GTACTACATATGGTACAAGCCAAAGCAGGGTTTAAGGC	Forward (Fw) and reverse (Rv) primers for PCR amplification of <i>rbcLXS</i> operon from S6803 and cloning as a <i>NdeI-EcoRI</i> DNA fragment in the pC vector
rbcLXS_S6803_Rev(long)	TACGTAGAATTCTTAGTAACGGCCTTGTTTGGTTGGGT	
rbcLXS_S7002_For(long)	GTACTACATATGGTTCAGACCAAATCTGCTGGGTTTAAT	Forward (Fw) and reverse (Rv) primers for PCR amplification of <i>rbcLXS</i> operon from S7002 and cloning as a <i>NdeI-PvuII</i> DNA fragment in the pCvector
rbcLXS_S7002_Rev(long)	TACGTACAGCTGTTAGTAACGGGTTTGTTGGGCTTGTAAC	
rbcLS_S7942_For	GTACTACATATGCCCAAGACGCAATCT	Forward (Fw) and reverse (Rv) primers for PCR amplification of of <i>rbcLS</i> operon from S7942 and cloning as a <i>NdeI-PvuII</i> DNA fragment in the pCvector
rbcLS_S7942_Rev	TACGTACAGCTGTTAGTAGCGGCCGGGACG	
rbcC7425_For	GTACTACTCGAGATGTCCTACGCTCAAACA	Forward (Fw) and reverse (Rv) primers for PCR amplification of of <i>rbcLS</i> operon from C7425 and cloning as a <i>XhoI-PvuII</i> DNA fragment in the pCvector
rbcC7425_Rev	TACGTATCCGGATTAGTAGCGATAGCCAC	
pFC1_RbcS6803(rv_intra)	TAATTGGTAAATTGCTGTGCG	Reverse (Rv) primer for sequencing of the <i>rbcLXS</i> operon from S6803 cloned in the pC vector

pFC1_RbcS7002(rv_intra	AGCTGCTGACTAATTAGACG	Reverse (Rv) primer for sequencing of the <i>rbcLXS</i> operon from S7002 cloned in the pC vector
pFC1_RbcS7942(rv_intra	ATGTGCCACACGTGGATAC	Reverse (Rv) primer for sequencing of the <i>rbcLS</i> operon from S7942 cloned in the pC vector
pFC1_RbcC7425(rv_intra)	TGGTTGTATCTTTGGATATT	Reverse (Rv) primer for sequencing of the <i>rbcLS</i> operon from C7425 cloned in the pC vector
Amplification and cloning in the pC of phosphoribulokinase encoding gene		
PRK_C7425_Fwd	GTACTACATATGACCTCTAAGCCAGACCGT	Forward (Fw) and reverse (Rv) primers for PCR amplification of <i>prk</i> gene from C7425 and cloning as a <i>NdeI-EcoRI</i> DNA fragment in the pC vector
PRK_C7425_Rev	TACGTAGAATTCTCTACACCACAGCGGGTTC	
Construction of the pCFS-CrtE plasmids		
CrtE6803_XhoI_Fwd	AATGGTCACTCGAG <u>AGGAGA</u> ACAGCTATGGTTGCCCAACAAACAG	Forward primer for amplification of <i>crtE</i> from S.6803 and cloning downstream the stop codon of the FS gene in the pCFS (Table S1). Addition of a <i>XhoI</i> site (bold) and a RBS (underlined) before the start codon
CrtE6803_EcoRI_Rev	TTATCTCCGGAATTC <u>TCA</u> ATATTTTCTGGCAACAATATATTCGG	Reverse primer for amplification of <i>crtE</i> from S.6803 and cloning downstream the FS gene in the pCFS (Table S1). Addition of an <i>EcoRI</i> site (bold) after the stop codon (underlined)
CrtE6803_int_Rev	TCAAACGCATAGGCTAGCAG	Reverse primer to verify the <i>FScrtE</i> operon
CrtE7002_XhoI_Fwd	TTTCCAAACTCGAG <u>AGGAGA</u> ACAGCTATGGTAGTTGCAGACG	Forward primer for amplification of <i>crtE</i> from S.7002 and cloning downstream the stop codon of the FS gene in the pCFS (Table S1). Addition of a <i>XhoI</i> site (bold) and a RBS (underlined) before the start codon
CrtE7002_EcoRI_Rev	TTGGCACTGAATTC <u>TTA</u> GTTTTTACGGTTAACGATGTATTCC	Reverse primer for amplification of <i>crtE</i> from S.7002 and cloning downstream the FS gene in the pCFS (Table S1). Addition of an <i>EcoRI</i> site (bold) after the stop codon (underlined)
CrtE7002_int_Rev	TTCTACGGCAACATCGGTTT	Reverse primer to verify the <i>FscrtE</i> operon
FS_Fwd2	TTGCTCCGCGCGAGTTACAT	Forward primers to verify the <i>FscrtE</i> operon
FS_Fwd3	CCAAGGCCGTGATATGTTGA	
FS_Fwd4	AGTAATGCGTACCGTACTGG	
Construction of pCLS-CrtE plasmids		
CrtE6803_EcoRI_Fwd	AATGGTGAATTCAG <u>AGGAGA</u> ACAGCTATGGTTGCCCAACAAAC	Forward primer for amplification of <i>crtE</i> from S.6803 and cloning downstream the stop codon of the LS gene in the pCLS (Table S1).

		Addition of a <i>Eco</i> RI site (bold) and a RBS (underlined) before the start codon
CrtE6803_AclI_Rev	GTCCATCGTTACGGAACGTT <u>CA</u> ATATTTTCTGGCAACAA	Reverse primer for amplification of <i>crtE</i> from S.6803 and cloning downstream the FS gene in the pCLS (Table S1). Addition of an <i>Ac</i> I site (bold) after the stop codon (underlined)
CrtE7002_EcoRI_Fwd	AATGGTGAATTCAG <u>AGG</u> AGAACAGCTATGGTAGTTGCAGACGCTCA	Forward primer for amplification of <i>crtE</i> from S.6803 and cloning downstream the stop codon of the LS gene in the pCLS (Table S1). Addition of a <i>Eco</i> RI site (bold) and a RBS (underlined) before the start codon
CrtE7002_AclI_Rev	GTCCCTCGTTACGGAACGTTT <u>TA</u> GTTTTTACGGTTAACGATGTATTCC	Reverse primer for amplification of <i>crtE</i> from S.7002 and cloning downstream the FS gene in the pCLS (Table S1). Addition of an <i>Ac</i> I site (bold) after the stop codon (underlined)
LS_Fwd3	TGTCCGATTATAATGCCTCCG	Forward (Fw) and reverse (Rev) primers for amplification of the LS part of <i>LscrtE</i> operon
Pr_LS_Rev	cctgcaggtcTTAAGCAAAGGGCTCAAAC	
Deletion of <i>phaAB</i> in <i>Synechocystis</i> PCC 6803		
phaAB_Fw	GCATCCCATTGGAGCGTCG	Forward (Fw) and reverse (Rv) primers used to monitor the segregation of $\Delta$ <i>phaAB::Km<sup>R</sup></i> chromosome in <i>Synechocystis</i> PCC 6803
phaAB_Rv	CCCAGGGCTTCAGTATTACC	
Deletion of CrtR in <i>Synechocystis</i> PCC 6803		
crtR_Fw	CGTCAATACACCATCTGGCT	Forward (Fw) and reverse (Rv) primers used to monitor the segregation of $\Delta$ <i>crt::Km<sup>R</sup></i> chromosome in <i>Synechocystis</i> PCC 6803
crtR_Rw	GTGTTGATCTCCTTGATTGG	
Deletion of <i>cruF</i> in <i>Synechocystis</i> PCC 6803		
cruF_Fw	ATAGCGAGCTTGTCGTGCCA	Forward (Fw) and reverse (Rv) primers used to monitor the segregation of $\Delta$ <i>cruF::Km<sup>R</sup></i> chromosome in <i>Synechocystis</i> PCC 6803
cruF_Rv	CCACCTGGGACTCGCCAATA	
Deletion of <i>ccmK</i> genes in <i>Synechocystis</i> PCC 6803		
CcmK3 FW	GGCTGGCCACCATAGCG	Forward (Fw) and reverse (Rv) primers used to monitor the segregation of $\Delta$ <i>ccmK3K4::Km<sup>R</sup></i> chromosome in <i>Synechocystis</i> PCC 6803
CcmK4 rev	GTAACCCACCTTATCTCG	

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