

1 **Bacterium-triggered remodeling of chromatin identifies BasR, a novel regulator of fungal**
2 **natural product biosynthesis**

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46 **Abstract**

47 Fungi produce numerous secondary metabolites (SMs), which possess various functions *e.g.*
48 as communication signals during coexistence with other microorganisms. Many SM
49 biosynthesis gene clusters are silent under standard laboratory conditions because their
50 environmental or developmental triggers are unknown. Previously, we discovered that the
51 silent orsellinic acid (*ors*) gene cluster in the filamentous fungus *Aspergillus nidulans* is
52 activated upon interaction with the bacterium *Streptomyces rapamycinicus* and that this
53 induction is dependent on the GcnE lysine-acetyltransferase catalyzing histone H3
54 acetylation. Here, we report a genome-wide analysis of chromatin acetylation changes
55 during this interaction and relate these to changes in the fungal transcriptome. Our results
56 reveal that only a functional interaction with *S. rapamycinicus* changes the chromatin
57 landscape and activates amino acid cross-pathway control in the fungus. We identified the
58 Myb-like transcription factor BasR as novel regulator required for bacteria-triggered SM
59 production and show that its function is conserved in other *Aspergillus* species.

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70 Introduction

71 Recent advances in sequencing and mining of genomes have revealed the great potential of
72 fungi to produce a plethora of novel secondary metabolites (SMs) (Wiemann and Keller,
73 2014, Macheleidt et al., 2016). These metabolites, also referred to as natural products, are
74 low-molecular mass molecules of diverse chemical structures often with pharmacological
75 relevance like antibiotics or cholesterol-lowering agents (Brakhage, 2013). However, the
76 actual number of identified natural products is low when compared to the computationally
77 identified SM gene clusters (SMCs) (Netzker et al., 2015). Many SMs are supposed to
78 function as info-chemicals for the communication between species (Brakhage, 2013), as
79 antimicrobials for the defense against competitors in the habitat (Keller, 2015) or as
80 pathogenicity factors directed against host defense (Stack et al., 2007, Kazan et al., 2012). In
81 the last decade an increasing number of studies have concentrated on fungal co-cultivation
82 to allow for the identification of new metabolites (Scherlach and Hertweck, 2009). As an
83 example, pestalone, an antibiotic active against methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*
84 and vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus faecium*, was initially identified in a mixed
85 fermentation of *Pestalotia* sp. and an unidentified bacterium of the genus *Thalassopia* sp.
86 (CNJ-328) (Cueto et al., 2001). Previously, we showed that during co-cultivation of the
87 fungus *Aspergillus nidulans* with a single bacterium identified from more than 50 species,
88 *i.e.*, *Streptomyces rapamycinicus*, the cryptic orsellinic acid (*ors*) gene cluster was activated
89 (Schroeckh et al., 2009). Further results indicated that the bacterium caused increased
90 acetylation of histone H3 lysine (K) 9 and 14 at the *ors* cluster genes leading to their
91 activation (Nützmann et al., 2011). In line, the exchange of lysine 14 to arginine, mimicking a
92 hypoacetylated lysine residue, drastically reduced the production of orsellinic acid
93 (Nützmann et al., 2013). The deletion of the gene coding for the lysine-acetyltransferase

94 (KAT also HAT) *gcnE* confirmed that the activation of the *ors* gene cluster is mediated by
95 acetylation (Nützmann et al., 2011).

96 GcnE is part of the SAGA complex, which is highly conserved throughout eukaryotes.
97 Depending on the species, SAGA consists of about 20 subunits with different functions
98 (Baker and Grant, 2007). GcnE is responsible for the transfer of an acetyl group from acetyl-
99 CoA to proteins like histones (Downey et al., 2015). Interestingly, GcnE of *A nidulans* is also
100 essential for the production of the mycotoxin sterigmatocystin and the antibiotic penicillin as
101 well as for conidiophore formation, indicating a role as global regulator of both secondary
102 metabolism and development (Nützmann et al., 2011, Nützmann et al., 2013, Cánovas et al.,
103 2014). The homologue for GcnE in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is Gcn5, which was first
104 identified as major regulator of the cross-pathway control system. Due to its identification in
105 a mutant (aas) sensitive against an amino acid analogue, it was originally named AAS104
106 (Penn et al., 1983). The fungal cross-pathway control system mediates the cross regulation
107 of amino acid biosyntheses upon starvation for distinct amino acids (Krappmann and Braus,
108 2005).

109 The specific cross-domain microbial interaction between a eukaryotic microorganism
110 (fungus) and a bacterium analyzed here, provides an excellent model to elucidate the
111 underlying molecular mechanisms during microbial communication. In order to obtain a
112 holistic view on the fungal bacterial interaction, and discover the molecular elements
113 involved, we employed a genome-wide chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) analysis
114 during co-cultivation. This led to the discovery of major changes in the chromatin landscape
115 triggered by the bacterium and the identification of BasR as the key regulatory node for
116 integrating bacterial signals leading to regulation of SM gene clusters
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118 **Results**

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120 **Genome-wide profiles of H3K9 and H3K14 acetylation in *A. nidulans* change upon co-**
121 **cultivation with *S. rapamycinicus***

122 *A. nidulans* with and without *S. rapamycinicus* was analyzed for enrichment of acetylated
123 (ac) histone H3 at lysines K9 and K14. For each condition, we performed ChIP-seq analyses
124 on three independent biological replicates (Fig. 1; supplementary results) and investigated
125 the genome-wide H3K9 and H3K14 chromatin landscape of *A. nidulans* (for details see
126 supplementary results). The first examination of data indicated a significant proportion of
127 co-incubated library reads (~ 80 %) originated from *S. rapamycinicus*. To account for those
128 reads a fused genome containing the *A. nidulans* and the *S. rapamycinicus* genomes serving
129 as our reference for mapping were constructed (see methods & supplemental results). By
130 applying a fused genome we could quantify the relative library proportions which amounted
131 to 8-17 % of H3, H3K14ac and H3K9ac as well as a staggering ~80 % for background reads of
132 co-incubated libraries mapped to *S. rapamycinicus* (Table S1). However, the background
133 read proportions might not necessarily reflect actual gDNA ratios of both species in the co-
134 cultivation due to various potential biases. To examine read distribution for each library, we
135 counted mapped reads within equally spaced bins along the fused genome for different
136 resolutions (see methods and Fig. 1 A & B). As expected, background reads (Fig. 1 A, panel 1)
137 were evenly distributed across the genome reflecting nonspecific targeting of particular
138 areas. The fused genome further enabled for easily controlling of correct co-incubation since
139 no reads should be mapping to *S. rapamycinicus* in non-co-incubated samples as can be seen
140 in Fig. 1 in panels 2-4 (blue lines). Further, there were coverage dips in the middle of the

141 chromosomes (see Fig. 1 A, panels 1-5), which were most likely due to incomplete assembly
142 around the centromers masked by long 'N' stretches (Ekblom and Wolf, 2014).
143 H3K14ac and H3K9ac showed a higher degree of variability across the genome compared to
144 H3 implying a more specific regulatory dynamics by histone acetylation than through H3
145 localization. Some areas such as a region on the first half on chromosome 4 are particularly
146 enriched in those marks, potentially marking distinctive chromatin domains. Since gene
147 density also varies across the genome (Fig. 1 A panel 5), we addressed the question whether
148 this correlates with the intensity of the investigated chromatin states. Calculated spearman
149 correlation (for details see supplementary results) showed almost no correlation between
150 the background and the genes. A domain particularly enriched for H3K9ac was found around
151 the *ors* gene cluster (Fig. 2), thus supporting our previous data by Nützmänn et al. (2011).
152 The slight increase in H3K14ac at these promoters is apparently not seen because we only
153 considered about 2 nucleosomes (Fig. 2) in contrast to the whole promoter areas in Fig. 1.
154 However, the distribution of H3K14ac clearly changed during co-cultivation as seen in the
155 IGB genome browser screen shot (Fig. 1 C) which visualizes the specific location of
156 acetylations and histone H3 in this cluster. Again, increase of H3K9ac intensity was more
157 pronounced than H3K14ac, although also clearly detectable, compared to modifications at
158 genes, which are not induced by the streptomycete with particularly strong enrichment of
159 both modifications at the *orsD* promoter. Unmodified H3 is strongly depleted throughout
160 the cluster, especially at the *orsA* and *orsD* translation start sites (TSS).

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162 **Chromatin profiles at translation start sites and translation termination sites**

163 Having analyzed the genome-wide distribution we next set out to assess the location of
164 H3K9ac, H3K14ac and histone H3 relative to promoters and gene bodies by plotting the

165 average read count frequency for all genes to either the TSS or the translation termination
166 site (TTS) (Fig. 3 A and B) (Yu et al., 2015). Note, due to missing information about the 5' and
167 3' transcriptional start and stop sites we used translation for transcription start and stop
168 sites as surrogates. The results obtained apply to both *A. nidulans* with and without
169 bacterium. H3K9ac and H3K14ac showed highest enrichment for the first and second
170 nucleosomes up- and downstream of the TSS and drastic reduction downstream of the third
171 nucleosome after the TSS (Fig. 3 A and B). Reduced occupancy of unmodified histone H3 was
172 observed at the TSS (Kaplan et al., 2010). Towards the 3' end of genes, histone H3 occupancy
173 gradually increased, which was accompanied by a decrease in acetylation. Plotting of
174 differentially acetylated H3K9ac against H3K14ac showed a strong correlation between the
175 localization of the two modifications (Fig. 4 A). Acetylation is generally described as an
176 transcription activating mark (Gacek and Strauss, 2012). To test for this general assumption
177 we correlated our acetylation data to microarray data generated under the same condition
178 by Nützmänn et al. (2011) (Fig. 4 B). Thereby, log-fold changes (LFCs) of the differential
179 chromatin states were compared with the LFCs retrieved from the RNA expression data.
180 H3K9ac correlates to the differentially expressed genes with a confidence of 0.2 in contrast
181 to H3K14ac (-0.05) and histone H3 (-0.01) for which no detectable dependency was
182 determined (Fig. S1, S2). To visualize the deviation of acetylation at the TSS and the TTS
183 according to the grade of expression of the genes, we separated the differentially expressed
184 genes into four quartiles (q1 lower 25 %, q2 the medium lower 25 – 50 %, q3 are the
185 medium higher 50-75 %, q4 higher 25 %). The increase of acetylation at the TSS correlated
186 with the expression level of genes (Fig. S3, S4 A & C). Decreased expression coincided with
187 an increase of histone H3 at the TSS (Fig. S4 E).

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189 **Co-cultivation of *A. nidulans* with *S. rapamycinicus* had a major impact on SM gene**
190 **clusters, nitrogen assimilation and mitochondrial activity**

191 We employed two strategies to determine changes of histone modification levels. The first
192 analysis was based on the finding that histone acetylation can mostly be found on histones
193 within a gene, in particular on nucleosomes +1 and +2 (Jiang and Pugh, 2009) (Fig. 3 A). We
194 therefore counted mapped reads in between gene boundaries for each library as basis for a
195 quantitative comparison between mono- and co-cultivation using standard methods for
196 sequencing data (see methods). Throughout this study, we refer to this method as
197 differential chromatin state (DCS) analysis. The second analysis was based on a first round of
198 peak-calling and subsequent quantification of the peaks. Comparison of the generated data
199 sets showed 84 ± 1.7 % similarity. The data obtained from the gene-based DCS method were
200 used for further analysis and comparison of the culture conditions using an FDR cut-off of
201 0.01. This does not include further filtering on the LFC to capture possible biological
202 relevance of the detection changes. DCS analysis of H3, as a proxy for nucleosome
203 occupancy, was found to be lower (FDR < 0.01) in four genes during co-cultivation. Using the
204 same cut-off, H3K14ac levels were found to be lower for 154 genes and higher for 104 genes
205 (Table 1). Most genes showed differential acetylation for H3K9ac with 297 being significantly
206 lower and 593 being significantly higher. Gene expression according to the microarray data
207 showed correlation with H3K9 acetylation. Therefore, a list of genes obtained from H3K9ac
208 DCS analysis was collated showing a high correlation with gene expression. Data for a
209 selection of genes is summarized in Table 1 showing LFCs of H3K9ac ChIP-seq with their
210 corresponding microarray data. In total, histones belonging to six SM gene clusters showed
211 higher acetylation including the *ors*, aspercryptin, cichorin, sterigmatocystin (*stc*), anthrones
212 (*mdp*) and 2,4-dihydroxy-3-methyl-6-(2-oxopropyl)benzaldehyde (DHMBA) gene cluster with

213 the emericellamide (*eas*) cluster being the only one with reduced acetylation and
214 expression (Table 1). Genes covered by much higher acetylated histone H3 displayed
215 functions in calcium signaling and asexual development with a few exceptions. A major
216 group of genes with lower acetylation is linked to the fungal nitrogen metabolism including
217 genes for the utilization of primary and secondary nitrogen sources such as genes of the
218 nitrate-assimilation gene cluster and the glutamine dehydrogenase gene (Fig. 5 & Fig. 6 A).
219 These data were verified by quantifying the expression of affected genes by qRT-PCR (Fig. 6
220 B). The majority of the selected genes were lower transcribed in mixed cultivation compared
221 to monoculture of *A. nidulans*. Furthermore, genes annotated with mitochondrial function
222 showed decreased acetylation of H3K9. Constrained mitochondrial activity should alter the
223 metabolic state of a cell. Therefore, we measured the latter in the fungus with an assay
224 based on the reduction of resazurin to the highly fluorescent dye resorufin, which indicates
225 the respiratory activity of a cell. The fungus alone showed a high metabolic activity, which
226 was significantly reduced in co-cultivation (Fig. 6 C). Axenic cultivation of *S. rapamycinicus*
227 and treatment of *A. nidulans* behaved similar to the AMM control (Fig. 6 C).

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229 **Bacteria induce the fungal cross-pathway control**

230 A number of genes related to amino acid metabolism including the cross-pathway
231 controlling gene *cpcA* showed increased acetylation for H3K9 during co-cultivation of *A.*
232 *nidulans* with *S. rapamycinicus*. Therefore, the expression level of *cpcA* and *jlbA* (jun-like-
233 bZIP), both highly expressed during amino acid starvation, was studied. qRT-PCR analysis
234 showed up-regulation of *cpcA* and *jlbA* upon co-cultivation of the fungus with the bacterium
235 (Fig. 7 A). These data implied that the increased expression of *cpcA* and other genes involved
236 in amino acid biosynthesis was due to a depletion of amino acids in the cell. Therefore, we

237 measured the internal amino acid pool in *A. nidulans* both grown alone and with *S.*
238 *rapamycinicus* (Fig. 7 C). As a control, the fungus was co-cultivated with *Streptomyces*
239 *lividans*, which does not induce the *ors* gene cluster. As shown in Fig. 7C, significantly
240 reduced levels of glutamine, histidine, phenylalanine, asparagine, threonine and reduced
241 metabolism of arginine, which was supplemented to the medium, were observed. The
242 monoculture of *A. nidulans*, a co-cultivation of *A. nidulans* with *S. lividans* as well as the
243 addition of *S. rapamycinicus* after 24 h of fungal cultivation served as controls. All of the
244 controls showed similar amino acid levels. Subsequently, we tested whether orsellinic acid
245 production can be artificially induced *via* the addition of the histidine analogon 3-
246 aminotriazole (3-AT), which is known to induce the cross-pathway control by amino acid
247 starvation. As shown in Fig. 7 B, addition of 3-AT to *A. nidulans* monoculture led to
248 production of orsellinic and lecanoric acid.

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250 **The transcription factor BasR is the central regulatory node of bacteria-triggered SM gene** 251 **cluster regulation**

252 The lack of a transcription factor-encoding gene in the *ors* gene cluster and the deregulation
253 of amino acid biosynthesis during the interaction indicated that transcription factors of the
254 cross-pathway control system, such as *cpcA*, might be involved in regulation of the *ors* gene
255 cluster. However, deletion of the *cpcA* gene in *A. nidulans* showed no effect on the induction
256 of the *ors* gene cluster in response to *S. rapamycinicus* (Fig. S5). Further transcription factors
257 found in *S. cerevisiae* to be involved in amino acid regulation are Bas1 and Bas2 (Springer et
258 al., 1996, Valerius et al., 2003). Two genes were identified in the *A. nidulans* genome
259 (AN7174 & AN8377) encoding putative orthologues of the *S. cerevisiae bas1* (Fig. S6). Both
260 genes code for Myb-like transcription factors whose function in filamentous fungi is

261 unknown. For *bas2* there seems to be no existing orthologue in *A. nidulans*. We compared
262 the H3K9 acetylation and gene expression of both genes upon co-cultivation. As the gene
263 *AN7174* showed higher H3K9 acetylation (LFC = 0.6) and drastically increased transcription
264 (LFC = 57.8) in response to the bacterium, we decided to use it for further analyses and
265 named it *basR*. A *basR* deletion strain was generated by replacing the ORF of *basR* with the
266 *argB* cassette (Fig. S7 A). Expression of selected *ors* genes in the deletion strain compared to
267 the wild-type strain was analyzed by qRT-PCR analysis (Fig. 8 A). In the *basR* deletion
268 mutant, the *ors* genes were not activated by the bacterium, which was also illustrated by the
269 lack of production of both orsellinic and lecanoric acid (Fig. 8 B). While the addition of 3-AT
270 to monocultures of *A. nidulans* led to the production of orsellinic acid and derivatives
271 thereof, the *basR* deletion mutant strain did not produce orsellinic acid upon addition of 3-
272 AT (Fig. 7 B). Inspection of the *basR* mutant on agar plates did not reveal further obvious
273 phenotypes (data not shown). To further substantiate the influence of *basR* on the *ors* gene
274 cluster we generated a *basR* overexpression strain (Fig. S7 B) using the inducible *tet^{On}* system
275 (Helmschrott et al., 2013). Addition of doxycycline to the media induced *basR* expression as
276 well as the expression of the *ors* gene cluster. Consistently, orsellinic and lecanoric acid were
277 detected by HPLC analysis (Fig. 8 B). To address the question whether other SM biosyntheses
278 are regulated by BasR we searched for other metabolites. Obvious candidates were the
279 emericellamides, as the acetylation of the corresponding gene cluster was decreased during
280 co-cultivation (Table 1). This finding was perfectly mirrored when we applied MALDI-mass
281 spectrometry (MS) Imaging which showed reduced levels of emericellamides in *basR*
282 overproducing colonies of *A. nidulans* and in co-grown colonies compared to colonies
283 without the streptomycete (Fig. 8 C).

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285 **BasR is functionally conserved in other fungal species**

286 To address the question whether *basR* homologues exist in other fungi and whether
287 potential homologues have similar functions, we analyzed fungal genomes using BlastP.
288 Surprisingly, obvious *basR* homologues are only present in two other fungi, *i.e.*, *Aspergillus*
289 *sydowii* and *Aspergillus versicolor*, but are apparently lacking in others (Fig. S6). Interestingly,
290 in both fungi a gene cluster identical to the *ors* gene cluster of *A. nidulans* was also identified
291 (Fig. 9 A). To analyze the function of the *A. sydowii basR* gene we overexpressed the gene in
292 *A. sydowii* using the *tet^{On}* system (Fig. S8) and analyzed by LC-MS the appearance of novel
293 masses. As shown in Figure 9 B, overexpression of *basR* led to the production of orsellinic
294 acid derivatives. Co-cultivation of *A. sydowii* with *S. rapamcinicus* demonstrated that the
295 fungal *ors* gene cluster is in fact also activated by the bacterium, again linking BasR with
296 bacteria-triggered induction of orsellinic acid production.

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298 **Discussion**

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300 **Chromatin landscape of *A. nidulans* defined by H3K9 and K14 acetylation**

301 In addition to transcriptome and proteome analyses, this first analysis of the chromatin
302 landscape of a eukaryotic microorganism influenced by a bacterium adds important
303 information on the specific interaction between (micro)organisms. Here, we report the
304 chromatin landscape in the fungus *A. nidulans* upon co-cultivation with *S. rapamycinicus* by
305 genome-wide ChIP-seq analysis of acetylated histone H3 (H3K9ac, H3K14ac) and the
306 quantification of H3. In an attempt to characterize the general distribution of nucleosomes
307 and acetylation marks over the genome we compared the intensity of chromatin states with
308 gene density. A lower gene density was typically found in heterochromatic regions such as

309 the centromeres and telomeres creating a repressing environment (Allshire and Ekwall,
310 2015). We found reduced H3 occupancy in heterochromatic regions indicating either
311 replacement of H3 by the centromere-specific H3, CENP-A or reduced nucleosome
312 occupancy (Smith et al., 2011, Allshire and Ekwall, 2015).

313 We observed distinct peaks for H3K9ac in *A. nidulans* grown in co-culture with *S.*
314 *rapamycinicus*. One of the areas with the highest increase in H3K9ac was the *ors* gene
315 cluster. Hence, this data nicely confirm our previous findings of increased acetylation of
316 H3K9 and H3K14 of the *ors* genes during the interaction of *A. nidulans* with the bacterium *S.*
317 *rapamycinicus* (Fig. 10). Previous ChIP qRT-PCR experiments indicated a distinct increase of
318 H3K9ac inside the cluster borders, which did not expand to neighboring genes (Nützmänn et
319 al., 2011). By contrast, the H3K14ac modification seemed to be of a more global nature and
320 not exclusively confined to specific regions such as the *ors* gene cluster. These conclusions
321 were confirmed here by the pattern detected in the genome-wide ChIP data, showing no
322 spreading of H3K9ac to genes adjacent to the *ors* gene cluster which also demonstrates the
323 quality of the genome-wide ChIP data generated here. Furthermore, these results are also
324 consistent with our previous finding, showing reduced expression of SM cluster genes as a
325 consequence of lacking H3K14 acetylation (Nützmänn et al., 2013). In contrast to H3K14ac,
326 H3K9ac is less uniformly distributed over the genome but only shows strong enrichment at
327 promoters of certain genes. Especially high levels of acetylation can be found at *orsA* and the
328 bidirectional promoter of *orsD* and *orsE*. This observation was recently confirmed by the
329 finding that H3ac and H3K4me3 were increased at the *orsD* gene only when the *ors* cluster
330 was transcriptionally active (Gacek-Matthews et al., 2016).

331 The number of genes within an SM cluster decorated with activating chromatin marks seems
332 to vary considerably between species and histone modifications. For example, ChIP-seq

333 analysis of H3K9ac in *Fusarium fujikuroi* did not show any difference in the degree of
334 acetylation of the gibberellin and the bikaverin cluster genes (Studt et al., 2013). In the
335 gibberellin cluster only a subset of genes showed methylation of the H3K4 residue
336 (Wiemann et al., 2013). H3K9ac on the other hand was evenly distributed over promoter
337 areas of PKS19, gibberellin, bikaverin and apicidin-like cluster genes (Wiemann et al., 2013).
338 We also assessed the distribution of H3K9ac and H3K14ac as well as the C-terminus of H3
339 (H3Cterm) at the TSS and TTS. For H3K9, an enrichment of acetylation ~500 bp downstream
340 of the TSS as well as immediately upstream of the TSS was observed. This was expected as
341 similar results were obtained with an antibody targeting the acetylated N-terminus of
342 histone H3 in *A. nidulans* (Gacek-Matthews et al., 2016) and other fungi such as *S. cerevisiae*
343 and *Cryptococcus neoformans* (Haynes et al., 2011, Mews et al., 2014). Increased acetylation
344 coincides with reduced levels of H3 around the TSS, which is most likely due to a depletion of
345 nucleosomes at the promoter. The profile plots for H3K14 acetylation are similar, although
346 not as highly enriched around the TSS as H3K9 (Fig. S3). As expected, a comparison of LFCs
347 for both modifications showed high similarity suggesting that they are established
348 interdependently (Gacek and Strauss, 2012, Waters et al., 2015). At the 3' end of the ORF,
349 H3 density drastically increased accompanied by reduced levels of H3K9ac and H3K14ac (Fig.
350 S4). Likewise, reduced acetylation at the TTS was observed in *A. nidulans* (Gacek-Matthews
351 et al., 2016) and *S. cerevisiae* (Mews et al., 2014). It is interesting to notice, that the increase
352 in nucleosome density directly correlated with a decrease in the gene expression rate (Fig.
353 S4 E). Previous studies suggested a direct correlation between the presence of nucleosomes
354 and the stalling of RNA II polymerase (Grosso et al., 2012). Thereby, the increased
355 integration of nucleosomes behind the poly(A) site led to pausing of the RNA polymerase
356 resulting in the termination of transcription (Grosso et al., 2012).

357 **Increased gene expression directly correlates with histone H3K9 acetylation**

358 Acetylation is generally regarded as an activating chromatin mark promoting transcription of
359 eukaryotic genes (Bannister and Kouzarides, 2011). The acetylation of H3K9 and expression
360 of genes directly correlated when we compared data from this study with microarray data
361 obtained by Nützmann et al. (2011) (Fig. S1, S2). A similar finding was reported for other
362 fungi (Wiemann et al., 2013). However, this was not observed for acetylation of H3K14,
363 which could partly result from the low number of targets with this modification. By contrast,
364 analysis of gene promoters showed a distinct increase of H3K14ac at the TSS in dependence
365 on the average transcription level (Fig. S4 C). The low correlation between active gene
366 transcription and acetylation at H3K14 confirmed earlier results obtained by our group.
367 Previously, we showed that a mimicry of a hypo-acetylated lysine 14 on histone H3
368 drastically altered the phenotype and the expression of SM gene clusters in this strain
369 (Nützmann et al., 2013). This effect, however, was overcome when later time points of
370 cultivation were considered. Taken together, the primary location at the TSS and the major
371 defect in SM production at earlier stages indicate a role for H3K14ac in transcriptional
372 initiation. Furthermore, hyper-acetylation at H3K14 could be relevant for marking active
373 genes and providing a docking site for regulatory proteins. The low correlation of gene
374 expression and H3 acetylation might be explained by a greater spatial phasing rather than
375 strong changes in the level of H3K14ac. However, at this stage also different specificity of the
376 antibodies resulting in the shown acetylation profiles for both modifications cannot be
377 excluded.

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381 ***S. rapamycinicus* silences fungal nitrogen metabolism**

382 A substantial number of genes involved in primary and secondary nitrogen metabolism were
383 strongly depleted for H3K9ac. This correlated with reduced expression of the respective
384 genes measured by microarray and qRT-PCR analyses. Thus, upon contact with the
385 bacterium *A. nidulans* silenced nitrogen uptake and degradation of various nitrogen sources,
386 leading to nitrogen starvation. In *A. nidulans* nitrogen starvation leads to AreA-mediated
387 histone H3 acetylation at nitrate gene promoters (Berger et al., 2008).

388 Under low nitrogen conditions like nitrogen starvation or low availability of primary nitrogen
389 sources, such as glutamine and ammonium, the intracellular level of glutamine drops
390 (Tudzynski, 2014). This was in fact observed for the intracellular concentration of amino
391 acids in *A. nidulans*. These findings support the hypothesis that in presence of *S.*
392 *rapamycinicus* but not of non-inducing streptomycetes (e.g. *S. lividans*) the fungus is in a
393 physiological state of nitrogen starvation (Fig. 10). This finding further underlines the
394 specificity of the interaction of *S. rapamycinicus* with *A. nidulans*. Interestingly, nitrogen
395 availability is a trigger for the activation of a multitude of SM gene clusters including the *ors*
396 gene cluster (Feng and Leonard, 1998, Scherlach et al., 2011, Studt et al., 2012, Niehaus et
397 al., 2014). Nitrogen starvation also activates the expression of the anthrone (*mdp*) gene
398 cluster (Scherlach et al., 2011), which we also observed in our data. However, induction of
399 orsellinic acid production by nitrogen deficiency took about 60 h, whereas co-cultivation
400 already triggered expression of the cluster after 3 h. Therefore, it is unlikely that the
401 bacteria-triggered activation of the cluster is exclusively achieved by restricting nitrogen
402 availability for the fungus. Furthermore, shortage of nitrogen leads to de-repression of genes
403 involved in the usage of secondary nitrogen sources, which was not obvious from our data.
404 In *S. cerevisiae*, it was shown that a shift from growth under nutrient sufficiency to nitrogen

405 starvation induced degradation of mitochondria (Eiyama et al., 2013). Interestingly, upon
406 contact with the bacterium decreased acetylation and transcription of genes with
407 mitochondrial function were also detected. This was further supported by a lower
408 mitochondrial metabolic activity in the fungal cells during co-cultivation. Responsible for the
409 degradation of mitochondria in yeast is a tightly controlled process called mitophagy which
410 is independent of canonical autophagy (Kanki and Klionsky, 2008). Since *S. rapamycinicus*
411 produces rapamycin, which is known to induce autophagy in filamentous fungi (Dementhon
412 et al., 2003, Kim et al., 2011), we also tested a *Streptomyces iranensis* mutant deficient in
413 rapamycin biosynthesis. Because this mutant was still able to induce the *ors* gene cluster,
414 rapamycin does not play a role in induction (data not shown).

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416 **BasR is a central regulatory node for integrating bacterial signals leading to regulation of**
417 **SM gene clusters**

418 Another consequence of nitrogen starvation is the reduced availability of amino acids in the
419 cell. Consequently, as shown here, the amino acid biosynthetic pathways represented a
420 major group of de-regulated genes at both the acetylation level and the expression level.
421 Amino acid biosynthesis in fungi is regulated by the cross-pathway control system (*cpc*)
422 (Tudzynski, 2014). Since deletion of the central cross-pathway control gene *cpcA* in *A.*
423 *nidulans* did not affect the induction of the *ors* gene cluster (Fig. S5), but on the other hand
424 the artificial inducer of the cross-pathway control system 3-AT (Sachs, 1996) induced the
425 production of orsellinic and lecanoric acid already after 24 h, it was reasonable to assume
426 that cross-pathway control somehow plays a role. 3-AT is a structural analogue of histidine
427 triggering histidine starvation in the fungal cell and thereby the cross-pathway control
428 (Sachs, 1996). In *S. cerevisiae*, other regulators were also shown to induce the histidine

429 biosynthesis gene promoter *HIS7* upon purine starvation. This is achieved by cooperation
430 of the *S. cerevisiae* Gcn5 with the heterodimeric transcription factor Bas1/Bas2p (Valerius et
431 al., 2003, Daignan-Fornier and Fink, 1992). In contrast to the *S. cerevisiae* Bas1 protein (811
432 amino acids, Zhang et al., 1997) the *A. nidulans* orthologue identified here only consists of
433 305 amino acids with an N-terminal Myb-like domain. The C-terminal activation and
434 regulatory (BIRD) domain of Bas1, which was described to mediate the Bas1p-Bas2p
435 interaction (Pinson et al., 2000), is missing in the *A. nidulans* BasR. As shown here, *basR* was
436 highly up-regulated in the microarray data which coincided with increased H3K9 acetylation
437 of the gene promoter.

438 *basR* deletion and overexpression clearly demonstrated the function of this transcription
439 factor in activating the *ors* gene cluster in dependence of *S. rapamycinicus*. Interestingly, the
440 *basR* gene could not be found in all fungal genomes analyzed here, but for example in *A.*
441 *sydowii* where also an *ors* gene cluster was found by bioinformatics analysis. As in *A.*
442 *nidulans*, overexpression of the *A. sydowii basR* gene led to the activation of the silent *ors*
443 gene cluster. Based on this finding we predicted that *S. rapamycinicus* also induces the *ors*
444 gene cluster in *A. sydowii* which indeed was the case.

445 Genome-wide ChIP-seq analysis also indicated that the interaction of *S. rapamycinicus* with
446 *A. nidulans* influenced other SM gene clusters, *e.g.*, it led to repression of the formation of
447 emericellamides. Most interestingly, also for this repression, BasR was required, indicating
448 that overexpression of *basR* phenocopies the regulation by *S. rapamycinicus*. Our data
449 suggest that BasR represents a regulator required for transduction of signals perceived from
450 the bacterium leading to the regulation of SM gene clusters (Fig. 10).

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453 **Materials and Methods**

454 **Microorganisms, media and cultivation.** Microorganisms are listed in Table 2. *A. nidulans*
455 strains were cultivated in *Aspergillus* minimal medium (AMM) at 37 °C and 200 rpm
456 (Brakhage and Van den Brulle, 1995). AMM was supplemented according to the
457 requirements of the strains as follows: arginine (871 µg/mL), *p*-aminobenzoic acid (3 µg/mL)
458 and pyridoxine HCl (5 µg/mL). Pre-cultures were inoculated with 4×10^8 spores per mL. 10
459 µg/mL doxycycline was used to induce the *tet*^{On} inducible system. For the measurement of
460 orsellinic acid, mycelia of overnight cultures (~16 h) in AMM were transferred to fresh
461 medium and inoculated with *S. rapamycinicus*, as described by Schroeckh et al. (2009). RNA
462 extraction for expression analysis during co-cultivation was performed after 3 h of
463 cultivation. For the expression analysis of the *basR* overexpression mutant samples for RNA
464 extraction were taken after 6 h of cultivation; samples for HPLC analysis were taken after 24
465 h. *A. sydowii* was cultivated at 28 °C and 200 rpm in malt medium (Scherlach et al., 2010).
466 For the induction of the *ors* cluster, 48-hour old precultures grown at 28 °C in malt medium
467 were first transferred to fresh AMM and inoculated with *S. rapamycinicus* or doxycycline.
468 Doxycycline was added twice over the course of 48 hours, adding up to a final concentration
469 of 20 µg/mL. The cultures were allowed to grow at 28 °C; samples were taken for LC-MS
470 analysis after 96 hours for *A. sydowii* co-cultivation and after 48 hours for the *basR*
471 overexpression mutant.

472 For MALDI-MS Imaging analysis conductive ITO slides (Bruker Daltonics, Bremen, Germany)
473 were coated with 3 mL 0.5% (w/v) AMM agar and incubated at room temperature for 30
474 minutes (Araújo et al., 2017, Aiyar et al., 2017). Equal conditions were ensured by
475 supplementing all slides with arginine regardless of the fungal genotype. 20 µg/mL
476 doxycycline was used to induce the *tet*^{On} inducible system. *S. rapamycinicus* was applied by

477 filling 5 mL of a preculture in a tube for 10 minutes and point inoculation of 15 μ l of the
478 settled *S. rapamycinicus* mycelium on the agar. *A. nidulans* and its respective mutants were
479 applied by point inoculation of 500 spores. For co-cultivation experiments, the fungus and
480 the streptomycete were inoculated 1 cm apart from each other. The slides were incubated
481 at 37 °C in a petri dish for 4 days. After incubation, the fungal spores were removed with
482 adhesive tape. The slides were dried by incubation in a hybridization oven at 37 °C for 48
483 hours.

484 **qRT-PCR.** Expression levels were quantified by qRT-PCR. Total RNA was purified with the
485 Universal RNA Purification Kit (roboklon, Berlin, Germany) according to the manufacturer's
486 instructions including DNase I treatment. Reverse transcription of 5 μ g RNA was performed
487 with RevertAid Reverse Transcriptase (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Darmstadt, Germany) for 3 h
488 at 46 °C. cDNA was amplified on an Applied Biosystems StepOnePlus Real-Time PCR system
489 (Foster City, USA). Quantitative RT-PCR of 3 ng/ μ l cDNA samples was performed with MyTaq
490 HS mix 2x (Bioline, Luckenwalde, Germany) and EvaGreen (Biotium, Fremont, California,
491 USA) using primers for the respective target genes (Table S2). The PCR parameters included
492 an initial DNA denaturation step at 95 °C for 2 min, followed by 45 cycles with DNA
493 denaturation at 95 °C for 5 s and primer annealing and extension at 62 °C for 15 s. The *A.*
494 *nidulans* β -actin gene (*AN6542*) was used as an internal standard for calculation of
495 expression levels as previously described (Schroeckh et al., 2009).

496 **Preparation of chromosomal DNA and Southern blot analysis.** *A. nidulans* genomic DNA
497 was isolated as previously described (Schroeckh et al., 2009). Southern blotting was done
498 using a digoxigenin-11-dUTP-labelled (Jena Bioscience, Jena, Germany) probe, as previously
499 described (Schroeckh et al., 2009). Primers for amplification of probes are listed in Table S2.

500 **ChIP coupled to qRT-PCR analysis.** Cultures were essentially grown as described above
501 and after 3 h the DNA was cross-linked to the proteins for 15 min with 1 % (v/v)
502 formaldehyde at room temperature. To stop the reaction glycine was added to a final
503 concentration of 125 mM for 5 min at 37 °C and the sample was subsequently frozen in
504 liquid nitrogen. Powdered mycelium was dissolved in 1 ml of sonication buffer (50 mM
505 HEPES-KOH pH 7.5, 140 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1 % (v/v) Triton X-100, 0.1 % (w/v) Na-
506 deoxycholate, 1 x Fungal protease inhibitor mix (Promega, Madison, Wisconsin, USA)) and
507 330 µl aliquots were then subjected to sonication for 30 min with cycles of 2 min maximum
508 intensity followed by a 1 min pause. Sheared chromatin was separated from cell wall debris
509 and incubated with 40 µl of a protein A slurry for 30 min at 4 °C on a rotary shaker. A purified
510 1:10 dilution of the supernatant was then incubated overnight at 4 °C with 3 µl of antibody
511 directed against the desired target. Antibodies were precipitated with 40 µl of Dynabeads
512 (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, California, USA) which were incubated with the sample for 40 min at 4
513 °C on a rotary shaker. Samples were washed 3 times with low salt buffer (150 mM NaCl, 0.2
514 % (w/v) SDS, 0.5 % (v/v) Triton X-100, 2 mM EDTA, 20 mM Tris-HCl pH 8) followed by one
515 time washing with high salt buffer (500 mM NaCl, 0.2 % (w/v) SDS, 0.5 % (v/v) Triton X-100,
516 2 mM EDTA, 20 mM Tris pH 8). Washed beads were dissolved in 125 µl TES buffer and
517 reverse cross-linked by co-incubation with 2 µl of 0.5 M EDTA, 4 µl of 1 M Tris-HCl pH 6.5 and
518 2 µl of 1 mg/mL proteinase K for 1 h at 45 °C. Subsequent DNA purification was conducted
519 with a PCR purification kit and samples were eluted in 100 µl of 1:10 diluted elution buffer.
520 Concentration of DNA of genes of interest was quantified using qRT-PCR essentially as
521 described above. Antibodies used are the following: mouse monoclonal ANTI FLAG M2
522 (Sigma-Aldrich, F3165-5MG, Taufkirchen, Germany), rabbit polyclonal anti-histone H3
523 (Abcam 1791, Cambridge, UK), rabbit polyclonal histone H3K9ac (Active Motif, Catalog No:

524 39161, La Hulpe, Belgium) and rabbit polyclonal anti-acetyl-histone H3 (Lys14) (Merck
525 Millipore, Darmstadt, Germany).

526 **Extraction of compounds from *A. nidulans* and HPLC analysis.** Culture broth containing
527 fungal mycelium and bacteria was homogenized utilizing an ULTRA-TURRAX (IKA-Werke,
528 Staufen, Germany). Homogenized cultures were extracted twice with 100 mL ethyl acetate,
529 dried with sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. For HPLC analysis, the
530 dried extracts were dissolved in 1.5 mL of methanol. Analytical HPLC was performed using a
531 Shimadzu LC-10Avp series HPLC system composed of an autosampler, high pressure pumps,
532 column oven and PDA. HPLC conditions: C18 column (Eurospher 100-5 250 x 4.6 mm) and
533 gradient elution (MeCN/0.1 % (v/v) TFA (H₂O) 0.5/99.5 in 30 min to MeCN/0.1 % (v/v) TFA
534 100/0, MeCN 100 % (v/v) for 10 min), flow rate 1 mL min⁻¹; injection volume: 50 µL.
535 Identification of metabolites was achieved by comparison with an authentic reference.
536 Samples were quantified *via* integration of the peak area using Shimadzu Class-VP software
537 (version 6.14 SP1).

538 **Extraction of compounds from *A. sydowii* and HPLC analysis.** Culture broth containing the
539 fungal mycelium was homogenized using a T 25 ULTRA-TURRAX (IKA-Werke, Staufen,
540 Germany). Homogenized cultures were extracted twice with equal volume of ethyl acetate,
541 dehydrated with anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and reduced to dryness with a rotary
542 evaporator (Laborota 4000 efficient; Heidolph Instruments, Schwabach, Germany). The
543 crude extracts were reconstituted in 1 mL methanol and filtered through a 0.2-µm-pore-size
544 polytetrafluoroethylene filter (Carl Roth, Karlsruhe, Germany). The samples were loaded
545 onto an ultrahigh-performance liquid chromatography (LC)–mass spectrometry system
546 consisting of an UltiMate 3000 binary rapid-separation liquid chromatograph with
547 photodiode array detector (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Dreieich, Germany) and an LTQ XL

548 linear ion trap mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Dreieich, Germany) equipped
549 with an electrospray ion source. The extracts (injection volume, 10 μ l) were analyzed on a
550 150- by 4.6-mm Accucore reversed-phase (RP)-mass spectrometry column with a particle
551 size of 2.6 μ m (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Dreieich, Germany) at a flow rate of 1 mL/min, with
552 the following gradient over 21 minutes: initial 0.1% (vol/vol) HCOOH-MeCN/0.1% (vol/vol)
553 HCOOH-H₂O 0/100, which was increased to 80/20 in 15 min and then to 100/0 in 2 min, held
554 at 100/0 for 2 min, and reversed to 0/100 in 2 minutes. Identification of metabolites was
555 achieved by comparison with an authentic reference.

556 **Measurement of amino acids.** Amino acids were extracted from 10 mg samples with 1 mL of
557 methanol and the resulting extract was diluted in a ratio of 1:10 (v:v) in water containing the
558 ¹³C, ¹⁵N labeled amino acid mix (Isotec, Miamisburg, Ohio, USA). Amino acids in the diluted
559 extracts were directly analyzed by LC-MS/MS as described with the modification that an
560 API5000 mass spectrometer (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, California, USA) was used
561 (Docimo et al., 2012).

562 **Resazurin assay.** Metabolic activity was measured by the resazurin reduction to the
563 fluorescent dye resorufin. 10⁴ conidia of *A. nidulans* in 100 μ l AMM were pipetted in each
564 well of a black 96 well plate. Incubation of the plate was performed for 16 h at 37 °C. The
565 pre-grown fungal mycelium was further incubated in monoculture or together with 10 μ l of
566 an *S. rapamycinicus* culture. Cultures were further supplemented with 100 μ l of AMM
567 containing resazurin in a final concentration of 0.02 mg/mL. Fluorescence was measured
568 (absorption wavelength 560 nm, emission wavelength 590 nm) every 30 minutes for 24 h at
569 37 °C in a Tecan Fluorometer (Infinite M200 PRO, Männedorf, Switzerland). To assure
570 physical contact of fungal and bacterial cells the plate was shaken for 30 seconds before
571 measurement. The medium control consisted of 100 μ l AMM and 100 μ l resazurin solution.

572 For all conditions, measurements were carried out in triplicates for each of the two
573 biological replicates. Significance of values was calculated using 2-way ANOVA Test with
574 GraphPad Prism 5 (GraphPad Software Inc., La Jolla, California, USA).

575 **ChIP-seq pre-processing.** The *A. nidulans* FGSC A4 genome and annotation (version s10-
576 m03-r28) were obtained from the data warehouse AspGD. The *S. rapamycinicus* NRRL 5491
577 genome was obtained from NCBI (GI 521353217). *A. nidulans* and *S. rapamycinicus* genomes
578 were concatenated to a fused genome to serve as the reference genome for subsequent
579 mapping. Quality control was carried out and raw ChIP-seq reads were obtained by using
580 FastQC v0.11.4. Trimming and filtering were achieved by applying Trim Galore utilizing
581 Illumina universal adapter and phred+33 encoding. Reads were not de-duplicated since the
582 duplication rate was < 15% for most libraries. Bowtie2 (version 2.2.4) using default
583 parameters was employed to map reads to the fused genome. Quantification of reads was
584 carried out using the Bioconductor 'GenomicAlignments' package forming the basis for three
585 subsequent approaches. Firstly, a genome-wide equi-spaced binning across the genome with
586 different resolutions (50k and 2k bp bins) counting reads overlapping each bin was applied.
587 Library normalization on bin counts was performed by only considering reads mapping to
588 the *A. nidulans* genome. Secondly, reads overlapping genes were counted, using the AspGD
589 annotation. They formed the basis for the subsequent DCS analysis (see below). Thirdly,
590 average profile plots to assess relative histone distributions around TSS and TTS were
591 generated using the bioconductor package regioneR (Gel et al., 2016).

592 **Differential chromatin state analysis (DCS analysis).** To identify genes exhibiting differences
593 in their chromatin state, we employed the bioconductor package edgeR (Robinson and
594 Oshlack, 2010) originally developed for RNA-seq differential expression analysis but the
595 assumptions equally hold for ChIP-seq data, *i.e.*, negative binomial distribution of reads.

596 Importantly, library normalization was achieved with the TMM (trimmed mean of M
597 values, Robinson and Oshlack, 2010) method only based on *A. nidulans* gene counts for
598 calculating the effective library sizes, not taking into account reads mapping to *S.*
599 *rapamycinicus* which would otherwise artificially influence the effective library size.
600 Comparisons were made between libraries for all ChIP targets separately obtained from
601 monocultures of *A. nidulans* and co-cultures with *S. rapamycinicus*. These targets were H3,
602 H3K9ac and H3K14ac. Results including normalized read counts (RPKM) statistics and log fold
603 changes (LFCs) are reported in Table S1. Normalized counts and LFCs were also further used
604 for comparisons with the corresponding microarray-based gene expression and LFCs.

605 **MACS analysis.** Candidate peaks were identified using two methods: a differential binding
606 analysis (EdgeR) and a peak-calling approach (MACS, version 2.0.1) (Zhang et al., 2008). The
607 peak caller performed several pairwise comparisons between samples with the same
608 antibody and different conditions in order to retrieve the differentially bound peaks for that
609 particular comparison. The program kept the track of different replicates, the signal was
610 reported per million reads and produced a BED format track of the enriched regions, the
611 other parameters were used with default values. The BED files were subsequently converted
612 to Big Wig format for visualization through the tool Integrative Genomics Viewer
613 (Thorvaldsdóttir et al., 2013).

614 **MALDI-MS imaging analysis and data processing.** Conductive ITO slides inoculated with *A.*
615 *nidulans* and *S. rapamycinicus* were dried overnight at 37 °C in a hybridization oven and
616 sprayed with a saturated solution (20 mg/mL) of universal MALDI matrix (1:1 mixture of 1:1
617 mixture of 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid and α -cyano-4-hydroxy-cinnamic acid; Sigma Aldrich,
618 Taufkirchen, Germany) in acetonitrile/methanol/water (70:25:5, v:v:v), using the automatic
619 system ImagePrep device 2.0 (Bruker Daltonics, Bremen, Germany) in 60 consecutive cycles

620 (the sample was rotated 180 ° after 30 cycles) of 52 seconds (2 s spraying, 10 s incubation
621 time, and 40 s of active drying) as recommended in Hoffmann and Dorrestein (2015). The
622 sample was analyzed using an UltrafleXtreme MALDI TOF/TOF (Bruker Daltonics, Bremen,
623 Germany), which was operated in positive reflector mode using flexControl 3.0. The analysis
624 was performed in the 100-3000 Da range, with 30 % laser intensity (laser type 4),
625 accumulating 1000 shots by tanking 50 random shots at every raster position. Raster width
626 was set at 200 µm. Calibration of the acquisition method was performed externally using
627 Peptide Calibration Standard II (Bruker Daltonics, Bremen, Germany) containing Bradykinin1-
628 7, Angiotensin II, Angiotensin I, Substance P, Bombesin, ACTH clip1-17, ACTH clip18-39,
629 Somatostatin28. Spectra were processed with baseline subtraction in flexAnalysis 3.3
630 (Bruker Daltonics, Bremen, Germany) and corrected internally using the peaks of HCCA
631 ($[M+H]^+$ m/z 190.0499 and $[2M+H]^+$ m/z 379.0925). Processed spectra were uploaded in
632 flexImaging 3.0 (Bruker Daltonics, Bremen, Germany) for visualization and SCiLS Lab 2015b
633 (Bruker Daltonics, Bremen, Germany) for analysis and representation. Chemical image were
634 obtained using Median normalization and weak denoising. The experiment was replicated
635 three times, the 2nd and 3rd replicates were measured at 250 µm raster width.

636 **Generation of *A. nidulans* deletion strains.** The transformation cassettes for the *basR* and
637 *cpcA* deletion strains were constructed as previously described (Szewczyk et al., 2007).
638 Approximately ~1000-bp sequences homologous to the regions upstream and downstream
639 of *basR* and *cpcA* were amplified and fused to the *argB* deletion cassette (Schroeckh et al.,
640 2009). Transformation of *A. nidulans* was carried out as described before (Ballance and
641 Turner, 1985).

642 **Generation of an inducible *A. nidulans* *basR* overexpressing mutant strain.** For controlled
643 overexpression of the putative Myb-like transcription factor gene *basR*, the tetracycline-

644 controlled transcriptional activation system (tet^{On}) system was used (Helmschrott et al.,
645 2013). The corresponding gene sequences together with their ~1000-bp flanking regions
646 were amplified from *A. nidulans* genomic DNA using the Phusion Hot Start Flex DNA
647 Polymerase (New England Biolabs, Frankfurt, Germany) according to the manufacturer's
648 instructions. The *A. nidulans pabaA* gene, complementing the *p*-aminobenzoic acid
649 auxotrophy of the recipient strain, was used as a selectable marker. The tet^{On} -system was
650 amplified from the plasmid pSK562. All DNA fragments were assembled by using NEBuilder
651 HiFi DNA Assembly Master Mix (New England Biolabs, Frankfurt, Germany) according to the
652 manufacturer's instructions. For this purpose, an additional *DraIII* restriction site was
653 inserted in pJET1 vector (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Darmstadt, Germany). The assembled
654 12.3-kb plasmid was restricted with *DraIII* to obtain a linear DNA fragment, which was used
655 to complement the generated *A. nidulans* $\Delta basR$ mutant strain.

656 **Generation of an inducible *A. sydowii basR* overexpressing mutant strain.** For the
657 overexpression of the putative Myb-like transcription factor gene *basR* in *A. sydowii*, the
658 tetracycline-controlled transcriptional activation system (tet^{On}) system was used
659 (Helmschrott et al., 2013). An expression vector was constructed by amplifying the *A.*
660 *sydowii basR* gene from *A. sydowii* genomic DNA using the Phusion Flash High-Fidelity PCR
661 Master Mix (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Dreieich, Germany) according to the manufacturer's
662 instructions. The *A. oryzae hph* cassette was used as a selectable marker. The tet^{On} -system
663 was amplified from the plasmid pSK562. All DNA fragments were assembled by using
664 NEBuilder HiFi DNA Assembly Master Mix (New England Biolabs, Frankfurt, Germany)
665 according to the manufacturer's instructions. The assembled 9.1 kb plasmid was used for
666 transformation of *A. sydowii* wild type. 200 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ hygromycin was used as selection agent in
667 all following media (Invivogen, Toulouse, France).

668 **Phylogenetic analysis.** The amino acid sequences for the two Myb-like transcription
669 factors from *A. nidulans* (AN7174 (*basR*) and AN8377) and Bas1 from *S. cerevisiae* were used
670 for a Blast search in the UniProtKB database (<http://www.uniprot.org>). For each sequence,
671 the first 50 hits were retrieved. All hits were grouped together, and redundant and partial
672 sequences removed. The obtained 54 hits were firstly aligned using MUSCLE (Edgar, 2004),
673 and then the phylogenetic tree was obtained using the Maximum Likelihood method
674 contained in the MEGA6 software facilities (Tamura et al., 2013).

675 **Accession**

676 CHIP-seq data were deposited in the ArrayExpress database at EMBL-EBI
677 (www.ebi.ac.uk/arrayexpress) under accession number E-MTAB-5819. For access use:
678 Username: Reviewer_E-MTAB-5819; Password: XNLK26QT. Code for data processing and
679 analysis can be obtained from https://github.com/seb-mueller/CHIP-Seq_Anidulans.

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691 **Tables**

692 **Table 1.** List of selected genes with differentially acetylated H3K9 residue and with log-fold
 693 change (LFC) in microarray data.

			ChIP-seq	Microarray
Name	Annotation	Description	LFC H3K9ac	LFC
Nitrogen metabolism				
<i>crnA</i>	AN1008	Nitrate transporter with 12 predicted <i>trans</i> -membrane domains	-1.30	-1.00
<i>niaD</i>	AN1006	Nitrate reductase (NADPH)	-1.78	-1.03
<i>niiA</i>	AN1007	Nitrite reductase	-1.92	-1.10
<i>tamA</i>	AN2944	Transcriptional co-activator of the major nitrogen regulatory protein AreA	-0.80	-1.27
<i>gltA</i>	AN5134	Glutamate synthase, NAD ⁺ -dependent (GOGAT)	-0.86	-1.37
<i>gdhA</i>	AN4376	NADP-linked glutamate dehydrogenase	-1.14	1.04
<i>ntpA</i>	AN5696	Nitric oxide-induced nitrosothionein involved in NO detoxification	-1.16	-1.15
<i>meaA</i>	AN7463	Major ammonium transporter	-1.22	-1.12
<i>ureD</i>	AN0232	Nickel-binding protein involved in utilization of urea as a nitrogen source	-1.44	-1.94
<i>prnD</i>	AN1731	Proline dehydrogenase with a predicted role in proline metabolism	-1.36	1.01
<i>prnB</i>	AN1732	Proline transporter	-1.39	-1.39
Amino acid metabolism				
<i>ugeA</i>	AN4727	UDP-glucose 4-epimerase, involved in galactose metabolism	-0.82	-1.54
<i>qutB</i>	AN1137	Quinate 5-dehydrogenase with a role in aromatic amino acid biosynthesis	-0.90	1.39
	AN9506	Protein with predicted amino acid <i>trans</i> -membrane transporter activity, role in amino acid <i>trans</i> -membrane transport and membrane localization	-0.98	-1.60

	AN1923	Putative alanine transaminase with a predicted role in alanine and aspartate metabolism	-1.02	1.13
	AN5731	Putative chorismate synthase with a predicted role in aromatic amino acid biosynthesis	-1.04	1.02
	AN6255	Putative cytochrome c oxidase subunit with a predicted role in energy metabolism	-1.08	1.28
	AN8118	Putative cytochrome c oxidase subunit with a predicted role in energy metabolism	-1.08	1.26
	AN1150	Putative transaminase with a predicted role in arginine metabolism	-0.62	1.07
	AN1733	Putative delta-1-pyrroline-5-carboxylate dehydrogenase with a predicted role in glutamate and glutamine metabolism	-0.79	-1.35
	AN2129	Subunit 5 of the COP9 signalosome (CSN) responsible for cleaving the ubiquitin-like protein Nedd8 from cullin-RING E3 ubiquitin ligases	-0.50	-2.23
	AN3347	Putative amino acid transporter	-0.64	Not detectable
	AN8647	High-affinity nitrite transporter	-0.59	-3.90
	AN0399	High-affinity nitrate transporter	-0.59	1.16
	AN0418	Putative high-affinity urea/H ⁺ symporter	-0.58	1.06
	AN7379	Orthologue(s) have role in negative regulation of transcription from RNA polymerase II promoter, regulation of nitrogen utilization and nucleus localization	0.51	1.26
<i>cpcA</i>	AN3675	Transcription factor of the Gcn4p c-Jun-like transcriptional activator family	1.02	2.88
<i>jlbA</i>	AN1812	bZIP transcription factor	1.3	1.03
Calcium signaling				
	AN3585	Transcript induced in response to calcium dichloride in a CrzA-dependent manner	1.42	13.22
<i>pmcB</i>	AN4920	Calcium-transporting	1.42	3.16

		mitochondrial ATPase involved in calcium homeostasis		
	AN3998	Transcript induced in response to calcium dichloride in a CrzA-dependent manner	1.26	2.01
	AN3420	Transcript induced in response to calcium dichloride in a CrzA-dependent manner	1.05	2.24
	AN4418	Transcript induced in response to calcium dichloride in a CrzA-dependent manner	1.03	-1.02
	AN2427	Transcript induced in response to calcium dichloride in a CrzA-dependent manner	1.00	2.11
	AN0419	Transcript induced in response to calcium dichloride in a CrzA-dependent manner	0.88	-1.99
	AN3751	Transcript induced in response to calcium dichloride in a CrzA-dependent manner	0.86	11.83
	AN5372	Transcript induced in response to calcium dichloride in a CrzA-dependent manner	0.82	-1.79
	AN5993	Has domain(s) with predicted calcium binding activity	0.76	271.00
	AN5341	Orthologue(s) have calcium binding activity	0.74	-1.26
	AN2826	Transcript induced in response to calcium dichloride in a CrzA-dependent manner	0.73	4.34
	AN1950	Orthologue(s) have FAD transmembrane transporter activity, calcium channel activity	0.72	-1.20
	AN5302	Transcript induced in response to calcium dichloride in a CrzA-dependent manner	0.64	2.21
<i>mid1</i>	AN8842	Stretch-activated calcium channel	0.63	-1.00
<i>pmrA</i>	AN7464	Calcium-transporting ATPase with a predicted role in energy metabolism	-0.74	-1.60
	AN8774	Transcript induced in response to calcium dichloride in a CrzA-dependent manner	0.55	2.40
Development				
	AN4674	Orthologue(s) have role in asexual sporulation resulting in	1.14	1.21

		formation of a cellular spore, cellular response to drug and cell septum, cell surface localization		
<i>mstC</i>	AN6669	High-affinity glucose transporter active in germinating conidia	0.92	2.79
	AN0928	Orthologue(s) have role in conidiophore development	0.90	1.00
	AN5619	Orthologue(s) have metallopeptidase activity, role in ascospore wall assembly and ascospore wall, endoplasmic reticulum membrane localization	0.88	1.29
<i>fbx15</i>	AN2505	F-box protein	0.88	2.38
	AN2856	Orthologue(s) have 3'-5' exonuclease activity, role in ascospore formation, conversion of ds siRNA to ss siRNA involved in RNA interference, fruiting body development, pre-miRNA processing and perinuclear region of cytoplasm localization	0.80	2.83
	AN3689	Orthologue(s) have role in ascospore formation and cytosol, nucleus localization	0.69	1.73
<i>esdC</i>	AN9121	Protein with a glycogen binding domain involved in sexual development	0.68	1.69
	AN6898	Orthologue(s) have role in asexual sporulation resulting in formation of a cellular spore, intraluminal vesicle formation and protein retention in Golgi apparatus, more	0.65	-1.21
	AN1131	Putative cytosolic Cu/Zn superoxide dismutase	0.63	1.13
	AN3813	Orthologue(s) have copper uptake <i>trans</i> -membrane transporter activity and role in aerobic respiration, copper ion import, hyphal growth, spore germination, sporocarp development involved in sexual reproduction	0.58	-3.48
MAT1	AN2755	Alpha-domain mating-type	0.52	1.22

		protein		
<i>fcyB</i>	AN10767	Purine-cytosine transporter	-0.58	
<i>tmpA</i>	AN0055	<i>Trans</i> -membrane protein involved in regulation of conidium development	-0.58	-8.61
<i>fluG</i>	AN4819	Cytoplasmic protein involved in regulation of conidiation and sterigmatocystin production	-0.66	1.35
<i>cffA</i>	AN5844	Orthologue of <i>Neurospora crassa conF</i> , light-induced transcript expressed during conidiation in <i>N. crassa</i>	-0.71	2.66
<i>gsk3</i>	AN6508	Protein kinase	-0.80	-1.53
<i>rasA</i>	AN0182	Small monomeric GTPase of the Ras superfamily involved in regulation of development	-0.81	-1.38
ors gene cluster				
<i>orsD</i>	AN7913	Protein of unknown function	2.64	23.06
<i>orsB</i>	AN7911	Putative amidohydrolase	2.32	158.75
<i>orsC</i>	AN7912	Putative tyrosinase	2.28	21.19
<i>orsE</i>	AN7914	Putative alcohol dehydrogenase	1.58	57.62
<i>orsA</i>	AN7909	Polyketide synthase	1.57	120.33
atn gene cluster				
	AN7877	RTA-like protein	0.87	1.37
	AN7875	Protein of unknown function	1.09	4.23
	AN7883	Protein of unknown function	1.04	119.22
dba gene cluster				
<i>cipB</i>	AN7895	Putative oxidoreductase	0.89	14.48
<i>dbaB</i>	AN7897	FAD-binding monooxygenase with a role in secondary metabolism	0.80	997.83
<i>dbaA</i>	AN7896	Zn(II) ₂ Cys ₆ transcription factor with a role in secondary metabolite biosynthesis	0.77	80.40
Cichorin gene cluster				
	AN6440	Orthologue of <i>Aspergillus versicolor</i> Aspve1_0168042, <i>Aspergillus sydowii</i> Aspsy1_0031884 and <i>Aspergillus carbonarius</i> ITEM 5010 : Acar5010_000187	0.76	14.45
	AN6441	Protein of unknown function	0.77	6.97
<i>cicE</i>	AN6447	Predicted O-methyltransferase	0.62	1.13
	AN6437	Orthologue of <i>Aspergillus versicolor</i> Aspve1_0052718 and <i>Aspergillus sydowii</i>	1.04	-1.31

		Aspsy1_0031878		
stc gene cluster				
<i>stcO</i>	AN7811	Sterigmatocystin biosynthesis protein with a role in sterigmatocystin/aflatoxin biosynthesis	0.58	-1.93
<i>stcI</i>	AN7816	Sterigmatocystin biosynthesis lipase/esterase with a role in sterigmatocystin/aflatoxin biosynthesis	0.59	1.21
<i>stcE</i>	AN7821	Norsolorinic acid reductase with a role in sterigmatocystin/aflatoxin biosynthesis	0.48	1.47
mdp gene cluster				
<i>mdpD</i>	AN0147	Flavin-containing monooxygenase	0.57	1.14
eas gene cluster				
<i>easD</i>	AN2549	Acyl-CoA ligase; required for emericellamide biosynthesis; emericellamide (<i>eas</i>) biosynthetic gene cluster member	-1.07	-20.90
<i>easC</i>	AN2548	Acyltransferase	-0.58	-14.23

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695 **Table 2.** List of strains used in this study.

Strain	Genotype	Reference
<i>Aspergillus nidulans</i>		
A1153	<i>yA1, pabaA1; argB2; pyroA4, nkuA::bar</i>	Nayak et al., 2006
A1153 <i>gcnE-3xflag</i>	<i>yA1, pabaA1; gcnE::gcnEp-gcnE-3x-flag-pabaA1; pyroA4, nkuA::bar</i>	Nützmann et al., 2011
A1153Δ <i>cpcA</i>	<i>yA1, pabaA1; cpcA::argB2; pyroA4,</i>	This study

Strain	Genotype	Reference
	<i>nkuA::bar</i>	
A1153Δ <i>basR</i>	<i>yA1, pabaA1; basR::argB2; pyroA4, nkuA::bar</i>	This study
A1153 <i>tet</i> ^{On} - <i>basR</i>	<i>yA1, pabaA1; argB2::pabaA1-tet</i> ^{On} - <i>basR; pyroA4, nkuA::bar</i>	This study
<i>Aspergillus sydowii</i>		
CBS 593.65		Westerdijk Fungal Bio Diversity Institute
<i>tet</i> ^{On} - <i>basR</i>	Ectopic integration of pUC18 <i>tet</i> ^{ON} - <i>basR-hph</i>	This study
<i>Streptomyces rapamycinicus</i> ATCC 29253		Kumar and Goodfellow, 2008
<i>Streptomyces lividans</i> TK24		Kieser et al., 2000

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702 **Legends to the Figures**

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704 **Figure 1. Genome-wide coverage plot of the merged fungal-bacterial genome with**
705 **indication of H3(Cterm) and acetylated H3 (K9 and K14). For each condition, CHIP-seq**
706 **analyses of three independent samples were performed. (A)** Genome-wide analysis
707 covering all chromosomes. Data for each chromosome, *i.e.*, I to VIII are shown. X axis
708 corresponds to genome coordinates of the fused genome in Mb. Y axis corresponds to the
709 number of reads mapping within equally sized windows (bins) which segment the fused
710 genome at a resolution of 50 kb for each library separately (see methods for details). The
711 reads count value is plotted at the midpoint of each bin which were then connected by lines.
712 Gene density is reported likewise by counting the number of genes for each bin instead of
713 reads. Background values derive from *S. rapamycinicus* and *A. nidulans* grown in
714 monoculture. The red arrow indicates the location of the *ors* gene cluster. **(B)** Zoom into
715 chromosome II. The red lines mark the *ors* gene cluster. Data of three replicates are shown,
716 which show the same tendency. Overall intensity of background, H3K9ac, H3K14ac and
717 H3(Cterm) compared between *A. nidulans* mono culture (grey) and co-culture (blue) as well
718 as the average genome density (black). **(C)** IGB screenshot of the *ors* gene cluster shown at
719 the bottom of the figure labeled with black arrows. Blank gene arrows indicate genes not
720 belonging to the *ors* gene cluster. Data obtained from monocultures of the fungus are
721 depicted in blue, from co-cultivation in green and background data in grey.

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723 **Figure 2. Normalized read counts derived from differential chromatin state (DCS) analysis**
724 **obtained for the *ors* genes based on H3, H3K14ac and H3K9ac CHIP-seq. Data were**

725 generated for the area 500 bp down- and 1000 bp upstream from the TSS. Depicted bars
726 are calculated from 3 data points.

727 **Figure 3. Read count frequencies for (A) TSS and (B) TTS.** Lines correspond to the relative
728 enrichment of ChIP signal strength relative to the TSS/TTS averaged across all genes. ChIP-
729 seq read count serves as a surrogate for signal strength (see methods for further details).
730 Compared were the enrichment of histone H3 (black), H3K9ac (blue), H3K14ac (green) and
731 the background control (grey) over an average of all TSS and TTS. The enrichment curves for
732 all biological replicates are given, indicated by multiple lines per enrichment target.

733 **Figure 4. Relation between ChIP-seq and microarray data.** The blue lines resemble the
734 linear regression line based on the differentially expressed genes with an adjusted p -value of
735 < 0.1 including the confidence interval shown in grey. (A) LFC of H3K14ac plotted against LFC
736 of H3K9ac. Dots depicted in dark grey and green mark differentially expressed genes and *ors*
737 cluster genes, respectively. (B) Pairwise comparison of log fold changes (LFCs) of H3,
738 H3K14ac and H3K9ac data with microarray data obtained during co-cultivation of *A. nidulans*
739 with *S. rapamycinicus*.

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741 **Figure 5. Normalized ChIP-seq read counts were used to quantify chromatin state for**
742 **individual genes.** Here, for H3, H3K14ac and H3K9ac libraries nitrogen metabolism genes
743 were shown. Counts were obtained by counting reads mapping to the promoter area for
744 each gene that is 500 bp down- and 1000 bp upstream from the TSS. Depicted bars are
745 calculated from 3 data points.

746 **Figure 6. Characterization of nitrogen metabolism genes and genes with mitochondrial**
747 **function.** (A) Categorization of genes with FungiFun2 differentially lower acetylated at H3K9.

748 Nitrogen metabolism genes and genes with mitochondrial function are shaded in blue and
749 green, respectively. **(B)** Transcription analysis of randomly selected genes of primary and
750 secondary nitrogen metabolism by qRT-PCR during co-cultivation. Relative mRNA levels were
751 measured after 3 h and normalized to the β -actin gene expression. The transcription of *orsA*
752 was used as a positive control. **(C)** Metabolic activity comparing fungal co-cultivation with
753 monocultures of *A. nidulans* and *S. rapamycinicus*. Metabolic activity was determined using a
754 resazurin assay. Data were normalised to medium. The black line shows the time points that
755 are significantly different between *A. nidulans* and the co-cultivation of *A. nidulans* with *S.*
756 *rapamycinicus*. *** $p < 0.001$

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758 **Figure 7. Expression of cross-pathway control regulatory genes, amino acid concentrations**
759 **and their effect on SM production.** **(A)** Transcription of *cpcA* and *jlbA* determined by qRT-
760 PCR after 3h of co-cultivation. Relative mRNA levels were compared to β -actin gene
761 expression. **(B)** HPLC-based detection of orsellinic acid (1) and lecanoric acid (2) in
762 supernatants of *A. nidulans* cultures treated with 3-AT. **(C)** Intracellular amino acid
763 concentration of *A. nidulans* in monoculture and co-culture with *S. rapamycinicus*. Co-
764 cultivation with *S. lividans* and addition of *S. rapamycinicus* after 24 h of cultivation served as
765 negative controls. Furthermore, before extraction of amino acids the fungus (post
766 cultivation) was also supplemented with *S. rapamycinicus* to exclude a bias resulting from
767 the bacterial amino acids. Threonine, histidine, phenylalanine, arginine, asparagine and
768 glutamine displaying differential concentrations in co-culture with the fungus are highlighted
769 in grey.

770 **Figure 8. The Myb-like transcription factor BasR of *A. nidulans* is required for *S.***
771 ***rapamycinicus*-triggered regulation of SMs.** **(A)** Relative transcript levels of *ors* cluster genes

772 *orsA* and *orsD* in Δ *basR* mutant strain and *tet*^{On}-*basR* overexpression strain. Transcript
773 levels were measured by qRT-PCR normalized to β -actin transcript levels. **(B)** HPLC-based
774 detection of orsellinic acid and lecanoric acid in wild-type strain, *basR* deletion mutant and
775 *basR* overexpression strain. **(C)** Visualization of ions m/z 646.3 and m/z 662.3 ^{+/-} 1 Da,
776 potentially corresponding to $[M+Na]^+$ and $[M+K]^+$ of emericellamide E/F ($C_{32}H_{57}N_5O_7$;
777 accurate mass 623.4258), by MALDI-MS imaging. Images corrected by median normalization
778 and weak denoising.

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780 **Figure 9. Fungal orsellinic acid gene clusters and their activation by BasR and the**
781 **bacterium *S. rapamycinicus*. (A)** Alignment of the orsellinic acid gene clusters in the fungal
782 species containing a *basR* homologue (*A. nidulans*, *A. sydowii*, *A. versicolor*), where *orsA*
783 encodes the polyketide synthase, while *orsB-orsF* code for the tailoring enzymes. **(B)** LC-MS-
784 based detection of orsellinic acid and lecanoric acid in the monoculture of the *A. sydowii*
785 *basR* overexpression strain following induction with doxycycline (left) and during co-
786 cultivation of *A. sydowii* and *S. rapamycinicus* (right). LC-MS profiles of the extracted ion
787 chromatogram (EIC) are shown for m/z 167 $[M - H]^-$, which corresponds to orsellinic acid.
788 Orsellinic acid (1) and lecanoric acid (2), detected *via* its fragmentation ion orsellinic acid.

789 **Figure 10. Model of the *S. rapamycinicus* – *A. nidulans* interaction.** Co-cultivation leads to
790 nitrogen starvation and to reduced amino acid availability in the fungal cell. The lysine-
791 acetyltransferase GcnE specifically acetylates (ac) lysine (K) 9 and 14 of histone H3 at the *ors*
792 gene cluster and presumably at the *basR* gene promoter. As a consequence, *basR* is
793 expressed. The deduced transcription factor BasR activates the *ors* gene cluster and
794 suppresses (-) the expression of the emericellamide (*eas*) gene cluster. Only the presence of
795 AdaB and GcnE in the Saga/Ada complex has been experimentally proven yet.

796 **Supplementary Material**

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799 **Supplemental Results**

800 **Details of the ChIP analysis**

801 After first examination, we found that a significant proportion of co-incubated library reads
802 originated from *S. rapamycinicus*. A fused genome concatenating the *A. nidulans* and the *S.*
803 *rapamycinicus* genomes was generated. We found that about 90-98% of the reads mapped
804 against the fused genome (Table S1), which suggested a high quality of sequencing data. This
805 assumption was confirmed by examining the quality of libraries using FastQC (data not
806 shown). As indicated, the coverage was substantially higher on the *S. rapamycinicus* genome
807 with only ~20 % mapping to the *A. nidulans* genome (see Table S1). Expectedly, this ratio has
808 shifted considerably towards *A. nidulans* genome for histone targeting ChIP libraries (Fig. 1
809 A, panel 2 - 4) going up from 20 % to around 90 % for all H3, H3K9 and H314 libraries
810 validating correct antibody enrichment as *S. rapamycinicus* is devoid of histones. However
811 around 10 % of reads were still mapping to the *S. rapamycinicus* genome which might be
812 due to imperfect antibody specificity. Coverage depth deviations were accounted for by only
813 considering reads originating from *A. nidulans*. This allowed for calculation of library size
814 factors used for library normalization. To assess antibody specificity, we calculated the
815 fraction of reads mapping to mitochondria, which do not contain histones. The control
816 library amounted to about 1.2 % of reads as opposed to about 2-5 % for H3, H3K9ac,
817 H3K14ac libraries constituting 40-50 fold enrichment. In an effort to determine binding sites
818 of GcnE during the microbial interaction, a strain harboring a 3xC-term-FLAG-tagged-GcnE
819 was used in all conducted experiments. However, the mapping rates obtained for the ChIP-
820 seq experiment with an antibody against FLAG-tag were too low and therefore excluded
821 from the data analysis. As a background control we used ChIP material obtained from anti-

822 FLAG-tag antibody precipitates of a non-tagged fungal wild-type strain co-cultivated under
823 the same conditions with *S. rapamycinicus*.

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825 **Changes of H3K9 and H3K14 acetylation profiles in *A. nidulans* in response to *S.***
826 ***rapamycinicus***

827 As reported in the manuscript, the genome-wide H3K9 and H3K14 chromatin landscape of *A.*
828 *nidulans* was determined. There was also a drop-off in all libraries at the chromosome arms,
829 which was most likely caused by the bordering bins being shorter and therefore account for
830 less reads. As the gene density varies across the genome, spearman correlation was
831 calculated to correlate the read counts and the gene counts among the 50k bins. As
832 expected, there was almost no correlation between the background and the genes ($r = 0.09$).
833 However, for H3 we found it to be rather high ($r = 0.37$). Since the used bin size is large, this
834 could point at global H3 occupancy to be higher for high gene density regions such as
835 euchromatin and low H3 occupancy for heterochromatin. Noteworthy, the correlation
836 between read and gene density was found to be lower for H3K14ac and H3K9ac ($r=0.14$ and
837 0.15 respectively), which might indicate a more subtle regulatory mechanism for those
838 marks targeting individual genes as opposed to larger domains. Notably, the highest
839 correlation was found between the two acetylation marks ($r=0.57$) hinting at some potential
840 cross-talk or common regulation between them.

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842 **Figure S1.** Correlation of data points for LFCs of ChIP-seq with LFCs of microarray data for all
843 *A. nidulans* genes, depicting single data points and the correlation coefficient.

844 **Figure S2. Pairwise comparison of ChIP-seq and microarray intensities of all genes in A.**

845 *nidulans* monoculture. The numbers resemble the correlation coefficient for the respective
846 comparison. Intensity defines enrichment of number of reads per gene.

847 **Figure S3. Histone H3 normalized read count frequencies for H3K9ac (green) and K14 ac**

848 **(blue) at the (A) TSS and (B) TTS.** The enrichment is given in signal to H3 ratio. Multiple lines

849 per ChIP target resemble the three independent biological replicates.

850 **Figure S4. Density plot of TSS (A, C, E) and TTS (B, D, F) given for different gene expression**

851 **levels (q1-q4).** (A, B) Specific enrichment of H3K9ac, (C, D) H3K14ac and (E, F) H3 is given in

852 read count frequency. Thereby q1 are the lower 25 %, q2 the medium lower 25 – 50 %, q3

853 are the medium high 50-75 %, q4 higher 25 %.

854 **Figure S5. Generation of *cpcA* deletion mutant and impact on the *ors* gene cluster**

855 **induction in response to *S. rapamycinicus*.** (A) Chromosomal organization of the *A. nidulans*

856 *cpcA* gene before and after deletion. The *cpcA* gene was replaced by an *argB* cassette in *A.*

857 *nidulans* wild-type strain A1153. Genomic DNA was digested with *NheI*. A PCR fragment

858 covering the downstream sequence of *cpcA* was used as a probe (*). wt, wild-type strain as a

859 control. (B) LC-MS-based detection of orsellinic acid (1) and lecanoric acid (2) in the co-

860 cultivation of the *cpcA* deletion mutant and *S. rapamycinicus*.

861 **Figure S6. Molecular phylogenetic analysis of BasR (AN7174).** The tree reports distances

862 between BasR-similar amino acid sequences identified by BlastP analysis using the entire

863 sequences. The percentage of trees in which the associated taxa clustered together is shown

864 next to the branches. The BasR proteins from *A. nidulans*, *A. calidouustus*, *A. sydowii*, *A.*

865 *versicolor*, *A. rambellii* and *A. ochraceoroseus* form a separate clade (reported in purple),

866 while the yeast Bas1-related sequences are more distantly related to BasR (in red). The

867 second similar Myb-like transcription factor from *A. nidulans* (AN8377) forms a clade with
868 orthologues from *A. calidoustus* and *A. versicolor* (in blue), which seems to be more related
869 to Bas1 than to BasR. The names of the selected sequences are given according to their
870 UniProt accession numbers.

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872 **Figure S7. Generation of a *basR* deletion mutant and inducible overexpression strain based**
873 **on the *A. nidulans* wild-type strain A1153. (A)** Genomic organization of *basR* and Southern
874 blot analysis of *basR* deletion. The *basR* gene was replaced by the *argB* gene. Transformant
875 strains were checked with a probe (*) directed against the flanking region of the construct.
876 Genomic DNA was digested with *Clal*. wt, wild-type strain as a control. **(B)** Generation of the
877 inducible *basR* overexpression strain by complementation of the *basR* deletion strain. The
878 *tet^{On}-basR* gene cassette was integrated at the Δ *basR* genomic locus using the *pabA1* gene
879 as selectable marker replacing the *argB* marker. The genomic DNA was cut with *Bam*HI.
880 Transformant strains were checked with a probe (*) directed against the flanking region of
881 the construct.

882 **Figure S8. Generation of the inducible *basR* overexpression strain by ectopic integration of**
883 **an additional copy of the *basR* gene in the *A. sydowii* wild-type strain (wt).** The *tet^{On}-basR*
884 construct was integrated ectopically into the wild-type genome, using the *hph* cassette as
885 selectable marker. For Southern blot analysis, transformant strains were checked with a
886 probe (*) directed against a region flanking the *tet^{On}* cassette and *basR* gene. The genomic
887 DNA was digested with *Bam*HI.

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889 **Table S1.** Summary of ChIP-seq data

890 **Table S2.** List of primers used in this study.

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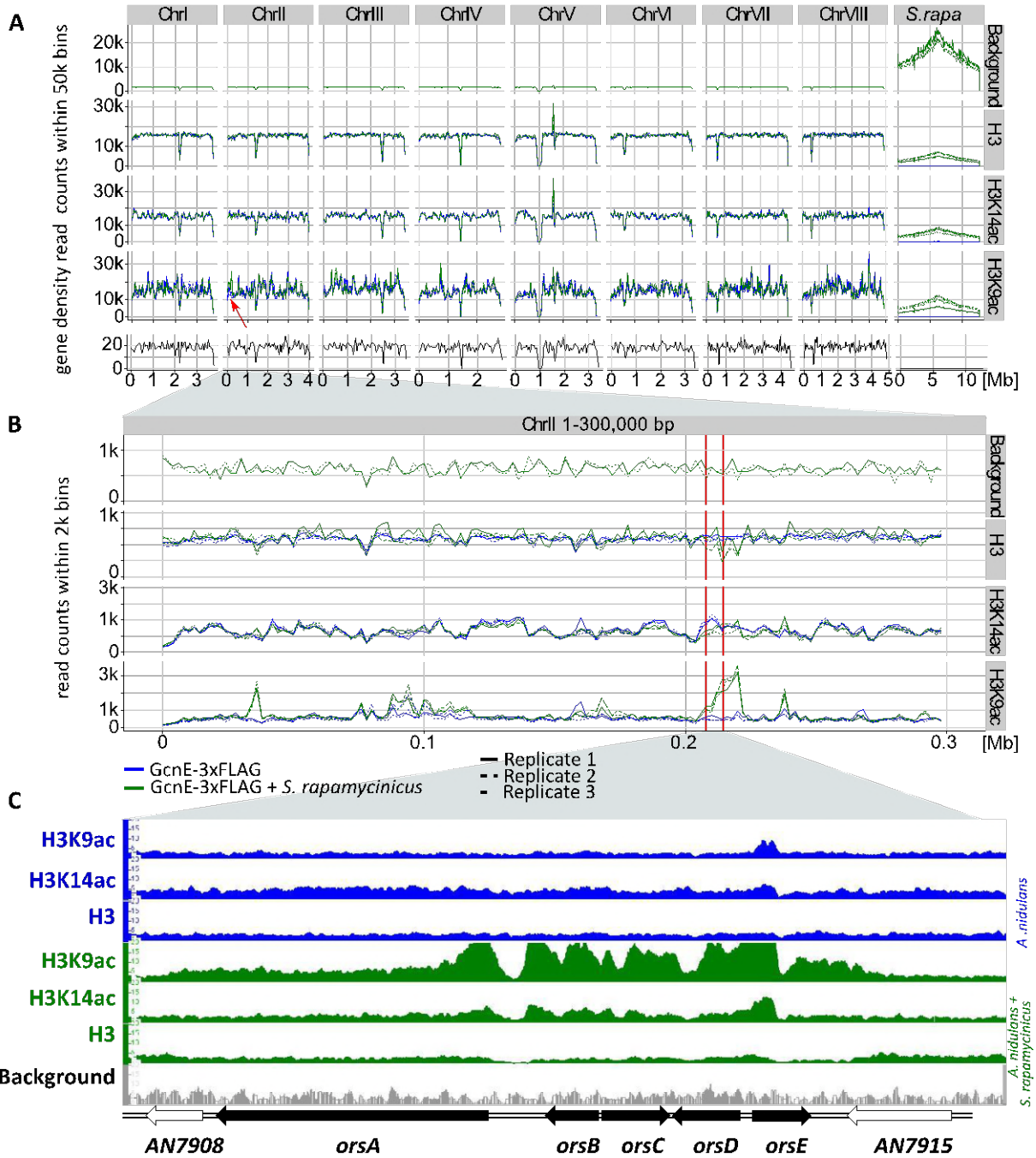
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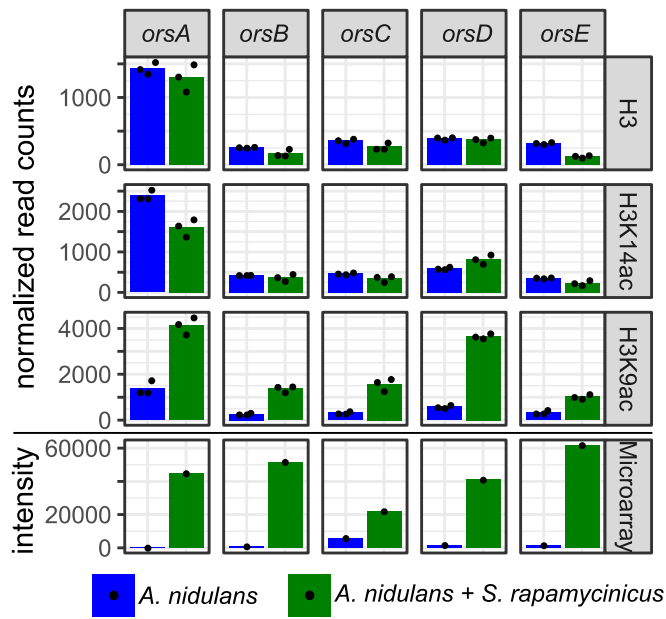
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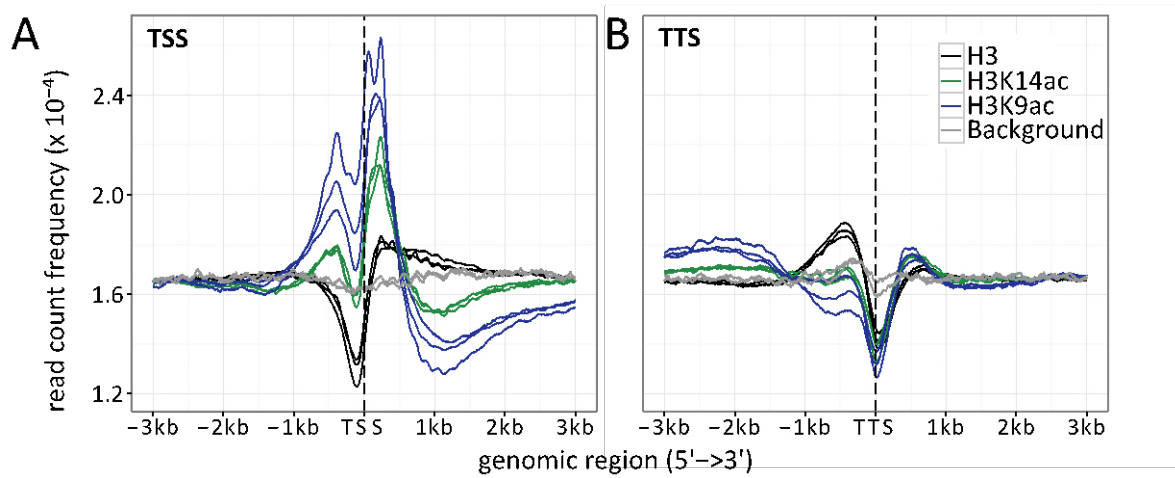


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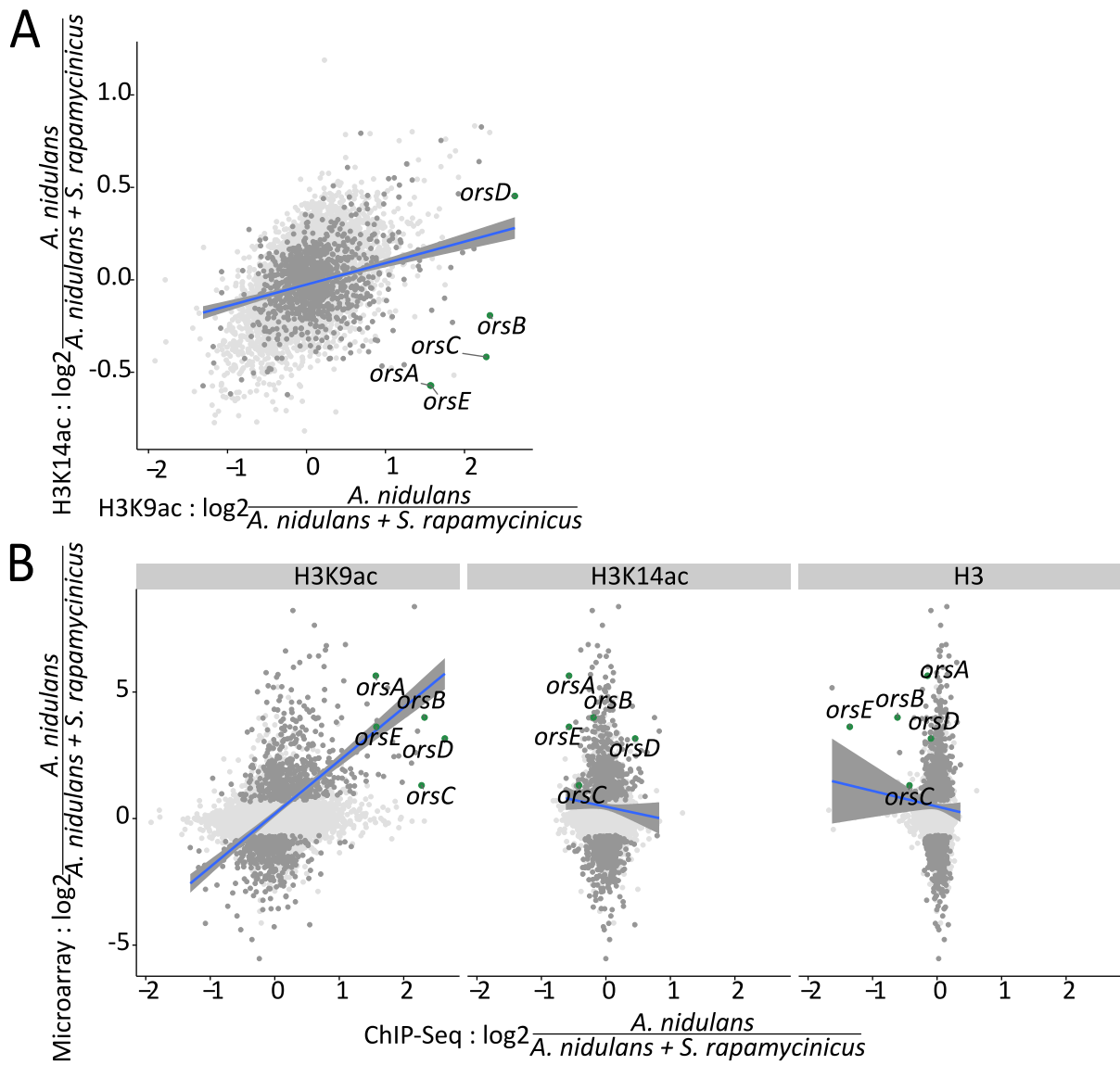


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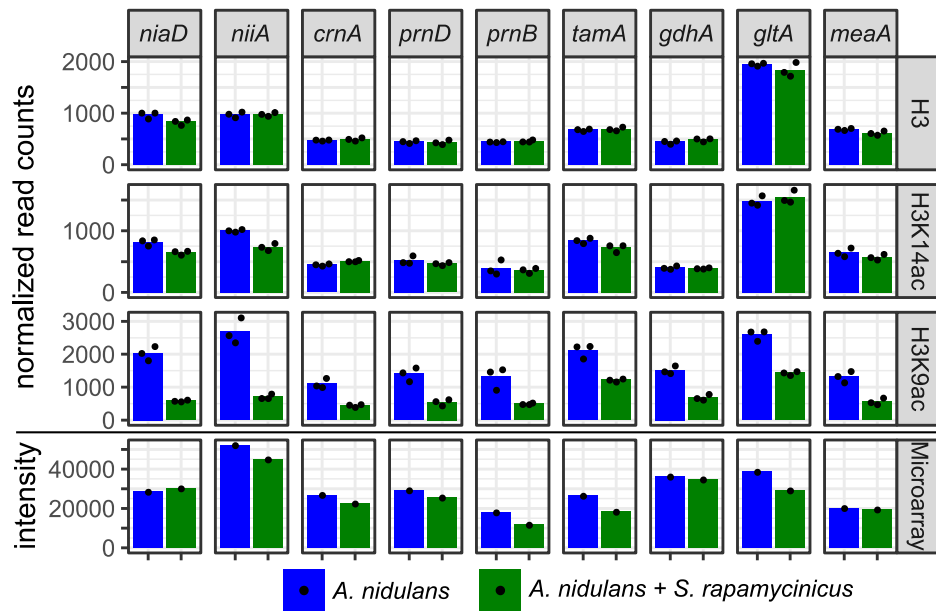
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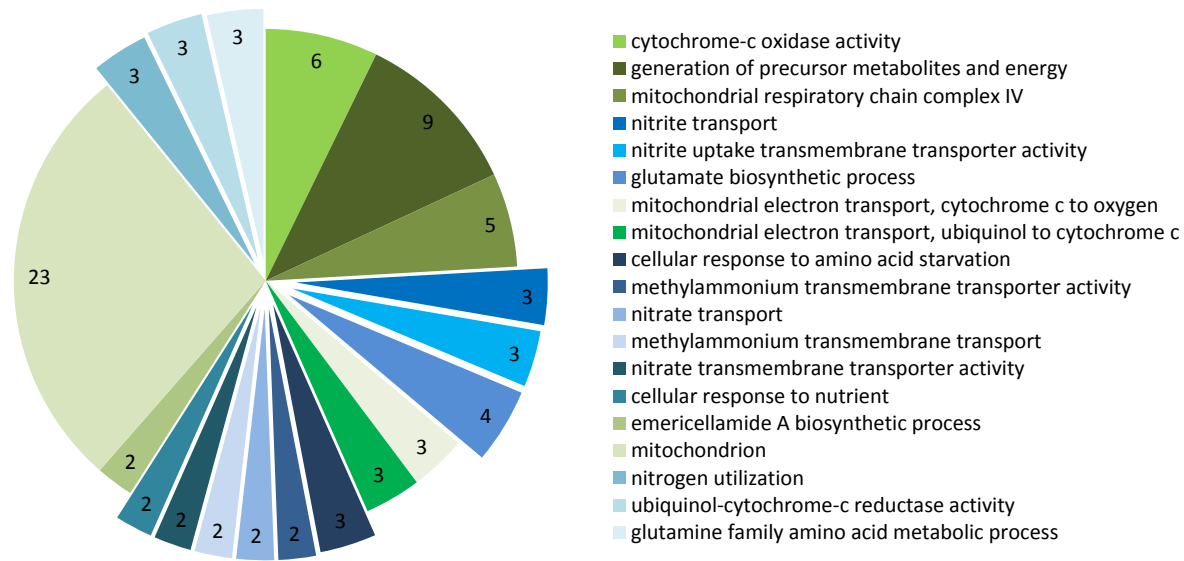
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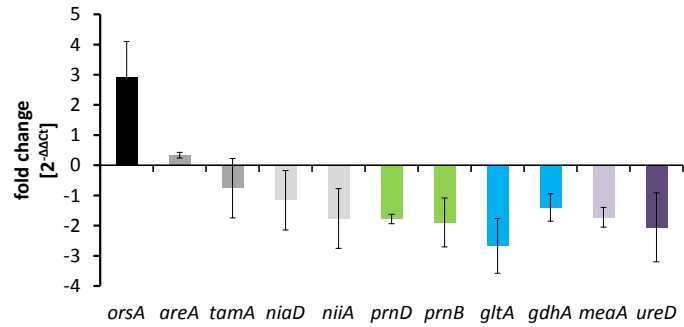
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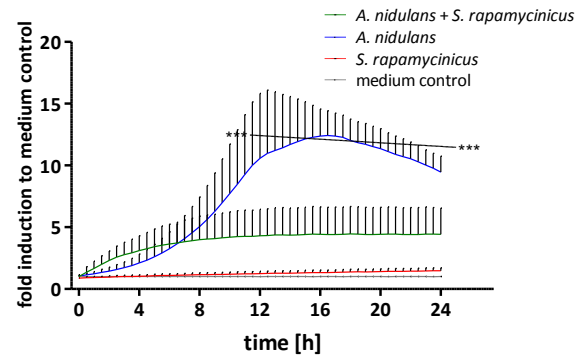
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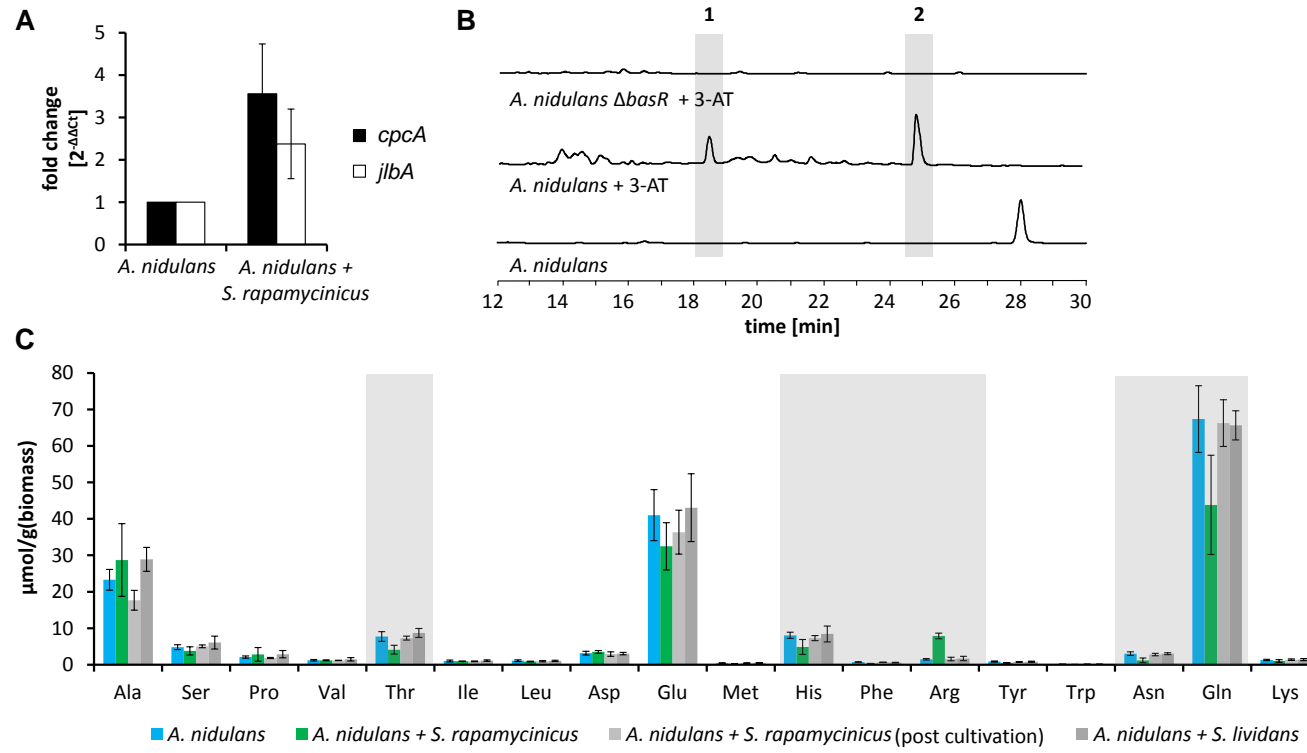
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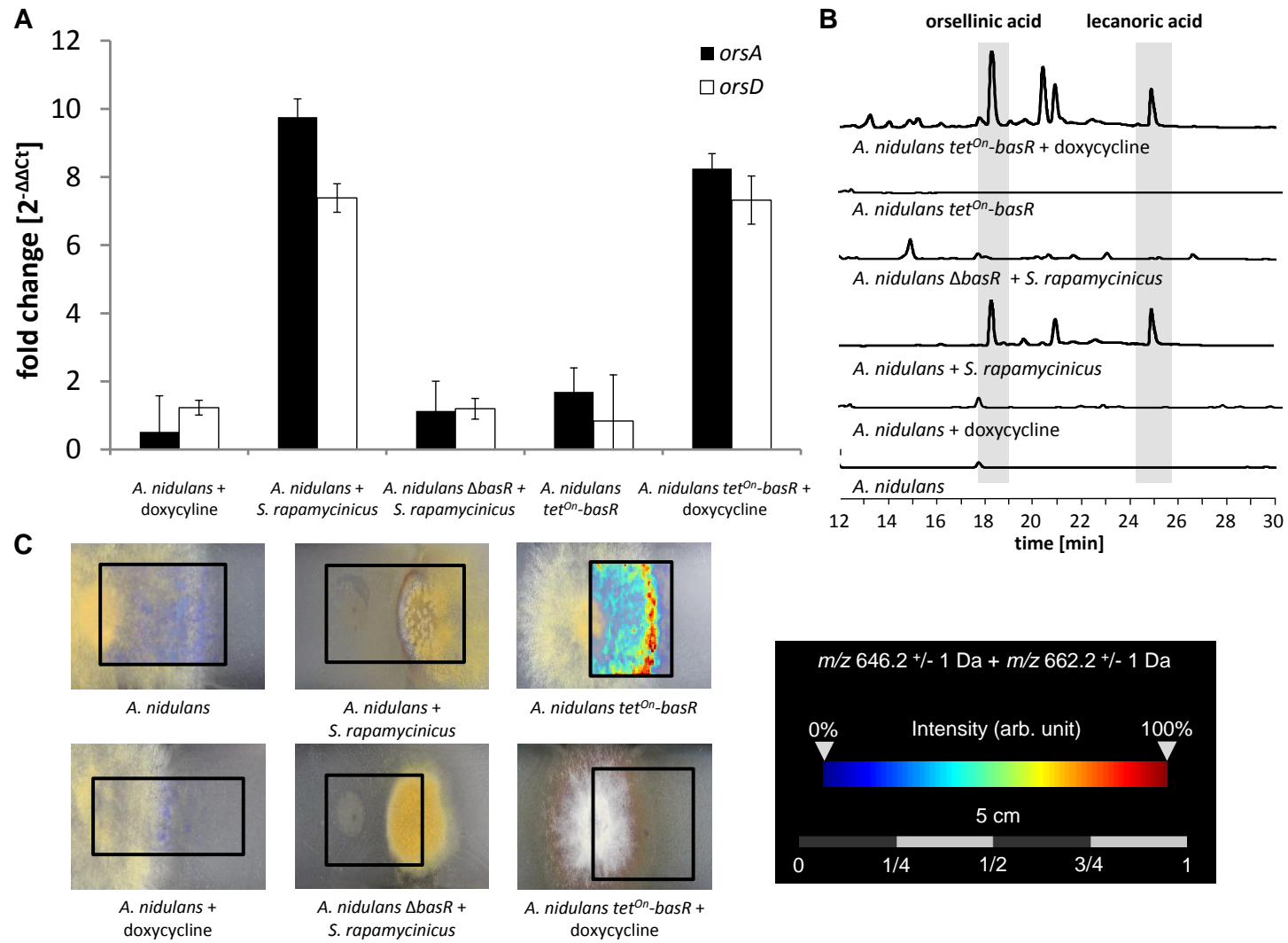
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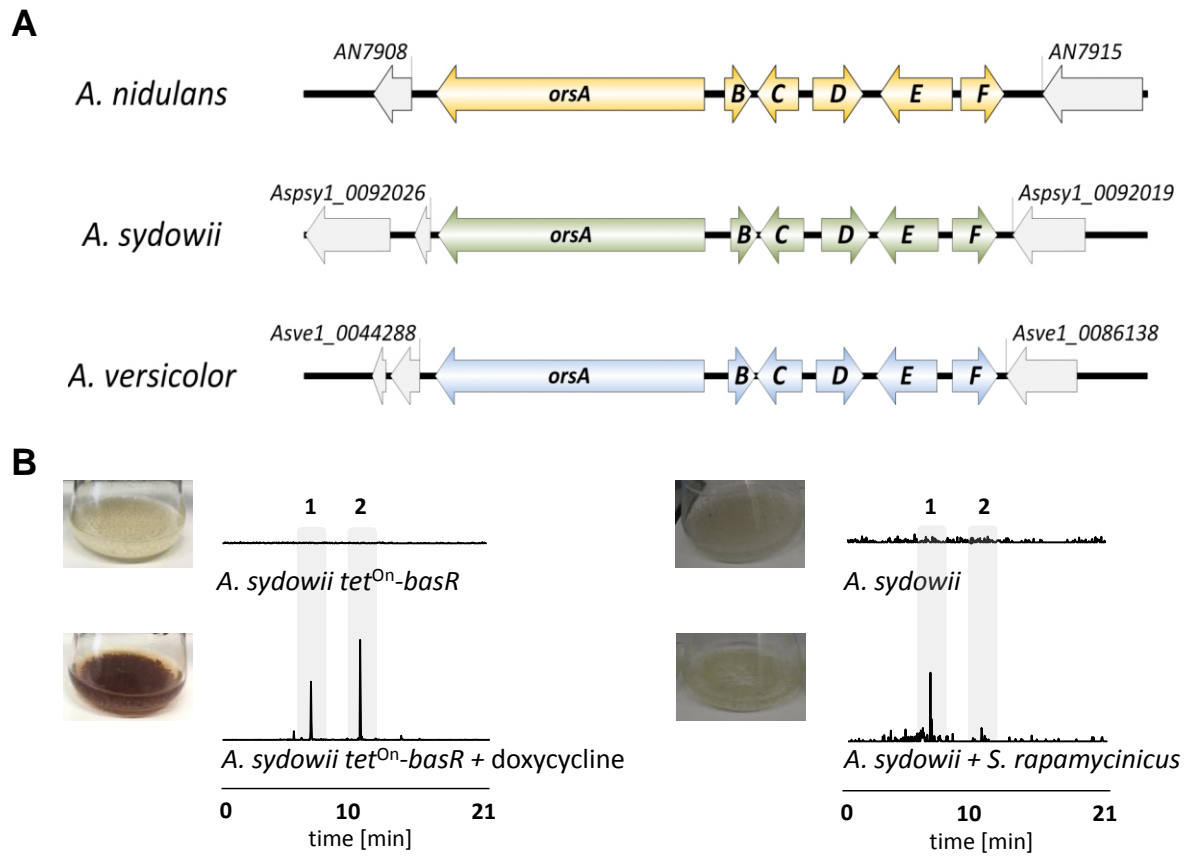
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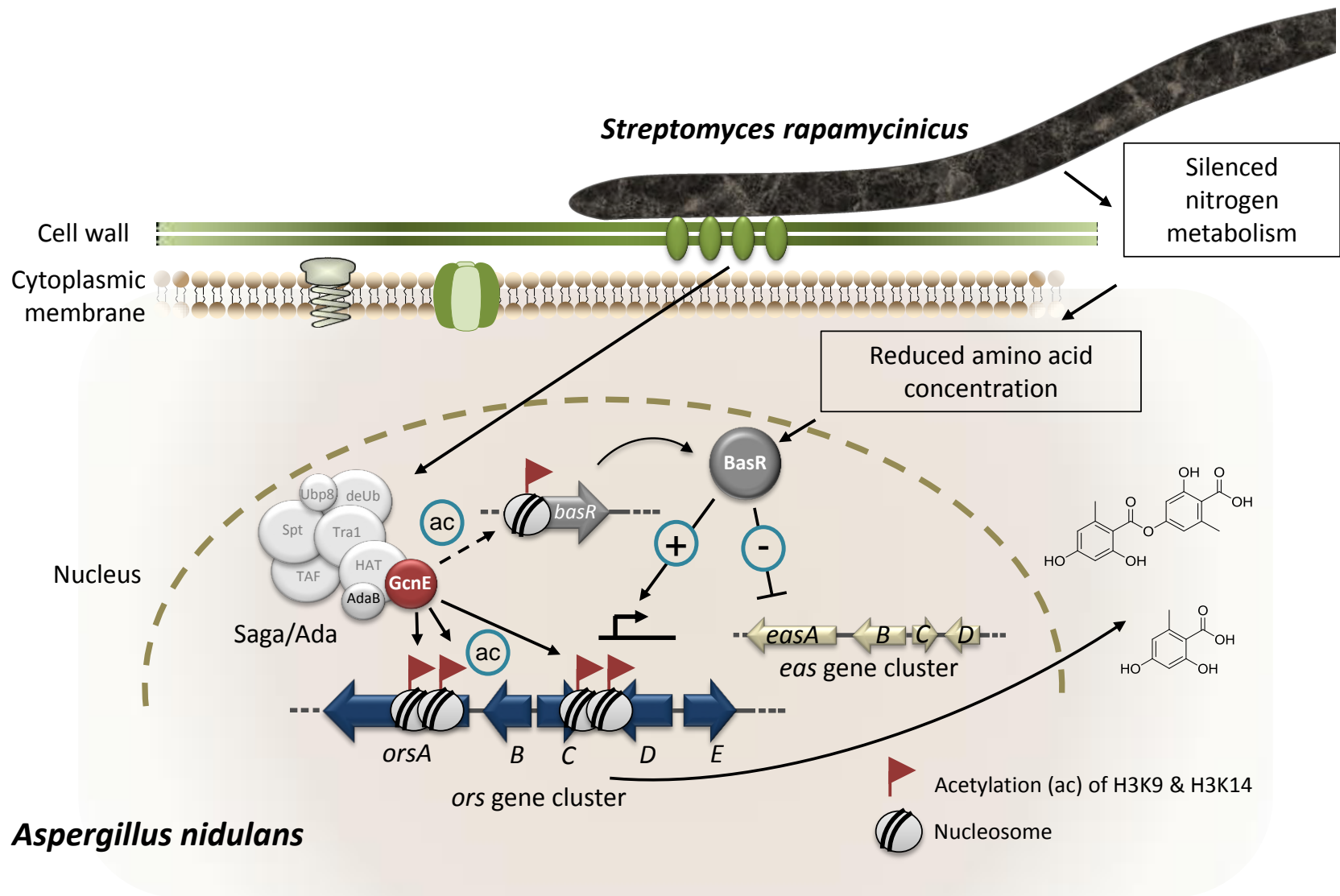
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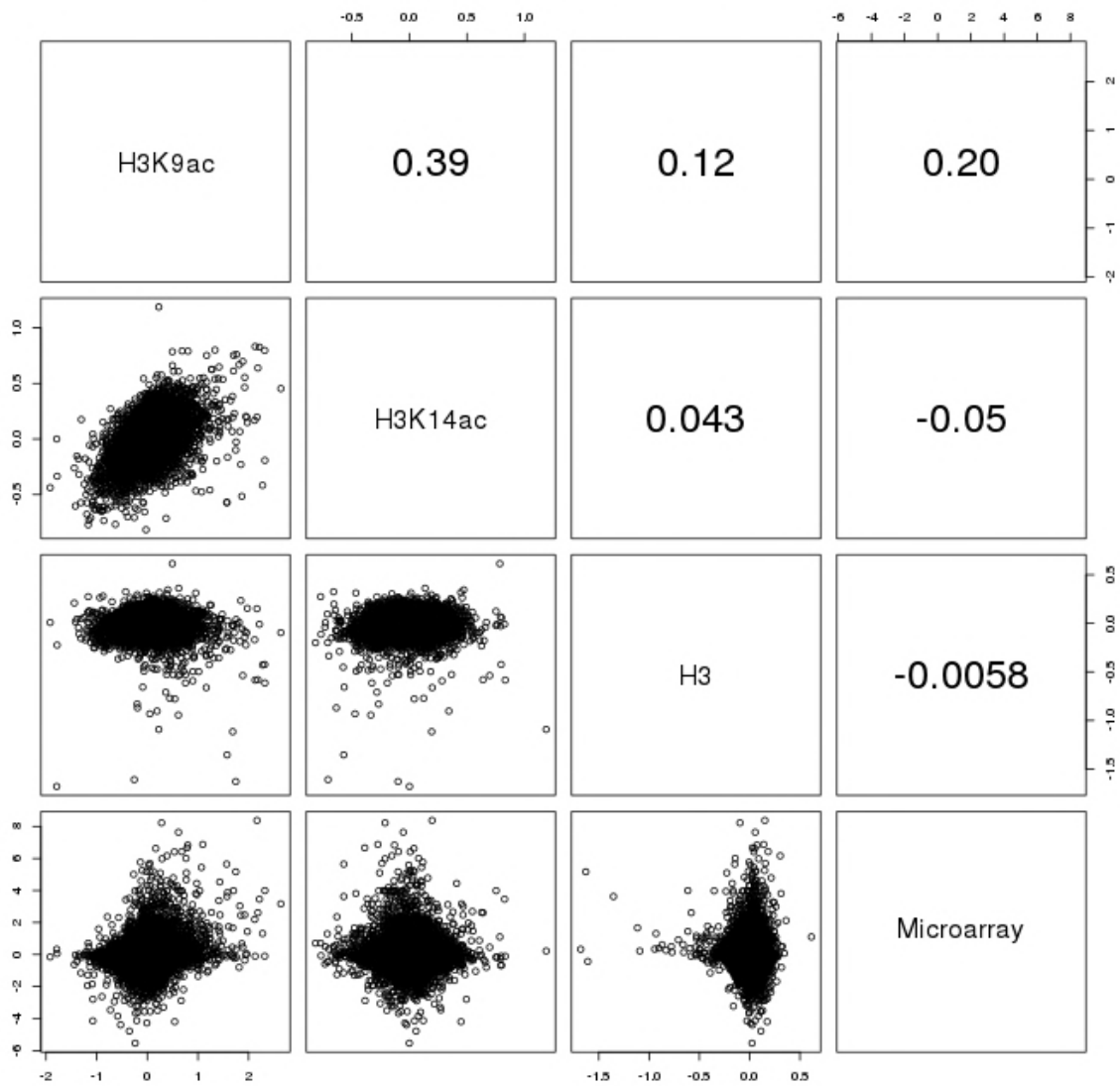


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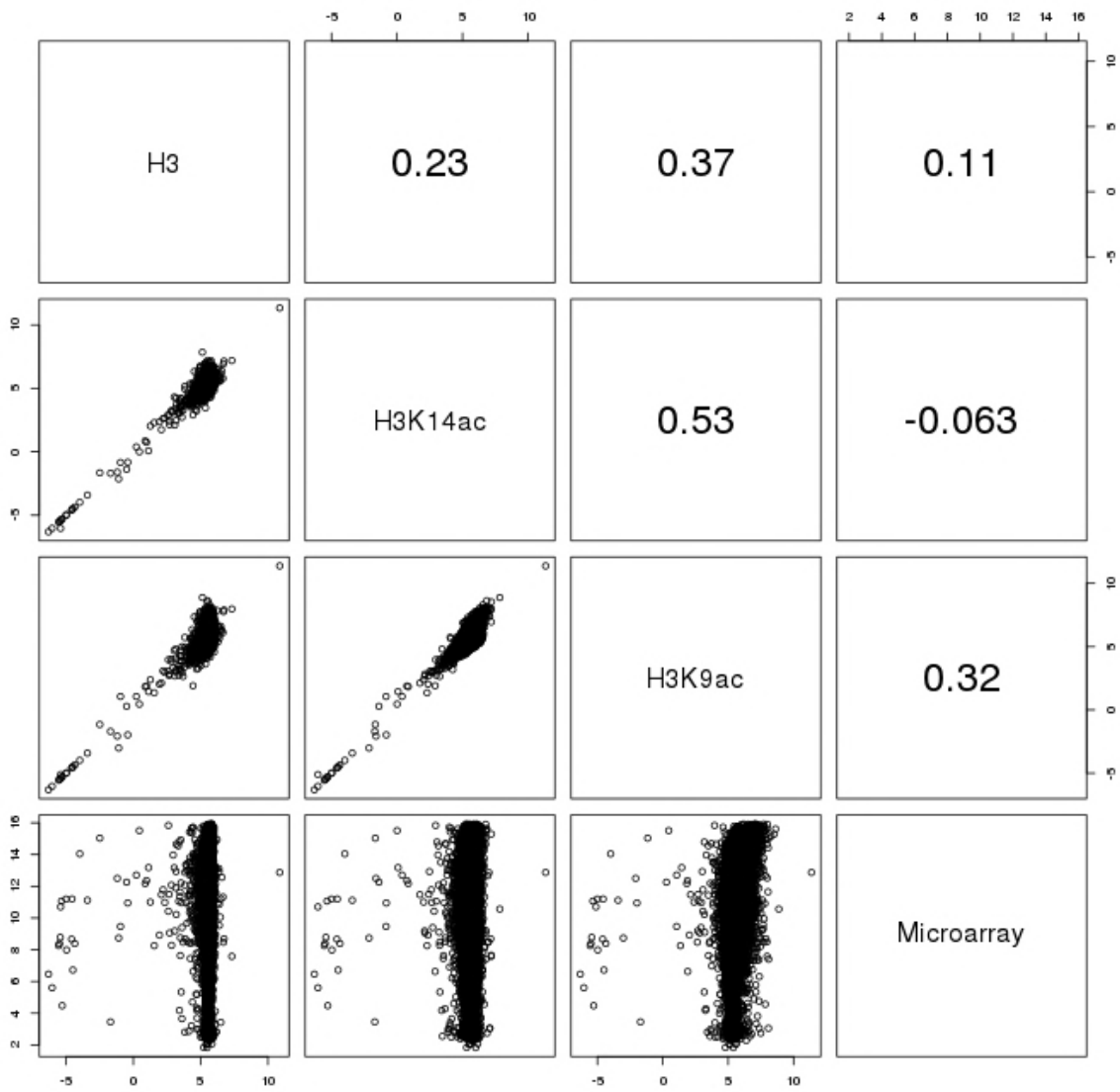


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ChIP-seq enrichment microarray expression level



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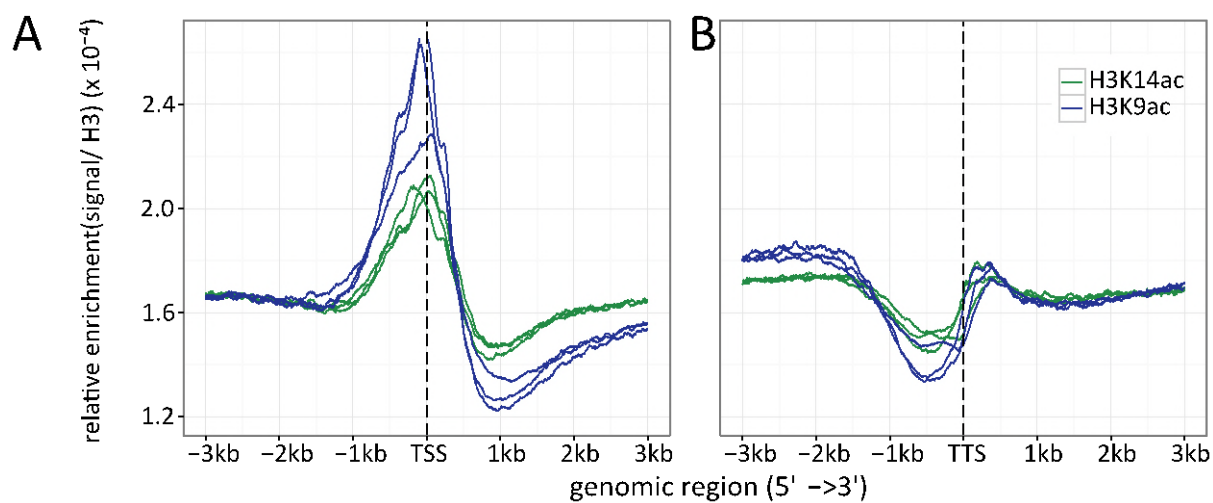
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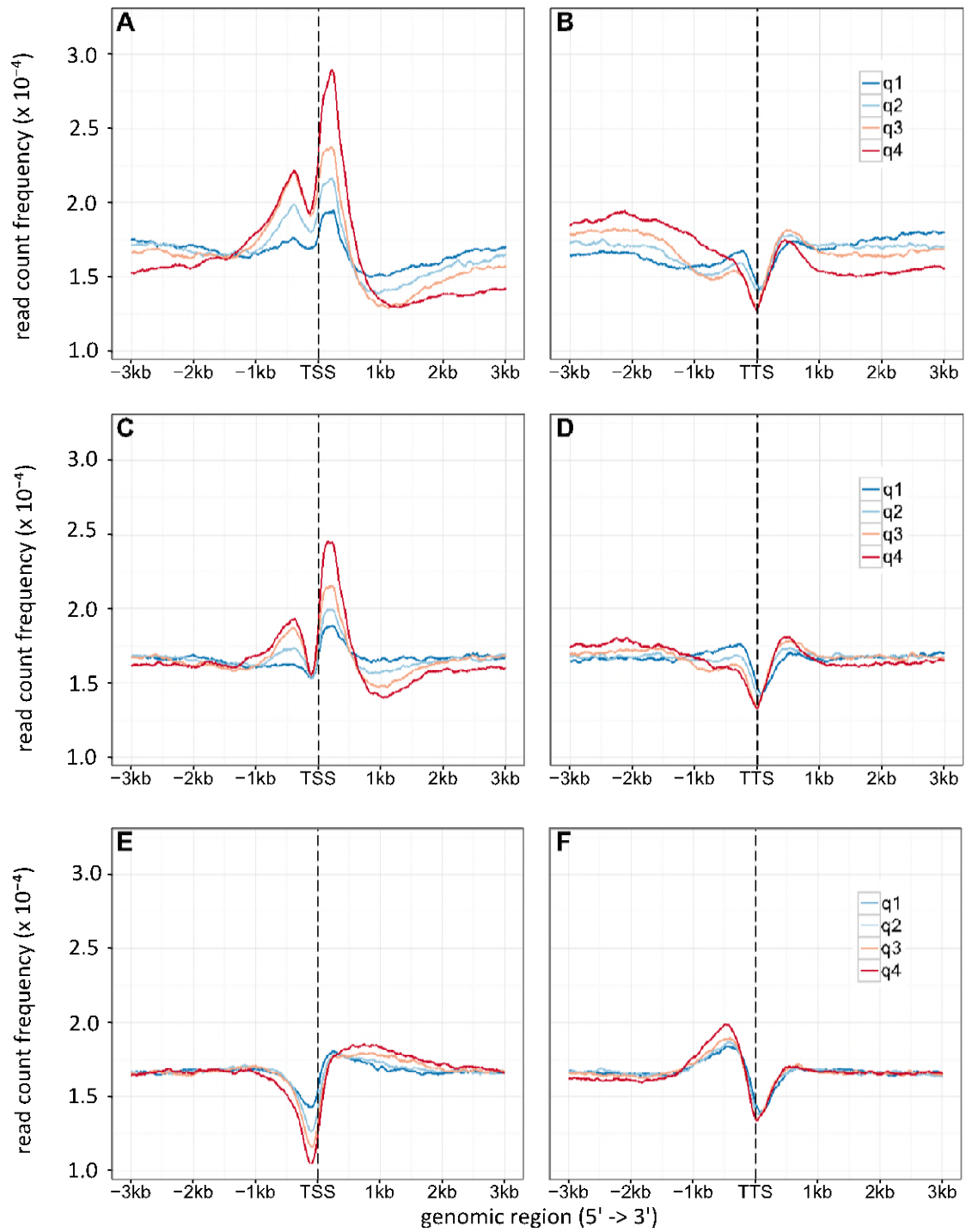
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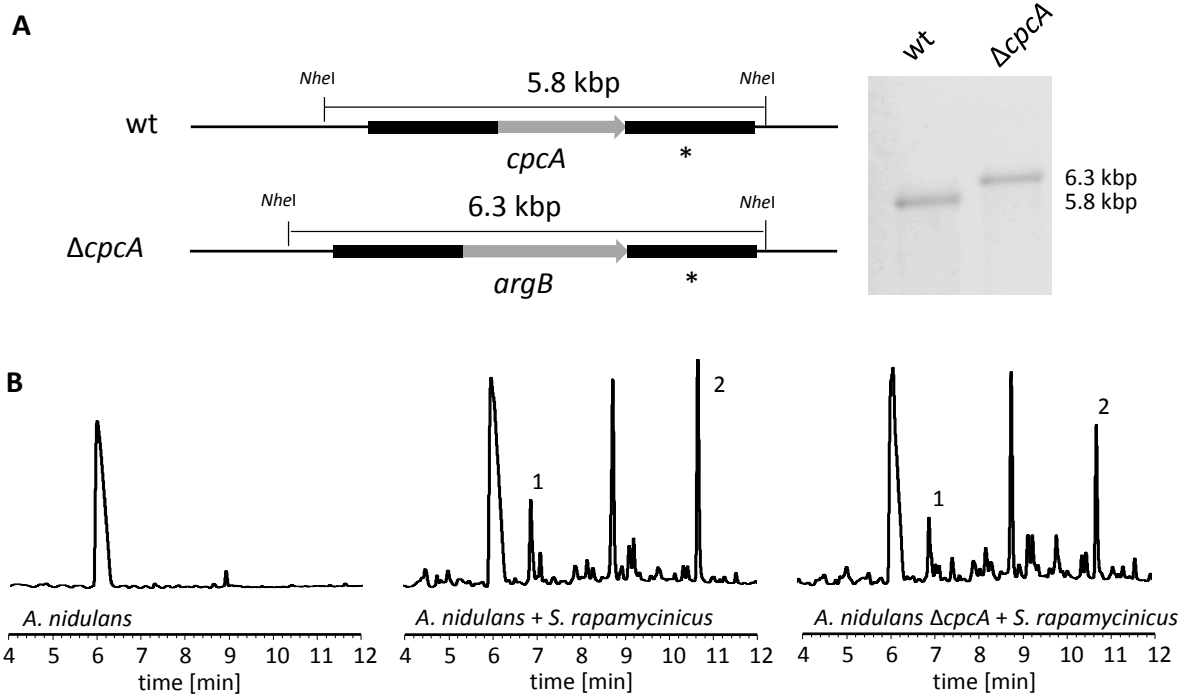
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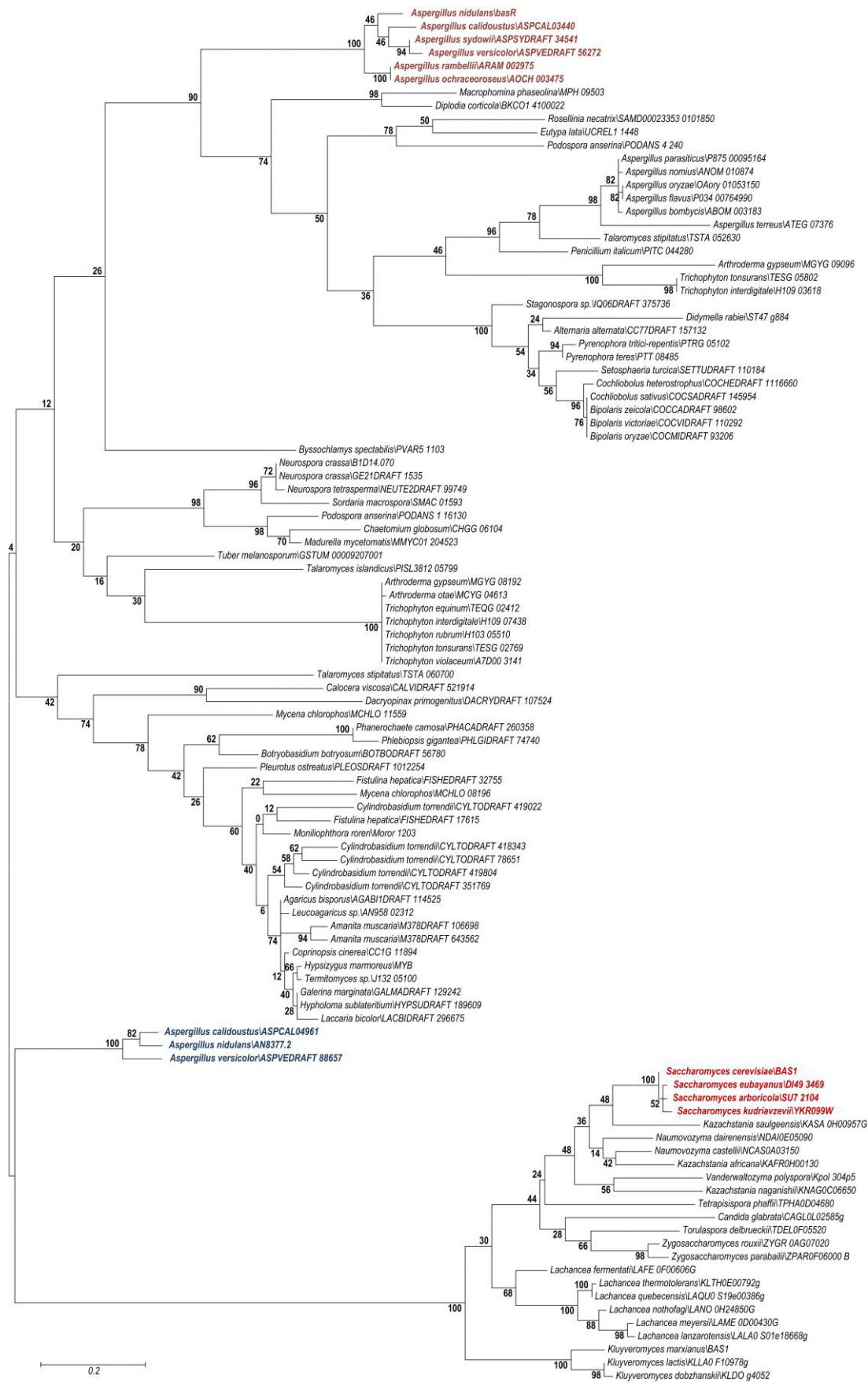
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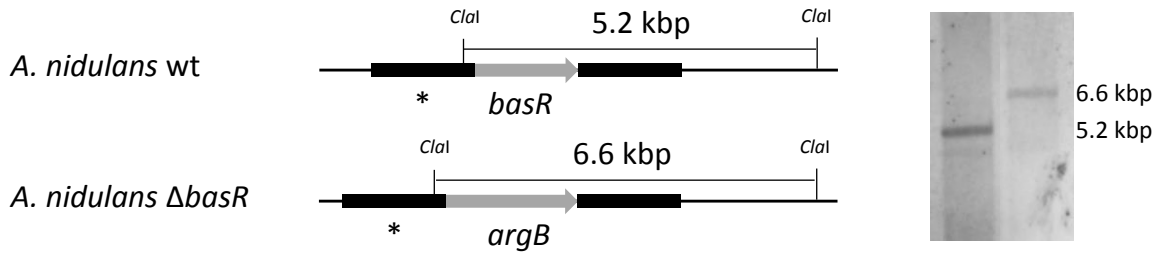
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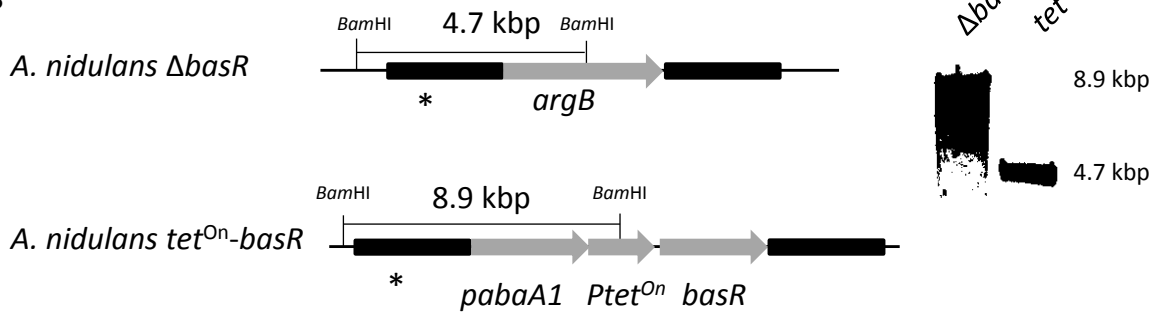
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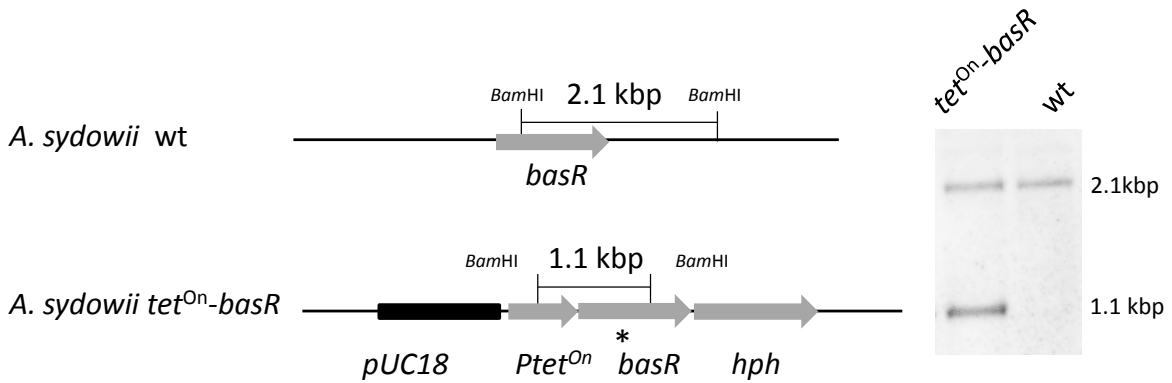


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1164 **Table S1.** Summary of ChIP-seq data

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25969_h3k9ac_rep 1_fastqc	96.99	9.365.386	3.077.339	32.9	8.823.048	94.5	8.978.193	74.555.968.055.1 42	748.696.077.453.24 2	0.010012	95.87	0.11
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25974_h3k9ac_rep 2_rap_fastqc	97.16	10.890.871	3.538.308	32.5	9.079.848	83.5	8.728.609	79.173.675.786.2 47	794.933.998.378.40 3	1.681.602	80.15	15.44
25977_h3k14ac_re p1_fastqc	97.99	4.975.966	1.603.206	32.2	4.781.717	96.1	4.862.224	901.966.216.764. 041	89.927.577.136.475	0.001007	97.71	0.02
25978_h3k14ac_re p1_rap_fastqc	96.97	5.558.179	174.768	31.4	4.790.822	86.4	4.669.582	905.974.181.288. 327	905.591.684.672.17 5	0.657575	84.01	11.83

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25982_h3k14ac_re p2_rap_fastqc	97.25	5.365.781	1.707.664	31.8	4.754.46	88.6	4.684.20	929.740.213.555.	928.976.176.425.65	0.492044	87.3	9.17
					2		1	733	6			
25985_h3cterm_re p1_fastqc	98.3	16.575.311	5.464.365	33	15.852.3	95.8	16.218.3	813.944.725.279.	817.243.581.056.88	0.005381	97.85	0.03
					87		52	651	3			
25986_h3cterm_re p1_rap_fastqc	97.16	6.507.174	213.572	32.8	5.727.62	88.5	5.686.60	9.017.548.780.94	90.727.567.964.291	0.549903	87.39	8.45
					5		5	5				
25989_h3cterm_re p2_fastqc	97.93	7.211.698	2.378.043	33	6.807.96	95.3	6.965.76	875.255.935.788.	882.069.230.353.47	0.00427	96.59	0.06
					8		6	041	8			
25990_h3cterm_re p2_rap_fastqc	97.64	12.234.444	4.041.382	33	10.561.3	86.7	10.366.0	863.349.575.870.	869.220.274.291.62	139.243	84.73	11.38
					74		01	974	7			
25993_h3cterm_re p3_fastqc	97.65	22.793.994	7.367.013	32.3	21.685.9	95.1	22.177.1	690.901.496.209.	692.369.343.128.38	0.010104	97.29	0.04
					33		24	322	9			
25994_h3cterm_re p3_rap_fastqc	97.59	15.631.595	4.989.982	31.9	1.360.67	87.1	13.412.0	794.449.484.478.	796.526.289.875.72	1.706.112	85.8	10.91
					6		04	621	1			
25997_lane1_flagm 2_wt_rap_fastqc	90.13	10.761.862	2.576.201	23.9	3.935.40	36.6	1.602.68	74.296.819.443.6	74.610.621.811.612	7.053.875	14.89	65.55
					7		7	49				
26003_h3k9ac_rep 3_fastqc	97.76	16.902.561	5.398.124	31.9	16.124.9	95.5	16.435.4	694.896.967.502.	696.871.654.676.83	0.013829	97.24	0.08
					92		05	731	9			

26004_h3k9ac_rep 3_rap_fastqc	97.48	16.572.919	5.104.133	30.8	13.677.5	82.7	13.062.1	735.996.861.424.	739.135.791.025.04	2.814.063	78.82	16.98
26007_h3k14ac_re p3_fastqc	97.89	14.574.983	474.023	32.5	13.939.1	95.7	14.156.8	779.406.442.069.	781.452.414.804.99	0.040031	97.13	0.27
26008_h3k14ac_re p3_rap_fastqc	97.52	13.634.579	4.196.136	30.8	11.762.2	86.3	1.143.36	803.285.919.644.	804.304.242.916.70	173.715	83.86	12.74
26011_lane2_flagm 2_wt_rap_fastqc	89.83	8.022.504	1.969.244	24.5	3.022.49	37.7	134.348	788.149.626.049.	791.792.240.473.13	5.094.587	16.75	63.5

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1167 **Table S2.** List of primers used in this study.

Name	Sequence (5' - 3')
For generation of constructs for transformation of <i>A. nidulans</i>	
argB2for	ATGGGAGTCAAAGTTCTGTTTGC
argB2rev	GGAAGCGAGAGAACATGTCAA
basAlbfor	GCAGATCCAATGCCAGATGC
basAArgBlbrev	AACAGAACTTTGACTCCCATTATGAGGAGAAGATGATTATC
basAArgBrbfor	GACATGTTCTCTCGCTTCCGATTACTGTGATTATTGGCAGC
basArbrev	AGTTAAACATCAAGGACTTGGG
cpcAlbfor	GCGTTCTGGTGTCGGGTCTG
cpcAArgBlbrev	AACAGAACTTTGACTCCCATATGAAAAGAAAAATTCAGGG
cpcAArgBrbfor	GACATGTTCTCTCGCTTCCATCCTCTTTGACAGTTCGCTG
cpcArbrev	CGAGACACGGCATTCTGGCAC
NJ08	TGCCAGGGATAGAAACATGT
NJ09	CGCAGACCTTTCTACAGATCTGGCATATGAGGAGAAGATGATTATC
NJ10	TCCGGTTTCATACACCGGGCAAAGAATCTGGACATGCGACGGAG
NJ11	TCCATCTCAACTCCATCACATACAATGACAGAACCTCGCCGG
NJ12	TACCTATGTCTAGTAAAAGGAT
NJ41	TTTACGGTGACATGTTTCTATCCCTGGCACACNNNGTGTAGAAGATCTCCTACAATAT TCTCAGC
NJ42	CAAGAGCTATCCTTTTACTAGACATAGGTAAACTCGAGCCATCCGGAT
Pabacassfor	TGCCAGATCTGTAGAAAGGTC
TetONfor	TCTTTGCCCGGTGTATGAAACC
TetONrev	TGTGATGTGATGGAGTTGAGATGG
TetON_pUC18tail F	CACGACGTTGTAACGACGGCCAGTGCCATCTTTGCCCGGTGTATGAAA
Asyd_basRF	ATGGCTGAACAACGTCGGCG

Name	Sequence (5' - 3')
Asyd_basRR	TCAATATCCATACGACTGCC
poliC_basRsidtai	AGTTGTCCAGCGCCGACGTTGTTTCAGCCATTGTGATGTGATGGAGTTGAG
Ttef_sydbastail_	CTCCAGAGAGGGCAGTCGTATGGATATTGAGCGGACATTCGATTTATGCC
hph_puc18tail_R	GATCCTCTAGAGTCGACCTGCAGGCATGCACTATTCCTTTGCCCTCGGAC
qRT-PCR	
Qacn fwd	CACCCTTGTTCTTGTTTTGCTC
Qacn rev	AAGTTCGCTTTGGCAACGC
qorsAfor	CTATACCACCGATAGCCAGGAC
qorsArev	CAGTGAGCAGGGCAAAGAAG
qorsDfor	GCAACGAGCCTGACATTACC
qorsDrev	CCGCACATCAACCATCTCTG
qareAfor	AAATCTAGCTCAGCGGCGAC
qareArev	GGGCTTTCCGCCATATCAAC
qniaDfor	CTGACGAAGGGGAGTGAAAG
qniaDrev	TCCATCCAACGACAGTAGG
qprnDfor	CGCTTTTGGTCTGCGTTAC
qprnDrev	CCGCTCAAAAACCAGACAATC
qgdhAfor	TCAAGGGCATCATGGAGGAC
qgdhArev	CTTGGTGAAACCGGCAATG
qniiAfor	GCGGGAAGATGGCTGGATTTAC
qniiArev	CCACAGCTTCACCCTTCTTAC
qtamAfor	TGATGACCAGCTCGTCAAAACC
Qtamrev	CCGCATCGTCATACTTTCCTC
qglAfor	GCCCGTAAGAATGTCAAGACCC

Name	Sequence (5' - 3')
qgltArev	GCTGAGAGCTGATGCCAGAAAG
qmeaAfor	TGACTACCTTGCCTGGACAC
qmeaArev	GCCGTTGCGATTCTTCCTTG
qureDfor	AGCGGGATGCAGCAAAGATG
qureDrev	AAGGCTCAACACTCCCAGAC
qprnBfor	GTCAGAGGTTGACATCTTTACG
qprnBrev	AAATCCACCACCAGACTCG
qbasRfw	GCGGGTACATGCCACAATAC
qbasRrev	TCTCGGGCATCATCAACTCC

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