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## RESUMEN

Los profagos en *S. enterica* constituyen hasta un 30% del genoma accesorio, y pueden influir en la adaptación al medio ambiente y la susceptibilidad a otros bacteriófagos.

En el presente estudio se identificaron profagos en 142 genomas de *S. enterica* provenientes de granjas avícolas de los cuales 137 correspondieron al serovar Infantis, 3 a Typhimurium y 3 Enteritidis. Para esto se preparó una base de datos de 160 genomas de profagos de *S. enterica*, *E. coli* y otros profagos reportados en genomas de *Salmonella* pero que provenían de hospedadores no entéricos.

Luego del análisis bioinformático se identificaron cuatro profagos con >95% de identidad y >60% de integridad de los cuales, *Peduovirus pro483* fue el profago más prevalente, presente en 132 genomas de *S. Infantis*. *Enterobacteria ST104* y *Gifsy-2*, estuvieron presentes en un genoma de *S. Typhimurium*, y *Peduovirus fiAA91ss* presente solo en un genoma de *S. Infantis*.

Por otro lado, se identificaron genes de virulencia tales como *gtgA* y *sodC*, y de exclusión de superinfección como *sieB* y *gp17*, en las secuencias correspondientes a *Enterobacteria ST104* y *Gifsy-2*.

El gen *terL*, común entre los profagos encontrados y otras secuencias relacionadas permitió esclarecer la relación de *Enterobacteria ST104* con otros *Lederbergvirus*, *Peduovirus pro483* y *fiAA91ss* con otros *Peduovirus*, y *Gifsy-2* con otros fagos lamboides.

A nuestro conocimiento este es el primer estudio que describe la presencia de profagos en cepas de *Salmonella enterica* aisladas en granjas avícolas ecuatorianas

**Palabras clave:** *S. enterica*, Infantis, profagos, *in-silico*, Ecuador.

## ABSTRACT

Prophages in *S. enterica* constitute up to 30% of the accessory genome, potentially influencing adaptation to the environment and susceptibility to other bacteriophages.

In this study, prophage sequences were identified in 142 *S. enterica* genomes from poultry farms, with 137 corresponding to serovar Infantis, and 3 each to Typhimurium and Enteritidis.

A comprehensive database containing 160 prophage genomes from *S. enterica*, *E. coli*, and other *Salmonella* prophages originating from non-enteric hosts was employed for bioinformatics analysis.

Four prophages, exhibiting >95% identity and >60% integrity, were identified. *Peduovirus pro483* emerged as the most prevalent, present in 132 *S. Infantis* genomes. *Enterobacteria ST104* and *Gifsy-2* were detected in a *S. Typhimurium* genome, while *Peduovirus fiAA91ss* was exclusive to a *S. Infantis* genome.

Notably, virulence genes such as *gtgA* and *sodC*, along with superinfection exclusion genes like *sieB* and *gp17*, were identified in the sequences corresponding to *Enterobacteria ST104* and *Gifsy-2*.

The *terL* gene, shared among the identified prophages and related sequences, provided insights into the relationships, elucidating the connection of *Enterobacteria ST104* with other *Lederbergviruses*, *Peduovirus pro483* and *fiAA91ss* with other *Peduoviruses*, and *Gifsy-2* with other lamboid phages.

To our knowledge, this marks the first study describing the presence of prophages in *Salmonella enterica* strains isolated from Ecuadorian poultry farms.

**Keywords:** *S. enterica*, Infantis, prophages, *in-silico*, Ecuador



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## PART 1: GENERAL INTRODUCTION

### *Salmonella* General Aspects

*Salmonella* is a Gram-negative bacterium from the Enterobacteriaceae family. This genus comprises two species: *S. enterica* and *S. bongori*, being the first the most studied due to its pathogenicity (Hiyoshi et al., 2018). More than 2500 serovars have been identified, showcasing the remarkable diversity that enables *Salmonella enterica* to adapt to specific environments and hosts (Boyle et al., 2007; Coburn et al., 2007; Gymoese et al., 2019). Typically, *Salmonella* serovars fall into two primary groups: typhoidal and non-typhoidal. Typhoidal serovars exhibit a distinctive trait of colonizing and causing diseases exclusively in humans (Popa & Papa, 2021).

Non-typhoidal serovars represent the majority and are commonly associated with outbreaks and contamination of water sources through farming and agricultural practices (Guerrero et al., 2021). Among these serovars, some exhibit host specificity, with notable examples being *S. Dublin* in cattle and *S. Cholerasuis* in pigs (Hiyoshi et al., 2018). In humans, susceptibility to infection linkage on factors such as the individual's immune system and age, with early childhood, the elderly, and immunocompromised individuals being particularly vulnerable (Ao et al., 2015). Symptoms can range from mild, self-limiting gastroenteritis to more severe cases involving the invasion of epithelial cells in the host's intestinal tract through intracellular infection (Boyle et al., 2007).

The most severe cases of non-typhoidal salmonellosis are related to the virulence factors that confer different levels of adaptation to the host environment (Coburn et al., 2007). Six main virulence factors include secretion systems, fimbriae, flagella and flagellin, iron acquisition genes, superoxide dismutase genes, and virulence plasmids (Ibarra & Steele-Mortimer, 2009). Some virulence factors are characteristic to specific serovars and are also used for their

differentiation. However, these factors can also be acquired from mobile genetic elements, particularly plasmids and bacteriophages (Cui et al., 2021; Figueroa-Bossi & Bossi, 1999; Jajere, 2019). These virulence factors are crucial in the epidemiology of certain *Salmonella* serovars due to their implication in the emergence and success of some strains associated to specific outbreaks (Boyle et al., 2007).

On the other hand, antimicrobial resistance has become another noteworthy characteristic in *Salmonella*, exhibiting a notable increase over the past few decades. Most cases of multidrug resistant (MDR) *Salmonella* affect developing countries primarily due to inadequate health systems, deficient prevention policies, and substandard food quality control measures (Jajere, 2019; WHO, 2023). MDR *Salmonella* is also a consequence of the intensive use of antimicrobials within the healthcare system and the food industry (Jajere, 2019; Van Boeckel et al., 2015; Vinueza Burgos, 2017). Currently, *S. Typhi* and several non-typhoidal *Salmonella* have been classified as serious threats by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in the United States (CDC, 2022). Although epidemiologic surveillance of antimicrobial resistance is a common practice enforced by the World Health Organization (WHO), some local governments have failed to implement surveillance, complicating the identification of emerging resistance patterns (WHO, 2017).

The WHO (2015) has identified *Salmonella enterica* as one of the 31 pathogens responsible for causing intestinal or systemic diseases, ranking as the third leading cause of death among food-related illnesses. Particularly in Latin America, approximately 77 million people are victims of foodborne infections, with 9,000 fatalities resulting from contaminated food. Non-typhoid *Salmonella* alone contributes for 95% of these cases, alongside other foodborne pathogens such as *Campylobacter*, *Escherichia coli*, and Norovirus (WHO, 2015). This alarming situation underscores the pressing need to concentrate efforts on enhancing quality control measures and

implementing effective policies within agricultural systems, food safety practices, and public policies in the region (Guerrero et al., 2021).

***Salmonella enterica* serovar *Infantis*.**

*S. Enteritidis* and *S. Typhimurium* are recognized as the main serovars responsible for infections in both humans and broilers. Contaminated products linked to these serovars, particularly raw chicken meat and eggs, are widely acknowledged as the primary sources of human infections (Guerrero et al., 2021). Since 2014, there has been a growing prevalence of *S. Infantis* in poultry farms, potentially attributed to the displacement of *S. Enteritidis* and *S. Typhimurium* through quality control and vaccination policies (Montoro-Dasi et al., 2023). This trend raises concerns about potential risks to human health.

Although the prevalence of certain serovars may vary geographically, *S. Infantis* has exhibited a clear predominance on a global scale (Moulana & Asgharpour, 2022). Since 2020, *S. Infantis* has been recognized as the fourth among the 10 most prevalent non-typhoidal serovars associated with human infections worldwide (Montoro-Dasi et al., 2023). This recognition underscores the importance of ongoing monitoring and research efforts to understand and mitigate the evolving dynamics of *S. Infantis* and its impact on public health.

In the European Union, the most prevalent serovars associated with human infections are *S. Enteritidis*, *S. Typhimurium* and its monophasic variant, *S. Infantis* and *S. Derby*, respectively, accounting for 54.6%, 11.4%, 8.8%, 2.0% and 0.93% of cases according to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) (2022). All serovars have been associated with different environments in the food and meat production industry (Ferrari et al., 2019).

In Latin America, *S. Infantis* has also been reported as an emerging serovar among poultry farms with different prevalence depending on the country (Vinueza-Burgos, 2017). Reports from Ecuador and Peru indicate that *S. Infantis* is the predominant serovar in broilers and

poultry farms, constituting a significant proportion ranging from approximately 83% to 98% of the isolates associated with this serovar (Vallejos-Sánchez et al., 2019; Vinueza-Burgos et al., 2019). This high prevalence may be attributed to the close interaction between poultry industries of Peru and Ecuador (Vinueza-Burgos et al., 2019). In other countries of the region, *S. Infantis* was reported as an underrepresented serovar in broiler, chicken meat and poultry farms (Lapierre et al., 2020; Medeiros et al., 2011). This highlights the need for more research focused on *S. Infantis* to understand the epidemiology of this emerging serovar in the region.

The emergence of this serovar could be attributed to vaccination and control programs aimed at *S. Enteritidis* and *S. Typhimurium* (Montoro-Dasi et al., 2023). The decline or near-eradication of these previous serovars creates an ecological niche that facilitates the colonization and success of *S. Infantis* (ECDC, 2022; Montoro-Dasi et al., 2023). Additionally, *S. Infantis* strains have been reported to present different genetic features that include antimicrobial resistance, acquisition of mobile genetic elements and virulence factors which enhanced its pathogenicity and fitness (Montoro-Dasi et al., 2023).

The global dominance of *S. Infantis* in poultry farms is thought to be facilitated by a megaplasmid called pESI that imparts resistance and virulence features, including the adaptation to oxidative stress, mercury tolerance, fimbriae and a diverse number of resistance genes which explains the MDR patterns (Hall et al., 2022; Moulana & Asgharpour, 2022). It appears that pESI-like megaplasms in *S. Infantis* have been vertically acquired, but other enteric commensals have also reported the presence of this type of megaplasms (McMillan et al., 2020; Shah et al., 2017).

On the other hand, the presence of prophage sequences within *S. Infantis* could explain part of the success of this serovar in the poultry industry (Cohen et al., 2020; D'Alessandro et al., 2018; Trofeit et al., 2023). Prophages sequences normally carry genes associated with resistance

genes and virulence factors (Żbikowska et al., 2020) as well as genes associated with host cellular invasion, intracellular survival and biofilm formation (Wahl et al., 2019). These prophage sequences could have been acquired by interacting with other poultry-associated serovars, such as *S. Gallinarum* (Kipper et al., 2022). Nonetheless, information about prophages in *Salmonella* remains scarce and not deeply studied.

### **Prophages of *Salmonella enterica***

Up to 30% of the accessory genome of *Salmonella enterica* is comprised of prophages and these could play a crucial role in the genetic diversity of this microorganism (Wahl et al., 2019). Their influence has been extensively studied because of the expression of toxins, virulence factors and genes associated with metabolic intake affecting bacterial fitness and physiology (Kraushaar et al., 2017). However, prophages can also affect the interaction of *S. enterica* with its environment through the expression of specific genes that modulate signaling to other microorganisms or phages (Mottawea et al., 2018; Wahl et al., 2019).

While certain prophage species infecting *Salmonella* genomes have been reported in other bacterial hosts like *Escherichia coli*, *Yersinia*, *Klebsiella* and *Haemophilus*, induction assays have demonstrated that most prophages in *Salmonella* have narrowed their host range to specific serotypes and strains (Gao et al., 2020). The most common prophages found in *Salmonella* are *Lederbergvirus*-like phages (formerly p22-like phages), from which *Lederbergvirus* p22 and *Lederbergvirus* ST64T features as the most studied prophages found in *S. Typhimurium* conferring O-antigen modifications, phage resistance, and other characteristics to the host (Gao et al., 2020; Switt et al., 2015; Wahl et al., 2019). Other common phages found in *Salmonella* are lamboid phages *Gifsy-1*, *Gifsy-2* and *Gifsy-3*, conferring virulent characteristics and promoting transduction or interaction with other genomic elements through recombination (Wahl et al., 2019). Most prophages have been described within *S.*



Typhimurium genomes due to its importance as a clinical and environmental prevalent serovar, but studies focused on other serovars are crucial to understand the adaptation of *Salmonella* to specific circumstances (Fong et al., 2022; Gao et al., 2020; Trofeit et al., 2023). A study by Cohen et al. (2021) has established that the predominant prophages in *S. Infantis* are *Bcepμvirus bcepμ* (as a conserved sequence in different *S. Infantis* lineages), *Peduovirus pro483* (emergent and diverse among *S. Infantis* lineages) and *Gifsy-1* (predominant in *Salmonella* along with other lamboids and *Gifsy*-like phages).

Prophages remain in a dormant state in the *Salmonella* genome, and they tend to be inherited vertically. Under specific stressful conditions, prophages can excise from the bacterial chromosome or integrate into it (Wahl et al., 2019). The excision or integration of prophages is typically triggered by factors such as DNA damage, the availability of hosts, or even the influence of other phages. These events can significantly impact the fitness of the host (Mottawea et al., 2018).

*S. enterica* genomes also present defective prophage sequences that have lost the ability to form infectious particles but retain certain features (Bobay et al., 2014; Henrot & Petit, 2022). The interaction with other mobile genetic elements, host defensive systems, recombination events and a high mutation rate are the main reasons prophages can lose function (Bobay et al., 2014). However, some defective prophages can be reactivated by the influence of other infecting phages that provide the correct signaling or specific functions. *S. enterica* can contain defective phages that can no longer be induced or reactivated and are fixed, similar to pathogenicity and genomic islands (Kaur & Jain, 2012).

Prophage virulence genes are the most studied for their effect on *S. enterica* survival and adaptability to the environment (Wahl et al., 2019). The most common functions provided by prophages while lysogenized in their host are the expression of toxins, secretion systems and

antimicrobial resistance (Bobay et al., 2014; Canchaya et al., 2004; Wahl et al., 2019). A common virulence gene is *sopE*, associated with cellular invasion. This gene was originally identified in *SopEPhi* prophage in *S. enterica* SL1344 and has been found in many other prophage species modulating the adaptation of *S. enterica* to new environments (Bachmann et al., 2014; Wahl et al., 2019). The impact of *sopE* harboring genomes has been reported to be essential in the emergence of certain serovars like *S. Infantis* (Petrovska et al., 2016; Rusconi et al., 2016).

The contribution of prophages in *S. enterica* is important especially for their implications on phage therapy success (Wahl et al., 2019). Some prophage genes can modulate the infection of other phages through the expression of genes that modify surface receptors used by other phages to recognize their target (Owen et al., 2020). An example of these modifications is found in *p22*-like phages, which carries the *gtrABC* operon for O-antigen recognition, but when lysogenized modifies the host O-antigen composition by glycolysation (Wahl et al., 2019). Another known function is the superinfection immunity or exclusion found in many *Salmonella* phages. The most notable examples are the *SieA* and *SieB* found in *p22*-like phages, blocking the C2 receptors (Cenens et al., 2016).

Some prophage genes have been reported to have different functions depending on the *Salmonella* serovar in which they are integrated. For example, *Lederbergvirus BTP1* has been reported to confer immunity to *p22*-like phages when is integrated in *S. Typhimurium* through expression of *bstA* gene (Owen et al., 2021), but when infecting *S. enterica* ST313 it was found to act as a virulence factor affecting the macrophage uptake during intracellular infection (Herrero-Fresno et al., 2017). These differences in function highlight the need to study the effects of prophages in different bacterial hosts. Since *S. enterica* is characterized for its ubiquity in a diversity of environments and hosts, the interaction of prophages and their

influence on the species behavior, the study of prophages is important to understand the biology of this bacterium.

## PART 2: SCIENTIFIC PAPER

### Introduction

Prophages are specific forms of bacteriophages that are integrated into the bacterial genome as lysogens and remain latent until certain environmental or host physiological conditions trigger their excision (Dion et al., 2020). Phageomes are estimated to comprise approximately 80% of the virome in some environments, particularly gut microbiomes (Dion et al., 2020; Henrot & Petit, 2022; Wendling, 2023), and can represent >20% of their host's genome (Dion et al., 2020; Nishijima et al., 2022; Wendling, 2023). While residing latent in a genome, prophages can influence several aspects of their host's physiology, such as virulence, metabolic intake, antimicrobial resistance, and phage infections, making them an interesting focus, especially for gastrointestinal tract pathogens like *Salmonella* (Nayfach et al., 2021; Tisza & Buck, 2021; Wahl et al., 2019).

In *S. enterica*, prophages constitute up to 30% of the accessory genome and are recognized as one of the main contributors to the species' diversity (Wahl et al., 2019). Their influence has been traditionally studied through the expression of virulence genes and other characteristics that influence the adaptation of *S. enterica* to different environments, but recent studies have focused on the influence of prophages in the infection dynamics, through the expression of genes that confers resistance to certain groups of phages (Dion et al., 2020; Henrot & Petit, 2022; Wahl et al., 2019). A clear example is observed in many *p22*-like phages which harbor superinfection exclusion genes that prevent the infection of multiple phages by inducing abortive infection or surface antigen modification (Owen et al., 2021).

Understanding the influence of prophages in *S. enterica* is crucial for comprehending the emergence of certain strains or serovars. This influence operates through the expression of

virulence genes, promoting the success of these strains in specific environments (Cohen et al., 2020; Gyomai et al., 2019; Moura de Sousa et al., 2021; Weissman et al., 2018).

The main objective of this study was to detect *S. enterica* prophages within 142 *S. enterica* genomes from poultry farms, chicken carcasses and clinical cases to assess their functionality, presence of virulence genes and influence in the bacterial fitness. This investigation aims to unravel the relationships between the identified prophages and other related bacteriophages associated with *S. enterica*, providing comprehensive insights into the intricate microbial ecosystems.

## **Methodology**

### **Genome Assembly**

The genome Assembly Protocol utilized 151 Illumina NextSeq paired-end sequences obtained from a previous study (Mejía et al., 2020) (available under bioproject PRJEB37560). Details regarding sequence names and serovars are provided in Supplementary Table 1. Trimmomatic (v0.39) (Bolger et al., 2014) was employed to trim ambiguous nucleotides from paired-end sequences, ensuring a quality threshold >20 and a minimum length of 100 bp. Quality control was performed using MultiQC (v1.16) (Ewels et al., 2016). SPAdes (v3.15.4) (Prjibelski et al., 2020) facilitated the assembly of filtered sequences, employing a cut-off value of 25 and a careful pipeline flag. Only assembled scaffolds were utilized to ensure the identification of large prophage genomes. Assembly quality was assessed with Abyss (v2.3.5) (Jackman et al., 2017), utilizing the abyss-fac flag, and BUSCO (v5.5.0) (Manni et al., 2021). To guarantee less fragmented identified prophage genomes, and to obtain more comprehensive and informative results, we selected genomes meeting specific criteria: assemblies with <150 scaffolds, N50 >150 kb, L50 <15, genome completeness >85%, and a file size >4.1 MB.

### **Prophage database and genome identification**

A database of *Salmonella* prophage genomes was created for *in silico* identification using BLAST Command Line Applications (v2.13.0+) (Altschul et al., 1990; Morgulis et al., 2008) with the *megablast* task, with a percent identity >95%, and an E-value <E-100, to ensure high similarity and statistical significance in our BLAST results. The database consisted of 160 reference prophage genomes retrieved from prior studies (Gao et al., 2020; Switt et al., 2015) that established that these genomes were exclusive or related to *S. enterica* genomes to avoid other prophages with a wide range of hosts (Supplementary Table 2). The completeness and correct species assignment of the references were assessed through manual comparison with the NCBI Nucleotide and RefSeq databases (Sayers et al., 2022) and the latest information from the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) (Turner et al., 2021; Walker et al., 2020). Only matches with lengths >6 kB were selected because *Inovirus M13* was the smallest prophage genome in our database with 6408 bp.

### **Prophage genome annotation and gene functionality**

Each identified prophage genome species was concatenated and realigned with its respective reference from our custom database (Supplementary Table 2) using MAFFT (v7.520) (Kato et al., 2019). Previous studies (Ha & Denver, 2018; Hatfull et al., 2010; Pope et al., 2011) used alignments representing 45%-58% of the reference genome with >90% of identity to evaluate gene function and completeness level. In our case we used prophage genomes whose alignment represented >60% of the reference genome and a percent identity >95% to ensure a higher proportion of the prophage genomes recovered prior to evaluate their function through gene annotation.

Gene and ORF calling were performed using Prodigal (v2.6.3) (Hyatt et al., 2010) with the *-g 11* flag to specify the bacterial-plastid genetic code. Gene sequence identification was

performed using BAKTA (v1.8.1) (Schwengers et al., 2021). Annotated genomes were visualized and curated using Geneious Prime (v2023.0.2) (Kearse et al., 2012) to evaluate nonsense stop codons and incorrectly identified ORFs. Hypothetical gene sequences were aligned against the UniProt (Coudert et al., 2023) database using the BLAST online service. Curated annotated genomes were compared with taxonomically closely related references according to the ICTV (Turner et al., 2023; Walker et al., 2020) taxonomy to identify shared gene features with the same protein coding product.

### **Prophage genome analysis**

Genomes of *Salmonella* prophages were mapped to their respective reference genomes from our database using Bowtie2 (v1.3.1) (Langmead & Salzberg, 2012) to identify the location of the genes found. Subsequently, the annotated genomes were aligned using progressiveMauve (v2.4.0) (Darling et al., 2010) to identify conserved regions or locally colinear blocks when comparing the *Salmonella* prophages with their corresponding reference genomes. Genome comparisons between the identified prophages and the reference genomes were generated using graphical representations in Geneious Prime (v2023.0.2) (Kearse et al., 2012).

### ***Salmonella* prophage species estimation**

Further validation of *Salmonella* prophage identification involved a manual comparison to identify shared genes among the detected prophage genomes, their corresponding references in our database, and other taxonomically related phages from the ICTV (Turner et al., 2023; Walker et al., 2020) database (Supplementary Table 2). te (Kumar et al., 2018). Subsequently, a maximum likelihood tree was constructed with IQ-TREE2 (v2.2.5) (Nguyen et al., 2015) using the previously generated alignment, employing a fast bootstrap of 1000 iterations. The resulting tree was visualized with FigTree (v1.4.4) (<http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk/software/figtree/>).

Additionally, using the same parameters, a second maximum likelihood tree was constructed with complete genome sequences.

## Results

### *Salmonella* genomes and prophage identification

After trimming the 151 paired-end reads to remove duplicated or ambiguous sequences, an average of 1.24 million reads (ranging from 0 to 14.1 million reads) remained. Subsequently, these reads were assembled into genomes, of which only 142 genomes met the criteria of <150 scaffolds, N50 >150 kB, L50 <15, genome completeness >85%, and file size >4.1 MB, necessary for unfragmented prophage genome identification (Supplementary Table 1; Supplementary Figure 1).

The 142 assembled genomes exhibited an average of 152.63 scaffolds, with scaffolds averaging 153,849 bp for N50 and 6.62 bp for L50. To ensure no data loss, the genome size and file size of the assembled genomes maintained an average of 4.71 Mbp and 4.84 MB, respectively (Supplementary Figure 1). Of these genomes 136 were identified as *S. Infantis*, 3 were *S. Enteritidis* and 3 were *S. Typhimurium* (Supplementary Table 3).

Thirteen distinct *Salmonella* prophage-associated sequences were identified with an identity >95% (Supplementary table 3). Notably, only one genome from *S. Infantis* (0.70%) did not harbor any *Salmonella* prophages. Of the remaining genomes, 11 out of 142 (7.75%) contained 1 prophage, 120 out of 142 (84.51%) harbored 2 prophages, 9 out of 142 (6.34%) hosted 3 prophages, and only one (0.70%) featured 4 prophages.

*Peduvirus pro483* was the most prevalent, followed by *Stockinghallvirus FSL SP-004*. Other prophage matches found constituted less than 6% of the analyzed genomes. *Punavirus SJ46*, *Phage Gifsy-1*, *Lambdavirus lambda* and *Peduvirus fiAA91ss* were uniquely identified in their respective samples.



*Phage Gifsy-2* was identified in one *S. Infantis*, two *S. Typhimurium*, and two *S. Enteritidis* genomes. *Salmonella phage ST64B* was present in three *S. Enteritidis* and two *S. Typhimurium* genomes. Only one *S. Typhimurium* genome harbored Enterobacteria phage ST104 with 95.02% query coverage (Table 1).

**Table 1.** Number of *Salmonella* serovars harboring each of the prophages detected

Prophage Species	Detected genome size	Reference genome size	Query coverage	Number of prophage harboring genomes (%)	Serovar
<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	12887 bp		44.07 %	49 (34.51%)	Infantis
	12914 bp		44.17 %	1 (0.70%)	Enteritidis
	12945 bp	29237 bp	44.27 %	5 (3.52%)	Infantis
	22183 bp*		75.87 %	63 (44.37%)	Infantis
	22230 bp*		76.03%*	14 (9.86%)	Infantis
<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP-004</i>	6055 bp	29742 bp	20.36 %	120 (84.51%)	Infantis
<i>Peduvirus Wphi</i>	6853 bp	32684 bp	20.97 %	8 (5.63%)	Infantis
<i>Shigella phage SfII</i>	6087 bp	41475 bp	14.68 %	1 (0.70%)	Infantis
	10031 bp		24.18 %	2 (1.41%)	Infantis
<i>Enterobacteria phage mEp460</i>	13532 bp	44510 bp	30.40 %	1 (0.70%)	Infantis
	14114 bp		31.71 %	1 (0.70%)	Infantis
<i>Salmonella phage 118970-sal3</i>	13543 bp	77375 bp	17.50 %	1 (0.70%)	Infantis
	25721 bp		33.24 %	1 (0.70%)	Infantis
<i>Peduvirus fiAA91ss</i>	22122 bp	33628 bp	65.78%*	1 (0.70%)**	Infantis
<i>Lambdavirus lambda</i>	16347 bp	48502 bp	33.70 %	1 (0.70%)	Infantis
<i>Phage Gifsy-1</i>	22005 bp	48491 bp	45.38 %	1 (0.70%)**	Infantis
<i>Phage Gifsy-2</i>	6091 bp	45840 bp	13.29 %	1 (0.70%)	Typhimurium
	6091 bp		13.29 %	2 (1.41%)	Enteritidis
	6429 bp		20.40 %	1 (0.70%)	Infantis
	31512 bp*		68.71 %	1 (0.70%)	Typhimurium
<i>Enterobacteria phage ST104</i>	38150 bp*	41391 bp	95.02 %	1 (0.70%)**	Typhimurium
	15325 bp		38.17 %	2 (1.41%)	Typhimurium
<i>Salmonella phage ST64B</i>	15325 bp	40149 bp	38.17 %	3 (2.11%)	Enteritidis
<i>Punavirus SJ46</i>	10688 bp	103445 bp	10.33 %	1 (0.70%)**	Infantis

(\*)Selected prophages with query coverage >60%

(\*\*) Only sample presenting the current *Salmonella* prophage

We selectively retained matches with an identity >95% and query coverages >60% to determine gene function through genome annotation. Only 4 prophage genomes met these criteria:

*Peduovirus pro483* and *Peduovirus fiAA91ss* in *S. Infantis* samples, and both *Enterobacteria phage ST104* and *Phage Gifsy-2* in the same *S. Typhimurium* sample (Table 1).

### **Prophage genome analysis**

Finally, four *Salmonella* prophage genomes selected for genome annotation were mapped and aligned to their respective references to identify their gene location and conserved regions.

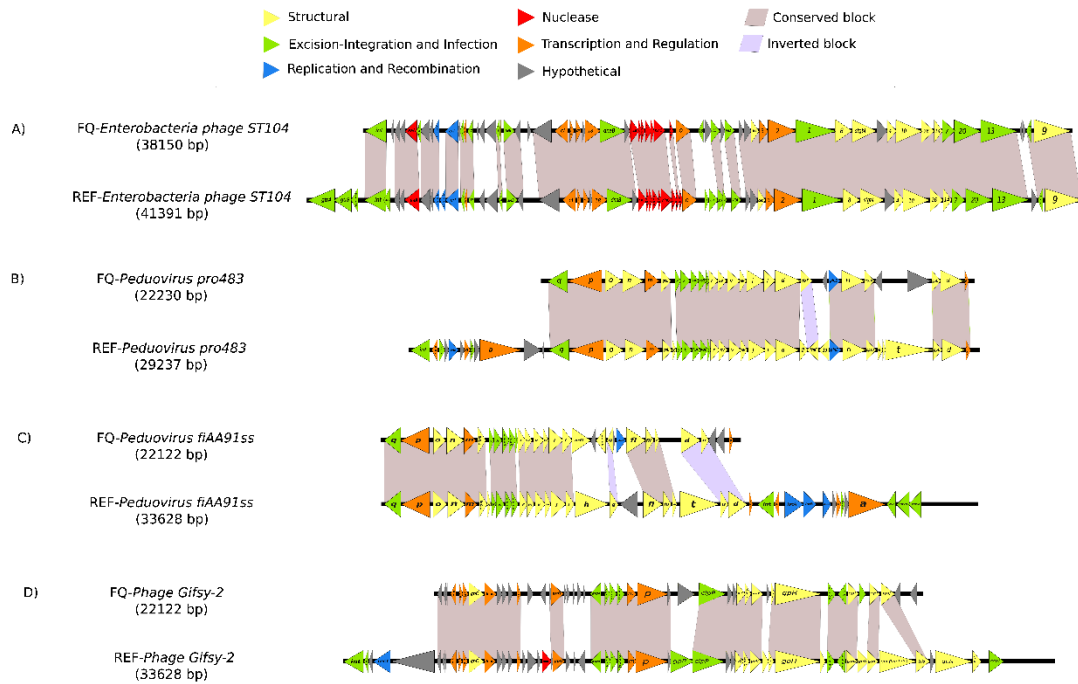
Only *Enterobacteria phage ST104* showed a similar number of features compared to its reference genome. Matches for *Peduovirus pro483* and *fiAA91ss* revealed a clear loss of features associated with structural proteins, infection, and excision proteins in contrast to their reference genomes. Regarding *Phage Gifsy-2*, genes encoding phage structural proteins, transcription, and excision proteins were absent from the identified sequence (Supplementary Figure 3).

The prophage *FQ-Enterobacteria ST104* showed the presence of the gene *lar*, encoding a restriction alleviation protein, which was absent in its reference genome. Our recovered sequence also lacked the following genes: *gtrA*, *gtrB*, and *gtrC*, encoding O-antigen conversion proteins; *xis*, for an excisionase enzyme; *ninY* and *ninZ*, for phage nuclease enzymes; *gp64*, for a holin enzyme; and *gp13*, for a DNA transfer protein (Figure 1A).

Sequences of *FQ-Peduovirus pro483* and *Peduovirus pro483* revealed clear differences with their reference sequences. *FQ-Peduovirus pro483* lacked a block of 12 genes, including *int* (phage integrase), *ogr* (a late control protein), *cox* (excisionase), *dnaB* (recombinase), *gpB* (replication initiation), *dksA* (zinc-finger-like protein), *gpA* (nicking at origin protein), and 4 hypothetical proteins (Figure 1B). Notably, the gene *tfaE*, a tail fiber assembly protein, was found to be inverted in our sequence. Furthermore, in contrast to the absence of the 12 genes upstream, a conserved block of 3 genes was identified downstream, in which *ogr* was duplicated in the reference genome (Figure 1B).

In *FQ-Peduovirus fiAA91ss*, a block of 13 downstream genes was absent (Figure 1C). These genes included *int* (phage integrase), *gpC* (a transcriptional regulator), *istA* and *istB* (genes for a transposable element), *dnaB* (recombinase), *gpB* (for replication initiation), *gpA* (nicking at origin protein), *cdtA*, *cdtB*, and *cdtC* (encoding cytholethal toxins), and 2 hypothetical proteins. Additionally, 2 inverted blocks were identified: *gpG* (a tail fiber assembly protein) and a block consisting of *fI*, *fII*, and *e*, associated with phage tail proteins. Notably, 2 genes were found to be unique to *FQ-Peduovirus fiAA91ss*: *tfaE* (a tail fiber assembly protein) and *pinE* (a DNA invertase) (Figure 1C)

*FQ-Phage Gifsy-2* lacked 21 genes compared with its reference (Figure 1D). Upstream was evident the absence of a block consisting of *int*, for a phage integrase, *xis*, for excisionase, and *recT*, a recombinase, and downstream a block of 3 genes for *gpN*, *gpT*, for tail fiber assembly, *sseI*, a virulence determinant, was missing. Important features present for both were also found: *sodC*, for superoxide dismutase, and *gtgA*, for a type III secretion system.



**Figure 1.** Genome alignments between four most complete *Salmonella* prophages identified and their respective reference genomes in our custom database. Gene functions were color-coded as indicated in the figure legend. Conserved genetic blocks were also highlighted.

Ultimately, *FQ-Enterobacteria phage ST104* and *FQ-Phage Gifsy-2* both presented 3 genes with potential influence on host physiology and phage infection dynamics: *ral* (restriction alleviation protein), *sieB*, and *gp17* (superinfection exclusion), *lomR* (an opacity protein for surface antigens), and *sodC* (superoxide dismutase). In contrast, both *Peduvovirus pro483* and *fiAA91ss* only presented *pinE*, which has a potential influence on phage infection as it encodes a DNA invertase (Table 2).

**Table 2.** List of genes identified with potential influence on phage infection dynamics and host physiology.

Prophage identified	Gene name	Function
<i>FQ-Enterobacteria phage ST104</i>	<i>ral</i>	Restriction alleviation protein
	<i>sieB</i>	Superinfection exclusion protein
	<i>gp17</i>	Superinfection exclusion protein
<i>FQ-Peduovirus pro483</i>	<i>pinE</i>	DNA invertase
<i>FQ-Peduovirus fiAA91ss</i>	<i>pinE</i>	DNA invertase
<i>FQ-Phage Gifsy-2</i>	<i>lomR</i>	Opacity protein for surface antigens
	<i>gtgA</i>	O-antigen conversion protein
	<i>sodC</i>	Superoxide dismutase

### ***Salmonella* prophages positioning and relationships**

A maximum likelihood tree was constructed based on the alignment of the *terL* gene, which is the only gene shared among all analyzed prophage sequences (Figure 2).

Upon comparing the prophage sequences using the *terL* gene, it was evident that all *Peduovirus*-like sequences formed a cohesive cluster (Figure 2, Clade A). Notably, *FQ-Peduovirus pro483* and *FQ-Peduovirus fiAA91ss* exhibited strong similarity, with a robust bootstrap value, despite their corresponding references being positioned in different branches within the *Peduovirus* clade.

*FQ-Phage Gifsy-2* clustered with its reference and other lamboid prophages like *Gifsy-1*, *Enterobacteria phage Fels-1*, and *Salmonella phage Fels-2*. Intriguingly, *Lederbergvirus HK620* and *Lederbergvirus sf6* also grouped within this cluster (Figure 2, Clade B).

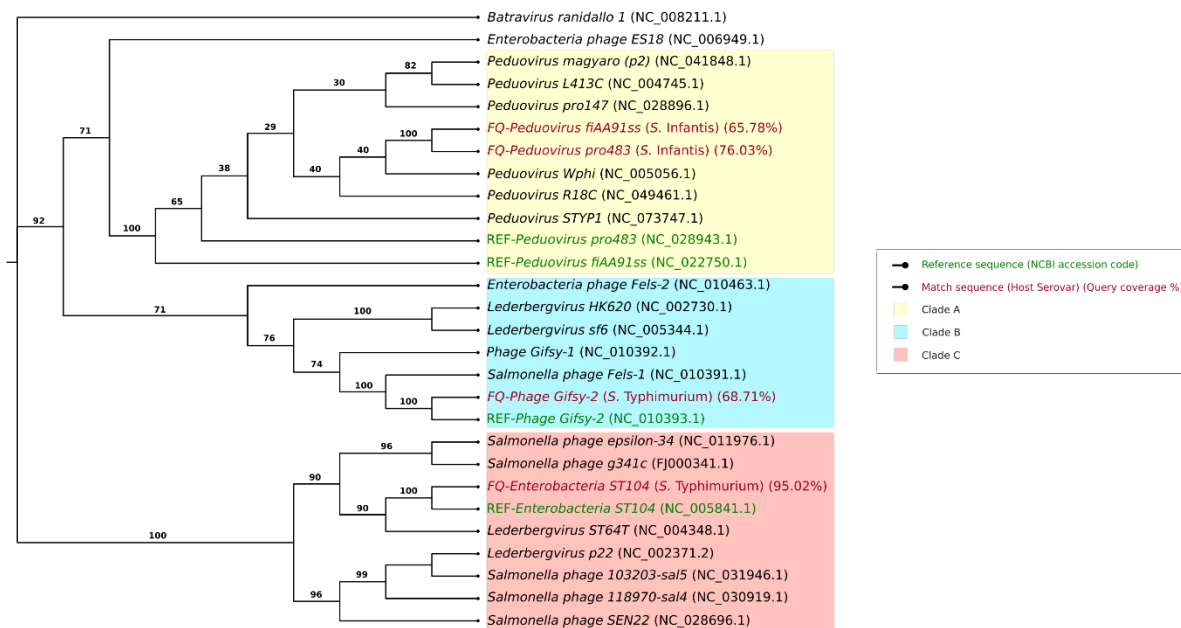
All *Lederbergvirus*-like sequences formed a distinct clade, with *FQ-Enterobacteria ST104* and its corresponding reference placed in the same branch, as expected (Figure 2, Clade C).

Since the *terL* gene was the sole shared gene among the analyzed prophage sequences, another maximum likelihood tree was constructed, this time utilizing complete genomes

(Supplementary Figure 2). Here, a different topology and relationships emerged in contrast to Figure 2. The *Peduvirus*-like clade included all *Peduviruses*, except *Peduvirus pro147*, with FQ-*Peduvirus pro483* and FQ-*Peduvirus fiAA91ss* more closely related to REF-*Peduvirus pro483* (Supplementary Figure 2, Clade A).

FQ-*Phage Gifsy-2* was associated with *Gifsy-1*, forming a smaller clade, and its corresponding reference showed a closer relationship with *Peduvirus* rather than other lamboids, as observed previously (Supplementary Figure 2, Clade B).

Finally, *Lederbergvirus*-like sequences were found in a larger clade, encompassing prophages previously grouped with *Gifsy-2* in Figure 2, while maintaining FQ-*Enterobacteria ST104 associated* with its reference and other *Lederbergviruses* (Supplementary Figure 2, Clade C).



**Figure 2.** Phylogenetic relationships using the terminase large subunit gene (*terL*). Reference sequences are written in green and found sequences in red. 3 clusters were observed: Cluster A (yellow) with *Peduvirus*-like sequences, ClusterB (cyan) with *Gifsy*-like sequences, and Cluster C with *Lederbergvirus*-like sequences. Maximum likelihood tree constructed with IQ-TREE2 with a fast bootstrap of 1000 iterations using a general time reversible model with gamma distribution (GTR+G) predicted with MEGAX.

## Discussion

Prophages in *S. enterica* are significant contributors to the species' genetic diversity, playing a crucial role in the adaptability of *S. enterica* to diverse environments and influence susceptibility to other infecting phages (Hu et al., 2021). Despite their ubiquity in *S. enterica* genomes comprising up to 30% of the accessory genome, studies on prophages remain scarce (Wahl et al., 2019).

In this study, we identified four prophages that best met our selection criteria: *Enterobacteria phage ST104*, *Peduvirus pro483*, *Peduvirus fiAA91ss* and *Phage Gifsy-2*. Although additional matches were excluded, there is a possibility of their association with these prophage

sequences. This is supported by observed mosaicism in phages, where specific genes or genetic blocks exhibit conservation, despite not sharing the same evolutionary history due to horizontal gene transfer (Jonge et al., 2019; Yu et al., 2017). Furthermore, our observations revealed that the identified prophages exhibited genome fragmentation or incompleteness, particularly in the cases of *Peduvirus pro483* and *Gifsy-2* matches. It is noteworthy that the phenomenon of prophage genome fragmentation or the presence of defective prophages is a common occurrence in bacterial genomes (Wahl et al., 2019). This reflects the rapid degradation of prophage sequences upon integration into the bacterial chromosome. Prophages play a crucial role in host survival, balancing the risk of bacterial lysis with the potential for adaptation through the expression of prophage genes. The degradation of prophages can be viewed because of selective pressure to stabilize defective or incomplete prophages (Bobay et al., 2014). Although the mechanisms governing the selection of prophages in bacterial genomes remain incompletely understood. The most described stabilization mechanisms involve recombination with other infecting phages or mobile genetic elements that share insertion sites or homologous genes (Bobay et al., 2014; Cohen et al., 2020; Gymoese et al., 2019). Additionally, host defense strategies target key phage genes, thereby promoting the selection of prophage sequences that enhance host fitness (Moura de Sousa et al., 2021; Weissman et al., 2018). Since our objective was to recover the most complete and functional prophage sequences, we narrowed our genome analysis to only the prophage matches mentioned above to ensure that functionality was not lost and to evaluate their influence on bacterial genomes and host physiology.

Prophages play a significant role in *S. enterica* genomes, with earlier studies linking specific serovars to prophages and environments (D'Alessandro et al., 2018; Switt et al., 2015). This is congruent with our results where *Peduvirus pro483* emerged as the most prevalent prophage sequence suggesting this prophage adapted to *S. Infantis* in the poultry farm environment, since *Peduvirus pro483* was originally isolated from an avian pathogenic *Escherichia coli*, and



present in *S. Typhimurium* isolated from poultry farms (Gymoese et al., 2019; Petrovska et al., 2016). Additionally, *Peduvovirus pro483* was commonly reported carrying the gene *sopE*, facilitating bacterial host epithelial cell invasion as in other *Peduvovirus P2*-like prophages found in emerging clones from poultry environments (Gymoese et al., 2019; Pretovska et al., 2016; Rusconi et al., 2016). Although our match did not present the *sopE* gene, its absence could be attributed to recombination events, suggesting that *Peduvovirus pro483* might be fixed in *S. Infantis* as evidence of its adaptation to poultry farms (Moura de Sousa et al., 2021; Weissman et al., 2018), as observed in the loss of functions and the presence of *pinE* (DNA invertase) in our recovered sequence.

Our study found only one *S. Infantis* genome harboring *Peduvovirus fiAA91ss*. Our sequence matching also harbored the *pinE* gene, indicating a relationship to *Peduvovirus P2* and other *Peduvovirus* like *Peduvovirus pro483*. In contrast to the reference genome used in our database, our match did not harbor cytolethal toxins and transposon insertion sequences, reinforcing the idea that certain phage functions are lost immediately after integration in the host genome due to recombination and influence of other mobile genetic elements (Bobay et al., 2014; Moura de Sousa et al., 2021; Weissman et al., 2018).

Although our *S. enterica* genomes did not exhibit a prevalence for *Phage Gifsy-2*, all sequences related to this prophage were identified across all serovars in our genomes. While lamboid phages such as *Phage Gifsy-1*, *Phage Gifsy-2*, and *Phage Gifsy-3*, have been documented to facilitate adaptability to the environment and horizontal gene transfer between *S. enterica* serovars through other phages, resulting in common conserved genetic blocks in Typhimurium and Enteritidis serovars (Braetz et al., 2023; Kurasz et al., 2023; Svahn et al., 2023), reports of *Phage Gifsy-2* in *S. Infantis* are limited. Interestingly a report by Calarga et al. (2021) presented *Phage Gifsy-2* in *S. Infantis* genomes along with *Peduvovirus L413-C*, a *Yersinia pestis* phage also related to *Peduvovirus fiAA91ss* (Qi et al., 2022), reinforcing the idea of *Gifsy*-like phages

in *Salmonella* enhancing adaptation to certain environments through interaction with other phages.

*Enterobacteria phage ST104* present in *S. Typhimurium* is congruent to previous reports that associated this prophage with *S. Typhimurium* DT104 phage type strain (Parker et al., 2021). While this prophage is reported to be exclusive of *S. Typhimurium* DT104 and other related strains in cattle and ground beef production (Parker et al., 2021), our match stands out as one of few *Enterobacteria phage ST104* found in *S. Typhimurium* from poultry environments. The acquisition of this prophage by *S. Typhimurium* from poultry farms may be a result of the intensive use of antimicrobials in poultry production as prophylactics and growth promoters (Van Boeckel et al., 2015; Vinueza Burgos, 2017) since *Enterobacteria phage ST104* has been reported promoting antimicrobial resistance gene transduction (Emmanuel, 2021; Parker et al., 2021).

Apart from the four prophages previously described, there were 9 prophage sequences that were discarded from further analysis due to no fulfilling the selection criteria (>60% complete) (Table 1). We want to highlight the presence of *Stockinghallvirus FSL SP-004* and *Peduovirus Wphi* among these 9 prophage sequences because they represented the second and third most prevalent prophage sequences found, respectively. Previous reports of *Stockinghallvirus FSL SP-004* (previously known as *Salmonella phage FSL SP-004*) have found this prophage associated to *S. Newport* in dairy farms (Moreno Switt, 2013; Moreno Switt et al., 2013; Silva et al., 2016). This differs from our findings in which we reported *Stockinghallvirus FSL SP-004* only in *S. Infantis*, indicating that this prophage could be circulating in more than one serovar and could be associated to other environmental settings. As for *Peduovirus WPhi*, this prophage has been reported only in human microbiota and isolated from *E. coli* O145 in cattle feces (Farahmandzad et al., 2022; Shridhar et al., 2019), being a similar case as *Stockinghallvirus FSL SP-004*. Further studies focused on the identification of these prophages

could clarify the origin and influence of these prophages in *S. Infantis* genomes. The fragmentation and incompleteness of these prophage sequences could indicate the degradation and later stabilization of these sequences in the host genome as previously described (Bobay et al., 2014; Weissman et al., 2018).

Genes influencing *S. enterica* physiology through virulence factors and immunity to phage superinfection have also been found in *S. Typhimurium*. These genes were commonly carried by *Enterobacteria phage ST104* and *Phage Gifsy-2* when integrated in the same genome, which is congruent to our findings (Emmanuel, 2021; Parker et al., 2021). While avian-related *S. Typhimurium* is known to also harbor the *sopE* gene found in various emerging clones with *Enterobacteria phage ST104* (Kirkwood et al., 2021), our *S. Typhimurium* did not present this virulence gene in the sequence matching corresponding to this prophage. Both prophages featured superinfection exclusion genes like *gp17* and *sieB*, known to protect from superinfection of *p22*-like and lamboid phages (Berngruber et al., 2010; Folimonova, 2012; Monteiro et al., 2019) and *sodC*, a virulence factor which protects *S. enterica* from oxidative stress from macrophages during intracellular infection (Ammendola et al., 2005; Figueroa-Bossi & Bossi, 1999; Golubeva & Slauch, 2006). This could explain the relationship observed of *Enterobacteria phage ST104* with *Lederbergvirus p22* and *Phage Gifsy-2* with *Phage Gifsy-1* and *Salmonella phage Fels-1* (Wahl et al., 2019; Sattar et al., 2023).

Studies focusing on *S. Infantis* with a similar approach to ours have reported 4 to 8 prophages per genome (Cohen et al., 2020; Gymoese et al., 2019), while for other serovars, the median number was 5 prophages per genome (Mottawea et al., 2018). In comparison, our study detected a lower number of prophages in our genomes. This difference may be attributed to the contiguity of the genomes used, as ours were not contiguous enough, despite adapting our assembly protocol to ensure less fragmented prophage genomes and more comprehensive results. This circumstance represented a limitation of our study which can be solved by using

more contiguous genomes in future studies. This could yield similar results to the findings by Cohen et al. (2020) and Gymoese et al. (2019) where complete gap-free genome sequences were obtained using both short and long read sequencing pipelines for prophage identification.

Although we only identified the *terL* gene as the shared gene among our four prophages and other related phages, it proved sufficient to construct a maximum likelihood tree and validate the accuracy of our prophage identification. The *terL* gene is recognized for its utility in phage group classification due to its conservation, which arises from its crucial role in correct phage DNA length packaging (Wangchuk et al., 2021). While other phage genes encoding essential proteins, such as phage integrases and capsid proteins, are also valuable for distinguishing between phage groups (Dion et al., 2020; Switt et al., 2015), the prevalence of recombination events and high mutation rates currently hinders the establishment of clear phylogenetic relationships (Turner et al., 2021). Viruses, in general, lack a distinct common ancestor. To further affirm the precision of our prophage identification protocol, we constructed another maximum likelihood tree using complete genomes. The observed relationships were different, especially for *Lederbergviruses*, which encompassed a larger cluster, the reduction of the *Gifsy*-like cluster and the dillucidation of *Peduovirus pro483* and *fiAA91ss* relationships. This could be due to the larger component of the genome included which established a more robust classification evidenced by higher bootstrap values. Similar approaches have been employed using Hidden Markov Models (HMM) to classify prophages using the similarity between certain proteins or sequences (Gauthier et al., 2022; Mohammed et al., 2023). We did not use this approach because our objective was to obtain an estimation of the identification method.

Finally, we want to acknowledge that the study of prophages in *Salmonella* is crucial due to their impact on the host's adaptation to the environment and susceptibility to other infecting phages (Howard-Varona et al., 2017; Hu et al., 2021). Previous studies have isolated novel phages through different approaches, with prophage induction being the most common (Shin et

al., 2014; Segall et al., 2019; Lakshminarasimhan, 2022). However, this approach is not suitable for our detected prophages since they lack essential genes for prophage excision and the following bacterial lysis and our *S. enterica* genomes exhibited resistance to ciprofloxacin (Mejía et al, 2020), an antimicrobial agent frequently used for prophage induction due to its effect on bacterial replication (Devos et al., 2017; Segall et al., 2019). Despite these limitations, there are other approaches focused on the ability of some prophages to influence the infection of specific lytic phages by protecting their host from superinfection when lysogenized (Das & Jha, 2020; Owen et al., 2020, 2021), as also observed in this study in *S. Typhimurium* harboring *Enterobacteria phage ST104* and *Phage Gifsy-2*.

To the best of our knowledge, this study marks the first attempt to utilize an *in-silico* approach, examining the impact of prophages on phage infection dynamics and their implications for *S. Infantis* emergence in Ecuador. This is particularly relevant for MDR *S. Infantis*, given its increasing prevalence worldwide, especially in association with poultry farms and the presence of the pESI-like megaplasמידs which enhance its adaptation and success in these environments (Donado-Godoy et al., 2015; Mejía et al., 2020; Vinueza-Burgos et al., 2019; Voss-Rech et al., 2015). In the country, previous studies focused on prophages have primarily explored antimicrobial resistance (Burnett et al., 2021) and served as genotyping tools (Corrales-Martínez et al., 2023). Data about prophages circulating in *Salmonella* strains of interest are crucial for the development of prevention policies in the epidemiologic surveillance and studies regarding the biology of *Salmonella* in different environments.

## **Conclusions**

Our study was centered on the identification of prophages in *S. Infantis*, particularly those associated with poultry farms, and exhibiting resistance to multiple antimicrobials. Despite challenges in genome contiguity affecting prophage identification, we identified 4 prophages,

with *Peduvirus pro483* being the most prevalent. While some prophages showed evidence of adaptation, loss of functions, or possible recombination, their influence on host physiology remains unclear, having detected this characteristic only in 2 prophages within a *S. Typhimurium* genome. Our findings underscore the need for more contiguous genomes, experimental validation, and focused research on prophages, especially in the context of the rising prevalence of multidrug-resistant *S. Infantis*, emphasizing their potential impact on phage therapy efficacy.

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Sample name	NCBI Code	Serovar	File Size before trimming (MB)		File Size after trimming (MB)		Assembly summary: abyss-fac										BUSCO	Assembly: SPAdes	
			Forward	Reverse	Forward	Reverse	n	n:500	L50	min	N75	N50	N25	E-size	max	sum	Genome Complete (%)	Assembled File Size (MB)	
Se_Q_001	CSG217	<i>S. Infantis</i>	103	105	73	74	157	62	5	515	138387	266844	470431	451299	1195276	4982149	98,4	5,1	
Se_Q_002	CSG232	<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	92	93	65	66	69	28	4	545	229450	478958	647238	499866	978044	4698564	98,4	4,8	
Se_Q_003	CSG252	<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	69	70	49	49	80	33	5	545	171440	406336	478270	427904	977752	4697863	98,4	4,8	
Se_Q_004	CSG177	<i>S. Infantis</i>	58	60	41	42	178	79	8	523	149779	259203	340779	233524	376736	4925717	98,4	5,1	
Se_Q_005	CSG175	<i>S. Infantis</i>	59	60	42	43	151	63	8	501	111884	194191	385887	228439	525933	4706473	98,4	4,8	
Se_Q_006	CSG132	<i>S. Infantis</i>	63	64	44	45	157	72	9	503	111845	181160	226718	253770	719507	4914638	98,4	5	
Se_Q_007	U113s	<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	57	58	40	41	178	89	10	537	83215	178330	266195	179917	333658	4955233	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_008	U114s	<i>S. Enteritidis</i>	56	57	39	40	79	39	6	542	153089	291342	375907	302264	647270	4632449	98,4	4,8	
Se_Q_009	U120s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	116	118	81	82	176	77	8	515	89905	150188	474554	335336	1029493	5083069	100,0	5,2	
Se_Q_010	U121s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	54	55	38	39	153	78	9	523	103540	183601	323905	222476	554236	4871727	98,4	5	
Se_Q_011	U123s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	49	50	35	36	137	78	11	523	58371	129590	183859	123842	225091	3686054	90,3	3,8	
Se_Q_012	U127s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	55	56	38	39	143	72	8	617	105437	192292	333656	237973	617933	4782068	100,0	4,9	
Se_Q_013	U128s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	78	80	54	55	163	66	6	515	115018	201642	371030	417143	1195275	4962512	98,4	5,1	
Se_Q_014	U129s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	94	96	68	69	156	72	8	515	112205	165469	438969	262897	604074	5082850	100,0	5,2	
Se_Q_015	U219s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	76	78	55	55	167	75	9	515	111806	180235	324280	228602	590272	5077223	100,0	5,2	
Se_Q_016	U634s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	49	50	35	36	129	63	10	515	105545	183598	237218	191325	492353	4597871	96,8	4,7	
Se_Q_017	U638s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	73	74	52	53	159	71	6	502	114987	183947	525590	429418	1195182	4973292	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_018	U639s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	74	75	53	53	152	71	8	515	114952	183598	370826	250527	589934	4955057	98,4	5,1	
Se_Q_019	U652s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	73	74	52	53	148	67	6	515	103469	201608	370969	411990	1195009	5001213	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_020			<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	0
Se_Q_021	U664s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	97	98	68	69	147	132	14	542	56723	113808	187395	123342	313697	4887325	100,0	5	
Se_Q_022	U666s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	62	63	44	44	166	75	8	503	111806	194184	324230	256584	719600	4949368	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_023	U669s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	64	65	46	46	152	68	6	503	103482	194191	525799	377336	1028952	4943934	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_024	U672s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	72	73	51	52	165	71	7	552	94393	183600	525862	278981	719785	4972344	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_025	U676s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	59	60	42	43	173	69	8	515	105321	180609	525731	288308	824615	4919924	100,0	5	
Se_Q_026	U679s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	106	108	75	76	149	67	5	515	105545	183599	525922	439834	1192981	4941018	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_027	U682s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	88	89	62	62	156	66	6	515	124631	183687	469482	370959	1029473	4966517	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_028	U684s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	72	73	51	51	160	73	8	501	93967	183687	438783	252912	589935	4938821	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_029	U689s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	73	74	52	52	155	64	7	552	111884	183947	525921	362993	1029044	4963870	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_030	U692s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	79	81	55	56	162	67	6	512	105437	194416	525918	380846	1044953	4962358	98,4	5,1	
Se_Q_031	U706s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	65	66	46	46	152	76	9	515	96311	181513	324225	208948	521940	4898829	100,0	5	

Se_Q_032	U707s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	77	79	55	56	170	75	9	515	93966	180521	368507	214594	522039	4956781	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_033	U708s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	73	74	51	52	149	60	7	501	111884	194278	438876	273065	590544	4969235	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_034	U711s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	55	56	39	39	150	77	9	515	105321	183859	268385	206387	471316	4936538	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_035	U712s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	96	97	68	69	153	68	6	515	96310	201656	371360	414389	1195275	4971725	98,4	5,1	
Se_Q_036	U715s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	141	144	99	101	165	63	5	515	127845	203919	469779	444181	1195182	4975527	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_037	U718s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	24	24	16	16	29	4	2	1137	1601	1750	3653	2488	3653	8141	0,0	15,0 kB	
Se_Q_038	U719s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	198	200	134	136	158	65	6	515	105545	183688	444040	419315	1179805	4953029	98,4	5,1	
Se_Q_039	U723s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	120	123	78	80	169	70	6	515	105321	183687	470132	371174	1029473	4966517	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_040			<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	0
Se_Q_041	U728s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	179	182	122	124	168	66	5	507	105545	203918	525853	448781	1188867	4972216	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_042	U729s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	105	107	74	75	163	67	6	515	105321	183600	525862	381778	1029474	4965114	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_043	U758s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	92	94	64	65	161	71	8	515	103520	183600	370969	254967	604576	4947710	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_044	U759s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	97	99	67	68	155	63	6	515	148183	201638	443813	432023	1195275	4973905	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_045	U762s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	115	117	70	71	156	63	6	515	111885	203916	470180	423071	1195182	4967830	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_046	U769s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	94	95	66	67	137	64	6	515	105438	201620	444101	426266	1195275	4974672	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_047	U773s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	89	90	63	64	156	67	8	515	93967	183599	371597	253888	649759	4970622	98,4	5,1	
Se_Q_048	U801s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	161	164	110	111	152	61	5	515	114988	203915	525921	451228	1187838	4956900	98,4	5,1	
Se_Q_049	U804s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	142	144	99	101	171	67	5	504	105545	203915	470256	446519	1195089	4942619	98,4	5,1	
Se_Q_050	U806s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	101	102	71	72	161	62	6	504	148183	201623	444039	435349	1200177	4970943	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_051	U814s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	192	195	131	133	147	65	5	515	105429	203915	525858	446007	1195273	4973872	98,4	5,1	
Se_Q_052	U815s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	95	96	66	67	177	65	6	515	93904	183597	470263	370584	1044861	4925562	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_053	U818s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	114	116	81	82	168	66	6	515	89905	201627	444040	417117	1195271	4974881	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_054	U855s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	104	106	49	49	146	65	7	515	105321	183687	525901	361229	1029084	4931517	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_055	U857s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	101	103	71	72	159	66	6	515	105545	201626	371299	417759	1195089	4971699	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_056	U860s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	75	76	53	54	137	63	7	515	124631	203916	371597	284253	676384	4916076	98,4	5	
Se_Q_057	U863s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	1,2 GB	1,2 GB	820	829	153	60	5	515	127741	203920	525828	454696	1195275	4971725	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_058	U865s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	148	151	105	106	166	69	6	515	92521	183687	470134	395552	1099117	4973961	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_059	U866s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	75	76	53	54	156	70	6	502	103519	201621	444101	423020	1195097	4976315	98,4	5,1	
Se_Q_060	U869s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	146	148	14	14	27	5	2	543	869	2112	3543	2400	3543	7684	0,0	14,6 kB	
Se_Q_061	U871s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	71	72	51	51	183	76	8	502	103515	183859	371030	311801	942896	4959522	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_062	U873s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	112	114	78	80	163	67	6	515	127731	201644	444101	420547	1191517	4976344	97,6	5,1	
Se_Q_063	U875s	<i>S. Enteritidis</i>	147	150	104	106	76	30	3	618	185781	406400	1455556	672327	1455556	4773271	98,4	4,9	
Se_Q_064	U878s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	82	84	58	58	169	69	7	515	96311	181222	525954	358858	1029772	4977338	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_065	U880s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	104	106	75	76	160	63	5	515	105545	203916	525868	451211	1195275	5016594	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_066	U883s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	80	82	57	58	156	63	5	515	114968	203919	525791	444421	1194908	4971129	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_067	U885s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	78	80	55	56	141	68	7	515	105545	201635	370969	328926	960342	4961154	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_068	U888s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	204	207	145	147	167	67	6	515	92521	183600	470196	418552	1145098	4973494	98,4	5,1	

Se_Q_069	U889s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	59	60	42	42	149	63	10	515	114982	183687	226203	202617	510646	4723271	98,4	4,9
Se_Q_070	U890s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	79	81	56	57	170	69	8	515	113153	183687	371360	300266	915601	4972832	100,0	5,1
Se_Q_071	U895s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	61	62	43	44	142	66	7	515	124631	203915	525920	298640	743739	4928924	100,0	5
Se_Q_072	U897s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	56	57	40	40	147	65	8	515	111884	194406	438876	239230	510645	4869524	100,0	5
Se_Q_073	U899s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	73	74	15	15	28	5	2	561	869	2130	2574	1868	2574	6751	0,0	13,4 kB
Se_Q_074	U969s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	70	71	49	49	160	68	8	515	103470	183687	277902	270230	807038	4927197	99,2	5
Se_Q_075	U972s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	88	90	63	64	159	66	7	504	92095	183600	371658	345249	1029138	4972348	98,4	5,1
Se_Q_076	U973s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	66	67	33	33	112	52	7	523	89700	183599	224894	164281	298879	3144061	87,1	3,3
Se_Q_077	U976s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	43	44	31	31	111	42	6	509	102704	183598	224481	177563	324332	2634265	75,8	2,8
Se_Q_078	U979s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	73	74	52	53	148	61	6	502	127843	203917	525795	372931	1028771	4830648	98,4	5
Se_Q_079	U980s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	72	73	51	51	145	71	8	515	114902	183687	525908	271306	719606	4968981	99,2	5,1
Se_Q_080	U983s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	87	88	62	63	158	68	7	503	115007	183860	438969	256380	604576	4950623	99,2	5,1
Se_Q_081	U986s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	89	90	63	64	166	69	7	515	145663	194156	444101	282854	590383	4971259	100,0	5,1
Se_Q_082	U998s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	58	59	41	41	169	74	7	515	103500	180946	470149	319161	897909	4930452	99,2	5,1
Se_Q_083	U1000s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	151	154	107	109	170	65	5	515	96310	203916	470191	434277	1177679	4958205	98,4	5,1
Se_Q_084	U1003s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	65	66	46	47	169	68	6	515	145663	194285	525919	349482	949950	4962491	99,2	5,1
Se_Q_085	U1006s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	60	61	43	43	170	78	9	503	114985	180829	324316	215536	510820	4928362	99,2	5,1
Se_Q_086	U1010s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	217	222	147	150	157	63	5	515	127966	203919	525767	453608	1195274	4970923	100,0	5,1
Se_Q_087	U1019s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	175	180	121	123	152	60	5	515	127835	203831	470164	440745	1195276	5003523	100,0	5,1
Se_Q_088	U1051s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	142	145	96	98	157	58	5	515	105429	203919	525920	452315	1193237	4976698	98,4	5,1
Se_Q_089	U1052s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	147	149	100	101	153	55	5	515	114978	218061	525850	459568	1195276	4910636	98,4	5
Se_Q_090	U1056s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	138	141	96	98	155	64	5	515	105545	203916	470195	438765	1195275	4974139	100,0	5,1
Se_Q_091	U1057s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	1,3 GB	1,3 GB	444	452	157	57	5	515	127741	203922	525792	455204	1195276	4958329	98,4	5,1
Se_Q_092	U1059s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	186	190	129	131	156	63	6	515	115806	183687	469954	428704	1195269	4979617	98,4	5,1
Se_Q_093	U1066s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	235	239	157	160	175	67	7	515	115806	183687	328299	411906	1195275	4978508	98,4	5,1
Se_Q_094	U1068s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	139	141	91	92	185	75	8	515	75953	194484	371300	236424	605857	4969036	99,2	5,1
Se_Q_095	U1071s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	246	252	170	173	160	66	6	515	105653	181631	470589	439083	1195276	4973584	98,4	5,1
Se_Q_096	U1092s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	281	287	74	76	173	76	7	515	92032	183599	371360	362990	1096372	4945769	98,4	5,1
Se_Q_097	U1095s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	301	308	208	212	168	61	6	504	105653	217634	444101	426654	1195274	4942761	98,4	5,1
Se_Q_098	U1111s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	169	172	119	121	171	62	5	515	105545	217656	470238	454390	1200266	4983958	100,0	5,1
Se_Q_099	U1114s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	206	210	146	148	145	59	4	515	116776	332783	525930	463678	1195276	4970958	98,4	5,1
Se_Q_100	U1119s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	95	97	65	66	161	66	7	515	105429	183687	333629	409911	1195079	4958535	99,2	5,1
Se_Q_101	U1121s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	153	155	108	110	174	64	5	515	96310	203919	470590	441553	1195275	4975149	99,2	5,1
Se_Q_102	U1125s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	173	176	124	126	173	65	6	515	105429	183647	470176	431332	1195275	4971014	99,2	5,1
Se_Q_103	U1128s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	134	137	95	96	133	49	5	515	127734	217930	525798	462431	1195275	4918610	98,4	5
Se_Q_104	U1132s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	135	137	95	96	182	64	6	515	92095	183687	525921	427536	1195272	4964167	98,4	5,1
Se_Q_105	U1133s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	147	150	103	105	166	64	5	515	94331	203916	525876	439913	1200267	5017389	100,0	5,1



Se_Q_143	U1671s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	137	139	96	98	160	67	5	515	145663	203920	525920	454465	1195089	4974094	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_144	U1672s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	123	125	87	88	178	69	5	515	105545	203916	525896	441228	1195182	4979276	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_145	U1673s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	80	81	56	57	166	67	7	502	114905	183947	443813	361724	1044874	5018874	100,0	5,1	
Se_Q_146	U1678s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	89	91	64	64	161	62	7	502	127731	183687	525737	294937	719599	4962469	98,4	5,1	
Se_Q_147	U1680s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	89	90	61	62	148	53	6	515	124631	194757	525863	389544	1029137	4915668	99,2	5	
Se_Q_148	U1682s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	0
Se_Q_149	U1683s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	120	122	85	86	152	62	6	515	145663	201624	444101	429267	1195100	4965818	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_150	U1686s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	141	143	100	101	163	62	4	515	152221	398405	525799	480844	1195275	5024068	99,2	5,1	
Se_Q_151	U1688s	<i>S. Infantis</i>	125	127	88	89	187	67	6	515	105545	183600	525879	379183	1027435	4973991	99,2	5,1	

Samples discarded prior to the study due to low quality data or no data obtained after all the assely protocol in the current study (D); Yellow colored cells indicate human clinical isolates.

**Supplementary Table 2.** Details of the 160 prophage genomes used for the custom database using information from Switt et al. (2015) and Gao et al. (2020), and curated using ICTV taxonomy release database

NCBI Accession number	Phage name	Genome Size (bp)	Virus Type	Host
NC_006552.1	<i>Hollowayvirus F116</i>	65195	dsDNA	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>
NC_005357.1	<i>Rauchvirus BPP1</i>	42493	dsDNA	<i>Bordetella bronchiseptica</i>
NC_005887.1	<i>Ryyoungvirus bcepC6B</i>	42415	dsDNA	<i>Burkholderia cepacia</i>
NC_015266.1	<i>Kayeltresvirus KL3</i>	40555	dsDNA	<i>Burkholderia ambifaria</i>
NC_025115.1	<i>Arsyunavirus RSY1</i>	40002	dsDNA	<i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i>
NC_015273.1	<i>Kisquattuordecimvirus KS14</i>	32317	dsDNA	<i>Burkholderia cenocepacia</i>
NC_009237.1	<i>Bcepmyovirus E255</i>	37446	dsDNA	<i>Burkholderia thailandensis</i>
NC_005882.1	<i>Bcepmyovirus bcepMu</i>	36748	dsDNA	<i>Burkholderia cenocepacia</i>
NC_005178.1	<i>Casadabanvirus D3112</i>	37611	dsDNA	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>
NC_008717.1	<i>Casadabanvirus DMS3</i>	36415	dsDNA	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>
NC_011976.1	<i>Salmonella phage epsilon34</i>	43016	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_030919.1	<i>Salmonella phage 118970_sal4</i>	42418	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_031019.1	<i>Enterobacteria phage UAB_Phi20</i>	41809	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_005841.1	<i>Enterobacteria phage ST104</i>	41391	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_028696.2	<i>Salmonella phage SEN22</i>	41338	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_014900.1	<i>Salmonella phage ST160</i>	40986	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_013059.1	<i>Salmonella phage g341c</i>	40975	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_004348.1	<i>Lederbergvirus ST64T</i>	40679	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_031946.1	<i>Salmonella Phage 103203_sal5</i>	40443	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_017985.1	<i>Salmonella phage SPN9CC</i>	40128	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_018275.1	<i>Salmonella phage vB_SemP_Emek</i>	39783	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_019501.1	<i>Enterobacteria phage IME10</i>	39646	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_005344.1	<i>Lederbergvirus Sf6</i>	39043	dsDNA	<i>Shigella flexneri</i>
NC_027398.1	<i>Enterobacteria phage Sf101</i>	38742	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_002730.1	<i>Lederbergvirus HK620</i>	38297	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_019445.1	<i>Escherichia phage TL-2011b</i>	44784	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_031077.1	<i>Enterobacter phage Tyrion</i>	41760	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_004775.2	<i>Uetakevirus epsilon15</i>	39672	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_016761.1	<i>Uetakevirus SPNIS</i>	38684	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_028656.1	<i>Oslovirus PA2</i>	65955	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_010237.1	<i>Traversvirus min27</i>	63395	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_028685.1	<i>Oslovirus VASD</i>	62851	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_025434.1	<i>Diegovirus POCJ13</i>	62699	dsDNA	<i>Shigella sonnei</i>
NC_000924.1	<i>Traversvirus tv933W</i>	61670	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_000902.1	<i>Traversvirus II</i>	60942	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_018846.1	<i>Oslovirus ov191</i>	60894	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_029120.1	<i>Diegovirus dv7502Stx</i>	60875	dsDNA	<i>Shigella sonnei</i>
NC_008464.1	<i>Traversvirus tv86</i>	60238	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_004813.1	<i>Marienburgvirus BP4795</i>	57930	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_011356.1	<i>Pankowvirus YYZ2008</i>	54896	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_011357.1	<i>Pankowvirus pv1717</i>	62147	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_018279.1	<i>Salmonella phage vB_SosS_Oslo</i>	49116	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>

NC_006949.1	<i>Enterobacteria phage ES18</i>	46900	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_019721.1	<i>Enterobacterial phage mEp390</i>	40029	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_019705.1	<i>Shamshuipovirus mEpX2</i>	38759	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_016160.1	<i>Saikungvirus HK75</i>	36661	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_019709.1	<i>Cuauhtlivirus mEpX1</i>	41567	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_019719.1	<i>Saikungvirus HK633</i>	41528	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_019714.1	<i>Kwaitsingvirus HK446</i>	39026	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_019708.1	<i>Nochtlivirus mEp235</i>	37595	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_002166.1	<i>Shamshuipovirus HK022</i>	40751	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_002167.1	<i>Byrnievirus HK97</i>	39732	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_019768.1	<i>Wanchaivirus HK106</i>	41468	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_021190.1	<i>Enterobacteria phage phi80</i>	46150	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_019717.1	<i>Enterobacteria phage HK225</i>	45366	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_019704.1	<i>Enterobacteria phage mEp237</i>	44375	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_019706.1	<i>Aguilavirus mEp043</i>	42780	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_031940.1	<i>Salmonella phage 118970_sal3</i>	77375	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_003356.1	<i>Enterobacteria phage phiP27</i>	42575	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_021857.1	<i>Shigella phage SfII</i>	41475	dsDNA	<i>Shigella flexneri</i>
NC_004313.1	<i>Salmonella phage ST64B</i>	40149	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_022749.1	<i>Shigella phage SfIV</i>	39758	dsDNA	<i>Shigella flexneri</i>
NC_003444.1	<i>Enterobacteria phage Sfv</i>	37074	dsDNA	<i>Shigella flexneri</i>
NC_001895.1	<i>Peduovirus magyaro (p2)</i>	33593	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_004745.1	<i>Peduovirus L413-C</i>	30728	dsDNA	<i>Yersinia pestis</i>
NC_005340.1	<i>Eganvirus PsP3</i>	30636	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_001317.1	<i>Eganvirus ev186</i>	30624	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_005056.1	<i>Peduovirus WPhi</i>	32684	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_022750.1	<i>Peduovirus fiAA91-ss</i>	33628	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_028701.2	<i>Senquatrovirus SEN4</i>	33509	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_021774.1	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	29742	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_029003.2	<i>Eganvirus SEN1</i>	29733	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_028943.1	<i>Peduovirus pro483</i>	29237	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_019488.1	<i>Felsduovirus RE2010</i>	34117	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_010463.1	<i>Enterobacteria phage Fels-2</i>	33693	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
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NC_019932.1	<i>Entnagogintavirus ENT90</i>	29564	dsDNA	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>
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NC_001416.1	<i>Lambdavirus lambda</i>	48502	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_020845.1	<i>Eurybiavirus MED4213</i>	180977	dsDNA	<i>Prochlorococcus marinus</i>
NC_023693.1	<i>Justusliebigvirus phi92</i>	148612	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_009904.1	<i>Kochikohdavirus EF24C</i>	142072	dsDNA	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>
NC_001697.1	<i>Hpunavirus HP1</i>	32355	dsDNA	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>
NC_003315.1	<i>Hpunavirus HP2</i>	31508	dsDNA	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>
NC_005856.1	<i>Punavirus P1</i>	94800	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_031129.1	<i>Punavirus SJ46</i>	103445	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_010495.1	<i>Macdonaldcampvirus ViIIE1</i>	45051	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_031924.1	<i>Shuimuvirus IME207</i>	47564	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_005284.1	<i>Stanholtvirus sv1026b</i>	54865	dsDNA	<i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i>



NC_024365.1	<i>Pseudomonas phage phiPSA1</i>	51090	dsDNA	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i>
NC_031091.1	<i>Pseudomonas phage MD8</i>	43277	dsDNA	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>
NC_005859.1	<i>Tequintavirus T5</i>	121750	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_028748.2	<i>Waukeshavirus BMBtp3</i>	51366	dsDNA	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>
NC_028841.1	<i>Lilyvirus lily</i>	44952	dsDNA	<i>Paenibacillus larvae</i>
NC_019401.1	<i>Mimasvirus GAP32</i>	358663	dsDNA	<i>Cronobacter sakazakii</i>
NC_009821.1	<i>Krischvirus georgiaone</i>	164270	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_020079.1	<i>Escherichia virus phAPEC8</i>	147737	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_004827.1	<i>Bacteriophage Aaphi23</i>	43033	dsDNA	<i>Actinobacillus actinomycetemcomitans</i>
NC_019934.1	<i>Cronobacter phage ENT39118</i>	39012	dsDNA	<i>Cronobacter sakazakii</i>
NC_013594.1	<i>Muvirus mu</i>	37235	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_019455.1	<i>Haemophilus phage SuMu</i>	37151	dsDNA	<i>Haemophilus parasuis</i>
NC_028898.1	<i>Baylorvirus bv1127AP1</i>	35764	dsDNA	<i>Mannheimia haemolytica</i>
NC_028896.1	<i>Peduvirus pro147</i>	32675	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_003313.1	<i>Longwoodvirus K139</i>	33106	dsDNA	<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>
NC_019522.1	<i>Pectobacterium phage ZF40</i>	48454	dsDNA	<i>Pectobacterium carotovorum</i>
NC_019927.1	<i>Cronobacter phage ENT47670</i>	47611	dsDNA	<i>Cronobacter sakazakii</i>
NC_015295.1	<i>Erwinia phage phiEt88</i>	47279	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_025458.1	<i>Shewanella sp. phage 1_41</i>	43510	dsDNA	no hit found
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NC_027995.1	<i>Jilinvirus CVM10</i>	41666	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_028699.1	<i>Brunovirus SEN34</i>	40740	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
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NC_024369.2	<i>Vibrio phage X29</i>	41569	dsDNA	<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>
NC_019514.1	<i>Waedenswilvirus S6</i>	74669	dsDNA	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>
NC_025445.1	<i>Bonnellvirus J865</i>	40981	dsDNA	<i>Pantoea agglomerans</i>
NC_025443.1	<i>Nonanavirus nv9NA</i>	52869	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_011551.1	<i>Sendosyvirus APSE2</i>	39867	dsDNA	<i>Candidatus Hamiltonella defensa</i>
NC_000935.1	<i>Sendosyvirus APSE1</i>	36524	dsDNA	<i>Candidatus Hamiltonella defensa</i>
NC_009514.1	<i>Phage cdtI DNA</i>	47021	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_031264.1	<i>Brucella phage BiPBO1</i>	46877	dsDNA	<i>Brucella abortus</i>
NC_001901.1	<i>Ravinivirus N15</i>	46375	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_005069.1	<i>Yersinia phage PY54</i>	46339	dsDNA	<i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i>
NC_019716.1	<i>Enterobacteria phage mEp460</i>	44510	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_018843.1	<i>Salmonella phage SSU5</i>	103299	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_029028.1	<i>Nonagvirus JenP1</i>	60754	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_028776.1	<i>Seuratvirus cajan</i>	59670	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_019545.1	<i>Salmonella phage SPN3UB</i>	47355	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_005857.1	<i>Klebsiella phage phiKO2</i>	51601	dsDNA	<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>
NC_016158.1	<i>Escherichia phage HK639</i>	49576	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_009552.2	<i>Geobacillus virus E2</i>	40863	dsDNA	<i>Bacillus anthracis</i>
NC_018454.1	<i>Cronobacter phage phiES15</i>	39974	dsDNA	<i>Cronobacter sakazakii</i>
NC_015296.1	<i>Kuttervirus ViI</i>	157061	dsDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_001609.1	<i>Enterobacteria phage P4</i>	11624	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_023575.1	<i>Pseudomonas phage vB_PaeP_Tr60_Ab31</i>	45550	dsDNA	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>
NC_020850.1	<i>Vibrio phage VB M1 genomic sequence</i>	38374	dsDNA	<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>
NC_010391.1	<i>Salmonella phage Fels-1</i>	42723	unclassified	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>

NC_001954.1	<i>Infulavirus If1</i>	8454	ssDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_006294.1	<i>Capistrivirus KSF1</i>	7107	ssDNA	<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>
NC_001332.1	<i>Enterobacteria phage I2-2</i>	6744	ssDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
NC_025824.1	<i>Inovirus M13</i>	6408	ssDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
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NC_049461.1	<i>Peduvovirus R18C</i>	31834	dsDNA	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
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NC_011802.1	<i>Lederbergvirus SE1Spa</i>	41941	ssDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_016073.1	<i>Kuttervirus SFP10</i>	157950	Circular DNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
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NC_005282.1	<i>Felixounavirus felixO1</i>	86155	ssDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_016071.1	<i>Seunavirus PVPSE1</i>	145964	ssDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_020416.1	<i>Gelderlandvirus s16</i>	160221	ssDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
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NC_010583.1	<i>Epseptimavirus EPS7</i>	111382	ssDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_021777.1	<i>Jerseyvirus jersey</i>	43447	ssDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
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NC_009232.2	<i>Jerseyvirus SETP3</i>	42572	ssDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_006940.2	<i>Jerseyvirus SS3e</i>	40793	ssDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_019417.1	<i>Chivirus SPN19</i>	59203	Circular DNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_004831.2	<i>Zindervirus SP6</i>	43769	ssDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>
NC_010807.1	<i>Teetrevirus SGJL2</i>	38815	ssDNA	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>

**Supplementary Table 3.** Details for all *Salmonella enterica* prophages identified with their respective detected size, prophage reference ID, identity percentage, reference genome size and completeness level

Sample name	NCBI Code	Number of phages detected	Phage Size (pB)	Phage ID	% ID	Reference phage size (pB)	Phage Completeness
Se_Q_001	CSG217	2	22183	<i>Peduvovirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_002	CSG232	2	15325	<i>Salmonella phage ST64B</i>	98,016	40149	38,17%
			6091	<i>Phage Gifsy-2</i>	98,375	45840	13,29%
Se_Q_003	CSG252	2	15325	<i>Salmonella phage ST64B</i>	98,016	40149	38,17%
			6091	<i>Phage Gifsy-2</i>	98,375	45840	20,40%
Se_Q_004	CSG177	4	13543	<i>Salmonella phage 118970 sal3</i>	99,801	77375	17,50%
			6087	<i>Shigella phage SfII</i>	97,601	41475	14,68%
			22005	<i>Phage Gifsy-1</i>	99,973	48491	45,38 %
			6429	<i>Phage Gifsy-2</i>	99,684	45840	13,29%
Se_Q_005	CSG175	2	12887	<i>Peduvovirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_006	CSG132	2	22183	<i>Peduvovirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_007	U113s	3	38150	<i>Enterobacteria phage ST104</i>	99,971	41391	95,02 %
			25721	<i>Salmonella phage 118970 sal3</i>	99,642	77375	33,24%
			31512	<i>Phage Gifsy-2</i>	99,743	45840	68,71 %
Se_Q_008	U114s	1	15325	<i>Salmonella phage ST64B</i>	98,016	40149	38,17%
Se_Q_009	U120s	2	22183	<i>Peduvovirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_010	U121s	2	12887	<i>Peduvovirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6853	<i>Peduvovirus Wphi</i>	97,344	32684	20,97%
Se_Q_011	U123s	1	22122	<i>Peduvovirus fiAA91ss</i>	95,257	33628	65,78%
Se_Q_012	U127s	2	22183	<i>Peduvovirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_013	U128s	2	22183	<i>Peduvovirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_014	U129s	2	22183	<i>Peduvovirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_015	U219s	2	22183	<i>Peduvovirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_016	U634s	2	22183	<i>Peduvovirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%

Se_Q_017	U638s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_018	U639s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_019	U652s	2	22230	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	76,03 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_021	U664s	3	16347	<i>Lambdavirus lambda</i>	96,525	48502	33,70%
			14114	<i>Enterobacteria phage mEp460</i>	98,838	44510	31,71%
			10031	<i>Shigella phage SfII</i>	96,999	41475	24,18%
Se_Q_022	U666s	2	22230	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	76,03 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_023	U669s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,532	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_024	U672s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,532	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_025	U676s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_026	U679s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_027	U682s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_028	U684s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,532	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_029	U689s	2	22230	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,532	29237	76,03 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_030	U692s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,532	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_031	U706s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_032	U707s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6853	<i>Peduvirus Wphi</i>	97,344	32684	20,97%
Se_Q_033	U708s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_034	U711s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_035	U712s	2	12945	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,458	29237	44,27%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%

Se_Q_036	U715s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_037	U718s	0					
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Se_Q_039	U723s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_040							
Se_Q_041	U728s	1	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,532	29237	44,07%
Se_Q_042	U729s	1	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,532	29237	44,07%
Se_Q_043	U758s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_044	U759s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_045	U762s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_046	U769s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_047	U773s	1	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,532	29237	44,07%
Se_Q_048	U801s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_049	U804s	1	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,532	29237	44,07%
Se_Q_050	U806s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_051	U814s	1	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,532	29237	44,07%
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			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
			6853	<i>Peduvirus Wphi</i>	97,344	32684	20,97%
Se_Q_053	U818s	3	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,532	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
			6853	<i>Peduvirus Wphi</i>	97,344	32684	20,97%
Se_Q_054	U855s	3	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,532	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
			6853	<i>Peduvirus Wphi</i>	97,344	32684	20,97%
Se_Q_055	U857s	3	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
			6853	<i>Peduvirus Wphi</i>	97,344	32684	20,97%
Se_Q_056	U860s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %

			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_057	U863s	2	12945	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,458	29237	44,27%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_058	U865s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_059	U866s	2	22230	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	95,182	29237	76,03 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_060	U869s	0					
Se_Q_061	U871s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_062	U873s	1	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
Se_Q_063	U875s	3	15325	<i>Salmonella phage ST64B</i>	98,16	40149	38,17%
			6091	<i>Phage Gifsy-2</i>	98,375	45840	13,29%
			12914	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	96,856	29237	44,17%
Se_Q_064	U878s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_065	U880s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_066	U883s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_067	U885s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_068	U888s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_069	U889s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_070	U890s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_071	U895s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_072	U897s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_073	U899s	0					
Se_Q_074	U969s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_075	U972s	2	12945	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,458	29237	44,27%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%

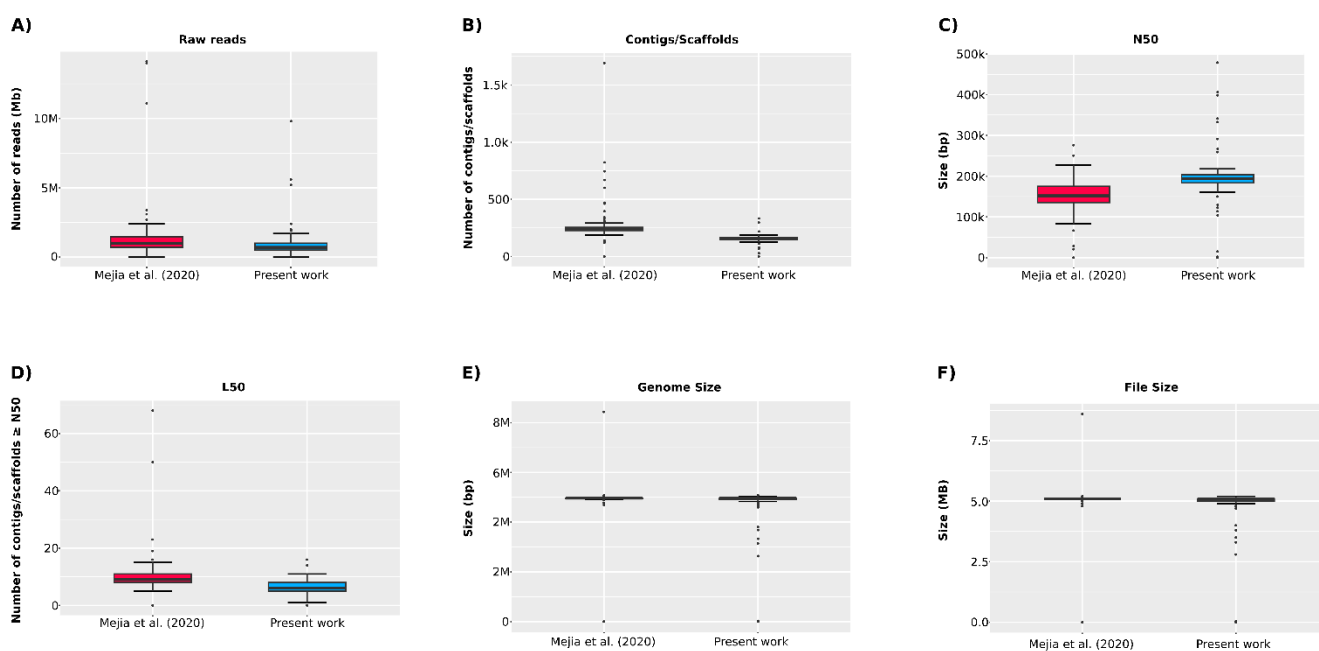
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Se_Q_077	U976s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_078	U979s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_079	U980s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_080	U983s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_081	U986s	2	22230	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	95,182	29237	76,03 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_082	U998s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_083	U1000s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_084	U1003s	2	22230	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	95,182	29237	76,03 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_085	U1006s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_086	U1010s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_087	U1019s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_088	U1051s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_089	U1052s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_090	U1056s	2	12945	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,458	29237	44,27%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_091	U1057s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_092	U1059s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_093	U1066s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_094	U1068s	2	22230	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	95,182	29237	76,03 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%

Se_Q_095	U1071s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
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			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_099	U1114s	2	12945	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,458	29237	44,27%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_100	U1119s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
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			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_103	U1128s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_104	U1132s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_105	U1133s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_106	U1135s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_107	U1143s	2	22230	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	95,182	29237	76,03 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_108	U1145s	2	22230	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	95,182	29237	76,03 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_109	U1175s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_110	U1178s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_111	U1181s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_112	U1187s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
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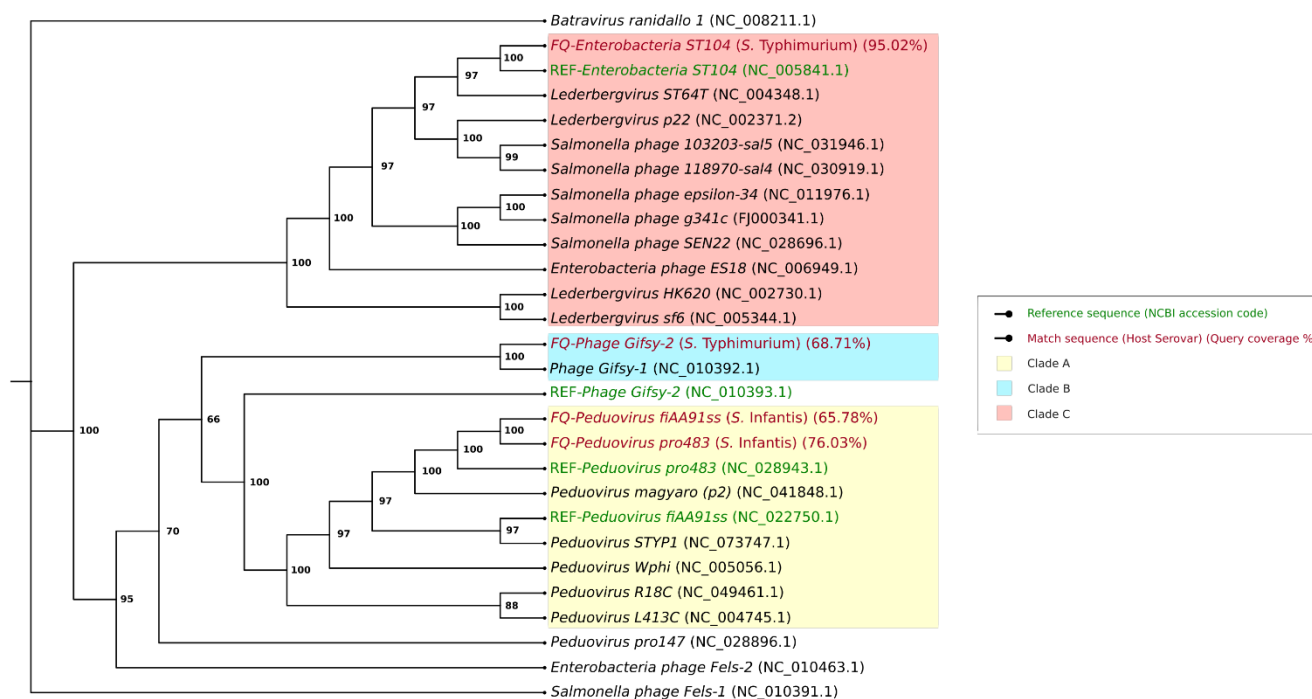


			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
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Se_Q_115	U1196s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_116	U1401	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_117	U1405s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54		
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_118	U1407s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,532	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_119	U1410s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_120	U1411s	2	22230	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	95,182	29237	76,03 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_121	U1412s	2	13532	<i>Enterobacteria phage mEp460</i>	98,928	44510	30,40%
			10031	<i>Shigella phage SfII</i>	96,999	41475	24,18%
Se_Q_122	U1418s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
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Se_Q_123	U1424s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54		
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_124	U1431s	2	22230	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	76,03 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_125	U1432s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
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Se_Q_126	U1436s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,532	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_127	U1437s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_128	U1447s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_129	U1459s	2	22230	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	95,182	29237	76,03 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_130	U1467s	1	10688	<i>Punavirus SJ46</i>	98,765	103445	10,33%
Se_Q_131	U1470s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_132	U1473s	2	22230	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	76,03 %

			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_133	U1483s	2	22230	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	76,03 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_134	U1489s	0					
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			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_136	U1495s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_137		0					
Se_Q_138	U1505s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_139	U1506s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_140	U1508s	3	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,532	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
			6853	<i>Peduvirus Wphi</i>	97,344	32684	20,97%
Se_Q_141	U1519s	3	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,532	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
			6853	<i>Peduvirus Wphi</i>	97,344	32684	20,97%
Se_Q_142							
Se_Q_143	U1671s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_144	U1672s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_145	U1673s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_146	U1678s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_147	U1680s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_148	U1682s	0					
Se_Q_149	U1683s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_150	U1686s	2	22183	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	75,87 %
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%
Se_Q_151	U1688s	2	12887	<i>Peduvirus pro483</i>	97,54	29237	44,07%
			6055	<i>Stockinghallvirus FSL SP004</i>	95,574	29742	20,36%



**Supplementary Figure 1.** Box plots illustrating the difference between the prior study by Mejía et al. (2020) (depicted in red) and the current work (depicted in blue), focusing on various assembly and quality control statistics. A) Differences in the number of reads obtained after quality control for raw reads. B) Differences in the number of contigs/scaffolds obtained. C) Differences in N50 measured in fragment size. D) Differences in L50 measured in number of contigs/scaffolds  $\geq$  N50. E) Differences in genome size obtained. F) Differences in file size obtained.



**Supplementary Figure 2.** Phylogenetic relationships using the complete prophage genome. Reference sequences are written in green and found sequences in red. 3 clusters were observed: Cluster A (yellow) with *Peduovirus*-like sequences, ClusterB (cyan) with *Gifsy*-like sequences, and Cluster C with *Lederbergvirus*-like sequences. Maximum likelihood tree constructed with IQ-TREE2 with a fast bootstrap of 1000 iterations using a general time reversible model with gamma distribution (GTR+G) predicted with MEGAX.