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Production of fatty acid-derived oleochemicals and biofuels by synthetic yeast cell factories

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Sustainable production of oleochemicals requires establishment of cell factory platform strains. The yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is an attractive cell factory as new strains can be rapidly implemented into existing infrastructures such as bioethanol production plants. Here we show high-level production of free fatty acids (FFAs) in a yeast cell factory, and the production of alkanes and fatty alcohols from its descendants. The engineered strain produces up to 10.4 g I^{-1} of FFAs, which is the highest reported titre to date. Furthermore, through screening of specific pathway enzymes, endogenous alcohol dehydrogenases and aldehyde reductases, we reconstruct efficient pathways for conversion of fatty acids to alkanes (0.8 mg I^{-1}) and fatty alcohols (1.5 g I^{-1}), to our knowledge the highest titres reported in *S. cerevisiae*. This should facilitate the construction of yeast cell factories for production of fatty acids derived products and even aldehyde-derived chemicals of high value.

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ustainable and cost-effective routes for renewable production of chemicals and fuels are needed to support the growing population and economy with a reduced footprint^{1,2}. Oleochemicals are substitutes carbon of petrochemicals and are usually derived from plant oils and animal fats, which have limited availability³. Microbial fatty acid biosynthesis has captured much attention as it offers a way for renewable oleochemicals production⁴. There have been several reports on engineering the bacterium Escherichia coli for the production of various oleochemicals⁵⁻¹¹, including alkanes that can be used directly as biofuels⁶. On the other hand, for industrial scale production the yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae is more suitable due to its robustness and tolerance towards harsh fermentation conditions, as well as its widespread use for bioethanol production 12,13 . This will allow transforming existing bioethanol production plants for production of these chemicals. The productivity and yield of oleochemicals produced by the well characterized model yeast S. cerevisiae is still relatively low¹⁴⁻¹⁶. Moreover, most biosynthetic pathways are designed to utilize the tightly regulated lipid biosynthesis intermediate fatty acyl-CoA¹⁴ or fatty acyl carrier protein (ACP)¹⁷, which limits the metabolic flux. Free fatty acids (FFAs) on the contrary can be accumulated to much higher levels (>200-fold higher than fatty acyl-CoA)¹⁸ and used for the biosynthesis of alkanes and fatty alcohols through formation of a fatty aldehyde intermediate⁷. We thus explored the establishment of FFA-derived pathways for the production of alkanes and fatty alcohols, two classes of valued oleochemicals (Fig. 1).

We first constructed a plasmid-free yeast strain by blocking fatty acid activation and degradation, introducing an optimized acetyl-CoA pathway, expressing a more efficient fatty acid synthase (FAS) and overexpressing the endogenous acetyl-CoA carboxylase. The engineered strain produced up to 10.4 gl^{-1} of FFAs in fed-batch fermentation. We then constructed biosynthetic pathways for production of alkanes and fatty alcohols by screening endogenous alcohol dehydrogenases/aldehyde reductases (ADH/ALRs) and pathway balancing, which resulted the highest titres of alkanes $(0.8 \text{ mg}l^{-1})$ and fatty alcohols $(1.5 \text{ g}l^{-1})$ in *S. cerevisiae*.

Results

Systematic engineering for free fatty acids production. We first started by establishing a platform strain that overproduces FFAs. In S. cerevisiae, fatty acids are mainly synthesized de novo by a cytosolic type I FAS¹⁹ as activated fatty acids (fatty acyl-CoAs) by condensing acetyl-CoA and malonyl-CoA. FFAs are rapidly re-activated by fatty acyl-CoA synthetases to fatty acyl-CoAs, whose accumulation feedback inhibits fatty acid biosynthesis²⁰. A wild-type strain therefore only produced 3 mgl^{-1} FFAs (Fig. 2a). To circumvent this, we interrupted the reactivation process by deleting two of the main fatty acyl-CoA synthetase encoding genes FAA1 and FAA4. To prevent fatty acid degradation through β -oxidation we also deleted POX1 encoding the fatty acyl-CoA oxidase, which catalyses the first step of this pathway. The resulting strain YJZ06 produced 0.56 gl^{-1} FFAs (Fig. 2a). This is consistent with earlier studies, which have shown that interruption of FFA activation is essential for FFA accumulation and secretion^{21,22}. previous¹⁵ Our and current studies showed that deletion of the (vide infra) aldehyde dehydrogenase-encoding gene HFD1 is essential for the production of fatty aldehyde-derived alkanes and fatty alcohols. Thus, we used the HFD1 knockout strain YJZ08 for further engineering. To further increase FFA production we expressed a truncated E. coli thioesterase encoding gene 'tesA

(refs 5,14) to increase FFA release from the FAS complex, which resulted in a titre of 0.67 g l $^{-1}$ (strain YJZ13).

Next we aimed on increasing the supply of the precursor cytosolic acetyl-CoA by introducing a synthetic chimeric citrate lyase pathway (Fig. 1), which has been proposed to play an important role in lipid accumulation in oleaginous yeasts²³. In addition to expressing an ATP:citrate lyase (ACL) as described before²⁴, we here constructed and optimized the citrate lyase cycle (Figs 1 and 3a) by systematically comparing different heterologous ACLs and malic enzymes (MEs), two significant components of this pathway, and overexpressing the endogenous mitochondrial citrate transporter Ctp1 and malate dehydrogenase 'Mdh3. Introduction of the chimeric acetyl-CoA pathway, consisting of ACL and ME from Rhodospuridium toruloides combined with overexpression of Ctp1 and 'Mdh3, improved the growth of a pyruvate decarboxylase negative strain IMI076 with an internal deletion in MTH1 (Pdc – $MTH1-\Delta T$)²⁵ (Fig. 3c). We further show that ACL from Mus musculus (MmACL) was better than the ones from R. toruloides (RtACL) and Homo satiens (HsACL) in improving IMI076 growth (Fig. 3c) and ME from R. toruloides (RtME) was important for cell growth in addiction to ACL in IMI076 (Fig. 3d). Furthermore, the ACL-based acetyl-CoA pathway rescued the growth of pyruvate decarboxylase negative strain RWB837 (Fig. 3b), which is growth-deficient²⁵. Consistently, plasmid-overexpression of these genes improved FFA production (Fig. 3e) and MmACL was better for FFA production compared with RtACL and HsACL (Fig. 3f). Since



Figure 1 | Establishing a yeast fatty acid platform for production of oleochemicals and biofuels. The dotted lines indicate multiple steps and solid lines a single step. Overexpressed genes are shown in light blue (endogenous) or navy blue (heterologous). Reverse pathways were eliminated by deleting the corresponding genes (marked with X). For FFA production, fatty acyl-CoA synthetase encoding genes FAA1 and FAA4, and fatty acyl-CoA oxidase encoding gene POX1, were disrupted. Furthermore, the truncated E. coli thioesterase 'TesA was overexpressed. For enhancing acetyl-CoA supply, a chimeric acetyl-CoA pathway, consisting of ACL (MmACL) from Mus musculus, ME (RtME) from Rhodosporidium toruloides, endogenous malate dehydrogenase with removed peroxisomal signal ('Mdh3) and citrate transporter Ctp1, was constructed and genomeintegrated. For increased FFA biosynthesis, R. toruloides FAS encoding genes (RtFAS1 and RtFAS2) were expressed through genome-integration and acetyl-CoA carboxylase encoding gene ACC1 was overexpressed by promoter replacement. OAA, oxaloacetate; Mal, malate. For alkane/fatty alcohol production, a heterologous CAR from Mycobacterium marinum was introduced for reducing FFAs to fatty aldehydes, which were then transformed to alkanes by an ADO, or fatty alcohols by an ADH or an ALR.

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Figure 2 | FFA production by engineered S. cerevisiae strains. (a) FFA titres obtained with engineered strains in shake flasks after 72 h cultivation at 200 r.p.m., 30 °C. All data represent the mean ± s.d. of biological triplicates. (b) Fed-batch fermentation of strains YJZ45U and YJZ47. YJZ45U is a prototrophic strain with complementation of the URA3 marker in YJZ45. Time courses of FFA titres (filled symbols) and cell mass (open symbols) are shown. (c) Glucose consumption profile and time courses of residual glucose during fed-batch fermentation. The data represent the mean ± s.d. of biological duplicates. (d) FFA profiles of the strain YJZ45 and YJZ47 at 11h and 96 h.

plasmid-expression retarded the cell growth probably due to the metabolic burden (Supplementary Fig. 1), we thus genomicintegrated the optimized actyl-CoA pathway consisting of MmACL, RtME, CTP1 and 'MDH3, which improved FFA production to $0.80 \text{ g} \text{ l}^{-1}$ (strain YJZ41, Fig. 2a).

Then we enhanced fatty acid synthesis by expressing a R. toruloides FAS (RtFAS). This FAS has two ACP domains, which may improve fatty acid biosynthesis efficiency by increasing the intermediate concentration in its reaction chamber^{23,26}. RtFAS was functionally expressed and increased the total lipid and FFA content (Supplementary Fig. 2). Genomic integration of both RtFAS and the acetyl-CoA pathway (YJZ45) increased the FFA titre to $0.92 \,\mathrm{gl}^{-1}$ in shake flasks and the corresponding prototrophic strain YJZ45U reached 7.0 gl^{-1} in fed-batch cultivation. After ensuring sufficient acetyl-CoA supply and fatty acid synthesis, we wanted to evaluate whether increased supply of malonyl-CoA, another tightly regulated precursor, could increase FFA production. We first evaluated an acetyl-CoA carboxylase mutant (Acc1^{S1157A,S659A}, Acc1**)²⁷ in which regulation by phosphorylation is abolished. However, its expression resulted in a lower FFA titre with lower biomass yield in fed-batch cultivation and promoted longer-chain fatty acid biosynthesis (Supplementary Fig. 3). The latter is consistent with a previous study reporting a shift towards C18 fatty acids at a higher malonyl-CoA/acetyl-CoA ratio by an in vitro reconstituted FAS from S. cerevisiae²⁸. Alternatively, we

moderately enhanced the expression of the wild-type ACC1 by replacing its native promoter with the TEF1 promoter (strain YJZ47), which enabled an increase of FFA production to 1.0 gl^{-1} (333-fold higher than wild-type strain, 14.3% of theoretical yield) in shake flask cultivation. It should be emphasized that the heavily engineered strain YJZ47 had a similar biomass yield compared with wild-type strain (Supplementary Fig. 4). This robustness is very important for implementation in industrial processes. Glucose limited fed-batch cultivation of this strain resulted in a titre of 10.4 gl^{-1} FFAs (Fig. 2b,c), which was 49% higher than strain YJZ45U and also 20% higher than an engineered E. coli (8.6 gl^{-1}) in fed-batch culture²⁹ (Table 1). Interestingly, an increased percentage of oleic (C18:1) and stearic acid (C18:0) was observed in both strains during the fermentation (Fig. 2d and Supplementary Fig. 3c), which may be attributed to the upregulation of the fatty acid elongation system³⁰, since the yeast FAS has much higher level production of C16 fatty acids than C18 fatty acids in vitro³¹.

Engineering a fatty acid pathway for alkane production. Subsequently, we wanted to exploit the FFAs for the production of alkanes, ideal drop-in biofuels⁶. We previously introduced a cyanobacterial fatty acyl-CoA-derived pathway, consisting of a Synechococcus elongatus fatty acyl-ACP/CoA reductase (AAR)



Figure 3 | Optimization and characterization of ACL-based acetyl-CoA pathways in *S. cerevisiae.* (a) Schematic illustration of the chimeric citrate lyase pathway for improved supply of acetyl-CoA, a key precursor for synthesis of cell building block. (b) The ACL-based acetyl-CoA pathway rescued the growth of PDC-negative strain RWB837, which is growth-deficient. (c) Introduction of the ACL-based acetyl-CoA pathway improved the growth of PDC-negative mutant strain S. cerevisiae IMI076. Cells were cultured with an initial OD_{600} of 0.05 in SC-URA at 30 °C, 200 r.p.m. (d) ME is beneficial for cell growth in addiction to ACL in the PDC-negative mutant strain *S. cerevisiae* IMI076. (e) Introduction of the heterologous citrate lyase by-pass pathway improved FFA production. The engineered strains were constructed by transforming YJZ08 with the corresponding plasmids as shown in Supplementary Table 3. (f) Effect of different ACLs on production of FFAs. *RtACL, MmACL* and *HsACL* represent the optimized ACL genes from *R. toruloides, M. musculus* and *H. sapiens*, respectively. The engineered strains were cultivated in shake flasks containing 15 ml minimal media for 72 h at 200 r.p.m., 30 °C. All data represent the mean \pm s.d. of biological triplicates.

Microorganism	Media	Cultivation mode	Titre (gl ⁻¹)	Yield (% theoretical yield)	Reference
E. coli	MM	Shake flask	1.1	14	5
E. coli	SMM	Fed-batch	8.6	N.C.*	29
E. coli	SMM	Fed-batch	3.9	N.C.*	54
Y. lipolytica	MM	Shake flask	0.5	7	43
S. cerevisiae	MM	Shake flask	0.1-0.5	2-7	13,39,40
S. cerevisiae	YPD	Shake flask	2.2	N.C.*	21
S. cerevisiae	MM	Shake flask	1.0	14	This study
S. cerevisiae	MM	Fed-batch	10.4	9	This study

and fatty aldehyde deformylating oxygenase (SeADO), in yeast and thereby demonstrated for the first-time production of alkanes in this organism¹⁵. The study, however, suggested that the AAR was inefficient in yeast. We therefore explored an alternative pathway by expressing a *Mycobacterium marinum* carboxylic acid reductase $(MmCAR)^7$ (Fig. 4a). For activation of $MmCAR^7$, we





expressed 4'-phosphopantetheinyl transferase NpgA from Aspergillus nidulans. This FFA-based pathway enabled a 2.7fold higher alkane production $(0.48 \text{ mg} \text{l}^{-1})$ than the fatty acyl-CoA-based pathway in an $hfd1\Delta$ background (Fig. 4b). Deletion of POX1 slightly increased alkane production to $0.52 \,\mathrm{mg} \mathrm{l}^{-1}$ (Fig. 4c). Further increasing the fatty acid supply did not increase the titre, but instead increased fatty alcohol production (Supplementary Fig. 6). Fatty alcohol accumulation might be caused by endogenous promiscuous aldehyde reductases (ALRs) and/or alcohol dehydrogenases (ADHs) that compete for the fatty aldehyde intermediates³². To solve this, we tried to identify the main competing enzymes by single deletion of 17 (putative) ALR/ ADH-encoding genes (Supplementary Table 1). Of these, ADH5 deletion led to an increased alkane production and decreased fatty alcohol accumulation (Fig. 4c and Supplementary Fig. 7). To further increase flux towards alkanes we increased the expression of the ADO by expressing SeADO under control of strong promoter UAS-TDH3p (ref. 33) and modulated MmCAR expression by single-copy genomic integration. The resulting strain A5 produced 50% more alkanes corresponding to 0.78 mgl^{-1} and had a 40% reduction in fatty alcohol

accumulation, compared with the control strain A2 (Fig. 4c). Finally we evaluated additional expression of *Nostoc punctiforme* NpADO and this increased alkane production to 0.82 mgl^{-1} with a further reduction in fatty alcohol accumulation (Fig. 4c). Although the titre is still cannot be comparable to *E. coli*, it represent more the eightfold higher titre than our previous work¹⁵.

Tailoring fatty acid for production of fatty alcohols. The accumulation of fatty alcohols in our alkane producing strains (Fig. 3) gave us confidence to further explore the production of fatty alcohols from FFAs (Fig. 5a). Fatty alcohols are widely used as detergents, cosmetic ingredients and for the formulation of pharmaceuticals. Current fatty alcohol production strongly relies on plant oils, and microbial production could ensure a stable supply, without competition with food oil production, and enables tailored production of specific fatty alcohols. As observed for alkane production (Fig. 3b), the CAR was more efficient for fatty alcohol production than Acinetobacter baylyi fatty acyl-CoA/ ACP reductase (ACR) or AAR (Supplementary Fig. 8). Since deletion of ADH5 decreased fatty alcohol production in our ALR/ADH screening (Supplementary Fig. 7b,c), we overexpressed ADH5 to increase fatty alcohol production. Indeed, Adh5 was more efficient for fatty alcohol synthesis than several other ADH/ALRs, that is, endogenous Sfa1, Adh6, Adh7 or heterologous YjgB from E. coli (Supplementary Fig. 7d). When increasing the FFA supply (strain FOH6), the fatty alcohol production reached a titre of $23.2 \text{ mg} \text{l}^{-1}$ (Fig. 5b and Supplementary Fig. 9b). Allowing substrate channelling of the fatty aldehyde intermediates, by fusing MmCAR and Adh5, increased the fatty alcohol titre further by 26% (strain FOH21). However, enzyme fusion had a negative effect in the HFD1 deletion strain FOH23 (Supplementary Fig. 9d), which may be attributed to the low activity of MmCAR in the fusion enzyme. Combining deletion of HFD1 and blocking fatty acid degradation (strain FOH8) further increased fatty alcohol production to $61.2 \text{ mg} \text{l}^{-1}$ (Fig. 5b). However, there was still an accumulation of intracellular C18 fatty aldehydes (Supplementary Fig. 10b), indicating that C18 aldehyde reduction was a limiting step. Since a previous study showed that the bi-functional fatty acyl-CoA reductase FaCoAR from Marinobacter aquaeolei VT8 (ref. 34) has high activity towards long-chain fatty-aldehydes, we expressed FaCoAR instead of ADH5 together with MmCAR in FOH28 and this resulted in 77.1 mg l^{-1} fatty alcohols. Co-expression of ADH5 and FaCoAR (strain FOH29) further improved fatty alcohol production to 81.8 mgl^{-1} (Fig. 5b). Expression of FaCoAR and ADH5 resulted in ~80% reduction of the C18 fatty aldehyde (octadecanal and 9-octadecenal) content compared with ADH5 overexpression (Supplementary Fig. 10b). We also evaluated fusion of MmCAR and FacoAR, but this decreased fatty alcohol production (Supplementary Fig. 10c). Our ADH/ALR knockout screening showed that ADH6 deletion increases fatty alcohol production by 50% (Supplementary Fig. 7b). We therefore deleted ADH6 (strain FOH31) resulting in increased fatty alcohol production to 89.5 mgl^{-1} (Fig. 4b).

We found that there was still a high accumulation of FFAs (>2-fold higher than fatty alcohols, Supplementary Fig. 11) in strain FOH31, which indicated that fatty acid biosynthesis was overflown and the downstream reduction needed to be enhanced. We thus genome-integrated an additional copy of *MmCAR* under control of a *GAL7* promoter (together with *GAL80* deletion to enable gene expression without galactose addition). The resulting strain FOH33 produced 28% more fatty alcohols (115 mgl⁻¹) with a 65% reduction in FFA accumulation (Fig. 5b and Supplementary Fig. 11). Glucose limited fed-batch cultivation



Figure 5 | Engineering fatty alcohol production from FFAs. (a) The rewired metabolic pathways for fatty alcohol production. Genes responsible for reverse reactions were deleted (marked with X), and genes related to fatty alcohol synthesis pathways were (over)-expressed. (b) Production of fatty alcohols in engineered strains in shake flasks, after 72 h cultivation at 200 r.p.m., 30 °C. All data represent the mean ± s.d. of biological triplicates. (c) Fedbatch fermentation of the best fatty alcohol producing strain FOH33 in 11 bioreactor. (d) Glucose consumption profile and time courses of residual glucose during fed-batch fermentation. The data represent the mean ± s.d. of duplicates.

Microorganism	Media	Cultivation mode	Titre (g l ^{− 1})	Yield (% theoretical Yield)	Reference
E. coli	MM	Fed-batch	0.75	6	17
E. coli	MM	Fed-batch	1.75	8	55
E. coli	MM	Fed-batch	1.65	35	46
S. cerevisiae	MM	Shake flask	0.10	1.4	14,45
S. cerevisiae	MM	Concentrated resting cells. Fed-batch	1.11	N.C.*	35
S. cerevisiae	MM	Shake flask	0.12	1.7	This study
S. cerevisiae	MM	Fed-batch	1.51	1.4	This study

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(Fig. 5d) of FOH33 had a more significant improvement (onefold, Supplementary Fig. 11c) in production of fatty alcohols $(1.5 \text{ gl}^{-1}, \text{Fig. 5c})$, which is the highest reported titre of fatty alcohols produced by *S. cerevisiae* to date^{14,35}. The titre is also comparable to *E. coli* cells though the yield is still much lower (Table 2).

Discussion

The budding yeast *S. cerevisiae* is an attractive host for biosynthesis of specific products because of its robustness in industrial harsh conditions and easily transfer to existing bioethanol production plants. In this study, we undertook a major metabolic engineering effort to engineer *S. cerevisiae* for high-level production of FFAs and then their further transformation into alkanes and fatty alcohols. We demonstrated for the first time the significant conversion of FFAs to alkanes and fatty

alcohols in yeast, and we also showed that this FFA dependent pathway is far more efficient than the earlier reported route from fatty acyl-CoA (Fig. 3b and Supplementary Fig. 8). The production of alkanes and fatty alcohols benefited from our effort to streamline the fatty acid overproduction by taking the advantage of high cellular FFA levels (>200-fold higher than fatty acyl-CoA).

Oleaginous yeasts have been engineered for high-level production of neutral lipids such as triacylglycerol^{36,37}, an ideal feedstock for biodiesel production through transesterification. However, the intracellular accumulation requires very high cell density fermentation and also makes it challenging to recover the products³⁸. FFAs are another ideal feedstocks for deoxygenated production of renewable hydrocarbon-based biofuels that are entirely fungible with fossil fuels³⁹. More importantly, FFAs can be secreted (Supplementary Fig. 4c), which is beneficial for high-

level production by decoupling it from the cell growth (Fig. 2b). Aiming to overproduce FFAs, several researchers disrupted FFA activation and enhanced FFA biosynthesis, for example, through expression of different thioesterases, which enabled FFA production at $0.1-0.5 \text{ gl}^{-1}$ in minimal media in shake flask cultures (Table 1)^{14,40,41}. More recently, disruption of FFA activation and neutral lipid recycle enabled production of 2.2 gl^{-1} in complex (YPD) medium²¹. However, due to its high costs, complex makeup and variable composition, YPD medium would not be suitable for industrial production. Furthermore, the final engineered strain had a 20% lower biomass level in YPD medium, which indicated that the combination of disrupting FFA activation and neutral lipid recycle was harmful to the cell, and might retard growth further in minimal media with lower and less diverse nutrient availability. In this study, we systematically optimized the primary metabolism by disrupting FFA activation, constructing a more efficient fatty acid synthesis system and a chimeric citrate lyase cycle for enhanced precursor supply. More importantly, we are the first to construct a plasmid-free FFA overproducing strain by integration of all pathway components into the genome, which is important for application in industrial processes. These strategies enabled high-level FFA production in yeast under shake flask with minimal media (Fig. 2a) without a decrease in the biomass yield (Supplementary Fig. 4a). Fed-batch cultivation not only led to accumulation of a high FFA titre $(10.4 \text{ g} \text{l}^{-1})$, but also a high biomass titre of 48 gl^{-1} , which is at the same level as a wild-type CEN.PK strain in fed-batch cultivation⁴². Before our study, the highest FFA titre (8.6 gl⁻¹) was reached by an engineered *E. coli* in fed-batch culture²⁹. This is the first time that *S. cerevisiae* surpassed E. coli in regards to oleochemical production. It is worthy to mention that the FFA titre is also higher than oleaginous yeast Yarrowia lipolytica of 0.5 gl^{-1} (Table 1)⁴³, which shows the potential of S. cerevisiae for FFA production.

Though lower in titre, the alkane production was much higher by using the FFA-based pathway compared with the fatty acyl-CoA-based pathway (Fig. 3b). By-product accumulation can hamper metabolic engineering endeavours. Because of the low ADO activity⁴⁴, the alkane titre remained low and fatty alcohols were being produced as major by-products (Fig. 3c). To overcome this problem, we first identified Adh5 as a key enzyme for conversion of fatty aldehydes to fatty alcohols by screening a series of ALR/ADH deletion strains. By deleting Adh5, we could significantly improve alkane production. However, their indispensable role in the biosynthesis of essential metabolites makes it impossible to delete all these enzymes. Increased expression of enzymes involved in conversion of fatty aldehydes to alkanes further increased alkane production, pointing to this step as having major flux control.

In contrast to alkane production, fatty alcohol biosynthesis relies on efficient reduction of fatty aldehyde (Fig. 5a). We therefore took advantage of our screening of different ALR/ADH deletion strains and found that overexpression of ADH5 and deletion of ADH6 could significantly improve fatty alcohol production (Supplementary Fig. 7). Combined with enhanced precursor supply, our final strain produced 1.5 gl^{-1} fatty alcohols in fed-batch culture, which to our knowledge is the highest reported titre by S. cerevisiae. Current heterologous fatty alcohol biosynthesis pathways in yeast are designed to utilize fatty acyl-CoA as precursor, which enabled producing $\sim 90 \text{ mg} \text{l}^{-1}$ fatty alcohols in shake flasks^{14,45}. Recently, increasing acetyl-CoA supply and relieving the inhibition on fatty acyl-CoA biosynthesis, resulted in production of fatty alcohols at $330 \text{ mg} \text{l}^{-1}$ in shake flask and $1.1 \text{ g} \text{l}^{-1}$ in fed-batch cultivation with high concentrated cells³⁵. In that study, concentrated cells were used in fed-batch cultivation, which might result in an

overestimated titre since concentrated cells should carry highlevel initial cellular fatty alcohols. Moreover, the higher titre compared with our study for shake flask cultures might be attributed to the use of a dodecane overlay, which has been shown to be beneficial for fatty alcohol production⁴⁶. However, a dodecane overlay will result in higher costs for product recovery due the similar boiling points of fatty alcohols and dodecane. Here, our strain produced much more fatty alcohols in fed-batch culture without a dodecane overlay. In the future, identification of fatty alcohol transporters might realize *in situ* product separation and recovery.

In conclusion, we have developed yeast cell factories for the production of FFAs and fatty alcohols, as well as demonstrated the significant production of alkanes in yeast. These strains represent a starting point for establishing yeast-based commercial bioprocesses for the production of oleochemicals and advanced biofuels from renewable resources. Our metabolic engineering strategies of pathway balancing at the fatty aldehyde node not only facilitated the production of fatty aldehyde-derived products but also provide valuable insights for construction of yeast cell factories for production of other valuable aldehyde chemicals, for example, vanillin⁴⁷, because of the similarity of the competition from ALR/ADHs.

Methods

Strains and reagents. Plasmids and *S. cerevisiae* strains used are listed in Supplementary Tables 2 and 3. PrimeStar DNA polymerase was purchased from TaKaRa Bio. Taq DNA polymerase, restriction enzymes, DNA gel purification and plasmid extraction kits were purchased from Thermo Scientific. Yeast plasmid Miniprep I kits were purchased from Zymo Research. All oligonucleotides (Supplementary Table 4) were synthesized at Sigma-Aldrich. All chemicals including analytical standards were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich unless stated otherwise. All codon optimized heterologous genes were synthesized (Genscript) and listed in Supplementary Table 5.

Strain cultivation. Yeast strains for preparation of competent cells were cultivated in YPD consisting of 10 gl^{-1} yeast extract (Merck Millipore), 20 gl^{-1} peptone (Difco) and 20 gl^{-1} glucose (Merck Millipore). Strains containing *URA3*-based plasmids or cassettes were selected on synthetic complete media without uracil (SC-URA), which consisted of 6.7 gl^{-1} yeast nitrogen base (YNB) without amino acids (Formedium), 0.77 gl^{-1} complete supplement mixture without uracil (CSM-URA, Formedium), 20 gl^{-1} glucose (Merck Millipore) and 18 gl^{-1} agar (Merck Millipore). The *URA3* maker was removed and selected against on SC + FOA plates, which contained 6.7 gl^{-1} YNB, 0.77 gl^{-1} complete supplement mixture and 0.8 gl^{-1} 5-fluoroorotic acid. Strains containing the *kanMX* cassettes were selected on YPD plates containing 200 mgl^{-1} G418 (Formedium).

Shake flask batch fermentations for production of alkanes and fatty alcohols were carried out in minimal medium containing $5 \text{ g} \text{ I}^{-1}$ (NH₄)₂SO₄, $3 \text{ g} \text{ I}^{-1}$ KH₂PO₄, $0.5 \text{ g} \text{ I}^{-1}$ MgSO₄·7H₂O, $30 \text{ g} \text{ I}^{-1}$ glucose, trace metal and vitamin solutions⁴⁸ supplemented with $40 \text{ mg} \text{ I}^{-1}$ histidine and/or $60 \text{ mg} \text{ I}^{-1}$ uracil if needed. While for production of FFAs, the minimal media was modified by using lower glucose ($20 \text{ g} \text{ I}^{-1}$) and higher KH₂PO₄ ($14.4 \text{ g} \text{ I}^{-1}$), which was beneficial for FFA accumulation (Supplementary Fig. 5). Cultures were inoculated, from 24 h precultures, at an initial OD₆₀₀ of 0.1 in 15 ml minimal medium and cultivated at 200 r.p.m., $30 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 72 h.

The batch and fed-batch fermentations for fatty acid and fatty alcohol production were performed in 1.01 bioreactors, with an (initial) working volume of 0.41, in a DasGip Parallel Bioreactors System (DasGip). The initial batch fermentation was carried out in minimal medium containing 5 gl⁻¹ (NH₄)₂SO₄, $3\,g\,l^{-1}\,KH_2PO_4, 0.5\,g\,l^{-1}\,MgSO_4\cdot 7H_2O, 10\,g\,l^{-1}$ glucose, trace metal and vitamin solutions. The temperature, agitation, aeration and pH were monitored and controlled using a DasGip Control 4.0 System. The temperature was kept at 30 °C, initial agitation set to 600 r.p.m. and increased to maximally 1,200 r.p.m. depending on the dissolved oxygen level, aeration was provided at 30 sl h $^{-1}$ and the dissolved oxygen level was maintained above 40%, the pH was kept at 5.6 by automatic addition of 4 M KOH and 2 M HCl. The aeration was controlled and provided by a DasGip MX4/4 module. The composition of the off-gas was monitored using a Dasgip Offgas Analyzer GA4. Addition of the acid, base, and glucose feed was carried out with Dasgip MP8 multi-pump modules (pump head tubing: 0.5 mm ID, 1.0 mm wall thickness). The pumps, pH and DO probes were calibrated before the experiment. During the fed-batch cultivation, the cells were fed with an 800 glglucose solution with a feed rate that was exponentially increasing ($\mu = 0.03$ h $^{-1}$) to maintain a constant biomass-specific glucose consumption rate. The initial feed rate was calculated using the biomass yield and concentration that were obtained

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during prior duplicate batch cultivations with these strains. The feeding was started once the CO₂ levels dropped after the glucose was consumed.

Dry cell weight measurements were performed by filtrating 1 ml of broth through a weighed $0.45\,\mu m$ filter membrane (Sartorius Biolab) and measuring the weight increase after drying for 48 h in a 65 °C oven. The filter was washed once before and three times after filtrating the broth with 5 ml deionized water.

Genetic manipulation. Seamless gene deletion was performed (Supplementary Fig. 12a) by using Kluyveromyces lactis URA3 (KlURA3) as a selection marker, which was looped out by homologous recombination of the direct repeats, and selection on SC + FOA plates⁴⁹. The deletion cassettes were constructed by fusing 200-600 nucleotide homologous arms with the KIURA3. For single gene deletion in identification of the ALRs and alcohol dehydrogenases, kanMX cassettes containing about 70 nucleotide homologous arms at both ends were used to transform strain YJZ03. amdSYM cassette⁵⁰ was used as a selection marker for genome-integration of FAS genes from S. cerevisiae (ScFAS) or R. toruloides (RtFAS). The pathways for alkane and alcohol production were assembled on a veast chromosome or plasmid backbone pYX212 by using a modular pathway engineering strategy⁵¹. The gene expressing modules, consisting of a promoter, a structural gene, a terminator and the promoter of the next module for homologous recombination, were constructed by fusion PCR. Then the modules were gel purified and transformed to the S. cerevisiae with linearized plasmid pYX212.Genome-integration was performed by using a modular pathway integration strategy (Supplementary Fig. 12b). Taking the example of targeted integration of (TPIp-MmCAR-FBA1t) + (PGK1p-EcFNR-CYC1t) + (TEF1p-EcFD-TDH2t) + (tHXT7p-npgA) at the ADH5 locus in YJZ03, the whole pathway was divided into three modules of AK1, 2 and 3. In detail, the upstream homologous arm ADH5-up (from position - 382 to + 3) was amplified from CEN.PK113-11C genomic DNA with primer pair p59/p60. The AK1 module of ADH5-up + (TPIp-CAR-FBA1t) + CYC1t was assembled by fusing the parts of ADH5-up, TPIp-CAR-FBA1t + CYC1t. The part TPIp-CAR-FBA1t + CYC1t was amplified from the pAlkane16 by using primer pair p19/p31. The AK2 module of (CYC1t-EcFNR-PGK1p) + (TEF1p-EcFd-TDH2t) was amplified pAlkane16 by using the primer pair p32/p34. The AK3 module of TDH2t + (tHXT7p-npgA) + URA3 + ADH5-3' was assembled by fusing the DNA parts of TDH2t, tHXT7p-npgA, KIURA3 and ADH5-3'. The TDH2t was amplified from yeast genome DNA by using primer pair p15/ p63. The tHXT7p-npgA was amplified from pAlkane16 with primer pair p27/p64. Amplification of KIURA3 was performed by using primer p65/p66 and pWJ1042 as a template. And downstream homologous arms ADH5-3' (from position + 579 to + 945) was amplified from CEN.PK113-11C genomic DNA by using primer pair p61/p62. Then the three modules (AK1, 2 and 3) were transformed into YJZ03 and transformants were selected on SC-URA plates $(6.7 \text{ gl}^{-1} \text{ YNB}$ without amino acids, 0.77 gl^{-1} complete supplement mixture without uracil and 20 g^{1-1} glucose and 15 g^{1-1} agar). Clones were verified by colony PCR. Subsequently, 2–3 clones with correct module integration were cultivated overnight in YPD liquid medium and then plated on SC+FOA plates after wash for looping out of $\hat{URA3}$ and also the 3' end of the ADH5 (from + 579 to +1,056 that was left in place after the first round integration). All other pathways were integrated as above and the genetic arrangement is shown in Supplementary Fig. 12c

Metabolite extraction and analysis. FFAs were simultaneously extracted and methylated by dichloromethane containing methyl iodide as methyl donor⁵². Since the FFAs were secreted and cell culture formed an emulsion (Supplementary Fig. 4c), the cell culture should be mixed well before sample taking. Cell cultures from shake flask were diluted twofold with water and those from bioreactor were diluted 10-fold. Briefly, 200 µl aliquots of cell culture dilutions were taken into glass vials from 72 h incubated cultures, then 10 µl 40% tetrabutylammonium hydroxide (base catalyst) was added immediately followed by addition of 200 µl dichloromethane containing 200 mM methyl iodide as methyl donor and 100 mgl⁻¹ pentadecanoic acid as an internal standard. The mixtures were shaken for 30 min at 1,400 r.p.m. by using a vortex mixer, and then centrifuged at 5,000g to promote phase separation. A 160 µl dichloromethane layer was transferred into a GC vial with glass insert, and evaporated 4 h to dryness. The extracted methyl esters were resuspended in 160 µl hexane and then analysed by gas chromatography (Focus GC, ThermoFisher Scientific) equipped with a Zebron ZB-5MS GUARDIAN capillary column (30 m \times 0.25 mm \times 0.25 μ m, Phenomenex) and a DSQII mass spectrometer (ThermoFisher Scientific). The GC program was as follows: initial temperature of 40 °C, hold for 2 min; ramp to 130 °C at a rate of 30 °C per minute, then raised to 280 °C at a rate of 10 °C per min and hold for 3 min. The temperature of inlet, mass transfer line and ion source were kept at 280, 300 and 230 °C, respectively. The injection volume was 1 µl. The flow rate of the carrier gas (helium) was set to 1.0 ml min⁻¹, and data were acquired at full-scan mode (50-650 m/z). Final quantification was performed using the Xcalibur software

For alkane and fatty alcohol quantification, cell pellets were collected from 5 ml (fatty alcohol) or 10 ml (alkane) cell culture and then freeze dried for 48 h. Metabolites were extracted by 2:1 chloroform:methanol solution⁵³, which contained hexadecane (alkanes) and pentadecanol (fatty alcohols) as internal standards. The extracted fraction was dried by rotary evaporation and dissolved in

hexane (alkanes) or ethyl acetate (fatty alcohols). Quantification of fatty alcohols and alkanes was performed on the same GC–MS system as used for fatty acid analysis. The GC program for alkane analysis was as follows: initial temperature of 50 °C, hold for 5 min; then ramp to 140 °C at a rate of 10 °C per min and hold for 10 min; ramp to 310 °C at a rate of 15 °C per min and hold for 7 min. The GC program for fatty alcohol quantification was as follow: initial temperature of 45 °C hold for 2.5 min; then ramp to 220 °C at a rate of 20 °C per min and hold for 2 min; ramp to 300 °C at a rate of 20 °C per min and hold for 5 min. The temperature of inlet, mass transfer line and ion source were kept at 250, 300 and 230 °C, respectively. The flow rate of the carrier gas (helium) was set at 1.0 ml min $^{-1}$, and data were acquired at full-scan mode (50–650 *m/z*). Final quantification was performed with Xcalibur software.

The extracellular glucose, ethanol and organic acid concentrations were determined by high-performance liquid chromatography analysis. To that end, a 1 ml broth sample was filtered through a 0.2 μ m syringe filter and analysed on an Aminex HPX-87G column (Bio-Rad) on an Ultimate 3000 HPLC (Dionex Softron GmbH). The column was eluted with 5 mM H₂SO₄ at a flow rate of 0.6 ml min⁻¹ at 45 °C for 26 min.

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2 Supplementary Fig. 1. Genome integrated acetyl-CoA pathway had higher biomass and FFA titer

3 compare to plasmid pathway. The plasmid pCoA4 transformed to YJZ08 and the same pathway

4 was integrated to the YJZ08 genome. All data represent the mean ± s.d. of biological triplicates.



Supplementary Fig. 2. Expression of *R. toruloides* fatty acid synthase (RtFAS) increased the total lipid and
FFA production. (A) RtFAS complemented the endogenous *FAS* deletion in *S. cerevisiae* PWY12
(*Δfas1::LEU2*, *Δfas2::HIS3*). (B) Expression of RtFAS increased the total lipid content in a JV03
background. (C) Expression of RtFAS was more efficient than overexpression of endogenous ScFAS in
terms of increasing FFA production. All data represent the mean±s.d. of biological triplicates.





Supplementary Fig. 3. Effect of acetyl-CoA carboxylase mutant (Acc1^{S1157A,5659A}, Acc1**) on FFA production. (a) Fed batch fermentation of strains YJZFA1 and YJZFA2. Time courses of FFA titers (filled symbols) and cell mass (open symbols) are shown. YJZFA1 is a prototrophic strain harboring the ACL based pathway in plasmid pFab1 and YJZFA2 additionally expressesed *ACC1***. Here, 300 g l⁻¹ glucose was fed and 2 M KOH was used for pH control other than described in Methods. (b) FFA profiles of the strain YJZFA1 and YJZFA2 at the time point where feeding was initiated and at the highest titer. (C) The maximal biomass specific free fatty acid titer.



Supplementary Fig. 4 Comparison the biomass titers and specific FFA titers among recombinant *S. cerevisiae* variants. (a) The final biomass titers. (b) The specific FFA titers. (c) Comparison of cell culture between wild-type strain and final strain YJZ47. The cell cultures were centrifuged and the cell pellets were removed. The engineered strains were cultivated in shake flasks containing 15 mL optimized minimal media for 72 h at 200 rpm, 30 °C. All data represent the mean±s.d. of biological triplicates.



Supplementary Fig. 5 the effect of KH_2PO_4 level on FFA production. The other media components were 5 g $|^{-1}$ (NH₄)₂SO₄, 0.5 g $|^{-1}$ MgSO₄•7H₂O, 30 g $|^{-1}$ glucose, trace metal and vitamin solutions¹ supplemented with 40 mg $|^{-1}$ histidine and/or 60 mg $|^{-1}$ uracil. The engineered strain YJZ47were cultivated in shake flasks containing 15 mL media for 72 h at 200 rpm, 30 °C. All data represent the mean \pm s.d. of biological triplicates.



37 Supplementary Fig. 6. The ADO catalyzed step is rate limiting for alkane production, precursors are in sufficient supply. (a) GC chromatograms of extracted metabolites from different background strains 38 harboring pAlkane16. HFD1 deletion (middle chromatogram) increased the production of alkanes and 39 40 fatty alcohols compared with the wild-type background (top chromatogram), which might be attributed to the blockage of fatty aldehyde dehydrogenation to fatty acids. Further increasing fatty acid supply 41 42 (hfd1 Δ pox1 Δ faa1 Δ faa4 Δ) increased the amount of fatty alcohols, whose peaks covered the alkane 43 peaks (bottom chromatogram). (b) Pentadecane production in the corresponding strains. The data 44 represent the mean±s.d. of biological triplicates. As the peaks of 7-pentadecene and 8-heptadecene were covered by the fatty alcohols in the fatty acid overproducing strain, it became impossible to reliably 45 quantify the alkanes. We thus compared the pentadecane titers, which indicated that a higher fatty acid 46 47 supply did not increase the alkane but fatty alcohol production instead. These results indicated that the 48 ADO is a limiting step and fatty acids might inhibit ADO activity, as the ADO has been shown to have fatty acid binding activity². 49



51 Supplementary Fig. 7 Engineering expression of alcohol dehydrogenase/aldehyde reductase genes for 52 production of alkanes or fatty alcohols, (a) Schematic illustration of the engineered metabolic pathways 53 of fatty alcohol biosynthesis. (b) The effect of single gene deletions on production of alkanes (top) and fatty alcohols (bottom). The targeted genes, encoding an alcohol dehydrogenase or aldehyde reductase, 54 55 were selected based on the catalytic efficiency toward aldehyde reduction (Supplementary Table 1). And they were deleted in the YJZ03 background, and plasmid pAlkane16 was introduced for alkane 56 production. Here, ADH5 deletion showed increased alkane production and decreased fatty alcohol 57 accumulation, and was considered as the first target for improving alkane production. (c) Opposite roles 58 59 of alcohol dehydrogenases Adh5 and Adh6 in fatty alcohol biosynthesis. The effect of ADH5 or ADH6 60 deletion on fatty alcohol accumulation in strain YJZ03 (hfd1 Δ and pox1 Δ) harboring the plasmid 61 pAlkane16 (top panel). The effect of ADH5 or ADH6 overexpression on fatty alcohol production in strain 62 YJZ01 (hfd1 Δ) harboring PAOH0 (bottom panel). (d) The amount of fatty alcohol produced with overexpression of genes encoding different alcohol dehydrogenase or aldehyde reductase in YJZ01. The 63 data represent the mean \pm s.d. of three independent clones. 64



Supplementary Fig. 8 Comparison of fatty alcohol production with the expression of fatty acyl-CoA reductase ACR from *Acinetobacter baylyi*, fatty acyl-ACP/CoA reductase AAR from *Synechococcus elongatus* or carboxylic acid reductase CAR from *Mycobacterium marinum* (with its cofactor encoding gene *npgA* from *Aspergillus nidulans*). (a) Schematic illustration of the engineered metabolic pathways for fatty alcohol production. (b) CAR overexpression resulted in a much higher fatty alcohol level compared with overexpression of AAR and ACR. All data are presented as the mean±s.d. of biological triplicates.



Supplementary Fig. 9 Engineered fatty alcohol production by blocking the reverse reactions and enzyme 86 fusion. (a) Schematic representation of the engineered fatty alcohol biosynthetic pathways. (b) Fatty 87 88 alcohol production from the engineered strains with deletion of POX1, FAA1, FAA4 and HFD1. (c) 89 Schematic representation of gene fusion constructs for fatty alcohol biosynthesis, CAR+ADH5 represents 90 non-fusion expression of CAR and ADH5 (plasmid pAOH3); CAR-ADH5 represents the fusion expression of CAR-ADH5 with the CAR at N-terminus (plasmid pAOH11), and ADH5-CAR represents the fusion 91 92 expression of ADH5-CAR with the Adh5 at the N-terminus (plasmid pAOH12). The fusion enzymes encoding genes were constructed by inserting a widely used GGGS linker encoding sequence "GGT 93 94 GGT GGT TCT" between the two corresponding genes. (d) The amount of fatty alcohol produced by the 95 fatty acid overproducing strain (YJZ06, Δpox1; Δfaa1; Δfaa4) and HFD1 deletion strain (YJZ01) harboring different plasmids represented in c. The strain variants were cultivated in shake flasks for 72 h, at 96 97 30°C, 200 rpm. The data represent the mean \pm s. d. of three independent clones.



Supplementary Fig. 10 Overexpression of FaCoAR and ADH5 increased long chain fatty alcohol 100 production and decreased C18 fatty aldehyde accumulation. (a) Schematic representation of gene 101 102 arrangement of the metabolic pathway for fatty alcohol biosynthesis. All these pathways were assembled on a pYX212 vector and then transformed into YJZ08 (hfd1 Δ pox1 Δ faa1 Δ faa4 Δ). (b) GC 103 104 chromatograms of the extracts from the strains containing the corresponding pathways as shown in a. 105 FacoAR expression decreased the accumulation of C18 fatty aldehyde octadecanal and 9-octadecenal. 106 The fusion of CAR and FaCoAR avoided accumulation of octadecanal and 9-octadecenal completely, though the total fatty alcohol titer decreased by 15.2% as shown in c. (c) Titer of fatty alcohols from the 107 108 strains harboring the corresponding plasmids. The data represent the mean \pm s.d. of three independent 109 clones.



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112 Supplementary Fig. 11. Enhancing fatty acid reduction for fatty alcohol production. (a) Fatty alcohol titer

in shake flasks. (b) FFA titer from the strains harboring the corresponding pathways in shake flasks. The

strain variants were cultivated in minimal media for 72 h, at 30°C, 200 rpm. The data represent the mean

115 \pm s.d. of three independent clones. (c) The accumulation of fatty alcohols and FFAs from FOH11 and

116 FOH33 in fed-batch fermentation.



118 Supplementary Fig. 12 Schematic illustration of genome engineering strategy. (a) The seamless gene

- deletion strategy. (b) Modular pathway integration strategy. (c) The genetic arrangement of genome-
- 120 integrated pathways.
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Supplementary Table 1. *S. cerevisiae* (putative) alcohol dehydrogenases and aldehyde reductases^a

Enzyme	Descriptions	localization
Medium to long-chai	n alcohol dehydrogenase (alcohol formation)	
ADH3 (YMR083W)	Involved in shuttling of mitochondrial NADH to the cytosol under anaerobic conditions and ethanol production ⁴ .	Mitochondria
ADH4 (YGL256W)	Adh4 is seemingly not expressed in laboratory S. cerevisiae strains.	Cytoplasm
ADH5 (YBR145W)	Overexpression of <i>ADH5</i> increased isobutanol production in <i>S. cerevisiae</i> ⁵ .	Cytoplasm
ADH6 (YMR318C)	NADPH-dependent aldehyde reductase. k_{cat}/K_m is $1-3 \times 10^5$ mM ⁻¹ min ⁻¹ (Ref. 6); ADH6 deletion decreased the reduction of vanillin to vanillyl alcohol ⁷ .	Cytoplasm
ADH7 (YCR105W)	Involved in fusel alcohol synthesis or in aldehyde tolerance ⁸ . Absent in CEN.PK strains.	Cytoplasm
SFA1 (YDL168W)	Reduction of long chain and complex aldehydes to corresponding alcohols ⁹ .	Cytoplasm/ Mitochondria
XYL2 (YLR070C)	Xylitol dehydrogenase that converts xylitol to D-xylulose ¹⁰ .	Unknown
BDH1 (YAL061w)	NAD-dependent butanediol dehydrogenase, catalyzes reduction of acetoin to 2,3- butanediol ^{11,12} .	Cytoplasm
BDH2 (Yal060w)	Homolog of <i>BDH1</i>	Cytoplasm
GRE2 (YOL151W)	Reduction activity toward complex aldehydes and ketones ¹³ .	Cytoplasm
ARI1 (YGL157w)	Reduction activity toward furan aldehydes ¹⁴ and high activity (k_{cat}/K_m =550 min ⁻¹ mM ⁻¹) toward phenylacetaldehyde ¹⁵ .	Cytoplasm/ Nucleus
YGL039w	Reduction activity toward phenylacetaldehyde ¹⁵ , short chain fatty aldehydes with a NADH preference ¹⁶ .	Cytoplasm
YDR541c	Reduction activity toward fatty aldehydes (up to C8) and benzyl aldehydes with a NADPH preference ¹⁶ .	Unknown
YBR159w	3-ketoreductase of the microsomal fatty acid elongase ¹⁷ .	Endoplasmic reticulum
TMA29 (YMR226c)	Reduction activity toward aromatic α -ketoesters and aliphatic ketones ¹⁸ .	Cytoplasm/ Nucleus
NRE1 (YIR035c)	Short chain alcohol dehydrogenase ¹⁹ .	Cytosol
IRC24 (YIR036c)	Reduction activity toward benzyl (k_{cat}/K_m =44 min ⁻¹ mM ⁻¹) and 1-phenyl-1,2-	Cytoplasm

	propanedione (k_{cat}/K_m =3 000 min ⁻¹ mM ⁻¹) ²⁰ .	
AYR1 (YIL124w)	1-Acyldihydroxyacetone-phosphate reductase ²¹	Lipid particles
YKL107w	Putative short-chain dehydrogenase/reductase, proposed to be a palmitoylated membrane protein	Unknown
AAD14 (YNL331c)	Aryl alcohol dehydrogenase ²² , combination of Aad3, 4, 10, 14-16 may be involved in biosynthesis of long-chain and complex alcohols ⁹	Unknown
AAD3 (YCR107w)	Homolog of AAD14	Unknown
AAD4 (YDL243c)	Homolog of AAD14	Unknown
AAD10 (YJR155w)	Homolog of AAD14	Unknown
AAD16 (YFL057c)	Homolog of AAD14	Unknown
AAD15 (YOL165c)	Homolog of AAD14	Unknown
Aldose reductase fan	nily	
YPR1 (YDR368w)	Reduction activity toward diacetyl and ethyl acetoacetate ¹⁹	Cytoplasm/ Nucleus
GCY1 (YOR120w)	High activity toward dl-glyceraldehyde ($k_{cat}/K_m = 556 \text{ min}^{-1} \text{ mM}^{-1}$) and nitrobenzaldehyde ($k_{cat}/K_m = 546 \text{ min}^{-1} \text{ mM}^{-1}$) ^{23,24}	Cytoplasm/ Nucleus
YDL124w	Reduction activity toward dl-Glyceraldehyde ($k_{cat}/K_m = 17 \text{ min}^{-1} \text{ mM}^{-1}$) and nitrobenzaldehyde $k_{cat}/K_m = 110 \text{ min}^{-1} \text{ mM}^{-1}$) but lower than Gcy1 ²³	Cytoplasm/ Nucleus
YJR096w	Much lower reduction activity than Gcy1 and YDL124Wp ²³	Cytoplasm/ Nucleus
ARA1 (YBR149w)	Showed reduction activity toward diacetyl ²⁵ and acetoin ¹²	Cytoplasm
GRE3 (YHR104w)	Involved in reduction of aldoses such as d-xylose ^{10,26} .	Cytoplasm/ Nucleus
D-Hydroxyacid dehyd	drogenase family	
GOR1 (YNL274c)	Glyoxylate reductase, showed activity toward glyoxylate and hydroxypyruvate ²⁷	Cytoplasm/ Mitochondria
YPL113c	Glyoxylate reductase, showed activity toward glyoxylate and hydroxypyruvate, but much lower compared with Gcor1 ²⁷	Unknown
YGL185c	Glyoxylate reductase, showed activity toward glyoxylate and hydroxypyruvate, but much lower compared with Gcor1 ²⁷	Cytoplasm

FDH1 (YOR388c)	NAD ⁺ -dependent formate dehydrogenase ²⁸	Cytoplasm
FDH2 (YPL275w)	NAD ⁺ -dependent formate dehydrogenase ²⁸	Cytoplasm

a, Genes selected for deletion are indicated in bold

Supplementary Table 2. Plasmids used in this study^a

Plasmids	Genotype or characteristic	Resource
pYX212	2 μm, AmpR, <i>URA3</i> , TPIp, pYX212t	R&D systems
pCoA1	pYX212-(TPIp- RtACL -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- RtME -CYC1t)	This study
pCoA2	pYX212-(TPIp- RtACL -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- LsME -CYC1t)	This study
pCoA3	pYX212-(<i>TPIp-RtACL-FBA1t</i>)+(<i>TDH3p-RtME-CYC1t</i>)+(tHXT7p- 'MDH3 - <i>pYX212t</i>)	This study
pCoA4	pYX212-(<i>TPIp-RtACL-FBA1t</i>)+(<i>TDH3p-RtME-CYC1t</i>)+(tHXT7p- 'MDH3 - TDH2t)+(PGK1p- CTP1 -ADH1t)	This study
pFab1	pYX212-(<i>TPIp-RtACL-FBA1t</i>)+(<i>TDH3p-RtME-CYC1t</i>)+(tHXT7p- 'MDH3 - TDH2t)+(PGK1p- CTP1 -ADH1t)+(TEF1p- 'tesA -pYX212t)	This study
pFab3	pYX212-(<i>TPIp-RtACL-FBA1t</i>)+(<i>TDH3p-RtME-CYC1t</i>)+(tHXT7p- 'MDH3 - TDH2t)+(PGK1p- CTP1 -ADH1t)+(TEF1p- fadM -pYX212t)	This study
pRtFAS	pYX212-(<i>TPIp-RtFAS1-FBA1t</i>)+ (<i>TEF1p-RtFAS2-CYC1t</i>)	This study
pAOH0	pYX212-(TPIp- npgA -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- MmCAR -ADH1t)	This study
pAOH1	pYX212-(TPIp- npgA -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- MmCAR -ADH1t)+(TEF1p- yjgB- pYX212t)	This study
рАОН3	pYX212-(TPIp- npgA -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- MmCAR -ADH1t)+(TEF1p- ADH5 - pYX212t)	This study
рАОН4	pYX212-(TPIp- npgA -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- MmCAR -ADH1t)+(TEF1p- ADH6 - pYX212t)	This study
рАОН5	pYX212-(TPIp- npgA -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- MmCAR -ADH1t)+(TEF1p- ADH7 - pYX212t)	This study
pAOH6	pYX212-(TPIp- npgA -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- MmCAR -ADH1t)+(TEF1p- SFA1 - pYX212t)	This study
рАОН8	pYX212-(TPIp- npgA -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- MmCAR -ADH1t)+(TEF1p- FacoAR - pYX212t)	This study
рАОН9	pYX212-(TPIp- npgA -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- MmCAR -ADH1t)+(tHXT7p- ADH5 - CYC1t)+(TEF1p- FacoAR- pYX212t)	This study
pAOH11	pYX212-(TPIp- npgA -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- MmCAR-ADH5 -ADH1t)	This study
pAOH12	pYX212-(TPIp- npgA -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- ADH5-MmCAR -ADH1t)	This study
pAOH17	pYX212-(TPIp- npgA -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- MmCAR-FacoAR -ADH1t)	This study

pAlkane7	pYX212-(<i>TPIp-SeAAR-FBA1t</i>)+(PGK1p- EcFNR -CYC1t)+(TEF1p- EcFD -TDH2t)+ (TDH3p- SeADO -ADH1t)	29	
pAlkane16	pYX212-(<i>TPIp-MmCAR-FBA1t</i>)+(PGK1p- EcFNR -CYC1t)+(<i>TEF1p-EcFD- TDH2t)+(TDH3p-SeADO-ADH1t)+(tHXT7p-npgA-pYX212t)</i>	This study	
pAlkane65	pYX212-(UAS-TDH3p- SeADO -pYX212t)	This study	
pAlkane67	pYX212-(UAS-TDH3p- SeADO -pYX212t)	This study	
pAlkane68	pYX212-(GAL7p- NpADO -CYC1t)+(UAS-TDH3p- SeADO -pYX212t)	This study	
a, Expressed genes are indicated in bold			

b, per1 means the peroxisome targeting peptide 1 encoding sequence:

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128 GGTGGTGGTTCTTCTAAACTA and per2 means peroxisome targeting peptide 1 encoding

129 sequence: GGTGGTGGTTCTGCCGCTGTAAAACTATCGCAGGCAAAATCTAAACTA

Strain	Genotype or characteristic	Resource
Background strain	ns/fatty acid producing strains	
CEN.PK 113-11C	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3∆1 ura3-52	Kötter, University of Frankfurt, Germany
EY1673	MATα his3Δ1 leu2Δ0 lys2Δ0 ura3Δ0 PEX3-mRFP+kanMX6	3
YJZ01	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3 Δ 1 ura3-52 hfd1 Δ	29
YJZ02	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3 Δ 1 ura3-52 pox1 Δ	This study
YJZ03	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ	This study
YJZ04	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 pox1Δ faa4Δ	This study
YJZ05	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 pox1Δ faa1Δ	This study
YJZ06	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ	This study
YJZ07	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ	This study
YJZ08	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ	This study
JV03	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 ura3-52 HIS3 are1Δ dga1Δ are2Δ lro1Δ pox1Δ	30
JV03RtFAS	MATaMAL2-8c SUC2 ura3-52 HIS3 are1Δ dga1Δ are2Δ lro1Δ pox1Δ pRtFAS	This study
RWB837	MATa pdc1Δ(-6,-2)::loxP pdc5Δ(-6,-2)::loxP pdc6Δ(-6,-2)::loxP ura3-52	31
IMI076	MATa pdc1Δ(-6,-2)::loxP pdc5Δ(-6,-2)::loxP pdc6Δ(-6,-2)::loxP ura3-52 MTH1-ΔT	31
FA0	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ pYX212	This study
FA1	, MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ pCoA1	This study
FA2	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ pCoA2	This study
FA3	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ pCoA3	This study
FA4	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ pCoA4	This study
YJZFA1	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ pFab1, p413::HIS3	This study
YJZFA2	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ X2::(TEF1p- ACC1** -CYC1t) pFab1 p413::HIS3	This study
YJZ13	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ his3Δ::HIS3+(TEF1p- 'tesA -HIS3t)	This study
YJZ39	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ his3Δ::HIS3+(TPIp- RtACL -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- RtME -CYC1t)+(tHXT7p- 'MDH3 -TDH2t)+(PGK1p- CTP1 -ADH1t)+(TEF1p- 'tesA -HIS3t)	This study

YJZ41	MATa; MAL2-8c SUC2 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faaΔ1 faa4Δ his3Δ::HIS3+(TPIp- MmACL -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- RtME -CYC1t)+(tHXT7p- 'MDH3 -TDH2t)+(PGK1p- CTP1 -ADH1t)+(TEF1p- 'tesA -HIS3t)	This study
YJZ42	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ his3Δ::HIS3+(TPIp- HsACL -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- RtME -CYC1t)+(tHXT7p- 'MDH3 -TDH2t)+(PGK1p- CTP1 -ADH1t)+(TEF1p- 'tesA -HIS3t)	This study
YJZ43	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ ura3Δ::(TPIp- ScFAS1 -FBA1t)+ (TEF1p- ScFAS2 -CYC1t)+amdSym	This study
YJZ44	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ ura3Δ::(TPIp- RtFAS1 -FBA1t)+ (TEF1p- RtFAS2 -CYC1t)+amdSym	This study
YJZ45	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ his3Δ::HIS3+(TPIp- MmACL -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- RtME -CYC1t)+(tHXT7p- 'MDH3 -TDH2t)+(PGK1p- CTP1 -ADH1t)+(TEF1p- 'tesA -HIS3t) ura3Δ::(TPIp- RtFAS1 -FBA1t)+ (TEF1p- RtFAS2 -CYC1t)+amdSym	This study
YJZ45U	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ his3Δ::HIS3+(TPIp- MmACL -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- RtME -CYC1t)+(tHXT7p- 'MDH3 -TDH2t)+(PGK1p- CTP1 -ADH1t)+(TEF1p- 'tesA -HIS3t) ura3Δ::(TPIp- RtFAS1 -FBA1t)+ (TEF1p- RtFAS2 -CYC1t)+amdSym p416::URA3	This study
YJZ47	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ his3Δ::HIS3+(TPIp- MmACL -FBA1t)+(TDH3p- RtME -CYC1t)+(tHXT7p- 'MDH3 -TDH2t)+(PGK1p- CTP1 -ADH1t)+(TEF1p- 'tesA -HIS3t) ura3Δ::(TPIp- RtFAS1 -FBA1t)+ (TEF1p- RtFAS2 -CYC1t)+amdSym acc1::KIURA3+TEF1p+ ACC1	This study

Fatty alcohol producing strains

FOH1	CEN.PK 113-11C, pAOH3	This study
FOH2	MATa MAL2-8cSUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 pox1Δ pAOH3	This study
FOH3	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ pAOH3	This study
FOH4	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 pox1Δ faa4Δ pAOH3	This study
FOH5	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 pox1Δ faa1Δ pAOH3	This study
FOH6	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ pAOH3	This study
FOH7	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ pAOH3	This study
FOH8	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ pAOH3	This study
FOH10	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pAOH0	This study
FOH11	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pAOH1	This study
FOH13	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pAOH3	This study

FUH14	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3∆1 ura3-52 hfd1∆ pAOH4	This study
FOH15	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3∆1 ura3-52 hfd1∆ pAOH5	This study
FOH16	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3∆1 ura3-52 hfd1∆ pAOH6	This study
FOH21	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ pAOH11	This study
FOH23	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3∆1 ura3-52 hfd1∆ pAOH11	This study
FOH24	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pAOH12	This study
FOH28	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3∆1 ura3-52 hfd1∆ pox1∆ faa1∆ faa4∆ pAOH8	This study
FOH29	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3Δ1 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ pAOH9	This study
FOH30	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his3∆1 ura3-52 hfd1∆ pox1∆ faa1∆ faa4∆ pAOH17	This study
FOH31	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ adh6Δ::kanMX, pAOH9	This study
FOH33	MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 ura3-52 hfd1Δ pox1Δ faa1Δ faa4Δ, adh6Δ::kanMX, gal80Δ, gal1/10/7Δ::(GAL7p- MmCAR - ADH1t)+(GAL3p- npgA -FBA1t) pAOH9	This study
Alkane producin	g strains	
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Alkane producin ZW31 YJZ60 A0 A1	g strains MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his $3\Delta 1$ ura $3-52$ hfd 1Δ pox 1Δ adh 5Δ MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his $3\Delta 1$ ura $3-52$ hfd 1Δ pox 1Δ Gal 80Δ :: SeFNR+SeFd adh 5Δ :: (TPIp- MmCAR -FBA1t)+(PGK1p- EcFNR - CYC1t)+(TEF1p- EcFD -TDH2t)+(tHXT7p- npgA -ADH5t) MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his $3\Delta 1$ ura $3-52$ hfd 1Δ pAlkane7 (previously named as KB19) MATa MAL2-8c SUC2 his $3\Delta 1$ ura $3-52$ hfd 1Δ pAlkane06	This study This study ²⁹ This study
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Supplementary Table 4. Primers used in this study

Primer No.	Name	Sequence (5'-3')
Primers	s for seamless	gene deletion of POX1, FAA1 and FAA4
p1	POX1(up)-F	GATTCCTTCAGTTCCACTTTTTGC
p2	POX1(up)-R	GAATTGAAACAAAAGTCGCAAAACAGAGGGTTCGAAGGAAAACAGGAAACCTCTACTC ACATATCGCAATACTAATTTATTAT
р3	KIURA3-F1	CTTCGAACCCTCTGTTTTGCGACTTTTGTTTCAATTCAA
p4	KIURA3-R2	GAGCCAATAGTTGTGGCTGCACAACTTTAGAGATCCATCGATAAGCTTGATATCG
р5	POX1(dw)-F	GATCTCTAAAGTTGTGCAGCCAC
p6	POX1(dw)-R	CGCATTAGCTGCACCACCTAAC
р7	FAA1(up)-F	CACCCACCCATCGCATATCAGG
р8	FAA1(up)-R	CTGAAAAAGTGCTTTAGTATGATGAGGCTTTCCTATCATGGAAATGTTGATCCATTACA TATTGTTGTCTTTTTTTGTC
p9	KIURA3-F2	GATAGGAAAGCCTCATCATACTAAAGCACTTTTTCAGTTTTTTGCTTTAGAACTGCTACC GTGATTCTGGGTAGAAGATCG
p10	KIURA3-R2	CAACATATTCGTTAGATCTGTAAACGGACTCTAATTTCCATCGATAAGCTTGATATCG
p11	FAA1(dw)-F	GAAATTAGAGTCCGTTTACAGATC
p12	FAA1(dw)-R	GTCAAAGAACACTATGCCTGCTAG
p13	FAA4(up)-F	GTCCCCATCAATTAAGAACCCTC
p14	FAA4(up)-R	GAAAATGAAACGTAGTGTTTATGAAGGGCAGGGGGGAAAGTAAAAAACTATGTCTTCC TTTACATTTTGATGCGTACTTCTTAG
p15	KIURA3-F3	CTTTCCCCCCTGCCCTTCATAAACACTACGTTTCATTTTCTAAGAGCATCAATTTGCGTGA TTCTGGGTAGAAGATCG
p16	KIURA3-R4	GATATCACCGGTACGGAACCAGCCATCATCGGTAAAGGCATCGATAAGCTTGATATCG
p17	FAA4(dw)-F	CCTTTACCGATGATGGCTGGTTC
p18	FAA4(dw)-R	GATGTAACAAGACCGTTTTCTGGAG
Primers	s for episomal	plasmid construction for fatty acid production
p19	TPIp-F	GTTTAAAGATTACGGATATTTAACTTACTTAGAATAATG
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Primer	s for construct	ing pathways for alkane production
p55	CAR-F2	CTATAACTACAAAAAACACATACATAAAACTAAAAATGTCACCTATCACCAGAGAAG
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p58	npgA-R4	GGATACCCGGGTCGACGCGTAAGCTTGTGGGCCCTATTAGGATAGGCAATTACACACC
p59	ADH5up-F	GAAAAATGACTGATGTCTACAGGAC
p60	ADH5up-R	CATTATTCTAAGTAAGTTAAATATCCGTAATCTTTAAACCATGATGCTTTGATTTTGTAG ATATG
p61	ADH5dn-F	CGCCCTTGCTATGGGTTACAG
p62	ADH5dn-R	ACCTCTGGCGAAGAAATCTAAAGC
p63	TDH2t(tHXt 7p)-R	GAAGAACACGCAGGGGCCCGAAATTGTTCCTACGAGCGAAAAGCCAATTAGTGTGATA C
p64	npgA-R5	GCTTATATAAAAAGTAAAAATATATTCATCAAATTCGTTACAAAAGATTAGGATAGGCA ATTACACACC
p65	KIURA3-F6	CGAATTTGATGAATATATTTTTACTTTTTATATAAGCTATTTTGTAGATATTGACGTGATT CTGGGTAGAAGATCG

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p91	FaCoAR -F2	GTATCAGATTTGAGATTGTTGGGTTTGTTGGGTGGTGGTTGTGGTG
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P103	Gal7(dn)-F	AGCCAATTTAACCAAATGGTGAAG
P104	Gal7(dn)-R	CAGTCTTTGTAGATAATGAATCTG
Primer	s for genomic	integration for free fatty acid production
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P128	URA3(dn)-R	GGAAACGCTGCCCTACACGTTCGC
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P130	ACC1(up)-R	CTGGGCTGCAGGAATTCGATATCAAGCTTATCGATGCTAGGCTATACTGTGCCAGAATA CG
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P132	TEF1p(ACC1)-R	CTGTGGAGAAGACTCGAATAAGCTTTCTTCGCTCATTTTGTAATTAAAACTTAGATTAG
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