

Supporting Information for:

***Yarrowia lipolytica* as a metabolic engineering platform for the production of
very long-chain wax esters**

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Supplementary Figures

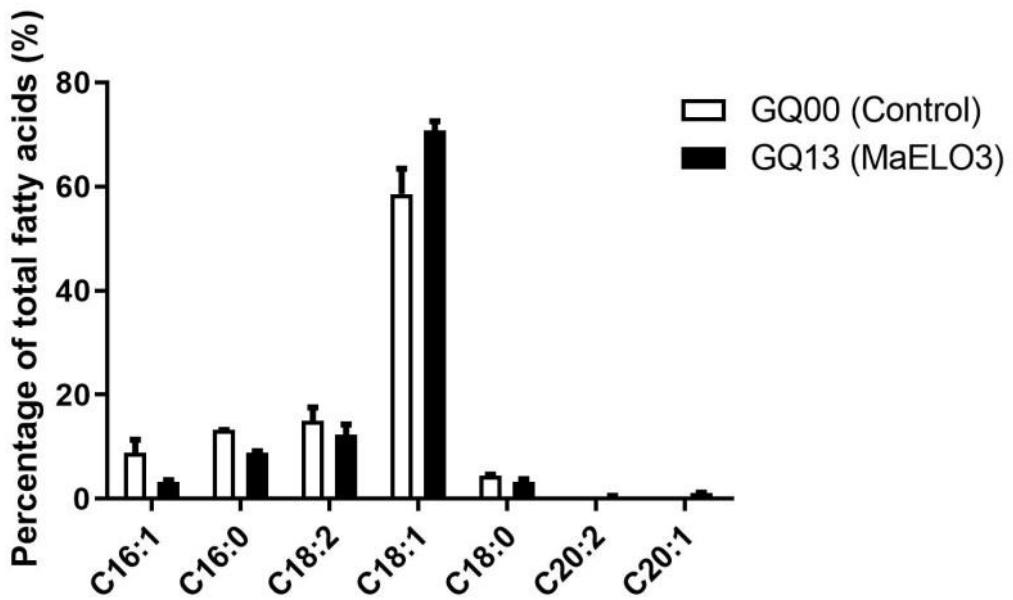


Figure S1. FAMES analysis of fatty acids produced by strains GQ00 and GQ13.

Empty vector (GQ00) and vector overexpressed C16/18-elongase gene *MaELO3* (GQ13) were chromosomally integrated into *Y. lipolytica* strain Po1f and VLCFAs production by the resulting strains was compared. Cultures were grown in YPD medium for three days. The bars represent the mean, and the error bars represent the standard deviation of biological triplicates.

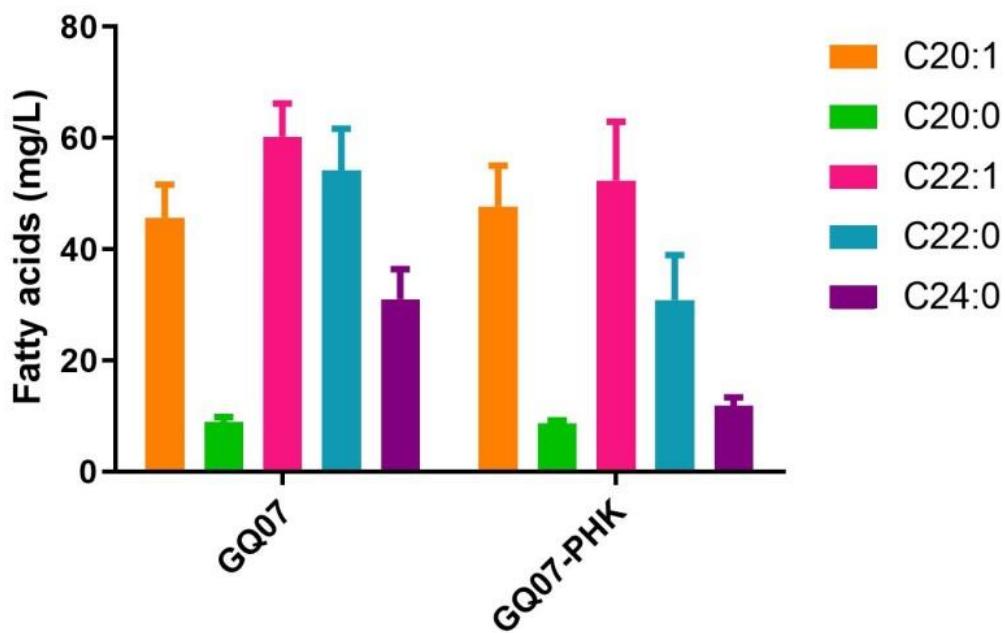


Figure S2. Production of VLCFAs in the engineered *Y. lipolytica* strains GQ07 and GQ07-PHK. VLCFAs accumulation of strain GQ07-PHK including codon-optimized *AnPK* from *Aspergillus nidulans* and *BsuPta* from *Bacillus subtilis* compared to control strain GQ07 in shake flask experiments. The bars represent the mean, and the error bars represent the standard deviation of biological triplicates.

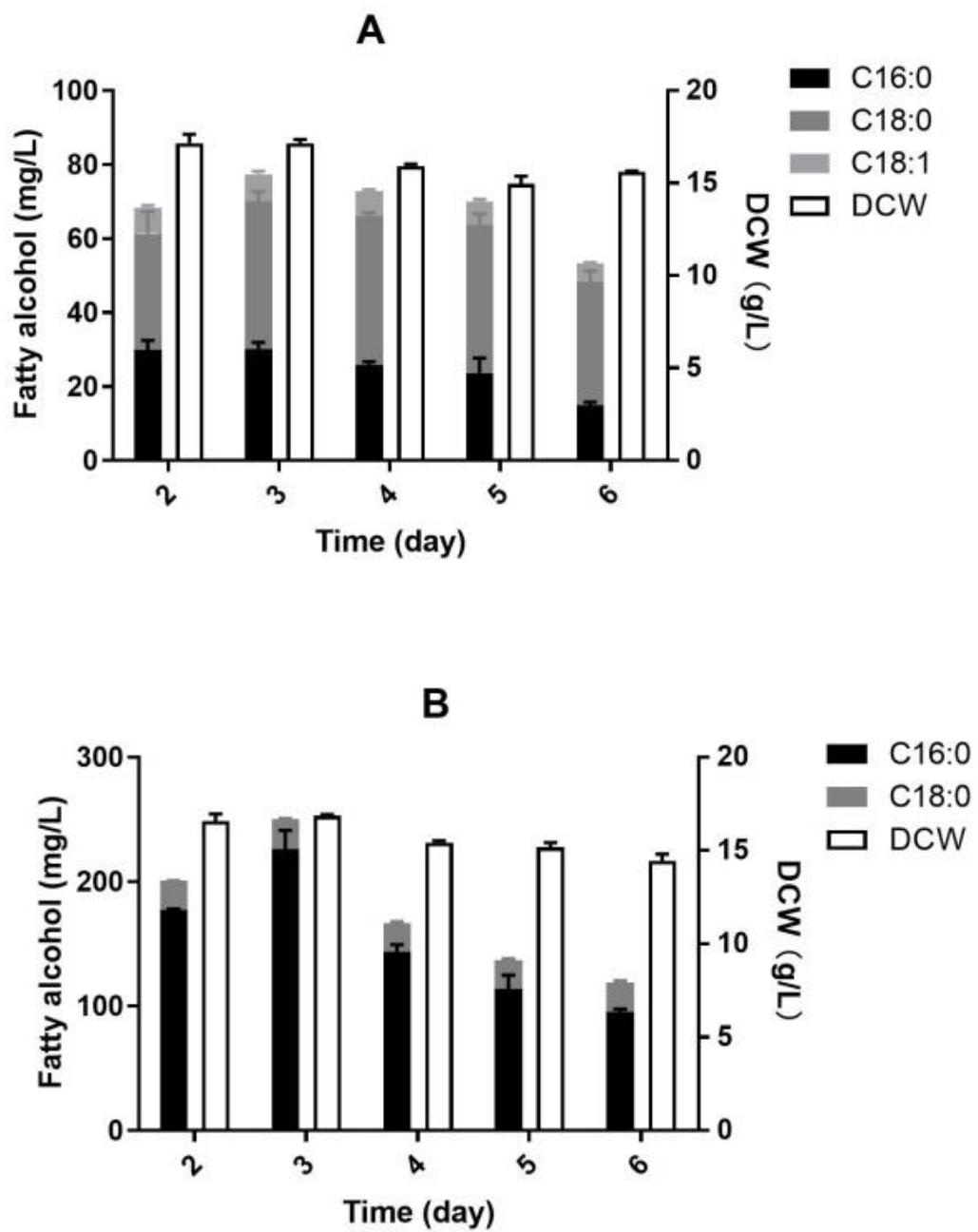


Figure S3. Time courses of fatty alcohols production and cell growth (dry cell weight) of *Y. lipolytica* strains with *MaFAR* (A) or *TaFAR* (B). The bars represent the mean, and the error bars represent the standard deviation of biological triplicates.

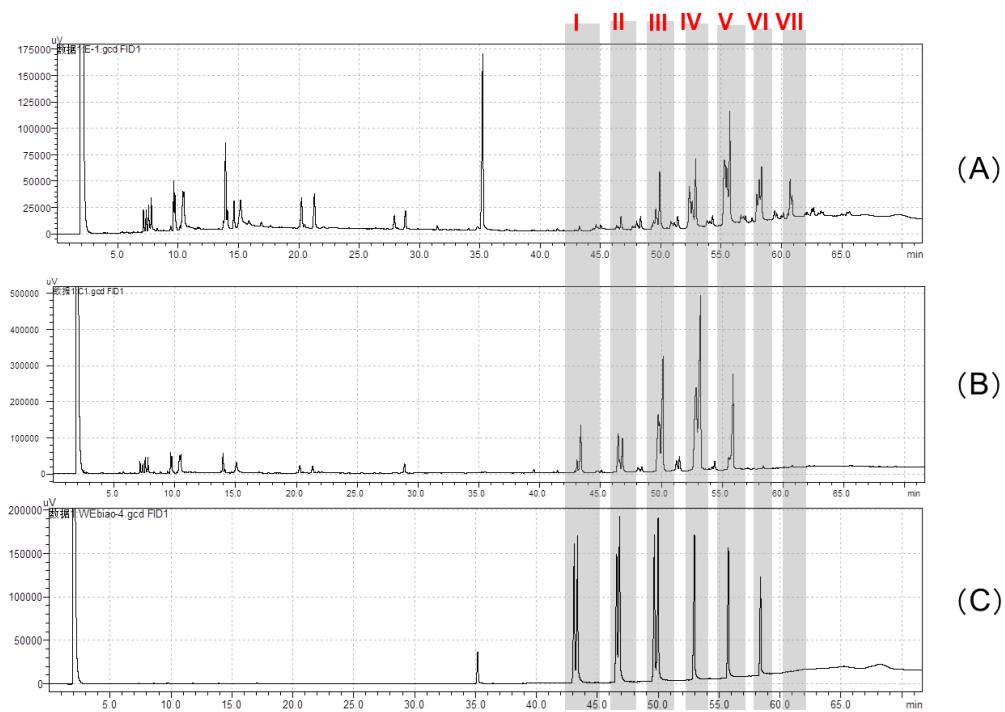
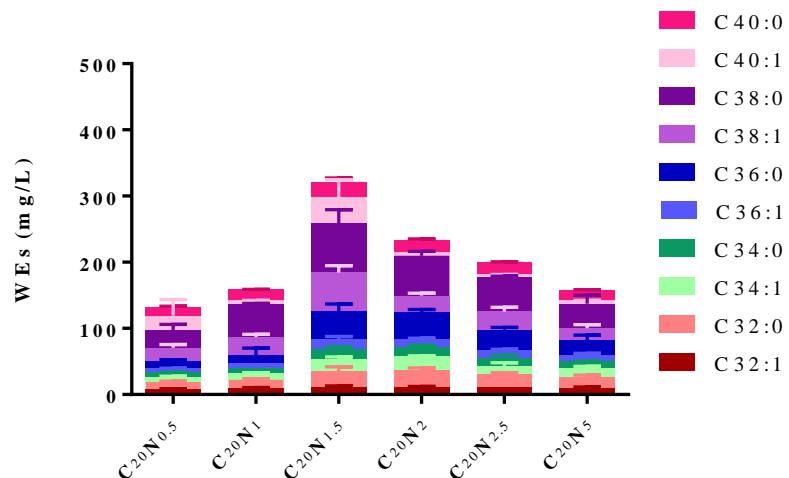
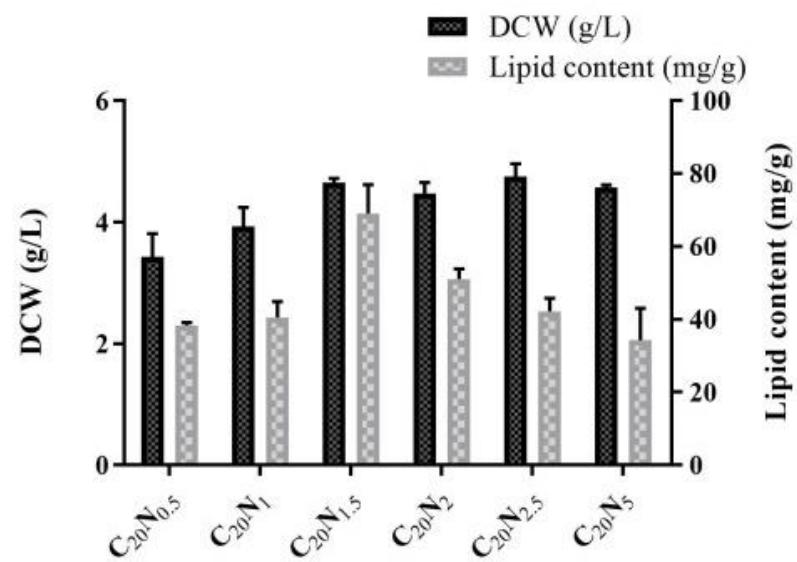


Figure S4. GC chromatograms of WEs isolated from recombinant strains carrying different *FAR* and *WS* genes. (A) WE03 (*MhWS* and *MaFAR*); (B) WE01 (*MhWS* and *TaFAR*); (C) A mixture of WEs standards. The peaks labeled with gray bars (I-VII) were identified as (I), C32:0/C32:1; (II), C34:0/C34:1; (III), C36:0/C36:1; (IV), C38:0/C38:1; (V), C40:0/C40:1; (VI), C42:0/C42:1; (VII), C44:0/C44:1 based on the standards used in this study.

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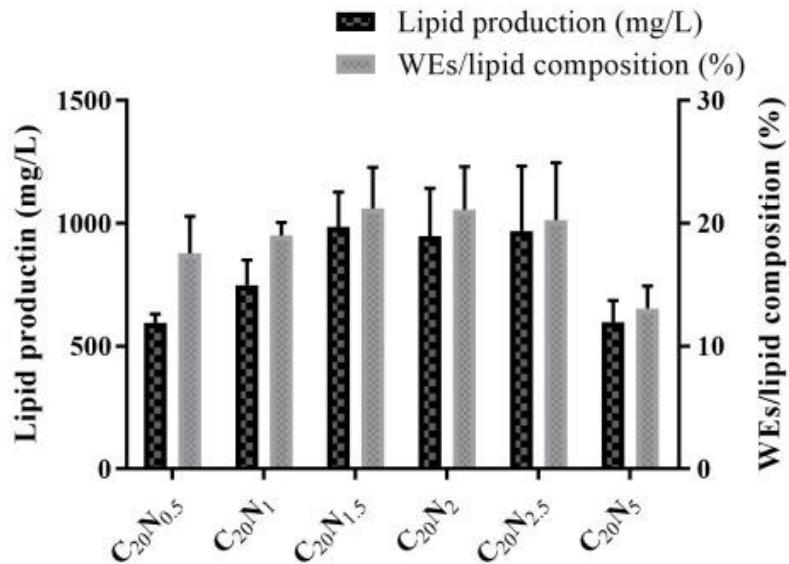
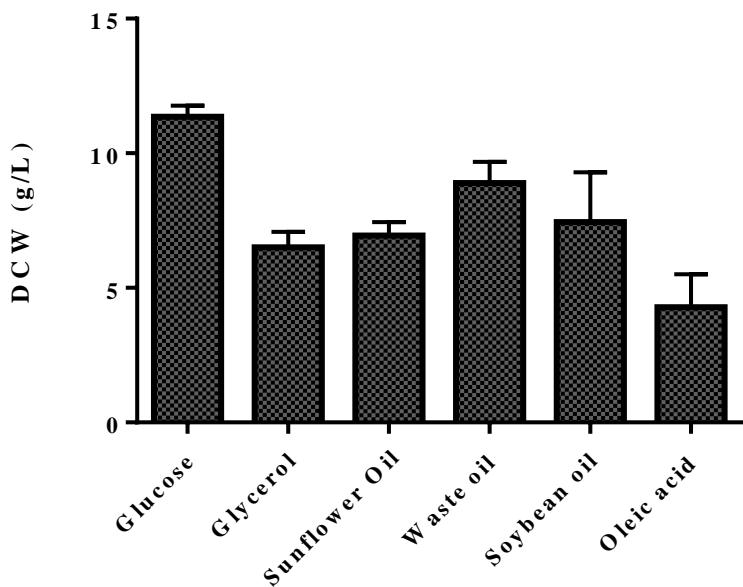
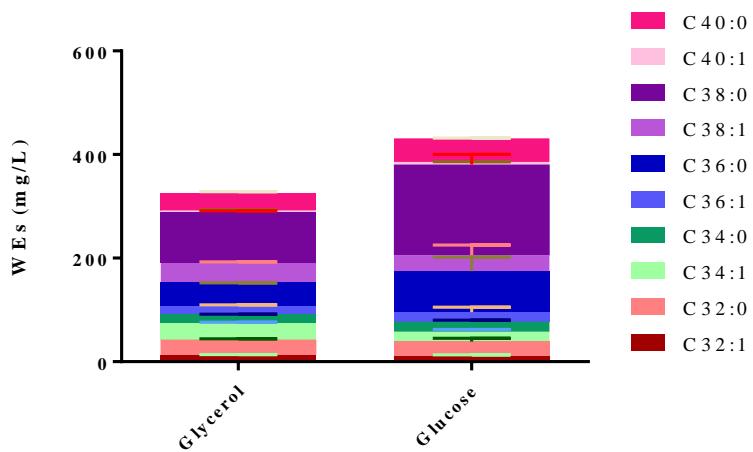


Figure S5. Effects of carbon:nitrogen ratio on WEs production. (A) C:N optimization for WEs production in the WE01 strain, where C_i and N_j denote the concentrations of glucose (i g/L) and ammonium (j g/L), respectively . (B) Cell growth and lipid content of WE01 strain in different C:N ratio. (C) Lipid production and WEs/lipid composition of WE01 strain in different C:N ratio. Error bars represent the standard deviation of biological triplicates.

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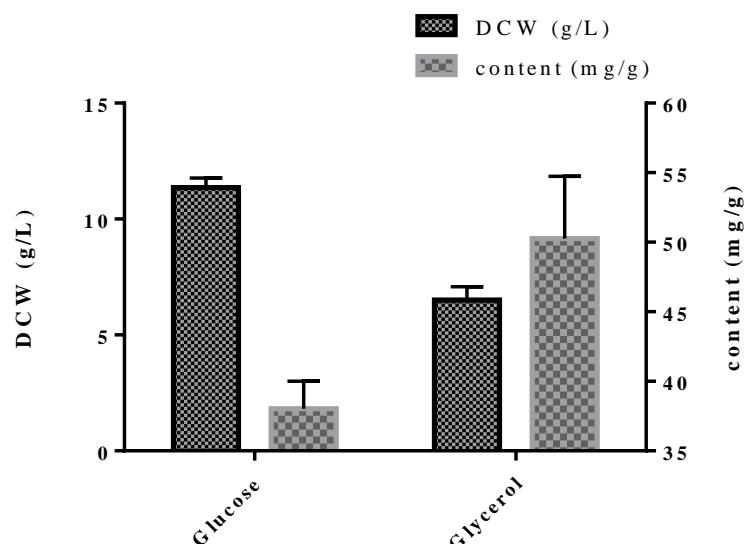


Figure S6. Effects of different carbon sources on WEs production in shake flask culture. (A) Comparison of DCW in YP medium with different carbon sources. (B) Comparison of WEs titers in glucose or glycerol medium. (C) Comparison of DCW and WEs contents in glucose or glycerol medium. Three repeats were conducted for each strain, and error bars represent standard deviations.

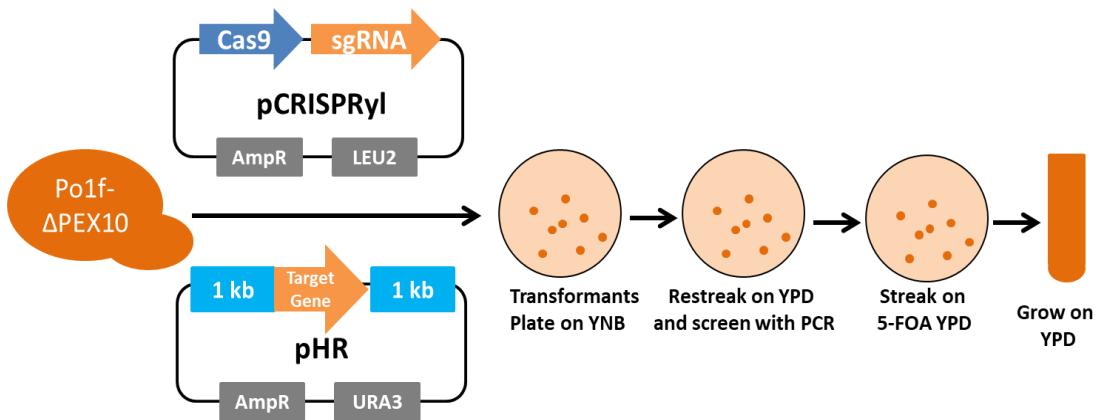


Figure S7 Schematic diagram of gene integration with CRISPR/Cas9.

Transformation and outgrowth in selective media, followed by plating on rich medium and screening. Successful colonies were then plated on rich medium containing 5-FOA, which used for URA3 marker plasmid removal, and grown in rich medium, which used to cure the LEU2 marker plasmid.

Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Plasmids used in this study

Plasmids	Description	Reference
pINA1269	<i>Y. lipolytica</i> integrative plasmid, hp4d promoter, <i>XPR2</i> terminator, <i>LEU2</i> selection marker, Amp ^r	¹
pINA1312	<i>Y. lipolytica</i> integrative plasmid, hp4d promoter, <i>XPR2</i> terminator, <i>ura3d1</i> selection marker, Km ^r	¹
p32UT	pINA1312 php4d::UAS4B+TEF	²
p32AtKCS	pINA1312 vector containing codon-optimized <i>AtKCS</i> from <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	This study
p32UTAtKCS	p32UT vector containing codon-optimized <i>AtKCS</i> from <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	This study
p32UTCraKCS	p32UT vector containing codon-optimized <i>CraKCS</i> from <i>Crambe abyssinica</i>	This study
p32UTAtKCS_UTCraKCS	p32UTAtKCS plasmid containing <i>CraKCS</i> from <i>Crambe abyssinica</i> with UAS4B+TEF promoter	This study
p32UTMaFAR	p32UT vector containing codon-optimized <i>MaFAR</i> from <i>Marinobacter aquaeolei</i> VT8 Maqu_2220	This study
p32UTMaFAR-UTMaFAR	PINA1312 vector containing two copies of MaFAR with UAS4B-TEF promoter	This study
p32UTTaFAR	p32UT vector containing codon-optimized <i>TaFAR</i> from <i>Tyto alba</i>	This study
p32UTMaELO3	p32UT vector containing codon-optimized <i>MaELO3</i> from <i>Mortierella alpina</i>	This study
p32UTAbWS	p32UT vector containing codon-optimized <i>AbWS</i> from <i>Acinetobacter baylyi</i> ADP1	This study
p32UTMhWS	p32UT vector containing codon-optimized <i>MhWS</i> from <i>Marinobacter hydrocarbonoclasticus</i> DSM 8798	This study
p32MaFAR	pINA1312 vector containing codon-optimized <i>MaFAR</i> from <i>Marinobacter aquaeolei</i> VT8 Maqu_2220	This study
p32TaFAR	pINA1312 vector containing codon-optimized <i>TaFAR</i> from <i>Tyto alba</i>	This study
p32AmFAR	pINA1312 vector containing codon-optimized <i>AmFAR</i> from <i>Apis mellifera</i>	This study
p32MmFAR	pINA1312 vector containing codon-optimized <i>MmFAR</i> from <i>Mus musculus</i>	This study
p32ScFAR	pINA1312 vector containing codon-optimized <i>ScFAR</i> from <i>Simmondsia chinensis</i>	This study
p32EgFAR	pINA1312 vector containing codon-optimized <i>EgFAR</i> from <i>Euglena gracilis</i>	This study
p69UTMaFAR	p69UT vector containing codon-optimized <i>MaFAR</i> from <i>Marinobacter aquaeolei</i> VT8 Maqu_2220	This study
p69UTTaFAR	P69UT vector containing codon-optimized <i>TaFAR</i> from <i>Tyto alba</i>	This study
p69UTMhWS_UTMaFAR	p69UTMaFAR vector containing codon-optimized <i>MhWS</i> from	This study

	<i>Marinobacter hydrocarbonoclasticus</i> DSM 8798 with UT promoter	
p69UTAbWS_UTMaFAR	p69UTMaFAR vector containing codon-optimized <i>AbWS</i> from <i>Acinetobacter baylyi</i> ADP1 with UT promoter	This study
p69UTMhWS_UTTaFAR	p69UTTaFAR vector containing codon-optimized <i>MhWS</i> from <i>Marinobacter hydrocarbonoclasticus</i> DSM 8798 with UT promoter	This study
p69UTAbWS_UTTaFAR	p69UTTaFAR vector containing codon-optimized <i>AbWS</i> from <i>Acinetobacter baylyi</i> ADP1 with UT promoter	This study
p69UTMaELO3	pINA1269 vector containing codon-optimized MaELO3 from <i>Mortierella alpina</i> php4d::UAS4B+TEF	This study
P69UTAMPD	pINA1269 vector containing <i>AMPD</i> gene from <i>Y. lipolytica</i> php4d::UAS4B+TEF	This study
p69ACL1	pINA1269 vector containing <i>ACL1</i> gene from <i>Y. lipolytica</i>	²
p69ACC1	pINA1269 vector containing <i>ACC1</i> gene without intronic sequences from <i>Y. lipolytica</i>	²
p69ACC1-ACL1	pINA1269 vector containing <i>ACC1</i> gene without intronic sequences and <i>ACL1</i> gene from <i>Y. lipolytica</i>	This study
p69DGA1	pINA1269 vector containing <i>DGA1</i> gene from <i>Y. lipolytica</i>	²
p69EcAldh	pINA1269 vector containing <i>Aldh</i> gene from <i>E. coli</i>	This study
pCRISPRyl_F1	pCRISPRyl with F1 targeting sgRNA	Unpublished
pCRISPRyl_D17	pCRISPRyl with D17 targeting sgRNA	³
pCRISPRyl_XPR2	pCRISPRyl with XPR2 targeting sgRNA	³
pHR_F1_hrGFP	1kb_F1_up-UAS8B-TEF-hrGFP-CYC-1kb_F1_down, CEN1 URA3 AmpR ColE1	⁴
pHR_F1_MaELO3	1kb_F1_up-UAS4B-TEF-MaELO3-CYC-1kb_F1_down, CEN1 URA3 AmpR ColE1	This study
pHR_D17_hrGFP	1kb_D17_up-UAS8B-TEF-hrGFP-CYC-1kb_D17_down, CEN1 URA3 AmpR ColE1	³
pHR_D17_AnPK	1kb_D17_up-UAS8B-TEF-AnPK-CYC-1kb_D17_down, CEN1 URA3 AmpR ColE1	This study
pHR_XPR2_hrGFP	1kb_XPR2_up-UAS8B-TEF-hrGFP-CYC-1kb_XPR2_down, CEN1 URA3 AmpR ColE1	³
pHR_XPR2_BsuPta	1kb_XPR2_up-UAS8B-TEF-BsuPta-CYC-1kb_XPR2_down, CEN1 URA3 AmpR ColE1	This study

Table S2. Primers used in this study

Primer Names	Sequences
Primers used to build plasmids	
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Table S3. Codon optimized sequences of genes used in this study.

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