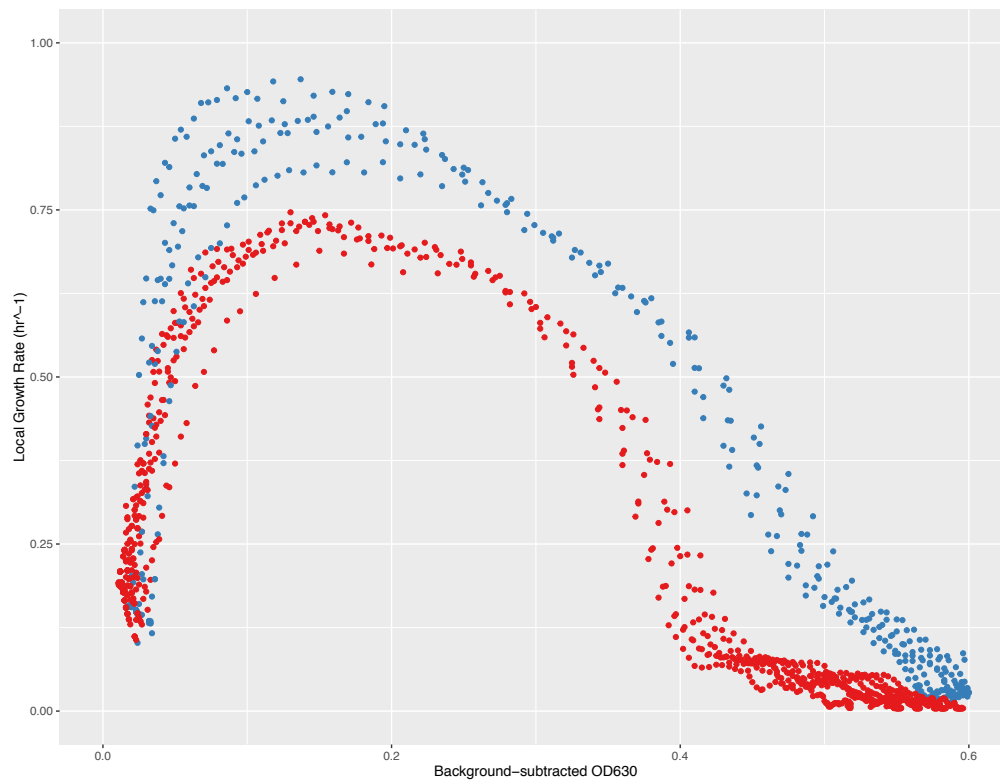


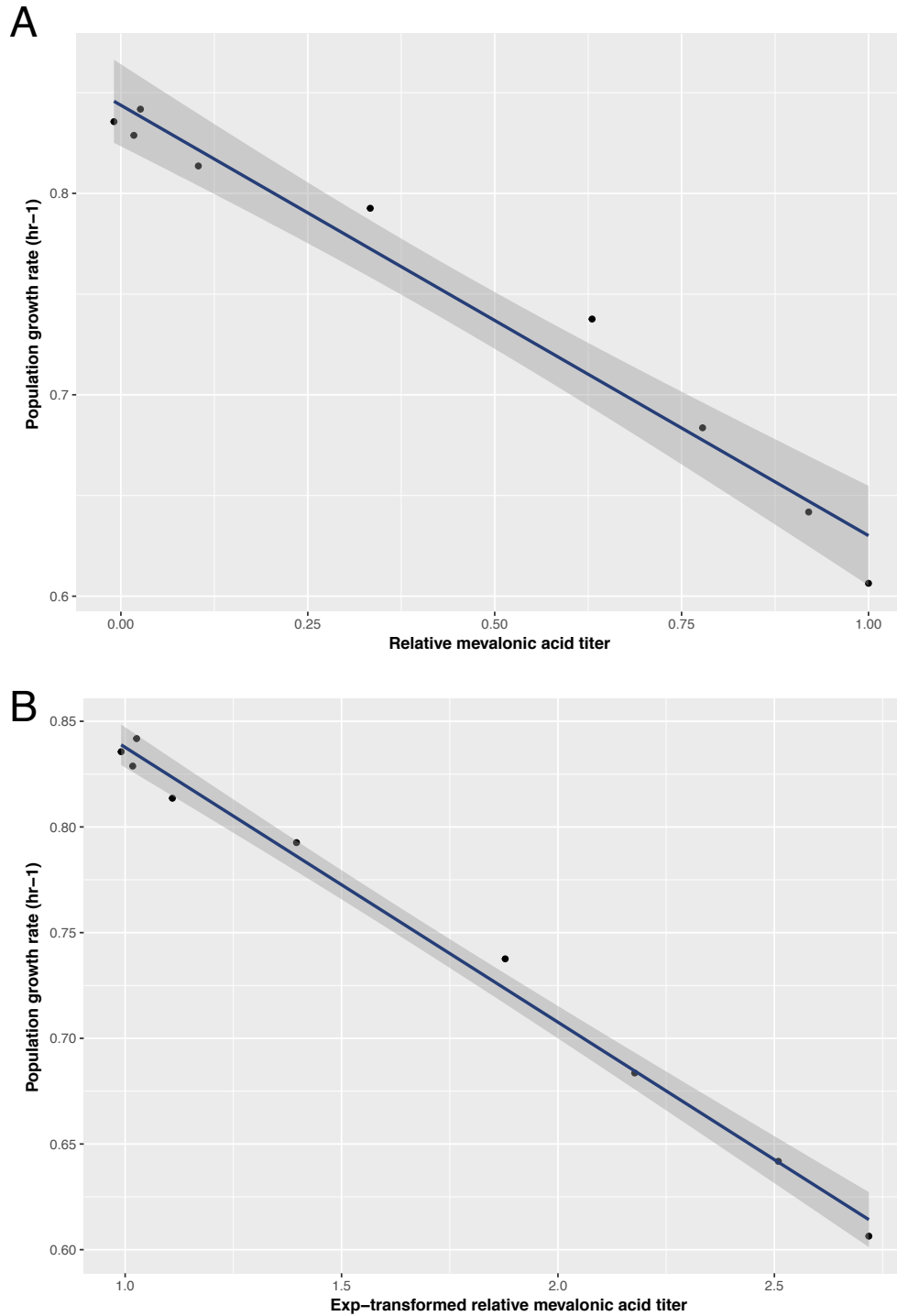
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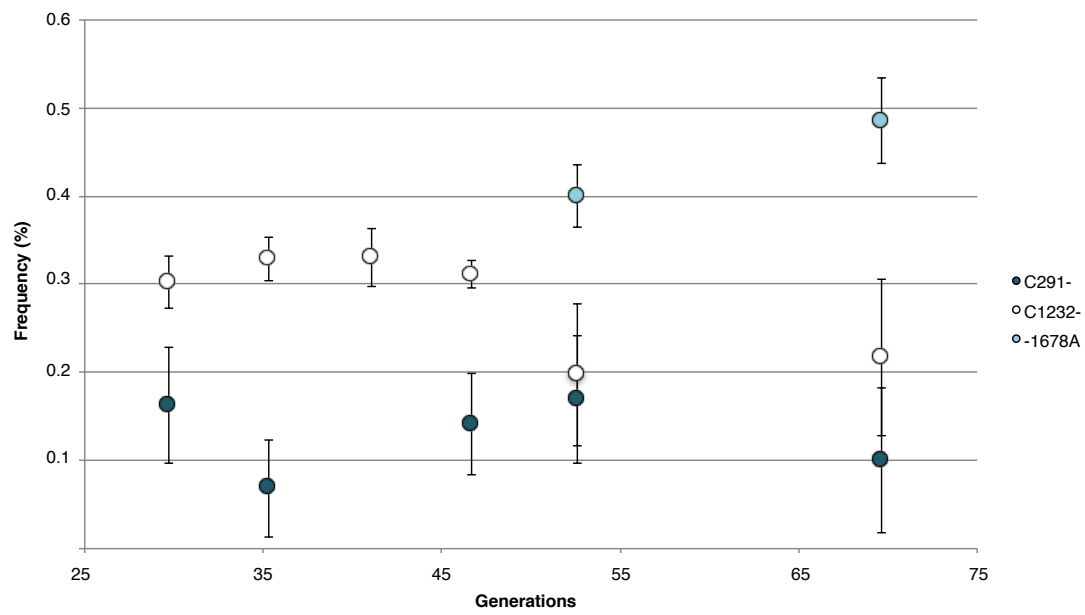
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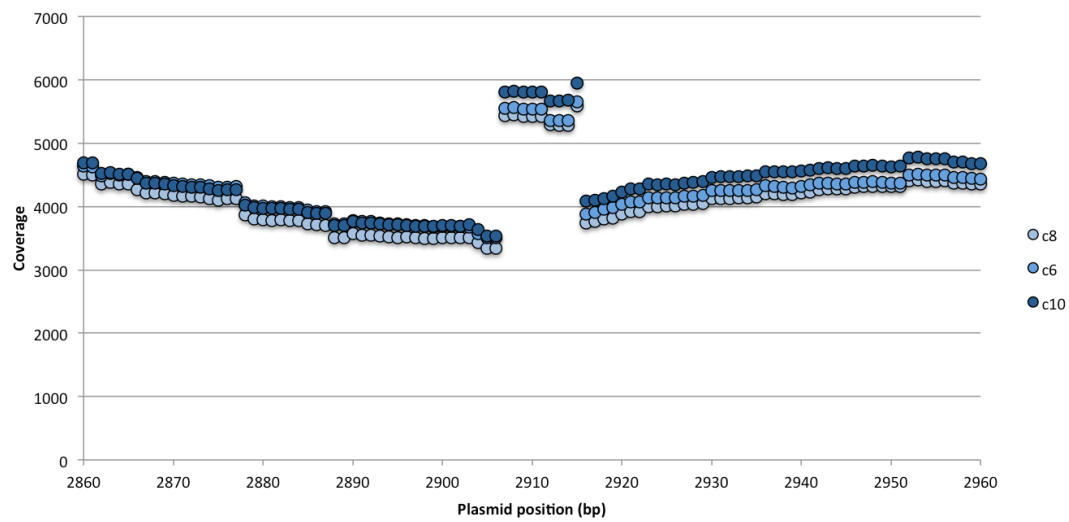
Supplementary Figure 1. Load of producing mevalonic acid (*h2m0*, red) as measured by comparison to growth of pathway-excised, non-producing control (*h8*, blue). Growth rates were dependent of the phases of growth, and therefore for quantification we use an average in the background-subtracted OD630 region 0.04-0.40, which we quantified to 30 % (n = 8) (Methods). Related to Figure 1.



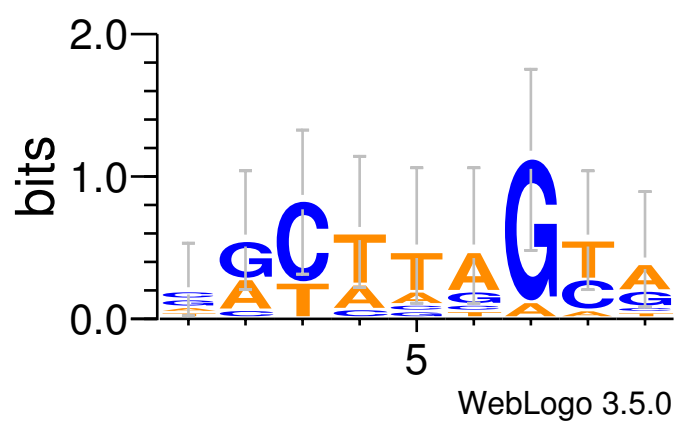
Supplementary Figure 2. The relation between population growth rate average and mevalonic acid titer of *h2m0* and long-term cultured populations ($n = 5$) (relative to earliest data point in simulated fermentation “EVO2”). Relative mevalonic acid titer is respectively A) non-transformed, and B) log-transformed) resulting in the respective regressions shown as lines (grey area depicts 95 % confidence interval of regression): A: $y = -0.21x + 0.84$, $R^2 = 0.97$, $p = 2.0 \cdot 10^{-6}$, and B: $y = 0.968 - 0.13 e^x$, $R^2 = 0.99$, $p = 1.3 \cdot 10^{-8}$



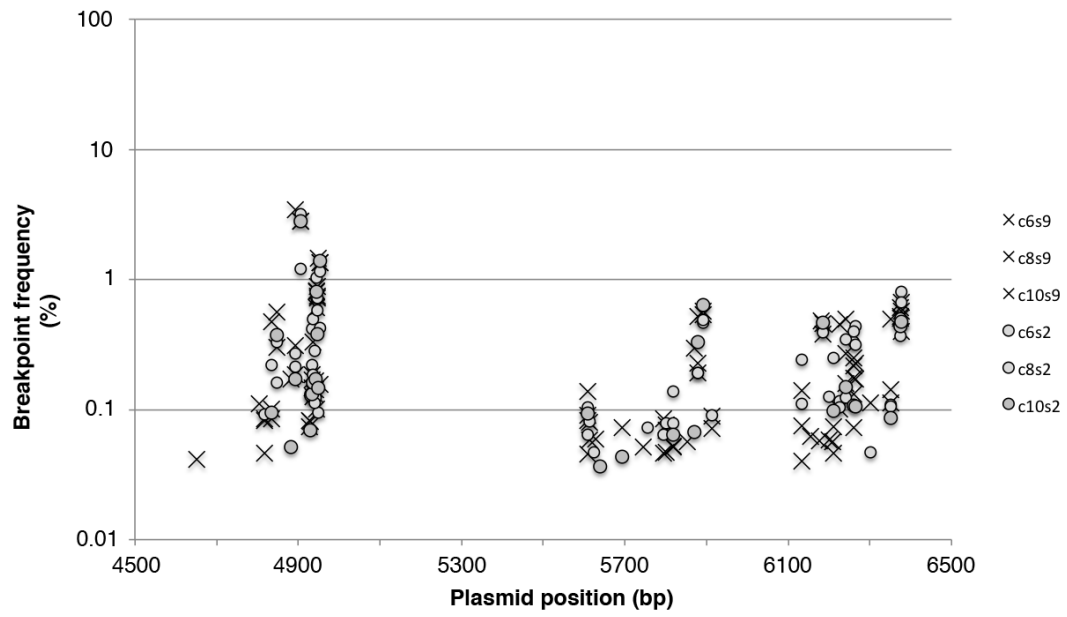
Supplementary Figure 3. Mean frequencies of three detected SNPs in the dynamically sampled lineages c6, c8 and c10 of the experimentally simulated long-term fermentation of *E. coli h2 m0*, at a minimum detection level of 0.1 %. Error bars denote standard error of the mean (n = 3).



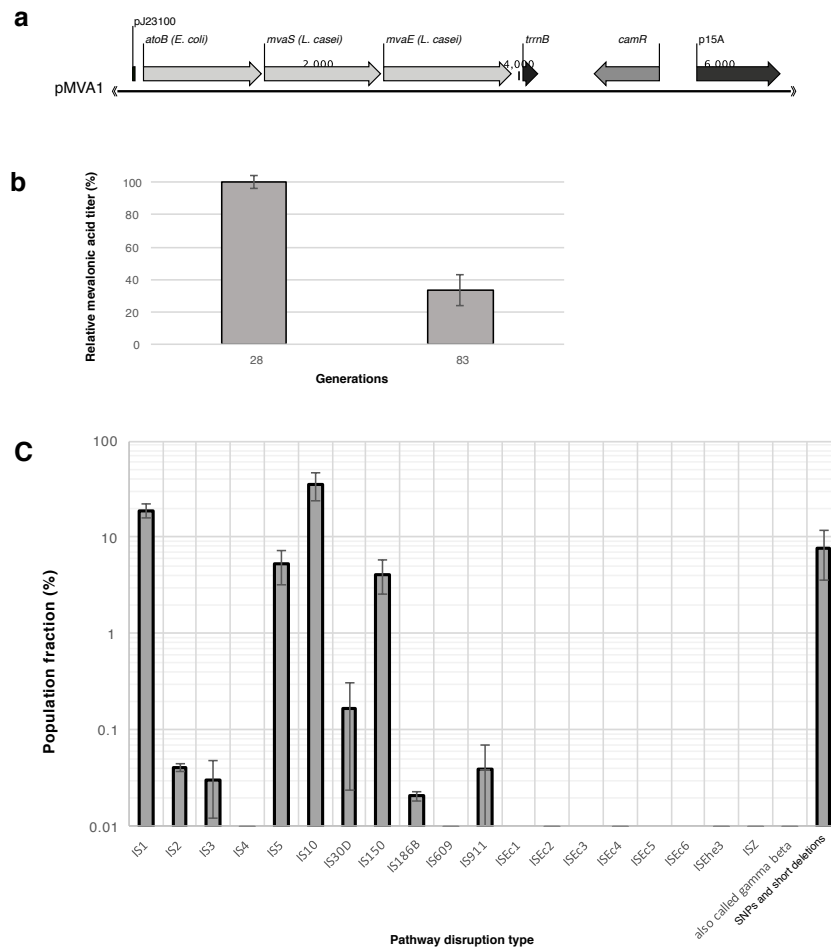
Supplementary Figure 4. Number of mapped reads (coverage) at the reference plasmid positions in the proximity of a high-frequency IS10 insertion. Jump likely results from duplication of the target recognition region (data from three parallel *h2m0* lineages c6, c8 and c10 shown following seed 9). Related to Fig. 3.



Supplementary Figure 5. Consensus sequence for ten IS10 insertion sites observed in the deep-sequenced pMevT plasmid populations. Consensus sequence analyzed using WebLogo 3¹. This observed consensus deviated from a previously reported consensus target sequence of IS10: NGCTNGACN².



Supplementary Figure 6. Exemplary structural variation (pMevT plasmid backbone, region 4500-6500 bp featuring the *rrnB* terminator and *f1* origin) without enrichment over the course of the experimentally simulated fermentation of *E. coli* *h2m0* “EVO2” (breakpoint frequency = breakpoint reads per coverage) lineages c6, c8 and c10, sampled after seed 2 (s2) and final seed 9 (s9).



Supplementary Figure 8. Distribution of IS elements transposed into the pMVA1 plasmid populations following experimentally simulated long-term fermentation with parallel lineages of strain *h11* m0-3 for 79 generations in “EVO13”, (error bars depict standard error, $n = 4$). SNPs and short deletions specified in Supplementary Table 8.

Supplementary Table 1. Calculated number of cell divisions (generations) needed to occupy the bioreactor type specified at the respective OD₆₀₀ or number of cells.

Bioreactor type	Number of cells	OD ₆₀₀	Volume (L)	Accumulated generations
Strain construction	$2 \cdot 10^{11}$	1	0.01 L	38
Laboratory-scale	$2 \cdot 10^{15}$	100	2 L	51
Industry-scale	$2 \cdot 10^{17}$	100	200 L	57
Industry-scale	$2 \cdot 10^{18}$	100	2.000 L	61
Industry-scale	$1 \cdot 10^{19}$	100	10.000 L	63
Industry-scale	$2 \cdot 10^{20}$	100	200.000 L	67

Supplementary Table 2. Average determined number of generations undergone by the experimentally simulated fermentations.

Growth tube (seed)	New generations (-80 stock)	Accumulated generations (-80 stock and sequenced sample)	Accumulated generations (15 mL re-grown stock for analysis)	Experimentally simulated fermentation ID and lineages	Strain clone bank
Bank culture	18.4	18.4	28.1	EVO2 c6-c10	<i>h2m0</i>
s1	5.1 +/- 0.02	23.5	33.2	EVO2 c6-c10	<i>h2m0</i>
s2	6.2 +/- 0.03	29.7	39.4	EVO2 c6-c10	<i>h2m0</i>
s3	5.6 +/- 0.04	35.3	45.0	EVO2 c6-c10	<i>h2m0</i>
s4	5.8 +/- 0.03	41.1	50.8	EVO2 c6-c10	<i>h2m0</i>
s5	5.6 +/- 0.05	46.7	56.4	EVO2 c6-c10	<i>h2m0</i>
s6	5.8 +/- 0.02	52.5	62.3	EVO2 c6-c10	<i>h2m0</i>
s7	5.7 +/- 0.00	58.2	67.9	EVO2 c6-c10	<i>h2m0</i>
s8	5.7 +/- 0.01	63.9	73.6	EVO2 c6-c10	<i>h2m0</i>
s9	5.6 +/- 0.01	69.6	79.3	EVO2 c6-c10	<i>h2m0</i>
Bank culture	18.4	18.4	28.1	EVO8 c1-4	<i>h2m0</i>
s1	9.8 +/- 0.03	28.2	37.9	EVO8 c1-4	<i>h2m0</i>
s2	5.8 +/- 0.04	38.1	47.8	EVO8 c1-4	<i>h2m0</i>
s3	5.6 +/- 0.02	43.9	53.6	EVO8 c1-4	<i>h2m0</i>
s4	5.7 +/- 0.02	49.5	59.2	EVO8 c1-4	<i>h2m0</i>
s5	5.7 +/- 0.02	55.2	64.9	EVO8 c1-4	<i>h2m0</i>
s6	5.6 +/- 0.01	60.9	70.6	EVO8 c1-4	<i>h2m0</i>
s7	5.8 +/- 0.00	66.5	76.2	EVO8 c1-4	<i>h2m0</i>
s8	5.7 +/- 0.01	72.3	82.0	EVO8 c1-4	<i>h2m0</i>
s9	5.7 +/- 0.02	77.9	87.6	EVO8 c1-4	<i>h2m0</i>
Bank culture	18.4	18.4	28.1	EVO8 c6-c9	<i>h10m0</i>
s1	9.3 +/- 0.29	27.7	37.4	EVO8 c6-c9	<i>h10m0</i>
s2	6.3 +/- 0.21	34.1	43.8	EVO8 c6-c9	<i>h10m0</i>

s3	5.8 +/- 0.07	39.9	49.6	EVO8 c6-c9	<i>h10m0</i>
s4	5.7 +/- 0.01	45.6	55.3	EVO8 c6-c9	<i>h10m0</i>
s5	5.6 +/- 0.01	51.2	60.9	EVO8 c6-c9	<i>h10m0</i>
s6	5.7 +/- 0.01	56.9	66.6	EVO8 c6-c9	<i>h10m0</i>
s7	5.6 +/- 0.00	62.5	72.2	EVO8 c6-c9	<i>h10m0</i>
s8	5.7 +/- 0.01	68.1	77.8	EVO8 c6-c9	<i>h10m0</i>
s9	5.6 +/- 0.01	73.8	83.5	EVO8 c6-c9	<i>h10m0</i>
s10	5.7 +/- 0.01	79.4	89.1	EVO8 c6-c9	<i>h10m0</i>
Bank culture	18.4	18.4	28.1	EVO13 c1-c4	<i>h11m0-3</i>
s1	10.2	28.6	38.3	EVO13 c1-c4	<i>h11m0-3</i>
s2	5.4	34.0	43.7	EVO13 c1-c4	<i>h11m0-3</i>
s3	5.7	39.7	49.4	EVO13 c1-c4	<i>h11m0-3</i>
s4	6.1	45.8	55.5	EVO13 c1-c4	<i>h11m0-3</i>
s5	5.2	51.0	60.7	EVO13 c1-c4	<i>h11m0-3</i>
s6	5.7	56.7	66.4	EVO13 c1-c4	<i>h11m0-3</i>
s7	5.7	62.4	72.1	EVO13 c1-c4	<i>h11m0-3</i>
s8	5.6	68.0	77.7	EVO13 c1-c4	<i>h11m0-3</i>
s9	5.6	73.6	83.3	EVO13 c1-c4	<i>h11m0-3</i>
s10	5.7	79.4	89.1	EVO13 c1-c4	<i>h11m0-3</i>

Long-term fermentations studied the mevalonic acid-producing *h2m0*, *h10m0* and *h11m0-3* clone

banks (in EVO2 and EVO8), accumulated and at the individual 8-hour passages (seeds) (standard error shown +/-, for EVO2: n = 5, EVO8: n = 4, EVO13: n = 4).

Supplementary Table 3. Measured mevalonic acid titers ($\text{g} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$) in earliest time point from the indicated simulated fermentation.

Strain clone bank	Simulated fermentation ID	Cultivation condition	Mevalonic acid ($\text{g} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$) +/- se
h2 m0	EVO2	Std. medium, 30 deg. C	1.2 +/- 0.04
h2 m0	EVO8	Opt. medium, 30 deg. C	0.9 +/- 0.04
h10 m0	EVO8	Std. medium, 30 deg. C	0.5 +/- 0.05
h2 m1, m2, m3	EVO10	Std. medium, 32 deg. C	1.3 +/- 0.04
kle1#1 m1, m2, m3	EVO10	Std. medium, 32 deg. C	1.0 +/- 0.04
h11 m0, m2, m3, m4	EVO13	Std. medium, 30 deg. C	1.3 +/- 0.05

se: standard error of the mean (EVO2: n = 5, EVO8: n = 4, EVO10: n = 3, EVO13: n = 4). Related to Figure 1.

Supplementary Table 4. Variation in the cell divisions (generations) till first mutation by four replicate runs of a stochastic version of our population escape model (script in Supplementary Note 3).

Replicate	Generations to first mutation	No. of cells
1	19.42837	705542
2	19.44143	711956
3	20.23096	1230621
4	20.99365	2087940

Simulations performed on an 8-core desktop computer (Intel® Core™ i7-4770K CPU @ 3.50GHz × 8). Computation time scales with number of cells and ran >3 days to observe a first mutation (escape) in all four replicates.

Supplementary Table 5. Production loads and escape rates estimated from fermentation simulations by fit to model or by pure-culture measurements.

Parameter	Strain and condition	Method	Data source	Estimate value (generation ⁻¹) and p-value
Production load	<i>h2m0</i> , relative to <i>h8</i> std. medium	Growth rate average	Pure-culture growth curves	30 %
Escape rate	<i>h2m0</i> , std. medium	Fit to model using pure-culture determined production load	Production over time	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-8}$ (p-value = 0.0012)
Escape rate	<i>h2m0</i> , std. medium	Fit to model using pure-culture determined production load	Total IS fraction over time (from deep-seq)	$8.7 \cdot 10^{-8}$ (p-value < 0.0001)
Production load	<i>h2m0</i> , std. medium	Free fit to model	Total mobile element fraction over time (from deep-seq)	28 % (p-value < 0.0001)
Escape rate	<i>h2m0</i> , std. medium	Free fit to model	Total mobile element fraction over time (from deep-seq)	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-7}$ (p-value < 0.0001)
Production load	<i>h2m0</i> , relative to <i>h8</i> opt. medium	Growth rate average	Pure-culture growth curves	23 %
Production load	<i>h10m0</i> , relative to <i>h9</i> std. medium	Growth rate average	Pure-culture growth curves	26 %

Production load	$h2m0$, std. medium	Fit to model with NGS-determined escape rate	Production over time	26 % ($p < 0.0001$)
Production load	$h2m0$, opt. medium	Fit to model with NGS-determined escape rate	Production over time	21 % ($p < 0.0001$)

Supplementary Table 6. SNPs found in the chromosomes of colonies picked from streaks from the end-point experimentally simulated fermentations of *h2m0* (std. medium, “EVO2”).

Sample colony	Region	Type	Reference	Allele	Coverage	Frequency	Probability
TOP10	4272971	Insertion	-	T	36	97.22	1
c6s9k1	4272971	Insertion	-	T	25	100	1
c6s9k2	4272971	Insertion	-	T	24	100	1
c6s9k3	4272971	Insertion	-	T	46	97.83	1
c8s9k1	4272971	Insertion	-	T	35	97.14	1
c8s9k2	4272971	Insertion	-	T	40	95	1
c8s9k3	4272971	Insertion	-	T	42	100	1
c10s9k1	4272971	Insertion	-	T	25	100	1
c10s9k2	4272971	Insertion	-	T	24	100	1
c10s9k3	4272971	Insertion	-	T	46	97.83	1

SNPs were identified after mapping of reads to the publicly available genome sequence of *E. coli*

DH10B (accession CP000948). SNPs were called at minimum coverage of 15, maximum coverage of 1000. Three colonies (k1-3) were randomly picked from lineage c6, c8 and c10 respectively.

Supplementary Table 7. Summary statistics of linear regressions of log-transformed mobile element subgroup fractions with cell divisions.

IS subgroup	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	R²
IS10	0.103524	0.006623	15.63	0.000569	0.98
IS186	0.099346	0.004302	23.09	0.000178	0.99
IS5	0.052057	0.006731	7,734	0.0045	0.95
IS1	0.05529	0.007353	7,519	0.004875	0.95
IS3	0.066145	0.004971	13.31	0.000917	0.98
IS150	0.015975	0.003622	4.41	0.021625	0.86
tn1000	0.083741	0.003768	22.23	0.000199	0.99
IS2	0.022302	0.005604	3.98	0.028387	0.84
IS911	0.01759	0.00377	4,667	0.0186	0.88
IS30D	0.03692	0.01234	2,993	0.05799	0.75

Enrichment rates were calculated by linear regression of log₁₀-transformed mobile element frequencies in the exponential phase seeds s2-s6 for the three time-lapse sequenced samples lineages c6, c8 and c10. Related to Fig. 4.

Supplementary Table 8. SNPs and short deletions in the pMVA1 plasmid populations in the four end-point deep-sequenced lineages m0-3 of *E. coli* h11.

Lineage	Plasmid region	Annotation	Type	Reference sequence	Variant sequence	Frequency (%)
m0	165..173	PJ23100	Deletion	CTAGGTACA	-	20.24
m0	466	<i>atoB</i>	SNV	T	A	0.33
m0	1107	<i>atoB</i>	Deletion	C	-	0.33
m0	240..249	5'-UTR <i>atoB</i>	Deletion	GAGGAGAAAG	-	0.29
m1	1383	<i>atoB</i>	SNV	A	G	0.32
m1	1941	<i>mvaS</i>	SNV	T	G	0.27
m1	1107	<i>atoB</i>	Deletion	C	-	0.24
m2	341	<i>atoB</i>	Deletion	G	-	6.35
m2	1107	<i>atoB</i>	Deletion	C	-	0.36
m2	164..173	PJ23100	Deletion	CCTAGGTACA	-	0.20
m3	461	<i>atoB</i>	SNV	A	G	0.58
m3	459^460	<i>atoB</i>	Insertion	-	C	0.52
m3	1107	<i>atoB</i>	Deletion	C	-	0.26
m3	1145	<i>atoB</i>	SNV	G	C	0.23

SNPs called at a minimum detection frequency of 0.2 %.

Supplementary Table 9. Average number of generations undergone by the experimentally simulated fermentation of the mevalonic acid-producing *h2* (m1-m3) and *kle1#1* (m1-m3) (EVO10).

Growth tube (seed)	New generations (-80 stock)	Accumulated generations (-80 stock)	Accumulated generations (15 mL re-grown stock for analysis)	Strain and cell banks
Bank culture	18.4	18.4	28.1	h2 m1-m3
s1	6.2 +/- 0.06	24.5	34.3	h2 m1-m3
s2	5.4 +/- 0.03	30.0	39.6	h2 m1-m3
s3	5.9 +/- 0.01	35.7	45.5	h2 m1-m3
s4	5.5 +/- 0.02	41.2	51.0	h2 m1-m3
s5	5.8 +/- 0.03	46.9	56.8	h2 m1-m3
s6	5.9 +/- 0.03	52.7	62.7	h2 m1-m3
s7	5.8 +/- 0.01	58.4	68.4	h2 m1-m3
s8	5.6 +/- 0.02	64.3	74.0	h2 m1-m3
s9	5.6 +/- 0.00	70.0	79.6	h2 m1-m3
Bank culture	18.4	18.4	28.1	kle1#1 m1-m3
s1	6.1 +/- 0.04	24.5	34.2	kle1#1 m1-m3
s2	5.5 +/- 0.01	30.0	39.7	kle1#1 m1-m3
s3	5.7 +/- 0.02	35.7	45.4	kle1#1 m1-m3
s4	5.6 +/- 0.02	41.2	50.9	kle1#1 m1-m3
s5	5.7 +/- 0.00	46.9	56.6	kle1#1 m1-m3
s6	5.7 +/- 0.03	52.7	62.4	kle1#1 m1-m3
s7	5.7 +/- 0.02	58.4	68.1	kle1#1 m1-m3
s8	5.9 +/- 0.01	64.3	74.0	kle1#1 m1-m3
s9	5.7 +/- 0.01	70.0	79.7	kle1#1 m1-m3

Generations shown as accumulated and at the individual 8-hour passages (seeds) (standard error shown +/-, n = 3). Related to Fig 6.

Supplementary Table 10. Population frequencies (%) of SNPs detected in lineages from of experimentally simulated fermentations with mevalonic acid-producing *E. coli* (“EVO10”).

Strain (expression plasmid)	Cell bank	C1232- (<i>atoB</i>) (%)	-1678A (<i>ERG13</i>) (%)	A1678- (<i>ERG13</i>) (%)
<i>h2</i> (pMevT)	m1	0.37	0.26	<0.25
	m2	0.27	1.15	<0.25
	m3	0.36	0.42	<0.25
<i>kle1#1</i> (pMevT-mur11)	m1	0.30	1.95	<0.25
	m2	0.37	<0.25	15.22
	m3	<0.25	<0.25	<0.25

Related to Fig. 6. Positions are indicated relative to the sequence of the pMevT plasmid sequence.

Supplementary Table 11. Oligo sequences used for assembly of indicated plasmids and *E. coli murI* deletion fragment.

Oligo ID	DNA sequence (5'-)	N in RBS (in oligo)	Predicted log10- relative RBS strength ³	DNA template for PCR	Plasmid assembled from this PCR
P642	ACAAATAAGUCGACCTGCAGGCATGCAAG	-	-	pMevT	pMevT-murI RBS variants
P649	ATACCTUNTACACCTTAGGATTTAATGCAGGTGACGG	A	0.197		
		C	0.222		
		T	0.205		
		G	0.179		
P642	ACAAATAAGUCGACCTGCAGGCATGCAAG	-	-	pMevT	pMevT-murI RBS variants
P661	ATACCTUNTGAGACCTTAGGATTTAATGCAGGTGACGG	A	0.184		
		C	0.178		
		T	0.186		
		G	0.186		
P650	AAGGTAUGGCTACCAAACTGCAGGACGGGA	-	-	<i>E. coli</i> XL1	pMevT-murI
P651	ACTTATTTGUTCAGCCTAAAACTGCCAGTTTTTCGAGCG	-	-	gDNA (murI insert)	RBS variants
P654	CAGGACGGGAATACACCTTGTCTGGCAGCTACAC CTTCTGAACCACGTCCGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTC	-	-	<i>E. coli</i> gDNA harboring the	-
P655	TGACCGCGCAACATTCAACCAAATCAGCCTAAAA CTGCCAGTTTTTCGAGATTCCGGGGATCCGTCGACC	-	-	<i>Keio</i> collection kanR deletion cassette ⁴	-
P423	ATCCTGACGGUACCGCTACCAGCGGTGGTTTG	-	-	pMevT ⁵	pMVA1
P452	AATGAGUCGCTTTCAGTCGGGAAA	-	-		
P451	ACTCATUgacggctagctcagtcctaggtacagt gctagcATTACGCCAAGCGCGCAATT	-	-	pMevT ⁵	pMVA1
P517	aattcAGCUTTTGTTCCCTTTAGTGAG	-	-	pMevT ⁵	pMVA1
P516	AGTCGACCUGCAGGCATG	-	-		
P535	ACCGTCAGGAUGGCCTTCTGCTTAATTGATGCCT	-	-		
P514	AGCTgaatUcattaaagaggagaaaggtacc	-	-	pMEV7 ⁶	pMVA1
P515	AGGTCGACUCAATCCCGATTTTCATCTTT	-	-		

Supplementary Note 1

A simple mathematical model for the fraction of producers in time is established by solution of an ordinary differential equation system (eq1 and eq2) with analogy to models of plasmid loss dynamics⁷.

$p(t)$: producer cells in time

$np(t)$: non-producer cells in time

μ : specific growth rate

ρ : production load $= 1 - \frac{\mu_p}{\mu_{np}}$

$$(eq1): \quad \frac{dp(t)}{dt} = \mu_p \cdot p(t) - k_{\text{escape}} \cdot p(t)$$

$$(eq2): \quad \frac{dnp(t)}{dt} = \mu_{np} \cdot np(t) + k_{\text{escape}} \cdot p(t)$$

Non-producer cells are converted from producer cells at a rate k_{escape} and such non-producers alleviate a reduction in growth rate resulting from the production load ρ . The solution growth functions (eq3 and eq4) assume a pure initial inoculum of a single, producing cell, and can be found by first solving eq1 and inserting the resulting function $p(t)$ in eq2.

$$(eq3): \quad p(t) = e^{(\mu_p - k_{\text{escape}}) \cdot t}$$

$$(eq4): \quad np(t) = k_{\text{escape}} \frac{1 - e^{(\mu_p - \mu_{np} - k_{\text{escape}})t}}{k_{\text{escape}} + \mu_{np} - \mu_p} e^{\mu_{np} \cdot t} = k_{\text{escape}} \frac{1 - e^{(\rho \cdot \mu_{np} + k_{\text{escape}})t}}{k_{\text{escape}} + \rho \cdot \mu_{np}} e^{\mu_{np} \cdot t}$$

From these, the fraction of producers in time (eq5) can be derived.

$$(eq5): \quad \frac{p(t)}{p(t) + np(t)} = \frac{e^{(\mu_p - k_{\text{escape}}) \cdot t}}{k_{\text{escape}} \frac{1 - e^{(\rho \cdot \mu_{np} + k_{\text{escape}})t}}{k_{\text{escape}} + \rho \cdot \mu_{np}} e^{\mu_{np} \cdot t} + e^{(\mu_p - k_{\text{escape}}) \cdot t}} = \frac{k_{\text{escape}} + \rho \cdot \mu_{np}}{k_{\text{escape}} \cdot e^{(k_{\text{escape}} + \rho \cdot \mu_{np}) \cdot t} + \rho \cdot \mu_{np}}$$

By defining μ_p relative to $\mu_{np} = 1$, the model is only dependent on the relative growth rate (ρ) and the escape rate (k_{escape}).

Supplementary Note 2

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#R Script to analyze growth rate measurement

#Required packages

library(ggplot2)

library(reshape2)

library(scales)

library(plyr)

library(drc)

library(zoo)

library(stringr)


#Define TimeConverter function

TimeConverter <- function(z){

  cTime <- as.character(z[,1])

  Time <- (sapply(strsplit(cTime,:),

    function(x) {

      x <- as.numeric(x)

      round(x[1]*60+x[2]+x[3]/60, digits = 0)

    }

  )

  return(Time)

}


#Mac

data <- na.omit(read.delim("~/s1-s9_Data.csv", header=T, skip =0, sep = ";"))

map <- read.csv("~/Growth_map_EVO2_populations.csv",sep=";", header = T, colClasses =

c(rep("character", 2), "numeric"))


#Convert time to min

names(data)[1] = "Time" #Standardize naming

data$Time <- TimeConverter(data)


#AP: Melt the data if not in long format already

x.data <- melt(data, id = "Time")


#AP: Match values from mapping file to data

x.data$Strain<-map[match(x.data$variable, map$Well),2]

x.data$Replicate<-as.factor(map[match(x.data$variable, map$Well),3])

names(x.data)<-c("Time", "Well", "OD", "Strain", "Replicate")
```

```

x.data$OD<-as.numeric(x.data$OD)

#Set bgOD:
avg.bkg = 0.115

#Subtract background
x.data$bkgOD <- x.data$OD - avg.bkg

#PR: Add ln data
x.data$lnOD <- log(x.data$bkgOD)

#Add time in hours
x.data$Timehr <- x.data$Time/60

#PR: First subset x.data to exclude the BKG wells
x2.data <- subset(x.data, lnOD != "NA" & Strain != "BKG")
x2.data$lnOD <- as.numeric(str_replace_all(x2.data$lnOD, "Inf", "0"))
x2.data$lnOD <- as.numeric(str_replace_all(x2.data$lnOD, "NA", "0"))
x2.data$lnOD <- as.numeric(str_replace_all(x2.data$lnOD, "NaN", "0"))

#AP: Define the window size of rolling regression
WinSize <- 5

#AP: Define time and OD values for regression:
x <- as.numeric(x2.data$Timehr) #E.g. hours or minutes.
y <- as.numeric(x2.data$lnOD)
z <- as.data.frame(cbind(x,y))

#Standardize naming:
names(z)<-c("Time","lnOD")

#Fit data with a
RollFit<-rollapply(zoo(z), width=WinSize,
function(Z) {
reg<-lm(formula=Time~lnOD, data = as.data.frame(Z)) #Apply linear regression to lnOD against time.
cbind(1/coef(reg)[2],summary(reg)$r.squared)}, #calculate 1/slope
by.column=FALSE, align="right")

#Standardize naming:
names(RollFit)<-c("LocalGrowthRate","Rsquared")

#Attach to existing dataframe *NB: Fit values start at the row corresponding to WinSize!
x3.data <- cbind(x2.data[WinSize:nrow(x2.data),],as.data.frame(RollFit))

xr.data<-subset(x3.data)

```

Supplementary Note 3

R script

```
library(nls2)

#Fraction of producing cells at time 0 (set equal to 1 to follow the model described
#in the manuscript)
Fpc0<-1

#Load total mobile element fractions (NGS-determined)
ISobs <- data.frame(c(29.7,35.3,41.1,46.7,52.5,69.9))
colnames(ISobs)[1] <- "generations"
ISobs$fraction <-
c(0.991197834,0.980170492,0.919041917,0.733211699,0.338929329,0.000657726)
z <- nls2(fraction ~ ((u+ro)*Fpc0)/((u+ro*(1-Fpc0))*exp((u+ro)*generations)+ro*Fpc0),
data = ISobs,
      start = list(u=0.005,ro=0.1), control = list(maxiter = 5000))
summary(z)
```

Supplementary Note 4

R script

```
#Load required libraries

library(ggplot2)

library(foreach)

library(doParallel)


#setup parallel backend to use multiple processors

cl<-makeCluster(4)

registerDoParallel(cl)


###set parameters for growth of producers (gP), non-producers (pNP) and escape rate
(k)###

parms=c(gP=0.72,gNP=1,k=2.1E-7)

initial=c(P=29, NP=1)

time.window=c(0, 15)


# define how state variables for cell division and mutational escape
processes <- matrix(0, nrow=3, ncol=2,
                    dimnames=list(c("birth P",
                                    "Escape P",
                                    "birth NP"),
                                   c("P", "NP")))

processes[1,1]=1 #If birth of P
processes[2,1]=-1 #If escape of P
processes[2,2]= 1
processes[3,2]=1 #If birth of NP


# process probabilities
probabilities <- function(state){

  P<-state[1] #Define parameters

  NP<-state[2]

  gP<-parms[1]; gNP<-parms[2];k<-parms[3]
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a1<-gP*P #P birth
a2<-k*P #Escape
a3<-gNP*NP #NP birth

a<-c(a1,a2,a3)
names(a)<-c("a1","a2","a3")
a
}

### Initiate parallelized loop: ###
ls <- foreach(n = 1:4) %dopar% {

  # initialize state and time variables and write them into output table
  state <- initial
  time <- time.window[1]

  # define output dataframe
  output <- data.frame(t=time,
                      P=state["P"], NP=state["NP"],
                      row.names=1)

  #start timer to get time of simulation
  strt<-as.numeric(Sys.time())

  #Define stop-conditions for each simulation e.g. fraction of producers or absolute
time (in seconds)
  while(state["P"]/(state["P"]+state["NP"])>0.5 & as.numeric((Sys.time()-
wst))<252000){

    #calculate process probabilities for current state
    a<-probabilities(state)

    #WHEN does the next process happen?
    tau<-rexp(1,rate=sum(a))

```

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#update time
time = time+tau

#WHICH process happens after tau?
act<-sample(length(a), 1, prob=a)

#Update states
state<-processes[act,]+state

#write into output
output <- rbind(output,c(time,state))
}

#Add info on e.g. replicate and parameters
output$ER <- "2.1*10^-7" #Escape rate
output$rep <- n #Replicate
output$frac <- output$P/(output$P+output$NP) #Producer fraction

#Write each simulation to a file (optional)
write.table(output, file=file.path("File path", paste("Filename",".txt", sep="")),
            sep="\t", row.names=F)

output

}

#Show simulation time
as.numeric((Sys.time()-wst))/60/60

#End parallelization
stopCluster(cl)

#Combine output to a dataframe
SDF<-as.data.frame(ls[[1]])

for( i in 2:length(ls)) {
  SDF <- rbind(SDF,as.data.frame(ls[[i]]))
}

```

```
#Calculate generations
SDF$Gen <- log10(SDF$P+SDF$NP)/log10(2)

#Plot output

ggplot(SDF, aes(x = Gen, y = frac, color = as.factor(rep)))+
  geom_line(size=1)+
  ylab("Producer fraction")+
  xlab("Generations")+
  ggtitle("Stoch. simulation")
```

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