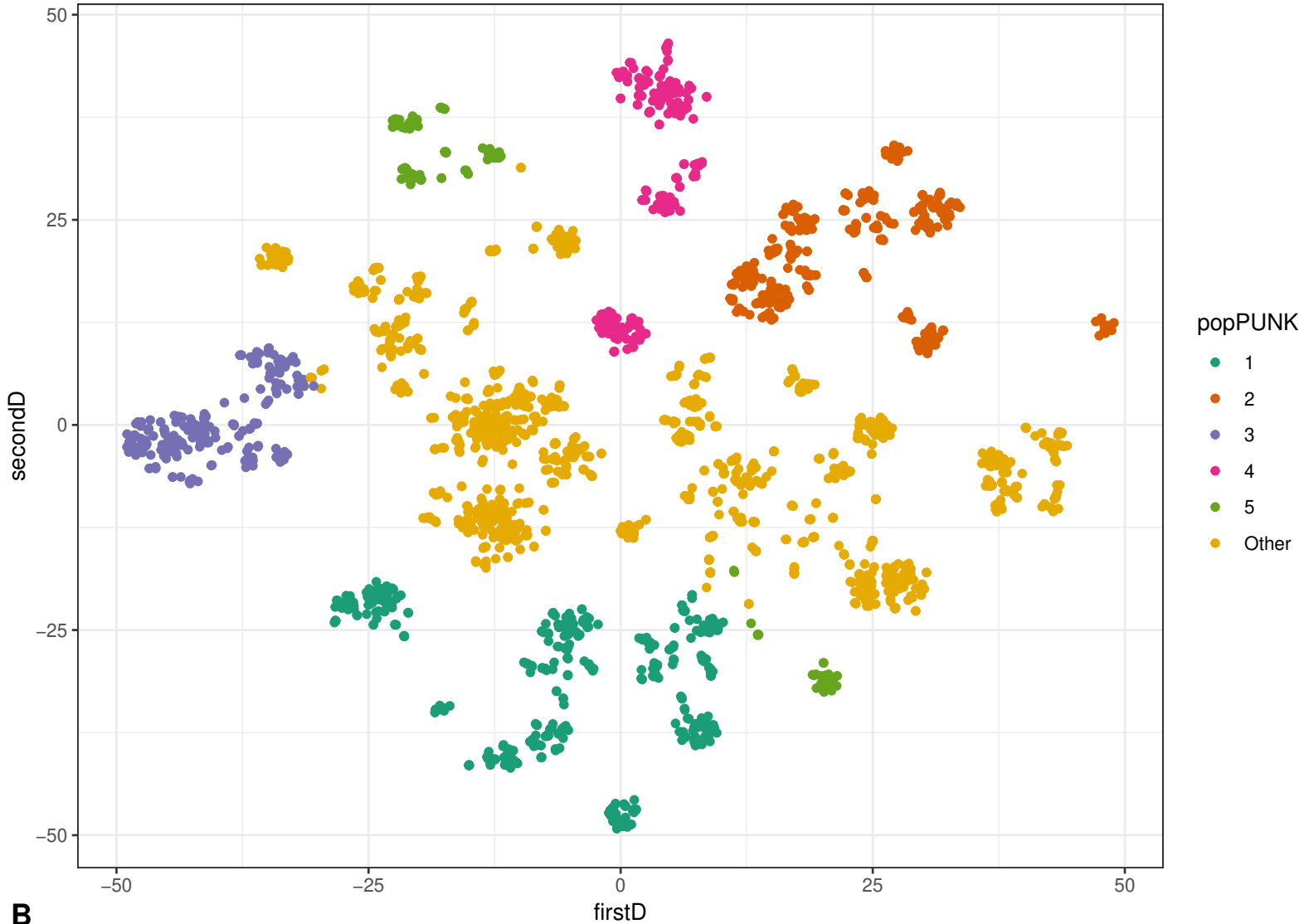


A

tsne perplexity = 30, Jaccard distances (presence/absence Panaroo)



B

k-means centroids (n = 1085)

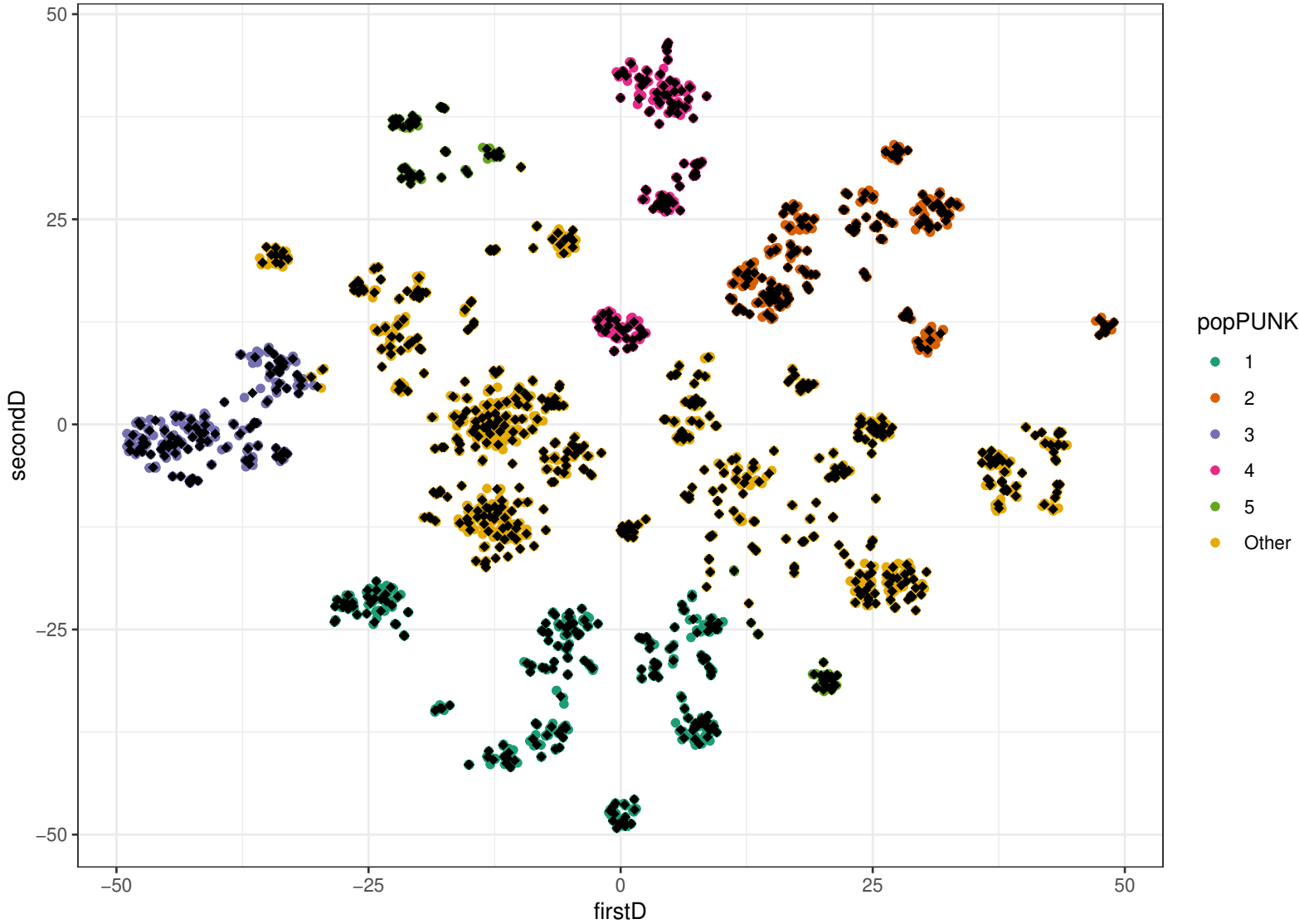


Figure S1. Selection of 1,085 ExPEC isolates for long-read sequencing based on their accessory genome diversity. A) Panaroo was used to infer the pangenome of the isolates included in the NORM collection (3,245) using short-read sequencing data. To represent the accessory genome diversity inherent in the collection, the presence/absence matrix of genes was embedded into 2D using t-sne (perplexity = 30) and isolates were coloured according to their PopPUNK group ⁷⁵. B) To select 1,085 isolates for long-read sequencing, the k-means algorithm was used to locate 1,085 centroids in the 2D embedding. The isolate closest (Euclidean distance) to each centroid was selected for long-read sequencing.

Figure S2. Distribution of the isolates selected for long-read sequencing (2,045 isolates, ONT column) in the ExPEC phylogeny (3,245 isolates). This selection included 1,085 isolates chosen based on their accessory genome diversity and 960 isolates belonging to ST69, ST73, ST95 and ST131 not included in the first selection.

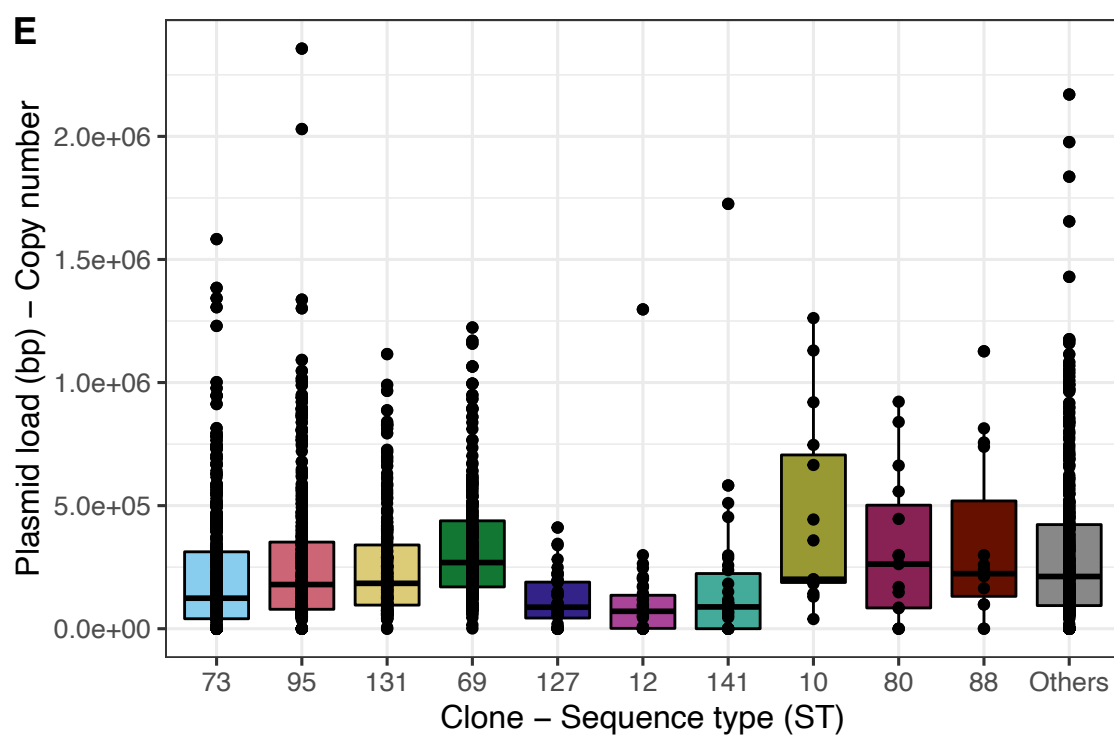
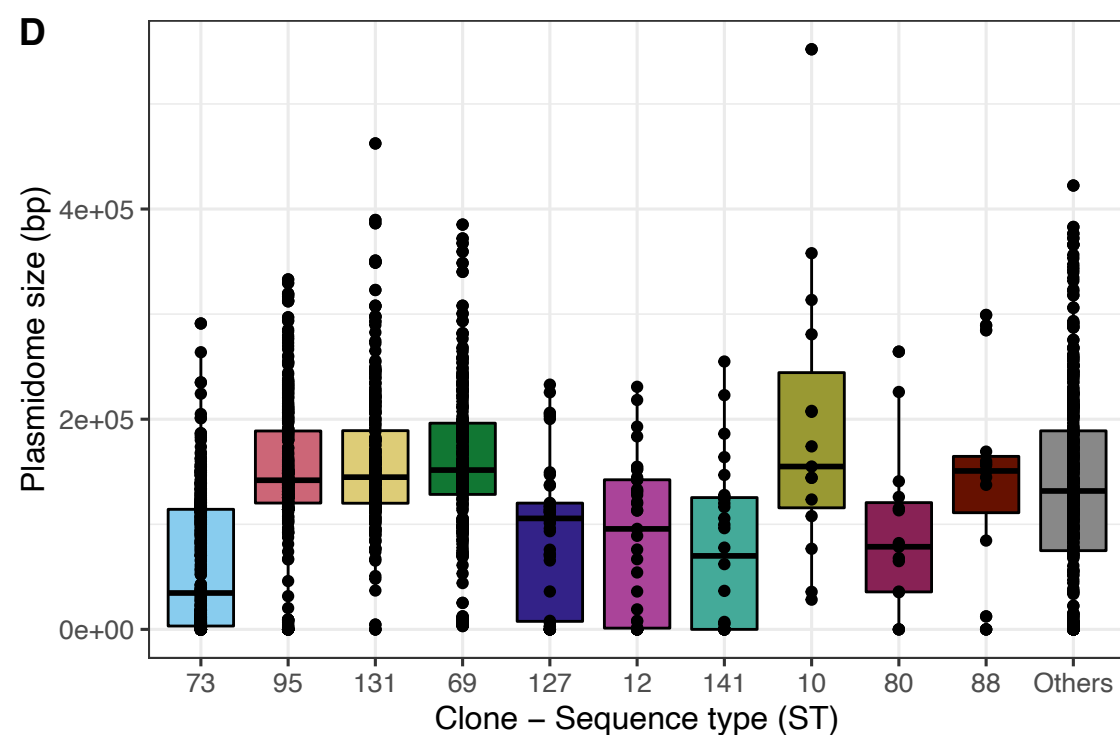
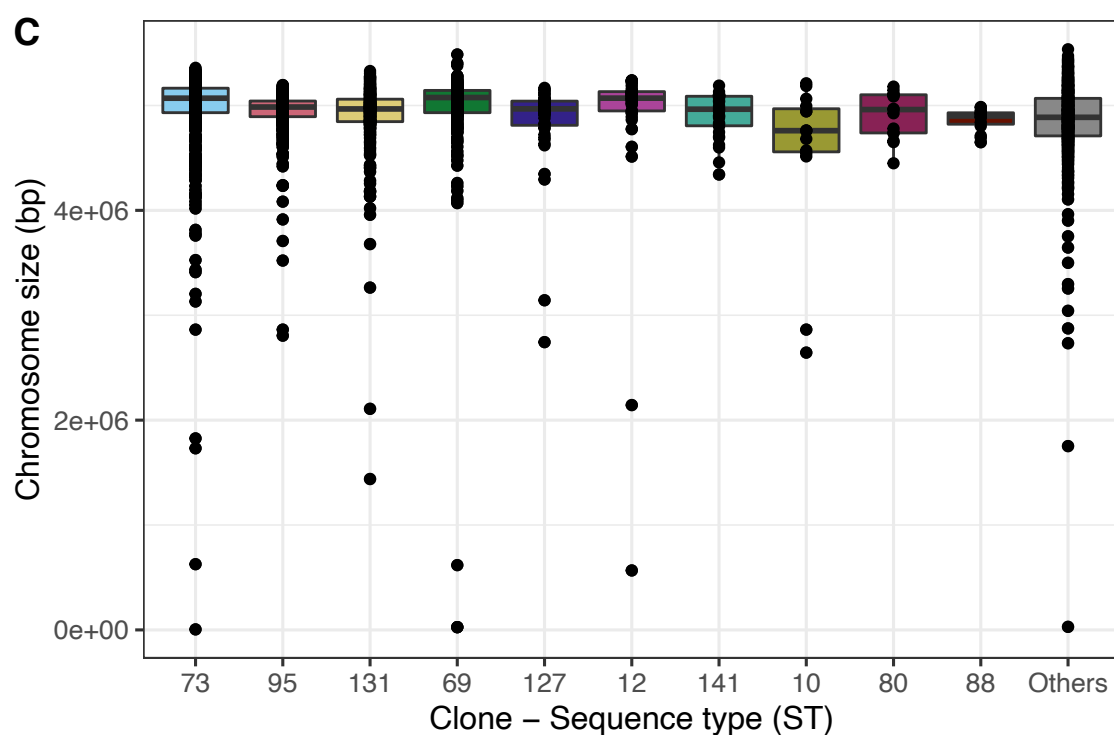
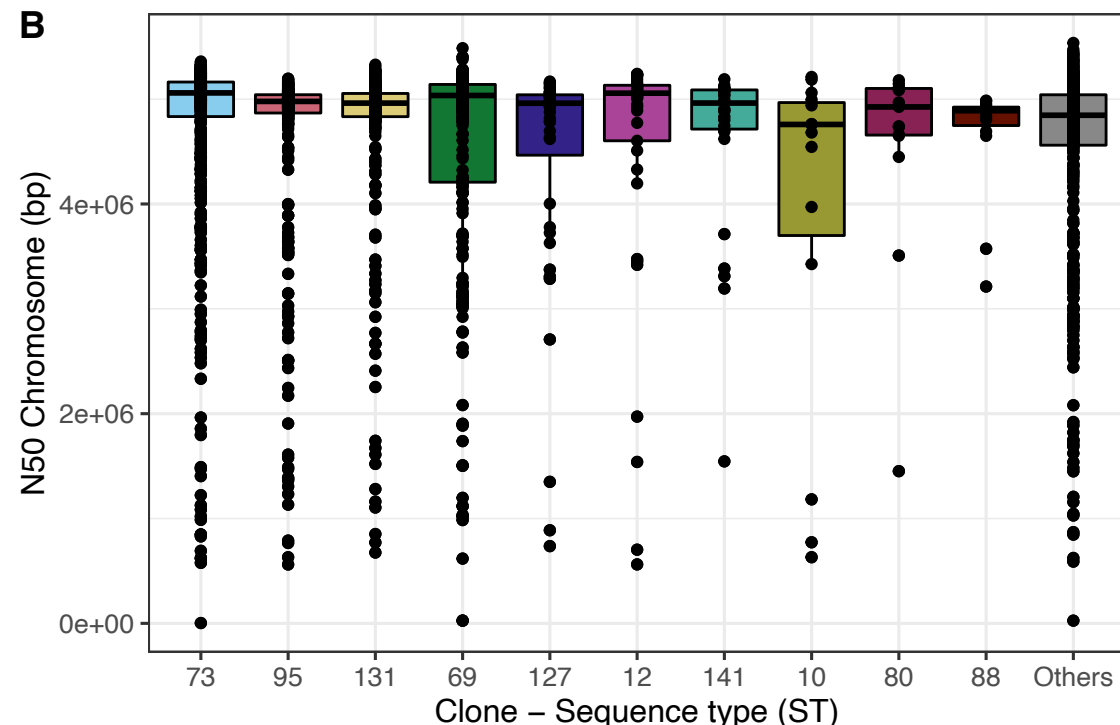
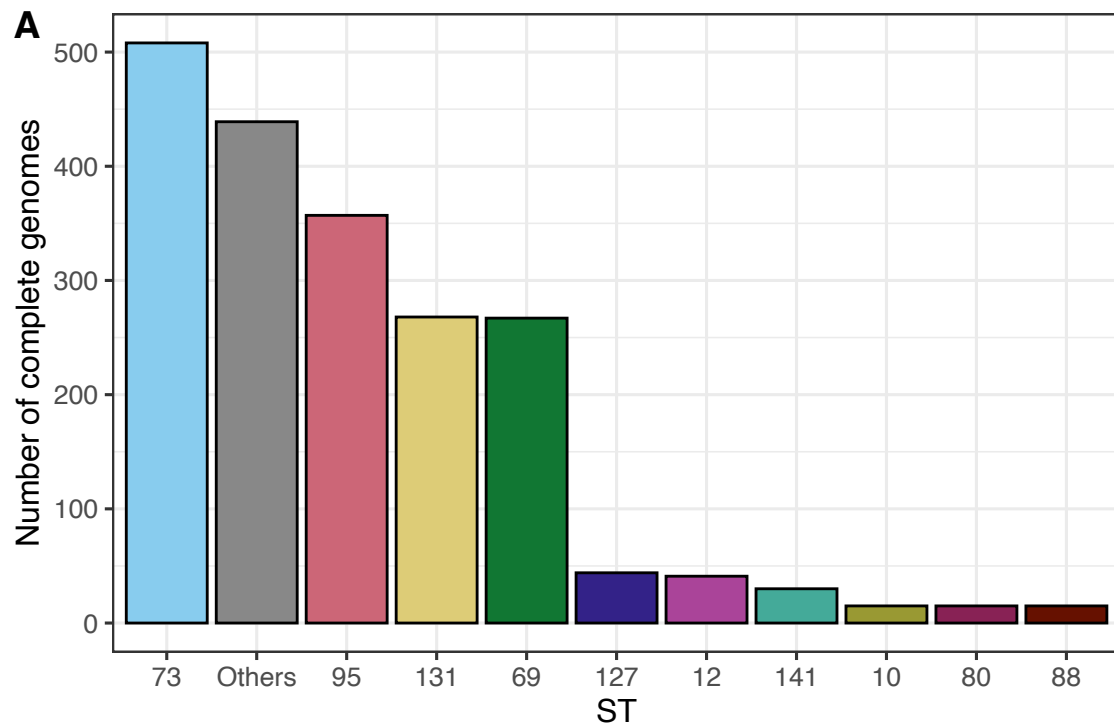


Figure S3. Genome statistics of the hybrid assemblies obtained for 1,999 ExPEC genomes. A) Barplot indicating the total number of assemblies available per ST. B) Boxplot of the N50 metric (in base-pairs) only considering contigs classified as chromosomal. C). Boxplot of the sum length (in base-pairs) considering contigs classified as chromosomal. D) Boxplot of the sum length (in base-pairs) of all contigs classified as plasmid (referred to as the plasmidome). E) Boxplot of the sum length (in base-pairs) of all contigs classified as plasmid but considering their copy number to estimate the total number of base-pairs present in each genome devoted to plasmid sequences. For this purpose, the length of each plasmid contig was multiplied by its normalized copy number as estimated by Unicycler.

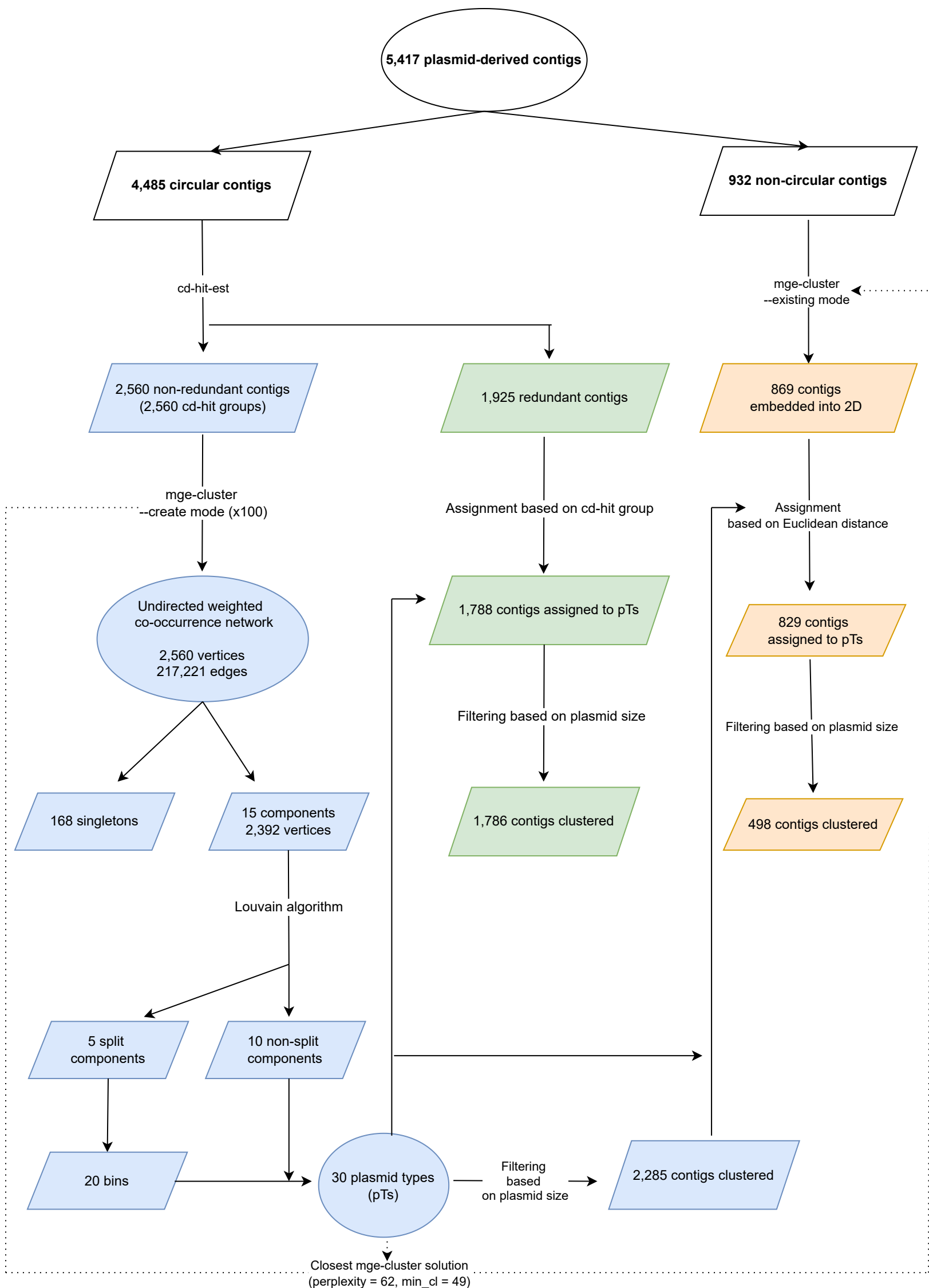


Figure S4. Workflow followed for performing the plasmid type (pT) assignment on the set of 5,417 plasmid contigs derived from the hybrid assemblies.

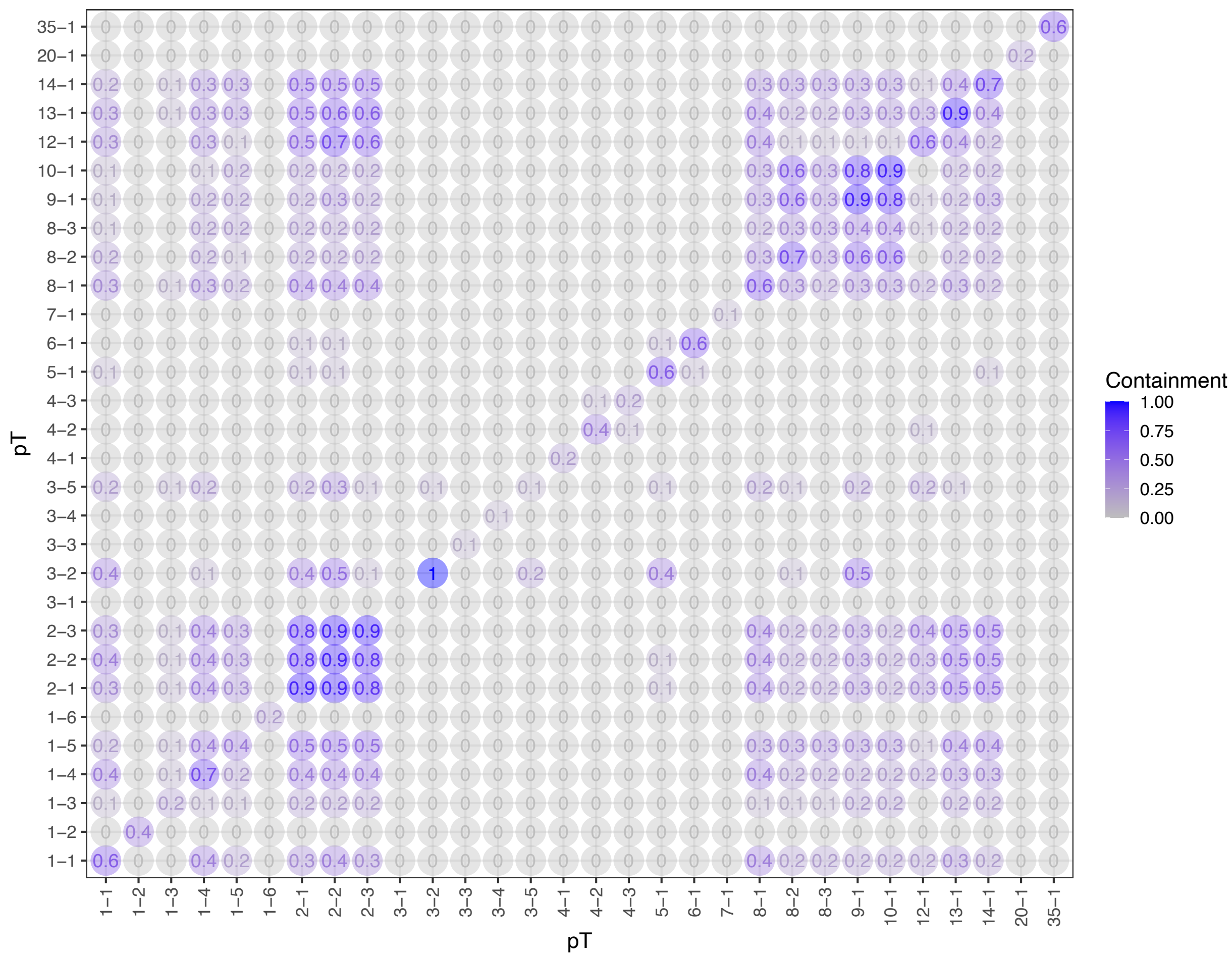


Figure S5. Sourmash containment analysis of the 30 plasmid types (pT) defined by mge-cluster. The containment value can range from 0 (pTs share no genomic region in common) to 1 (the entire genomic region of the pT indicated the y-axis is present in the pT indicated in the x-axis).

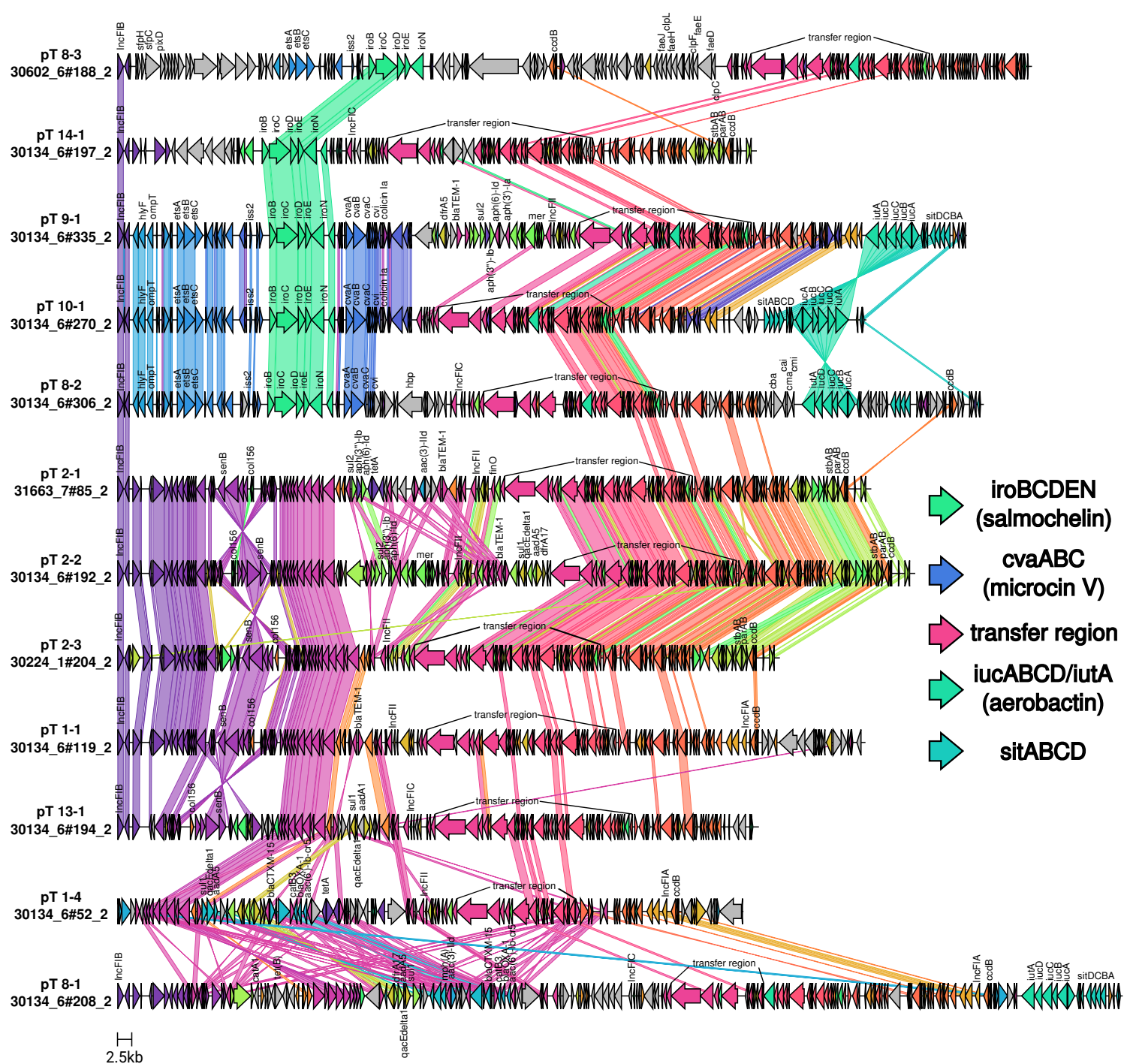


Figure S6. Clinker synteny visualization of the main large plasmid types (pT) considering a stringent minimum identity threshold of 0.99 to draw links between genes. Virulence and antibiotic resistance genes were identified using the EcOH database ⁸² (indexed in Abricate) and AMRFinderPlus ⁸³ and their names curated according to well-studied ExPEC reference plasmids.

Figure S7. Recombination-free phylogeny based on plasmid sequences of pairs of plasmid types (pT) 8-2, 9-1, 10-1 (panel A) and 2-1, 2-2, 2-3 (panel B). The tree was computed using Gubbins based on a core-genome alignment estimated by Snippy. The tree branch length is measured as substitutions per site multiplied by the number of recombination-filtered SNPs detected by Gubbins.



Figure S8. Plasmid type (pT) frequency among the four main ExPEC clones (ST69, ST73, ST95, ST131). In the case of ST131, we indicated the plasmid frequency according to the four clades present in the clone (A, B, C1, C2). Only pTs with an average size larger than 10 kb are represented.

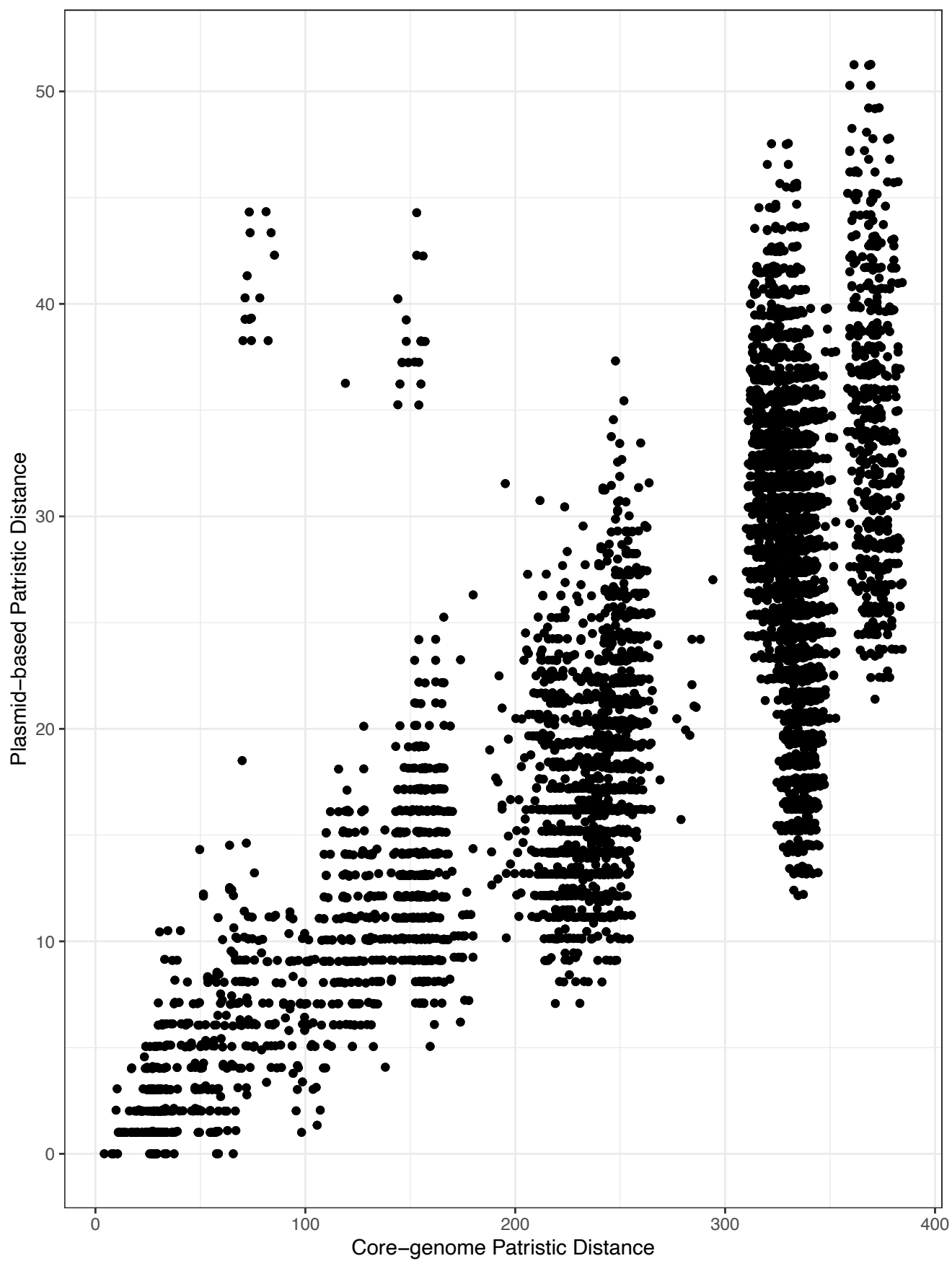
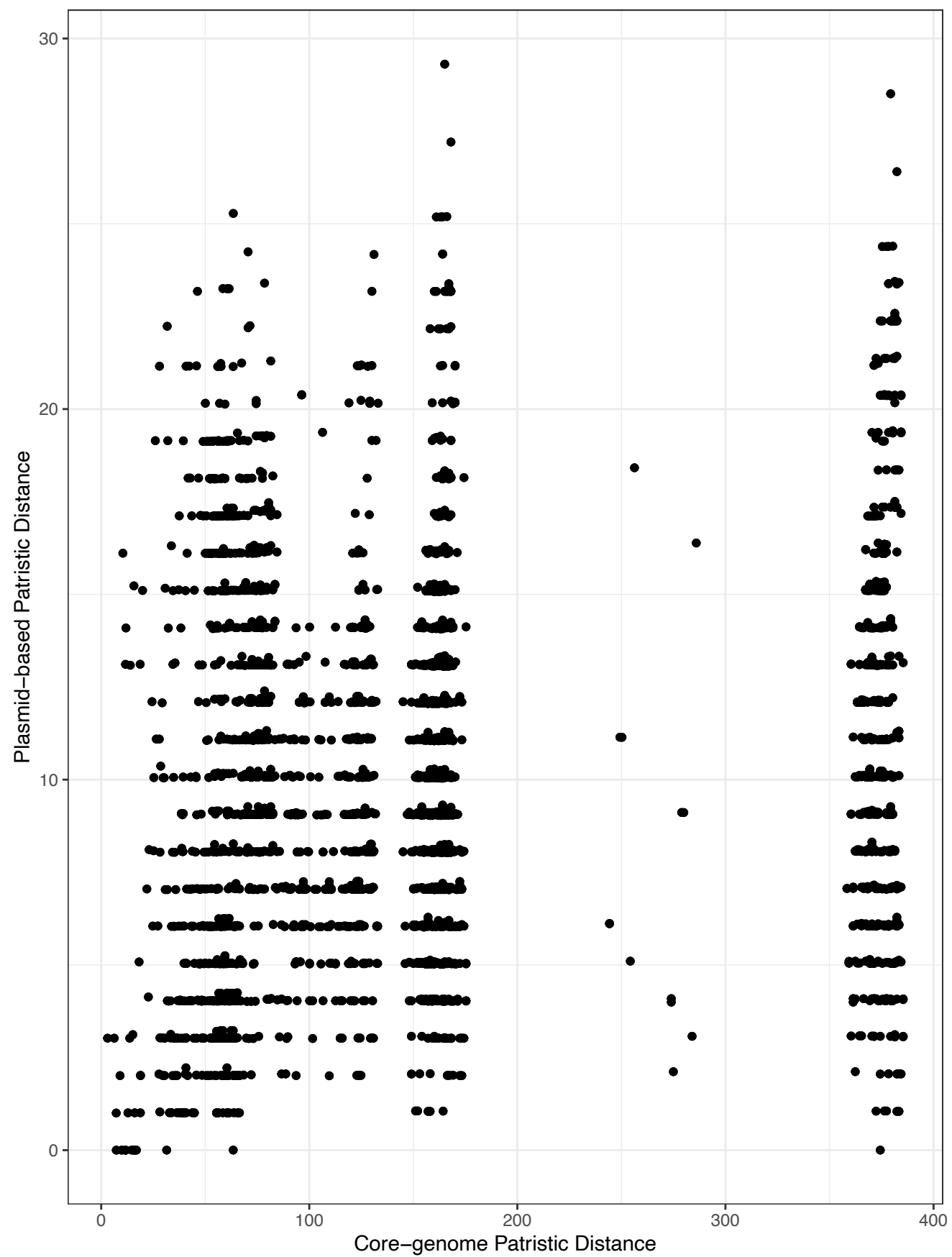
A pT 10–1 ST95**B** pT 2–3 ST95

Figure S9. Plasmid-based versus core-genome patristic distances in the main plasmid types (pT) present in ST95. A) A positive correlation between the two distances was suggestive of vertical transmission of the pT 10-1 in the ST95 clone. B) The lack of correlation among the two distances suggested that pT 2-3 was introduced multiple times in the ST95 clone.