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Software and code

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Data collection No software or code was used for data collection.

Data analysis

- MegaX (V1.0) software was used for the generation of a phylogenetic tree (Kumar, S., Stecher, G., Li, M., Knyaz, C. & Tamura, K. MEGA X: Molecular Evolutionary Genetics Analysis across Computing Platforms. *Molecular Biology and Evolution* 35, 1547–1549 (2018).)
- R (V4-3) and GraphPad Prism (V9) were used for statistical analysis and graph generation.
- FlowJo software (V10.9) was used for FACS analysis.
- qbase+ (V) software was used for qPCR data analysis.

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- Reference genome CBS 7435: NCBI accession code: GCA_900235035.2
- The data that support the findings of this study are available in the Source Data Files or from the corresponding authors.
- OPENPichia is available from VIB (OPENPichia.com).
- The expression vector construction toolkit can be obtained from the Belgian Coordinated Collection of Microorganisms (see <https://bccm.belspo.be/catalogues/plasmid-sets/openpichia>).
- NGS data for all characterized strains: NCBI accession code PRJNA909165

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Reporting on sex and gender	NA
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Population characteristics	NA
Recruitment	NA
Ethics oversight	NA

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	Fig. 2: Between 2 and 5 biological replicates were used to compare the growth rate. Fig. 3a: A culture starting from one biological replicate was plated in different dilutions to enable transformation efficiency calculation. Between 1 and 10 plates per strain were counted. Fig. 3b: Three biological replicates were analysed for their HOC1 mRNA transcript levels. Fig. 5b: 24 biological replicates were analysed for each strain, except for NCYC 2543 where only 11 and 9 clones were grown for pGAP and pAOX1. Extended Data Fig. 2: End ODs were determined from two biological replicates and three technical replicates per strain.
Data exclusions	Fig. 3a: Clones on the dilution plates were only counted when they appeared as individual colonies. Fig. 3b: For NRRL Y-11430 and NCYC 2543 hoc1tr-1 one replicate was removed for both primer pairs due to a technical issue with the prepared cDNA. Fig. 5b: Data from wells were excluded when no expression was observed on SDS-PAGE (Fig. 5a), assuming these clones contain no expression cassette, or due to a technical issue during the ELISA procedure.
Replication	For each experiment, we included enough biological and/or technical replicates to ensure a confident interpretation of the results.
Randomization	NA
Blinding	NA

Behavioural & social sciences study design

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Study description	NA
Research sample	NA
Sampling strategy	NA
Data collection	NA
Timing	NA
Data exclusions	NA
Non-participation	NA
Randomization	NA

Ecological, evolutionary & environmental sciences study design

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Study description	NA
Research sample	NA
Sampling strategy	NA
Data collection	NA
Timing and spatial scale	NA
Data exclusions	NA
Reproducibility	NA
Randomization	NA
Blinding	NA

Did the study involve field work? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Field work, collection and transport

Field conditions	NA
Location	NA
Access & import/export	NA
Disturbance	NA

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Materials & experimental systems

n/a	Involved in the study
☐	☒ Antibodies
☒	☐ Eukaryotic cell lines
☒	☐ Palaeontology and archaeology
☒	☐ Animals and other organisms
☒	☐ Clinical data
☒	☐ Dual use research of concern
☒	☐ Plants

Methods

n/a	Involved in the study
☒	☐ ChIP-seq
☐	☒ Flow cytometry
☒	☐ MRI-based neuroimaging

Antibodies

Antibodies used

penta-His antibody in PBS solution (Qiagen, 34660)
 MonoRab™ Rabbit Anti-Camelid VHH Antibody coupled to HRP (GenScript, A01861)
 mouse monoclonal anti-V5 (AbD Serotec, MCA2892)
 rabbit polyclonal anti-FLAG (Sigma-Aldrich, F7425)
 goat anti-mouse AF568 (Life Technologies, A-11031)
 goat anti-rabbit AF488 (Life Technologies, A11008)

Validation

- penta-His antibody in PBS solution (Qiagen, 34660) - <https://www.qiagen.com/us/products/discovery-and-translational-research/protein-purification/tagged-protein-expression-purification-detection/anti-his-antibodies-bsa-free?catno=34660>
 - MonoRab™ Rabbit Anti-Camelid VHH Antibody coupled to HRP (GenScript, A01861) - https://www.genscript.com/antibody/A01861-MonoRab_Rabbit_Anti_Camelid_VHH_Antibody_HRP_mAb.html
 - mouse monoclonal anti-V5 (AbD Serotec (now BioRad), MCA2892) - <https://www.bio-rad-antibodies.com/monoclonal/viral-v5-tag-antibody-sv5-pk2-mca2892.html?f=purified>
 - rabbit polyclonal anti-FLAG (Sigma-Aldrich, F7425) - <https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/BE/en/product/sigma/f7425>
 - goat anti-mouse AF568 (Life Technologies, A-11031) - <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Goat-anti-Mouse-IgG-H-L-Highly-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-11031>
 - goat anti-rabbit AF488 (Life Technologies, A11008) - <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Goat-anti-Rabbit-IgG-H-L-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-11008>

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)

NA

Authentication

NA

Mycoplasma contamination

NA

Commonly misidentified lines
(See [ICLAC](#) register)

NA

Palaeontology and Archaeology

Specimen provenance

NA

Specimen deposition

NA

Dating methods

NA

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Ethics oversight

NA

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Laboratory animals

NA

Wild animals	NA
Reporting on sex	NA
Field-collected samples	NA
Ethics oversight	NA

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Clinical data

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Clinical trial registration	NA
Study protocol	NA
Data collection	NA
Outcomes	NA

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☒	☐ Ecosystems
☒	☐ Any other significant area

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☒	☐ Confer resistance to therapeutically useful antibiotics or antiviral agents
☒	☐ Enhance the virulence of a pathogen or render a nonpathogen virulent
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☒	☐ Alter the host range of a pathogen
☒	☐ Enable evasion of diagnostic/detection modalities
☒	☐ Enable the weaponization of a biological agent or toxin
☒	☐ Any other potentially harmful combination of experiments and agents

Plants

Seed stocks	NA
Novel plant genotypes	NA
Authentication	NA

ChIP-seq

Data deposition

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Data access links <i>May remain private before publication.</i>	NA
Files in database submission	NA
Genome browser session (e.g. UCSC)	NA

Methodology

Replicates	NA
Sequencing depth	NA
Antibodies	NA
Peak calling parameters	NA
Data quality	NA
Software	NA

Flow Cytometry

Plots

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Methodology

Sample preparation	Clones that were determined to have one integrated copy of the surface display construct were inoculated in BMGY supplemented with 50 µg/ml Zeocin in technical triplicate, and grown for 24 h at 28 °C while shaking at 200 rpm. Afterwards, the cultures were transferred to BMMY supplemented with 50 µg/ml Zeocin, set to an OD600 of 10/ml, and further grown for 24 h at 28 °C while shaking at 200 rpm. After 12 h, an additional 1% methanol was spiked into the cultures. After induction, the cells were harvested by centrifugation at 1500g for 5 min and washed 3 times with ice-cold washing buffer (PBS+1 mM EDTA, pH 7.2+1 Complete Inhibitor EDTA-free tablet (Roche) per 50ml buffer). Cells were kept on ice during the entire staining procedure. Unstained controls, single-stain controls and an empty vector control were taken along. Cells were stained at an OD600 of 2 with mouse monoclonal anti-V5 (1/500, AbD Serotec MCA2892) and rabbit polyclonal anti-FLAG (1/200, Sigma-Aldrich F7425) in ice-cold staining buffer (wash buffer+0.5mg/ml bovine serum albumin) for 1 h at 4 °C. Afterwards, cells were washed 3 times with ice-cold staining buffer and stained with goat anti-mouse AF568 (1/250, Life Technologies A-11031), goat anti-rabbit AF488 (1/500, Life Technologies A11008) and Live/Death stain eFluor506 (1/1000,
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	Thermo Fischer Scientific) for 1 h at 4 °C. Cells were washed 3 times with ice-cold staining buffer before analysis on a BD FACSMelody TM instrument.
Instrument	BD FACSMelody
Software	FlowJo
Cell population abundance	NRRL Y-11430: 99.6%, 99.3%, 98.1% (Clone1 reps1, 2, 3), 99.7%, 99.8%, 99.3% (Clone2 reps 1, 2, 3) of over 10000 events per sort. NCYC 2543: 99.4%, 99.2%, 98.9% (Clone1 reps1, 2, 3), 98.7%, 99.6%, 98.1% (Clone2 reps 1, 2, 3) of over 10000 events per sort. OPENPichia: 99.9%, 99.7%, 100% (Clone1 reps1, 2, 3), 99.9%, 99.4%, 99.9% (Clone2 reps 1, 2, 3) of over 10000 events per sort.
Gating strategy	. First, debris is gated out, then single cells are gated using both the side scatter (SSC) and the forward scatter (FSC), and finally living cells are gated by using the Live/Death stain eFluor506. The resulting living single Pichia cells are analysed based on FLAG and V5 signal. The gates of IV and V were determined based on non-stained and single-stained controls. Further details can be found in Extended Data Figures 5 and 6.

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Magnetic resonance imaging

Experimental design

Design type	NA
Design specifications	NA
Behavioral performance measures	NA

Acquisition

Imaging type(s)	NA
Field strength	NA
Sequence & imaging parameters	NA
Area of acquisition	NA
Diffusion MRI	☐ Used ☐ Not used

Preprocessing

Preprocessing software	NA
Normalization	NA
Normalization template	NA
Noise and artifact removal	NA
Volume censoring	NA

Statistical modeling & inference

Model type and settings	NA
Effect(s) tested	NA
Specify type of analysis:	☐ Whole brain ☐ ROI-based ☐ Both
Statistic type for inference	NA
(See Eklund et al. 2016)	
Correction	NA

Models & analysis

- n/a

Involvement in the study
- ☒

☐ Functional and/or effective connectivity
- ☒

☐ Graph analysis
- ☒

☐ Multivariate modeling or predictive analysis

Functional and/or effective connectivity

NA

Graph analysis

NA

Multivariate modeling and predictive analysis

NA