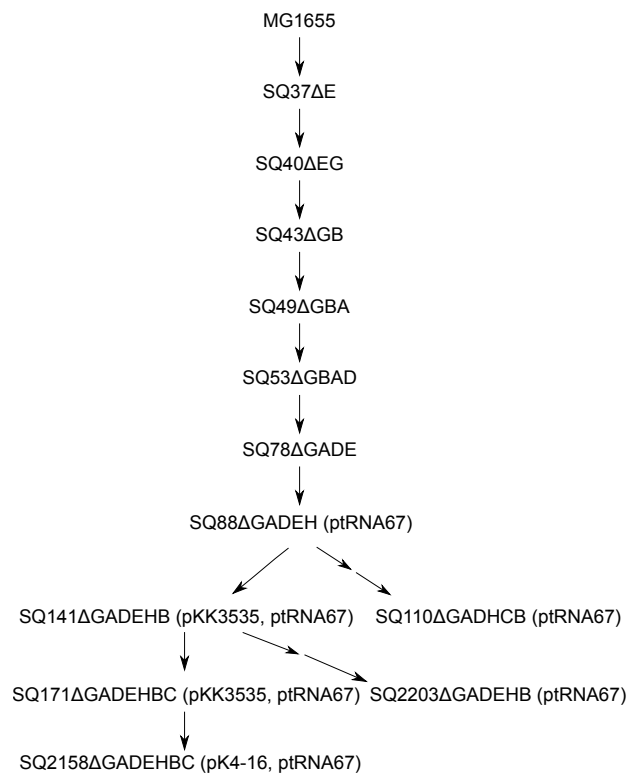


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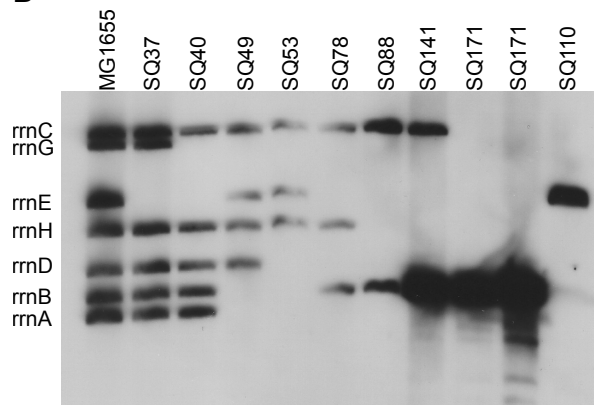


Figure S3 Knockout strategy of *rrn* operons in *E. coli* MG1655. (A) Order of ribosomal deletions to generate an *E. coli* strain with no chromosomal rRNA operons. (B) Confirmation of the *rrn* deletions by Southern blot using a 600 bp *rrs* probe.