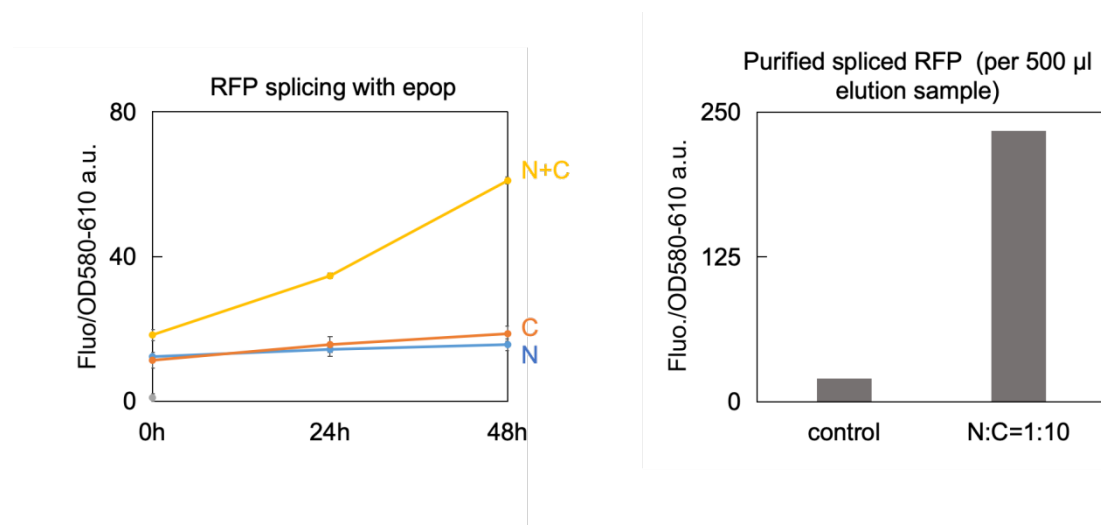
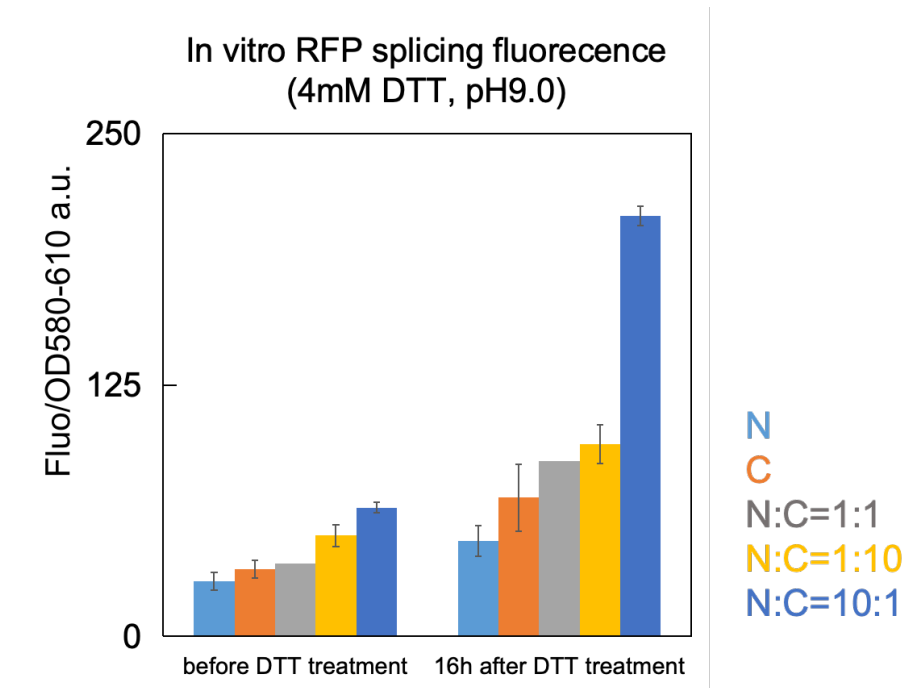


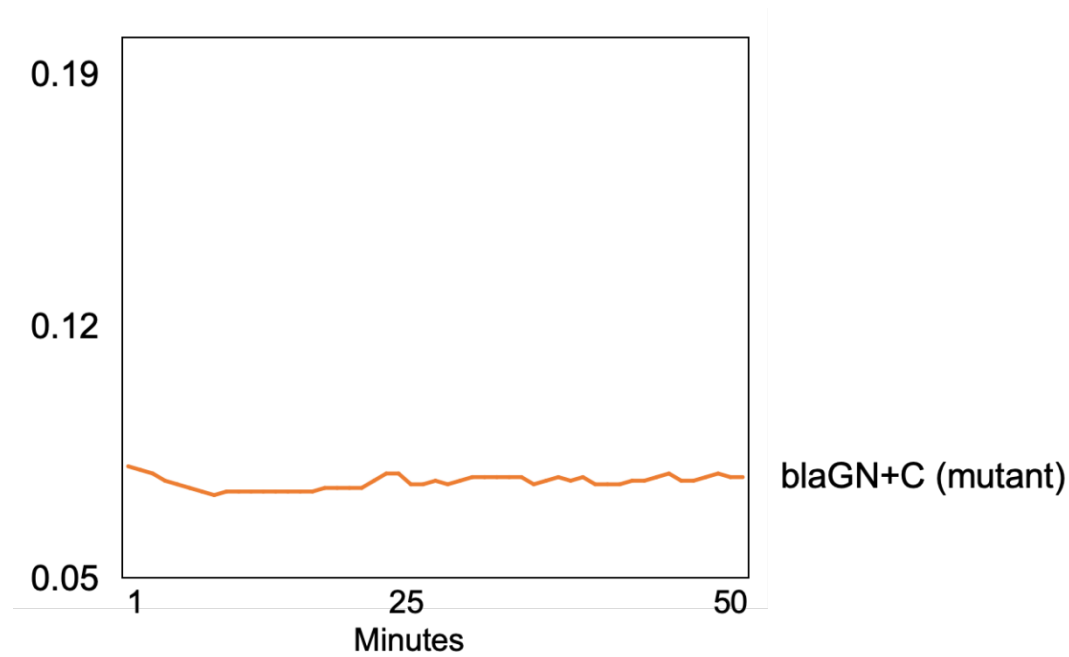
Supplemental information figure 1 Split intein splicing *in vivo*. Characterization of the splicing efficiency of *Ssp* GyrB and gp418 was first examined in *E. coli* by co-transforming two plasmids expressing extein^N-GyrB^N-, GyrB^C-extein^C chimeric proteins and extein^N-gp418^N-, gp418^C-extein^C. respectively.



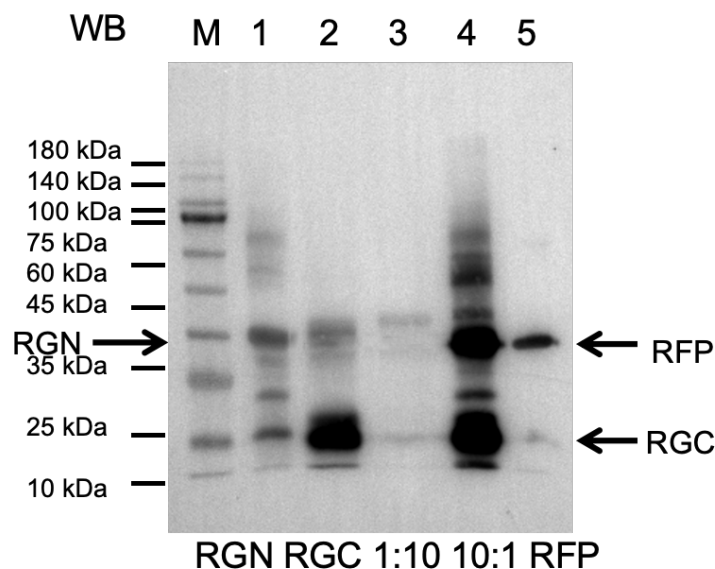
Supplemental information figure 2 Auto-lysis consortia enable mCherry assembly. 90 μ l overnight cultures were added into 384-well microplates for fluorescence detection (excitation: 580nm, emission: 610nm).



Supplemental information figure 3 Optimizing intein splicing reaction by 4 mM DTT treatment. Overnight cultures were incubated at room temperature (21°C), treated with a final condition of 4 mM DTT (Sangon Biotech Co., Ltd.) and pH 8.5-9.0 for another 16-24 h for protein splicing reaction. 90 μ l overnight cultures were added into 384-well microplates for fluorescence detection (excitation: 580nm, emission: 610nm).



Supplemental information figure 4 Bla negative control. A negative control showing the β -Lactamase mutant cannot react with nitrocefin substrates to increase absorbance values at OD490nm, showing the mutation on β -Lactamase completely block protein splicing and inhibit enzymatic ability.



Supplemental information figure 5 Demonstration of *in situ* protein splicing by *E. coli* culture to assemble mCherry (original data). Western blots analysis results of eluted samples of extein^N-GyrB^N- as well as GyrB^C-extein^C chimeric proteins, spliced RFP (mCherry) and RFP positive

control. 1:10: the subculture ratio of the strain expressing extein^N-GyrB^N- and the other one expressing GyrB^C-extein^C follows a 1:10 ratio. 10:1: the subculture ratio of the strain expressing extein^N-GyrB^N- and the other one expressing GyrB^C-extein^C follows a 10:1 ratio.