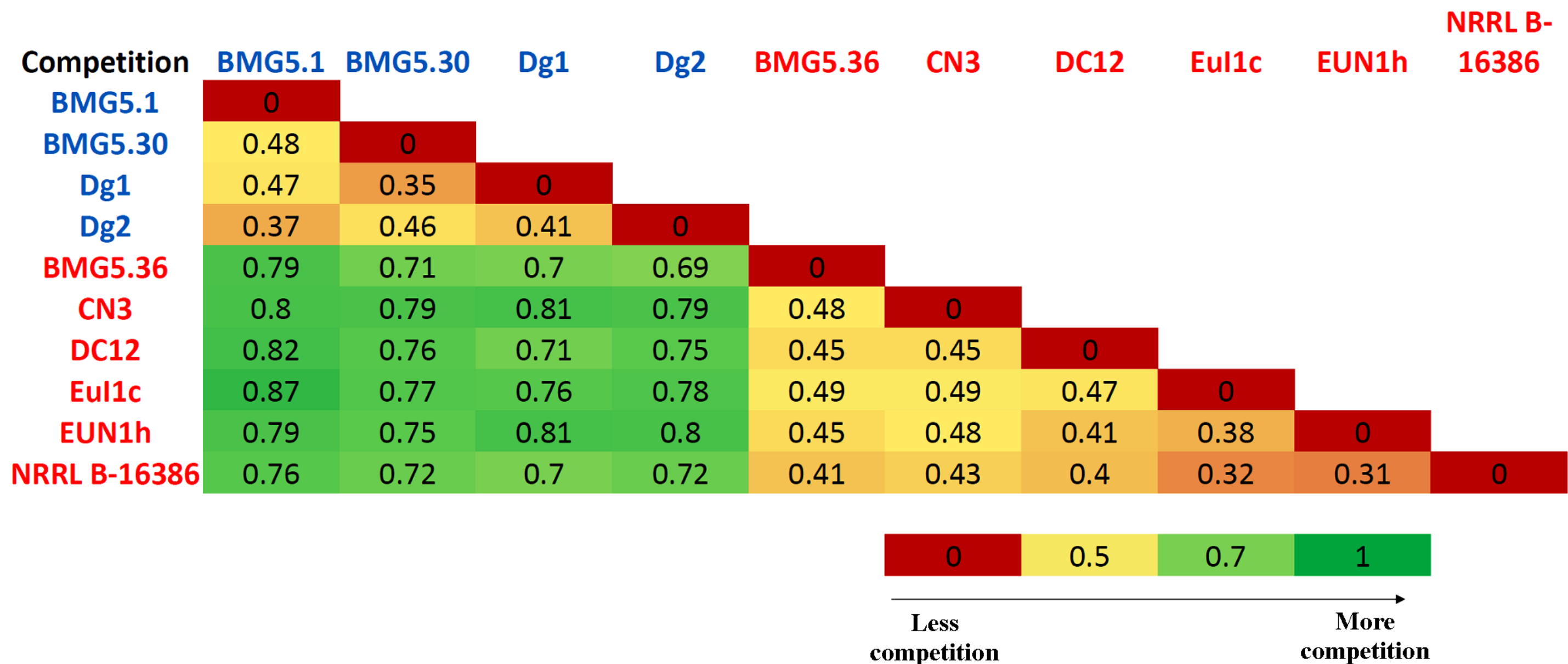
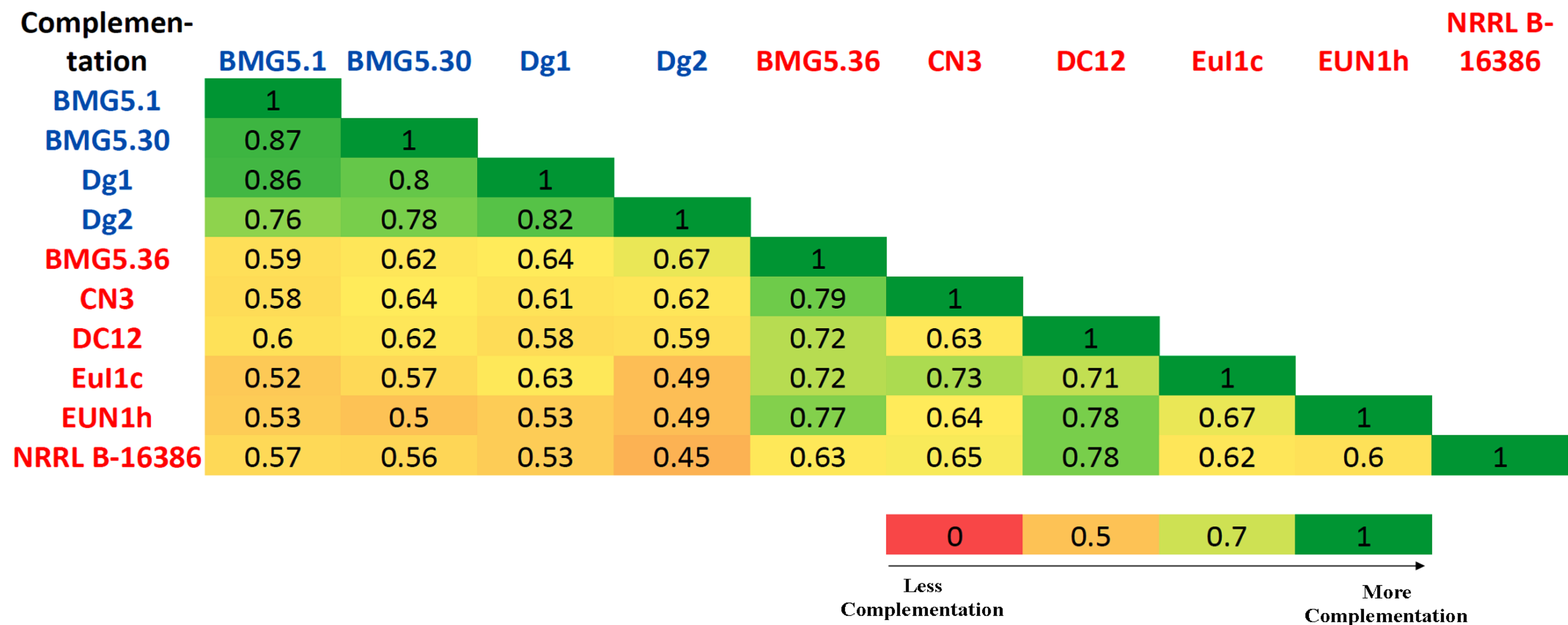




Supplementary figure 3a: Competition among C-II and C-IV *Frankia* strains. Values were calculated through RevEcoR which is based on R software. C-II members are written in blue color and C-IV members are in red color. The value ranges from 0-1. The intra-cluster competition seemed to be lesser than inter-cluster competition.



Supplementary figure 3b: Complementation among C-II and C-IV *Frankia* strains. Values were calculated through RevEcoR which is based on R software. C-II members are written in blue color and C-IV members are in red color. The value ranges from 0-1. Inter-cluster complementation was lesser than intra cluster complementation.