



**Figure 1 - figure supplement 1. Disruption of the Mla system leads to an increase in exopolysaccharide production. (A)** Quantification of crystal violet staining from *mla* deletion mutants. Error bars represent  $\pm$  s.d. for biological replicates ( $n = 3$ ). **(B)** Quantification of crystal violet staining following plasmid expression of MlaF compared to its dominant negative version, MlaF<sup>K55L</sup>. Error bars represent  $\pm$  s.d. for biological replicates ( $n = 3$ ).