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| **Supplementary file 9. Bacterial strains.** |  |  |
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| **Strain** | **Genotype** | **Source** | **Reference** |
| OP50 | *E. coli* B, uracil auxotroph | CGC | Brenner, 1974 |
| HT115 | *E. coli* F- *mcrA, mcrB, IN(rrnD-rrnE)1, rnc14::Tn10(DE3 lysogen: lavUV5 promoter -T7 polymerase).* Tetracycline resistant | CGC | Kamath et al., 2001 |
| MG1655  | *E. coli* K12 F- wild type | James Imlay | Seaver and Imlay, 2001 |
| JI377  | *E. coli* MG1655 *ahpCF katG katE* | James Imlay | Seaver and Imlay, 2001 |