

Table S1. Bacterial strains used in this study

| Strain name | Strain/Genotype | Origin |
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| <i>Myxococcus xanthus</i> | | |
| DZ2 | | Laboratory collection |
| DM14 | DZ2 <i>attmx8 ftsZ-NG</i> | This work |
| DM31 | DZ2 p3068-sfGFP | This work |
| <i>Escherichia coli</i> | | |
| MG1655 | | Laboratory collection |
| EC500 | TOP 10 pFPV-mCherry (pGG2-rpsM-mCherry) | Laboratory collection |
| <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> | Wild type strain PAK | Laboratory collection |
| <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> | Prototrophic wild-type strain, 168CA <i>trpC+</i> | Laboratory collection |
| <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> | Wild type, Strain 168 | Laboratory collection |
| <i>Caulobacter crescentus</i> | NA1000- <i>hfsA+</i> | Marks M.E et al. J. Bact. 2010 ¹⁵ |
| <i>Anabaena nostoc</i> | PCC 7120 | Pasteur Institute cyanobacterial collection |
| <i>Desulfovibrio vulgaris</i> | Wild type strain | Laboratory collection |