**Supplementary File 1: Plasmids and strains**

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|  | **Description / Construction** | **Source / Reference** |
| **Strains** | |
| YB135 | CB15 WT | (Poindexter, 1964) |
| YB4789 | CB15 WT::miniTn*7*-*gfp* | (Berne *et al.*, 2010) |
| YB4788 | CB15 WT::miniTn*7*-*dsred* | (Berne *et al.*, 2010) |
| AS110 | CB15 WT::miniTn*7*-*gfp* | (Entcheva-Dimitrov & Spormann, 2004) |
| AS109 | CB15 WT::miniTn*7*-*dsred* | (Entcheva-Dimitrov & Spormann, 2004) |
| YB5253 | CB15 ∆*parDE4*::miniTn*7*-*dsred* | This study |
| YB5254 | CB15 ∆*parDE4*::miniTn*7*-*dsred* | This study |
| FC304 | CB15 ∆*parDE1* | (Fiebig *et al.*, 2010) |
| FC975 | CB15 ∆Ψ*parDE2* | (Fiebig *et al.*, 2010) |
| FC922 | CB15 ∆*parDE3* | (Fiebig *et al.*, 2010) |
| FC915 | CB15 ∆*parDE4* | (Fiebig *et al.*, 2010) |
| FC917 | CB15 ∆*relBE1* | (Fiebig *et al.*, 2010) |
| FC993 | CB15 ∆*relBE2* | (Fiebig *et al.*, 2010) |
| FC980 | CB15 ∆*relBE3* | (Fiebig *et al.*, 2010) |
| FC977 | CB15 ∆*relBE4* | (Fiebig *et al.*, 2010) |
|  | CB15 ∆*parDE* | A. Fiebig |
|  | CB15 ∆*relBE* | A. Fiebig |
|  | CB15 ∆*parDErelBE* | A. Fiebig |
| FC878 | CB15 ∆*parE4* | (Fiebig *et al.*, 2010) |
| YB9497 | CB15 ∆*parDE4* ∆*hfsDAB* | This study |
| YB8243 | CB15 WT pRKlac290 | (Berne *et al.*, 2018) |
| YB7040 | CB15 WT pRKlac290-P*parDE4* | This study |
| YB9699 | CB15 WT pRKlac290-P*ccoN* | This study |
| YB9495 | CB15 WT::miniTn*7*-*dsred* pRKlac290-P*ccoN* | This study |
| YB9496 | CB15 WT::miniTn*7*-*dsred* pRKlac290-P*parDE4* | This study |
| YB5264 | CB15 WT pMT686 | This study |
| YB5265 | CB15 WT pMT686-*parD4* | (Fiebig *et al.*, 2010) |
| YB5266 | CB15 ∆*parE4* pMT686 | This study |
| YB5267 | CB15 ∆*parE4* pMT686-*parD4* | This study |
| YB5282 | CB15 WT pMR10-P*ccoN*-*mcherry* | This study |
| YB4779 | CB15 WT pMR20-P*parDE4*-*gfp* | This study |
| YB9491 | CB15 WT pMR20-P*parDE4*-*gfp* pMR10-P*ccoN*-*mcherry* | This study |
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| **Plasmids** | |
| pRKlac290 | plasmid for *lacZ* transcriptional fusions | (Gober & Shapiro, 1992) |
| pRKlac290-P*parDE4* | *parDE4* promoter region cloned into pRKlac290 | This study |
| pRKlac290-P*ccoN* | *ccoN* promoter region cloned into pRKlac290 | This study |
| pNPTS138-*hfsDAB* | Non replicative plasmid used for in-frame deletion of the *hfsDAB* operon | (Hardy *et al.*, 2010) |
| pMT686 | Low copy replicating plasmid, xylose inducible, Cm resistant | (Thanbichler *et al.*, 2007) |
| pMT686-*parD4* | *parD4* under control of the xylose promoter in pMT686 | (Fiebig *et al.*, 2010) |
| pMR20 | Replicating plasmid, IPTG inducible (constitutive in *C. crescentus*) (Tet resistant) | R. Roberts |
| pMR20-*gfp* | *gfp* expression under the control of promoter of choice (YB2137) | M. Lawler |
| pMR20-P*parDE4*-*gfp* | *gfp* expression under the control of the *parDE4* promoter | This study |
| pMR10 | Replicating plasmid, IPTG inducible (constitutive in *C. crescentus*) (Kn resistant) | R. Roberts |
| pMR10-*mcherry* | *mCherry* expression under the control of promoter of choice (YB4819) | J. Javens |
| pMR10-P*ccoN*-*mcherry* | *mCherry* expression under the control of the *ccoN* promoter | This study |

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