



**S4 Fig. Curli gene expression upon prolonged cultivation in a plate reader.** Wild-type (WT) and  $\Delta pdeH \Delta dgcE \Delta pdeR \Delta dgcM$  strains were grown in TB in a plate reader as in S3 Fig, but during 36 h. **(A)** Induction of transcriptional curli reporter. Error bars indicate SEM of 10 technical replicates. **(B)** Distribution of single-cell fluorescence levels in populations of both strains after 36 h of growth measured by flow cytometry.