## **Supplementary Materials and Methods**

Construction of the Acidovorax sp. JS42 ntdAc mutant. Plasmid pDTG850, which carries the ntd operon, was digested with KpnI, which cuts once within the ntdAc gene, and blunt ends were generated with T4 polymerase (Maniatis et al., 1982). The 1.3-kb kanamycin resistance gene from Tn903 (Oka et al., 1981) was ligated with linearized pDTG850 to form pDTG850-Km. The SacI-EcoRI fragment from pDTG850-Km was introduced into pRK415, and the resulting plasmid, pRK415-850-Km, was introduced into JS42 by mating from S17-1. A kanamycinresistant tetracycline-sensitive strain that was unable to grow on 2-nitrotoluene was designated JS42Ac. This strain did not have 2NTDO activity, but retained catechol 2,3-dioxygenase activity (assayed as described previously (Bayly et al., 1966)), and was able to grow on catechol, 3methylcatechol, and 4-methylcatechol (data not shown). The insertion was verified by PCR amplification of the AcAd genes with the nitroAc and nitroAd primers (Table S9). A larger fragment (by approximately 1 kb) was obtained from the mutant strain compared to the wild type (data not shown). For complementation, plasmid pKSJ44 was constructed by subcloning the 4.7kb SacI-fragment containing the ntdAaAbAcAd gene cluster from pDTG800 into SacI-digested pBBR1MCS5. When introduced into JS42Ac, pKSJ44 allowed growth on 2-nitrotoluene and 2NTDO activity was restored (data not shown).

Construction of the Acidovorax sp. JS42 catechol 2,3-dioxygenase mutant. The 4.5-kb KpnI-BamHI fragment from pDTG903 (Parales et al., 1997) carrying cdoE from Comamonas sp. JS765 (which is identical in sequence to the catechol dioxygenase gene *ctdE1* in JS42) was inserted into KpnI-BamHI-digested pK18 (Pridmore, 1987) to generate pDTG928. The streptomycin resistance cassette was excised from pHP45 $\Omega$  (Prentki and Krisch, 1984) using SmaI and inserted into the unique ScaI site within *cdoE* on pDTG928, generating pDTG929. The inactivated *cdoE* gene fragment (~6 kb) was excised from pDTG929 using XbaI and KpnI and inserted into XbaI-KpnI-digested pRK415 (Keen et al., 1988) to form pDTG930. pDTG930 was introduced into Acidovorax sp. JS42 by conjugative transfer from E. coli S17-1 as described above. The insertion of the  $\Omega$  cassette into the genomic DNA of this strain (JS42E1) was confirmed by Southern hybridization with the *cdoE* gene as the probe (data not shown). As expected, this strain did not grow with 2-nitrotoluene. Catechol 2,3-dioxygenase assays (Bayly et al., 1966) were carried out with crude cell extracts of wild-type JS42 and JS42E1 and catechol or 3-methylcatechol as substrates. Unlike wild type, JS42E1 did not have detectable catechol 2,3dioxygenase activity with either substrate (data not shown). For complementation, the *ctdE1* gene was amplified by PCR from JS42 genomic DNA using primers ctdE1F and ctdE1R (Table S9). The  $\sim$  1-kb product was purified, digested with HindIII and XbaI, and ligated with similarly digested pUC18, to produce pKSJ113. After sequence verification, the HindIII-XbaI fragment containing *ctdE1* was ligated with pBBR1MCS2 digested with the same enzymes. The resulting clone, pKSJ126, when introduced into JS42E1 by conjugative matings from S17-1, restored catechol 2,3-dioxygenase activity and the ability to grow on 2-nitrotoluene.

**Introduction of** *ntdA-lacZ* **into JS42 catabolic mutants.** *E. coli* S17-1 (pDTG931) was mated with JS42Ac and JS42E1 as described above. Gentamicin-resistant colonies were selected and screened for blue color when grown on plates containing 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl-β-D-galactopyranoside (X-Gal). The resulting strains were designated as JS42Ac-1 and JS42E1-1.

**Construction of NagR and NtdR mutants.** The site-directed mutagenesis procedure of Adereth et al. (Adereth *et al.*, 2005) was used to create the following NtdR and NagR mutants (plasmids listed in Table 3; primers in Table S9): NagR H169L (pJVP2), NagR K189R (pJVP3), NagR P227S (pJVP4), NagR I232V (pJVP5), NtdR L169H (pJVP8), NtdR R189K (pJVP9), NtdR S227P (pJVP10), NtdR V232I (pJVP11). Each mutated DNA fragment was blunt-end ligated to SmaI-digested pBBR1MCS and used to transform competent *E. coli* cells (DH5α or S17-1). The ClaI/SnaBI DNA fragments of pJVP2 and pJVP8 were exchanged to produce NagR I74V (pJVP1) and NtdR V74I (pJVP7) mutants. The SnaBI/SacII DNA fragments of pJVP3 and pJVP9 were exchanged to create the double mutants NagR P227S I233V (pJVP6) and NtdR S227P V233I (pJVP12). Exchange of the SnaBI/XbaI fragments between pNtd1 and pNag1 produced the triple mutants NagR K189R P227S I232V (pKSJ33) and NtdR R189K S227P V232I (pKSJ34). All mutations were confirmed by diagnostic restriction digestions and sequencing of both DNA strands.

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Inducer <sup>a</sup>	N	ltdR		V	/74I	-	L1	691	Η	R1	89K		S2	2271	Р	V	232	Ι	V	232	Ι	V	232	I
None	81	±	32	95	±	26	20	±	5	54	±	3	14	±	4	139	±	34	22	±	7	11	±	3
Ben	470	±	68	609	±	82	47	±	1	574	±	47	12	±	4	624	±	84	19	±	4	6	±	2
2HBen	499	±	56	756	±	82	459	±	52	570	±	32	419	±	64	702	±	72	617	±	33	319	±	49
3HBen	37	±	21	46	±	12	22	±	1	32	±	3	19	±	2	81	±	26	20	±	0	9	±	2
4HBen	287	±	36	375	±	61	256	±	23	346	±	48	17	±	6	445	±	71	22	±	5	10	±	2
2NBen	214	±	38	364	±	44	57	±	1	402	±	2	22	±	2	359	±	78	21	±	8	9	±	2
3NBen	436	±	93	448	±	51	63	±	3	1016	±	41	22	±	4	804	±	87	39	±	21	11	±	3
4NBen	346	±	90	554	±	49	19	±	1	724	±	79	19	±	3	762	±	58	100	±	49	47	±	14
2ABen	497	±	58	217	±	5	22	±	2	956	±	73	20	±	5	727	±	62	25	±	13	14	±	4
3ABen	132	±	42	108	±	10	22	±	3	192	±	35	20	±	6	238	±	66	19	±	12	7	±	2
4ABen	303	±	71	290	±	32	31	±	2	596	±	34	21	±	2	434	±	61	18	±	7	10	±	2
2ClBen	467	±	25	566	±	36	14	±	4	989	±	41	138	±	31	859	±	71	236	±	59	81	±	12
3ClBen	413	±	34	733	±	26	17	±	3	734	±	64	19	±	6	848	±	75	24	±	10	9	±	2
4ClBen	511	±	60	675	±	76	27	±	1	790	±	86	19	±	1	796	±	93	19	±	6	12	±	3
25HBen	460	±	81	530	±	27	426	±	52	485	±	52	295	±	31	864	±	102	428	±	55	201	±	50
3MBen	407	±	60	767	±	59	96	±	11	546	±	57	14	±	4	963	±	101	20	±	5	9	±	4
4IPBen	471	±	39	680	±	90	498	±	65	496	±	52	211	±	28	1140	±	86	448	±	44	210	±	65

**Table S1.** β-Galactosidase activity in JS42R-1 expressing NtdR variants after growth in the presence of benzoate derivatives

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Inducer <sup>a</sup>	Ν	agF	2	ľ	74V	r	H169L	K	891	R	Р	227	'S	I2	321	V	I2	2321	Ι	I2	2321	Ι
None	11	±	3	12	±	3	$8 \pm 4$	7	±	4	11	±	5	11	±	6	13	±	8	29	±	8
Ben	11	±	2	13	±	1		7	±	0	11	±	4	4	±	2	19	±	4	31	±	3
2HBen	383	±	47	291	±	14		177	±	47	481	±	75	146	±	49	377	±	47	570	±	73
3HBen	7	±	1	13	±	2		6	±	3	8	±	3	4	±	1	11	±	4	18	±	2
4HBen	247	±	54	98	±	7		25	±	8	113	±	24	91	±	15	165	±	16	290	±	46
2NBen	9	±	2	10	±	2		8	±	6	49	±	20	7	±	6	47	±	17	83	±	11
3NBen	9	±	3	14	±	0	No activity	6	±	3	48	±	17	5	±	3	35	±	16	98	±	55
4NBen	9	±	2	11	±	2	with	8	±	9	9	±	2	8	±	7	17	±	7	29	±	11
2ABen	14	±	1	14	±	2	tested	6	±	3	79	±	29	35	±	12	137	±	12	219	±	19
3ABen	10	±	2	11	±	0	compounds	8	±	9	8	±	3	6	±	5	22	±	6	26	±	4
4ABen	9	±	3	12	±	1		5	±	3	8	±	2	6	±	3	20	±	6	24	±	10
2ClBen	6	±	3	9	±	7		5	±	4	9	±	6	3	±	2	11	±	2	15	±	2
3ClBen	8	±	6	14	±	1		5	±	3	66	±	16	3	±	2	27	±	12	43	±	15
4ClBen	9	±	7	13	±	2		6	±	4	99	±	12	6	±	3	39	±	19	168	±	21
25HBen	324	±	39	203	±	24		186	±	59	291	±	67	109	±	34	350	±	58	494	±	63
3MBen	12	±	3	12	±	1		3	±	3	45	±	10	4	±	1	84	±	15	183	±	47
4IPBen	392	±	35	98	±	7		95	±	34	609	±	117	82	±	12	307	±	26	566	±	16

**Table S2.** β-Galactosidase activity in JS42R-1 expressing NagR variants after growth in the presence of benzoate derivatives

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Inducer <sup>a</sup>	Ntc	IR	V	/74]	[	L	169]	Η	R	189]	K	S	227	Έ	V	232	Ι	V	232	Ι	V	232	Ι
None	$81 \pm$	32	95	±	26	20	±	5	54	±	3	14	±	4	139	±	34	22	±	7	11	±	3
MSal	$509 \pm$	101	650	±	62	558	±	63	535	±	77	22	±	12	596	±	76	149	±	22	124	±	32
PAA	$208 \pm$	51	389	±	37	17	±	3	743	±	29	13	±	1	322	±	70	22	±	8	10	±	3
NA	$172 \pm$	43	135	±	32	17	±	7	97	±	8	14	±	4	191	±	84	23	±	11	11	±	5
Ba	115 ±	72	107	±	16	13	±	5	31	±	2	15	±	4	134	±	19	24	±	11	11	±	2
2HBa	54 ±	41	70	±	14	17	±	4	23	±	5	14	±	2	116	±	38	15	±	7	11	±	3
2ABa	55 ±	35	71	±	3	24	±	8	36	±	7	12	±	4	114	±	41	18	±	7	11	±	0
2NBa	276 ±	41	460	±	47	28	±	12	165	±	21	16	±	3	511	±	35	21	±	2	11	±	0
3NBa	196 ±	42	334	±	17	19	±	11	248	±	36	24	±	1	606	±	33	72	±	16	81	±	9
4NBa	166 ±	39	336	±	49	18	±	1	112	±	21	12	±	4	405	±	66	20	±	5	12	±	1
Bzl	$105 \pm$	49	203	±	34	18	±	3	482	±	27	11	±	5	598	±	91	18	±	8	10	±	2
3HBzl	108 ±	11	98	±	16	19	±	1	61	±	27	18	±	5	218	±	14	19	±	4	12	±	2
3NBzl	276 ±	57	307	±	45	249	±	34	605	±	79	10	±	7	955	±	89	19	±	5	11	±	2

Table S3.	β-Galactosidase activit	y in JS42R-1 exp	pressing NtdR vari	ants after growth in the	e presence of benzoate analog	S
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Inducer <sup>a</sup>	NagR	I74V	H169L	K1	89	R	Р	227	'S	I2	321	V	I2	321	1	I2	321	1
None	$11 \pm 3$	$12 \pm 3$	$8 \pm 4$	7	±	4	11	±	5	11	±	6	13	±	8	29	±	8
MSal	$712 \ \pm \ 107$	$309 \ \pm \ 29$		205	±	54	546	±	164	268	±	69	409	±	15	569	±	57
PAA	$10 \pm 2$	$17 \pm 3$		4	±	4	12	±	4	5	±	1	17	±	5	46	±	11
NA	$13 \pm 1$	$9 \pm 0$		6	±	4	14	±	3	23	±	10	15	±	3	42	±	10
Ba	$11 \pm 2$	$18 \pm 2$	No activity	5	±	3	11	±	3	7	±	3	10	±	2	31	±	13
2HBa	$23 \pm 8$	$13 \pm 3$	with	5	±	3	17	±	11	24	±	13	45	±	14	188	±	28
2ABa	$10 \pm 1$	$13 \pm 1$	tested	4	±	4	9	±	4	13	±	9	12	±	4	27	±	9
2NBa	$12 \pm 2$	$11 \pm 3$	compounds	5	±	5	12	±	3	16	±	10	44	±	11	144	±	27
3NBa	$11 \pm 1$	$10 \pm 0$		5	±	5	12	±	3	14	±	8	31	±	6	62	±	19
4NBa	$11 \pm 1$	$10 \pm 1$		5	±	5	13	±	3	14	±	7	25	±	10	29	±	9
Bzl	$10 \pm 1$	$12 \pm 1$		4	±	3	10	±	2	9	±	4	12	±	4	20	±	5
3HBzl	$11 \pm 1$	$14 \pm 1$		4	±	3	11	±	1	11	±	6	12	±	1	20	±	6
3NBzl	$14 \pm 4$	$13 \pm 0$		5	±	6	13	±	3	16	±	4	11	±	3	35	±	2

**Table S4.** β-Galactosidase activity in JS42R-1 expressing NagR variants after growth in the presence of benzoate analogs

				Regulator			
Inducer <sup>a</sup>	NtdR	V74I	L169H	R189K S227P	V232I	S227P V232I	R189K S227P V232I
None	81 ± 32	$95 \pm 26$	$20 \pm 5$	$54 \pm 3  14 \pm 4$	$139 \pm 34$	$22 \pm 7$	$11 \pm 3$
Bz	$110 \pm 16$	$90 \pm 21$	$15 \pm 10$	$60 \pm 7$ $7 \pm 2$	$94 \pm 16$	$\frac{22}{33} \pm 2$	$13 \pm 1$
NB	$381 \pm 96$	$323 \pm 37$	$171 \pm 22$	$519 \pm 61  14 \pm 3$	$515 \pm 138$	$21 \pm 8$	$13 \pm 5$
TNB	$162 \pm 24$	$68 \pm 5$	$17 \pm 2$	$79 \pm 4  13 \pm 1$	$156 \pm 42$	$22 \pm 1$	$14 \pm 2$
AB	$98 \pm 30$	$96 \pm 28$	$21 \pm 5$	$32 \pm 6  8 \pm 6$	$102 \pm 18$	$19 \pm 4$	$9 \pm 3$
ClB	$79 \pm 10$	$93 \pm 25$	$24 \pm 3$	$39 \pm 9  13 \pm 1$	$121 \pm 18$	$19 \pm 4$	$9 \pm 2$
Tol	$71 \pm 38$	$103 \pm 3$	$16 \pm 2$	$34 \pm 7  13 \pm 5$	$154 \pm 72$	$20 \pm 3$	$9 \pm 2$
2AT	$105 \pm 32$	$111 \pm 19$	$24 \pm 4$	$52 \pm 9  14 \pm 4$	$138 \pm 48$	$16 \pm 3$	$9 \pm 3$
3AT	$185 \pm 32$	$93 \pm 28$	$20 \pm 12$	$41 \pm 6  13 \pm 3$	$136 \pm 40$	$15 \pm 4$	$10 \pm 3$
4AT	$104 \pm 20$	$111 \pm 26$	$24 \pm 5$	$62 \pm 13 \ 12 \pm 3$	$169 \pm 30$	$18 \pm 1$	$10 \pm 4$
2NT	$681 \pm 79$	$700 \pm 77$	$176 \pm 0$	$474 \hspace{0.1cm} \pm \hspace{0.1cm} 47 \hspace{0.1cm} 16 \hspace{0.1cm} \pm \hspace{0.1cm} 4$	$607 \pm 44$	$20 \pm 5$	$27 \pm 18$
3NT	$523 \pm 62$	$606 \pm 86$	$227 \pm 83$	$421 \pm 66  14 \pm 3$	$660 \pm 54$	$24 \pm 3$	$23 \pm 7$
4NT	$686 \pm 74$	$581 \pm 42$	$259 \ \pm \ 79$	$548 \pm 62 \ 20 \pm 13$	$952 \pm 69$	$194 \pm 4$	$28 \pm 10$
24DNT	$687 \pm 87$	$374 \pm 34$	$250 \pm 27$	$484 \pm 32 \ 13 \pm 7$	$713 \pm 71$	$24 \pm 2$	$15 \pm 6$
26DNT	$721 \pm 92$	$410 \ \pm \ 75$	$356 \pm 25$	$813 \pm 74  11 \pm 6$	$728 \pm 111$	$24 \pm 7$	$11 \pm 2$
TNT	$215 \pm 20$	$264 \pm 6$	$364 \pm 34$	$209 \pm 13 \ 14 \pm 4$	$279 \pm 5$	$20 \pm 4$	$15 \pm 1$
2ADNT	$1001 \pm 20$	$533 \pm 77$	$46 \pm 14$	$605 \pm 71 \ 13 \pm 7$	$1030 \pm 117$	$20 \pm 3$	$13 \pm 1$
4ADNT	$599 \pm 76$	$641 \pm 54$	$140 \pm 23$	$469 \pm 46  10 \pm 6$	$506 \pm 31$	$16 \pm 2$	$13 \pm 1$
2CNB	$827 \pm 59$	$901 \pm 74$	$319 \pm 14$	$326 \pm 10 \ 14 \pm 12$	$566 \pm 131$	$42 \pm 12$	$14 \pm 1$
3CNB	$361 \pm 48$	$448 \pm 39$	$84 \pm 4$	$172 \pm 8  11 \pm 8$	$449 \pm 29$	$34 \pm 13$	$16 \pm 6$
4CNB	$941 \pm 85$	$348 \pm 7$	$330 \pm 41$	$725 \pm 81 \ 22 \pm 15$	$704 \pm 108$	$179 \pm 25$	$72 \pm 19$
3CAB	$157 \pm 68$	$117 \pm 11$	$19 \pm 3$	$54 \pm 5  11 \pm 8$	$181 \pm 54$	$27 \pm 4$	$14 \pm 2$
4CAB	$36 \pm 31$	$84 \pm 26$	$20 \pm 0$	$50 \pm 4  11 \pm 6$	$136 \pm 8$	$24 \pm 3$	$14 \pm 1$

**Table S5.** β-Galactosidase activity in JS42R-1 expressing NtdR variants after growth in the presence of benzenes and toluenes

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Inducer <sup>a</sup>	NagR	I74V	H169L	K189R	P227S	I232V	I232V	I232V
None	$11 \pm 3$	$12 \pm 3$	$8 \pm 4$	$7 \pm 4$	$11 \pm 5$	$11 \pm 6$	$13 \pm 8$	$29 \pm 8$
Bz	$13 \pm 2$	$12 \pm 2$		$19 \pm 4$	$6 \pm 3$	$17 \pm 3$	$14 \pm 5$	$36 \pm 18$
NB	$13 \pm 3$	$10 \pm 3$		$7 \pm 4$	$74 \pm 26$	$51 \pm 13$	$111 \pm 34$	$245 \pm 33$
TNB	$14 \pm 2$	$11 \pm 0$		$6 \pm 4$	$12 \pm 2$	$13 \pm 1$	$24 \pm 12$	$33 \pm 12$
AB	$12 \pm 3$	$12 \pm 4$		$4 \pm 3$	$9 \pm 0$	$12 \pm 4$	$10 \pm 3$	$28 \pm 9$
ClB	$10 \pm 3$	$11 \pm 5$		$4 \pm 3$	$9 \pm 1$	$21 \pm 10$	$19 \pm 9$	$21 \pm 5$
Tol	$12 \pm 3$	$11 \pm 0$		$5 \pm 3$	$10 \pm 1$	$20 \pm 6$	$14 \pm 3$	$19 \pm 6$
2AT	$10 \pm 6$	$10 \pm 2$	No activity	$6 \pm 2$	$10 \pm 1$	$25 \pm 20$	$14 \pm 3$	$24 \pm 11$
3AT	$9 \pm 6$	$10 \pm 3$	with	$5 \pm 2$	$10 \pm 1$	$13 \pm 9$	$13 \pm 2$	$24 \pm 13$
4AT	$14 \pm 2$	$10 \pm 3$	tested	$5 \pm 3$	$10 \pm 1$	$12 \pm 8$	$9 \pm 2$	$29 \pm 20$
2NT	$16 \pm 1$	$11 \pm 3$	compounds	$7 \pm 3$	$145 \pm 38$	$177 \pm 30$	$151 \pm 39$	$245 \pm 38$
3NT	$16 \pm 2$	$13 \pm 4$		$7 \pm 4$	$58 \pm 20$	$14 \pm 5$	$96 \pm 8$	$294 \pm 43$
4NT	$12 \pm 1$	$14 \pm 4$		$7 \pm 4$	$50 \pm 15$	$17 \pm 5$	$112 \pm 38$	$282 \pm 37$
24DNT	$19 \pm 5$	$12 \pm 4$		$6 \pm 5$	$46 \pm 18$	$15 \pm 3$	$36 \pm 12$	$372 \pm 37$
26DNT	$13 \pm 7$	$12 \pm 4$		$7 \pm 5$	$85 \pm 23$	$14 \pm 7$	$224 \pm 49$	$650 \pm 70$
TNT	$9 \pm 1$	$12 \pm 1$		$7 \pm 4$	$15 \pm 3$	$16 \pm 4$	$19 \pm 7$	$69 \pm 4$
2ADNT	$13 \pm 3$	$12 \pm 1$		$6 \pm 4$	$59 \pm 26$	$62 \pm 18$	$48 \pm 9$	$173 \pm 31$
4ADNT	$10 \pm 0$	$10 \pm 1$		$5 \pm 4$	$65 \pm 17$	$50 \pm 9$	$98 \pm 51$	$327 \pm 17$
2CNB	$11 \pm 1$	$10 \pm 2$		$5 \pm 4$	$18 \pm 11$	$43 \pm 18$	$147 \pm 39$	$369 \pm 40$
3CNB	$15 \pm 6$	$10 \pm 2$		$7 \pm 3$	$72 \pm 17$	$13 \pm 6$	$96 \pm 21$	$302 \pm 17$
4CNB	$10 \pm 2$	$11 \pm 1$		$6 \pm 4$	$13 \pm 1$	$12 \pm 5$	$134 \pm 32$	$383 \pm 24$
3CAB	$11 \pm 3$	$14 \pm 5$		$7 \pm 3$	$14 \pm 4$	$13 \pm 2$	$10 \pm 4$	$36 \pm 5$
4CAB	$11 \pm 2$	$14 \pm 2$		$7 \pm 3$	$16 \pm 5$	$11 \pm 3$	$12 \pm 4$	$34 \pm 7$

Table S6.	β-Galactosidase activit	y in JS42R-1 express	ing NagR variants after	growth in the	presence of b	enzenes and toluenes
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										Re	gula	tor											
																					R	189	K
																		S	227	Р	S	227	Р
Inducer <sup>a</sup>	Ntdl	R	V	741		L1	691	Н	R	1891	Χ	Sź	2271	P	V	/232	2I	V	/232	2I	V	/232	I
None	$81 \pm$	32	95	±	26	20	±	5	54	±	3	14	±	4	139	±	34	22	±	7	11	±	3
Phe	$51 \pm$	23	106	±	14	19	±	0	62	±	16	10	±	6	141	±	9	24	±	2	12	±	1
2NP	$234$ $\pm$	28	333	±	27	484	±	2	455	±	38	16	±	7	236	±	42	24	±	8	16	±	1
3NP	$340$ $\pm$	90	195	±	14	219	±	20	233	±	51	13	±	7	389	±	15	28	±	6	13	±	1
4NP	$767 \pm$	108	354	±	32	249	±	69	503	±	66	20	±	3	605	±	69	37	±	3	19	±	1
24DNP	$802 \pm$	151	448	±	21	418	±	64	385	±	21	15	±	4	641	±	49	33	±	4	19	±	4
2AP	$77 \pm$	20	80	±	12	23	±	6	43	±	13	19	±	7	102	±	23	26	±	9	13	±	2
Cat	$58 \pm$	7	65	±	18	24	±	3	41	±	3	11	±	0	151	±	55	22	±	1	14	±	4
3MC	$125 \pm$	17	100	±	18	23	±	0	53	±	18	12	±	4	109	±	31	22	±	6	13	±	0
4MC	$141 \pm$	6	63	±	2	25	±	1	61	±	23	7	±	1	154	±	80	19	±	0	12	±	2
Atz	$201 \pm$	50	302	±	39	21	±	1	291	±	33	10	±	3	406	±	72	20	±	2	13	±	1
CA	$72 \pm$	13	119	±	35	21	±	0	54	±	8	11	±	5	208	±	16	26	±	4	12	±	1
Nap	$82 \pm$	14	108	±	6	25	±	3	268	±	34	7	±	2	492	±	121	19	±	3	8	±	1
1NNap	226 ±	27	347	±	26	37	±	4	436	±	75	8	±	3	159	±	35	29	±	16	21	±	13

**Table S7.**  $\beta$ -Galactosidase activity in JS42R-1 expressing NtdR variants after growth in the presence of phenols and other compounds.

				Reg	gulator			
								K189R
							P227S	P227S
Inducer <sup>a</sup>	NagR	I74V	H169L	K189R	P227S	I232V	I232V	I232V
None	$11 \pm 3$	$12 \pm 3$	$8 \pm 4$	$7 \pm 4$	$11 \pm 5$	$11 \pm 6$	$13 \pm 8$	$29 \pm 8$
Phe	$11 \pm 0$	$15 \pm 3$		$6 \pm 4$	$13 \pm 2$	$14 \pm 10$	$10 \pm 1$	$20 \pm 6$
2NP	$35 \pm 17$	$10 \pm 4$		$8 \pm 6$	$390 \pm 44$	$97 \pm 14$	$403 \hspace{0.1in} \pm \hspace{0.1in} 58$	$632 \ \pm \ 72$
3NP	$11 \pm 0$	$12 \pm 1$		$6 \pm 4$	$101 \pm 26$	$11 \pm 4$	$135 \pm 35$	$281 \pm 32$
4NP	$13 \pm 1$	$13 \pm 2$		$6 \pm 7$	$148 \pm 39$	$11 \pm 4$	$125 \pm 50$	$437 \ \pm \ 60$
24DNP	$14 \pm 3$	$14 \pm 2$	No activity	$7 \pm 1$	$150 \pm 16$	$11 \pm 7$	$213 \pm 55$	$463 \pm 30$
2AP	$12 \pm 2$	$9 \pm 0$	with	$9 \pm 2$	$9\pm4$	$19 \pm 2$	$15 \pm 6$	$20 \pm 4$
Cat	$9 \pm 3$	$12 \pm 2$	tested	$18 \pm 7$	$10 \pm 1$	$20 \pm 8$	$16 \pm 1$	$34 \pm 3$
3MC	$13 \pm 3$	$8 \pm 1$	compounds	$20 \pm 9$	$5 \pm 4$	$12 \pm 3$	$18 \pm 18$	$33 \pm 2$
4MC	$16 \pm 3$	$8 \pm 0$		$21 \pm 9$	$9\pm 3$	$18 \pm 1$	$9 \pm 3$	$30 \pm 5$
Atz	$11 \pm 3$	$9 \pm 2$		$5 \pm 5$	$11 \pm 5$	$9 \pm 5$	$10 \pm 2$	$20 \pm 4$
CA	$11 \pm 2$	$10 \pm 2$		$5 \pm 3$	$11 \pm 6$	$10 \pm 6$	$11 \pm 2$	$19 \pm 5$
Nap	$10 \pm 5$	$8 \pm 0$		$18 \pm 1$	$40 \ \pm \ 19$	$28 \pm 6$	$16 \pm 6$	$108 \pm 0$
1NNap	$14 \pm 4$	$11 \pm 1$		$21 \pm 8$	$41 \ \pm \ 10$	$24 \pm 6$	$85 \pm 36$	$443 \pm 63$

**Table S8.**  $\beta$ -Galactosidase activity in JS42R-1 expressing NagR variants after growth in the presence of phenols and other compounds.

Name	Sequence <sup><i>a</i></sup>	Restriction Sites
ntdR-F1 ntdR-F1	GCGGG <u>AAGCTT</u> ATGGATCTGCGCGACATCGACTTG GGCG <u>TCTAGA</u> TTATGCTTCAGAGAAAAGCTCGACG	HindIII Xbal
nagR H169L H169L REV	CAGCGGCGC <u>CT<b>C</b>TTC</u> CGCC <b>T</b> CCGCTACGTATGC GAAGAATCCGGTCTGTAGCTCTGGCAG	EarI
nagR K189R K189R REV	CCCATGAG <u>CCTGA<b>GG</b></u> CAGTTCAGTGAACTGG GGATTTGGCGCTTGGATGGTCCTTGCGGAACATGC	Bsu361
nagR P227S P227S REV	ATGCGGCTGGT <u>GGT<b>CTC</b></u> GCATTTCATTGCG GCGCCTTTTGATGCCTGCGCGTTCGAGCAGGCC	BsaI
nagR I232V I232V REV	CGCATTTCATTGCG <b>G</b> TC <u>GG<b>G</b>CCC</u> CATTCTGCACAG GCACCACCAGCCGCATGCGCCTTTTGATGCCTG	ApaI
ntdR L169H H169L REV	CAGCGGCGC <u>CTCTT<b>CC</b></u> GCC <b>A</b> CCGCTACGTATGC GAAGAATCCGGTCTGTAGCTCTGGCAG	EarI
ntdR R189K R189K REV	CCCATGAGC <u>CT<b>T</b>AAG</u> CAGTTCAGTGAATTG GGATTTGGCGCTTGGATGGTCCTTGCGGAACATGC	AflII
ntdR S227P S227P REV	AGGCGCATGCG <u>ACTAGT</u> GGTG <b>C</b> CGCATTTCATTGCG TTTGATGCCTGCGCGTTCAAG	SpeI
ntdR V232I V232I REV	TTTCATTGC <u>GATC</u> GGCCCCAT TGCGACACCACCAGTCGCATG	DpnI
nitroAc nitroAd	CCACCCAACCCAATCACTACC ATCACGAATGCCCGCCATCCA	
ctdE1F ctdE1R	GTT <u>TCTAGA</u> ATGGGTGTGATGCGCATCGGGCACG GGT <u>AAGCTT</u> TCAGGTATAGACGTCCGTGAAGGAC	XbaI HindIII

**TABLE S9.** Oligonucleotide primers used in this study

<sup>*a*</sup> Changed bases are in bold italics; underlining shows introduced restriction sites.