

Figure S1. Quantification of phenazines from PA14 colony biofilms. (A) PCA produced by macrocolony biofilms of PA14 and ΔrpoS strains lacking *phzH*, *phzM*, and *phzS* (ΔphzHMS). In these strains, the PCA production is indicative of the total amount of phenazines made due to the lack of the phenazine modification enzymes. Data points represent biological triplicates and error bars represent standard deviation. The p value was calculated using an unpaired, two-tailed t -test. **(B)** Change in phenazine production by ΔrpoS , BigBlue, and PhzH+ biofilms relative to biofilms formed by WT PA14. Inset: absolute values of phenazines in a WT biofilm. Macrocolony biofilms were grown on 1% tryptone, 1% agar for 72 hours. Aer., aeruginosins. Individual points represent biological replicates and error bars represent standard deviation.

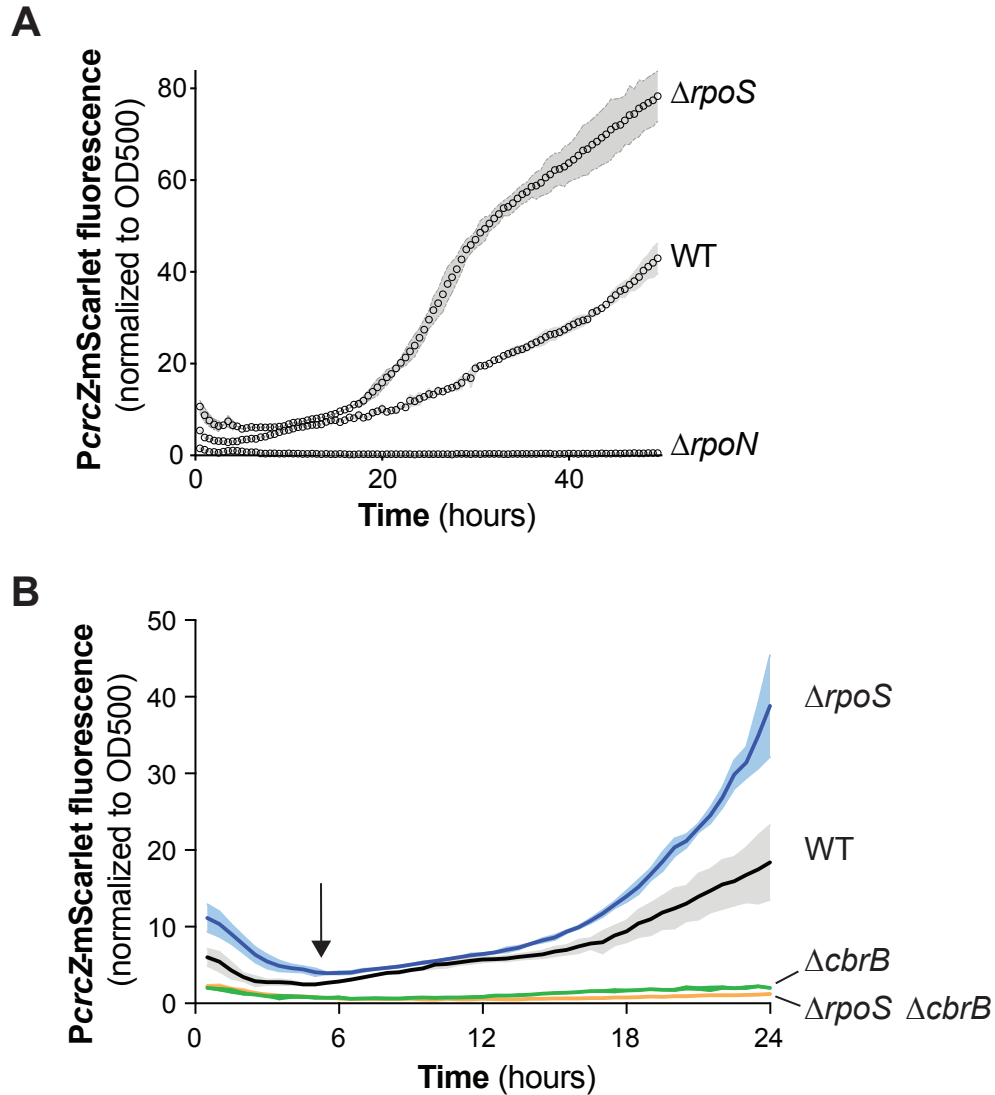


Figure S2. Deletion of *cbrB* abrogates *crcZ* expression in the $\Delta rpoS$ background. (A) PA14, $\Delta rpoS$, $\Delta rpoN$ strains with *PcrcZ-mScarlet* were grown in 1% tryptone broth with shaking for 24 hours. **(B)** PA14, $\Delta rpoS$, $\Delta cbrB$, and $\Delta rpoS\Delta cbrB$ strains were grown in 1% tryptone broth with shaking for 24 hours. The arrow indicates the onset of stationary phase. Traces represent the averages of biological triplicates and shading indicates standard deviation.

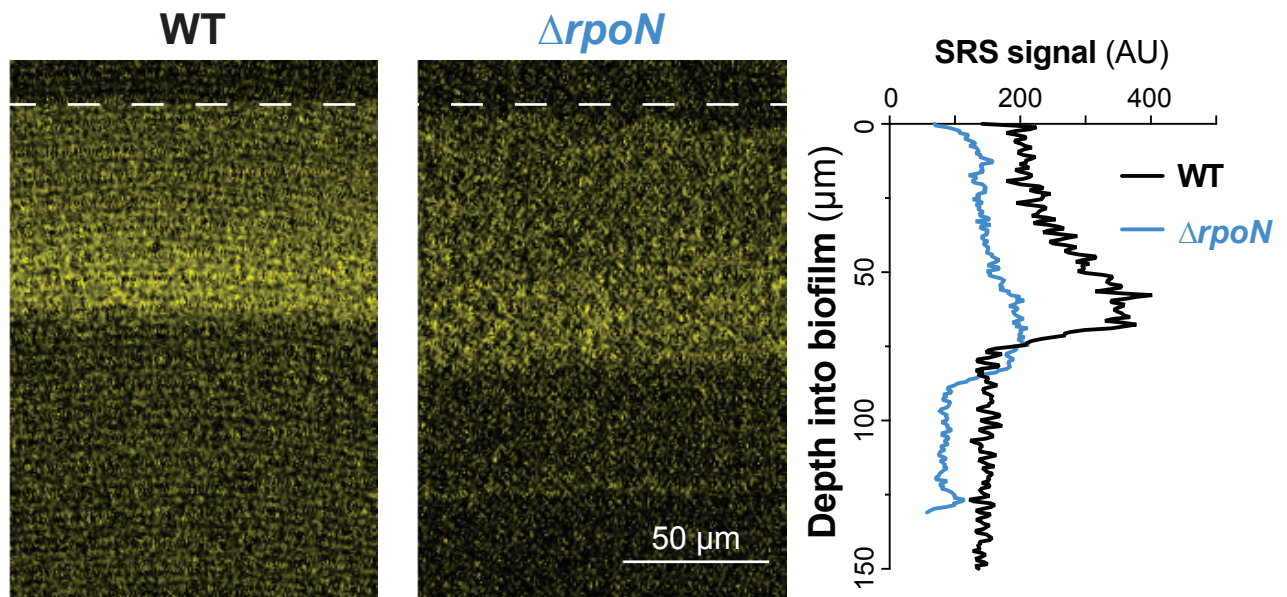


Figure S3. The effect of RpoN on biofilm metabolic activity is consistent with its role in *crcZ* expression. Left and center: SRS images of thin sections prepared from WT and $\Delta rpoN$ biofilms. SRS signal is indicative of metabolic activity and is false-colored yellow. Right: Average SRS signal across depth. The experiment was performed in biological triplicate and representative images are shown.

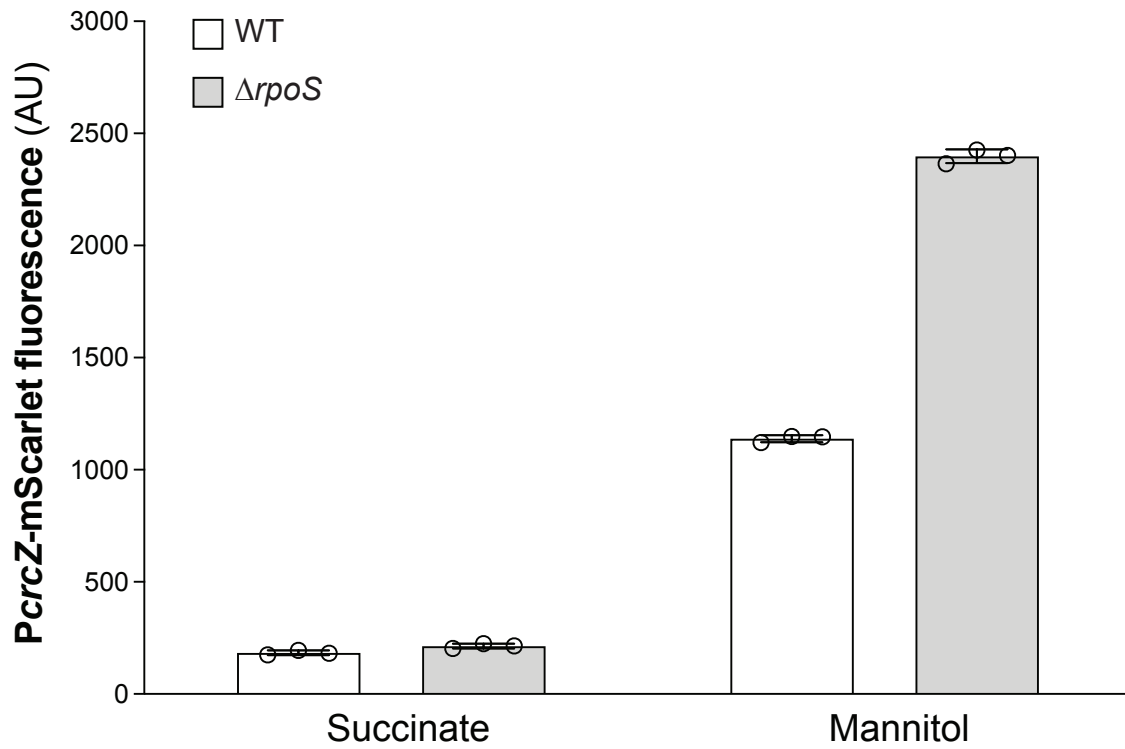


Figure S4. *rpoS* deletion enhances *crcZ* expression during liquid-culture growth on mannitol, a nonpreferred carbon source. The WT and $\Delta rpoS$ *PcrcZ-mScarlet* reporter strains were grown in a defined medium to an OD (500 nm) of 0.3 with the indicated compounds as sole carbon sources. Individual points represent biological triplicates and error bars represent standard deviation.

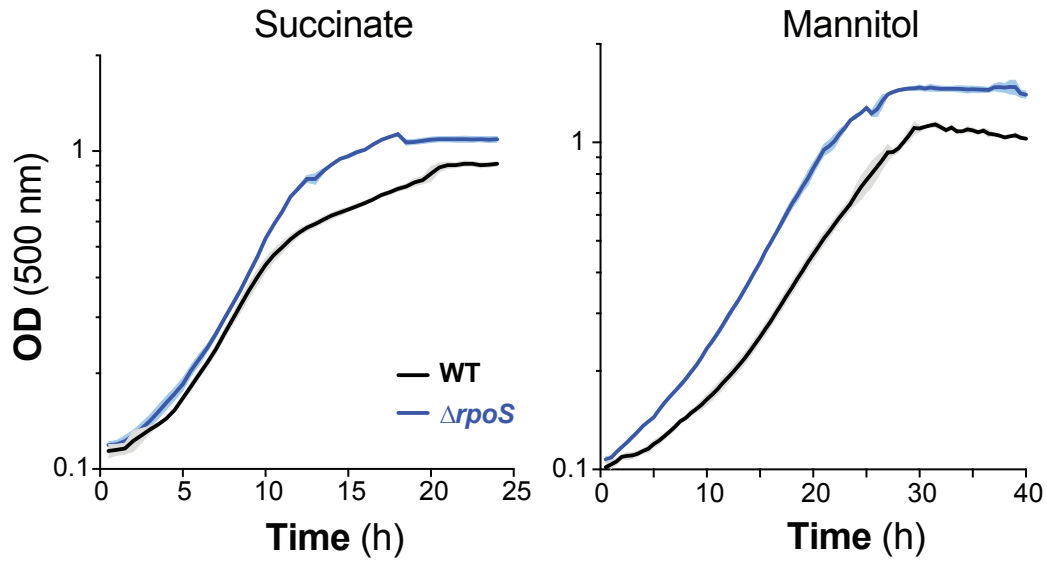


Figure S5. Effects of *rpoS* and *crc* deletions on planktonic growth with individual carbon sources. PA14 and $\Delta rpoS$ were grown in a defined medium with 20 mM succinate or mannitol. Traces represent the averages of biological triplicates and shading indicates standard deviation. Mannitol cultures were grown for 40 hours to capture the complete growth cycle.

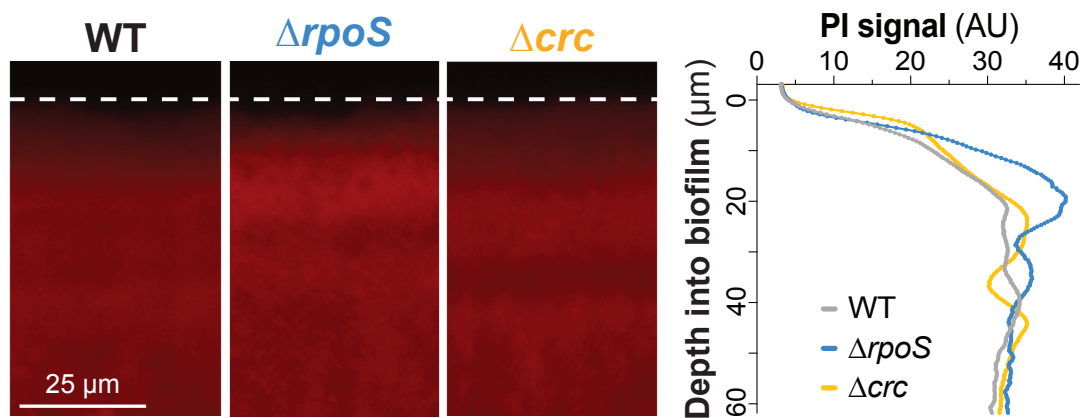


Figure S6. Propidium iodide staining reveals increased death at the biofilm-air interface $\Delta rpoS$ biofilms. Fluorescence images of thin sections prepared from WT, $\Delta rpoS$, and Δcrc biofilms. Biofilms were grown on 1% tryptone, 1% agar for 72 hours then transferred to equivalent medium containing 50 μM propidium iodide for 6 hours. Right: Average propidium iodide signal across depth. The experiment was performed in biological triplicate and representative images are shown.

Table S1. Bacterial strains used in this study.

Number	Strain	Description	Source
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> strains			
LD0	UCBPP-PA14 (WT)	Clinical isolate UCBPP-PA14	(1)
LD24	Δphz (also referred to as $\Delta phz1/2$)	PA14 with the <i>phzA1-G1</i> (PA14_09480-PA14_09410) and <i>phzA2-G2</i> (PA14_39970-PA14_39880) operons deleted	(2)
LD3692	$\Delta phzH$	PA14 with <i>phzH</i> (PA14_00640) deleted	(3)
LD3739	$\Delta phzMS$	PA14 with <i>phzM</i> (PA14_09490) and <i>phzS</i> (PA14_09400) deleted	(3)
LD3746	$\Delta phzHMS$	PA14 with <i>phzH</i> (PA14_00640), <i>phzM</i> (PA14_09490), and <i>phzS</i> (PA14_09400) deleted	(4)
LD851	$\Delta phzHS$	PA14 with <i>phzH</i> (PA14_00640) and <i>phzS</i> (PA14_094400) deleted	(3)
LD64	BigBlue (<i>phzM+</i>)	DKN370; PA14 merodiploid strain containing an extra copy of <i>phzM</i> (PA14_09490)	(5)
LD3192	$\Delta rpoS$	PA14 with <i>rpoS</i> (PA14_17480) deleted	This study
LD3193	$\Delta rpoS\Delta phz$	PA14 with <i>rpoS</i> (PA14_17480) and the <i>phz1</i> (PA14_09480-PA14_09410) and <i>phz2</i> (PA14_39970-PA14_39880) operons deleted	This study
LD3469	$\Delta rpoS\Delta phzHMS$	PA14 with <i>rpoS</i> (PA14_17480), <i>phzH</i> (PA14_00640), <i>phzM</i> (PA14_09490), and <i>phzS</i> (PA14_09400) deleted	This study
LD3674	Δcrc	PA14 with <i>crc</i> (PA14_70390) deleted	This study
LD3675	$\Delta crc\Delta phz$	PA14 with <i>crc</i> (PA14_70390) and the <i>phz1</i> (PA14_09480-PA14_09410) and <i>phz2</i> (PA14_39970-PA14_39880) operons deleted	This study
LD3717	$\Delta rpoS\Delta crc$	PA14 with <i>rpoS</i> (PA14_17480) and <i>crc</i> (PA14_70390) deleted	This study
LD3190	$\Delta rpoN$	PA14 with <i>rpoN</i> (PA14_57940) deleted	This study

LD4497	$\Delta cbrB$	PA14 with <i>cbrB</i> (PA14_62540) deleted	This study
LD4500	$\Delta rpoS \Delta cbrB$	PA14 with <i>rpoS</i> (PA14_17480) and <i>cbrB</i> (PA14_62540) deleted	This study
LD5068	PA14 attTn7::PPA1/04/03-PhzH	PA14 containing a construct in the attTn7 site that expresses the coding region of PhzH under control of the lac-derived constitutive PA1/04/03 promoter.	This study
LD3870	PA14 attB::P <i>crc-mScarlet</i>	PA14 containing a construct in the <i>attB</i> site that expresses <i>mScarlet</i> under control of the 500bp region upstream of <i>crc</i> (PA14_17480)	This study
LD4082	PA14 attB::P <i>crcZ-mScarlet</i>	PA14 containing a construct in the <i>attB</i> site that expresses <i>mScarlet</i> under control of the 350bp region upstream of <i>crcZ</i> (Unannotated between PA14_62540 and PA14_62560. Annotated as PA4726.11 in PAO1)	This study
LD3941	$\Delta rpoS$ attB::P <i>crc-mScarlet</i>	$\Delta rpoS$ (PA14_17480) containing a construct in the <i>attB</i> site that expresses <i>mScarlet</i> under control of the 500bp region upstream of <i>crc</i> (PA14_17480)	This study
LD4108	$\Delta rpoS$ attB::P <i>crcZ-mScarlet</i>	$\Delta rpoS$ (PA14_17480) containing a construct in the <i>attB</i> site that expresses <i>mScarlet</i> under control of the 350bp region upstream of <i>crcZ</i> (Annotated as PA4726.11 in PAO1)	This study
LD4498	$\Delta cbrB$ attB::P <i>crcZ-mScarlet</i>	PA14 attB::P <i>crcZ-mScarlet</i> , with <i>cbrB</i> (PA14_62540) deleted	This study
LD4501	$\Delta rpoS \Delta cbrB$ attB::P <i>crcZ-mScarlet</i>	PA14 attB::P <i>crcZ-mScarlet</i> , with <i>cbrB</i> (PA14_62540) and <i>rpoS</i> (PA14_17480) deleted	This study
LD4229	$\Delta rpoN$ attB::P <i>crcZ-mScarlet</i>	PA14 attB::P <i>crcZ-mScarlet</i> , with <i>rpoN</i> (PA14_57940) deleted	This study
<i>E. coli</i> strains			
LD44	UQ950	<i>E. coli</i> DH5 α λ (pir) host for cloning; F- Δ (<i>argF-lac</i>)169 Φ 80 <i>dlacZ58</i> (Δ M15) <i>glnV44</i> (AS) <i>rfdD1</i> <i>gyrA96</i> (NalR) <i>recA1</i> <i>endA1</i> <i>spoT1</i> <i>thi-1</i> <i>hsdR17</i> <i>deoR</i> λ pir+	D. Lies
LD661	BW29427	Donor strain for conjugation: <i>thrB1004</i>	W. Metcalf

		<i>pro thi rpsL hsdS lacZ</i> ΔM15RP4–1360 Δ(<i>araBAD</i>)567 Δ <i>dapA</i> 1341::[<i>erm pir</i> (wt)]	
LD2901	S17-1	Donor strain for conjugation: Str ^R , T _p ^R , F ⁻ RP4-2-Tc::Mu <i>aphA</i> ::Tn7 <i>recA</i> λ <i>pir</i> lysogen	R. Simon
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> strains			
LD676	InvSc1	<i>MATα/MATα leu2/leu2 trp1-289/trp1-289</i> <i>ura3-52/ura3-52 his3-Δ1/his3-Δ1</i>	Invitrogen

Table S2. Plasmids used in this study.

Plasmid Name	Description	Source
pMQ30	Yeast-based allelic-exchange vector; <i>sacB</i> ⁺ , CEN/ARSH, URA3 ⁺ , Gm ^R .	(6)
pFLP2	Site-specific excision vector with cl857-controlled FLP recombinase. encoding sequence, <i>sacB</i> ⁺ , Amp ^R . Used to insert LD3208-based plasmids into <i>P. aeruginosa</i> strains.	(7)
pLD3208	Gm ^R , Tet ^R flanked by Flp recombinase target (FRT) sites to resolve out resistance cassettes.	(8)
pAKN69	GmR, CmR mini-Tn7 PPA1/04/03::yfp	(9)
pLD3471	Δ <i>rpoS</i> (<i>PA14_17480</i>) PCR fragment introduced into pMQ30 by gap repair cloning in yeast strain InvSc1.	This study
pLD3473	Δ <i>rpoN</i> (<i>PA14_57940</i>) PCR fragment introduced into pMQ30 by gap repair cloning in yeast strain InvSc1.	This study
pLD3673	Δ <i>crc</i> (<i>PA14_70390</i>) PCR fragment introduced into pMQ30 by gap repair cloning in yeast strain InvSc1.	This study
pLD5056	Δ <i>cbrB</i> (<i>PA14_62540</i>) PCR fragment introduced into pMQ30 by gap repair cloning in yeast strain InvSc1.	This study
pLD5065	The CDS of PhzH (<i>PA14_00640</i>) with lambda t0 terminator PCR fragment ligated into pAKN69 using NheI and SphI.	This study
pLD3869	500 bp upstream of <i>crc</i> (<i>PA14_70390</i>) PCR fragment ligated into pLD3208 using SpeI and XhoI.	This study
pLD4645	350 bp upstream of <i>crcZ</i> (annotated as <i>PA4726.11</i> in PAO1) PCR fragment ligated into pLD3208 using SpeI and XhoI.	This study

Table S3. Primers used in this study.

Primer Number	Sequence
Primers for plasmid pLD3471 (used to make $\Delta rpoS$)	
LD2560	ggaattgtgagcggataacaatttcacacaggaacagct TGGATAAGGGGGAAGGATTG
LD2561	CCGTTCTTCTCCAGGATCTC CGGCCCTTCTTTTTTGAGTGC
LD2562	GCACTCAAAAAGAAGGGCCG GAGATCCTGGAGAAGAACGG
LD2563	aggcaaattctgtttatcagaccgcttctgcttctgat AAACCACCAGCCTGCCGCAC
Primers for plasmid pLD3473 (used to make $\Delta rpoN$)	
LD2568	ggaattgtgagcggataacaatttcacacaggaacagct CGCGCCCGCGCATCGACATG
LD2569	CACCAGTCGCTTGCGCTC CATCTTGAGGACTAGCGATGG
LD2570	CCATCGCTAGTCCTCAAGATG GAGCGCAAGCGACTGGTG
LD2571	aggcaaattctgtttatcagaccgcttctgcttctgat CAGGGCGCGCTGCGCCAGGT
Primers for plasmid pLD3673 (used to make Δcrc)	
LD3184	ggaattgtgagcggataacaatttcacacaggaacagct GCCCTTGTCGTTGACGTAGC
LD3185	TCGACGATCAGCGGCGCATGC CCGCAGCCTGAATACCATTAC
LD3186	GTGAATGGTATTCAGGCTGCG GCATGCGCCGCTGATCGTCGA
LD3197	aggcaaattctgtttatcagaccgcttctgcttctgatTCGGCGAGAACACCCTGTAC
Primers for plasmid pLD5056 (used to make $\Delta cbrB$)	
LD4030	ggaattgtgagcggataacaatttcacacaggaacagct CTGGTGCTACTGGTGAAG
LD4031	GAAAGGTCCTCGGTGGGCTC GGTTTCGTCTTCGACGATCA
LD4032	TGATCGTCGAAGACGAAACC GAGCCCACCGAGGACCTTTC
LD4033	aggcaaattctgtttatcagaccgcttctgcttctgat GTCTGCGCGGATTCTAGCAT
Primers for plasmid pLD5065 (used to make PhzH+)	

LD4528	gattcgactgc gcatgctgTGCGGTCTCGCGGG
LD4529	actggatctatcaacaggagtccaaTCAGGCGGAGAGCCC
LD4530	CAGGTTGTACGGGCTCTCCGCCTGAttggactcctgtgatagatccag
LD4077	acgtacgtacgctagcTTGGATTCTCACCAATAAAAAACGCC
Primers for plasmid pLD3869 (used to make <i>Pcrc-mScarlet</i>)	
LD3273	tcccgacgggcccgtaccaGATGATCTGCATCACTTCG
LD3274	tcttaaactagactcgaggAAATGGCCCCAAAATCAC
Primers for plasmid pLD4645 (used to make <i>PcrcZ-mScarlet</i>)	
LD3663	acgtacactagtCACCCCTGCAACCTGTTACC
LD3272	tcttaaactagactcgaggCAATACATAAGCAGATGCCGTGCC

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