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# Supplementary Information for Removal of phosphoglycolate in hyperthermophilic archaea

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#### Gene disruption of TK0150 and its effect on growth

5,10-Methylenetetrahydrofolate is known as a C1 donor for multiple reactions (1-4). As serine hydroxymethyltransferase reactions are reversible (1, 5), growth of  $\triangle$ TK0150 cells in the presence of serine is most likely due to the serine hydroxymethyltransferase reaction proceeding in the direction of 5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate and glycine formation. In order to evaluate whether the serine auxotrophy observed in the  $\triangle$ TK0150 strain was due to a shortage of 5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate and not an impairment in the serine biosynthesis pathway per se, we examined the effects of adding an alternative C1 donor to the medium. Ketopantoate is a precursor of CoA biosynthesis in  $T$ . *kodakarensis*, and is generated from ketoisovalerate by ketopantoate hydroxymethyltransferase (KPHMT) (SI Appendix, Fig. S4B) (6, 7). The addition of ketopantoate should be able to provide 5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate through the reverse reaction catalyzed by KPHMT. When ketopantoate was supplemented into ASW-AA-S<sup>0</sup> without serine, growth of  $\triangle T$ K0150 was partially restored (SI Appendix, Fig. S5B and Fig. S7A), suggesting that 5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate was generated from ketopantoate by the KPHMT reaction proceeding in the direction of ketoisovalerate formation. The lack of complete complementation is most likely due to insufficient levels of KPHMT activity to provide adequate levels of serine. To confirm that the KPHMT reaction was actually proceeding in the direction of ketoisovalerate generation, we examined valine auxotrophy. Wild-type T. kodakarensis does not harbor a pathway for valine biosynthesis, and displays valine auxotrophy. However, valine can be synthesized by an aminotransferase reaction with ketoisovalerate as an amino group acceptor. The TK0186 protein, described above, displays aminotransferase activity on ketoisovalerate. We can thus confirm the generation of ketoisovalerate through KPHMT activity by supplementing ketopantoate to the medium in the absence of valine. As shown in SI Appendix, Fig. S7B, the addition of ketopantoate, although with a decrease in growth rate. complemented the valine auxotrophy of T. kodakarensis KU216, indicating that KPHMT can function to generate ketoisovalerate from ketopantoate (SI Appendix, Fig. S5C). Interestingly, KU216 cells displayed higher growth rates when serine was additionally removed from the medium (SI Appendix, Fig. S7C). This can be explained by the fact that serine is also a C1 donor<br>donor leading to 5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate generation via serine donor leading to 5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate generation via serine hydroxymethyltransferase. Removal of serine would result in a decrease in 5,10 methylenetetrahydrofolate, pulling the ketopantoate hydroxymethyltransferase reaction towards 5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate and ketoisovalerate generation (SI Appendix, Fig. **S5D).** When the  $\triangle$ TK0150 strain was grown under this condition, a decrease in cell yield was observed, similar to the results of the strain grown in medium without serine (SI Appendix, Fig. S7A). This is due to the fact that 5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate can no longer be produced from glycine, and serine biosynthesis relies solely on the production of 5,10 methylenetetrahydrofolate from ketopantoate (SI Appendix, Fig. S5D).

#### **Methods**

Composition of growth medium. ASW-YT-S<sup>o</sup> and ASW-YT-Pyr medium were composed of  $0.8\times$ ASW (8), 5.0 g L<sup>-1</sup> yeast extract, 5.0 g L<sup>-1</sup> tryptone, and 0.8 mg L<sup>-1</sup> resazurin with 2.0 g L<sup>-1</sup> elemental sulfur or 5.0 g L $^1$  sodium pyruvate, respectively. ASW-AA-S $^0$  medium was composed of 0.8×ASW, a mixture of 20 amino acids, minerals, a mixture of vitamins (8), 0.8 mg L-1 resazurin, and 2.0 g L-1 elemental sulfur. Modified versions of these media, ASW-YT-m1 medium (SI Appendix, Table S3) and ASW-AA-m1 medium (SI Appendix, Table S4), were also used. Solid medium used to isolate transformants were based on ASW-AA-S<sup>o</sup> medium and supplemented with 10 g L<sup>-1</sup> Gelrite, 7.5 g L<sup>-1</sup> 5-fluoroorotic acid (5-FOA), 10 mg L<sup>-1</sup> uracil and 4.5 mL of 1 M NaOH. Elemental sulfur was replaced with 0.2% (v/v) polysulfide solution (8).

Construction of gene expression plasmids. The TK0683 and TK1734 coding regions with extensions homologous to the plasmid ends were amplified by PCR using  $T$ . *kodakarensis* KOD1 genomic DNA as a template and inserted into pET21a(+) expression plasmid (Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany) by infusion cloning. TK0186, TK0551, TK1094 and TK2301 coding regions were amplified so that additional restriction sites were incorporated. After digestion with NdeI and EcoRI for TK0186 or BamHI for TK0551, TK1094 and TK2301, DNA fragments were ligated with pET21a(+) digested with the same enzymes. All plasmids were sequenced, and respectively named pET-TK0683, pET-TK1734, pET-TK0186, pET-TK0551, pET-TK1094 and pET-TK2301. Primers used for plasmid construction are listed in SI Appendix, Table S5.

Gene expression in E. coli and purification of the recombinant proteins. E. coli BL21-CodonPlus(DE3)-RIL was transformed with pET-TK0683, pET-TK1734, pET-TK0186, pET-TK0551, pET-TK1094 or pET-TK2301. Transformants were cultivated in LB medium until OD660 reached 0.4-0.8. Isopropyl- $\beta$ -D-1-thiogalactopyranoside (0.1 mM) was added, and cultures were continued for another 4 h. As TK1094 protein was insoluble, cells harboring pET-TK1094 were cultivated at  $37^{\circ}$ C for 18 h without the addition of isopropyl- $B$ -D-1-thiogalactopyranoside. Cells were collected by centrifugation (4°C, 5,000×g, 15 min), washed with 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) containing 1% NaCl, and centrifuged again (4˚C, 5,000×g, 15 min). Cells were resuspended with 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5) and sonicated with TOMY UD-201 (TOMY SEIKO, Tokyo, Japan) (OUTPUT:4, DUTY:50, 20-30 min). After centrifugation (4˚C, 20,400×g, 15 min), the supernatant was treated for 10 min at 90˚C (TK1734 and TK2301) or 85˚C (TK0186, TK0551, TK0683 and TK1094) and centrifuged (4˚C, 15,000×g, 15 min) to remove thermolabile proteins.

For TK1734 and TK2301 proteins, supernatants were applied to a ResourceQ column (GE Healthcare, Little Chalfont, Buckinghamshire, UK) equilibrated with 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0 at 80˚C). Proteins were eluted with a linear gradient of 0 to 1.0 M NaCl. Fractions including TK1734 or TK2301 protein were collected and centrifuged with an Amicon Ultra centrifugal filter unit (MWCO 3,000) (EMD Millipore, Billerica, MA, USA). Samples were then mixed with approximately equal volumes of 3 M ( $NH_4$ )<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and separated by hydrophobic interaction chromatography (Resource ISO, GE Healthcare) equilibrated with 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0 at 80˚C) containing 1.5 M (NH4)2SO4. Proteins were eluted with a linear gradient of 1.5 M to 0 M (NH4)2SO4. Fractions containing TK1734 or TK2301 protein were collected and centrifuged with an Amicon Ultra centrifugal filter unit (MWCO 3,000). Finally, proteins were applied to gelfiltration chromatography (Superdex 200 Increase 10/300 GL, GE Healthcare) and separated with a mobile phase of 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0 at 80˚C) containing 0.15 M NaCl. TK0551 and TK0683 proteins were purified with the same procedures without the use of hydrophobic interaction chromatography. Different mobile phases were used for the anion exchange chromatography (50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5 at room temperature) and gel-filtration chromatography (0.15 M NaCl, 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5 at room temperature). TK0186 and TK1094 proteins were purified with anion exchange chromatography and gel-filtration chromatography with the procedures described for the TK1734 and TK2301 proteins. Protein concentrations were determined with the Protein Assay System (Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA, USA) using bovine serum albumin (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) as a standard.

Construction of gene disruption plasmids. Coding regions of TK0150, TK0186, TK0551, TK0683, TK1734, and TK2301 with approximately 1,000 bps each of 5'- and 3'-flanking regions were amplified by PCR using T. kodakarensis KU216 genomic DNA as a template. Each fragment was ligated with HincII-digested pUD3 plasmid, containing a *pyrF* marker cassette. Inverse PCR was carried out to remove the regions to be deleted, and the amplified fragments were self-ligated. Sequences of the resulting six disruption plasmids were confirmed. Primers used for construction of the disruption plasmids are listed in SI Appendix, Table S6.

Transformation of T. kodakarensis. For gene disruption, T. kodakarensis KU216 (ApyrF) was used as the host strain. KU216 cells grown in ASW-YT-S $^{\circ}$  medium for 12 h at 85 $^{\circ}$ C were harvested (4°C, 15,000×g, 5 min) from 3 mL culture. Cells were resuspended in 200  $\mu$ L 0.8×ASW and kept on ice for 30 min. Three micrograms of the disruption plasmid were added to the cells and the mixture was kept on ice for 1 h. The mixture was subjected to heat shock for 45 s at 85˚C and kept on ice for 10 min. The mixture was inoculated into uracil-free synthetic medium (ASW-AA-Sº (∆TK0150, ∆TK0551, ∆TK0683) or ASW-AA-m1-Sº (∆TK0186, ∆TK1734,  $\Delta$ TK2301)), and incubated at 85°C for 2 d. Cells were cultivated in the same medium for another 2 d to enrich transformants harboring the  $pyrF$  gene via single crossover insertion. Cells were spread onto solid medium (ASW-AA (ATK0150, ATK0551, ATK0683) or ASW-AA-m1  $(\Delta$ TK0186,  $\Delta$ TK1734,  $\Delta$ TK2301)) with 0.75% 5-FOA and 10  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup> uracil and incubated for 24 h to select cells whose pyrF gene was removed via a second recombination event. Genotypes of the obtained colonies were confirmed by PCR and DNA sequencing analysis. Primers used for analyses of deletion mutants are listed in SI Appendix, Table S6.

Tracer-based metabolomic analysis with <sup>13</sup>C-glycolate. T. kodakarensis KU216 was grown in 10 mL ASW-YT-m1-Pyr supplemented with  $0.08$  mM Na<sub>2</sub>S and  $0.01\%$  (w/v) 1,2-<sup>13</sup>C-labeled sodium glycolate. Cells were grown for 20 h, collected by centrifugation and washed with 5 mL 0.8×ASW. Preparation of protein-derived amino acids from the cells and the conditions of subsequent analysis using Microfluidic capillary electrophoresis-mass spectrometry (CE–MS) are described in Fukuyama et al. (9). Briefly, protein-derived amino acids were prepared by hydrolyzation with 12N HCl. The purified protein-derived amino acids were analyzed by using a ZipChip CE system (908devices, Boston, MA, USA) coupled with an Orbitrap Fusion Tribrid mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific). The obtained MS data was analyzed using Qual Browser in Xcalibur version 4.3.73.11.

Glycolate measurement in the culture medium using LC–MS/MS. T. kodakarensis KU216 was grown in 10 mL ASW-YT-m1-Pyr for 20 h under the microaerobic condition defined above. After cultivation, cells were removed by centrifugation  $(4^{\circ}C, 5000 \times g, 15 \text{ min})$  followed by filtration with a 0.2 um filter (Steradisc S-2502S; Kurabo Industries, Osaka, Japan). Glycolate concentrations were measured after derivatization with 3-nitrophenylhydrazine referring to a previous report (10). LC–MS/MS measurement was performed on an ExionLC liquidchromatograph coupled with a quadrupole time-of flight mass spectrometer X500R QTOF system (SCIEX, Toronto, Canada) with an electrospray ionization source in negative ion mode. The samples were separated with an ACQUITY UPLC BEH C18 column (2.1×100 mm, 1.7 um; Waters, Milford, MA) kept at 40˚C using a mobile phase combination of water (A) and 0.01% formic acid in methanol (B). The gradient was started from 18% B, and the percentage of B was linearly raised to 90% in 15 min after injection at a flow rate of 0.2 mL min-1. During the analysis, samples were kept at  $4^{\circ}$ C in the auto sampler. The injection volume was 10  $\mu$ L. MS/MS data of glycolate were collected in multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) mode as the mass transition pair of m/z 210.05→152.05. The capillary voltage and the collision energy voltage were set at 4000V and -30V, respectively. Quantitative analyses of glycolate based on MRM chromatograms were performed using SCIEX OS software ver 1.7.

Glycolate detection in the culture medium using LC–high resolution MS (HRMS). Glycolate in the culture medium was prepared as described previously with some modifications (11). Briefly, the culture medium was filtered with a  $0.2$ -um filter and then acidified with 12 N HCl to a final concentration of 0.1 M. To concentrate glycolate, 2 mL of ethyl acetate was added to 12 mL of the sample. After shaking and phase separation, the organic solvent fraction was transferred to a 17-mL glass test tube, with repeated extraction of glycolate from the remaining aqueous fraction using another 2 mL of ethyl acetate. Glycolate was concentrated by evaporation under a  $N_2$  stream from the organic solvent fractions at room temperature. Measurement of exact mass of glycolate using LC–HRMS was performed with an UltiMate 3000RS liquid chromatography (Thermo Fisher Scientific) coupled to electrospray ionization high resolution mass spectrometry analysis on an Orbitrap Fusion Tribrid mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Sample separations were performed with an Intrada Organic Acid column 3  $\mu$ m 2.0 × 150 mm, (Imtakt, Kyoto, Japan) with a linear gradient of 5%-95% solvent B (90% 100 mM ammonium formate, 10% acetonitrile, 0.1% formic acid) over 20 min with a constant flow of 200  $\mu$ L/min; solvent A (10% acetonitrile, 0.1% formic acid). The column oven was set at 40°C. Full scan MS spectra were acquired in the Orbitrap mass analyzer (polarity: Negative, m/z range: 70–210, resolution:120,000 full width at half maximum (FWHM)) using internal calibration (EASY-IC). MS/MS spectra were acquired in the Orbitrap mass analyzer (mass range: Normal, scan range mode: Auto, resolution:15,000 FWHM) and Stepped Higherenergy collisional dissociation MS/MS fragmentation with normalized collision energy of 15%, 35% and 45%



## Table S1. Presence or absence of gene homologs of Rubisco and 2-PG phosphatase on various archaeal genomes.









The presence of a gene homolog is indicated in black.



# Table S2. List of strains and plasmids.

T. kodakarensis mutant strains with asterisk were used for activity measurement of cell extracts or growth experiments.





# Table S4. Composition of ASW-AA-m1 medium.





## Table S5. List of primers used for expression vector construction in this study.

A: Primers for amplifying target gene to be overexpressed in E. coli with appropriate restriction sites. Underlined sequences indicate the restriction sites.

B: Primers annealing within the target genes.

C: Primers annealing outside of multi cloning region including NdeI, EcoRI and BamHI sites and used for sequencing target genes.



## Table S6. List of primers used for genetic analysis in this study.

Letter the contract of the contract of the contract of the contract of the Di TCAGGTCTTTTCTTCGGGG Di<br>D: Primers for amplifying target genes and their 5'- and 3'-flanking regions.

E: Primers for inverse PCR amplifying 5'- and 3'-flanking regions and entire plasmid to exclude target genes.

F: Primers for sequencing 5'- or 3'-flanking region of target genes.

G: Primers annealing outside of multi cloning site of pUD3.

H: Primers annealing outside of homologous regions for homologous recombination. I: Primers annealing within the target genes.



Fig. S1. SDS-PAGE analysis of the purified recombinant proteins. (A to D and F) The genes TK1734 (A), TK2301 (B), TK0551 (C), TK0683 (D) and TK1094 (F) were expressed in E. coli and the recombinant proteins were purified with procedures described in the Methods section. The homogeneity of each sample was analyzed by SDS-PAGE and stained with Coomassie Brilliant Blue. M represents molecular weight marker. (E) The recombinant protein of TK0186 expressed in E. coli was purified as described in the Methods section and analyzed by SDS-PAGE/Coomassie Brilliant Blue staining. M represents molecular weight marker. (a) Different amounts of protein were incubated at 98˚C for 10 min in SDS-PAGE buffer. (b) Protein samples mixed with SDS-PAGE buffer were incubated at 98°C for various periods of time. ( $\alpha$ ) Main protein band corresponding to intact TK0186 protein,  $(\beta)$  low molecular weight proteins corresponding to fragments of the TK0186 protein.



Fig. S2. Effect of pH on the 2-PG phosphatase activity of the TK1734 and TK2301 proteins. The phosphatase activities of the TK1734 (A) and TK2301 (B) recombinant proteins were measured in mixtures based on various buffers with concentrations of 50 mM. Symbols: closed circles, acetate-NaOH (pH 4.0-5.5); open squares, MES-NaOH (pH 5.5-7.0); closed diamonds, HEPES-NaOH (pH 7.0-8.0); open triangles, Bicine-NaOH (pH 8.0-9.0). The data represent the average of three independent experiments and are shown with the SD values.



Fig. S3. PCR analysis of the gene disruption strains. The genotypes of individual gene disruption strains were analyzed by PCR using primer sets annealing outside of the 5'- and 3' homologous regions for homologous recombination (outside pair, indicated by gray arrowheads) and the 5'- and 3'-terminal regions of the coding region of the target genes (inside pair, indicated by black arrowheads). (A) Lanes 1-5: outside, lanes 6-10: inside. Lanes 1, 6: T. kodakarensis KU216, lanes 2, 7:  $\Delta$ TK1734-2, lanes 3, 8:  $\Delta$ TK1734-4, lanes 4, 9:  $\Delta$ TK1734-5, lanes 5, 10:  $\triangle$ TK1734-6. (B) Lanes 1-5: outside, lanes 6-10: inside. Lanes 1, 6: T. kodakarensis KU216, lanes 2, 7:  $\triangle T K2301-1$ , lanes 3, 8:  $\triangle T K2301-2$ , lanes 4, 9:  $\triangle T K2301-3$ , lanes 5, 10: TK2301-4. (C) Lanes 1-3: outside, lanes 4-6: inside. Lanes 1, 4: T. kodakarensis KU216, lanes 2, 5:  $\triangle$ TK0551-1, lanes 3, 6:  $\triangle$ TK0551-2. (D) Lanes 1-3; outside, lanes 4-6; inside. Lanes 1, 4: T. kodakarensis KU216, lanes 2, 5:  $\triangle$ TK0683-13, lanes 3, 6:  $\triangle$ TK0683-15. (E) Lanes 1-5: outside, lanes 6-10: inside. Lanes 1, 6: T. kodakarensis KU216, lanes 2, 7:  $\Delta$ TK0186-17, lanes 3, 8:  $\triangle$ TK0186-25, lanes 4, 9:  $\triangle$ TK0186-28, lanes 5, 10:  $\triangle$ TK0186-33, Arrows P and S represent primary and secondary transcription initiation sites, respectively (18). (F) Lanes 1-3: outside, lanes 4-6: inside. Lanes 1, 4: T. kodakarensis KU216, lanes 2, 5:  $\triangle$ TK0150-3, lanes 3, 6:  $\triangle$ TK0150-26.  $\triangle$ DNA digested with HindIII was used as a DNA marker (M).



Fig. S4. C1 transfer reactions in T. kodakarensis. (A) The glycine cleavage system and C1 transfer. The glycine cleavage system is composed of four components: T-protein (aminomethyltransferase), P-protein (glycine decarboxylase), L-protein (dihydrolipoyl dehydrogenase) and H-protein, a protein modified with lipoic acid that interacts with all other components. In the system, P-protein first transfers an aminomethyl group from glycine onto the lipoic acid, which is attached to the H-protein linked with decarboxylation. Next, T-protein transfers the methylene carbon onto a tetrahydrofolate (THF) molecule, releasing ammonia and generating 5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate (CH2-THF). The reduced lipoic acid through the reactions of P- and T-protein is re-oxidized by L-protein utilizing NAD<sup>+</sup>. The produced CH<sub>2</sub>-THF is used as a C1 carrier for various C1 transfer reactions such as the serine hydroxymethyl transferase (GlyA) reaction. (B) Metabolism linking valine and coenzyme A biosynthesis. T. kodakarensis does not harbor a de novo synthesis pathway of 2-oxoisovalerate. Therefore, coenzyme A (CoA) biosynthesis in T. kodakarensis is dependent on 2-oxoisovalerate generation from valine. Valine is converted to 2-oxoisovalerate via transamination catalyzed by aminotransferases such as the TK0186 protein which was confirmed to display activity in this study. The produced 2-oxoisovalerate is next converted to ketopantoate by ketopantoate hydroxymethyltransferase (KPHMT). The reaction is known to utilize CH<sub>2</sub>-THF as a C1 donor. The growth measurements of  $\triangle$ TK0150 suggested that the KPHMT reaction shares the same C1 carrier with the GlyA reaction in T. kodakarensis.



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Fig. S5. Metabolic links for 5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate generation and utilization. Compounds colored in black indicate the components present in the medium. Compounds colored in red (or gray) indicate those expected to be (or not to be) synthesized in the corresponding cells (KU216/∆TK0150). (A) ASW-AA-Sº-Ura<sup>+</sup>-Ser medium. (B) ASW-AA-Sº-

Ura<sup>+</sup>-Ser<sup>–</sup> medium with ketopantoate. (C) ASW-AA-S<sup>0</sup>-Ura<sup>+</sup>-Val<sup>–</sup> medium with ketopantoate. (D) ASW-AA-S<sup>0</sup>-Ura<sup>+</sup>-Ser<sup>-</sup>-Val<sup>-</sup> medium with ketopantoate.



Fig. S6. Growth properties of T. kodakarensis KU216 and  $\triangle$ TK1734 strains under microaerobic conditions. KU216 (closed circles) and  $\triangle$ TK1734 (open circles) strains were cultivated in 10 mL ASW-YT-m1-Pyr medium in 20-mL vials supplemented with 25 g L-1 uridine. All media were left in an anaerobic box for 24 h prior to inoculation to allow dissolved gases to equilibrate with the atmosphere in the anaerobic box (oxygen concentration: ~0.1%). Media for A were prepared without Na<sub>2</sub>S (microaerobic conditions), and the concentration of Na<sub>2</sub>S in B, C and D were 0.08 mM, 0.16 mM and 0.32 mM, respectively. Error bars indicate the SD values of three independent culture experiments.



Fig. S7. Growth properties of T. kodakarensis KU216 and  $\Delta$ TK0150 strains. (A) Effects of ketopantoate on serine auxotrophy were examined by cultivating cells in ASW-AA-Sº-Ura\*-Ser<sup>–</sup> medium with or without 2 mM ketopantoate. Symbols: KU216 with (closed squares) or without ketopantoate (closed circles),  $\triangle$ TK0150 with (open squares) or without ketopantoate (open circles). (B) Effects of ketopantoate on valine auxotrophy was examined by cultivating cells in ASW-AA-S<sup>o</sup>-Ura\*-Val<sup>–</sup> medium with or without 2 mM ketopantoate. Symbols: KU216 with valine (closed circles), without valine and with (closed squares) or without (closed triangles) ketopantoate,  $\triangle$ TK0150 with valine (open circles), without valine and with (open squares) or without (open triangles) ketopantoate. (C) Effects of ketopantoate in ASW-AA-Sº-Ura\*-Ser־-Val– medium with or without 2 mM ketopantoate. Symbols: KU216 with serine and valine (closed circles), without serine and valine, and with (closed squares) or without (closed triangles) ketopantoate,  $\triangle$ TK0150 with serine and valine (open circles), without serine and valine, and with (open squares) or without (open triangles) ketopantoate. Error bars indicate the SD values of three independent culture experiments.



Fig. S8. Growth properties of T. kodakarensis KU216,  $\triangle$ TK0683 and  $\triangle$ TK0150 strains under microaerobic conditions. KU216 (closed circles),  $\triangle$ TK0683 (open circles) and TK0150 (open triangles) strains were cultivated in 10 mL ASW-YT-m1-Pyr medium in 30-mL test tubes. All media were left in an anaerobic box for 24 h prior to inoculation to allow dissolved gases to equilibrate with the atmosphere in the anaerobic box (oxygen concentration: ~0.1%). Media for  $\overline{A}$  was prepared without Na<sub>2</sub>S (microaerobic conditions), and the concentration of Na<sub>2</sub>S in B, C and D were 0.08 mM, 0.16 mM and 0.32 mM, respectively. Error bars indicate the SD values of three independent culture experiments.





Fig. S9. Detection of glycolate in the culture supernatant after growth of T. kodakarensis KU216 under microaerobic conditions. The concentration of glycolate in the medium was examined by LC–MS/MS as described in the Methods section included in SI Appendix. A Calibration curve of amount of glycolate with peak area. Three sets of experiments were performed (B/C), (D/E) and (F/G). Each set represents data from medium with (B, D, F) or without (C, E, G) cell inoculation. Media in each set, including that used for pre-culture, were prepared together. Based on peak area, concentrations of glycolate deriving from T.  $k$ odakarensis were calculated as follows: B (24.414  $\mu$ M) – C (18.163  $\mu$ M) = 6.251  $\mu$ M, D (32.652  $\mu$ M) – E (21.656  $\mu$ M) = 10.996  $\mu$ M, F (35.112  $\mu$ M) – G (27.677  $\mu$ M) = 7.435  $\mu$ M.

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