

**Table I** Growth analysis of WT, KOs and OEs<sup>a</sup>

Strain	PDA		VMS		WA	
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2
WT	8.9 ± 0.3	28.5 ± 0.7	7.0 ± 0.1	28.7 ± 1.4	12.8 ± 0.3	64.0 ± 2.0
KO25	8.4 ± 0.2	30.7 ± 0.3	6.9 ± 0.2	28.6 ± 1.2	11.5 ± 0.2	59.6 ± 2.2
KO70	8.1 ± 0.2	28.9 ± 0.7	6.7 ± 0.2	28.4 ± 1.1	10.9 ± 0.4	57.8 ± 1.8
KO46	7.9 ± 0.2	28.4 ± 0.6	6.4 ± 0.2	27.7 ± 1.3	11.1 ± 0.3	58.3 ± 1.7
OE38	8.6 ± 0.2	30.2 ± 0.6	7.3 ± 0.1	27.8 ± 1.2	11.0 ± 0.2	58.8 ± 1.9
OE39	7.9 ± 0.2	27.1 ± 0.5	6.3 ± 0.1	24.7 ± 1.1	9.6 ± 0.3	55.5 ± 1.0

<sup>a</sup>The surface area of growth of WT, KOs and OEs in PDA, VMS and WA plates recorded for two days. The data are represented as the ratio of fungal growth area to the total area of the plate in percentages. Each value represents mean growth area with the standard error of four replicates from two independent experiments. Based on ANOVA ( $P < 0.05$ ), there was no significant differences in growth area among these strains on any of the media tested.