

TABLE S1. Primers used in this study.

Name	Sequence	Enzyme
DNA-binding assays		
flhA-pro1	TTGTCCCTCTGGCACAATTC	
flhA-pro2	AGCTAACTAAAGTAGAAAC	
fgrM-DB1	TCTCATATGGAGACACCGAGGCTGCTCA	NdeI
fgrM-DB2	TCTAAGCTTTGCAAGAGACGTGGAAATTAC	HindIII
Integration of the <i>fgrM</i> gene		
fgrM-int1	TCTCATATGGAGACACCGAGGCTGCTCA	NdeI
fgrM-int2	TCTAAGCTTCTATGCAAGAGACGTGGAAATTAC	HindIII
RT-PCR		
fgrM-RTPCR1	GCGGTTGAAGCGGTCGAGGAA	
fgrM-RTPCR2	TCCGACTCCACCGTGCTCA	
flhA-RTPCR1	TTCGTTGCCGTGGAGGAGAA	
flhA-RTPCR2	ATGGCCAACACGGCGGTGGAC	
cheW1-RTPCR1	TTCACCCTCCATGTCCATAACCA	
cheW1-RTPCR2	ATGCAGAATGCACTGCAGACCA	
dcuB-RTPCR1	GGTGCCGACACAGACCGTCA	
dcuB-RTPCR2	ATGATGATGTTCTGGATCCA	
Interruption of the <i>fgrM</i> gene		
fgrM-int3	TCTCTCGAGTCCGACTCCACCGTGCTCA	NdeI
fgrM-int4	TCTAAGCTTTCGCGTTGAAGCGGTCGAGGAA	HindIII
Construction of histidine kinase mutants		
GHK1-1	TCTCTAGACAGGTGTATGTGACCATC	XbaI
GHK1-2	TCGAATTCAGGAATTCGTTTCATGTC	EcoRI
GHK1-3	TCTAAGCTTACCGAGCGGCTCATCCGAC	HindIII
GHK1-4	TCTCTCGAGTGGCTCTCCCTCGTGGATGGGAA	XhoI
GHK2-1	TCTCTAGAGCGGCTACAAGGTATTCA	XbaI
GHK2-2	TCGAATTCCTGTTTTTCAGGAGTAGCTCCA	EcoRI
GHK2-3	TCTAAGCTTTCGAAGACCTGGGACCGCTCA	HindIII
GHK2-4	TCTCTCGAGTCCCTCCCGTCGCGGCGTACGC	XhoI
GHK3-1	TCTCTAGAACATCGCCGTGCTCCCCA	XbaI
GHK3-2	TCGAATTCGCGTGGCACTGGATAACC	EcoRI
GHK3-3	TCTAAGCTTTCGAGCTGGCCAATGTGA	HindIII
GHK3-4	TCTCTCGAGTTGGGTTGTTCCGTCCTCTTTGTC	XhoI
GHK4-1	TCTCTAGACCGGGAAATCCGCGAGGCA	XbaI
GHK4-2	TCGAATTCCTCCATGAGATGAATGCA	EcoRI
GHK4-3	TCTAAGCTTGTTCAGGAGGTACGGCAGAC	HindIII
GHK4-4	TCTCTCGAGCCTCGCTTCGCCCCGGAGGGGAA	XhoI
GHK5-1	TCTCTAGATATCGTGACCAAGATGCA	XbaI
GHK5-2	TCGAATTCCTGGAGAAAGAGCGAGA	EcoRI
GHK5-3	TCTAAGCTTTCGGCCAGTCCCGCTACC	HindIII
GHK5-4	TCTCTCGAGGGTGGCTGCGCTGGGGAGGGCAA	XhoI
GHK6-1	TCTCTAGAACAGGAACTCGTCTGAA	XbaI
GHK6-2	TCGAATTCGAACGCCCTGCGCTTGAC	EcoRI
GHK6-3	TCTAAGCTTGGCCGTCAACTGGAGGCACA	HindIII

GHK6-4	TCTCTCGAGGCAGAGGGTGAAGTAAAAGGTA	XhoI
GHK7-1	TCTCTAGACCAGAGTATCCACCTGATC	XbaI
GHK7-2	TCGAATTCACCATTTTGACGATCAC	EcoRI
GHK7-3	TCTAAGCTTCGTCTCAATGCGCAAGCA	HindIII
GHK7-4	TCTCTCGAGCTCAAGCAGATTGAGGTAATCAA	XhoI
GHK8-1	TCTCTAGACTAGACCTGGCCTCGGGTA	XbaI
GHK8-2	TCGAATTCCTCTTCGCCGGTGTGGCTC	EcoRI
GHK8-3	TCTCTCGAGCCCGGTCAGAGTGAAATAAAACGTC	HindIII
GHK8-4	TCTAAGCTTGGAAGACTGCGTCGAACAA	XhoI
Sp-fwd	TCGAATTCGCACAGGATGACGCCTAAC	EcoRI
Sp-rev	TCTAAGCTTGAAGCGGCGTCTGGCTTG	HindIII

In vitro phosphorylation assays

GHK3-K1	TCTCATATGGCCAGCAACGTAACCGAGCGGA	NdeI
GHK3-K2	TCTCTCGAGTTGGGTTGTTCCGTCCTCTTTGTC	XhoI
GHK4-R1	TCTCATATGACCGAAAAGAACTGCGAC	NdeI
GHK4-R2	TCTCTCGAGCTCGCGGATTTCCCGGTCCAC	XhoI
fgrM-R1	TCTCATATGGAGACACCGAGGCTGCTCA	NdeI
fgrM-R2	TCTAAGCTTGTGCTCGAGGCCCGCTTCAC	HindIII

Recognition sequences for restriction enzymes are underlined.

TABLE S2. Histidine kinases conserved in *Geobacter* species.

Name	DL-1	Domain organization
GHK1	GSU0007	Unknown-PAS-HK
GHK2	GSU0008	REC-PAS-HK
GHK3	GSU0009	Unknown-PAS-HK
GHK4	GSU0010	REC-PAS-GAF-HK
GHK5	GSU0149	REC-HK
GHK6	GSU1043	Unknown-PAS-HK
GHK7	GSU1630	Unknown-PAS-HK
GHK8	GSU2565	HK

Homology search was conducted by NCBI/BLAST (<http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi>).
REC; receiver, HK; histidine kinase

FIGURE S1

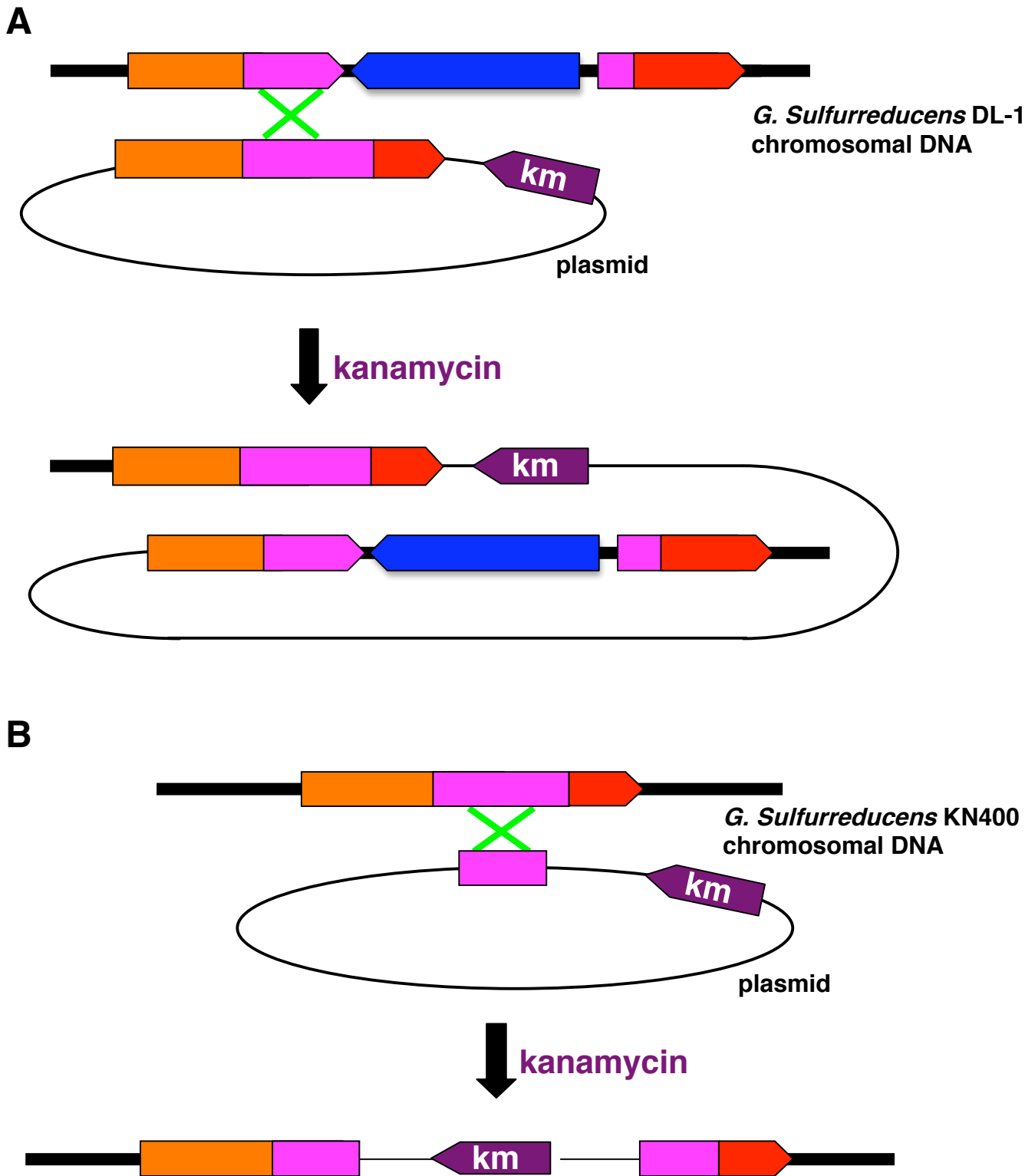


FIGURE S1. Schemes for genetic manipulation. A, Integration of the *fgrM* gene into *G. sulfurreducens* DL-1. B, Interruption of the *fgrM* gene in *G. sulfurreducens* KN400.

FIGURE S2

A

flagella

flhA CTGGCACAACGGTTGCA
flgB CTGGTACGGCTTTTGCT
fliL CTGGCATTTCGGTTGCA
flgJ TTGGCACATAACATGCT
fliD GTGGAGCCGGTTTTGCA

chemotaxis

cheY1 CTGGAACAAAGTATGCA
mcp2 TTGGCTGAACAATTGCA

others

dcuB TTGGTATCCCCCTTGCT
pilA TTGGTTCGGCTTTTGCT
fdnG TTGGCACAATGCTTGCC
nifH TTGGCATGGACGGTGCT
gnfK CTGGCATGCCTCGTGCC

CONSENSUS TGGCACGNNNNNTGCA
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B

fliC TTCTAAAGCTTTTTCCGGCTGCCGCCGATACGTG
fliD CACTAAAGTTTTTCCCAGTCAGGTCGATACATA
flgJ GGCTAAAGTTTTTTCAGAAGTTGGCCGATAGGTG
flaG TGCTAAAGTTTCCCTGCAGTCATCCGATATGAG
flbD AGCTAAAGTTTTCCGGTCCGCGGCCGAAACGAT
cheW1 TACTAAAATTTATGGACTCTTGCGCCGATGAGAA
cheY4 TGCTAAACGAAACGGGCAACCTGCCGATATGAA
mcp1 AGCTAAAGTCACAGCCATTTTGGTTCGATACTAA
mcp3 TGTAAAGGTCTGGGGAGGCCTGCCGATACAAT
mcp6 CCCTAAAGTATCGCCCTGATTGCGCCGATAACT
mcp7 TACTAAAGAAATATACATCTCTCTCGATAAGTA
mcp9 GGCTAAACTATCCGCCTTCCCCGCCGATACATT
mcp10 TACTAAACATTTTCTTACGACAGCCGATAAATT
mcp11 TCCTAAAGTTTGTAGTCGAACCGTGCCGATAGGGT
mcp13 GATTAAGTTTTTTCGGGATTGTGCCGAAATTAC
mcp15 ACCTAAAGTCAATCAGGAAAATCCCGATATGGA
mcp18 GGCTAAATATATTCACGTCTCAGTCGATGAGAT
mcp20 GATTAAGTAATCCGCGAATTTGTTCGATACGAT
mcp24 CGTTAAAGATGGGTGGCGGGCCGTGCAAGATA
mcp32 CCTTAAAGTTATTCGGGTATGCTCCGATACGCA
mcp33 TCATAAAGAATCTGCTTTGGTTGCCGATGTAGA
hrfP TGCTAAAGTTTCCAACGGTTGTGCCGATAACTT
Consensus GCTAAAGTTTT GCCGATA GA/T

FIGURE S2. Promoter elements in flagella-related genes in *G. sulfurreducens* DL-1. A, RpoN-dependent promoter elements. Highly conserved nucleotides are indicated in bold letters. RpoN-dependent promoter elements of *flgB*, *fliL*, *dcuB*, *fdnG*, *nifH*, *gnfK*, and *pilA* in *G. sulfurreducens* DL-1 were previously reported (Juárez *et al*, 2009; Leang *et al*, 2009; Ueki and Lovley, 2010), while those of *flhA*, *flgJ*, *fliD*, *cheY1*, and *mcp2* were predicted on the basis of the conservation of sequences in *Geobacter* species. Most of the flagella-related genes shown here appear to be the first gene of the operon. B, FliA-dependent promoter elements. FliA-dependent promoter elements were predicted on the basis of the conservation of sequences in *Geobacter* species. Some of them were previously predicted (Tran *et al*, 2008).

FIGURE S3

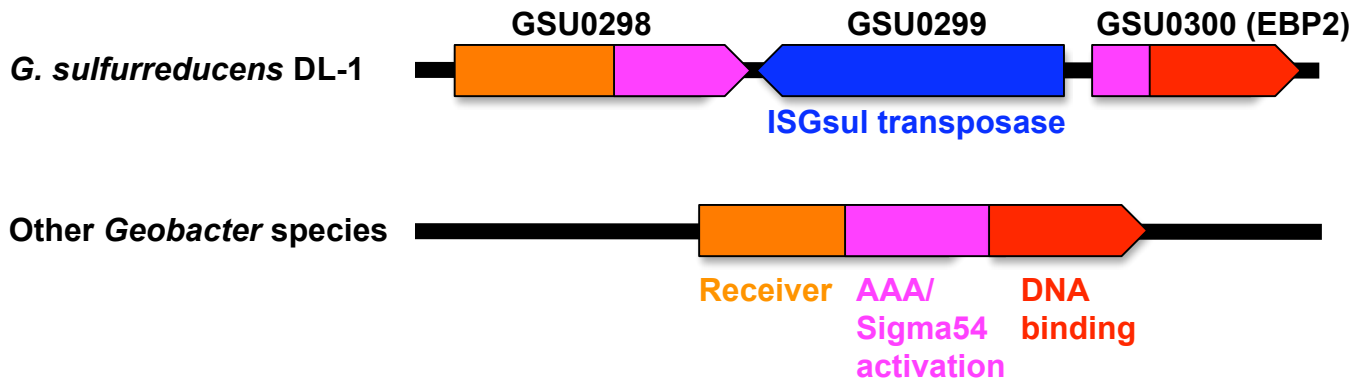


FIGURE S3. **Gene organization.** The gene encoding EBP2 in *G. sulfurreducens* DL-1 lacks a regulatory domain and most of a AAA/Sigma54 activation domain, while its homologues in other *Geobacter* species encode a typical enhancer-binding protein consisting of an N-terminal regulatory (receiver) domain, a central AAA/Sigma54 activation domain, and a C-terminal DNA-binding domain. In *G. sulfurreducens* DL-1, a gene encoding a regulatory domain and most of a AAA/Sigma54 activation domain that are homologous to those of the EBP2 homologues in other *Geobacter* species is located upstream of the gene encoding a transposase that is located upstream of the EBP2 gene.

FIGURE S4

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GDL1 (EBP2) -----
GDL1 (0298) METPRLLIADDDKKTRDFVTAFLKYKGYDVVQAFDGDQDALEKLEVEDVHLVITDLMMPRVNGLEFVKKLKAMRPGTVVIA
GKN400      METPRLLIADDDKKTRDFVAAFLKYKGYDVVQAFDGDQDALEKLEVEDVHLVITDLMMPRVNGLEFVKKLKAMRPGTVVIA
Gmet       MDTPRLLIADDDKKTRDFVAAFLKYKGYDVVQACDGDQDALDKLETEEVHLVITDLMMPRVNGLEFVKKLKTMRPGTVIIA
Gura       MDSARILLIADDDKKTRDFVAAFLSYKGYQVFQASDGDQDALEKIELNDVHMVITDLMMPRVNGLEFIKKLKAMRPEIVTIA
GFRC32     MESARILLIADDDKKTRDFVAAFLSYKGYQVFQAGDGDQDALEKIELNDVQMVITDLMMPRVNGLEFIKKLKAMRPEIVTIA
Gbem       METPKILLIADDDKKTRDFVAAFLSYKGYQVYQAFDGDQDALQKIELHEVQMVITDLMMPRVNGLEFIKQLKSIKRPDIVTIA
GM21       METPKILLIADDDKKTRDFVAAFLSYKGYQVYQAFDGDQDALQKIELHEVQMVITDLMMPRVNGLEFIKQLKSIKRPDIVTIA
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GDL1 (EBP2) -----
GDL1 (0298) YSAFGNYEMTSNLLKAGVFFYLEKPFNLDELETHVKRGLHEHQSLQSQTYRSKPALKSRSLIPNIIGESPRMLSLFELIEK
GKN400      YSAFGNYEMTSNLLKAGVFFYLEKPFNLDELETHVKRGLHEHQSLQSQTYRSKPALKSRSLIPNIIGESPKMLSLFELIEK
Gmet       YSAFGNYEMASNLLKAGVFFYLEKPFNLDELETHVKRGLHEHQSLQSQTYRAKPAKLNRAIMPNIIGESSKMLSLFELIEK
Gura       YSAFANFEMTANLLKAGAFFYLEKPFNLEELETHVKRGLHEHQALQRQSEFKSKPCIKNRSLLNIIIGESDRMLSLFEMIEK
GFRC32     YSAFANYEMTANLLKAGAFFYLEKPFNLEELETHVKRGLHEHQTLQRQSEFKAKPCIKNRSLLNIIIGESEKMLSLFEMIEK
Gbem       YSAFANFEMTANLLKAGAFFYLEKPFNLEELETHVKRGLHEHQALQSKSFRSKPCIKNRALLNIIIGESEKMLSLFEMIEK
GM21       YSAFANFEMTANLLKAGAFFYLEKPFNLEELETHVKRGLHEHQALQSKSFRSKPCIKNRALLNIIIGESEKMLSLFEMIEK

GDL1 (EBP2) -----
GDL1 (0298) VAESDSTVLIQGESGTGKELVARAVHDLNKRNRNFVPVNC AAIPELLESELFGHVKGSFTGAIATRIGRFEMADKGTL
GKN400      VAESDSTVLIQGESGTGKELVARAVHDLNKRNRNFVPVNC AAIPELLESELFGHVKGSFTGAIATRIGRFEMADKGTL
Gmet       VAESDSTVLIQGESGTGKELVARAVHDLNKRNRNFVPVNC AAIPELLESELFGHVKGSFTGAVANRIGRFEMADRGTL
Gura       VAGSDSTVLIQGESGTGKELVARAIHDLNKRNRNFVPVNC AAIPELLESELFGHVKGSFTGAVATRIGRFEMADRGTL
GFRC32     VAGSDSTVLIQGESGTGKELVAKAIHDLNKRNRNFVPVNC AAIPELLESELFGHVKGSFTGAVATRIGRFEMADRGTL
Gbem       VATSDSTVLIQGESGTGKELVARAIHDLNKRNRNFVPVNC AAIPELLESELFGHVKGSFTGAVASRIGRFEMADKGTL
GM21       VATSDSTVLIQGESGTGKELVARAIHDLNKRNRNFVPVNC AAIPELLESELFGHVKGSFTGAVASRIGRFEMADKGTL

GDL1 (EBP2) -----
GDL1 (0298) FLDEIGDMKPNLQVKLLRVLQONRELEPVGATR SKKVDVRIIAATNQNLKLVASKQFREDLFYRISVIPFIPIPLRDRRE
GKN400      FLDEIGDMKPNLQVKLLRVLQONRELEPVGATR SKKVDVRIIAATNQNLKLVASKQFREDLFYRISVIPFIPIPLRDRRE
Gmet       FLDEIGDMKPNLQVKLLRVLQONRELEPVGATR SKKIDVRIIAATNQNLKLVATKQFREDLYYRISVIPFIPIPLRERKE
Gura       FLDEIGDMKPNLQVKLLRVLQONRELEPVGAARTKKVDVRIIAATNQNLKLVASKIFREDLYYRISVIPITLPLRERKT
GFRC32     FLDEIGDMKPNLQVKLLRVLQONRELEPVGAARTKKVDVRIIAATNQNLKLVASKIFREDLYYRISVIPIMLPLRERKS
Gbem       FLDEIGDMKANLQVKLLRVLQONRELEPVGSTRSKKVDVRIIAATNQNLKLVASKIFREDLYYRISVIPIMLPLRERGS
GM21       FLDEIGDMKANLQVKLLRVLQONRELEPVGSTRSKKVDVRIIAATNQNLKLVASKIFREDLYYRISVIPIMLPLRERGS

GDL1 (EBP2) MGQQWVNTFLDRFNRNKKSKVKGIDADAMEILCGYDWP GNVRELENLVERLVILKGFGLGVKDLPEKYTGVSLSA--PS
GDL1 (0298) DIPLLVNTTAVP-----
GKN400      DIPLLVNTFLDRFNRNKKSKVKGIDADAMEILCGYDWP GNVRELENLVERLVILKGFGLGVKDLPEKYTGVSLSA--PS
Gmet       DIPLLVNSFLERFNRNKKSKVKGIDSDAMDLLVHYDWP GNVRELENLVERLVILKGFGLGVKDLPEKFGVVTISP--PS
Gura       DIPLLNNFLEKFNKNKQKRVQSFDKNTMDILCNFDWP GNVRELENLVERLVILKGSGLTTFQDLPEKYRGIKSAP--KS
GFRC32     DVPLLNNFLEKFNKNKQKRVQSFDKNTMDILCNFDWP GNVRELENLVERLVILKGSGLTTFQDLPEKYRGIKSAG--KS
Gbem       DVPLLNSFLEKFNRSKQKRVQGFQDKQVMEILSNYDWP GNVRELENLVERLVIIKTTGVISIHDLPKYRGRSTTTVLHG
GM21       DVPLLNSFLEKFNRSKQKRVQGFQDKQVMEILSNYDWP GNVRELENLVERLVIIKTTGVISIHDLPKYRGRSTTTVLHG

GDL1 (EBP2) ETLALPDAGICLNTVVEEFENNLILQALKKTGGNKKEAALLNLKRTT LIEKLRKRLDVI STSLA
GDL1 (0298) -----
GKN400      ETLALPDAGICLNTVVEEFENNLILQALKKTGGNKKEAALLNLKRTT LIEKLRKRLDVI STSLA
Gmet       ESMTLPD SGICLNTVVEEFENNLILQALKKTGGNKKEAALLNLKRTT LIEKLRKRLDVI STSFA
Gura       ERLTLPD TGFLNSAVEDFENRLILQALEKTGGNKKEAALLNLKRTT LIEKLRKRLDVI STSFA
GFRC32     EQTLPD SGFLNSAVEDFENRLILQALEKTGGNKKEAALLNLKRTT LIEKLRKRLDVI STSFA
Gbem       EPMTLPD DGFLNSAVEDFENRLILQALEKSGGNKKEAALLNLKRTT LIEKLRKRLDVI STSFA
GM21       EPMTLPD DGFLNSAVEDFENRLILQALEKSGGNKKEAALLNLKRTT LIEKLRKRLDVI STSFA

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FIGURE S4. Alignment of EBP2 homologues. The putative phosphorylation site (D, Asp) is indicated in red with an asterisk. GDL1; *G. sulfurreducens* DL-1, GKN400; *G. sulfurreducens* KN400, Gmet; *G. metallireducens*, Gura; *G. uraniireducens*, GFRC; *Geobacter* sp. FRC-32, Gbem; *G. bemidjiensis*, GM21; *Geobacter* sp. M21.

FIGURE S5

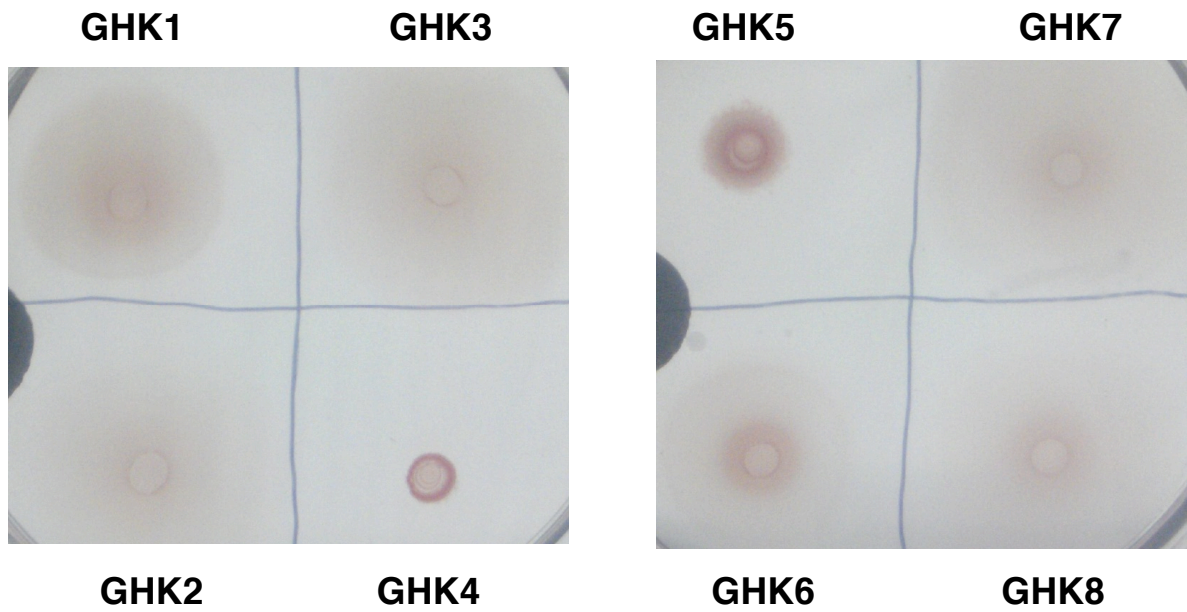


FIGURE S5. **Motility of mutants of histidine kinases conserved in *Geobacter* species.** Mutants were spotted on agar (0.3%) plates containing the NBAF medium and incubated for an extended period (8days).

FIGURE S6

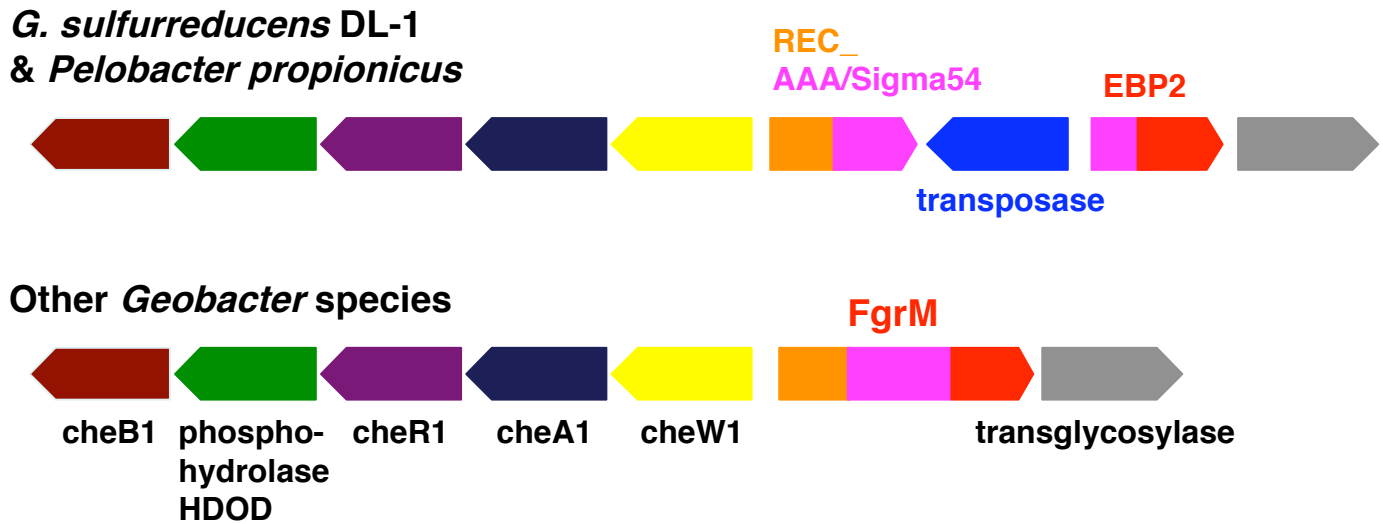


FIGURE S6. Arrangement of genes surrounding the *fgrM* gene. Genes surrounding the *fgrM* gene are conserved in *Geobacter* species. The same arrangement with that in *G. sulfurreducens* DL-1 is found in *Pelobacter propionicus*.

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