

**Table S1:** Strains, plasmids and primers used in this study

Strain	Description	Reference
<i>Xylella fastidiosa Temecula 1</i>	Wild type strain	ATCC700964
KLN61	<i>X. fastidiosa Temecula1 rpfF::kanR</i>	4
SC8	<i>X. fastidiosa Temecula1 rpfC::kanR</i>	13
MIX1	<i>X. fastidiosa Temecula1 ΔphoA (kanR)</i>	This study
XfHA	MIX1 pXfHA ( <i>hxfa'</i> :: <i>phoA</i> )	This study
XfHB	MIX1 pXfHB ( <i>hxfb'</i> :: <i>phoA</i> )	This study
XfR	MIX1 pXfR ( <i>rrsH'</i> :: <i>phoA</i> )	This study
XfPL	MIX1 pXfPL (promoterless <i>phoA</i> )	This study
<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> 8523	<i>rpfF::kanR</i>	3
<i>Escherichia coli</i> DH5α		Invitrogen
<i>Erwinia herbicola</i> 299R		33
Plasmid	Description	Reference
pUC19	Cloning vector, <i>ampR (bla)</i>	Invitrogen
pBBR1MCS-2	<i>kanR</i> gene ( <i>aph(3')II</i> )	25
pBBR1MCS-5	<i>gentR</i> gene ( <i>aaaCI</i> )	25
pFXFkan	pUC19 <i>kanR</i> gene from pBBR1MCS-2	This study
pFXFphoA	pFXFkan <i>gltT'-kanR-mesJ'</i> ( <i>phoA</i> knockout vector)	This study
pXfPL	pBBR1MCS-5 <i>X. fastidiosa phoA</i>	This study

pXfHA	pXfPL <i>hxfa'</i> :: <i>phoA</i>	This study
pXfHB	pXfPL <i>hxfb'</i> :: <i>phoA</i>	This study
pXfR	pXfPL <i>rrsH'</i> :: <i>phoA</i>	This study
pVSP61	pVS1 and pACY184 Ori, <i>kanR</i>	32
pKLN55	pVSP61 <i>Xcc engXCA'</i> :: <i>gfp</i>	4
pVSP61- <i>rpfF</i>	pVSP61 <i>kanR'</i> :: <i>rpfF</i>	This study
<b>Primer name</b>	<b>Sequence (5' → 3')</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Cloning primers</b>		
<i>rpfF</i> -F/HindIII	GCAAGCTTAGGAGGACAGCTATGTCCGCTGTACATCCCATTCC	Construction of pVSP61- <i>rpfF</i>
<i>rpfF</i> -R/EcoRI	GCGAATTCTCAGTTTTAGTGCTGTGTTTGTGAGTCTG	
<i>kan</i> Promoter-F/EcoRI	GCGAATTCCCTGTCTCTTATACACATC	
<i>kan</i> Promoter-R/HindIII	GCAAGCTAACACCC CTTGTATTAC	
<i>kan</i> -F/BamHI	TTGTAGTAGGATCCTGTGTGAAATTGTTATCCG	Construction of pFXF <i>kan</i>
<i>kan</i> -R/BamHI	TTGTCGGATCCAAGCCCCAAGAGACGGCCCCGAG	
<i>phoA</i> GENOM E-F	TCTGCTGCCACTTCTACTACCCAG	Verifying <i>phoA</i> deletion
<i>phoA</i> GENOM E-R	GTGGCAACTTGATCGGCACG	
<i>gltT</i> -F/EcoRI	TTGTAGTAGAATTCCCTGGCGCGACACCCCTG	Construction of pFX <i>phoA</i>
<i>gltT</i> -R/KpnI	TTGTAGTAGGTACCGCTATGGCAAATGACACGAC	
<i>mesJ</i> -F/XbaI	TTGTAGTATCTAGACCAGAGCAGGGAGTGAACCAC	
<i>mesJ</i> -R/HindIII	TTGTAGTAAAGCTTCAATCCAATCCAGGTGCTGC	
XfPL-F/SacI	TTTACCTTGAGCTAAAGGAAGGAATGGTCATGTTCCGACGTTT TTCTACTTTC	Construction of pXfPL (promoterless)

<i>Xf</i> PL-R/XbaI	TTTACCTTCTAGATTCGCTGTGCTCGTGGACATCAG	<i>phoA)</i>
<i>Ec</i> LAC-F/SacI	ATATACGCGAGCTCCCACTGCGATGCTGGTTGCC	Construction of p <i>Ec</i> LAC  ( <i>lacZ'::phoA</i> )
<i>Ec</i> LAC-R/SacI	ATATACGCGAGCTCGGGATGTGCTGCAAGGCGATTAAG	
<i>Xf</i> HA-F/SacI	ATATAGTCGAGCTCGTTGGCTTATAAAGCACTGG	Construction of p <i>Xf</i> HA  ( <i>hxFA'::phoA</i> )
<i>Xf</i> HA-R/SacI	ATATAGTCGAGCTTAGGGATGGAGGCAGGCACG	
<i>Xf</i> HB-F/SacI	ATATAGTCGAGCTCCATCCATACACGTGCAACCTG	Construction of p <i>Xf</i> HB  ( <i>hxFB'::phoA</i> )
<i>Xf</i> HB-R/SacI	ATATAGTCGAGCTTAATCTGAGGTACCGCCGGGTGC	
<i>Xf</i> R-F/SacI	ATATAGTCGAGCTTGTTGGCAAGCGGTGGTGAC	Construction of p <i>Xf</i> R  ( <i>rrsH'::phoA</i> )
<i>Xf</i> R-R/SacI	ATATAGTCGAGCTCTGCCAGCGTTCACTC	
<b>qPCR primers</b>		
<i>rpoD</i>	GGCTTGAGCGAGGTACAAG  CGTCAACCTCAACAATGGAC	Endogenous control  gene 1
<i>rpsO</i>	CAGGTTGCACTGTTGACGGC  AAAAGACCACGGCGACTATG	Endogenous control  gene 2
<i>hxFB</i>	ACACCCACAGCTCCACTAC  TACCGGCAGCATCTACGTTG	