

Table S9. Complementation of the mutants inactivated for the Sigma factors of sporulation

Complementation of the *sigF* mutant

		<i>sigF</i> /630Δerm	complemented <i>sigF</i> /630Δerm
CD2469	<i>spoIIP</i>	0.001	12
CD3564	<i>spoIIR</i>	0.03	9
CD3499	<i>spoVT</i>	0.004	19

Complementation of the *sigE* mutant

		<i>sigE</i> /630Δerm	complemented <i>sigE</i> /630Δerm
CD1198	<i>spoIIIAG</i>	0.002	2
CD0126	<i>spoIIID</i>	0.001	0.7
CD2629	<i>spoIVA</i>	0.004	2.5
CD1230	<i>sigK</i>	0.002	0.4

Complementation of the *sigG* mutant

		<i>sigG</i> /630Δerm	complemented <i>sigG</i> /630Δerm
CD2688	<i>sspA</i>	0.02	0.7
CD3249	<i>sspB</i>	0.07	1.2
CD3499	<i>spoVT</i>	0.08	0.5
CD3551.1		0.006	1.3

Complementation of the *sigK* mutant

		<i>sigK</i> /630Δerm	complemented <i>sigK</i> /630Δerm
CD2401	<i>cotD</i>	0.005	0.15
CD0551	<i>sleC</i>	0.011	0.25
CD1433	<i>cotE</i>	0.01	0.15
CD1613	<i>cotA</i>	0.0005	0.05

qRT-PCR experiments were performed on two different RNA preparations for each mutant and each complemented strain. Cells were harvested after 14h of growth for the strain 630Δerm, the *sigE* and *sigF* mutants and the *sigF* mutant containing pMTL84121-*sigF* and the *sigE* mutant containing pMTL84121-*sigE* after 20h of growth for the strain 630Δerm, the *sigG* mutant and the *sigG* mutant containing pMTL84121-*sigG* and after 24 h of growth for the strain 630Δerm, the *sigK* mutant and the *sigK* mutant containing pMTL84121-*sigK*. The results presented corresponded to the mean of at least two independent experiments.