Supplementary figure for:

DNA transport into *Bacillus subtilis* requires proton motive force to generate large molecular forces

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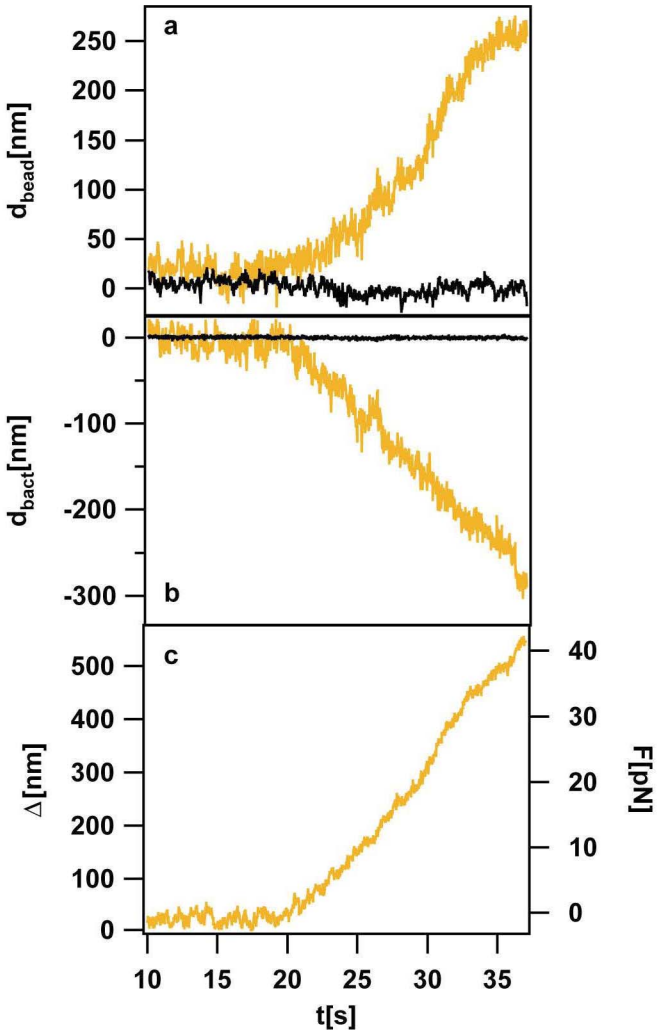

Supplementary Figure 1. Example for the distance between the bead in the optical trap and the bacterium attached to the glass coverslide during DNA uptake. **(a)** —— Horizontal and —— vertical deflection of the bead from the center of the laser trap as a function of time. **(b)** —— Horizontal and —— vertical deflection of the bacterium. **(c)** The change in distance between the bacterium and the bead (change in tether length) was obtained by $\Delta=((x_{bead}-x_{bact})^2+(y_{bead}-y_{bact})^2)^{0.5}$. The force acting on the bead was determined from the deflection data in a) with $k_{trap}=0.16pN\ nm^{-1}$.