

Table S1: Plasmids

Plasmid	Genotype
pAH25	<i>amyE::spec amp</i>
pAH54	<i>spec amp</i>
pMarA	<i>TnYLB-1 amp mls ori^{BsTs}</i>
pMiniMAD	<i>ori^{BsTs} amp mls</i>
pDG1515	<i>tet amp</i>
pDG268	<i>amyE::lacZ cat amp</i>
pDP374	$\Omega\Delta fliT mls amp$
pDR111	<i>amyE::P_{hyspank} spec amp</i>
pEX44	<i>lacZ cat amp</i>
pEC1	$\Omega\Delta motA mls amp$
pEC6	<i>amyE::P_{motA}-motAmotB spec amp</i>
pEC7	<i>amyE::P_{motA}-motAmotB^{D24N} spec amp</i>
pEC8	<i>amyE::P_{motA}-motAmotB^{D24E} spec amp</i>
pEC10	<i>amyE::P_{hyspank}-motAmotB spec amp</i>
pEC12	<i>pgsEΩlacZ cat amp</i>
pEC13	$\Omega\Delta mfd mls amp$
pEC14	$\Omega\Delta comQ mls amp$
pEC15	$\Omega\Delta flgL mls amp$
pEC16	<i>amyE::P_{motA}-motA^{P155T} motB spec amp</i>
pEC17	<i>amyE::P_{motA}-motA^{P155R} motB spec amp</i>
pEC18	<i>amyE::P_{motA}-motA^{R90H} motB spec amp</i>
pEC19	<i>amyE::P_{ywtD}-lacZ cat amp</i>
pEC20	<i>amyE::P_{hyspank}-degQ spec amp</i>
pEC24	<i>amyE::P_{motA}-motA^{R90G} motB spec amp</i>
pEC25	$\Omega\Delta pgsB mls amp$
pEC27	<i>amyE::P_{motA}-motA^{P203R} motB spec amp</i>
pEC30	<i>amyE::P_{motA}-motA^{P203T} motB spec amp</i>
pEC32	$\Omega\Delta comX mls amp$
pEC33	$\Omega\Delta comP mls amp$
pMP196	$\Omega\Delta degS mls amp$

Table S2: Primers

Primer	Sequence
93	ACCCGAATGTAAAACCGACAACGA
94	GAACAACCTGCACCATTGCAAGAACAGGTGTAAGATAATCAAAACGTT
95	TTGATCCTTTTATAACAGGAATTCAAGAAAATCGCGTGTGGAAATAG
96	ACGGACGATTACATTCAAGGCCGT
695	GCTTGTAAATTCTATCATAATTG
696	AGGGAAATCATTTGAAGGTTGG
822	TGAACAAATTACAATGTCCTAAAG
823	TGCGTCAATCGAGCTGCTCGC
1008	TGCAGCCGCTGAAGAATATGGCA
1535	CGGCACTGATCCATTCTCCGTCA
1536	CAATTGCCCTATAGTGAGTCGTGCCGCTTTCACCTCCTCTGA
1537	CCAGCTTTGTTCCCTTAGTGAGGCGTTTACCCCTCCCTTTCTCT
1538	GTGGCCCCATGATCACCAAGGCAA
2401	AGGAGGAATTCTTATCCGACTCGATATGAGCGAATA
2402	CTCCTCTCGAGAATACCGATTAACGAAGTTTATCCAT
2403	AGGAGCTCGAGAAGGACCGCTTGAAATTGAGAAC
2404	CTCCTGGATCCGCATCGGTCTTGAACGATATTTC
2465	CTCCTCTCGAGTTTCATTGTTCCGCTGCGCC
2471	CTCCTGGATCCTTGCTATTTCATTGTTCCGCTG
2472	AGGAGGTCGACAACCCTTATAACAACATTACGAT
2547	AGGAGCTCGAGAACCCCTTATAACAACATTACGAT
2548	CTCCTGGATCCGTAAAATAGCGCTCCAGCT
2571	CGTTCCTTACGCCAACATCCTTAACATTCTC
2572	GAGAAGAGTAAGGATGTTGGCGTAAGGAACG
2623	GGACAAGCACCAGAACGTCA
2630	CGTTCCTTACGCCAGATCCTTACTCTTC
2631	GAAGAGTAAGGATCTCGCGTAAGGAACG
2641	AGGAGGAATTCAAGTACTGTGAAAAGTATTG
2642	CTCCTCTCGAGTGACAGCATACTCTCGTCTC
2773	AGGAGGTCGACGATATTAAACCATAGACAAGCTAGTAAA
2774	CTCCTGCTAGCCCTGATATGTCACAAGGCTTC
2811	AGGAGGAATTCCATGCCGACATTGTTGTTGCAG
2812	CTCCTGGATCCGAATTATTATTGGCGTTACCGGTT
2840	AGGAGGAATTCCACGGCATAATGTCGGATTATGG
2841	CTCCTGGATCCAACCGTTGATGATGGATTAAAGTCA
2842	AGGAGGGATCCGCTGGGCATGCTGAAGGGCTTA
2843	CTCCTGTCGACAATCCAGCTGCTGTTCAACGGC
2844	AGGAGGAATTGATCAGGCCCTTATAGTTGTTA
2845	CTCCTGGATCCTGAGTAAGAAGTTGTGACAATCCT
2846	AGGAGGGATCCAGGAATGCTTATTAAGTTACAAAGG
2847	CTCCTGTCGACATCAATATCTACTTGAAATAGTCTTGA
2848	AGGAGGGTACCTGTTGATGTCATTCTCTGC
2849	CTCCTGTCGACACTCTGGCCGTTAATGCGCAAATT
2850	AGGAGGTCGACACTCTGGCCGTTAATGCGCAAATT
2851	CTCCTGGATCCTATTCTACATCTATTTAAATCAGGGT
2914	CTCAGCTTGCACACCGCGAAGGTCT
2915	AGACCTTCGCGGTGTGCAAGCTGAG
2916	GGAACGTACGCTCGGACACTGGAGTAC
2917	GTACTCCAAGTGTCCGAGCGTACGTTCC
2918	CAGGAACGTACGCTACGACACTGGAGT
2919	ACTCCAAGTGTCTAGCGTACGTTCTG
2955	AGGAGGAATTCATATCCATGAAGCGACACCTGCG

2956	CTCCTGGATCCCTCTTTGCAGTTAACATCGG
2957	AGGAGAAAGCTTGTACCCATACACAATTGATCT
2958	CTCCTGCTAGCATCCATTATTGTATCGGTAGAACGA
3001	CTCCTCTGAGGACAGCACAGGCTATAATGAGTAAC
3002	AGGAGCTCGAGCTGCTATTGAGCGGAGCGACCT
3003	CTCCTGAATTGGTAAAGCCAAGCGTCGCAATCG
3008	GGCTCAGCTTGCAGGCCGCAAGGTCTG
3009	CAGACCTCGCGGCCCTGCAAGCTGAGCC
3010	CAGGGTAGTGTATGGCATCGTTGCAAATAAATTAAAAC
3011	GTTTAATTATTGCGAAACGATGCCATAACACATAACCTG
3012	CAGGGTAGTGTATGGCATACTTCGCAAATAAATTAAA
3013	TTTAATTATTGCGAAAGTATGCCATAACACATAACCTG
3043	AGGAGGGATCCGACAAAGTCTCACAAATATGGATGA
3126	AGGAGGAATTGATCTGAAGATGAAGATAATCACCA
3127	CTCCTCTGAGTTAATTAGGTCTGCATCTGTATCC
3128	AGGAGCTCGAGCCTCAATGGGGTATTAATAGGTG
3129	CTCCTGGATCCAATACCAAGATTAAATATTGGTATGATAT
3130	AGGAGGAATTCTCTGATTGCACTAGCAAATGTAGCA
3131	CTCCTCTGAGTTAAGTTCTCAATTAAATCCACCT
3132	AGGAGCTCGAGGCTGATATTGAAATCGAATTGTAATGG
3133	CTCCTGGATCCGAAGAACGATTCTCTAGGTG
3899	AGGAGGGATCCCACGTATGTTCGAATTCAACAT
3900	CTCCTGCGGCCGCTTGTATTCTCTTGACTATG
3901	AGGAGGCGGCCGCGTCCGTTATCTCTTGACTATG
3902	CTCCTGTCGACACGGCTGCGTCGGTCTTACA

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES

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SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE LEGEND

Figure Legend S1. MotA/MotB are required for swimming motility but MotP/MotS are not. Swim plates of LB containing (+NaCl) or lacking (-NaCl) added NaCl and fortified with 0.3% agar were toothpick inoculated in the center of the plate and incubated at 37°C for 8 hours. Plates were filmed against a black background such that zones of colonization appear white and uncolonized agar appears black. Ancestral strain derivatives of *B. subtilis* readily swarm atop solid surfaces even surfaces solidified with 0.3% agar that normally supports swimming motility. To discourage swarming and encourage swimming motility, cells were mutated for surfactin synthesis (*srfAA*) and EPS biosynthesis (*epsH*). The following strains were used to generate this figure: wild type (DK1484), *motAB* (DK1492), and *motPS* (DK1493).

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