

1 **Supplemental Information.**

2 **FlgN function in flagellar based motility by *Bacillus subtilis***

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22 **Figure S1 Amino Acids Identified in Mass Spectrometry Identification of Hag.** The protein sequence
23 of Hag is shown with amino acids from peptide sequences which were identified by mass
24 spectrometry analysis in the identification of Hag in whole cell lysates highlighted in bold.

25 **Figure S2 Western Blot Analysis of FlgE.** Western blot analysis of cellular (including assembled
26 flagella) fractions of the wild-type (NCIB3610), $\Delta flgE$ (NRS4042), Δhag (DS1677), \DeltafliD (NRS4041),
27 $\Delta flgN$ (NRS3570) and $\Delta flgK-flgL$ (NRS4060) probed with the α -FlgE antibody.

28 **Figure S3 Characterisation of His-tagged FlgK Strains and Enrichment of Hook-Basal Bodies.** (A)
29 swimming expansion assay of wild-type (NCIB3610), $\Delta flgK-flgL$ (NRS4060), His-*flgK* (NRS4812) and
30 *flgK*-His (NRS4801). Photographs were taken after 24 hours incubation at room temperature. (B)
31 Coomassie stained SDS-PAGE gel analysis of flagellar hook-basal body proteins enriched from the
32 wild-type strain (NCIB3610). Mass spectrometry analysis of this sample is detailed in Table S4.

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35 Table S1 Strains used in this study.

Strain	Relevant Genotype ^a	Source ^b
NCIB3610 168	Prototroph <i>trpC2</i>	B.G.S.C. (1)
NRS1314	3610 <i>degU::pBL204 (cml)</i>	(2)
DS1677	3610 Δ <i>hag</i>	Kind gift D. Kearns
NRS1467	3610 <i>amyE::Phy-spank-gfp-lacI (spc)</i>	(2)
NRS2544	3610 Δ <i>ptkA</i>	(3)
NRS3070	168 <i>sacA::Phag-yfp (kan)</i>	pNW546 →168
NRS3076	3610 <i>sacA::Phag-yfp (kan)</i>	SPP1 3070 →3610
NRS3256	168 <i>amyE::P_{hy-spank}-flgN-lacI (spc)</i>	pNW380 →3610
NRS3570	3610 Δ <i>flgN</i>	pNW399 →3610
NRS3571	3610 <i>flgN</i> Y ⁴⁹ A	pNW801 →3610
NRS3578	3610 Δ <i>flgN</i> + <i>amyE::P_{hy-spank}-flgN-lacI (spc)</i>	SPP1 3256 →NRS3570
NRS3708	3610 Δ <i>flgN</i> + <i>sacA::P_{hag}-yfp (kan)</i>	SPP1 3070 →NRS3570
NRS3713	3610 Δ <i>flgN</i> + <i>sacA::P_{hag}-yfp (kan)</i> + <i>amyE::P_{hy-spank}-flgN-lacI (spc)</i>	SPP1 3256 →NRS3708
NRS3718	3610 Δ <i>flgN</i> <i>hag</i> T ²⁰⁹ C	pNW1010 →NRS3570
NRS3719	3610 <i>hag</i> T ²⁰⁹ C	pNW1010 →3610
NRS3724	3610 <i>flgN</i> R ⁴⁹ E	pNW1012 →3610
NRS3735	168 <i>amyE::P_{hy-spank}-flgKL-lacI (spc)</i>	pNW1017 →168
NRS4017	3610 <i>flgN</i> R ⁶⁰ E	pNW1028 →3610
NRS4041	3610 Δ <i>fliD</i>	pNW1034 →3610
NRS4042	3610 Δ <i>flgE</i>	pNW1036 →3610
NRS4043	3610 Δ <i>flgN</i> + <i>amyE::P_{hy-spank}-flgKL-lacI (spc)</i>	SPP1 3735 →NRS3570
NRS4060	3610 Δ <i>flgKL</i>	pNW1042 →3610
NRS4063	3610 <i>flgN</i> R ⁶⁰ A	pNW1027 →3610
NRS4064	3610 Δ <i>flgKL</i> + <i>amyE::P_{hy-spank}-flgKL-lacI (spc)</i>	SPP1 3735 → NRS4060
NRS4071	3610 Δ <i>flgKL</i> + <i>sacA::P_{hag}-yfp (kan)</i>	pNW1042 →NRS4060
NRS4078	3610 Δ <i>flgKL</i> + <i>sacA::P_{hag}-yfp (kan)</i> + <i>amyE::P_{hy-spank}-flgKL-lacI (spc)</i>	SPP1 3735 → NRS4078
NRS4794	168 <i>amyE::P_{hag}-lacZ</i> translational (<i>cml</i>)	pNW1069 →168
NRS4795	3610 <i>amyE::P_{hag}-lacZ</i> translational (<i>cml</i>)	SPP1 4794 →3610
NRS4796	3610 Δ <i>flgN</i> + <i>amyE::P_{hag}-lacZ</i> translational (<i>cml</i>)	SPP1 4794 →3570
NRS4798	3610 Δ <i>flgE</i> + <i>amyE::P_{hag}-lacZ</i> translational (<i>cml</i>)	SPP1 4794 →4042
NRS4799	3610 Δ <i>flgKL</i> + <i>amyE::P_{hag}-lacZ</i> translational (<i>cml</i>)	SPP1 4794 →4060
NRS4801	3610 <i>His-flgK</i>	pNW1063 →3610
NRS4812	3610 <i>flgK-His</i>	pNW1065 →3610

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37 ^a Drug resistance cassettes are indicated as follows: *kan*, kanamycin resistance; *mls*,
38 lincomycin/erythromycin resistance; *cml*, chloramphenicol resistance; and *spc*, spectinomycin
39 resistance.

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41 ^b The direction of strain construction is indicated with DNA or phage (SPP1) (→) recipient strain.
42 B.S.G.C. is the *Bacillus* genetic stock centre.

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45 Table S2. Plasmids used in this study.

Plasmid	Relevant Genotype ^a	Source
pDR111	<i>amyE</i> integration plasmid (<i>spc</i>)	(4)
pBL132	<i>cml^R</i> cassette in pUC19	(5)
pBL165	<i>amyE</i> integration plasmid <i>P_{spac-hy}-gfp mut2</i>	(5)
pDR183	<i>lacA</i> integration plasmid	(5)
pKM3a	<i>yfp amyE</i> integration plasmid	Kind gift D. Rudner
pSAC-KAN	<i>sacA</i> integration plasmid	(6)
pEHISGFPTEV	Protein expression vector	(7)
pDG1728	<i>lacZ</i> reporter fusion plasmid, <i>amyE</i> integration	(8)
pMAD	In-frame markerless mutation plasmid	(9)
pNW380	<i>flgN</i> coding region in pDR111	This study
pNW398	<i>flgN</i> in pUC19	This study
pNW399	Δ <i>flgN</i> in pMAD	This study
pNW546	<i>P_{hag}-yfp</i> in pSAC-KAN	This study
pNW642	<i>sigA</i> in pEHISGFPTEV	This study
pNW700a	<i>P_{hag}</i> in pKM3a	This study
pNW800	<i>flgN</i> Y ⁴⁹ A in pUC19	This study
pNW801	<i>flgN</i> Y ⁴⁹ A in pMAD	This study
pNW1006	<i>hag</i> in pBL132	This study
pNW1009	<i>hag</i> T ²⁰⁹ C in pBL132	This study
pNW1010	<i>hag</i> T ²⁰⁹ C in pMAD	This study
pNW1011	<i>flgN</i> Y ⁴⁹ E in pUC19	This study
pNW1012	<i>flgN</i> Y ⁴⁹ E in pMAD	This study
pNW1017	<i>flgKL</i> coding region in pDR111	This study
pNW1025	<i>flgN</i> R ⁶⁰ A in pUC19	This study
pNW1026	<i>flgN</i> R ⁶⁰ E in pUC19	This study
pNW1027	<i>flgN</i> R ⁶⁰ A in pMAD	This study
pNW1028	<i>flgN</i> R ⁶⁰ E in pMAD	This study
pNW1034	Δ <i>fliD</i> in pMAD	This study
pNW1036	Δ <i>flgE</i> in pMAD	This study
pNW1042	Δ <i>flgKL</i> in pMAD	This study
pNW1063	His- <i>flgK</i> in pMAD	This study
pNW1065	<i>flgK</i> -His in pMAD	This study
pNW1069	<i>P_{hag}</i> in pDG1728	This study

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47 ^a Drug resistance cassettes are indicated as follows: *cml*, chloramphenicol resistance and *spc*,
48 spectinomycin resistance.

49 Table S3 Primers used in this study.

Primer	Target	Sequence ^a	Position ^b
DEN5	<i>rRNA</i>	TCACGRCACGAGCTGACGAC	Internal 16S rRNA
DEN7	<i>rRNA</i>	ACTCCTACGGGAGGCAGC	Internal 16S rRNA
NSW652	<i>hag</i>	CCG <u>GAATTC</u> GAATTGACGCCCAAAGCATATTG	-272→-248
NSW653	<i>hag</i>	GGCAAGCTTCTGAATATGTTGTTAAGGCACGTC	-38→-14
NSW860	<i>sigA</i>	GCATCCATGGCTGATAAACAAACCCACG	+5→+22
NSW861	<i>sigA</i>	GCATCTCGAGTTATTCAAGGAAATCTTTC	+1095→+1116
NSW936	<i>flgN</i>	GCATGGATCCATC AGG CAG AAG CGA ATT CAG	-588→-558
NSW937	<i>flgN</i>	GCATTCTAGATAATTGCCTTCGCTGACATGG	+92→+123
NSW938	<i>flgN</i>	GCATTCTAGACTGTTTGT TCAAAAGCTTAGCAGAAAG	+453→+490
NSW939	<i>flgN</i>	GCATGTCGACCAACACAGTTGTATTTAGCT TGC	+1104→1137
NSW940	<i>flgN</i>	GCAT GTCGACAAGCAATAAAAAAGGAGAAAGCCC	-34→-1
NSW941	<i>flgN</i>	GCATGCATGCAATTCCTTTCTGCTAAGCTTTTGAATC	+469→+505
NSW942	<i>flgN</i>	ACAAAAGAGCAAAAAG CA ATTCAAGCAATCACG	+130→+162
NSW943	<i>flgN</i>	CGTGATTGCTTGAATT GC TTTTTGCTCTTTTGT	+130→+162
NSW1401	<i>hag</i>	GCATGGATCCGCGATCTCTGAAAA	+39→+52
NSW1402	<i>hag</i>	CGATGGATCCTCGTTTATATCGACTAAGT	+1103→1121
NSW1403	<i>hag</i>	GCAGATAATGCAGCAGATT GT GCTGATATCGGTTTCGATG	+107→+147
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NSW1404	<i>hag</i>	GCATCGAAACCGATATCAGC CA ATCTGCTGCATTATCTGC	+107→+147
NSW1436	<i>flgN</i>	ACAAAAGAGCAAAAAG GA ATTCAAGCAATCACG	+130→+162
NSW1437	<i>flgN</i>	CGTGATTGCTTGAAT TTCT TTTTTGCTCTTTTGT	+130→+162
NSW1438	<i>yvyF</i>	GAAAACCGCAATCAACTTTGAGC	+133→+156
NSW1439	<i>yvyF</i>	CTCGTGGTTCAAATGATCCATTTGATC	+322→+348
NSW1440	<i>flgM</i>	ATCAATCAATTTGGAACACAATCCG	+7→+31
NSW1441	<i>flgM</i>	GTCTACTTTGTATGACCCGTTTTTC	+196→+216
NSW1442	<i>flgN</i>	GCC GGC AAAACAAAAGAGCTTTCT	+97→+120
NSW1443	<i>flgN</i>	TCCGAGAACTTGAGAAAGAGATTCGTA	+283→+309
NSW1444	<i>flgK</i>	TACAACAAATCAGGCGGGAATGCA	+682→+705
NSW1445	<i>flgK</i>	AGACTCTATAAACCCATAAAAGGGATCCC	+894→+921
NSW1446	<i>flgL</i>	CAAGCGATTGGCGTAGAGGTA	+322→+344
NSW1447	<i>flgL</i>	GCCTCCAAAAGCTGACTTTGGATC	+526→+549
NSW1459	<i>yviE</i>	CTGCTCATTTTTAAGCTGGC	+64→+83
NSW1462	<i>flgK</i>	GCATGTCGACTTAGCAGAAAGGAATT	-22→-6
NSW1463	<i>flgL</i>	GACTGCATGCTTACTTTAAAAAGTCAAT	+880→+897
NSW1464	<i>flgN</i>	CAGACAGAAGATGAC GCG ATCAAAACAACCTCG	+163→+193
NSW1465	<i>flgN</i>	CGAAGTTGTTTTGAT CGCG TCATCTTCTGTCTG	+163→+193
NSW1466	<i>flgN</i>	CAGACAGAAGATGAC GAG ATCAAAACAACCTCG	+163→+193
NSW1467	<i>flgN</i>	CGAAGTTGTTTTGAT CTC GTCTCTTCTGTCTG	+163→+193
NSW1670	<i>hag</i>	GCAGGATCCAAGAAGAACAATCATTCTTTTGAAG	-766→-727
NSW1671	<i>hag</i>	TTGCGGTCGACGTGGTTAATTCTCATTGTTTTGTTCCCT	-12→+25

50 ^a Underlined sequences indicate endonuclease restriction cut sites. Bold sequences represent base pairs
51 mutated by site-directed mutagenesis.

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53 ^b Position of primer is indicated in relation to the translational start site (noted as +1) of the named gene.

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56 **Table S4. Mass spectrometry analysis of top 12 proteins identified from hook-basal body enrichment of**
 57 **NCIB3610.** The top 12 proteins from the NCIB3610 sample are presented as identified by their Mascot protein
 58 score.

Protein Rank	Protein Description	Mascot Protein Score	Coverage (%)	Unique Peptides	No. Peptides
1	flagellin [Bacillus subtilis subsp. subtilis str. 168]	13717.54	96.71	38	45
2	flagellar basal body rod protein FlgG [Bacillus subtilis subsp. subtilis str. 168]	6251.24	96.97	27	27
3	elongation factor Tu [Bacillus subtilis subsp. subtilis str. 168]	6107.34	92.42	38	38
4	surfactin synthetase [Bacillus subtilis subsp. subtilis str. 168]	3582.23	34.80	84	104
5	surfactin synthetase [Bacillus subtilis subsp. subtilis str. 168]	3267.57	38.44	77	97
6	flagellar MS-ring protein [Bacillus subtilis subsp. subtilis str. 168]	3254.30	70.34	32	32
7	flagellar hook-associated protein FlgK [Bacillus subtilis subsp. subtilis str. 168]	2784.52	73.77	27	27
8	putative flagellin [Bacillus subtilis subsp. subtilis str. 168]	2249.41	48.75	1	11
9	glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase [Bacillus subtilis subsp. subtilis str. 168]	1957.55	54.63	15	15
10	30S ribosomal protein S2 [Bacillus subtilis subsp. subtilis str. 168]	1776.43	84.55	26	26
11	flagellar capping protein [Bacillus subtilis subsp. subtilis str. 168]	1765.60	63.25	29	29
12	flagellar hook-associated protein FlgL [Bacillus subtilis subsp. subtilis str. 168]	1693.66	67.45	16	16

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60 **Plasmid Construction.**

61 **Construction of Plasmid pNW546.** Plasmid pNW546 was constructed to assay *hag* transcription
62 using YFP as a reporter. The promoter region of *hag* was PCR amplified from *B. subtilis* 3610
63 chromosomal DNA using primers NSW652 and NSW653 and ligated into pKM3a using EcoRI and
64 HindIII restriction sites to create pNW700a. pNW700a was digested with EcoRI and BamHI to release
65 the *Phag-yfp* fragment which was ligated into pSAC-KAN (6), to allow for integration at the non-
66 essential *sacA* locus.

67 **Construction of Plasmid pNW1017.** Plasmid pNW1017, used to introduce the *flgK* and *flgL* coding
68 regions under the control of the IPTG-inducible promoter $P_{hy-spank}$ at the non-essential *amyE* locus, is
69 a derivative of pDR111 (4). The coding regions of *flgK* and *flgL* (including ribosome binding site) and
70 the intergenic region were amplified from *B. subtilis* 3610 chromosomal DNA with primers NSW1462
71 and NSW1463. The PCR product was digested Sall/SphI and cloned into pDR111 cut the same.
72 Plasmid pNW380 for *flgN* was constructed in an identical manner using primers NSW940 and
73 NSW941.

74 **Construction of Plasmid pNW1069.** Plasmid pNW1069 was constructed to introduce a *hag'*-*lacZ*
75 translational reporter fusion at the non-essential *amyE* locus. The *hag* promoter, the *hag* 5'UTR and
76 the 5' end of the *hag* open reading frame (10) were amplified by PCR with the primers NSW1670 and
77 NSW1671 from *B. subtilis* 3610 chromosomal DNA. The PCR product was digested BamHI/Sall and
78 cloned into the BamHI and Sall sites of pDG1728 (8).

79 **Construction of Plasmid pNW1034.** Plasmid pNW1034 was constructed to introduce an in-frame
80 markerless deletion of *fliD* to the chromosome. A region of approximately 1000 bp, including 500bp
81 upstream of *fliD*, the first two codons and final two codons of *fliD*, and 500 bp downstream of *fliD*
82 was synthesised and cloned into a pUC cloning plasmid by Dundee Cell Products
83 (<http://www.dundeecellproducts.com/>). The $\Delta fliD$ region was excised from the pUC plasmid with
84 EcoRI and BamHI and cloned into the EcoRI and BamHI sites of pMAD (9). Plasmid pNW1036 and
85 pNW1042 were constructed in a similar manner. Synthesised sequences are detailed below.
86 Restriction sites are underlined and the first two codons and final two codons of each gene deleted
87 are highlighted in bold.

88 **Construction of pNW1063.** Plasmid pNW1063 was constructed to introduce a poly-Histidine epitope
89 tag at the N-terminus of *flgK*. A region of approximately 1000 bp including 500bp upstream of the
90 *flgK* transcriptional start site, the *flgK* start codon, a region encoding 10 Histidine residues and 500bp
91 downstream of the *flgK* transcriptional start site was synthesised and cloned into a pUC cloning

92 plasmid by GenScript (<http://www.genscript.com/>). The His-*flgK* region was excised from the pUC
93 plasmid with BamHI and cloned into the BamHI site of pMAD (9). pNW1065 was constructed in a
94 similar manner. Synthesised sequences are detailed below. Restriction sites are underlined and His
95 tag regions highlighted in bold underline.

96 **Regions of DNA synthesised for cloning into pMAD.**

97 *ΔfliD* used to construct pNW1034

98 GAATTCACAAGAAATCTAAAACAGAAGATTTTTTTCCAAAAATATGTGTAATCTTATCTCGACTTAGT
99 CGATATAAACGATAGATTGGGGCATAGGGGATGATCAATTGAACATTGAAAGGCTCACTACGTTACAA
100 CCTGTTTGGGATCGTTATGATACTCAAATACATAATCAGAAAAGATAATGATAACGAGGTTCTGTTCA
101 TCAAGTTTCATATACCAATCTTGCTGAAATGGTGGGGGAAATGAACAAGCTTTTGGAACCTTCGCAAG
102 TTCATCTGAAGTTCGAGCTTCATGACAAGTTAAATGAATACTATGTAAAGGTAATAGAGGACTCTACA
103 AATGAAGTGATCCGCGAAATTCACCAAACGGTGGCTTGATTTTTATGCGGCTATGACTGAATTTCT
104 TGGGTTATTTGTAGATGAAAAAAGTAGAATAGGAGTGGTTTGAG**ATGGTCCAATAAA**TGTAATTTGG
105 AGGATGACACATGGCGATCCAAAATCCATATACAGCCTATCAGCAAATTCAGTGAATACGGCTACAC
106 CCGGGGAGCTGACGCTTATGCTGTATAATGGCTGTTTGAAATTTATAAGACTTGCCGCTCAGGCCATT
107 GAGAATGATGATATGGAACGTAAAAATGAAAATCTGATTAAAGCGCAAAATATTATTCAGGAATTTAA
108 TTTTACACTTAACCGTAACATAGAGCTTTCCGCTTCTATGGGTGCGATGTACGATTATATGTATCGCA
109 GATTGGTACAGGCAAATATCAAAAATGATACGGGCATGCTGGCTGAGGTTGAAGGTTATGTAACAGAT
110 TTTTCGCGATGCTTGAAACAAGCCATTCAAAGTGAGCGGAAGGACCGGCACGGATCAGGCGGGATCGC
111 ATGAATAATATAGATCAACTATACACTGAGACGAAGAGTATGCTGTACACATACAAAAACGCCGGA
112 AAGCGATGAACTTTTAAAGCAAATGAAGACTTTGTGGCTACACGGTCTGAACTGATTCAGGAGATAT
113 CTCTGCCGCTTTCAGGATCC

114 *ΔflgE* used to construct pNW1036

115 GAATTCATGACTTCTATAAGTTCAGAATATAAACTGCCTGAAAAACGAACACTGTGTGCGACGAACAA
116 CAGCAGCTTGGGGAAAGACGAGTTTTTAAAAATATTAATGACTCAAGTTCAAACCAAGATCCGCTTA
117 ACCCGATTGACGATAAAGAATTTATCAGCCAGATGGCGACTTTTTCAAGCTTGGAGCAAATGATGAAT
118 CTGAATACGACAATGACTCAATTCGTTGAAAACCAAGATCCGTTTACAACGTATGTTGATTGGATGGG
119 AAAAGAAGTATCTTGGACTGATGGTAAAAGTGAACAGATAAAACAGGCACAGTAAGCTCTGTTAAAC
120 ATTTTAAAGGAAATATTATCTCGTTCTTGATGATGGGACCGAGATCAGTCTGCGAATGTCATGTCT
121 GTGGGACAATCATCTAAATAAAAACATCTGGGGGAATATAT**ATGTTACGTTAA**GGAGGGAGGGGAGG
122 CGAGTAATCGCTTCTCCGCTGTTTTATGATTAAAGTAACCCGTTTGAACGGGCAGCCCTTTACTACTGA
123 ATGCGCTATTTATTGAACAGATTGAATGTTTTCCGGATACTACAATTACTCTGTCAAATGGTAAGAAG
124 TTTGTAGTAAAAGAAGATGAAGAAGCTGTTCTGGAAAAGATCGCAGCTTCTACCGAAAAATACAAAT
125 ATTTGCAATGGATCAAGGAATAGAGGAACCGGAATGAAGAAAAAGTTAATGATCATATTACTAATTAT
126 TCTTATCGTAATTGGTGTCTCGGGCGGGCGCTTATTTTTGTTTTAGGCGAAAGTCCGAAAAAAGTG
127 AAGCGAAAAAAGTATTGATGAAATCGTTGCGTCTTCTGTTGATGTAGAAGAGATCACACAAATTTA
128 AAGTCTGATAACATTATCCGCTTGCTATTAACTTGAACTGATTCTGATAAATCAAAAAGAAGAACT
129 TGAGAAACGTGATTTCCAAGTGAAAGACGCTGTTATATCACTGCTGGCTGATACGAATGCTGGGATCC

130 *ΔflgKL* used to construct pNW1042

131 GGATCCTGTGTCAGCGAAGGCAATTATTGAACAATTGAAGCGACTTTGCGTTCTGCATGAGCACCTGCTC
132 ACGCTGTCTGAAGAAAAGACGGAAGCGCTCAAAGCCGGCAAAACAAAAGAGCTTTCTAACATTTTGAC
133 AAAAGAGCAAAAATATATTCAAGCAATCACGCAGACAGAAGATGACCGGATCAAACAACCTTCGGCCT

134 TTCTCGGATATAGCGAAAATAATACTATTTCCGCATGTATCGCCAAAACCTCAGGCAGTGAAAAGGAA
135 GAGCTGGAACAAC TATACGAATCTCTTTCTCAAGTTCTCGGACGTCTGAAAAAAGTAAATGAGATGAA
136 TAGGCAGCTGACAAGAGACGCGCTGCAATTCATCTCTATTTTCGTACGATATGCTGGTTCCTAAGGAAA
137 ATAAC T TCAATTACAGCAAATCAATTAAGCTGAGCTGCCGAAAAGTAGCAAATGAAACTGTTTTGAT
138 TCAAAAAGCTTAGCAGAAAGGAATTCAGAAAATGACAAAGTAAAGCGGCTCTTAGGAGTTCGCTTTTTTTT
139 ATAGTTCAGGAGGTAGAGTGATGCAGATTCCAGATTGATTATGCATAGTGTTC AAGGAAAAATTGGT
140 TTAACAACGACGCCTGCCAGCTTAAAAATGGAGCAGCCTCAAGCTGATCTAGAGATCGAACAGCCGAG
141 TGCGGAAATGGAAATATCGGTGACACCTGGAAAACCTCACGATTGACCAGACACAAGCATGGGAAGAAT
142 TAGACAGAAAAGCATGTTTTCAAGAGAATTGAAGAAGCCGCCAAC AAGGGCATGAGGATGTAATGGAG
143 GG AATAGCACGCACTGCAGAAGAAGGCGACGAGCTTATGAAGATTGAAAAAAGGGGAAACCAATCGC
144 TTCACAAGCAAGGAGGA ACTCTGAAATGCACCAAATTCAATTAGGCGAAAATTATGCTCCTTCTCTTT
145 CGAGGGTGAAAATACAATATACTCCGTACAGCTTGATGTGCAGATTACGCCGCGAAAAGCCTGGGATC
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147 *His-flgK* used to construct pNW1063

148 GGATCCCCATGTCAGCGAAGGCAATTATTGAACAATTGAAGCGACTTTGCGTTCTGCATGAGCACCTG
149 CTCACGCTGTCTGAAGAAAAGACGGAAGCGCTCAAAGCCGGCAAACAAAAGAGCTTTCTAACATTTT
150 GACAAAAGAGCAAAAATATATTCAAGCAATCACGCAGACAGAAGATGACCGGATCAAACAAC TTCGG
151 CCTTTCTCGGATATAGCGAAAATAATACTATTTCCGCATGTATCGCCAAAACCTCAGGCAGTGAAAAG
152 GAAGAGCTGGAACAAC TATACGAATCTCTTTCTCAAGTTCTCGGACGTCTGAAAAAAGTAAATGAGAT
153 GAATAGGCAGCTGACAAGAGACGCGCTGCAATTCATCTCTATTTTCGTACGATATGCTGGTTCCTAAGG
154 AAAAATAACTTCAATTACAGCAAATCAATTAAGCTGAGCTGCCGAAAAGTAGCAAATGAAACTGTTT
155 GATTCAAAAGCTTAGCAGAAAAGGAATTCAGAAAATG**CATCACCATCACCATCACCATCACCATCACAC**
156 ATCTACCTTTATGGGGCTTGAAACTGCAAGGCGGGCGTTAAGCGCTCAGCAGGCAGCGTTAAGCACTA
157 CTGCAAATAACGTGGCAAATGCCAATACTGATGGTTATAACAAGACAGCGGGTCTCATTGGAGGCAACT
158 GACTATTTCCCTGCTGTATCTAAAAATGCAGAAAAAACAGCGGGACAAATGGGTACGGGCGTTCAAGG
159 AAAATCAGTTGAGAGAATAAGAGATATCTTTCTTGACTACCAATACCGTCTTCAAACAACAGTGCCG
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210 Figure S1

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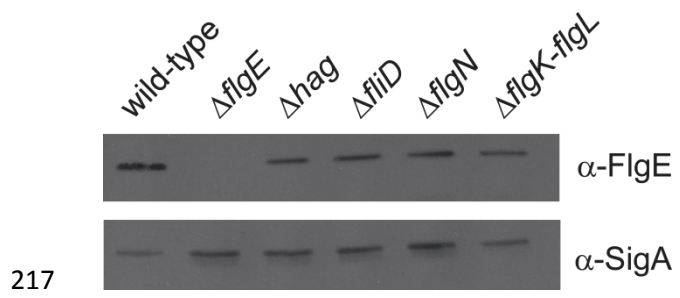
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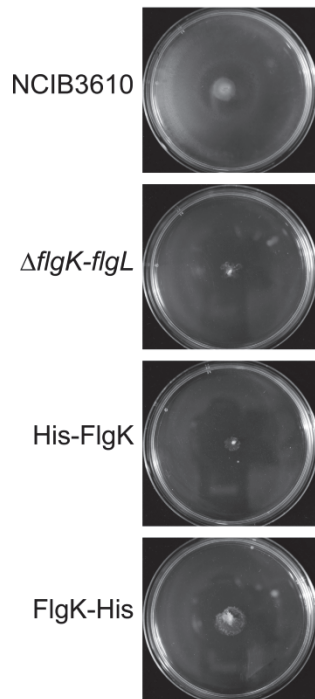
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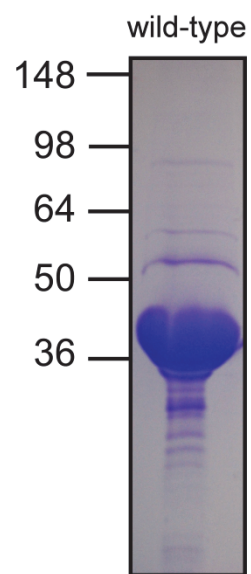


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