1 Supplemental material

2	The para-Nitrophenol Catabolic Gene Cluster is Responsible for		
3	2-Chloro-4-nitrophenol Degradation in Burkholderia sp. Strain SJ98		
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Carbon source ^a	Strains	$\mu_{ m m}({ m h}^{-1})^{ m b}$
PNP	SJ98	0.254
	SJ98∆pnpA1	0.191
2C4NP	SJ98	0.237
	SJ98∆pnpA1	0.166

12 **Table S1** Maximum specific growth rates (μ_m) of bacteria with different substrates

^a Bacteria, grown with 2 mM glucose as carbon source to an OD_{600} of 0.5, were induced by

14 0.3 mM of PNP or 2C4NP for 5 h, the cells were harvested, washed twice with MM prior to

inoculation for growth on PNP or 2C4NP (1% inoculums from culture with OD_{600} of 0.5,

16 *v/v*).

^b μ m was expressed with the average value (n=3).





Fig. S1 HPLC analyses of the intermediates generated during 2C4NP degradation by strain
SJ98 in whole cell biotransformation. The arrows indicate the trends of consumption or
accumulation of the compounds.





Fig. S2 Qualitative (A) and quantitative (B) HPLC analyses of the intermediates generated during degradation of PNP by PNP-induced strain SJ98 in biotransformation studies. The arrows indicate the trends of the consumption or accumulation of the compounds. The quantitative experiments were performed in triplicate; the results were the average of three independent experiments, and the error bars show standard deviations.



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Fig. S3 Biotransformation of PNP and 2C4NP by PNP-induced *Pseudomonas* sp. strain WBC-3. The quantitative experiments were performed in triplicate; the results were the average of three independent experiments, and the error bars show standard deviations.

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42 Fig. S4 SDS-PAGE of purified recombinant Pnp proteins. Lane M: molecular mass standards

43 (sizes in kDa are shown on the left); lane 1: purified His₆-PnpA; lane 2: His₆-PnpB; lane 3:

44 His₆-PnpCD; lane 4: His₆-PnpE and lane 5: His₆-PnpF.