## **Supporting Figures**

## Fig. S1

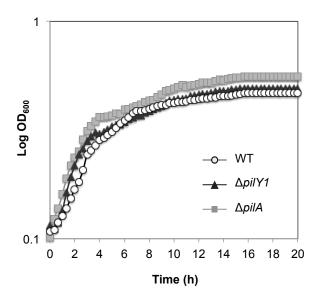


Fig. S1. The  $\Delta pilYI$  mutant has no growth defect. Growth curves of the WT, the  $\Delta pilYI$  and  $\Delta pilA$  mutant strains grown in M8 minimal media. Growth curves were measured by  $OD_{600}$  using a microtiter plate reader. Six biological replicates were tested, and showed similar growth pattern. Growth curves from one representative experiment are shown.