

Fig. S2. β-galactosidase activities of transcriptional reporter  $P_{pilYI}$ -lacZ and  $P_{fimS}$ lacZ in P. aeruginosa PAK strain background. (A) β-galactosidase activities of transcriptional reporter  $P_{pilYI}$ -lacZ in the WT (P. aeruginosa PAK) or its derivative pilYI mutant strain containing either empty vector or the pilYI expression plasmid (pPa-pilYI). Cells were grown in LB broth containing 30 µg ml<sup>-1</sup> carbenicillin (Cb) and 50 µM IPTG to mid-log growth phase (OD<sub>600</sub> = 1.0) and assayed for β-galactosidase activity. Values are the means ± standard error of the mean (SEM) ( $n \ge 4$ ). All values were significantly

different than WT when compared pair-wise, (P < 0.0018). (**B**)  $\beta$ -galactosidase activities of transcriptional reporter  $P_{pilYl}$ -lacZ in the WT (P. aeruginosa PAK) or its derivative mutant strains. Cells were grown in LB broth to mid-growth phase ( $OD_{600} = 1.0$ ) and assayed for  $\beta$ -galactosidase activity. Values are the means  $\pm$  SEM (n = 3). All values were significantly different than WT when compared pair-wise ( $P \le 0.01$ ). (**C**)  $\beta$ galactosidase activities of transcriptional reporter  $P_{fimS}$ -lacZ in the WT (P. aeruginosa PAK) or its derivative mutant strains. Cells were grown in LB broth to mid-growth phase ( $OD_{600} = 1.0$ ) and assayed for  $\beta$ -galactosidase activity. Values are the means  $\pm$  standard error of the mean (SEM) (n = 3). All values were significantly different than WT when compared pair-wise ( $P \le 0.01$ ).