

**S2 Table. Preferential expression of *cabABC* in biofilms<sup>a</sup>**

Locus tag	Gene	Product	Microarray		qRT-PCR	
			Mean Log <sub>2</sub> ratio <sup>b</sup>	<i>P</i> -value	Mean Log <sub>2</sub> ratio <sup>b</sup>	<i>P</i> -value
VV2_1571	<i>cabA</i>	A protein with putative calcium-binding motifs	2.766	6.67E-03	2.967	3.76E-04
VV2_1572	<i>cabB</i>	ABC-type transporter	1.544	2.50E-02	1.975	7.75E-07
VV2_1573	<i>cabC</i>	Membrane fusion protein (MFP)	1.411	2.92E-03	1.592	5.40E-04

<sup>a</sup> The consecutive *cabABC* genes were selected from the pool of genes that are up-regulated in biofilms (S1 Table). Their preferential expression in the biofilms was confirmed by qRT-PCR using the primer sets listed in S3 Table. Locus tag numbers and annotation of gene products are based on the database of the *V. vulnificus* CMCP6 genome, which was retrieved from GenBank. ABC-type transporter, ATP-binding cassette type transporter.

<sup>b</sup> The values represent the log<sub>2</sub> ratio of mRNA expression of each gene in the biofilms versus planktonic cells. The values shown are the mean from three independent experiments.