## **Supplementary information**

**Figure S1. Growth of** *E. coli* **EC93 strains in the presence of proteinase K.** *E. coli* EC93 strains were cultured in TB medium at 37 °C with shaking and growth monitored by measuring the optical density at 600 nm (OD). Where indicated, the culture medium was supplemented with 20 μg mL<sup>-1</sup> of freshly prepared proteinase K.

Figure S2. *E. coli* EC93  $\triangle cdiA$  mutants do not have growth or motility defects. A) *E. coli* EC93  $cdiA^+$  and  $\triangle cdiA$  mutants were cultured in tryptone broth supplemented with 0.5% glycerol at 37 °C with shaking and growth monitored by measuring the optical density at 600 nm. B) *E. coli* EC93  $cdiA^+$  and  $\triangle cdiA$  mutants were seeded at the center of 0.4% agar swim plates and incubated at 37 °C for 12 h. C) Cell mobility was measured as the radius of migration in cm and the average  $\pm$  SEM presented. D) *E. coli* EC93  $cdiA^+$  and  $\triangle cdiA$  mutants were harvested from biofilms after 2 h of incubation on polystyrene plates and total RNA isolated for real time-quantitative PCR analysis of *fliC*, pgaA, bcsA and wcaA transcript levels. The average  $\pm$  SEM is presented for three independent replicates.

**Figure S3. Forward scatter analysis of strains expressing CdiA**<sup>EC93</sup> **truncation and deletion constructs.** Strains CH9604 (*bamA*<sup>ECO</sup>) and CH9591 (*bamA*<sup>ECL</sup>) that carry pTNC-WEB (CDI<sup>-</sup>) or the indicated CDI expression constructs were grown in LB medium and analyzed by flow cytometry for forward scatter.

Figure. S4. Alignment of CdiA<sup>EC93</sup> and CdiA<sup>E264</sup> proteins. CdiA<sup>EC93</sup> (Uniprot: Q3YL96) and CdiA<sup>E264</sup> (Q2SV12) were aligned using Clustal Omega on the Uniprot web server (http://www.uniprot.org/align/) and the alignment rendered with Jalview. The TPS transport domains are indicated for each protein. The VENN and ELYN peptide motifs that demarcate the toxin CdiA-CT regions are depicted in red font.

Figure S1

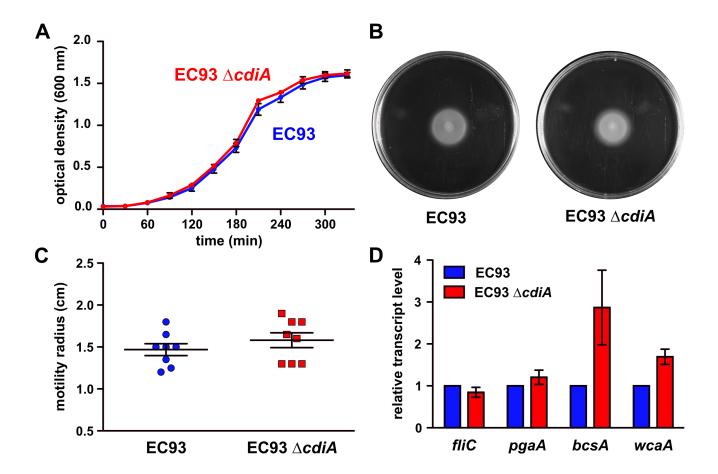


Figure S2

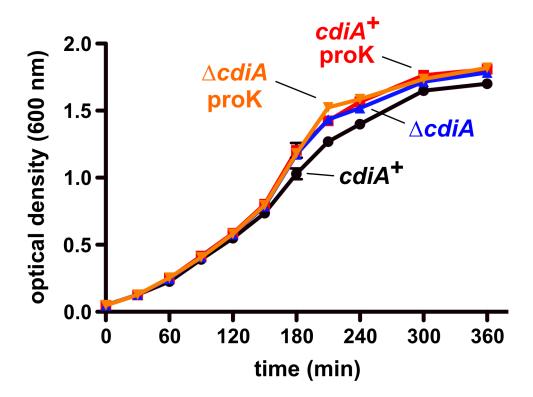
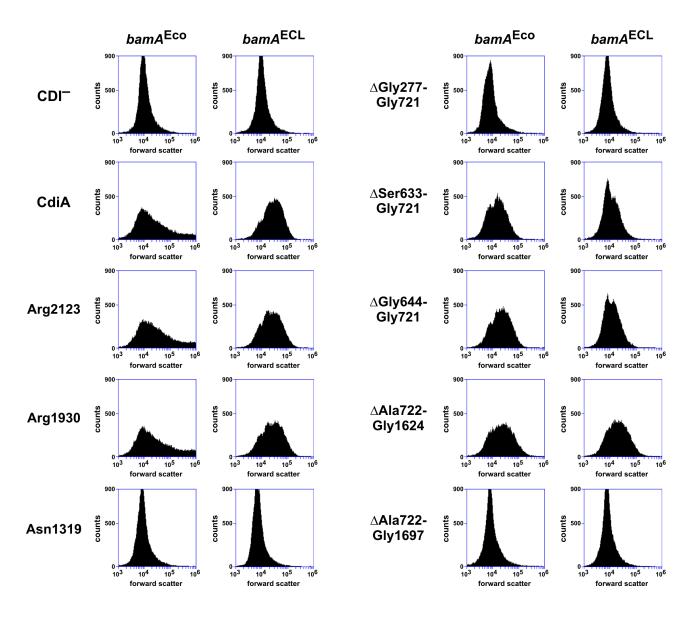


Figure S3



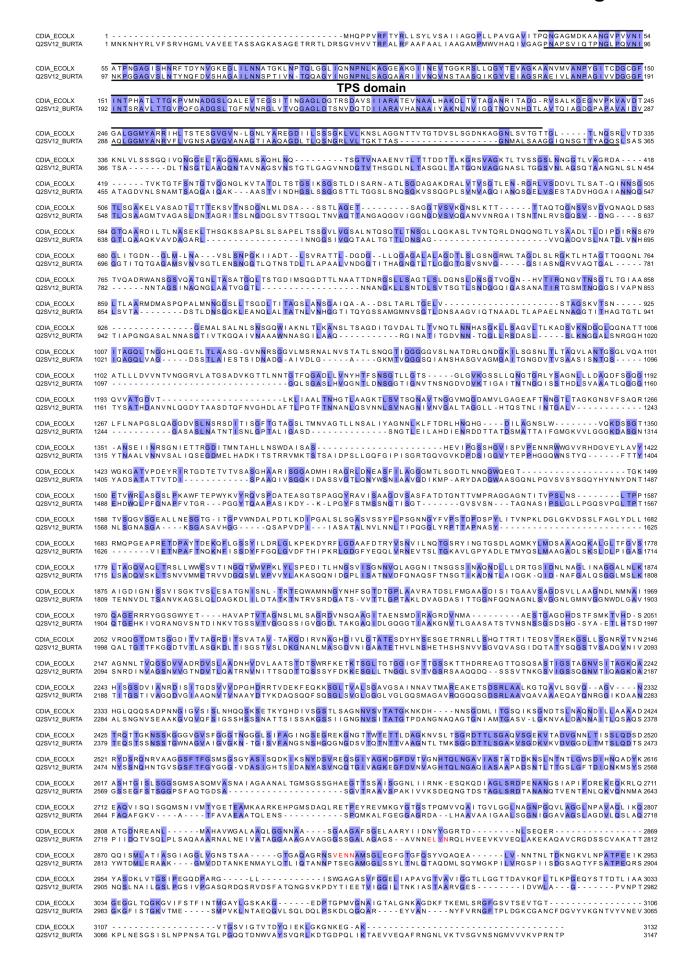


Table S1. Oligonucleotides

Oligonucleotide	<b>Description</b> <sup>a</sup>	Reference
∆cdiA-dn-Eco	5' - TTT <u>GAA TTC</u> TAA TAA GGA AGG GGC AAA ATG AAG	(Ruhe <i>et al.</i> , 2013)
ΔcdiA-dn-Xho	5' - TTT <u>CTC GAG</u> CGT CAG ATC TTT ACC GAT ATT CG	(Ruhe et al., 2013)
∆cdiA(CT)-up-Sac	5' - TTT <u>GAG CTC</u> GAT GAA AGC AGC CAG GAA AG	This study
∆cdiA(CT)-up-Bam	5' - TTT <u>GGA TCC</u> TAT GCA TTA TTC TCA ACC GAG TTC	This study
EC93-cdil(KO)-Sac	5' - TTT <u>GAG CTC</u> AGG AAA TTA AGT ACG CCT CTG ATA AGC	This study
EC93-cdil(KO)-Bam	5' - TTT <u>GGA TCC</u> TAT TTT GCC CCT TCC TTA TTA CCT TTT C	This study
EC93-cdil(KO)-Eco	5' - TTT <u>GAA TTC</u> GTT GTT GTT GAG AAT AAC TCG CTG AG	This study
EC93-cdil(KO)-Xho	5' - TTT <u>CTC GAG</u> TCC AGT ATT TTC CAC TAC CAT CTG G	This study
gfp(mut3)-Bam-for	5' - TTT <u>GGA TCC</u> AAG GAG ATA TAC ATA TGA GTA AAG GAG AAG AAC TTT TCA CTG G	This study
sfGFP-rev-Bam	5' - TTT CTG CA <u>G GAT C</u> CT TAT TTG TAG AGC TCA TCC ATG CC	This study
dsRed-Eco-for	5' - TAA <u>GAA TTC</u> CAC ACA GGA AAC AGC	This study
dsRed-Xho-rev	5' - TCG <u>CTC GAG</u> CTA CTG GAA CAG GTG G	This study
EC93cdiA-V33-Spe-for	5' - TTT <u>ACT AGT</u> GTC ATC ACC CCA CAA AAC G	This study
EC93cdiA-G285-Xho-rev	5' - CAG <u>CTC GAG</u> TTA TCC GGA ACT GCT CAG	This study
pgaA-for	5' - CAG AAA AAG GTG CCC GAA AAC C	This study
pgaA-rev	5' - GCA ATC TGT AAC CAG TCA GCA ATT TGG	This study
wcaA-for	5' - CTG GAA CCG CCA ACA ACT GG	This study
wcaA-rev	5' - AGC ATA ATC GCC TGG TTA CGT ACC	This study
bcsA-for	5' - TGA CCC GGT GGT TGC TTA TCC	This study

bcsA-rev	5' - GCG AGG CGT TGA TAT GCG G	This study
fliC-for	5' - GCA CAA GTC ATT AAT ACC AAC AGC CTC	This study
fliC-rev	5' - GCG CTG TTA ATA CGC AAG CCA G	This study
lac-Sac-for	5' - TTT <u>GAG CTC</u> GGT TTC CCG ACT GGA AAG CGG	This study
lac-OE-rev	5' - GCA TAT TCT CCT CGT GGG GTG TGA AAT TGT TAT CCG CTC AC	This study
cdiB-OE-for	5´ - GTG AGC GGA TAA CAA TTT CAC ACC CCA CGA GGA GAA TAT GC	This study
cdiB-Sac-rev	5' - TTT GAG CTC GGA TTT GCT GCA GCC TGC	This study
lacl-Eco-for	5' - TTT <u>GAA TTC</u> ACC ATC GAA TGG TGC AAA ACC	This study
CDI-up-Xho-rev	5' - TTT CTC GAG TCA CTG CCC GCT TTC CAG TC	This study
CDI-up-Kpn-for	5' - TTT <u>GGT ACC</u> GCG CGA TAA TTT CTT TCA GCC	This study

## Reference

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