

SUPPLEMENT

Cyclic di-GMP* regulates multiple cellular functions in the symbiotic α -proteobacterium *Sinorhizobium meliloti

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Media and antibiotic concentrations

TY medium (5 g/L tryptone, 3 g/L yeast extract, 0.4 g $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$). LB medium (10 g/L tryptone, 5 g/L yeast extract, 5 g/L NaCl). YM medium (0.5 g/L K_2HPO_4 , 0.5 g/L KH_2PO_4 , 0.2 g/L $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 0.1 g/L NaCl, 1 g/L yeast extract, 10 g/L mannitol, pH 7.2). MOPS-buffered minimal medium (MM) (10 g/L MOPS, 10 g/L mannitol, 3.55 g/L sodium glutamate, 0.246 g/L $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 0.25 mM CaCl_2 , 2 mM K_2HPO_4 , 10 mg/L $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 1 mg/L biotin, 3 mg/L H_3BO_3 , 2.23 mg/L $\text{MnSO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$, 0.287 mg/L $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 0.125 mg/L $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 0.065 mg/L $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 0.12 mg/L $\text{NaMoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, pH 7.2). MGM medium (11 g/L $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 3 g/L KH_2PO_4 , 0.5 g/L NaCl, 1 g/L sodium glutamate, 10 g/L mannitol, 0.2 mM CaCl_2 , 1 mM MgSO_4 , 1 mg/L biotin).

Plant medium (147 mg/L $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 68 mg/L KH_2PO_4 , 3.35 mg/L Fe citrate, 61.7 mg/L $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 43.5 mg/L K_2SO_4 , 0.169 mg/L $\text{MnSO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$, 123.5 mg/L H_3BO_4 , 0.144 mg/L $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 0.05 mg/L $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 0.028 mg/L $\text{CoSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 0.024 mg/L $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$)

Antibiotics were added to *S. meliloti* or *A. tumefaciens* cultures at the following concentrations: streptomycin, 600 mg/L, gentamicin, 40 mg/L, kanamycin, 200 mg/L tetracyclin, 10 mg/L. For liquid cultures of *S. meliloti* antibiotic concentrations were reduced to the half. For *E. coli*, 100 mg/L ampicillin, 10 mg/L gentamicin, 50 mg/L kanamycin and 5 mg/L tetracyclin were used.

TABLE S1 Strains and plasmids used in this study.

Strain or plasmid	Properties	Reference
<i>S. meliloti</i>		
Rm2011	Wild type, Str ^r	Casse <i>et al.</i> (1979)
Rm101	Rm2011 <i>mucR</i> ::Spec ^r	Becker <i>et al.</i> (1997)
Sm2B5001	Rm2011 Δrem	Bahlawane <i>et al.</i> (2008)
Rm2011mTn5STM.1.08.H02	Rm2011 mTn5 insertion into <i>rem</i>	Pobigaylo <i>et al.</i> (2006)
Rm2011mTn5STM.1.08.B07	Rm2011 mTn5 insertion into <i>flgH</i>	Pobigaylo <i>et al.</i> (2006)
Rm2011mTn5STM.2.11.F09	Rm2011 mTn5 insertion into <i>SMa0453-SMa0461</i> intergenic locus	Pobigaylo <i>et al.</i> (2006)
Sm2B3001	Rm2011 restored <i>expR</i>	Bahlawane <i>et al.</i> (2008)
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ <i>exoY wgeB</i>	Sm2B3001 $\Delta exoY wgeB$::pK18mob2-mCh	Charoenpanich <i>et al.</i> (2015)
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ <i>sinI</i>	Sm2B3001 $\Delta sinI$	McIntosh <i>et al.</i> (2009)
Rm2011 <i>exoY</i>	Rm2011 $\Delta exoY$	This work
Rm2011 <i>exoY wgeB</i>	Rm2011 $\Delta exoY wgeB$::pK18mob2-mCh	This work
<i>mucR exoY wgeB</i>	Rm101 $\Delta exoY wgeB$::pK18mob2-mCh	This work
<i>mucR SMC01792</i>	Rm101 <i>SMC01792</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ <i>SMC01792</i>	Sm2B3001 <i>SMC01792</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ <i>sinI SMC01792</i>	Sm2B3001 $\Delta sinI SMC01792$::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>pilA1</i>	Rm2011 $\Delta pilA1$	This work
Rm2011 <i>pleD</i>	Rm2011 <i>pleD</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMa0137</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMa0137</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMa0369</i>	Rm2011 $\Delta SMa0369$	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMa1548</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMa1548</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMa2301</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMa2301</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMb20389</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMb20389</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMb20447</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMb20447</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMb20523</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMb20523</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMb20900</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMb20900</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMb21517</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMb21517</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMc00033</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMc00033</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMc00038</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMc00038</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMc00507</i>	Rm2011 $\Delta SMC00507$ ($\Delta mcrA$)	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMc00507 SMC00999</i>	<i>SMc00507 SMC00999</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMc00887</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMc00887</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMc00992</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMc00992</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMc00999</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMc00999</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMc01464</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMc01464</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMc01792</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMc01792</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMc03141</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMc03141</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMc03178</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMc03178</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMc03942</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMc03942</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 <i>SMc04015</i>	Rm2011 <i>SMc04015</i> ::pK19mob2 Ω HMB	This work
Rm2011 ΔI	Rm2011 $\Delta pleD$	This work
Rm2011 ΔII	Rm2011 $\Delta I \Delta SMC04015$	This work
Rm2011 ΔIII	Rm2011 $\Delta II \Delta SMb20523$	This work
Rm2011 ΔIV	Rm2011 $\Delta III \Delta SMC01464$	This work
Rm2011 ΔV	Rm2011 $\Delta IV \Delta SMa2301$	This work
Rm2011 ΔVI	Rm2011 $\Delta V \Delta SMb20389$	This work
Rm2011 ΔVII	Rm2011 $\Delta VI \Delta SMb20447$	This work
Rm2011 $\Delta VIII$	Rm2011 $\Delta VII \Delta SMb20900$	This work
Rm2011 ΔIX	Rm2011 $\Delta VIII \Delta SMC00038$	This work
Rm2011 ΔX	Rm2011 $\Delta IX \Delta SMa1548$	This work
Rm2011 ΔXI	Rm2011 $\Delta X \Delta SMC03178$	This work
Rm2011 ΔXII	Rm2011 $\Delta XI \Delta SMa0137$	This work
Rm2011 $\Delta XIII$	Rm2011 $\Delta XII \Delta SMC00992$	This work
Rm2011 ΔXIV	Rm2011 $\Delta XIII \Delta SMC03942$	This work
Rm2011 ΔXV	Rm2011 $\Delta XIV \Delta SMC00887$	This work
Rm2011 ΔXVI	Rm2011 $\Delta XV \Delta SMC00033$	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔI	Sm2B3001 $\Delta pleD$	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔII	Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ $\Delta I \Delta SMC04015$	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔIII	Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ $\Delta II \Delta SMb20523$	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔIV	Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ $\Delta III \Delta SMC01464$	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔV	Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ $\Delta IV \Delta SMa2301$	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔVI	Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ $\Delta V \Delta SMb20389$	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔVII	Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ $\Delta VI \Delta SMb20447$	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ $\Delta VIII$	Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ $\Delta VII \Delta SMb20900$	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔIX	Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ $\Delta VIII \Delta SMC00038$	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔX	Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ $\Delta IX \Delta SMa1548$	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔXI	Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ $\Delta X \Delta SMC03178$	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔXII	Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ $\Delta XI \Delta SMa0137$	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ $\Delta XIII$	Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ $\Delta XII \Delta SMC00992$	This work

Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔXIV	Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔXIII <i>SMc03942</i>	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔXV	Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔXIV <i>SMc00887</i>	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔXVI	Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔXV <i>SMc00033</i>	This work
Rm2011 Gm ^R	Rm2011 pSM10 integrated into the chromosome	This work
Rm2011 ΔXVI Gm ^R	Rm2011 ΔXVI pSM10 integrated into the chromosome	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ Gm ^R	Sm2B3001 pSM10 integrated into the chromosome	This work
Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔXVI Gm ^R	Rm2011 <i>expR</i> ⁺ ΔXVI pSM10 integrated into the chromosome	This work
PleD-EGFP	Rm2011 <i>pleD::pK18mob2-pleD-egfp</i>	This work
SMB20447-EGFP	Rm2011 <i>SMB20447::pK18mob2-SMB20447-EGFP</i>	This work
SMB20523-EGFP	Rm2011 <i>SMB20523::pK18mob2-SMB20523-EGFP</i>	This work
SMB21517-EGFP	Rm2011 <i>SMB21517::pK18mob2-SMB21517-EGFP</i>	This work
SMc01464-EGFP	Rm2011 <i>SMc01464::pK18mob2-SMc01464-EGFP</i>	This work
SMc03178-EGFP	Rm2011 <i>SMc03178::pK18mob2-SMc03178-EGFP</i>	This work
A. tumefaciens		
NTL4 (pZLR4)	Derivative of NT1 with an internal deletion of the <i>tetC58</i> locus, <i>traG-lacZ</i> , Gm ^r	Shaw <i>et al.</i> (1997)
E. coli		
S17-1	<i>E. coli</i> 294 Thi RP4-2-Tc::Mu-Km::Tn7 integrated into the chromosome	Simon <i>et al.</i> (1983)
DH5α	F ⁻ <i>endA1 supE44 thi-1-recA1 gyrA96 relA1 deoRD(lacZYA-argF)U169</i>	Grant <i>et al.</i> (1990)
M15pREP4	Nx ^s Str ^s Rif ^s Thi ⁻ Lac ⁻ Ara ⁺ Gal ⁺ Mtl ^r F ⁻ RecA ⁺ Uvr ⁺ Lon ⁺	Qiagen, Hilden, Germany
Plasmid		
pDJS31	pET24b(+); <i>dgcAWT</i> , Km ^r	Skotnicka <i>et al.</i> (2015)
pK18mob2-EGFP	pK18mob2::EGFP, <i>lacZ</i> , <i>mob</i> , Km ^r	N. Meier
pK18mobsacB	<i>lacZ</i> , <i>mob</i> , <i>sacB</i> , Km ^r	Schäfer <i>et al.</i> (1994)
pK19mob2ΩHMB	integrative plasmid containing a transcription-termination sequence, Km ^r	Luo <i>et al.</i> (2005)
pPHU231-EGFP	broad-host-range low copy expression vector containing <i>egfp</i> , used for generating promoter-EGFP fusions, Tc ^r	M. McIntosh
pMMB67EH	broad-host-range expression vector containing <i>tac</i> promoter, Gm ^r	Fürste <i>et al.</i> (1986)
pSM10	<i>S. meliloti</i> integrative vector containing partial <i>recA</i> and <i>alaS</i> sequences, Gm ^r	Selbitschka <i>et al.</i> (1995)
pSRKKm	pBBR1MCS-2-derived broad-host-range expression vector containing <i>lac</i> promoter and <i>lacI</i> ^r , <i>lacZα</i> ⁺ , Km ^r	Khan <i>et al.</i> (2008)
pWBT	pSRKGm containing T5 promoter, Gm ^r	M. McIntosh
pWH844	expression vector containing His ₆ -tag sequence and T5 promoter, Amp ^r	Schirmer <i>et al.</i> (1997)
pSRKKm-EGFP	pSRKKm containing EGFP, Km ^r	This work
pSRKGm- <i>parB-mcherry</i>	pSRKGm carrying <i>S. meliloti parB</i> translationally fused to mCherry, Gm ^r	This work
Integrative plasmids for gene mutation		
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMB20389</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMB20389</i>	Becker <i>et al.</i> (2009)
pK18mob2- <i>wgeB</i> -mCh	pK18mob2-mCh carrying internal fragment of <i>wgeB</i>	P. Charoenpanich
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>pleD</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>pleD</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMa2301</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMa2301</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMB20523</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMB20523</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMc01464</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMc01464</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMc04015</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMc04015</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMa0137</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMa0137</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMa1548</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMa1548</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMB20447</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMB20447</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMB20900</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMB20900</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMc00033</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMc00033</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMc00038</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMc00038</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMc00074</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMc00074</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMc00887</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMc00887</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMc00992</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMc00992</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMc03141</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMc03141</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMc03178</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMc03178</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMc03942</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMc03942</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMB21517</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMB21517</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMc00999</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMc00999</i>	This work
pK19mob2ΩHMB- <i>SMc01792</i>	pK19mob2ΩHMB carrying internal fragment of <i>SMc01792</i>	This work
Integrative plasmids for C-terminal EGFP tagging		
pK18mob2- <i>pleD</i> -EGFP	pK18mob2-EGFP carrying C-terminal portion of <i>pleD</i>	This work
pK18mob2- <i>SMB20523</i> -EGFP	pK18mob2-EGFP carrying C-terminal portion of <i>SMB20523</i>	This work
pK18mob2- <i>SMc01464</i> -EGFP	pK18mob2-EGFP carrying C-terminal portion of <i>SMc01464</i>	This work
pK18mob2- <i>SMB20447</i> -EGFP	pK18mob2-EGFP carrying C-terminal portion of <i>SMB20447</i>	This work
pK18mob2- <i>SMc03178</i> -EGFP	pK18mob2-EGFP carrying C-terminal portion of <i>SMc03178</i>	This work

pK18mob2-SMb21517-EGFP	pK18mob2-EGFP carrying C-terminal portion of <i>SMb21517</i>	This work
Deletion constructs		
pK18mobsacB- <i>exoY</i>	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>exoY</i>	P. Charoenpanich
pK18mobsacB- <i>pleD</i>	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>pleD</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMa2301	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMa2301</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMb20389	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMb20389</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMb20523	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMb20523</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMc01464	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMc01464</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMc04015	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMc04015</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMa0137	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMa0137</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMa1548	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMa1548</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMb20447	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMb20447</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMb20900	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMb20900</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMc00033	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMc00033</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMc00038	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMc00038</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMc00887	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMc00887</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMc00992	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMc00992</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMc03178	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMc03178</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMc03942	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMc03942</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMa0369	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMa0369</i>	This work
pK18mobsacB-SMc00507	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>SMc00507</i> (<i>mcrA</i>)	This work
pK18mobsacB- <i>pilA1</i>	pK18mobsacB carrying flanking regions of <i>pilA1</i>	This work
Overexpression constructs		
pWBT-SMb20447	pWBT carrying <i>SMb20447</i> coding sequence	P. Charoenpanich
pWBT- <i>pleD</i>	pWBT carrying <i>pleD</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT- <i>pleD</i> _{GGAAF}	pWBT carrying <i>pleD</i> _{GGAAF} coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMa2301	pWBT carrying <i>SMa2301</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMb20389	pWBT carrying <i>SMb20389</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMb20523	pWBT carrying <i>SMb20523</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMc01464	pWBT carrying <i>SMc01464</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMc04015	pWBT carrying <i>SMc04015</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMa0137	pWBT carrying <i>SMa0137</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMa1548	pWBT carrying <i>SMa1548</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMb20900	pWBT carrying <i>SMb20900</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMc00033	pWBT carrying <i>SMc00033</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMc00038	pWBT carrying <i>SMc00038</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMc00074	pWBT carrying <i>SMc00074</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMc00887	pWBT carrying <i>SMc00887</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMc00992	pWBT carrying <i>SMc00992</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMc03178	pWBT carrying <i>SMc03178</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMc03942	pWBT carrying <i>SMc03942</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMb21517	pWBT carrying <i>SMb21517</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMc00507	pWBT carrying <i>SMc00507</i> (<i>mcrA</i>) coding sequence	This work
pWBT-SMc00999	pWBT carrying <i>SMc00999</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT- <i>pleD</i> - <i>SMc00507</i>	pWBT carrying <i>pleD</i> and <i>SMc00507</i> (<i>mcrA</i>) coding sequences	This work
pWBT- <i>pleD</i> <i>SMc00507</i> _{AxxxA}	pWBT carrying <i>pleD</i> and <i>SMc00507</i> _{AxxxA} (<i>mcrA</i> _{AxxxA}) coding sequences	This work
pWBT- <i>dgcA</i>	pWBT carrying <i>C. crescentus dgcA</i> coding sequence	This work
pWBT- <i>yjhH</i>	pWBT carrying <i>E. coli yjhH</i> coding sequence	This work
pSRKKm-PT5- <i>pleD</i>	NdeI/HindIII fragment from pWBT- <i>pleD</i> cloned into pSRKKm	This work
pMMB67EH- <i>pleD</i>	EcoRI/HindIII fragment from pWBT- <i>pleD</i> cloned into pMMB67EH	This work
pWH844- <i>McrA</i>	pWH844 carrying <i>SMc00507</i> (<i>mcrA</i>) coding sequence	This work
pWH844- <i>McrA</i> _{AxxxA}	pWH844 carrying <i>SMc00507</i> _{AxxxA} (<i>mcrA</i> _{AxxxA}) coding sequence	This work
pWH844- <i>McrA</i> _{D35A/S37A/G40A}	pWH844 carrying <i>SMc00507</i> _{D35A/S37A/G40A} (<i>mcrA</i> _{D35A/S37A/G40A}) coding sequence	This work
pWH844- <i>SMc00074</i> ₃₉₀₋₉₇₀	pWH844 carrying <i>SMc00074</i> (aa 390-970) coding sequence	This work
FRET-based biosensor constructs		
pMMB67EH-Spy	pMMB67EH containing synthetic <i>ycgR</i> fused to CYPet and YPet	Christen <i>et al.</i> (2010)
pMMB67EH-CYPet-12aa-YPet	pMMB67EH containing a 12 aa linker fused to CYPet and YPet	This work
pMMB67EH-CYPet- <i>mcrA</i> -YPet	pMMB67EH containing <i>SMc00507</i> (<i>mcrA</i>) fused to CYPet and YPet	This work
Promoter-EGFP fusion plasmids		
pLK115	pPHU231-EGFP containing <i>wgeA</i> promoter	Charoenpanich <i>et al.</i> (2013)
pLK64	pPHU231-EGFP containing <i>sinI</i> promoter	McIntosh <i>et al.</i> (2008)
pPHU231-P _{exoY} -EGFP	pPHU231-EGFP containing <i>exoY</i> promoter	This work
pPHU231-P _{SMc00507} _{ATG} -EGFP	pPHU231-EGFP containing <i>SMc00507</i> _{ATG} promoter	This work
pPHU231-P _{SMc00507} _{TG} -EGFP	pPHU231-EGFP containing <i>SMc00507</i> _{TG} promoter	This work
pSRKKm-P _{SMc01794} -EGFP	pSRKKm-EGFP containing <i>SMc01794</i> promoter	This work

TABLE S2 Primers used in this study.

Primer	Sequence	Purpose
<i>SMc03142</i> -stop-f	GTTTCGGCTGGATGCCGAGA	<i>SMc03142</i> stop codon verification
<i>SMc03142</i> -stop-r	ATCGACTCCTTCAGTGCATTG	
<i>pleD</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTACCAGCCAATGTGAAGCTCCT	<i>pleD</i> internal fragment
<i>pleD</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGTGCAGATCGTTCACGGGC	
<i>SMa2301</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTCCCTAGATGGGCAAGGATG	<i>SMa2301</i> internal fragment
<i>SMa2301</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGTGAAGGCGGTGGCCAGAG	
<i>SMb20523</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTCTTCGTGGTTGCGTTTCTGA	<i>SMb20523</i> internal fragment
<i>SMb20523</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGTGGATCAGGAAGAACGGCAT	
<i>SMc01464</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTAATGAGCTTCTCTCCGCCATA	<i>SMc01464</i> internal fragment
<i>SMc01464</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGAAGGACGAGAAGTAGAGCTGCC	
<i>SMc04015</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTTATGATCCGCATGATCGACTG	<i>SMc04015</i> internal fragment
<i>SMc04015</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGTACGTCCGTAATGTCAACGGC	
<i>SMa0137</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTATCGCAATGGCCTTGATG	<i>SMa0137</i> internal fragment
<i>SMa0137</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGAGCTTCTGCTCGTTGGTCT	
<i>SMa1548</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTCTCTCCAGCGGCTTATGG	<i>SMa1548</i> internal fragment
<i>SMa1548</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGTGATATCCACGATCGTTACGAC	
<i>SMb20447</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTCGCCATTCCGACGAACTT	<i>SMb20447</i> internal fragment
<i>SMb20447</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGGGGTCGCCCTGATGTAGGAGAA	
<i>SMb20900</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTGAGCTTTTCCATCGCGGT	<i>SMb20900</i> internal fragment
<i>SMb20900</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGGGTCGGGGATCAGGACGA	
<i>SMc00033</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTCCAAATCGTGACGCTTGC	<i>SMc00033</i> internal fragment
<i>SMc00033</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGAGCAAAGCGAGGAAGGAGC	
<i>SMc00038</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTTGAACGCGGACGACAATG	<i>SMc00038</i> internal fragment
<i>SMc00038</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGAAGATCGGTTCCGCCGTTT	
<i>SMc00074</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTGTCTGTCGACTCGTCTGT	<i>SMc00074</i> internal fragment
<i>SMc00074</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGAGAGTATGCGCTGCGAGC	
<i>SMc00887</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTCGTTCTGTCGATCCATTGACC	<i>SMc00887</i> internal fragment
<i>SMc00887</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGGCACTTCCCTTGAGCATCTGG	
<i>SMc00992</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTTGCAGGAGAGCCTGACGT	<i>SMc00992</i> internal fragment
<i>SMc00992</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGTGCAGCCTGAGAAAGCGGT	
<i>SMc03141</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTCGGCACAGTGTGAGACG	<i>SMc03141</i> internal fragment
<i>SMc03141</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGACGTGCCATCCAGCATCTT	
<i>SMc03178</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTCTACCTCCGGCCGTCAT	<i>SMc03178</i> internal fragment
<i>SMc03178</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGGTAATCGAGGCCGATCGC	
<i>SMc03942</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTCGTAAGCTCGCTCTACCAGAAT	<i>SMc03942</i> internal fragment
<i>SMc03942</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGGTGAGATCATCGAGGCAAGC	
<i>SMb21517</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTTGCAGCAGGTCAATGCGGT	<i>SMb21517</i> internal fragment
<i>SMb21517</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGCAAGGCGCGAGGCCATTT	
<i>SMc00999</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTAGAACAGCGCCCCGAAAC	<i>SMc00999</i> internal fragment
<i>SMc00999</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGAGCTTCTCGCGCTTGCCT	
<i>SMc01792</i> -int-f	ATATAAGCTTAAGGACGGGACAAGGGGCAAT	<i>SMc01792</i> internal fragment
<i>SMc01792</i> -int-r	ATATCTGCAGCGATTTGAGAAAGAAGAGGCCGA	
<i>pleD</i> -C-f	ATATGTCGACCCCGCTTCATTCCGATCCT	<i>pleD</i> 3'-end for protein localization
<i>pleD</i> -C-r	ATATTCTAGAGGCAGCGCAGCGACGAC	
<i>SMb20523</i> -C-f	ATATGTCGACATCTATGCCGCAGTTGCG	<i>SMb20523</i> 3' end for protein localization
<i>SMb20523</i> -C-r	ATATTCTAGACGTGGTCGATACTTTCCAGA	

<i>SMc01464-C-f</i>	ATATGTCGACTTCGAGCCTGTTTCGATTTCT	<i>SMc01464</i> 3'-end for protein localization
<i>SMc01464-C-r</i>	ATATTCTAGACGCCGAGTGGCGCAGTTC	
<i>SMB20447-C-f</i>	ATATGTCGACCGGTCTGTCGGTTTCAAG	<i>SMB20447</i> 3'-end for protein localization
<i>SMB20447-C-r</i>	ATATTCTAGATGTTTCGCTGAAGACCTGCC	
<i>SMc03178-C-f</i>	ATATGTCGACAGTTCTGTCCGAGCTCGCT	<i>SMc03178</i> 3'-end for protein localization
<i>SMc03178-C-r</i>	ATATTCTAGAGGCGCGCCACCGCCGCTCGAAGA	
<i>SMB21517-C-f</i>	ATATAAGCTTTTCGATACATGGTCGGTCTCG	<i>SMB21517</i> 3'-end for protein localization
<i>SMB21517-C-r</i>	ATATTCTAGAGGAATGCAGCTGCCGCGAT	
<i>pleD-l-f</i>	ATATGAATTCAACGCAACGAGTCCGCCCAT	<i>pleD</i> left flanking region
<i>pleD-l-r</i>	ATATTCTAGAATCGATCTTTCCGGCAGTCA	
<i>pleD-r-f</i>	ATATTCTAGATCCGCCGCACATGCTGAG	<i>pleD</i> right flanking region
<i>pleD-r-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTCAATCGGTTGCCACGGCTTT	
<i>SMA2301-l-f</i>	ATATGAATTCTTTGGCTGGAAGACGACAC	<i>SMA2301</i> left flanking region
<i>SMA2301-l-r</i>	ATATGGTACCTTCATATGGCAAATCGTGGC	
<i>SMA2301-r-f</i>	ATATGGTACCCGGCGCGACGAGAGCGGGATTA	<i>SMA2301</i> right flanking region
<i>SMA2301-r-r</i>	ATATGGATCCTTGGCGAGCAAGGTTTCG	
<i>SMB20389-l-f</i>	ATATGAATTCTTCGATGATCGGTGCGCA	<i>SMB20389</i> left flanking region
<i>SMB20389-l-r</i>	ATATGGTACCTTCTATCTCCCTCGTTCGTGA	
<i>SMB20389-r-f</i>	ATATGGTACCGTCATCCTCGACGCCTGA	<i>SMB20389</i> right flanking region
<i>SMB20389-r-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTAGCATCGCGACATTCGTG	
<i>SMB20523-l-f</i>	ATATGAATTCCATTGGCGGGCAATCAC	<i>SMB20523</i> left flanking region
<i>SMB20523-l-r</i>	ATATTCTAGATGGCAGAATCCAATATACGCA	
<i>SMB20523-r-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAGCCAAGCGGGCAATTGAT	<i>SMB20523</i> right flanking region
<i>SMB20523-r-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTTATGCTGTGATGAGTTTCGGC	
<i>SMc01464-l-f</i>	ATATGGATCCACGAGCCGGTCCACGTCGT	<i>SMc01464</i> left flanking region
<i>SMc01464-l-r</i>	ATATTCTAGATATGCGAGGCCATTGGTAA	
<i>SMc01464-r-f</i>	ATATTCTAGACTTCTCGCACGATGGATCCT	<i>SMc01464</i> right flanking region
<i>SMc01464-r-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTATGCGGCAGACCTTAGTCTC	
<i>SMc04015-l-f</i>	ATATGGATCCAGGTGTGACCGAGAGATTGA	<i>SMc04015</i> left flanking region
<i>SMc04015-l-r</i>	ATATTCTAGACAGGGCCTTGAGGTGATCA	
<i>SMc04015-r-f</i>	ATATTCTAGACGCGTCAAGCGTCATACG	<i>SMc04015</i> right flanking region
<i>SMc04015-r-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTAATGCCTGTTGAAGGCC	
<i>SMA0137-l-f</i>	ATATGGATCCGCGCCCTGACGAATACCCA	<i>SMA0137</i> left flanking region
<i>SMA0137-l-r</i>	ATATTCTAGACCGCACTCCTCCTGATAGG	
<i>SMA0137-r-f</i>	ATATTCTAGATTTTGGCCCCGAGCGTCCCTAA	<i>SMA0137</i> right flanking region
<i>SMA0137-r-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTGCTGCTTGACGATACTGGCA	
<i>SMA1548-l-f</i>	ATATGGATCCACGGTAATGGCAGCGAT	<i>SMA1548</i> left flanking region
<i>SMA1548-l-r</i>	ATATTCTAGAGACACGACACTTAGACCGGTGA	
<i>SMA1548-r-f</i>	ATATTCTAGACTCGATTGGCGCAGTTGC	<i>SMA1548</i> right flanking region
<i>SMA1548-r-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTCGAGAAGCCCTGTACAAGGA	
<i>SMB20447-l-f</i>	ATATGAATTCGCGCATTCTGTCAACGC	<i>SMB20447</i> left flanking region
<i>SMB20447-l-r</i>	ATATTCTAGATCTCGCCTTTCCCTTCCGTT	
<i>SMB20447-r-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAAGTGGTCAATGCCGGGAAATTA	<i>SMB20447</i> right flanking region
<i>SMB20447-r-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTACCTCTTCGATGGCGCCTTTA	
<i>SMB20900-l-f</i>	ATATGAATTCAGGTGCCCTCCGACACGATA	<i>SMB20900</i> left flanking region
<i>SMB20900-l-r</i>	ATATGGTACCCGCGATGAAATGCGTCA	
<i>SMB20900-r-f</i>	ATATGGTACCCTCGTCATGAGACAAAAGGC	<i>SMB20900</i> right flanking region
<i>SMB20900-r-r</i>	ATATGGATCCGATGGTTGGCTTCAACCG	
<i>SMc00033-l-f</i>	ATATGAATTCAATCAGCGGGAGGCGTCCAT	<i>SMc00033</i> left flanking region

<i>SMc00033-l-r</i>	ATATTCTAGAGCCGGGCTCCAGGGATAGGACA	
<i>SMc00033-r-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAGCAGCGATGCAAGGCGACCTTT	
<i>SMc00033-r-r</i>	ATATGGTACCGCAGCACGACAGCCTTGAAAT	<i>SMc00033</i> right flanking region
<i>SMc00038-l-f</i>	ATATGGATCCTTCGAGTACGGCAAAGGCTTT	
<i>SMc00038-l-r</i>	ATATTCTAGAGCGAAACCTCCGAAGGAGC	<i>SMc00038</i> left flanking region
<i>SMc00038-r-f</i>	ATATTCTAGATGTTCCGCGAGCGGCGGTAA	
<i>SMc00038-r-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTATCATTTCGTTCCGGCGGC	<i>SMc00038</i> right flanking region
<i>SMc00887-l-f</i>	ATATGGATCCAATGGCGAGGAGCTCGAC	
<i>SMc00887-l-r</i>	ATATTCTAGATGTCATTGCGATCCGCTCCG	<i>SMc00887</i> left flanking region
<i>SMc00887-r-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAGAGCATTATCGGGATACGGC	
<i>SMc00887-r-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTTTCGCCTCCATGTGGATG	<i>SMc00887</i> right flanking region
<i>SMc00992-l-f</i>	ATATGGTACCACTATGCGCCGGAATGGC	
<i>SMc00992-l-r</i>	ATATTCTAGAGGTCACCTGGAAGTTCGCC	<i>SMc00992</i> left flanking region
<i>SMc00992-r-f</i>	ATATTCTAGACGTCACTTGCAGAGAAGGA	
<i>SMc00992-r-r</i>	ATATGAATTCTGCCGTGCAAAGGCAGAA	<i>SMc00992</i> right flanking region
<i>SMc03178-l-f</i>	ATATGGATCCTCGCCGCTCGTCCGGCTTTT	
<i>SMc03178-l-r</i>	ATATTCTAGAGGTGCGGCTTCAAAGAGCAAT	<i>SMc03178</i> left flanking region
<i>SMc03178-r-f</i>	ATATTCTAGACCGGTATCCGGCCCTCGCCTTCA	
<i>SMc03178-r-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTGTGCGGGCGTGTGCGTTATGG	<i>SMc03178</i> right flanking region
<i>SMc03942-l-f</i>	ATATGGATCCTTCACGACCACATCCTGGC	
<i>SMc03942-l-r</i>	ATATTCTAGAGAACCTAAGCTCCGGTTTGC	<i>SMc03942</i> left flanking region
<i>SMc03942-r-f</i>	ATATTCTAGACGCCTTTCGGCGCAATGT	
<i>SMc03942-r-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTTTGTCCCTCCAGGCGACAGCATT	<i>SMc03942</i> right flanking region
<i>SMA0369-l-f</i>	ATATGAATTCCTGGAGCCTCGGTCGGGA	
<i>SMA0369-l-r</i>	ATATTCTAGATCTGAGCCTCAACGGCCGC	<i>SMA0369</i> left flanking region
<i>SMA0369-r-f</i>	ATATGAATTCCTGGAGCCTCGGTCGGGA	
<i>SMA0369-r-r</i>	ATATTCTAGATCTGAGCCTCAACGGCCGC	<i>SMA0369</i> right flanking region
<i>SMc00507-l-f</i>	ATATGAATTCAATATTCTCTCCGGGCCAGAA	
<i>SMc00507-l-r</i>	ATATTCTAGATCTTCACATGGAGCACCTAAAG	<i>SMc00507</i> left flanking region
<i>SMc00507-r-f</i>	ATATTCTAGACCTTGAGTGAAGGACCGGAT	
<i>SMc00507-r-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTTGTGCCTCATATATCCAATCGC	<i>SMc00507</i> right flanking region
<i>pilA1-l-f</i>	ATATGAATTCCTAGGGTGAGGGGCAGGG	
<i>pilA1-l-r</i>	ATATTCTAGAGACTATTCTCCTCAAACCTCACTTGT	<i>pilA1</i> left flanking region
<i>pilA1-r-f</i>	ATATTCTAGACGGCCGACTGATTACCTAACA	
<i>pilA1-r-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTAGGTTGATCAGGAATTGGTGTA	<i>pilA1</i> right flanking region
<i>pleD-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAATGACTGCGGCATCCTC	
<i>pleD-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTTTCAGGCAGCGGCAGCGAC	<i>pleD</i> ORF cloning
<i>pleD-GGAAF-f</i>	gccgccTTCGTGGTCGTCATGCCGATA	
<i>pleD-GGAAF-r</i>	TGACGACCACGAAggcggcCCCGCCGAAACGGCAGGCA	<i>pleD</i> GGEEF mutation to GGAAF
<i>SMA2301-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAATGCAACTCGCGAGTTCAT	
<i>SMA2301-r</i>	ATATGTCGACCTATACGGTCGGCAGATCG	<i>SMA2301</i> ORF cloning
<i>SMB20389-f</i>	ATATAAGCTTATTAAGAGGAGAAATCTAGAATGGGAC	
<i>SMB20389-r</i>	AAGCCGTACGAATC	<i>SMB20389</i> ORF cloning, usage of XbaI recognition site
<i>SMB20523-f</i>	ATATGGTACCTCAGGCGTCGAGGATGACGAA	
<i>SMB20523-r</i>	ATATGTCGACATTAAGAGGAGAAATCTAGAATGGGC	<i>SMB20523</i> ORF cloning, usage of XbaI recognition site
<i>SMc01464-f</i>	GGTGCATCTCACTT	
<i>SMc01464-r</i>	ATATGGTACCTTACGTCCGTGATACTTTCCA	
<i>SMc04015-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAATGGCTGAAACGCAAGCCG	<i>SMc01464</i> ORF cloning
<i>SMc04015-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTTTCACGCCGAGTGGCGCAGTT	
<i>SMc04015-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAATGGGCTGCAAGCCGCA	
<i>SMc04015-r</i>	ATATGTCGACCTAAGGGGTCTGATCCGGG	<i>SMc04015</i> ORF cloning

<i>SMa0137-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAATGAGGTTTGTGGCTGGCAA	
<i>SMa0137-r</i>	ATATGGTACCTCATGAGCGTGAGCTAGAAGAG	<i>SMa0137</i> ORF cloning
<i>SMa1548-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAATGAACGCACCGACGCC	
<i>SMa1548-r</i>	ATATGGTACCTTAGAGGGAACCGGCCGC	<i>SMa1548</i> ORF cloning
<i>SMb20900-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAATGCTCGCCTATGACGGGGGA	
<i>SMb20900-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTTTAAGCCCCTACCCGATGC	<i>SMb20900</i> ORF cloning
<i>SMc00033-f</i>	ATATAAGCTTATTAAGAGGAGAAATCTAGAATGTCGG	
<i>SMc00033-r</i>	CCGCCCCCGCAGAAAT	<i>SMc00033</i> ORF cloning, usage of XbaI recognition site
<i>SMc00033-f</i>	ATATGGTACCTCAGGCGGGTTCGAGGGGCT	
<i>SMc00038-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAATGGCAAGAAAAACGTCCC	
<i>SMc00038-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTTACCGCCGCTCAGAGGAAA	<i>SMc00038</i> ORF cloning
<i>SMc00074-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAATGCCCTGACCCGTAAG	
<i>SMc00074-r</i>	ATATGGATCCTCAAGCCCGCTTCATCAG	<i>SMc00074</i> ORF cloning
<i>SMc00887-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAATGACATTGCAGGAACTCGGTA	
<i>SMc00887-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTTAGCGCACCGCCGTATC	<i>SMc00887</i> ORF cloning
<i>SMc00992-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAATGACCCTCGGCAAGCGT	
<i>SMc00992-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTTAGCGCCGGCTTGCAGC	<i>SMc00992</i> ORF cloning
<i>SMc03178-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAATGTCCCCTCTGTGCGCTTTCTC	
<i>SMc03178-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTTAGCGCGCGCCACCG	<i>SMc03178</i> ORF cloning
<i>SMc03942-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAATGACCCGCAATGAACGGG	
<i>SMc03942-r</i>	ATATGGTACCTCAGGCGGTCCGCTCCGC	<i>SMc03942</i> ORF cloning
<i>SMb21517-f</i>	ATATAAGCTTATTAAGAGGAGAAATCTAGAATGGAAC	
<i>SMb21517-r</i>	ATCTGAGAAGATTCTGA	<i>SMb21517</i> ORF cloning, usage of XbaI recognition site
<i>SMc00507-f</i>	ATATAAGCTTATTAAGAGGAGAAATCTAGAATGGTTT	
<i>SMc00507-r</i>	ACAAGGACAGTGTTTCAG	<i>SMc00507</i> ORF cloning, usage of XbaI recognition site; usage of HindIII recognition site for combined overexpression with <i>pleD</i>
<i>SMc00999-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAATGTTCTCCTCCAGCATGCG	
<i>SMc00999-r</i>	ATATGGTACCTTACAGAACTCGGTCAAGTGCCT	<i>SMc00999</i> ORF cloning
<i>SMc00507-RxxxR-f</i>	gccgcctctcgccGAAGAGACCAAGATAACCGGAA	
<i>SMc00507-RxxxR-r</i>	TCTTGGTCTCTTCggccgaagaggcgccctgaactgtcctgtgtaa	<i>SMc00507</i> mutation to R9A/R13A
<i>SMc00507-DxSxxG-f</i>	gcccttgccgacgaagccATCTGCTTCAGGCTGCTCTTC	
<i>SMc00507-DxSxxG-r</i>	GCCTGAAGCAGATggcttcgctgcaagggcCACCAATCC	<i>SMc00507</i> mutation to D35A/S37A/G40A
<i>dgcA-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAATGAAAATCTCAGGCGCCC	
<i>dgcA-r</i>	atatAAGCTTtcaAGCGCTCCTGCGCTTG	<i>dgcA</i> ORF cloning
<i>yjhH-f</i>	ATATTCTAGAATGATAAGGCAGGTTATCCAGC	
<i>yjhH-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTTTATAGCGCCAGAACCGCCGATT	<i>yjhH</i> ORF cloning
12aa-oligo1	ATATACTAGTGGCTCGCCGGCCCTCCAGGAGTTCGGT	
12aa-oligo2	ACCTATA	12 aa linker for CYPet and YPet
<i>SMc00507-FRET-f</i>	TATAGGTACCGAACTCCTGGAGGCCCGGCGAGCCACT	
<i>SMc00507-FRET-r</i>	AGTATAT	
<i>SMc00507-FRET-f</i>	ATATACTAGTCAAGTGTCTCAATCAGGTTTCGA	<i>SMc00507</i> as a linker for CYPet and YPet
<i>SMc00507-FRET-r</i>	ATATGGTACCGCGAAAGAACTTGTAATAGGACG	
<i>His6-SMc00507-f</i>	ATATGGATCCGTTTACAAGGACAGTGTTTCAGCGT	<i>SMc00507</i> ORF cloning for N-terminal His6-tagging
<i>His6-SMc00507-r</i>	ATATAAGCTTTTACAGCGAAAGAACTTGTAATAGGA	
<i>His6-SMc00074-f</i>	ATATGGATCCACCGTCATGCAGCACGCCTTTT	<i>SMc00074</i> ³⁹⁰⁻⁹⁷⁰ ORF cloning for N- terminal His6-tagging
<i>His6-SMc00074-r</i>	ATATGTCGACTCAAGCCCGCTTCATCAG	
<i>PexoY-f</i>	gttcaagctTGCCTTGGGTGCTACCTCTTG	
<i>PexoY-r</i>	tgctctagaCTTCATAGAGGTGACTCCAT	<i>exoY</i> upstream intergenic region
<i>PSMc00507-f</i>	ATATAAGCTTCTACTGCATGTTTCCTTTAATCG	
<i>PSMc00507-TTG-r</i>	ATATTCTAGACAGCTGCAATCTTCACATGGA	<i>SMc00507</i> upstream intergenic regions
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<i>egfp-r</i>	gtacggtaccTACTTGTACAGCTCGTCCATG	
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Supplemental figures

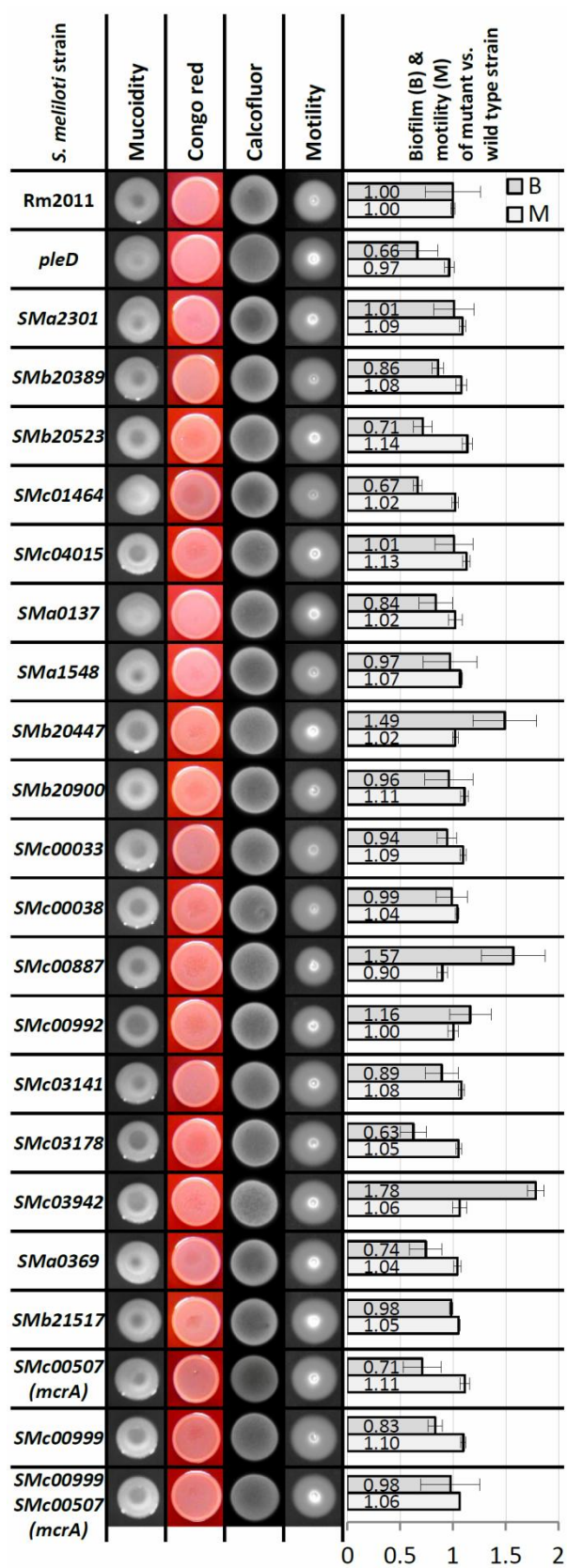


FIG S1 Phenotypic analysis of gene knock-outs in Rm2011. Error bars indicate standard deviations of three biological replicates. The A_{570}/OD_{600} mean value for Rm2011 was 0.131 ± 0.034 (set to 1).

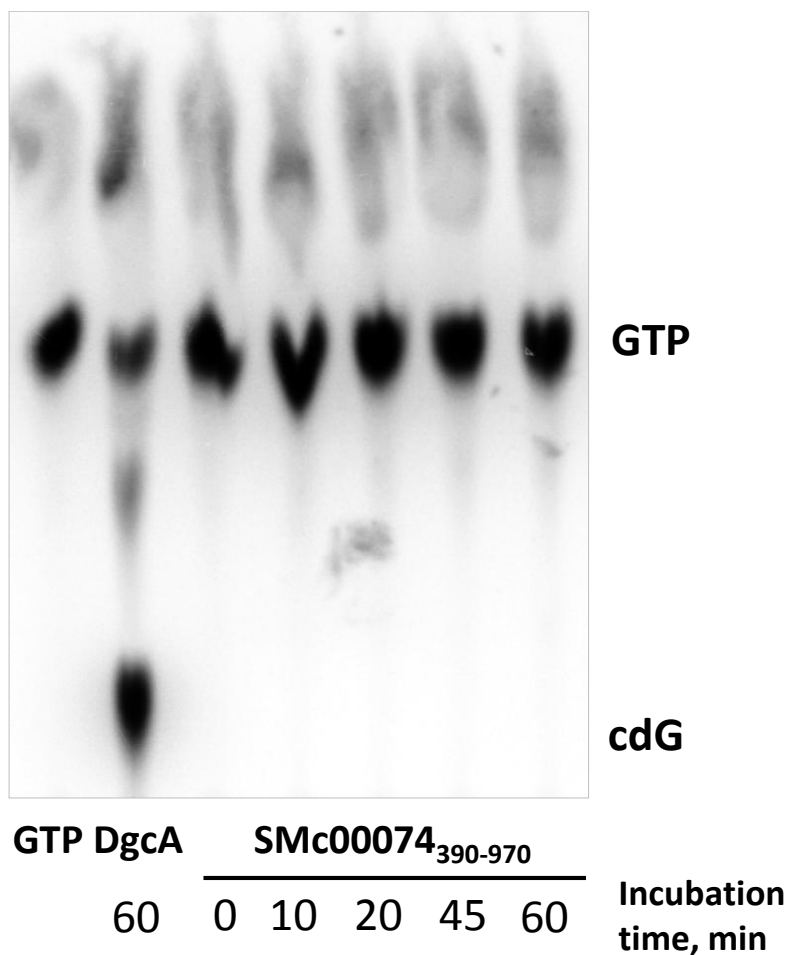


FIG S2 Assay for DGC activity of the C-terminal portion of SMc00074 containing the predicted DGC and PDE domains. Thin-layer chromatography of reaction mixtures containing radiolabelled GTP and purified protein. Absence of a cdG signal and unchanged intensity of the GTP band indicate that SMc00074₃₉₀₋₉₇₀ does not have DGC activity.

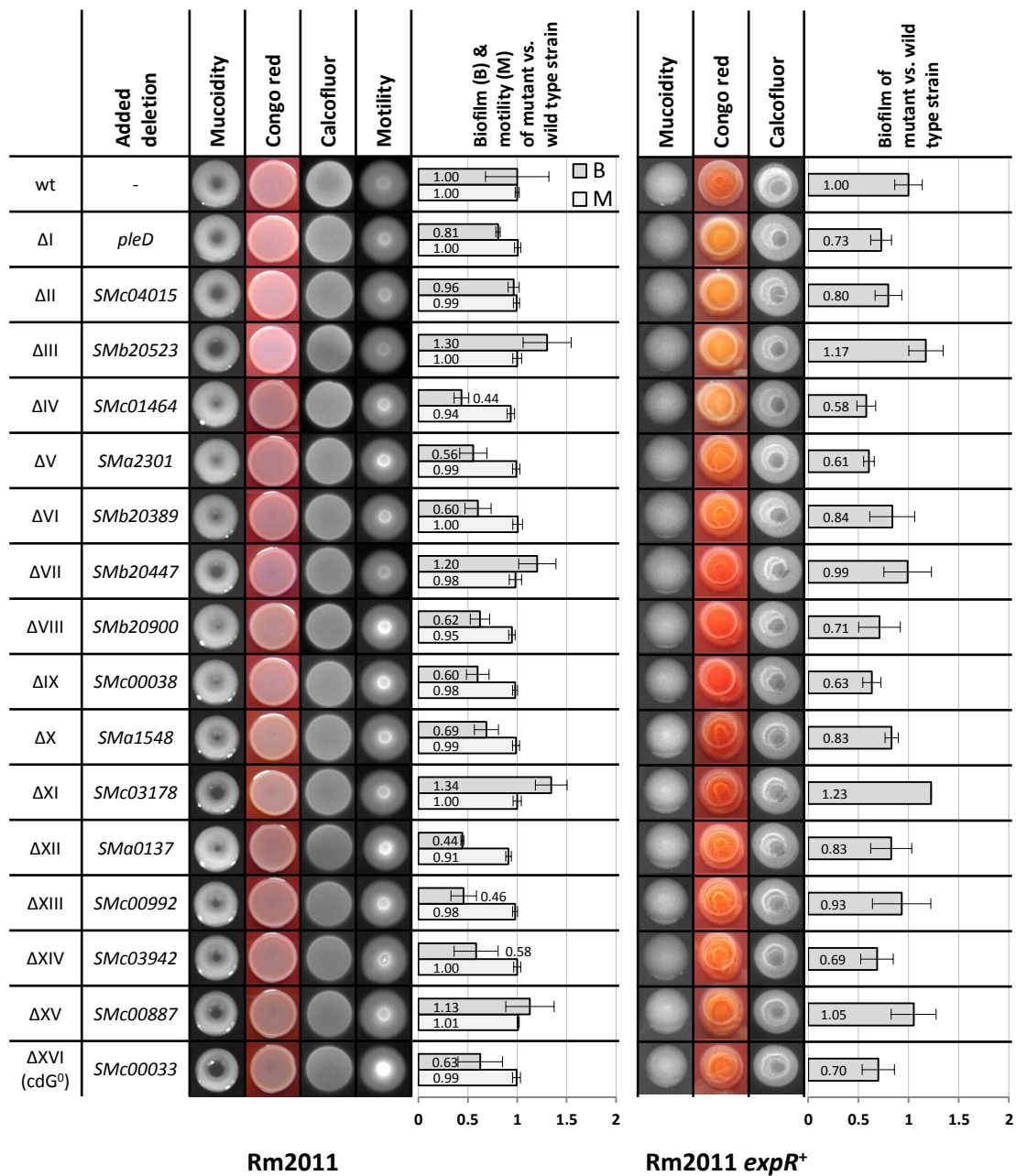


FIG S3 Phenotypic analysis of Rm2011 and Rm2011 *expR*⁺ carrying multiple markerless deletions of DGC/PDE genes. Error bars indicate standard deviations of three biological replicates. The A_{570}/OD_{600} mean values for Rm2011 and Rm2011 *expR*⁺ were 0.110 ± 0.035 and 0.343 ± 0.047 , respectively (set to 1).

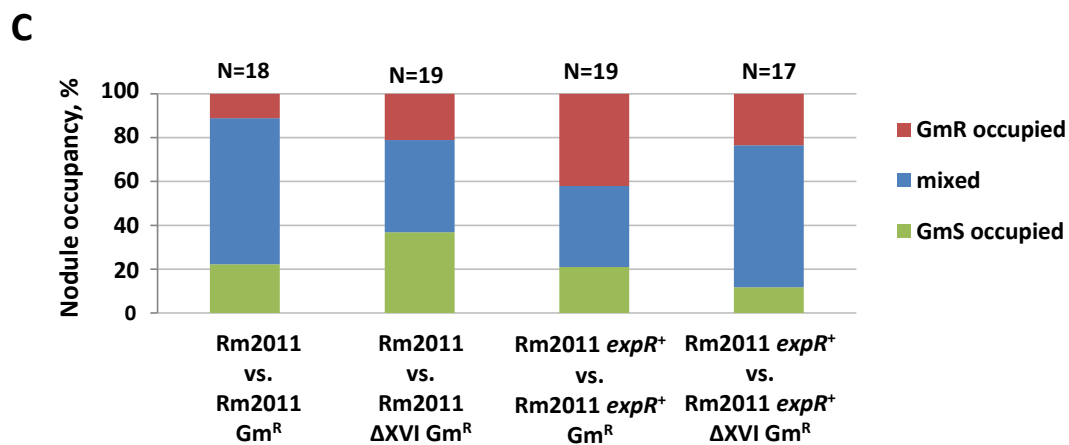
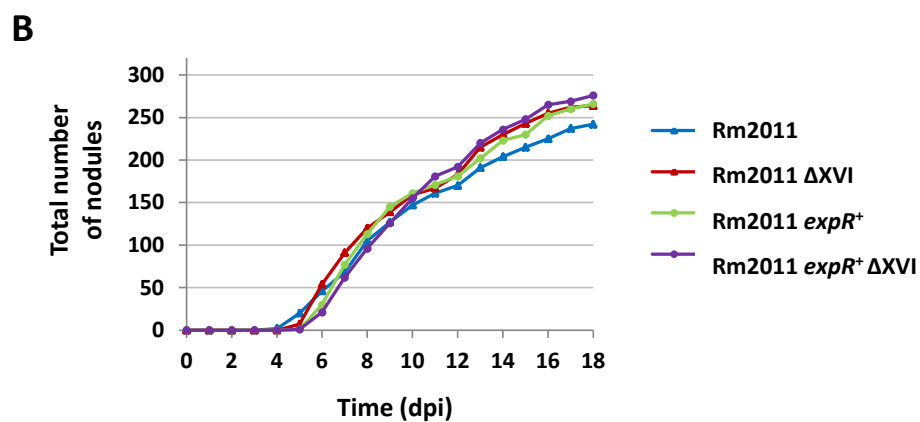
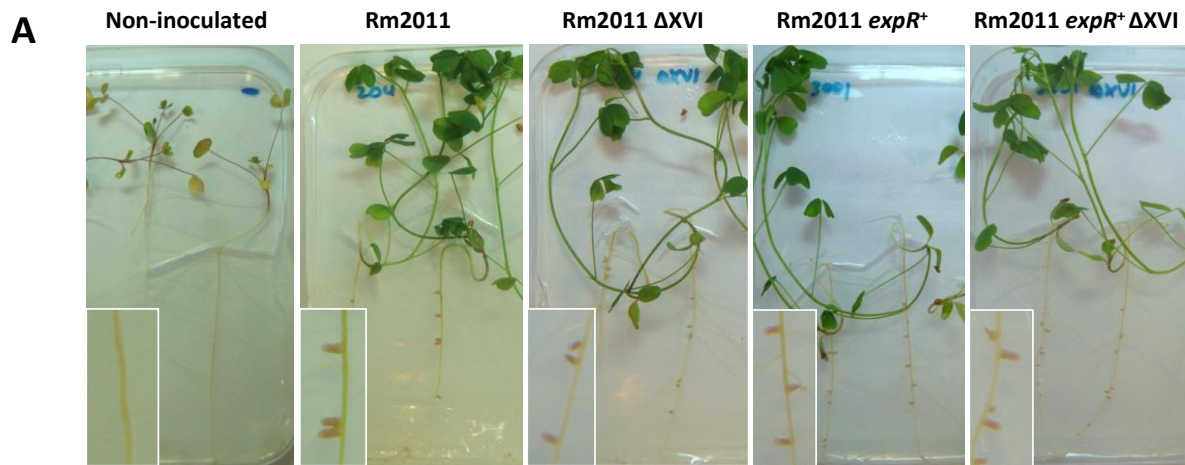


FIG S4 Symbiotic phenotype of cdG^0 strains. (A) Macroscopic appearance of *M. sativa* plants with root nodules formed by cdG^0 strains or corresponding parental strains 24 days post inoculation. Pink nitrogen-fixing nodules indicate efficient symbiosis. (B) Nodulation kinetics, determined for 32 plants per strain. (C) Competitive nodulation assay. Before inoculation, strains were mixed 1:1. N, number of analyzed nodules.

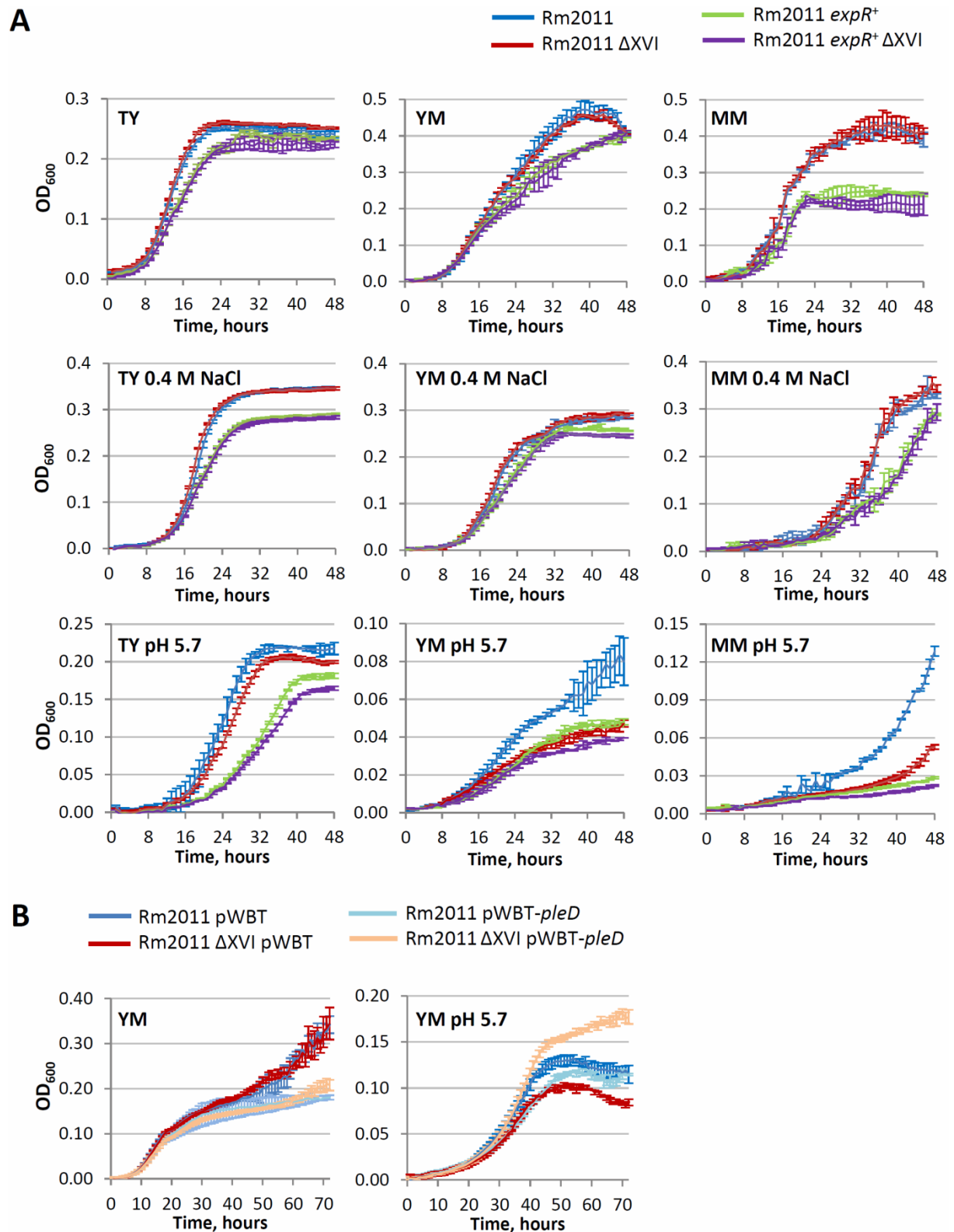


FIG S5 Growth of cdG^0 strains in different media. (A) Growth under normal, high-salt and acidic conditions. (B) Complementation of the growth defect of the Rm2011 cdG^0 strain at pH 5.7 by pWBT-*pleD* in presence of 100 μ M IPTG. Error bars indicate standard deviations of three biological replicates.

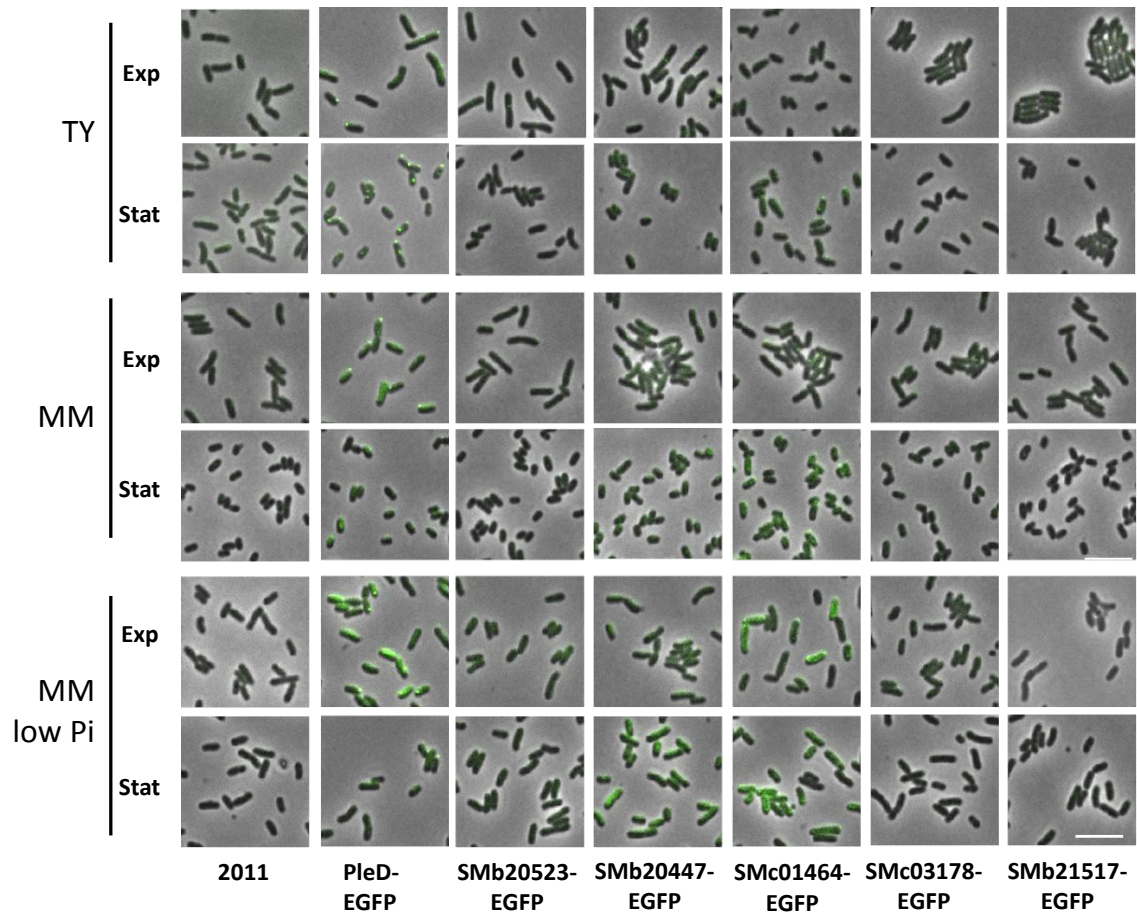


FIG S6 Detection of EGFP-tagged putative DGC/PDEs in Rm2011 cells grown on TY, MM or phosphate-limiting MM. Exp, exponential growth phase (OD_{600} of 0.6 to 0.8); Stat, stationary growth phase (after 40 h of growth). Scale bar, 5 μ m. All images were taken using identical settings.

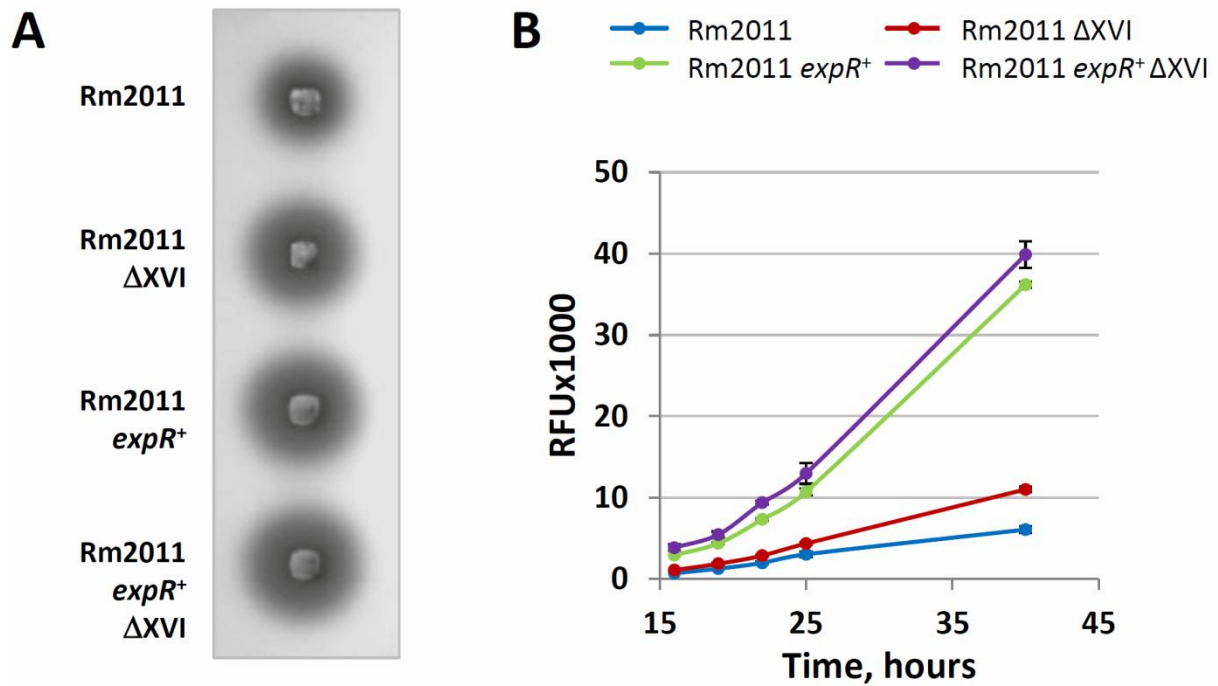
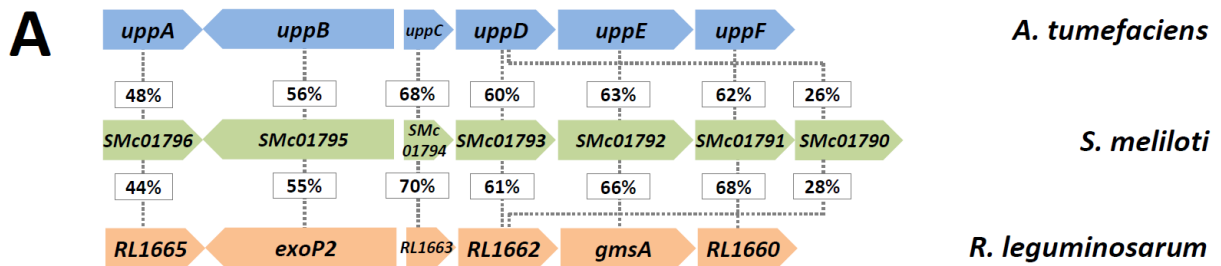


FIG S7 cdG negatively affects AHL production at the level of *sinI* transcription. (A) Semiquantitative detection of AHLs in supernatants of *S. meliloti* stationary phase cultures by *A. tumefaciens* NTL4 (pZLR4). (B) *sinI* promoter activity determined using a P_{sinI} -*egfp* fusion. RFU, relative EGFP fluorescence units. Error bars indicate standard deviations of three biological replicates.



SMc01790: Putative glycosyltransferase
SMc01791: Conserved hypothetical transmembrane protein
SMc01792: Putative surface polysaccharide biosynthesis glycosyltransferase
SMc01793: Putative glycosyltransferase
SMc01794: Putative polysaccharide export system periplasmic transmembrane protein
SMc01795: Surface polysaccharide transport protein
SMc01796: Conserved hypothetical protein

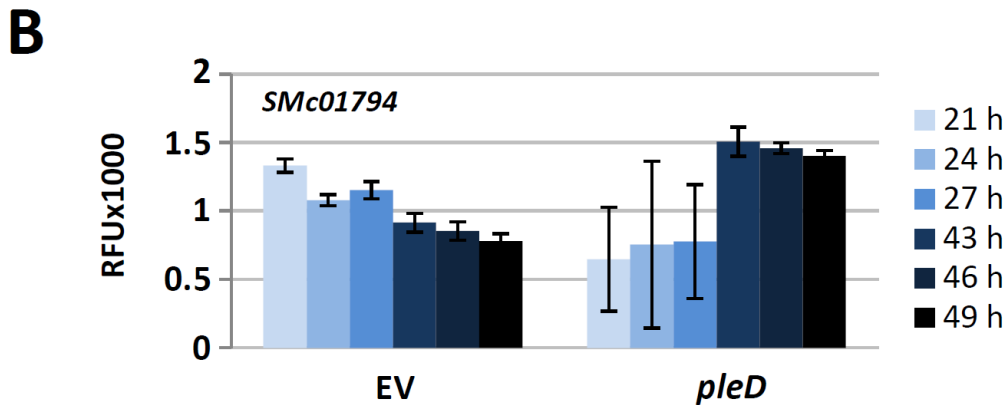


FIG S8 *S. meliloti* *SMc01790-SMc01796* gene cluster: architecture and expression upon overproduction of PleD. (A) Homology of the *SMc01790-SMc01796* gene cluster to the *A. tumefaciens upp* and *R. leguminosarum RL1660-RL1665* gene clusters. Percent numbers indicate amino acid sequence identities. (B) *SMc01794* promoter activity during growth in 30 % MM with or without *pleD* overexpression determined using a promoter-*egfp* fusion. EV, empty vector. RFU, relative EGFP fluorescence units. Error bars indicate standard deviations of three biological replicates.

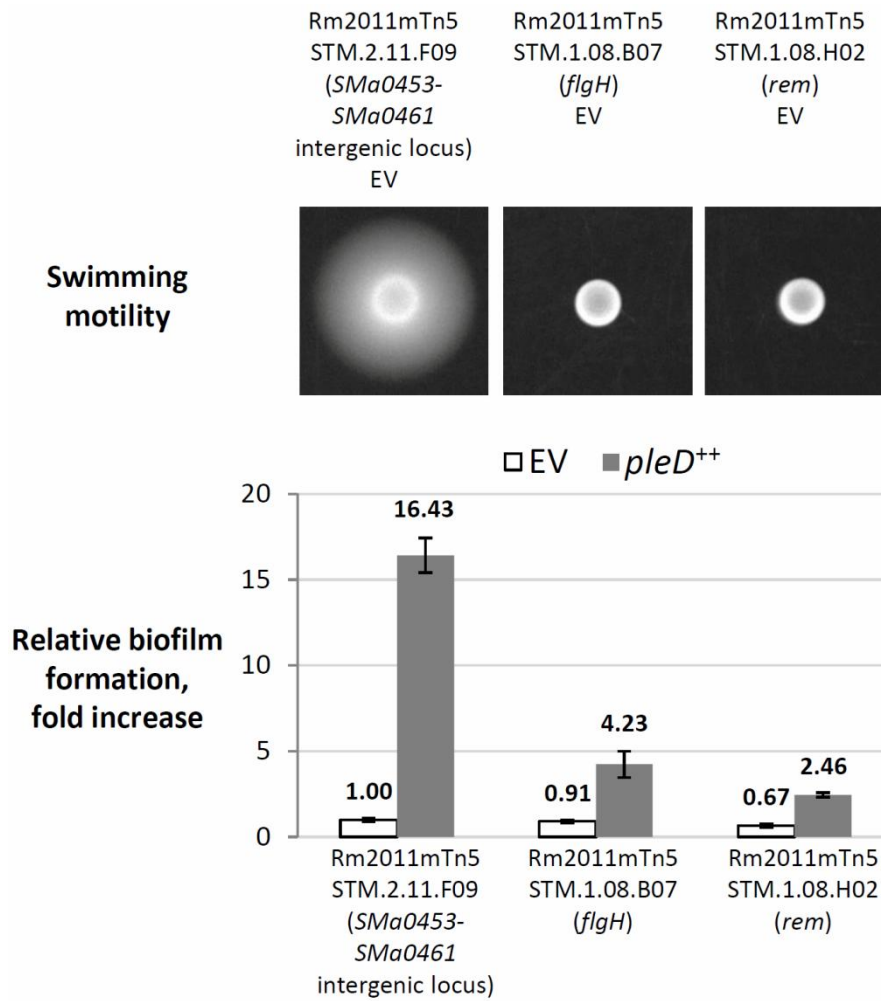
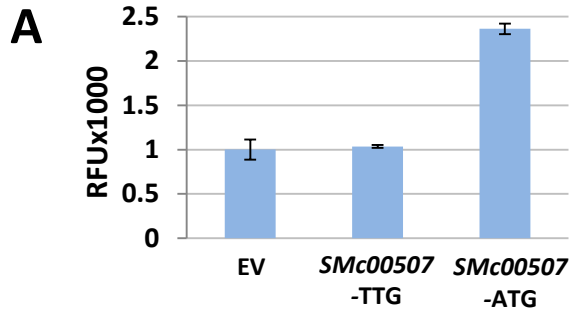


FIG S9 Biofilm formation of motility-deficient strains upon *pleD* overexpression. EV, empty pWBT vector. The A_{570}/OD_{600} mean value for Rm2011mTn5STM.2.11.F09 pWBT was 0.338 ± 0.038 (set to 1). This control strain carrying an intergenic mTn5STM insertion is not affected in any phenotype analyzed in this study. Error bars represent standard deviations of three biological replicates.



***S. meliloti* chromosome 1905425-1905482**

TGTGAAGA **TTG**CAGCTGTCTCAATCAGGTTTCGAGGAAACC **ATG**GTTTACAAGGACAG

**Annotated
start**

**Experimentally
verified start**

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FIG S10 Experimental validation of the SMc00507 (*mcrA*) start codon. (A) *mcrA* promoter activity determined using promoter fusions to *egfp*, which were generated either using the annotated start codon TTG or the alternative start codon ATG. EV, empty vector. RFU, relative EGFP fluorescence units. Error bars indicate standard deviations of three biological replicates. (B) SMc00507 amino acid sequence with the ATG as translation start. RxxxR and DxSxxG motifs are indicated.

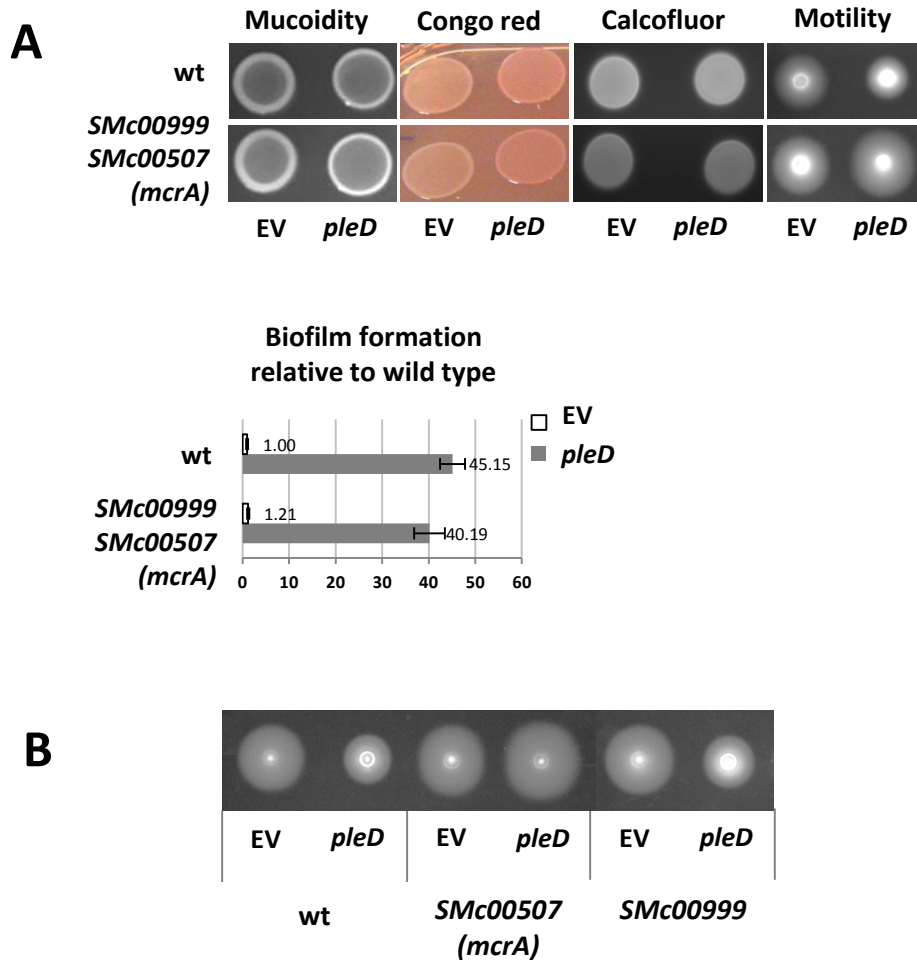


FIG S11 Identification of McrA (*SMc00507*) as a PilZ domain cdG receptor mediating repression of swimming motility upon *pleD* overexpression. (A) Phenotypic analysis of a double mutant in the PilZ domain protein-encoding genes *SMc00507* and *SMc00999* with or without *pleD* overexpression. Error bars indicate standard deviations of three biological replicates. The A_{570}/OD_{600} mean value for Rm2011 pWBT was 0.087 ± 0.020 (set to 1). (B) Effect of *pleD* overexpression on motility of single mutants in *SMc00507* and *SMc00999*. EV, empty pWBT vector.