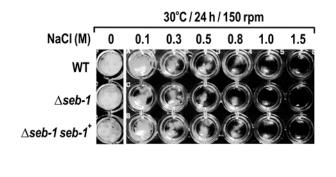
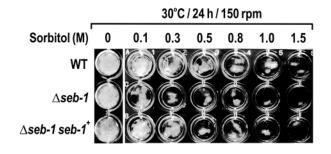


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**Figure S3.** The  $\triangle$ *seb-1* strain is sensitive to high osmolarity. (A) The wild-type,  $\triangle$ *seb-1*, and  $\triangle$ *seb-1* complemented strains were inoculated on solid VM medium containing increased concentrations of NaCl (0.1 to 1.5 M) and sorbitol (0.1 to 1.5 M) and cultivated at 30°C for 24 and 48 h. (B) Growth of the strains was evaluated in liquid VM medium containing varying concentrations of NaCl and sorbitol. WT: wild-type strain;  $\triangle$ *seb-1*: strain mutated in the ORF NCU02671;  $\triangle$ *seb-1 seb-1*\*:  $\triangle$ *seb-1* complemented strain ( $\triangle$ *seb-1 his-3::Pccg-1-seb1-sfgfp*).