

Table S3. *Bacillus subtilis* strains used in this study

Strain	Relevant genotype	Reference
PY79	Wild type	[Youngman et al, 1984]
AZ603	$\Delta cotG \Delta cotH::neo$	[Saggese et al., 2014]
AZ604	$\Delta cotG \Delta cotH::neo amyE::cotGstop, cotH$	[Saggese et al., 2014]
AZ607	$\Delta cotG \Delta cotH::neo amyE::cotG$	[Saggese et al., 2014]
AZ612	$\Delta cotG \Delta cotH::neo thrC::cotG\Delta$	This work
AZ613	$\Delta cotG \Delta cotH::neo amyE::cotGstop, cotH thrC::cotG\Delta$	This work
AZ614	$\Delta cotG \Delta cotH::neo thrC::cotG-Cterm$	This work
AZ615	$\Delta cotG \Delta cotH::neo amyE::cotGstop, cotH thrC::cotG-Cterm$	This work
AZ616	$\Delta cotG \Delta cotH::neo thrC::cotG-Nterm$	This work
AZ617	$\Delta cotG \Delta cotH::neo amyE::cotGstop, cotH thrC::cotG-Nterm$	This work
AZ644	$cotS::gfp$	This work
AZ647	$\Delta cotG \Delta cotH::neo amyE::cotG cotS::gfp$	This work
AZ649	$\Delta cotG \Delta cotH::neo thrC::cotG\Delta cotS::gfp$	This work
AZ660	$\Delta cotG \Delta cotH::neo thrC::cotG-Cterm cotS::gfp$	This work
AZ661	$\Delta cotG \Delta cotH::neo thrC::cotG-Nterm cotS::gfp$	This work