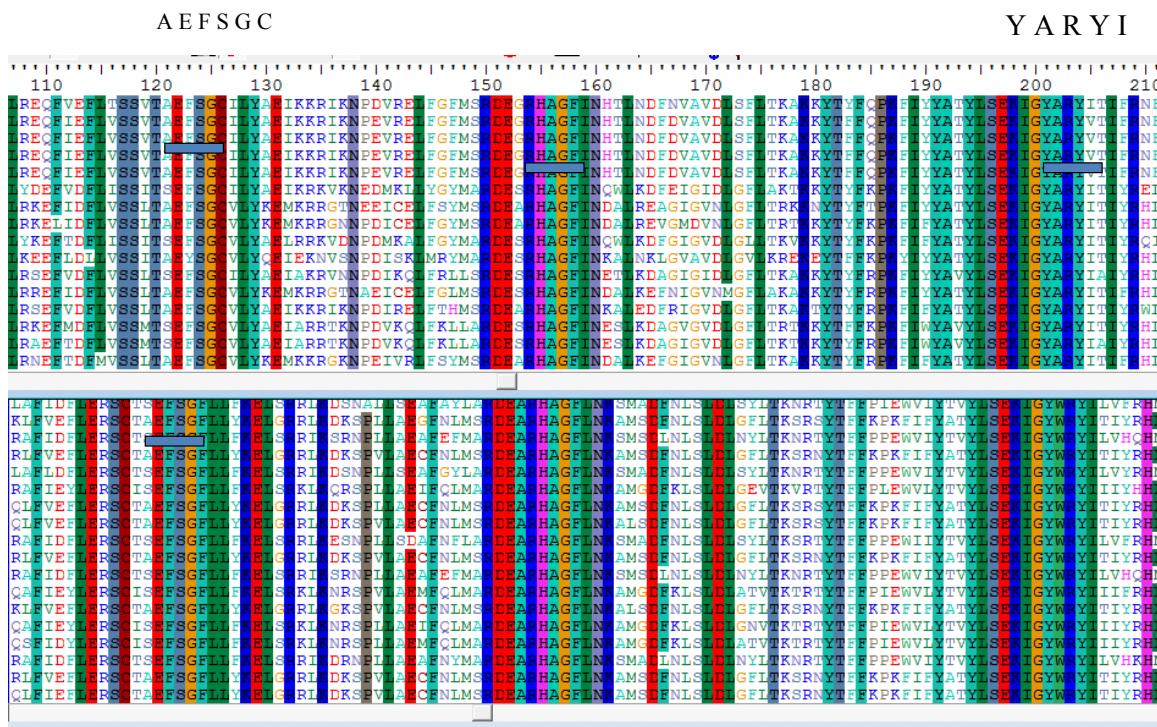
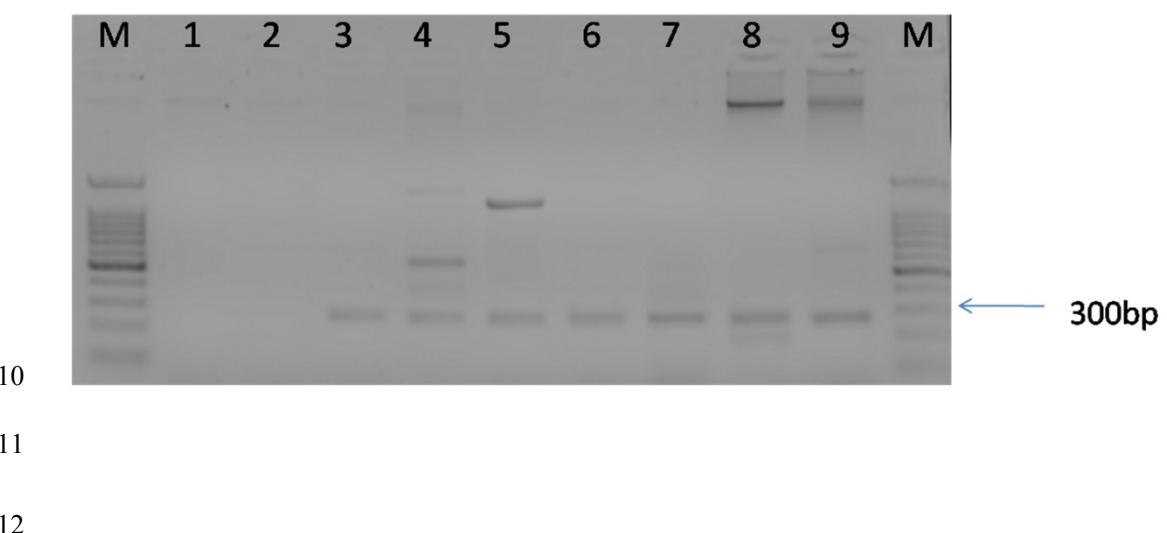


1 **Fig S1.** Alignment of AcsF gene sequences from AP (upper panel) and Cyanobacteria
 2 (lower panel). Degenerate primers were designed to match the conserved regions in AP
 3 species, but not to target Cyanobacteria.



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5 **Fig. S2** Test of *acsF* primers on pure cultures. 1 -*G. aurantiaca*, 2 -
6 *Rhodospirillum rubrum*, 3 -*G.phototrophica*, 4 -*Rhodovulum sulfidophilum*, 5 -
7 *Erythrobacter* sp.NAP1, 6 -*Congregibacter litoralis*, 7 -*Hoeflea phototrophica*, 8 -
8 *Rubrivivax gelatinosus*, 9 -*Roseobacter* sp. COL2P, M - DNA markers. *G. aurantiaca* and
9 *Rsp. rubrum* served as negative controls.



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