S1 Table. List of experiments conducted that showed no difference between the $hva1\Delta$ and $hva1\Delta+HVA1$ strains.

| Experiment |
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| Capsule size in DMEM+5% CO ₂ |
| Melanin production on L-Dopa plates |
| GXM release measured by sandwich ELISA |
| Phospholipase production on Malt Egg Yolk Agar plates |
| Urease production in Roberts urea broth at 2 or 4 hours by optical density |
| Doubling time at 37 °C in YPD |
| Growth in conditions of oxidative stress: 2 mM H ₂ O ₂ plates |
| Growth in conditions of nitrosative stress: 1mM NaNO ₂ + 25 mM |
| succinic acid plates |
| Growth in conditions of low iron: 100 µM of the iron chelator BPS |
| Growth in conditions of cell wall stress: 1M KCl, 1M NaCl, 0.03% SDS or 400 mM CaCl ₂ plates |
| Growth in conditions of osmotic stress: 1M Sorbitol plates |
| Differences in molecular capsule structure and size by light scattering |
| Phagocytic efficacy of J774.16 mouse macrophages |
| Fungal burden in J774.16 mouse macrophages |
| Survival in <i>C. elegans</i> |
| Survival in <i>G. mellonella</i> |
| Survival in Balb/c mice infected intra-tracheally |