TABLE S2. Plasmids used in this study

| Plamsid name | relevant information | construction or reference |
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| pET28a | vector for protein expression with a T7 IPTG-inducible promoter | Novagen |
| pET_ydcH_6H-Nt | vector for Histidine-tagged YdcH expression and purification | PCR(acec64-4) -> pET28a |
| pDR244 | vector with ts ori, expressing cre recombinase allowing excition of erm cassette in BKE strains | (3) |
| pQP1 | plasmid allowing deletion/replacement of the spc resistance casette by ery | laboratory stock |
| pSac-Kan | plasmid allowing introduction of a kanamycin cassette at the sacA locus | (4) |
| pSac-Cm | plasmid allowing introduction of a chloramphenicol cassette at the <i>sacA</i> locus | (4) |
| pDG1728 | suicide vector for integration of transcriptional fusions to <i>lacZ</i> (and <i>spc</i>) at the <i>amyE</i> locus | (5) |
| pDG1663 | suicide vector for integration of transcriptional fusions to <i>lacZ</i> (and <i>erm</i>) at the <i>thrC</i> locus | (5) |
| pAH328 | suicide vector for integration of transcriptional fusions to <i>luxABCDE</i> (and <i>cm</i>) at the sacA locus | (6) |
| pAC769 | pDG1728 derivative for integration of P _{ydc1} lacZ transcriptional fusion at amyE | PCR(ac1240-41) -> pDG1728 |
| pAC772 | pDG1728 derivative for integration of P _{ydc2} lacZ transcriptional fusion at amyE | PCR(ac1243-42) -> pDG1728 |
| pAC775 | pDG1728 derivative for integration of P _{ydc1-2} <i>lacZ</i> transcriptional fusion at <i>amyE</i> | PCR(ac1240-42) -> pDG1728 |
| pAC778 | pDG1728 derivative for integration of P _{ydc0} lacZ transcriptional fusion at amyE | PCR(ac1243-41) -> pDG1728 |
| pAC826 | pSac-Cm derivative for integration of Pydct lacZ transcriptional fusion at sacA | PCR(ac1240-80) -> pSac-Cm |
| pAC834 | pAH328 derivative for integration of P _{videts} <i>luxABCDE</i> transcriptional fusion at sacA | PCR(ac1240-87) -> pAH328 |