

Figure S11. Virulence of BMB171 and $\Delta 3pde$ grown at the exponential phase (9 h) are not affected by increasing c-di-GMP level. (A) The image of cotton bollworm larvae fed with different strains at the end of a rearing cycle. Scale bars represent one centimeter. (B) Comparison in survival rates of cotton bollworm larvae fed with BMB171 and $\Delta 3pde$ within rearing cycle (7 days). The survival rate of cotton bollworm larvae fed with $\Delta 3pde$ was almost equal to that fed with BMB171 every day. (C) Quantitative measurements of body length of cotton bollworm larvae fed with different B. thuringenesis strains. The length of cotton bollworm larvae fed with the $\Delta 3pde$ did not show much difference to those fed with the BMB171. (D) Quantitative measurements of body weight of cotton bollworm larvae fed with these different strains. The weight of cotton bollworm larvae fed with the $\Delta 3pde$ did not show a clear change to that fed with the BMB171 too. (E) Comparison of relative transcript levels of plcR1 and plcR2 genes between BMB171 and $\Delta 3pde$ using RT-qPCR method at the mid exponential phase. Error bars represent the standard deviation of three replicates. Dash line represents similar relative quantification. plcR1 (RS21115) and plcR2 (RS26730) did not show conspicuous change in $\Delta 3pde$ compared with that in BMB171.