



S9 Fig. Growth defect of the *pbp2b* mutant. Growth curves of wild-type and *pbp2b* mutant cells were grown in M17G supplemented with $5\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ of erythromycin when appropriate. For each strain, the OD_{600} was monitored every 20 min. The growth curves presented are representative of various independent experiments.