

**S12** Fig. Screen for β-lactams affecting cell elongation or division in *L. lactis*. (A) Micrographs of NZ3900 cells untreated (WT) or treated with 12 μg ml<sup>-1</sup> of kanamycin (Kana, control), 64 μg ml<sup>-1</sup> of cefoxitin (Cefo), 0.1 μg ml<sup>-1</sup> of penicillin G (Pen G), 1 μg ml<sup>-1</sup> of methicillin (Meth), 0.1 μg ml<sup>-1</sup> of amoxicillin (Amo 0.1), 1 μg ml<sup>-1</sup> of amoxicillin (Amo 1.0), and 10 μg ml<sup>-1</sup> of cephalosporin C (Cepha). Cells were collected in early exponential growth and observed in bright field microscopy. Scale bar: 2μm. (B) Growth curves of NZ3900 cells untreated or treated with antibiotics as reported in panel A.