

Table S2 Strains and plasmids used in this study

Strains and plasmids	Description	Source
Strain		
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	Host for DNA assembly and integration	(3)
<i>E. coli</i> strain WM1788	Used for DNA cloning	(4)
<i>E. coli</i> strain Top 10	Used for DNA cloning	Our lab
<i>Cyanothece</i> sp. ATCC 51142	wild-type strain	Our lab
<i>Synechocystis</i> sp. PCC 6803	wild-type strain	Our lab
TSyNif-1 (T2379)	Containing entire <i>nif</i> -cluster 35 genes from <i>Cyanothece</i>	This study
TSyNif-2 (T2397)	Containing 24 genes of <i>nif</i> -cluster from <i>Cyanothece</i>	This study
TSyNif-3 (T2452)	T2397 without gene <i>hesB</i>	This study
TSyNif-4 (T2453)	T2397 without genes <i>hesAB</i>	This study
TSyNif-5 (T2454)	T2397 without gene <i>nifT</i>	This study
TSyNif-6 (T2466)	T2397 without gene <i>nifTZ</i>	This study
TSyNif-7 (T2467)	T2397 without gene <i>nifX</i>	This study
TSyNif-8 (T2468)	T2397 without genes <i>nifW</i>	This study
TSyNif-9 (T2872)	Containing 24 genes of <i>nif</i> -cluster on pCA2.4 plasmid	This study
TSyNif-10 (T2873)	Containing 24 genes of <i>nif</i> -cluster on pCB2.4 plasmid	This study
TSyNif-11 (T2874)	Containing 24 genes of <i>nif</i> -cluster on pCC5.2 plasmid	This study
TSyNif-12 (T2444)	Genes <i>hupSL</i> from <i>Cyanothece</i> 51142 under $P_{ssr2227}$ in	This study
TSyNif-13 (T2537)	Gene <i>hupW</i> from <i>Cyanothece</i> 51142 under P_{trc10} in T2444	This study
Plasmid		
pRL443	Used for conjugation	(5)
pRL663	Used for conjugation	(6)
pRSF1010	Broad-host-range shuttle vector	(7)
pUC118	DNA cloning vector	(8)
pSyNif-1 (pSL2379)	Containing entire <i>nif</i> -cluster 35 genes from <i>Cyanothece</i>	This study
pSyNif-2 (pSL2397)	Containing 24 genes of <i>nif</i> -cluster from <i>Cyanothece</i>	This study
pSyNif-3 (pSL2452)	Knocking-out plasmid for gene <i>hesB</i>	This study
pSyNif-4 (pSL2453)	Knocking-out plasmid for genes <i>hesAB</i>	This study
pSyNif-5 (pSL2454)	Knocking-out plasmid for gene <i>nifT</i>	This study
pSyNif-6 (pSL2466)	Knocking-out plasmid for gene <i>nifTZ</i>	This study
pSyNif-7 (pSL2467)	Knocking-out plasmid for gene <i>nifX</i>	This study
pSyNif-8 (pSL2468)	Knocking-out plasmid for genes <i>nifW</i>	This study
pSyNif-9 (pSL2872)	Containing 24 genes of <i>nif</i> -cluster on pCA2.4 plasmid	This study
pSyNif-10 (pSL2873)	Containing 24 genes of <i>nif</i> -cluster on pCB2.4 plasmid	This study
pSyNif-11 (pSL2874)	Containing 24 genes of <i>nif</i> -cluster on pCC5.2 plasmid	This study
pSyNif-12 (pSL2444)	Genes <i>hupSL</i> from <i>Cyanothece</i> 51142 under $P_{ssr2227}$	This study
pSyNif-13 (pSL2537)	Gene <i>hupW</i> from <i>Cyanothece</i> 51142 under P_{trc10}	This study

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