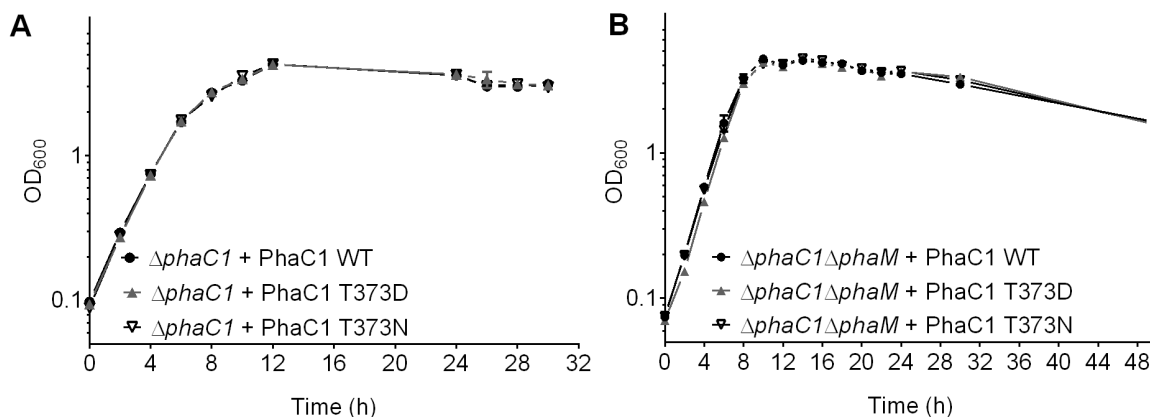


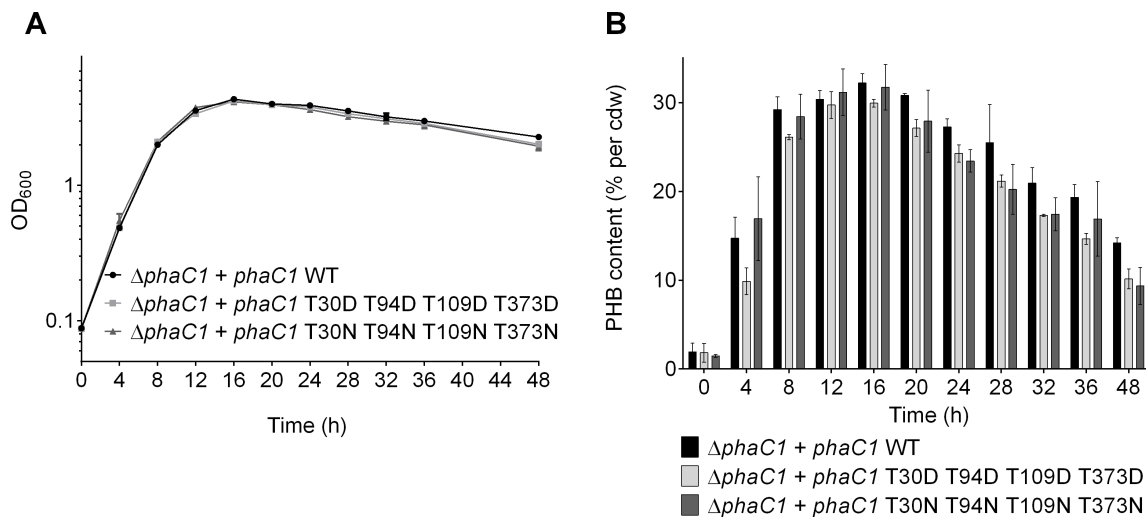
20 **Supplementary materials Fig. S1:** CD spectrum of purified His₆-PhaC1^{WT} and His₆-PhaC1^{T373D}

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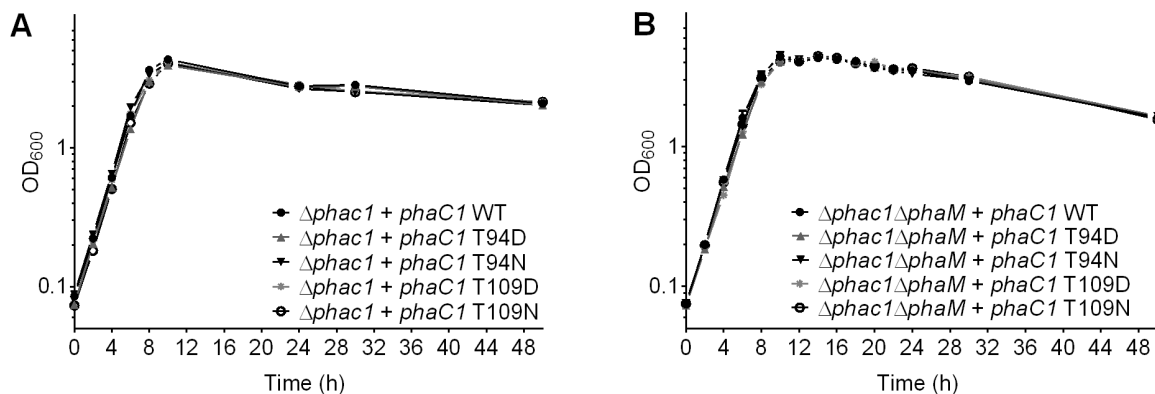
30 **Supplementary materials Fig. S2: Growth of *R. eutropha* H16 strains** (A) Growth of *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1$ (pBBR1MCS2_ p_{phaC} _phaC1_eyfp), *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1$ (pBBR1MCS2_ p_{phaC} _phaC1_T373D_eyfp), *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1$ (pBBR1MCS2_ p_{phaC} _phaC1_T373N_eyfp) on NB-medium with 0.2% gluconate. (B) Growth of *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1 \Delta phaM$ (pBBR1MCS2_ p_{phaC} _phaC1_eyfp), *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1 \Delta phaM$ (pBBR1MCS2_ p_{phaC} _phaC1_T373D_eyfp), *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1 \Delta phaM$ (pBBR1MCS2_ p_{phaC} _phaC1_T373N_eyfp) on NB-medium with 0.2% gluconate. Error bars show the standard deviation.

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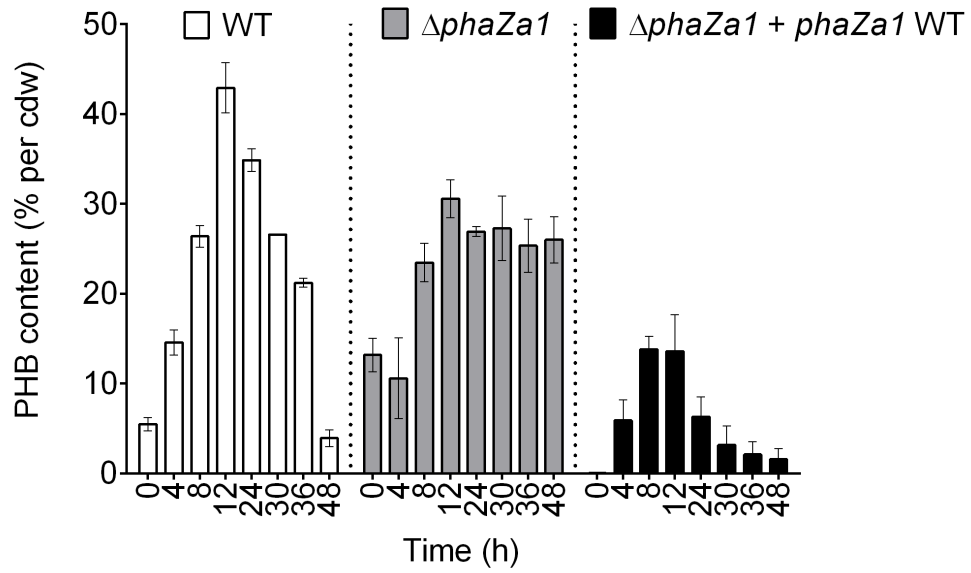
40 **Supplementary materials Fig. S3: Growth and PHB accumulation of *R. eutropha* H16 strains over 48 h.** Growth (A) and PHB contents (B) of *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1$ (pBBR1MCS2_*p_{phaC}_phaC1_eyfp*), *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1$ (pBBR1MCS2_*p_{phaC}_phaC1_T30D_T94D_T109D_T373D_eyfp*) and *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1$ (pBBR1MCS2_*p_{phaC}_phaC1_T30N_T94N_T109N_T373N_eyfp*) on NB-medium with 0.2% Na-gluconate. Results were obtained from biological triplicates; error bars show the standard deviation.

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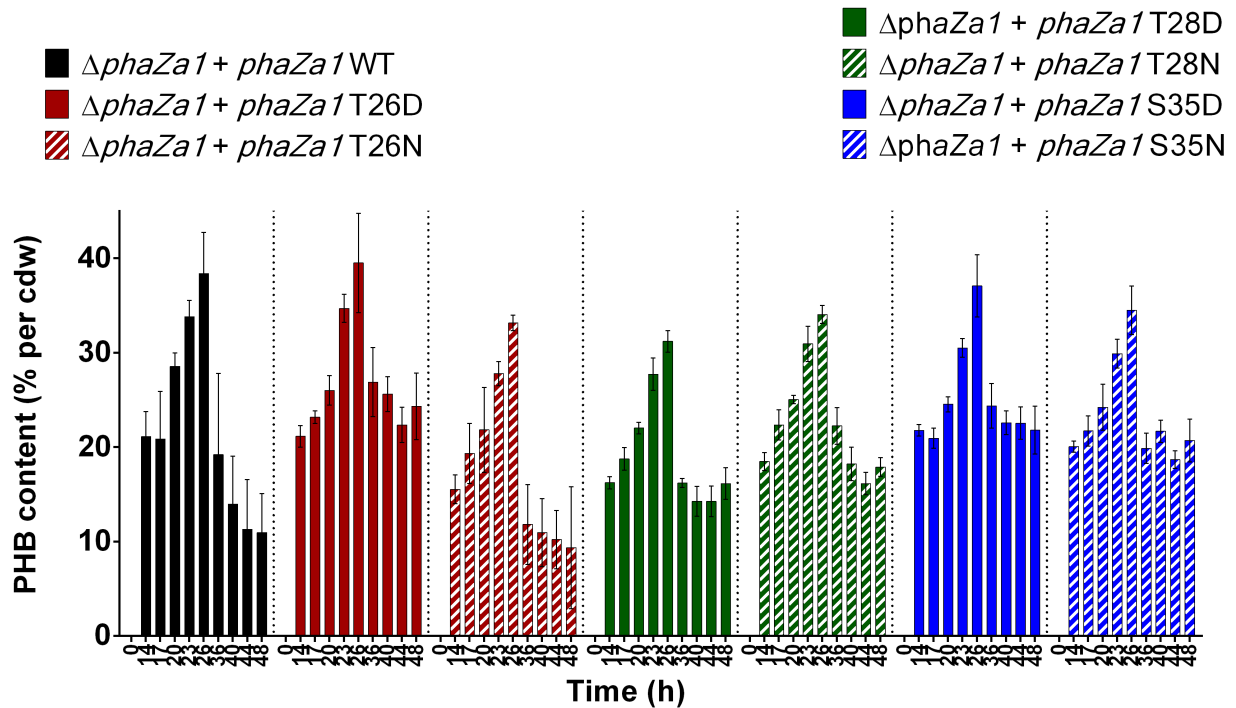


50 **Supplementary materials Fig. S4: Growth of *R. eutropha* H16 strains (A)** Growth of *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC$ (pBBR1MCS2_*p_{phaC}_phaC1_eyfp*), *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1$ (pBBR1MCS2_*p_{phaC}_phaC1_T94D_eyfp*), *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1$ (pBBR1MCS2_*p_{phaC}_phaC1_T94N_eyfp*), *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1$ (pBBR1MCS2_*p_{phaC}_phaC1_T109D_eyfp*) and *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1$ (pBBR1MCS2_*p_{phaC}_phaC1_T109N_eyfp*) on NB-medium with 0.2% gluconate. (B) Growth of *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1 \Delta phaM$ (pBBR1MCS2_*p_{phaC}_phaC1_eyfp*), *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1 \Delta phaM$ (pBBR1MCS2_*p_{phaC}_phaC1_T94D_eyfp*), *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1 \Delta phaM$ (pBBR1MCS2_*p_{phaC}_phaC1_T94N_eyfp*), *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1 \Delta phaM$ (pBBR1MCS2_*p_{phaC}_phaC1_T109D_eyfp*) and *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaC1 \Delta phaM$ (pBBR1MCS2_*p_{phaC}_phaC1_T109N_eyfp*) on NB-medium with 0.2% gluconate.

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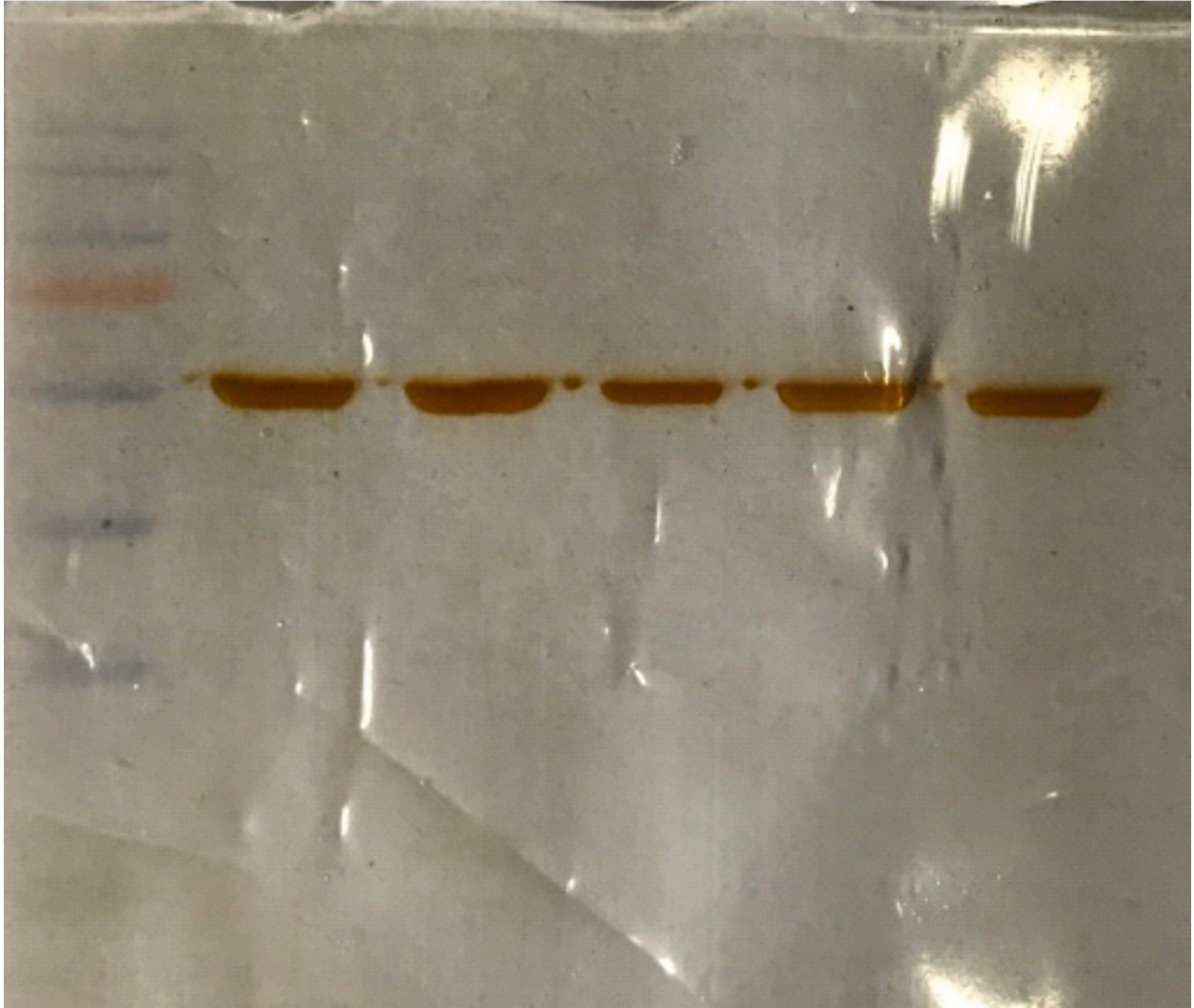


65 **Supplementary materials Fig. S5: PHB accumulation of *R. eutropha* strains over 48h.** PHB content per cellular dry weight of *R. eutropha* wild type, *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaZa1$ and *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaZa1$ (pBBR1MCS2_*p_{phaC}_phaZa1_eyfp*) on NB-medium with 0.2% gluconate (data were obtained from two biological and two technical replicates; error bars show the standard deviation).



Supplementary materials Fig. S6: PHB accumulation of *R. eutropha* H16 strains. PHB contents of *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaZa1$ (pBBR1MCS2_ p_{phaC} _phaZa1_eyfp), *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaZa1$ (pBBR1MCS2_ p_{phaC} _phaZa1_T26D_eyfp), *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaZa1$ (pBBR1MCS2_ p_{phaC} _phaZa1_T26N_eyfp), *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaZa1$ (pBBR1MCS2_ p_{phaC} _phaZa1_T28D_eyfp), *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaZa1$ (pBBR1MCS2_ p_{phaC} _phaZa1_T28N_eyfp), *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaZa1$ (pBBR1MCS2_ p_{phaC} _phaZa1_S35D_eyfp) and *R. eutropha* $\Delta phaZa1$ (pBBR1MCS2_ p_{phaC} _phaZa1_S35N_eyfp) on NB-medium with 0.5% Na-gluconate. The PHB content per cellular dry weight is shown. Data were obtained from 2 biological and 2 technical replicates; error bars show the standard deviation.

WT T373A T373D T373E T373N



85 **Suppl. materials, Fig. S7:** SDS-PAGE analysis of purified PhaC1 mutants. Left lane shows marker proteins. Gel was stained with silver.

Supplementary materials, Table S1: Summary of all PhaC1 mutants generated.

90 For all of the mutants indicated a growth curve over 24h on NB-medium supplemented with 150µg/ml kanamycin and 0.2 % Na-gluconate (wt/vol) was recorded and the cells were stained with Nile red to visualize PHB and without any dye to visualize the eYFP-tagged PhaC1 by fluorescence microscopy.

Non-phosphorylatable	Microscopy	Phosphomimetic	Microscopy
T30A	As WT	T30D	As WT
T94N	As WT	T94D	As WT
T109N	As WT	T109D	As WT
T373N, T373A	As WT	T373D, T373E	As WT

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