

**Table S2. Bacterial strains and plasmids**

Strains or plasmid	Relevant Characteristics <sup>a</sup>	Sources and/or reference <sup>b</sup>
<b>Strains</b>		
<b><i>Burkholderia cenocepacia</i></b>		
K56-2	ET12 clone related to J2315, CF clinical isolate	BCRRC <sup>c</sup> (1)
$\Delta bcnA$	OME62, Deletion of <i>bcnA</i> gene in K56-2	(2)
$\Delta bcnB$	OME65, Deletion of <i>bcnB</i> gene in K56-2	(2)
$\Delta bcnAB$	OME4, Deletion of <i>bcnA</i> and <i>bcnB</i> in K56-2	(3)
$\Delta bcoA$	OME63, Deletion of <i>bcoA</i> gene in K56-2	(2)
$\Delta bcnAB \Delta bcoA$	OME64, Deletion of <i>bcnA</i> , <i>bcnB</i> and <i>bcoA</i> in K56-2	(2)
$\Delta bcnA$ pDA17	MMN1, K56-2 $\Delta bcnA$ carrying pDA17; Tet <sup>R</sup>	This study
$\Delta bcnAB$ pDA17	MMN2, K56-2 $\Delta bcnB$ carrying pDA17; Tet <sup>R</sup>	This study
$\Delta bcnAB \Delta bcoA$ pDA17	MMN3, K56-2 $\Delta bcnAB \Delta bcoA$ carrying pDA17; Tet <sup>R</sup>	This study
$\Delta bcnA pbcnA$	OME86, K56-2 $\Delta bcnA$ carrying <i>bcnA</i> cloned in pDA17; Tet <sup>R</sup>	(2)
$\Delta bcnAB pbcnA$	MMN4, K56-2 $\Delta bcnA$ carrying <i>bcnA</i> cloned in pDA17; Tet <sup>R</sup>	This study
$\Delta bcnAB \Delta bcoA pbcnA$	MMN5, K56-2 $\Delta bcnA$ carrying <i>bcnA</i> cloned in pDA17; Tet <sup>R</sup>	This study
<b><i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i></b>		
PAO1	Non-CF clinical isolate	(4)
<b>Plasmids</b>		
pDA17	ori <sub>pBBRI</sub> , Tet <sup>R</sup> , mob+, P <sub>dhfr</sub> , FLAG epitope	(5)
pExp <i>bcnA</i>	POE16, <i>bcnA</i> gene without signal peptide encoding sequence cloned in pET28a(+)	(3)
<i>pbcnA</i>	pOE13, pDA17 harboring <i>bcnA</i> gene C-terminus FLAG, Tet <sup>R</sup>	(2)

<sup>a</sup>Tet<sup>R</sup>, Tetracycline resistance.

<sup>b</sup>References are listed in the main manuscript.

<sup>c</sup>BCRRC, *B. cepacia* Research and Referral Repository for Canadian CF Clinics.

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