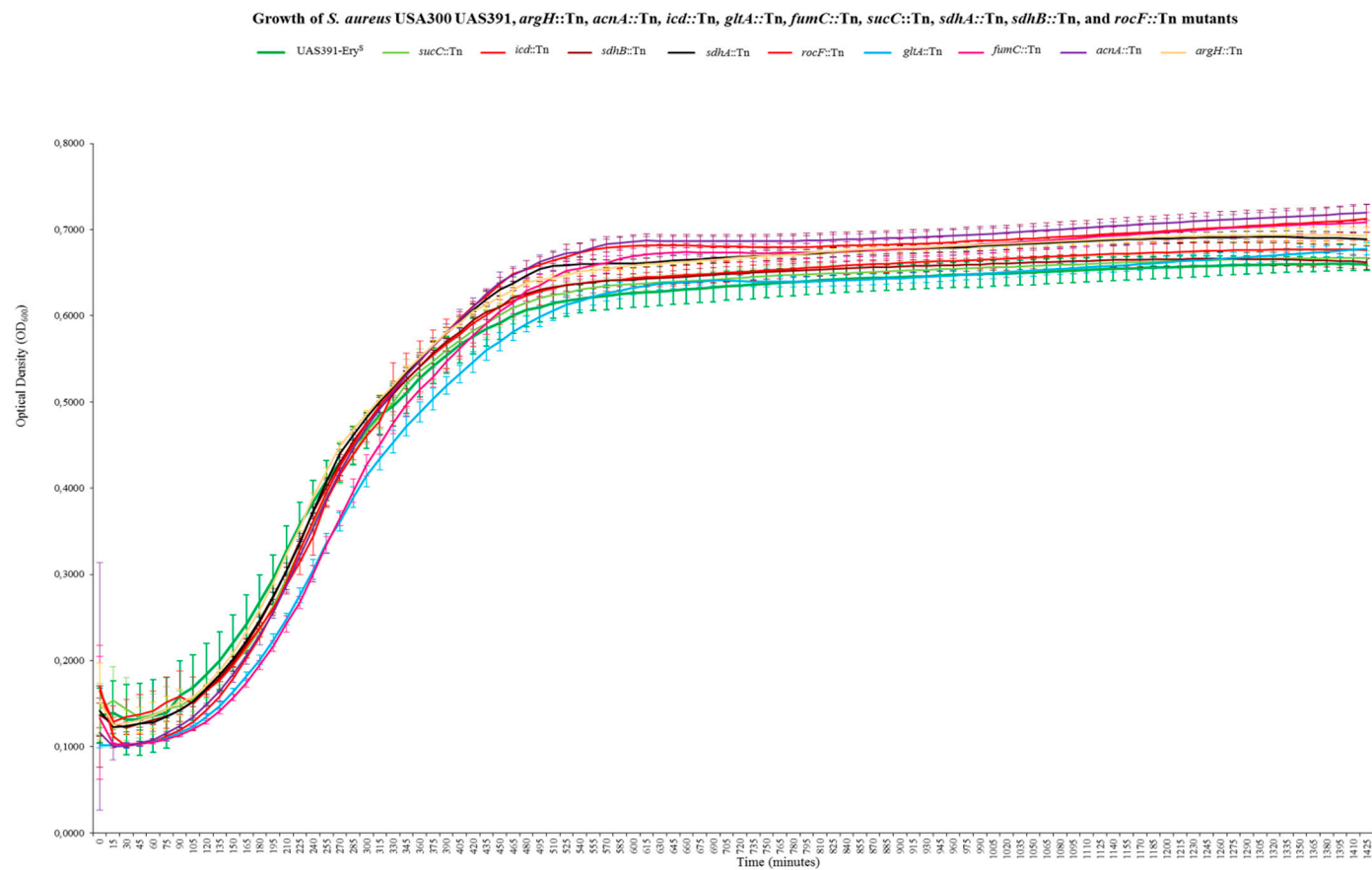
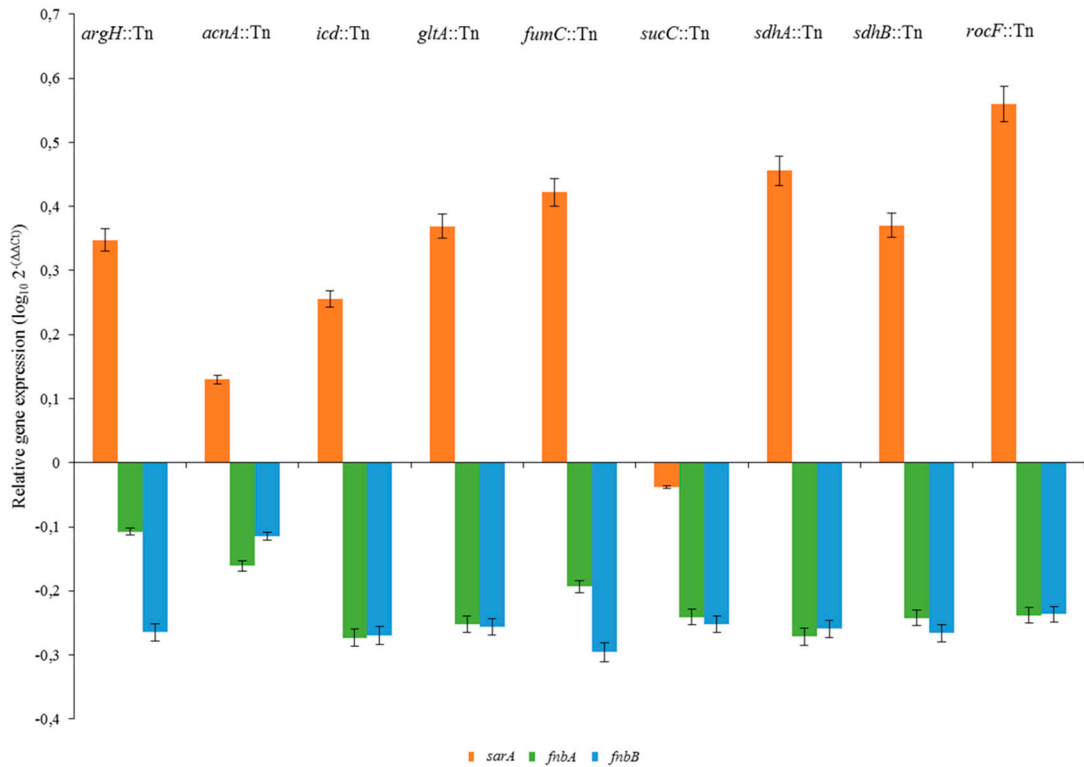


## Supplementary Materials:



**Supplementary Figure S1:** Background absorption-corrected 24 h growth curves for UAS391-Ery<sup>S</sup> as well as *argH::Tn*, *acnA::Tn*, *icd::Tn*, *gltA::Tn*, *fumC::Tn*, *sucC::Tn*, *sdhA::Tn*, *sdhB::Tn* and *rocF::Tn* mutants. Error bars in corresponding color represent the 95% confidence interval per strain.

**Transcription levels of *S. aureus* USA300 UAS391 *argH*::Tn, *acnA*::Tn, *icd*::Tn, *gltA*::Tn, *fumC*::Tn, *sucC*::Tn, *sdhA*::Tn, *sdhB*::Tn, and *rocF*::Tn mutants**



**Supplementary Figure S2:** Relative quantification of *fnbA*, *fnbB* and *sarA* gene expression in UAS391-Ery<sup>S</sup> and the corresponding TCA- and urea cycle knockout mutants, normalized to *gyrB* expression and calculated using the Comparative C<sub>t</sub> Method (2<sup>-ΔΔCt</sup>). Gene expression in UAS391-Ery<sup>S</sup> was taken as baseline 0.

**Supplementary Table S1:** Primers used during this study. Primers were designed against *S. aureus* strain USA300-UAS391 (#CP007690.1).

Gene name	ID	Sequence (5'→3')	Product size (bp)	Reference
<i>Primers for RT-PCR</i>				
<i>gyrB</i>	GyrB-F	GTAACACGTCGTAAATCAGCG	170	[32]
	GyrB-R	CGTAATGGTAAAATCGCCTGC		
<i>fnbB</i>	RTFnbB-F	AGGTGCAGAAGGTCATGCAG	222	This study
	RTFnbB-R	TGATCGCTAACAGCACCAGT		
<i>fnbA</i>	RTFnbA-F	CCAGTACCACCTGCCAAAGA	195	
	RTFnbA-R	TCCGCCGAACAACATACCTT		
<i>sarA</i>	RTSarA-F	GCTGTATTGACATACATCAGCGA	250	
	RTSarA-R	CGTTGTTTGCTTCAGTGATTCG		
<i>Primers for complementation</i>				
pALC2073 plasmid	TetR-2	CAATGTAGGCTGCTCTACACCTAG	547	[17]
	pALC-2	GATCGGTGCGGGCCTCTTCGCTAT		

<i>argH</i>	ArgH-1	AGCTTGATGGTACCGAGCTCGAATTTGGAGGCTATAG CAATGAGCAATA	1807	This study
	ArgH-2	GTTGTA AACGACGGCCAGTGAATTCCTATTGTGATA GTAATTGTTTAGCAAC		
<i>acnA</i>	AcnA-1	AGCTTGATGGTACCGAGCTCGAATTATGTATCAAGGG GGATCATTAAATGGCTGCAAATTTAAAGAGCAATC	3141	
	AcnA-2	GTTGTA AACGACGGCCAGTGAATTCCTATTGCGCTA ATTATTCTTAAAACCATTTG		
<i>gltA</i>	GltA-1	AGCTTGATGGTACCGAGCTCGAATTTAAAGGGGAAAT TTATCATGGCAGAATTACAAAGAG	GltA-1 + GltA-2: 1522	
	GltA-2	GTTGTA AACGACGGCCAGTGAATTCCTATTTCTTTC TTCAAGCGGGATATA	GltA-1 + Icd-2: 2869	
<i>icd</i>	Icd-1	AGCTTGATGGTACCGAGCTCGAATTTGGAGGTAAAA TAACTATGACTGCAGAAAAAATTAC	Icd-1 + Icd-2: 1699	
	Icd-2	GTTGTA AACGACGGCCAGTGAATTCCTATTTAAATT TTAATCAATTCATC	GltA-1 + Icd-2: 2869	
<i>rocF</i>	RocF-1	AGCTTGATGGTACCGAGCTCGAATTTAGAGCAAAGGG GGACGCTTATGACAAAGACAAAAG	1342	
	RocF-2	GTTGTA AACGACGGCCAGTGAATTCCTATAATAAAG TTTCACCAAAAAATGTTCCAAC		
<i>fumC</i>	FumC-1	AGCTTGATGGTACCGAGCTCGAATTAACAGTGATAAG GGGAGAAATTGAATGTCAGTAAGAATTGAAC	1823	
	FumC-2	GTTGTA AACGACGGCCAGTGAATTCCTAATGAGGAT CTACCATATCTTCTG		
<i>sdhA</i>	SdhA-1	AGCTTGATGGTACCGAGCTCGAATT AGGGGAGTGAAATTTTATGGCAGAGAAACATC	SdhA-1 + SdhA- 2: 2197	
	SdhA-2	GTTGTA AACGACGGCCAGTGAATTCCTATTTTACC CCCTTAGACTTAC	SdhA-1 + SdhB- 2: 3012	
<i>sdhB</i>	SdhB-1	AGCTTGATGGTACCGAGCTCGAATTCTAAAGGGGGTA AAAAATAATGACTGAACAATCAGTG	SdhB-1 + SdhB- 2: 1254	
	SdhB-2	GTTGTA AACGACGGCCAGTGAATTCCTATTCTACTTC ATGGTCTGAACCAAAG	SdhA-1 + SdhB- 2: 3012	
<i>sucC</i>	SucC-1	AGCTTGATGGTACCGAGCTCGAATTAACCTAAGTAAC AGGAGGATGGAAGATGAATATCCACGAGTATC	SucC-1 + SucC- 2: 1605 SucC-1 + SucC- 3: 2595	
	SucC-2	GTTGTA AACGACGGCCAGTGAATTCCTATGCTTCTTT GACTAGTTTAAAC		
	SucC-3	GTTGTA AACGACGGCCAGTGAATTCCTATTTATTAAC AGTTAATAATGATTC		

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