

Figure S1. (A) The transposon mutant pool was inoculated in the centre of an inverted agar plate and incubated for 72 h at 37 °C. Mutants were separated based upon their ability to undergo twitching motility-mediated biofilm expansion away from the inoculation site. After 72 hrs mutants were harvested from the inner non-motile region (outlined in white) and the outer active twitching edge (outlined in black). Genomic DNA was extracted from each pool of mutants and sequenced using a mass parallel approach. **(B)** Growth rates in minimal media for 11 selected transposon mutants assayed for a submerged biofilm defect in Figure 1B. Growth rates were determined by incubation of transposon mutants at 37 °C for 19 h in M63 minimal media (same media used for submerged biofilm assays). There was no significant different between growth rates of transposon mutants compared to wildtype predicted by a one-way ANOVA with Dunnett's multiple comparison test. Data are represented as the mean ± standard deviation for 2 independent replicates performed in triplicate.

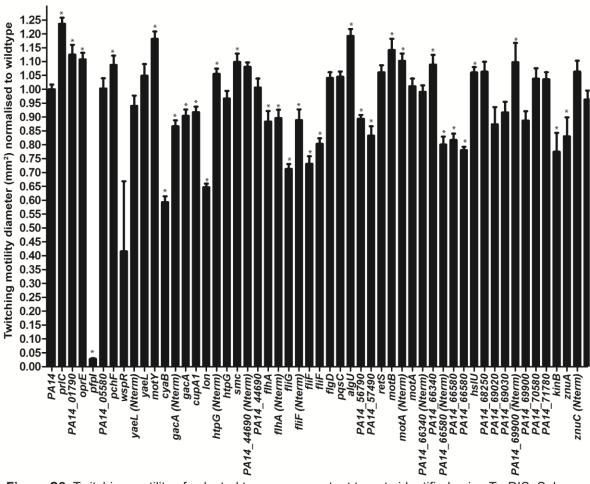


Figure S2. Twitching motility of selected transposon mutant targets identified using TraDIS. Subsurface twitching motility-mediated interstitial biofilm expansion at agar/plastic interface after 48 h incubation at 37 °C is presented as the average surface area in mm² ± standard deviation normalized against wildtype as obtained from 2 independent experiments performed in triplicate. Two-tailed student's t-test, * (p<0.005) compared to wildtype.

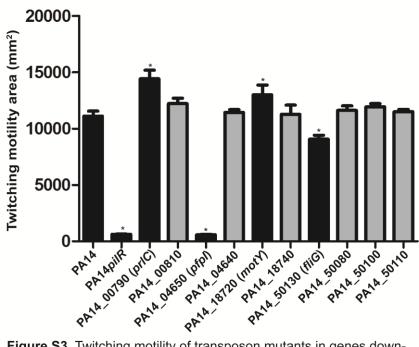


Figure S3. Twitching motility of transposon mutants in genes downstream of prlC, pfpl, fliG and motY. Sub-surface twitching motility-mediated interstitial biofilm expansion at agar/plastic interface after 48 h incubation at 37 °C is presented as the mean surface area in mm² \pm standard error of the mean as obtained from 2 independent experiments performed in triplicate. prlC, pfpl, fliG and motY are black bars and the transposon mutants in the operon downstream of each of these genes are grey bars. Two-tailed student's t-test, * (p<0.05) compared to wildtype; ns for $PA14_00810$ (downstream of prlC) (p = 0.098) compared to wildtype; ns for $PA14_04640$ (downstream of pfpl) (p = 0.546) compared to wildtype; ns for $PA14_50080$ (p = 0.437) or $PA14_50100$ (p = 0.381) or $PA14_50110$ (p = 0.147) (all downstream of pfpl) compared to wildtype; and ns for pfpl (downstream of pfpl) (p = 08.28) compared to wildtype.