

Table S2. List of peptidoglycan biosynthesis mutants analyzed for stalk defects.***LytM-like endopeptidases***

Locus Tags	<i>ldpA</i> (CC1872, CCNA_01948), <i>ldpB</i> (CC2248, CCNA_02331), <i>ldpC</i> (CC2297, CCNA_02382), <i>ldpD</i> (CC3034 CCNA_03129), <i>ldpE</i> (CC3301, CCNA_03410), <i>ldpF</i> (CC3434, CCNA_03547), <i>dipM</i> (CC1996 CCNA_02075)
Single deletion	$\Delta ldpA$, $\Delta ldpB$, $\Delta ldpC$, $\Delta ldpD$, $\Delta ldpE$, $\Delta ldpF$, $\Delta dipM$
Multiple deletions	$\Delta ldpA \Delta ldpB \Delta ldpC \Delta ldpD \Delta ldpE$, $\Delta ldpA \Delta ldpB$, $\Delta ldpB \Delta ldpF$, $\Delta ldpA \Delta ldpB \Delta ldpC$, $\Delta ldpA \Delta ldpC \Delta ldpD$, $\Delta ldpC \Delta ldpE$, $\Delta ldpA \Delta ldpB \Delta ldpC \Delta ldpD \Delta ldpE \Delta ldpF$

NlpC/P60 and CHAP domain proteins

Locus Tags	CC2936 (CCNA_03031), CC0349 (CCNA_00354), CC2775 (CCNA_02863)
Single deletions	$\Delta CC2936$, $\Delta CC0349$, $\Delta CC2775$
Multiple deletions	$\Delta CC2775 \Delta CC2936$, $\Delta CC2936 \Delta CC0349 \Delta CC2775$

Soluble lytic transglycosylases

Locus Tags	<i>sdpA</i> (CC1194, CCNA_01252), <i>sdpB</i> (CC1332, CCNA_01393), <i>sdpC</i> (CC2416, CCNA_02498)
Single deletions	$\Delta sdpA$, $\Delta sdpB$, $\Delta sdpC$
Multiple deletions	$\Delta sdpB \Delta sdpC$, $\Delta sdpA \Delta sdpC$, $\Delta sdpA \Delta sdpB$

Membrane-bound lytic transglycosylases

Locus Tags	CC3740 (CCNA_03856), CC3322 (CCNA_03431)
Single deletions	$\Delta CC3740$, $\Delta CC3322$
Multiple deletions	$\Delta CC3740 \Delta CC3322$

Amidase

Locus Tags	<i>amiC</i> (CC1876, CCNA_01952)
Single deletions	$\Delta amiC$ P _{xyl} ::P _{xyl} - <i>amiC</i>

Carboxypeptidase

Locus Tags	<i>crbA</i> (CC2161, CCNA_02243)
Single deletions	$\Delta CC2161$

LD-transpeptidases

Locus Tags	<i>ldtD</i> (CC1511, CCNA_01579), <i>ldtX</i> (CC3744, CCNA_03860)
Single deletions	$\Delta ldtD$, $\Delta ldtX$
Multiple deletions	$\Delta ldtD \Delta ldtX$

Penicillin-binding proteins (class A)

Locus Tags	<i>pbpY</i> (CC1875, CCNA_01951), <i>pbp1A</i> (CC1516, CCNA_01584), <i>pbpC</i> (CC3277, CCNA_03386), <i>pbpZ</i> (CC3570, CCNA_03685), <i>pbpX</i> (CC0252, CCNA_00252)
Single deletions	$\Delta pbpC$, $\Delta pbpX$
Multiple deletions	$\Delta pbp1a \Delta pbpC \Delta pbpY \Delta pbpZ$, $\Delta pbp1a \Delta pbpY \Delta pbpZ$, $\Delta pbp1a \Delta pbpC \Delta pbpY \Delta pbpZ$ P _{xyl} ::P _{xyl} - <i>pbpX</i>