



S6 Figure. Identification of transcriptional factors controlling *K. pneumoniae* T6SS expression.

(A, B) Analysis of the T6SS expression by *K. pneumoniae* CIP52.145 (Kp52145), 52145- Δhfq (*hfq*), 52145- $\Delta phoPQGB$ (*phoPQ*), 52145- $\Delta pmrAB$ (*pmrAB*), 52145- Δfur (*fur*), 52145- Δhns (*h-ns*), 52145- $\Delta rpoS$ (*rpoS*), 52145- $\Delta rpoN$ (*rpoN*), 52145- $\Delta mgrB$ (*mgrB*), 52145- $\Delta mgrB\Delta phoPQGB$ (*mgrB-phoPQ*), 52145- $\Delta rcsB$ (*rcsB*), and 52145- $\Delta rcsB\Delta phoPQGB$ (*rcsB-phoPQ*) carrying the

transcriptional fusion *tssB::lucFF* and grown in LB_{pH6} (pH6) and LB_{NaCl} (NaCl 595 mM). The data are presented as means ± the standard deviations (n = 3). #, results are significantly different (P < 0.0001) from the results for Kp52145 and for the indicated comparison; ***, results are significantly different (P < 0.001) from the results for Kp52145; n.s. results are not significantly different (P>0.05 001) from the results for Kp52145; one-way ANOVA Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons.

(C, D) Bacterial killing activity mediated by *K. pneumoniae* CIP52.145 (Kp52145), 52145- Δ *hfq* (*hfq*), 52145- Δ *phoPQGB* (*phoPQ*), 52145- Δ *pmrAB* (*pmrAB*), 52145- Δ *fur* (*fur*), 52145- Δ *hns* (*h-ns*), 52145- Δ *rpoS* (*rpoS*), 52145- Δ *rpoN* (*rpoN*), 52145- Δ *mgrB* (*mgrB*), 52145- Δ *mgrB*- Δ *phoPQGB* (*mgrB-phoPQ*), 52145- Δ *rcsB* (*rcsB*), and 52145- Δ *rcsB*- Δ *phoPQGB* (*rcsB-phoPQ*) against *E. coli* MG1655. Number of recovered target cells following 6 h incubation in LB_{pH6} (pH6) and LB_{NaCl} (NaCl 595 mM) is indicated. The data are presented as means ± the standard deviations (n = 3). #, results are significantly different (P < 0.0001) from the results for PBS-treated (mock) target cells; one-way ANOVA Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons.