## **Description of Additional Supplementary Files**

Supplementary Dataset 1 Metabolic capabilities of heterotrophs and phototrophs.

Supplementary Dataset 2
Constraints applied to the models

Supplementary Dataset 3
Metabolites production parameters by SPC

Supplementary Dataset 4 Unique metabolic capabilities in *E. coli* K-12 and *E. coli* W

Supplementary Dataset 5
Measurements of intracellular and extracellular metabolites by NMR and GC-MS

Supplementary Dataset 6 RNA-seq metadata

Supplementary Dataset 7 Expression analysis

Supplementary Dataset 8 Gene essentiality results

Supplementary Dataset 9
Genes with different role in monoculture and in the community