Table S1. Bacterial strains and plasmids used in this study.[a]

Name	Relevant characteristics[a]	Source or reference
Bacterial strain		
E. coli DH5α	Cloning host; F⁻ λ⁻ *endA1 glnX44*(AS) *thiE1 recA1 relA1 spoT1 gyrA96*(Nal^R) *rfbC1 deoR nupG* Φ80(*lacZ*Δ*M15*) Δ(*argF-lac*)*U169 hsdR17*(r_K^- m_K^+)	(1)
E. coli DH5α λ*pir*	Cloning host; λ*pir* lysogen derivative of strain DH5α	(2)
E. coli BL21DE3	Expression host, *fhuA2 [lon] ompT gal* (λ_{DE3}) *[dcm]* Δ*hsdS* [λ_{DE3} = λ *sBamHIo* Δ*EcoRI-B int::(lacI::*P_{lacUV5}*::T7 gene1) i21* Δ*nin5]*	New England Biolabs
P. putida KT2440	Wild-type strain; derivative of *P. putida* mt-2 (3) cured of the TOL plasmid pWW0	(4)
Plasmid		
pEMG	Suicide vector used for deletions in Gram-negative bacteria; *oriT*, *traJ*, *lacZα*, *ori*(R6K); Km^R	(5)
pSEVA212s	Suicide vector used for deletions in Gram-negative bacteria; *oriT*, *traJ*, *lacZα*, *ori*(R6K); Km^R	(6)
pSEVA628s	Helper plasmid; *oriV*(RK2), XylS/*Pm*→*I-SceI*; Gm^R	(7)
pS212s·Δ*zwfA*	Derivative of vector pEMG, carrying HRs to delete *zwfA* (*PP_1022*)	This work
pEMG·Δ*zwfB*	Derivative of vector pEMG, carrying HRs to delete *zwfB* (*PP_4042*)	This work
pEMG·Δ*zwf*	Derivative of vector pEMG, carrying HRs to delete *zwf* (*PP_5351*)	This work
pEMG·Δ*hexR*	Derivative of vector pEMG, carrying HRs to delete *hexR* (*PP_1021*)	This work
pEMG·Δ*rpiR*	Derivative of vector pEMG, carrying HRs to delete *rpiR* (*PP_5350)*	This work
pSEVA227Y	Cloning vector; *oriV*(RK2), promoter-less *yfp*; Km^R	(8)
pS22T·P_{zwfA}	Derivative of vector pS227Y with 302-bp-long genomic region upstream of *zwfA*	This work
pS22T·P_{zwfC}	Derivative of vector pS227Y with 278-bp-long genomic region upstream of *zwf*	This work
pET28a	Expression vector, *oriV*(pBR322), P_{T7}, Km^R	Novagen
pET28a::Zwf	Derivative of vector pET28a, P_{T7}→*zwf*	This work
pET28a::ZwfB	Derivative of vector pET28a, P_{T7}→*zwfB*	This work

[a] *Antibiotic markers*: Gm, gentamicin; Km, kanamycin; Nal, nalidixic acid; and Str, streptomycin.

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