



SK36 *ApilF* 

SK36 t+ #1 Δ*pilF* 

SK36 t+ #2 Δ*pilF* 





## **1** Supplementary Material

Supplemental Figure 1: The SK36 Δ*pilF* complement strain develops twitching motility during
growth on blood agar as seen for the SK36 parent strain. The Δ*pilF* mutant fails to exhibit any
twitching motility even after multiple passages (not shown).

5 Supplemental Figure 2: Twitching phenotypes of passaged S. sanguinis SK36 and SK36  $\Delta pilF$ .

6 Images were taken on day 4 of the first passage. A) SK36 does not exhibit twitching motility

7 following first passage on blood agar. B & C) Individual twitching colonies isolated previously

8 ("t+" designation) are capable of twitching motility following first passage (top) but lose this

9 ability when the  $\Delta pilF$  mutation is introduced.

10 Supplemental Figure 3: SK36 WT,  $\Delta pilF$  mutant, and *pilF* complement exhibit similar growth 11 in 100% rabbit serum. A  $\Delta ssaB$  strain is included as a control. Statistical analysis was performed 12 using two-way ANOVA and corrected for multiple comparisons by the method of Dunnett. \* = p13 < 0.05. Error bars represent the 95% confidence intervals. Growth kinetics of the  $\Delta ssaB$  mutant 14 reach statistical significance compared to WT starting at 400 minutes.

**Supplemental Figure 4**: S. sanguinis SK36 isolated from two different WT-infected rabbits (R1

and R2) were assayed for their twitching motility phenotype following infection. As shown,

17 SK36 following infection exhibits a motility phenotype similar to the SK36 parent rather than the

18 passaged, hyper-twitching control strains. Arrows identify nascent zones of twitching in both the

19 parent and R2 populations.

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