

Fig. S1. Growth parameters of *P. aeruginosa* PA14 overexpressing (A) nox^{Sp} and (B) FDH1^{Cb} 2 strains. Bacteria carrying the nox^{Sp} oxidase (A) or the FDH1^{Cb} (B) genes were grown in LB 3 medium and the growth (absorbance at $\lambda = 600 \text{ nm}$) was recorded in the *Bioscreen C* MBRTM 4 plate reader each 15 minutes. Cells carrying the empty vector (EV) served as a control and 10 5 mM sodium formate were supplemented to the cultures used for the *FDH1*^{cb} strain and the 6 7 respective vector control. Induction of the cultures was achieved by the addition of 0.1 mM or 8 1mM IPTG. The specific growth rate (μ) of the cultures (right panels) was calculated from the 9 exponential growth by linear regression of log-transformed OD data. Statistical significance between μ values was calculated by means of a t-test (*p*-value: ** < 0.01; *** < 0.001). 10

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