

Supplementary Table 3. *B. subtilis* strains used in this study

Strain	Genotype	Source or reference
168CA	wild-type, <i>trpC2</i>	Laboratory stock
GM1608	<i>ytsJ'</i> ::[pMUTIN2 Δ (<i>lacZ-ery</i>):: <i>kan</i>]	(Lerondel et al., 2006) ⁸
GTD102	<i>maeA'</i> :: <i>kan</i>	(Doan et al., 2003) ⁴²
GTD110	Δ <i>malS'</i> :: <i>spc</i>	(Doan et al., 2003) ⁴²
GM1632	<i>mleA'</i> :: <i>cat</i>	(Lerondel et al., 2006) ⁸
GM1655	<i>maeA</i> :: <i>pEC23 (kan) malS</i> :: <i>spec mleA</i> :: <i>pMutin3 (ery)</i>	(Lerondel et al., 2006) ⁸