

Identification of a Major Glucose Transporter in *Flavobacterium johnsoniae*: Inhibition of *F. johnsoniae* Colony Spreading by Glucose Uptake

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List of Abbreviations: CCCP, carbonyl cyanide *m*-chlorophenylhydrazone; CYE, casitone yeast extract; DCCD, *N,N'*-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide; DNP, 2,4-dinitrophenol; Em, erythromycin; MFS, major facilitator superfamily; PBS, phosphate buffered saline; RT, room temperature; Sm, streptomycin; 2DG, 2-deoxy-D-glucose

ABSTRACT

Many members of the phylum *Bacteroidetes* such as *Flavobacterium johnsoniae* can glide over a solid surface: an ability called *gliding motility*. It can be usually observed on agar plates as thin, flat, spreading colonies with irregular, feathery edges; this phenomenon is called *colony spreading*. Colony spreading of *F. johnsoniae* on 1.5% agar plates containing poor nutrients is dose-dependently inhibited by addition of D-glucose, as previously reported. Accordingly, here, we created mutants (by transposon mutagenesis) that partially suppressed glucose-mediated inhibition of colony spreading. Among the isolates, we found that one had a transposon insertion in Fjoh_4565, tentatively named *mfsA*, which encodes a major facilitator superfamily (MFS) transporter previously shown to be required for growth on glucose, N-acetyl-glucosamine, and chitin. We constructed an *mfsA* deletion mutant and found that the mutant showed no glucose-mediated acceleration of growth or glucose uptake. The *mfsA* gene complemented the phenotype of a glucose-negative *Escherichia coli*. These results suggested that the *mfsA* gene encodes the sole MFS transporter of glucose in *F. johnsoniae* and that glucose uptake is partially required for the glucose-mediated inhibition of *F. johnsoniae* colony spreading.

Key words: *Bacteroidetes*, colony spreading, gliding motility, glucose uptake, major facilitator superfamily transporter

INTRODUCTION

Many bacterial species can glide over solid surfaces: an ability that is called *gliding motility*. This ability can be observed in many members of the phylum *Bacteroidetes*, *Myxococcus xanthus*, *Mycoplasma mobile*, and many cyanobacteria, but these bacteria have their own unique motility machineries (1). *Flavobacterium johnsoniae* belonging to the phylum *Bacteroidetes* has been studied for many years to understand the motility mechanism. A large number of *F. johnsoniae* proteins have been found to be involved in gliding motility, which include Gld, Spr, and Rem (2). Some of these proteins are also components of the type IX protein secretion system (3, 4). We proposed a helical track model, where adhesive SprB filaments are propelled along a left-handed closed helical loop on the cell surface. Attachment of SprB to a substratum results in cell movement (5).

Gliding motility of *F. johnsoniae* is usually observed on agar plates as thin, flat, spreading colonies with irregular, feathery edges: this phenomenon is called *colony spreading* (6). This phenomenon requires gliding motility because *F. johnsoniae* mutants deficient in *gld* or *spr* genes show no colony spreading (3, 7-19). Colony spreading takes place on rather nutrient-poor plates, and when nutrients are added, the colonies tend to be raised and smooth-edged (6). Chang & Pate (20) first reported that sugars suppress colony spreading of *F. johnsoniae* on 1.5% agar plates. In their study, they found that metabolizable sugars including glucose, galactose, fructose, mannose, xylose, and maltose suppress colony spreading, whereas a nonmetabolizable sugar, lactose, does not. More extensive experiments revealed that a nonmetabolizable sugar, sucrose, suppresses colony spreading at a low concentration and minimal inhibitory concentrations for colony spreading vary among metabolizable sugars (21). Gorski et al.

(22) found that the inhibitory sugars have a common structural feature regardless of their metabolizable abilities.

In this study, we created *F. johnsoniae* mutants that showed colony spreading on glucose-containing agar plates using transposon mutagenesis to investigate which genes are involved in the inhibitory effect of glucose on colony spreading of the bacterium.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Bacterial strains and culture conditions

Bacterial strains and plasmids used in this study are listed in Table 1 (23, 24). *F. johnsoniae* cells were grown aerobically in the enriched casitone yeast extract (CYE) medium and on enriched CYE agar. For selection and maintenance of antibiotic-resistant *F. johnsoniae* strains, antibiotics were added to the medium at the following concentrations: streptomycin (Sm) 100 µg/ml and erythromycin (Em) 100 µg/ml. To observe colony spreading, we grew *F. johnsoniae* on PY2 agar (7) at 25°C.

Transposon mutagenesis and gene-directed mutagenesis

Transposon mutagenesis in *F. johnsoniae* strain UW101 by means of Tn4351 was described previously (25). Gene-directed mutagenesis of *F. johnsoniae* was carried out as follows. After the mating of *E. coli* S17-1 λ pir (carrying a pRR51 derivative) with *F. johnsoniae* CJ1827, an Em^r transconjugant was obtained to select for integration of the plasmid into the genome by homologous recombination. An erythromycin-resistant clone was grown overnight in CYE, and the loss of the plasmid via a second recombination event was selected by growth on CYE agar containing streptomycin

(18).

Construction of plasmids and bacterial strains

For construction of a targeting plasmid vector designed to create an *F. johnsoniae mfsA* deletion mutant, DNA regions upstream and downstream of *mfsA* were PCR-amplified from the chromosomal DNA of *F. johnsoniae* using pairs of primers (F4565-UF-BamHI plus F4565-UR-SalI and F4565-DF-SalI plus F4565-DR-SphI, respectively, where “U” indicates upstream, “F” indicates forward, “D” indicates downstream, and “R” indicates reverse). Primers used in this study are listed in Table S1. The amplified DNA upstream was double-digested with BamHI plus SalI. The DNA downstream was digested with SalI plus SphI. Both digested products were ligated with pRR51 that had been digested with BamHI and SphI. (Consequently, we obtained pDF1.)

For construction of shuttle vector pNS1 for *F. johnsoniae*, the multiple cloning site (MCS) region was 1st-PCR-amplified from pFj29 using the primer pair pFj29-1st-F and gfpmut3-R-SphI. Then, the MCS region was 2nd-PCR-amplified from the 1st-amplified DNA using the primer pair pFj29-2nd-F and gfpmut3-R-SphI. The amplified DNA was digested with BglII and SphI and inserted at the BamHI and SphI sites of pFj29, resulting in pNS1.

For construction of a complemented version of the *mfsA* strain DFJ, the gene encoding Fjoh_4565 was PCR-amplified from *F. johnsoniae* UW101 chromosomal DNA using the primer pair F4565-F-BamHI and F4565-stop-R-NotI. The amplified DNA was digested with BamHI and NotI and inserted into the corresponding region of pNS1, resulting in plasmid pNS1 containing *mfsA* (pDF2).

For construction of an *F. johnsoniae* strain expressing MfsA-Gfp, the gene

encoding Fjoh_4565 was PCR-amplified from *F. johnsoniae* UW101 chromosomal DNA using the primer pair F4565-F-BamHI and F4565-GR-NotI. The amplified DNA was digested with BamHI and NotI and inserted into the corresponding region of pNS1, resulting in plasmid pNS1 containing *mfsA-gfp* (pDF3).

For construction of a glucose-negative *E. coli* strain expressing *F. johnsoniae* MfsA and MfsA-Gfp, the *mfsA* gene DNA encoding Fjoh_4565 was PCR-amplified from *F. johnsoniae* UW101 chromosomal DNA and from the pDF2 plasmid DNA using the primer pairs F4565-22bF-NdeI and F4565-22bR-XhoI as well as F4565-22bF-NdeI and Gfpmut3-stopR-XhoI, respectively. The amplified DNAs were digested with NdeI and XhoI and inserted into the corresponding region of pET-22b (Novagen), resulting in plasmids pDF4 and pDF5, respectively. The glucose-negative *E. coli* strain LJ141 was then transformed with pDF4 and pDF5.

Glucose uptake

F. johnsoniae cells were grown in the CYE medium at 27°C with shaking (165 rpm) overnight to optical density of ~1.0 at 600 nm. The samples were washed two times with 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5). The cells were exposed to 1 mM 2,4-dinitrophenol (DNP), 10 µM carbonyl cyanide *m*-chlorophenylhydrazone (CCCP), 50 µM *N,N'*-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCCD), or 50 mM arsenate for 1 min at room temperature (RT) and incubated in 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5) supplemented with 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2DG) at RT for 2 h. Glucose uptake was determined by means of the 2DG uptake in an enzymatic photometric assay using the 2DG Uptake Measurement Kit (COSMO BIO Co.) (26, 27).

RNA Isolation

Total RNA from cells of the wild-type and the *mfsA* mutant at different growth conditions (1% PY2 and 1% PYG) from three independent cultures. After 24 h of culture, bacterial cells were collected by cell scraping in RNAlater^R solution (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and centrifuged at 8,000 rpm for 10 min. Cell pellets were resuspended with Trizol, and RNA was extracted using an RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's recommendations. DNA was removed with RNase-free DNase.

Gene Expression Microarrays

According to manufacturers' instructions, the complementary RNA was amplified and labeled by Low Input Quick Amp Labeling Kit (Agilent Technologies), and hybridized to Agilent-based microarray platform with 4 x 44 K probes per slide (Agilent Technologies). The array contains probe sets to 5,113 open reading frames of *F. johnsoniae* UW101. Designing microarray probes was done with the Agilent eArraysystem with the following settings during the microarray probe design: T_m (70°C) matching methodology, 60-mer probe length, 8 probes/gene. All hybridized microarray slides were scanned using an Agilent scanner. Relative hybridization intensities and background hybridization values were calculated using Agilent Feature Extraction Software (ver. 9.5.1.1).

Localization of MfsA

Cells were examined by microscopy to identify MfsA on the cell membrane. Cells of *F. johnsoniae mfsA/mfsA-gfp* (200 µl) were placed on a slide glass for 3 min at RT and

were washed two times with PBS. DAPI (Invitrogen) and FM4-64 (Invitrogen) were used for detection of DNA and cell membranes, respectively. After two washes with PBS, the cells were incubated with a 1/500 dilution of DAPI (Invitrogen) and FM4-64 (Invitrogen) for 30 min and were washed two times with PBS. The coverslip was mounted on glass and examined under an inverted fluorescence microscope.

Cell growth

The growth curves of the wild-type, *mfsA* deletion mutant, and *mfsA/mfsA*⁺ complemented strain were determined. The cells were incubated in CYE overnight to optical density of ~1.0 at 600 nm. The microorganisms were washed two times with 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5) and incubated in the mPY2 medium (0.05% peptone, 0.05% yeast extract) or mPY2 supplemented with D-glucose (15 mM) with shaking at 27°C. Cell growth was measured by optical density at 600 nm at indicated time points. Error bars show standard deviation.

Statistical analysis

The data of glucose uptake test were analysed using Student's *t*-test. Results were considered to be statistically significant with a *P* value <0.001.

RESULTS

The inhibitory effect of glucose on colony spreading of *F. johnsoniae*

As previously found (20-22), glucose suppressed colony spreading of *F. johnsoniae* on PY2 plates in a concentration-dependent manner, and D-glucose with 10 mM completely inhibited colony spreading (Fig. 1A and B). A nonmetabolizable derivative

of glucose, 2-deoxy-D-glucose (15 mM), partially suppressed colony spreading (Fig. 1C), suggesting that there were two types of suppression: metabolism-dependent and metabolism-independent.

Construction of a transposon insertion library and screening on the basis of colony spreading

Transposon-containing suicide plasmid R751::Tn435/ Ω 4 was used for mutagenesis of *F. johnsoniae* strain UW101. Cells were grown on agar plates supplemented with 15 mM glucose and 100 mM Em. Seventeen colonies showing higher levels of colony spreading compared to the wild type were found among nearly 48,000 colonies. The transposon insertion sites in all the mutants were determined by DNA sequencing. Fjoh_4565, which encode a major facilitator superfamily (MFS) transporter, was present at the insertion site of one of the mutants (Fig. 2A). Fjoh_4565 was recently shown to be required for growth on glucose, N-acetyl-glucosamine, and chitin (28). We tentatively named this gene *mfsA*. We constructed an *mfsA* deletion mutant (DFJ1), which partially restored colony spreading on the 15 mM glucose-containing plate (Fig. 2B and Fig. S1). *E. coli*–*F. johnsoniae* shuttle vector plasmids containing the *mfsA*⁺ and *mfsA-gfp* fusion genes were then introduced into strain DFJ1, resulting in *mfsA/mfsA*⁺ and *mfsA/mfsA-gfp* complemented strains (DFJ1/pDF2 and DFJ1/pDF3). Complemented strains DFJ1/pDF2 and DFJ1/pDF3 showed no colony spreading on a 15 mM glucose-containing plate, just as the wild type did (Fig. 2B and Fig. S1). The other sixteen mutants had the transposon DNA in different genes and the results will be reported elsewhere.

Growth of the *mfsA* mutant in media with or without glucose

The *mfsA* mutant, the *mfsA/mfsA*⁺ complemented strain, and the wild type were incubated in mPY2 with or without 15 mM glucose, and growth of the strains was determined via optical density at 600 nm. Addition of glucose resulted in increased growth of the wild-type and *mfsA/mfsA*⁺ complemented strains, whereas the growth of the *mfsA* mutant was not changed by addition of glucose (Fig. 2C).

Glucose uptake in the *mfsA* mutant

Glucose uptake of the *mfsA* mutant, of the *mfsA/mfsA*⁺ complemented strain, and of the wild type was determined. The *mfsA/mfsA*⁺ complemented strain and the wild type showed glucose uptake, whereas the *mfsA* mutant showed no glucose uptake (Fig. 3A). Glucose uptake of the wild type was decreased by proton motive force inhibitors, CCCP and DNP, but not decreased by ATPase inhibitors, arsenate, and DCCD, indicating that the glucose uptake system in *F. johnsoniae* depends on proton motive force (Fig. 3B).

Gene expression in the *mfsA* mutant

To determine which genes are influenced by *mfsA*, microarray analysis of the *mfsA* mutant, which was grown in agar plates supplemented with 15 mM glucose, was performed, and the result was compared to that of the wild type grown in the glucose-supplemented agar plates. The ratio of expression of each gene in the *mfsA* mutant with glucose versus that in the wild type with glucose was compared with the ratio of expression of each gene in the wild type without glucose versus that in the wild type with glucose (Fig. 4). The result revealed that gene expression in the *mfsA* mutant correlated with that in the wild type without glucose. The 100 genes most upregulated

and downregulated by the disruption of *mfsA* (*mfsA* with glucose versus the wild type with glucose) were compared with those under the influence of depletion of glucose in the wild type (wild type without glucose versus wild type with glucose) (Tables S2 and S3). Seventy-seven and 87 of the 100 upregulated and downregulated genes, respectively, were common between the two comparisons. These results suggested that the *mfsA* mutant experienced glucose starvation even when glucose was added into the medium.

Location of the MfsA protein

To determine intracellular localization of MfsA, we used the *mfsA/mfsA-gfp* fusion strain. Using fluorescence microscopy, we found that green fluorescence was located around the cell (Fig. 5A), suggesting that MfsA is located in the cell surface membranes. FM4-64 (red) and DAPI (blue) were used to indicate the areas of lipid layers and cytoplasm, respectively (Fig. 5B, C, and D).

Complementation of the glucose-negative phenotype in *E. coli* by the *mfsA* gene

We tested whether *F. johnsoniae* MfsA can complement the glucose-negative phenotype in *E. coli*. The *mfsA* and *mfsA-gfp* genes were placed after the T7 promoter in plasmid pET-22b, resulting in vectors pDF4 and pDF5, respectively. The glucose-negative *E. coli* strain LJ141 that lacks detectable glucose transport activity was then transformed with pDF4 and pDF5. The transformed *E. coli* strains were streaked onto MacConkey agar plates supplemented with 50 mM glucose. Strains LJ141/pDF4 and LJ141/pDF5 formed red colonies because of the fermentation of glucose, whereas strains LJ141 and LJ141 carrying the vector plasmid pET-22b showed non-glucose-fermenting other

colonies, demonstrating that *F. johnsoniae* MfsA can function as a glucose transporter in *E. coli* (Fig. 6). Strains LJ141/pDF4 and LJ141/pDF5 did not form red colonies on MacConkey agar supplemented with 50 mM mannose or mannitol, suggesting that MfsA has no contribution to the uptake of mannose or mannitol (Fig. 6).

DISCUSSION

The results presented here illustrate the role of *mfsA* in glucose inhibition of colony spreading. A recent study by Larsbrink et al (28) identified a locus containing *mfsA* and 10 other genes that were involved in *F. johnsoniae* chitin utilization. *mfsA* was shown to be required for growth on glucose, N-acetylglucosamine, and chitin. Our results confirm and extend these findings. Genome information on *F. johnsoniae* reveals that it has no phosphotransferase system but has 8 genes encoding putative major MFS transporters. The MFS is one of the largest groups of secondary active transporters conserved from bacteria to humans. In this study, we found that (i) the *mfsA* mutant showed no glucose uptake, (ii) the *mfsA* mutant did not utilize glucose for its growth, and (iii) the *mfsA* gene complemented the glucose-negative phenotype of *E. coli* LJ141. The present findings with the previous one (28) strongly indicate that *mfsA* (Fjoh_4565, which is one of the 8 above-mentioned genes) encodes the sole glucose transporter in *F. johnsoniae*. Comparison with proteins in the MFS family using the IUBMB-approved Transporter Classification Database (www.tcdb.org) revealed that a protein most similar to MfsA is glucose/galactose transporter Ggp (2.A.1.7.2) in *Brucella abortus*, which belongs to the fucose: H⁺ symporter (FHS) family (2.A.1.7) and that the top 13 proteins similar to MfsA belong to the FHS family. These 13 proteins including Ggp in *B. abortus* have 12 transmembrane segments (TMSs) except for one protein, which has 11

TMSs. On the other hand, MfsA appears to have 14 TMSs (Fig. S2). In this study, we found that MfsA requires proton motive force for its glucose uptake; this finding is consistent with the comparison result, which suggested that MfsA may belong to the FHS family.

In 1947, Stanier (6) reported that *F. johnsoniae* cells form spreading colonies on nutrient-poor plates. The cells formed rather small colonies with smooth edges on a plate with 2.0% tryptone, whereas they formed larger colonies with irregular, feathery edges on a plate containing 0.25% tryptone. Carbohydrates such as glucose, maltose, glucosamine, *N*-acetylglucosamine, sucrose, and trehalose can suppress colony spreading of *F. johnsoniae* (21). Most of the carbohydrates are metabolized by *F. johnsoniae*, but this bacterium cannot utilize sucrose as an energy source. Nevertheless, sucrose inhibits colony spreading. Similarly, a nonmetabolizable derivative of glucose, 2-deoxy-glucose, also inhibits colony spreading although the inhibitory effect was much weaker than that of D-glucose, suggesting that there may be two types of the carbohydrate-mediated inhibitory effect: metabolism-dependent and metabolism-independent. In this study in *F. johnsoniae*, we created mutations that suppress the effect of glucose on colony spreading. They included the mutant possessing the transposon DNA in the *mfsA* gene, which encode an MFS protein. These results suggest that the glucose-mediated inhibitory effect on colony spreading is at least partly attributable to glucose uptake. Further research is needed to find which metabolite(s) in the metabolic pathway inhibits colony spreading.

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FIGURE LEGENDS

Fig. 1. The inhibitory effect of D-glucose on colony spreading. (A) *F. johnsoniae* strains wild type (UW101) and *gldJ* mutant (UW102-55) were grown on PY2 agar with or without 15 mM D-glucose at 25°C for 96 h. (B) A concentration-dependent inhibitory effect of D-glucose on colony spreading. (C) Effects of 2-deoxy-D-glucose on colony spreading.

Fig. 2. Insertion sites of transposon-mediated mutations, and the growth of the *mfsA* mutant on a PY2 plate with D-glucose and in mPY2 broth with or without D-glucose. (A) Insertion site of Tn4351 in Fjoh_4565 (*mfsA*). (B) Colonies of *F. johnsoniae* strains: wild type (CJ1827), $\Delta mfsA$ (DFJ1), $\Delta mfsA$ with a vector plasmid (DFJ1/pNS1), $\Delta mfsA$ /pNS1 containing *mfsA*⁺ (DFJ1/pDF2), and $\Delta mfsA$ /pNS1 containing *mfsA-gfp* (DFJ1/pDF3) on PY2 agar with 15 mM D-glucose after 5 days incubation at 25°C. (C) Growth of the wild type, $\Delta mfsA$, and $\Delta mfsA$ /pNS1 containing *mfsA*⁺ (pDF2) in mPY2 broth with (red) or without (blue) 15 mM D-glucose.

Fig. 3. Glucose uptake of *F. johnsoniae* strains. (A) *F. johnsoniae* strains—wild type, $\Delta mfsA$ /pNS1 containing *mfsA*⁺ (pDF2), and $\Delta mfsA$ /pNS1 containing *mfsA-gfp* (pDF3)—were grown in the CYE medium at 27°C to optical density of ~1.0 at 600 nm. After two washes with 10 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.5), the cells were incubated in the buffer containing 2-deoxy-D-glucose at RT for 2 h. Glucose uptake was measured by an enzymatic photometric assay. (B) *F. johnsoniae* wild-type cells were treated with CCCP, DNP, arsenate, or DCCD. *: $P < 0.001$.

Fig. 4. Comparison of gene expression between the *mfsA* mutant with glucose and the wild type without glucose. Ratio of expression of each gene in the *mfsA* mutant with glucose versus that in the wild type with glucose was compared with ratio of expression of each gene in the wild type without glucose versus that in the wild type with glucose.

Fig. 5. Subcellular localization of MfsA. Cells were examined by microscopy to identify the location of MfsA. To stain DNA and cell membranes, DAPI (Invitrogen) and FM4-64 (Invitrogen) were used, respectively. A, GFP fluorescence; B, FM4-64 fluorescence; C, DAPI fluorescence; D, Merging of A, B, and C. All the images were captured at 100× magnification.

Fig. 6. Complementation of the glucose-negative phenotype of *E. coli*. *E. coli* strains LJ141 (glucose-negative), LJ141 harboring pET-22b, LJ141 harboring pET-22b containing *mfsA*⁺ (pDF4), and LJ141 harboring pET-22b containing *mfsA-gfp* (pDF5) were streaked on MacConkey agar plates supplemented with 50 mM glucose, mannose, and mannitol. Red colonies indicate the fermentation of sugars, whereas other colonies reflect a deficiency in sugar fermentation.

Supporting Information

Table S1. Primers.

Table S2. Upregulated genes. The 100 genes most upregulated by the disruption of

mfsA (*mfsA* with glucose versus the wild type with glucose) were compared with those under the influence of depletion of glucose in the wild type (wild type without glucose versus wild type with glucose).

Table S3. Downregulated genes. The 100 genes most downregulated by the disruption of *mfsA* (*mfsA* with glucose versus the wild type with glucose) were compared with those under the influence of depletion of glucose in the wild type (wild type without glucose versus wild type with glucose).

Fig. S1. Colony spreading of *F. johnsoniae* strains on PY2 agar with or without glucose. *F. johnsoniae* strains were incubated on PY2 agar with 5 mM glucose (A), with 15 mM glucose (B) and without glucose (C) for 5 days at 25°C. Panel A: 1, wild type (CJ1827); 2, $\Delta mfsA$ /pNS1 containing *mfsA-gfp* (DFJ1/pDF3); 3, $\Delta mfsA$ with a vector plasmid (DFJ1/pNS1); 4, $\Delta mfsA$ (DFJ1); 5, $\Delta mfsA$ /pNS1 containing *mfsA*⁺ (DFJ1/pDF2). Panel B: 1, wild type (CJ1827); 2, $\Delta mfsA$ with a vector plasmid (DFJ1/pNS1); 3, $\Delta mfsA$ /pNS1 containing *mfsA-gfp* (DFJ1/pDF3); 4, $\Delta mfsA$ (DFJ1); 5, $\Delta mfsA$ /pNS1 containing *mfsA*⁺ (DFJ1/pDF2). Panel C: 1, wild type (CJ1827); 2, $\Delta mfsA$ /pNS1 containing *mfsA*⁺ (DFJ1/pDF2); 3, $\Delta mfsA$ /pNS1 containing *mfsA-gfp* (DFJ1/pDF3); 4, $\Delta mfsA$ with a vector plasmid (DFJ1/pNS1).

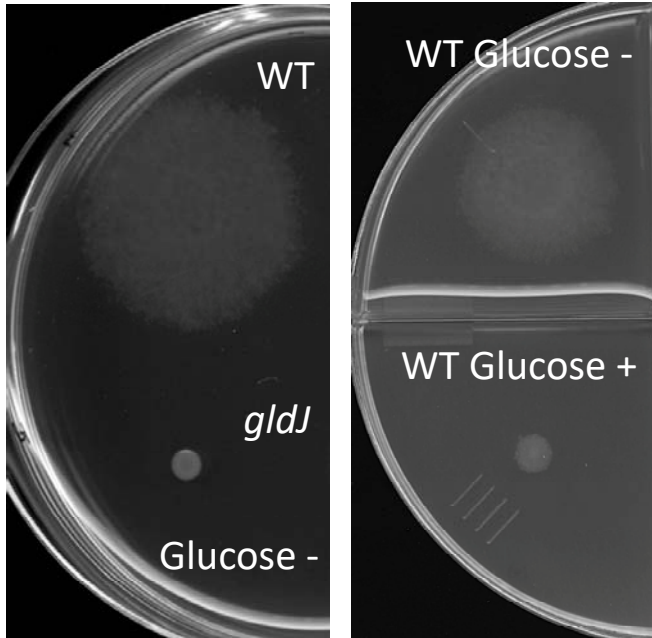
Fig. S2. Transmembrane segments of the MfsA protein.

Table 1. Bacterial strains and plasmids used in this study

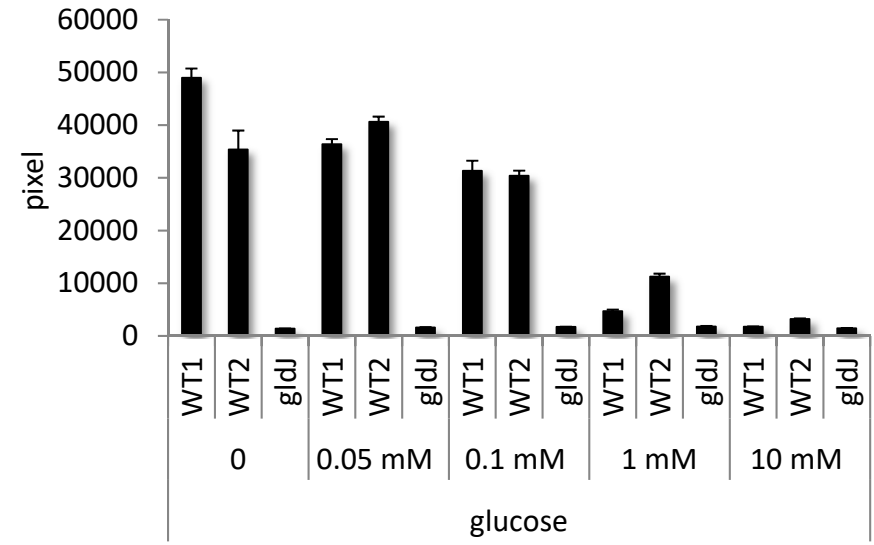
Strain	Description	Reference or source
<i>E. coli</i> strain		
S17-1 λ pir	<i>hsdR17</i> (rK ⁻ mK ⁻) <i>recA</i> RP4-2-Tc::Mu <i>aph</i> ::Tn7 λ pir lysogen, Sm ^r	23
LJ141	W3110 Δ [<i>ptsHI</i> <i>err</i>]:: <i>kan galP</i> :: <i>cam mgl500</i> ::Tn10	K. Jahreis
<i>F. johnsoniae</i> strain		
UW101	wild type	ATCC
CJ1827	WT (<i>rps1</i>), Background UW101	18
UW102-55	<i>gldJ</i>	9
DFJ1	Δ <i>mfsA</i>	this study
<i>F. johnsoniae</i> plasmid		
pFj29	Ap ^r Em ^r , <i>E. coli</i> - <i>F. johnsoniae</i> shuttle plasmid	24
pNS1	Ap ^r Em ^r , <i>E. coli</i> - <i>F. johnsoniae</i> shuttle plasmid	this study
pDF1	Apr, pRR51 containing <i>mfsA</i> upstream and downstream regions	this study
pDF2	Ap ^r Em ^r , pNS1 containing <i>mfsA</i> ⁺	this study
pDF3	Ap ^r Em ^r , pNS1 containing <i>mfsA-gfp</i>	this study
pRR51	suicide vector	18
<i>E. coli</i> plasmid		
pET-22b	Ap ^r , expression vector	Novagen
pDF4	Ap ^r pET-22b containing <i>mfsA</i> ⁺	this study
pDF5	Ap ^r pET-22b containing <i>mfsA-gfp</i>	this study

Fig. 1

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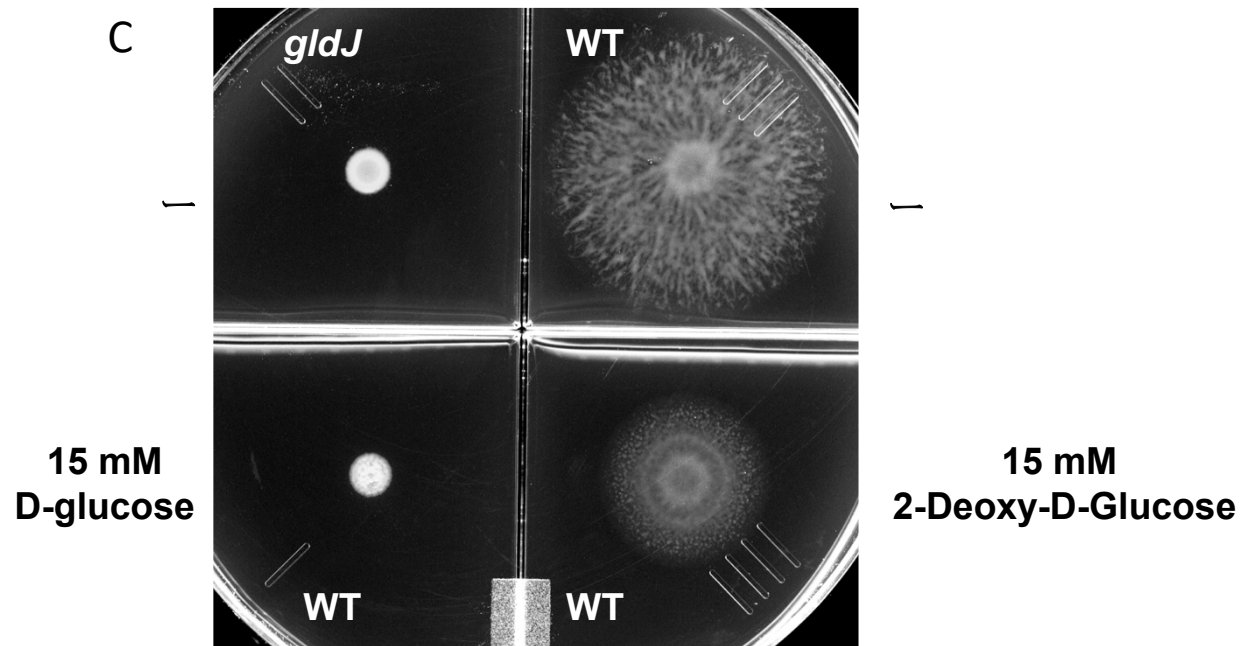
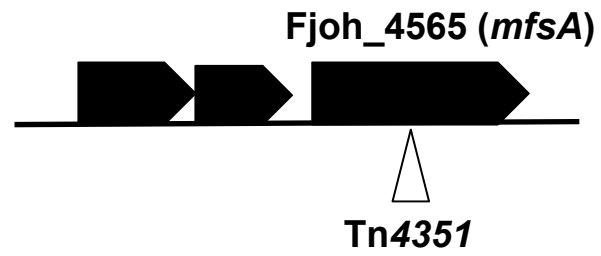
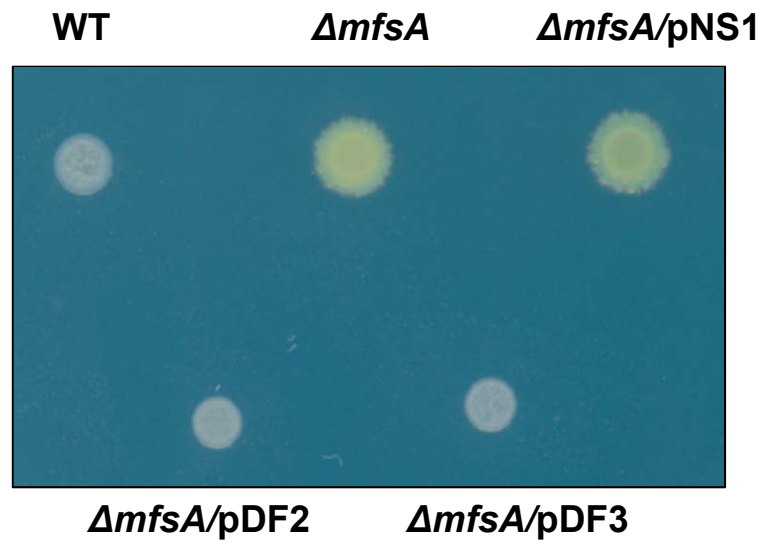


Fig. 2

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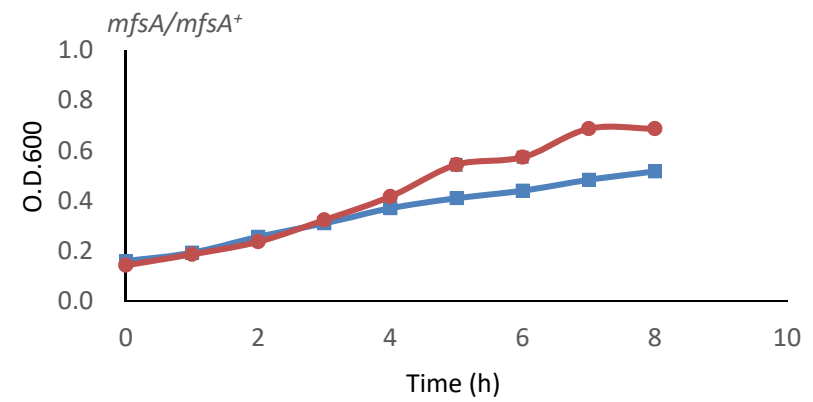
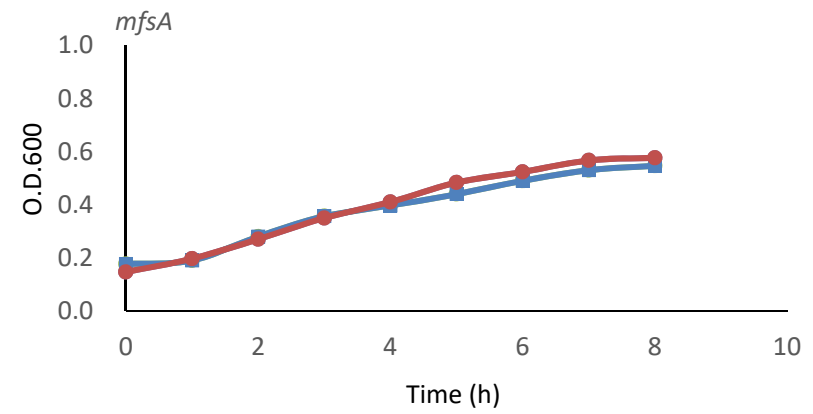
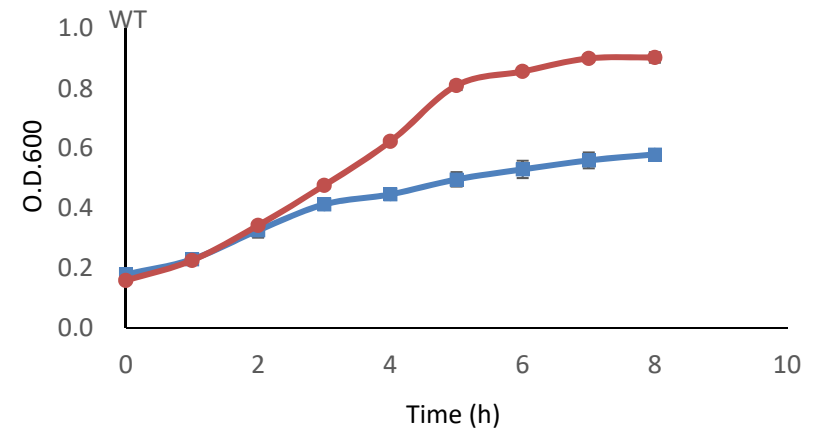


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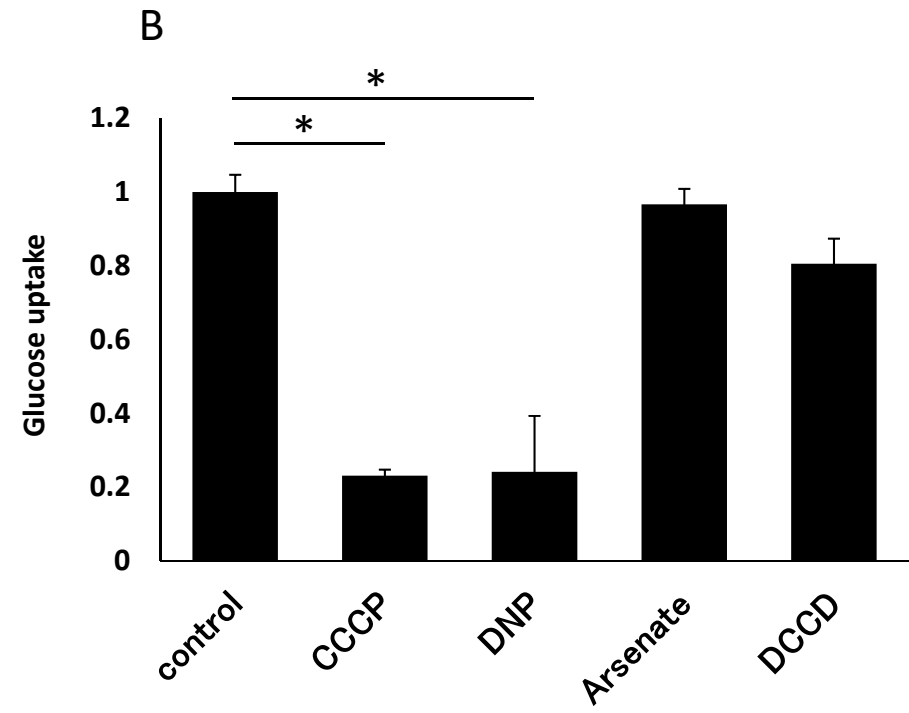
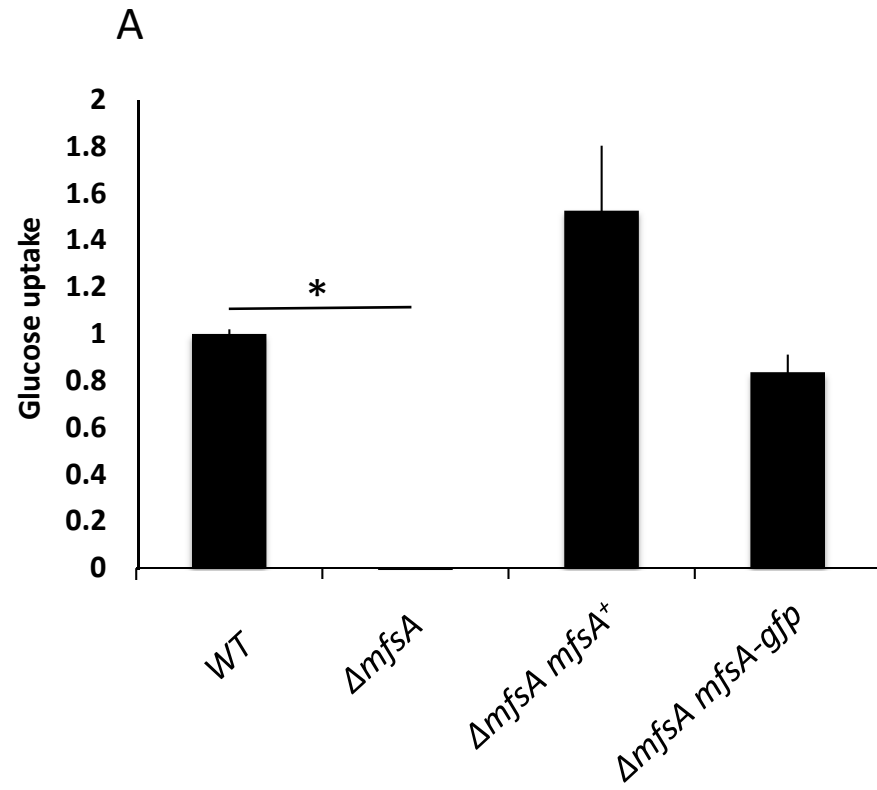


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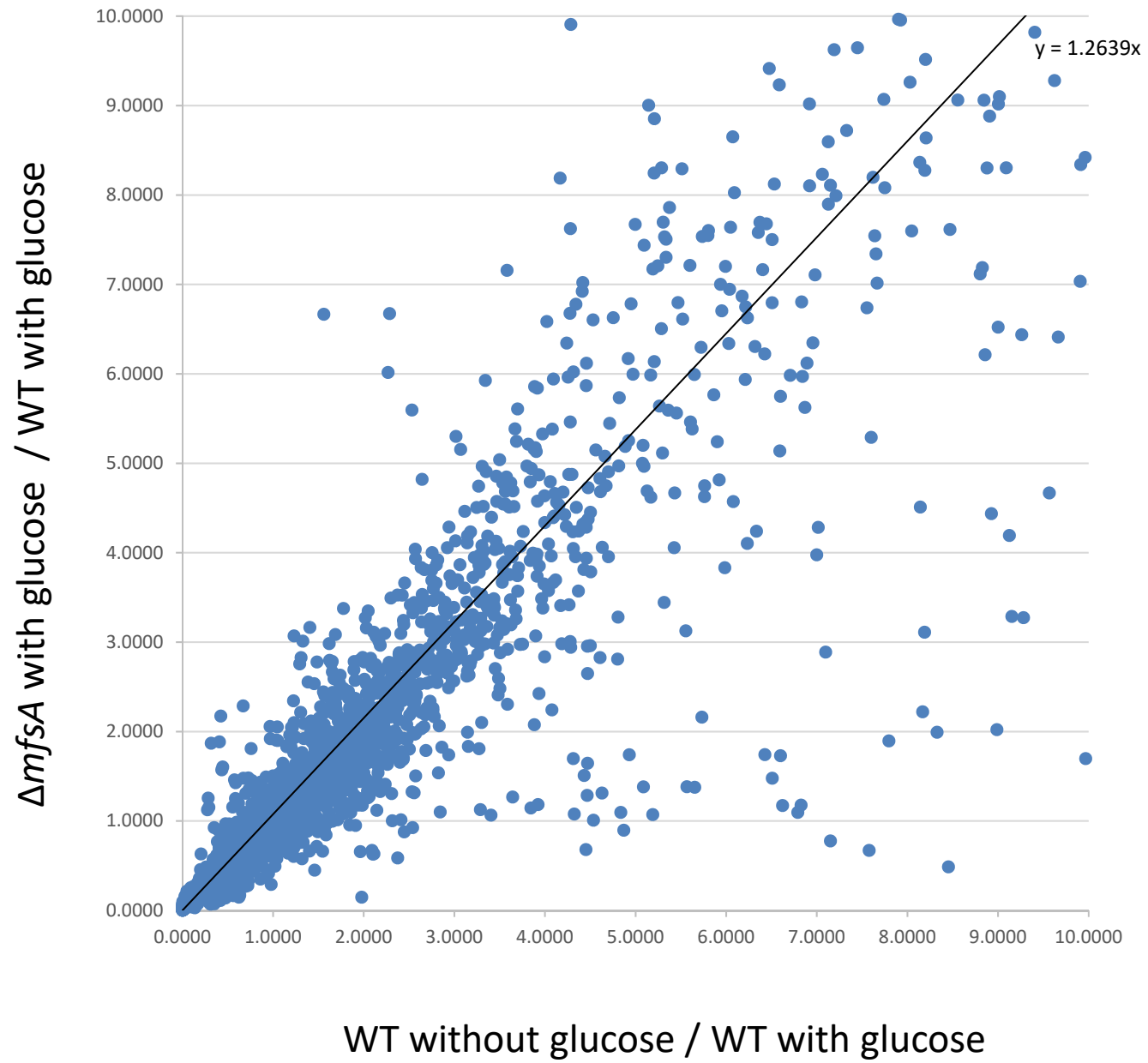


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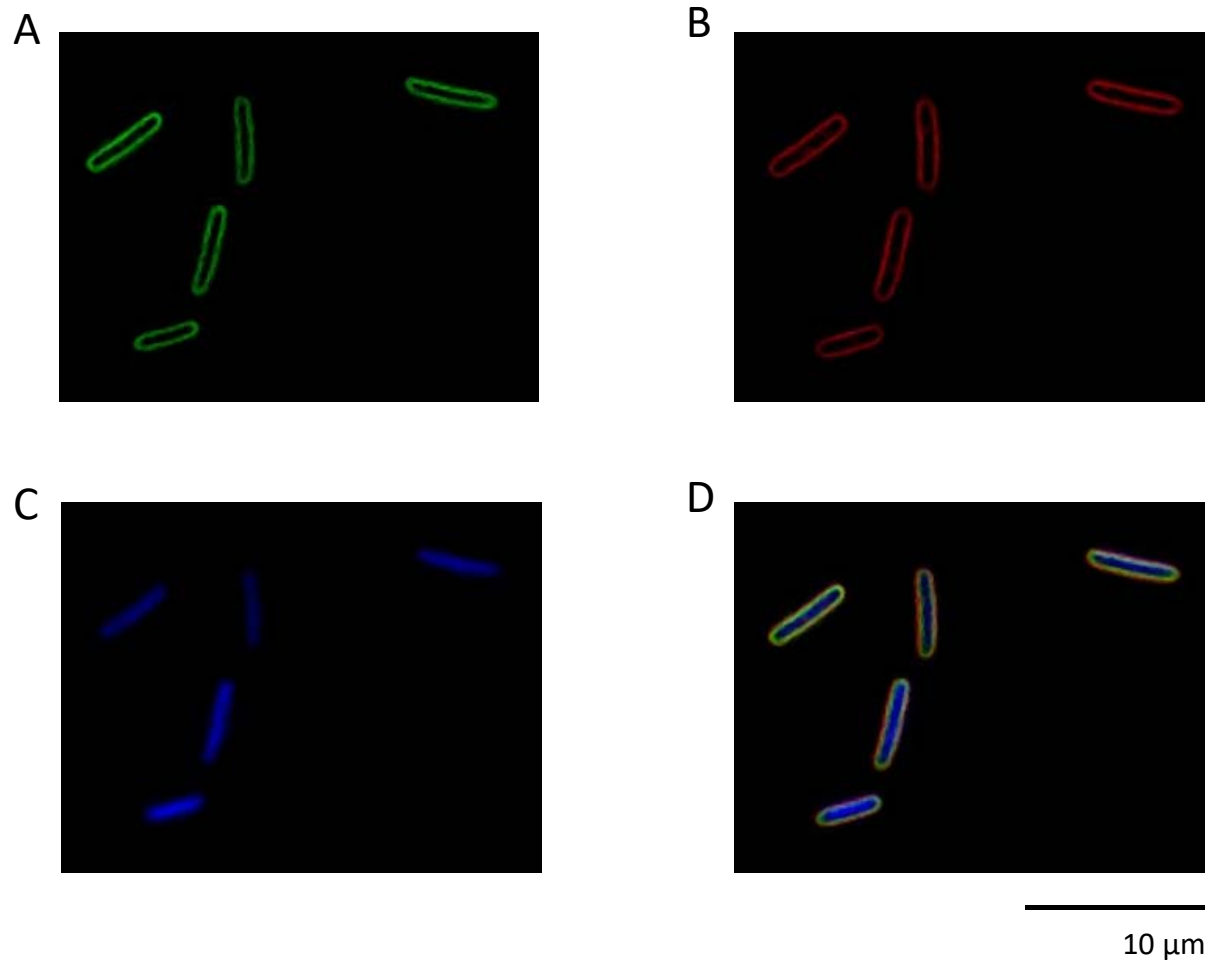


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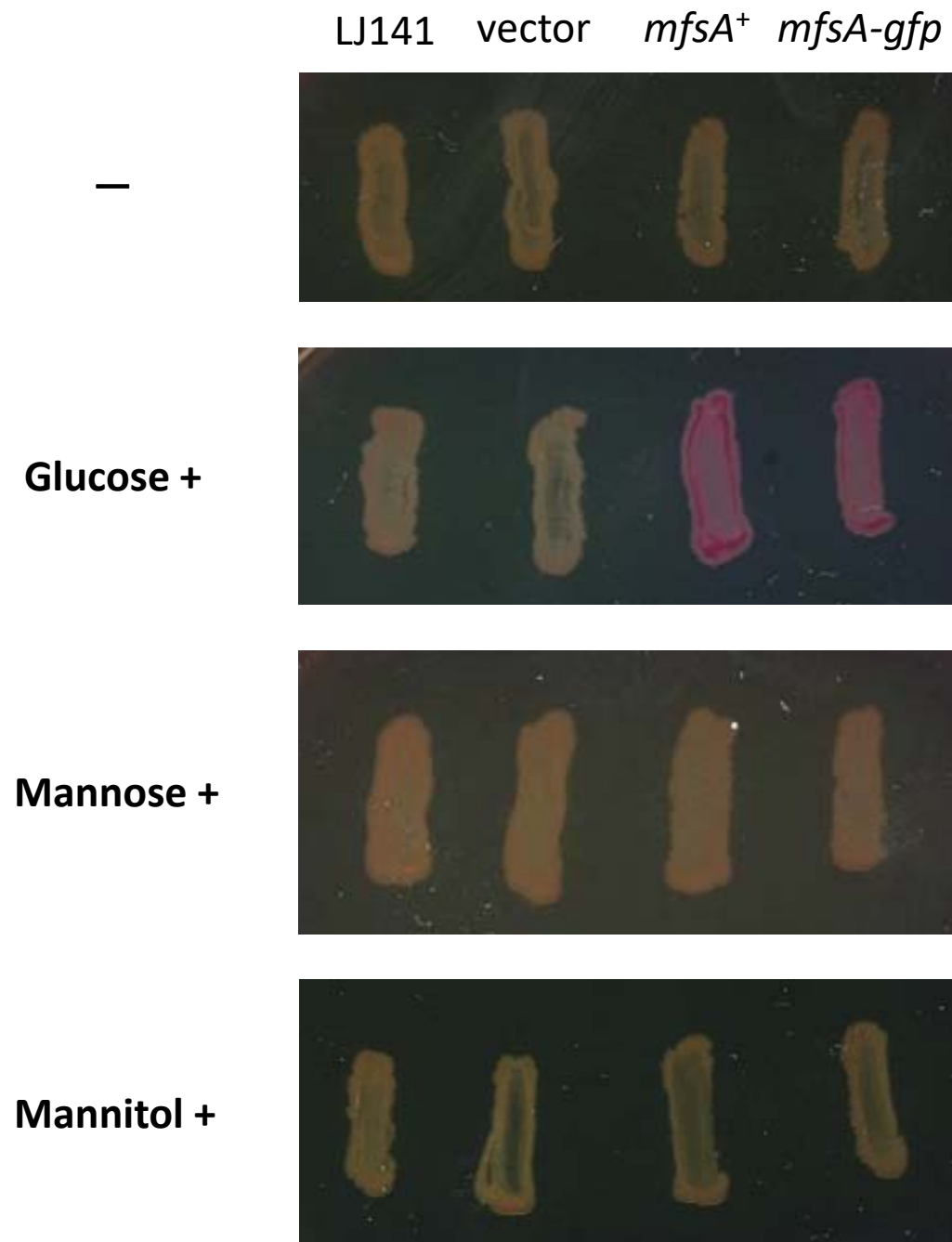


Table S1. Primers.

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F4565-DR-SphI: GCATGCTCCTCTTGTGGCTTTAGACGTTCG

F4565-F-BamHI: GGATCCATGAGTTCAGAAAATGTTCAAACC

F4565-stop-R-NotI: GCGGCCGCATTAGTGTCCGCCGCCTTCGCT

F4565-GR-NotI: GCGGCCGCAGTGTCCGCCGCCTTCGCTTTC

pFj29-1st-F: GGATCCGGTACCGATATGGCGGCCGCAGTAAAGGAGAAGAAC

pFj29-2nd-F: AGATCTCTTTAAGAAGGAGATATACATATGGGATCCGGTACCGATATG

Gfpmut3-R-SphI: GCATGCTTATTTGTATAGTTCATCCATGCC

F4565-22bF-NdeI: CATATGAGTTCAGAAAATGTTCAAACCAA

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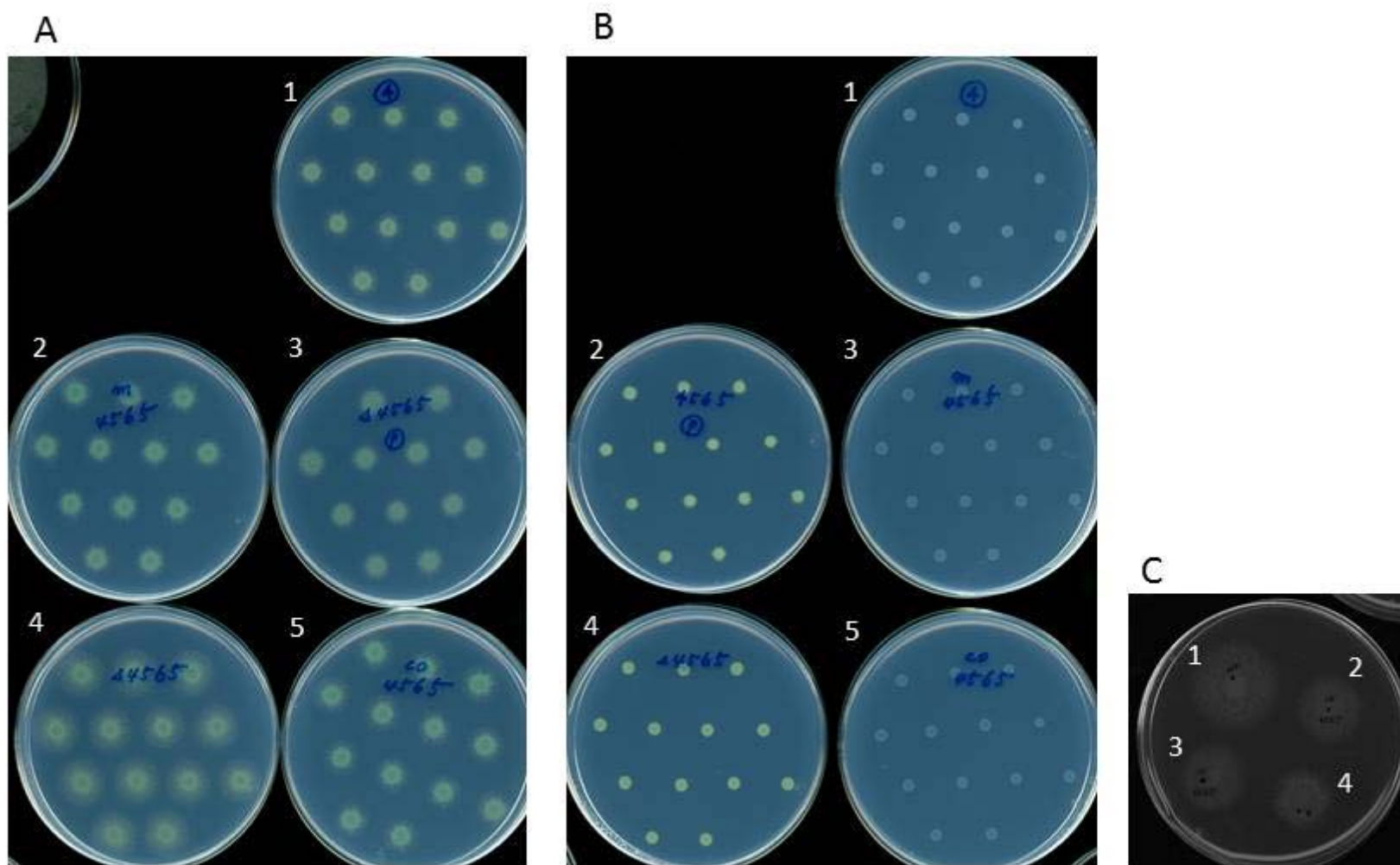


Fig. S2

