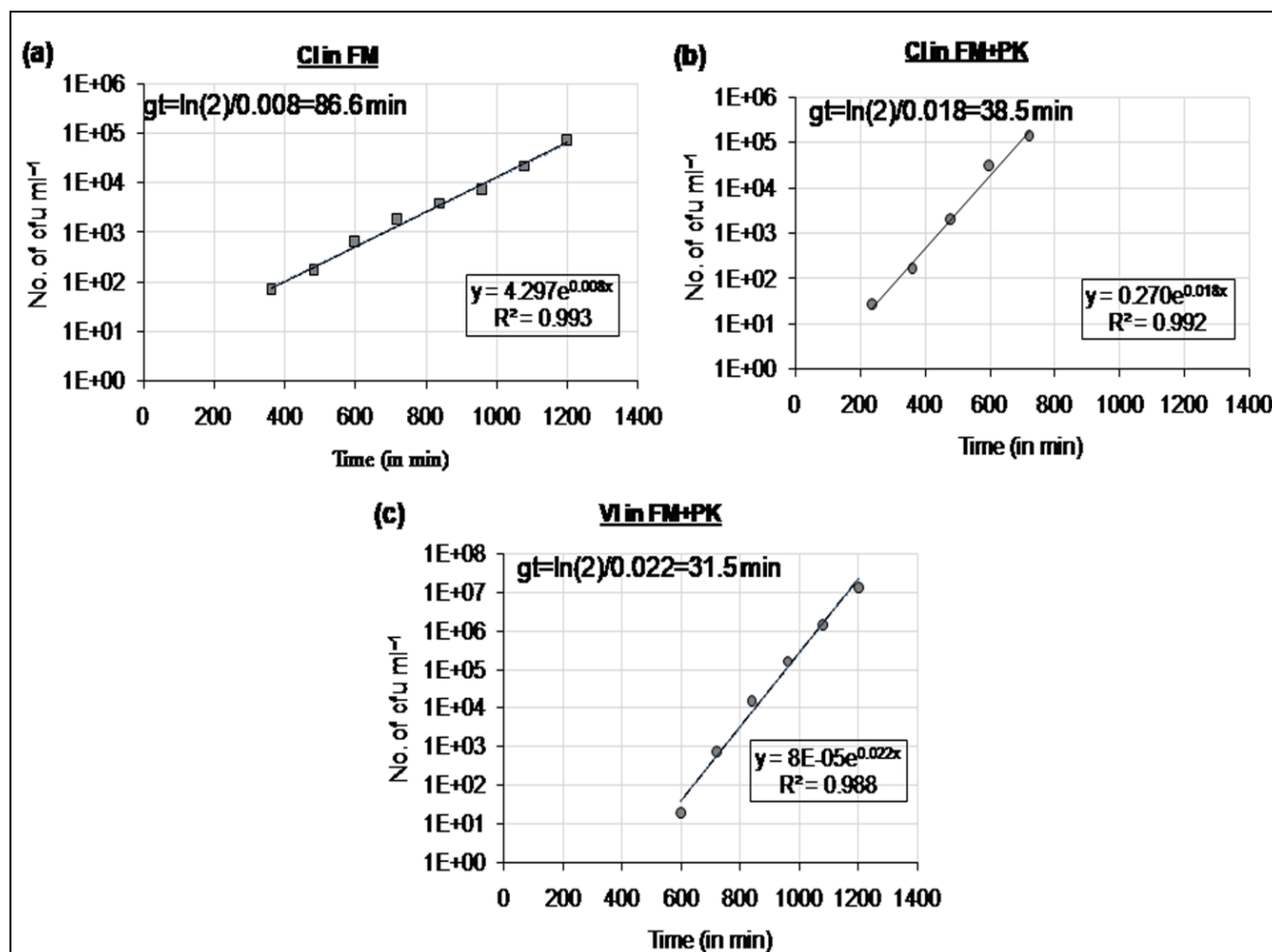
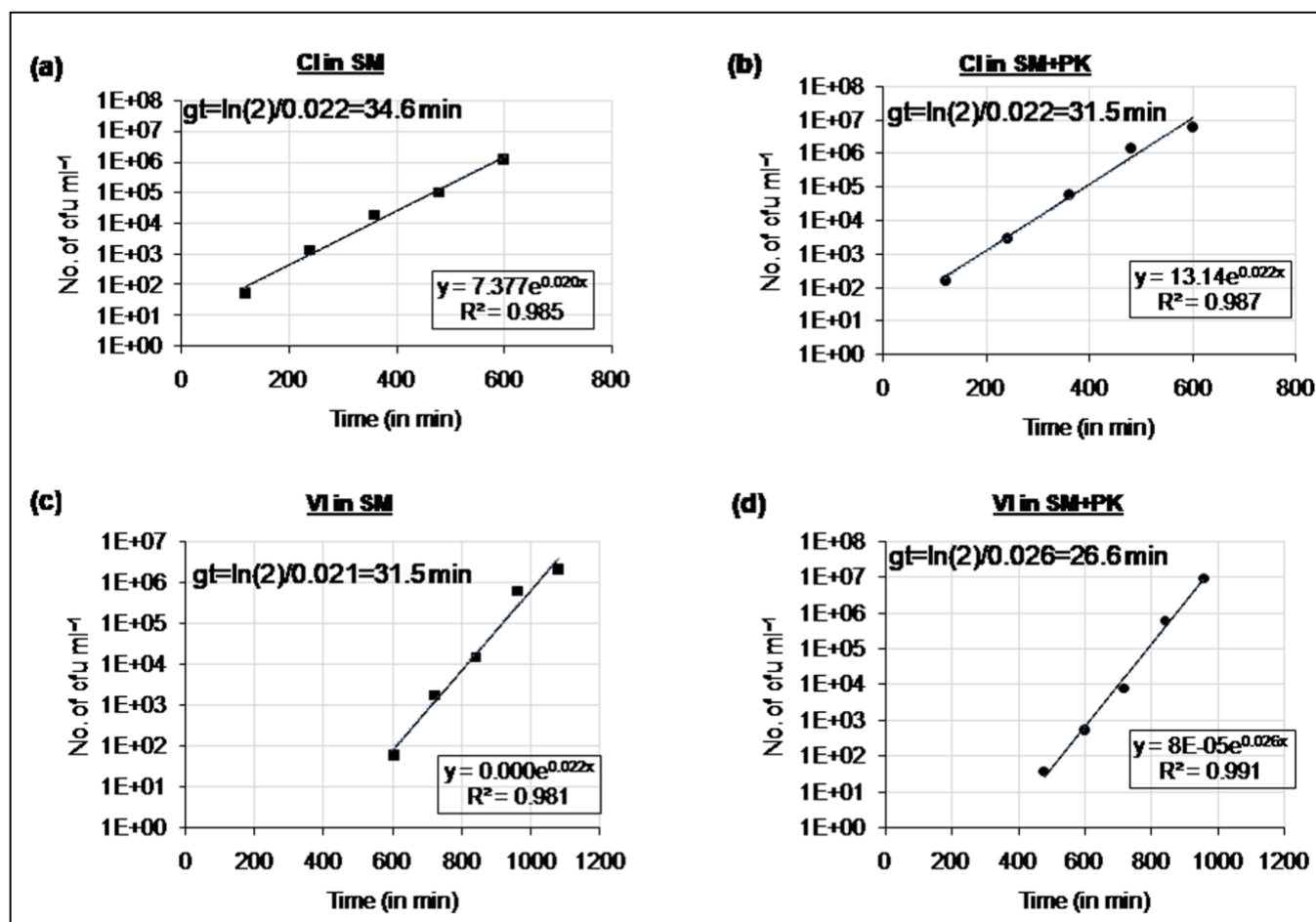




## Supplementary Material



**Figure S1.** (a), (b) The calculation of generation time (gt) of culturable (CI) cells in ASW media (FM) and proteinase K supplemented ASW media (FM+PK). The data points which represents log phase from growth curve were used to determine the generation time for CI cells in FM and FM+PK media. All the experiments were performed thrice and each data point represents the mean  $\pm$  SE. (c) The calculation of generation time (gt) of VBNC (VI) cells in FM+PK. The data points which represents log phase from growth curve were used to determine the generation time for VI cells in FM+PK media. All the experiments were performed thrice, and each data point represents the mean  $\pm$  SE.



**Figure S2.** (a), (b) The calculation of generation time (gt) of culturable (CI) cells in spent ASW media (SM) and proteinase K supplemented spent ASW media (SM+PK). The data points which represents log phase from growth curve were used to determine the generation time for CI cells in SM and SM+PK media. All the experiments were performed thrice and each data point represents the mean  $\pm$  SE. (c), (d) The calculation of generation time (gt) of VBNC (VI) cells in SM and SM+PK. The data points which represents log phase from growth curve were used to determine the generation time for VI cells in SM and SM+PK media. All the experiments were performed thrice, and each data point represents the mean  $\pm$  SE.

**Table S1.** List of primers used in this study.

Gene locus	Primer	Sequence (5'→3')
<i>vc0099</i>	vc0099_Fo	CCATAAACGGCTGCACATAAC
	vc0099_Rv	CTATGCTTTGGCTGGGTATCT
<i>vc1200</i>	vc1200_Fo	TCGAGTTAGCACAAACCAGTAG
	vc1200_Rv	CCCATCCAGCCACTGTAAAA
<i>vca0803</i>	vca0803_Fo	ACTGCCGAAGAATCGACATAG
	vca0803_Rv	GTGGTTCCTCAGTTGGAAGAT
<i>vc1989</i>	vc1989_Fo	CTGCTCATCTTGGGTTAAATCATC
	vc1989_Rv	GCGCATGGAAGAAGTGTATTG
<i>dnaK</i>	dnaK_Fo	TACTGCAAGGTGAGCGTAAG
	dnaK_Rv	GTCTGCATCCAAGTCGAAGATA
<i>groEL</i>	groEL_Fo	CGTTTCTCCTTCCACATCTT
	groEL_Rv	CATCCTGCTGGTGGATAAGAA