



	BW25113	BW25113- $\Delta wrbA$
$\lambda$ (h)	2.75 $\pm$ 0.27	2.13 $\pm$ 0.48
$\mu_m$ ( $A_{600}/h$ )	0.10 $\pm$ 0.003	0.09 $\pm$ 0.01
$Y_M$ ( $A_{600}$ )	0.99 $\pm$ 0.03	1.07 $\pm$ 0.01
$R^2$	0.997 $\pm$ 0.001	0.997 $\pm$ 0.001

**B**

**Supplementary Figure S1.** BW25113 and BW25113- $\Delta wrbA$  planktonic growth. Panel A displays  $A_{600}$ -based growth curves, whereas panel B, the growth parameters of lag phase duration ( $\lambda$ ), maximum specific growth rate ( $\mu_m$ ), maximum growth ( $Y_M$ ) and the Goodness of Fit ( $R^2$ ) obtained by the Gompertz model. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  standard deviation of three independent measurements. No statistical differences were found among the strains.