

## Supplementary Materials

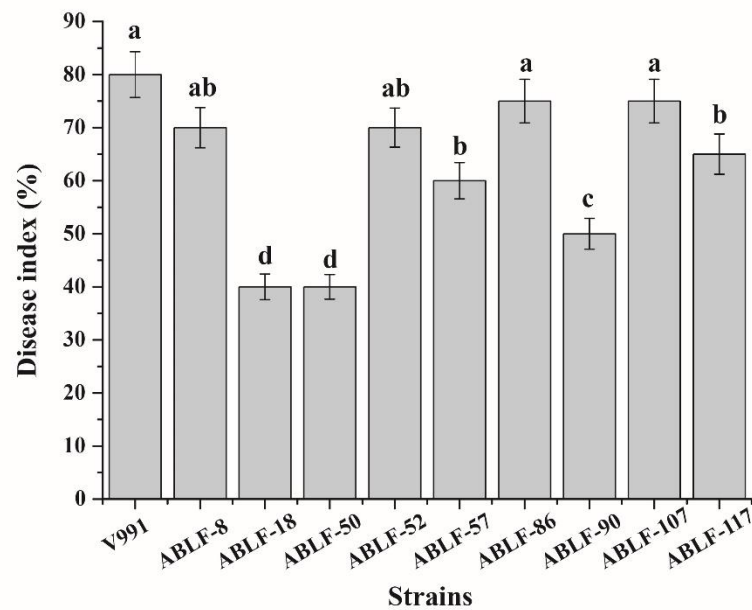


Figure S1. Biocontrol assessment of antagonistic bacterial strains against *V. dahliae* strain V991. Cotton seedlings in pots were inoculated with a candidate bacterial strain. After 24 h, root were dipped in a conidial suspension of *V. dahliae*. At 14 dpi, symptoms were recorded and the disease index was calculated based on the means for three independent experiments. Different letters above bars for a carbon source indicate a significant difference among strains ( $P < 0.05$ ).