

## SUPPLEMENTARY CONTENT

### **Heterogeneous regulation of bacterial natural product biosynthesis via a novel transcription factor**

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## Supplementary Tables

**Table S1.** Bacterial strains used in this study.

Strain	Genotype	Reference
<i>E. coli</i> DH10B	F <sup>-</sup> <i>mcrA</i> $\Delta$ ( <i>mrr-hsdRMS-mcrBC</i> ) $\Phi$ 80 <i>lacZ</i> $\Delta$ M15 $\Delta$ <i>lacX74</i> <i>recA1</i> <i>endA1</i> <i>araD139</i> $\Delta$ ( <i>ara leu</i> ) 7697 <i>galU</i> <i>galK</i> <i>rpsL</i> <i>nupG</i> $\lambda$ -	[1]
<i>E. coli</i> Dh5 $\alpha$ $\lambda$ <i>pir</i>	<i>recA1</i> , <i>gyrA</i> ( <i>lacIZYA-argF</i> ) ( <i>80d lac</i> [ <i>lacZ</i> ] M15) <i>pir</i> RK6	[2]
<i>E. coli</i> S17-1 $\lambda$ <i>pir</i>	Tp <sup>R</sup> Sm <sup>R</sup> <i>recA</i> , <i>thi</i> , <i>pro</i> , <i>hsdR</i> -M+RP4: 2- Tc:Mu: Km Tn7 $\lambda$ <i>pir</i>	Biomedal S.L., Sevilla, Spain
<i>E. coli</i> ST18	<i>E. coli</i> S17 $\lambda$ <i>pir</i> $\Delta$ <i>hemA</i>	[3]
<i>E. coli</i> BL21 (DE3) Star	F <sup>-</sup> <i>ompT</i> <i>hsdS<sub>B</sub></i> ( <i>r<sub>B</sub><sup>-</sup></i> <i>m<sub>B</sub><sup>-</sup></i> ) <i>gal</i> <i>dcm</i> <i>rne131</i> (DE3)	Invitrogen
<i>E. coli</i> LMG194	F- $\Delta$ <i>lacX74</i> <i>galE</i> <i>galK</i> <i>thi</i> <i>rpsL</i> $\Delta$ <i>phoA</i> (Pvull) $\Delta$ <i>ara714</i> <i>leu::Tn10</i>	[4]
<i>P. luminescens</i> subsp. <i>laumondii</i> TT01-1 <sup>o</sup>	Wild type 1 <sup>o</sup> variant	[5]
<i>P. luminescens</i> subsp. <i>laumondii</i> TT01-2 <sup>o</sup>	Wild type 2 <sup>o</sup> variant	Lab collection, Dr. David Clarke, University College Cork
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-1 <sup>o</sup> $\Delta$ <i>antJ</i>	Wild type 1 <sup>o</sup> variant containing a deletion of <i>antJ</i>	This study
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-1 <sup>o</sup> $\Delta$ <i>plu0918- plu0925</i>	Wild type 1 <sup>o</sup> variant containing a deletion of <i>plu0918-plu0925</i>	This study
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-1 <sup>o</sup> $\Delta$ <i>plu2548</i>	Wild type 1 <sup>o</sup> variant containing a deletion of <i>plu2548</i>	This study
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-1 <sup>o</sup> <i>P<sub>antA</sub>-mCherry</i>	TT01-1 <sup>o</sup> harboring <i>P<sub>antA</sub>-mCherry</i> reporter integrated at the <i>rpmE/glmS</i> site, Kan <sup>R</sup> , Gent <sup>R</sup>	[6]
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-2 <sup>o</sup> <i>P<sub>antA</sub>-mCherry</i>	TT01-2 <sup>o</sup> harboring <i>P<sub>antA</sub>-mCherry</i> reporter integrated at the <i>rpmE/glmS</i> site, Kan <sup>R</sup> , Gent <sup>R</sup>	This study
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-1 <sup>o</sup> $\Delta$ <i>antJ</i> <i>P<sub>antA</sub>- mCherry</i>	TT01-1 <sup>o</sup> $\Delta$ <i>antJ</i> harboring <i>P<sub>antA</sub>-mCherry</i> reporter integrated at the <i>rpmE/glmS</i> site, Kan <sup>R</sup> , Gent <sup>R</sup>	This study
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-1 <sup>o</sup> <i>P<sub>antA</sub>-mCherry</i> <i>P<sub>antJ</sub>- eYFP</i>	TT01-1 <sup>o</sup> harboring <i>P<sub>antA</sub>-mCherry</i> and <i>P<sub>antJ</sub>-eYFP</i> reporter integrated at the <i>rpmE/glmS</i> site, Kan <sup>R</sup> , Gent <sup>R</sup>	This study
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-2 <sup>o</sup> <i>P<sub>antA</sub>-mCherry</i> <i>P<sub>antJ</sub>-eyfp</i>	TT01-2 <sup>o</sup> harboring <i>P<sub>antA</sub>-mCherry</i> and <i>P<sub>antJ</sub>-eYFP</i> reporter reporter integrated at the <i>rpmE/glmS</i> site, Kan <sup>R</sup> , Gent <sup>R</sup>	This study
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-1 <sup>o</sup> $\Delta$ <i>antJ</i> <i>P<sub>antA</sub>-mCherry</i> <i>P<sub>antJ</sub>-eYFP</i>	TT01-1 <sup>o</sup> $\Delta$ <i>antJ</i> harboring <i>P<sub>antA</sub>-mCherry</i> and <i>P<sub>antJ</sub>-eYFP</i> reporter reporter integrated at the <i>rpmE/glmS</i> site, Kan <sup>R</sup> , Gent <sup>R</sup>	This study

<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-1° P <sub>antA</sub> -mCherry P <sub>antJ</sub> - antJ-eYFP	TT01-1° harboring P <sub>antA</sub> -mCherry and P <sub>antJ</sub> -antJ-eYFP reporter integrated at the <i>rpmE/glmS</i> site, Kan <sup>R</sup> , Gent <sup>R</sup>	This study
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-2° P <sub>antA</sub> -mCherry P <sub>antJ</sub> - antJ-eYFP	TT01-2° harboring P <sub>antA</sub> -mCherry and P <sub>antJ</sub> -antJ-eYFP reporter reporter integrated at the <i>rpmE/glmS</i> site, Kan <sup>R</sup> , Gent <sup>R</sup>	This study
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-1°ΔantJ P <sub>antA</sub> - mCherry P <sub>antJ</sub> - antJ- eYFP	TT01-1°ΔantJ harboring P <sub>antA</sub> -mCherry and P <sub>antJ</sub> -antJ-eYFP reporter reporter integrated at the <i>rpmE/glmS</i> site, Kan <sup>R</sup> , Gent <sup>R</sup>	This study
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-1° P <sub>antA</sub> -mCherry P <sub>tac</sub> -antJ- eYFP	TT01-1° harboring P <sub>antA</sub> -mCherry and P <sub>tac</sub> -antJ-eYFP reporter integrated at the <i>rpmE/glmS</i> site, Kan <sup>R</sup> , Gent <sup>R</sup>	This study
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-2° P <sub>antA</sub> -mCherry P <sub>tac</sub> - antJ-eYFP	TT01-2° harboring P <sub>antA</sub> -mCherry and P <sub>tac</sub> -antJ-eYFP reporter reporter integrated at the <i>rpmE/glmS</i> site, Kan <sup>R</sup> , Gent <sup>R</sup>	This study
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-1° ΔantJ P <sub>antA</sub> -mCherry P <sub>tac</sub> - antJ-eYFP	TT01-1°ΔantJ harboring P <sub>antA</sub> -mCherry and P <sub>tac</sub> -antJ-eYFP reporter reporter integrated at the <i>rpmE/glmS</i> site, Kan <sup>R</sup> , Gent <sup>R</sup>	This study
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-1° P <sub>less</sub> -mCherry P <sub>less</sub> - eYFP	TT01-1°harboring P <sub>less</sub> -mCherry and P <sub>less</sub> -eYFP reporter integrated at the <i>rpmE/glmS</i> site, Kan <sup>R</sup> , Gent <sup>R</sup>	This study
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-2° P <sub>less</sub> -mCherry P <sub>less</sub> - eYFP	TT01-2° harboring P <sub>less</sub> -mCherry and P <sub>less</sub> -eYFP reporter integrated at the <i>rpmE/glmS</i> site, Kan <sup>R</sup> , Gent <sup>R</sup>	This study
<i>P. luminescens</i> TT01-1°ΔantJ P <sub>less</sub> - mCherry P <sub>less</sub> -eYFP	TT01-1°ΔantJ harboring P <sub>less</sub> -mCherry and P <sub>less</sub> -eYFP reporter integrated at the <i>rpmE/glmS</i> site, Kan <sup>R</sup> , Gent <sup>R</sup>	This study

**Table S2.** Plasmids used in this study.

Plasmid	Genotype	Reference
pJet1.2/blunt	Cloning vector	Thermo Scientific
pCKcipB	pDS132 base vector , R6K ori; Cm <sup>R</sup> ; oriT; <i>sacB</i> ; relaxase <i>tral</i> , additional <i>Bgl</i> II within the <i>mcs</i>	[7]
pACYCDuet-1	Expression vector, p15A ori, Cm <sup>R</sup>	Merck (Darmstadt)
pCOLADuet-1	Expression vector, ColA ori, Km <sup>R</sup>	Merck (Darmstadt)
pACYC_tacl/I	pACYC-Duet1 based vector, p15A ori, Cm <sup>R</sup> , 2 <i>mcs</i> with <i>tacl</i> promoters	[8]
pCOLA_tacl/I	pCOLA-Duet1 based vector, ColA ori, Km <sup>R</sup> , 2 <i>mcs</i> with <i>tacl</i> promoters	[8]
pCATI4	expression cassette inserted in pCOLADuet-1, ColA ori, Km <sup>R</sup> , His <sub>6</sub> -tag	T. Schöner, Frankfurt unpublished
pAKH01	R6K ori, Cm <sup>R</sup> , oriT, <i>sacB</i> , relaxase <i>tral</i> , encoding the 926 bp upstream and the 788 bp downstream region of <i>antJ</i>	This study
pAKH02	R6K ori, Cm <sup>R</sup> , oriT, <i>sacB</i> , relaxase <i>tral</i> , encoding the 843 bp upstream and the 733 bp downstream region of <i>plu0918-0925</i>	This study
pAKH03	R6K ori, Cm <sup>R</sup> , oriT, <i>sacB</i> , relaxase <i>tral</i> , encoding the 853 bp upstream and the 912 bp downstream region of <i>plu2548</i>	This study
pAKH04	ColA ori, Km <sup>R</sup> , <i>tacl</i> promoter, <i>antJ</i>	This study
pAKH05	p15A ori, Cm <sup>R</sup> , <i>tacl</i> promoter, <i>antJ</i>	This study
pBAD24	Expression vector, arabinose inducible promoter, ApR	[4]
pBAD24-antJ	<i>antJ</i> in pBAD24	This study
pBAD24-antJ-His	<i>antJ</i> in pBAD24 with C-terminal His-tag	This study
pCATI4_antJ	<i>antJ</i> with C-terminal His-tag in pCATI4	This study
pBBR1-mcs5-tt-lux	<i>luxCDABE</i> and terminators lambda T0 <i>rrnB1</i> T1 cloned into pBBR1-mcs5 for plasmid-based transcriptional fusions; Gm <sup>R</sup>	[9]
pBBR1-PantA-lux	<i>luxCDABE</i> under the control of the <i>antA</i> -promoter	This study
pBBR1-PantA-s1-lux	<i>luxCDABE</i> under the control of the truncated promoter construct P <sub><i>antA</i>-S1</sub>	This study
pBBR1-PantA-s2-lux	<i>luxCDABE</i> under the control of the truncated promoter construct P <sub><i>antA</i>-S2</sub>	This study
pBBR1-PantA-s3-lux	<i>luxCDABE</i> under the control of the truncated promoter construct P <sub><i>antA</i>-S3</sub>	This study
pBBR1-PantA-mm1-lux	<i>luxCDABE</i> under the control of the promoter construct P <sub><i>antA</i>-mm1</sub> with an altered binding motif 1	This study

pBBR1-PantA-mm2-lux	<i>luxCDABE</i> under the control of the promoter construct $P_{antA}$ -mm2 with an altered binding motif 2	This study
pBBR1-PantA-mspacer-lux	<i>luxCDABE</i> under the control of the promoter construct $P_{antA}$ -mspacer with an altered spacer region	This study
pPINT-mCherry	Km <sup>R</sup> , Gm <sup>R</sup> and <i>mCherry</i> in pPINT	[6]
pPINT- $P_{antA}$ -mCherry	Km <sup>R</sup> , Gm <sup>R</sup> , <i>antA</i> -promoter upstream of <i>mCherry</i>	[6]
pEYFP	Ap <sup>R</sup> , <i>lac</i> -promoter upstream of <i>eYFP</i>	Takara-Clonotech, Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France)
pPEINT-mCherry-eYFP	Km <sup>R</sup> , Gm <sup>R</sup> , <i>mCherry</i> and eYFP in pPINT	This study
pPEINT- $P_{antA}$ -mCherry- $P_{antJ}$ -eYFP	Km <sup>R</sup> , Gm <sup>R</sup> , <i>antA</i> -promoter upstream of <i>mCherry</i> , <i>antJ</i> -promoter upstream of <i>eYFP</i>	This study
pPEINT- $P_{antA}$ -mCherry- $P_{antJ}$ - <i>antJ</i> -eYFP	Km <sup>R</sup> , Gm <sup>R</sup> , <i>antA</i> -promoter upstream of <i>mCherry</i> , <i>antJ</i> -promoter upstream of <i>antJ</i> - <i>eYFP</i>	This study
pPEINT- $P_{antA}$ -mCherry- $P_{tac}$ - <i>antJ</i> -eYFP	Km <sup>R</sup> , Gm <sup>R</sup> , <i>antA</i> -promoter upstream of <i>mCherry</i> , <i>tac</i> -promoter upstream of <i>antJ</i> - <i>eYFP</i> , <i>lacI</i>	This study
pPEINT- $P_{antJ}$ -mCherry-Pless-eYFP	Km <sup>R</sup> , Gm <sup>R</sup> , <i>antJ</i> promoter upstream of <i>mCherry</i>	This study
pPEINT- $P_{antJ}$ - <i>antJ</i> -mCherry-Pless-eYFP	Km <sup>R</sup> , Gm <sup>R</sup> , <i>antJ</i> promoter upstream of <i>antJ</i> - <i>mCherry</i>	This study

**Table S3.** Oligonucleotides used in this study.

Name	Sequence (5'-3')
AKHp01	[Bln]ACATTATATACCTTATGGATTTCAAGATG
AKHp02	GAAAACCTGAAAGCTTCTATTACC
AKHp03	[Bln]TGAAGGTAAGAGTACGTGTTTGG
AKHp04	GGCATATTTTCATCTGAACTATTCC
AKHp05	[Bln]GTATAGTGACATGATAAAGTGTTTTGG
AKHp06	ATATCTGCAGTATACATCGCGATGGTAAGG
AKHp07	ATCATTTATTTCCGAACTCCTCATTTTAATAA
AKHp08	AGTTCGGAAATAAATGATTACGGATGAGTAATTTATG
AKHp09	ATATGGATCCAAATGATTATTGGCAATGGAC
AKHp10	GGCGGTAGCTATATTTGATGG
AKHp11	CATTTTCCGATTCACAATTAACC
AKHp12	CAGCTTAATTAACCTAGGCTGCTG
AKHp13	GGAATTCCTCCTGTGT
AKHp14	CAATTTACACAGGAGGGAATTCATGTCAAGAACCGAAAGAC
AKHp15	CAGCAGCCTAGGTTAATTAAGCTGCATCCGTAATCATTTATTTAGG
AKHp16	CCTCTAGAGTCGACCTGCAGAAATCTGGCGAATTAACCTTACC
AKHp17	AGTGGTTCATTGATCATGATTAAACTGTAAAACCTGTAA
AKHp18	TTTAATCATGATCAATGAACCACTCCGTCAC
AKHp19	TCCCGGGAGAGCTCAGATCTTAGTATTCCGCACCAGTGC
AKHp20	ACGGGTATTTAAACATTAACAAGG
AKHp21	CCTATGGATTTCAAGATACATCG
AKHp22	CCTCTAGAGTCGACCTGCAGAATTTCACTGGATGTTACAG
AKHp23	GCGTAGATGAATTATATAACTTGTGGCTAAAATAATTTTC
AKHp24	CCACAAGTTATATAATTCATCTACGCGGAGAGG
AKHp25	TCCCGGGAGAGCTCAGATCTCAAGGCACAAAATATCAAGG
AKHp26	AATACATGATAGCCAAGCTTCC
AKHp27	AACTGGTAAAAGAGTTTGACGG
AKHp28	[Cy3]TGTGTATTTAGCGGTTATCG
AKHp29	[Cy3]TCAAACACCAATCTATCAGG
AKHp30	TGTGTATTTAGCGGTTATCGGTATAGTGACATGATAAAGTGTTTTGG
AKHp31	TCAAACACCAATCTATCACGTTACGAAAATATTAACCTTTTCACG
AKHp32	TGTGTATTTAGCGGTTATCGACACCGATATATTATTGTTCTTTACG
AKHp33	TCAAACACCAATCTATCACGTTACCCCTAACAAGCATTATTC
AKHp34	TGTGTATTTAGCGGTTATCGATGCTGACAAAACCTGTCAC
AKHp35	TCAAACACCAATCTATCACGATCTTGAATCTATAGGGTATATATTATT GC
AKHp36	TGTGTATTTAGCGGTTATCGTCTGTTTTTCCGTGAATAGC
AKHp37	TCAAACACCAATCTATCACGCACATCGTTATCTATGCTACCG
AKHp38	TGTGTATTTAGCGGTTATCGTGTATCATGACGGCAAGG
AKHp39	TCAAACACCAATCTATCACGATTTATACCCGTCATCTTTCAAG
AKHp40	TGTGTATTTAGCGGTTATCGACCGAGTGCGGCCAACAAAG
AKHp41	TCAAACACCAATCTATCACGCCTGTCGCGCCGGTAATAAAGG
AKHp42	ACTAGTCATCATCACCACCATC

AKHp43	TGCCATGGTATATCTCCTTATTAAG
AKHp44	TAAGGAGATATACCATGGCATCAAGAACCGAAAGACTTATCG
AKHp45	TGGTGGTGATGATGACTAGTGGATAAATTATTATCAGACAATCCC
antJ-NheI_fwd	GCGGCTAGCAGGAGGAATTCATGTCAAGAACCGAAAGA
antJ-ostop-NdeI_rev	GCGCATATGGGATAAATTATTATCAGACAA
antJ-NdeI_rev	GCGCATATGGGATAAATTATTATCAGACAA
pBAD24-Seq_fwd	GCCGTCCTGCGTCTTTTACTGG
pBAD24-Seq_rev	CGCTACGGCGTTTCACTTCTG
PantA-XbaI_fwd	GCGTCTAGATAATGCAGAAATTATTGCT
Pant-XmaI_rev	GCGCCCGGGCTGAACTATTCCTATCGTTA
PantA-s1-XbaI_fwd	GCGTCTAGACGTAAATGCTGACAAAACT
PantA-s2_fwd	GCGTCTAGATTTTCGTAAGACAAAACTGCTACTAATT
PantA-s3-XbaI_fwd	GCGTCTAGAATGCTTGTAGGGGTAATC
PantA-mm1-ol_fwd	TTTCGTAACGTAGGACAAAACTGT
PantA-mm1-ol_rev	ACAGTTTTTGTCTACGTTACGAAA
PantA-mm2_fwd	TTATGAATACGTAGTGTAGGGGTAAT
PantA-mm2_rev	ATTACCCCTAACACTACGTATTCATAA
PantA-spacer-ol_rev	TGTCCTGCGGGTGAAGCATTACGAAAAA
PantA-spacer-ol_fwd	TCACCCCGAGTGACAGCCGGCGTCCGAATGCTTGTAGGGGTA
check-pBBR_fwd	GGAGCTTGCGGCCCGGACG
check-pBBR_rev	GTCATATTTGCCCTCCTGG
PantA-Btn_fwd	(Btn)TAATGCAGAAATTATTGCT
eyfp-mcs_fwd	GCTGGGCCCGAGCTCGCGGCCCGCCACCATGGTGAGCAAG
eyfp-EcoRI_rev	GCTGAATTCTTACTTGTACAGCTCGTCC
PantJ-NheI_fwd	GCTGCTAGCTGATAAGTTATCTTGTGA
Ptac-antJ-NheI_fwd	GCTGCTAGCCATTAATTGCGTTGCGCTCA
PantJ-NotI_rev	GCTGCGGCCGCTTCCGAACCTCCTATTTTA
antJ-ostop-NcoI_rev	GCTCCATGGAGGATAAATTATTATCAGACA
check-eyfp2_rev	GTTTGGATGGATATCTGGT
check-mcherry-ins_rev	GGCCTTCTTCTCCTTCAC
PantA-NheI_fwd	GCTGCTAGCTAATGCAGAAATTATTGCT
PantA-NheI_rev	GCGGCTAGCCTGAACTATTCCTATCGTTA
PantJ-BamHI_rev	GCGGGATCCTTCCGAACCTCCTATTTTA
antJ-ostop-	GCGGGATCCGGATAAATTATTATCAGACA

BamHI_rev	
check-eyfp_rev	CTGCAGGCCGTAGCCGAA
check-rpmE_fwd	CTCCCAAATAAAGTTTAGG
check-glmS_rev	GTACGTGAATCTGATTTTG
oriT_fwd	CAGGGTTATGCAGCGGAAA
gmR-pNPTS_fwd	GATAAGCTGTCAAACATGAGAGTAGCGTATGCGCTCAC

[Bln]: 5' - biotinylation, [Cy3]: 5' -Cy3-label



**Table S4:** Summary of differently expressed (mRNA) transcripts (sense direction) in the TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$  strain. Listed are the fold changes in read counts of TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$ , TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$  +  $antJ^+$  and TT01-1° + control1 compared to TT01-1°. The false discovery rate (FDR) is < 0.01. For clarity fold changes < 1 are represented as  $-(\text{fold change})^{-1}$ . The functions of genes without a given gene name were domain guided annotated using the NCBI tools: protein blast and conserved domain search.

Locus tag	Gene	Putative function of the gene product	Fold change in read counts compared to the WT		
			TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$	TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$ + $antJ^+$	TT01-1° + control1
<i>plu0033</i>		tail assembly protein	-5.03	-2.21	-1.47
<i>plu0034</i>		similarities with alternative tail fiber protein	-7.58	-2.72	-1.66
<i>plu0947</i>		antibiotic biosynthesis monooxygenase	-9.73	-2.86	-1.61
<i>plu0948</i>		transcriptional regulator (MarR family)	-7.47	-1.37	1.42
<i>plu0965</i>	<i>tcdA4</i>	Insecticidal toxin complex protein	-1.97	1.48	1.60
<i>plu1846</i>		similarities with Mg(2+) transport ATPase B	-7.16	-3.41	1.38
<i>plu3033</i>		hypothetical protein, similarities with unknown bacteriophage protein	-1.90	1.34	1.96
<i>plu4185</i>	<i>antJ</i>	transcriptional regulator	-358.06	-17.68	-1.42
<i>plu4186</i>	<i>antI</i>	hydrolase/peptidase	-144.45	-6.69	-1.73
<i>plu4187</i>	<i>antH</i>	cyclase/aromatase	-155.11	-6.39	-1.53
<i>plu4188</i>	<i>antG</i>	CoA ligase	-195.13	-9.75	-2.39
<i>plu4189</i>	<i>antF</i>	acyl carrier protein	-162.49	-9.99	-2.38
<i>plu4190</i>	<i>antE</i>	ketosynthase KS $\beta$	-96.88	-7.28	-1.98
<i>plu4191</i>	<i>antD</i>	ketosynthase KS $\alpha$	-193.06	-8.45	-2.08
<i>plu4192</i>	<i>antC</i>	cyclase	-161.69	-6.38	-1.55
<i>plu4193</i>	<i>antB</i>	PPTase	-101.93	-6.17	-1.43
<i>plu4194</i>	<i>antA</i>	ketoreductase	-71.71	-4.96	-1.19
<i>plu4207</i>		unknown	-2.55	-1.35	1.27
<i>plu4275</i>		similarities with Rhs-family protein of <i>Photorhabdus</i>	-8.30	-1.14	2.34
<i>plu4603</i>		unknown protein, zinc peptidase like domain	-1.53	-3.17	-2.39

<i>plu0452</i>		UDP-D-galactose:(glucosyl)lipopolysaccharide-1,6-D-galactosyltransferase	3.06	1.88	1.79
<i>plu0939</i>	<i>mltD</i>	membrane-bound lytic murein transglycosylase D	2.32	2.94	2.11
<i>plu1432</i>	<i>sucC</i>	succinyl-CoA ligase [ADP-forming] subunit beta	2.56	1.14	-1.24
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<i>plu1937</i>	<i>fliQ</i>	flagellar biosynthesis protein FliQ	2.39	1.26	-1.42
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<i>plu1947</i>	<i>fliG</i>	flagellar motor switch protein FliG	2.46	1.11	-2.05
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<i>plu3071</i>	<i>menB</i>	naphthoate synthase	2.86	-1.02	1.14
<i>plu3072</i>		acyl-CoA thioester hydrolase	3.72	1.29	1.38
<i>plu3519</i>		TonB-dependent receptor	3.40	1.67	1.65
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<i>plu4126</i>	<i>frdC</i>	fumarate reductase subunit C	5.06	1.06	1.25
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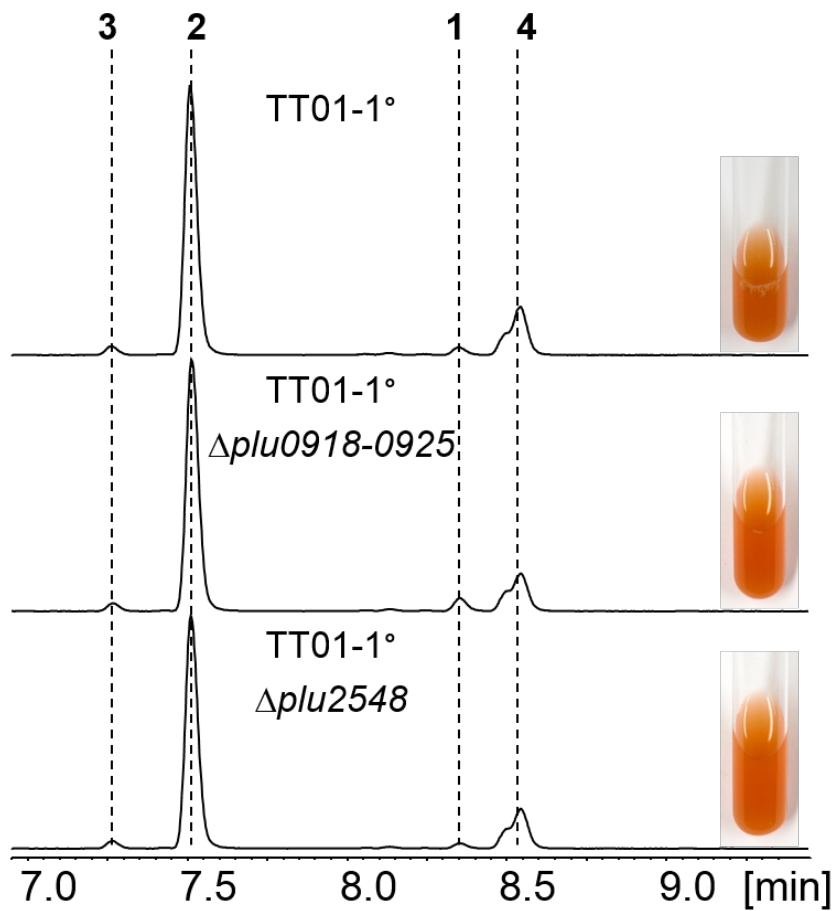
**Table S5.** Sequences of AntJ homologous used for the phylogenetic tree (Fig. 3). The 100 most similar protein sequences of AntJ were identified performing a BLASTp search against the non-redundant protein database from NCBI. Three protein sequences were removed during alignment due to the occurrence of unusual amino acids. Color code according to Fig. 3.

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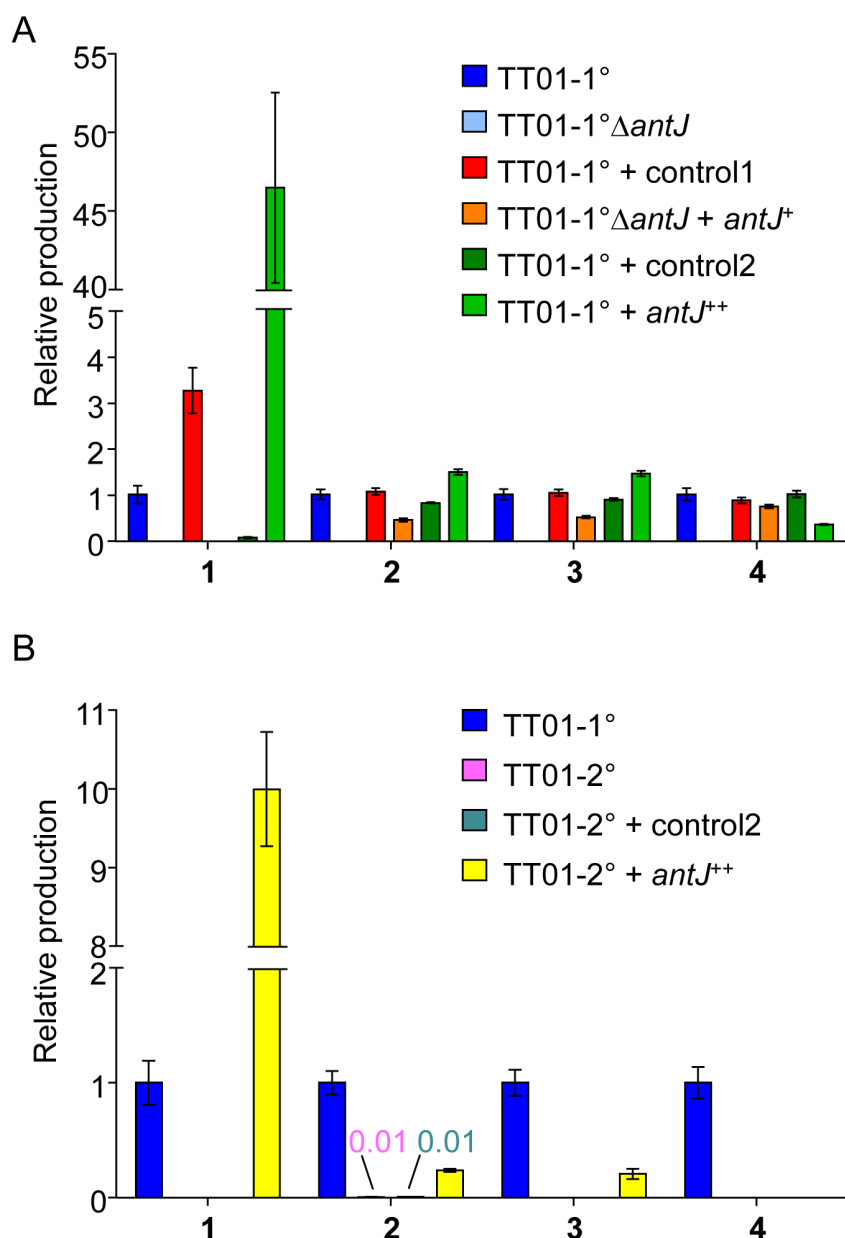
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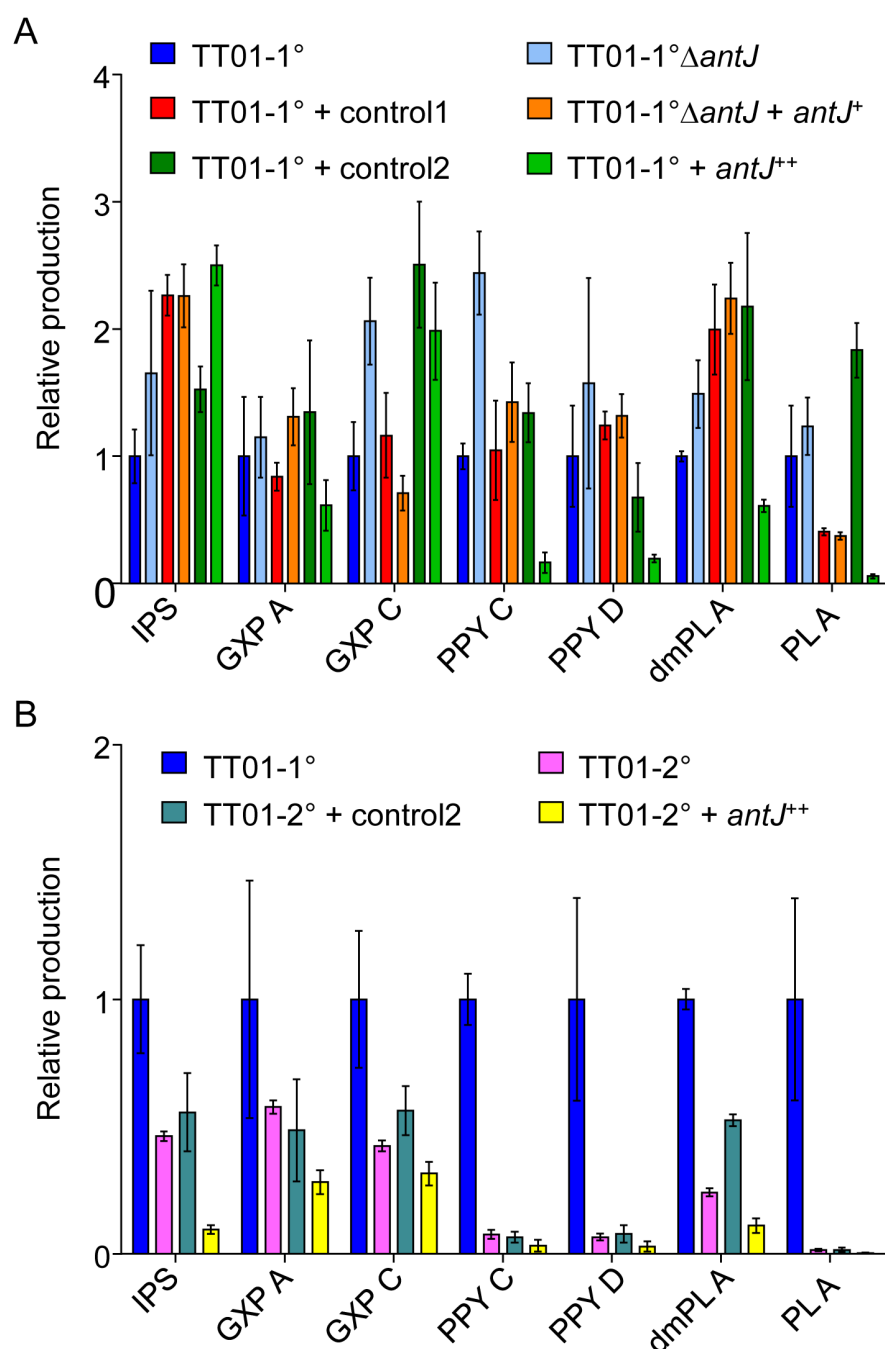


**Figure S1: Deletion of *plu2548* or *plu0919* does not influence AQ (1-4) production of *P. luminescens*.** Comparison of AQ production of TT01-1°, TT01-1°Δ*plu2548* and TT01-1°Δ*plu0918-plu0925*. HPLC-UV analysis (UV-chromatograms (430 nm)) of the EE extracts after cultivation for 24 h in LB broth. Plu0919 is encoded within a cluster of highly homologous PAS4-LuxR regulators [10]. For that reason the complete cluster *plu0918-plu0925* was deleted.



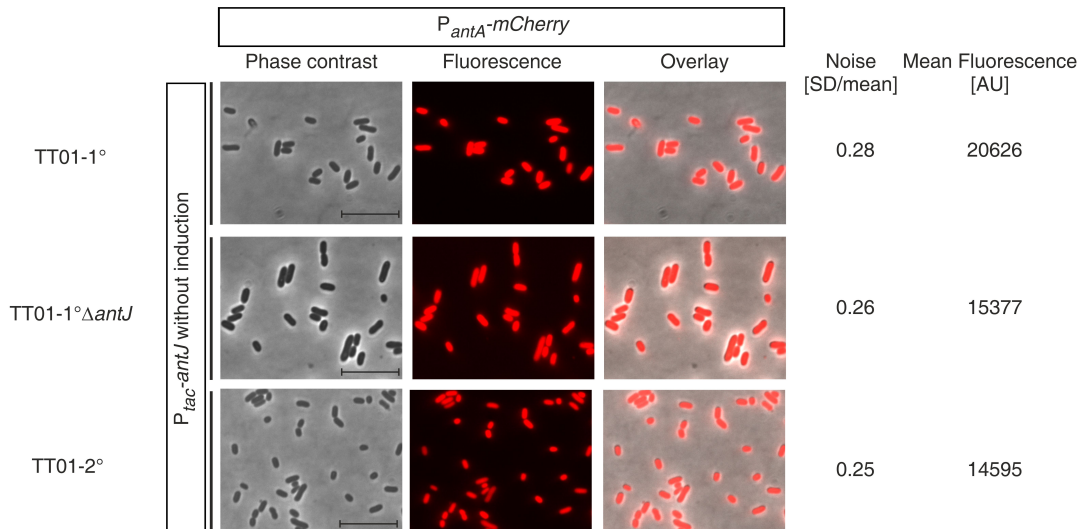
**Figure S2: Quantification of AQ (1-4) production in TT01-1°, TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$  and TT01-2°.**

**A** Comparison of AQ production of TT01-1° and TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$  cells. **B** Comparison of AQ production of TT01-1° and TT01-2° cells. EE-extracts after 24 h of cultivation in LB broth at 30°C were measured with HPLC-UV. For AQ quantification peak areas of the HPLC-UV analysis (UV-chromatograms at 430 nm) were used. The respective peak areas were normalized with the cell density ( $OD_{600}$ ) when cultures were harvested and are given relative to the production of TT01-1° of the respective compound. Extracts were prepared as triplicates. Dark blue: TT01-1°, light blue: TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$ , red: TT01-1° + control1 (pCOLA\_tacI/l), orange: TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$  +  $antJ^+$  (pAKH04), dark green: TT01-1° + control2 (pACYC\_tacI/l), light green: TT01-1° +  $antJ^{++}$  (pAKH05), pink: TT01-2°, petrol: TT01-2° + control2 (pACYC\_tacI/l), yellow: TT01-2° +  $antJ^{++}$  (pAKH05).

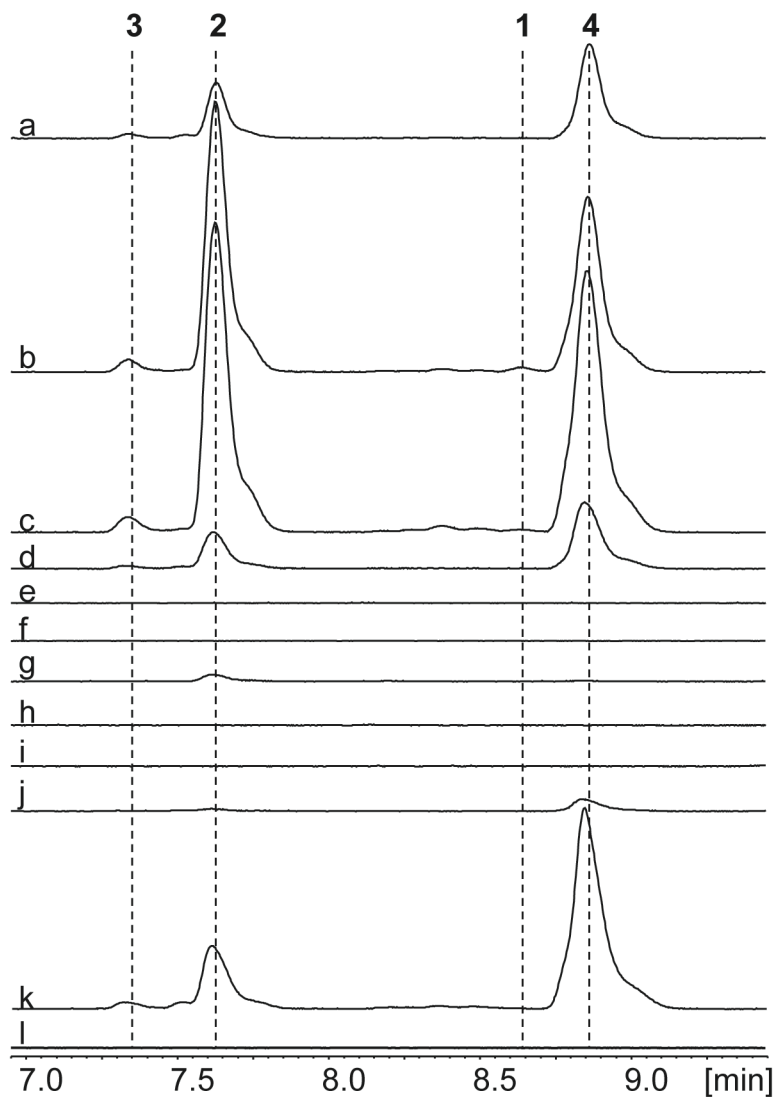


**Figure S3: Quantification of secondary metabolite production in TT01-1°, TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$  and TT01-2°.** **A** Comparison of secondary metabolite production of TT01-1° and TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$  cells. **B** Comparison of secondary metabolite production of TT01-1° and TT01-2° cells. For experimental details see Fig. S2. The secondary metabolite peak areas of the HPLC-MS analysis were determined using Bruker Compass TargetAnalysis Version 1.3. IPS: isopropylstilben; GXP A/C: GameXPeptide A/C; PPY C/D: photopyrone C/D; dmPLA: desmethyl phurealipid A; PLA A: phurealipid A. In  $\Delta antJ$  cells PPY C and GXP C were slightly upregulated. The complemented strain  $\Delta antJ$  + *antJ*<sup>+</sup> showed a very similar production compared to the corresponding wild type with the empty vector. The *antJ* overexpressing strain produced slightly more IPS but less PPYs and PLA.

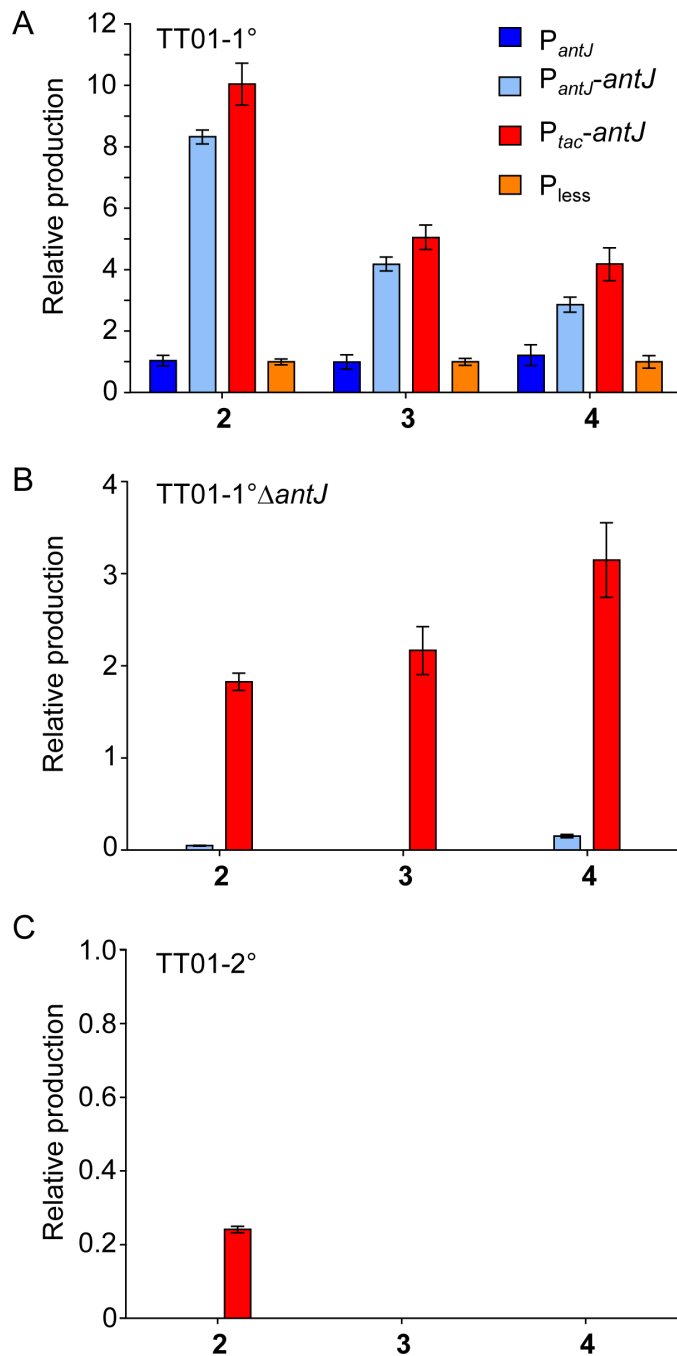




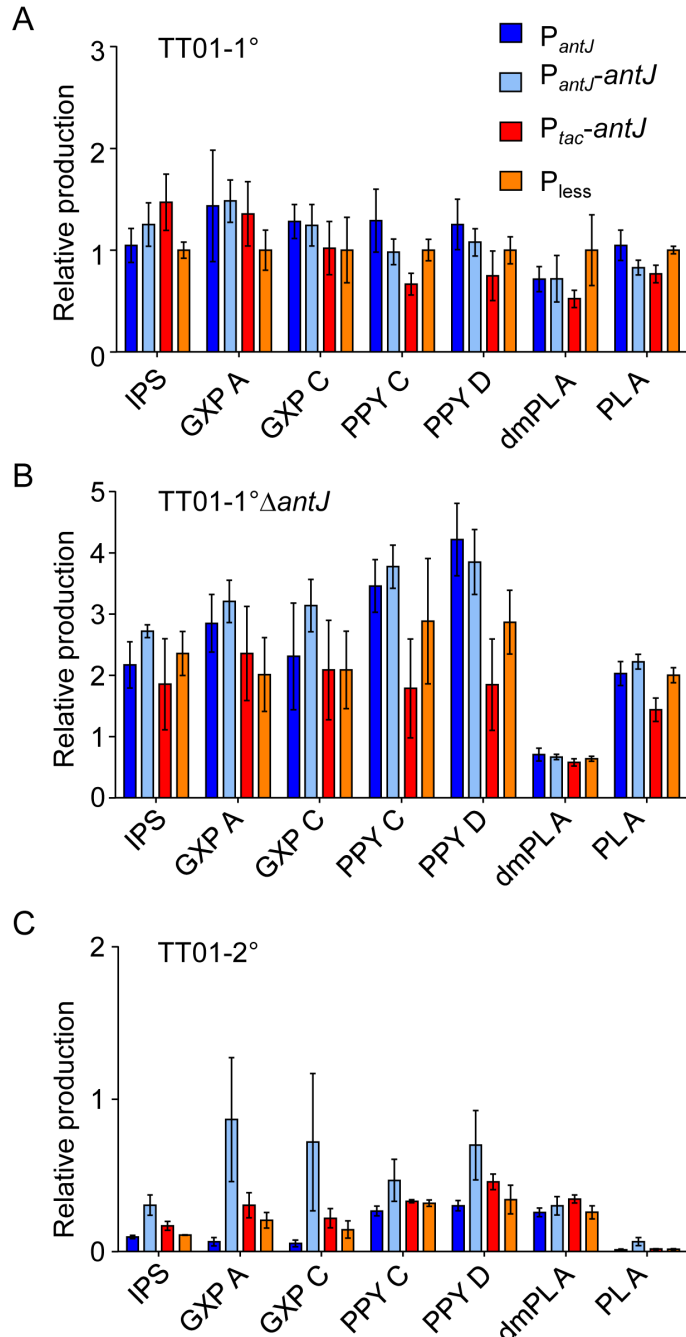
**Figure S4: Single-Cell microscopy imaging of *P. luminescens* TT01-1°, TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$  and TT01-2° cells with chromosomally integrated  $P_{antA}\text{-}mCherry$  and  $P_{tac}\text{-}antJ$  without induction.** The bars in the phase contrast pictures indicate a scale of 10  $\mu\text{m}$ . The fluorescence intensities of 450 single cells were individually measured for each experiment and analyzed using the software Big Cell Brother [11]. The noise values were calculated as SD/mean from 450 cells. Representative images and values from one of three independently performed experiments are shown. AU: Arbitrary Units



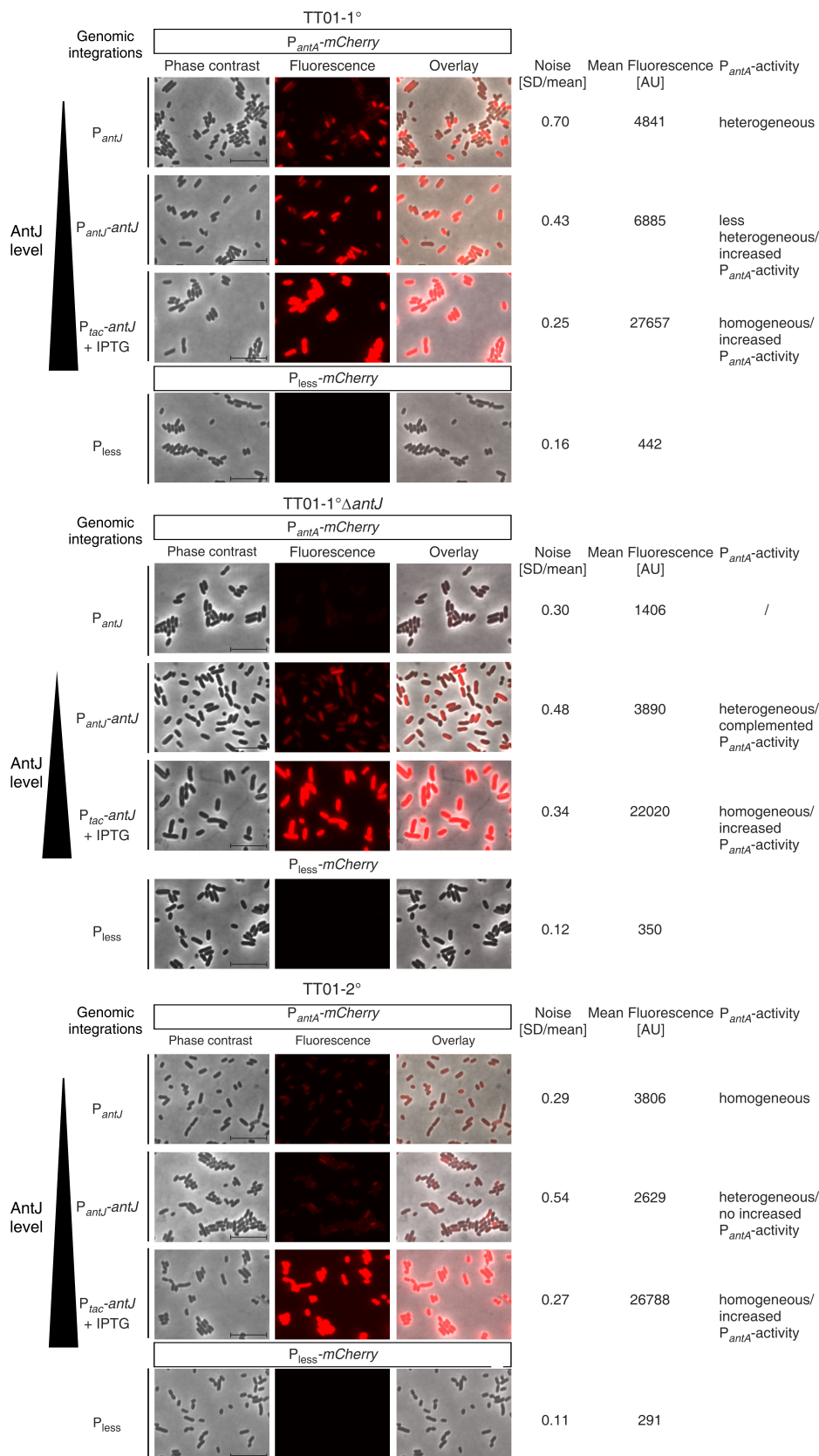
**Figure S5: Comparison of AQ production of the strains for measuring the promoter activity of *antABCDEFHI* at the single cell level.** HPLC-UV analysis (UV-chromatograms (430 nm)) of the EE extracts after cultivation for 24 h in LB at 30°C and 200 rpm. a: TT01-1°  $P_{antJ}$ , b: TT01-1°  $P_{antJ-antJ}$ , c: TT01-1°  $P_{tac-antJ}$ , d: TT01-1°  $P_{less}$ , e: TT01-2°  $P_{antJ}$ , f: TT01-2°  $P_{antJ-antJ}$ , g: TT01-2°  $P_{tac-antJ}$ , h: TT01-2°  $P_{less}$ , i: TT01-1°  $\Delta antJ$   $P_{antJ}$ , j: TT01-1°  $\Delta antJ$   $P_{antJ-antJ}$ , k: TT01-1°  $\Delta antJ$   $P_{tac-antJ}$ , l: TT01-1°  $\Delta antJ$   $P_{less}$ . All strains harbor  $P_{antA-mCherry}$  integrated at the *rpmE/glmS* site. A negative control without a promoter upstream of *mCherry* serves as negative control.



**Figure S6: Quantification of the AQ production in *P. luminescens* TT01-1°, TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$  and TT01-2° strains with chromosomally integrated  $P_{antA}$ -*mCherry* reporter gene fusion and different levels of AntJ. A** TT01-1° strains **B** TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$  strains **C** TT01-2° strains. EE-extracts after 24 h of cultivation in LB broth at 30°C were measured with HPLC-UV. For AQ quantification peak areas of the HPLC-UV analysis (UV-chromatograms at 430 nm) were used. The respective peak areas were normalized with the cell density ( $OD_{600}$ ) when cultures were harvested and are given relative to the TT01-1°  $P_{less}$ -*mCherry* production of the respective AQ. Extracts were prepared as triplicates. All strains harbor  $P_{antA}$ -*mCherry* integrated at the *rpmE/glmS* site. A negative control without a promoter upstream of *mCherry* ( $P_{less}$ ) serves as control.

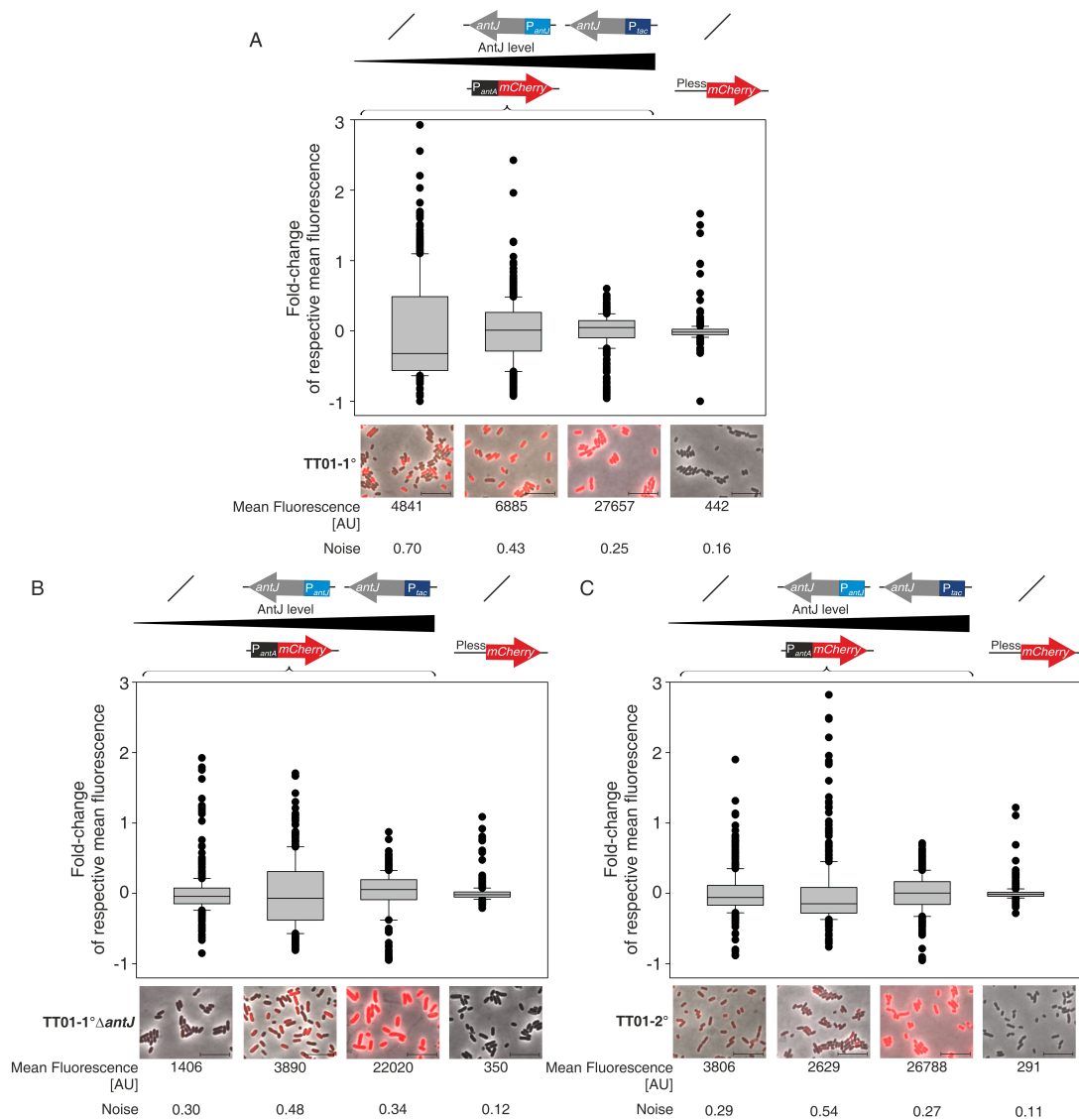


**Figure S7: Quantification of the AQ production in *P. luminescens* TT01-1°, TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$  and TT01-2° strains with chromosomally integrated  $P_{antA}$ -*mCherry* reporter gene fusion and different levels of AntJ. A TT01-1° strains B TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$  strains C TT01-2° strains. For experimental details see Fig. S6. The secondary metabolites peak areas of the HPLC-MS analysis were determined using Bruker Compass TargetAnalysis Version 1.3. Secondary metabolite production is given relative to the TT01-1°  $P_{less}$ -*mCherry* production of the respective compound. IPS: isopropylstilben; GXP A/C: GameXPeptide A/C; PPY C/D: photopyrone C/D; dmPL A: desmethyl phurealipid A; PLA A: phurealipid A.**

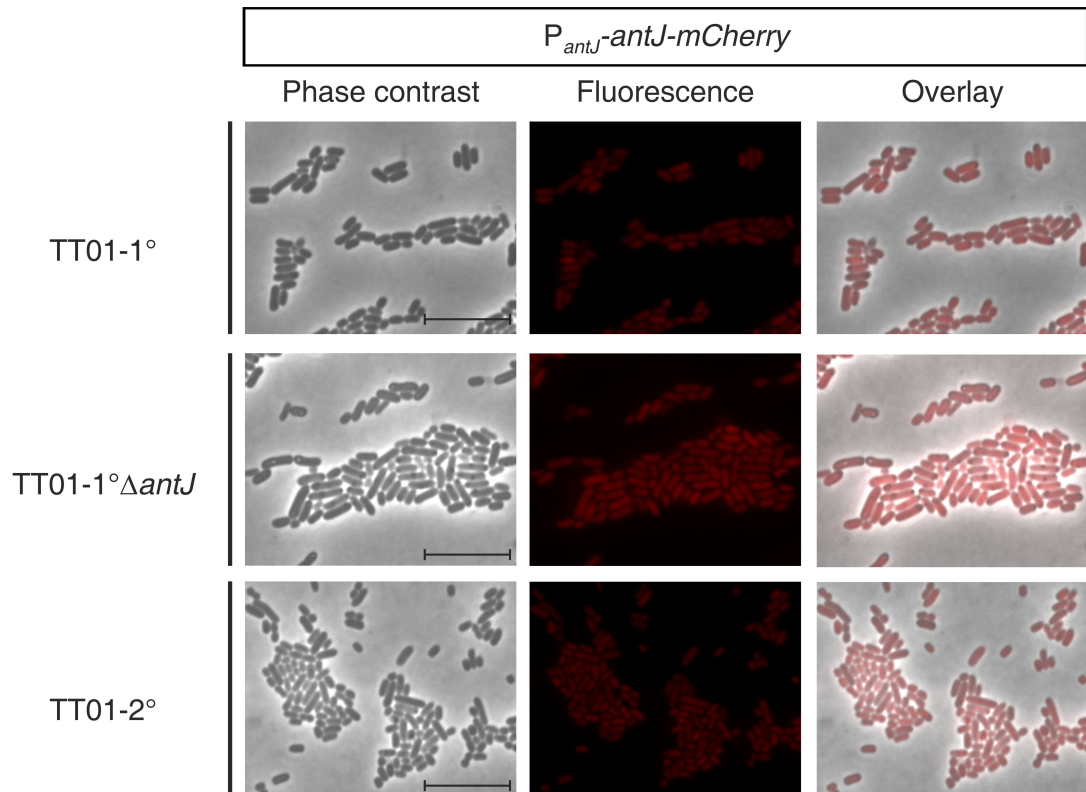


**Figure S8: Single cell microscopy imaging of *P. luminescens* TT01-1°, TT01-1°ΔantJ and TT01-2° cells.** Depicted are the pictures of the phase contrast and the fluorophore

channel as well as the respective overlay picture. The strains harbor  $P_{antA}$ -*mCherry* integrated at the *rpmE/glmS* site. A negative control without a promoter upstream of *mCherry* serves as negative control. The bars indicate a scale of 10  $\mu\text{m}$ . The fluorescence intensities of 450 single cells were individually measured for each experiment and analyzed using the software Big Cell Brother [11]. The noise values were calculated as  $\text{SD}/\text{mean}$  from 450 cells. Representative images and values from one of three independently performed experiments are shown. AU= arbitrary units.

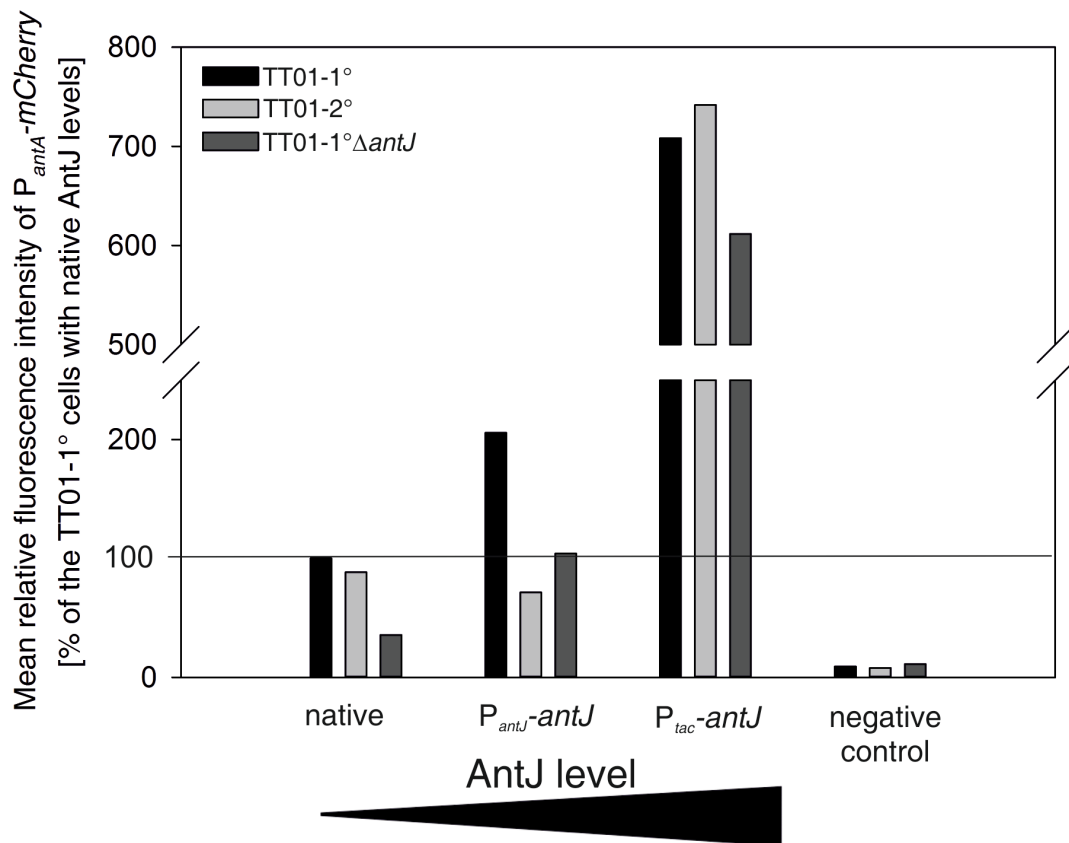


**Figure S9: Degree of heterogeneity of  $P_{antA}$  activity in *P. luminescens* TT01-1°, TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$  and TT01-2° with different levels of AntJ.** The fluorescence intensities of 450 single cells were individually measured for each experiment and analyzed using the software Big Cell Brother [11]. The noise values were calculated as SD/mean from 450 cells. The box plots represent the fold change in the mean fluorescence of the respective reporter strain. Thereby, the fluorescence value of each cell was compared to the mean fluorescence value of 450 cells of the respective reporter strain. Representative images and box plots from one of three independently performed experiments are shown. AU: arbitrary units.



**Figure S10: Single cell microscopy imaging of *P. luminescens* TT01-1°, TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$  and TT01-2° cells with chromosomally integrated  $P_{antJ}\text{-}antJ\text{-}mCherry$ .** Depicted are the pictures of the phase contrast and the fluorophore channel as well as the respective overlay picture. All strains harbor  $P_{antJ}\text{-}antJ\text{-}mCherry$  integrated at the *rpmE/glmS* site. Representative images from one of three independently performed experiments are shown. The bars indicate a scale of 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .





**Figure S11: Influence of the AntJ levels on the mean promoter activity of *antA* in TT01-1°, TT01-2° and TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$  populations.** The mean relative fluorescence values of  $P_{antA}$ -*mCherry* of 1350 individual cells were calculated. Then the  $P_{antA}$  activity in the TT01-1° cells under native conditions were set as 100%, marked via the horizontal black line. The mean  $P_{antA}$ -*mCherry* values of the strains TT01-1°, TT01-2° and TT01-1° $\Delta antJ$  with native levels of AntJ, one additional copy of *antJ* under control of its own promoter or with a strong *tac* promoter were set into relation with TT01-1° cells under native conditions given in percentage. The negative control contains a promoter-less chromosomal *mCherry* integration.

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