

**Table S4. Plasmids used in this study.**

Plasmid	Marker	Properties	Source of Reference
pQEAs	Amp <sup>R</sup>	<i>lacZ</i> -operon; N-terminal 6xHis tag; overexpression in <i>E. coli</i>	(Missbach <i>et al</i> , 2013)
pQEAs-6xHis-1861	Amp <sup>R</sup>	Recombinant expression of 6xHis-SjcF1	This study
pQEAs-6xHis-1861 $\Delta$ PG2	Amp <sup>R</sup>	Recombinant expression of 6xHis-SjcF1 $\Delta$ PG2	This study
pQEAs-6xHis-1861PG2	Amp <sup>R</sup>	Recombinant expression of 6xHis-SjcF1 PG2	This study
pCSV3	Sp <sup>R</sup> Sm <sup>R</sup>	pRL500 with substituted Ap <sup>R</sup> gene	(Valladares <i>et al</i> , 2011)
pCSEL21	Amp <sup>R</sup>	pIC20R with gene-GFP insertion	(50)
pCSEL24	Amp <sup>R</sup> Sp <sup>R</sup> Sm <sup>R</sup>	pBR322 containing <i>Anabaena sp.</i> 2 kb <i>nucA-nuiA</i> fragment and C.S3 cassette	(50)
pAFS-I-1861	Sp <sup>R</sup> Sm <sup>R</sup>	pCSV3 with fragment of all 1861	This study
pAFS-PDGF-1861	Sp <sup>R</sup> Sm <sup>R</sup>	pCSEL24 with promoter of all1861 fused to <i>gfp</i>	This study

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