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

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| Strain/plasmid | Genotype/description | Source/reference |
| *B. cepacia GG4* | Soil isolate | Chan *et al.* (2011)  |
| ***E. coli*** |  |  |
| JM109 | endA1 glnV44 thi-1 relA1 gyrA96 recA1 mcrB+ Δ(lac-proAB) e14- [F' traD36 proAB+ lacIq lacZΔM15] hsdR17(rK-mK+) | NEB (USA) |
| BL21 (DE3)pLysS | F- ompT gal dcm lon hsdSB(rB- mB-) λ(DE3) pLysS; CmR | Novagen (Germany) |
| **Plasmids** |  |  |
| pGEMT | TA cloning vector, Ampr | Promega |
| pGEMT-*burI* | pGEMT containing 651 bp of *burI* with NcoI-BamHI sites | This study |
| pET28a | Circle plasmid carrying N-terminal His-tag/ thrombin/enterokinase configuration plus an optional C-terminal His tag sequence; Kmr | Novagen (Germany) |
| pET28a-*burI* | pET28a containing 651 bp of *burI* cloned into NcoI-BamHI sites | This study |

aAmpr, Cmr, and Kmr indicate resistance to ampicillin, chloramphenicol, and kanamycin, respectively