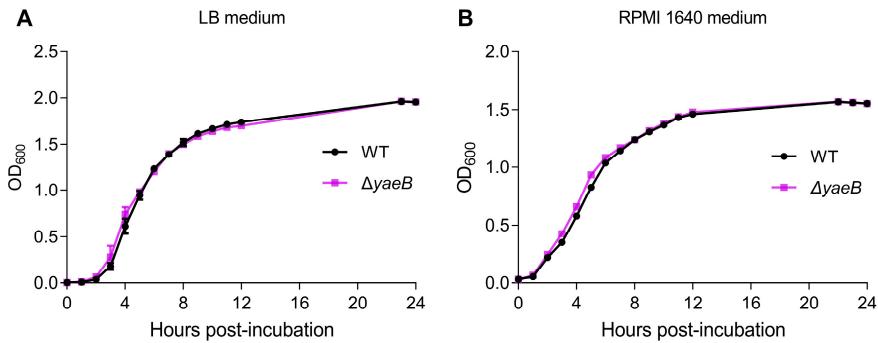
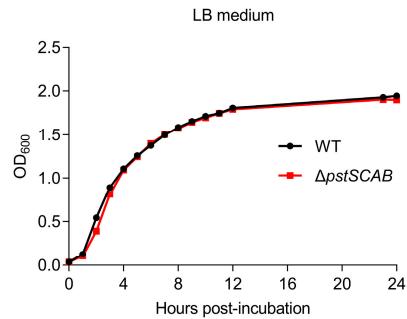


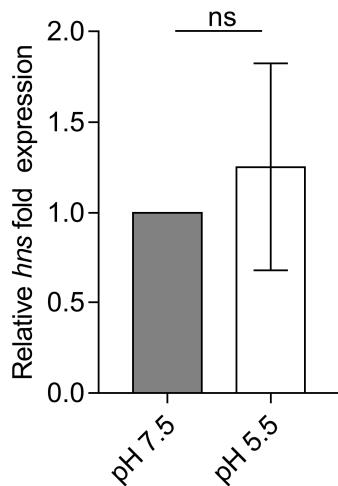
## Supplementary Materials



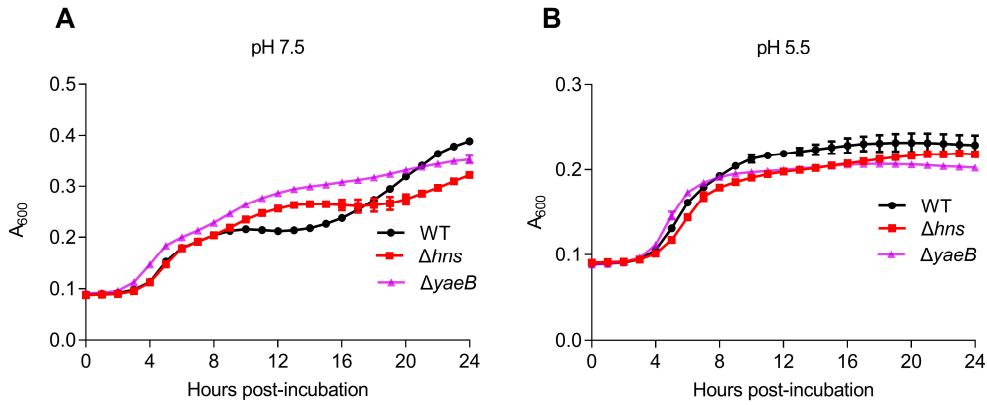
**Figure S1.** Deletion of *yaeB* did not influence *S. Typhimurium* growth in LB medium and RPMI-1640 medium. Overnight cultures of the WT strain and the *yaeB* mutant were subcultured 1:100 into fresh LB medium (A) or RPMI-1640 medium (B) and cultured for an additional 24 h at 37 °C with shaking at 200 rpm. The optical density at 600 nm (OD<sub>600</sub>) of 1 ml aliquots of culture was measured regularly over this period.



**Figure S2.** Deletion of *pst* genes did not influence *S. Typhimurium* growth in LB medium. Overnight cultures of the WT strain and the *pstSCAB* mutant were subcultured 1:100 into fresh LB medium and cultured for an additional 24 h at 37 °C with shaking at 200 rpm. The optical density at 600 nm (OD<sub>600</sub>) of 1 ml aliquots of culture was measured regularly over this period.



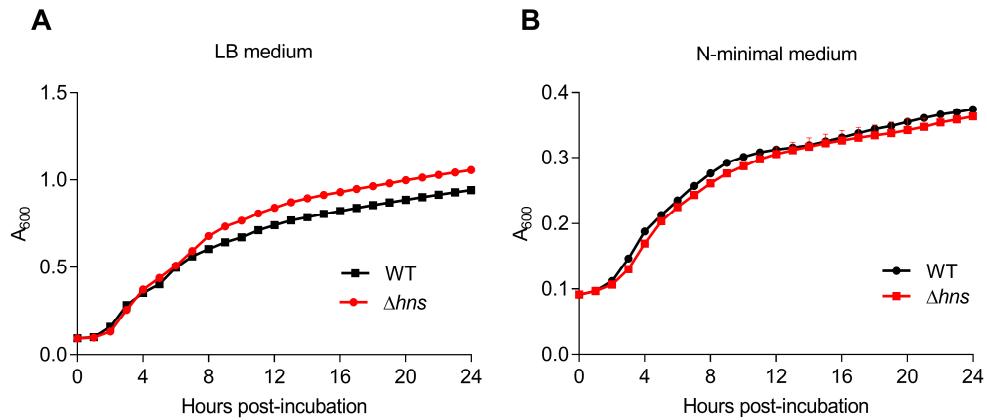
**Figure S3.** *hns* transcription was not induced by acidic pH. *S. Typhimurium* WT strain were cultured in N-minimal medium at pH 5.5 or pH 7.5 to the stationary phase. Fold changes of *hns* expression at pH 5.5 relative to their expression at pH 7.5 are presented. ns, not significant.



**Figure 4.** Deletion of *hns* or *yaeB* genes did not influence *S. Typhimurium* growth in N-minimal medium at pH 7.5 or pH 5.5. Overnight cultures of WT,  $\Delta hns$  and  $\Delta yaeB$  strains were subcultured 1:1000 into N-minimal medium at pH 7.5 (A) or at pH 5.5 (B) and cultured for an additional 24 h at 37 °C with shaking at 200 rpm. Measure the value of  $A_{600}$  every hour. The data represent results obtained from three independent experiments and are presented as means  $\pm$  SD.

E. coli	MSSFQFEQIGVIRSPYKEKFAVPRQPGLVKSANGELHLIAPYNQADAVRGLEAFSHLWL	60
S. Typhimurium	MSSFQFEQIGVIRSPYKEKFAVPRQPGLVKSACGELHLIAPYNQADAVRGLEAFSHLWVL	60
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E. coli	FVFHQTMEEGGWRPTVRPPRLGGNARMGVFASTRSTFRPNPIGMSLVELKEVCHKDSVILK	120
S. Typhimurium	FVFHQTMDDGGWRPTVRPPRLGGNARMGVFASTRSTFRPNPIGMSLVALKGIECRKESVILK	120
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E. coli	LGSLDLVDGTPVVDIKPYLPFAESLPDASASYAQSAMPAEAMVSFTAEEVKQLLTLEKRY	180
S. Typhimurium	LGSLDLVDGTPVVDIKPYLPFAEALPDAASASYAQQAPIAEMPVSFTAEVAAQQLTLLERRY	180
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E. coli	PQLTLFIREVLAQDPRPAYRKGEETGKTYAWLHDFNVWRVRTDAGFEVFALEPR	235
S. Typhimurium	PQLRTFICDVLAQDPRPAYRKGEETGKTYAWLHDFNVWRVVNSGFEVFALEPR	235
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**Figure 5.** Sequence alignment of the amino acid sequences of YaeB of *E. coli* and *S. Typhimurium* using Clustal Omega (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/clustalo/>). Residues with \* are strictly conserved and those with blank, . or : indicate an amino acid substitution.



**Figure S6.** Deletion of *hns* did not influence *S. Typhimurium* growth in LB medium and N-minimal medium. Overnight cultures of the WT strain and the *hns* mutant were subcultured 1:100 into fresh LB medium (A) or N-minimal medium (B) and cultured for an additional 24 h at 37 °C with shaking at 200 rpm. Measure the value of  $A_{600}$  every hour. The data represent results obtained from three independent experiments and are presented as means  $\pm$  SD.

## CLUSTAL O(1.2.4) multiple sequence alignment

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14028S_genome_rpos	-----	0
WT_rpos	CTTGACTCTGTCTGGCTCAAGGGATCACCGGTAGAGGCCACCTTATGACTCAGAATA	166
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WT_rpos	GTGGAGATGTGGCTTCGGCGTGGCATGATGAGAATAACCTGGCTGTGGTAAAAA	466
hns_mutant_rpos	GTGGAGATGTGGCTTCGGCGTGGCATGATGAGAATAACCTGGCTGTGGTAAAAA	480
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**Figure S7.** Mutation was not occurred in *rpoS* loci in the *hns* mutant strain. Sequence alignment of *rpoS* gene of the *hns* mutant, WT strain and *S. Typhimurium* ATCC 14028s strain genome using Clustal Omega (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/clustalo/>). Bases with \* are strictly conserved.

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14028S_genome_phop	CTTTTGAAATTGCGCTAA-----	675
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hns_mutant_phop	TGGCGCTGGCGCTATAGCGTAAGTTGATAAAACCACTTGTGCTGCGGG	1001
14028S_genome_phop	-----	675
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WT_phop	AAAGCAACCTGTTTACCCCTGCCAATGGGAAAATAATAAAATCAGCGTTGAGCTG	1080
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**Figure S8.** Mutation was not occurred in *phoP* loci in the *hns* mutant strain. Sequence alignment of *phoP* gene of the *hns* mutant strain, WT strain and *S. Typhimurium* ATCC 14028s strain genome using Clustal Omega (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/clustalo/>). Bases with \* are strictly conserved.