

**Table S7:** Bacterial strains, plasmids and primers used in this work

Strain or plasmid	Description	Reference
<b>Strains</b>		
<i>Escherichia coli</i>		
Top10	$\Delta lacX74$ <i>ara</i> $\Delta 139\Delta$ ( <i>ara-leu</i> )	Invitrogen
<i>Paraburkholderia phymatum</i>		
STM815	Wild type	[1]
STM815-nifA <sub>RP</sub>	<i>nifA</i> <sub>RP</sub> ::pSHAFT2 mutant of STM815; Cm <sup>R</sup>	[2]
STM815-nifA <sub>RP</sub> -comp	STM815-nifA <sub>RP</sub> mutant harboring pBBR1MCS-2- <i>nifA</i> ; Km <sup>R</sup>	This study
<b>Plasmids</b>		
pBBR1MCS-2	Broad host-range cloning vector; Km <sup>R</sup>	[3]
pRK2013	Helper plasmid; Km <sup>R</sup>	[4]
pBBR1MCS-2- <i>nifA</i>	pBBR1MCS-2 containing <i>nifA</i> (Bphy_7728) for complementation; Km <sup>R</sup>	This study
<b>Primers</b>		
nifA_comp_F_HindIII	AAAAaagcttAATGCAAAAACGAGGCGTAG	This study
nifA_comp_R_XbaI	GGGGtctagaATGTACTCACGGGCCTTTG	This study

<sup>1</sup>restriction sites are in lower letters.

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