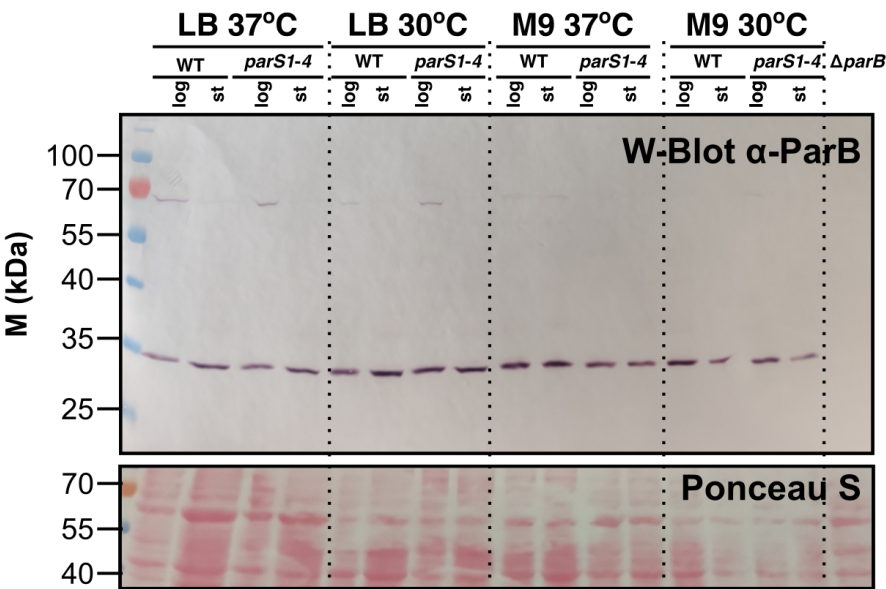
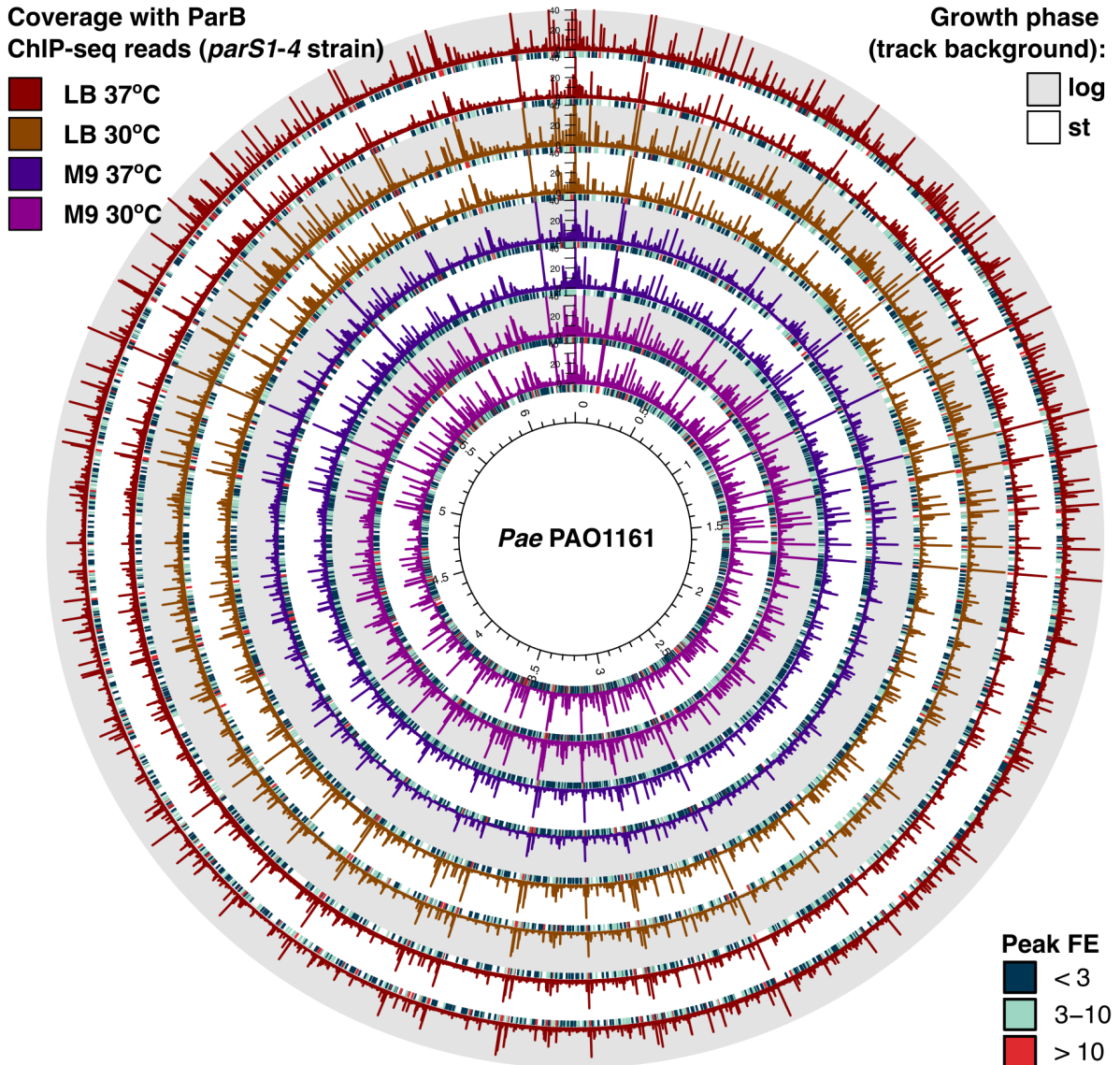


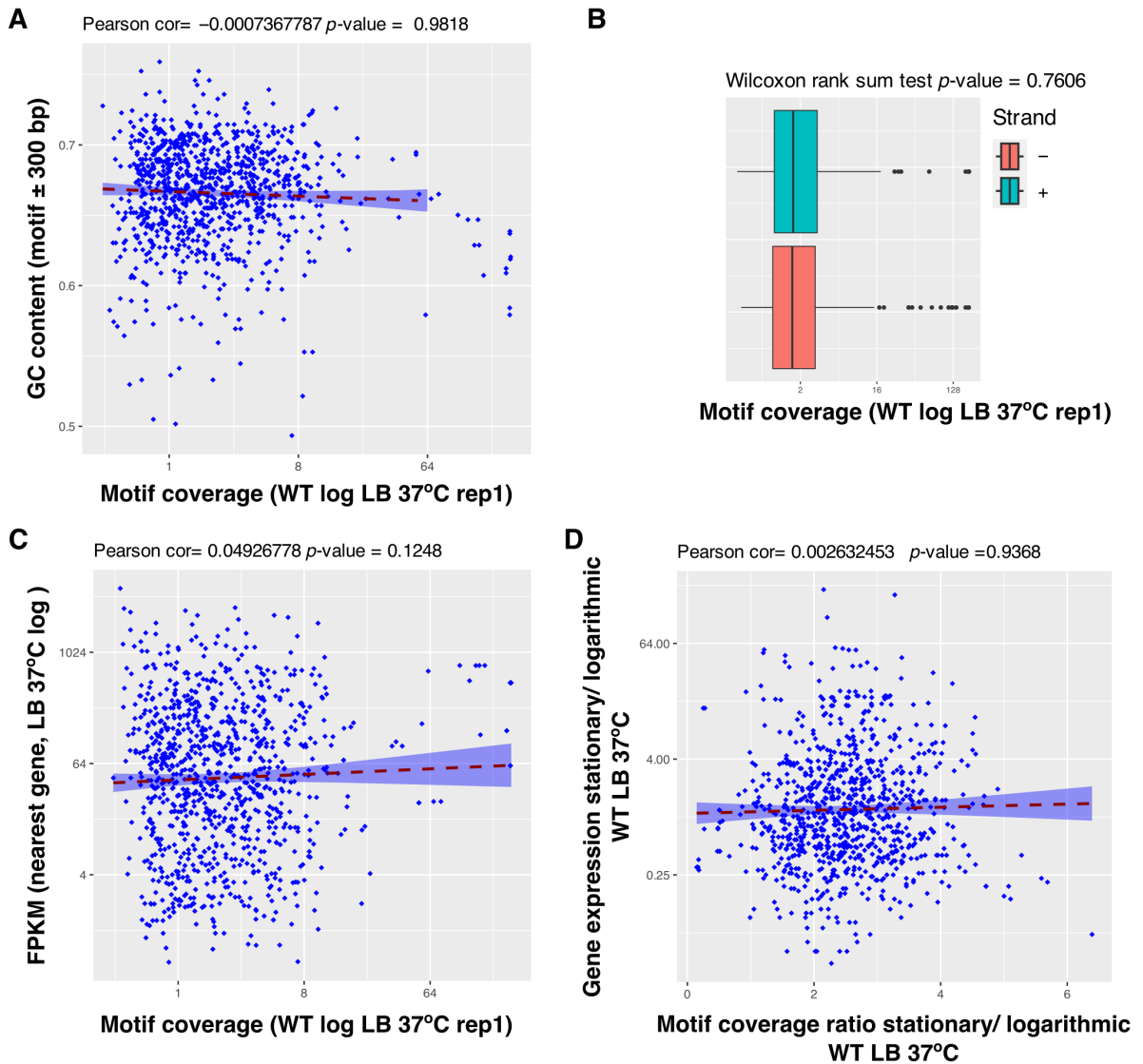
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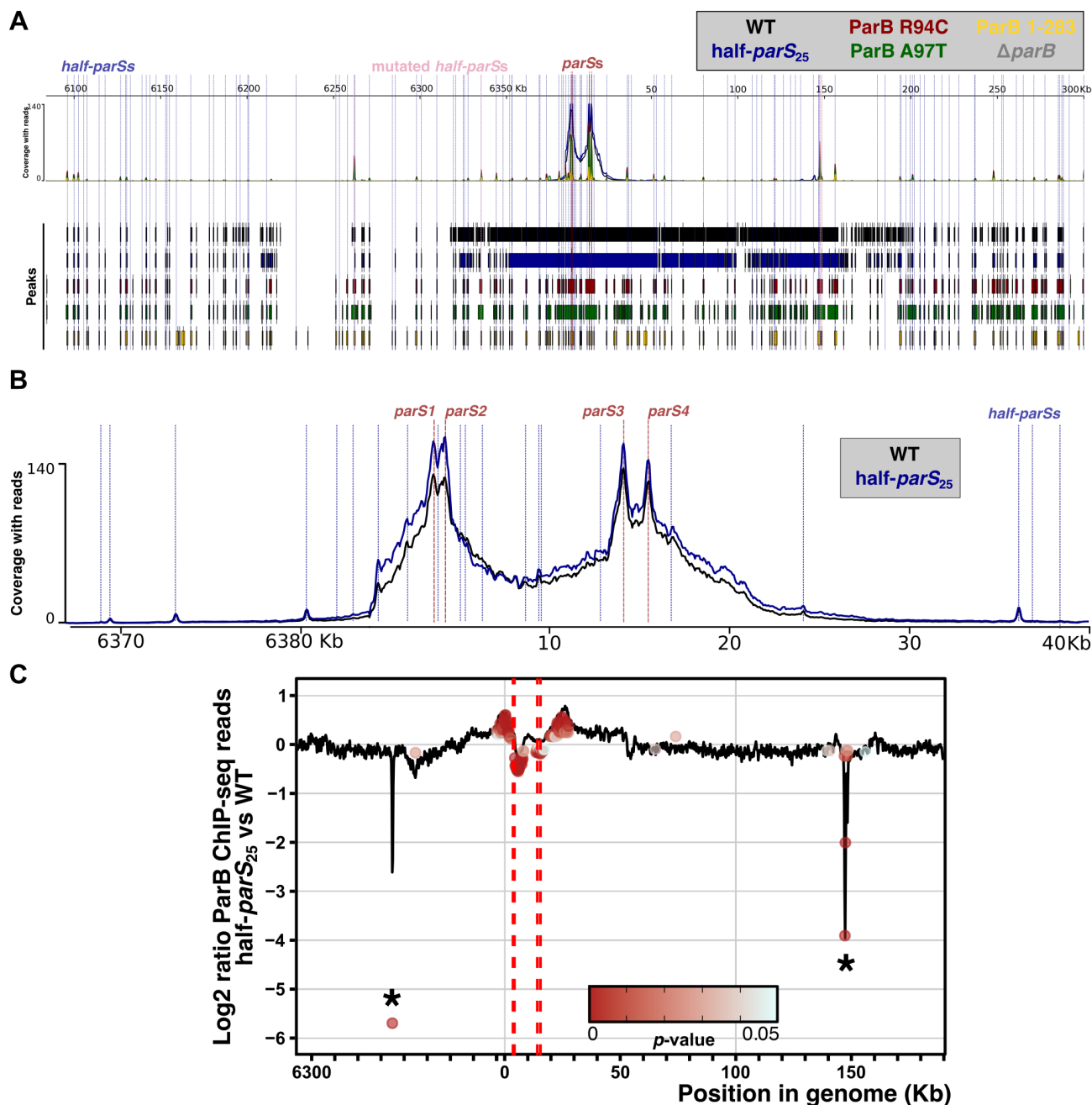
**Figure S1.** Western blot analysis of ParB level in cleared lysates obtained from *P. aeruginosa* cells grown in the indicated medium / temperature and harvested at two time points. Samples containing lysate volumes corresponding to 20  $\mu$ g of total DNA were boiled, subjected to SDS-PAGE, and Western blot analysis with the use of anti-ParB antibodies. Ponceau S stained membrane is shown below.



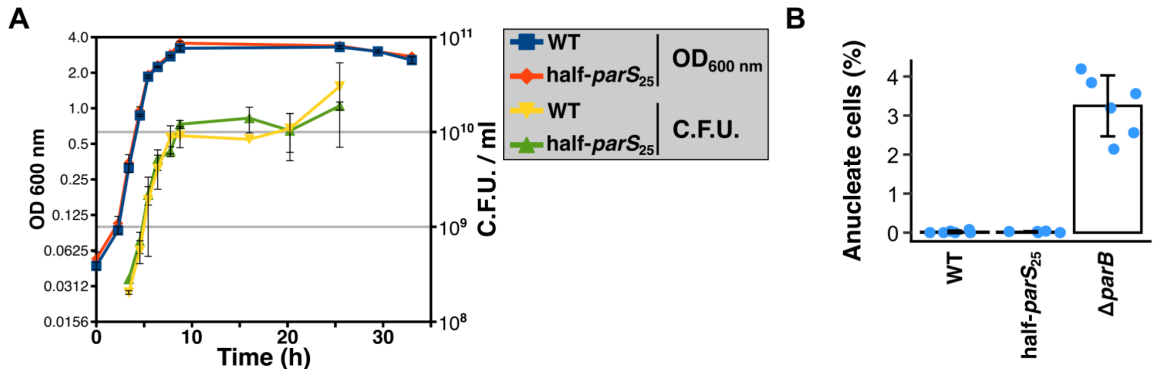
**Figure S2 ParB binding pattern to *P. aeruginosa* in *parS1-4* cells under various culturing conditions.** *P. aeruginosa parS1-4* strain was grown in LB or M9 medium supplemented with 0.5% glucose and 100  $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$  leucine, at 30 or 37°C. Cells were collected at two stages of culture growth, and ParB ChIP-seq analysis was conducted. Track data represent normalised coverage of the genome with ChIP-seq reads (binned at 200 bp, and averaged for two ChIP-seq replicates). Colour of coverage track represents different growth conditions whereas track background indicates the phase of culture growth. Track height was set at 35% of max. coverage signal of the outer track. Short bars below each track represent the distribution of detected ChIP-seq peaks for these samples, coloured according to the peak fold enrichment (FE).



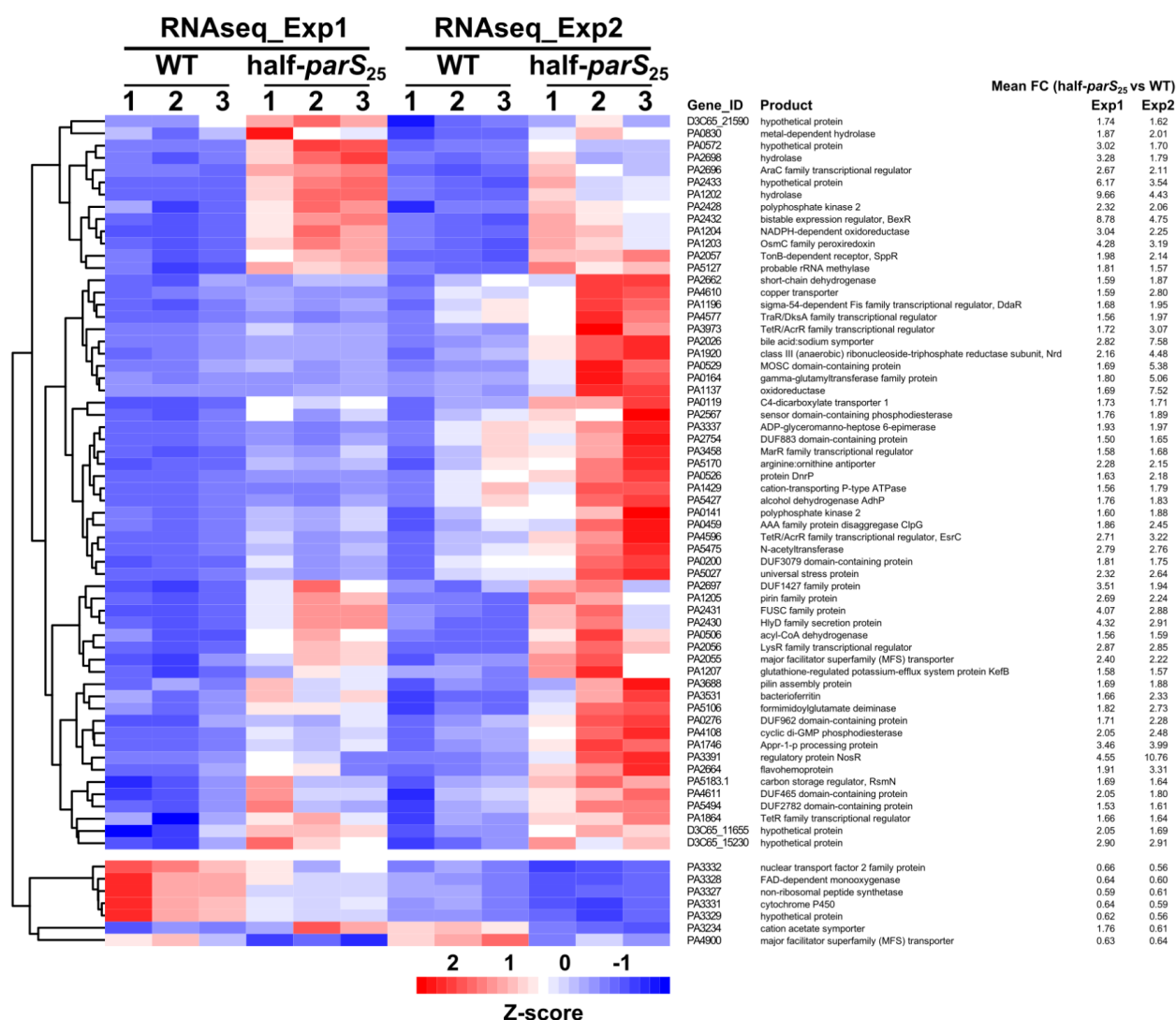
**Figure S3 Relation between half-*parS* (GTTCCAC) coverage with ParB ChIP-seq reads and motif localization, genome region GC content and gene expression.** Comparison of coverage data for 971 GTTCCAC motifs in samples derived from WT strain (LB 37°C, logarithmic phase of growth) with (A) GC content of genome fragment with the motif, (B) genome strand on which the motif is located and (C) the extent of gene expression of the nearest gene, analysed for the same strain/growth conditions (D) The relation between the motif coverage changes in samples derived from stationary vs logarithmic cultures with gene expression changes under the same conditions. Red lines indicate the smoothed conditional means. If the motif was intergenic, the nearest gene was used for analysis in (C) and (D). Data for gene expression changes between the phases were derived from [1]. Expression data for WT cells grown in LB at 37°C were taken for sample GSM6500804, from GSE211771 (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/> accessed 10.04.2023, reference [2]).



**Figure S4. Coverage of the genome regions encompassing *parS1*–*parS4* with ChIP-seq reads samples derived from different strains.** ParB ChIP-seq was performed using cells growing exponentially in LB medium at 37°C and reads were mapped to the *Pae* PAO1161 genome. (A) Normalised coverage with reads for samples from PAO1161 WT, *half-parS<sub>25</sub>*,  $\Delta$ *parB* as well as strains expressing the indicated ParB variants defective in spreading. The bottom part indicates the ranges of detected ChIP-seq peaks, with vertical lines indicating peak summits (See Table S1). (B) Zoom in on the *parS1*–4 region for WT and *half-parS<sub>25</sub>* strains. (C) Differential binding analysis of ParB binding to DNA in *half-parS<sub>25</sub>* strain versus WT. Analysis was performed in non-overlapping 200-bp windows covering the whole genome using Diffbind. The black line indicates smoothed ratio between reads mapping to each bin in ChIP-seq data, whereas bins with a significantly different coverage (FDR adjusted *p*-value < 0.05) are indicated with circles. Asterisks indicate regions containing motifs mutated in *half-parS<sub>25</sub>* strain.



**Figure S5. Phenotype characteristics of *P. aeruginosa* half-*parS*<sub>25</sub> strain.** (A) Growth of PAO1161 WT and half-*parS*<sub>25</sub> strains in LB at 37°C. Data represent mean optical density at 600 nm and mean number of colony forming units (C.F.U.) per ml of culture  $\pm$  SD from 3 cultures. (B) Percentage of anucleate cells in exponentially growing cultures (OD<sub>600</sub> ~0.5) of indicated strains assessed by microscopic analysis after propidium iodide staining. Data represent mean  $\pm$  SD, and blue dots represent the individual measurements of at least 1,000 cells.



**Figure S6. Gene expression changes in half-*parS*<sub>25</sub> strain.** The RNA-seq was conducted with cells from LB medium at 37°C in the logarithmic stage of culture growth. Heat map indicates expression changes in two repeats of RNA-seq analysis, each with 3 biological replicates for each strain for 67 genes identified as differentially expressed in both analyses (Figure 6C).

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