**Figure S1.** Putative Pho box sequence upstream of the *degP* gene

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| Gene |  | Putative Pho box sequencea |
| Consensus |  | CTGTCAT | A(A/T)A(A/T) | CTGT(CA)A(CT) |
| *degP*  | (-65)b | GC**GT**T**AT** | **AAAA**TG**AAT** | **CTG**AGG**T** |
|  | (-93)b | **CT**T**T**TCC | **ATAAA** | **CT**T**TC**G**T** |

*a* The bold bases indicate bases identical to the Pho box consensus sequence

*b* The position is shown relative to the putative translational start site of *degP.*