Table 1. Summary of relationships between a set of control genes and MaxQ\* for the 573-genome sample, proteobacteria sample and  $\gamma$ -proteobacteria sample.

| gene  | Description   | Direction | p_value1 | p_value2 | p_value3 |
|-------|---|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| aroE  | shikimate dehydrogenase                             | +         | 0.001    | 6.31E-07 | 0.050    |
| leuB  | 3-isopropylmalate dehydrogenase                     | +         | 0.025    | 0.001    | 0.048    |
| mmuM  | homocysteine S-methyltransferase                    | +         | 0.840    | 0.496    | 0.344    |
| astA  | arginine N-succinyltransferase                      | +         | 3.96E-06 | 0.001    | 0.013    |
| hisG  | ATP phosphoribosyltransferase                       | +         | 0.032    | 0.002    | 0.170    |
| аѕрВ  | aspartate aminotransferase                          | -         | 0.015    | 0.001    | 0.003    |
| serC  | PSAT1; phosphoserine aminotransferase               | +         | 2.15E-06 | 0.008    | NA       |
| tyrB  | aromatic-amino-acid transaminase                    | +         | 0.010    | 0.396    | 0.298    |
| lysC  | aspartate kinase                                    | +         | 0.193    | 0.069    | 0.004    |
| ureA  | urease subunit gamma                                | -         | 0.959    | 0.058    | 0.113    |
| рааҒ  | echA; enoyl-CoA hydratase                           | -         | 0.040    | 0.001    | 0.796    |
| argH  | ASL; argininosuccinate lyase                        | +         | 0.174    | 0.019    | 0.125    |
| hemH  | FECH; ferrochelatase                                | +         | 0.003    | 0.483    | 0.024    |
| рааК  | phenylacetate-CoA ligase                            | -         | 0.565    | 0.077    | 0.658    |
| glnA  | glutamine synthetase                                | +         | 0.435    | 0.227    | 0.217    |
| bioD  | dethiobiotin synthetase                             | +         | 4.19E-06 | 0.002    | 0.123    |
| cobF  | precorrin-6A synthase                               | -         | 0.416    | 0.293    | 0.435    |
| mecR1 | methicillin resistance protein                      | -         | 0.025    | NA       | NA       |
| ribB  | RIB3; 3,4-dihydroxy 2-butanone 4-phosphate synthase | +         | 0.004    | 0.002    | 0.007    |
| thiC  | thiamine biosynthesis protein ThiC                  | +         | 0.407    | 0.514    | 0.668    |
| moaD  | molybdopterin synthase sulfur carrier subunit       | +         | 0.0002   | 7.29E-06 | 4.83E-05 |
| cefD  | isopenicillin-N epimerase                           | -         | 0.982    | 0.309    | NA       |
| acdH  | short/branched chain acyl-CoA<br>dehydrogenase      | -         | 0.987    | NA       | NA       |
| spuC  | putrescine aminotransferase                         | -         | 0.516    | 0.061    | 0.104    |
| nicC  | 6-hydroxynicotinate 3-monooxygenase                 | -         | 0.017    | 0.003    | 0.480    |

'Direction' indicates a positive or negative relationship between presence of the gene and MaxQ\* ('+' means that genomes with the gene have higher mean MaxQ\* than genomes without the gene); P\_value1 refers to the significance of the MaxQ\* differences between genomes that possess a homolog of the gene and those where the homolog is absent in the 573-genome sample, p-value2 in the proteobacteria sample, and p-value3 in the  $\gamma$ -proteobacteria sample. NA indicates that statistical tests cannot be performed due to lack of data.