

TABLE 3. Mapping of transposon insertion sites that result in white phenotype in *C. sakazakii* ES5

COG functional category ^a	COG functional class	Annotation ^{b,c}	
		Homologue	Gene product
Mutation in pigment operon			
H: coenzyme transport and metabolism	Geranylgeranyl pyrophosphate synthase	<i>crtE</i>	Geranylgeranyl pyrophosphate synthase
GC: carbohydrate transport and metabolism/signal transduction mechanisms	Glucosyl transferases, related to UDP-glucosyltransferase	<i>crtX</i>	Zeaxanthin glucosyl transferase
R/E: general function prediction only/amino acid transport and metabolism	Acetyltransferase/choline dehydrogenase and related flavoproteins	<i>crtY</i>	Lycopene cyclase
Q: secondary metabolites biosynthesis, transport and catabolism	Phytoene dehydrogenase and related proteins	<i>crtI</i>	Phytoene dehydrogenase
I: lipid transport and metabolism	Phytoene/squalene synthase	<i>crtB</i>	Phytoene synthase
Mutation outside pigment operon			
C: energy production and conversion	F _o F ₁ -type ATP synthase, subunit alpha	ESA_04012	F _o F ₁ ATP synthase subunit alpha
	F _o F ₁ -type ATP synthase, subunit beta	ESA_04006	F _o F ₁ ATP synthase subunit beta
	F _o F ₁ -type ATP synthase, subunit gamma	ESA_04007	F _o F ₁ ATP synthase subunit gamma
	F _o F ₁ -type ATP synthase, subunit epsilon (mitochondrial delta subunit)	ESA_04005	F _o F ₁ ATP synthase subunit epsilon
	Pyruvate/2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase complex, dihydrolipoamide acetyltransferase (E1) component, and related enzymes	ESA_02622	<i>sucA</i> 2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase E1 component
	Pyruvate/2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase complex, dihydrolipoamide acetyltransferase (E2) component, and related enzymes	ESA_02621	Dihydrolipoamide acetyltransferase
	Pyruvate/2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase complex, dihydrolipoamide acetyltransferase (E3) component, and related enzymes	ESA_03222	<i>aceF</i> dihydrolipoamide acetyltransferase
	Malate/lactate dehydrogenases	ESA_03622	Malate dehydrogenase
	Succinate dehydrogenase/fumarate reductase, flavoprotein subunit	ESA_02624	Succinate dehydrogenase flavoprotein subunit
	P: inorganic ion transport and metabolism	Na ⁺ /H ⁺ antiporter	ESA_03316
T: signal transduction mechanisms	cAMP-binding proteins, catabolite gene activator, and regulatory subunit of cAMP-dependent protein kinases	ESA_04376	cAMP regulatory protein
	DnaK suppressor protein	ESA_03194	DnaK transcriptional regulator DksA
S: function unknown	Uncharacterized conserved protein	ESA_04343 (Ent638_3811) ^d	Hypothetical protein (intracellular growth attenuator IgA, <i>Enterobacter</i> sp. 638) ^d
		ESA_03563 (ETA_03450) ^d	Hypothetical protein (YhbC-like protein, <i>Erwinia tasmaniensis</i> Et1/99) ^d
		ESA_00549 (AAG53883) ^d	Hypothetical protein (sigma factor RpoS, <i>Escherichia coli</i>) ^d

^a NCBI clusters of orthologous groups (COG) of proteins.^b *Cronobacter sakazakii* ES5 BAC 9E10 for mutations within the pigment operon (accession no. AM384990.1).^c NCBI assembly ATCC BAA-894 *C. sakazakii* complete genome for mutations outside pigment operon (accession no. CP000783.1).^d Closest annotated homolog.

(data not shown), consistently with the results for LB, all mutant strains showed significantly increased maximum rates of growth ($\mu_{\max_{wt}}$, 0.14; $\mu_{\max_{\Delta crtX}}$, 0.22; $\mu_{\max_{\Delta crtE}}$, 0.24; and $\mu_{\max_{\Delta crtY}}$, 0.19; $P = 0.000$).

Cold stress experiments were performed by growing $\Delta crtE$, $\Delta crtX$, and $\Delta crtY$ in LB and M9 medium at 10°C (for results in M9, see Fig. 1B). Under these conditions, no significant dif-

ferences in maximum specific growth rates were detected for $\Delta crtY$, $\Delta crtE$, and $\Delta crtX$ in both LB and M9 compared to those of the wild type (in LB, $\mu_{\max_{wt}} = 0.04$, $\mu_{\max_{\Delta crtX}} = 0.03$, $\mu_{\max_{\Delta crtE}} = 0.03$, and $\mu_{\max_{\Delta crtY}} = 0.04$; in M9, $\mu_{\max_{wt}} = 0.01$, $\mu_{\max_{\Delta crtX}} = 0.01$, $\mu_{\max_{\Delta crtE}} = 0.01$, and $\mu_{\max_{\Delta crtY}} = 0.01$).

To evaluate growth under acidic conditions, wild-type and