

**Table S4.** Decreased  $\text{NH}_4^+$  concentrations in DM medium supplemented with  $\text{NH}_4^+$  as the sole nitrogen source during the cultivation of *Neobacillus* spp. strains PS2-9 and PS3-12, and *B. salipaludis* strain PS3-36, as they approached an  $\text{OD}_{600}$  of 1.00

Strain ID	Required $\text{NH}_4^+$ for growth (mM/ $\text{OD}_{600}$ )
PS2-9	$3.23 \pm 0.12$
PS3-12	$2.16 \pm 0.23$
PS3-36	$2.92 \pm 0.07$