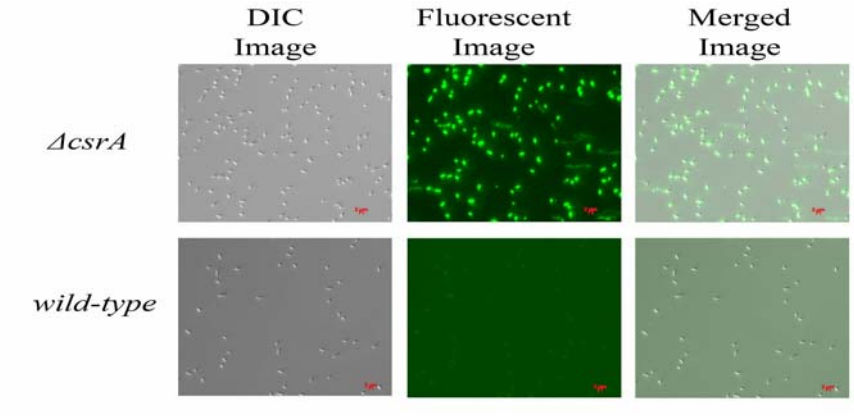

Figure S1. Reporter assay for *pga* operon activity in the presence or absence of *csrA* deletion.

Up-regulation of the *pga* locus transcription in the *ΔcsrA* background was confirmed by a reporter assay. *pga* promoter was placed upstream of a GFP-coding sequence on a multi-copy plasmid (pPGA'-GFP). The reporter plasmid was electroporated into both wild-type and *ΔcsrA* strains. As shown here, *ΔcsrA* cells strongly express *gfp* while wild-type cells do not show detectable fluorescence. Scale bars, shown in red, correspond to 2μm.