

**Supplementary Table 4.** Information of databases constructed or modified from Toulza et al. (2012) and retrieved by NCBI

Database Name	Specific processes referred to	Sum retrieved from NCBI/Moore Database	Global Ocean Sampling (GOS) protein database retrieval	Size of created and functionally verified (KEGG) databases in Fasta sequences	Mean length of sequences in customized database (bp)
Aconitase	TCA cycle	527	807	1334	534
Isocitrate lyase	Glyoxylate shunt	1123	591	1714	412
Fe	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	101	1150	1251	396
	Fe <sup>2+</sup>	243	757	1000	513
	Siderophore uptake	561	2934	3495	513
	Flavodoxin switch	181	886	1067	209
	Fe Storage	123	427	550	170