

# Supporting Information

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## SI Materials and Methods

**Calibration Curve for Pyocyanin (PYO).** Biofilm was prepared as described in the “Bacteria Culture and Biofilm Sample Preparation” section of *Materials and Methods*. After growing the *P. aeruginosa*  $\Delta$ phz1/2 biofilm on a polycarbonate membrane in an anaerobic environment, it was carefully transferred on a 35-mm Petri dish (Falcon; catalog no. 351008). A PDMS stencil was carefully placed over the membrane, as shown in Fig. 1A. LB-MOPS (500  $\mu$ L) was then added to the 1-cm diameter stencil chamber. The working (10- $\mu$ m Pt), reference, and counter electrodes were arranged as shown in Fig. 1A.

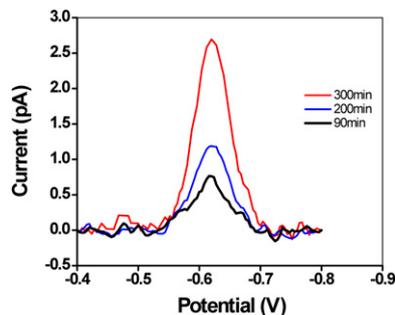
Aliquots of 1 mM PYO were then added to 500  $\mu$ L of LB-MOPS to make 6, 10, 20, 50, 70, and 100  $\mu$ M PYO solutions. Square wave voltammetry (SWV) was recorded at each PYO concentration in triplicate by using a 10- $\mu$ m Pt tip located in bulk solution. The parameters for SWV were as follows: initial potential:  $-0.35$  V, final potential:  $-0.85$  V, increment potential:  $0.004$  V, amplitude:  $0.025$  V, frequency:  $5$  Hz.

## Measurement of Pyocyanin Production by Planktonic Bacteria and pH.

One milliliter of an overnight culture of *P. aeruginosa* was washed twice in an equal volume of LB and the  $OD_{600}$  determined. Washed cells were diluted into 50 mL of LB or LB-MOPS in a 250-mL Erlenmeyer flask and incubated at  $37^\circ\text{C}$  shaking at 250

RPM. One milliliter was removed each hour for absorbance, pH, and PYO measurements.  $Abs_{600}$  was used to quantify cell growth, and pH was determined by calomel electrode. PYO concentration was determined by the addition of 1 mL of culture supernatant to 500  $\mu$ L of chloroform. The mixture was vortexed for 1 min and centrifuged for 5 min at  $14,000 \times g$ . The organic phase was transferred to a 3-mL glass vial, and chloroform was removed by an  $N_2$  stream until no visible solvent remained. The dried contents of the vial were resuspended in 250  $\mu$ L of MOPS medium (pH = 7), and the amount of PYO was determined by using the molar extinction coefficient of PYO at 690 nm ( $4,130 \text{ M}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

**SECM Biofilm Chamber Apparatus Assembly.** Biofilm samples were prepared as described in *Materials and Methods*. Thereafter, biofilm-laden membranes were carefully removed from the agar surface and placed on a clean 35-mm plastic Petri dish. The second silicon stencil (Fig. S5) was placed over the membrane with the biofilm portion aligned in the middle of the chamber. The 35-mm Petri dish was attached to the bottom of a glass 100-mm Petri dish by double-sided tape. The entire assembly was then placed over copper heating plate, which was in turn placed over an insulating O-ring. The completed apparatus was then placed on the SECM stage as shown in Fig. S6 and Fig. 1.



**Fig. S1.** SWV of PYO produced by a 5-mm *P. aeruginosa* biofilm in LB-MOPS at  $36^\circ\text{C}$ . SWV were recorded by 10- $\mu$ m Pt tip in real-time over 300 min at 20  $\mu$ m distance from the biofilm surface. Counter and reference electrode used were 0.5-mm tungsten wire and  $\text{Hg}/\text{Hg}_2\text{SO}_4$ , respectively.





