

**Table S1.** Oligonucleotides used in this work.

| Oligo number | Oligo name          | Oligo sequence                         |
|--------------|---------------------|--|
| 1            | TrxCHIII            | AAGCTTGGGAATTGGTTGTTGTC                |
| 2            | trxCXhoI            | GTCGAGACAACCTGTACTAGCTT                |
| 50           | glnN_check_F        | ATGCAGGCCAGTCTTCCTAA                   |
| 51           | glnN_check_R        | AAATGGCAGTGTCCAAGTCC                   |
| 140          | TrxC_NotI           | AACCCGCGGCCGCCACTGGATGGTTCAGG<br>GAGAG |
| 141          | TrxC_NdeI           | AACATGCATATGCTAGCCGTTAACGAAGA<br>C     |
| 155          | trxL32P_Fw          | TGGTGC GGACCATGTCAC TTT                |
| 156          | trxL32P_Rv          | AAAGTGACATGGTCCGCACCA                  |
| 186          | TrxC_F_KO_check     | CAACAAGGGATCAGTCCGCT                   |
| 187          | TrxC_R_KO_check     | CGCCAATGTCTTGACCTTGG                   |
| 192          | Syn_TrxC_BamHI_NdeI | AGAGGATCCCATATGCTAGCCGTTAAC            |
| 193          | SynTrxC_R_SalI      | CGTCTGGTGC GACTCAGGGAGAGAAAAG          |

**Table S2.** Conservation of *trxC* in different cyanobacteria.

| order                | <i>trxC</i> gene present |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Chroococciopsidales  | yes                      |
| Gloeobacteria        | No                       |
| Gloeoemargaritales   | yes                      |
| Nostocales           | yes                      |
| Aphanizomenonaceae   | yes                      |
| Chlorogloeopsidaceae | yes                      |
| Fortieaceae          | yes                      |
| Hapalosiphonaceae    | yes                      |
| Nostocaceae          | yes                      |
| Rivulariaceae        | yes                      |
| Scytonemataceae      | yes                      |
| Tolypothrichaceae    | yes                      |
| Oscillatorioephyceae | Yes                      |
| Pleurocapsales       | yes                      |
| Spirulinales         | yes                      |
| Synechococcales      | yes                      |
| Acaryochloridaceae   | yes                      |
| Chamaesiphonaceae    | yes                      |
| Leptolyngbyaceae     | yes                      |
| Merismopediaceae     | yes                      |
| Prochloraceae        | No                       |
| Pseudanabaenaceae    | yes                      |
| Synechococcaceae     | yes                      |