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Supplementary Information: Morphological phenotypes, cell division, and gene expression of *Escherichia coli* under high concentration of Sodium Sulfate

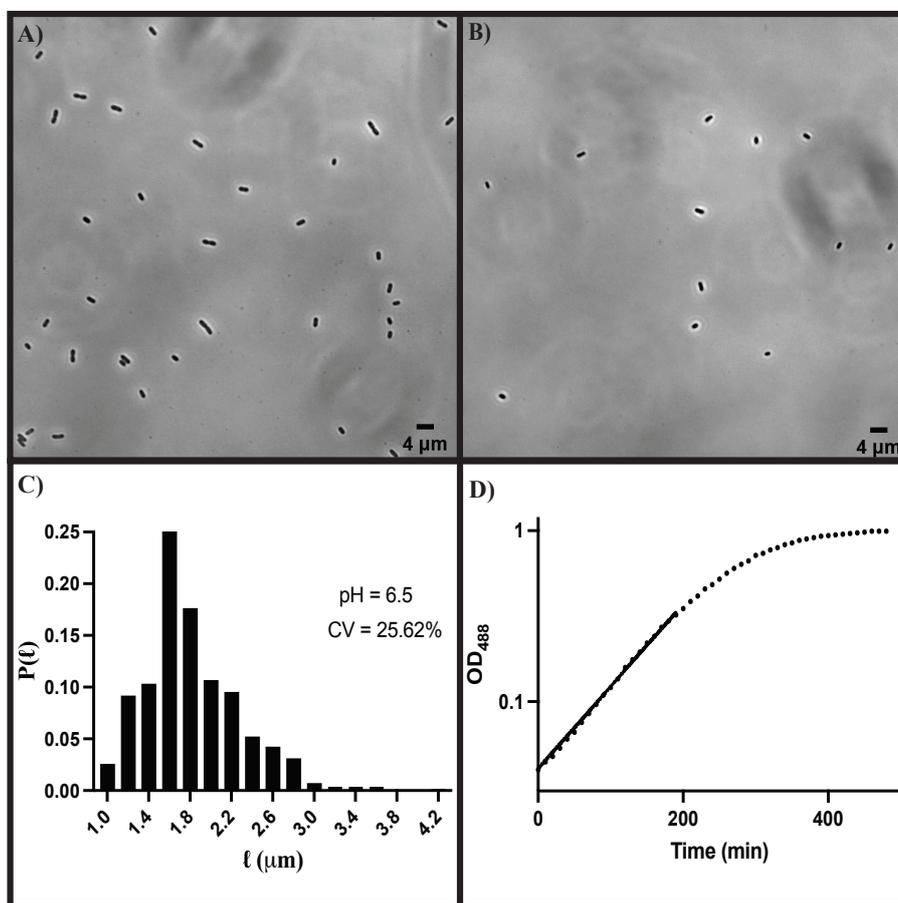
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Fig. S 1. Representative images of cells grown at (A) at pH= 7.0, and (B) at pH= 6.45. (C) Probability distribution of cell length at pH=6.45. (D) Linear-log plot of the growth curve of the cells at pH= 6.45. The doubling time ($\tau_d = 60 \pm 5$ min) decreases by a small amount compared to cells grown in pH= 7. Both the cell morphology and cell growth exhibit negligible changes in morphology compared to cells grown in 1.0 m Na₂SO₄, corresponding to the lowest pH= 6.45.

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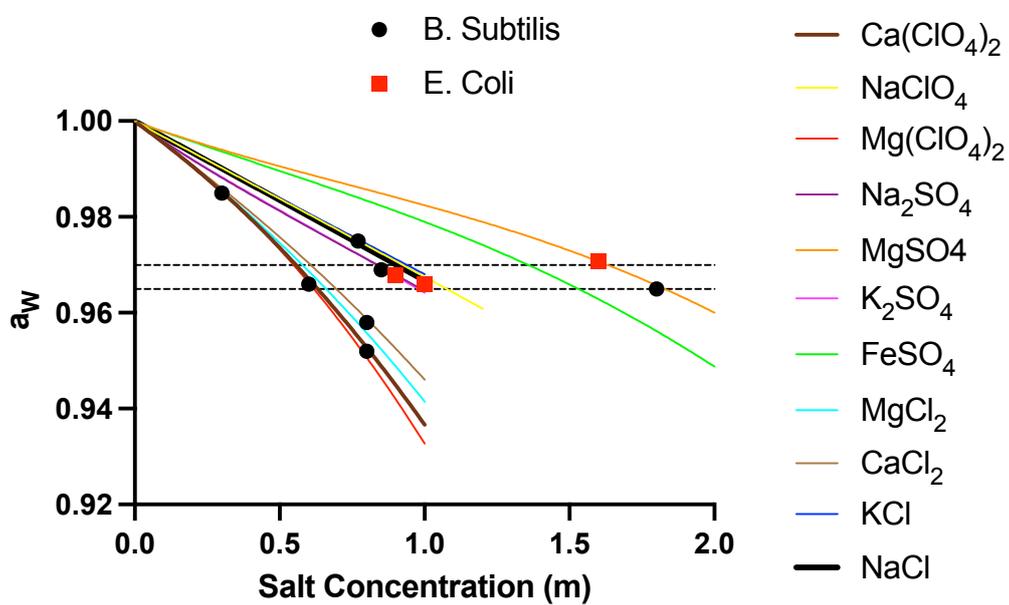


Fig. S 2. Water activity, a_w , as a function of salt concentration of various salts. We also show the limiting water activity for *E. coli* (squares) and *B. Subtilis* (circles) in different salts. Dotted lines are constant a_w lines for $a_w = 0.965$ and $a_w = 0.970$.