Supplementary materials.

Fig S1 Construction of PQQ synthase expression plasmid. The 1.1kb pqqE gene (DRC0034) was PCR amplified using gene specific primers having *ApaI* and *XbaI* sites in forward and reverse primers, respectively. PCR product was cloned in pRADgro (Misra et al 2006) and recombinant plasmid, pGropqq (A) was digested with *ApaI* (2), *XbaI* (3) and *ApaI* and *XbaI* (4) and analysed on agarose gel (B) along with uncut (1) plasmid and  $\lambda$  DNA digested with *HindIII* (M) as molecular size markers.

