

**Supplementary Figure 1**

**Relationship between phenol concentration and cell growth of wild type (WT) and citrate synthase overexpressed (*gltA*+) strains.**

Closed circles and squares represent the maximum specific growth rate (h-1) and the maximum OD660 of wild type during the 24 h period. Orange close circles and squares represent of citrate synthase overexpressed strain (*gltA*+).