

Table S4. Colony forming units of *A. niger* conidia from knock-out strains plated on MEA.

Strain	Average (CFUs)	Stdev (CFUs)
Wild type	107	±19
<i>ΔtpsABC</i>	107	±19
<i>ΔmpdA, ΔtpsABC</i>	88	±8
<i>ΔmtdB, ΔtpsABC</i>	92	±11
<i>ΔmpdA, ΔmtdB, ΔtpsABC</i>	73	±17

Conidia were counted using a Bio-Rad TC20™ automated cell counter, diluted until 100 conidia/100μl and subsequently confluent plated. This experiment was done in biological triplicates. No significantly lower amount ($p < 0.05$ student t-test) of colonies were formed when conidia from knock-out strains were plated and compared to wild-type conidia of strain N402.