

## Supplementary material

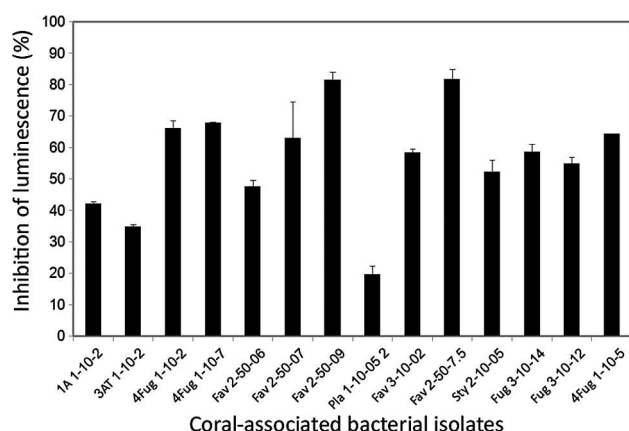


Figure S1. Inhibition of luminescence (%) assessed by the indicator strain *E. coli* pSB1075. Inhibition of activity after 24 h of growth was determined by comparing the luminescent signal of the cell-free culture supernatant and that received after the exogenous addition of 3-oxo-C12. Coral bacterial cell-free culture supernatants exhibited decreased signals with the synthetic AHL and were considered to possess inhibition activity. Error bars=SD,  $n=3$  independent experiments. Dunnett's test indicated significant differences between the tests and the controls ( $p<0.05$ ).

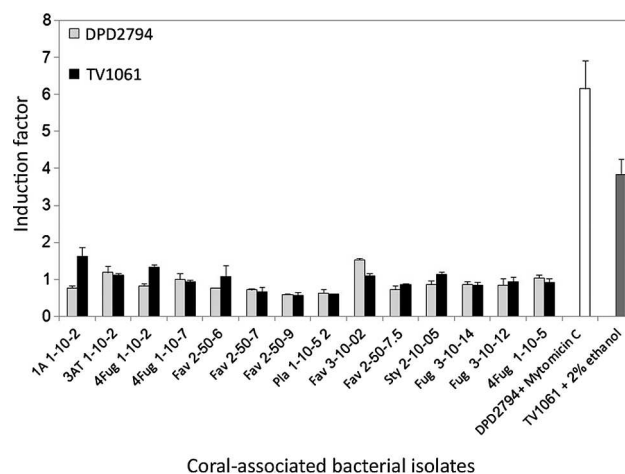


Figure S2. Incubation of bacteria previously found to have inhibitory activity with a cytotoxic/genotoxic panel, *E. coli* DPD2794 and TV1061, susceptible to genotoxic and cytotoxic substances, respectively. The positive controls for *E. coli* DPD2794 and TV1061 were mytomycin C and 2% ethanol, respectively. The bioluminescent signal of bacteria is expressed as the normalized IF as described in Equation (1). Results are the means  $\pm$  SD ( $n=3$ ).

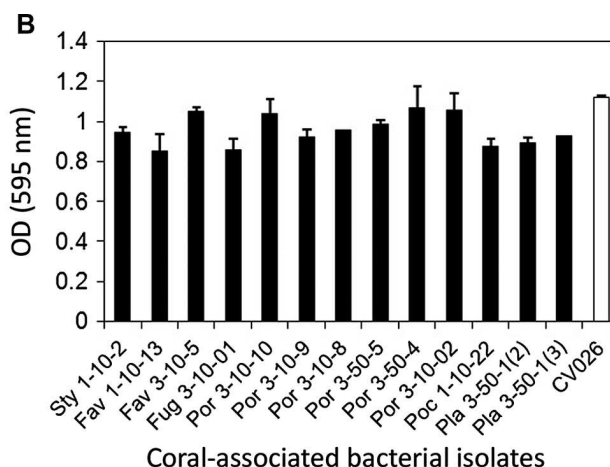
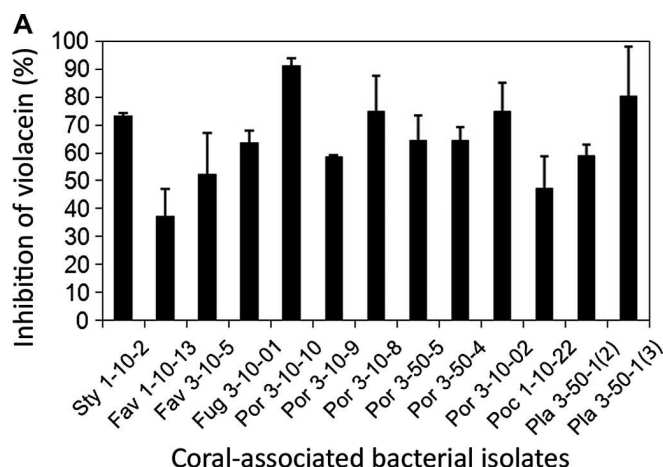


Figure S3. (A). Inhibition of violacein (%) production by cell-free culture supernatants of coral-associated bacterial isolates. Bars indicate means  $\pm$  SD ( $n=3$ ). Dunnett's test applied to the data shows a significant difference between the test samples and the control ( $p<0.05$ ). (B) The influence of cell-free culture supernatants on the growth of *C. violaceum* CV026; the bioreporter was not affected significantly (ANOVA, Dunnett's test,  $p>0.05$ ).

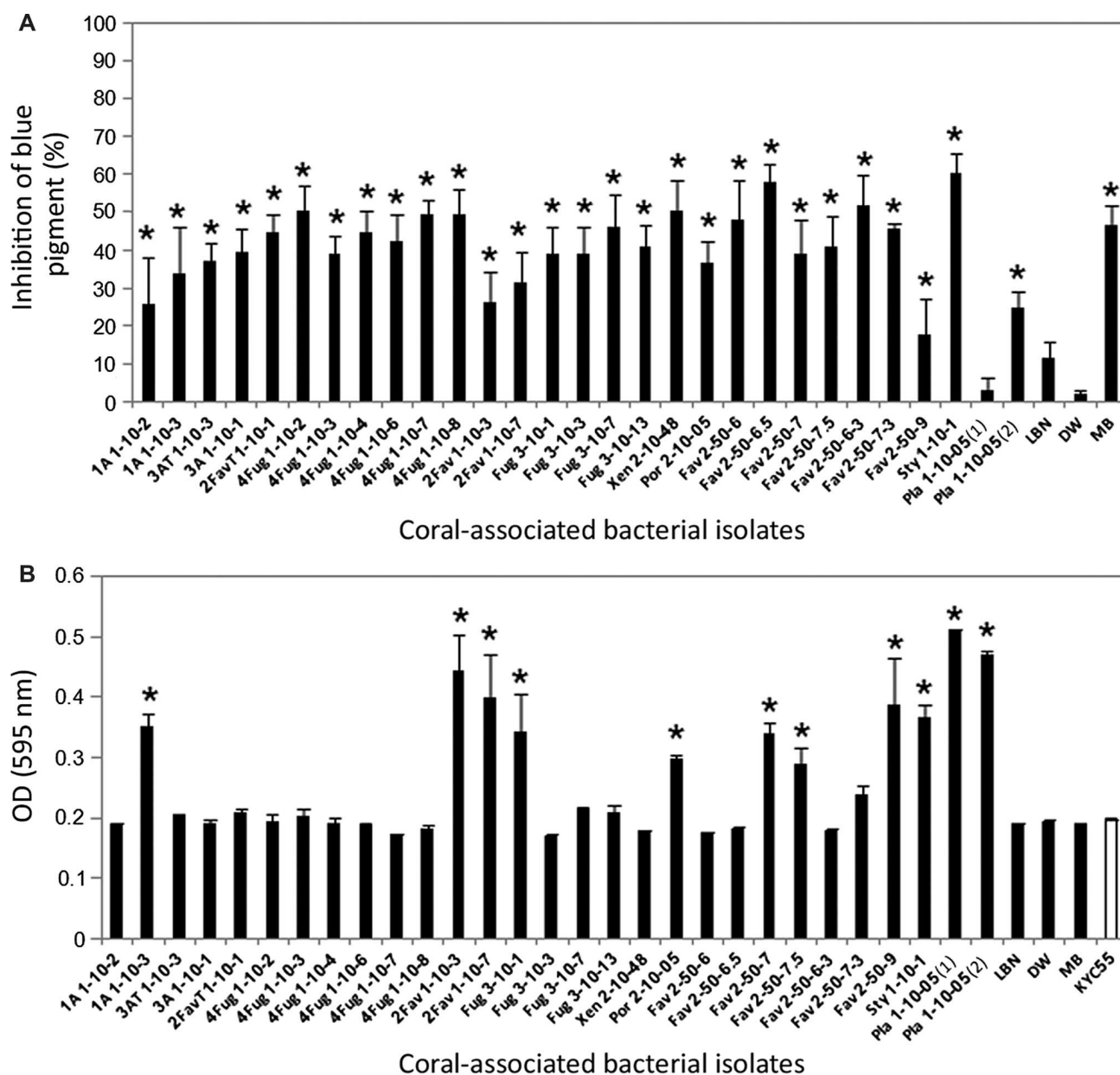


Figure S4. (A). Inhibition of X-Gal cleavage by  $\beta$ -galactosidase (%) attributed to coral isolate cell-free culture in a 96-well microtiter plate. (B) Influence of cell-free cultures on the growth of *A. tumefaciens* KYC55. Error bars =  $\pm$ SD,  $n=3$  independent replicates. \*Represents significant differences between the tests and the control; Dunnett's test ( $p < 0.05$ ).