

Table 1. Mean length (L) and width (W) (in μm ; SD in parentheses) and shape factor ($F = L/W$) values of each strain at the beginning (T0) and at the end (T4) of starvation experiments

Bacterial strain	Time	Length	Width	F
Marine				
<i>Alteromonas nigrifaciens</i>	T0	1.13 (0.45)	0.70 (0.05)	1.614
	T4	0.52 (0.22)	0.36 (0.14)	1.445
<i>Alteromonas rubra</i>	T0	1.69 (0.46)	0.79 (0.05)	2.140
	T4	0.88 (0.27)	0.63 (0.13)	1.391
<i>Alteromonas tetraodonis</i>	T0	1.43 (0.59)	0.62 (0.16)	2.314
	T4	0.57 (0.16)	0.42 (0.10)	1.371
<i>Vibrio campbellii</i>	T0	0.99 (0.39)	0.58 (0.08)	1.701
	T4	0.49 (0.09)	0.38 (0.07)	1.280
<i>Vibrio fischeri</i>	T0	0.86 (0.23)	0.66 (0.12)	1.312
	T4	0.50 (0.12)	0.39 (0.10)	1.305
Non-marine				
<i>Aeromonas hydrophyla</i>	T0	1.77 (0.56)	0.73 (0.11)	2.440
	T4	0.99 (0.64)	0.59 (0.17)	1.680
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	T0	1.20 (0.39)	0.58 (0.15)	2.050
	T4	0.70 (0.28)	0.45 (0.14)	1.564
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	T0	1.91 (0.71)	0.74 (0.07)	2.569
	T4	1.18 (0.39)	0.62 (0.08)	1.905
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i>	T0	1.87 (0.57)	0.91 (0.12)	2.067
	T4	0.85 (0.34)	0.61 (0.08)	1.155
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i>	T0	1.43 (0.40)	0.79 (0.15)	1.804
	T4	0.86 (0.21)	0.65 (0.09)	1.341