

1 **Supplementary material**

2 **Table S1.** Overview of the pathways modules and reference profiles within nitrogen
3 metabolism used to calculate the predicted relative abundance of genes within each pathway.
4 All data was extracted from the Kyoto Encyclopaedia for Genes and Genomes (KEGG)
5 database www.genome.jp/kegg/.

Pathway	Overview	Module	KEGG Ortholog reference profile (KO)
Nitrogen fixation	Nitrogen => ammonia	M00175	K02588 + K02586 + K02591 - K00531
Nitrification	Ammonia => nitrite	M00528	K10944+K10945+K10946 K10535
Denitrification	Nitrate => nitrogen	M00529	(K00370+K00371+K00374+K00373, K02567+K02568) (K00368,K15864) (K04561+K02305,K15877) K00376
Dissimilatory nitrate reduction	Nitrate => ammonia	M00530	(K00370+K00371+K00374+K00373, K02567+K02568) (K00362+K00363,K03385+K15876)
Assimilatory nitrate reduction	Nitrate => ammonia	M00531	(K00367,K10534,K00372-K00360) (K00366,K17877)
Complete nitrification	Ammonia => nitrite => nitrate	M00804	K10944+K10945+K10946 K10535 K00370+K00371

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