Supporting Information to:

*Bacillus subtilis* FZB24® Affects Flower Quantity and Quality of Saffron (*Crocus sativus*)

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Fig. 1S Saffron shoots first emerging from the soil.

Fig. 2S Saffron flower just before full opening and at time of stigma harvest.
**Fig 3S** Saffron flower at full opening and isolated stigmas. A Fully opened flower showing stigma and stamens. B Excised full stigma; black line shows point at which 1st grade stigmas are excised for assay. C Several 1st grade stigmas excised from full stigmas just before extraction.