

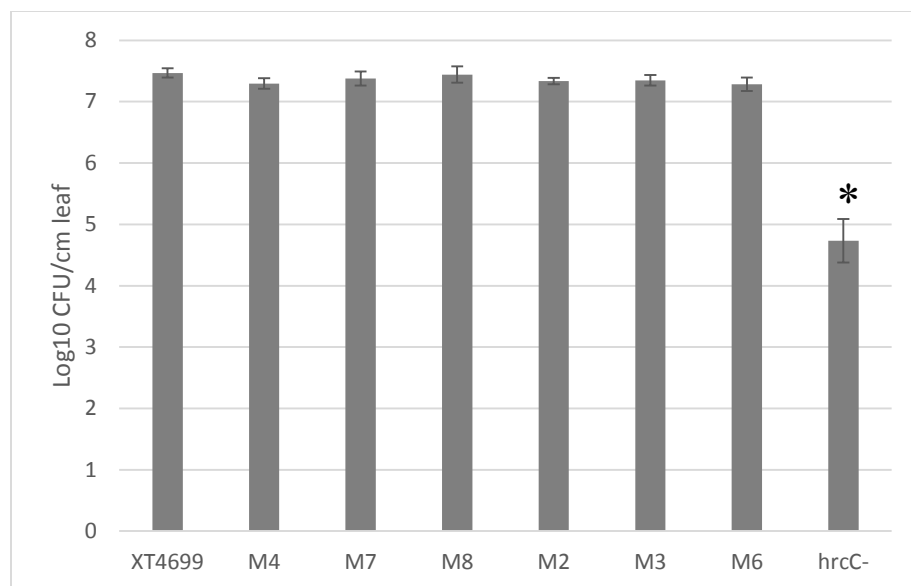


Figure S6. Bacterial population assay. Equal amount of 4×10^4 dilution of bacterial inoculum of different *tal* mutants, *hrcC* mutant and WT were inoculated on 3-week-old Chinese Spring wheat by needleless syringe. At 6DPI, three inoculated leaves (3 cm) were pooled and ground together in each treatment. Samples were serially diluted and 100 μ l of diluted samples were added to TSA plates. Plates were incubated at 28°C for colony formation. Data represents the mean of Log10 CFU/cm leaf $\pm$ standard deviation. The * indicates the significant difference of bacterial population of *hrcC* mutant compared to other *tal* mutants or WT at 6DPI under p-value <0.001 in the ANOVA statistics analysis.