Bacteriophages target membrane-anchored glycopolymers to promote host cell lysis and progeny release

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ABSTRACT

Most bacteriophages lyse their host cell to release progeny virions. Double-stranded DNA phages typically promote host lysis using a holin-endolysin system. Holins form pores in the cytoplasmic membrane allowing endolysins access to the peptidoglycan (PG) cell wall, which they degrade to weaken the cell envelope and promote osmotic lysis. Phages that infect Proteobacteria also encode a spanin in their lysis cassette that functions to disrupt the host outer membrane. The spanin-requirement for cell lysis provided the first clue that the proteobacterial outer membrane confers mechanical rigidity to the cell envelope. Corynebacteria and mycobacteria also build an outer membrane, but it is made of mycolic acids instead of lipopolysaccharides. Here, we investigated whether the mycomembrane presents a mechanical barrier to phage-induced lysis of corynebacteria. In addition to annotated holin and endolysin genes, mycobacteriophages and corynephages were found to encode a membrane protein we call LysZ in their lysis cassettes. Deletion of *lysZ* in the corynephage Cog blocked lysis of its host *Corynebacterium glutamicum*. Surprisingly, disruption of the host mycomembrane did not correct this phenotype. Instead, a genetic analysis revealed that blocking synthesis of membrane-anchored glycopolymers called lipomannans/lipoarabinomannans (LM/LAMs) can restore plaque formation when LysZ is inactivated. This genetic system also identified the likely flippase that transports decaprenyl-linked mannose units to the extracellular side of the membrane for polymerization into LM/LAM. Overall, our results indicate that lipoglycans like LM/LAMs play roles in mechanically stabilizing bacterial envelopes and that phages use LysZ-like factors to overcome this barrier to promote lysis.

SIGNIFICANCE

Bacteriophages must break down the cell envelope of their host to induce cell lysis for progeny release. Mycobacteria and related corynebacteria build complex cell envelopes that are likely to be especially challenging for phages to disrupt. Here, we identify a novel lysis gene called *lysZ* encoded by many mycobacteriophages and corynephages. Using the model organism *Corynebacterium glutamicum* (*Cglu*) and its phage Cog, we show that LysZ is required to induce host lysis and that this requirement can be overcome by inactivating genes needed for the synthesis of lipid-anchored glycans called lipomannans/lipoarabinomannans (LM/LAMs). These findings reveal that LM/LAMs are likely to play a mechanical role in stabilizing the cell envelope of *Cglu* and its corynebacterial and mycobacterial relatives.

INTRODUCTION

To release progeny virions at the end of a replication cycle, most bacteriophages induce lysis of their host cell. This abrupt demise of the host bacterium is promoted by phage proteins that disrupt the stress-bearing capabilities of the cell envelope. Internal osmotic pressure then promotes the explosive rupture of the compromised cell. Double-stranded DNA phages typically use a holin-endolysin system to promote cell lysis[1]. During phage replication, holin proteins accumulate in the cytoplasmic membrane[2]. Depending on the phage, the endolysin either accumulates in the cytoplasm or in an inactive conformation in the membrane. At a genetically programmed time in the replication cycle optimized for progeny dispersal, the holins form pores in the membrane to release the endolysins from the cytoplasm or membrane, allowing them to reach their substrate, the peptidoglycan (PG) cell wall. The released endolysins then degrade the wall to trigger osmotic lysis.

In the case of phages that infect diderm Proteobacteria like *Escherichia coli*, the holin and endolysin alone are not sufficient to promote efficient lysis. A third factor called a spanin is needed to destabilize the outer membrane of these bacteria (**Fig. 1A**). Spanins are often encoded just downstream of the holin and endolysin genes in a phage genomic locus referred to as the lysis cassette[3]. In the model bacteriophage λ, the spanin is formed by two proteins Rz and Rz1, with Rz1 encoded entirely within the Rz gene in a different reading frame. Rz is an inner membrane protein and Rz1 is an outer membrane lipoprotein. When the PG layer is destroyed by the endolysin, the Rz and Rz1 proteins are thought to form a transenvelope complex that connects the inner and outer membrane and fuses them to provide the final disruptive blow to the cell envelope[4,5]. Under conditions where the outer membrane is stabilized, such as in the presence of Mg^{2+}, or in the absence of significant sheer forces, mutant phage lacking a spanin fail to complete lysis[6]. The host cell loses its cell shape as expected when the endolysin degrades the PG layer, but the spheroplast is stabilized by the intact outer membrane, which prevents progeny release. This spanin requirement for phage-induced cell lysis provided the first indication that the outer membrane of Gram-negative bacteria provides mechanical stability to the cell envelope in addition to its well-known role as a permeability barrier that provides these organisms with their high intrinsic resistance to antibiotics[7].

Like the Proteobacteria, bacteria belonging to the order Mycobacteriales such as the pathogen *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and the related model organism *Corynebacterium glutamicum* (*Cglu*) are diderm. They possess a second membrane that covers a complex, multi-layered cell envelope called the mycolata envelope consisting of a PG layer decorated with another polysaccharide called arabinogalactan (AG)[8] (**Fig. 1B**). However, instead of the phospholipids and lipopolysaccharides that make up the Gram-negative outer membrane, this membrane is made of lipid species called mycolic acids. We were therefore curious whether phages that infect members of the Mycobacteriales encode spanin-like factors to overcome this unique mycomembrane barrier. Indeed, some mycobacteriophages encode an esterase called LysB that cleaves linkages between mycolic acids and the AG layer to disrupt the mycomembrane and promote progeny release[9,10]. In this report, we investigate whether corynephages also use mycomembrane disruptors to induce host lysis.

Genome analysis revealed that instead of *lysB* genes, phages that infect *Cglu* encode a membrane protein of

unknown function that we call LysZ in their lysis cassette. LysZ is widespread among not only corynephages but

also phages that infect a variety of bacteria within the Actinomycetota phylum to which the Mycobacteriales order

belongs. Inactivation of LysZ in a model corynephage called Cog that infects *Cglu* was found to block cell lysis.

Surprisingly, disruption of the mycomembrane did not rescue the plaque formation defect of a Δ*lysZ* phage.

Rather, a genetic analysis revealed that blocking the synthesis of lipid-linked polysaccharides called lipomannans

(LMs) and lipoarabinomannans (LAMs) restored plaque forming ability to phages inactivated for LysZ. Notably,

this analysis identified the likely flippase that transports decaprenyl-phosphomannose precursors across the

membrane for LM/LAM biogenesis. Additionally, mutants defective for late stages of LM/LAM synthesis were

found to have growth and shape defects that are likely to be caused by depletion of the decaprenyl lipid carrier.

By analogy with the spanin results, we infer that like the outer membrane of Gram-negative bacteria, LM/LAMs

play a role in providing mechanical stability to the cell envelopes of the bacteria that produce them.

RESULTS

Genome analysis identifies lysZ as a potential lysis gene in the Corynebacteriales

To understand how corynephages dismantle the envelope of *Cglu*, the genomes of the corynephages CL31 and

Cog were analyzed to identify lysis genes. Like most phages, CL31 and Cog have a modular genome

organization in which genes with related functions tend to be encoded in the same regions of the genome.

Proximal to the tail genes, CL31 and Cog encode what appears to be a three-gene lysis cassette composed of

lysA, *hol*, and a gene of unknown function (**Fig. 2A**). The *lysA* gene encodes a predicted N-acetylmuramoyl-L-

alanine amidase, an enzymatic activity for PG cell wall degradation, indicating that LysA is likely to be the phage

endolysin. The *hol* gene is predicted to encode a holin of the Phage_r1t family, members of which contain two

transmembrane (TM) domains separated by a short β-turn[11,12]. The last gene in the lysis cassette encodes a

protein of unknown function that contains a predicted disordered N-terminal domain, a TM helix, a long α-helical

body, a flexible, proline-rich linker, and a C-terminal helix (**Fig. 2A and B**). Based on the results presented below,

we have called this protein LysZ. Sequence similarity searches in NCBI identify LysZ sequences in corynephage

phi16 and a putative temperate phage in *Cglu* ATCC 13870. Using proximity to endolysin-encoding genes and

the predicted structural features of LysZ, we identified *lysZ*-like genes in diverse phages that infect a range of

bacteria in the Actinomycetota phylum (**Fig. 2A and B**). These phages include those that infect members if the

Mycobacteriales order such as *Mycobacterium smegmatis* and *Gordonia terriae*, as well as bacteria in other

related orders such as the Micrococcales. In many of these phages, the *lysZ*-like gene is encoded downstream

of a gene predicted to encode a protein with four TM domains (**Fig. 2A**). We have named these proteins LysY

due to their location in the putative lysis cassettes of many phages. In this report, we focused on determining the

function of the LysZ proteins.

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To determine if *lysZ* is required for host lysis, mutant CL31 and Cog phage deleted for *lysZ* were constructed
using CRISPR-Cas engineering. CL31 Δ*lysZ* phage formed smaller plaques than wild-type CL31 on a lawn of
the wild-type *Cglu* strain MB001 whereas a Cog mutant lacking *lysZ* had a severe plating defect (**Fig. 2C**). The
plating defect of each Δ*lysZ* phage could be complemented by the expression of the cognate *lysZ* gene from a
plasmid. Additionally, ^{Cog}*lysZ* complemented the small plaque phenotype of the CL31 Δ*lysZ* phage, and ^{CL31}*lysZ*
restored the plaquing ability of the Cog Δ*lysZ* mutant. Notably, *lysZ* alleles from the distantly related phages
Corndog and Smarties that infect *M. smegmatis* and *Mirobacterium paraoxydans*, respectively also
complemented the plating defects of the *lysZ* deletion mutants of Cog and CL31. Expression of *lysZ* from the
Fury phage of *Gordonia terrae* failed to complement the Cog and CL31 when expressed alone but was able to
restore normal plaque formation to the mutant phages when expressed together with its neighboring *lysY* gene
(**Fig. 2C and S1**). Whether the *lysY* requirement in the case of Fury reflects a functional partnership between
LysY and LysZ or simply a requirement for the tandem gene pair for efficient *lysZ* expression remains unclear
and warrants further investigation. Nevertheless, the mutant phenotypes and complementation results indicate
that LysZ plays an important and likely conserved role in the propagation of phages that infect members of the
Mycobacteriales and their relatives.
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In addition to their defects in plaque formation, Cog and CL31 phages deleted for *lysZ* displayed a defect in
inducing cell lysis in a liquid infection assay (**Fig. 3A and 3B**). As with the plaquing phenotypes, the lysis defect
in liquid medium was complemented by inducing the expression of the native *lysZ* allele from a plasmid at the
time of infection. To further investigate the defect caused by *lysZ* inactivation, we used time-lapse microscopy to
follow the changes in cell morphology and cell lysis induced by wild-type Cog or the Δ*lysZ* mutant following the
infection of cells with a high multiplicity of infection (MOI). Cells began lysis at about 90 minutes post infection
with wild-type Cog, with the majority of cells being lysed after 120 minutes (**Fig. 3C, Movie 1**). By contrast, lysis
was not observed up to five hours after infection with the Cog Δ*lysZ* phage. Instead, the cells were observed to
progressively become more bulbous and inflated at the poles (**Fig. 3C**), suggesting that the cell envelope was
being partially deconstructed by the phage to cause the loss in cell shape, but that the final step of osmotic lysis
was blocked. This result is reminiscent of the observation of stable spheroplasts of *E. coli* formed following
infection with phage λ inactivated for its spanin[6]. To determine if the mycomembrane is stabilizing the envelope
of *Cglu* cells infected with the Cog Δ*lysZ* phage, we tested whether the loss of LysZ function could be
complemented by production of a mycobacteriophage LysB esterase that cleaves mycolic acid-AG linkages[10].
Surprisingly, LysB production did not restore the ability of the Cog Δ*lysZ* phage to form plaques (**Fig. 3D**). Unlike
mycobacteria, mutants of *Cglu* lacking the mycomembrane are viable[13]. We therefore also tested whether the
Cog Δ*lysZ* phage could form plaques on lawns of *Cglu* mutants inactivated for the *afhA* or *ostA* genes needed
for mycolic acid biogenesis[14]. Again, to our surprise, preventing mycomembrane assembly did not rescue the
plaque formation defect of the Cog Δ*lysZ* phage (**Fig. 3E**). A similar test for CL31 Δ*lysZ* phage could not be

performed because our prior results indicate that CL31 requires the mycomembrane for infection whereas Cog

does not[14]. Based on these results, we conclude that LysZ is required by corynephages to promote efficient host

cell lysis and that its function is unrelated to mycomembrane disruption.

Mutants defective for decaprenyl-phosphomannose synthesis rescue the Cog ΔlysZ plating defect

To identify the layer of the cell envelope targeted by LysZ, we took advantage of the finding that overexpression

of [Cog]*lysZ* is toxic (**Fig. 4A-C**). Reasoning that spontaneous suppressors resistant to [Cog]LysZ production might

identify mutants that alter or eliminate the envelope layer that LysZ is required to disrupt, we isolated survivors

following the induction of [Cog]*lysZ* expression from a plasmid. Among the survivors of [Cog]*lysZ* expression, we

anticipated a high frequency of isolates harboring plasmids defective for [Cog]*lysZ* expression in addition to the

mutants of interest. The survivors were therefore screened using two additional assays. The first screen was for

isolates hypersensitive to the detergent sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS). Here, we expected isolates with defective

plasmids to retain normal SDS-resistance. However, we expected that mutants with an altered cell envelope

conferring LysZ resistance might also have a compromised permeability barrier rendering them sensitive to SDS.

We therefore patched survivors of [Cog]*lysZ* expression on media with or without SDS and selected those that

displayed SDS hypersensitivity. These isolates were then tested for their ability to serve as permissive hosts for

the Cog Δ*lysZ* phage. Finally, to map the mutations responsible for the desired phenotypes, mutant isolates that

allowed plaque formation by the Cog Δ*lysZ* phage were analyzed by whole genome sequencing.

Three mutant isolates were identified through this screen (**Fig. 4D-E**). One of the suppressor mutations that

promoted LysZ resistance and restored plaque forming ability to the Cog Δ*lysZ* phage was an insertion element

that interrupted the *cgp_0855* gene (**Table S1**). This gene is upstream of *manA*, which encodes an enzyme that

interconverts fructose-6-phosphate into mannose-6-phosphate for ultimate use in the synthesis of glycolipids like

phosphatidylinositol mannosides (PIMs) and LM/LAM glycopolymers in the cell envelope[15] (**Fig. 5A**). The second

suppressor harbored three mutations, with one being a single nucleotide change in *manB* (also referred to as

pmmA), which encodes the enzyme acting after ManA in the synthesis pathway for generating GDP-mannose

for use in envelope biogenesis[16] (**Fig. 5A**). Finally, the third suppressor had a mutation mapping to *ppmC*, which

encodes the enzyme that uses GDP-mannose created by ManC as a substrate to generate the lipid-linked sugar

decaprenyl-phosphomannose (DPM)[17–19] (**Fig. 5A**). Thus, all the isolates from the selection and screening

combination had mutations predicted to disrupt DPM biogenesis.

Evidence that LysZ is required to overcome an LM/LAM barrier for Cog to elicit lysis

To validate the results from the suppressor selection/screen, we generated *Cglu* deletion mutants inactivated for

ManA, ManB, ManC, and PpmC. As expected, each isogenic deletion mutant conferred resistance to [Cog]*lysZ*

expression and rescued the plating defect of the Cog Δ*lysZ* phage (**Fig. 5B, 5C, and S2C**). Inactivation of

cgp_0855 did not allow plaque formation by the Cog Δ*lysZ* phage, suggesting that the phenotype of the original

cgp_0855 mutant isolate resulted from a polar effect of the insertion element on the expression of the neighboring
manA gene (**Fig. S2A**).

To identify the DPM-related envelope component responsible for inhibiting plaque formation by the Cog Δ*lysZ*
phage, we constructed several mutants defective in the conversion of DPM to surface glycans. Following its
synthesis, the phosphomannose headgroup of DMP must be externalized by a yet to be identified lipid flippase
for its polymerization into mannose-based glycans used for envelope biogenesis. Once flipped, DPM is used to
polymerize LM/LAMs on the lipid anchor called acylated phosphatidylinositol mannoside (AcPIM2) or to form a
lipomannan variant called LM-B that is linked to the anchor mannosyl-glucuronic acid diacylglycerol (Gl-X)[20]. In
both cases, the glycosyltransferase MptB initiates mannan polymerization and the glycosyltransferases MptA
and MptC extend the glycan and introduce branches, respectively[21–23] (**Fig. 5A**).   Deletion of *mptB* robustly
restored plaque formation by Cog Δ*lysZ* (**Fig. 5B**). Complementation of the *mptB*, *manC*, and *ppmC* deletions
by expressing the corresponding gene from an ectopic locus restored the observed Cog Δ*lysZ* plaque formation
defect (**Fig. S2B**). Inactivation of MptA had an intermediate effect on Cog Δ*lysZ* plaque formation, while loss of
MptC had little or no effect on Cog Δ*lysZ* plaque formation, respectively (**Fig. 5B**). Another use of DPM in the
envelope is protein mannosylation by the mannosyltransferase Pmt[24] (**Fig. 5A**). Deletion of *pmt* had no effect on
the plaquing ability of Cog Δ*lysZ* phage (**Fig. 5B**). Notably, unlike deletion of *ppmC* or other genes required for
DPM formation that both restored Cog Δ*lysZ* plaque formation and conferred resistance to LysZ toxicity,
inactivation of MptB only affected Cog Δ*lysZ* plaque formation. Cells lacking MptB remained sensitive to [Cog]*lysZ*
expression (**Fig. 5C**). We therefore conclude that the function of LysZ is to overcome what we infer to be an
envelope stabilizing activity of LM/LAMs with the initial phases of mannan polymerization being sufficient to
prevent lysis in the absence of LysZ. By contrast, the toxic activity of LysZ only required the presence of DPM,
not its downstream products, suggesting that the lysis promoting activity of LysZ may be triggered by its
association with the lipid-linked mannose precursor.

MptB inactivation likely results in depletion of the decaprenyl lipid carrier
Loss of LM/LAM production via deletion of *mptA* in *M. smegmatis* was recently shown to cause a growth and cell
shape defect when cells are cultured on LB agar but not standard 7H10 medium[25]. This growth defect could be
suppressed by increasing the osmolarity of the LB medium with the addition of sorbitol, indicating that the load-
bearing, turgor-resistance function of the cell envelope is compromised upon MptA inactivation. We similarly
observed that *Cglu* cells lacking MptB, the enzyme upstream of MptA for LM/LAM biogenesis, had shape defects
and a severe growth defect on LB medium that is suppressed by sorbitol addition (**Fig. 5D**). Notably, deletion of
ppmC, which blocks DPM formation, suppressed the growth and shape defects caused by the inactivation of
MptB. Based on these results, we conclude that the severity of the Δ*mtpB* phenotype in *Cglu* is likely mediated
by the sequestration of the decaprenyl lipid carrier in the DPM pool, causing a reduction in the lipid-carrier
dependent process of peptidoglycan synthesis that affects cell growth and shape (see Discussion).

 Identification of the likely DPM flippase for LM/LAM biogenesis

Cgp_1254 is a predicted to be a member of the GtrA-like lipid flippase family which has been implicated in

transporting polyprenyl-linked sugars across the cytoplasmic membrane[26]. Additionally, inactivation of *cgp_1254*

results in a phenotypic fingerprint that is similar to that caused by *ppmC* defects[27]. Thus, Cgp_1254, which we

have renamed *dpmF* is an excellent candidate for the as yet unidentified DPM flippase needed for LM/LAM

biogenesis. To test this possibility, we took advantage of the Cog Δ*lysZ* mutant as a probe for the production of

LM/LAM. Similar to other mutations that negatively impact LM/LAM synthesis, deletion of *dpmF* suppressed the

plating defect of the Cog Δ*lysZ* phage (**Fig. 6A**). Moreover, DpmF inactivation resulted a loss of detectable

LM/LAM in cell lysates that was comparable to that observed in Δ*mptB* cells with the exception that a small

amount of low molecular weight glycans were observed in the Δ*dpmF* mutant (**Fig. 6B**). Accordingly, cells deleted

for *dpmF* displayed an intermediate sensitivity to [Cog]LysZ overproduction (**Fig. S3**). Cells lacking DpmF were

resistant to low levels of [Cog]*lysZ* induction, but unlike the Δ*ppmC* mutant, they were sensitive to higher levels of

[Cog]*lysZ* expression. We therefore conclude that DpmF is likely to be the dedicated flippase that transports DPM

across the cytoplasmic membrane for LM/LAM biogenesis. Furthermore, in the absence of DpmF it appears that

a low level of DPM transport is mediated by an alternative flippase, enabling the production of a small amount of

short LM glycans and rendering cells sensitive to high levels of [Cog]LysZ.

DISCUSSION

Phages that infect bacteria within the Mycobacteriales order require specialized lytic functions to rupture the

complex cell envelope of their hosts for the release of progeny virions. Mycobacteriophages supplement the core

holin-endolysin system that destroys the peptidoglycan cell wall with LysB esterases that disrupt the

mycomembrane by cleaving linkages connecting mycolic acids to the arabinogalactan layer[9,10]. The LysB

requirement for efficient host cell lysis indicates that the mycomembrane of mycobacteria serves as a significant

barrier to phage progeny dispersal. We were therefore surprised to find that corynephages lack identifiable *lysB*-

like genes despite having hosts that also build a mycomembrane. This *lysB* deficiency prompted us to search

for other corynephage genes that might encode functions targeting the mycomembrane to induce cell lysis. The

lysZ gene emerged as a good candidate due to its broad distribution within the lysis cassettes of corynephages

and other phages that infect members of the Mycobacteriales order. Indeed, deletion of *lysZ* resulted in a plaque

formation and lysis defect for two corynephages Cog and CL31 that infect our model host *Cglu*. Notably, this

defect was corrected by plasmid-based expression of *lysZ*-like genes from diverse phages that infect a range of

different hosts, indicating that these genes encode a conserved activity required for efficient host cell lysis.

Genetic analysis of LysZ activity indicated that it is not required to disrupt the mycomembrane as we initially

suspected. This result coupled with the lack of *lysB*-like genes in the lysis cassettes of corynephages suggests

that the mycomembrane of corynebacteria may not be as formidable a barrier to phage release as the

corresponding membrane of mycobacteria, which contains much longer mycolates that are covalently linked to

the arabinogalactan layer to a greater degree than in the corynebacterial membrane[28,29]. Rather than targeting

the mycomembrane, our results indicate that LysZ proteins are required to overcome a barrier created by

LM/LAM lipoglycans. Cells of *Cglu* were rapidly lysed by wildtype phages. However, Cog phage lacking LysZ

was not capable of efficiently lysing cells with LM/LAMs, which instead of lysing were converted to misshapen

yet osmotically stable protoplast-like cells by the mutant phage. This phenotype is reminiscent of the lysis defect

caused by spanin inactivation in phages that infect Gram-negative bacteria[6]. Infections with such phages yield

spheroplasts stabilized by the outer membrane, a result that hinted at a stress-bearing role for the outer

membrane layer of the envelope that has since been well established[7]. By analogy with the spanins, our results

with LysZ and the wide distribution of *lysZ*-like genes among corynephages and mycobacteriophages suggest

that LM/LAMs play a similar mechanical role in stabilizing the envelope of *Cglu* and other members of the

Mycobacteriales order (**Fig. 7**).

A recent study of LM/LAM lipoglycans in *M. smegmatis* found that cells lacking the MptA enzyme that elongates

LM/LAM polymers display morphological and growth defects, suggesting a role for these molecules in cell shape

and division[25]. Blocking a similarly late stage in LM/LAM synthesis in *Cglu* by inactivating the MptB enzyme also

results in cell shape and division defects. However, we found that inactivating the enzyme that forms the lipid-

linked LM/LAM precursor DPM suppressed this phenotype. This result indicates that the shape and division

problems of Δ*mptB* mutants are not caused by the loss of LM/LAM per se but instead are the result of secondary

effects stemming from the failure to complete LM/LAM synthesis. This phenomenon is commonly observed in

bacterial mutants defective for the synthesis of a surface glycan. For example, defects in the later steps of

teichoic acid synthesis in Firmicutes or in enterobacterial common antigen synthesis in *E. coli* cause growth and

shape defects that are suppressed by inactivating the enzyme that forms the first lipid-linked intermediate in the

respective pathway[30–32]. The problems caused by late-stage blocks in these pathways are thought to arise due

to the shared use of the polyprenyl lipid carrier by surface glycan synthesis pathways and the pathway for

peptidoglycan cell wall biogenesis. When a glycan synthesis pathway is blocked after the committed step, lipid

carrier-linked intermediates of the pathway accumulate, reducing the availability of the carrier. The limited carrier

supply then indirectly inhibits/reduces peptidoglycan synthesis to cause the observed growth and morphological

defects. Our results with the Δ*mptB* mutants of *Cglu* suggest that the growth and shape defects induced by

blocking the late stages of LM/LAM synthesis also stem from indirect effects on peptidoglycan synthesis. We

suspect that the indirect inhibition of peptidoglycan synthesis also contributes to the phenotypes observed for

MptA inactivation in *M. smegmatis*, but further experiments are required to test this hypothesis.

Blocking the early stages of LM/LAM synthesis by deleting *ppmC* in *Cglu* results in a growth defect. Although

indirect effects are difficult to rule out, this result suggests an important role for LM/LAM polymers for cell growth

that is independent of the potential problems with peptidoglycan synthesis induced by late-stage blocks in the

LM/LAM synthesis pathway. Why LM/LAM polymers are important for growth is not clear, but the observation

that they present a barrier to phage induced lysis suggests that their function may involve the mechanical

stabilization of the cell envelope. How these polymers might stabilize the envelope remains unclear, but we envision that networks of hydrogen bonds between adjacent polymers could form a stress-bearing shell around the membrane. Thus, LM/LAM interactions may function analogously to the lateral packing of LPS molecules in the outer membrane of Gram-negative bacteria, the stress-bearing properties of which are dramatically enhanced by the long glycan chains of the O-antigen[7,33]. Bridging interactions between lipid anchored polymers related to LM/LAMs like lipoteichoic acids may also provide structural properties to the envelope of Gram-positive Firmicutes that phages of these bacteria must also disrupt to promote efficient lysis.

How LysZ overcomes the barrier to lysis presented by the LM/LAM lipoglycans remains unknown. One possibility is that the long helical structure predicted for LysZ interferes with the lateral interactions between LM/LAM polymers that are normally involved in stabilizing the membrane against osmotic rupture. Notably, the toxicity of LysZ overproduction requires DPM production. Thus, another attractive possibility is that LysZ functions similarly to the lantibiotic nisin, which forms pores in the membrane after it binds the lipid-linked PG precursor lipid II[34]. Accordingly, LysZ may similarly form a membrane disrupting pore structure following its association with DPM. Further studies of LysZ function and of phage lysis systems in general promises to reveal new insights into the biology of bacterial cell envelopes and how they can be disrupted for potential biotechnological and therapeutic applications.

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METHODS

Media, strains, plasmids, and phages

Cglu was grown in LB supplemented with 0.4% glucose (LBG) or Brain Heart Infusion supplemented with 9.1% sorbitol (BHIS) at 30°C with aeration. Kanamycin (kan), chloramphenicol (chlor) and apramycin (apra) were added to the media as needed at concentrations of 15 µg/mL, 3 ug/mL and 12.5 µg/mL respectively. Theophylline was used at a concentration of 1 mM and IPTG was used at a concentration of 0.1 mM for induction of gene expression unless otherwise indicated. *E. coli* was grown in LB at 37°C or 30°C with aeration with 25 µg/mL kan or 50 µg/mL apra as needed. All strains, phages plasmids, and primers used are listed in Supplemental Tables S2-S5.

Preparation of *Cglu* competent cells and electroporation

Saturated cultures of *Cglu* strains were diluted 1:100 into BHI+supplements (9.1% sorbitol and 2.5% glycine) and grown for 16 hours at 18°C. Cells were harvested by centrifugation at 3000xg for 10 minutes at 4°C. The cell pellet was then washed 3 times with cold 10% glycerol and resuspended in 10% glycerol to an approximate OD_{600} of 20. DNA was added to 100 µL aliquots of the electrocompetent cells on ice before being electroporated at 1.7 kV. Once electroporated, cells were immediately flushed with fresh BHIS and heat-shocked for 6 minutes at 46°C. Cells were then outgrown at 30°C for 1 hour and plated on antibiotic-containing plates.

Plasmid and recombinant DNA construction

Details on plasmid assembly can be found in Supplementary Methods. Assembled *Cglu* plasmids were transformed into *E. coli* or electroporated directly into *Cglu*. Linear *Cglu* recombination cassettes were generated with 50 to 500 base pairs of homology upstream and downstream of the desired deletion. These cassettes were assembled either by direct amplification of a kanamycin cassette from plasmid pSEC01 or pEWL74 using primers with 50bp of homology to the chromosome and 20bp to the cassette or through amplification of the homologous regions and assembly with the kanamycin cassette using overlapping extension (SOE) PCR.

To establish a stable [Cog]*lysZ* expression plasmid, a pTGR5[35] derivative was created with a theophylline-inducible translational *riboE1* riboswitch[36] replacing the ribosome biding site of pTGR5 to make pACM40. [Cog]*lysZ* was cloned into this vector via isothermal assembly (ITA) and transformed into E. coli. Upon transformation into *Cglu*, individual colonies were picked and patched in the presence and absence of inducer to confirm the maintenance of [Cog]*lysZ* toxicity. Plasmid from an isolate displaying a high degree of inducer sensitivity was then sequenced and found to have an A>G point mutation between the P_{tac} and *riboE1* (pACM387). This plasmid, with expression control referred to as P_{tac}*riboE1 was then further used for expression studies throughout this work.

Strain construction

Allelic exchange

Clean deletions were generated through the use of the pCRD206 temperature sensitive plasmid[37], wherein 500-
1kb fragments were amplified upstream and downstream of the desired gene. These fragments were assembled
into pCRD206 via ITA. Plasmids were then electroporated into *Cglu* and grown at 25°C. Successful transformants
were then purified at 30°C to select for integration. Integrants were then outgrown at 25°C and plated on 10%
sucrose at 30°C to select for double-crossover events. The presence of the desired deletion allele was then
validated through diagnostic PCR.

Recombineering

Cglu strains were engineered through recombineering as described by Hart et al.[38] using a single-stranded
annealing protein (SSAP) and cognate single-stranded binding protein (SSB) from a from *Troponema socranskii*
prophage[39]. Briefly, the recombineering plasmid (pEWL54 or pEWL103) was electroporated into MB001. For
pEWL54, cells were grown at 30°C in BHIS chlor. An overnight culture of the pEWL54 recombineering strain was
then back diluted 1:50 into BHI+supplements (9.1% sorbitol and 2.5% glycine) and grown at 30°C with aeration.
After ~3 hours when the cells were mid-log, the SSAP/SSB pair were induced with 1mM PTG and grow was
continued with aeration for 2 more hours. These cells were then harvested as described above. A total of 1µg of
DNA was added to each 100 µL aliquot of electrocompetent cells and electroporated as above. Cells were plated
on BHIS kan and grown at 30°C. Colony PCR was used to determine successful recombination events, and
colonies were patched in the presence and absence of chlor to monitor loss of the recombineering plasmid.

For pEWL103, which is temperature-sensitive for replication, cells were grown at 25°C in BHIS apra. An overnight
culture of the pEWL103 strain was then back diluted 1:50 and grown at 25°C with aeration in BHI+supplements.
After ~4 hours when the cells were mid-logarithmic phase, the SSAP/SSB pair was then induced with 1mM
theophylline and 1 mM IPTG and growth was continued with aeration for 4 more hours. These cells were then
harvested as described above and 1 µg DNA template was added to each 100 µL aliquot of electrocompetent
cells. Cells were electroporated as above and outgrown for 2 hours at 25°C. Cells were then plated on BHIS kan
at 25°C. Colony PCR was used to determine successful recombination events, and colonies were then grown at
30°C to cure the recombineering plasmid. To make an unmarked deletion, strains were recombineered with a
kanR cassette flanked by *loxP* sites as above. Once confirmed, such mutants were electroporated with pCre and
grown for two days at 25°C. Colonies were then purified and grown at 30°C overnight to cure the plasmid.
Individual colonies were then picked and patched onto media with and without kan or apra to identify
transformants that lost both the resistance cassette and the pCre plasmid. Colony PCR was used to determine
successful recombination events.

Bacterial viability assays

The optical density of overnight bacterial cultures was normalized to $OD_{600}=1$ and serially diluted 10-fold. A
volume of 5 µl of each dilution was spotted onto a plate and allowed to dry. Plates were incubated at 30°C for
one or two nights before imaging.

Bacterial growth kinetics

Overnight cultures of *Cglu* were diluted 1:100 into LBG apra and grown to midlog. Cultures were normalized to an OD_{600}=0.15 and added to a 96-well plate with 0.1 mM IPTG and 1 mM theophylline in biological triplicates and technical duplicates. Optical density was measured every 10 minutes with shaking at 30°C over the course of 16 hours in a Tecan Nano.

Bacterial colony forming unit (CFU) measurement

Overnight cultures of *Cglu* were diluted 1:100 into LBG apra and grown to midlog. Cultures were normalized to an OD_{600}=0.4 and serially tenfold diluted. A volume of 100 µL of each dilution was plated for single colonies in technical duplicates and incubated overnight at 30°C. The normalized cultures were induced with 0.1 mM IPTG and 1 mM theophylline overnight. In the morning, the OD_{600} for each culture was recorded and serially diluted. A volume of 100 µL of each dilution was plated for single colonies in technical duplicates and incubated overnight at 30°C. Fold chance in CFU was calculated by dividing the CFU post-induction by the CFU pre-induction. Experiments were performed in biological triplicates.

Phage propagation and genetic manipulation

Cglu phages

For isolation and enumeration of phage stocks, *Cglu* hosts were grown to mid-log (OD_{600} = 0.3-0.5) in LBG supplemented with 10mM $CaCl_2$ and 100 µL cells were mixed with 10 µL of phage diluted in SM buffer and allowed to adsorb for 10 minutes. The mixture was then added to LBG 0.5% agar supplemented with 10 mM $CaCl_2$, spread on normal agar, and allowed to solidify. Solid plates were incubated overnight at 30°C. Confluent lysis plates were used to grow high titer phage stocks. These plates were overlayed with SM buffer and gently rocked overnight at 4°C. Overlays were then harvested and filter sterilized before being concentrated in a centrifugal column (Amicon 100 kDa).

Mutations in *lysZ* were achieved through modification of a Cas12 system[40] (see Plasmid Construction). First, WT phage was plated onto midlog *Cglu* grown in LBG 10mM $CaCl_2$ containing a multi-copy plasmid encoding the desired mutations with ~200bp of homology on either side. Ten plaques from this host were picked and pooled. Next, successfully recombined phages were selected on *Cglu* containing a CRISPR-Cas12 system with a spacer against the *lysZ* allele of interest. For this step, the cells were grown in LBG 10 mM $CaCl_2$ with 3 µg/mL chlor and the CRISPR-Cas12 system was induced with 1 mM IPTG and 1 mM theophylline. To enable selection of Cog Δ*lysZ* phages, the CRISPR-Cas plasmid pACM351 was electroporated into *Cglu* Δ*cgp_1254* and used as a Δ*lysZ* permissive host. Individual plaques were picked and validated by colony PCR and Sanger sequencing. Desired plaques were then repurified 2x on the CRISPR host and stored in SM buffer.

Phage plaque formation assays

Phage plaque formation assays with hosts encoding toxic lysis genes were performed by concentrating 2 mL of
a *Cglu* overnight with apra into 500 µL. Then, 200 µL concentrated *Cglu* culture was added to 4 mL molten top
LBG 0.5% agar supplemented with 10 mM $CaCl_2$, 12.5 µg/mL apra, 0.1 mM IPTG and with or without 1 mM
theophylline as indicated in the figure legends, vortexed, applied over a solid LBG 1.5% agar plate, and allowed
to dry under a flame for 10 minutes. Phage spot assays for mannose mutants were performed by concentrating
4 mL of a mid-log *Cglu* culture into 500 µL. Then, 200 µL concentrated *Cglu* culture was added to 4 mL molten
top LBG 0.5% agar supplemented with 10 mM $CaCl_2$, vortexed, applied over a solid LBG 1.5% agar plate, and
allowed to dry under a flame for 10 minutes. Phage spot assays for complementation of mannose mutants were
performed by subculturing an overnight culture into fresh media with apra, 1mM theophylline, and 0.01 mM or
0.1 mM IPTG as indicated in the figure legend, growing to mid-log. Then, 4 mL of these cultures were
concentrated into 500 µL and 200 µL *Cglu* culture was added to 4 mL molten top LBG 0.5% agar supplemented
with 10 mM $CaCl_2$, apra, 1 mM theophylline, and 0.01 mM or 0.1 mM IPTG, vortexed, applied over a solid LBG
1.5% agar plate, and allowed to dry under a flame for 10 minutes. Phage were diluted tenfold, and spots of 3 µL
of each dilution were applied to the solidified top agar and allowed to dry under flame. Dried plates were then
incubated overnight at 30 C.
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Phage lysis kinetics
Overnight *Cglu* cultures were subcultured 1:100 into LBG supplemented with 10 mM $CaCl_2$ and apra and grown
to midlog. Cultures were normalized to an OD_{600}=0.25 and added into a 96 well plate. Phage was added at an
MOI of 2.5 and cells were induced upon infection with addition of 0.1 mM IPTG and 1 mM theophylline. The plate
was incubated in the Tecan Nano at 30°C with shaking, and the OD_{600} was recorded every 5 minutes. Samples
were run in biological triplicate and technical duplicate.
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Phage-infected *Cglu* microscopy
Overnight *Cglu* cultures were diluted 1:100 into LBG supplemented with 10 mM $CaCl_2$ and grown to midlog.
Phage was added at an MOI of 10 and allowed 30 minutes for adsorption at 30°C with aeration. Infected cells
were then spotted onto an 2% LBG agarose pad supplemented with 10 mM $CaCl_2$ and imaged on a Nikon Ti-E
inverted widefield microscope with a motorized stage, a perfect focus system, and a 1.45 NA Plan Apo ×100 Ph3
DM objective lens with Cargille Type 37 immersion oil. Images were acquired with an Andor Zyla 4.2 Plus sCMOS
camera (65 nm pixel size) using Nikon Elements acquisition software (v5.10) and rendered for publication with
Fiji.
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Suppressor isolation and sequencing
WT *Cglu* containing the $^{Cog}lysZ$ expression plasmid were grown overnight in the presence of antibiotics. Cultures
were serially tenfold diluted and 100 µl of the dilutions were plated onto BHIS agar plates supplemented with 0.1
mM IPTG, 1 mM theophylline, and apra. Plates were incubated for two days at 30°C. Individual colonies were
patched onto BHI plates with or without 0.008% SDS. Colonies that failed to grow on SDS but grew successfully

on BHIS were then grown up in LBG supplemented with 10 mM $CaCl_2$ over-day along with a WT control. Then,

200 µl of these cultures were used to seed lawns for a phage spot assay as described above and incubated

overnight. *Cglu* suppressors that gained susceptibility to Cog Δ*lysZ* plaque formation were further purified and

their genomic DNA (gDNA) was isolated. Briefly, overnight cultures were harvested and incubated with 50 mM

EDTA and 1 mg/ml lysozyme at $37^{o}C$ for 30 minutes to remove the cell wall. Following lysozyme treatment, the

gDNA was extracted using the Promega Wizard DNA Extraction Kit and sent to the Microbial Genome

Sequencing Center in Pittsburgh, PA (now named SeqCenter). Mutational analysis was performed using the

breseq pipeline[41] and Geneious Prime Workbench, and the results were validated using Sanger sequencing.

Lipomannan and lipoarabinomannan analysis

Overnight cultures of *Cglu* were grown in BHIS supplemented with apra, 1mM theo and 0.01mM IPTG. Samples

were normalized to an OD_{600}~5 and 1mL was pelleted and resuspend in PBS and Laemmli buffer. Samples were

then boiled at $100^{o}C$ for 25 minutes and run on a 4-20% TGX gel. LM and LAM were then stained using the ProQ

Emeraled 300 Lipopolysaccharide Gel Stain Kit (Thermo Scientific) using standard protocols.

Bioinformatics

Putative *lysZ*-like alleles were identified through analysis of lysis cassettes of Actinophages available on

PhagesDB[42]. Representative phages from different clusters were arbitrarily chosen and visualized with

Pharmerator[43]. Genes proximal to the predicted endolysin(s) as well as genes at the end of the structural

modules were screened for predicted TM domains with DeepTMHMM[44]. Functional predictions were made with

HHPred and Foldseek[45] based on Alphafold2[46] generated models. Graphs were created with GraphPad Prism

and cartoons and figures were prepared in Adobe Illustrator.

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Figure 1. Gram-negative cell lysis and the mycolata envelope. A. Schematic detailing the steps of phage-
induced lysis of a Gram-negative cell. (Step 1) Production of the phage lysis proteins: holin, endolysin, and
spanin. (2) Holin triggering leads to formation of large pores in the membrane that allow the endolysin to enter
the periplasmic space. (3) The endolysin degrades the peptidoglycan (PG) cell wall, allowing spanin
multimerization. (4) Multimerized spanins induce fusion of the inner membrane (IM) and outer membrane (OM),
leading to lysis and phage progeny release. **B**. Diagram of the mycolata envelope that surrounds bacteria of the
Mycobacteriales order. IM, inner membrane; LM/LAM, lipomannan and lipoarabinomannan; PG, peptidoglycan;
AG, arabinogalactan; MM, mycomembrane; OM, outer membrane.

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Figure 2. LysZ is required for efficient corynephage plaque formation. A. Diagrams of lysis cassettes from
the corynephage Cog and other actinophages. The genes encoded in the cassettes are: *lysA* endolysin, *lysB*
esterase, *hol* holin, and predicted lysis genes *lysZ* and *lysY*. **B**. Alphafold2 models of LysZ structures from the
indicated phages with structural features highlighted. **C**. Tenfold serial dilutions of the indicated phages were
spotted on a lawn of wild-type *Cglu* harboring the indicated gene on a multicopy plasmid under control of an
IPTG-inducible *tac* promoter (P*tac*) and a modified *riboE1* riboswitch (*riboE1**) that allows translation in the
presence of the inducer theophylline. Expression was induced by the addition of IPTG (100 µM) and theophylline
(1 mM) to the soft agar. EV denotes empty vector.

Figure 3. LysZ is needed to induce host cell lysis. A-B. Cells of *Cglu* harboring the indicated expression plasmid were infected with the indicated phage at an MOI of 2.5. Expression of the indicated genes was induced with IPTG (100 μM) and theophylline (1 mM) at the time of infection. Growth of the infected culture was follows by monitoring OD_{600}. **C**. Time-lapse microscopy of *Cglu* infected at an MOI of 10 with the indicated Cog variant and immobilized on agarose pads. Images of *Cglu* infected with Cog *ΔlysZ* show two representative sets of cells. Bar equals 5 μm. **D.** Tenfold serial dilutions of the indicated phages were spotted on a lawn of wild-type *Cglu* harboring the indicated gene on a multicopy plasmid induced as in **Fig. 2**. **E.** Tenfold serial dilutions of the indicated phages were spotted on lawns of the indicated *Cglu* hosts.

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Figure 4. ^{Cog}LysZ overexpression is lethal. A. Wild-type *Cglu* with an empty vector (EV) or ^{Cog}*lysZ* containing

expression plasmid were serially diluted and plated on agar with and without IPTG (100 μM) and theophylline (1

mM) for induction of gene expression from the plasmid. **B**. Growth of the same strains in (**A**) was followed by

monitoring culture OD_{600} after induction with IPTG (100 μM) and theophylline (1 mM). **C.** Change in colony

forming units (CFU) of the indicated strains after overnight induction as in (**C**). **D.** Tenfold dilutions of the indicated

Cglu expression strain spotted with or without inducers as in (**A**). To the right, SDS sensitivity was monitored.

Cultures normalized to OD_{600} = 1 were spotted on agar containing 0.0075% SDS. Sup1 = *cgp_0855*::*IS*, Sup2 =

manB, and Sup3 = *ppmC*. **E.** Tenfold serial dilutions of the indicated phages were spotted on lawns of the

indicated *Cglu* hosts.

Figure 5. LysZ is dispensable host lysis in strains lacking LM/LAM. A. Diagram of the LM/LAM biogenesis pathway. See text for details. Enzymes highlighted in bold indicate steps in the pathway affected by suppressor mutations that alleviate $^{Cog}lysZ$ toxicity. **B**. Tenfold dilutions of the indicated phage variants spotted on lawns of the indicated mutant *Cglu* hosts. **C.** Tenfold dilutions of the indicated strains harboring the $^{Cog}lysZ$ expression plasmid were plated with and without inducer as in **Fig. 4A**. **D**. Tenfold dilutions of the indicated *Cglu* strains spotted on LB agar with or without sorbitol (9.1%) as indicated. **E**. Phase contrast images of the indicated strains. Bar equals 5 µm.

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Figure 6. Evidence that *dpmF* encodes the DPM flippase. A. Tenfold dilutions of the indicated phage spotted on lawns of hosts containing the indicated expression plasmid. Expression was induced with IPTG (10 µM) and theophylline (1 mM) in cultures for approximately 6 hours before lawns were prepared and induction was maintained in the soft agar. **B**. LM/LAM was harvested from overnight cultures of the indicated strains and analyzed by SDS-PAGE and ProQ Emerald staining. Overnight cultures were induced with IPTG and theophylline as in **A**.
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Figure 7. Model for LysZ function. Left. LysZ functions to disrupt interactions between LM/LAM polymers to assist host cell lysis following holin triggering and PG degradation by the endolysin. **Middle.** Infection of wild-type *Cglu* with a phage lacking LysZ results in lysis failure due to the stabilizing properties of LM/LAM lipoglycans. **Right.** Infections of cells lacking LM/Lam do not require LysZ to induce host cell lysis.

Supplemental Material for:

Bacteriophages target membrane-anchored glycopolymers to promote host cell lysis and progeny release

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Figure S1. LysY is not sufficient to rescue the plaque formation defects caused by *lysZ* deletion. Tenfold dilutions of the listed phages spotted on a lawn of the indicated *Cglu* expression strain. Genes were under control of the P$_{tac}$ promoter and induced with IPTG (100 µM) in the soft agar.

Figure S2. Complementation and other controls. A. Tenfold dilutions of the indicated phage variants spotted on lawns of the indicated mutant *Cglu* hosts. **B.** Tenfold dilutions of the indicated phage variants spotted on lawns of the indicated mutant *Cglu* hosts harboring the indicated expression plasmids. The indicated genes were under control of P$_{tac}$ and riboE1*. Induction was performed in liquid cultures for approximately 6 hours before plating with IPTG (100 µM) and theophylline (1 mM) maintained in the top agar. **C**. Tenfold dilutions of the indicated *Cglu* strains harboring the empty expression vector were grown on agar with no inducer or with IPTG (100 µM) and theophylline (1 mM).

Figure S3. **Intermediate sensitivity of *ΔdpmF* cells to *LysZ*.** Tenfold dilutions of the indicated *Cglu* strains harboring the empty or ^{Cog}*lysZ* expression vector were grown on agar with no inducer or with low (IPTG = 10 µM), theophylline = 1 mM) or high (IPTG = 100 µM), theophylline = 1 mM) concentrations of inducer.

SUPPLEMENTARY MOVIES

Movie 1. Lysis of *Cglu* infected with WT Cog. Cells were infected with Cog at an MOI = 10. After 30 minutes for adsorption, infected cells were spotted onto an agarose pad for observation. Images were captured every 15 seconds.

Movie 2. Lysis of *Cglu* infected with Cog *ΔlysZ* – site 1. Cells were infected with Cog *ΔlysZ* infected and imaged as in Movie 1 except that images were captured every 1 minute.

Movie 3. Lysis of *Cglu* infected with Cog *ΔlysZ* - site 2. Cells were infected with Cog *ΔlysZ* infected and imaged as in Movie 1 except that images were captured every 1 minute.

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Table S1. *LysZ* suppressors.

Isolate	Position	Mutation	Annotation	Gene	Description
Suppressor 1	788,382	transposition		*cgp_0855*	transposon insertion in cgp_0855, upstream of *manA*
Suppressor 2	786,820	A→C	D248A (GAT→GCT)	*pmmA*	phosphomannomutase
Suppressor 2	980,716	C→G	A187P (GCA→CCA)	*cgp_1053*	putative transcriptional regulator, TetR-family
Suppressor 2	1,668,571	G→T	P280Q (CCA→CAA)	*gap*	glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH)
Suppressor 3	1,547,187	G→A	Q190* (CAA→TAA)	*ppmC*	polyprenol-phosphate-mannose synthase domain 1

Table S2. Strains used in this study.

Strain	Name	Genotype	Ref.
DH5a (lpir)		*F– hsdR17 deoR recA1 endA1 phoA supE44 thi-1 gyrA96 relA1 Δ(lacZYA-argF)U169 φ80dlacZΔM15 ****add pir*	Gibco BRL
MB001	H#0060	MB001 (ATCC 13032 ΔCGP1 (cg1507-gp1524) ΔCGP2 (cg1746-1752) ΔCGP3 (cg1890-cg2071))	(1)
ΔahfA	H#2262	MB001 *ΔahfA* (*cgp_0475*)	(2)
ΔotsA	H#1666	MB001 *ΔotsA* (*cgp_2907*)	(2)
Suppressor 1	H#5306	MB001 pTGR5_SNP_riboE-Cog_gp25 apraR *cgp_0855* transposon insertion	This paper
Suppressor 2	H#5308	MB001 pTGR5_SNP_riboE-Cog_gp25 apraR; *pmmA* asp248ala; *cgp_1053* ala187pro; *gap* pro280gln	This paper
Suppressor 3	H#5307	MB001 pTGR5_SNP_riboE-Cog_gp25 apraR; *ppmC* Gln190*	This paper
Δcgp_0855::kanR	H#5365	MB001 *Δcgp0855::kanR lox*	This paper
ΔmanA::kanR	H#2559	MB001 *ΔmanA::kanR lox*	This paper
ΔmanB::kanR	H#3681	MB001 *ΔpmmA::kanR lox*	This paper
ΔmanC	H#3678	MB001 *ΔmanC*	This paper
ΔppmC::kanR	H#3679	MB001 *ΔppmC::kanR*	This paper
ΔdpmF::kanR	H#3680	MB001 *ΔmanA::kanR*	This paper
ΔdpmF	H#5406	MB001 *ΔmanA::lox*	This paper
ΔmptB::kanR	H#2439	MB001 *ΔmptB::kanR*	This paper
ΔmptB	H#5405	MB001 *ΔmptB::lox*	This paper
ΔmptB ΔppmC::kanR	H#5413	MB001 *ΔmptB::lox ΔppmC::kanR*	This paper
ΔmptB ΔdpmF::kanR	H#5102	MB001 *ΔmptB::lox ΔmanA::kanR*	This paper
ΔmptA::kanR	H#2438	MB001 *ΔmptA::kanR*	This paper
ΔmptC::kanR	H#2440	MB001 *ΔmptC::kanR*	This paper
Δpmt	H#2060	MB001 *Δpmt (cgp_1014)*	This paper

Table S3. Phages used in this study.

Isolate	Strain no	Genotype/notes	Ref.
Cog	ACMΦ008		(2)
Cog *ΔlysZ*	ACMΦ159	deletion of *lysZ* (*gp25)*	This paper
CL31	ACMΦ002		(2)
CL31 *ΔlysZ*	ACMΦ095	deletion of *lysZ* (*gp22*)	This paper

Table S4. Plasmids used in this study.

Construct name in paper	Plasmid	Genotype	Ref.
pCRE	pEWL89	pCRD206(ApraR)::P_{SOD}-cre	(3)
recombineering 1	pEWL054	pTGR5(CamR)::P_{tac}-SSAP/SSB	(3)
recomineering 2	pEWL103	pCRD206(ApraR)::P_{tac} riboE1-SSAP/SSB	(3)
pJYS3	pJYS3		(4)
pFSC	pFSC		(5)
P_{tac}-GFP	pTGR5	KanR, P_{tac}-eGFP, pGA1 mini replicon	(6)
pCRD206::pmt	pARP1	KanR, pCRD206 derivative containing an insert covering upstream and downstream of cgp_1014 (pmt)	This paper
pCRD206::ΔmanC	pACM407	KanR, pCRD206 derivative containing an insert covering upstream and downstream of cgp_0422 (manC)	This paper
P_{SOD}_cas12	pEWL001	KanR, pK-PIM derivative encoding P_{SOD}_riboE1-Cas12	This paper
P_{SOD}_Cas12_P_{tac}_anti-^{CL31}lysZ_spacer	pACM363	CmR, pTGR5 derivative encoding the CRISPR-Cas12 system and a spacer to target CL31 lysZ	This paper
P_{SOD}_Cas12_P_{tac}_anti-^{Cog}lysZ_spacer	pACM351	CmR, pTGR5 derivative encoding the CRISPR-Cas12 system and a spacer to target Cog lysZ	This paper
P_{SOD}_Cas12_P_{tac}_CRISPR-array	pEWL018	CmR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{SOD}_Cas12 and P_{tac}_CRISPR array with BsaI digest sites for spacer editing	This paper
P_{SOD}_dCas12_P_{tac}_CRISPR-array	pEWL013	CmR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{SOD}_dCas12 and P_{tac}_CRISPR array with BsaI digest sites for spacer editing	This paper
P_{tac}_*riboE_manA	pACM964	ApraR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_*riboE1-manA	This paper
P_{tac}_*riboE_^{CL31}lysZ	pACM490	ApraR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_*riboE1-^{CL31}lysZ (gp22)	This paper
P_{tac}_*riboE_^{Cog}lysZ	pACM385	KanR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_*riboE1-^{Cog}lysZ (gp25)	This paper
P_{tac}_*riboE_^{Cog}lysZ	pACM413	ApraR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_*riboE1-^{Cog}lysZ (gp25)	This paper
P_{tac}_*riboE_^{Corndog}lysZ	pACM583	ApraR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_*riboE1-^{Corndog}lysZ (gp75)	This paper
P_{tac}_*riboE_^{D29}lysB	pACM519	ApraR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_*riboE1-^{D29}lysB (gp12)	This paper
P_{tac}_*riboE_EV	pACM414	ApraR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_*riboE1 empty vector	This paper
P_{tac}_*riboE_^{Fury}lysZ	pACM489	ApraR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_*riboE1-^{Fury}lysZ (gp59)	This paper
P_{tac}_*riboE_manC	pACM488	ApraR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_*riboE1-manC	This paper
P_{tac}_*riboE_mptB	pACM514	ApraR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_*riboE1-mptB	This paper
P_{tac}_*riboE_ppmC	pACM491	ApraR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_*riboE1-ppmC	This paper
P_{tac}_*riboE_^{Smarties}lysZ	pACM594	ApraR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_*riboE1-^{Smarties}lysZ (gp53)	This paper
P_{tac}_^{Corndog}lysY	pACM593	KanR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_^{Corndog}lysY (gp74)	This paper
P_{tac}_^{Corndog}lysYZ	pACM589	KanR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_^{Corndog}lysY_lysZ (gp74-75)	This paper
P_{tac}_CRISPR-array	pEWL003	CmR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}-CRISPR array with BsaI digest sites for spacer editing	This paper
P_{tac}_EV	pACM352	KanR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_empty vector	This paper
P_{tac}_^{Fury}lysY	pACM379	KanR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_^{Fury}lysY (gp58)	This paper
P_{tac}_^{Fury}lysYZ	pACM349	KanR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_^{Fury}lysY_lysZ (gp58-59)	This paper
P_{tac}_riboE-^{Cog}lysZ	pACM377	KanR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_riboE1-^{Cog}lysZ	This paper
P_{tac}_riboE-GFP	pACM040	KanR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_riboE1-GFP	This paper
P_{tac}_^{Smarties}lysY	pACM592	KanR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}_^{Smarties}lysY (gp52)	This paper

$P_{tac\_}^{Smarties}lysYZ$	pACM595	KanR, pTGR5 derivative encoding $P_{tac\_}^{Smarties}lysY\_lysZ$ *(gp52-53)*	This paper
P_{tac}-GFP	pACM246	CmR, pTGR5 derivative encoding P_{tac}-GFP	This paper
CL31 *ΔlysZ* editing plasmid	pACM321	CmR, pTGR5 derivative encoding CL31 editing template to delete *lysZ*	This paper
Cog *ΔlysZ* editing plasmid	pACM376	CmR, pTGR5 derivative encoding Cog editing template to delete *lysZ*	This paper

*A>G SNP between P_{tac} and riboE1.

Table S5. Primers used in this study.

Name	Sequence (5'-3')	Function	Ref.
ACM010	CATCTTGTTGTTACCTCCTTTAG	linearization of pEWL13	This paper
ACM103	TGTCCACATACAGACCAGAC	forward oligo to linearize pACM246	This paper
ACM125	CAATTCCACACATTATACGAGCCGATG	Reverse oligo to linearize pTGR5	This paper
ACM126	ATGGTGAGCAAGGGCGAGGAG	Forward oligo to linearize pTGR5	This paper
ACM128	CATCGGCTCGTATAATGTGTGGAATTGTGAGCGGATAACAATTTGCTAGCGGTGATACCAGCATCGTCTTGATGCCCTTGGCAGCACCCTGCTAAGGAGGTAACAACAAGATGGTGAGCAAGGGCGAGGAG	gBlock to insert riboE1 into pTGR5	This paper
ACM130	TGGTCCCACCTGACCCCATG	Forward oligo to linearize pTGR5	This paper
ACM133	CAAATTGTTATCCGCTCACAATTC	Reverse oligo to linearize pACM246	This paper
ACM140	CTACACACTCGGGCTGATAGC	Reverse oligo to screen and sequence Cog *ΔlysZ*	This paper
ACM155	CTTGTTGTTACCTCCTTAGCAGGG	Reverse oligo to linearize pTGR5 dativizes with riboE	This paper
ACM156	AGCGGCCGCTTAAGGTACC	Forward oligo to linearize pTGR5 derivatives	This paper
ACM159	CCCTGCTAAGGAGGTAACAACAAGATGCAGGCGCACACTGTGCAG	Forward oligo to amplify CL31 *lysZ* with overhangs to pTGR5	This paper
ACM162	GGTACCTTAAGCGGCCGCTCTAATCATCATCGGGATCATCGAGGG	Reverse oligo to amplify CL31 *lysZ* with overhangs to pTGR5	This paper
ACM354	GGTACCTTAAGCGGCCGCTCTTGTTGTTACCTCCTTAGCAGGG	Reverse oligo to create pACM414	This paper
ACM355	CCCTGCTAAGGAGGTAACAACAAGAGCGGCCGCTTAAGGTACC	Reverse oligo to create pACM414	This paper
ACM358	TTCGAATTTCTACTGTTGTAGATACCGCTGCAATAGCAAGAGGTGTCT	oligo to clone CL31 *lysZ* spacer into BseRI CRISPR array	This paper
ACM359	ACACCTCTTGCTATTGCAGCGGTATCTACAACAGTAGAAATTCGAAAC	oligo to clone CL31 *lysZ* spacer into BseRI CRISPR array	This paper
ACM366	CATATATGCGGCCGCATATTCAAACTTTGCTTGCTGTCCTGG	Upstream forward oligo to clone CL31 *ΔlysZ* editing template into pTGR5 derivatives	This paper
ACM367	GGGGGCAATACTAATCATCCGCCTGCATCACTCACCTGC	Upstream reverse oligo to clone CL31 *ΔlysZ* editing template into pTGR5 derivatives	This paper
ACM368	GCAGGTGAGTGATGCAGGCGGATGATTAGTATTGCCCCC	Downstream forward oligo to clone CL31 *ΔlysZ* editing template into pTGR5 derivatives	This paper
ACM369	GTGGTGGTGGTGAAGCTTAGGGCTGATGACATTGATCTGC	Downstream reverse oligo to clone CL31 *ΔlysZ* editing template into pTGR5 derivatives	This paper
ACM370	CAAGCTCACTGCACTGCTCG	Forward oligo to detect and sequence CL31 *ΔlysZ*	This paper
ACM371	CCTGATGGACACACTCATGG	Reverse oligo to detect and sequence CL31 *ΔlysZ*	This paper
ACM372	GAATTGTGAGCGGATAACAATTTGCTAGCGTTTCTGAATCTCCTCATCTAAGCAAGAGGAGTATCTCGTCTAGCGGCCGCTTAAGGTACCGAATTCTAAGCTTCACCACCACCACCACCACTGACCTAGGTGCCTGGCGGCAGTAGCGCGGTGGTCCCACCTGACCCCATG	gBlock from IDT encoding Cas12 editable CRISPR array: BseRI cut sites, direct repeats, and overhangs with pACM246	This paper

ACM377	CTAAAGGAGGTAACAACAAGATGTCCATCTACCAAG AGTTTG	Forward oligo to clone $^{Fn}cas12a$ into pSEC01 from pJYS3	This paper
ACM378	CGACGGCCAGTGAATTCACGTGCTTAGTTATTGCGG TTCTGGAC	Reverse oligo to clone $^{Fn}cas12a$ into pSEC01 from pJYS3	This paper
ACM379	CTAAAGGAGGTAACAACAAGATGTCCATCTACCAAG AGTTTGTGAATAAATACTCCC	Upstream forward oligo to clone $^{Fn}cas12a$ D917A into pSEC01 from pJYS3	This paper
ACM380	GTTCGCCGCGAGCGATGGACAG	Upstream reverse oligo to clone $^{Fn}cas12a$ D917A into pSEC01 from pJYS3	This paper
ACM381	CTGTCCATCGCTCGCGGCGAAC	Downstream forward oligo to clone $^{Fn}cas12a$ D917A into pSEC01 from pJYS3	This paper
ACM382	CGGCCAGTGAATTCACGTGCTTAGTTATTGCGGTTC TGGACAAATTCAAAGTATTCTTCG	Downstream reverse oligo to clone $^{Fn}cas12a$ D917A into pSEC01 from pJYS3	This paper
ACM383	ATATCCCAACCTCTATCATC	oligo to sequence $^{Fn}cas12a$	This paper
ACM384	TAACCCATCCAAGAAGGAAC	oligo to sequence $^{Fn}cas12a$	This paper
ACM385	ATCAAGTTCTACAACCCATC	oligo to sequence $^{Fn}cas12a$	This paper
ACM386	AACTACCACGACAAGCTGGC	oligo to sequence $^{Fn}cas12a$	This paper
ACM391	GGAAGCAGCCCAGTAGTAGG	Forward oligo screen and sequence the inserts of pTGR5 derivatives	This paper
ACM392	GGCGTTTCACTTCTGAGTTC	Reverse oligo screen and sequence the inserts of pTGR5 derivatives	This paper
ACM399	GTCATCGTCGGGGTCATCGAGCTGCACTGTGTGCG CCTCCATC	Upstream reverse Cog $\Delta lysZ$ (gp26) editing template with ITA overhangs to pTGR5	This paper
ACM400	GATGGAGGCGCACACAGTGCAGCTCGATGACCCCG ACGATGAC	Downstream forward Cog $\Delta lysZ$ editing template with ITA overhangs to pTGR5	This paper
ACM402	ATTGGGGGAGAAGAGTGCTG	Forward oligo to screen and sequence Cog $\Delta lysZ$	This paper
ACM403	CAGACTGTGCAGAGCACTGC	rev oligo to screen and sequence Cog $\Delta lysZ$	This paper
ACM404	TTCGAATTTCTACTGTTGTAGATACCGCAGCAATAGC CAGAGGCGTCT	Forward oligo to clone Cog $lysZ$ spacer into BseRI CRISPR array	This paper
ACM405	ACGCCTCTGGCTATTGCTGCGGTATCTACAACAGTA GAAATTCGAAAC	Reverse oligo to clone Cog $lysZ$ spacer into BseRI CRISPR array	This paper
ACM421	TAGCGAAAGGATTTTTTACAGTGCTCGATCGCCTGAA GTCTC	Forward oligo to clone Fury $lysY$-$lysZ$ into pTGR5	This paper
ACM422	GTGGTGGTGGTGAAGCTTAGTCAGACCCCGGCTCG CTTCC	Reverse oligo to clone Fury $lysY$-$lysZ$ into pTGR5	This paper
ACM423	CATCGGCTCGTATAATGTGTGGAATTGTGAGCGGAT AACAATTTGCTAGCGAAAGGATTTTTTACACTAAGCT TCACCACCACCACCACCACTGACCTAGGTGCCTGGC GGCAGTAGCGCGGTGGTCCCACCTGACCCCATG	gBlock to make pTGR5-EV	This paper
ACM426	ATATATGCGGCCGCATATTCGCGCTGTCAAAACCTTT GCG	Upstream forward oligo to make Cog $\Delta lysZ$ editing template with ITA overhangs to pTGR5	This paper
ACM427	GTGGTGGTGGTGAAGCTTAGAAATCACCGCCTCCAC ATGG	Downstream reverse oligo to make Cog $\Delta lysZ$ editing template with ITA overhangs to pTGR5	This paper

ACM432	CCCTGCTAAGGAGGTAACAACAAGATGGAGGCGCACACAGTGCAG	Forward oligo to clone Cog *lysZ* into pACM40	This paper
ACM433	GGTACCTTAAGCGGCCGCTTTAGTCATCGTCGGGGTCATCG	Reverse oligo to clone Cog *lysZ* into pACM40	This paper
ACM434	GTGGTGGTGGTGAAGCTTAGTTATCCGTGGTCGGGAGTGG	Reverse oligo to clone Fury *lysY* into pACM414	This paper
ACM461	GGTACCTTAAGCGGCCGCTTCAGACCCCGGCTCGCTTCC	Reverse oligo to clone Fury gp58-59 into pACM414	This paper
ACM468	AGACAGGATGAGGATCGTTTCGCATGTCATCAGCGGTGGAGTGC	Forward oligo to amplify apmR cassette with tails for pTGR5 derivatives to get apramycin resistance	This paper
ACM469	CGAACCCCAGAGTCCCGCGCCAATCGACTGGCGAGCGG	Reverse oligo to amplify apmR cassette with tails for pTGR5 derivatives to get apramycin resistance	This paper
ACM476	CCCTGCTAAGGAGGTAACAACAAGATGGAAGTCCCACTCCCGAC	Forward oligo to amplify Fury *lysY* with overhang for pTGR5	This paper
ACM477	CCTGGTGTCCCTGTTGGATCGTTGTGATGGCAGACAATG	Upstream forward oligo for pCRD206 Δ*cgp_0849* (*manC*)	This paper
ACM478	GGCTAAAAATGCCTACTGATCTAAAGTCATGTGTTCCTATTTCAC	Upstream reverse oligo for pCRD206 Δ*cgp_0849* (*manC*)	This paper
ACM479	GTGAAATAGGAACACATGACTTTAGATCAGTAGGCATTTTTAGCC	Downstream forward oligo for pCRD206 Δ*cgp_0849* (*manC*)	This paper
ACM480	GCATGCCTGCAGGTCGACTAACAATCGAGACCAAGAACG	Downstream reverse oligo for pCRD206 Δ*cgp_0849* (*manC*)	This paper
ACM481	GCAAACTTAAACCACTATGC	sequencing oligo for Δ*cgp_0849*	This paper
ACM482	TATCTGAATATTGATCCACG	sequencing oligo for Δ*cgp_0849*	This paper
ACM548	GCTTGCGGATTCTGTCAACC	Upstream forward to clone Δ*mptA::kanR* for SOE recombineering template	This paper
ACM549	GAAAAATAAACAAATAGGGGTTCCGCGACGCGTCTACTACATCCGAC	Upstream reverse to clone Δ*mptA::kanR* for SOE recombineering template	This paper
ACM550	CATTTGATGCTCGATGAGTTTTTCTAATTGCATAAGGTAAACCGCCAC	Downstream forward to clone Δ*mptA::kanR* for SOE recombineering template	This paper
ACM551	GGTCAAGAAGGTGCTTTCATTCC	Downstream reverse to clone Δ*mptA::kanR* for SOE recombineering template	This paper
ACM552	ATGCGTACTGAGGTTATTGG	Forward oligo to detect and sequence Δ*mptA::kanR*	This paper
ACM553	GATACCTGTCCTCTAAAACG	Reverse oligo to detect and sequence Δ*mptA::kanR*	This paper
ACM554	GTCTAGGTGCCTGCGCACTC	Upstream forward to clone Δ*mptB::kanR* for SOE recombineering template	This paper
ACM555	GAAAAATAAACAAATAGGGGTTCCGCGAGTGTCGAGAAATTGGCGTAG	Upstream reverse to clone Δ*mptB::kanR* for SOE recombineering template	This paper
ACM556	CATTTGATGCTCGATGAGTTTTTCTAATTACACTGATCAACTGTGACTACTG	Downstream forward to clone Δ*mptB::kanR* for SOE recombineering template	This paper
ACM557	GAGGAAGATAATCTCAGGGCGACC	Downstream reverse to clone Δ*mptB::kanR* for SOE recombineering template	This paper
ACM558	TTTATCAGTAAGCCGATAAG	Forward oligo to detect and sequence Δ*mptB::kanR*	This paper

ACM559	AGCTCCCACACCATGTTGCG	Reverse oligo to detect and sequence Δ*mptB::kanR*	This paper
ACM560	GAACTTGGCTAAATTATGACGCG	Upstream forward to clone Δ*mptC::kanR* for SOE recombineering template	This paper
ACM561	GAAAAATAAACAAATAGGGGTTCCGCGGAAAAATAG TGTATCCGTATCCAG	Upstream reverse to clone Δ*mptC::kanR* for SOE recombineering template	This paper
ACM562	CATTTGATGCTCGATGAGTTTTTCTAAGCCTTACAGT CCGACAGCCTC	Downstream forward to clone Δ*mptC::kanR* for SOE recombineering template	This paper
ACM563	CCAGGCACGGTGTTGTCTTC	Downstream reverse to clone Δ*mptC::kanR* for SOE recombineering template	This paper
ACM564	AAGTTTTCTCCCAACCTATG	Forward oligo to detect and sequence Δ*mptC::kanR*	This paper
ACM565	ATGAGGTTGATGTTGTTGTC	Reverse oligo to detect and sequence Δ*mptC::kanR*	This paper
ACM581	CAATCGGTTCCGTGGGCAGTGTGCTTTGGTTTCACT AACCGGCAAGCAGTTTAGAAAAACTCATCGAGCATC AAATG	Forward oligo to recombineer Δ*ppmC::kanR* from pSEC01 template	This paper
ACM582	CGTCGAAAGTAAAATAAAAACGTCCCGAAGGGACG AGGAGGACAACACCCGCGGAACCCCTATTTGTTTAT TTTTC	Reverse oligo to recombineer Δ*ppmC::kanR* from pSEC01 template	This paper
ACM583	GGCTGAAGAAGCAGAAAAGG	Forward oligo to detect and sequence Δ*ppmC::kanR*	This paper
ACM584	GGTGACAGTGTCCTTGAGTG	Reverse oligo to detect and sequence Δ*ppmC::kanR*	This paper
ACM585	AAGCTTATTTTGTTTAATTGAGTTTGAAGTTTTCCGTC GAAAGAGGCCATCGCGGAACCCCTATTTGTTTATTTT TC	Forward oligo to recombineer Δ*manA::kanR* from pSEC01 template	This paper
ACM586	AGATGTAGGCAAATCCTTGTTCTAATGCGGGCCTAG AGTTTGAACGAAGTTTAGAAAAACTCATCGAGCATCA AATG	Reverse oligo to recombineer Δ*manA::kanR* from pSEC01 template	This paper
ACM587	CTTTCAGGTAGATAATTCTG	Forward oligo to detect and sequence Δ*manA::kanR*	This paper
ACM588	GCTGAAGTAGATGTCAGTGG	Reverse oligo to detect and sequence Δ*manA::kanR*	This paper
ACM1166	TTAATTGAGTTTGAAGTTTTCCGTCGAAAGAGGCCAT TTGAGTTCCGAGTTCCGTGATGGTAACTTCACG	fwd oligo to clone *manA::kanR* lox from pEWL74 template	This paper
ACM1167	ATCCTTGTTCTAATGCGGGCCTAGAGTTTGAACGAA GTTTAGACAGGGTCAGCCGTCAATTGTCTGATTC	rev oligo to clone *manA::kanR* lox from pEWL74 template	This paper
ACM615	CCCTGCTAAGGAGGTAACAACAAGATGACTTTAACT GACAACAGC	Forward oligo to clone *manC* into pACM414	This paper
ACM616	GGTACCTTAAGCGGCCGCTCTACTGATCAGACGAAA AACG	Reverse oligo to clone *manC* into pACM414	This paper
ACM617	CCCTGCTAAGGAGGTAACAACAAGATGAGCAGTGAG GCAGTAGATG	Forward oligo to clone *ppmC* into pACM414	This paper
ACM618	GGTACCTTAAGCGGCCGCTTTAGAGCCAGGTGTTGC GCTTTTTG	Reverse oligo to clone *ppmC* into pACM414	This paper
ACM620	CCCTGCTAAGGAGGTAACAACAAGTTGCCGCGCATC GGCACCG	Forward oligo to clone *mptB* into pACM414	This paper
ACM621	GGTACCTTAAGCGGCCGCTTCAGTGTAAACCAAAGG TTGGATTCCGC	Reverse oligo to clone *mptB* into pACM414	This paper
ACM628	CCCTGCTAAGGAGGTAACAACAAGATGTCCAAGCCA TGGTTGTTTACCGTCCATGGTACCGGACAGCCAGAC CCACTCGGTCCTGGCCTGCCAGCGGATACTGCTCG CGATGTTCTTGACATTTATCGGTGGCAACCTATTGGT AACTATCCTGCCGCCGCGTTCCCAATGTGGCCATCC	gBlock to clone codon optimized D29 *gp12* (*lysB*) into pACM414	This paper

	GTAGAAAAGGGCGTAGCTGAGTTGATCTTGCAAATT GAATTGAAGTTGGATGCGGACCCGTATGCAGATTTC GCGATGGCAGGCTACAGCCAAGGTGCTATTGTAGTA GGTCAAGTGCTCAAACATCACATCCTGCCGCCTACG GGACGCTTGCATCGGTTCCTCCATCGGTTGAAAAAG GTCATCTTTTGGGGCAACCCAATGCGGCAGAAGGGT TTTGCCCACTCCGATGAATGGATCCACCCTGTCGCA GCCCCAGACACGCTGGGCATCTTGGAAGACCGCCT GGAAACTTGGAGCAATATGGATTTGAGGTTCGGGA TTACGCTCATGATGGTGATATGTATGCATCTATCAAG GAGGATGACCTTCACGAATACGAAGTCGCGATTGGA CGTATCGTCATGAAGGCCTCTGGCTTCATCGGTGGA CGGGACTCTGTTGTCGCACAGTTGATTGAGCTGGGT CAACGTCCTATCACCGAGGGCATTGCCTTGGCAGGT GCGATTATTGATGCACTCACGTTTTTTGCGCGGTCAC GCATGGGTGATAAATGGCCCCATCTCTACAATCGGT ACCCAGCGGTAGAATTCCTGCGGCAGATTTGAAGCG GCCGCTTAAGGTACC		
ACM647	CCTGCTAAGGAGGTAACAACAAGTTGAGTTCCGAGT CCAGTCCTG	Forward oligo to clone *manA* into pAM414	This paper
ACM648	GGTACCTTAAGCGGCCGCTTTAGACAGGGTCCGTTT CCACG	Reverse oligo to clone *manA* into pAM414	This paper
ACM729	TAGCGAAAGGATTTTTTACAATGGTCCTGATCAGAAA GTTCGC	Forward oligo to clone Corndog *gp74-75* into pTGR5	This paper
ACM730	GTGGTGGTGGTGAAGCTTAGTCAACCACGGAGCATC TGGC	Reverse oligo to clone Corndog *gp75* into pTGR5	This paper
ACM731	CCCTGCTAAGGAGGTAACAACAAGATGAGCGTATTG GCCGAAGC	Forward oligo to clone Corndog *gp75* into pAM414	This paper
ACM732	GGTACCTTAAGCGGCCGCTTCAACCACGGAGCATCT GGC	Reverse oligo to clone Corndog *gp75* into pAM414	This paper
ACM751.2	GTGGTGGTGGTGAAGCTTAGTCATTCCCGTACGGCT CTCTC	Reverse oligo to clone pTGR5-Corndog *gp74* into pTGR5	This paper
ACM753	TAGCGAAAGGATTTTTTACAGTGATGTACAGCGGAC TGCCCACCGCCCAGCGGCGCGCGGTGAAGGCGTC GCTCATCGTCGGCTGGCTGTCCGCGACCGGCGCGG GACTCTCCGCGTGGTTGTTCCCGACGAGCGTGGTC CTGACGGGGATGGGCTACGCCGTCGCGGTCAGCAT GGGCATCACCCTGACCATTTCTGCCCTCCTCGCCGT GTACGGCGTGAGCGCGAACCGCTACCGGTTCGAGT GGGTGGCCGGGTGGCTCTCCGCGGCGTGCTTCGTG CCGTACAGCATCACCATCTGGTCCCTGACGATCACC GCCGAGTTGCACTGGCTGACAGCATCTTTCGTCTCG ACCGTCGCTCTGTCGTACTTCGTCTCCCGTGCCCTG CTCTGCGCCGCTCACGCGGCCAAGTTGCGGGTCGC CCACGAGACGAGTGACGCGATCACCTCTGCCATCG AGTCCGTACGAGAGGAGGGCGAGCATGGGGGAGAT GCTGGCCGTGCTAGCCGCCGAGACGAGTGACTAAG CTTCACCACCACCAC	gBlock of Smarties *lysY* with overhangs for pTGR5	This paper

ACM755	TAGCGAAAGGATTTTTTACAGTGATGTACAGCGGAC TGCCCACCGCCCAGCGGCGCGCGGTGAAGGCGTC GCTCATCGTCGGCTGGCTGTCCGCGACCGGCGCGG GACTCTCCGCGTGGTTGTTCCCGACGAGCGTGGTC CTGACGGGGATGGGCTACGCCGTCGCGGTCAGCAT GGGCATCACCCTGACCATTTCTGCCCTCCTCGCCGT GTACGGCGTGAGCGCGAACCGCTACCGGTTCGAGT GGGTGGCCGGGTGGCTCTCCGCGGCGTGCTTCGTG CCGTACAGCATCACCATCTGGTCCCTGACGATCACC GCCGAGTTGCACTGGCTGACAGCATCTTTCGTCTCG ACCGTCGCTCTGTCGTACTTCGTCTCCCGTGCCCTG CTCTGCGCCGCTCACGCGGCCAAGTTGCGGGTCGC CCACGAGACGAGTGACGCGATCACCTCTGCCATCG AGTCCGTACGAGAGGAGGGCGAGCATGGGGGAGAT GCTGGCCGTG	gBlock of Smarties *lysZ* with overhangs for *lysY* and pTGR5	This paper
ACM756	CCCTGCTAAGGAGGTAACAACAAGATGGGGGAGAT GCTGGCCGTGCTAGCCGCCGAGACGAGTGAGCCCT CGATGCCGTGGCTGACGCCACTCATCGCTCTCGGG ACTCTGCTCCTCGGATCGGGCGGCGTCGTCGCATG GCGGCGTCTGACTCACGACAAGCGGATCGGTGTCG CTCAGCAGGAGACGGCGGAGGACGACGCGCTGTCG AACCGGTGGCGGGCGATCATCGAGACGCAGACCAA AGTGCTCCTCGAACCCATGCAGGCGCAGATCGCGA CGCTGACGACCGAGGTGGCCGAGGTGAAAGTGGAA CTCGCCGAGTCCCGCCGTAAGTATTGGGGAGCCGT GGGGTACATCCGTACACTCCACAACTGGATCAACCG CCACCTGCCCGGCTCCGTCGAGCAGGTTCCCCCGC CTCCGGCGATCCTCGCCGAGGACATCTGAAGCGGC CGCTTAAGGTACC	gBlock of Smarties *lysZ* with overhangs for pAM414	This paper
ACM762	ATTGCAAGCGTTATTTTGTTCCCTAACCCCTTCGAGG ATTTATGCGTACCTCCGTGATGGTAACTTCACG	Forward oligo to recombineer *ΔpmmA::kanR lox* from pEWL74 template	This paper
ACM763	GGATAAGGAATTCCCGTGATGCCCGCCGGAAAATG GGATTATGCGCGGATAGCCGTCAATTGTCTGATTC	Reverse oligo to recombineer *ΔpmmA::kanR* lox from pEWL74 template	This paper
ACM880	TCGAAGGAAGAAGTCGATGC	Forward oligo to detect and sequence *Δcgp_0855::kanR lox*	This paper
ACM881	CAAAGTCGATGACGATGAGG	Forward oligo to detect and sequence *ΔpmmA::kanR lox*	This paper
ACM882	GACAATCAGCACGTCGAGCG	Reverse oligo to detect and sequence *ΔpmmA::kanR lox*	This paper
ACM990	TAGTCAAAGTCAAGGAAAGGACTTCAATCCCCGTGG TGCAAGTGGACAATTCCGTGATGGTAACTTCACG	Forward oligo to clone *Δcgp_0855::kanR lox* from pEWL74	This paper
ACM991	GTGCGCAGTGAGCCTTCCAATAGCTCCATTTACAAG TCCTTTTCTTCAATAGCCGTCAATTGTCTGATTC	Reverse oligo to clone *Δcgp_0855::kanR* lox from pEWL74	This paper

ACM992	GCGATGACTTCGTTGAGTGC	Reverse oligo to detect and sequence *Δcgp_0855::kanR lox*	This paper
AP195	CAAGAACACTGATCGCTGATCTCAAAGGCGAAGAATCACCATCGTCTCGCTCCGTGATGGTAACTTCACG	Forward oligo to recombineer *ΔmanA::kanR lox* from pEWL74 template	This paper
AP196	CTAAACCCTAGCGAGGAATACTTCTGCGTCCTCAGAACGCATCGCAATGGAGCCGTCAATTGTCTGATTC	Rev oligo to recombineer *ΔmanA::kanR lox* from pEWL74 template	This paper
AP239	CTGCGACGGACCTAGC	Forward oligo to detect and sequence *ΔmanA::kanR lox*	This paper
AP240	GAGCCAGACCAAACTAGGT	Reverse oligo to detect and sequence *ΔmanA::kanR lox*	This paper
AP001	TCCTGGTGTCCCTGTTGGATATTGAAAGAGGATAACGT	Upstream forward oligo for pCRD206 *Δcgp_1014* (*pmt*)	This paper
AP002	CCCTACCTTGGCGCTAACCTCCCCT	Upstream reverse oligo for pCRD206 *Δcgp_1014* (*pmt*)	This paper
AP003	TAGCGCCAAGGTAGGGCTTGGCTCACT	Downstream forward oligo for pCRD206 *Δcgp_1014* (*pmt*)	This paper
AP004	TGCATGCCTGCAGGTCGACTCTTCGATGACAACGGTG	Downstream reverse oligo for pCRD206 *Δcgp_1014* (*pmt*)	This paper
AP041	CCGAATACGAACTGTGG	sequencing oligo for *Δcgp_1014*	This paper
AP042	CCTGACCTGGTCTTTTACAT	sequencing oligo for *Δcgp_1014*	This paper
BH102	GCACGTGAATTCACTGGC	linearization of pSEC01 for creation of pEWL01 and pEWL102	(3)
BH103	CATCTTGTTGTTACCTCCTTTAG	linearization of pSEC01 for creation of pEWL01 and pEWL102	(3)
EWL035	TGCCTAATGAGTGAGCTAAC	linearization of pEWL3	This paper
EWL036	TCTCCTTACGCATCTGTGCGAAGCGCCTCATCAGCGGT	Amplification of P$_{SOD}$_riboE1:*dcas12* pEWL2	This paper
EWL037	GGCACCTAGGTTAGTTATTGCGGTTCTGGACAAATTCAAAG	Amplification of P$_{SOD}$_riboE1:*dcas12* pEWL2	This paper
EWL050	TTATTGCTCATTAGTTATTGCGGTTCTGGACAAATTCAAAG	*cas12a* from pEWL1 amplification	This paper
EWL051	CAATAACTAATGAGCAATAACTAGCATAAC	Terminator amplification T7 terminator from pTD68	This paper
EWL051	CAATAACTAATGAGCAATAACTAGCATAAC	Linearization of pEWL13 with overhangs for *cas12a* insertion via ITA	This paper
EWL052	GTTAGCTCACTCATTAGGCACTCCTTTCAGCAAAAAAC	Terminator amplification T7 terminator from pTD68	This paper
H019	ATCCAACAGGGACACCAGG	Forward oligo to linearize pCRD206 for isothermal assembly	
H020	AGTCGACCTGCAGGCATGC	Reverse oligo to linearize pCRD206 for isothermal assembly	
H021	CGCACAGATGCGTAAGGAG	linearization of pEWL3	This paper
J273	GCGGGACTCTGGGGTTCG	Reverse oligo to amplify pTGR5 and other plasmids to swap antibiotic cassette	This paper
J274	GCGAAACGATCCTCATCCTGTCT	Forward oligo to amplify pTGR5 and other plasmids to swap antibiotic cassette	This paper
J275	AGACAGGATGAGGATCGTTTCGCATGGAGAAAAAATCACTGGATATACCACC	Forward oligo to amplify chlorR cassette from pFSC with overhangs to pTGR5 derivatives	This paper

J276	CGAACCCCAGAGTCCCGCTTACGCCCCGCCCTGCC	Reverse oligo to amplify chlorR cassette from pFSC with overhangs to pTGR5 derivatives	This paper
ATTB1g-UP	CTGAACATCATCGCAGTCATCCTCATTACG	Oligo to detect pK-PIM derivative plasmid integration site	(7)
ATTB1g-DN	CGGCGCACGGATCGAAGTGTTC	Oligo to detect pK-PIM derivative plasmid integration site	(7)
ATTB2g-UP	CATAAGTAGGGATAGTTGCCAAATCTGCTC	Oligo to detect pK-PIM derivative plasmid integration site	(7)
ATTB2g-DN	TGTCGAGAAACGAATGCCCCAGTTTCACCC	Oligo to detect pK-PIM derivative plasmid integration site	(7)

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plasmid Construction

pCRD206::*pmt* (pARP1)
PCR amplified pCRD206 backbone (AP53-54), 750bp upstream of *cgp_1014* and first 3 amino acids (AP1-2), and 750bp downstream including last 6aa of *cgp_1014* (AP3-4), assembled via ITA.

pCRD206::Δ*manC* (pACM407)
PCR amplified pCRD206 backbone (H19/H20), ~1kb upstream and 3 amino acids (ACM477/478), and ~1kb downstream including last 2aa (ACM479/480), assembled via ITA.

P$_{SOD}$_*cas12* (pEWL001)
The vector pSEC1 was amplified using the primers BH102 and BH103. The Franciscella novicida *cas12* gene was amplified from pJYS3 using the primers ACM377 and ACM378 and assembled via ITA. pJYS3_ΔcrtYf was a gift from Sheng Yang (4) (Addgene plasmid # 85542 ; http://n2t.net/addgene:85542 ; RRID:Addgene_85542).

P$_{SOD}$_*cas12*_P$_{tac}$_anti-^{CL31}*lysZ*_spacer (pACM363)
Oligos ACM358/359 were annealed, PNK treated, and inserted into the pEWL018 CRISPR array via Golden Gate assembly using BseRI.

P$_{SOD}$_ *cas12*_P$_{tac}$_anti-^{Cog}*lysZ*_spacer (pACM351)
Oligos ACM404/405 were annealed, PNK treated, and inserted into the pEWL018 CRISPR array via Golden Gate assembly using BseRI.

P$_{SOD}$_ *cas12*_P$_{tac}$_CRISPR-array (pEWL018)
The vector pEWL3 was linearized with the primers EWL35 and H21. The catalytically inactive Francisella novicida *dcas12* under control of P$_{SOD}$-riboE1 was amplified from pEWL2 with the primers EWL36 and EWL37. The second insert contained a T7 terminator amplified from pTD68 with the primers EWL51 and EWL52. The vector and two inserts were assembled via ITA.

P$_{SOD}$_d *cas12*_P$_{tac}$_CRISPR-array (pEWL013)
The vector pACM246 was linearized with the following primers: ACM103 and ACM133. The CRISPR array containing the Type IIS restriction enzyme BseRI cut sites was ordered as a gBlock (ACM372) from IDT. The vector and gblock were ligated by ITA.

P_{tac}_*riboE_*manA* (pACM964)

PCR amplified pAM414 backbone (ACM155/156) and *manA* from MB001 gDNA (ACM647/648), assembled via ITA.

P_{tac}_*riboE_^{CL31}*lysZ* (pACM490)

PCR amplified pAM414 backbone (ACM155/156) and gp22 (*lysZ*) from CL31 gDNA (ACM159/162), assembled via ITA.

P_{tac}_*riboE_^{Cog}*lysZ* (pACM385)

pACM377 electroporated into MB001. Only got suppressors. Colony was picked and struck on BHI +/- IPTG theophylline to ensure that construct was still inducible. Sequencing revealed an A>G SNP between P_{tac} and riboE (*riboE).

P_{tac}_*riboE_^{Cog}*lysZ* (pACM413)

pACM385 linearized (J274/274) and apramacying resistance casette from pFSC (ACM468/469), assembled via ITA.

P_{tac}_*riboE_^{Corndog}*lysZ* (pACM583)

PCR amplified pAM414 backbone (ACM155/156) and *gp75* (*lysZ*) from Corndog gDNA (ACM731/732), assembled via ITA.

P_{tac}_*riboE_^{D29}*lysB* (pACM519)

PCR amplified pAM414 backbone (ACM155/156) and *lysB* from D29 codon optomized gBlock ACM628, assembled via ITA.

P_{tac}_*riboE_EV (pACM414)

pACM413 linearized (ACM354/355) with overlaps to create an empty vector, assembled via ITA.

P_{tac}_*riboE_^{Fury}*lysZ* (pACM489)

PCR amplified pAM414 backbone (ACM155/156) and *gp59* (*lysZ*) from Fury gDNA (ACM476/461), assembled via ITA.

P_{tac}_*riboE_*manC* (pACM488)

PCR amplified pAM414 backbone (ACM155/156) and *manC* from MB001 gDNA (ACM615/616), assembled via ITA.

P$_{tac}$_*riboE_*mptB* (pACM514)

PCR amplified pAM414 backbone (ACM155/156) and *mptB* from MB001 gDNA (ACM620/621), assembled via ITA.

P$_{tac}$_*riboE_*ppmC* (pACM491)

PCR amplified pAM414 backbone (ACM155/156) and *ppmC* from MB001 gDNA (ACM617/618), assembled via ITA.

P$_{tac}$_*riboE_^{Smarties}*lysZ* (pACM594)

PCR amplified pAM414 backbone (ACM155/156) and *gp53* (*lysZ*) from Smarties in gBlock ACM756, assembled via ITA.

P$_{tac}$_^{Corndog}*lysYZ* (pACM589)

pTGR5 digested with NdeI and EcoRI and *gp74-75* (lysY/*lysZ*) amplified from Corndog gDNA with ACM729/730, assembled via ITA.

P$_{tac}$_^{Corndog}*lysY* (pACM593)

pTGR5 digested with NdeI and EcoRI and *gp74* (lysY) amplified from Corndog gDNA with ACM729/751.2, assembled via ITA.

P$_{tac}$_CRISPR-array (pEWL003)

The vector pSEC1 was amplified using the primers BH102 and BH103. The Francisella novicida cas12 gene was amplified in two fragments from pJYS3 in order to introduce a D917A catalytic mutation. The first fragment utilized primers ACM379 and ACM380, while the second set of primers included ACM381 and ACM382. The vector and two inserts were assembled by ITA.

P$_{tac}$_EV (pACM352)

PCR amplified pTGR5 backbone (ACM125/130) and gBlock ACM423, assembled via ITA.

P$_{tac}$_^{Fury}*lysY* (pACM379)

pTGR5 digested with NdeI and EcoRI and *gp58* (*lysY*) amplified from Fury gDNA with ACM421/434, assembled via ITA.

P$_{tac}$_^{Fury}*lysYZ* (pACM349)

pTGR5 digested with NdeI and EcoRI and *gp58-59* (*lysY-lysZ*) amplified from Fury gDNA with ACM421/422, assembled via ITA.

P_{tac}_riboE-^{Cog}*lysZ* (pACM377)

PCR amplified pAM040 backbone (ACM155/156) and *lysZ* (gp26) from Cog gDNA (ACM432/433), assembled via ITA.

P_{tac}_riboE1-GFP (pACM040)

PCR amplified pTGR5 backbone (ACM125/126) and gBlock ACM128 with riboE1, assembled via ITA.

P_{tac}_^{Smarties}*lysY* (pACM592)

pTGR5 digested with NdeI and EcoRI and Smarties *gp52* (*lysY*) gBlock (ACM753) was assembled via ITA.

P_{tac}_^{Smarties}*lysYZ* (pACM595)

pTGR5 digested with NdeI and EcoRI and gBlocks (ACM755/756) encoding *gp52* and *gp53* (*lysY-lysZ*) were assembled via ITA

P_{tac}-GFP (pACM246)

PCR amplified pTGR5 backbone (J273/274) and chloroform resistance cassette (J275/276) from pFSC (5)

Δ^{CL31}*lysZ* editing plasmid (pACM321)

Digested pTGR5 with XbaI and EcoRI (removed P_{tac} and RBS), amplified ~200bp upstream and 3 amino acids (ACM366/367) and ~200bp downstream including last 2 amino acids (ACM368/369) of *gp22* (*lysZ*), assembled via ITA.

Δ^{Cog}*lysZ* editing plasmid (pACM376)

Digested pTGR5 with XbaI and EcoRI (removed P_{tac} and RBS), amplified ~200bp upstream and 6 amino acids (ACM426/399) and ~200bp downstream including last 7 amino acids (ACM400/427) of Cog *lysZ* (*gp25*), assembled via ITA.

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