Persistent trade-offs balance competition and colonization across centuries

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When a microbe colonizes a host, it must both establish infection and outcompete other organisms. Short-term experiments show that gains in competitive ability can reduce colonization, creating trade-offs, but whether microbes resolve these conflicts over long evolutionary timescales is unknown. We show that a trade-off between competitive killing and host colonization has been stably maintained for centuries in natural *Pseudomonas* populations infecting *Arabidopsis thaliana*. Tailocins—phage-derived weapons—provide strong competitive advantages, yet their production reduces colonization success, explaining why the most broadly lethal variants remain rare. Genomic surveys and historical genomes spanning two centuries reveal that the polymorphisms underlying this trade-off have persisted across 10^5-10^6 generations. Understanding such long-lived constraints can inform antimicrobial strategies that exploit evolutionary trade-offs.

Abstract

Microbial competition drives rapid adaptation, often forcing organisms to specialize in new ecological niches. Adaptations that improve competitive ability can reduce performance in other environments creating trade-offs. Whether such trade-offs persist in nature—or are eroded as lineages adapt through compensatory changes—remains largely unknown. Here we show that a trade-off between competitive ability and host colonization has been stably maintained in natural *Pseudomonas* populations for centuries. Wild plant-pathogenic *Pseudomonas* compete using tailocins—phage-derived molecular weapons that bind to specific cell-surface receptors. Genomic surveys and functional assays reveal that the most broadly lethal tailocins remain rare—while the tailocin's production increases competitive killing, it also compromises plant colonization. We determine that the polymorphisms behind this trade-off are not transient — historical genomes spanning two centuries show that the trade-off has been maintained for at least 10^5–10^6 generations. Our results demonstrate that, in natural populations, a trade-off between competition and pathogenicity is fundamental and not easily overcome.

Introduction

Competition between microbes is an ecological and evolutionary force that shapes community structure, resource use, and diversification [1]. Experimental evolution has shown that competition can drive rapid adaptation to new ecological niches [2], yet these adaptive gains often come at a cost in other contexts. The resulting trade-offs—between competitive ability, growth, and colonization—are hypothesized to be pervasive in microbial communities [3]. However, most evidence for such trade-offs comes from experimental evolution in laboratory systems [4], leaving open the question of whether they constrain populations in wild environments and over longer, evolutionary timescales. Do microbes in the wild overcome these trade-offs, optimizing performance across environments, or do they remain trapped by enduring conflicts between competition and colonization?

We address this question in *Pseudomonas viridiflava*, a common plant-pathogenic bacterium that infects *Arabidopsis thaliana* across Europe [5,6]. Within these populations, a pathogenic phylotype named ATUE5 forms a genetically diverse metapopulation in which no single strain dominates [6]. Intraspecific

competition within ATUE5 is an important selective pressure [7] mediated by molecular weapons termed tailocins. Tailocins are diffusible protein complexes that resemble phage tails and kill susceptible strains by puncturing their cell membranes [8]. Bacteria are resistant to their own tailocins upon encounter in the environment, allowing producer clones to suppress non-self competitors while sparing their own lineage [9]. Because tailocins are released through cell lysis, the producing cell dies. Consequently, only a fraction of a clonal population produces tailocins, thereby protecting clonemates and suppressing competing strains [9].

The tailocin gene cluster in ATUE5 consists of ~24 collinearly arranged genes, integrated at the same genomic location in all strains, which together assemble the functional tailocin. Each ATUE5 strain encodes one of a few tailocin variants, distinguished by the tail fiber (HTF), a receptor-binding protein that dictates killing specificity [7,8]. The HTF binds to the outer membrane of the target cell, specifically recognizing the O-antigen, a highly variable component of the bacterial lipopolysaccharide (LPS) layer. In ATUE5, *HTF* genes vary in length (1245–1830 bp) and killing spectrum, with distinct length classes corresponding to unique O-antigen biosynthesis gene profiles, suggesting tight linkage between *HTF* variants and their O-antigen receptors within each tailocin-producing bacterium.

Paradoxically, bacteria that produce the most lethal tailocin variant—capable of killing ~80% of other strains and resistant to ~70% of others—remain rare in natural populations. Why has the most competitive variant not spread to fixation? We hypothesized that its persistence at low frequency may reflect a trade-off between competitive dominance and host colonization. The O-antigen provides a mechanistic link between these processes [10]. O-antigen diversity influences surface recognition, virulence, and susceptibility to tailocins [11,12] potentially generating an evolutionary tension between success within the host and resistance to microbial attack.

To test for this competition-colonization trade-off, we combined saturation mutagenesis with functional assays and *in planta* infections. The genetic mutations most important for surviving in the presence of the tailocin also compromised growth in the plant. This experiment showed a short-term trade-off acting on contemporary bacterial strains. We then examined whether this trade-off showed evolutionary persistence by analyzing 49 historical bacterial genomes recovered from herbarium specimens spanning more than two centuries. Together, the modern and historical population datasets provide a uniquely powerful framework to identify the association between tailocin and O-antigen polymorphisms underlying the competition-colonization trade-off, and then to assess whether the trade-off is transient or an enduring feature of bacterial evolution.

Here, we show that O-antigen–dependent trade-offs between pathogenicity and interbacterial competition have persisted for over two centuries in natural *P. viridiflava* populations. O-antigen production enhances virulence but increases susceptibility to tailocin attack. By integrating historical genomics with functional microbiology, we reveal the genetic basis, ecological significance, and remarkable temporal stability of this trade-off. These findings demonstrate that structural constraints on microbial competition and colonization can maintain genetic diversity across evolutionary timescales, illuminating why the most competitive strains do not necessarily dominate in nature.

Results
The growth-defense trade-off: the O-antigen biosynthesis cluster (OBC) reduces resistance to interbacterial killing by tailocins but enhances colonization *in planta*.
Our previous work established four major *HTF* length variants in *P. viridiflava* populations (1245, 1383, 1803, and 1830 bp) [7]. These *HTF* length variants correlate, within the same bacterial genome, with the

presence or absence of specific genes in the O-antigen biosynthesis cluster (OBC) that are critical for
tailocin binding. The tight linkage between *HTF* length variants and OBC haplotypes within a bacterial
genome suggests that the tail fiber and its O-antigen receptor are evolving in concert in natural populations
of *P. viridiflava*. To determine the killing spectrum for each of these *HTF* length variants, we conducted
killing assays that included at least one representative from each variant. The individual tailocin
preparations were applied to a panel of 50 *P. viridiflava* tester strains that captured the diversity of the focal
OBC presence and *HTF* length variants in the metapopulation (**Fig. 1A**). As shown previously, the 1245 bp
and 1803 bp *HTF* variants are correlated in the genome of modern strains with OBC+, whereas the 1383 bp
and 1830 bp variants occur only in OBC− strains [7]. The resulting killing spectra revealed a strong pattern:
tailocins from OBC− strains killed on average 79% of tester strains, while those from OBC+ strains killed
51% (**Fig. 1B**). These results provide preliminary evidence that OBC- strains are more successful
interbacterial competitors. Despite this apparent advantage, the OBC- strains represent only ~16% of the
population. We thus hypothesized that loss of O-antigen in the OBC− genotypes leads to reduced fitness in
other natural conditions such as during plant infection [13].
To test the colonization hypothesis, we infected *A. thaliana* seedlings with a subset of wild *P.*
viridiflava strains that varied in *HTF* length and, therefore, OBC presence. Plant health was quantified using
green pixel counts from high-quality plant images, where lower green pixel counts corresponded to a more
diseased plant. We found that OBC+ strains (associated with the 1245 bp and 1803 bp *HTF* haplotypes)
caused more severe disease phenotypes than OBC− strains (associated with the 1383 bp and 1830 bp *HTF*
haplotypes) (**Fig. 1C**). These results provide preliminary data that suggest that OBC+ strains may have
enhanced aggressiveness in this experimental context. Together, these results suggest a trade-off between
interbacterial competition and host colonization: OBC− strains gain a competitive edge through potent
tailocins but suffer reduced virulence *in planta*, whereas OBC+ strains colonize hosts more effectively but
are more vulnerable to tailocin-mediated killing (**Fig. 1D**).
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OBC genes mediate a trade-off between tailocin resistance and plant colonization.
We next examined whether disrupting O-antigen biosynthesis within a single genetic background
reproduces the population-level trade-off between tailocin resistance and host colonization. We chose to
focus on the model *P. viridiflava* strain p25.C2 [7,14] which is OBC+ and susceptible to the tailocin produced
by strain p25.A12 [7]. To systematically identify genes involved in both tailocin susceptibility and fitness *in*
planta, we employed high-throughput Random-Barcoded Transposon (Tn) Sequencing (RB-TnSeq) [15].
This approach uses uniquely barcoded transposon mutants to measure each gene's contribution to fitness
across different growth conditions. We previously performed RB-TnSeq fitness in liquid culture of p25.C2
treated with strain p25.A12's tailocin to identify mutations (Tn-insertions) that render p25.C2 resistant to
p25.A12's tailocin [7]. Here, we performed RB-TnSeq with the same library in plant infections (*A. thaliana*
ecotypes Col-0 and Eyach 1.5-2) to identify mutations that influence fitness in the plant hosts. We tracked
the abundance of mutants after growth either in a tailocin environment or in the plants, which provided
relative fitness in the presence of tailocins versus within the plant host (**Fig. 2A**). As reported previously,
mutants in the OBC significantly increased in abundance following tailocin application, indicating that
disruption of these genes confers resistance (**Fig. 2B**, log fold change tailocin > 0) [7].
To determine how these tailocin resistance mutations influence fitness in the host, we plotted each
mutant fold-change in abundance during plant colonization (in Eyach 1.5-2; x-axis) against its abundance
change under tailocin application (y-axis; **Fig. 2B**). Among the 70 mutations (putative gene knockouts)
associated with tailocin resistance [7], 21 significantly reduced bacterial fitness in at least one ecotype, with

13 (61%) showing reduced fitness across both ecotypes (**Fig. 2B**, **Table S1**). We focus on this set of 21
genes, which constitute the "trade-off" genes, for which transposon insertions increase fitness upon tailocin
challenge, but decrease fitness during colonization.

We then examined the predicted function of these 21 trade-off candidate genes: seven are found
within a single 18 kb operon predicted to synthesize the focal OBC (**Fig. 2C**). These genes encode sugar
nucleotide synthases (*rfbB*, *rmlA2_1*, *wfgD*, *rmlC_1*) and glycosyltransferases (*tagG_2*, *tagH_2*, *epsE_4*)
responsible for the sequential transfer of sugars involved in O-antigen initiation, elongation,
polymerization, or ligation (**Fig. 2D**). Putative knockouts in genes involved in this pathway increased
survival under tailocin treatment but reduced fitness during leaf colonization, supporting the hypothesized
competition-versus-colonization trade-off, regardless of the phase in O-antigen biosynthesis. The same
pattern emerged, although with smaller effect sizes, for additional LPS- and O-antigen-related genes
elsewhere in the genome, suggesting that LPS and O-antigen modifications are common for tailocin-
resistant mutations that result in reduced colonization (**Table S1**).

The overlap in the RB-TnSeq results in two *A. thaliana* ecotypes validates the predicted trade-off,
suggesting that the OBC resistance mechanism is associated with impaired plant colonization, thereby
prioritizing the OBC for further functional analysis.

O-antigen mutants alter LPS structure and reduce susceptibility to tailocins and bacterial load *in*
***planta*.**
To confirm the contribution of the O-antigen deletion on *P. viridiflava* growth in the plant niche, we
generated site-directed deletion mutants. We generated clean deletion mutants via homologous
recombination for six candidate OBC gene mutants. These included putative nucleotide sugar biosynthetic
enzymes (*wfgD*, *rmlC_1*), and glycosyltransferases (*tagG_2*, *tagH_2*, *epsE_4*, *spsA*; **Fig. 2C**). *spsA* was
included in the mutant analysis given its position within the same predicted operon and its prior functional
annotation as an O-antigen biosynthetic gene as previously reported [7].

These gene disruptions altered LPS structure, as shown by the electrophoretic profiles of purified
LPS (**Fig. 3A**). Five of six mutants (Δ*wfgD*, Δ*tagG_2*, Δ*tagH_2*, Δ*epsE_4*, and Δ*spsA)* lack high-molecular-
weight bands relative to WT, consistent with a modification or absence of O-antigen polymer (silver-stained
DOC-PAGE, **Fig. 3A**). In contrast, Δ*rmlC_1,* a deletion of a gene with a sequence homolog in the same
genome, retained a higher-molecular-weight band, as observed in WT. Chemical compositional analysis
further supported these LPS modifications, showing a shift in sugar residues with a marked loss of rhamnose
in all mutants except Δ*rmlC_1* (**Table S2**).

Next, tailocin susceptibility of the mutants was assessed using a soft agar overlay assay with
partially purified tailocin from p25.A12 (**Fig. 3B**). The five mutants (Δ*wfgD*, Δ*tagG_2*, Δ*tagH_2*, Δ*epsE_4*,
and Δ*spsA)* exhibited resistance to tailocin-mediated killing, while Δ*rmlC_1* showed killing zones similar
to WT. We then tested whether O-antigen loss affects bacterial growth and disease *in planta*, by flood-
inoculating *A. thaliana* seedlings with WT and O-antigen mutants. We additionally assessed bacterial
population size dynamics as well as plant health 7 days post-inoculation (dpi). Across both *Arabidopsis*
ecotypes, O-antigen mutants generally exhibited reduced bacterial load compared to WT at 7 dpi, consistent
with a fitness cost of resistance to tailocin (**Fig. 3C**). In Col-0, all six mutants showed significantly lower
bacterial load than WT, with highly significant differences observed for all strains after FDR correction (all
$p < 0.0001$). In Eyach 1.5-2, three mutants (Δ*spsA*, Δ*tagH_2*, and Δ*wfgD*) exhibited strongly reduced growth
relative to WT (FDR-adjusted $p < 0.005$), while Δ*epsE_4*, Δ*rmlC_1,* and Δ*tagG_2* were moderately reduced
(FDR-adjusted $p \approx 0.05$). Notably, these results were independent of the inoculation method, as similar

outcomes were observed following the syringe infiltration of one O-antigen mutant into plant leaves (**Fig.**
S1), suggesting that the role of the O-antigen for colonization extends beyond the leaf surface (epiphytic
phase) to the inside of the plant tissue (endophytic phase). Deletion of O-antigen synthesis genes conferred
improved plant health outcomes relative to wild-type (WT): in both ecotypes, infections with WT strain
frequently resulted in chlorosis or necrosis, whereas infections with O-antigen mutants more often led to
asymptomatic, healthy plants (**Fig. S2**). Furthermore, plant health tended to decline overall with increasing
bacterial load (**Fig. S3**). Together, these findings validate the function of the insertion mutant candidate
genes for an O-antigen-mediated trade-off between tailocin resistance and host colonization with robust
and consistent effects across multiple genetic backgrounds.
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O-antigen loss affects growth properties *in vitro* but does not affect tolerance to stresses nor host
immunity activation.
We investigated the biological basis of the reduced bacterial fitness observed *in planta* by testing several
hypotheses. Specifically, we considered whether this trade-off could result from (i) a general physiological
defect affecting bacterial growth properties, (ii) a higher susceptibility to antimicrobials or reduced stress
tolerance due to membrane permeability, and/or (iii) a stronger activation of host immunity due to a faster
pathogen recognition.
We first compared the *in-vitro* growth of the WT and O-antigen deletion mutant strains and
observed that all mutants, except Δ*rmlC_1*, displayed a growth defect in liquid cultures grown in rich
medium (**Fig. S4**). This defect was statistically significant based on several growth parameters, including
the growth rates (k or r), generation time, and the area under the curve (AUC; **Table S3**). We next assessed
surface-associated growth of the WT and the O-antigen mutant strains using a 96-well static assay. The WT
and Δ*rmlC_1* strains consistently showed no visible aggregate formation, whereas all other O-antigen
mutants formed robust surface-associated aggregates in nearly every well after 48 hours of incubation ($\geq$
95% of replicates, Pearson's χ^2 = 241.5, p < 2 × 10^{-16}; **Fig. S5**). All O-antigen mutants except Δ*rmlC_1*
produced significantly more aggregates than the WT (pairwise Fisher's exact test, adjusted p < 10^{-16}).
Secondly, to test whether O-antigen acts as an antimicrobial barrier during plant colonization, we
compared the tolerance of tailocin-resistant O-antigen mutants and the WT to two stressors: the cationic
peptide polymyxin B (PMB) and hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2). No significant difference in growth inhibition
was observed between the WT and the O-antigen *P. viridiflava* mutants in PMB disk diffusion assays,
regardless of the compound concentration (**Fig. S6A**). Similar results were also observed with another
polymyxin (colistin sulfate, **Fig. S6B**). These results indicate that the O-antigen does not contribute
detectably to polymyxin tolerance in our strains, in contrast to previous reports describing high sensitivity
to PMB of O-antigen mutants in *P. aeruginosa*[16]. Furthermore, growth curves across a gradient of H_2O_2
concentrations revealed that all strains shared the same inhibitory profile, with indistinguishable minimum
inhibitory concentrations (MICs; MIC/WT $\approx$ 1.0 for all strains; **Table S4**) and parallel declines in AUC as
H_2O_2 increased (**Fig. S7**). Mixed-effects modeling of five independent replicates confirmed that O-antigen
mutants did not differ significantly from WT in their AUC responses or MIC values after accounting for
replicate-level variation.
Finally, we tested whether the O-antigen influences host immunity activation. Focusing on six
marker genes associated with early (*FRK1*, *WRKY29*, *NHL10*, *PAD3*) or late (*PDF1.2*, *PR1*) plant defense
responses, we monitored their expression from 0 to 72 hours post-infection with either the WT strain or
selected O-antigen mutants. We found no evidence of a stronger or faster plant defense activation that could
account for the reduced fitness of the O-antigen mutants *in planta* (**Fig. S8**).

Together, these data indicate that the loss of O-antigen (i) generally affects bacterial growth *in vitro*
and promotes surface-associated aggregate formation, but is not relevant for (ii) tolerance to reactive
oxygen species or cationic peptides under laboratory conditions, and (iii) activation of plant immunity. This
suggests that the ecological trade-offs of O-antigen loss observed *in planta* likely result from general
physiological changes that lead to altered bacterial growth properties.
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Herbarium-derived genomes reveals the persistence of the trade-off across centuries
Together, our functional and genetic results reveal a clear trade-off: loss of O-antigen confers resistance to
tailocins but reduces bacterial fitness during plant colonization. This raises a key evolutionary question: is
this trade-off transient, or has it constrained *P. viridiflava* populations over longer, ecological and historical
timescales? To investigate this, we used ancient DNA (aDNA) techniques [17] to sequence 49 metagenomic
libraries from *A. thaliana* herbarium specimens collected across Europe between 1817 and 2015 (**Fig. 4A**).
This ~200 year period corresponds to an estimated 10^5-10^6 generations for *P. viridiflava* [18]. On average,
5.0% (0.2–36.3%) of metagenomic reads mapped to the *P. viridiflava* ATUE5 reference genome (**Fig.
S9A**). The herbarium-derived reads covered, on average, 82.5% (59.8–95.1%) of the ATUE5 genome, with
an average sequencing depth of 14.7x (1.1-137.4x) (**Fig. S9B**). The *Pseudomonas*-mapped reads showed
patterns of DNA damage and fragmentations typical of aDNA [19] (**Fig. S9C; Fig. S10; Fig. S11**) and the
distribution of *k*-mer coverage revealed that most historical infections are dominated by a single strain (**Fig.
S9D**).
To place the 49 historical *Pseudomonas* draft genomes in the context of contemporary diversity,
we constructed a phylogenetic tree that included a subset of 83 contemporary genomes representing the
known diversity of *Pseudomonas* segregating in the wild [7]. The tree topology revealed that 43 of the
historical draft genomes belong to the ATUE5 phylotype and are broadly distributed across the ATUE5
phylogeny, indicating that historical diversity mirrors contemporary diversity and demonstrating the
temporal continuity of ATUE5 over centuries (**Fig. 4A; Fig. S12**).
We then sought to determine the presence of the tailocin cluster and, when present, identify the
corresponding *HTF* length variant. The tailocin cluster was detected in all 43 historical genomes (average
coverage depth of 17.4x and average proportion of 86.0% of the cluster covered), supporting the idea of a
single ancestral insertion shared across the entire ATUE5 population. Due to the high sequence divergence
among *HTF* variants, a mapping-based approach was not feasible. We therefore identified the variants using
local assembly for high-coverage samples and a unique *k*-mer approach for low-coverage samples. Both
approaches yielded congruent results when tested on contemporary ATUE5 short-read data and validated
against their corresponding whole-genome assemblies (**Fig. S13A**). Out of the 43 historical *P. viridiflava*
draft genomes, we had enough coverage to retrieve reliable *HTF* variants for 38 of the genomes. The local
assembly approach permitted the ascertainment of 23 historical *HTF* variants, whereas the approach based
on unique *k*-mers allowed us to retrieve 15 additional *HTF* variants (**Fig. S13B**). Our analysis revealed that
the four *HTF* length variants have been maintained in European populations over the past 200 years (**Fig.
4A**), suggesting that these variants are subject to long-term selective pressures that contribute to the stability
of tailocin-mediated interactions.
Finally, we sought to determine whether the association between *HTF* length variants and O-
antigen haplotypes has been maintained over century timescales. To address this, we annotated the presence
or absence of six genes within the O-antigen biosynthesis cluster (OBC) — previously identified as key
determinants of tailocin susceptibility in *P. viridiflava* strains [7]. We found that the 1803 bp and 1245 bp
HTF variants were almost exclusively associated with the presence of the six OBC genes (OBC$^+$), with

only one historical sample deviating from this pattern. Meanwhile, the 1830 bp and 1383 bp *HTF* variants were exclusively associated with the absence of OBC (OBC⁻) (**Fig. 4B**). The association between *HTF* variants and OBC haplotypes would be expected if the bacterial chromosome were in strong linkage disequilibrium (LD), but would be unexpected if horizontal gene transfer (HGT) were pervasive and routinely broke down long-range LD. To evaluate this, we calculated pairwise LD between ATUE5 single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and measured LD decay as a function of the genetic distance between SNPs. We found that LD decays to 50% of its maximum value after only 78 bp (**Fig. S14**). Using an orthogonal, mixture-model–based approach to estimate the relative contributions of recombination and mutation [20], we further estimate that, on average, 96% of SNPs in ATUE5 arise by recombination (**Fig. S15**). These results indicate that HGT-driven recombination is pervasive in ATUE5, making the strong association between *HTF* variants and OBC haplotypes particularly striking, given that the tailocin cluster and the OBC cluster are separated by 1.7 Mb. Our results thus demonstrate that the coupling between tailocin *HTF* length variants and O-antigen haplotypes in *P. viridiflava* has been maintained over a century timescale, likely reflecting the requirement for bacterial self-immunity to their own tailocins. This enduring association suggests that the trade-off between competitive ability and host colonization has persisted for centuries, driven by structural and molecular constraints that restrict the diversification of compatible *HTF*-O-antigen pairs. These constraints preserve functional specificity and prevent deleterious mismatches over evolutionary time. Contemporary data show that *HTF* length variants associated with the absence of O-antigen persist at low frequencies (**Fig. 4C**), likely reflecting the fitness cost imposed by the competition–colonization trade-off. Analysis of historical *HTF* length haplotype frequencies further reveals that none have approached fixation and that their relative abundances fluctuate over time in both the European and German populations (**Fig. 4A-C**), suggesting that the magnitude of the fitness cost associated with the trade-off may vary across ecological or evolutionary contexts.

Discussion

Our results demonstrate that an O-antigen biosynthesis cluster (OBC) mediates a persistent trade-off between tailocin-dependent microbial competition and successful host colonization in *P. viridiflava*. OBC⁺ strains colonize *A. thaliana* more successfully but remain more vulnerable to tailocin killing, while OBC⁻ strains resist tailocins but exhibit reduced growth *in planta*. Previous work has shown O-antigen-dependent costs of phage or tailocin resistance through experimental evolution [21,22]. However, it remains unclear whether such constraints persist in natural populations over extended evolutionary timescales, where environments and clade abundances fluctuate. Here, we extend this body of work, using a time-series of herbarium-derived genomes, to show that this trade-off is present in natural populations, and long-lived, persisting for more than two centuries or hundreds of thousands of generations.

Tailocin tail fibers recognize O-antigen sugar motifs, with length variation modulating their breadth of killing. The persistence of linkage in OBC-tail fiber associations across both modern isolates and herbarium samples indicates that compensatory evolution to escape this trade-off is constrained, and if it occurs at all, is likely infrequent. It has been hypothesized that evolutionary systems can overcome trade-offs when conflicts are regulatory or ecological—when organisms evolve conditional expression, gene duplication, or context-dependent specialization that separates competing functions [23]. In contrast, structural conflicts embedded in shared molecular architecture are predicted to be less flexible [24]. The O-antigen exemplifies the latter: the same surface structure underlies both host colonization and susceptibility to tailocins, creating an antagonistic pleotropy that makes the trade-off difficult to decouple without

355   compromising either function. We hypothesize that the long-term stability of OBC variants therefore
356   illustrates a case where natural selection is persistently trapped by a structural constraint.

357   Similar constraints are seen in other systems, such as the conserved flagellin epitope flg22, where
358   mutations that evade host recognition compromise essential motility [25,26]. Our findings suggest that the costs
359   of O-antigen-mediated resistance are lasting features of bacterial physiology rather than short-term fitness
360   deficits that are easily overcome by compensatory mutations.

361   The continued presence of OBC⁻ strains in wild populations despite reduced colonization success
suggests that ecological factors buffer the costs of O-antigen loss. OBC⁻ strains may rely on other surface
glycans or exopolysaccharides or gain advantages in niches where competition outweighs colonization [27].
Unlike host-microbe interactions in which frequency-dependent selection maintains resistance variation [28],
in the tailocin system there is no known frequency dependence of the selection. Instead, variation in host
genotype, community composition, or niche context may periodically favor OBC⁻ lineages, sustaining
ATUE5 diversity alongside the structural constraint itself, because no single trade-off state maximizes
fitness across all environments [24]. Together, these findings show how enduring molecular trade-offs can be
stabilized by ecological feedback, producing long-term coexistence rather than evolutionary escape.
Understanding such stable constraints could inform antimicrobial strategies that align with, rather than
oppose, the predictable evolutionary dynamics of bacterial populations.

372   Our conceptual model (**Fig. 4D**) synthesizes these results for long-term coevolution between
tailocin tail fiber (*HTF*) length and O-antigen structure. *HTF* variants co-occur in wild *Pseudomonas*
populations and are associated with differences in tailocin susceptibility and host colonization. We propose
that fluctuating ecological contexts of competition versus colonization drive alternating selection for O-
antigen variation. Under competitive conditions, tailocin-producing strains with reduced O-antigen gain the
fitness advantage, whereas under host-associated contexts, O-antigenic variants perform better. Over time,
these opposing forces maintain polymorphism in both *HTF* length and O-antigen composition. This
dynamic balance may explain the remarkable temporal persistence of these variants and show how
ecological feedback loops can stabilize structural diversity without requiring continuous molecular
innovation.

Methods

Bacterial strains, plasmids and growth conditions

The strains used in this study are from Karasov et al. 2018 [6] (ENA: PRJEB24450). Bacteria were grown on
Luria-Bertani broth agar (LB agar) and in Luria-Bertani (LB) medium at 28°C for *Pseudomonas spp.* strains
and 37°C for *Escherichia coli* strains. All liquid cultures were incubated with shaking at 180 rpm.
Antibiotics were used when appropriate at the following concentrations: 50, 100, and 10 μg/ml for
kanamycin (Km), nitrofurantoin (NFN), and tetracycline (Tc), respectively. All strains were stored at −80°C
in 30% glycerol [v/v]. For plasmid preparation, *E. coli* transformants were cultured in LB. For the selection
of the second *P. viridiflava* homologous recombination event, LB supplemented with sucrose (10 g/L
tryptone, 5 g/L yeast extract, 10% (W/V) filtered sucrose, 15 g/L agar) plates were used.

Tailocin extraction and partial purification

Methods were adapted from Backman et al. 2024. Overnight cultures were back-diluted into 50 ml of fresh
LB to extract and isolate tailocins from the *P. viridiflava* strains. When cultures reached an exponential
growth phase [an optical density at 600 nm (OD600) of 0.4 to 0.6), 5 μg/ml MMC (Selleck, catalog no.

S8146) was added to induce the bacterial SOS response and tailocin induction. The cultures were then
incubated at 28°C for a minimum of 18 hours and then centrifuged at 4°C for 1 hour at 1,400×g to pellet
cell debris. The supernatants were sterilized by filtration with 0.2-μm cellulose acetate filters. To precipitate
tailocins, 40% (w/v) of ammonium sulfate was slowly added to the filter-sterilized tailocin lysate while
stirring on ice. The lysate was left stirring on ice for at least 18 hours. After 18 hours at 4°C, the ammonium
sulfate was pelleted by centrifugation at 2,090 × g for 2 hours at 4°C. The supernatant was discarded, and
the pellet was resuspended in 500 μl of cold P-buffer (100 mM NaCl, 8 mM MgSO4, 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH
7.5) and stored at 4°C. Tailocin lysates were used fresh or for up to 2 weeks and stored at 4°C.

Testing bacterial sensitivity to tailocins with spot test phenotypic assays
Methods were adapted from Backman et al. 2024. Briefly, to test the sensitivity of the different bacterial
strains to the tailocins, soft agar assays were performed using an adaptation of a protocol from Vacheron et
al.[29]. Overnight cultures (750 μl) of each strain were mixed with 25 ml of LB soft agar (0.8%), and the
mixture was poured into a square plate and left to harden. Then, aliquots of 3 μl of concentrated tailocins
suspension were applied to the agar, along with a control of P-buffer alone and noninduced cultures in serial
dilutions. The plates were incubated overnight at 28°C. Bacterial sensitivity or resistance to the tailocins
was assessed after 24 hours. No plaques were observed when testing serially diluted tailocins, suggesting
that the killing agent is nonreplicative and not a phage. The p25.A12 tailocin can kill p25.C2 WT, and was
used for mutant spot test phenotypic assays. There were three biological replicates per condition and eight
serial dilutions.

Plant infections of *Pseudomonas* natural isolates
A. thaliana genotypes Eyach 1.5-2 (15-2) and Col-0 were grown axenically and infected with single
Pseudomonas strains as described in[6]. In brief, seeds were sterilized by overnight incubation at −80°C,
followed by 4 hours of bleach treatment at room temperature (seeds in an open 2 mL tube in a desiccator
containing a beaker with 40 mL Chlorox and 1 mL HCl (32%)). Seeds were then stratified for three days at
4°C in the dark on ½ MS media. Plants were grown in 3-4 mL ½ MS medium in six-well plates in long-
day (16 hours) at 23°C. 12-14 days after stratification, plants were infected with single bacterial strains.
Pseudomonas overnight cultures were diluted at 1:10 in 5 mL of selective media and grown for an
additional three hours. Bacteria were then centrifuged at 3500 g and the pellets diluted to an optical density
(OD600) of 0.01 in 10 mM MgSO$_4$. A hundred microliters of this bacterial suspension were used to drip-
inoculate plants, distributing the volume over the whole rosette. Plants were infected with 10 mM MgSO$_4$
as a control. The plates were sealed with parafilm and then returned to the growth chamber. Seven days
after infection, pictures of rosettes were taken for green pixel quantification. At least three biological
replicates were performed per infection.

Plant health quantification with green pixels
For plant health quantification, plates were photographed seven days post-infection, with a tripod-mounted
Canon PowerShot G12 digital camera. Individual plants were extracted from whole-plate images as
described in [14]. The number of green pixels was determined for each plant and used as a proxy for plant
fresh mass. The segmentation of the plant from the background was performed by applying thresholds in
LAB color space, followed by a series of morphological operations to remove noise and non-plant objects.
Finally, a GrabCut-based postprocessing was applied, and CSV files with plant IDs and green pixel counts

were created. The workflow was implemented in Python 3.6 and bash using OpenCV 3.1.0 and scikit-image

0.13.0 for image processing operations[14].

Competitive mutant fitness assays *in planta*

Columbia-0 (Col-0) and Eyach 1.5-2 WT *A. thaliana* plants were grown under long-day conditions (16

hours light, 8 hours dark) in an AR41L3 Percival detector with 60% intensity of the SciWhite LED lights.

Seedlings were grown in 24-well plates (Greiner Bio-One, catalog no. 6621665). Thirteen-day-old

seedlings were used for the infections. Plants were infected with bacterial suspension of the *P. viridiflava*

p25.C2 saturation mutagenesis library at an OD_{600} of 0.02. Each plant was infected with 200 μL of bacterial

suspension. Each biological sample contained two infected plants. Three days after infection, samples were

collected in 2-mL deep-well plates and snap-frozen. Material was ground using two 5-mm glass beads and

DNA was extracted using the Puregene extraction kit (QIAGEN Gmbh, Hilden, Germany).

RB-TnSeq and analysis of RB-TnSeq data

Methods were adapted from Backman et al. 2024. Briefly, genomic DNA was extracted and barcode PCR

was performed as described in[15]. DNA extractions were quantified with NanoDrop 1000 (ThermoFisher

Scientific). Barcode sequence data were obtained by multiplexing on a partial NovaSeq X plus lane

(Illumina, San Diego, United States) at Novogene (Novogene Corporation Inc., Sacramento, United States).

Fitness data were calculated and analyzed from these reads with the DESeq2 R package[30], and scripts can

be found on our GitHub page.

Construction of the p25.C2 *Pseudomonas* gene deletions

The p25.C2 mutant strains (Δ*OBC*, Δ*wfgD*, Δ*rmlC_1*, Δ*tagG_2*, Δ*tagH_2*, Δ*epsE_4*, and Δ*spsA*) were

obtained using the Gateway cloning system with the donor vector pDONR1K18ms (Addgene plasmid no.

72644) and the destination vector pDEST2T18ms (Addgene plasmid no. 72647). Briefly, attB-flanked

upstream and downstream gene fragments were ordered from TWIST[31] (**Table S5**). BP and LR reactions

were conducted in the one-tube format using the attB-flanked fragments. The resulting expression clone

was transformed into competent *E. coli* DH5α and then introduced into recipient cells (*P. viridiflava*

p25.C2) by conjugation. Recombinant cells (merodiploids) were selected for with the antibiotic resistance

conferred by the expression clone and verified with PCR and gel electrophoresis. Positive colonies were

purified by streaking onto new plates. Purified merodiploids were grown overnight without the antibiotic

conferred by the expression clone to allow for another recombination event and then plated on 10% D-

sucrose for *sacB* counterselection. Colonies were examined by PCR and verified by DNA sequencing

(GeneWiz). The plasmids for *tagH_2* and *spsA* were ordered directly from TWIST.

LPS isolation and purification

Bacteria were grown overnight at 28 °C under vigorous agitation (200 rpm). The suspensions were

centrifuged, and the pellets were washed three times in PBS. Wet cell pastes were stored at -70 °C until

LPS extraction. The cells were uniformly suspended in deionized water (ratio 1:5 w/v) and the suspensions

were brought up to 68 °C with gentle stirring. The extraction was performed by adding an equal volume of

preheated to 68 °C 90% liquefied phenol (w/w) and stirring for 20 min at 68 °C, following the Westphal

procedure[32] and as previously described[7]. Nucleic acids and proteins were removed by treatment with

Benzonase (15 U/mL of LPS stock for 18 h, 37 °C, in the 50 mM $MgCl_2$ and 20 mM NaOAc buffer at the

pH 7.6), followed by Proteinase K (0.66U/ mL, 18 h, 37 °C), and dialysis (12-14,000 MWCO) at 4 °C

against several exchanges of deionized water. Dialyzed fractions were freeze-dried, dissolved, and
precipitated three times in cold (-20 °C) 90% EtOH. LPS pellets were freeze-dried again and dissolved in
deionized water, and additionally purified by ultracentrifugation at 100,000 × g at 4 °C for 16 h. The
enzymatic purification and the ultracentrifugation were repeated twice to obtain ultrapure LPS, which was
verified by chemical analysis.
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Analysis of pure LPS by DOC-PAGE
One microgram of purified LPS samples in Laemmli buffer were resolved in 0.75mm-Polyacrylamide gel
electrophoresis (PAGE, 4% stacking gel and 18% resolving gel) in the presence of deoxycholic acid (DOC)
detergent[33]. for 1 h at 400 V, 30 mA. *Salmonella enterica* ser. *typhimurium* S-type LPS (O-antigen
producing strain) was used as a standard. The PAGE was fixed overnight in an aqueous solution of 40%
ethanol and 5% acetic acid, and the LPSs were visualized using a silver stain reagent kit (Bio-Rad, CA,
USA) after oxidation with sodium periodate.
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Chemical analysis of pure LPS
Analysis of the glycosyl residues constituting LPS was achieved by derivatizing the samples to O-
trimethylsilyl (TMS) methyl glycosides. Briefly, samples were methanolyzed with 1 M HCl-methanol at
80 °C for 18 h, re-N-acetylated at 100 °C for 1 h, and O-trimethylsilylated with Tri-Sil reagent (Thermo-
Fisher) at 80 °C for 30 min. Each sample was supplemented with an internal standard of myo-inositol [34,35].
GC-MS analysis of the LPS derivatives was performed on an Agilent AT 7890A GC system interfaced to
a 5975B MSD using an Equity-1 (Supelco) fused silica capillary column (30 m length × 0.25 mm ID × 0.25
μm film thickness). The temperature gradient was 80 °C for 2 min, then increased to 140 °C at 20 °C/min
with a 2-min hold, followed by an increase to 200 °C at 2 °C/min. Finally, the temperature was increased
to 250 °C at 30 °C/min with a 5-min hold. The data were processed using Agilent ChemStation.
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Plant infection by flood inoculation
To evaluate the growth of p25.C2 WT and O-antigen mutants *in planta*, Columbia-0 and Eyach 1.5-2 WT
A. thaliana plants were grown under long-day conditions (16 hours light, 8 hours dark) in an AR41L3
Percival detector with 60% intensity of the SciWhite LED lights. Seedlings were grown in 24-well plates
(Greiner Bio-One, catalog no. 6621665). Thirteen-day-old seedlings were used for the infections. Plants
were infected with bacterial suspension of the *P. viridiflava* strain p25.C2, O-antigen mutants, or buffer (10
mM MgSO4). All bacterial strains were tagged with luciferase[14]. Bacteria were grown overnight and diluted
1:10 on the day of the infection. Cells were grown for another 3 hours and then collected and resuspended
in 10 mM MgSO4 to a final OD600 of 0.01. The plants were flood-inoculated for 1 min in a randomized
manner with 1 mL of treatment (WT, mutant, or buffer).
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Bacterial fitness evaluation
After flood-inoculation, plants were grown for 7 days and then collected. The collected plants were ground
in 1 ml of 10 mM $MgSO_4$ using the Qiagen tissue lyser II, and 200 μl of the suspension was used to measure
luciferase activity with a microplate plate reader (Spark®, TECAN, Switzerland). Plants infected with
$MgSO_4$ were used as controls. In total, 24 plants were used for each strain or buffer. Plants were blindly
scored as healthy (only green, healthy tissue), diseased (chlorosis phenotype, may have some white tissue),
or dead (necrosis phenotype, full white tissue).

To assess differences in bacterial growth across strains, we used linear mixed-effects models with batch as a random effect and strain as a fixed effect, using the lmer() function in the lme4 R package. Pairwise comparisons between WT and mutant strains were performed using the emmeans() function from the emmeans package. P-values were adjusted for multiple comparisons using the False Discovery Rate (FDR) method, accounting for all pairwise contrasts among strains. This approach enabled us to test for significant differences in colonization while controlling for inflated Type I error rates resulting from multiple tests.

Oxidative stress tolerance assays

Methods were adapted from Binesse et al., 2015[36]. To assess sensitivity to reactive oxygen species, we measured growth of WT and O-antigen mutants across a range of hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) concentrations using a microplate growth assay. Overnight cultures were diluted into fresh medium and inoculated into 96-well plates containing 0–10 mM H_2O_2 in technical replicates. Optical density (OD_{600}) was recorded every 15 minutes for 24 hours at 28°C using a microplate reader (Spark®, TECAN, Switzerland). Four biological replicates were done.

For each plate (replicate), raw OD_{600} time series were converted to growth area (AUC) using the trapezoidal rule over 0–24 h. AUC values for each strain were normalized to their respective 0 mM control to yield AUC_{rel0}. To account for plate-to-plate variation in baseline H_2O_2 potency, we estimated a per-plate WT minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC), defined as the first concentration where mean AUC_{rel0} dropped below 0.1. All H_2O_2 concentrations on that plate were then scaled by the corresponding WT MIC to generate a standardized dose axis ($H_2O_2\_scaled$).

To test for differences in dose-response profiles between WT and O-antigen mutants, we fitted a linear mixed-effects model of log-transformed AUC values, $log(AUC_{rel0})$ = strain × $H_2O_2\_scaled$ + (1 | replicate), using the lmerTest package in R. Estimated marginal means (EMMs) and pairwise contrasts versus WT were computed with the emmeans package on the response scale.

To directly compare MIC values, we also estimated a strain-specific MIC for each replicate using linear interpolation of AUC_{rel0} versus H_2O_2 concentration. A second mixed model of log-transformed MIC values, $log(MIC)$ = strain + (1 | replicate), was used to test for differences in inhibitory thresholds.

Disk diffusion assays

Bacteria were grown for 16 h at 28 °C with vigorous agitation (200 rpm). Suspensions were back-diluted 1:10 in 5 mL of selective liquid medium and grown for an additional 3 h. Suspensions were adjusted to OD600nm = 0.6 and streaked as a thin, uniform layer onto selective solid medium using sterile cotton swabs. Sterile 6 mm filter paper disks were saturated with 20 uL of antimicrobial compound solutions (polymyxin B or colistin sulfate) prepared at concentrations ranging from 0 to 500 ug/mL. Once dried, the disks were placed on the bacterial layer, ensuring sufficient distance between them to prevent overlap of inhibition zones. Inhibition radii were measured after overnight static incubation at 28 °C. The absence of significant differences among strains at each compound concentration was assessed using either one-way ANOVA or Kruskal–Wallis tests, as appropriate.

Aggregation formation assay

Aggregation formation was assessed using a 96-well plate growth assay. Overnight cultures of each strain were grown in LB medium at 28 °C with shaking. The following day, cultures were back-diluted 1:10 in fresh LB and grown to an OD_{600} of approximately 0.5. Each culture was then diluted 1:40, and 200 µL of

the resulting suspension was added to wells of a sterile, flat-bottom polystyrene 96-well plate (≥10 technical
replicates per strain). Wells containing 200 µL of sterile LB served as negative controls. Plates were
incubated statically at 28 °C for 48 h. Biofilm formation assays were done in three biological replicates.
After incubation, wells were visually blindly scored as aggregation (visible surface-associated
growth), no aggregation (turbid growth without surface attachment), or clear (no growth). For statistical
analyses, aggregation presence/absence was coded as a binary trait. Proportional differences among strains
were first tested with a Pearson's chi-square test, followed by pairwise Fisher's exact tests comparing each
mutant to the WT strain (p25.C2). Resulting p-values were adjusted for multiple testing using the
Benjamini-Hochberg procedure.
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Immune gene expression assessment
Following flood-inoculation, rosettes were collected at 0, 2, 6, 10, 24, 48 and 72 hours post-infection. For
each treatment modality at each time point, three individual plants were pooled to form one biological
replicate, and this was repeated 3 times to obtain the biological replicates. Samples were snap frozen
immediately after collection and stored at -80 °C until RNA extraction. Frozen material was ground using
the Qiagen tissue lyser II and total RNA was extracted with TRIzol™ reagent (#15596026; Invitrogen,
Thermo Fisher Scientific, MA, USA). RNA concentration, purity and integrity were verified
spectrophotometrically and by gel electrophoresis. One microgram of RNA was treated with 1 unit of
DNase I (#EN052; Thermo Fisher Scientific, MA, USA) and reverse-transcribed using 50 ng of random
hexamers and 200 units of SuperScript™ IV (#18090200; Thermo Fisher Scientific, MA, USA). The
resulting cDNA was treated with 2 units of *E. coli* RNase H (#18090200; Thermo Fisher Scientific, MA,
USA) and diluted 1:20 to serve as a template for *PP2A* amplification (27 cycles), confirming successful
cDNA synthesis. Samples were diluted 1:50 and used as templates for qPCR reactions performed with
Luna® Universal qPCR Master Mix (New England Biolabs, MA, USA), using 20% of cDNA per reaction.
All samples from one biological replicate were run on a single 384-well qPCR plate, with three technical
replicates per target gene. Amplification was performed on a CFX Opus 384 Real-time PCR system (**Table
S6**) and melt curves quality was assessed using the Maestro CX software (Bio-Rad, CA, USA).
Amplification data were analyzed in RStudio using the chipPCR and qpcR packages. PCR efficiencies were
calculated for each individual well and incorporated into the computation of mean normalized
expression[37,38]. Expression of *FRK1*, *WRKY29*, *NHL10*, *PAD3*, *PDF1.2*, and *PR1* was quantified over time
relative to the housekeeping gene *PP2A*, and normalized to the mock-treated samples at each time point.
For each target gene, significant differences between the WT and O-antigen mutants at each time point
were assessed using one-way ANOVA or Kruskal–Wallis tests, as appropriate.
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DNA extraction, library preparation and sequencing of *A. thaliana* herbarium specimens
Herbarium specimens of *Arabidopsis thaliana* spanning almost two centuries (between 1817 and 2015)
were obtained from seven European institutions: Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde Stuttgart (Stuttgart,
Germany), the Herbarium Tubingense (Tübingen, Germany), Lund University Botanical Museum (Lund,
Sweden), the herbarium at the Biological Museum Oskarshamn (Oskarshamn, Sweden), the herbarium at
Real Jardín Botánico (Madrid, Spain), the Herbario de Málaga (Malaga, Spain) and The Natural History
Museum's herbarium (London, United Kingdom). Small tissue samples (~0.7 cm^2) were collected for DNA
extraction and sequencing, with care taken to minimize visible damage. Each sample specimen was labelled
with collection details and internal identifiers, and DNA extraction followed established protocols[17].

DNA from herbarium specimens was extracted and processed into single-stranded Illumina
libraries at the UCSC Ancient and Degraded DNA Processing Center following Kapp et al. [39] with
suggested modification from Nguyen et al. [40]. Strict contamination control and cleanroom procedures were
implemented. Libraries were initially shallow-sequenced on an Illumina NextSeq 550 to assess DNA
quality and plant endogenous DNA content, then sequenced on a NovaSeq X Plus (2x150 bp), while
adjusting per-sample concentration in the DNA pools to finally achieve an average depth around 9x for the
host *A. thaliana* genome of each sample. All sequencing reads have been deposited in the European
Nucleotide Archive (ENA) under project ID: PRJEB98841.
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Historical reads processing, mapping and authentication
We identified *Pseudomonas*-derived reads in 49 *A. thaliana* herbarium specimens collected across Europe
between 1817 and 2015, comprising two previously published datasets [41,42] and 31 newly sequenced
herbarium samples from this study (**Table S7**). Before read mapping, we used AdapterRemoval v2.3.3 [43]
to trim adapters, remove low-quality bases, and collapse overlapping paired-end reads. Host-derived reads
were removed by mapping all merged reads to the *A. thaliana* TAIR10 reference genome [44] using BWA
aln v0.7.17 [45], with the seed disabled to improve alignment of damaged historical reads [17]. For each library,
reads that could not be merged due to long insert sizes were mapped independently as forward and reverse
reads. Subsequently, merged and unmerged reads were combined into a single BAM file per library. The
remaining unmapped reads were then mapped to the *P. viridiflava* ATUE5 p25.C2 reference genome[6] using
the same approach. PCR duplicates were removed, and mapped reads were filtered for mapping quality ≥ 20
using samtools v1.11[46]. To authenticate the historical nature of both *A. thaliana*- and *Pseudomonas*-mapped
reads we used mapDamage2 v2.20 [47], which generated misincorporation patterns and length distributions
typical of ancient DNA.
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Phylogenetic placement of historical *Pseudomonas* in the context of modern diversity
To determine the phylogenetic placement of the 49 historical *Pseudomonas* strains in the context of modern
diversity, we used a set of 83 contemporary genomes representing the known diversity of *Pseudomonas*
segregating in wild populations. Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) were identified using bcftools
v1.11 with the parameter -ploidy 1 [46], filtered for quality (QUAL >= 20), merged across samples, and
restricted to biallelic sites with no missing data. A maximum-likelihood tree was constructed from 3,095
biallelic SNPs detected in at least 95% of isolates using IQ-TREE v2.1.4 [48] applying TVM+F+ASC+R3 as
the best substitution model [49]. Historical strains clustering within the modern ATUE5 clade were classified
as ATUE5. To examine the diversity within the ATUE5 lineage, we constructed a phylogeny using 53
modern and 43 historical ATUE5 genomes. SNPs were identified and filtered as described above, yielding
a total of 8,184 biallelic SNPs. A maximum likelihood tree was constructed also using IQ-TREE v2.1.4 [48]
applying TVM+F+ASC+R4 as the best substitution model [49].
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Ascertainment of tail fiber assembly (TFA) and hypothetical tail fiber (HTF) haplotypes in historical
samples
To capture reads representing the full spectrum of tailocin genetic diversity, we extended the *P. viridiflava*
p25.C2 reference genome with six major haplotypes of the highly polymorphic tail fiber (*HTF*) and tail
fiber assembly (*TFA*) genes [7]. Historical *P. viridiflava* reads were then mapped to this extended reference
as described above. Reads mapping to the tailocin cluster between the flanking genes *trpE* and *trpG*, as
well as all reads mapping to any haplotype of the *HTF* and *TFA* genes were used for *de novo* assembly

using SPAdes v3.15.0 [50]. Collinearity between the resulting assemblies and the reference *HTF* and *TFA*
genes was assessed using Minimap2 v2.28 [50,51], and the best-matching *HTF* and *TFA* variants for each
assembly were identified by ranking the proportion of coverage obtained from the Minimap2 mapping.
To determine *HTF* haplotypes in historical strains that had insufficient coverage for *de novo* assembly of
the *HTF* gene, we performed *k*-mer–based classification of *HTF* sequences. Reference sets of unique *k*-
mers (k = 31) were constructed from the seven *HTF* variants (**Fig. S16**). Only *k*-mers exclusive to any of
the *HTF* haplotypes and absent from whole-genome backgrounds were retained. To enhance the
discriminatory power of our analysis, we filtered *k*-mers across haplotypes to ensure a minimum edit
distance of ≥2 between them. The only exception was the haplotype with the smallest *k*-mer set
(HTF_p23.B8), for which *k*-mers were removed only from the larger overlapping sets. Using this set of
filtered *HTF* haplotype *k*-mers, we queried *k*-mer match counts for each historical isolate with Jellyfish
v2.2.10 [52] (**Fig. S17**) (all additional *k*-mer profiles are available on GitHub). Additionally, we removed *k*-
mers with a fold coverage less than the genome-wide mean minus 0.5 standard deviations. For each isolate,
we calculated the proportion of *k*-mers matching each haplotype and assigned the haplotype with the highest
proportion as the dominant one (**Table S8**). In cases where multiple haplotypes displayed similar dominant
proportions, potential co-infections were recorded and confirmed through inspection of genome-wide *k*-
mer profiles (**Fig. S17**). Modern high-quality reads were used as benchmarks to validate the *k*-mer approach
and compare it with the local assembly method (**Fig. S13**).
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O-antigen biosynthesis cluster (OBC) gene presence/absence analysis
We determined the presence of six O-antigen biosynthesis genes (*wfgD, rmlC_1, tagG_2, tagH_2, spsA,*
and *epsE_4*) [7]. A gene was considered present if it met both of the following criteria: (i) a breadth of
coverage ≥ 65% and (ii) a mean depth ≥ the genome-wide average minus 0.25 standard deviations of each
isolate; otherwise, it was considered absent.
The *epsE_4* locus required additional analysis because of its extended length (~4.5 kb) and high
allelic divergence (**Table S8; see GitHub**). For a fraction of modern strains, the mapping to the *P.*
viridiflava p25.C2 *epsE_4* reference resulted in the full recovery of the *epsE_4* gene. In other modern
strains, we resorted in the previously published de novo assemblies [7] to extend from the conserved mapped
region on the assembled contig. This process generated a set of diverse modern *epsE_4* variants. For
historical isolates lacking whole-genome assemblies, the modern haplotype set was used as a reference for
local assembly. Reads mapping to any variant were extracted and assembled locally using SPAdes v3.15.0.
[50]. Assembled contigs were then aligned against the modern haplotypes with Minimap2 v2.28 [51] to identify
the best-matching variant.
For both modern and historical datasets, rescued *espE4* sequences were translated into amino acids
using ExPASy [53] and EMBOSS Transeq [54]. Amino acid sequences were then aligned with Clustal Omega
[55]. The resulting multiple sequence alignments and allele length distributions are provided in the
supplementary materials (**Table S8; see GitHub**).
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Linkage disequilibrium and recombination analysis
To evaluate the impact of recombination on the association between *HTF* length variants and OBC
haplotypes, we quantified genome-wide linkage disequilibrium (LD) and recombination across
Pseudomonas viridiflava ATUE5. Variant calling was performed on 53 modern ATUE5 genomes using
bcftools v1.11 [46], following the same procedure used for phylogenetic reconstruction. A total of 298,977
SNPs were retained and reformatted to include only the genotype (GT) field for LD estimation. Pairwise

LD (r^2) was computed using VCFtools v0.1.17 with the --hap-r2 function [56]. LD decay was calculated for
SNP pairs separated by 0–2 kb using all SNPs, whereas for 2–2000 kb using a random subset of 2% to
reduce computation time. The median r^2 values were calculated after binning SNP pairs by distance (5 bp
bins for short-range and 10 kb bins for long-range intervals).
To further quantify genome-wide recombination, the same 53 modern genomes were analyzed
using Recophy [20] with the *P. viridiflava* p25.C2 reference genome under default settings. Recophy mixture-
model–based approach to estimate whether SNPs across all pairwise genome comparisons arise via
mutation (clonal fraction) or recombination (recombining fraction), from which the ratio of recombined to
clonal SNPs was calculated.
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Plant infection by syringe-infiltration and bacterial population size assessment
Bacteria were grown for 16 h at 28 °C with vigorous agitation (200 rpm). Suspensions were back-diluted
1:10 in 5 mL of selective liquid medium and incubated for an additional 3 h. Cells were centrifuged and
pellets were washed 3 times with 10 mM MgSO4 (5 mL). Suspensions were adjusted to OD600nm = 0.1
(10^8 CFU/mL), 0.01 (10^7 CFU/mL) and 0.001 (10^6 CFU/mL). Ten-week-old *Arabidopsis thaliana*
plants of the Eyach 1.5-2 and Col-0 ecotypes, grown under long-day conditions (16 h light, constant 23 °C),
were used for the infiltration, selecting two leaves at the same phenological stage from 3 individual plants
for each treatment. Using a tip-less 1mL-syringe, half of each leaf was infiltrated on the abaxial face with
either mock solution (10 mM MgSO4) or bacterial suspension (final volume = *ca.* 5-15 uL). Infiltrated
plants were returned to the growth chamber and incubated under a transparent plastic lid to maintain high
humidity. At two and five days post-infiltration, infiltrated leaves were collected and ground in 1 mL of 10
mM MgSO$_4$. Homogenates were serially diluted (five 1:10 dilutions), and three 10 μL drops of each dilution
were spotted onto selective solid medium. After 48 h of static incubation at 28 °C, colonies were counted
in each drop to estimate bacterial population size. Significant differences between the WT and O-antigen
mutant for each condition were assessed using a Student's t-test, Welch's t-test, or Wilcoxon rank-sum test,
as appropriate.
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Bacterial growth *in vitro*
Bacteria were grown overnight at 28 °C with vigorous agitation (200 rpm). Cells were centrifuged and
overnight pellets were washed three times with PBS. Suspensions were adjusted to OD600nm = 0.01 in
liquid LB. Two hundred microliters of suspensions were aliquoted in a 96-well flat transparent plate,
considering 4 technical replicates per strain. LB media with no inoculum (sterile) provided the reference
for optical density measurements The plate was placed in a humidity cassette and then loaded into the
microplate reader (Spark®, TECAN, Switzerland) where it was continuously shaken and incubated at 28
°C, and optical density at 600 nm was measured every 15 minutes for 24 h. Statistical analysis was
performed with three independent biological replicates. Growth curve parameters were extracted using the
growthcurver R package and differences were assessed by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA1)
followed by Tukey's post hoc test for each parameter.
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743 **Contributions**
744 TB, JC, EC, MH, TLK and HAB devised the study. IB and MN developed the pipeline for analyzing plant
745 growth. TB, EC, EB, ES, PG and AP performed plant growth and tailocin treatment experiments. TB, JC,
746 EC, SL, TLK and HAB analyzed the data. SL, LL, JL, JE, GM, HAB and PL generated and provided the

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Figure 1: Decreased tailocin activity and increased virulence are associated with the
presence of the focal O-antigen Biosynthesis Cluster (OBC) in wild populations of *P.*
***viridiflava*. A.** Tailocin killing matrix showing sensitivity (yellow), resistance (purple), or missing
data (gray) across a panel of 50 *P. viridiflava* strains. Each row is a tester strain, and each column
represents a tailocin from a naturally co-occurring producer strain, annotated below the heatmap
and colored by its tail fiber (HTF) length variant. There are representative tailocins from all four
HTF length variants previously characterized. **B.** Tailocins from OBC- strains exhibit significantly
broader killing spectra than those from OBC+ strains, killing a higher proportion of tester strains
(two-sided Wilcoxon rank-sum test, p < 0.01; data derived from A). Boxes display the median,
interquartile range, and individual outliers. **C.** Infections with OBC- strains resulted in significantly

higher mean green pixel counts compared to OBC+ strains, indicating reduced disease severity
(n = 77 strains; two-sided Wilcoxon rank-sum test, W = 574, p = 0.009963). Boxes display the
median, interquartile range, and outliers. **D.** Schematic describing the hypothesis for why we see
variation in the success of competitors and colonizers in wild plant populations. Created in
https://BioRender.com.

Figure 2: Tailocin resistance mutations in the OBC impair bacterial colonization in
***Arabidopsis thaliana*. A.** Schematic of the RB-TnSeq experimental design. A barcoded
transposon mutant library of *P. viridiflava* strain p25.C2 was subjected to two separate treatments:
(i) tailocin exposure in liquid culture (data from Backman et al. 2024), and (ii) leaf infiltration into
A. thaliana ecotypes Eyach 1.5-2 and Col-0. Mutant fitness was inferred from barcode abundance
post-selection, and each gene was categorized based on relative fitness across both conditions
together: $-/-$ = mutually detrimental, $+/+$ = mutually beneficial, $+/-$ = resistance trade-off, $-/+$ =
mon-focal trade-off. **B.** Scatterplot of the $\log_2$ fold change in barcode abundance during leaf
colonization in Eyach 1.5-2 (x-axis) versus tailocin treatment (y-axis). Each point represents one
gene (mean across barcodes). Significance is indicated by opacity: opaque points mark genes
significant in both ecotypes ($p < 0.05$), while lighter points indicate nonsignificance in at least one
condition. Shapes denote fitness outcome categories (mutual benefit, mutual detriment, non-focal
trade-off, or resistance trade-off in both ecotypes). Labeled genes correspond to focal O-antigen
biosynthesis cluster resistance trade-off genes. **C.** Gene diagram of the OBC on the *P. viridiflava*
strain p25.C2 chromosome. Genes are colored based on statistical significance in each assay:
resistance trade-off (green), mutual detriment (black), or no data (grey). **D.** Simplified schematic
of O-antigen biosynthesis. (1) Nucleotide sugars are synthetized from phosphorylated
monosaccharide precursors. (2) Sugars are sequentially transferred onto a lipid carrier, forming
the O-antigen repeat unit and eventually the O-antigen polymer. (3) The O-antigen is ligated to
the lipid A-core oligosaccharide to produce lipopolysaccharide (LPS), which is transported across
the outer membrane (4). Resistance trade-off genes encode sugar nucleotide synthases and
glycosyltransferases involved in these steps, indicating that disrupting any part of this pathway
can confer tailocin resistance at the cost of reduced colonization. Created in
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Figure 3: O-antigen mutants lack O-antigen chains, proliferate less *in planta*, and improve
plant health outcomes. A. The LPS of the O-antigen knockouts were extracted and visualized
with a silver-stained DOC-PAGE gel. Some mutants lack the high molecular weight O-antigen
band, while *ΔrmlC_1* still has the O-antigen band. **B.** Tailocin killing assay using partially purified
tailocin from p25.A12 applied to soft agar with each O-antigen mutant or wild-type (WT). Killing is
shown by zones of inhibition. Six mutants exhibit resistance to tailocin-mediated killing. *ΔrmlC_1*
appears to be even more sensitive than WT. Representative results from three GRGbiological
replicates are shown. **C.** *Pseudomonas* strains tagged with luciferase were flood-inoculated onto
Arabidopsis thaliana seedlings (Col-0 or Eyach 1.5-2 background). Bacterial load was quantified
by luminescence 7 days post-infection (dpi). Points represent replicate measurements of fold
change in Lux signal from 0 dpi to 7 dpi (log-transformed). Mutants generally showed reduced
bacterial growth compared to wild-type (WT). Horizontal bars indicate mean ± standard error;
letters indicate statistical groupings by a linear mixed model with random intercept for batch.

Figure 4. Century-long association between tailocin and O-antigen variants in *P. viridiflava*.
A. Temporal and geographic distribution of historical and modern *Pseudomonas* genomes. The maximum-likelihood tree includes 83 modern *Pseudomonas* strains representing the known diversity segregating in wild populations, together with 49 historical herbarium-derived strains. The type of strain and its phylogenetic classification are indicated in the inset. The map shows the country of origin of each strain, with point locations placed arbitrarily within each country. The type of strain and its corresponding tail fiber (*HTF)* length variant are also indicated in the inset. The temporal distribution of historical and modern samples is shown below, with shape and color codes matching those in the map. Historical strains are positioned according to their collection dates, whereas a horizontal jitter was applied to modern samples (collected in 2018) for visualization. A random vertical jitter was applied to all samples for visual clarity. **B.** Patterns of presence and absence of six OBC genes and their association with *HTF* length variants in historical (brown) and modern (green) genomes. **C.** Proportion of *HTF* length variants and their association with the presence or absence of the O-antigen biosynthesis cluster (OBC). The upper panel shows the frequency of *HTF* length variants in historical and modern strains, the middle panel groups *HTF* length haplotypes according to their association with the presence or absence of the OBC, while the lower panel compares the distribution of *HTF* length variants between German historical strains (n = 8) and modern strains downsampled to the same sample size. **D.** Conceptual model of long-term HTF-O-antigen coevolution in natural *Pseudomonas* populations. This schematic illustrates how fluctuating selection between competitive and colonization contexts may maintain diversity in tailocin tailfiber (HTF) and O-antigen variants over time. Four major *HTF* length variants (1245 bp, 1383 bp, 1803 bp, and 1830 bp) co-occur in natural populations, each represented by a distinct color (yellow, blue, dark red, and pink, respectively). Strains with 1245 bp and 1803 bp *HTF* possess the OBC-mediated O-antigen, while 1383 bp and 1830 bp variants lack OBC genes, reflecting differences in tailocin susceptibility and colonization potential. The lower panel depicts how ecological conditions cyclically favor different strategies: under competitive conditions, strains producing tailocins with the 1383-bp *HTF* variant gain advantage, whereas under host-associated or colonization-favoring conditions, variants with the OBC-mediated O-antigen perform better. These opposing pressures have likely acted for at least 200 years, maintaining polymorphism in *HTF* length and associated O-antigen. Created in https://BioRender.com.

Figure S1: Bacterial population size of p25.C2 WT and O-antigen mutant *ΔwfgD* in Col-0 and Eyach 1.5-2 at 2 and 5 days post-infiltration (dpi) at different inoculum concentrations. The population size of the WT strain was significantly smaller than that of the *ΔwfgD* mutant in all but one condition. Differences between the two strains were assessed using a Student's t-test, Welch's t-test, or Wilcoxon rank-sum test, as appropriate (p-values: *** < 0.001, ** < 0.01, * < 0.05). Data represent 3 technical replicates per condition across 6 biological replicates.

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Figure S2: Proportion of plants exhibiting diseased/dead (purple) or healthy (yellow) phenotypes
7 dpi. Across both ecotypes, O-antigen mutants tended to show a higher proportion of healthy
plants than WT, although differences were not statistically significant after multiple testing
corrections. WT caused disease more frequently but not uniformly, indicating variability in
pathogenic outcomes or flood inoculation. Photos of representative diseased, dead, and healthy
plants are shown below the legend. Each well is 1.5 cm across.

Figure S3: Mean bacterial load (x-axis) is negatively associated with plant health (y-axis) across strains. Each point represents a strain's average 7 dpi fold change (from Fig. 4C) and the corresponding proportion of healthy plants (from Fig. S2). Linear regressions are shown for each ecotype. Across all strains, higher bacterial load tended to predict reduced plant health (pooled model $R^2 = 0.45$, p = 0.037; slope p = 0.086), although this trend was not significant within Col-0 ($R^2 = 0.18$, p = 0.34) and only slightly in Eyach 1.5-2 ($R^2 = 0.52$, p = 0.066), reflecting background-specific variation in the relationship between colonization and disease severity.

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1031 **Figure S4: Growth curves *in vitro* of p25.C2 (WT) and the O-antigen mutants.** Overnight
1032 cultures were adjusted to OD600nm = 0.01 in rich medium (LB) and absorbance was measured
1033 for 24 h. Data represent 4 technical replicates per strain across 3 independent biological
1034 replicates. Significant differences among strains are reported in Table S3.

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Figure S5: Proportion of wells displaying visible aggregation phenotypes after 48 hours of
static incubation at 28°C. Wells were categorized as clear (no growth), growth with no
aggregation, or growth with aggregation. All O-antigen mutants except *ΔrmlC* showed significantly
higher aggregation frequency than the WT strain (p25.C2; Fisher's exact test, Benjamini–
Hochberg-adjusted $p < 10^{-16}$). Data represent 10 technical replicates per strain across 3 biological
replicates. Representative photographs illustrate each phenotype category: clear, growth without
aggregation, and growth with aggregation.

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Figure S6: Sensitivity to polymyxin B (A) and polymyxin E (B) in p25.C2 (WT) and the O-
antigen mutant. Filter paper disks were saturated with varying quantities of each polymyxin and
placed onto freshly streaked bacterial lawns on rich agar medium (LB). Inhibition radii were
measured after overnight static incubation at 28 °C. Data represent 3 technical replicates per
condition across 3 biological replicates. The absence of significant difference among strains at
each compound concentration was assessed using one-way ANOVA or Kruskal–Wallis tests, as
appropriate.

Figure S7: O-antigen mutants and WT exhibit equivalent tolerance to oxidative stress.
Area-under-the-curve (AUC) values from growth curves at increasing H_2O_2 concentrations were normalized to 0 mM for each strain and replicate. Each plate's doses were scaled by its WT minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) to correct for between-experiment variation. Mixed-effects modeling with emmeans contrasts revealed no significant differences between any OPS mutant and WT ($p > 0.05$). Lines show estimated marginal means ± 95% confidence intervals from four replicates.

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Figure S8: Immunity induction in *Arabidopsis thaliana* Col-0 following infection with
p25.C2 (WT) and O-antigen mutants. Plants were flood-inoculated, and expression of immune
marker genes *FRK1* (A), *WRKY29* (B), *NHL10* (C), *PAD3* (D), *PDF1.2* (E), and *PR1* (F) was
assessed at 0, 2, 6, 10, 24, 48, and 72 hours post-infection (HPI). Expression was normalized to
the housekeeping gene *PP2A* and expressed as fold change (fc, relative to mock) of the mean
normalized expression (MNE), accounting for PCR efficiency. Data represent three technical
replicates per condition across three biological replicates. The absence of significant difference
among strains at each time point was assessed for each target using one-way ANOVA or Kruskal–
Wallis tests, as appropriate.

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Figure S9. Endogenous DNA profiles reveal variation in historical pathogen
representation. A. Endogenous read composition across all 49 historical metagenomic libraries.
Stacked bars represent the proportion of reads assigned to *Arabidopsis thaliana* (olive-yellow),
Pseudomonas sp. (red), and other taxa (grey) within each metagenome. **B.** A scatterplot showing
the genome-wide mean read depth (x-axis) vs the breadth of genomic coverage (y-axis) for the
A. thaliana (olive-yellow) and *Pseudomonas* sp. (red) genomes. Each point represents one
historical sample. **C.** Read length distributions of *A. thaliana* (olive-yellow) and *Pseudomonas* sp.
(red) reads from 39 historical samples. X-axis was limited to read lengths ≤ 200 bp to provide
higher resolution. The remaining ten samples from Lopez et al. (2025) are shown separately in
Fig. S10. **D.** Violin plots of *Pseudomonas* sp. whole-genome k-mer depth across historical
isolates. The x-axis represents individual samples, and the y-axis shows k-mer depth normalized
to each genome's mean depth (mean = 1). The distributions reveal that most historical infections
were dominated by a single *Pseudomonas* strain.

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1109 **Figure S10. A-B.** Read length distributions of reads mapped to *Arabidopsis thaliana* (olive-yellow)
1110 and *Pseudomonas* sp. (red) for the ten historical metagenomes from Lopez et al. (2025). X-axis
1111 was limited to read lengths ≤ 500 bp to provide higher resolution.

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Figure S11. DNA damage patterns in host and pathogen reads support the authenticity of
historical metagenomes. Accumulated C-to-T frequencies at the 5′ ends of sequencing reads
for 49 *Arabidopsis thaliana* (**A.**) and 49 *Pseudomonas* sp. genomes (**B.**). The y-axis represents
C-to-T substitution frequency, and the x-axis shows positions in base pairs from the 5′ end of each
read. Both datasets exhibit a typical C-to-T substitutions pattern decaying from the 5′ ends,
consistent with historical DNA damage. **C-D.** Scatter plots showing the relationship between the
proportion of C-to-T substitutions at the first base (y-axis) and the collection year of each sample
(x-axis) for *A. thaliana* (**C.**) and *Pseudomonas* sp. (**D.**). Linear regressions reveal significant
negative correlations (*A. thaliana*: R^2=0.28, p value=9.45×10^{-5}; *Pseudomonas* sp.: R^2=0.21, p
value=1.11×10^{-3}), indicating that older samples exhibit higher levels of cytosine deamination.
Sample PL0087 was excluded due to missing year information. **E.** Correlation between C-to-T
substitution frequencies at the 5′ first bases of reads mapped to *Pseudomonas* sp. vs *A. thaliana*.
A significant positive correlation confirms that DNA damage signatures are acquired at similar
rates between hosts and pathogens.

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Figure S12. Historical and modern ATUE5 reveal phylogenetic continuity over centuries.
Midpoint-rooted maximum-likelihood tree of 43 historical (circles) and 53 modern (triangles)
Pseudomonas viridiflava ATUE5 genomes. Tip colours indicate the four dominant *HTF* length
variants: 1830 bp (pink), 1383 bp (blue), 1803 bp (red) and 1245 bp (yellow). Historical *HTF*
variants are broadly distributed across all major branches of the ATUE5 phylogeny, indicating
long-term temporal continuity within the lineage.

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Figure S13. High concordance between k-mer and local assembly methods validates HTF
haplotype reconstructions in historical genomes. A. All 53 modern genomes yielded fully
concordant haplotype calls across both methods, consistent with previous assignments
(Backman *et al*., 2024), which validated the robustness of our approach. **B.** Of 43 historical
genomes, 25 haplotypes were assigned by local assembly, and 38 by the k-mer method.
Concordance among haplotypes assigned by both methods was 96% (23 of 24), with one sample
(PL0059) showing conflicting haplotypes (1245 bp vs. 1803 bp), likely due to coinfection (Fig.
S17). We used the 23 concordant and 15 additional k-mer–derived haplotypes for downstream
analyses.

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Figure S14. Genome-wide LD decay in *Pseudomonas viridiflava* ATUE5. Pairwise linkage
disequilibrium (LD; median r²) between biallelic SNPs was calculated across 53 modern ATUE5
genomes and plotted against SNP distance. LD was estimated for SNP pairs spanning 0–2 kb
using all SNPs, and for 2–2000 kb using a random 2% subset to reduce computation time. LD
decays to 50% of its maximum value at 78 bp (LD50; red dashed lines) and reaches background
levels by < 2 kb. The genetic distance between the HTF and OBC loci (1.7 Mb; blue dashed line)
is shown for reference.

Ratio of recombined to clonal SNPs per isolate pair

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Figure S15. Ratio of recombined to clonal SNPs in pairwise comparisons of *Pseudomonas viridiflava* ATUE5. Distribution of $\log_{10}$(Recombined / Clonal SNPs) across 1,378 pairwise comparisons among 53 modern ATUE5 genomes. Bars indicate the proportion of pairs sharing the same (blue) or different (red) HTF–OBC pattern. 1,318 pairs (95.6%) exhibited $\log_{10}$(Recombined / Clonal SNPs) > 1, indicating that recombination generated more than tenfold the number of clonal SNPs. On average, recombination accounted for 96% of SNPs per isolate.

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1160 **Figure S16. Distribution of diagnostic k-mers across HTF reference sequences**. Each tick
1161 represents the position of a k-mer along the *HTF* nucleotide sequences (x-axis) after applying an
1162 edit-distance filter (>=2). Y-axis labels show *HTF* haplotype names, and the total number of
1163 retained k-mers per haplotype.

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Figure S17. Bimodal k-mer depth distribution of PL0059 suggests coinfection. The
histograms represent k-mer depth distributions. The grey background shows the whole-genome
distribution, and the colored histograms represent the distribution for each of the diagnostic *HTF*
haplotype k-mers. The bimodal pattern in the whole genome *k*-mer distribution indicates potential
coinfection in PL0059. *K*-mer distributions for other isolates are available on GitHub.

Table S1: RB-TnSeq significant resistance trade-off genes.

Barcode ID	Log$_2$ (fold change) in Col-0	p-value Col-0	Log (fold change) after tailocin treatment	p-value tailocin assay	Log$_2$ (fold change) in Eyach1.5-2	p-value Eyach 1.5-2	Name gene or product	Significance in both ecotypes
BJEIHDPM_02277	-2.284	1.09E-06	3.560	1.38E-15	-1.570	7.8E-04	*chpB*	Both
BJEIHDPM_03520	-0.790	0.023	0.633	0.035	0.140	0.685	*yciF*	Col-0 only
BJEIHDPM_02879	-1.281	0.023	2.396	1.69E-09	-0.365	0.512	BolA-like protein	Col-0 only
BJEIHDPM_04292	-0.092	0.759	3.436	7.25E-16	-0.710	0.025	Hypothetical protein	Eyach 1.5-2 only
BJEIHDPM_01314	-1.152	0.024	5.499	5.78E-33	-1.479	0.005	Glycosyltransferase	Both
BJEIHDPM_01216	0.083	0.826	1.199	1.46E-06	-0.907	0.021	*ureC_2*	Eyach 1.5-2 only
BJEIHDPM_00728	-0.775	0.018	0.704	0.006	0.155	0.638	*ugpC_1*	Col-0 only
BJEIHDPM_03096	-0.709	0.022	0.530	0.030	0.063	0.838	*cmoB*	Col-0 only
BJEIHDPM_03578	-0.807	0.006	1.719	8.36E-15	-0.900	0.003	*flgE*	Both
BJEIHDPM_00926	-0.964	0.035	5.653	3.2E-29	-0.731	0.117	*rmlC_1*	Col-0 only
BJEIHDPM_00922	-0.379	0.026	6.969	3.02E-41	-0.355	0.040	*rfbB*	Both
BJEIHDPM_00925	-1.200	2E-09	4.909	2.38E-29	-1.363	2.09E-11	*wfgD*	Both
BJEIHDPM_00927	-2.879	7.87E-13	4.696	8.7E-23	-2.469	1.27E-09	*tagG_2*	Both
BJEIHDPM_00929	-0.747	7.4E-04	4.991	1.01E-34	-1.107	8.12E-07	*epsE_4*	Both
BJEIHDPM_00928	-3.293	5.98E-14	4.377	8.78E-20	-3.892	1.87E-16	*tagH_2*	Both
BJEIHDPM_00924	-1.212	8.23E-06	6.776	5.76E-40	-1.092	7.84E-05	*rmlA2_1*	Both
BJEIHDPM_00535	-0.200	0.526	2.040	1.74E-17	-0.909	0.005	*dapL*	Eyach 1.5-2 only
BJEIHDPM_03394	-1.276	1.2E-04	5.187	2.43E-28	-1.436	2.27E-05	*tagO*	Both
BJEIHDPM_03395	-1.018	2.79E-07	5.024	3.51E-29	-0.955	2E-06	*pglF*	Both
BJEIHDPM_01313	-1.324	1.3E-09	4.865	7.59E-30	-0.934	2.32E-05	O-antigen ligase domain-containing protein	Both
BJEIHDPM_01315	-2.185	1.55E-06	6.460	2.76E-33	-2.926	1.52E-09	Glycosyltransferase	Both

1172 **Table S2: Comparative glycosyl composition analysis of p25.C2 (WT) LPS and the O-**
1173 **antigen mutants.** The LPS was analyzed by the GC-MS after acidic methanolysis, and
1174 conversion of the monosaccharides to trimethylsilyl (TMS)-methyl glycosides.
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Strain	*ΔwfgD*	*ΔrmlC*	*ΔtagG*	*ΔtagH*	*ΔepsE*	*ΔspsA*	WT
Sugar residue							
Rha	42.8	92.2	69.4	60.6	33.2	24.7	94.7
Glc	27.9	1.0	10.1	8.3	28.2	8.3	0.7
Hep*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kdo	27.6	5.9	19.4	29.3	36.3	63.9	2.4
FucNAc**	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
QuiNAc**	tr.	tr.	tr.	tr.	tr.	0.0	tr.
GalNAc	0.1	tr.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
GlcNAc	1.4	0.3	0.9	1.7	2.2	2.9	0.1
				Mol %			

1176 Legend: tr.- below 0.1%; . Rha- rhamnose; ; FucNAc- N-acetyl-fucosamine; Glc-glucose; Kdo- 3-deoxy-D-manno-
1177 octulosonic acid; GalNAc- N-acetyl galactosamine, Hep- heptose; GlcNAc- N-acetyl glucosamine; *- the detection of
1178 heptose in the applied hydrolytic condition (1M HCL-MeOH) was not possible due to the phosphorylation of the Hep
1179 residue in the LPS; **- due to unavailability of authentic standards of FucNAc, Ara4N, QuiNAc, we used the relative
1180 response factor of GlcNAc to calculate the relative mol %.

Table S3: Statistics associated with the growth curves of p25.C2 WT versus O-antigen mutants. Growth curve parameters k, r (growth rates), t_gen (generation time) and AUC (area under the curve) were extracted for each curve (Fig. S4). Statistical analysis was performed on the means of three independent biological replicates with 4 technical replicates each. Differences were assessed by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA1) followed by Tukey's post hoc test for each parameter (p-values: *** < 0.001, ** < 0.01, * < 0.05).

PARAMETER	STRAIN	WT	ΔepsE	ΔrmlC	ΔspsA	ΔtagG	ΔtagH	ΔwfgD
k	WT							
	ΔepsE	**						
	ΔrmlC	NS	*					
	ΔspsA	**	NS	NS				
	ΔtagG	**	NS	NS	NS			
	ΔtagH	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS		
	ΔwfgD	**	NS	*	NS	NS	NS	
r	WT							
	ΔepsE	NS						
	ΔrmlC	NS	NS					
	ΔspsA	*	NS	**				
	ΔtagG	NS	NS	NS	*			
	ΔtagH	NS	NS	**	NS	*		
	ΔwfgD	NS	NS	*	NS	NS	NS	
t_gen	WT							
	ΔepsE	NS						
	ΔrmlC	NS	NS					
	ΔspsA	*	NS	*				
	ΔtagG	NS	NS	NS	*			
	ΔtagH	NS	NS	*	NS	*		
	ΔwfgD	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	
AUC	WT							
	ΔepsE	***						
	ΔrmlC	NS	**					
	ΔspsA	***	NS	***				
	ΔtagG	**	NS	*	NS			
	ΔtagH	***	NS	**	NS	NS		
	ΔwfgD	***	NS	**	NS	NS	NS	

Table S4: Hydrogen peroxide minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) for WT and O-
antigen mutants. MICs were determined as the lowest concentration of hydrogen peroxide that
inhibited growth after 24 h in liquid culture, based on OD_{600} measurements collected in triplicate
using a Tecan plate reader. Values represent mean ± SD (mM). "MIC/WT (est.)" indicates the
relative MIC compared to wild-type; p-values reflect pairwise t-tests between each mutant and
WT.
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Strain	MIC (mM, mean ± SD)	MIC/WT (est.)	p-value
WT	5.0 ± 0.6	1.00	–
ΔepsE	6.9 ± 2.7	1.26	0.48
ΔrmlC	5.3 ± 0.6	1.06	0.17
ΔspsA	6.4 ± 2.7	1.26	0.55
ΔtagG	4.3 ± 0.6	0.87	0.27
ΔtagH	5.2 ± 0.6	1.03	0.87
ΔwfgD	6.6 ± 4.3	1.18	0.72

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1196 **Table S5: Plasmids used in this study for Gateway cloning.**

Product	Sequence	Additional information
p25.C2ΔwfgD attB DNA fragment	5'-GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCTAACAGCGCCAAGGCTGGAAAGTGGCCTGCCTCGAAGAAATCGCGTACACCAATGGCTGGATCACACCAGAACAACTCGGCGCGCAAGCGCAGAAGCTGAAAAAAACCGGTTACGGTCAGTACCTGCAAAAACTGCTGGATCTGGGATCGTTCTGATTTCCGGCGCCTCTTTACACTTCATACCGCAAGGCGATGGACAGCTGACACGCTCATCCGCCTCCGTGGCATGAAAGCGCCTAGCCAGTACAAGCCATTGATAAATAAGGTCAATGCCTGCGCGAGAAGATTCACGACCGCCAGCTAAGCCCTGAACAGAATTGTCGGGAACGAGCAAACACCTAGCGATCCTATGGTTAAATTCCCGCCATCGAATGTTCTCCGAAGGCCGCCTATGTTAATGTACCCAGCTTTCTTGTACAAAGTGGTCCCC-3'	
p25.C2ΔrmlC attB DNA fragment	5'-GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCTATGACTCCCGCTCTCCACGCCGTGCAGAAGCCTTTCGCCGGAATCGTTCGTCTGCGCTTCCATCGCGCATGTCATACCTCTTCAAAGTGCTTTTTCCATATGCCCTCACACGTCGGGCAGCAAGCATCCATTATCAGACGCTTTTCCAAACCAGTGCCGCACGAGTCTGCGCTGGTCAGTTTTTCGGAGATACCCTACGTATGAATCCCCATATGACGCCATCTGCCGGCCCCTTGAGACTGGTGCACAGCCTCTGGACGAACCGCTCGTTGATTTCACAGATGACCCGACGCGAAGTCATCGGTCGGTATCGCGGCTCCGTCATGGGGCTGGCCTGGTCATTCTTCAACCCGGTTCTGATGCTGGCGGTATACACCTTCGTCTTTTCCGAAATTTTCAGTACCCAGCTTTCTTGTACAAAGTGGTCCCC-3'	
p25.C2ΔtagG attB DNA fragment	5'-GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCTTTCGCCCATGGCTTCGTGGTGTTATCCGAAAGCGCCGAGTTCCTGTACAAGACCACGGATTACTGGGCGCCAGAGCATGAACGCAGTCTGGCCTGGAACGATTCGAGCGTAGCTATCCAATGGCCCATGAGCGAGCAGCCTGCGCTGTCCGCCAAGGATCAGAACGCTGTGCGTTTCGAAGACGCCGAGGTGTTCGCTTAAATGTCATCTGATCAACCGGTTATCAGCGTAAACAACGTCTCCAAGTGTTTTTACACCTACGACAAGCCCCATGAGCGTCTCAAACAGGCCCTGGTGCCGAGACTGCAGCGTTGGGCAGGCAAACAGGCCACTACCACGTACGGTAAA	

	GAGTTCTGGGCGCTGCGAGACATCAGCTTCCATG TCAACAAAGGCGAGACTGTGGGCATTGTCGACCC AGCTTTCTTGTACAAAGTGGTCCCC-3'	
p25.C2ΔtagH	pTB041	Ordered from TWIST
p25.C2ΔepsE_4 attB DNA fragment	5'- GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCTAAGGC ATGCCTGAAATTCAAGAGCTCTTTGGCAACCGGC GATTACTTCATATCCGTCGGGATTGCTTCCCGAGA AGGTGAAGAAATCGTCCCTCATGACAGACGCTAC GACTCCATACATTTCGTCGTAGAGCCCACCCCCA ACCTCCTTGGTTTGATCGACCTGGGTGCGTCCAT GGATATCGAACCGGTAACAGTTAATGCTTGAACAT GAATATATTCCCCATATCCATTATGCCAAATACGA ATAGCAAAGGTATGCAATGAACGTAGTGCAGAGA CGTCCCGAAAAAATCGTCACGATGCTAAGGCTGA TACTTATACTATTACCGGTCGTGAGCTTCTTAATAA GCGTATGGTCATGGCTGAGGTACGGCGTTGACAT TCCAGTTTATGATGACTGGCGTCACCCAGCTTTCT TGTACAAAGTGGTCCCC-3'	
p25.C2ΔspsA	pTB043	Ordered from TWIST
Flanking arm screening amplification	- p25.C2ΔwfgD F: 5'- AACAGCGCCAAGGCTGGAAA-3', R: 3'- ACATTAACATAGGCGGCCTTCGG-5', - p25.C2ΔrmlC_1 F: 5'- ATGACTCCCGCTCTCCACGC-3', R: 3'- ACTGAAAATTTCGGAAAAGACGAAGGTGT- 5', - p25.C2ΔtagG_2 F: 5'- TTCGCCCATGGCTTCGTGG-3', R: 3'- CGACAATGCCCACAGTCTCGC-5', - p25.C2ΔtagH_2 F: 5'- TCTATCCAATCGCCGCGCTG-3', R: 3'- ACGTCAGGTGATAAAGCTTTGGCC-5', - p25.C2ΔepsE_4 F: 5'- AAAGGCATGCCTGAAATTCAAGAGCT-3', R:	wfgD WT= 1309bp rmlC WT= 946bp tagG W = 1228bp tagH W = 1772bp epsE WT= 5227bp spsA WT= 1374bp

	3'-GACGCCAGTCATCATAAACTGGAATGT-5', • p25.C2△spsA F: 5'-TCCCTTACAGTGGAACATTCGCG-3', R: 3'-ACACACAGACCGGCACGTG-5'	
sacB screening amplification	F: 5'-tgatttctccggtaaacattacggc-3', R: 3'-cctctgtttgtcatatagcttgtaatcac-5'	762bp
tetR screening amplification	F: 5'-accctggatgctgtaggcatagg-3', R: 3'-gccggaagcgagaagaatcataatg-5'	897bp

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1198 **Table S6: qPCR primers and amplification program used in this study.**

Gene	Sequence 5'-3'	Amplicon length
PP2A	FOR: TAACGTGGCCAAAATGATGC REV: GTTCTCCACAACCGCTTGGT	61 bp
FRK1	FOR: TTCGGATTCGGCGTTTGTTG REV: GCTTCTCTTGCTTTGAGGGA	118 bp
WRKY29	FOR: AGAATCTGTTGTCGGACGCA REV: TGCCAAACACCCTTTTGAGC	113 bp
NHL10	FOR: ATCGAAGCTCATGCCTACTACG REV: TTGGCTTCTCGCACAACTTC	113 bp
PAD3	FOR: TTGTGCTAAAGGCTGAAGCG REV: ACCGGAGATACAGTCGATGAAC	92 bp
PDF1.2	FOR: ACCCTTATCTTCGCTGCTCTTG REV: TTGGCTTCTCGCACAACTTC	85 bp
PR1	FOR: CTCATACACTCTGGTGGG REV: TTGGCACATCCGAGTC	191 bp
AMPLIFICATION PROGRAM		

	40X		Up to 95 °C
95 °C	95 °C	62 °C	62 °C + 0.3 °C/cycle
3'	30"	30"	30"

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Table S7: Historical sample metadata.

* **Herbarium: KBI** = Komarov Botanical Institute of RAS (Russia); **KEW** = Kew Botanical Garden (United Kingdom);
LND = Lund University Botanical Museum (Sweden); **MGC** = Herbario de Málaga (Spain); **NHM** = The Natural History
Museum (United Kingdom); **OHN** = Biological Museum Oskarshamn (Sweden); **RJB** = Real Jardin Botanico (Spain);
STG = Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde Stuttgart (Germany); **TUE** = Herbarium Tubingense University of Tübingen
(Germany); **UOS** = University of Oslo (Norway)

SAMPLE	TYPE	YEAR	COUNTRY	At_proportion	At_covered_proportion	At_average_depth	Ps_proportion	Ps_covered_proportion	Ps_average_depth	GROUP	HERBARIUM*	SOURCE
PL0001	Plant tissue herbarium	1966	Spain	61.00%	87.61%	8.76	1.31%	90.66%	4.58	ATUE5	MGC	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0026	Plant tissue herbarium	2002	Sweden	50.00%	89.86%	12.01	0.50%	72.29%	1.58	ATUE5	OHN	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0059	Plant tissue herbarium	1985	Spain	12.10%	87.14%	6.85	31.47%	92.87%	137.41	ATUE5	RJB	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0073	Plant tissue herbarium	1991	Spain	56.30%	88.14%	8.13	1.05%	83.24%	2.83	ATUE5	RJB	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0087	Plant tissue herbarium	NA	Spain	44.00%	88.46%	8.37	0.33%	62.29%	1.13	ATUE5	RJB	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0102	Plant tissue herbarium	1888	Germany	25.60%	89.59%	7.46	6.34%	95.09%	31.13	ATUE5	TUE	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0105	Plant tissue herbarium	1920	Sweden	51.90%	89.42%	8.6	0.48%	64.37%	1.18	ATUE5	LND	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0108	Plant tissue herbarium	1946	Sweden	19.60%	89.74%	9.05	0.82%	80.50%	4.89	nonATUE5	LND	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0131	Plant tissue herbarium	1980	Spain	18.00%	87.70%	6.55	9.59%	92.67%	53.07	ATUE5	RJB	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0139	Plant tissue herbarium	1996	Sweden	13.90%	79.11%	2.36	0.48%	70.92%	1.52	ATUE5	OHN	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0185	Plant tissue herbarium	1994	Germany	43.20%	89.06%	8.35	0.60%	81.74%	2.7	ATUE5	STG	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0203	Plant tissue herbarium	1880	United Kingdom	54.80%	88.49%	8.06	0.50%	72.39%	1.68	nonATUE5	NHM	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0210	Plant tissue herbarium	1838	United Kingdom	30.30%	84.96%	4.18	3.70%	87.36%	10.36	ATUE5	NHM	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0220	Plant tissue herbarium	1946	United Kingdom	48.60%	88.47%	5.84	8.37%	89.32%	18.44	ATUE5	NHM	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841

PL0222	Plant tissue herbarium	1887	United Kingdom	42.10%	89.12%	8.55	0.36%	64.92%	1.23	ATUE5	NHM	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0224	Plant tissue herbarium	1889	United Kingdom	20.20%	89.01%	6.4	1.36%	93.00%	7.01	ATUE5	NHM	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0230	Plant tissue herbarium	1851	United Kingdom	57.30%	90.32%	8.68	0.73%	78.60%	2.01	ATUE5	NHM	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0235	Plant tissue herbarium	1905	United Kingdom	40.30%	86.39%	4.54	3.90%	91.81%	8.56	ATUE5	NHM	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0240	Plant tissue herbarium	1875	United Kingdom	66.70%	88.97%	7.57	2.02%	84.63%	7.38	ATUE5	NHM	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0258	Plant tissue herbarium	1913	United Kingdom	49.90%	88.39%	6.42	1.15%	83.22%	2.75	nonATUE5	NHM	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0027	Plant tissue herbarium	1939	Sweden	48.30%	89.78%	8.85	0.33%	65.78%	1.27	ATUE5	OHN	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0042	Plant tissue herbarium	1982	Spain	28.20%	88.62%	8.49	15.37%	93.77%	76.14	ATUE5	RJB	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0046	Plant tissue herbarium	1974	Spain	49.00%	88.93%	12.17	4.31%	89.76%	19.52	ATUE5	RJB	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0051	Plant tissue herbarium	1983	Spain	1.50%	20.73%	0.26	4.89%	89.92%	18.44	ATUE5	RJB	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0053	Plant tissue herbarium	1987	Spain	7.70%	64.01%	1.3	2.68%	94.16%	11.72	ATUE5	RJB	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0065	Plant tissue herbarium	2015	Spain	39.90%	88.61%	12.35	0.21%	68.88%	1.35	ATUE5	RJB	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0066	Plant tissue herbarium	2015	Spain	43.40%	89.49%	14.32	0.32%	70.50%	1.61	nonATUE5	RJB	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0068	Plant tissue herbarium	1986	Spain	17.20%	89.28%	8.43	1.04%	91.81%	12.58	ATUE5	RJB	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0080	Plant tissue herbarium	1985	Spain	1.90%	39.76%	0.58	4.23%	94.48%	29.67	ATUE5	RJB	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0127	Plant tissue herbarium	1979	Spain	9.10%	45.22%	0.68	4.61%	93.15%	8.63	ATUE5	RJB	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
PL0137	Plant tissue herbarium	1961	Sweden	1.30%	1.89%	0.02	36.32%	89.29%	16.67	ATUE5	OHN	This study. ENA: PRJEB98841
27.ESP_1 975	Plant tissue herbarium	1975	Spain	5.50%	7.22%	0.64	0.76%	75.00%	1.71	ATUE5	RJB	(Lopez et al., 2025)
30.ESP_1 983b	Plant tissue herbarium	1983	Spain	4.70%	47.14%	0.81	0.54%	75.39%	1.74	ATUE5	RJB	(Lopez et al., 2025)

33.ESP_1 985b	Plant tissue herbarium	1985	Spain	0.80%	13.26%	0.16	8.86%	91.39%	31.62	ATUE5	RJB	(Lopez et al., 2025)
34.ESP_1 985c_S36	Plant tissue herbarium	1985	Spain	22.30%	81.36%	2.4	19.98%	89.98%	41.23	ATUE5	RJB	(Lopez et al., 2025)
64.GBR_1 933b_S36	Plant tissue herbarium	1933	UK	39.50%	74.18%	1.95	5.71%	86.42%	5.51	ATUE5	KEW	(Lopez et al., 2025)
75.LTU_1 894_S30	Plant tissue herbarium	1894	Lithuania	40.20%	87.96%	3.56	3.67%	90.64%	6.43	ATUE5	KBI	(Lopez et al., 2025)
76.LTU_2 009_S19	Plant tissue herbarium	2009	Lithuania	0.20%	3.36%	0.04	26.02%	89.20%	65.73	ATUE5	RJB	(Lopez et al., 2025)
86.NOR_1 911_S7	Plant tissue herbarium	1911	Norway	31.60%	83.44%	3.75	0.60%	67.85%	1.35	ATUE5	UOS	(Lopez et al., 2025)
109.NOR_ 1990	Plant tissue herbarium	1990	Norway	4.80%	30.04%	0.42	11.96%	91.97%	26.84	ATUE5	UOS	(Lopez et al., 2025)
120.RUS_ 1860	Plant tissue herbarium	1860	Russia	35.70%	70.54%	1.75	5.96%	89.46%	5.59	ATUE5	KBI	(Lopez et al., 2025)
HB0737	Plant tissue herbarium	1937	Germany	40.80%	88.15%	4.52	3.95%	90.08%	9.5	ATUE5	TUE	(Lang et al., 2024)
HB0766	Plant tissue herbarium	1846	Germany	48.90%	88.31%	5.87	2.85%	88.03%	8.16	ATUE5	STG	(Lang et al., 2024)
HB0808	Plant tissue herbarium	1817	Germany	55.10%	88.06%	5.33	0.56%	59.81%	1.06	ATUE5	STG	(Lang et al., 2024)
HB0814	Plant tissue herbarium	1882	Germany	19.20%	88.51%	5.05	1.82%	93.44%	8.98	ATUE5	STG	(Lang et al., 2024)
HB0828	Plant tissue herbarium	1890	Germany	39.10%	89.47%	6.34	0.52%	73.53%	1.74	nonATU E5	STG	(Lang et al., 2024)
HB0840	Plant tissue herbarium	1851	Germany	49.70%	89.45%	6.09	0.73%	76.28%	1.78	ATUE5	STG	(Lang et al., 2024)
HB0841	Plant tissue herbarium	1875	Germany	49.40%	89.21%	5.68	0.71%	73.19%	1.59	ATUE5	STG	(Lang et al., 2024)
HB0863	Plant tissue herbarium	1954	Somalia	23.20%	76.88%	3.05	0.51%	65.01%	1.49	nonATU E5	STG	(Lang et al., 2024)

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Table S8: Summary of tailocin coverage, HTF haplotype assignment, and O-antigen

presence in historical samples.

SAMPLE	Tailocin_cov_prop	Tailocin_depth	HTF_haplotype_bykmer	HTF_haplotype_bylocalassembly	HTFgroup_Oantigen_PA	wfgD_PA	rmlC_1_PA	tagG_2_PA	tagH_2_PA	spsA_PA	epsE_4_PA	epsE_4_length
109.NOR_1990	0.9662	28.26	HTF_p5.D5 (1803)	HTF_p5.D5 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
120.RUS_1860	0.9371	5.91	HTF_p5.D5 (1803)	HTF_p5.D5 (1803)	OBC_present	0	1	1	1	1	1	4665
27.ESP_1975	0.7961	1.88	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	NA	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	NA	NA
30.ESP_1983b	0.8016	1.99	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	NA	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33.ESP_1985b	0.9636	34.78	HTF_p23.B8 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
34.ESP_1985c_S36	0.8867	42.57	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
64.GBR_1933b_S36	0.8298	6.03	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75.LTU_1894_S30	0.9479	7.24	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76.LTU_2009_S19	0.8864	65.25	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
86.NOR_1911_S7	0.7649	1.66	HTF_p23.B8 (1803)	NA	OBC_present	1	0	1	1	1	NA	NA
HB0737	0.9488	12.32	HTF_p23.B8 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
HB0766	0.8935	8.33	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
HB0808	0.6299	1.24	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	NA	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HB0814	0.9414	10.22	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HB0840	0.8095	1.76	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	NA	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HB0841	0.7612	1.69	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	NA	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
p1.G2	0.9472	46.84	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
p12.A11	0.9066	42.92	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	0	1	1	1	4827
p12.E2	0.9965	119.05	HTF_p25.C2 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
p12.G7	0.9472	25.53	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
p13.C1	0.908	80.79	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
p13.D10	0.9421	82.2	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
p13.F3	0.9032	149.3	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
p20.D4	0.985	27.7	HTF_p25.C2 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4830
p20.F10	0.8983	25.66	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	0	1	1	1	4827
p20.G9	0.8983	23.34	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	0	1	1	1	4827
p21.A8	0.899	47.84	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	0	1	1	1	4827
p21.E3	0.8894	36.2	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
p21.F1	0.9455	55.85	HTF_p5.D5 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
p21.F9	0.915	40.89	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	0	1	1	1	4827
p22.A8	0.8847	35.76	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
p22.B5	0.9002	27.86	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
p22.C1	0.9312	40.68	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
p22.D1	0.8985	9.41	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4740
p22.D4	0.9494	7.01	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
p23.A3	0.8558	85.83	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
p23.B2	0.8543	49.68	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	OBC_absent	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
p23.B8	0.9671	26.47	HTF_p23.B8 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
p24.B5	0.9463	23.21	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
p24.H2	0.8291	28.8	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
p25.A12	0.8627	6.84	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

p25.B2	0.9983	9.65	HTF_p25.C2 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
p25.C11	0.9102	8.22	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	0	NA	NA
p25.C2	1	42.26	HTF_p25.C2 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
p25.D2	1	11.66	HTF_p25.C2 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
p26.B7	0.9848	18.48	HTF_p25.C2 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4773
p26.D6	0.9423	10.85	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
p26.E7	0.9665	26.22	HTF_p23.B8 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
p27.D6	0.8839	56.04	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
p27.F2	0.9471	28.34	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
p3.A3	1	13.74	HTF_p25.C2 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
p3.F12	1	67.93	HTF_p25.C2 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
p3.F8	0.9725	14.7	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
p3.G9	0.9641	38.83	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
p4.A6	1	12.73	HTF_p25.C2 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	0	1	1	4827
p4.D2	0.9521	41.7	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
p4.E5	0.8841	8.28	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
p4.E6	0.8915	24.02	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
p5.C1	0.9244	81.52	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4740
p5.C3	0.8853	52.84	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
p5.D5	0.9405	51.93	HTF_p5.D5 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
p5.H11	0.81	20.36	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
p6.B9	0.9682	44.69	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
p7.G11	0.8663	51.55	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
p8.B3	1	81.84	HTF_p25.C2 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
p8.B9	0.9546	50.02	HTF_p5.D5 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
p8.C7	0.9228	47.55	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
p8.E4	0.8831	33.34	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
p8.H7	0.8614	57.78	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PL0001	0.8967	5.13	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	NA	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4740
PL0026	0.8111	1.85	NA	NA	NA	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
PL0027	0.6808	1.37	NA	NA	NA	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
PL0042	0.9445	81.1	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PL0046	0.8973	18.89	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
PL0051	0.945	19.86	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PL0053	0.903	11.25	NA	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	NA	0	0	0	0	0	1	4740
PL0059	0.9773	147.81	HTF_p23.B8 (1803)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
PL0065	0.7115	1.47	NA	NA	NA	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
PL0068	0.9509	13.96	HTF_p23.B8 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
PL0073	0.8247	2.85	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	NA	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PL0080	0.9335	28.2	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PL0087	0.706	1.36	HTF_p5.D5 (1803)	NA	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	0	NA	NA
PL0102	0.9598	35.59	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PL0105	0.6913	1.4	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	NA	OBC_present	0	1	1	1	1	NA	NA
PL0127	0.9203	8.31	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PL0131	0.972	55	HTF_p5.D5 (1803)	HTF_p5.D5 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4665
PL0137	0.9291	17.56	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	HTF_p26.D6 (1803)	OBC_present	1	1	1	1	1	1	4827
PL0139	0.7523	1.74	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	NA	OBC_present	1	1	0	1	1	NA	NA

PL0185	0.8486	2.92	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	NA	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PL0210	0.8408	9.75	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PL0220	0.873	19.29	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	HTF_p25.A12 (1383)	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PL0222	0.5953	1.1	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	NA	OBC_absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PL0224	0.9083	7.46	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	0	1	1	1	1	1	4665
PL0230	0.7933	2.03	HTF_p7.G11 (1830)	NA	OBC_absent	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
PL0235	0.9158	9.25	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	1	1	0	1	1	1	NA
PL0240	0.8604	8.04	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	HTF_p21.F9 (1245)	OBC_present	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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1211   **Key Resources Table**

RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Deposited Data		
1524 *Pseudomonas* genomes	Karasov et al. 2018	ENA: PRJEB24450
Experimental Models: Organisms/Strains		
1524 Modern *Pseudomonas* strains	Karasov et al. 2018	ENA: PRJEB24450
49 Historical strains	Lopez et al., 2025; Lang et al., 2024; This study	In supplementary info (Sample)/zenodo id ENA: PRJEB98841
p25.C2ΔwfgD, p25.C2ΔrmlC, p25.C2ΔtagG, p25.C2ΔtagH, p25.C2ΔepsE, p25.C2ΔspsA	This study	NA
Software and Algorithms		
BWA aln v0.7.17	Li & Durbin, 2009	
mapDamage2 v2.2.0	Jónsson et al., 2013	
IQ-TREE2 v2.1.4	Minh et al., 2020	
AdapterRemoval v2.3.3	Schubert et al., 2016	

SPAdes v3.15.0	Prjibelski et al., 2020	
Minimap2 v2.28	Li, 2018	
Jellyfish v2.2.10	Marçais & Kingsford, 2011	
ggplot2 v3.5.2	Wickham, 2009	
ExPASy	Gasteiger et al., 2003	
EMBOSS Transeq	Rice et al., 2000	
Clustal Omega	Sievers et al., 2011	
R v4.x	R Core Team, 2024	
BLAST+ v2.14	Camacho et al., 2009	
DESeq2 v1.30.1	Love et al., 2014	
lme4 v1.1-34	Bates et al., 2015	
emmeans v1.10.0	Lenth, 2020	
growthcurver v0.3.1	Sprouffske & Wagner, 2016	
lmerTest v3.1.3	Kuznetsova et al., 2017	
qpcR v1.4-2	Spiess, 2025	

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1213 **Modern sample metadata.**

SAMPLE	TYPE[*]	YEAR	COUNTRY	LOCATION	LAT	LON	Pseudomonas_Genome_Coverage_Prop.	Pseudomonas_Genome_Average_Depth_MQ30
p12.A11	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.955211	43.2805
p12.A9	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.385298	2.68517
p12.E2	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.946364	124.361
p12.F2	Modern	2018	Germany	Det-2	48.556255	9.135424	0.941151	61.1632
p12.G7	Modern	2018	Germany	Det-2	48.556255	9.135424	0.942483	26.1727
p12.H7	Modern	2018	Germany	Det-2	48.556255	9.135424	0.703408	7.44366
p13.C1	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.919667	91.4711

p13.C7	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.915668	30.2041
p13.D10	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.917782	83.4618
p13.D5	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.373545	3.2645
p13.F1	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.548638	9.89508
p13.F3	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.930129	180.182
p13.F5	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.486993	7.68403
p20.B10	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.362051	6.0333
p20.D4	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.965996	26.275
p20.F10	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.951949	27.3486
p20.G9	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.951606	25.8164
p21.A8	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.951989	50.4423
p21.E3	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.912764	42.5976
p21.F1	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.921125	54.2176
p21.F9	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.951456	43.9553
p22.A8	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.910773	42.5346
p22.B5	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.908795	31.8141
p22.C1	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.910697	44.4703
p22.D1	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.93509	9.86993
p22.D4	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.901368	6.48617
p23.A3	Modern	2018	Germany	Det-2	48.556255	9.135424	0.922147	90.3312
p23.A5	Modern	2018	Germany	Det-2	48.556255	9.135424	0.355851	5.69028
p23.B4	Modern	2018	Germany	Det-2	48.556255	9.135424	0.353754	10.3529
p23.B8	Modern	2018	Germany	Pfrondorf2	48.561087	9.109294	0.915323	25.8754
p24.B5	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.906998	24.3191
p24.H2	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.919194	36.961
p25.A12	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.904389	8.27369
p25.B2	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.99527	9.73957
p25.C11	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.936486	7.67613
p25.C2	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.999957	38.9734
p25.D2	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.997331	11.0366
p26.B7	Modern	2018	Germany	Pfrondorf2	48.561087	9.109294	0.918811	18.5831

p26.C10	Modern	2018	Germany	Det-2	48.556255	9.135424	0.532614	7.27294
p26.D6	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.907977	10.1768
p26.E7	Modern	2018	Germany	Pfrondorf2	48.561087	9.109294	0.915118	26.4647
p26.F6	Modern	2018	Germany	Pfrondorf2	48.561087	9.109294	0.263831	1.09767
p27.C5	Modern	2018	Germany	Pfrondorf2	48.561087	9.109294	0.33096	4.98267
p27.D6	Modern	2018	Germany	Pfrondorf2	48.561087	9.109294	0.915116	62.9111
p27.F2	Modern	2018	Germany	Pfrondorf2	48.561087	9.109294	0.908864	30.4347
p3.A3	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.999479	12.1995
p3.F12	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.999766	64.6266
p3.F8	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.910145	14.5013
p3.G11	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.405107	35.7165
p3.G9	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.936757	40.7657
p4.A6	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.999359	11.257
p4.A8	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.317566	8.57523
p4.C5	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.281958	2.19208
p4.D11	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.329928	7.72875
p4.D2	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.903089	43.5342
p4.E5	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.905147	9.07888
p4.E6	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.907851	26.4274
p4.H3	Modern	2018	Germany	Det-2	48.556255	9.135424	0.359271	11.1964
p5.A5	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.569164	20.9644
p5.C1	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.940631	83.5842
p5.C3	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.911686	61.8474
p5.D5	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.908126	47.1102
p5.F2	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.355109	10.8067
p5.H11	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.912223	24.6014
p6.A10	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.967914	86.1443
p6.B5	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.377432	8.17665
p6.B9	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.915641	40.9034
p6.D10	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.362251	6.29957
p6.E9	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.348102	5.45088

p6.F1	Modern	2018	Germany	Det-2	48.556255	9.135424	0.441901	14.1066
p6.G2	Modern	2018	Germany	Det-2	48.556255	9.135424	0.591204	22.8581
p6.G3	Modern	2018	Germany	Det-2	48.556255	9.135424	0.374359	12.0216
p7.F2	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.420044	6.6193
p7.G11	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.922476	63.4571
p8.B3	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.999766	72.1507
p8.B9	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.921803	46.3749
p8.C7	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.933317	51.4209
p8.D11	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.432979	9.92024
p8.E4	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.917628	39.6076
p8.G10	Modern	2018	Germany	Det-2	48.556255	9.135424	0.460138	12.253
p8.G2	Modern	2018	Germany	Det-2	48.556255	9.135424	0.450816	8.26752
p8.H7	Modern	2018	Germany	Det-2	48.556255	9.135424	0.899835	67.821
p9.C4	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.946827	40.897
p9.H10	Modern	2018	Germany	Eyach	48.446111	8.781611	0.469617	11.8808

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