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### 24 Abstract

25 Taxonomic outliers of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* of environmental origin have recently 26 emerged as infectious for humans. Here we present the first genome-wide analysis of an 27 isolate that caused fatal hemorrhagic pneumonia. We demonstrate that, in two sequential clones, CLJ1 and CLJ3, recovered from a patient with chronic pulmonary disease, 28 29 insertion of a mobile genetic element into the *P. aeruginosa* chromosome affected major 30 virulence-associated phenotypes and led to increased resistance to antibiotics used to 31 treat the patient. Comparative proteome and transcriptome analyses revealed that this 32 insertion sequence, ISL3, disrupted genes encoding flagellar components, type IV pili, O-33 specific antigens, translesion polymerase and enzymes producing hydrogen cyanide. 34 CLJ3 possessed seven fold more IS insertions than CLJ1, some modifying its 35 susceptibility to antibiotics by disrupting the genes for the outer-membrane porin OprD 36 and the regulator of  $\beta$ -lactamase expression AmpD. In the Galleria mellonella larvae 37 model, the two strains displayed different levels of virulence, with CLJ1 being highly 38 pathogenic. This work reveals ISs as major players in enhancing the pathogenic potential 39 of a *P. aeruginosa* taxonomic outlier by modulating both, the virulence and the resistance 40 to antimicrobials, and explains the ability of this bacterium to adapt from the environment 41 to a human host.

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### 46 Introduction

Emerging infectious diseases caused by multidrug resistant bacteria represent a serious threat for human well-being and health. Several hundred novel pathologies caused by infectious agents have been reported during the last forty years (1). Environmental bacteria can adapt to a human host by acquisition of virulence determinants through chromosomal rearrangements due to mobile genetic elements, horizontal gene transfer, or small local sequence changes including single nucleotide substitutions, or horizontal gene transfer (2, 3).

The Pseudomonas genus is one of the most important groups of bacteria thriving in 54 diverse environments capable of causing plant or animal diseases. Species such as P. 55 aeruginosa, Pseudomonas fluorescens, and Pseudomonas syringae adversely impact 56 57 human health and agriculture (4-6). P. aeruginosa is a particularly successful opportunistic pathogen found frequently in humid environments associated with human 58 activities. In hospital settings, infections caused by multi-resistant *P. aeruginosa* strains 59 60 present a real danger for elderly individuals, patients undergoing immunosuppressive therapies and those requiring treatment with invasive devices in Intensive Care Units- In 61 62 addition to acute infections, *P. aeruginosa* is a common cause of chronic wound infections as well as long lasting respiratory infections of patients with cystic fibrosis (CF) and 63 64 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). During chronic infections the bacteria 65 adapt to the particular host environment by changing metabolic pathways and synthesis of virulence-associated components (7). Additionally, in-patient evolution involves 66 acquisition of loss-of-function mutations in genes of motility, antibiotic resistance, acute 67 68 virulence and envelope biogenesis (8-12).

69 Recent massive whole genome sequencing allowed classification of clinical and 70 environmental *P. aeruginosa* strains in three clades (13, 14). The pathogenic strategies 71 of the three clades rely on different toxins. The two most populated clades inject the 72 toxins, also referred to as effectors ExoS, ExoT, ExoY, and ExoU, directly into host cell 73 cytoplasm through a complex molecular syringe using type III secretion system (T3SS) 74 (15). The third clade is occupied by taxonomic outliers that lack all the genes encoding 75 the effectors and the components of the T3SS. The first fully sequenced taxonomic 76 outlier, PA7, was multi-drug resistant and non-virulent in an acute lung infection mouse 77 model (16, 17). Other PA7-related strains were mainly of environmental origin (18, 19) or 78 associated with both, acute (wounds and urinary tract) and chronic (CF and COPD) 79 human infections (20-22). They recently emerged as highly virulent for humans potentially 80 through the secretion of a pore-forming toxin Exolysin, ExIA (16, 21-23). The most 81 pathogenic exIA+ P. aeruginosa strain described up to date is the strain CLJ1 isolated at the University Hospital in Grenoble, France, from a COPD patient suffering from 82 83 hemorrhagic pneumonia (16). In murine acute lung infection model, CLJ1-infected lungs 84 featured an extensive damage to endothelial monolayers, bacteria transmigrated into the 85 blood and disseminated into secondary organs without being detected by the immune system. This differs greatly from consequences observed by the T3SS<sup>+</sup> strain PAO1 (16, 86 87 24).

To get insights into molecular determinants of pathogenesis expressed by the Exolysinproducing *P. aeruginosa* taxonomic outliers and to assess the extent of evolutionary adaptation during the course of infection, we performed a comprehensive comparative genome-wide study of two clonal variants, CLJ1 and CLJ3, isolated from the same patient

92 at different time-points during hospitalization. The gathered data demonstrated that 93 mobile genetic elements belonging to the ISL3 family insertion sequences (IS), originally 94 found in soil bacteria *Pseudomonas stutzeri* and *Pseudomonas putida*, shape the 95 virulence traits and strategies employed by those strains to colonize and to adapt to the 96 human host.

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### 98 Materials and methods

### 99 Bacterial strains and culture conditions

*P. aeruginosa* strains used in this study are CLJ1 and CLJ3 (16). Bacteria were grown at 37°C in liquid Lysogeny Broth (LB) medium (10 g/L Bacto tryptone, 5 g/L yeast extract, 10 g/L NaCl) with agitation until the cultures reached an optical density at 600 nm (OD<sub>600</sub>) of 1.0 unless indicated. For the assessment of c-di-GMP levels, pUCP22-p*cdrAgfp*(ASV)<sup>c</sup> was introduced into CLJ1 and CLJ3 strains by electroporation, as previously described (25), and selected on LB agar plates containing 200 µg/mL of carbenicillin.

#### 106 **Genome analysis**

107 The details on sequencing, assembly, annotation and comparison are described in 108 Supplementary materials and methods. The assembly and annotation statistics for the 109 CLJ1 and CLJ3 genomes are presented in Table S1. Functional annotation was 110 performed on the Rapid Annotations based on Subsystem Technology (RAST) Genome 111 Annotation Server version 2.0 (26) using Classic RAST annotation scheme and 112 GLIMMER-3 gene caller. Manual curation was done based on the annotations of 113 orthologous genes in PA7 and PAO1 strains from the Pseudomonas Genome Database 114 (27). Circos 0.69-3 (28) was used to create multiomic data visualizations in Fig. 1 and Fig. S1. The whole genome shotgun projects of CLJ1 and CLJ3 have been deposited at DDBJ/ENA/GenBank under the accessions PVXJ00000000 and PZJI00000000, respectively.

### 118 Identification of insertion sites for IS elements

119 CLJ-ISL3 insertion locations in the gaps between CLJ3 contigs were detected by 120 checking for the inverted repeat sequences at the contigs' ends, while accounting for the 121 shared gene synteny between CLJ1, PA7 and PAO1 genomes. We also used panISa 122 version 0.1.0 (https://github.com/bvalot/panISa) with default parameters to search for ISs 123 in CLJ3 reads, mapped using BWA-MEM algorithm from BWA version 0.7.15 (29) to PA7 124 and CLJ1 genomes, respectively.

### 125 **Transcriptome**

The RNA for RNA-Seq was prepared as described (30) from bacterial cultures grown in duplicates in LB to OD<sub>600</sub> of 1. The preparations of the Illumina libraries and sequencing were done by standard procedures at the Biopolymer Facility, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA. The analysis was done as described in Supplementary materials and methods.

#### 131 Mass spectrometry-based quantitative proteomic analyses

Samples for proteomics were prepared and analysed by nanoliquid chromatography coupled to tandem mass spectrometry (Ultimate 3000 coupled to LTQ-Orbitrap Velos Pro, Thermo Scientific) as described previously (31) with slight modifications, as described in Supplementary materials and methods. Each fraction was controlled by western blot, using appropriate antibodies. The protein content in total, membrane, and secretome
proteomes of CLJ1 and CLJ3 were analyzed independently from the others. Statistical
analyses were performed using ProStaR (32). In total, a list of 2 852 quantified proteins
was obtained. The mass spectrometry proteomics data have been deposited to the
ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE (33) partner repository with the dataset
identifier PXD011105.

### 142 **Phenotypic analyses**

143 HCN production was assessed on induction plate containing arginine (HCN precursor) as 144 previously described (22). To monitor the c-di-GMP levels, the fluorescence-based reporter plasmid pUCP22-pCdrA-gfp(ASV)<sup>c</sup> was used (34). Bacteria carrying the plasmid 145 146 were subcultured at OD<sub>600nm</sub> of 0.05 in black 96-well plate with clear bottom, and 147 incubated at 37°C and 60 rpm in the Fluoroskan reader. The fluorescent emission was 148 measured every 15 min at 527 nm following an excitation at 485 nm for 6 h. Serum 149 sensitivity was assessed by a protocol adapted from (35). Two different human sera from 150 the Etablissement Francais du Sang (EFS) were used in all experiments. Overnight 151 cultures of CLJ1 and CLJ3 bacteria were pelleted at 3,000 rpm for 5 min and suspended 152 in Hanks Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS, GIBCO) with 0.1% of gelatin and adjusted to 10<sup>8</sup> 153 colony forming units (CFU) per mL. The bacteria (10<sup>6</sup>) were incubated in presence of 10% 154 of human serum in a final volume of 3 mL for 15 min or 30 min at 37°C under gentle 155 agitation. A control with heat inactivated serum at 56°C for 30 min was done. CFU were 156 determined at 0, 15, and 30 min by serial dilutions and spreading on LB plates.

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### 159 Infections of Galleria mellonella larvae

160 The calibrated wax moth larvae Galleria mellonella were purchased from the French 161 company Sud-Est Appats (http://www.sudestappats.fr). Healthy, uniformly white larvae, 162 measuring around 3 cm were selected for infection. The bacteria were grown until the OD<sub>600</sub> of 1 and diluted in PBS to approximately 10<sup>3</sup> bacteria/mL. Insulin cartridges were 163 164 sterilized and filled with bacterial solutions. The larvae were injected with 10 µL of 165 bacterial suspensions using the insulin pen. The exact number of bacteria used in pricking 166 was obtained by spotting five times 10 µL with the pen on agar plates and by counting 167 colony-forming units after growth at 37°C. The infected animals were placed in petri dishes and set at 37°C. The dead larvae were counted over indicated period. Twenty 168 169 larvae were used per condition and the experiment was performed twice.

#### 170 **RT-qPCR**

To quantify selected transcripts, total RNA from 2.0 mL of cultures (OD<sub>600</sub> of 1.0) was 171 172 extracted with the TRIzol Plus RNA Purification Kit (Invitrogen) then treated with DNase I 173 (Amplification Grade, Invitrogen). RT-gPCR was performed as described (36) with few 174 modifications as described in Supplementary materials and methods. The sequences of 175 primers designed using Primer3Plus (http://www.bioinformatics.nl/cgiwere 176 bin/primer3plus/primer3plus.cgi/) and are given in Table S2.

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### 181 **Results**

### 182 Analysis of the CLJ1 genome and its regions of genomic plasticity

183 Strain CLJ1, an antibiotic-sensitive *P. aeruginosa,* was isolated from the patient with 184 necrotizing hemorrhagic pneumonia. Twelve days later, after initiating antibiotic therapy 185 the patient condition worsened and at this time CLJ3, a multidrug resistant clonal variant, 186 was isolated (16). We have also shown that CLJ1 is a cytotoxic strain that shares the 187 main genomic features with the first fully sequenced antibiotic resistant taxonomic outlier 188 PA7 (16, 17). Notably, CLJ1 lacks the entire locus encoding the T3SS machinery and the 189 genes encoding all known T3SS effectors; however, it carries the determinant for the two-190 partner secretion pore-forming toxin, Exolysin. To initiate genome-wide studies on 191 mechanisms conferring the specific phenotypes of CLJ1, we fully sequenced the genome 192 of this strain and compared it to PA7. As expected, most of the core genes of CLJ1 are 193 similar to PA7 (Fig. 1 and Fig. S1). However, the content and the distribution of several 194 regions of genomic plasticity (RGPs) (37) are different. CLJ1 genome contains 15 regions 195 that are absent from the PA7 genome and lacks 26 PA7-specific regions. Among 196 differences between CLJ1 and PA7 genomes there is a putative integrated plasmid 197 carrying several genes that confers aminoglycoside resistance, regions encoding two 198 type I restriction-modification systems, a pyocin protein, and a mercury resistance system 199 (Tables S3 and S4). All CLJ1 specific regions (CLJ-SR), except CLJ-SR14, are present 200 in other *P. aeruginosa* strains, some being phylogenetically unrelated to the PA7 strain. 201 Strikingly, CLJ-SR14 carries 55 genes, many predicted to encode proteins involved in 202 metabolism and resistance to heavy metals (Table S5), suggesting environmental origin

203 of the strain. Modifications in three replacement islands (38, 39) can mediate the CLJ1-204 specific phenotype. The CLJ replacement island in RGP60 (harboring pilin and pilin 205 modification genes) carries a group I pilin allele, unlike PA7 that has a group IV allele 206 (40). CLJ1 encodes, within RGP9, a b-type flagellin as the principal component of its 207 flagellum, while PA7 possesses a-type flagellin (17). Both, RGP9 containing the flagellin 208 glycosylation genes and the replacement island in RGP31 bearing the O-specific antigen 209 (OSA) biosynthesis gene cluster are further modified in CLJ strains (see below). While most of the genes within RGP7 (pKLC102-like island) are missing in CLJ1, the so-called 210 211 Dit island previously found in a CF isolate of *P. aeruginosa* (37) is inserted in 5' region of 212 RGP27 at the tRNA<sup>Gly</sup>. The determinants encoded in this island provide the bacteria the 213 ability to degrade aromatic diterpenes, which are tricyclic resin acids produced by 214 wounded trees, and to use them as sole carbon and energy source (41). The Dit island 215 is uncommon in the genomes of *P. aeruginosa* strains, but it is frequently present in 216 different soil bacteria such as Burkholderia xenovorans, P. fluorescens, and 217 Pseudomonas mendocina, further implying the environmental origin of the CLJ1 strain. 218 Among potential virulence-associated genes, CLJ1 lacks one of the type 6 secretion 219 system loci (PSPA7 2884-2917) encoding an injection machine for toxins active against 220 both, prokaryotes and eukaryotic cells (42). The *plcH* and *plcR* genes, coding for the 221 hemolytic phospholipase C precursor and its accessory protein respectively, are also 222 absent from the CLJ1 genome. Whereas cupA fimbrial gene cluster (CLJ1 2899-2903; 223 PSPA7\_3019-3023) is present in the remodeled RGP23, the entire cupE1-6 operon 224 (PSPA7\_5297-5302) encoding cell surface fimbriae involved in the maintenance of a 225 biofilm structure (43) is missing.

### 226 Evidence of mobile genetic elements in the key pathogenic regions

227 Following infection, CLJ1 strain provokes striking damage to mouse lung tissues without 228 an immunological response by the host (24). The sequential isolate CLJ3 was sampled 229 from the same patient after a series of aggressive antibiotic treatments and displayed 230 different cytotoxicity and antibiotic-sensitivity profiles compared to CLJ1 (16). The 231 genomes of these two strains are almost identical, with a reciprocal best-hit average 232 nucleotide identity (44) between them estimated to be 99.97% (Fig. 1). When analyzing 233 the genomes of CLJ1 and CLJ3, the most striking feature is the presence of multiple 234 copies of a 2.985-bp fragment corresponding to a mobile genetic element, absent from 235 the reference PA7 genome. This sequence is 99% identical to ISL3 family of insertion 236 sequences ISPst2 of Pseudomonas stutzeri, ISpu12 of Pseudomonas putida and IS1396 237 of Serratia marcescens found in the ISfinder database (45). However, besides coding for 238 a transposase, this CLJ-ISL3 encodes a putative inner membrane protein with seven 239 transmembrane helices from the permease superfamily cl17795 (with the conserved 240 domain COG0701 (46)) and a putative transcriptional metalloregulator of the ArsR family 241 (Fig. 2A). The element is flanked by a pair of 24-bp imperfect inverted repeat sequences 242 GGGTATCCGGAATTTCTGGTTGAT (left inverted IRL) repeat. and 243 GGGTATACGGATTTAATGGTTGAT (right inverted repeat, IRR). Examination of publicly 244 available genome sequences showed that the complete CLJ-ISL3 is also present in a few 245 other bacteria, including a multi-drug resistant Acinetobacter baumannii isolate recovered 246 from bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (47).

Altogether, we found CLJ-ISL3 in six and forty copies in the genomes of CLJ1 and CLJ3,
 respectively. The presence of ISs in CLJ3 genome was predicted using a combination of

249 bioinformatics tools, analysis of genome syntheny and detection of inverted sequence 250 (see Materials and Methods). In agreement with the clonal origin of the strains, all CLJ-251 ISL3 of CLJ1, but one, were located in the same location in CLJ3 genome (Fig. 1 and 252 Table S6). Mass spectrometry (MS)-based quantitative proteomic analyses revealed a 253 strong increase in the level of the transposase protein in CLJ3 compared to CLJ1, that 254 might explain the IS expansion within its genome (Table S7). As mobile genetic elements 255 greatly contribute to phenotypic modifications by changing the gene expression or by 256 gene inactivation (49, 50), we examined their impact on global gene expression and 257 particular phenotypes. To that aim, we compared CLJ1 and CLJ3 transcriptomes and proteomes using respectively RNA-Seq and MS-based quantitative proteomics. The 258 259 proteomes of three different bacterial fractions (whole bacteria, total membranes, and 260 secretomes) were analyzed. Stringent statistical analyses of extracted data revealed 77 261 differentially expressed genes/proteins between CLJ1 and CLJ3, both at levels of mRNA 262 and protein (Fig. 1, Tables S7, S8 and S9). Out of these, 27 (35%) are of phage origin, 263 while 32 (42%) are predicted to be localized in bacterial membranes, periplasm or secreted. 264

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### 266 Contribution of CLJ-ISL3 to antibiotic resistance of the CLJ3 strain

The CLJ1 and CLJ3 strains are recent isolates obtained from the patient treated with high doses of different antibiotics without successfully eliminating the infection. CLJ1, isolated before the beginning of the antibiotic therapy, was sensitive to the tested antibiotics, while CLJ3 displayed resistance to most of the antibiotics administrated to the patient (16). To 271 gain insight into mechanisms of antibiotics resistance of CLJ3, we examined the genomic 272 data for gene modifications that could explain the switch in phenotypes to selected 273 antibiotics. We observed that several genes encoding proteins potentially conferring 274 antibiotic resistance are modified by ISs.

275 As the patient was given different antibiotics of the  $\beta$ -lactam family (ticarcillin, 276 carbapenem, cephalosporin...) and the CLJ3 isolate developed the resistance to all of 277 them, we examined the status of the outer membrane porin OprD (CLJ1 4366) and the 278 chromosomal-encoded AmpC  $\beta$ -lactamase (CLJ1 0728), the two major determinants of 279 intrinsic resistance to this group of antibiotics. We found that oprD gene was interrupted 280 by the CLJ-ISL3 (Fig. 2B) resulting in absence of the protein (Table S7). Loss-of-function 281 mutations or deletions in oprD are commonly seen in isolates from patients undergoing 282 treatment with imipenem or meropenem (51-54) making the cell envelope impermeable 283 to these antibiotics. Additionally, the identical ISL3 element was found in the 5' portion of 284 the *ampD* gene (Fig. 2C), encoding the recycling amidase responsible for the production 285 of muropeptide regulators of *ampC* expression (55, 56). Consequently, although higher 286 expression of *ampC* gene was not detected in RNA-Seq, the CLJ3 proteomes contained 287 significantly higher amounts of the AmpC protein compared to those of CLJ1 (Table S7).

Two additional periplasmic proteins involved in peptidoglycan recycling and biosynthesis, the AmpDH3 amidase (CLJ1\_5671) (57) and the lytic transglycosylase MltA-interacting protein MipA (CLJ1\_3357) (58), were overrepresented in the CLJ3 proteome. In agreement, our datasets also pointed to the overexpression of corresponding genes, further confirmed by RT-qPCR (Fig. 2D). The overproduction of these proteins in a clinical strain suggests their role in adaptation of the strain to host through modulation of peptidoglycan synthesis. However, the molecular mechanisms involved in their increased
 expression and the significance of their overexpression in bacterial persistence in the host
 need to be determined.

297 All P. aeruginosa strains carry genes for multiple efflux pumps. The CLJ1/PA7 clade 298 possesses the locus encoding the MexXY-OprA efflux pump which is able to transport antibiotics 299 fluoroquinolones, aminoglycosides, multiple including and certain 300 cephalosporins (reviewed in (59)). However, when compared to CLJ1, there is a *ca*. 20kb 301 deletion in the CLJ3 genome (with a loss of 22 genes corresponding to PSPA7 3247-302 3268) eliminating the entire transcriptional repressor mexZ gene and truncating the mexX 303 (Fig. 2E). The deleted region is replaced by a copy of CLJ-ISL3 that is bordered by 304 truncated *puuP* and *mexX*. One plausible explanation for the observed genomic 305 arrangement of this region in CLJ3 is that the strain was derived from a yet un-identified 306 clonal strain that had another copy of ISL3 in *mexX*. A recombination between these two 307 IS elements resulted in the 20 kb deletion, simultaneously eliminating the repressor and 308 a portion of *mexX* genes, making this efflux pump nonfunctional. The truncation of the 309 puuP gene encoding putrescine importer/permease indicates that the CLJ-ISL3 310 sequence affects transport of polyamine, which have multiple roles in pathogen biology, 311 including resistance to some antibacterial agents (60).

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### 313 Modifications of the O-specific antigens (OSA) cluster due to ISs

OSA is a component of lipopolysaccharide (LPS) and an integral component of the *P. aeruginosa* cell envelope. The OSA biosynthetic gene cluster of CLJ in RGP31 is similar

316 in content to that of PA7, consequently both PA7 and CLJ1 belong to serotype O12 (22). 317 However, insertion of two different ISs alters the gene content and expression levels of 318 the encoded proteins (Fig. 3A). In CLJ1, the ISL3 element was found within the gene 319 encoding NAD-dependent epimerase/dehydratase (CLJ1 1762 corresponding to 320 PSPA7 1970), whereas in the corresponding CLJ3 locus two copies were present, one 321 disrupting wbjL and the second located in the intergenic region between CLJ3 1919 and 322 CLJ3 1920 (PSPA7 1972). Moreover, in CLJ3, two copies of another IS from the IS66 family were also found within the gene *wbjB (CLJ1\_1771; CLJ3\_1930)* and downstream 323 324 of wbjM (CLJ1 1778; CLJ3 1936). These insertions negatively affect expression of these genes, or mRNA stability, as their mRNA and protein levels were higher in CLJ1 than in 325 326 CLJ3 (Tables S7 and S8).

327 Furthermore, some other proteins encoded in the 3' part of the OSA cluster, i.e. 328 CLJ1\_1767 (PSPA7\_1975), WbjB (CLJ1\_1771), WbjC (CLJ1\_1772), WbjI (CLJ1\_1773) and WbjJ (CLJ1 1774) were more abundant in CLJ1 (Table S7). Analogous variations 329 330 of the OSA loci leading to variability of O-antigens have been reported (61, 62). 331 Interestingly, the previously described deletion at the mexX-puuP locus in CLJ3 332 encompasses also the galU gene (CLJ1\_3121, Fig. 2E), encoding UDP glucose 333 pyrophosphorylase (63) that adds sugar moleties onto the inner core on lipid A, serving 334 as the anchor for the full length LPS. The LPS truncation due to absence of *galU* leads to 335 a so-called rough LPS, higher susceptibility to serum-mediated killing and reduced in vivo 336 virulence (64). The CLJ3 strain was non-agglutinable and sensitive to serum compared 337 to the CLJ1 strain (Fig. 3B). The *in vivo* selection for acquisition of a serum sensitivity 338 phenotype is unclear but it may reflect the adaptation of CLJ3 to the host environment through resistance to phages and antibiotic challenges, as it has been reported for some other clinical strains (65). Modification in LPS structures in *P. aeruginosa* strains chronically infecting CF patients is considered as an adaptation mechanism to a more "persistent" lifestyle, with the LPS molecule being less inflammatory (64). Thus, multiple mechanisms contributed to final LPS structure in CLJ clones. Those events could have provided to strains variable advantages during infection process such as resistance to antimicrobials or altered recognition by the immune system.

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### 347 **ISs determine the repertoire of surface appendices**

Inspection of CLJ1 and CLJ3 genome sequences showed that CLJ-ISL3 has strongly 348 349 affected the flagellar biosynthetic locus in both strains. The CLJ3 genome revealed an 350 organization and gene content of the flagellar locus similar to that found in PAO1, which 351 synthesizes a b-type flagellum (66), but with two copies of CLJ-ISL3 (Fig. 4A). The first 352 IS interrupts flqL (CLJ1 4222), encoding the flagellar hook-associated protein that 353 enables the anchoring of the flagellum to the cell envelope (67), while the second IS 354 element is in fgtA (CLJ1\_4219) coding for the flagellin glycosyl transferase. The two ISs 355 seem to have recombined in CLJ1 creating a deletion between truncated fgtA and flgL 356 genes (Fig. 4A). This recombination event suggests that CLJ1 is not the direct ancestor 357 of CLJ3, but that the two strains evolved from a common ancestor. The absence of 358 flagellum is in agreement with the non-motile phenotype of the strain observed during 359 eukaryotic cell infection and on soft agar (22). Bacterial flagella also modulate immune 360 response during the infection, because the major flagellar subunit flagellin binds to TLR5 361 and initiates the TLR-dependent signaling and activation of expression of pro362 inflammatory cytokines (68). The absence of assembled flagella in the isolates explains 363 the lack of detectable pro-inflammatory cytokine interleukin-1 $\beta$  (IL-1 $\beta$ ) and TNF in 364 bronchoalveolar lavages of CLJ1-infected mice (23, 24). CLJ1 is also devoid of twitching 365 mobility (22); therefore we examined the genomic data for possible mutations in genes 366 encoding type IV pili (T4P) and found an insertion of CLJ-ISL3 within the 5' part of pilM 367 gene in both CLJ1 and CLJ3 genomes (Fig. 4B). This gene, encoding a cytoplasmic actin-368 like protein, is the first gene of the *pilMNOPQ* operon reported to be essential for both 369 T4P biogenesis and twitching motility (69). Expression of the entire operon, likely due to 370 the polar effect of the IS element on the downstream genes, seems to be affected since 371 no proteins were detected by proteomic analysis, unlike many other Pil proteins encoded 372 in other operons (Table S7). This finding was intriguing as the action of the toxin Exolysin 373 relies greatly on T4P in another ex/A+ strain, IHMA87 (70). Therefore, we examined CLJ1 374 proteomes for the presence of other putative adhesive molecules that may substitute for 375 the T4P function during host cell intoxication. Based on proteomic datasets, the CLJ1 376 strain synthesizes components of five two-partner secretion (TPS) systems whose 377 predicted secreted components are annotated as haemolysins/haemagglutinins, 378 including the Exolysin (CLJ1\_4479) responsible for CLJ1 cytotoxicity. CdrA and CdrB 379 (CLJ1\_4999 and CLJ1\_5000) are significantly overrepresented in the CLJ3 strain as 380 revealed by proteomics and RNA-Seg analysis (Tables S7 and S8). In the PAO1 strain, 381 the adhesin CdrA is regulated by the secondary messenger cyclic-di-GMP (c-di-GMP), 382 and its expression is increased in biofilm-growing condition (71). We assessed the cellular 383 levels of c-di-GMP by using a reporter that is based on the transcriptionally fused c-di-GMP-responsive cdrA promoter to a gene encoding unstable green fluorescent protein 384

385 (34). The pcdrA-gfp (ASV)<sup>C</sup> monitoring plasmid clearly showed higher levels of the second messenger in CLJ3 during growth (Fig. 4C), suggesting that CLJ3 may have adapted to 386 387 host conditions by switching to biofilm lifestyle. Another TpsA protein detected in CLJ 388 secretomes is CLJ1 4560, a HMW-like adhesin recently named PdtA in the PAO1 strain. 389 PdtA plays a role in *P. aeruginosa* virulence as demonstrated by using *Caenorhabditis* 390 elegans model of infection (72). The production of five TPSs, including the protease LepA 391 (CLJ1 4911) (73) and at least one contact-dependent inhibition protein Cdi (CLJ1 2745) 392 (74, 75), in CLJ strains (Table S7) indicates that this family of proteins may play an 393 important role during colonization and infection, but their respective contributions in 394 adhesion, cytotoxicity, or inter-bacterial competition during infection process need to be 395 investigated.

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### 397 Other putative virulence factors, phages and metabolism

398 RNA-Seq results supported by proteomics data showed an increase in expression of the 399 enzymes HcnB (CLJ1 2955) and HcnC (CLJ1 2954) in the CLJ1 strain (Table S9). The 400 inspection of the hcn operon revealed that the CLJ-ISL3 element was inserted in the 5' 401 part of the hcnB gene in CLJ3 genome (Fig. 5A), in agreement with absence of expression 402 measured using RT-qPCR (Fig. 5B). The *hcn* genes encode the subunits of hydrogen 403 cyanide (HCN) synthase that produce this toxic secondary metabolite (76). To detect the 404 HCN produced by the strains, a paper impregnated with a reaction mixture containing 405 Cu<sup>2+</sup> ions was placed above bacteria seeded onto agar plates, a white-to-blue color 406 transition being indicative of HCN in the gas phase. In agreement with proteomic data,

407 CLJ1 was able to produce HCN in higher quantities than CLJ3 and other P. aeruginosa strains from the exIA<sup>+</sup> collection (Fig. 5B, (22)). Many P. aeruginosa isolates from 408 409 individuals with CF produce high levels of HCN (77) and the molecule has been detected 410 in the sputum of *P. aeruginosa*-infected CF and bronchiectasis patients (78, 79). HCN is 411 also a regulatory molecule, capable of inducing and repressing other genes (80), 412 including a cluster of genes PA4129-PA4134 in PAO1. This cluster (CLJ1 0701-413 CLJ1 0708) is expressed at higher levels in CLJ1 compared to CLJ3 as revealed by 414 RNA-Seq and quantitative proteomics (Fig. 1, Tables S7 and S8) and confirmed for 415 ccoG2 and ccoN4 genes by RT-gPCR (Fig. 5C). The ccoN4 gene belongs to the ccoN4Q4 416 operon, one of the two ccoNQ orphan gene clusters present in P. aeruginosa genome. 417 Its upregulation in the cyanogenic CLJ1 is in agreement with the study showing that, 418 although *P. aeruginosa* encodes a cyanide-insensitive oxidase CIO, isoforms of *cbb<sub>3</sub>*-type 419 cytochrome c oxidase containing CcoN4 subunit were produced in response to cyanide, 420 exhibiting higher tolerance towards this poisonous molecule in low-oxygen conditions 421 (81).

422 Examining the data for differential expression of putative virulence determinants indicated 423 that CLJ3 overproduces Lipotoxin F (LptF, CLJ1\_1186), an outer-membrane protein 424 contributing to adhesion to epithelial A549 cells and known to activate host inflammatory 425 response (82). The *lptF* gene is located in a putative operon together with a gene 426 encoding a hypothetical protein predicted to be a lipoprotein located in the periplasm 427 (CLJ1\_1187) that was found upregulated in CLJ3 strain by proteomic analyses (Table 428 S7). As *lptF* upregulation was not detected by initial RNA-Seq, we performed RT-qPCRs *lptF* 429 that demonstrated significant overexpression of both genes and

430 *CLJ1\_1187/CLJ3\_1413* in CLJ3 (Fig. 5C) suggesting that Lipotoxin F together with 431 CLJ1\_1187 contributed to bacterial adaptation to in-patient environments which is in 432 agreement with increased *lptF* expression in CF isolates (83).

433 Finally, prophages play important roles in *P. aeruginosa* physiology, adaptation and 434 virulence (38, 84, 85). In the CLJ genomes, there are at least eight regions related to 435 phages (Table S10) and five of them are different or absent from PA7 (Table S3). 436 Transcriptomic and proteomic approaches revealed that twenty-seven phage-related 437 proteins from CLJ1\_0539-0556 in RGP3 and CLJ1\_4296-4314, including CLJ-SR11, are 438 significantly more abundant in CLJ3 compared to CLJ1 (Tables S7, S8 and S9). 439 Interestingly, the genes encoding bacteriocins, namely pyocins S2, S4, and S5, are 440 absent from CLJ strains. Nevertheless, the activator of pyocin biosynthetic genes, PrtN 441 (CLJ1 0535) (86), is more highly expressed in CLJ3 than in CLJ1. Indeed, the *prtN* gene is located in a region encoding phage-related proteins which is activated in CLJ3 (Fig. 1, 442 Table S9). In both CLJ genomes, we also identified the genes for AlpR (CLJ1 4295, 443 444 CLJ3\_4269) and AlpA (CLJ1\_4296, CLJ3\_4268), transcriptional regulators of a 445 programmed cell death pathway in PAO1 (87). Finally, alpA and all the genes of the alpBCDE lysis cassette are highly expressed in CLJ3, and we noticed high propensity of 446 447 this strain for lysis (Fig. 1, Table S9).

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449 CLJ-ISL3 inactivates the *imu* operon encoding translesion synthesis machinery

450 Another location of the ISL3 element in the CLJ1 and CLJ3 genomes is within the *imu* 451 operon also named the "mutagenesis" cassette (Fig. 5D). The *imu* operon encodes the

452 ImuC polymerase (formerly called DnaE2) and other components of translesion synthesis 453 (TLS), which can bypass lesions caused by DNA damage, and consequently, is 454 mutagenic. The ImuC polymerase in *Pseudomonas* contributes to the tolerance to DNA 455 alkylation agents (88), and the inactivation of the operon could limit accumulation of 456 mutations. Interestingly, CF P. aeruginosa isolates frequently display a hyper-mutator 457 phenotype, that is primary due to inactivation of *mutS* and has been previously suggested 458 as being advantageous for bacterial adaptation to the CF lungs (89). The *mutS* gene is 459 identical and intact in CLJ1 and CLJ3 and the predicted proteins differ by one amino acid at position 593 from MutS of PA7 (threonine in PA7, serine in CLJ1/CLJ3). Therefore, the 460 physiological impact of inactivation of the translesion synthesis system is unclear. Two 461 462 additional DNA-repair proteins, RecN (CLJ1\_5150) and RecA (CLJ1\_1263), were found 463 overrepresented in CLJ3 at the transcriptome and proteome levels (Table S9), suggesting 464 the interplay between different ways of defense mechanism against uncontrolled 465 mutational rates induced by the hostile environment. We found more than 600 single 466 nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) between CLJ1 and CLJ3. This is about six times higher compared to sequential isolates found in the same CF patients over 8.8 years in one 467 468 study (10) and almost 10 times higher than mutations in a matched isolate pair, collected 469 7 and 1/2 years apart from a single patient in another study (12). However, another study 470 showed that some strains isolated from non-CF patients could share between 176 and 471 736 SNPs (9). Although we could not precisely account for the role of SNPs, they may 472 contribute to differences in gene expression between the two isolates that could not be 473 directly attributed to ISs.

### 475 Two CLJ clones show different pathogenic potential in *Galleria mellonella*

To assess the global virulence of the two strains in a whole organism, we used wax moth 476 477 Galleria infection model, and followed the survival of infected larvae following inoculation 478 with different strains. Under the same infection conditions, the CLJ1 strain was found 479 more virulent than the PA7 strain, while CLJ3 was unable to kill Galleria larvae (Fig. 5E). 480 This result shows that CLJ3, while gaining resistance to antimicrobials, has lost its 481 virulence potential, in agreement with our previous observation that CLJ3 is sensitive to 482 serum (Figure 3B) and less cytotoxic due to the loss of the ability to secrete Exolysin (16). 483 More than 40 insertion sites of ISL3 have been detected in the genome of CLJ3, most 484 within or upstream of genes encoding hypothetical proteins or putative regulators (Table S6) and some of them may have influenced fitness of the CLJ3 strain in the Galleria model 485 486 of infection. Thus, we found that ISs have greatly contributed to pathogenicity of the CLJ1 487 strain and to multi-drug resistance of CLJ3. As the coexistence of the two isolates in the 488 patient lungs is possible, we can conclude that ISs have determined the global success 489 of the CLJ lineage in establishing fatal infection.

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### 491 **Discussion**

*P. aeruginosa* strains belonging to the group of taxonomic outliers are abundant in humid environments (18, 19, 90, 91) and are considered to be innocuous, based on a previous study (92). Here we present the results of a multiomics approach applied to two recent clinical isolates, CLJ1 and CLJ3, belonging to the same group of taxonomic outliers. This work gave insights into genome-wide modifications that provided bacteria with the

497 weapons for a successful colonization and dissemination in the human host. We found 498 that the genomes of those strains are highly dynamic and evolved within the patient due 499 to high number of ISs. Global traits necessary for pathogenicity and survival in the host, 500 i.e. motility, adhesion and resistance to antimicrobials, are modulated by the CLJ-ISL3 501 element. The later isolate CLJ3 acquired resistance toward antibiotics provided to the 502 patients during hospitalization, with some ISs directly affecting components playing a role 503 in resistance. Compared to the early colonizer CLJ1, the CLJ3 strain also displays higher 504 intracellular levels of c-di-GMP, higher expression of the biofilm-associated adhesion protein CdrA, and has lost part of the LPS by the deletion of the *galU* gene; these are all 505 506 features of adaptation to the so-called "chronic" lifestyle. Moreover, using bioinformatics 507 screens we found 35 additional IS elements in the CLJ3 genome and these very likely 508 contribute to other phenotypical changes not assessed in this study. In addition to 509 previously known virulence determinants, numerous differentially expressed genes were 510 annotated as "hypothetical" by using automated annotation technology RAST and their 511 contribution in *P. aeruginosa* adaptation to human host should be further explored.

512 Although the exact origin of the ISL3 in the CLJ lineage is unknown, we can speculate on 513 its acquisition from an environmental bacterial species present in the common microbial 514 community. Indeed, the GC content of the CLJ1-ISL3 is 54.8%, while the rest of the P. 515 aeruginosa genome is 66.6%, suggesting recent acquisition by a horizontal transfer. The 516 initial disruption of the genes encoding flagellar components and pili may have allowed 517 the CLJ strain to overcome the human immune defenses. Increased capacity to secrete 518 the pore-forming toxin Exolysin gave the strain additional advantage to further damage 519 the host epithelium and endothelium tissues and disseminate.

520 Previous studies indicated that the contribution of ISs to the adaptation of *P. aeruginosa* 521 to CF environment is low with limited transposition events during chronic infection (93), 522 which is in contrast to what was found in *in vitro* evolution experiment in *Escherichia coli* 523 (94, 95). Search in the Pseudomonas data base (27) with the nucleotide sequence of the 524 CLJ1-ISL3 fragment revealed altogether 12 strains with 100% identical fragments: 8 from 525 Copenhagen University Hospital (96) and the others isolated from tertiary care hospital's 526 intensive care units in Seattle (97). The exact positions of the ISL3 element in those genomes and phenotypes related to disrupted gene(s) are currently unknown, but this 527 knowledge would give insights on whether and how the ISL3 participated in colonization 528 process and adaptation of those strains to a particular infectious niche. More recent 529 530 genomic characterization of environmental P. aeruginosa isolates from dental unit 531 waterlines, showed that in addition of the OSA loci, the ISPa11 fragment altered genes 532 of two master regulators, LasR and GacS, supporting the idea of ecological adaptive 533 potential of *P. aeruginosa* by mobile elements (48). Therefore, in addition to small 534 nucleotide changes in pathoadaptive genes, mobile genetic elements drive the emergence of phenotypic traits leading to adaptation of P. aeruginosa to niche the 535 536 bacteria encounter and undoubtedly take part in strain-specific pathogenicity. The 537 contribution of ISs to the increase of the bacterial pathogenic arsenal is likely 538 underestimated due to still limited availability of closed bacterial genomes. New DNA 539 sequencing technologies accessing genome fragments of tens and even hundreds of kb 540 should reveal the global impact of mobile elements in bacterial evolution.

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### 876 Figure Legends

877 Fig. 1 Comparison of the CLJ1 and CLJ3 genome, transcriptome and proteome. The 878 overview of the three genomes, including the reference genome of the PA7 strain, is 879 shown on the left, while the image on the right is an enlarged genomic segment at the 880 hcn locus with a more detailed description of the data. The red bar charts indicate that 881 the gene or protein is more expressed in CLJ1, whereas the green bars show higher 882 expression in CLJ3; darker tone indicates statistically significant expression difference 883 between the two strains (False Discovery Rate < 0.05). The labels linked to the outmost 884 ring show the genes that are differentially expressed in both, RNA-Seg and at least one 885 of the proteomic datasets. The protein subcellular localization (outmost ring) is colored as 886 in the Pseudomonas Genome Database (30). The CLJ-ISL3 insertions are indicated by 887 red, green and blue triangles, depending on their presence in CLJ1, CLJ3 or both strains, 888 respectively.

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890 Fig. 2 Insertions of CLJ-ISL3 into genes encoding determinants of antibiotic susceptibility. 891 A Representation of the 2,985-bp CLJ-ISL3 IS with three genes and inverted repeats at 892 its ends. **B** Representation of the oprD disruption in CLJ3 by the CLJ-ISL3 insertion 893 sequence. C Location of CLJ-ISL3 in *ampD* in CLJ3. D Analysis of the relative expression 894 of ampDH3 and mipA in CLJ1 and CLJ3 strains by RT-qPCR. The bars indicate the 895 standard error of the mean. E Gene organization of the region in PA7 and CLJ1 that is 896 absent in CLJ3. CLJ-ISL3 is found in *puuP* in CLJ1 while, both *puuP* and *mexX* are 897 disrupted in CLJ3, with the connecting sequence replaced by CLJ-ISL3 (see the text).

**Fig. 3** ISs within OSA loci and impact on serum sensitivity. **A** Comparison of the OSA region in PA7 and CLJ strains. CLJ-ISL3 is inserted in one location in CLJ1 and at two sites in CLJ3, while IS66 is present in two copies in CLJ3. Correspondence between nonannotated genes is depicted with connecting lines. **B** Kinetics of serum killing of CLJ1 and CLJ3 strains. Bacteria were incubated with human sera for indicated time, diluted and spotted on agar plates. Colony forming units were counted after incubation at 37°C.

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905 Fig. 4 Modifications in components associated with surface appendices. A Gene 906 organization of flgL region in PAO1 and the CLJ1 strain. Two CLJ-ISL3, interrupting fatA and *flqL*, were found in the CLJ3 genome that probably recombined in CLJ1, leaving only 907 908 one copy of the IS. B Representation of the *pilMNOPQ* operon. The CLJ-ISL3 in *pilM* 909 gene was found in CLJ1 and CLJ3. C Synthesis of the adhesin CdrA is linked to high 910 intracellular c-di-GMP levels. The c-di-GMP levels in CLJ1 and CLJ3 strains were 911 monitored using the pcdrA-gfp(ASV)c plasmid. Fluorescence was measured every 15 min 912 for 6 h of growth. The error-bars indicate the standard deviation.

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**Fig. 5** Expression of virulence factors and pathogenicity. **A** The *hcn* operon in CLJ1 and insertion of CLJ-ISL3 within the *hcnB* gene in CLJ3. **B** Relative expression of *hcnB* measured by RT-qPCR and hydrogen cyanide production in indicated strains. **C** Analysis of the relative expression of *ccoG2*, *ccoN4*, *lptF*, and CLJ1\_1187 in CLJ1 and CLJ3 strains by RT-qPCR. The bars indicate the standard error of the mean. **D** The *imuABC* operon and insertion of CLJ-ISL3. **E** Survival of *Galleria* following injection of different

- 920 strains. Twenty larvae were infected with 5-10 bacteria (estimated from CFU counts) and
- 921 their survival was followed over indicated period by counting the dead ones. PBS was
- 922 injected as mock control.
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Figure 3





Time post infection (hour)

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#### **18** Supplementary Materials and Methods

### 19 Genome sequencing, assembly, annotation and comparison

20 The DNA extracted from the CLJ1 bacteria was sequenced on Illumina HiSeg 2000 21 systems at the Beijing Genomics Institute, China with a 2x50 base-pairs (bp) paired-end 22 mode, generating 12,333,368 reads with a genome coverage of 90-100x. PacBio (Base 23 Clear, Leiden, Netherlands) technology was also used, providing 114,707 reads. The 24 Illumina reads were trimmed to remove low guality sequences (limit = 0.05) and 25 ambiguous nucleotides (maximum two nucleotides allowed) and assembled de novo using CLC Genomics Workbench 9.0 (Qiagen, Aarhus, Denmark). The resulting contigs 26 27 were then combined with the PacBio reads using the "Join Contigs" function of the CLC 28 Genome Finishing Module version 1.6.1 (Qiagen). Contigs or scaffolds consisting of fewer 29 than 100 reads were filtered out and BLAST (1) searches were performed to check and 30 remove those that show no match to *Pseudomonas* sequence in GenBank (2). CLJ3 31 genomic DNA was sequenced using Illumina MiSeg at the Biopolymers Facility, Harvard 32 Medical School, Boston, USA, with 150-bp single-end runs, generating 2,495,173 reads. 33 Quality trimming was done using CLC Genomics Workbench 9.0 using the same 34 parameters as those used for CLJ1, followed by *de novo* assembly with minimal contig 35 length of 1 kb. The order of both CLJ1 and CLJ3 scaffolds or contigs was determined based on the genome sequence of PA7 strain using the "move contigs" tool of the Mauve 36 37 Genome Alignment Software version snapshot 2015-02-13 (3). Average nucleotide identity between genomes were estimated using ANI calculator tool on the enveomics 38 39 collection server (4) with minimum alignment length, identity, and number of 700 bp, 70%. 40 and 50, respectively, using 1 000 bp window size and 200 bp step size. SNPs between 41 CLJ1 and CLJ3 genomes were detected by mapping trimmed CLJ3 reads to CLJ1 42 genome in CLC Genomics Workbench 9.0, followed by using Basic Variant Detection 1.71 tool in the Workbench with the following parameters: Ploidy = 1, Ignore positions 43 44 with coverage above = 100 000, Restrict calling to target regions = Not set, Ignore broken pairs = Yes, Ignore non-specific matches = Reads, Minimum coverage = 10, Minimum 45 46 count = 2, Minimum frequency (%) = 35.0, Base quality filter = Yes, Neighborhood radius 47 = 5, Minimum central quality = 20, Minimum neighborhood quality = 15, Read direction filter = No, Relative read direction filter = Yes, Significance (%) = 1.0, Read position filter 48 49 = No, Remove pyro-error variants = No. COG annotation was done using the WebMGA 50 server (5) with E-value cutoff of 0.001. Subcellular localizations of PA7 proteins were retrieved from the Pseudomonas Genome Database, whereas those of CLJ1 and CLJ3 51 52 were predicted using PSORTb version 3.0.2 (6) and LocTree3 (7). Othologous genes 53 among the strains were identified using OrthoMCL version 2.0.9 (8), with a BLASTp Evalue cutoff of 1×10<sup>-5</sup> and the default Markov cluster algorithm (MCL) inflation parameter 54 55 of 1.5.

### 56 Transcriptome analysis

The preparations of the Illumina libraries and sequencing were done by standard procedures at the Biopolymer Facility, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA. Illumina HiSeq was used for the sequencing with 50-bp single-end runs, generating 3,225,727 and 21,633,018 reads for CLJ1 and 56,804,547 and 2,139,035 reads for CLJ3. For each replicate, raw RNA-Seq read trimmings were done in CLC Genomics Workbench 9.0 using the same parameters as for genome sequencing reads, and the trimmed reads were mapped to the annotated CLJ1 genome using the RNA-Seq analysis tool. Total

number of reads mapped to the genes were incorporated into a tabular format and
analyzed using the DESeq2 differential expression analysis pipeline (9). Differentially
expressed genes between CLJ1 and CLJ3 were identified using a 5% False Discovery
Rate (FDR).

#### 68 **Proteomics**

69 Sample preparation. Overnight cultures of CLJ1 were diluted to an  $OD_{600}$  0.1 in 30 mL. 70 CLJ3 was left a night at room temperature and then the cultures were incubated at 37°C 71 under shaking to an OD<sub>600</sub> 0.8. At this point, 30 mL of bacterial cultures were centrifuged 72 at 6,000 rpm, 4°C for 10 min, and supernatants were filtered with 0.22 µm filters. Total 73 membranes separation. Pellets were re-suspended in 1 mL of 10 mM Tris-HCl, 20 % 74 sucrose, pH8 buffer supplemented with protease inhibitors cocktail (PIC, Roche, Basel, 75 Switzerland) and were disrupted by sonication. Unbroken bacteria were removed by a 76 centrifugation at 8,000 rpm for 10 min at 4°C. Total membrane fraction was obtained by 77 ultracentrifugation at 200,000 g for 1 h at 4°C, and the pelleted fraction was washed twice 78 with 1 mL of 10 mM Tris-HCl, 20 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, pH8, supplemented with PIC, and resuspended in 500 µL of the same buffer. Supernatant fraction. Proteins from supernatants 79 80 were precipitated by a TCA-sarkosyl method (0.5% final volume of sarkosyl and 7.5% 81 final volume of TCA) for 2 h on ice and centrifuged at 12,000 rpm for 15 min. Pellets were 82 washed twice with tetrahydrofuran, and re-suspended in 50 µL of loading buffer. Prepared 83 samples, in triplicates, were then analyzed by SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting using 84 antibodies directed against 3 synthetic peptides of ExIA ((10), 1:1 000), anti-RpoA (1:5 85 000) as control for whole cell, anti-TagQ ((11), 1:10 000) as control for the membrane 86 fraction and anti-DsbA (1:2 000) as control for the periplasm fraction. Secondary

antibodies used were HRP-coupled anti-rabbit (1:50 000) and anti-mouse (1:5 000)
(Sigma-Aldrich). Western blots were developed using Luminata Crescendo Western HRP
(Millipore) substrate.

90 Mass spectrometry-based quantitative proteomic analyses. Extracted proteins were 91 prepared as described in (12). Briefly, proteins were stacked in the top of a SDS-PAGE 92 gel (NuPAGE 4-12%, ThermoFisher Scientific), stained with Coomassie blue (R250, Bio-93 Rad) before in-gel digestion using modified trypsin (Promega, sequencing grade). Resulting peptides were analysed by nanoliguid chromatography coupled to tandem 94 95 mass spectrometry (Ultimate 3000 coupled to LTQ-Orbitrap Velos Pro, Thermo Scientific) 96 using a 120-min gradient (2 analytical replicates per biological replicate). RAW files were 97 processed using MaxQuant (13) version 1.5.3.30. The protein content in total, membrane, 98 and secretome proteomes of CLJ1 and CLJ3 were analyzed independently from the 99 others. Spectra were searched against the homemade CLJ database and the frequently 100 observed contaminants database embedded in MaxQuant. Trypsin was chosen as the 101 enzyme and 2 missed cleavages were allowed. Peptide modifications allowed during the 102 search were: carbamidomethylation (C, fixed), acetyl (Protein N-ter, variable) and 103 oxidation (M, variable). Minimum peptide length was set to 7 amino acids. Minimum 104 number of peptides, razor + unique peptides and unique peptides were all set to 1. 105 Maximum false discovery rates - calculated by employing a reverse database strategy -106 were set to 0.01 at peptide and protein levels. Intensity-based absolute quantification 107 values iBAQ (14) were calculated from MS intensities of unique+razor peptides. Statistical 108 analyses were performed using ProStaR (15). Proteins identified in the reverse and 109 contaminant databases, proteins only identified by site and proteins exhibiting less than 3 iBAQ values in one condition were discarded from the list. After log2 transformation, intensity values were normalized by median centering before missing value imputation (replacing missing values by the 2.5 percentile value of each column); statistical testing was conducted using *limma* t-test. Differentially recovered proteins were sorted out using a log2(fold change) cut-off of 2 and a FDR threshold on remaining p-values of 1% using the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure. The different lists were then combined together. In total, this allows us to end up with a list of 2 852 quantified proteins.

### 117 **RT-qPCR**

118 Yield, purity and integrity of RNA were evaluated on Nanodrop and by agarose gel 119 migration. Complementary DNA synthesis was carried using 3 µg of RNA with 120 SuperScript III First-Strand Synthesis System (Invitrogen) with or without SuperScript III 121 RT enzyme to assess the absence of genomic DNA. The CFX96 Real-Time system 122 (BioRad) was used to amplify the cDNA and the quantification was based on use of SYBR 123 green fluorescent molecules. cDNA was incubated with 5 µL of Gotag gPCR master mix 124 (Promega) and reverse and forward specific primers at a final concentration of 125 nM in 125 a total volume of 10 µL. Cycling parameters of the real time PCR were 95°C for 2 min, 40 126 cycles of 95°C for 15 s and 60°C for 45 s, and finally a melting curve from 65°C to 95°C 127 by increment of 0.5°C for 5 s to assess the specificity of the amplification. To generate 128 standard curves, serial dilutions of cDNA pool of the CLJ strains were used. The 129 experiments were performed with three biological samples for each strain, in duplicate, 130 and the results were analyzed with the CFX manager software (BioRad). The relative 131 expression of mRNAs was calculated using the  $\Delta\Delta$ Cq method relative to *rpoD* reference Cq values. The graph was represented with the SEM (Standard Error of the Mean). 132

133 Statistical analysis was carried out using a non-parametric Mann-Whitney U test. The *p*-

134 values < 0.05 were considered as significant.

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### 183 Fig. S1 Details of whole genome comparison between PA7 and CLJ strains.

184 The outer ring shows all the genes in the strains colored according to their COG (Clusters 185 of Orthologous Groups) functional categories as listed on the bottom, and the three other 186 rings represent the PA7 (orange), CLJ3 (green), and CLJ1 (red) genomes, respectively. 187 White color indicates that the gene is absent from the genome, grey color indicates that 188 the gene or its homolog is present in a different position in the genome, while black color 189 in the CLJ rings represents gaps between contigs. The inner labels show the CLJ-specific 190 regions and the outer labels are the PA7-specific regions (represented in RGPs or PSPA7 191 locus numbers) described in Additional file 2: Table S1 and Table S2, respectively. (PDF 192 6909 KB)

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194 **Table S1** Genome assembly and annotation statistics (DOCX 17Ko)

195 **Table S2** RT-qPCR primers used in this study (DOCX 16Ko)

- **Table S3** Specific regions of CLJ compared to PA7 (DOCX 17Ko)
- **Table S4** Specific regions of PA7 compared to CLJ (DOCX 18Ko)
- **Table S5** Genes in CLJ-SR14 (DOCX 18Ko)
- **Table S6** Prediction of CLJ-ISL3 insertions between contigs of CLJ3 (XLSX 14Ko)
- 200 Table S7 Differential proteomic analysis between CLJ1 and CLJ3 in total proteome,
- 201 membrane proteome, and secretome proteome (XLSX 376Ko)
- **Table S8** Differential gene expression analysis between CLJ1 and CLJ3 (XLSX 436Ko)
- **Table S9** List of genes/proteins that are statistically significantly differentially expressed
- between CLJ1 and CLJ3 in both, RNA-Seq and in at least one of the proteomic datasets
- 205 (XLSX 24K0)
- **Table S10** CLJ phage-related region (DOCX 16Ko)

	CLJ1	CLJ3
Number of contigs/scaffolds	68	135
Average coverage (×)	98.3	96.9
Contig/scaffold size (bp)	201-847201	1025-297138
Average contig/scaffold size (bp)	95801	47065
Contig/scaffold N50 (bp)	456227	97517
Total genome size (bp)	6514448	6353726
G+C content (%)	66.6	66.6
Protein coding sequences	6259	6107
tRNA	62	57
rRNA	9	3

Table S2. RT-qPCR primers used in this study

Name	5'-3' sequence	Amplicon size
qPCR-hcnB-F	TACGGTGATCTGCCGTTGTG	152 bp
qPCR-hcnB-R	GATCGCTGCAATAGCCGATG	
qPCR-pvdE-F	CCAATCCCGAACCCTACCTG	184 bp
qPCR-pvdE-R	TTCTCGCCGACGATGAAGAG	
qPCR-ampDH3-F	GCGACAACCTCAACGACACC	165 bp
qPCR-ampDH3-R	CATTCTTCGGCGTCATGTCC	
gPCR-2958-F2	CGGCATCGAGCACTGCTACT	152 bp
qPCR-2958-R2	CCAGTTCGTGGCCGATGAT	
gPCR-ccoG2-F	GCTGGACCTGGAAAGCCTGT	160 bp
qPCR-ccoG2-R	GGCGTCGTAGGAAACGATCA	
aPCR-ccoN4-F	TGGGCAATACCACCACGAG	171 bp
qPCR-ccoN4-R	CGGTGGTCAGGATGAACGAG	
oprD-up	GGGTTCATCGAAGACAGCAG	139 bn
oprD-up	TGCCTTGGGTGAAGCCGGATT	
uvrD-up		160 bp
uvrD-down	CGCTGAACTGCTGGATGTTCTC	100.00
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Region	RGP	CLJ1 locus	Number of genes	Features
CLJ-SR1	RGP66	0487-0494	8	Phage-related
CLJ-SR2	RGP29*	2128-2214	87	PAGI-2-like island
CLJ-SR3	RGP28	2316-2322	6	Mobile element proteins
CLJ-SR4	RGP27	2415-2573	160	Dit island
CLJ-SR5	RGP72	2579-2583	5	D-galactonate catabolism
CLJ-SR6	RGP26	2615-2621	7	Phage-related; lytic enzymes
CLJ-SR7	RGP23	2917-2924	7	Mobile element proteins; possible DNA helicase
CLJ-SR8		3303-3309	7	ABC transporter ATP-binding protein
CLJ-SR9		3607-3616	9	
CLJ-SR10	RGP15	3774-3784	11	Threonine dehydratase; ABC transporter proteins
CLJ-SR11		4314-4301	14	AlpBCDE-lysis cassette, phage-related
CLJ-SR12		4838-4876	39	Pyrroloquinoline quinone synthesis proteins
CLJ-SR13		5192-5203	10	Phage related; accessory cholera enterotoxin
CLJ-SR14		5811-5871	55	Heavy metal resistance
CLJ-SR15		6156-6161	6	Phage-related

RGP: region of genomic plasticity, \*CLJ strains do not share any genes with PA7 in the RGP

#### Table S4. Specific regions of PA7 compared to CLJ

PSPA7 numbering	Number of genes	RGP	Features
0069-0139	71	RGP63*	Type I restriction-modification system; mercury resistance cluster
0263-0267	5		Sulfate ester transport system
0270-0274	5		
0278-0283	6		tonB2-exbB1-exbD1 operon
0355-0369	15	RGP64*	Phage-related
0776-0788	12	RGP4*	Phage-related
1586-1593	8		Polymyxin and cationic antimicrobial peptide resistance cluster
1678-1685	8		Sulfur starvation utilization operon
2109-2112	4	RGP70	Probable transposase
2363-2435	73	RGP56*	Phage-related
2515-2526	10	RGP28	
2790-2795	6	RGP25	Hemagglutinins
2886-2908	23		Hcp secretion island-3 encoded type VI secretion system (H3-T6SS)
2911-2917	7		Methionine ABC transporters; monooxygenases
2930-2935	6		Alkanesulfonate assimilation; nitrate and nitrite ammonification
3034-3071	37	RGP23	Pyocin killing protein; phage-related
3695-3747	53	RGP75*	Conjugal transfer protein cluster; resistance genes; transcriptional regulators
4281-4289	9	RGP9	Rieske family iron-sulfur cluster-binding protein
4427-4530	103	RGP7	Type IV B pilus protein cluster
5053-5075	23	RGP78	Phage-related
5143-5160	17	RGP60*	Phage-related
5297-5302	6		Fimbrial chaperone/usher pathway E operon
5324-5357	34	RGP42	Mobile element proteins; Streptomycin phosphotransferase
5364-5378	15	RGP42	Phage-related
5708-5718	11		Arginine:pyruvate transaminase; 2-ketoarginine decarboxylase
6033-6063	31	RGP79*	Type I restriction-modification system

RGP: region of genomic plasticity, \*PA7 does not share any genes with CLJ strains in the RGP.

Table :	S5.	Genes	in	CLJ-SR14
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PA7	CLJ1	CLJ3	RAST annotation
NA	CLJ1_5811	CLJ3_5608	MG(2+) CHELATASE FAMILY PROTEIN / ComM-related protein
NA	 CLJ1 5814	CLJ3 5609	hypothetical protein
NA	CLJ1 5815	CLJ3 5610	hypothetical protein
NA		CLJ3_0003	hypothetical protein
NA	CLJ1_5818	CLJ3_0004	Error-prone, lesion bypass DNA polymerase V (UmuC)
ns	CLJ1_5819	CLJ3_0005	hypothetical protein
ns	CLJ1_5820	CLJ3_0006	Mercuric ion reductase (EC 1.16.1.1)
ns	CLJ1_5821	CLJ3_0007	Mercuric transport protein, MerC
ns	CLJ1_5822	CLJ3_0008	Periplasmic mercury(+2) binding protein
ns	CLJ1_5823	CLJ3_0009	Mercuric transport protein, MerT
ns	CLJ1_5824	CLJ3_0010	Mercuric resistance operon regulatory protein
ns	CLJ1_5825	CLJ3_0011	hypothetical protein
NA	CLJ1_5826	CLJ3_0012	Sterol desaturase
NA	CLJ1_5827	CLJ3_0013	Transcriptional regulator, AraC family
NA	CLJ1_5828	CLJ3_0014	Lipoprotein signal peptidase (EC 3.4.23.36)
NA	CLJ1_5829	CLJ3_0015	hypothetical protein
NA	CLJ1_5830	CLJ3_0016	Cobalt-zinc-cadmium resistance protein CzcD
NA	CLJ1_5831	CLJ3_0017	COG3267: Type II secretory pathway, component ExeA (predicted ATPase)
NA	CLJ1_5832	CLJ3_0018	FIG131328: Predicted ATP-dependent endonuclease of the OLD family
ns	CLJ1_5833	CLJ3_0019	Mobile element protein
ns	CLJ1_5834	CLJ3_0020	Mobile element protein
NA	CLJ1_5836	CLJ3_6032	transcriptional regulator MvaT, P16 subunit, putative
ns	CLJ1_5837	CLJ3_6031	Gifsy-2 prophage protein
ns	CLJ1_5838	CLJ3_6030	Error-prone repair protein UmuD
ns	CLJ1_5839	CLJ3_6029	Error-prone, lesion bypass DNA polymerase V (UmuC)
NA	CLJ1_5840	CLJ3_6028	putative (L31491) ORF2; putative [Plasmid pTOM9]
NA	CLJ1_5841	CLJ3_6027	putative ORF1 [Plasmid pTOM9]
NA	CLJ1_5842	CLJ3_6026	NreA-like protein
NA	CLJ1_5843	CLJ3_6025	Inner membrane protein
NA	CLJ1_5844	CLJ3_6024	probable membrane protein YPO3302
NA	CLJ1_5845	CLJ3_6023	hypothetical protein
NA	CLJ1_5846	CLJ3_6022	hypothetical protein
NA	CLJ1_5847	CLJ3_6021	Chromate transport protein ChrA
NA	CLJ1_5848	CLJ3_6020	Chromate resistance protein ChrB
NA	CLJ1_5849	CLJ3_6019	Phage integrase family protein
NA	CU1_5851	CLJ3_6018	Rubisco operon transcriptional regulator CDDR
NA	CD1_5852	CD3_6017	conspirate denydrogenase (EC 1.20.1.1) (NAD-dependent phospinite
ΝΔ	CU11 5853	CU3 6016	Phosphonate ABC transporter permease protein phpE (TC 3 A 1 9 1)
ΝΔ	CL11 5854	CU3 6015	Phosphonate ABC transporter phosphate-binding periplasmic component
	001_0004	0015	(TC 3.A.1.9.1)
NA	CLJ1 5855	CLJ3 6014	Phosphonate ABC transporter ATP-binding protein (TC 3.A.1.9.1)
ns	CLJ1 5856	CLJ3 6013	FIG002188: hypothetical protein
ns	CLJ1 5857	CLJ3 6012	FIG067310: hypothetical protein
NA	CLJ1 5858	CLJ3 6011	hypothetical protein
ns	CLJ1_5859	CLJ3_6010	Long-chain-fatty-acidCoA ligase (EC 6.2.1.3)
NA		 gap	Enoyl-CoA hydratase (EC 4.2.1.17)
NA	CLJ1_5861	ns	Mobile element protein
NA	CLJ1_5862	ns	Mobile element protein
NA	CLJ1_5863	gap	transcriptional regulator, TetR family
NA	CLJ1_5864	CLJ3_5612	Error-prone, lesion bypass DNA polymerase V (UmuC)
NA	CLJ1_5866	ns	Mobile element protein

NA	CLJ1_5867	CLJ3_5613	hypothetical protein
NA	CLJ1_5868	CLJ3_5614	Mobile element protein
NA	CLJ1_5869	CLJ3_5615	hypothetical protein
NA	CLJ1_5870	CLJ3_5616	hypothetical protein
NA	CLJ1_5871	CLJ3_5617	hypothetical protein

NA: no orthologous gene is found in the corresponding genome, ns: orthologous gene(s) is/are found in other location(s) in the corresponding genome, gap: the gene location corresponds to a gap between contigs in the corresponding genome.

### Table S10. CLJ phage-related regions.

CLJ1 locus	Region	Number of genes	Corresponding PA7 locus	Mobility gene present
0462-0497	RGP66 (including CLJ-SR1)	36	PSPA7_0678-0716	Integrase
0535-0557	RGP3	23	PSPA7_0754-0775	None
2607-2624	RGP26 (including CLJ-SR6)	18	PSPA7_2648-2661	Integrase
4295-4314	Including CLJ-SR11	20	PSPA7_4602-4606	None
4778-4791	RGP78	14	PSPA7_5040-5080	Integrase
5192-5203	CLJ-SR13	12	NA	Integrase
5758-5774	Including RGP6	17	PSPA7_4699-4703	Integrase
6156-6161	CLJ-SR15	6	NA	None

NA: not applicable

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#### COG (Clusters of Orthologous Groups) functional categories

- RNA processing and modification
- Energy production and conversion
- Cell cycle control, cell division, chromosome partitioning
- Amino acid transport and metabolism
- Nucleotide transport and metabolism
- Carbohydrate transport and metabolism
- Coenzyme transport and metabolism
- Lipid transport and metabolism
- Translation, ribosomal structure and biogenesis
- Transcription
- Replication, recombination and repair
- Cell wall/membrane/envelope biogenesis

- Cell motility
- Posttranslational modification, protein turnover, chaperones
- Inorganic ion transport and metabolism
- Secondary metabolites biosynthesis, transport and catabolism
- Signal transduction mechanisms
- Intracellular trafficking, secretion, and vesicular transport
- Defense mechanisms
- Multiple classes
- General function prediction only
- Function unknown
- No COG

Table S6. Prediction	n of CLJ-ISL3 insertions bet	ween contigs of CLJ3, as c	lescribed in Materials and Methods

Flanking contigs	Inverted repeat at contigs' en	Found by panISa	Truncated or deleted gene(s) CLJ1/PA7/PA01 gene numbers	Gene function/remarks	presence in CLJ1
006-007	Yes	Yes	CLJ1_0230/PSPA7_0328/PA0243	transcriptional regulator, TetR family	No
007-008	Only in 008	Yes	CLJ1_0262/PSPA7_0376/PA0285	GGDEF domain protein	No
019-020	Yes	Yes	CLJ1_0698/PSPA7_0954/PA4136	MFS family transporter	No
022-023	Yes	Yes	CLJ1_0863/PSPA7_1123/PA3985	Putative membrane protein	No
023-024	Only in 023	Yes	hupN/CLJ1_0909/PSPA7_1168/PA3940	DNA-binding protein HU-beta	No
026-063	Only in 026	No	CLJ1_3101/PSPA7_3246/PA2041, mexX/CLJ1_3125/PSPA7_3269/PA2019	mexX, puu permease, multidrug efflux/next to CLJ3 deletion	Yes
030-031	Only in 030	Yes	rhIBRL/CLJ1_1381-1383/PSPA7_1648-1650/PA3478-3476	quorum-sensing regulon	No
033-034	Yes	Yes	CLJ1_1423/PSPA7_1697/PA3429	putative epoxide hydrolase	No
035-036	Yes	Yes	CLJ1_1578/PSPA7_1845/PA3276	hypothetical protein	No
039-040	Yes	Yes	wbpL/CLJ1_1777/PSPA7_1935/PA3193	OSA region	No
045-046	Yes	Yes	CLJ1_2247/PSPA7_2441	hypothetical protein	No
060-061	Yes	Yes	hcnB/CLJ1_2955/PSPA7_3102/PA2194	HCN synthase	No
067-068	Yes	Yes	CLJ1_3400/PSPA7_3548/PA1759	transcriptional activator of maltose regulon, MaIT	No
068-069	Yes	Yes	CLJ1 3511/PSPA7 3656/PA1617	putative AMP-binding protein	No
074-131	Yes	No	fgtA/CLJ1 4219/PSPA7 4280/PA1091	flagellum	Yes*
131-075	Yes	No	flgL/CLJ1 4222/PSPA7 4290/PA1087	flagellum	Yes*
075-076	Yes	Yes	oprD/CLJ1 4366/PSPA7 4550/PA0958	antibiotic flux	No
080-081	Only in 080	Yes	CLJ1 5754-5755/PSPA7 4791-4792/PA0732-0731	hypothetical proteins	No
083-084	Yes	Yes	imuC/dnaE2/CLJ1 4582-4585/PSPA7 4841/PA0669	mutagenesis	Yes
093-094	Yes	Yes	ampD/CLJ1 4891/PSPA7 5139/PA4522	AmpD, beta-lactamase expression regulator	No
096-097	Yes	Yes	CLJ1 5005/PSPA7 5275/PA4629	probable transmembrane protein	No
100-101	Yes	No	CLJ1 5197	Hypothetical protein in CLJ-SR13	No
104-105	Yes	Yes	pilM/CLJ1 5446/PSPA7 5781/PA5044	pili	Yes
105-106	Only in 105	Yes	dctQM/CLJ1 5570-5571/PSPA7 5907-5908/PA5168-5169	TRAP-type C4-dicarboxylate transport system small & large permease component	No
107-108	Only in 107	Yes	yjbQ/CLJ1 5806/PSPA7 6028/PA5286, amtB/CLJ1 5808/PSPA7 6029/PA52	hypothetical protein, ammonium transporter	No
077-048	Yes	No	None	in CLJ-SR4, also a gap in CLJ1, between CLJ1 2557&2558	Yes
010-011	Yes	Yes	None	between CLJ1 0366&0368/PSPA7 0480&0481	No
011-012	Yes	Yes	None	between CLJ1 3881&3880/PSPA7 0593&0594	No
042-043	Yes	Yes	None	between CLJ1 2116&2117/PSPA7 2324&2325	No
029-030	Yes	Yes	None	between CLJ1_1258&1259/PSPA7_1518&1519	No
008-009	Yes	Yes	None	between CLJ1_0273&0274/PSPA7_0387&0388	No
037-038	Yes	Yes	None	OSA region/between CLJ1 1764&1765/PSPA7 1971&1972	No
009-010	Yes	Yes	None	between CLJ1 0295&0296/PSPA7 0409&0410	No
058-059	Yes	Yes	None	between CLJ1 1706&1707/PSPA7 2982&2983	No
123-079	Yes	No	None	in RGP6, between CLJ1 5767&5768	No
079-080	Yes	Yes	None	between CLJ1 5718&5720/PSPA7 4757&4759	No
101-102	Yes	Yes	None	between CLJ1_5292&5293/PSPA7_5613&5614	No
041-042	Yes	Yes	None	between xcp Z&tRNAVal/CLJ1_1825&rna21/PSPA7_2038&2039/PA3095&3094.3	No
089-090	Yes	Yes	None	between roxS&hypothetical/CLJ1 4819&4820/PSPA7 5108&5109/PA4494&4495	No
097-098	Yes	Yes	None	In place of cupE1-6/between CLJ1_5026&5027/PSPA7_5296&5303/PA4647&4654	No

\* The two ISs probably recombined in CLJ1 creating a deletion between truncated fgtA and flgL genes