## 1 *Listeria monocytogenes* GlmR is an accessory uridyltransferase essential for cytosolic

## 2 survival and virulence

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## 16 Abstract

17 The cytosol of eukaryotic host cells is an intrinsically hostile environment for bacteria. Understanding how cytosolic pathogens adapt to and survive in the cytosol is critical to 18 developing novel therapeutic interventions for these pathogens. The cytosolic pathogen Listeria 19 20 monocytogenes requires glmR (previously known as yvcK), a gene of unknown function, for 21 resistance to cell wall stress, cytosolic survival, inflammasome avoidance and ultimately 22 virulence in vivo. A genetic suppressor screen revealed that blocking utilization of UDP-GlcNAc 23 by a non-essential wall teichoic acid decoration pathway restored resistance to cell wall stress 24 and partially restored virulence of  $\Delta g lm R$  mutants. In parallel, metabolomics revealed that 25  $\Delta glmR$  mutants are impaired in the production of UDP-GlcNAc, an essential peptidoglycan and 26 wall teichoic acid (WTA) precursor. We next demonstrated that purified GlmR can directly 27 catalyze the synthesis of UDP-GlcNAc from GlcNAc-1P and UTP, suggesting that it is an accessory uridyltransferase. Biochemical analysis of GImR orthologues suggest that 28 29 uridyltransferase activity is conserved. Finally, mutational analysis resulting in a GImR mutant with impaired catalytic activity demonstrated that uridyltransferase activity was essential to 30 facilitate cell wall stress responses and virulence in vivo. Taken together these studies indicate 31 32 that GImR is an evolutionary conserved accessory uridyltransferase required for cytosolic survival and virulence of *L. monocytogenes*. 33

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## 35 Importance

| 36 | Bacterial pathogens must adapt to their host environment in order to cause disease. The                 |
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| 37 | cytosolic bacterial pathogen Listeria monocytogenes requires a highly conserved protein of              |
| 38 | unknown function, GlmR (previously known as YvcK) to survive in the host cytosol. GlmR is               |
| 39 | important for resistance to some cell wall stresses and is essential for virulence. The $\Delta g lm R$ |
| 40 | mutant is deficient in production of an essential cell wall metabolite, UDP-GlcNAc, and                 |
| 41 | suppressors which increase metabolite levels also restore virulence. Purified GImR can directly         |
| 42 | catalyze the synthesis of UDP-GlcNAc and this enzymatic activity is conserved in pathogens              |
| 43 | from Firmicutes and Actinobacteria phyla. These results highlight the importance accessory cell         |

44 wall metabolism enzymes in responding to cell wall stress in a variety of bacterial pathogens.

## 45 Introduction

46 Bacterial pathogens encounter a variety of stresses throughout the course of infection ranging from nutritional stresses, redox stresses and cell wall stresses. Specifically, the mammalian 47 cytosol restricts the survival and replication of bacteria that are not adapted for that niche (1-7). 48 To protect the cytosol, the host utilizes a variety of known and unknown cell autonomous 49 defenses (CADs) that directly target bacterial survival (8, 9). Despite this, canonical cytosolic 50 51 pathogens such as Listeria monocytogenes can replicate efficiently in this environment. These 52 bacterial pathogens have developed adaptions to survive host imposed stresses in the cytosol (10), acquire necessary nutrients (11), and divert or subvert innate immune defenses (12, 13). 53 54 Although many of the adaptations that allow cytosol adapted pathogens to endure host 55 defenses and stress in the cytosol remain unknown, recent genetic screens have identified 56 some bacterial genes that contribute to cytosolic survival, however the molecular function of many of these genes remains unknown (7, 14, 15). 57

58 A number of virulence factors essential for cytosolic survival of *L. monocytogenes*, a highly cytosol adapted pathogen, have recently been identified (4, 14, 16, 17). One such protein, GIMR 59 60 (also known as YvcK or CuvA), is a highly conserved protein found in firmicutes and actinobacteria. GlmR and its homologues are dispensable for growth in nutrient rich media, but 61 62 are essential for growth on gluconeogenic carbon sources and in the presence of cell wall stress 63 (16, 18, 19). Consistent with these functions, *L. monocytogenes* GlmR expression is also induced in response to cell wall stress (16). Finally, L. monocytogenes GlmR is required for 64 cytosolic survival and replication in host cells (14), and is required for virulence of both L. 65 monocytogenes and Mycobacterium tuberculosis in vivo (16, 19, 20). In S. aureus GImR is 66 67 predicted to be essential, even in rich media in the absence of cell wall stress (21). Despite the striking phenotypes of  $\Delta g lm R$  mutants in a variety of organisms, molecular function(s) of the 68 protein remain largely unknown. 69

70 How GlmR contributes to cell wall stress responses and virulence remains largely unknown, 71 however, GImR was recently described to bind to the essential cell wall precursor UDP-Nacetyl-glucosamine (UDP-GlcNAc) (22). UDP-GlcNAc is required for the synthesis of 72 peptidoglycan, wall teichoic acid in Firmicutes, and arbinogalactan in *M. tuberculosis* (23–25). In 73 74 B. subtilis, GIMR was found to interact with GIMS, one of three highly conserved proteins 75 necessary for UDP-GlcNAc synthesis (26). To characterize the function of GlmR in L. monocytogenes we first utilized a genetic suppressor screen to identify second site mutations 76 77 that restored lysozyme resistance of the  $\Delta g lm R$  mutant. Two independent suppressor mutants A 78 increased pools of UDP-GlcNAc ultimately restoring cell wall stress responses and virulence of  $\Delta g lm R$  mutants. In parallel, untargeted metabolomics revealed that  $\Delta g lm R$  mutants are deficient 79 80 in UDP-GIcNAc. We were unable to detect interactions between *L. monocytogenes* GImR and 81 its cognate GImS as previously reported in *B. subtilis* and instead found that purified GImR, and 82 its orthologues, demonstrate uridyltransferase activity that can catalyze the synthesis UDP-83 GlcNAc from UTP and GlcNAc-1P. Finally, mutational analysis demonstrated that GlmR uridyltransferase activity is necessary to promote cell wall stress responses and virulence in 84 vivo. Together our data suggests that GImR is an accessory uridyltransferase that is 85 86 upregulated to deal with cell wall stress such as that encountered by L. monocytogenes during cytosolic replication. 87

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## 89 Results

Inhibition of non-essential decoration of wall teichoic acid with GlcNAc rescues cell wall
 stress defects of the ΔglmR mutant

*L. monocytogenes* GlmR is essential for cytosolic survival and virulence, is upregulated in the
 context of lysozyme stress and is necessary for resistance to lysozyme (16). To understand how

94 GIMR contributes to cell wall stress responses and virulence we performed a lysozyme 95 resistance suppressor selection using a Himar1 mariner-based transposon mutant library in a  $\Delta g lm R$  mutant background. Twenty unique transposon insertions across fifteen unique genes 96 suppressed the  $\Delta q lm R$  mutant's lysozyme sensitivity (Table 1). The suppressors represent a 97 98 diverse set of cellular processes that likely contribute to lysozyme resistance in a variety of ways 99 including mechanisms that are both generic and GImR specific. Mutations which generically upregulate stress response pathways may not be useful for understanding GlmR function. 100 101 Therefore, to prioritize cell wall stress suppressor mutants most relevant to the virulence defect 102 of the  $\Delta q lm R$  mutant, we tested all the lysozyme suppressor mutants in a plaque assay. The 103 plaquing assay represents the most complete ex vivo assay for virulence of L. monocytogenes 104 requiring cellular invasion, cytosolic survival, intracellular replication, and cell to cell spread. In 105 addition to being sensitive to cell wall stress in vitro,  $\Delta g lm R$  mutants are unable to form wild type 106 sized plagues in fibroblast monolayers (Fig 1A,B). Only second site mutations in yfhO, gtcA, and *corA* statistically significantly rescued the  $\Delta g lm R$  plaquing defect (Fig. 1B), while second site 107 108 mutations in relA, pbpA and oppA further inhibited plaquing efficiency of  $\Delta q lmR$  mutants. The *yfhO::Tn* and *gtcA::Tn* displayed the most robust suppressor phenotype so we chose to focus 109 110 on these mutants for follow up studies. Both mutants suppress lysozyme sensitivity, consistent with their identification through the lysozyme suppressor screen (Fig. 1C). In L. monocytogenes 111 1/2a strains, both YfhO and GtcA are required for modification of the WTA repeating ribitol 112 113 subunits with GlcNAc derived from UDP-GlcNAc (15, 27, 28). We confirmed that the  $\Delta glmR$ 114 gtcA::Tn double mutant is defective for GlcNAc WTA decoration based on loss of wheat germ agglutinin staining (Fig. S1). Finally, disruption of *gtcA* or *yfhO* in a  $\Delta glmR$  mutant partially 115 116 restores virulence in a murine model of disseminated Listeriosis (Fig. 1D). Taken together, 117 these data suggest that elimination of non-essential decoration of WTA with GlcNAc increases 118 available pools UDP-GIcNAc which can rescue  $\Delta glmR$  mutant cell wall stress sensitivity and 119 virulence ex vivo and in vivo.

## 120 ΔglmR mutants have depleted pools of muropeptide precursors

121 Based on the observation that loss of GlcNAc decoration of the WTA restored lysozyme 122 resistance and partial virulence to  $\Delta q lm R$  deficient mutants, we hypothesized that  $\Delta q lm R$ mutants may have metabolic defects leading to decreased UDP-GlcNAc synthesis. To test this 123 124 hypothesis, we utilized untargeted metabolomics to identify differentially abundant metabolites 125 in  $\Delta q lm R$  mutants relative to wild type L. monocytogenes. After growth in modified Listeria 126 synthetic media (LSM) and metabolite extraction, we observed 1073 putative Kyoto 127 Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) identifiable metabolites including 37 metabolites 128 with >2-fold differences between wild-type and the  $\Delta g lm R$  mutant across three biological replicates (Fig. 2A, Table S1). The relatively small number of differential metabolites suggests 129 130 that GImR does not have a global regulatory function, at least under laboratory growth 131 conditions. Consistent with our hypothesis, the highest abundance metabolite with >2-fold 132 differential abundance was the essential cell wall precursor metabolite UDP-GlcNAc. Compared 133 to wild type *L. monocytogenes*, UDP-GlcNAc levels are reduced by 73% in the  $\Delta g lmR$  mutant (Fig. 2B), consistent with the hypothesis from the suppressor screen that UDP-GlcNAc 134 metabolism is disrupted in the  $\Delta q lm R$  mutant. UDP-N-acetyl-muramic acid (UDP-MurNAc), 135 136 another peptidoglycan precursor downstream of UDP-GlcNAc (Fig. 2C) was similarly decreased 137 in the  $\Delta q lm R$  mutant (~50% of wild type). Upstream of UDP-GlcNAc, N-acetyl-glucosamine-1 138 phosphate (GlcNAc-1P) levels were also significantly reduced in the  $\Delta g lmR$  mutant, however UTP levels were unchanged (Fig. 2B). We were unable to observe the GImSMU pathway 139 140 intermediates glucosamine- 1 phosphate (GlcN-1P) and glucosamine- 6 phosphate (GlcN-6P). Finally, levels of the glycolytic intermediates fructose-6-phosphate (F6P) and fructose-1.6-141 142 bisphosphate (FBP) are unchanged in the  $\Delta g lmR$  mutant, suggesting that deficits in muropeptide precursors are due specifically to alterations in the GImSMU pathway and not in a 143 more central metabolic pathway. Levels of UDP-Glucose, a GImM dependent metabolite, were 144

145 unchanged between wild-type and the  $\Delta q lm R$  mutant indicating that GlmM's activity is unlikely 146 to be altered in a  $\Delta g lm R$  mutant. Consistent with the model that blocking a non-essential UDP-GlcNAc utilizing pathway increases available UDP-GlcNAc for essential PG or WTA synthesis. 147 metabolomic analysis of both the  $\Delta q lm R q tc A$ :: Tn and the  $\Delta q lm R y fh O$ :: Tn suppressor mutants 148 149 demonstrated significant rescue of UDP-GlcNAc levels, though not all the way back to wild-type levels (Fig. 2D). Taken together, these data demonstrate that UDP-GlcNAc metabolism is 150 151 disrupted in  $\Delta g lm R$  mutants and suggests that restoration of UDP-GlcNAc pools restores cell 152 wall stress responses and virulence in vivo.

## 153 GlmR is an accessory uridyltranferase

154 Two recent studies in *B. subtilis* suggested that GImR's function was to enhance the activity of GImS through direct GImR-GImS interactions. Bacterial two-hybrid assays demonstrated a 155 156 direct interaction between *B. subtilis* GlmR and GlmS (26) and a subsequent study 157 demonstrated that this interaction modulates GImS activity (29). To determine if GImR-GImS 158 interactions were conserved in L. monocytogenes, we expressed both B. subtilis and L. monocytogenes GImS and GImR constructs in the bacterial two hybrid system. Each protein 159 160 was expressed independently as both N- and C-terminal fusions to both T18 and T25. Four replicates of the blue-white assay were performed due to variability in the system from a known 161 162 thresholding effect (30) and quantitative  $\beta$ -galactosidase assays were performed in triplicate. As 163 predicted based on their crystal structures, GImS (31) and GImR (PDB 2Q7X and 1HZB) from 164 both *B. subtilis* and *L. monocytogenes* homodimerized, demonstrating that the constructs were 165 expressed and functional (Fig S2A,B). Positive, but inconsistent interactions between *B. subtilis* 166 GIMR and GIMS were observed as previously reported for one set of *B. subtilis* fusion proteins 167 (Fig S3A,B) (26), however no combination of *L. monocytogenes* GlmR and GlmS produced an interaction except those for which there was also activity observed in the empty vector controls 168 (Fig S4A,B). Taken together these data suggest that GImR regulation of GImS through protein-169

protein interactions may not be evolutionarily conserved among GlmR homologues and that
GlmR must function to regulate UDP-GlcNAc levels by a novel mechanism in *L*.

172 monocytogenes.

A distant homologue of GImR is CofD, a 2-phospho-I-lactate transferase involved in the synthesis 173 174 of Coenzyme F420 in actinobacteria (32). This homology to a catalytic protein suggests that perhaps GImR has direct enzymatic activity. We hypothesized that, analogous to the accessory 175 176 UDP-N-acetylglucosamine enolpyruvyl transferase function of MurZ (33), GlmR could be an 177 accessory enzyme functioning to increase pools of UDP-GlcNAc in the context of cell wall stress. To test this hypothesis, we cloned and purified GlmR from L. monocytogenes and 178 179 assessed its potential enzymatic activity in the last two steps of the GImSMU normally catalyzed 180 by GImU to produce UDP-GIcNAc. Using mass spectrometry to assess the results of each 181 reaction, we found that GImR catalyzed the synthesis of UDP-GIcNAc from GIcNAc-1P and UTP (Fig 3A,B), similar to both commercially purchased Escherichia coli GImU as well as L. 182 183 monocytogenes GImU that we expressed and purified (Fig. 3A,B). Importantly, no UDP-GlcNAc was detectable with substrates UTP and GlcNAc-1P alone indicating that catalysis required 184 either the GImU or GImR protein (Fig. 3B). Additionally, purified GImR demonstrated no 185 186 acetyltransferase activity, demonstrating that the activity observed was not an artifact of 187 accidental co-purification of GImU (Fig. S5A). Finally, the absence of UDP-GIcNAc in a GImR 188 reaction mixture lacking GlcNAc-1P and UTP as substrates or after the protein was heated excludes the possibility of UDP-GlcNAc being a co-purified artifact with GlmR (Fig. 3B). Taken 189 190 together, these data suggest that GImR can act as a uridyltransferase enzyme to facilitate 191 increased production of UDP-GIcNAc in response to cell wall stress.

192 GlmR uridyltransferase activity is conserved

193 GImR is the second gene of a highly conserved operon of three genes found in firmicutes and actinobacteria. In S. aureus the GlmR homologue YvcK is predicted to be essential (21) while in 194 *M. tuberculosis* the GImR homologue CuvA is essential for virulence (19, 20). The *S. aureus* 195 196 and *M. tuberculosis* homologues from these species exhibit high identity to *L. monocytogenes* 197 GIMR, with 46% identity, 69% similarity and 34% identity, 57% similarity, respectively, and are 198 best conserved near the putative N-terminal active site (Fig. 4A). To determine whether GIMR enzymatic function is broadly conserved, we first purified GlmR from S. aureus, M. tuberculosis 199 200 and *B. subtilis* and assessed enzymatic activity. Each protein exhibited uridyltransferase activity 201 similar to L. monocytogenes GImR (Fig. 4B). To test for functional conservation of GImR function *in vivo* we complemented the *L. monocytogenes*  $\Delta g lm R$  mutant with codon optimized 202 203 glmR homologues from S. aureus and M. tuberculosis. Despite the high sequence conservation 204 and the conserved enzymatic activity in vitro, only the S. aureus homologue was able to 205 complement lysozyme sensitivity (Fig. 4C). The *B. subtilis* GlmR homologue was also able to rescue lysozyme resistance of *L. monocytogenes*  $\Delta glmR$  mutant (Fig S6). Consistent with their 206 207 ability to rescue lysozyme resistance, we found that complementation of the L. monocytogenes AgImR mutant with the S. aureus homologue but not the M. tuberculosis homologue restored 208 209 UDP-GlcNAc levels (Fig. 4D). Taken together, these data suggest that the uridyltransferase enzymatic function of GImR is highly conserved, however the observation that *M. tuberculosis* 210 CuvA cannot transcomplement an L. monocytogenes  $\Delta glmR$  mutant suggests additional 211 212 mechanisms of GImR regulation including potentially protein localization and/or posttranslational modification (16, 19, 34). 213

# GlmR uridyltransferase activity is required for cell wall stress responses and virulence *in vivo*

Our data suggested that GlmR can act as an accessory uridyltransferase. Based on modeling
against the crystal structure of the homologue PDB:202Z (Fig. 5A), we predicted D40, D41 and

218 N198 to be active site residues that when mutated to alanines would abolish catalytic activity. 219 To test the hypothesis that uridyltransferase activity is necessary for virulence we created a D40A D41A N198A mutant GImR (GImR3), purified the mutant protein and assessed 220 221 uridyltransferase activity. Activity of the GImR3 mutant was ~100-fold reduced in an in vitro 222 biochemical assay compared to wild type GImR (Fig. 3A,B). Complementation of a *gImR* mutant 223 with *glmR3* was unable to rescue lysozyme sensitivity (Fig 5B) despite equal or even increased levels of expression compared to the wild type GlmR complement (Fig. S7) Finally to test the 224 225 hypothesis that uridyltransferase activity is important for virulence we performed infected mice 226 and quantified bacterial burdens in an in vivo model of disseminated Listeriosis. In contrast to complementation with wild type GImR, the GImR3 mutant was unable to rescue the virulence 227 defect of the  $\Delta q lm R$  mutant (Fig. 5C). Taken together, these data suggest that the 228 229 uridyltransferase activity of GImR is essential for mediating cell wall stress responses during 230 infection to facilitate virulence of *L. monocytogenes*.

## 231 Discussion

GIMR is a highly conserved protein that is essential for virulence in L. monocytogenes and M. 232 233 tuberculosis, but whose function remains largely unknown (16, 19, 20). In this study we discovered that GImR has conserved uridyltransferase activity that facilitates cell wall stress 234 235 responses during infection. Our findings are also consistent with a recent study utilizing t-Cin 236 hypersensitive *L. monocytogenes glmR*:Himar1 mutants which identified suppressor mutations 237 in genes involved in the biosynthesis of UDP-GlcNAc (53). When the *glmR*: Himar1 mutant was engineered to overexpress *gImU* growth in t-Cin was fully restored, whereas overexpression of 238 239 glmS, or glmM only partially restored resistance to t-Cin further supporting the idea that GlmR is 240 involved in the biosynthesis of UDP-GlcNAc and that the terminal step of the GlmSMU pathway is rate limiting (53). Deciphering the activities of proteins of unknown function, such as GlmR, is 241 a major challenge not only in microbial pathogenesis but in biology at large. Indeed, 25% of 242

predicted biochemical reactions do not have an assigned enzyme, suggesting that many 243 244 proteins of unknown function have enzymatic activity (35, 36). Recent metabolomics approaches such as activity-based metabolomics have shown great promise in identifying these 245 246 functions (36, 37). Combining parallel screening approaches such as genetics, transcriptomics, 247 proteomics, and metabolomics generates targeted hypotheses about the roles of proteins of unknown function in physiological processes. In this study an untargeted metabolomics 248 249 approach combined with a classical bacterial genetics suppressor screen allowed us to discover 250 the uridyltransferase activity possessed by GlmR.

251 Although GlmR has potentially separable functions in both central metabolism and cell wall 252 homeostasis (22), our identification of suppressor mutations that rescue virulence through 253 restoration of UDP-GlcNAc levels suggests that GlmR's role in cell wall homeostasis is critical 254 during infection. GImR's function in promoting cytosolic survival further suggests that bacteria experience cell wall stress in the cytosol, however the cytosolic CAD responsible for imparting 255 256 cell wall stress is unknown. Guanylate Binding Proteins (GBPs) and Lysozyme are not responsible for the cytosolic cell wall stress as GImR is required for cytosolic survival even in 257 Gbp<sup>Chr3-/-</sup> and LysM<sup>-/-</sup> macrophages (16, 38). Future identification of the cytosolic CADs 258 targeting the bacterial cell wall will illuminate novel host defense pathways, not only against L. 259 260 monocytogenes, but also other bacteria that invade the cytosol, including both canonical and 261 non-canonical cytosolic pathogens such as *M. tuberculosis* and *S. aureus*. Furthermore, other 262 bacterial pathogens which require GlmR for survival and virulence, such as S. aureus (21) and 263 *M. tuberculosis* (19, 20), likely require GlmR to deal with cell wall stress in their conventional 264 replication niches.

We found that GlmR uridyltransferase activity is conserved in *S. aureus* and *M. tuberculosis*, representatives of the Firmicutes and Actinobacteria phyla. This conservation combined with its essential role in virulence of a number of important pathogens suggest that it may be an

268 attractive drug candidate. Indeed, both the acetyl- and uridyltransferase activities of M. 269 tuberculosis GImU have been targeted by small molecules as a novel antibiotic strategy (39). Whether uridyltransferase inhibitors of GImU could also bind and inhibit GImR will need to be 270 271 assessed. Among GImR homologues, the N-terminal putative nucleotide binding region is most 272 highly conserved. This raises important questions not only about the design of GImR small 273 molecule inhibitors, but also about substrate specificity of GImR homologues and whether different GImR proteins may have flexibility to catalyze different reactions with regard to the 274 275 sugar component. Indeed, this may explain why GImR appears to have separable roles in both 276 cell wall homeostasis and gluconeogenic metabolism. Crystal structures of GImR homologues in 277 complex with their substrates will be critical both for antibiotic development and an understanding of the potential promiscuity of these enzymes. 278 279 GIMR uridyltransferase activity is conserved, but the ability to transcomplement 280 *L.monocytogenes*  $\Delta g lm R$  mutants is not, suggesting that regulation of GlmR activity is essential. 281 In L. monocytogenes, GImR is upregulated at the protein level by cell wall stress (16), but the underlying mechanism of this upregulation remains unknown. Additionally, GImR is 282 phosphorylated by PASTA kinases in L. monocytogenes, B. subtilis, and M. tuberculosis. 283 284 however the phosphorylation sites differ and what effect phosphorylation may have on the 285 enzymatic activity is similarly unknown (16, 19, 40). Subcellular localization of GlmR may also 286 contribute to its regulation as GIMR localization patterns in *B. subtilis* and *M. tuberculosis* are 287 dissimilar (19, 22, 34, 41). Finally, recent studies suggested that GlmR may also act allosterically to regulate the function of GImS in *B. subtilis* (26, 29). Although we were unable to 288 289 observe this interaction in *L. monocytogenes*, GlmR functioning as an allosteric regulator of 290 GImS and as a functional uridyltransferase are not mutually exclusive and indeed could act synergistically. Identification of mutations which abolish GImS-GImR interaction but not 291 enzymatic activity and vice versa are necessary to separate and test these ideas. 292

293 This study identified that GImR, a protein required for L. monocytogenes and M. tuberculosis 294 virulence, is an accessory uridyltranferase necessary for UDP-GlcNAc synthesis in the context of cell wall stress. Similar to MurA and MurZ in S. aureus (33), this highlights that virulence 295 296 determinants can be redundant with essential housekeeping enzymes. Often these accessory 297 enzymes are upregulated in the context of stress, such as during infection or antibiotic treatment 298 as is the case with GImR and MurZ, respectively (33). Indeed GImR's enzymatic activity may 299 have gone previously undiscovered despite its importance due to the protein's low expression 300 during normal laboratory culture with rich media. Additionally, with a potential exception in S. aureus (21), GImR is likely not essential under laboratory conditions due to sufficient 301 302 uridyltransferase activity of GImU. Conversely, even in a situation where GImR complemented GImU uridyltransferase activity, GImU would still be essential due to its acetyl-transferase 303 304 function. Future analysis of virulence determinants of unknown function through parallel 305 screening approaches may reveal this redundancy to be even more pervasive.

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## 307 Methods

## 308 Listeria monocytogenes strains and culture

All *L. monocytogenes* strains used for experiments in this study were 10403S background. The  $\Delta g lm R$  mutant was described previously (14). *L. monocytogenes* was grown overnight in BHI at 30°C for all experiments except as described for metabolomic analysis.

## 312 Construction of *L. monocytogenes* strains

- Homologue complementation genes used in Figure 4 were created with gBlocks (IDT) that were
- 314 codon-optimized for *L. monocytogenes* and inserted into pIMK2 (42) under control of the
- constitutive pHelp promoter. The complementation construct used in Fig S4 was not codon-

- optimized and inserted into pPL2e under control of a theophylline inducible riboswitch as
- previously described (43). Constructs were cloned in XL1-Blue *E. coli* with 30µg/mL Kanamycin
- for pIMK2 and 2µg/mL Erythromycin for pPL2e as appropriate and shuttled into *L*.
- 319 *monocytogenes* through conjugation with SM10 or S17 *E. coli*.

#### 320 Suppressor Selection

- A Himar 1 Tn mutant library was created in a  $\Delta g lm R$  mutant background as described
- previously (44). Aliquots of library were thawed, diluted 1:1000-10000 in PBS and inoculated
- 1:50 into 1mL of LB with 1mg/mL lysozyme and 0.1uM staurosporine in pentaplicate. 50µL of
- 324 cultures were plated at 0 hours on LB and 6 hours on LB 1mg/mL lysozyme. This selection was
- 325 carried out four times and 313 out of 476 resulting colonies were secondarily screened in BHI
- 326 with lysozyme 1mg/mL staurosporine 0.1µM. Transposon mutations in the remaining
- 327 suppressors were identified by 2-step PCR using transposon specific and degenerate primers
- followed by sanger sequencing using and were confirmed by PCR with diagnostic primers (45).
- 329 To determine whether identified transposon mutations were causative, all unique transposons
- were transduced into a fresh  $\Delta g lm R$  background and reconfirmed with diagnostic PCR,
- sequencing, and rescue of the  $\Delta g lm R$  mutant lysozyme sensitivity with overnight growth in
- 332 1mg/mL lysozyme in BHI.

## 333 Phage Transduction

Phage transductions were performed as previously described (46). Briefly, U153 phage stocks were propagated with MACK *L. monocytogenes* grown overnight in LB at 30°C. MACK cultures were pelleted and resuspended in LB with 10mM MgCl2 and 10mM CaSO4 and mixed with 0.7% LB agar 10mM MgCl2 10mM CaSO4 at 42°C and immediately poured on LB plates and incubated overnight at 30°C. Plaque lysate was soaked out with 10mM Tris pH 7.5 10mM MgCl2 10mM CaSO4 buffer, and sterilized by 0.2µm filtration or addition of 1:3 volume

340 chloroform. Donor plaque lysates were prepared using the same conditions and used to infect 341 recipient  $\Delta g lm R$  cultures for 1 hour at room temperature before being plated on erythromycin 342 selection at 37°C.

## 343 Lysozyme Sensitivity

- Overnight 30°C static BHI cultures were backdiluted 1:50 into 96-well plates containing BHI or
  BHI with lysozyme at 1mg/mL. Plates were grown at 37°C with continuous shaking for 12 hours
  in an Eon or Synergy HT Microplate Spectrophotometer (BioTek Instruments, Inc., Winooski,
- 347 VT) and OD<sub>600</sub> was read every 15 minutes.

## 348 Plaque Assay

The plaque assay was performed as described (47) except that the MOI was adjusted for optimal plaque number and an additional plug was added to wells at 3 days to facilitate an additional 3 days of plaque growth. At 6 days wells were stained with 0.3% crystal violet and washed with water. After staining the dishes were scanned and plaque areas were quantified with ImageJ. All strains were assayed in biological triplicate and the plaque areas of each strain were normalized to wild-type plaque size within each replicate.

## 355 Metabolite Extraction

356 Overnight 30°C static BHI cultures were washed with PBS and backdiluted 1:50 into 50mL of

Listeria synthetic media (LSM) baffled flasks 37°C shaking and grown to an OD600 of ~0.4.

LSM is a derivative of Improved Minimal Media developed by Phan-thanh and Gorman (48) with

359 several component changes (49). For metabolomic experiments we reduced the level of MOPS

- to 1/5<sup>th</sup> the normal amount to reduce background MS signal. 5mL of culture was deposited by
- 361 vacuum filtration onto a 0.2 µm nylon membrane (47 mm diameter) in duplicate. The membrane
- 362 was then placed (cells down) into 1.5 ml cold (-20°C or on dry ice) extraction solvent

(20:20:10 v/v/v acetonitrile, methanol, water) in a 60mm petri dish and swirled. After a few
moments the filter was inverted (cells up) and solvent was passed over the surface of the
membrane several times to maximize extraction. Finally, the cell extract was stored at -80°C.
Extracts were pelleted at 21000 rcf at 4°C for 10 minutes. ~200µL of extract normalized to OD
was dried with N2 gas. Extracts were resuspended in 70µL of HPLC grade water and pelleted at
21000 rcf at 4°C for 10 minutes to remove particulates. All cultures were extracted in biological
triplicate or quadruplicate and in technical duplicate.

## 370 Metabolite quantification and analysis

Metabolite quantification and analysis was performed with the same instrument and 371 372 chromatography set up as previously described (50). Briefly, samples were run through an 373 ACQUITY UPLC® BEH C18 column in a 18 minute gradient with Solvent A consisting of 97% water, 3% methanol, 10 mM tributylamine (TBA), 9.8 mM acetic acid, pH 8.2 and Solvent B 374 being 100% methanol. Gradient was 5% Solvent B for 2.5 minutes, gradually increased to 95% 375 376 Solvent B at 18 minutes, held at 95% Solvent B until 20.5 minutes, returned to 5% Solvent B over 0.5 minutes, and held at 5% Solvent B for the remaining 4 minutes. lons were generated 377 378 by heated electrospray ionization (HESI; negative mode) and quantified by a hybridquadrupole high-resolution mass spectrometer (Q Exactive orbitrap, Thermo Scientific). MS scans consisted 379 380 of full MS scanning for 70-1000 m/z from time 0-18 min except MOPS m/z of 208-210 was 381 excluded from 1.5-3 minutes. Metabolite peaks were identified using Metabolomics Analysis and Visualization Engine (MAVEN) (51, 52). 382

## 383 **Protein Purification**

384 GST tagged expression and purification scheme

GlmR, GlmR3 and GlmU were cloned into pGex6P into XL1-Blues and expressed in Rosettas
with pLysS. IPTG was added to 500 uM to induce expression and 3 hours post induction cells

387 were pelleted, resuspended in PBS, and frozen at -80C. Cell suspensions were thawed and 388 lysed by sonication in the presence of protease inhibitors. Cell debris was pelleted and cell lysate was filtered with a 0.2 µM filter and loaded onto a prepacked glutathione resin column at 389 390 4°C. The column was washed two times with 10 column volumes of cleavage buffer (25 mM Tris 391 pH8 100 mM NaCI 1mM DTT) before elution. The column was loaded with 80 units of 392 PreScission Protease in 960 uL of cleavage buffer and incubated overnight at 4°C. Elution was collected the next day by adding 3 mL of cleavage buffer to the column and concentrated 393 between 15 uM and 23 uM. Protein was stored at 4°C and purity was assessed by SDS-Page 394 395 and protein was quantified by BCA assay. Hist-Tagged expression and purification scheme 396 397 GImR homologues were cloned into pET20b in XL1-blues and expressed in Rosettas with pLysS except for CuvA which was expressed from BL-21s from pET23. IPTG was added to 398 399 500uM to induce expression and 3 hours post induction cells were pelleted, resuspended in 400 PBS, and frozen at -80°C. Cell suspensions were thawed and lysed by sonication in the presence of protease inhibitors. Cell debris was pelleted and cell lysate was filtered with a 401 402 0.2µm filter and loaded onto a HisTrap Ni column (GE Healthcare) at 4°C. The column was washed with PBS and PBS 25mM Imidizole before elution with 250mM Imidizole. Elutions were 403 404 dialyzed overnight at 4°C into 10mM Tris pH 7.4 100mM NaCl which was prepared at 25°C and concentrated to between 6 and 22µM. Protein was stored at 4°C and purity was assessed by 405 SDS-PAGE and protein was guantified by BCA assay. 406

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## 408 Enzymatic Activity

Reactions were carried out in 10mM Tris pH 7.4, 100mM NaCl, 1mM MgCl2 buffer. Substrates
were added at 100uM and purified *E. coli* GlmU (Galen Laboratory Supplies, GL01012), *L.*

- 411 monocytogenes GlmU, L. monocytogenes GlmR or GlmR homologues were added at 1µM and
- 412 incubated at 37°C for 10 minutes. Protein was removed with a 3kDa MWCO filter , resulting
- reaction mixtures were diluted 1 to 10 in solvent A and analyzed by tandem HPLC-MS and
- 414 Maven software.

### 415 Bacterial Two-Hybrid

- 416 GlmR and GlmS from both *L. monocytogenes* and *B. subtilis* were cloned in-frame into vectors
- 417 pU18, pU18C, pKT25, and pKNT25 from the BACTH System Kit (Euromedex) using Xbal and
- 418 KpnI. Constructs were made originally in TAM1 or XL1-Blue *E. coli* and then moved to BTH101
- 419 *E. coli* for testing. Both blue/white screening on X-gal plates and  $\beta$ -Galactosidase assays were
- 420 carried out as previously described (30).

### 421 Mouse infection

- 422 Infections were performed as previously described (16). Briefly, 6 to 8-week-old female and
- 423 male C57BL/6 mice were infected IV with 1×10<sup>5</sup> CFU. 48 hours post-infection, livers and
- 424 spleens were harvested, homogenized in PBS with 0.1% NP-40, and plated for CFU. Two
- independent replicates of each experiment with 5 mice per group were performed.

### 426 **Ethics statement**

- 427 Mice were cared for according to the recommendations of the NIH, published in the Guide for
- the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. All techniques used were reviewed and approved by
- the University of Wisconsin-Madison Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
- 430 under the protocol M005916.

## 431 Statistical Analysis

432 Prism 6 (GraphPad Software) was used for statistical analysis of data. Means from two groups
433 were compared with unpaired two-tailed Student's T-test. Means from more than two groups

434 were analyzed by one-way ANOVA with a post-hoc LSD Test. Mann-Whitney Test was used to

- 435 analyze non-normal data from animal experiments. \* indicates a statistically significant
- difference (P is less than 0.05).
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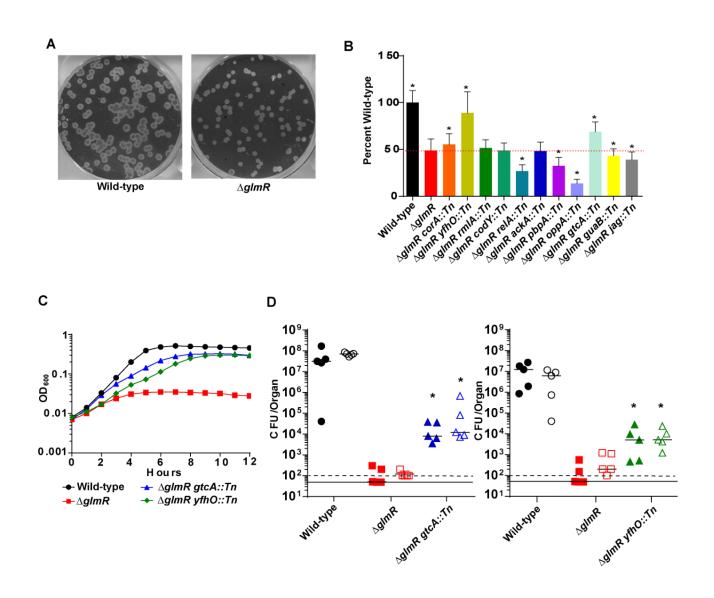
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## Figure 1. Inhibition of GIcNAc WTA modification suppresses $\Delta g lmR$ mutant phenotypes

602 (A) Representative image of plaques. (B) Plaque sizes  $\Delta glmR$  suppressors. Dotted red line

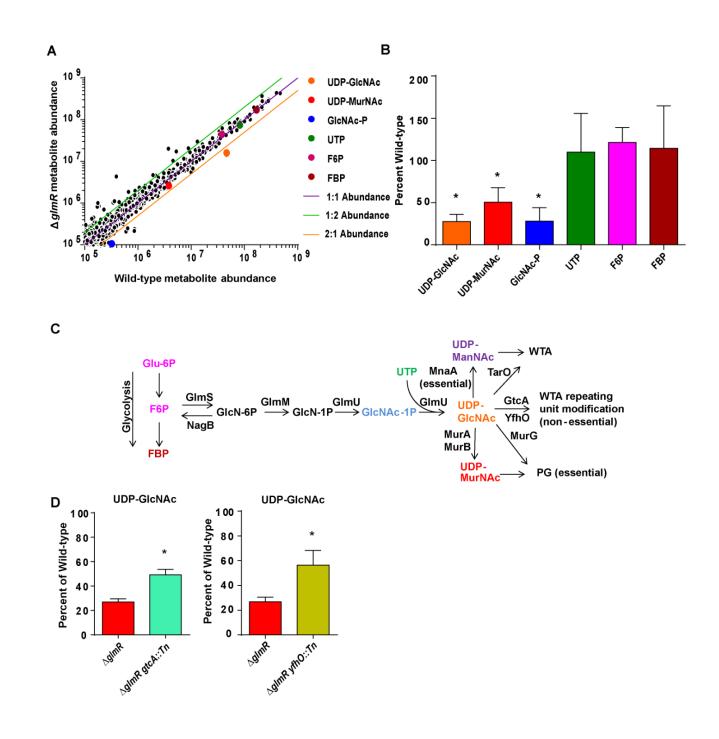
603 indicates  $\Delta g lm R$  level. \* denotes significant differences from  $\Delta g lm R$  by one-way ANOVA

604 (P<0.05). **(C)** Growth in BHI with 1mg/mL lysozyme. Graph is representative of greater than 3

biological replicates. (D) CFU from spleens (solid) and livers (open) of C57Bl/6 mice
 intravenously infected with 1x10<sup>5</sup> bacteria for 48 hours. The solid line and dotted line represent

intravenously infected with 1x10<sup>5</sup> bacteria for 48 hours. The solid line and dotted line representative of the limit of detection for spleen and liver respectively. Data are representative of two

608 independent experiments. \* denotes significant differences by Mann-Whitney Test (P<0.05)



## **Figure 2.** Δ*glmR* mutants are impaired in the production of GlmSMU pathway metabolites

(A) Scatter plot of putative KEGG identified ions averaged across 4 biological replicates. (B)

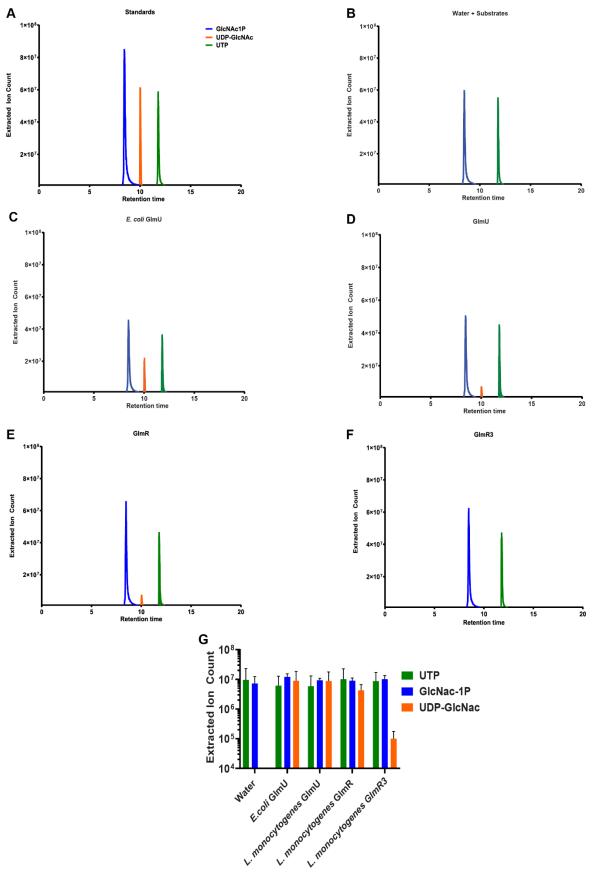
613 Quantification of selected metabolites in the  $\Delta g lm R$  mutant relative to wild-type across 4

biological replicates. \* denotes significant differences from wild-type by student's t-test (P<0.05).

615 (C) UDP-GlcNAc synthesis and utilization pathway (D) Quantification of selected metabolites in

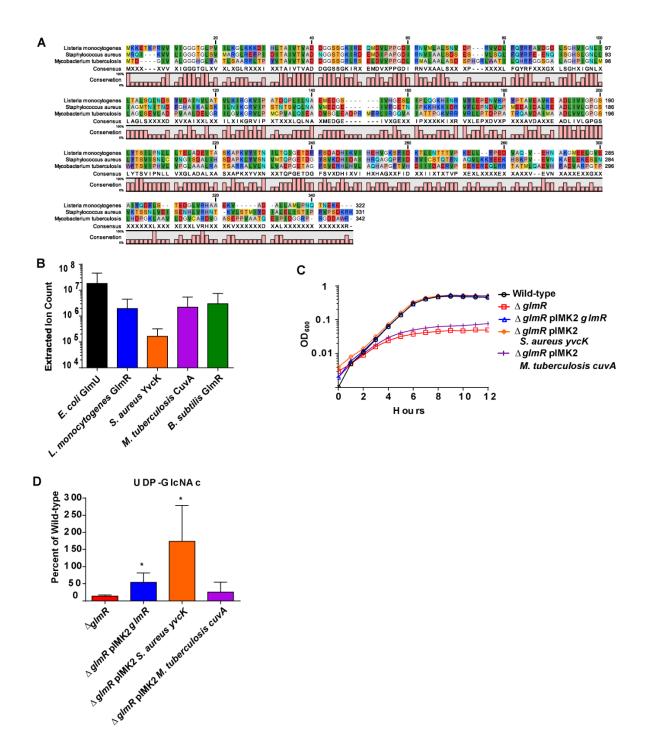
 $\Delta g lm R$  suppressor mutants across 3 biological replicates. \* denotes significant differences from

617  $\Delta glmR$  by student's t-test (P<0.05).



## 619 **Figure 3. GlmR catalyzes the production of UDP-GlcNAc (A)** HPLC-MS analysis of reactions

- with  $100\mu$ M substrates alone or in combination with  $1\mu$ M purified GlmU or GlmR as indicated.
- 621 Extracted Ion Counts for the relevant metabolites are indicated based on purified standards
- 622 (GlcNAc-1P blue, UTP green, UDP-GlcNAc orange). (B) Quantification of selected metabolites
- 623 (GlcNAc-1P blue, UTP green, UDP-GlcNAc orange) from reactions with 100µM substrates
- alone or in combination with water ,1µM *E.coli* GlmU, GlmU, GlmR, and GlmR3.Assays were
- 625 performed in triplicate.
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## 630 Figure 4. GlmR uridyltransferase function is conserved in S. aureus and M. tuberculosis

- (A) GlmR homologues aligned using CLC Sequence Viewer 8.0. (B) Analysis of
- uridyltransferase activity of *E. coli* GlmU and purified GlmR homologues by HPLC-MS. No
- 633 significant differences by ANOVA. (C) Transcomplementation of growth in BHI with 1mg/mL
- 634 lysozyme over 12 hours at 37°C. Graph is representative of greater than 3 biological replicates.
- 635 **(D)** Transcomplementation of UDP-GlcNAc levels relative to wild-type. \* denotes significant
- 636 differences from *glmR* by student's t-test (P<0.05).

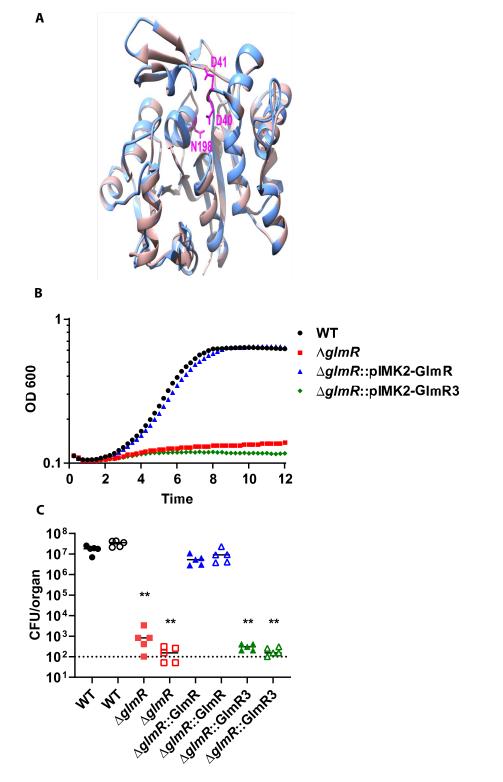


Figure 5. GlmR uridyltransferase activity necessary for virulence. (A) The amino acid
sequence of *L. monocytogenes* GlmR(light blue) is highly similar to that of *Bacillus halodurans*homolog (light pink) (~47% sequence identity, for which the crystal structure (PDB 2O2Z) has
been solved. Based on this similarity, we used Phyre2 to generate an *Lm* GlmR structural

- model, using the 2O2Z structure as a template, and found the two structures to be
- superimposable. Mutations made in the predicted catalytic site are highlighted (hot pink) D41,
- 644 D40, N198 (from top, clock-wise). (B) Growth of WT,  $\Delta glmR$ ,  $\Delta glmR$ -plMK2-GlmR, and  $\Delta glmR$ :
- 645 *pIMK2-GImR3* in BHI with 1 mg/mL of lysozyme over 12 hours at 37°C. Graph is representative
- of greater than 3 biological replicates. (C) C57/BI6 mice were infected intravenously with  $1 \times 10^5$
- 647 wild-type (black circles),  $\Delta glmR$  mutants (red squares),  $\Delta glmR::GlmR$  mutants( blue triangles),
- 648 ΔglmR::GlmR3( green triangles) in vivo. Spleens (solid) and liver (open) were harvested 48
- 649 hours post infection homogenized and plated for CFU. The median (solid bar) and limit of
- 650 detection (dotted line) for each experiment indicated. Data are representative of two
- 651 independent experiments with 5 mice each. \* indicates statistical significance by Mann-Whitney
- 652 test (P<.05).

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| Table 1 – $\Delta gImR$ suppressor mutants |      |      |   |              |                   |  |  |  |  |
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| Role                                       | lmo# | Name | Function  | # of<br>hits | #of<br>insertions |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1079 | yfhO | WTA glycosylation                                   | 9            | 2                 |  |  |  |  |
| WTA modification                           | 1081 | rmlA | Glucose-1-phosphate thymidyl<br>transferase         | 1            | 1                 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2549 | gtcA | WTA glycosylation                                   | 1            | 1                 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1096 | guaA | GMP synthase  | 1            | 1                 |  |  |  |  |
| GTP synthesis and                          | 1280 | codY | Nutrient response regulator                         | 1            | 1                 |  |  |  |  |
| metabolic stress                           | 1523 | relA | ppGpp synthase/reductase                            | 4            | 2                 |  |  |  |  |
| response                                   | 2753 | guaB | Inosine 5'-monophosphate<br>dehydrogenase           | 6            | 2                 |  |  |  |  |
| RNA binding                                | 2853 | Jag  | Sporulation-related RNA binding<br>protein          | 8            | 1                 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1064 | corA | Mg transport  | 4            | 2                 |  |  |  |  |
| Transport                                  | 2195 | оррВ | Oligopeptide ABC transporter                        | 9            | 1                 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2196 | оррА | Oligopeptide ABC transporter                        | 15           | 2                 |  |  |  |  |
| Acetate metabolism                         | 1581 | ackA | Acetate kinase                                      | 39           | 1                 |  |  |  |  |
| Peptidoglycan synthesis                    | 1892 | pbpA | High molecular weight penicillin<br>binding protein | 1            | 1                 |  |  |  |  |

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## 657 **Table 1. ΔglmR suppressor mutants**

A Himar 1 transposon mutant library in a  $\Delta g lm R$  background was passaged through lysozyme

selection. Transposon insertions were identified by sequencing and diagnostic PCR, transduced

660 into a fresh  $\Delta g lm R$  background and reconfirmed. Listed are the identified genes, general role

they belong to, the number of hits identified in the selection, and the number of unique

662 insertions.

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## 668 Supplementary Information for

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## 694 Supplementary Methods

### 695 Wheat Germ Agglutinin Staining

- 1mL of overnight cultures in BHI at 37°C were pelleted, fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde in PBS,
- washed in PBS with 0.1% Tween (PBS-T), resuspended in 100µL PBS-T, and incubated with
- 50µL of 0.1% Wheat Germ Agglutinin (WGA) for 5 minutes. Pellets were washed in PBS-T and
- stored at 4°C in the dark. Confocal microscopy was performed as previously described (43).

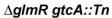
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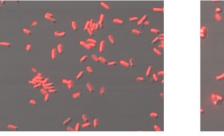
#### Figure S1. GtcA is functionally inactivated by a Tn insertion 720

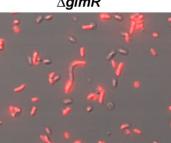
- 721 Wild-type, glmR, and glmR gtcA::Tn strains were imaged and assessed for their ability to bind WGA
- 722 (red).
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Wild-type











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# 727 Figure S2. GlmS and GlmR form homodimers

- (A,B) Bacterial 2-hybrid strains were plated on X-Gal and incubated for 24 hours at 30°C in
- 529 biological quadruplicate.

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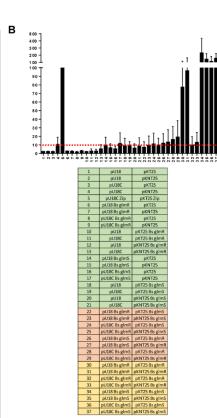
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| pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmR<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmR   | $\odot$    |
| pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmR<br>pKNT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmR  |            |
| pU18C <i>-B. subtilis</i> GlmR<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmR  |            |
| pU18C <i>-B. subtilis</i> GlmR<br>pKNT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmR |            |
| pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS   | $\bigcirc$ |
| pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmS<br>pKNT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmS  |            |
| pU18C- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS  |            |
| pU18C- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmS<br>pKNT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmS | 0 0 0 0    |

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|   | pU18- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmR<br>pKT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmR   |  |
|   | pU18- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmR<br>pKNT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmR  |  |
|   | pU18C- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GImR<br>pKT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GImR  |  |
|   | pU18C- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmR<br>pKNT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmR |  |
|   | pU18- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS<br>pKT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS   |  |
|   | pU18- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS<br>pKNT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS  |  |
|   | pU18C- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS<br>pKT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS  |  |
|   | pU18C- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS<br>pKNT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS |  |

### 732 Figure S3. B. subtilis GlmR interaction with GlmS

- (A,B) Bacterial 2-hybrid strains were plated on X-Gal and incubated for 24 hours at 30°C in
- biological quadruplicate. Bacterial 2-hybrid cultures were lysed and assayed for  $\beta$ -galactosidase
- activity in biological triplicate. Activity is normalized to the Zip positive control. The dotted red
- <sup>736</sup> line indicates 10% of the Zip value. Strains are identified by a number and listed below. Control
- 737 strains are green, GlmS-GlmR interaction test strains are red, and GlmS or GlmR homodimer
- strains are gold.

| pU18<br>pKT25   | 0   | 6  | 0  | 0   |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| pU18<br>pKNT25  | •   |  |  | •   |
| pU18C<br>pKT25  | 6   | 0  | 6  | 0   |
| pU18C<br>pKNT25   | 6   | 6  | 6  |   |
| pU18C-Zip<br>pKT25-Zip  | •   | 0  | •  | •   |
| pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmR<br>pKT25                            |   |  |  |   |
| pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmR<br>pKNT25                           |   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| pU18C- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmR<br>pKT25                           |   |  | 0  |   |
| pU18C- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmR<br>pKNT25                          |   | 0  | 0  |   |
| pU18<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmR                            |   | ۲  | •  |   |
| pU18C<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImR                           | 0   |  |  | 0   |
| pU18<br>pKNT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmR                           |   | 0  |  |   |
| pU18C<br>pKNT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmR                          |   | 0  | 0  |   |
| pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmS<br>pKT25                            |   | •  | 0  |   |
| pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmS<br>pKNT25                           |   | 0  | ۰  |   |
| pU18C- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmS<br>pKT25                           | •   |  |  |   |
| pU18C- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmS<br>pKNT25                          | 0   |  | 0  |   |
| pU18<br>pKT25- <i>B.subtilis</i> GlmS                             | •   | 0  | 0  |   |
| pU18C<br>pKT25- <i>B.subtilis</i> GImS                            |   | •  | 0  |   |
| pU18<br>pKNT25- <i>B.subtilis</i> GImS                            | 0   | •  |  |   |
| pU18C<br>pKNT25- <i>B.subtilis</i> GImS                           |   |  |  |   |
| pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmR<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GlmS   | •   | 0  | 0  |   |
| pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImR<br>pKNT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS  | 0   | ۲  | 0  |   |
| pU18C- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImR<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS  | •   | 0  |  |   |
| pU18C- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImR<br>pKNT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS | •   |  |  |   |
| pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImR   | Ø   | 0  | 6  | 6   |
| pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pKNT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImR  |   | 0  | 0  |   |
| pU18C- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImR  | •   | 0  | 0  |   |
| pU18C- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pKNT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImR | Ø   | 0  | 0  |   |
|   | pKT25<br>pU18<br>pKT25<br>pU18C<br>pKT25<br>pU18C<br>pKT25<br>pU18C<br>pKT25<br>pU18C-Zip<br>pKT25Zip<br>pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImR<br>pKT25<br>pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImR<br>pKT25<br>pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImR<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImR<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImR<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImR<br>pU18C<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImR<br>pU18C<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImR<br>pU18C<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pKT25<br>pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pKT25<br>pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pKT25<br>pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pKT25<br>pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pU18C<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pU18- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS<br>pKT25- <i>B. subtilis</i> GImS | pKT25       Image: Constraint of the sector of | pKT25       Image: Constraint of the second se | pKT25<br>pU18<br>pKT25<br>pU18C<br>pKT25<br>pU18C<br>pKT25<br>pU18C-Zip<br>pKT25-Zip<br>pU18- <i>B</i> . subtilis GImR<br>pKT25<br>pU18- <i>B</i> . subtilis GImR<br>pKT25<br>pU18- <i>B</i> . subtilis GImR<br>pKT25- <i>B</i> . subtilis GImR<br>pKT25- <i>B</i> . subtilis GImR<br>pKT25- <i>B</i> . subtilis GImR<br>pU18C<br>pKT25- <i>B</i> . subtilis GImS<br>pKT25<br>pU18- <i>B</i> . subtilis GImS<br>pKT25<br>pU18- <i>B</i> . subtilis GImS<br>pKT25<br>pU18- <i>B</i> . subtilis GImS<br>pKT25<br>pU18- <i>B</i> . subtilis GImS<br>pKT25<br>pU18C- <i>B</i> . subtilis GImS<br>pKT25<br>pU18C- <i>B</i> . subtilis GImS<br>pKT25- <i>B</i> . subtilis GImS<br>pU18C<br>pKT25- <i>B</i> . subtilis GImS<br>pU18C- <i>B</i> . subti |



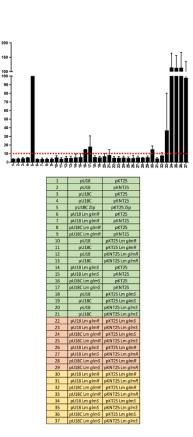
### 742 Figure S4. L. monocytogenes GlmR does not interact with GlmS

- (A) (B) Bacterial 2-hybrid strains were plated on X-Gal and incubated for 24 hours at 30°C in
- biological quadruplicate. Bacterial 2-hybrid cultures were lysed and assayed for β-galactosidase
- activity in biological triplicate. Activity is normalized to the Zip positive control. The dotted red
- line indicates 10% of the Zip value. Strains are identified by a number and listed below. Control
- strains are green, GlmS-GlmR interaction test strains are red, and GlmS or GlmR homodimer
- strains are gold.

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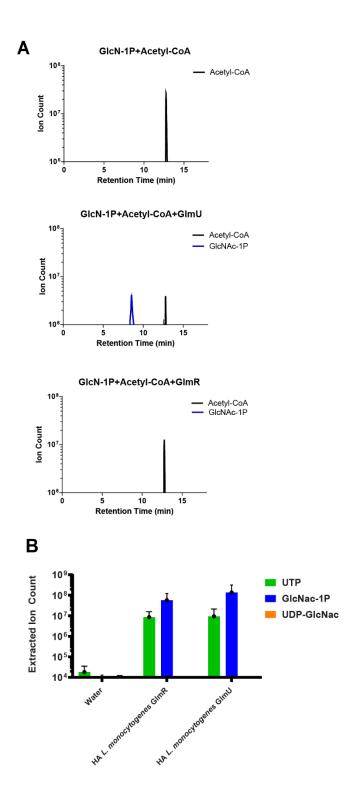
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|---|----|---|----|--------------|--|
| рU18<br>рКТ25   | 0  | 6 | 0  | 0            |  |
| рU18<br>рКNT25  | 0  | 0 | 0  | •            |  |
| pU18C<br>pKT25  | 6  |   | N. | 0            |  |
| pU18C<br>pKNT25   | 6  | 0 | G  | 0            |  |
| pU18C-Zip<br>pKT25-Zip  | •  |   | 9  | 0            |  |
| pU18- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GImR<br>pKT25                                 | 0  | 0 | 0  |              |  |
| pU18- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GImR<br>pKNT25                                | 0  | 8 | 0  |              |  |
| pU18C- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmR<br>pKT25                                | 15 | þ | Þ  | Ó            |  |
| pU18C- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmR<br>pKNT25                               | •  |   |    |              |  |
| pU18<br>pKT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmR                                 | •  | 0 | ۲  |              |  |
| pU18C<br>pKT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmR                                | •  |   |    |              |  |
| pU18<br>pKNT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmR                                | 0  |   |    |              |  |
| pU18C<br>pKNT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GImR                               | 0  |   | ۲  |              |  |
| pU18- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS<br>pKT25                                 | 0  |   | 9  |              |  |
| pU18- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS<br>pKNT25                                | 0  | 0 | 0  |              |  |
| pU18C- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS<br>pKT25                                |    | • | 0  | 0            |  |
| pU18C- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS<br>pKNT25                               |    |   | 0  |              |  |
| pU18<br>pKT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS                                 |    | 0 | 0  | 6            |  |
| pU18C<br>pKT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GImS                                |    |   |    |              |  |
| pU18<br>pKNT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GImS                                | 0  | 0 |    | 0            |  |
| pU18C<br>pKNT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GImS                               | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0            |  |
| pU18- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmR<br>pKT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS   |    | 9 | 0  | 9            |  |
| pU18- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmR<br>pKNT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS  |    | 0 |    | $\mathbf{O}$ |  |
| pU18C- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmR<br>pKT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS  |    | 0 | 0  | 0            |  |
| pU18C- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmR<br>pKNT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS | 0  | 0 |    | •            |  |
| pU18- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmS<br>pKT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GlmR   |    | • |    |              |  |
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| pU18C- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GImS<br>pKT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GImR  | 0  |   | •  |              |  |
| pU18C- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GImS<br>pKNT25- <i>L. monocytogenes</i> GImR | 0  | 0 | 0  |              |  |



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### 753 **Figure S5.** *L. monocytogenes* **GImR lacks acetyltransferase activity**

- 754 HPLC-MS analysis of reactions with 100μM substrates alone or in combination with 1μM GlmU
- or GImR. Peaks for the relevant metabolites are indicated (Acetyl-CoA black, GlcNAc-1P blue,
- 756 UDP-GlcNAc orange).(B) Quantification of selected metabolites (GlcNAc-1P blue, UTP green,
- 757 UDP-GlcNAc orange) from reactions with 100µM substrates alone or in combination with water
- 758 ,1µM Heat Inactivated (HA) GlmR or Heat Inactivated (HA) GlmU. Assays were performed in
- 759 triplicate.

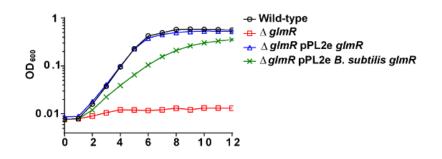


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## Figure S6. *B. subtilis* GImR rescues the cell wall defect of a $\Delta gImR$ mutant

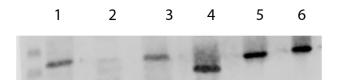
- 765 Transcomplementation of growth in BHI with 1mg/mL lysozyme over 12 hours at 37°C. Graph is
- representative of greater than 3 biological replicates.

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## 770 Figure S7. GlmR3 equal or increased expression to WT GlmR

- Expression of GlmR in WT,  $\Delta glmR$ ,  $\Delta glmR$ : glmR, and  $\Delta glmR$ : glmR at mid-log in BHI with 250
- ug/mL lysozyme.



| 1.WT                | 4. Δ <i>glmR</i> pIMK2- <i>glmR3</i> |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2.∆glmR             | 5. Recombinant GlmR                  |
| 3. ∆glmR pIMK2-glmR | 6. Recombinant GlmR3                 |

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# 776 **Table S1 – Putative KEGG identified differential metabolites**

- 777 Putative KEGG identified metabolites with greater than 2-fold abundance differential between
- wild-type and  $\Delta glmR$ , their m/z, abundance in wild-type and the glmR mutant, and ratio between
- the two are listed.

| Table S1– putative KEGG identified differential metabolites |   |           |          |             |  |
|---|---|-----------|----------|-------------|--|
| Median  | Kegg predicted metabolite                                     | Wild-type | ∆gImR    | Ratio       |  |
| M/Z   |   | average   | average  |             |  |
| 199.0011  | D-Erythrose 4-phosphate                                       | 1.13E+05  | 1.12E+06 | 0.101704217 |  |
| 261.1342  | Streptidine   | 3.92E+05  | 4.36E+06 | 0.090034284 |  |
| 332.0469  | 3-[(2-Chlorobenzylidene)amino]-6H-<br>dibenzo[b-d]pyran-6-one | 1.77E+05  | 1.00E+06 | 0.175920064 |  |
| 187.0976  | Azelaic acid  | 3.73E+06  | 2.02E+07 | 0.184657409 |  |
| 275.1501  | N-(4-Guanidinobutyl)-4-<br>hydroxycinnamide                   | 1.72E+05  | 8.18E+05 | 0.210368222 |  |
| 209.0794  | N4-Phosphoagmatine  | 1.85E+05  | 8.45E+05 | 0.219326987 |  |
| 157.0506  | 2-IsopropyImaleate  | 5.27E+06  | 1.73E+07 | 0.304484059 |  |
| 459.0932  | Anhydrochlortetracycline                                      | 1.36E+05  | 4.22E+05 | 0.323036636 |  |
| 217.0908  | 2-Oxo-9-methylthiononanoic acid                               | 3.62E+05  | 1.11E+06 | 0.325882086 |  |
| 464.0982  | Delphinidin 3-O-glucoside                                     | 2.29E+05  | 7.01E+05 | 0.326941165 |  |
| 217.0828  | gamma-L-Glutamyl-D-alanine                                    | 1.47E+05  | 4.48E+05 | 0.328082992 |  |
| 181.0506  | 3-4-Dihydroxyphenylpropanoate                                 | 3.42E+05  | 1.03E+06 | 0.332518102 |  |
| 336.0602  | 5-Hydroxymethyldeoxycytidylate                                | 1.05E+05  | 2.99E+05 | 0.350062002 |  |
| 244.0073  | Guanfacine  | 6.66E+05  | 1.86E+06 | 0.358515244 |  |
| 128.0104  | Cyanuric acid   | 1.06E+05  | 2.67E+05 | 0.397410261 |  |
| 174.0771  | 2-Benzimidazolylguanidine                                     | 1.51E+05  | 3.71E+05 | 0.406431227 |  |
| 277.1444  | Dibutyl phthalate   | 1.92E+06  | 4.69E+06 | 0.409928425 |  |
| 440.1136  | 9-Hydroxy-3-5-7-11-13-15-17-<br>octaoxo-eicosanoyl-[acp]      | 4.44E+05  | 1.06E+06 | 0.41821093  |  |
| 189.0404  | 4-Hydroxy-2-oxo-heptanedioate                                 | 8.86E+06  | 2.06E+07 | 0.430467446 |  |
| 129.0194  | Acetylpyruvate  | 1.31E+07  | 3.00E+07 | 0.43652598  |  |
| 215.1036  | gamma-Glutamyl-gamma-<br>aminobutyraldehyde                   | 4.55E+06  | 1.04E+07 | 0.438395715 |  |
| 279.0775  | Methyl nigakinone   | 8.80E+05  | 1.97E+06 | 0.446892842 |  |
| 101.0605  | Pentanoate  | 1.06E+06  | 2.35E+06 | 0.451956289 |  |
| 312.1242  | Laurolitsine  | 1.26E+05  | 2.75E+05 | 0.457112993 |  |
| 165.0193  | 4-Formylsalicylic acid  | 2.15E+06  | 4.54E+06 | 0.473787202 |  |
| 180.0794  | Acetylcholine chloride  | 1.23E+05  | 2.60E+05 | 0.47405135  |  |
| 309.0649  | Sulfadoxine   | 1.38E+05  | 2.90E+05 | 0.474682745 |  |
| 188.9515  | 2-4-Dichlorobenzoate  | 1.66E+05  | 3.37E+05 | 0.493700679 |  |
| 284.1673  | Isococculidine  | 2.01E+05  | 4.04E+05 | 0.496476805 |  |
| 482.0749  | Peptide(N-Glu- Asp- Cystine)                                  | 2.33E+05  | 1.11E+05 | 2.092764267 |  |

| 266.0702 | S-Ribosyl-L-homocysteine   | 2.35E+05 | 1.01E+05 | 2.323378813 |
|----------|----------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| 281.1006 | 2-Aminoadenosine           | 2.83E+05 | 1.12E+05 | 2.533581026 |
| 298.0697 | Avenanthramide A           | 6.41E+05 | 2.49E+05 | 2.573129783 |
| 276.0337 | Azathioprine               | 5.97E+05 | 2.08E+05 | 2.866727237 |
| 606.0742 | UDP-N-acetyl-D-glucosamine | 4.63E+07 | 1.43E+07 | 3.229520949 |
| 244.0073 | Guanfacine                 | 8.67E+05 | 2.37E+05 | 3.650453862 |
| 308.0988 | N-Acetylneuraminate        | 8.56E+05 | 2.15E+05 | 3.979941319 |

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