

Discovery of coordinately regulated pathways that provide innate protection against interbacterial antagonism

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Abstract Bacterial survival is fraught with antagonism, including that deriving from viruses and competing bacterial cells. It is now appreciated that bacteria mount complex antiviral responses; however, whether a coordinated defense against bacterial threats is undertaken is not well understood. Previously, we showed that *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* possess a danger-sensing pathway that is a critical fitness determinant during competition against other bacteria. Here, we conducted genome-wide screens in *P. aeruginosa* that reveal three conserved and widespread interbacterial antagonism resistance clusters (*arc1-3*). We find that although *arc1-3* are coordinately activated by the Gac/Rsm danger-sensing system, they function independently and provide idiosyncratic defense capabilities, distinguishing them from general stress response pathways. Our findings demonstrate that Arc3 family proteins provide specific protection against phospholipase toxins by preventing the accumulation of lysophospholipids in a manner distinct from previously characterized membrane repair systems. These findings liken the response of *P. aeruginosa* to bacterial threats to that of eukaryotic innate immunity, wherein threat detection leads to the activation of specialized defense systems.

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Editor's evaluation

This study identifies novel (Arc) pathways that mediate resistance of bacteria to attacks by other bacteria. The identified genes appear to specifically protect host cells from the action of bacterial toxins. In particular, one system (Arc3) is shown to protect *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* from Type-6 secretion phospholipase effectors. Thus, while it is growing increasingly clear that bacteria have evolved numerous protection mechanisms against phages, the study expands this concept to bacteria.

Introduction

Antagonism from other organisms is a threat faced nearly universally by bacteria living in mixed populations, yet we are only beginning to understand the mechanisms employed in defense against these

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assaults (Hersch et al., 2020a; Peterson et al., 2020; Robitaille et al., 2021). One defense mechanism that is common in the gut microbiome and potentially other habitats is the production of immunity proteins that grant protection against specific toxins delivered by the type VI secretion system (T6SS) (Ross et al., 2019). These 'orphan' immunity proteins share homology with and are likely evolved from cognate immunity proteins that protect bacteria from undergoing self-intoxication, which is inherent to the indiscriminate nature of the T6SS delivery mechanism. Core cellular structures have also been implicated in promoting survival during interbacterial antagonism. Extracellular polysaccharide capsules protect Vibrio cholerae and Escherichia coli from T6SS-based attack of other species (Hersch et al., 2020b; Toska et al., 2018), and in Acinetobacter baumannii, lysine modification at peptidoglycan crosslinks was suggested to render the cell wall resistant to degradation by amidase toxins (Le et al., 2020). Finally, characterized stress response pathways also appear to contribute to antagonism defense. Indeed, it has been suggested that bacterial stress responses evolved in part as a means of detecting and responding to antagonistic competitors (Cornforth and Foster, 2013; Lories et al., 2020). A candidate-based approach applied to E. coli and P. aeruginosa found that stress response genes involved in envelope integrity and acid stress, among others, can contribute to resistance against a V. cholerae phospholipase toxin (Kamal et al., 2020). While the P. aeruginosa genes identified impacted survival when the toxin was produced heterologously within the organism, they did not influence the fitness of the bacterium during interbacterial competition with V. cholerae.

We previously discovered that *P. aeruginosa* mounts an effective but largely undefined defense upon exposure to an antagonistic competitor, which we named the *P. aeruginosa* response to antagonism (PARA) (*LeRoux et al., 2015a*). The response is activated when a subpopulation of *P. aeruginosa* cells are lysed, releasing intracellular contents that trigger the response in neighboring survivors (*LeRoux et al., 2015b*). PARA is coordinated by the Gac/Rsm global regulatory pathway, which posttranscriptionally controls the expression of nearly 400 genes (*Goodman et al., 2004*; *Lapouge et al., 2008*). This regulon includes the Hcp secretion island I-encoded type VI secretion system (H1-T6SS), the activity of which enables *P. aeruginosa* to kill or disable competing bacteria through the delivery of a cocktail of toxic effector proteins (*Hood et al., 2010*). While an important component of PARA, data suggest that the H1-T6SS is just one feature of the response; *P. aeruginosa* strains lacking functionality of the two-component system required to initiate Gac/Rsm signaling are severely crippled in interbacterial antagonism defense relative to those lacking only the H1-T6SS (*LeRoux et al., 2015a*). The majority of the genes under Gac/Rsm control encode proteins of unknown function, and we hypothesized that these could represent uncharacterized, novel mechanisms by which *P. aeruginosa* defends against interbacterial antagonism.

Results

Discovery of coordinately regulated *P. aeruginosa* interbacterial toxin defense pathways

Prior work by our laboratory has shown that *Burkholderia thailandensis* (*B. thai*) fiercely antagonizes *P. aeruginosa* using its antibacterial T6SS (*LeRoux et al., 2015a*). Thus, to identify its interbacterial defense factors, we subjected a transposon library of *P. aeruginosa* to antagonism by *B. thai* or a derivative lacking antibacterial T6SS activity (ΔT6S) and used high-throughput sequencing to measure gene-level fitness changes. Duplicate screening of this library revealed 34 genes critical for the survival of *P. aeruginosa* specifically while undergoing antagonism by *B. thai* (*Figure 1A, Figure 1—figure supplement 1A and B, Figure 1—source data 1*). Strikingly, 25 of these belong to the Gac/Rsm regulon and three additional hits included genes directly involved in the Gac/Rsm signaling system (*Goodman et al., 2004; Lapouge et al., 2008*). Indeed, disruption of genes encoding GacS and GacA, the central sensor kinase and response regulator required for activation of the pathway, respectively, elicited the strongest interbacterial defense defect among all genes in the *P. aeruginosa* genome (*Figure 1A and B*). On the contrary, inactivating insertions in *retS*, encoding a hybrid sensor kinase that negatively regulates GacS, increased interbacterial competitiveness.

Our screens identified previously uncharacterized genes belonging to three operons under Gac/ Rsm control (**Goodman et al., 2004**), several genes within two operons of the HSI-I-encoded T6SS (H1-T6SS) (**Hood et al., 2010**), and two genes within an operon not subject to Gac/Rsm regulation (**Figure 1C, Figure 1—figure supplement 1C, Figure 1—source data 1**). Given that false positives



Figure 1. Multiple pathways under Gac/Rsm control contribute to *P. aeruginosa* defense against antagonism. (A) Transposon library sequencingbased comparison of the fitness contribution of individual *P. aeruginosa* genes during growth competition with wild-type *B. thai* versus *B. thai* ΔT6S. Genes under Gac/Rsm control (blue) and those encoding core Gac/Rsm regulatory factors (purple, labeled) are indicated. (B) Overview of the Gac/ Rsm pathway (SD, Shine–Dalgarno). The *rsmY* and *rsmZ* genes encode small RNA molecules that sequester the translational regulator RsmA. Hybrid

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sensor kinase PA1611 is here renamed RetS-regulating sensor kinase A (RskA). (**C**) Left: *P. aeruginosa* gene clusters hit (greater than threefold in replicate screens; *Figure 1—source data 1*) in this study. Numbers below genes indicate transposon insertion ratio (*B. thai* Δ T6S/wild-type) for screen in (**A**) followed by the replicate screen (*Figure 1—figure supplement 1*); light toned genes were hit in only one replicate. Asterisk indicates genes for which insertion was undetected in libraries obtained from *B. thai* wild-type competition. Right: zoom-in of boxed region of (**A**) with genes colored corresponding to clusters at left. (**D**, **E**) Recovery of *P. aeruginosa* cells with the indicated genotypes following growth competition against *B. thai* wild-type (**D**) or Δ T6S (**E**). For interbacterial competition assays, the mean ± SD of biological duplicates and associated technical duplicates is shown: *p<0.05 using unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test.

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are less common among multiple gene hits within an operon, we focused on these genes for subsequent validation in pairwise competition assays. Strains bearing in-frame deletions of the genes most strongly hit in each operon showed substantially reduced fitness in competition with wild-type *B. thai*, and in each instance this could be partially restored by genetic complementation (*Figure 1D*). Further consistent with our screening results, each of the single-gene deletion mutants grew similarly to the wild-type in competition with *B. thai* unable to antagonize *P. aeruginosa* (*B. thai* Δ T6S) (*Figure 1E*).

Arc1-3 operate independently and defend in a manner distinct from general stress responses

The P. aeruginosa Gac/Rsm pathway has been implicated in a process we termed danger sensing (LeRoux et al., 2015a; LeRoux et al., 2015b). We previously showed that the lysis of neighboring kin cells triggers the pathway, leading to T6SS activation. However, the Gac/Rsm pathway posttranscriptionally activates hundreds of genes whose function has largely remained cryptic (Figure 1B). Bioinformatic analyses suggested that each of the uncharacterized Gac/Rsm-regulated operons hit in our screen likely constitute a discrete pathway. Five of the six genes within the PA2536-41 cluster are predicted to encode proteins related to phospholipid biosynthesis or metabolism, including four genes encoding products with significant homology to enzymes required for phosphatidylglycerol synthesis (Figure 1—figure supplement 2A). Orthologs of core bacterial phospholipid biosynthetic machinery are encoded elsewhere in the genome, indicating likely specialization of this putative pathway. The PA4317-23 genes co-occur across many species within the Xanthomonadaceae and Pseudomonadaceae (Figure 1-figure supplement 2B). While none of the proteins encoded by this gene cluster have been characterized, they include a predicted MoxR-like AAA+-ATPase and a protein with a von Willebrand factor (VWF) domain. Related protein pairs co-occur widely and are known to cooperate in a chaperone-like function that releases protein inhibition or stimulates metal cofactor insertion (Snider and Houry, 2006; Tsai et al., 2020). Finally, PA5113 and PA5114 also co-occur widely, and several organisms encode single polypeptides that represent a fusion of the two proteins (Figure 1-figure supplement 2C).

Next, we sought to obtain experimental support for our hypothesis that the Gac/Rsm-regulated operons hit in our screen constitute independent functional units. First, we compared the fitness of our single-deletion strains to those bearing in-frame deletions in the two genes most strongly hit within each operon. In each operon, the second deletion did not impact competitiveness with *B. thai*, suggesting that the pairs of genes encode components of the same pathway (*Figure 1—figure supplement 3A*). On the contrary, additive effects on interbacterial competitiveness were observed when genes from each of the three operons were inactivated in a single strain. Indeed, the fitness deficiency of this triple mutant strain approaches that of the $\Delta gacS$ strain, which lacks Gac/Rsm function entirely (*Figure 1—figure supplement 3B*). Together, these data reveal that the Gac/Rsm pathway and discrete functional units under its control are critical for *P. aeruginosa* survival when antagonized by the T6SS of *B. thai*. Based on these data, we named the genes with the three Gac/Rsm-regulated

operons hit in our screen *arc1A-F* (antagonism resistance cluster 1, PA2541-36), *arc2A-G* (PA4317-23), and *arc3A,B* (PA5114-13) (*Figure 1C*).

As a first step toward understanding how Arc1-3 influence the competitiveness of P. aeruginosa, we asked whether they serve defensive or offensive roles. In our initial screen, B. thai dramatically outnumbered P. aeruginosa (~50:1); therefore, the diminished P. aeruginosa viability observed under these conditions suggested each pathway can function defensively. However, these conditions do not exclusively isolate the defensive contribution of the pathways. For example, we observed that killing competitor cells via the H1-T6SS indirectly contributes to P. aeruginosa viability under these conditions, likely by expanding the available growth niche. To probe the capacity of Arc1-3 to antagonize B. thai, we initiated co-culture growth competition assays with an excess of P. aeruginosa. We previously demonstrated that in co-cultures initially dominated by P. aeruginosa, antagonism by B. thai has a negligible impact on P. aeruginosa growth (Schwarz et al., 2010). Under these conditions, inactivating Arc2 and Arc3 had no impact on B. thai survival. Arc1 inactivation led to an increase in B. thai survival; however, this effect was modest relative to its impact on P. aeruginosa defense (Figure 2A). In contrast, inactivation of the H1-T6SS increased B. thai survival by approximately four orders of magnitude, eclipsing its impact on P. aeruginosa defense by ~100-fold. Together, these finding indicate that the contributions of Arc1-3 to P. aeruginosa competitiveness during antagonism arise predominately from defensive mechanisms.

Our results suggested that the Gac/Rsm system functions analogously to innate immune sensors of eukaryotic organisms, wherein danger sensing activates the expression of independently functioning downstream effectors that defend the cell against specific threats (*Paludan et al., 2021*). By extension, this response should be distinct from that provoked by general stressors. To test this, we measured the contribution of Arc1-3 to *P. aeruginosa* survival in conditions known to induce general stress response systems, including heat shock, exposure to H_2O_2 , and propagation in high-salinity media or media containing detergent (*Jørgensen et al., 1999; Munguia et al., 2017*). Unlike previously established stress-intolerant control strains ($\Delta rpoS$ and $\Delta vacJ$), the survival of strains lacking Arc1-3 function was equivalent to wild-type *P. aeruginosa* in these assays, suggesting that their function is distinct from those involved in general stress resistance (*Figure 2—figure supplement 1*). This is also in line with the regulatory profile of Arc1-3; immunoblotting showed that basal expression of each is exceedingly low, yet highly inducible through stimulation of the antagonism-responsive Gac/ Rsm pathway (*Figure 2—figure supplement 2*).

Arc1-3 provide defense against distinct threats

The specific involvement of Arc1-3 in defense against antagonism led us to hypothesize that the pathways could grant protection against mechanistically distinct threats. Notably, B. thai delivers a cocktail of toxins to target cells including two predicted phospholipases (Tle1 and Tle3) (Russell et al., 2013), a peptidoglycan-degrading amidase (Tae2) and a colicin-like toxin predicted to form inner membrane pores (ColA) (Russell et al., 2012; Salomon et al., 2014). To determine the role of Arc1-3 in defense against insults caused by toxins with biochemically diverse modes of action, we subjected strains with individual Arc pathways inactivated to pairwise competition against B. thai strains lacking single toxins in its arsenal. For Tle1 and Tle3, which are duplicated in the B. thai genome and required for basal T6SS function, strains bearing mutated codons corresponding to predicted catalytic residues of the proteins were utilized (Figure 2-figure supplement 3). Strikingly, we found that Tle3 inactivation abrogated the antagonism defense defect of P. aeruginosa lacking Arc3 function (Figure 2B), whereas its defense defect was maintained in competition experiments against other toxin-inactivated strains of B. thai. In contrast, the survival of P. aeruginosa lacking Arc2 function was significantly restored by deletion of colA in B. thai, while none of the single-effector mutations within B. thai impacted the defense defect of P. aeruginosa lacking Arc1 function. These results support the hypothesis that Arc pathways can afford protection in a manner specific to the damage arising from mechanistically distinct threats (Arc2, Arc3) or play a more general role in defense (Arc1). However, B. thai delivers toxins beyond those we inactivated in this study; therefore, we cannot rule out that Arc1 - like Arc2 and Arc3 - provides effector-specific defense.

We found that Arc2 and Arc3 are major defense factors against insults caused by ColA and Tle3, respectively, suggesting that these toxins may damage cells by a mechanism not efficiently countered by other cellular pathways. To evaluate the relative defensive contribution of Arc2 and Arc3



Figure 2. Arc pathways can provide toxin-specific antagonism defense that eclipses that of other cellular factors. (**A**) Recovery of *B. thai* cells following growth competition against a relative abundance of *P. aeruginosa* containing the indicated gene deletions, colored according to *Figure 1C*. (**B**) Relative survival of *P. aeruginosa* Arc1-3-inactivated mutants following growth in competition with an excess of the indicated *B. thai* strains (mutant CFU/parental CFU × 100 for each *B. thai* competitor). The loss of ColA or Tle3 activity in *B. thai* increases the relative survival of *P. aeruginosa* lacking Arc2 or Arc3 activity, respectively. (**C**, **D**) Transposon library sequencing-based comparison of the fitness contribution of individual *P. aeruginosa* genes during growth competition with wild-type *B. thai* versus *B. thai* lacking Tle3 (**C**) or ColA (**D**) activity, colored according to *Figure 1C*. Values in parentheses correspond to the number of genes hit (greater than threefold change in transposon insertion frequency) within each cluster compared to the number within each cluster hit in the initial screens (*B. thai* wild-type versus *B. thai* Δ T6S) followed by the average transposon insertion frequency ratio (*B. thai* mutant/*B. thai* wild-type) of the genes in the depicted screen. (**E**) Fitness contribution of each *P. aeruginosa* Arc pathway and the H1-T6SS to defense against Tle3 versus ColA. For interbacterial competition assays, the mean \pm SD of biological duplicates and two technical replicates is shown: *p<0.05 using unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test.

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Figure supplement 1. Arc1-3 do not contribute to the survival of *P. aeruginosa* exposed to common environmental stresses.

Figure supplement 2. Arc1-3 are subject to tight regulation by the Gac/Rsm signaling pathway.

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Figure supplement 2—source data 6. Original uncropped image and original uncropped image with relevant bands indicated for Figure 2—figure supplement 2, Arc3A–V RpoB control.

Figure supplement 3. The loci encoding Tle1 and Tle3 are duplicated in B. thai, and Tle3 induces potent self-intoxication.

genome-wide, we performed additional transposon-based screening in which a mutant library of *P. aeruginosa* was grown in competition with *B. thai* strains lacking ColA or Tle3 activity. Remarkably, this experiment defined *arc3A* as the gene most critical for *P. aeruginosa* survival during intoxication by Tle3 (*Figure 2C, Figure 2—source data 1*). Insertions in the second Arc3 gene, *arc3B*, also crippled *P. aeruginosa* defense against Tle3, though to a lesser degree. Arc2 genes were dispensable for Tle3 defense, and only one gene within Arc1 contributed to Tle3 defense beyond the threefold insertion frequency ratio cutoff we employed. Inactivation of ColA had a relative minor impact on the fitness of most *P. aeruginosa* transposon mutants (*Figure 2D, Figure 2—source data 2*). However, four of the six Arc2 genes hit in our initial screen provided defense against ColA that exceeded our threefold cutoff. Additionally, one Arc1 gene met these criteria, whereas Arc3 genes were wholly dispensable for defense against ColA. These results support the model that Arc3 provides specific defense against Tle3, Arc2 provides a degree of specific protection against ColA, and Arc1 serves a broader role in antagonism defense. A comparison of the fitness contributions of each Arc pathway and the H1-T6SS to *P. aeruginosa* undergoing intoxication by Tle3, ColA or Tle1 highlights the degree of their specificity (*Figure 2E*).

Arc3 is a broadly conserved pathway that prevents lysophospholipid accumulation

The highly specific defense afforded by Arc3 against the predicted phospholipase Tle3 prompted us to further interrogate its function. Arc3A is a large protein containing 35 predicted transmembrane domains and lacking residues strongly indicative of enzymatic activity (Figure 3A). With predicted outer-membrane-anchored N-terminal lipidation and a C-terminal inner-membrane transmembrane helix, Arc3A is expected to span the periplasm. Neither Arc3A nor Arc3B share significant homology with characterized proteins; however, apparent orthologs of each are encoded by neighboring openreading frames across an exceptionally wide distribution of bacteria (Figure 3B). Arc3A-related proteins are composed of domain of unknown function 2339 (DUF2339), possess large, yet varying numbers of transmembrane segments, and are found in bacteria belonging to most Gram-negative and Gram-positive phyla. Consistent with the predicted N-terminal localization of Arc3B to the outer membrane, its related proteins are restricted to Gram-negative phyla. Co-immunoprecipitation studies using epitope-tagged variants of Arc3A and Arc3B encoded at their native chromosomal loci provided evidence that the two proteins stably associate (Appendix 1-table 1). The arc3A and arc3B genes abut a third gene encoded in the same orientation, estA, and there is evidence that transcripts containing all three genes are generated by P. aeruginosa (Gebhardt et al., 2020). Although estA encodes an esterase (Wilhelm et al., 1999), which could have relevance for phospholipase defense, estA was not detected in our co-immunoprecipitation analyses, it did not exhibit differential insertion frequency in our screens, and in-frame deletion of estA did not impact P. aeruginosa survival during intoxication by Tle3 (Figure 1-source data 1, Figure 2-source data 1 and 2, Figure 3-figure supplement 1A).

The observation that Arc3A proteins are found in bacteria lacking an Arc3B homolog, combined with our finding that Arc3B contributes relatively little to Tle3 defense, led us to speculate that Arc3A





Figure 3. Arc3B is a predicted massive polytopic membrane protein with functionally complementing family members that occur widely in Gramnegative and -positive bacterial phyla. (**A**) Schematic depiction of Arc3A and Arc3B based on bioinformatic predictions. (**B**) Phylogeny of bacterial phyla with representative *arc* genes depicted and colored as in (**A**). Membrane-associated regions (grayed) and the number of predicted transmembrane segments are indicated. (**C**) Recovery of *P. aeruginosa* strains bearing the indicated mutations and containing a control chromosomal insertion (–) or insertion constructs expressing Arc3B proteins derived from assorted bacteria (*P. aer, P. aeruginosa; P. pro, P. protegens; B. cen, B. cenocepacia; P. syr, P. syringae; C. rod, Citrobacter rodentium*) following growth competition against *B. thai* wild-type or a strain lacking Tle3 activity. For interbacterial competition assays, the mean ± SD of biological duplicates and two or three associated technical replicates is shown: *p<0.05 using unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test.

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Figure supplement 1. EstA and Arc3B inactivation does not significantly impact *P. aeruginosa* fitness in pairwise growth competition experiments with *B. thai.*

plays an intrinsic role in defense, independent of its interaction Arc3B. We tested this by examining the ability of Arc3A-related proteins from other species to complement the defense defect of *P. aeruginosa* $\Delta arc3A$. Despite high-sequence divergence that would likely preclude specific interactions with Arc3B or other *P. aeruginosa* factors, four of these proteins restored Tle3 defense to a statistically significant degree and two provided protection equivalent to that of *P. aeruginosa* arc3A expressed in the same manner (*Figure 3C*). We also examined one of these proteins in its native context. Inactivation of arc3A in *Pseudomonas* protegens conferred a strong interbacterial antagonism defense defect specific to *B. thai* Tle3 (*Figure 3D*). In total, these data strongly suggest that proteins in the Arc3A family possess the intrinsic capacity to protect bacteria against Tle3-like toxins, and potentially phospholipase toxins more broadly.

While the ability of heterologously expressed Arc3A homologs to contribute to *P. aeruginosa* defense demonstrates that these proteins can function independently, this finding does not rule out the possibility that in *P. aeruginosa* Arc3B enhances the defensive function of Arc3A. In two of our Tn-seq screens (*Figure 1A and C, Figure 2C*), we observed a significant difference in *arc3B* insertion frequency during competition with wild-type *B. thai* compared to the T6SS- or Tle3-inactivated mutants. However, in pairwise competition experiments with *B. thai*, we were unable to detect a significant fitness defect associated with *arc3B* inactivation in either the wild-type or the $\Delta arc3A$ background (*Figure 3—figure supplement 1*). These results suggest that Arc3B may play an auxiliary role in defense that is only detectable under the more stringent conditions of the Tn-seq screens, where *P. aeruginosa* strains compete with each other as well as *B. thai*.

Enzymes with PLA activity cleave glycerophospholipids at the *sn1* or *sn2* position, generating fatty acid and detergent-like lysophospholipid products (*Filkin et al., 2020*). For toxins like Tle3, which are delivered to target cells in exceedingly low quantities (*Fridman et al., 2020*; *Hernandez et al., 2020*), it is likely toxic products, rather than phospholipid depletion per se, that most immediately contribute to cell death. Based on the intrinsic capacity of Arc3A to grant protection against Tle3, a predicted PLA, we hypothesized that it directly mitigates damage caused by the toxic products of Tle3. To test this, we measured phospholipid content within extracts derived from competing *P. aeruginosa* and *B. thai* strains at a time point immediately prior to detectable changes in *P. aeruginosa* viability. Strikingly, relative to mixtures containing the wild-type organisms, those containing *P. aeruginosa* $\Delta arc3A$ possessed highly elevated levels of lysophosphatidylethanolamine (LPE) and monolysocardiolipin (MLCL) in a manner dependent on the activity of Tle3 in *B. thai* (*Figure 4A*). Lysophosphatidylglycerol, free fatty acid, and corresponding parent phospholipid levels were not measurably altered by Tle3 (*Figure 4—figure supplement 1*).

The accumulated lysophospholipids we observed could derive from *P. aeruginosa* or they could result from retaliatory activity against *B. thai.* To distinguish these possibilities, we subjected *P. aeruginosa* strains with radiolabeled phospholipids to Tle3 intoxication by unlabeled *B. thai* strains. Radiographic TLC analysis of the phospholipids generated in these strain competition mixtures confirmed that *P. aeruginosa* lacking Arc3B accumulates LPE and MLCL during Tle3 intoxication (*Figure 4B–D*). Tle3 belongs to a family of effectors for which there remains no definitively characterized member. We were unable to measure the activity of the enzyme in vitro; thus, to determine whether the accumulation of LPE and MLCL were a direct result of Tle3 activity, we quantified phospholipids in extracts derived from *B. thai* strains undergoing Tle3-based self-intoxication (*Figure 2—figure supplement* 3). Samples derived from mixtures composed of a *B. thai* strain with Tle3 and a derivative strain sensitized to Tle3 intoxication through cognate immunity gene inactivation accumulated LPE and MLCL, mirroring our interspecies competition findings (*Figure 4E*).

In *E. coli*, lysophospholipids are transported across the inner membrane by the dedicated transporter LpIT, after which they are reacylated by Aas (*Zheng et al., 2017*). Both LpIT and Aas have been shown to play a critical role in defending *E. coli* cells from phospholipase attack (*Lin et al., 2018*). In *P. aeruginosa*, LpIT and the acylation domain of Aas are found in a single predicted polypeptide, encoded by PA3267 (*aas*). Interestingly, the *aas* gene was illuminated as a potential *P. aeruginosa* antagonism defense factor in two of the transposon mutant screens we performed and *aas* genes neighbor *arc3* genes in many bacteria (*Figure 2C, Figure 1—figure supplement 1B, Figure 4—figure supplement 2, Figure 1—source data 1, Figure 2—source data 1*). In pairwise interbacterial competition assays, we were unable to detect the impact of *aas* inactivation on *P. aeruginosa* fitness; however, we found that *P. aeruginosa* strains lacking both *aas* and *arc3A* exhibited a Tle3 defense



Figure 4. Arc3 prohibits Tle3-catalyzed lysophospholipid accumulation by a mechanism distinct from known pathways. (**A**–**D**) Mass spectrometric (**A**) and radiographic thin layer chromatography (TLC) (**B**) analysis of major phospholipid and lysophospholipid species within lipid extracts derived from the indicated mixtures of *P. aeruginosa* and *B. thai* strains. *P. aeruginosa* were grown in ${}^{32}PO_{4}{}^{2}$ prior to incubation with *B. thai*. Strains were allowed to interact for 1 hr before phospholipids were harvested. Radiolabeled molecules of interest within biological triplicate experiments resolved by TLC were

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quantified by densitometry (**C**, **D**) (**E**) Mass spectrometric analysis of major phospholipid and lysophospholipid species within lipid extracts derived from mixtures containing *B. thai* lacking Tle3-specific immunity factors competing with the indicated *B. thai* strains. (**F**) Recovery of the indicated *P. aeruginosa* strains following growth competition against *B. thai* wild-type or a strain lacking Tle3 activity. (**G**) Radiographic TLC analysis of products extracted after incubation of *P. aeruginosa*-derived spheroplasts with purified radiolabeled lysophosphatidylethanolamine (LPE). For interbacterial competition assays, the mean ± SD of biological replicates and associated technical replicates is shown: *p<0.05 using unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test. TLC images shown are representative of at least two biological replicates. See also *Figure 4—source data 1–3*.

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Figure supplement 1. Tle3 intoxication does not impact free fatty acids nor intact parent phospholipids in P. aeruginosa.

Figure supplement 2. Arc3B genes are encoded adjacent to aas genes in diverse bacteria.

Figure supplement 3. Overexpression of aas fails to complement the competitive defect associated with Arc3A inactivation.

defect substantially greater than that associated with Arc3A inactivation alone (*Figure 4F*). As overexpression complements the Δaas -dependent defect in this strain, but it does not compensate for the inactivation of Arc3A (*Figure 4—figure supplement 3*). Additionally, we found that Aas is required for PE regeneration from LPE, whereas Arc3A neither contributed to this process, nor could we detect changes in LPE stability upon Arc3A inactivation in the absence of antagonism (*Figure 4G*). These findings indicate that *arc3* encodes a previously undescribed, widespread and independent pathway that prohibits lysophospholipid accumulation by an interbacterial phospholipase toxin.

Discussion

Evidence suggests that the existence of bacteria is characterized by an onslaught of challenges to their integrity (**Granato et al., 2019**; **Peterson et al., 2020**). This is borne out in part by recent work in the phage arena, which has highlighted a vast number of dedicated bacterial defense systems against these parasites (**Bernheim and Sorek, 2020**; **Hampton et al., 2020**). It is now appreciated that the amalgam of these systems constitutes a bacterial immune system, with both innate and adaptive arms that are functionally analogous, and even evolutionarily related to those of eukaryotic organisms (**Morehouse et al., 2020**). Our work shows that bacteria also possess a multitude of coordinately regulated pathways that provide defense against the threats posed by other bacteria. This further cements the analogy between the immune systems of bacterial and eukaryotic cells, the latter of which also rely on the coordinated production of factors specialized for countering threats of viral or bacterial origin.

We found that Arc3A is the single cellular factor of *P. aeruginosa* most critical for defense against a PLA toxin. Whether Arc3A, perhaps in concert with Arc3B, offers a wider breadth of defensive activity is not known. However, it is notable that phospholipase toxins are ancient and among the most prevalent bacterial toxins known. Even in the absence of direct antagonism by a PLA toxin, environmental lysophospholipids and those generated during normal cellular processes may represent ongoing threats to bacterial viability (*Flores-Díaz et al., 2016*). We observed low Arc3A expression in the absence of Gac/Rsm activation, arguing that its role in PARA serves an adaptive purpose.

The precise mechanism by which Arc3 proteins defend against intoxication by phospholipase toxins remains unknown. Although we found that Arc3 grants specific protection against Tle3, the relatively low levels of *P. aeruginosa* intoxication achieved by Tle1 do not permit us to rule out that it might also provide broader phospholipase defense. The number and density of transmembrane helices in Arc3A family proteins is unusual, and we postulate that these anomalous features of the protein are intimately connected to its mechanism of action. These segments may sequester lysophospholipids and facilitate their turnover or it is conceivable that they directly recruit and interfere with phospholipase enzymes.

We have found that several previously uncharacterized gene clusters under Gac/Rsm control contribute critically to PARA. Our bioinformatic analyses show that the *arc* clusters are widely conserved among Bacteria, yet the Gac/Rsm pathway is restricted to γ -Proteobacteria. If *arc* genes play similar

roles in these diverse bacteria, which our data suggest, their expression is also likely subject to induction by antagonism. It will be of interest in future studies to probe the generality of coordinated interbacterial defenses by identifying additional signaling systems responsive to antagonism. Collectively, our findings provide new insight into the diversity of mechanisms bacteria have evolved to defend against interbacterial attack and suggest that many more cryptic specialized defense pathways await discovery.

Materials and methods Bacterial strains and culture conditions

A detailed list of all strains and plasmids used in this study can be found in Appendix 2—key resources table. Bacterial strains under investigation in this study were derived from *P. aeruginosa* PAO1, *B. thai* E264, and *P.protegens* pf-5 (*Paulsen et al., 2005; Stover et al., 2000; Yu et al., 2006*). All strains were grown in Luria-Bertani (LB) broth and incubated either at 37°C (*P. aeruginosa* and *B. thai*) or 30°C (*P. protegens*). For *Pseudomonas* strains, the media was supplemented with 25 µg/ml irgasan, 15 µg/ml gentamicin, 5% (w/v) sucrose, and 0.2% (w/v) arabinose as needed. *B. thai* was cultured with 15 µg/ml gentamicin and 200 µg/ml trimethoprim as necessary, and counterselection for allelic exchange was performed on M9 minimal medium agar plate containing 0.4% (w/v) glucose and 0.2% (w/v) *p*-chlorophenylalanine. *E. coli* strains used in this study included DH5 α for plasmid maintenance, SM10 for conjugal transfer of plasmids into *P. aeruginosa*, *P. protegens*, and *B. thai*, and UE54 for radiolabeled phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) synthesis. *E. coli* strains were grown in LB supplemented with 15 µg/ml gentamicin, 150 µg/ml carbenicillin, and 200 µg/ml trimethoprim as needed.

Plasmid construction

All primers used in plasmid construction and generation of mutant strains are listed in **Appendix 3 table 1**. In-frame chromosomal deletions and point mutations were created using the suicide vector pEXG2 for *P. aeruginosa* and *P. protegens*, and pJRC115 for *B. thai* (**Chandler et al., 2009**; **Rietsch et al., 2005**). For the generation of chromosomal mutation constructs, 750 bp regions flanking the mutation site were PCR amplified and inserted stitched together into the appropriate vector via Gibson assembly (**Gibson et al., 2009**). Site-specific chromosomal insertions in *P. aeruginosa* were generated using pUC18-Tn7t-pBAD-araE as previously described (**Hoang et al., 2000**). Our trimethoprim-resistant *B. thai* strain was generated using pUC18T-mini-Tn7-Tp-PS12-mCherry via the mini-Tn7 system (**LeRoux et al., 2012**).

Generation of mutant strains

For *P. aeruginosa* and *P. protegens* strain generation, pEXG2 mutation constructs were transformed into *E. coli* SM10, and SM10 donors were subsequently mixed and incubated together with *Pseudomonas* recipients on a nitrocellulose membrane on top of an LB agar plate at a ratio of 10:1 donorrecipient. The cell mixtures were incubated for 6 hr at 37°C to allow for conjugation. These cell mixtures were then scraped up, resuspended into 200 µl LB, and plated on LB agar plates containing irgasan and gentamicin to select for cells containing the mutant construct inserted into the chromosome. *Pseudomonas* merodiploid strains were then grown overnight in nonselective LB media, followed by counterselection on LB no-salt agar plates supplemented with sucrose. Gentamicin-sensitive, sucroseresistant colonies were screened for allelic replacement by colony PCR, and mutations were confirmed via Sanger sequencing of PCR products.

For *B. thai* strain generation, pJRC115 mutation constructs were transformed into *E. coli* SM10. Conjugation to enable plasmid transfer was performed as described above and plated on LB agar containing gentamicin and trimethoprim to select for *B. thai* with the chromosomally integrated plasmid. Merodiploids were grown overnight in LB media at 37°C, then plated on M9 minimal medium containing *p*-chlorophenylalanine for counterselection. Trimethoprim-sensitive, *p*-chlorophenylalanine-resistant colonies were screened for allelic replacement by colony PCR, and mutations were confirmed via Sanger sequencing of PCR products.

For expression of Arc1F, Arc2G, Arc3A, and Arc3A-homologs in *P. aeruginosa*, pUC18-Tn7t-pBADaraE containing the gene of interest and the helper plasmid pTNS3 were co-transformed into *P.* *aeruginosa* strains by electroporation (*Choi et al., 2008*). After 6 hr of outgrowth in LB at 37°C, transformants were plated on an LB agar plate with gentamicin to select for cells with mini-Tn7 integration.

Bacterial competition assay

For each co-culture competition experiment, donor and recipient strains were first grown for 20 hr in LB medium. Cultures were spun for 1 min at 20,000 × g to pellet cells, the supernatant removed, and cells were washed once with fresh LB medium. Cell pellets were resuspended in LB and normalized to $OD_{600} = 20$. Mixtures of donor and recipient strains were then established at 20:1 (*B. thai* vs. *P. aeruginosa*, *P. protegens*, or *B. thai*) or 10:1 (*P. aeruginosa* vs. *B. thai*) v/v ratios. The initial ratios of donor and recipient strains in these mixtures were measured by performing 10-fold serial dilutions and plating on appropriate selective media to evaluate by colony-forming unit (CFU) analysis. The co-culture competitions were initiated by spotting 5 µl of each mixture onto nitrocellulose filters placed on 3% (w/v) agar LB no-salt plates supplemented with L-arabinose for induction of gene expression as necessary. Competitions were incubated for 6 hr at 37°C between *B. thai* and *P. aeruginosa*, or 6 hr at 30°C for competition between *B. thai* and *P. protegens*. For *B. thai* self-intoxication, competitions were incubated at 37°C for 3 hr. Cells were harvested by scraping individual spots from excised sections of the nitrocellulose filter into LB medium. Suspensions were serially diluted and plated on selective media for CFU quantification.

Immunoblotting analysis

To analyze the expression of Arc1F-VSV-G, Arc2G-VSV-G, and Arc3A-VSV-G, *P. aeruginosa* strains were grown in LB broth at 37°C to log phase. Cells were pelleted and resuspended in lysis buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 300 mM NaCl, 10% [*v*/*v*] glycerol) and then mixed 1:1 with 2X SDS-PAGE sample loading buffer. Samples were then boiled at 100°C for 10 min and loaded at equal volumes to resolve using SDS-PAGE, then transferred to nitrocellulose membranes. Membranes were blocked in TBST (10 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, and 0.1% [*w*/*v*] Tween-20) with 5% (*w*/*v*) non-fat milk for 30 min at room temperature, followed by incubation with anti-VSV-G or with anti-ribosome polymerase β subunit primary antibodies diluted in TBST for 1 hr at room temperature on an orbital shaker. Blots were then washed with TBST, followed by incubation with secondary antibody (goat anti-rabbit or anti-mouse HRP conjugated) diluted in TBST for 30 min at room temperature. Finally, blots were washed with TBST again and developed using Radiance HRP substrate and visualized using iBright imager.

Lipidomic analysis

To analyze lipid content after intra- and inter-species intoxication, overnight cultures of donor and recipient cells were harvested and mixed at 1:1 (v/v) ratio in LB medium. These mixtures were spotted onto a 3% (w/v) agar LB no-salt plate and incubated for 1 hr at 37°C to allow for intoxication. Cells were then collected, and the lipids were extracted using the Bligh–Dyer method (*Bligh and Dyer,* **1959**). Briefly, bacterial pellets were resuspended in 0.5 ml of solution containing 0.5 M NaCl in 0.5 N HCl, followed by adding 1.5 ml of chloroform/methanol mixture (1:2, v/v). Suspensions were vortexed at room temperature for 15 min, 1.5 ml of 0.5 M NaCl in 0.5 N HCl solution was added to each sample, and vortexed for an additional 5 min. Lipid and aqueous layers were separated by centrifugation at 2000 × g for 5 min. The lower lipid phase was collected, and these dried lipid samples were analyzed for PE, PG, CL, LPE, LPG, and MLCL content by the Kansas State Lipidomics Research Center.

Lipid samples were analyzed by electrospray ionization triple quadrupole mass spectrometry in direct infusion mode, and data were processed as described by with slight modifications (*Shiva et al., 2013*), which include use of a Waters Xevo TQS mass spectrometer (Milford, MA). Internal standards used to normalize data are shown in *Appendix 1—table 2*. For PE and LPE, SPLASH standards were used for normalization (Avanti Polar Lipids, Alabaster, AL). Mass spectrometry global parameters, scan modes, and data processing parameters are shown in *Appendix 1—table 2*.

Proteomic analysis

P. aeruginosa strains containing VSV-G-tagged proteins were grown in 50 ml to mid-log phase, centrifuged at 2500 × g for 15 min, and the pellets harvested by resuspension in lysis buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 300 mM NaCl, 5% [w/v] glycerol, 0.5% [v/v] Triton X-100). Cell lysates were prepared by sonication, and tagged proteins were enriched by incubating cell lysates with 30 µl of anti-VSV-G agarose beads at 4°C for 4 hr with constant rotation. Agarose beads were then pelleted by centrifugation at 100 × *g* for 2 min and washed three times with 20 mM ammonium bicarbonate. VSV-G agarose beads and bound proteins were then treated with 10 µl of 10 ng/µl (100 ng total per sample) sequencing grade trypsin for 16 hr at 37°C. After digestion, 40 µl of 20 mM ammonium bicarbonate was added to the agarose beads and peptide mixture and lightly mixed. Beads were centrifuged at 300 × *g* for 3 min, and the supernatant collected as the peptide fraction. This peptide mixture was reduced with 5 mM Tris(2-carboxyethyl) phosphine hydrochloride for 1 hr, followed by alkylation using 14 mM iodoacetamide for 30 min in the dark at room temperature. Alkylation reactions were quenched using 5 mM 1,4-dithiothreitol. Samples were then diluted with 100% acetonitrile (ACN) and 10% (*w*/*v*) trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) to a final concentration of 5% ACN (*v*/*v*) and 0.5% TFA (*w*/*v*) and applied to MacroSpin C18 columns (30 µg capacity) that had been charged with 100% ACN and ddH₂O. Bound peptides were then washed twice in 5% (*v*/*v*) ACN and 0.5% (*w*/*v*) TFA, before elution with 70% (*v*/*v*) ACN and 0.1% (*v*/*v*) formic acid (FA).

Peptides were analyzed by LC-MS/MS using a Dionex UltiMate 3000 Rapid Separation nanoLC and a Q Exactive HF Hybrid Quadrupole-Orbitrap Mass Spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc, San Jose, CA). Approximately 1 μ g of peptide samples was loaded onto the trap column, which was 150 μ m × 3 cm in-house packed with 3 μ m C18 beads. The analytical column was a 75 μ m × 10.5 cm PicoChip column packed with 3 μ m C18 beads (New Objective, Inc, Woburn, MA). The flow rate was kept at 300 nl/min. Solvent A was 0.1% FA in water and Solvent B was 0.1% FA in ACN. The peptide was separated on a 120 min analytical gradient from 5% ACN/0.1% FA to 40% ACN/0.1% FA. The mass spectrometer was operated in data-dependent mode. The source voltage was 2.10 kV, and the capillary temperature was 320°C. MS 1 scans were acquired from 300 to 2000 *m/z* at 60,000 resolving power and automatic gain control (AGC) set to 3 × 10⁶. The top 15 most abundant precursor ions in each MS 1 scan were selected for fragmentation. Precursors were selected with an isolation width of 2 Da and fragmented by higher-energy collisional dissociation (HCD) at 30% normalized collision energy in the HCD cell. Previously selected ions were dynamically excluded from re-selection for 20 s. The MS 2 AGC was set to 1 × 10⁵.

Proteins were identified from the tandem mass spectra extracted by Xcalibur version 4.0. MS/MS spectra were searched against the Uniprot *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 strain database using Mascot search engine (Matrix Science, London, UK; version 2.5.1). The MS 1 precursor mass tolerance was set to 10 ppm, and the MS 2 tolerance was set to 0.05 Da. A 1% false discovery rate cutoff was applied at the peptide level. Only proteins with a minimum of two unique peptides above the cutoff were considered for further study. The search result was visualized by Scaffold (version 4.8.3, Proteome Software, Inc, Portland, OR).

Transposon mutant library construction

A *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 transposon mutant library of ~80,000 unique Himar1 insertions was prepared using established protocols (*Lee et al., 2017*). Briefly, *P. aeruginosa* were mutagenized by delivery of the transposon- and transposase-bearing suicide vector pBT20 from *E. coli* SM10 λ pir (*Kulasekara et al., 2005*). Insertion mutants were selected on LB agar containing irgasan and gentamycin and pooled. The library was harvested and transposon insertion sites of the complete pool were defined by transposon insertion sequencing as described below.

Transposon mutant library screen in bacterial competition

The *P. aeruginosa* transposon mutant library was grown at 37°C to mid-log phase. Cell suspensions were then normalized to $OD_{600} = 1$ and incubated with 100 OD_{600} of *B. thai* donor strains (wild-type, $\Delta icmF$, $tle3^{S264A}$, or $\Delta colA$). Competitions were performed on 3% (*w*/*v*) agar LB no-salt plates at 37°C for 7 hr. Cells were washed once with PBS, diluted, and plated on LB agar plates supplemented with irgasan to select for viable *P. aeruginosa* cells. After overnight incubation, cells were harvested, and genomic DNA was directly extracted from pellets using QIAGEN Blood and Tissue Midi gDNA prep kit. Transposon insertion sequencing libraries were generated from 3 µg gDNA per sample using the C-tailing method as described (*Gallagher, 2019*) with the transposon-specific primers listed in *Appendix 3—table 1*. For PCR round 1, PCR_1A and PCR_1B were used. For PCR round 2, PCR_2A,

PCR_2B, and PCR_2C were used. For sequencing, Seq_primer was used. Libraries were pooled and sequenced in multiplex using an Illumina MiSeq with a 5% PhiX spike-in.

Tn-seq data analysis

Seqmagick was used to trim the first six bases from each read (https://github.com/fhcrc/seqmagick; **Matsen Group, 2020**). Reads were then aligned, and counts were enumerated using TRANSIT TPP (https://transit.readthedocs.io/en/latest/tpp.html). An annotation GFF was created from the original *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 GFF file (GCF_000006765.1) and was translated to TRANSIT portable format using the TRANSIT 'convert gff_to_prot_table' command (https://transit.readthedocs.io/en/latest/ transit_running.html#prot-tables-annotations). Finally, the TRANSIT 'export combined_wig' command was used to combine and annotate the counts. **Appendix 1—table 3** provides summary data of the sequencing runs and their processing by TRANSIT.

Bioinformatic analysis of Arc3 gene distribution

The phylogenetic profiler tool in IMG (*Chen et al., 2021*) was used to determine the distribution of Arc3A homologs (identified as proteins classified under the Pfam 10101) across bacterial phyla. The number and location of predicted transmembrane domains present in representative Arc3A homologs from each phylum were calculated using CCTOP and TMpred (https://embnet.vital-it.ch/software/TMPRED_form.html) (*Dobson et al., 2015*). Homologs of Arc3B encoded adjacent to Arc3A-like genes were identified on the basis of their classification in the Pfam 13,163.

Bacterial stress assays

P. aeruginosa cultures were assayed for the ability to survive oxidative stress (50 mM H₂O₂), heat stress (55°C), osmotic stress (3 M NaCl), and detergent stress (0.5% [*w*/*v*] SDS and 0.25 mM EDTA) in LB media as previously described with modifications (*Jørgensen et al., 1999*). After incubation with the oxidative, heat, and osmotic stress conditions, cultures were serially diluted 10-fold in LB medium and plated on LB agar for subsequent analysis of remaining viable cells by CFU determination. For oxidative stress, stationary-phase cultures were diluted to $OD_{600} = 0.1$ and incubated in LB media containing 50 mM H₂O₂ for 30 min at 37°C with continuous shaking. For heat stress, stationary-phase cultures were diluted to $OD_{600} = 0.1$ and incubated at 55°C for 30 min with continuous shaking. For osmotic stress, overnight cultures were diluted in LB media containing 3 M NaCl to $OD_{600} = 0.1$. Cultures were incubated at 37°C for 20 hr with shaking. For detergent stress, cultures were serially diluted in LB media and directly plated on LB agar plates containing 0.5% (*w*/*v*) SDS and 0.25 mM EDTA for CFU quantification.

Phospholipid analysis

To prepare [³²P]-labeled bacteria, *P. aeruginosa* strains were grown in LB media supplemented with 5 μ Ci/ml [³²P]-orthophosphoric acid. Tle3 intoxication was performed by mixing 200 OD₆₀₀ of *B. thai* and [³²P]-*P. aeruginosa* at a 10:1 ratio (v/v) and incubating this mixture at 37°C for 1 hr on 3% (w/v) agar LB no-salt plates containing L-arabinose as necessary. After 1 hr of intoxication, cells were collected, and the lipids were extracted using the Bligh–Dyer method as described above. Purified lipid samples were loaded onto a silica gel thin-layer plate and developed with chloroform/methanol/acetic acid/ ddH₂O (85:15:10:3.5, v/v/v/v) solvent system (*Lopalco et al., 2017*). The air-dried plate was exposed to a storage phosphor screen. Individual phospholipid was visualized and quantified using phosphorimaging to calculate phospholipid content expressed as mol% of the total phospholipid pool.

PE regeneration assay

To generate [³²P]-labeled PE, *E. coli* UE54 strain was grown in LB media supplemented with 5 μ Ci/ ml [³²P]-orthophosphate overnight at 37°C (*Harvat et al., 2005*). Cells were collected and the lipids were extracted using the Bligh–Dyer method as described above. The extracted lipids were dried and resuspended in buffer containing 100 mM HEPES-NaOH, pH = 7.5, 100 mM KCl, 10 mM CaCl₂, and 1% (*w*/*v*) *n*-Dodecyl- β -D-maltoside. 10 units of pancreas phospholipase A₂ were added to digest PE to LPE at 37°C overnight with shaking. After incubation, lipids were extracted and loaded onto a silica gel thin-layer plate and developed with chloroform/methanol/acetic acid/ddH₂O (85:15:10:3.5, *v*/*v*/*v*/*v*) solvent system. The dried plate was exposed to an x-ray film for 2 hr. The phospholipid bands

were visualized by developing the film, and bands corresponding to [³²P]-LPE on the TLC plate were scraped, extracted, and resuspended in 100% ethanol.

P. aeruginosa spheroplasts were generated by resuspending log-phase culture in 25 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8, 450 mM sucrose, and 1.4 mM EDTA. After addition of 20 µg/ml lysozyme, cells were incubated on ice for 30 min. Intact spheroplasts were collected by centrifugation ($3000 \times g$ for 5 min) at 4°C and gently resuspended in 25 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8, and 450 mM sucrose. To examine PE regeneration, [32 P]-LPE was added into spheroplast solutions and incubated at 37°C. The reactions were terminated at the indicated time by adding chloroform-methanol mixture (1:2, v/v). The lipids were extracted, separated by TLC, and analyzed using phosphorimaging as described above (*Lin et al., 2019*).

Statistical analyses

GraphPad Prism 7 software (San Diego, CA) was used for statistical analysis. We used an unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test for pairwise comparisons. In all cases, p<0.05 was considered statistically significant.

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Appendix 1

Appendix 1—table	1. Mass s	spectrometric	analysis	of P.	aeruginosa	Arc3A	and	Arc3B
immunoprecipitation	1 samples	ò.						

Locus ID*	Peptide counts of sample (%) †	Fold change (VSV-G/Ctrl [‡])
Arc3B-VSV-G sample		
PA5113 (Arc3B)	5.86	> 200
PA4385	1.62	2.29
PA5016	1.45	0.82
PA0090	1.17	0.72
PA3729	1.12	1.30
PA4761	1.12	0.71
PA5114 (Arc3A)	1.12	N.D. §
PA5239	1.06	1.10
PA3861	1.00	1.10
PA4269	1.00	1.10
PA1092	0.95	0.78
PA0141	0.89	0.71
PA0963	0.84	1.27
PA2976	0.84	0.83
PA4260	0.84	0.69
PA4265	0.84	0.61
PA4270	0.84	1.04
PA1803	0.78	0.74
PA2151	0.78	0.77
PA3950	0.78	1.19
PA3001	0.73	1.10
PA3656	0.73	0.80
PA5173	0.73	0.76
PA5554	0.73	1.20
PA5556	0.73	2.05
Arc3A-VSV-G sample		
PA5554	2.92	4.81
PA5113 (Arc3B)	2.22	> 200
PA5114 (Arc3A)	1.44	N.D.
PA4751	1.30	12.87
PA5556	1.26	3.55
PA3729	1.10	1.28
PA5016	1.10	0.62
PA4429	0.99	N.D.
PA4942	0.96	6.36
PA2493	0.92	2.60
PA3160	0.90	N.D.
PA4246	0.87	0.79

Appendix 1—table 1 Continued

Locus ID*	Peptide counts of sample (%) †	Fold change (VSV-G/Ctrl [‡])
PA0090	0.85	0.53
PA1552	0.83	N.D.
PA0077	0.81	5.33
PA2494	0.81	ND
PA2976	0.72	0.71
PA0659	0.70	N.D.
PA4761	0.70	0.44
PA4941	0.65	2.57
PA4265	0.63	0.46
PA3656	0.61	0.67
PA3794	0.61	N.D.
PA2151	0.56	0.55
PA3821	0.56	N.D.

* Proteins containing at least two peptides identified in a given immunoprecipitation sample are included. Arc3A and Arc3B are bolded. [†] Value corresponds to the abundance (peptide counts) of the protein within the total immunoprecipitation sample. Only the 25 most abundant proteins in

each sample are shown.

⁺ Immunoprecipitation from a *P. aeruginosa* strain lacking a VSV-G-tagged protein served as the control sample (Ctrl).

§ The protein was not detected in the control sample.

Appendix 1-table 2. Internal standards and parameters used in lipidomic analysis.

Internal standards used				
Compound formula	Compound Name	Alternative name		
C20H41O9P	LysoPG(14:0)			
C24H49O9P	LysoPG(18:0)			
C34H67O10P	PG(14:0/14:0)			
C46H91O10P	PG(20:0/20:0), i.e. diphytanoyl PG			
C19H40O7PN	LysoPE(14:0)			
C23H48O7PN	LysoPE(18:0)			
C29H58O8PN	PE(12:0/12:0)			
C45H90O8PN	PE(20:0/20:0), i.e. diphytanoyl PE			
C66H120O17P2	CL(57:4)	14:1(3)–15:1 CA		
C70H134O17P2	CL(61:1)	15:0(3)–16:1 CA		
C89H166O17P2	CL(80:4)	22:1(3)–14:1 CA		

Mass spectrometry global parameters on Waters Xevo TQS mass spectrometer

Mass spectral acquisition and data processing parameters

Acquisition parameters								
Compound	Function	m/z range	Start/end time (min)	Scan duration (s)	lonization mode	Cone voltage (V)	Collision energy (V)	Total scan time (min)
PG	Neutral Loss of 189.04	680–880	1.6–5	2	ES+	30	8	3.4
LPE, PE	Neutral Loss of 141.02	422–922	1.6–5	5	ES+	40	20	3.4
LPG	Parents of 152.9	420–570	5.2–10	0.75	ES-	30	38	4.8
CL, MLCL	Parents of 153	865– 1,572	1.6–30	4.7	ES-	40	75	28.4

Data processing parameters					
Centroid mid peak width at half heigSubtractionSmooth mean50%)					
1, 40, 0.01	2 × 0.4	2			
1, 40, 0.01	2 × 0.4	2			
1, 40, 0.01	1 × 0.6	5			
1, 40, 0.01	2 × 0.6	5			

Appendix 1—table 3. Transposon sequencing data summary.

Growth experiment	Mutant pool pre-competition	Pool with WT B. thai - rep 1	Pool with δt6s <i>B. thai</i> - rep 1
fastq file name	tn_mutant_pool.fastq	pool_v_wt_rep1.fastq	pool_v_ deltaT6_ rep1.fastq
Total reads	515,434	5,788,728	6,452,899
Trimmed (valid Tn prefix)	515,293	5,786,427	6,450,594
Mapped	350,923	4,666,597	5,283,645
Mapped to TA sites	349,915	4,634,942	5,241,672
TA_sites	94,404	94,404	94,404
TAs_hit	50,348	57,644	60,331
Max reads per TA site	324	9,519	5,886
Mean reads per hit TA site	6.9	80.4	86.9
Pool with WT <i>B.thai</i> - rep 2	Pool with ∆T6S <i>B.thai</i> - rep 2	Pool with tle3S264A B. thai	Pool with ∆colA B. thai
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411,515	720,133	3,226,978	3,130,545
411,401	719,895	3,225,816	3,129,574
266,466	481,466	3,024,047	2,938,318
265,661	479,769	2,997,466	2,922,995
94,404	94,404	94,404	94,404

Appendix 1—table 3 Continued

Growth experiment	Mutant pool pre-competition	Pool with WT <i>B. thai</i> - rep 1	Pool with δt6s <i>B. thai</i> - rep 1
46,500	53,148	59,145	58,101
669	447	3,484	3,568
5.7	9.0	50.7	50.3

Appendix 2

Appendix 2—key resources table

Reagent type (species) or resource	Designation	Source or reference Identifiers	Additional information
Strain, strain background (Pseudomonas aeruginosa)	PAO1	Stover et al., 2000	
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 Δ <i>pa2541</i>	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 ∆pa2541∆pa2536	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 Δ <i>pa4323</i>	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 ∆pa4323∆pa4320	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 ∆pa5114	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 ∆pa5114∆pa5113	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 Δpa2541, Tn7::AraE::pa2541	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 Δpa4323, Tn7::AraE::pa4323	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 ∆pa5114, Tn7::AraE::pa5114	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	РАО1 ∆ра2541∆ра4323∆ра5114	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 ΔgacS (Δpa0928)	LeRoux et al., 2015a	
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 ΔicmF1 (Δpa0077)	Silverman et al., 2011	
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 Δ <i>pa5112</i>	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 Δpa5114, Tn7::AraE::empty	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 Δpa5114, Tn7::AraE:: pfl_rs01995	This study	See Materials and methods

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Reagent type (species) or resource	Designation	Source or reference Identifiers	Additional information
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 ∆retS, pa5114_vsv-g	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 ∆gacS, pa5114_vsv-g	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (P. aeruginosa)	PAO1 ∆retS, pa5113_vsv-g	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (Burkholderia thailandensis)	E264 (ATCC 700388)	Yu et al., 2006	
Strain, strain background (B. thailandensis)	E264 ΔicmF1 (ΔBTH_12954)	LeRoux et al., 2015a	
Strain, strain background (B. thailandensis)	E264 tle3 ^{5264A} (BTH_110090 ^{5264A} + BTH_ 13226 ^{5264A})	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (B. thailandensis)	E264 tle1 ^{5267A} (BTH_12698 ^{5267A} + BTH_12701 ^{5267A})	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (B. thailandensis)	E264 ΔcolA (ΔBTH_12691)	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (B. thailandensis)	E264 Δtae2 (ΔΒΤΗ_10068)	Russell et al., 2012	
Strain, strain background (B. thailandensis)	E264 Tn7::Tp-PS12-mCherry	LeRoux et al., 2012	
Strain, strain background (B. thailandensis)	E264 tle3 sensitized strain (∆BTH_13225-8, ∆BTH_110089-94)	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (B. thailandensis)	E264 Tn7::Tp-PS12-mCherry tle3 sensitized strain (ΔBTH_13225-8, ΔBTH_110089-94)	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (Pseudomonas protegens)	pf-5 (ATCC BAA-477)	Paulsen et al., 2005	
Strain, strain background (<i>P.</i> protegens)	Pseudomonas protegens pf-5 Δpfl_rs01995	This study	See Materials and methods
Strain, strain background (Escherichia coli)	DH5a	Thermo Fisher Scientific Cat# 18258012	
		Biomedal Lifescience	
Strain, strain background (<i>E. coli</i>)	SM10	Cat# BS-3303	

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Reagent type (species) or resource	Designation	Source or reference Identifiers	Additional information
Strain, strain background (<i>E. coli</i>)	UE54 MG1655 lpp-2∆ara714 rcsF::mini-Tn10 cam pgsA::FRT- kan-FRT	Harvat et al., 2005	
Recombinant DNA reagent	pEXG2-Δ <i>pa2541</i> (plasmid)	This study	Deletion construct, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pEXG2-Δ <i>pa</i> 2536 (plasmid)	This study	Deletion construct, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pEXG2-Δ <i>pa4323</i> (plasmid)	This study	Deletion construct, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pEXG2-Δ <i>pa4320</i> (plasmid)	This study	Deletion construct, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pEXG2-Δ <i>pa5114</i> (plasmid)	This study	Deletion construct, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pEXG2-Δpa5114/pa5113 (plasmid)	This study	Deletion construct, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pEXG2-Δpa3267 (plasmid)	This study	Deletion construct, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pEXG2-Δ <i>pa5113</i> (plasmid)	This study	Deletion construct, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pEXG2-Δ <i>pa5112</i> (plasmid)	This study	Deletion construct, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pEXG2-Δ <i>pfl_rs019</i> 95 (plasmid)	This study	Deletion construct, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pEXG2- <i>pa2541_vsv-g</i> (plasmid)	This study	Construct to introduce VsvG tag, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pEXG2- <i>pa4323_vsv-g</i> (plasmid)	This study	Construct to introduce VsvG tag, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pEXG2- <i>pa5114_vsv-g</i> (plasmid)	This study	Construct to introduce VsvG tag, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pEXG2-pa5113_vsv-g (plasmid)	This study	Construct to introduce VsvG tag, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pUC18-Tn7t-pBAD-araE (plasmid)	Hoang et al., 2000	Arabinose-inducible expression system, see Materials and methods

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Reagent type (species) or resource	Designation	Source or reference Identifiers	Additional information
Recombinant DNA reagent	pUC18-Tn7t-pBAD-araE-pa2541 (plasmid)	This study	Arabinose-inducible expression system, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pUC18-Tn7t-pBAD-araE-pa4323 (plasmid)	This study	Arabinose-inducible expression system, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pUC18-Tn7t-pBAD-araE- <i>pa5114</i> (plasmid)	This study	Arabinose-inducible expression system, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pUC18-Tn7t-pBAD-araE- <i>pf</i> l_ <i>rs01995</i> (plasmid)	This study	Arabinose-inducible expression system, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pUC18-Tn7t-pBAD-araE- <i>i35_</i> <i>rs27920</i> (plasmid)	This study	Arabinose-inducible expression system, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pUC18-Tn7t-pBAD-araE- <i>pspto_</i> <i>rs26695</i> (plasmid)	This study	Arabinose-inducible expression system, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pUC18-Tn7t-pBAD-araE- <i>ta05_</i> <i>rs00690</i> (plasmid)	This study	Arabinose-inducible expression system, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pTNS3 (plasmid)	Choi et al., 2008	
Recombinant DNA reagent	pJRC115- <i>BTH_110090^{5264A}</i> (plasmid)	This study	Point mutation construct, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pJRC115- <i>BTH_13226^{5264A}</i> (plasmid)	This study	Point mutation construct, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pJRC115- <i>BTH_12698</i> ^{5267A} (plasmid)	This study	Point mutation construct, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pJRC115- <i>BTH_12701^{5267A}</i> (plasmid)	This study	Point mutation construct, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pJRC115-ΔBTH_I2691 (plasmid)	This study	Deletion construct, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	pJRC115-∆ <i>BTH_I3225-8</i> (plasmid)	This study	Deletion construct, see Materials and methods
Recombinant DNA reagent	рJRC115-Δ <i>ВТН_110089-94</i> (plasmid)	This study	Deletion construct, see Materials and methods

Reagent type (species) or resource	Designation	Source or reference	Identifiers	Additional information
Recombinant DNA reagent	pUC18T-miniTn7T-Tp-PS12- mCherry (plasmid)	LeRoux et al., 2012		Construct for mCherry expression
Software, algorithm	Seqmagick	Matsen Group, 2020, https://github. com/ fhcrc/seqmagick		
Software, algorithm	TRANSIT TPP	https://transit. readthedocs.io/ en/latest/tpp.html		
Antibody	Anti-VSV-G (rabbit polyclonal)	MilliporeSigma	Cat# V4888- 200UG	Western blot (1:5000 dilution)
Antibody	Anti-rabbit IgG HRP conjugated (goat)	MilliporeSigma	Cat# A6154- 1ML	Western blot (1:5000 dilution)
Antibody	Anti-ribosome polymerase β (mouse monoclonal)	BioLegend	Cat# 663903; RRID: AB_2564524	Western blot (1:1000 dilution)
Antibody	Anti-mouse IgG HRP conjugated (sheep)	MilliporeSigma	Cat# AC111P	Western blot (1:4000 dilution)

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Oligonucleotides 5'-3'	Source
pEXG2_&PA2541_F1 CAAGCTTCTGCAGGTCGACTCTAGAAGGTGGAACCGGACCTGAAG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_&PA2541_R1 CTCAGGCCTGGGAAATCATGTCAGCCAGTCC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_&PA2541_F2 CATGATTTCCCAGGCCTGAGAGGGAACG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_&PA2541_R2 TAAGGTACCGAATTCGAGCTCGTATGACCCAGGCGGTCG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_&PA4323_F1 AGCTCGAGCCCGGGGATCCTCTAGAGACGCAGAACCCGATCGAG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_APA4323_R1 AAAGCACGCCCGATGGCTTCATACGCGG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA4323_F2 GAAGCCATCGGGCGTGCTTTGACGGATC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA4323_R2 GGAAGCATAAATGTAAAGCAAGCTTGAGCGATGCCGAGCTGGA	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA5114_F1 CAAGCTTCTGCAGGTCGACTCTAGAGCCGCATGCCCTTGACCT	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA5114_R1 CGACCTCGGCAATCCATTGCATGCGTCGAATC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA5114_F2 GCAATGGATTGCCGAGGTCGCATCGGAG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA5114_R2 AATTCGAGCTCACCAGATCATCGGCGCCG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA2536_F1 CAAGCTTCTGCAGGTCGACTCTAGACTCGGCCTGGCCCGAGC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_&PA2536_R1 CAGGCGAACCTCAGGGCGTTTCGTTCATCTCAGGCCTCC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_APA2536_F2 GGAGGCCTGAGATGAACGAAACGCCCTGAGGTTCGCCTG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_&PA2536_R2 TAAGGTACCGAATTCGAGCTCCACATCGGTCTCAGCGAAGC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_&PA4320_F1 AGCTCGAGCCCGGGGATCCTCTAGATGTTCGGCTTCTACATCATGAAC	Integrated DNA Technology

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Oligonucleotides 5'-3'	Source
pEXG2_ΔPA4320_R1 TGCGCCAGCCCACGCTGGCGTCAGTCAG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA4320_F2 CGCCAGCGTGGGCTGGCGCAGCCTTTTC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_&PA4320_R2 GGAAGCATAAATGTAAAGCAAGCTTGTCGGCGGTTTCCTCGCT	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA5114/PA5113_F1 CAAGCTTCTGCAGGTCGACTCTAGAGCCGCATGCCCTTGACCT	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA5114/PA5113_R1 TGTTCGGCGAAATCCATTGCATGCGTCGAATC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA5114/PA5113_F2 GCAATGGATTTCGCCGAACAAGCCATGAG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA5114/PA5113_R2 TAAGGTACCGAATTCGAGCTCAACAGCCAGACCACGATGTAGC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA5113_F1 CAAGCTTCTGCAGGTCGACTCTAGATTGCTAGGGGTGCTGGCG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA5113_R1 ATGGCTTGTTGGAGCGCGTCATGGCTGC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA5113_F2 GACGCGCTCCAACAAGCCATGAGCCGGTTC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA5113_R2 TAAGGTACCGAATTCGAGCTCAACAGCCAGACCACGATGTAG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA5112_F1 CAAGCTTCTGCAGGTCGACTCTAGATACCGCTGGCAGTTGCCG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA5112_R1 AGAAGTCCAGCGCCATTCTGATCATTCTCTTACTC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA5112_F2 CAGAATGGCGCTGGACTTCTGAAACGGCGGC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA5112_R2 TAAGGTACCGAATTCGAGCTCCGCGCAACCGCCGGTTGG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA3267_F1 CAAGCTTCTGCAGGTCGACTCTAGATCTACATCGACTTCGACG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA3267_R1 ATCAGCGAGCTTGGGTCATCGTCCTTGTTAC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPA3267_F2 GATGACCCAAGCTCGCTGATCGATCCGC	Integrated DNA Technology

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Oligonucleotides 5'–3'	Source
pEXG2_ΔPA3267_R2 TAAGGTACCGAATTCGAGCTCTTCGCCGGCCTGTTCGAAG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPFL_RS01995_F1 CAAGCTTCTGCAGGTCGACTCTAGAAACTACAACGTCAGCCTG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPFL_RS01995_R1 TTCATTCAACGGTTTGCCTATCCATTGCATGTGTCG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPFL_RS01995_F2 CGACACATGCAATGGATAGGCAAACCGTTGAATGAA	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_ΔPFL_RS01995_R2 TAAGGTACCGAATTCGAGCTCCTGCGACCACACCAGCG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_PA2541_VSVG_F1 CAAGCTTCTGCAGGTCGACTCTAGAGCGCTGATACGGACCATGC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_PA2541_VSVG_R1 TTTTCCTAATCTATTCATTTCAATATCTGTATAGGCCTGGCCGTCGCTGCCCCG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_PA2541_VSVG_F2 TATACAGATATTGAAATGAATAGATTAGGAAAATGAGAGGGAACGGGCGAAC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_PA2541_VSVG_R2 TAAGGTACCGAATTCGAGCTCCTCCTGCGGCGCACGATG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_PA4323_VSVG_F1 CAAGCTTCTGCAGGTCGACTCTAGATGGAGTTCCACCAGTTGCGCG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_PA4323_VSVG_R1 TGATCCGTCATTTTCCTAATCTATTCATTTCAATATCTGTATAAAGCACGCCGGCGCGCT	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_PA4323_VSVG_F2 TATACAGATATTGAAATGAATAGATTAGGAAAATGACGGATCAGACCGACTG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_PA4323_VSVG_R2 TAAGGTACCGAATTCGAGCTCAAGGTACACTTCTCCGCC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_PA5114_VSVG_F1 CAAGCTTCTGCAGGTCGACTCTAGACTGGAGCTGCGCTACCTGTTCG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_PA5114_VSVG_R1 TAATCTATTCATTTCAATATCTGTATATGGCTGCTCGGCCTCCGA	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_PA5114_VSVG_F2 GATATTGAAATGAATAGATTAGGAAAATCGGAGGCCGAGCAGCCA	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_PA5114_VSVG_R2 TAAGGTACCGAATTCGAGCTCGGTCGGACCAGATCATCGGC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_PA5113_VSVG_F1 CAAGCTTCTGCAGGTCGACTCTAGACTGCGTCTGGCCTGGCCG	Integrated DNA Technology

Appendix 3—table 1 Continued	
Oligonucleotides 5'–3'	Source
pEXG2_PA5113_VSVG_R1 TTTTCCTAATCTATTCATTTCAATATCTGTATATGGCTTGTTCGGCGAGGAAC	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_PA5113_VSVG_F2 TATACAGATATTGAAATGAATAGATTAGGAAAATGAGCCGGTTCCGCGCTATG	Integrated DNA Technology
pEXG2_PA5113_VSVG_R1 TAAGGTACCGAATTCGAGCTCGTCGGGCAACAGCCAGAC	Integrated DNA Technology
pUC18_PA2541_F AGC GAATTCGAGCTCGGTACCACGGGAGGAAAG ATGATTTCCGTCTATCAACTC	Integrated DNA Technology
pUC18_PA2541_R CTCATCCGCCAAAACAGCCAAGCTTTCAGGCCTGGCCGTCGC	Integrated DNA Technology
pUC18_PA4323_F AGCGAATTCGAGCTCGGTACCACGGGAGGAAAGATGAAGCCATCGCGCGCCCTGCTGG	Integrated DNA Technology
pUC18_PA4323_R CTCATCCGCCAAAACAGCCAAGCTTTCAAAGCACGCCGGCGCGCGC	Integrated DNA Technology
pUC18_PA5114_F AGCGAATTCGAGCTCGGTACCACGGGAGGAAAGATGCAATGGATTTTCATGCTGG	Integrated DNA Technology
pUC18_PA5114_R CTCATCCGCCAAAACAGCCAAGCTTTCATGGCTGCTCGGCCTC	Integrated DNA Technology
pUC18_pfl_rs01995_F AGCGAATTCGAGCTCGGTACCACGGGAGGAAAGATGCAATGGATATTCATGCTGC	Integrated DNA Technology
pUC18_ <i>pfl_rs01995_</i> R CTCATCCGCCAAAACAGCCAAGCTTTCACGATGACACTCCTTCATTC	Integrated DNA Technology
pUC18_i35_rs27920_F AGCGAATTCGAGCTCGGTACCACGGGAGGAAAGATGAACTGGGCATTCGCCG	Integrated DNA Technology
pUC18_ <i>i35_rs27920_</i> R CTCATCCGCCAAAACAGCCAAGCTTTCATGGCTGGCCGTCCTG	Integrated DNA Technology
pUC18_pspto_rs26695_F AGCGAATTCGAGCTCGGTACCACGGGAGGAAAGATGCTTTGGATTTGTCTGGTAG	Integrated DNA Technology
pUC18_pspto_rs26695_R CTCATCCGCCAAAACAGCCAAGCTTTCATGGCGTTTCAGGCGCTG	Integrated DNA Technology
pUC18_ <i>ta05_rs00690_</i> F AGCGAATTCGAGCTCGGTACCACGGGAGGAAAGATGGACGACCTTTTAATCCTG	Integrated DNA Technology
pUC18_ta05_rs00690_R CTCATCCGCCAAAACAGCCAAGCTTTCATTTGTTTTCTCCAGCTTTG	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_BTH_II0090 ^{5264A} _F1 TAAAACGACGGCCAGTGCCAAGCTTCGACGGATCAGCGTTTCAAGCTGC	Integrated DNA Technology

Appendix 3—table 1 Continued	
Oligonucleotides 5'-3'	Source
pJRC115_ <i>BTH_II0090^{5264A}_</i> R1 ACCTTGGGCATGACCCATCACCGTGATCGTTTCGTG	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_ <i>BTH_II0090^{5264A}_</i> F2 GGTCATGCCCAAGGTACGATCATCACGCTGCTCG	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_ <i>BTH_II0090^{5264A}_</i> R2 GCTCGGTACCCGGGGATCCTCTAGACGGCTCGGCACGATGCGC	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_ <i>BTH_I3226^{5264A_}F1</i> TAAAACGACGGCCAGTGCCAAGCTTCGACGGATCAGCGTTTCAAGCTGC	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_ <i>BTH_I3226^{5264A}_</i> R1 ACCTTGGGCATGACCCATCACCGTGATCGTTTCGTG	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_ <i>BTH_I3226^{5264A}_</i> F2 GGTCATGCCCAAGGTACGATCATCACGCTGCTCG	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_ <i>BTH_I3226^{5264A}_</i> R2 GCTCGGTACCCGGGGATCCTCTAGACGGCTCGGCACGATGCGC	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_ <i>BTH_I2698^{5267A}_</i> F1 TCAATCAGTATCTAGAGGGACACCTTTCTCAAGCGAAATC	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_ <i>BTH_I2698</i> ^{5267A} _R1 GCCGCGCGCAAACCAAACACATAAAGGCGAATGCG	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_ <i>BTH_I2698^{5267A}_</i> F2 GGTTTCGCGCGCGCGCAGCGGAAGCTCGCACGTTTTC	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_ <i>BTH_I2698</i> ^{5267A} _R2 TGTTAAGCTAGAATTCCATCAAACCCGCTGTCCCATGCTC	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_ <i>BTH_I2701^{5267A}_</i> F1 TAAAACGACGGCCAGTGCCAAGCTTGAAAGACGAGCAGGACGCG	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_ <i>BTH_I2701^{5267A}_</i> R1 ACCCCGCGCGAAACCGAATACGTATAGCCGAATGCG	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_ <i>BTH_I2701^{5267A}_</i> F2 GGTTTCGCGCGGGGTGCAGCGGAGGCTCGCAC	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_ <i>BTH_I2701^{5267A}_</i> R2 GCTCGGTACCCGGGGATCCTCTAGACTCGACCTCCAGCAGATCG	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_Δ <i>BTH_I2691_</i> F1 TAAAACGACGGCCAGTGCCAAGCTTATTTCAAGCGCGGCCAGTC	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_Δ <i>BTH_I2691_</i> R1 ATCTATGCGAGCTTCCCGCCATTTTTATTCC	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_Δ <i>BTH_I2691_</i> F2 GGCGGGAAGCTCGCATAGATGAGTGATG	Integrated DNA Technology

Appendix 3—table 1 Continued	
Oligonucleotides 5'-3'	Source
pJRC115_Δ <i>BTH_I2691_</i> R2 GCTCGGTACCCGGGGATCCTCTAGATTCTGTCAATACTTAAAATACAATTTTC	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_Δ <i>BTH_II0089-94_</i> F1 ΤΑΑΑΑCGACGGCCAGTGCCAAGCTTGAATCAGTGCATCGCTGTAC	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_Δ <i>BTH_II0089-94_</i> R1 ATGTTTTGCTTAGCGTATCGTTCAAATTGG	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_Δ <i>BTH_II0089-94_</i> F2 CGATACGCTAAGCAAAACATGAGATTATTGAAGAG	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_Δ <i>BTH_II0089-94_</i> R2 GCTCGGTACCCGGGGATCCTCTAGATATGCAACGCATTGCCGAAAC	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_Δ <i>BTH_I3225-8_</i> F1 ΤΑΑΑΑCGACGGCCAGTGCCAAGCTTCCGGTCAATATACCACCATC	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_Δ <i>BTH_I3225-8_</i> R1 ATGTGCGCCCCGTATCGTTCAAATTGGTCAC	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_Δ <i>BTH_I3225-8_</i> F2 GAACGATACGGGGCGCACATAATAAGACTTG	Integrated DNA Technology
pJRC115_Δ <i>BTH_I3225-8_</i> R2 GCTCGGTACCCGGGGATCCTCTAGAATTTGCTGTTTCTGCTGATG	Integrated DNA Technology
PCR_1A GTCTCGTGGGCTCGGAGATGTGTATAAGAGACAGGGGGGGG	Integrated DNA Technology
PCR_1B TCATCGGCTCGTATAATGTGTGG	Integrated DNA Technology
PCR_2A CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATTCGCCTTAGTCTCGTGGGCTCGG	Integrated DNA Technology
PCR_2B CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATCTAGTACGGTCTCGTGGGCTCGG	Integrated DNA Technology
PCR_2C AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACCTAGAGACCGGGGACTTATCAGCCAACCTGTTA	Integrated DNA Technology
Seq_primer CTAGAGACCGGGGACTTATCAGCCAAC	Integrated DNA Technology