

A *Klebsiella pneumoniae* tellurium resistance gene *terC* contributes to both tellurite and zinc resistance

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A PlasmidFinder-2.0 Server - Results

Organism(s): *Enterobacteriales*

Enterobacteriales						
Plasmid	Identity	Query / Template length	Contig	Position in contig	Note	Accession number
IncFIB(pNDM-Mar)	100	439 / 439	CP073378.1 Klebsiella sp. P1927 plasmid p00001, complete sequence	125550..125988		JN420236
IncHI1B(pNDM-MAR)	100	569 / 570	CP073378.1 Klebsiella sp. P1927 plasmid p00001, complete sequence	22250..22818		JN420336

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Organism(s): *Enterobacteriales*

Enterobacteriales						
Plasmid	Identity	Query / Template length	Contig	Position in contig	Note	Accession number
IncFIB(K)	98.93	560 / 560	CP073379.1 Klebsiella sp. P1927 plasmid p00002, complete sequence	42656..43215		JN233704
IncFII(pKP91)	96.07	229 / 230	CP073379.1 Klebsiella sp. P1927 plasmid p00002, complete sequence	105147..105374		CP000966

C PlasmidFinder-2.0 Server - Results

Organism(s): *Enterobacteriales*

Enterobacteriales						
Plasmid	Identity	Query / Template length	Contig	Position in contig	Note	Accession number
IncFII(pHN7A8)	100	260 / 260	CP073380.1 Klebsiella sp. P1927 plasmid p00003, complete sequence	36387..36646		JN232512
repB(R1701)	99.2	623 / 623	CP073380.1 Klebsiella sp. P1927 plasmid p00003, complete sequence	137753..138375		CP039970

Figure S1. The plasmid replicons of the strain P1927 identified by PlasmidFinder. A, plasmid 1 harbored IncFIB and IncHI1B replicons; B, plasmid 2 harbored IncFIB and IncFII replicons; C, plasmid 3 harbored IncFII and repB replicons.

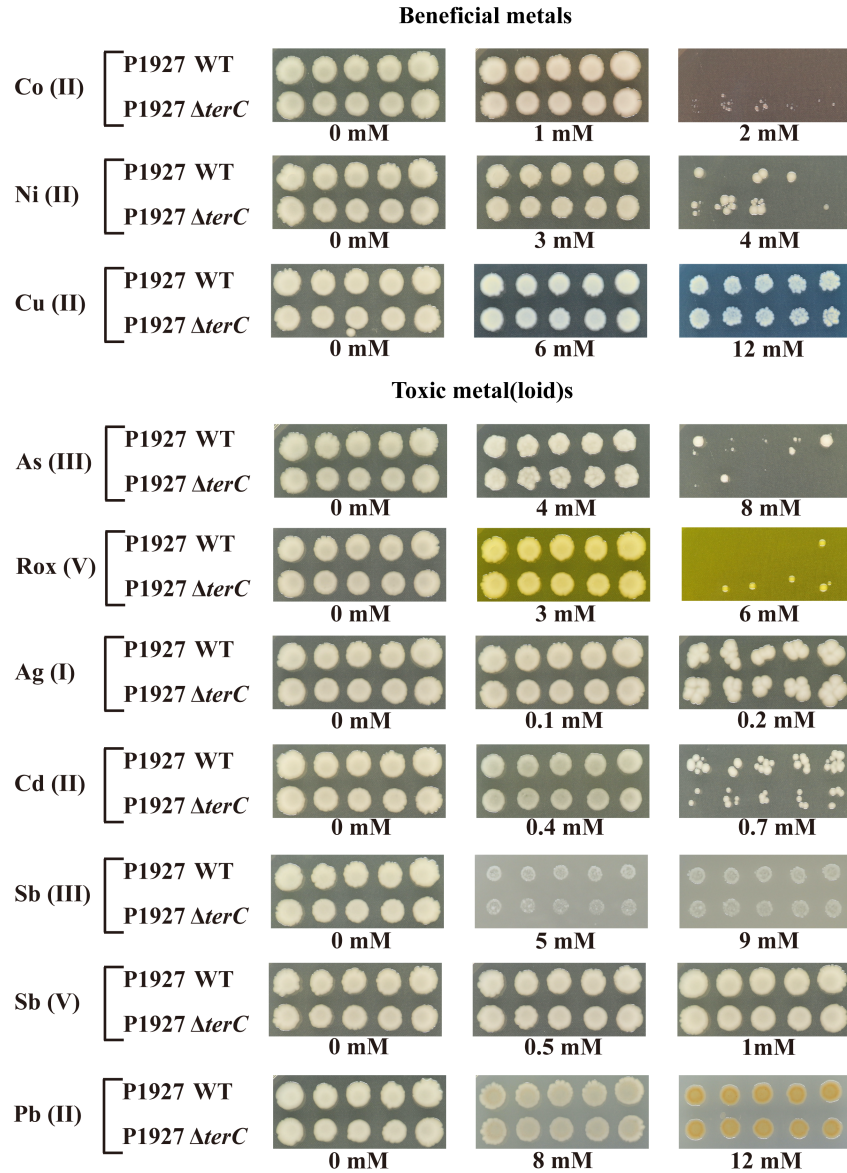


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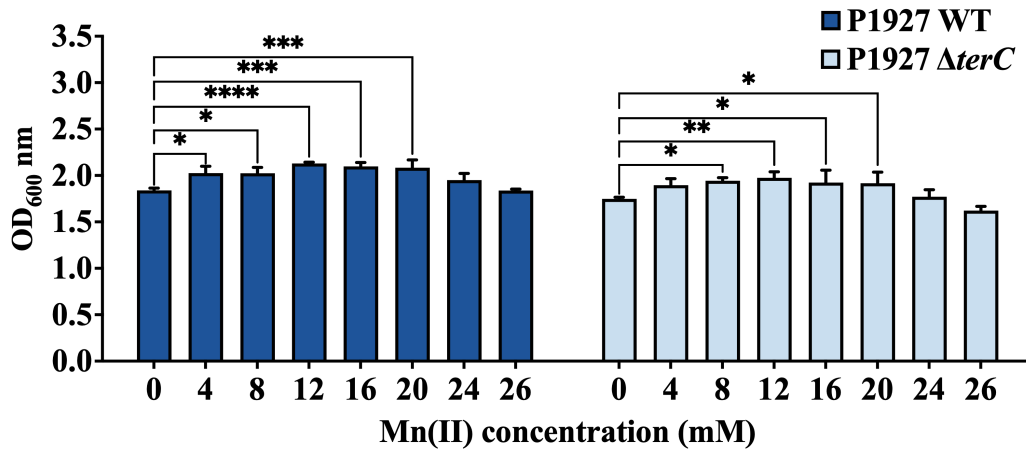


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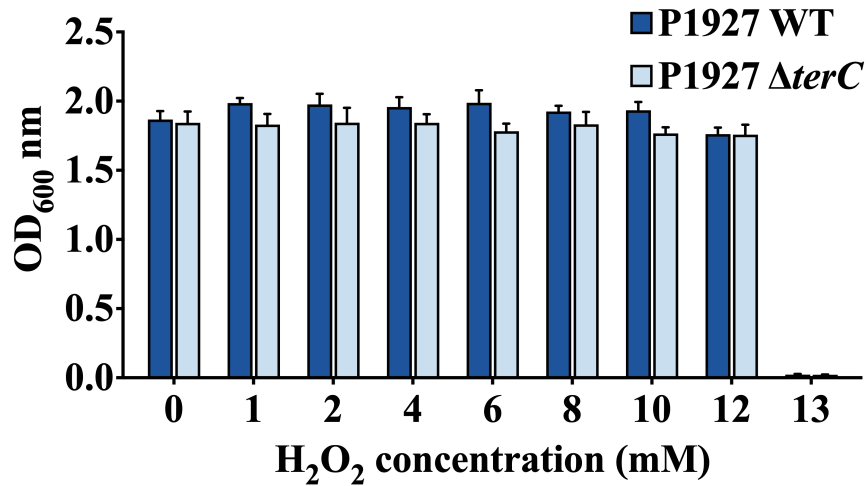


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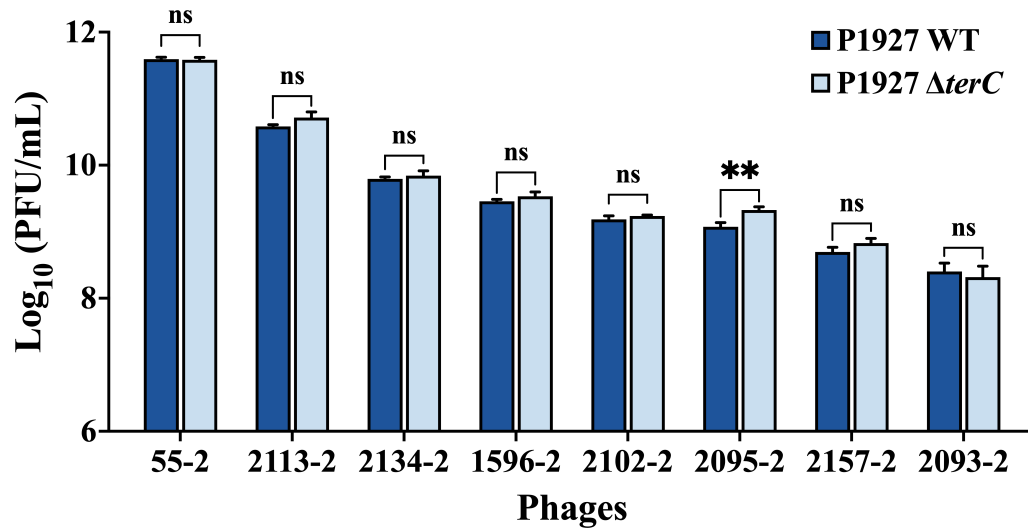


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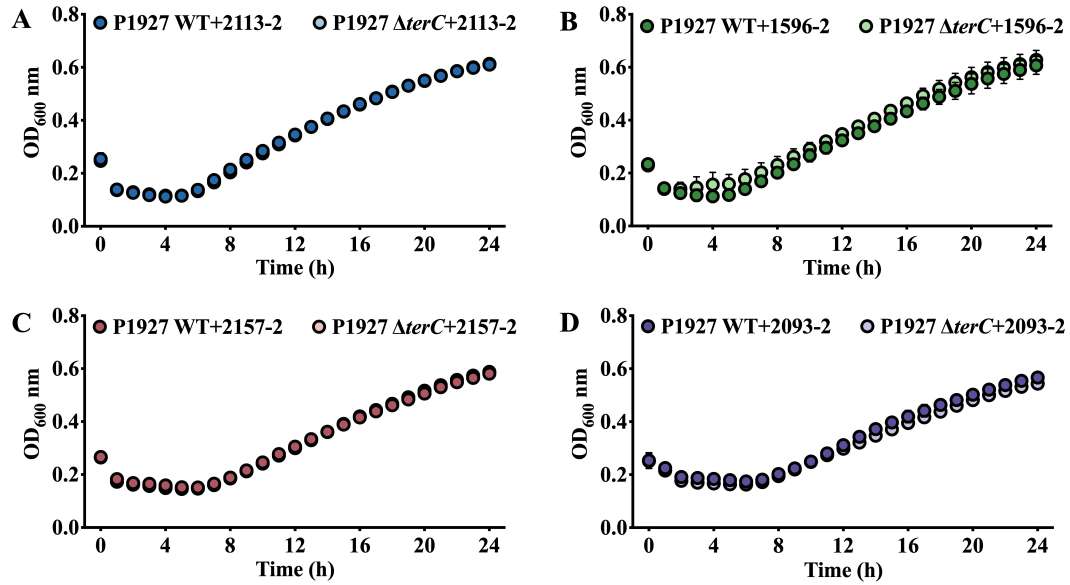


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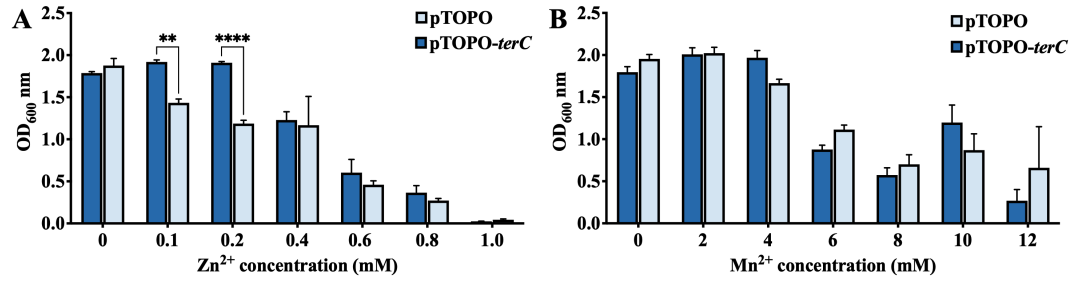


Figure S7. Growth of a zinc sensitive strain (*E. coli* GG252, $\Delta zntA zitB yjiP$) containing plasmid pTOPO or pTOPO-*terC* was measured after the addition of different concentrations of Zn(II) (A) and Mn(II) (B) in liquid LB medium at 37 °C. Data are mean OD_{600 nm} values ($\pm$ SD) from three (n=3) independent biological experiments. Statistical significance of the differences determined by two-way ANOVA with Sidak posttest: **** (p<0.0001), *** (p<0.001), ** (p<0.01) and * (p<0.05), using GraphPad Prism 9.5.1.

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Phage, strain or plasmid	Characteries	Source or reference
Phages		
1596-2	Phage	Environmental Bioelectrochemistry Center
2095-2	Phage	Environmental Bioelectrochemistry Center
2134-2	Phage	Environmental Bioelectrochemistry Center
2102-2	Phage	Environmental Bioelectrochemistry Center
55-2	Phage	Environmental Bioelectrochemistry Center
2113-2	Phage	Environmental Bioelectrochemistry Center
2157-2	Phage	Environmental Bioelectrochemistry Center
2093-2	Phage	Environmental Bioelectrochemistry Center
Strains		
<i>E. coli</i> DH5 α	Competent cell, F- ϕ 80 lac Z Δ M15 Δ (lacZYA-arg F) U169 endA1 recA1 hsdR17(rk-,mk+) supE44 λ - thi -1 gyrA96 relA1 phoA	Invitrogen
<i>E. coli</i> GG252	zinc sensitive strain, Δ zntA zitB yiiP	This study
<i>E. coli</i> S17-1 λ pir	Competent cell, RP4-2(Km::Tn7, Tc::Mu-1), pro-82, LAMpir, recA1, endA1, thiE1, hsdR17, creC510	Invitrogen
<i>E. coli</i> ATCC 25922	Quality-control strain	This study
<i>K. pneumonia</i> P1927	Wilde-type, <i>K. pneumonia</i> from patient sputum	This study
<i>K. pneumonia</i> P1927 Δ terC	<i>K. pneumonia</i> P1927 terC mutant	This study
<i>K. pneumonia</i> 2095	Phage host	Environmental Bioelectrochemistry Center
<i>K. pneumonia</i> 1596	Phage host	Environmental Bioelectrochemistry Center
<i>K. pneumonia</i> 2102	Phage host	Environmental Bioelectrochemistry Center
<i>K. pneumonia</i> 2134	Phage host	Environmental Bioelectrochemistry Center

Plasmids		
PJQ-R6K	<i>Apr^r</i> , <i>ori</i> R6K clone and expression vector	This study
PJQ- Δ <i>terC</i>	<i>Apr^r</i> , PJQ-R6K containing TerC heterologous region	This study

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Table S2. Primers used in this study.

Primer	Sequence (5'-3')	Use
ori R6K-F (SspI-HF)	CCCCAATATTCCCATGTCAGCCGTTAAGTG	Cloning for <i>oriR6K</i>
ori R6K-R (BmtI-HF)	CATCAGCTAGCAAGATCCGCAGTTCAACCT	
ori R6K YZ-F	CTGAAACTCTGGCTCACCGAC	Verification for <i>oriR6K</i>
ori R6K YZ-R	CTCCTGTTTACGCTACTGACGG	
TerC Up-F (SphI)	CATCGCATGCTCGGGTCGTGAGGAATTGAC	Cloning for upstream homology
TerC Up-R	GCTGCGCTTTTGAGGGAAATTGGCTTGTCATGTCGGTGCATG	arm of <i>terC</i> knock out
TerC Dn-F	AATTTCCCTCAAAAGCGCAGCCGATCACATCTGGCACCATGG	Cloning for downstream
TerC Dn-R (ApaLI)	CATCGTGCACACCAGACGGATAAATGCGCC	homology arm of <i>terC</i> knock out
YZ-F	CTGGTCAACGAGAACGGTTCC	Verification for $\Delta terC$
YZ-R	CGATACAGCTCCCCAAACAGC	
YZ-F2	GAGGTTGCCAGCCTGTTTGTC	Verification for $\Delta terC$
YZ-R2	CTCCAGCTGGGACAGATACTG	
PJQ-F	GCCGTGATCGAAATCCAGACC	Verification for <i>terC</i> knock out
PJQ-R	GCCAAGCTGTTCTTCTACGGC	
16S-F	ATTTGGGATGAAGATAGCGGTTTTTC	RT-qPCR
16S-R	CAGCTTAAAGGGCTAATCAACGG	RT-qPCR
TerZ-F	TTCGTAAACTGAAATCCAGCTGTG	RT-qPCR
TerZ-R	TGTTACAGTAAAAGCGAGGTATTC	RT-qPCR
TerA-F	TTTTGGTAACTATCACTCTGAGCCA	RT-qPCR
TerA-R	AATCAGTACCTGGCGAATTTCTTTC	RT-qPCR
TerB-F	GGTAGGCCGTTACAAAAACAAGAA	RT-qPCR
TerB-R	ATCATCTTCTGTTTTTCTTCGGAGC	RT-qPCR

TerC-F	GGTAGGCCGTTACAAAAACAAGAA	RT-qPCR
TerC-R	ATCATCTTCTGTTTTCTTCGGAGC	RT-qPCR
TerD-F	GACGATGAATCCCTCAAAATCAAAC	RT-qPCR
TerD-R	TGTCATCATTCACCAGACGGATAA	RT-qPCR
TerE-F	GGCGGTAATGTTTCTCTGACTAAAG	RT-qPCR
TerE-R	AGGAATACTGATGCATCCAGATCAA	RT-qPCR
TerF-F	GGTGATAGATGGCAGTGATACGATA	RT-qPCR
TerF-R	CTTCCCCCATAATTACAGCCTTTTC	RT-qPCR
MntP-F	AATAAAGGCAATCCAGTGATTCCAC	RT-qPCR
MntP-R	GATTTTTGGCGCCATTGAAACC	RT-qPCR
MntR-F	GTTTGGGTAAATTTTCAGGAACATCG	RT-qPCR
MntR-R	CATCAAATCGTGGAGAACTTCCTG	RT-qPCR
MntS-F	GAATTCAAGAGGTGCATAAACGTG	RT-qPCR
MntS-R	TTGATCATCTCGCACAGCATAC	RT-qPCR
ZupT-F	AACGAAATCAATAGCATAATCCCGG	RT-qPCR
ZupT-R	CAACCTTCATTGGCGCCATATT	RT-qPCR
ZnuB-F	TTCGTCATGCTGAGAATAAACAGC	RT-qPCR
ZnuB-R	ACCTTCTCGGCTTTCTATGATACC	RT-qPCR
ZnuC-F	GTTAAGATTTTGCCTGGCGTGA	RT-qPCR
ZnuC-R	CAAACCTTGTAACGCTGGAAAATG	RT-qPCR
ZnuA-F	CTTTGAAAAACACTACGGTTTGACC	RT-qPCR
ZnuA-R	CCAGTTGTGTTCTGATTTCGTGTAA	RT-qPCR

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98 **Table S3.** The antimicrobial resistance genes in the genome of the strain P1927 were identified based on ResFinder.

Resistance gene	Identity	Phenotype	Notes
Chromosome			
aadA2b	99.87%	['streptomycin', 'spectinomycin']	Class A Natural in <i>K. pneumoniae</i>
blaSHV-182	99.88%	['unknown beta-lactam']	
fosA6	98.81%	['fosfomycin']	
Plasmid 1			
aac(3)-IId	99.88%	['gentamicin', 'tobramycin', 'dibekacin', 'netilmicin', 'apramycin', 'sisomicin']	Class C;DHA-1-like;;Alternative name blaMOR-1;
armA	100.00%	['gentamicin', 'tobramycin', 'amikacin', 'isepamicin', 'netilmicin']	
blaDHA-1	100.00%	['amoxicillin', 'amoxicillin+clavulanic acid', 'ampicillin', 'ampicillin+clavulanic acid', 'cefotaxime', 'cefoxitin', 'ceftazidime', 'piperacillin', 'piperacillin+tazobactam', 'ticarcillin', 'ticarcillin+clavulanic acid']	
blaSHV-12	100.00%	['amoxicillin', 'ampicillin', 'cefepime', 'cefotaxime', 'ceftazidime', 'piperacillin', 'aztreonam', 'ticarcillin', 'ceftriaxone']	
blaTEM-1B	100.00%	['amoxicillin', 'ampicillin', 'piperacillin', 'ticarcillin', 'cephalothin']	
msr(E)	100.00%	['erythromycin', 'azithromycin', 'quinupristin', 'pristinamycin ia', 'virginiamycin s']	ABC transporter
mph(A)	100.00%	['erythromycin', 'azithromycin', 'spiramycin', 'telithromycin']	Macrolide phosphotransferase
mph(E)	100.00%	['erythromycin']	Macrolide phosphotransferase
qnrB4	100.00%	['ciprofloxacin']	
sul1	100.00%	['sulfamethoxazole']	
Plasmid 2			
blaCTX-M-14	100.00%	['amoxicillin', 'ampicillin', 'cefepime', 'cefotaxime', 'ceftazidime',	Class A;Alternative name blaCTX-

		'piperacillin', 'aztreonam', 'ticarcillin', 'ceftriaxone']	M-14a, blaCTX-M-18
blaLAP-2	100.00%	['amoxicillin', 'ampicillin', 'piperacillin', 'ticarcillin', 'cephalotin']	Class A
qnrS1	100.00%	['ciprofloxacin']	
sul1	100.00%	['sulfamethoxazole']	
tet(A)	100.00%	['tetracycline', 'doxycycline']	
dfrA1	100.00%	['trimethoprim']	
Plasmid 3			
rmtB	100.00%	['gentamicin', 'tobramycin', 'amikacin', 'isepamicin', 'kanamycin', 'sisomicin', 'arbakacin']	
blaKPC-2	100.00%	['amoxicillin', 'amoxicillin+clavulanic acid', 'ampicillin', 'ampicillin+clavulanic acid', 'cefepime', 'cefotaxime', 'cefoxitin', 'ceftazidime', 'ertapenem', 'imipenem', 'meropenem', 'piperacillin', 'piperacillin+tazobactam', 'aztreonam', 'ticarcillin', 'ticarcillin+clavulanic acid']	Class A;Group 2f;Alternative name blaKPC-1
blaCTX-M-65	100.00%	['amoxicillin', 'ampicillin', 'cefepime', 'cefotaxime', 'ceftazidime', 'piperacillin', 'aztreonam', 'ticarcillin', 'ceftriaxone']	Class A
blaTEM-1B	100.00%	['amoxicillin', 'ampicillin', 'piperacillin', 'ticarcillin', 'cephalothin']	Class A
catA2	96.11%	['chloramphenicol']	
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