## **A High-Throughput Screen Reveals the Structure-Activity Relationship of the Antimicrobial Lasso Peptide Ubonodin**

### **Supporting Information**

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#### **Methods**

### **Safety**

No unexpected or unusually high safety hazards were encountered.

### **Cloning**

All cloning was conducted by PCR amplification (using Q5 polymerase), restriction digestion, ligation, (using T4 DNA ligase), and transformation into chemically competent *E. coli* XL1-Blue. All cloning with a pUboABC backbone was done by plating transformation mixtures onto Lysogeny Broth (LB) plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose, and colonies were inoculated into LB media supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose to suppress any leaky expression. Cloning for all other plasmid constructs was done by plating transformation mixtures onto Lysogeny Broth (LB) plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin, and colonies were inoculated into LB media supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin. Plasmids were extracted using Qiagen QIAprep Spin Miniprep Kit and sequence verified using Sanger sequencing. All primer sequences are listed in Table S7, and all plasmid constructs are listed in Table S8.

pUboABC was cloned by amplifying pWC99 with pQE-80 *Nhe*I For and pAT8 *Nco*I Rev. The amplicon was ligated into pWC99 digested with *Nhe*I and *Nco*I.

pUboBC was cloned by digesting pUboABC with *Nhe*I and *Nco*I and ligating that fragment into pQE-80 digested with *Nhe*I and *Nco*I.

pUboABC S5H I16P and pUboABCD S5H I16P were cloned with overlap PCR using pWC99 as the template. One fragment was amplified with pQE-80 *Eco*RI For and S5H I16P Rev v2 and the second fragment was amplified with S5H I16P For v2 and pQE-80 *Hin*dIII Rev. The fragments were joined with a second round of PCR and was amplified with pQE-80 *Eco*RI For and pQE-80 *Hin*dIII Rev. pUboABC S5H I16P was cloned by ligating the amplicon into pUboBC digested with *Eco*RI and *Hin*dIII. pUboABCD S5H I16P was cloned by ligating the insert into pWC99 digested with *Eco*RI and *Hin*dIII.

All remaining plasmid constructs were cloned with overlap PCR. One fragment was amplified with *Xho*I For Lib and a mutagenic reverse primer and the second fragment was amplified with *Nhe*I Rev Lib and a mutagenic forward primer. The templates and mutagenic primers for each plasmid construct are listed in Table S8. The fragments were joined with a second round of PCR and amplified with *Xho*I For Lib and *Nhe*I Rev Lib. Amplicons were ligated into the appropriate plasmid backbone digested with *Xho*I and *Nhe*I-HF. The plasmid backbones used for each plasmid construct are listed in Table S8.

### **Spot Dilution Assay**

The appropriate plasmid was transformed into electrocompetent *E. coli* MC1061, plated onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose, and incubated at 30 °C for 16 hours. Colonies were inoculated into LB media supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose and grown at 37 °C for 16 hours. These cultures were subcultured to an  $OD<sub>600</sub>$  of 0.02 in 50 mL of LB media supplemented with 100  $\mu q/mL$  ampicillin in a 250 mL flask. Once the  $OD_{600}$  reached 0.3, a 1 mL aliquot was sampled immediately prior to inducing the cultures with 100 μM isopropyl β-D-1-thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG). The aliquot was washed with Phosphate-Buffered Saline (PBS) two times and ten-fold serial dilutions were spotted onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose. For each following timepoint, a 1 mL sample of each culture was withdrawn, washed with PBS two times, and tenfold serial dilutions were spotted onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose. Plates were incubated for 16 hours at 37 °C before imaging.

### **Colony-Forming Units of** *E. coli* **MC1061 pUboABC and** *E. coli* **MC1061 pUboBC**

pUboABC and pUboBC were transformed into electrocompetent *E. coli* MC1061, plated onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose, and incubated at 37 °C for 16 hours. Single colonies were inoculated into LB media supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose and shaken at 37 °C for 16 hours. These cultures were then subcultured to an OD<sub>600</sub> of 0.02 into 50 mL of LB media supplemented with 100  $\mu$ g/mL ampicillin in a 250 mL flask. Ten-fold serial dilutions of the culture were plated onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose. The cultures were then grown at 37 °C, and once the  $OD_{600}$  reached 0.3, a 1 mL sample of the culture was withdrawn immediately before the cultures were induced with 10 μM or 100 μM IPTG and returned to grow longer. The 1 mL sample was washed with PBS two times and ten-fold serial dilutions were plated onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose. For each following timepoint, a 1 mL sample of each culture was withdrawn, washed with PBS two times, and ten-fold serial dilutions were plated onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose. All plates were incubated at 37 °C for 16 hours, after which the number of colonies was counted. Three biological replicates of this assay were done.

### **Co-Culture of** *E. coli* **MC1061 pUboABC and** *E. coli* **MC1061 pUboBC**

pUboABC (0.9 ng) and pUboBC (0.1 ng) were transformed into electrocompetent *E. coli* MC1061 with a one-hour outgrowth at 37 °C in LB media supplemented with 0.2% w/v glucose. A small quantity of DNA was used to reduce the probability of two plasmids being transformed into the same cell. The transformation mixture was plated onto an LB plate supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose and incubated at 37 °C for 16 hours, yielding at least 1,000 colonies. Colonies were resuspended in LB media supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and sub-cultured to an  $OD_{600}$  of 0.02 into 50 mL of LB media supplemented with 100  $\mu q/mL$ ampicillin in a 250 mL flask. Plasmids were extracted from the remaining resuspended colony mixture using a Qiagen QIAprep Spin Miniprep Kit and labeled as the MC1061 transformation sample.

The culture was grown until  $OD<sub>600</sub>$  reached 0.3 at which point 1 mL samples were aliquoted and washed with PBS two times prior to plating dilutions onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose. The culture was then split into two flasks of 25 mL each; one flask was induced with 10 μM IPTG and another flask was induced with 100 μM IPTG. Subsequent timepoints were taken by aliquoting 1 mL samples from the cultures, washing with PBS two times, and plating dilutions onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose. Plates were incubated at 30 °C for 16 hours; each sample had at least 10,000 colonies. Colonies were resuspended in LB media supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose, and plasmids were extracted using a Qiagen QIAprep Spin Miniprep Kit. Each plasmid sample, as well as a sample of 90% pUboABC and 10% pUboBC, was PCR amplified. Each PCR reaction contained 100 ng of template DNA and was amplified with *Xho*I For and *Nhe*I Rev primers for 10 cycles. Reactions were then run on a 1.5% agarose gel. Two biological replicates of this assay were done.

### **Library Construction: Single Mutants**

Single-site saturation mutagenesis (SSM) libraries were created with overlap PCRs using Q5 polymerase for each of the 26 mutated positions in the ubonodin core peptide (all positions excluding the Gly1 and Glu8 residues). The PCR template was pWC99 treated with Exonuclease V to reduce genomic DNA contamination. One fragment was amplified with *Xho*I For Lib and a mutagenic reverse primer and the second fragment was amplified with *Nhe*I Rev Lib and a mutagenic forward primer. The mutagenic primers for each residue-specific library are listed in Table S9. A low annealing temperature of 55 °C was used to promote binding of mutagenic primers. The fragments were joined with a second round of PCR and amplified with *Xho*I For Lib and *Nhe*I Rev Lib. A residue-specific library hereafter refers to the portion of the library that was cloned with one set of mutagenic primers. For example, the G2 residue-specific library refers to the portion of the library that was cloned using the G2 Lib For and G2 Lib Rev primers.

Amplicons were digested with *Nhe*I-HF and *Xho*I using restriction digestion and ligated into pUboABC that had been digested with *Nhe*I-HF and *Xho*I and treated with Antarctic Phosphatase. Digested inserts were stored at -20 °C for next-generation sequencing (NGS). Ligation mixtures were directly transformed into chemically competent *E. coli* XL1-Blue, plated onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose, and incubated at 37 °C for 16 hours, leading to at least 320 colonies per residue mutated (yielding 10-fold coverage of all nucleotide mutants). Colonies were subsequently resuspended in 5 mL of LB media supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and plasmids were extracted using a Qiagen QIAprep Spin Miniprep Kit. All residue-specific libraries were cloned separately, then pooled at equimolar levels and sequenced with an Illumina MiSeq Micro 300nt. Data on the pooled samples indicated that a few G2 variants were missing (pUboABC G2F, G2I, G2M, G2N, G2W, and G2Y), so plasmids encoding these variants were individually cloned, then added to the library such that all residue-specific libraries were still present at roughly equimolar levels. This sample is hereafter referred to as the single mutant library.

#### **Library Construction: Double Mutants**

Single-site saturation mutagenesis (SSM) libraries were created with overlap PCRs using Q5 polymerase for each of the ubonodin core peptide positions to be mutated (at residues Asp3, Ser5, Asn11, Arg12, Pro13, Met14, His15, Ile16, His17, Asp18, Trp19, Gln20, Ile21, Met22, and Asp23). The PCR template was the single mutant library treated with Exonuclease V to reduce genomic DNA contamination. One fragment was amplified with *Xho*I For Lib and a mutagenic reverse primer and the second fragment was amplified with *Nhe*I Rev Lib and a mutagenic forward primer. The mutagenic primers for each residue-specific library are listed in Table S9. A low annealing temperature of 55 °C was used to promote binding of mutagenic primers. The fragments were joined with a second round of PCR and amplified with *Xho*I For Lib and *Nhe*I Rev Lib. Amplicons were digested with *Nhe*I-HF and *Xho*I using restriction digestion and ligated into pUboABC that had been digested with *Nhe*I-HF and *Xho*I and treated with Antarctic Phosphatase. Digested inserts were stored at -20 °C for NGS. Ligation mixtures were then desalted using a 0.025 μM nitrocellulose membrane in water. Desalted ligation mixtures were transformed into freshly prepared electrocompetent *E. coli* DH5α with a one-hour outgrowth in Super Optimal broth with Catabolite repression (SOC) at 37 °C. Transformation mixtures were plated onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose, and incubated at 30 °C for 16 hours, yielding at least 120,000 colonies per residue mutated (yielding 10-fold coverage of all nucleotide mutants). Colonies were subsequently resuspended in 15 mL of LB media supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin, and plasmids were extracted using a Qiagen QIAprep Spin Miniprep Kit. Residue-specific libraries were then combined in equimolar amounts, constituting the double mutant library.

### **Screen Methodology: MiSeq Sequencing**

One ng of the single mutant library was transformed into freshly prepared electrocompetent *E. coli* MC1061 cells with a one-hour outgrowth in LB media supplemented with 0.2% w/v glucose at 37 °C. A small quantity of DNA was used to reduce the probability of two plasmids being transformed into the same cell. Transformation mixtures were plated onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose and incubated at 30 °C for 16 hours to obtain  $\sim$ 3.7 x 10<sup>5</sup> colonies (at least 8 x 10<sup>3</sup> colonies were needed to obtain at least 10-fold coverage of all nucleotide mutants). Colonies were resuspended in LB media supplemented with 100  $\mu q/mL$  ampicillin. Each library was sub-cultured to an OD $_{600}$  of 0.02 into a 250 mL flask containing 50 mL of LB media supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin. Plasmids were extracted from the remaining resuspended colony mixture using a Qiagen QIAprep Spin Miniprep Kit and labeled as the screen transformation sample.

The 50 mL cultures were grown at 37  $^{\circ}$ C until the OD<sub>600</sub> reached 0.3. A 1 mL aliquot was sampled from the culture, washed with PBS two times, and plated onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose. Immediately after aliquoting, the culture was induced with 100 μM IPTG and returned to the shaker. One hour after induction, a 1 mL sample was aliquoted from the culture, washed with PBS two times, and dilutions were plated onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose. The plates were incubated at 30 °C for 16 hours, yielding at least 4.9 x 10<sup>4</sup> colonies for all timepoints (at least 8 x 10<sup>3</sup> colonies were needed to obtain at least 10-fold coverage of all nucleotide mutants). The colonies from each plate were resuspended in 15 mL of LB media supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin, and plasmids were extracted using a Qiagen QIAprep Spin Miniprep Kit.

#### **Screen Methodology: NovaSeq Sequencing**

One ng each of the single mutant library and double mutant library were transformed into freshly prepared electrocompetent *E. coli* MC1061 cells with a one-hour outgrowth in LB media supplemented with 0.2% w/v glucose at 37 °C. A small quantity of DNA was used to reduce the probability of two plasmids being transformed into the same cell. Transformation mixtures were plated onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose and incubated at 30 °C for 16 hours to obtain  $\sim$ 1.4 x 10<sup>6</sup> colonies for the single mutant library and  $\sim$ 2.1  $x$  10<sup>6</sup> colonies for the double mutant library (at least 8 x 10<sup>3</sup> colonies were needed for the single mutant library and at least  $2 \times 10^6$  colonies were needed for the double mutant library to obtain at least 10-fold coverage of all nucleotide mutants). Colonies were resuspended in LB media supplemented with 100  $\mu$ g/mL ampicillin. Each library was sub-cultured to an OD<sub>600</sub> of 0.02 into a 250 mL flask containing 50 mL of LB media supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin. Plasmids were extracted from the remaining resuspended colony mixture using a Qiagen QIAprep Spin Miniprep Kit and labeled as the screen transformation sample.

The 50 mL cultures were grown at 37  $^{\circ}$ C until the OD<sub>600</sub> reached 0.3. One mL aliquots were sampled from each culture, washed with PBS two times, and plated onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose. Each culture was then split into two 250 mL flasks with 25 mL of culture in each; one flask was induced with 10 μM IPTG and another flask was induced with 100 μM IPTG. The following timepoints were taken: 1 hour after induction for both induction conditions, and 2 hours and 3 hours after induction for the 10 μM IPTG condition. The timepoints were taken by aliquoting 1 mL samples from the cultures, washing with PBS two times, and plating dilutions onto LB plates supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 0.2% w/v glucose. The plates were incubated at 30 °C for 16 hours, yielding at least 4.2 x  $10<sup>4</sup>$  colonies for all timepoints for the single mutant library and at least 7.8 x 10<sup>6</sup> colonies for all time points for the double mutant library (at least  $8 \times 10^3$  colonies were needed for the single mutant library and at least  $2 \times 10^6$  colonies were needed for the double mutant library to obtain at least 10-fold coverage of all nucleotide mutants). The colonies from each plate were resuspended in 15 mL of LB media supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin, and plasmids were extracted using a Qiagen QIAprep Spin Miniprep Kit.

### **Next-Generation Sequencing: Library Preparation**

Each sample was PCR amplified with Q5 polymerase and 10 amplification cycles. Primers amplified between the Gly2 and Gly28 DNA region of the plasmids. Both forward and reverse primers had an adaptor sequence. Reverse primers (all primers in Table S7 that begin with "P7") also had a barcode specific to each sample. The forward primer, P5-AT1F, was used for all samples but the reverse primers were different for each sample. The primer sequences are listed in Table S7. The DNA was purified using a Zymo DNA Clean & Concentrator. The single mutant library was initially sequenced using an Illumina MiSeq Micro 300nt. When sequencing on the Illumina NovaSeq 6000 Sequencing System, the samples from the screen were combined such that each single mutant library sample represented 1% of the total DNA and each double mutant library sample represented 11.5% of the total DNA to achieve sufficient coverage of the larger double mutant library.

### **Next-Generation Sequencing: Processing Raw Data**

The sequencing results were demultiplexed using Barcode Splitter 0.18.4.0 in Galaxy. The demultiplexed DNA sequencing reads in FASTA format were further processed on the Princeton Della server using the custom Python code NGS-code-annotated.py that can be found at the Link lab Github page: <https://github.com/ajlinklab/Ubolib> . This code iterated through each unique DNA sequence that was read and directionally compared it to the wild-type ubonodin DNA sequence (5'-

GGCGATGGCAGCATTGCGGAATACTTTAACCGTCCGATGCATATTCATGATTGGCAGATTA TGGATAGCGGCTATTATGGC-3') and the wild-type ubonodin amino acid sequence (N-GDGSIAEYFNRPMHIHDWQIMDSGYYG-C) to identify any mutations and their locations. Due to trimming of sequencing reads, note that the DNA sequence starts at the second codon and the amino acid sequence starts at the second amino acid. For comparison of amino acid sequences, the original DNA sequence that was read was first translated using the standard codon table within the Biopython package. Note that if multiple mutations were found in a single amino acid sequence, the mutations and their counts were recorded as a single entity (e.g., the S5T E8D double mutant appears 140 times in total across the reads found in the current FASTA file). By contrast, comparison of the DNA sequence was conducted on a codon-by-codon basis and multiple codon mutations that were found in a single DNA sequence were recorded as separate entities (e.g., the GGC10GTC ATT16TTT double mutant is recorded as GGC7GTC and ATT13TTT each appearing 89 times in total across the reads found in the current FASTA file). Identified mutations and their counts were saved as tab-delimited output text files. The data is deposited in NCBI as BioProject number PRJNA894114.

#### **Next-Generation Sequencing: Additional Data Analysis**

For the single mutant library samples sequenced with the NovaSeq, all amino acid variants with >500 reads were kept, and for the double mutant library samples sequenced with the NovaSeq, all amino acid variants with 10 reads or higher were kept. For the single mutant library sequenced samples with the MiSeq, all amino acid variants with 40 reads or higher were kept, except for the post-IPTG sample in which all amino acid variants with 10 reads or higher were kept. The frequency of each variant in each sample was calculated using Equation S1.

Equation S1:  $frequency = \frac{Number\ of\ reads\ of\ variant}{Total\ number\ of\ reads\ in\ sam}$  $\frac{N$  all the values of values of  $\frac{N}{N} \times 100\%$ 

Relative frequencies were calculated to compare the change in frequency of a variant throughout the screen using Equation S2. Line graphs were constructed using relative frequency values and plotted using Excel.

Equation S2: *Relative frequency*  $=$   $\frac{Frequency\ of\ variant\ in\ samp}{Frequency\ of\ variant\ at\ cloning\ trans}$ 

The enrichment was calculated to compare the change in frequency of a variant from the cloning transformation to another sample using Equation S3. Variants that increased in frequency had positive enrichment values and variants that decreased in frequency had negative enrichment values.

Equation S3: enrichment  $=$   $\log_2 \frac{frequency \space of \space variance}{frequency \space of \space variance}$  (continuation transformational transformation of variant scheme transformation of variant scheme transformation of variant scheme transformation of variant scheme tran of variant [cloning transformation]

Histograms were constructed using MATLAB. The dropout ratio was calculated using Equation S4. Excess kurtosis was calculated in MATLAB using Equation S5 where *µ* is the mean of *x*, *σ* is the standard deviation of *x*, and *E*(*t*) represents the expected value of the quantity *t*.

Equation S4: dropout ratio  $=$   $\log_2 \frac{Number\ of\ variants\ at\ mode\ (excluding\ dropout\ variants)}{Number\ of\ dropout\ variants}$ Number of dropout variant

Equation S5: *excess kurtosis* =  $\frac{E(x-\mu)^4}{\sigma^4}$  – 3

Frequency of residue-specific variants were determined for the single mutant library samples using Equation S6:

Equation S6: frequency of residue variants  $=$   $\frac{\sum$  Reads for all variants of a residue  $\times$  100%

Non-clustered heatmaps were constructed using MATLAB. In order for the dropout variants to affect the clustering in the clustered heatmaps, the dropout variants in the clustered single mutant heatmaps were arbitrarily assigned an enrichment value of -10 and the dropout variants in the clustered double mutant heatmap were arbitrarily assigned an enrichment value of -20. The pheatmap package in R was used to construct the clustered single mutant heatmaps and the NG-CHM<sup>1</sup> package in R was used to construct the clustered double mutant heatmap. Euclidean distances were used for hierarchical clustering of heatmaps.

The appropriate files for DeepLasso are contained in DeepLasso.zip (which contains the Python code for DeepLasso, the training dataset, and the test dataset). Notably, the preprocessing code "preprocess.py" and the trainer.train module of "train.py" were modified from DLKcat. 2

### **Expression and Purification of Ubonodin Variants**

pUboABCD variants were transformed into electrocompetent *E. coli* BL21 cells and grown in M9 minimal media supplemented with 40 μg/mL of each canonical amino acid, 0.5 μg/mL thiamine, and 100 µg/mL ampicillin at 37 °C. Once the OD<sub>600</sub> reached 0.2, cultures were induced with 1 mM IPTG and grown at 20 °C for 20 hours. Cultures were centrifuged at 4,000 g for 20 minutes, and the supernatant was applied to a Thermo Fischer HyperSep 6 mL C8 column. The column was activated with 6 mL of methanol and washed with 12 mL of water prior to applying the supernatant to the column. The column was then washed with 12 mL of water and the extract was eluted with 6 mL of methanol. The methanol was evaporated with a rotary evaporator prior to being resuspended in 1 mL of 75/25 water/acetonitrile per 1 L of culture. Supernatant extracts were injected onto an HPLC using water and acetonitrile with 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid in which 0- 1 min ran 10% acetonitrile, 1-20 min ran 10-50% acetonitrile with a linear gradient, and 20-25 min ran 50-90% acetonitrile with a linear gradient. Fractions were collected using the collection windows specified in Table S10 and lyophilized. Injecting these HPLC fractions onto an LC-MS indicated that ubonodin N11W and ubonodin N11W H17T were expressed at levels too low to continue purification.

Ubonodin A7P, ubonodin R12F, ubonodin H17G, ubonodin A7G N11M, ubonodin A7P I16A, and ubonodin R12V H17G were determined to be pure after purifying with the previously stated HPLC gradient. Ubonodin M14N, ubonodin I16D, ubonodin I16E, ubonodin R12F W19G, ubonodin S5T I16D, and ubonodin I16E D23A required a second round of HPLC purification. The lyophilized fractions were resuspended in 75/25 water/acetonitrile and injected onto an HPLC using water and acetonitrile with 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid in which 0-1 min ran 10% acetonitrile, 1-20 min ran 10-28% acetonitrile with a linear gradient, and 20-25 min ran 28-48% acetonitrile with a linear gradient. Ubonodin S5H I16P also required a second round of HPLC purification. The lyophilized fraction was resuspended in 75/25 water/acetonitrile and injected onto an HPLC using water and acetonitrile with 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid in which 0-2 min ran 10% acetonitrile, 2-20 min ran 10-30% acetonitrile with a linear gradient, and 20-25 min ran 30-90% acetonitrile with a linear gradient. Collection windows are specified in Table S10. Purity was verified by injecting pure samples onto an LC-MS, and peptides were resuspended in the solvent appropriate for their hydrophobicity, as specified in Table S10.

#### **Antimicrobial Assay**

The *Burkholderia* strains used were *B. cenocepacia* AU0756, and *B. cenocepacia* AU24326. The strains were grown at 32 °C. Streaked plates of *B. cenocepacia* AU0756 were grown for 48 hours while streaked plates of *B. cenocepacia* AU24326 were grown for 72 hours.

Broth microdilution assays were conducted following guidelines provided by the Clinical & Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI). Two to three colonies from a streaked plate were inoculated into 5 mL of LB media and grown for 16 hours. The dense cultures were then subcultured at a 1:100 dilution in 5 mL of LB media and grown until the cultures reached the midexponential stage (OD<sub>600</sub> 0.4-0.6). The cultures were then sub-cultured to OD<sub>600</sub> 0.0005 in cationadjusted Mueller Hinton broth along with two-fold serial dilutions of ubonodin variants for a final volume of 100 μL in a 96-well plate. Since acetonitrile inhibits *Burkholderia* growth in liquid media, ubonodin variants that were originally suspended in 50/50 water/acetonitrile were lyophilized and resuspended in PBS. This resulted in the concentrated peptide stocks being relatively clear suspensions and were thoroughly mixed before adding to the 96-well plates. The plates were grown at 32 °C for 16 hours while shaking at 250 rpm before measuring the  $OD<sub>600</sub>$ .



Similarity =  $80.28\%$ <br>Identity =  $65.96\%$ 



**Figure S1**. Alignment of the *Burkholderia cepacia* RNAP subunits with the *E. coli* RNAP subunits that have been shown to interact with microcin J25, <sup>3</sup> **A**: the β subunit and **B**: the β' subunit. Residues that directly interact with microcin J25 (D675, N677, R678, S1105, R1106, and M1107 in the β subunit and R731, S733, A735, Q736, Q739, M747, S775, G778, A779, G782, T786, F935, I937, and Q1225 in the β' subunit) are boxed in red. All these residues are conserved in the *B. cepacia* RNAP subunits except for A735 in the β' subunit which is substituted to valine instead.



**Figure S2. A**: Streak of *E. coli* pUboABC onto an agar plate supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin (to select for the plasmid) and 0.2% w/v glucose. This condition represses leaky expression of *uboA*, and colonies grew normally. **B**: Streak of *E. coli* pUboABC onto an agar plate supplemented with 100 μg/mL ampicillin and 1 mM IPTG. This condition induces expression of *uboA*, and no colonies grew. **C:** Spot dilution assay of *E. coli* pUboABC and *E. coli* pUboBC. Liquid cultures were plated immediately prior to induction (0 hour spots) and 1 hour after induction (1 hour spots). *E. coli* pUboABC had a clear growth deficiency 1 hour after induction compared to *E. coli* pUboBC.



**Figure S3.** Microscopy on *E. coli* pUboBC and *E. coli* pUboABC. **A**: *E. coli* pUboBC cells had a normal rod shape two hours after induction with 100 μM IPTG. **B**: *E. coli* pUboABC cells two hours after induction with 100 μM IPTG tended to be longer than the cells depicted in panel A, indicative of filamentation.





**Figure S4**. DNA that was PCR-amplified from co-cultures of *E. coli* pUboABC and *E. coli* pUboBC. The longer amplicon (447 bp band) corresponds to pUboABC and the shorter amplicon (336 bp band) corresponds to pUboBC. The co-culture primarily consisted of *E. coli* pUboABC until induction, after which the *E. coli* pUboBC cells began to overtake the co-culture.



**Figure S5**. The frequencies of point variants in the cloning transformation library of the single mutant library were summed for each residue after sequencing on the NovaSeq (Equation S6), revealing that the residuespecific libraries were combined in roughly equimolar amounts. WT ubonodin was present at higher levels than expected, which could be due to the WT bias when conducting PCR with NNK codons, which has been documented previously.4



**Figure S6.** Histograms depicting the distribution of point variants' enrichment values at different steps of the single mutant screen (data from NovaSeq single mutant screen). Dropout variants were arbitrarily assigned an enrichment value of -20. Comparisons are between **A:** The naïve library and the cloning transformation library. Enrichment values have a small range, with 80% of variants falling between an enrichment value of -0.5 and 0.5. Only two variants (D3F and D3M) were not present in the cloning transformation library, likely because they had a low read count in the naïve library (626 reads and 554 reads respectively). **B:** The cloning transformation library and the screen transformation sample. **C**: The cloning transformation library and the pre-IPTG sample. **D**: The cloning transformation library and the 1 hour post-100 μM IPTG induction sample. **E:** The cloning transformation library and the 1-hour post-10 μM IPTG induction sample.







**Figure S7.** Conserved Tyr residues in antimicrobial lasso peptides make contacts with RNAP. Top: Alignment of several lasso peptides demonstrated or predicted to inhibit RNAP.<sup>3, 5-7</sup> The conserved Tyr residues in the position after the macrocyclic ring and in the penultimate position of the lasso peptide are highlighted in pink. All of the peptides have 8 aa rings except for cloacaenodin with a 9 aa ring. Note that acinetodin and klebsidin lack the conserved Tyr after the ring. Bottom: Crystal structure of MccJ25 bound to *E. coli* RNAP (PDB file 6N60). MccJ25 is in light blue with Tyr9 and Tyr20 in magenta. The β subunit of RNAP is in brown while the β' subunit is in yellow. The catalytic Mg<sup>+2</sup> ion is also shown in green. The Tyr side chains of MccJ25 form multiple hydrogen bonds with the  $\beta$  and  $\beta$ ' subunits.



**Figure S8**. Hierarchical clustering of enrichment values for the single mutant library after induction with **A**: 100 μM IPTG or **B**: 10 μM IPTG. Data is obtained from the NovaSeq sequencing run of the single mutant library.



**Figure S9**. Enrichment values of the point variants present in the double mutant library (NovaSeq sequencing run on the double mutant library) after induction with 100 μM IPTG. The heatmap displays the same pattern of RNAP-inhibiting and non-RNAP inhibiting point variants as was observed in the single mutant library; compare to Figure 3A in the main text from the NovaSeq sequencing run on the single mutant library. There are no dropout single aa variants in the double mutant library, which is likely because we used more reads to sequence the double mutant library than the single mutant library.









**Figure S10**. Histograms displaying the spread of enrichment values for each residue-specific subset of the double mutant library, excluding the Gly4 and His17 histograms (shown in Figure 5A-B) and positions that were not mutated. Dropout variants were arbitrarily assigned an enrichment value of - 20.









**Figure S11**. Non-clustered heatmaps of each residue-specific subset in the double mutant library.



**Figure S12.** Spot dilution assay of the rescue variants and point variants without the compensatory mutation (in a pUboABC backbone). Liquid cultures were plated immediately prior to induction (0 hour spots) and 1 hour after induction (1 hour spots). The spots of point variants have healthy, normal-sized colonies 1 hour after induction whereas the spots of rescue variants have small, sick colonies 1 hour after induction. Biological duplicates of this assay were conducted, and this replicate is representative of the results from both replicates.



**Figure S13.** (*Left*) Confusion matrix for the classifier of DeepLasso in the training set. The matrix shows binary classification of dropout versus non-dropout variants with predicted outcomes on the x-axis and experimental observation on the y-axis. Grayscale is used to represent the magnitude of probability (i.e., high: black; low: white). (*Right*) Regression analysis for the regressor of DeepLasso in the training set. The linear correlation between experimental vs. predicted enrichment values is shown along with Pearson correlation coefficient, Spearman correlation coefficient, and mean absolute error.



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cause a visible difference in the spot dilution assay. Biological duplicates of this assay were conducted,  $\, {\rm S30}$ **Figure S14**. Spot dilution assays for the ubonodin variants (in a pUboABC backbone) identified from the screen with potential activity. The toxic effect of most variants was observed 1 hour after induction, though the toxic effect of ubonodin N11W and ubonodin A7G N11M was only observed 6 hours after induction. The apparent differences in toxicity could be because the screen incorporated information on leaky expression prior to induction, which cannot be done with the spot dilution assay. Furthermore, heterologous expression of ubonodin N11W in a pUboABCD vector demonstrated that the variant is expressed at very low levels, so it may take more time for ubonodin N11W to accumulate to levels that and the replicate shown is representative of both duplicates.

Single Amino Acid Variant	Single Amino <b>Acid Variant</b> Enrichment	Residue Implicated with Many Rescue Variants	<b>Rescue Variant Enrichment</b>		
G4S	1.1	Asp23	G4S D23A: -4.5 G4S D23C: -3.4 G4S D23E: -1.0 G4S D23F: dropout variant G4S D23G: -2.2 G4S D23L: -4.926 G4S D23M: -3.2	G4S D23N: -0.1 G4S D23P: -2.9 G4S D23Q: -0.4 G4S D23S: -3.5 G4S D23V: -4.6 G4S D23W: -0.9	
<b>N11P</b>	0.97	Asp23	N11P D23A: -5.1 N11P D23C: -5.6 N11P D23F: dropout variant N11P D23G: -1.3 N11P D23I: dropout variant N11P D23L: -4.6 N11P D23M: -5.0 N11P D23N: -0.3	N11P D23P: -5.4 N11P D23Q: -2.2 N11P D23S: -3.6 N11P D23T: -3.3 N11P D23V: -4.5 N11P D23W: -0.9 N11P D23Y: -1.1	
D <sub>23</sub> K	1.2	lle16	116A D23K: - 0.5 I16C D23K: -0.3 116D D23K: -2.4 116E D23K: -2.8 116G D23K: -3.8 116H D23K: -0.3 116K D23K: -1.9	116N D23K: -1.6 I16Q D23K: dropout variant 116R D23K: - 0.8 116S D23K: -0.8 116T D23K: -1.7 116V D23K: -0.3 116W D23K: -0.1	
D <sub>23</sub> R	1.2	lle16	116A D23R: -1.7 116C D23R: -2.9 116D D23R: -3.2 I16E D23R: -1.9 116G D23R: -3.1 116H D23R: -1.9 116K D23R: -2.5	116M D23R: - 0.4 116N D23R: -1.6 116P D23R: -0.1 116Q D23R: -2.1 116R D23R: -2.6 I16S D23R: -1.3 116T D23R: -1.8	
Y26L	1.1	lle16	116A Y26L: -0.4 I16C Y26L: -0.4 116D Y26L: -1.0 116E Y26L: -0.4 116F Y26L: -0.1 116G Y26L: -1.6 116H Y26L: -0.2 116K Y26L: -1.1	116M Y26L: - 0.3 116N Y26L: -0.3 I16P Y26L: -0.5 116Q Y26L: -1.5 116R Y26L: - 0.6 116S Y26L: -0.9 116T Y26L: -0.2	

**Table S1.** Enrichment values of rescue variants.

	Sequence encoder	Topology encoder	Classifier	Regressor
Convolutional Layers	3	3		
<b>LSTM Layers</b>	$\mathcal{P}$	0	0	
<b>Residual Blocks</b>		∩	2	
<b>MLP Layers</b>		0		$\mathcal{P}$
<b>Output Channels</b>	2048	768	N/A	N/A
<b>Batch Size</b>	512	512	64	64
<b>Dropout</b>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Learning Rate	1e-4	1e-4	$2e-4$	$2e-4$

**Table S2**. Hyperparameters used in the encoders, classifier, and regressor of DeepLasso.

	Classifier training	Classifier testing	Regressor training	Regressor testing
Wild type				
Single aa variant	370	8	222	19
Double aa variant	11940	997	6131	581
Triple aa variant	40875	3893	1639	174
Quadruple aa variant	2956	798	103	11
Higher-order aa variant	796	85	4	0
Stop codon	4745	387	2230	248

**Table S3**. Statistics of types of variants involved in the training and test sets for classification and regression.

**Table S4**. Prediction results for single and double aa variants whose MICs were tested. The column variable, *Experimental observation*, refers to the enrichment for a lasso peptide variant observed in the screen. *DeepLasso prediction (classifier)* refers to the prediction outcome of DeepLasso in classifying a mutant to be dropout mutant or non-dropout variant. *DeepLasso prediction (regressor)* refers to enrichment value predicted for non-dropout variants. *Test or training (classifier)* and *Test or training (regressor)* refer to whether the tested variant appears in the training, testing set, or neither.





**Table S5.** Molecular weights and MIC values (in μg/mL) of ubonodin variants.

**Table S6**. MIC values of various antibiotics against the *B. cenocepacia* clinical isolates used in this study.8- <sup>10</sup> WT ubonodin has a lower MIC than the other antibiotics reported in the literature. However, it is important to note that while we used the CLSI broth microdilution method to measure the MIC of ubonodin, the CLSI agar dilution method was used in the literature to measure the MIC of the other compounds. Two values were given for combination treatments: an MIC of 32/4 for ceftazidime-avibactam means that when the two antibiotics are used together, the bacteria must be treated with 32 μg/mL ceftazidime and 4 μg/mL avibactam to inhibit cell growth.



**Table S7**. Primers used in this study.











**Table S8.** Plasmids used in this study.





**Table S9.** Mutagenic primers used for constructing residue-specific libraries.





**Table S10**. HPLC collection windows.

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