

Supplementary Materials

Microbe-derived uremic solutes enhance thrombosis potential in the host

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Table S1. Baseline characteristics of the patients in the Discovery Cohort stratified by all-cause mortality (5 year)

Characteristics	Discovery cohort (n=1,149)	No death 5 years (n=1,023)	Yes death 5 years (n=126)	P value
Age (years)	64.03 ± 10.89	63.5 ± 10.7	67.8 ± 11.8	<0.001
Sex, male (%)	63.4	63.4	63.5	1
DM (%)	21.9	20.3	34.9	<0.001
History of hypertension (%)	71.8	70.2	84.9	0.001
History of hyperlipidemia (%)	85.4	86.2	78.6	0.031
Current smoking (%)	13.7	14.4	8.0	0.068
CAD (%)	75.5	74.8	81.0	0.159
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	132.0 (119.0-146.0)	133.0 (119.0-146.0)	130.5 (117.0-148.0)	0.833
HDL cholesterol (mg/dL)	34.4 (28.5-41.2)	34.5 (28.7-41.4)	32.7 (26.9-40.1)	0.064
LDL cholesterol (mg/dL)	96.0 (80.0-116.0)	96.0 (80.0-116.5)	95.0 (77.0-113.8)	0.231
TG (mg/dL)	122.0 (84.0-171.0)	122.0 (84.0-171.0)	117.0 (81.5-169.0)	0.814
C-reactive protein (mg/L)	2.31 (0.98-5.40)	2.14 (0.94-5.11)	3.92 (1.99-12.37)	<0.001
eGFR (ml/min/1.73 m ²)	89.64 (75.61-98.99)	90.85 (77.44-99.67)	79.31 (56.12-93.07)	<0.001
p-cresol (r.a.)	1663 (1240-2517)	1637 (1226-2425)	1931 (1389-3862)	<0.001
Baseline medications				
Aspirin (%)	76.7	77.1	73.0	0.359
ACE inhibitors (%)	49.9	48.3	62.7	0.003
Beta blocker (%)	65.3	64.1	74.6	0.026
Statin (%)	61.2	61.8	56.3	0.279

Discovery cohort consists of sequential stable subjects who underwent elective diagnostic coronary angiography (cardiac catheterization or coronary computed tomography) for evaluation of coronary artery disease (CAD). Continuous data are presented as mean ± standard deviation or median (interquartile range), categorical variables are presented as %; DM = Diabetes mellitus; HDL= high density lipoprotein; LDL = low density lipoprotein; TG = tryglycerides; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; r.a. = relative amount; ACE = angiotensin-converting-enzyme.

Table S2. Baseline characteristics of patients in the Validation Cohort stratified by all-cause mortality (5 year)

Characteristics	Validation Cohort (n=3,954)	No death 5 years (n=3,439)	Yes death 5 years (n=515)	P value
Age (years)	62.99 ± 10.91	62.11 ± 10.64	68.87 ± 10.85	<0.001
Sex male (%)	64.4	64.7	62.7	0.416
DM (%)	31.5	29.3	46.2	<0.001
History of hypertension (%)	71.0	69.9	78.4	<0.001
History of hyperlipidemia (%)	84.1	84.6	81.4	0.074
Current smoking (%)	12.8	13.0	11.3	0.312
CAD (%)	77.7	76.3	87.2	<0.001
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	133.0 (120.0-147.0)	133.0 (120.0-146.0)	134.0 (119.0-149.5)	0.376
HDL cholesterol (mg/dL)	34.2 (28.3-41.2)	34.5 (28.6-41.4)	32.2 (26.5-40.2)	<0.001
LDL cholesterol (mg/dL)	96.0 (78.0-117.0)	96.0 (78.0-117.5)	92.0 (74.0-113.0)	0.001
TG (mg/dL)	118.0 (85.0-169.0)	119.0 (85.0-169.0)	117.0 (86.5-172.5)	0.751
C-reactive protein (mg/L)	2.42 (1.04-5.91)	2.25 (0.97-5.35)	4.22 (1.96-10.63)	<0.001
eGFR (ml/min/1.73 m ²)	90.85 (75.77-100.22)	92.12 (78.70-101.10)	76.72 (55.20-91.81)	<0.001
IS (μM)	3.32 (2.04-5.19)	3.22 (1.98-4.98)	4.33 (2.64-7.22)	<0.001
pCS (μM)	18.95 (10.67-31.33)	18.18 (10.34-29.64)	25.91 (14.59-47.16)	<0.001
Baseline medications				
Aspirin (%)	73.8	74.7	67.6	0.001
ACE inhibitors (%)	50.1	48.8	59.0	<0.001
Beta blocker (%)	63.1	62.6	66.4	0.103
Statin (%)	60.1	60.5	57.9	0.284

Validation Cohort was a sequential series of non-overlapping stable subjects undergoing elective diagnostic cardiac evaluations for coronary artery disease (CAD) risk assessment. Continuous data are presented as mean ± standard deviation or median (interquartile range), categorical variables are presented as %; DM = diabetes mellitus; HDL= high density lipoprotein; LDL = low density lipoprotein; TG = tryglycerides; IS=indoxyl sulfate; pCS=p-cresol sulfate eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; ACE = angiotensin-converting-enzyme.

Table S3. Hazard ratios (HR) for 5-year all-cause mortality based on the Cox proportional hazards regression analysis (Sensitivity analysis)

p-Cresol sulfate				
P-interaction=0.88	<i>p</i> -cresol sulfate quartiles (μM)			
	Q ₁	Q ₂	Q ₃	Q ₄
eGFR≥60 ml/min/1.73 m ²	(0.01-10.11)	(10.12-17.74)	(17.75-28.29)	(28.30-146.79)
HR (95% CI)	1	1.04(0.75-1.45)	1.37(1.01-1.86)*	1.85(1.38-2.48)***
	Q ₁	Q ₂	Q ₃	Q ₄
eGFR<60 ml/min/1.73 m ²	(0.21-25.91)	(25.92-44.89)	(44.90-69.26)	(69.27-375.23)
HR (95% CI)	1	1.00(0.59-1.69)	1.46(0.90-2.38)	2.07(1.32-3.25)**
Indoxyl sulfate				
P-interaction=0.48	indoxyl sulfate quartiles (μM)			
	Q ₁	Q ₂	Q ₃	Q ₄
eGFR≥60 ml/min/1.73 m ²	(0.001-1.95)	(1.96-3.12)	(3.13-4.72)	(4.73-40.34)
HR (95% CI)	1	1.31(0.95-1.80)	1.42(1.04-1.94)*	1.68(1.24-2.28)***
	Q ₁	Q ₂	Q ₃	Q ₄
eGFR<60 ml/min/1.73 m ²	(0.001-4.24)	(4.25-7.07)	(7.08-12.20)	(12.21-233.95)
HR (95% CI)	1	1.44(0.85-2.46)	1.66(1.00-2.74)*	2.60(1.62-4.16)***

eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; HR = hazard ratio; CI =confidence intervals;
*P<0.05, **P<0.01, ***P<0.001

Table S4. Bacterial strains used in this study

Strain	Specific Genotype	Plasmid for integration	Source
<i>B. thetaiotaomicron</i> VPI-5482 Δtdk			Sonnenburg Lab, Stanford University
<i>B. vulgatus</i> ATCC 8482			ATCC
<i>C. sporogenes</i> ATCC 15579			ATCC
<i>Clostridium</i> sp. D5			BEI
<i>Clostridioides difficile</i> JIR8094			Shen Lab, Tufts University
<i>Blautia hydrogenotrophica</i> DSM 10507			DSMZ
<i>E. coli</i> S17-1 λ pir			Sonnenburg Lab, Stanford University
<i>B. thetaiotaomicron</i> VPI-5482 Δtdk	$\Delta BT0331$		Zhu et al. 2022
<i>B. thetaiotaomicron</i> VPI-5482 Δtdk	$\Delta BT0430$		Zhu et al. 2022
<i>B. thetaiotaomicron</i> VPI-5482 Δtdk	$\Delta BT2836$		Zhu et al. 2022
<i>B. thetaiotaomicron</i> VPI-5482 Δtdk	$\Delta BT0331$ $\Delta BT0431$		Zhu et al. 2022
<i>B. thetaiotaomicron</i> VPI-5482 Δtdk	$\Delta BT0431$ $\Delta BT2836$		Zhu et al. 2022
<i>B. thetaiotaomicron</i> VPI-5482 Δtdk	$\Delta BT0331$ $\Delta BT0430$ $\Delta BT2836$		Zhu et al. 2022
<i>B. thetaiotaomicron</i> VPI-5482 Δtdk	$\Delta BT0430$ $\Delta BT2836$ $\Delta BT0430$ <i>BT0430</i> (complementation)	pMFT01	this study
<i>B. thetaiotaomicron</i> VPI-5482 Δtdk	$\Delta BT1492$		lab stock
<i>B. thetaiotaomicron</i> VPI-5482 Δtdk	$\Delta BT1492$ <i>HpdBCA</i> <i>BT1492</i>	pMFT02	this study
<i>B. thetaiotaomicron</i> VPI-5482 Δtdk	$\Delta BT1492$ (additional two copies)	pMFT03 & pMFT04	this study
<i>B. thetaiotaomicron</i> VPI-5482 Δtdk	<i>BT1492</i> <i>HpdBCA</i>	pMFT02 & pMFT04	this study

Table S5. List of plasmids used in this study

Plasmid	Backbone	Promoter	Inserted gene	Source
pNBU2_bla_tetQb				Sonnenburg Lab, Stanford University
pMFT01	pNBU2_bla_ermGb	σ 70 promoter	<i>BT0430</i>	this study
pMFT02	pNBU2_bla_ermGb	phage promoter	<i>HpdBCA</i>	this study
pMFT03	pNBU2_bla_ermGb	phage promoter	<i>BT1492</i>	this study
pMFT04	pNBU2_bla_tetQb	phage promoter	<i>BT1492</i>	this study

Table S6. List of primers used in this study

Primer #	Primer Name	Sequence (5'-3')	Restriction Site
1	BT0430_comp_F	GCGTCTAGAATGAGCAAGCAACTCTT ACTTG	<i>Xba</i> I
2	BT0430_comp_R	GCGGGATCCTTACTTACTTCTTTTTTT GCGTGC	<i>Bam</i> HI
4	pNBU2_F	TCTAGAACTAGTGGATCCCC	
5	pNBU2_R	GCGGCCGCCACCGCGG	
6	3'pNBU2_phageP_F	CCTCCACCGCGGTGGCGGCCGCGAT AAAACGAAAGGCTCAG	
7	phageP_5'HpdBCA_R	ACTTTGACTCATCTACTTTGTTTCTTT CGACAC	
8	3'phageP_HpdBCA_F	GAAACAAAGTAGATGAGTCAAAGTAA AGAAGAC	
9	5'pNBU2_HpdBCA_R	CGGGGGATCCACTAGTTCTAGATTAG AAAGCTGTCTCATGAC	
10	phageP_5'BT1492_R	AGGTAATTCCATCTACTTTGTTTCTTTTCG ACAC	
11	3'phageP_BT1492_F	GAAACAAAGTAGATGGAATTACCTTTTGC TGAATC	
12	5'pNBU2_BT1492_R	CGGGGGATCCACTAGTTCTAGACTATAC AGACAATCGTTCTAA	

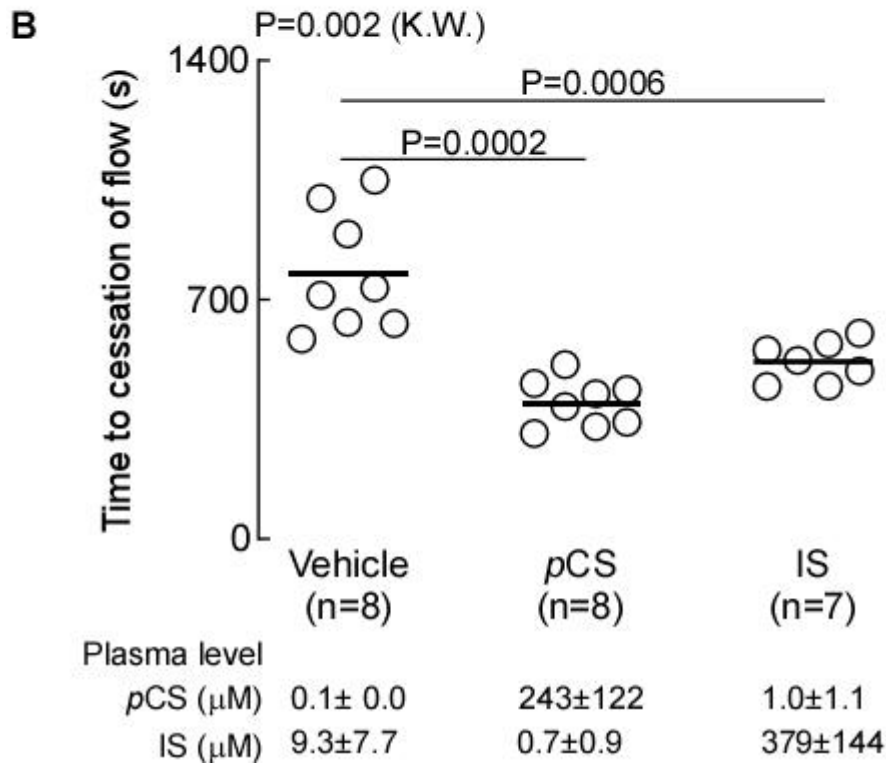
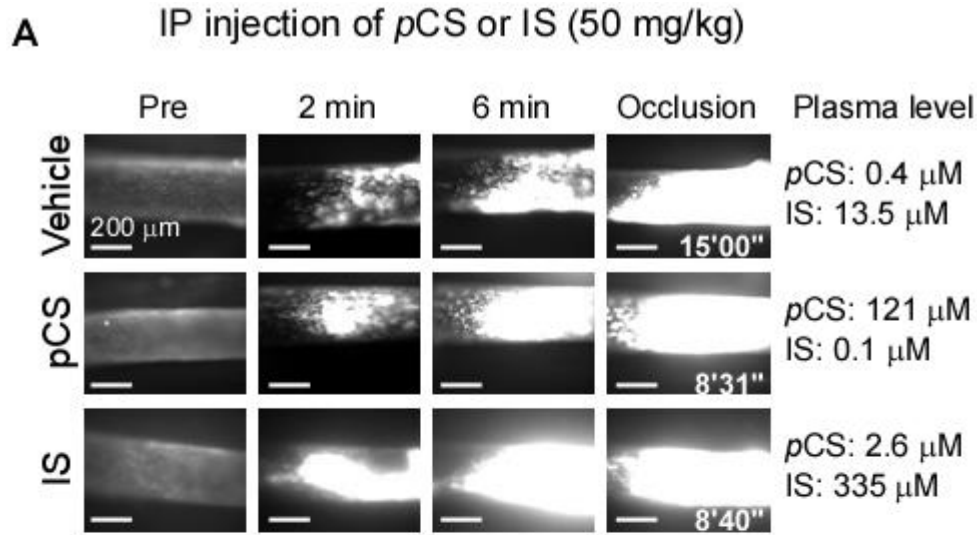


Fig. S1. *p*-Cresol sulfate (*p*CS) and indoxyl sulfate (IS) are associated with increased *in vivo* thrombosis potential. (A,B) *In vivo* thrombosis potential was measured by the FeCl₃-induced carotid artery injury model in response to *p*-cresol sulfate or indoxyl sulfate (versus normal saline) injected *i.p.* into mice (50 mg/kg). Shown are representative (A) vital microscopy images of carotid artery thrombus formation at the indicated time points following arterial injury, and (B) time to cessation of blood flow in mice from the indicated groups. Bar represents mean time to cessation of blood flow within the indicated group. Plasma levels of *p*CS and IS at time of thrombosis model are indicated. Significance was measured by Kruskal-Wallis test.

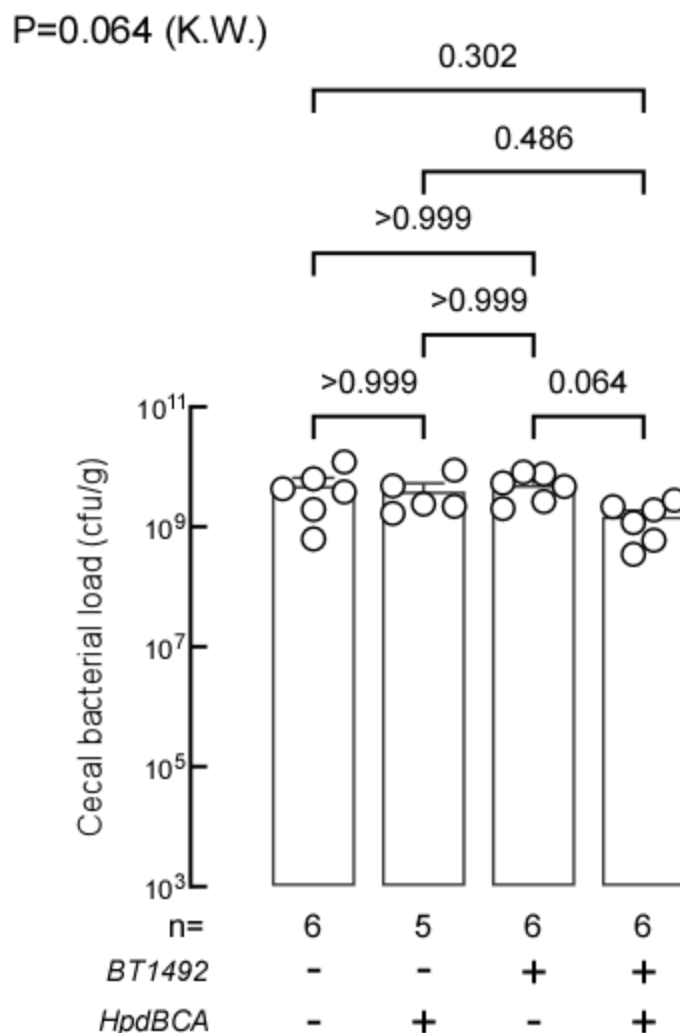


Fig. S2. *B. thetaiotaomicron* strains with different capacities for *p*-cresol and indole production did not cause significant change in their degree of colonization in gnotobiotic mice. Germ-free mice were randomized and colonized with *B. thetaiotaomicron* mutants as indicated. Ceca were weighed, thawed under anaerobic conditions, and suspended in PBS buffer. Dilutions of the cecal suspensions were then plated on BHI agar plates, incubated for 72 h at 37 °C under anaerobic conditions for colony counting. “n” represents the number of mice in each group. Bars represent mean±SE. Significance was measured with a Kruskal-Wallis (K.W.) test followed with Dunn's multiple comparisons test.

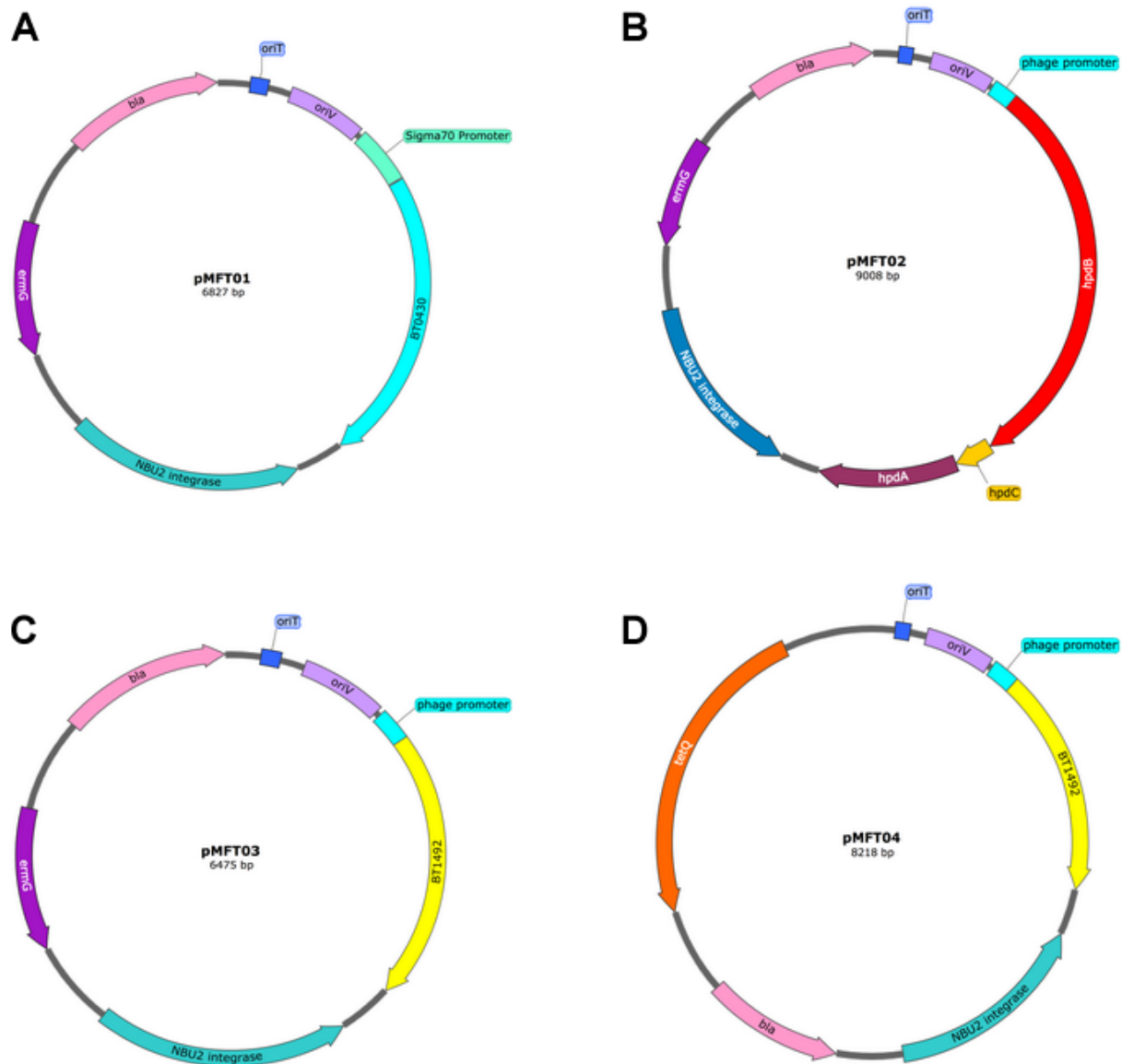


Fig. S3. Maps for integration vectors. (A) BT0430 was cloned into pNBU2 vector with erythromycin resistant marker under σ 70 promoter. (B) *hpdBCA* operon was cloned into pNBU2 vector with erythromycin resistant marker under the phage promoter. (C) *BT1492* gene was cloned into pNBU2 vector with erythromycin (C) tetracycline (D) resistant marker under the phage promoter.