### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

### **Control of bacterial cell wall autolysins by peptidoglycan crosslinking mode**

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### **Supplementary Figures**



**Supplementary Figure 1. Screening of** *V. cholerae***'s peptidoglycan plasticity across different conditions. a.** Wild type *V. cholerae* was exposed to sub-MIC concentrations of the indicated antibiotics or stress conditions (panels on the left). Several substances were tested at different concentrations such that a total of 110 different growth conditions were surveyed. Samples were processed for PG isolation and analysis using a filter-based highthroughput preparation method. **b.** Representative chromatogram of wild type *V. cholerae*  strain. Identified peaks are listed. **c.** Table of muropeptides identified in **b**, confirmed by mass spectrometry. GlcNAc: *N*-acetyl glucosamine; MurNAc: *N*-acetyl muramic acid; (1,6 anhydro)MurNAc: terminal 1,6-anhydro-*N*-acetyl muramic acid; L-Ala: L-alanine; D-Glu: Dglutamic acid; DAP: *meso* diaminopimelic acid; D-Ala: D-alanine; D-Met: D-methionine; Gly: glycine; Lpp: Braun's lipoprotein.



**Supplementary Figure 2. Peptidoglycan analysis of** *V. cholerae* **grown under different conditions. a.** Heatmap representing the relative abundance of the identified muropeptides

(MP) for all tested conditions (Suppl. Data 1). **b.** Heatmap representing the Log2FC calculated for the main peptidoglycan (PG) features. All values are mean of 3 biological replicates. M9+C source: M9 minimal medium supplemented with carbon sources. Details and source data are provided in Supplementary Data 1.



**Supplementary Figure 3. Scatter matrix for the main peptidoglycan features for** *V. cholerae* **grown under the tested conditions.** Scatter plots representing the Log2FC of main peptidoglycan (PG) features: relative PG amount, anhydromuropeptide levels, crosslinking (total and type). Clusters of conditions of interest are highlighted. Values shown in scatter plots are the mean of 3 biological replicates. Histograms showing the distribution of samples for every dimension are represented in the diagonal. Source data are provided in Supplementary Data 1.



**Supplementary Figure 4. Inhibition of** *V. cholerae* **LD-transpeptidase by copper. a.**  Purified LdtA from *V. cholerae*, the LD-transpeptidase which produces LD-crosslinks. The molecular weight of the purified His-tagged protein is predicted to be 58.8 kDa. **b.** Schematic diagram of the LdtA in vitro reaction: LdtA converts M4 monomers into LD-crosslinked D34 dimers. **c.** Relative LdtA activity at different copper concentrations. Working concentration in bacterial cultures in LB is highlighted (1 mM). In vitro assays were performed in triplicate. Data are presented as mean values +/- standard deviation. **d.** Growth of *V. cholerae* WT and  $\Delta$ *ldt* mutant in LB with 0.5-2 mM CuSO<sub>4</sub> and MM with 1-10  $\mu$ M CuSO<sub>4</sub>. Growth curves were performed in triplicate. Data are presented as mean values +/- standard deviation. **e.** Representative phase contrast images and violin plots of the length and mean width of *V. cholerae* WT grown in LB (top) or MM (bottom) in the presence or absence of CuSO<sup>4</sup> at 1

mM (in LB) or 5  $\mu$ M (in MM). Scale bar: 2  $\mu$ m. Samples size: LB control, n = 6493; LB CuSO<sub>4</sub>, n = 4144; MM control, n = 4724; MM CuSO4, n = 3821. **f.** Relative LdtA activity in presence of 0.1 mM of different metal salts. In vitro assays were performed in triplicate. Data are presented as mean values +/- standard deviation. Statistical significance was determined using unpaired t-tests, with an alpha level of 0.05. Two-tailed p values are reported in the Source Data file. ND, not detected; \*\*\*, p <0.001. **g.** Effect of different metal salts on *V. cholerae* PG features in vivo. Heatmaps represent the mean Log2FC calculated for LDcrosslink and anhydromuropeptide levels in the PG of *V. cholerae* cultures grown in MM with 1 or 2.5 µM of respective metal salt. PG analyses were performed in triplicate. **h.** Concentration-dependent effect of copper on LD-crosslink and anhydromuropeptide levels in the PG of *V. cholerae* grown in LB. Assays were performed in quintuplicate. Data are presented as mean values +/- standard deviation. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



**Supplementary Figure 5***.* **In vitro lytic transglycosylase activity. a.** Domain architecture of the lytic transglycosylases (LTs) in *V. cholerae*. **b.** Purified LTs from *V. cholerae*. Predicted molecular weight of the purified His-tagged proteins is indicated at the bottom. **c.** Schematic diagram of in vitro assay used to study the activity of *V. cholerae*'s LTs. Sacculi from *V. cholerae* WT grown in LB was used as substrate. Upon digestion with the LTs, the soluble products were directly analyzed by LC, and the insoluble pellets were further digested with muramidase prior to LC analysis. Major products are highlighted in the chromatograms. **d.** Summary table of the LT activities of each tested enzyme. **e.** Relative LT activity at different copper concentrations of the LTs. Working concentration in bacterial cultures in LB is highlighted (1 mM). In vitro assays were performed in triplicate. Data are presented as mean values +/- standard deviation. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



**Supplementary Figure 6. Characterization of the** *V. cholerae ldt* **mutant. a.**  Representative chromatograms obtained from PG of *V. cholerae* WT, *ldt* mutant and complemented strains grown in LB (top) or MM (bottom). LD-crosslinked D34 muropeptide and anhydromuropeptides (MPAnh) are indicated. **b.** Relative amount of LD-crosslinked muropeptides, anhydromuropeptides and PG density of *V. cholerae* WT and *ldt* strains grown in LB (top) or MM (bottom). PG analyses were performed in 6 replicates (triplicates for PG density). Data are presented as mean values +/- standard deviation. Statistical significance was determined using unpaired t-tests, with an alpha level of 0.05. Two-tailed p values are reported in the Source Data file. ND, not detected; \*, p <0.05; \*\*\*\*, p <0.0001. **c.** Relative amount of anhydromuropeptides in the PG of the *V. cholerae ldt* mutant in the presence of CuSO<sup>4</sup> 1 mM CuSO<sup>4</sup> in LB (top) or 5 µM CuSO<sup>4</sup> in MM (bottom). PG analyses

were performed in quadruplicates. Data are presented as mean values +/- standard deviation. Statistical significance was determined using unpaired t-tests, with an alpha level of 0.05. Two-tailed p values are reported. **d.** CFU/ml of *V. cholerae* WT and *ldt* mutant cultures grown overnight in LB (top) or MM (bottom). 9 replicates were analyzed in the viability assays. Data are presented as mean values +/- standard deviation. Statistical significance was determined using unpaired t-tests, with an alpha level of 0.05. Two-tailed p values are reported. **e.** Representative phase contrast images and violin plots of the length and mean width of *V. cholerae* WT and  $\Delta$ *ldt* mutant cells grown in LB (top) or MM (bottom). Scale bar: 2 µm. Samples size: WT LB, n = 1807; *ldt* LB, n = 1630; WT MM, n = 1418; *ldt* MM, n = 1264. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



**Supplementary Figure 7. Peptidoglycan analysis of** *V. cholerae* **lytic transglycosylase mutants. a.** Representative chromatograms of the PG of *V. cholerae* WT and LT strains grown in LB. Anhydromuropeptides (MPAnh) are indicated in green. **b.** Relative amount of anhydromuropeptides in the PG of *V. cholerae* WT and LT mutants grown in LB. **c.** Relative amount of LD-crosslink in the PG of *V. cholerae* WT and  $\Delta$ LT strains grown in LB. PG analyses were performed in 9 replicates. Data are presented as mean values +/- standard deviation. Statistical significance was determined using unpaired t-tests, with an alpha level

of 0.05. Two-tailed p values are reported in the Source Data file. \*\*, p <0.01; \*\*\*, p <0.001. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



**Supplementary Figure 8. Effect of inhibition of LD-transpeptidases by copper in different bacterial species. a.** Representative chromatograms of different bacterial species (*Acinetobacter baumannii, Aeromonas hydrophila, Burkholderia cenocepacia, Citrobacter rodentium, Enterobacter aerogenes, Enterobacter cloacae, Escherichia coli, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Photobacterium damselae, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Salmonella enterica* and *Vibrio cholerae*) grown in absence (control) or presence of 1 mM CuSO4. All bacteria were grown in LB, except for *P. damselae* which was grown in TSB. **b.** Inverse correlation between relative amounts of LD-crosslink and anhydromuropeptides observed for different bacteria in the literature 1-4 . Exp, exponential phase; Stat, stationary phase. **c.** Calculated change in the relative amounts of LD-crosslink and anhydromuropeptides from the data in **b**. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



**Supplementary Figure 9. LD-crosslinks inhibit the activity of endogenous lytic transglycosylases. a.** Representative chromatograms of *V. cholerae, E. coli* and *P. damselae* WT and *ldt* mutant sacculi used in the in vitro reactions to test LT activity. Percentage of LD-crosslinking is indicated. **b.** Relative total crosslink, LD-crosslinking and anhydromuropeptide levels in the WT and  $\Delta$ *ldt* mutant sacculi used as substrate in the in vitro reactions. PG analyses were performed in 6 replicates for *V. cholerae*, 3-4 replicates for *E. coli*, and 3-4 replicates for *P. damselae*. Data are presented as mean values +/ standard deviation. **c.** Relative LT activity of Slt70 from *E. coli* (Slt70Ec) on *V. cholerae* (Vc), *E. coli* (Ec) or *P. damselae* (Pd) WT or ∆*ldt* mutant sacculi. Activity is calculated relative to the Δ*ldt* sacculi substrate, with 0% LD-crosslinks. In vitro assays were performed in triplicates. Data are presented as mean values +/- standard deviation. **d.** Relative LT activity

of Slt70 from *E. coli* on substrate with indicated LD-crosslinking levels. Activity is calculated relative to the sacculi substrate with 0% LD-crosslinks. In vitro assays were performed in triplicates. Data are presented as mean values +/- standard deviation. **e.** Detection of extracellular anhydromuropeptides (product of exo-LT activity) in the growth medium of the *V. cholerae* and *P. damselae* WT and  $\Delta$ *ldt* strains. Analyses were performed in quadruplicates for *V. cholerae* and triplicates for *P. damselae*. Data are presented as mean values +/- standard deviation. Statistical significance was determined using unpaired t-tests, with an alpha level of 0.05. Two-tailed p values are reported in the Source Data file. \*, p <0.05; \*\*\*, p <0.001. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



**Supplementary Figure 10. LD-crosslinks inhibit the activity of predatory lytic transglycosylases. a**. Representative chromatograms showing the released muropeptides after digestion of *V. cholerae* sacculi with SIt70 from *E. coli* (SIt70<sub>Ec</sub>), Tse4 from *A. baumannii,* bacteriophage lambda endolysin (LaL), chicken egg white lysozyme (LYZ) and mutanolysin from *Streptomyces globisporus* (Mur.). **b.** Relative LT activity of Tse4 on *V. cholerae* or *P. damselae* WT or *ldt* mutant sacculi. Activity is calculated relative to the *ldt* sacculi substrate, with 0% LD-crosslinks. **c.** Relative LT activity of LaL on *V. cholerae* or *P.*  damselae WT or Δldt mutant sacculi. Activity is calculated relative to the Δldt sacculi substrate, with 0% LD-crosslinks. In vitro assays were performed in triplicates. Data are presented as mean values +/- standard deviation. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



**Supplementary Figure 11. LD-crosslink levels in the peptidoglycan of** *E. coli*  **subjected to phage infections. a.** Representative chromatograms obtained from the PG of *E. coli* (Ec) JM109 with empty pBAD or pBAD::*ldtE* (for overexpression of the LDtranspeptidase LdtE) grown with and without inducer (arabinose 0.2%, +Ara). **b.** Quantification of LD-crosslinking in the PG of *E. coli* JM109 with empty pBAD or pBAD::*ldtE*, grown with and without inducer. PG analyses were performed in 6 replicates. Data are presented as mean values +/- standard deviation. Statistical significance was determined using unpaired t-tests, with an alpha level of 0.05. Two-tailed p values are reported in the Source Data file. ns: not significant; \*\*\*\*, p <0.0001. **c.** Growth curves of *E. coli* JM109 with empty pBAD or pBAD::*ldtE*, grown with and without inducer. Assays were performed in triplicate. Data are presented as mean values +/- standard deviation. **d.** Optical density (OD600) of *E. coli* JM109 infected with lambda phage and time points for PG sample collection. Assays were performed in triplicate. Data are presented as mean values +/ standard deviation. **e.** Variation in LD-crosslinking in *E. coli* JM109 infected or not with lambda phage. Assays were performed in triplicate. Data are presented as mean values +/-

standard deviation. Paired t-test results indicate differences are not significant (two-tailed p value = 0.4914). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



**Supplementary Figure 12. Increased LD-crosslinking specifically provides resistance to LT-encoding phages.** Representative plates showing phage plaque formation upon infection of *E. coli* JM109 carrying empty pBAD or pBAD::*ldtE* with P2 (encoding an LT-like endolysin), P1 and T4 (encoding lysozyme-like endolysins), or T5 (encoding an endopeptidase) phages. LB agar plates are supplemented with 20 µg/ml chloramphenicol, 10 mM MgSO4, and 0.2% (w/v) arabinose.

## **Supplementary Tables.**

## **Supplementary Table 1. Bacterial strains.**



# **Supplementary Table 2. Plasmids.**

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# **Supplementary Table 3. Oligonucleotides.**

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