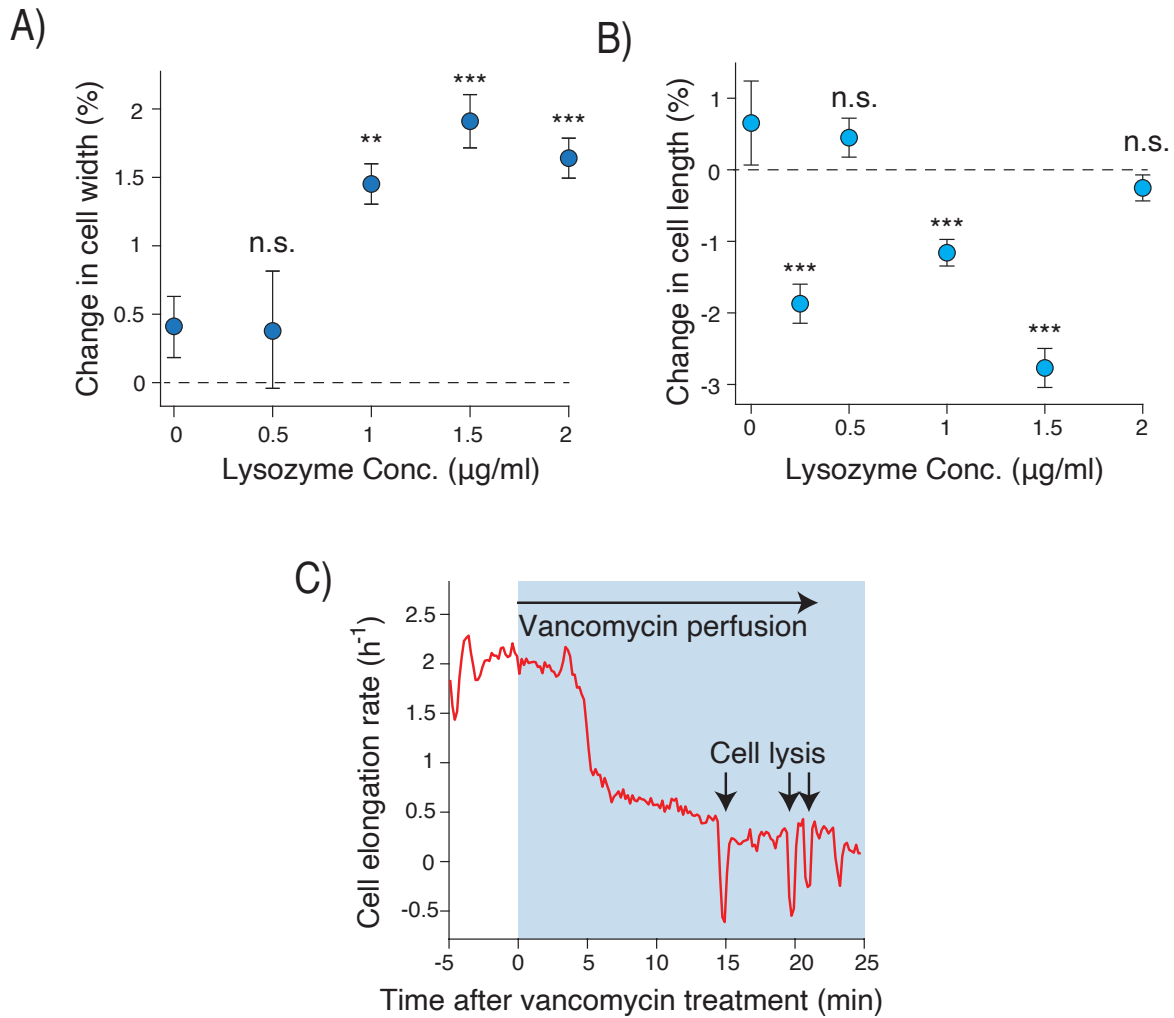
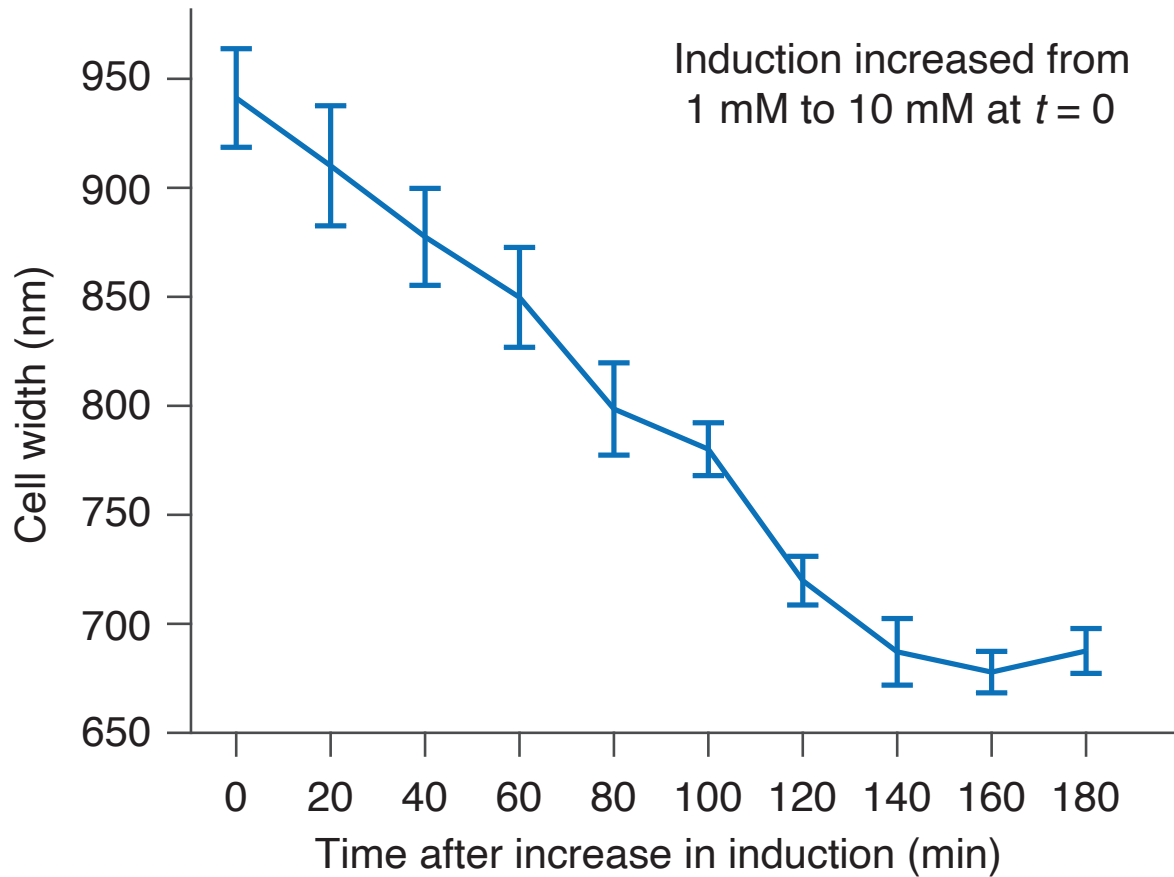


## Supplementary Figures and Tables



**Figure S1. Lysozyme and vancomycin treatment cause cell widening.** A) Mean change in cell width upon lysozyme treatment. Error bars indicate  $\pm 1$  s.e.m. B) Mean change in cell length upon lysozyme treatment, controlling for cell growth. Error bars indicate  $\pm 1$  s.e.m. C) Population-averaged cellular elongation rate versus time during acute perfusion with 10 µg/mL vancomycin.  $n=18$  cells across 1 experiment.

## $P_{xyI}$ -*mreBCD*



**Figure S2. Acute induction of *mreBCD* causes immediate cell thinning.** Cell width versus time after acute induction of *mreBCD*. Cells were grown to exponential phase in 1 mM xylose and then xylose concentration was increased to 10 mM.  $n=20$  cells across 1 experiment for each time point.

<b>Strain or Plasmid</b>	<b>Genotype</b>	<b>Relevant features</b>	<b>Source/Reference</b>
<i>B. subtilis</i> PY79	wild-type		Lab stock
bMD545	<i>PY79 amyE::erm Pxyl-mreBCD, ΔmreBCD::spc PmreB-minCD</i>	Xylose inducible induction of <i>mreBCD</i> operon	Garner Lab <sup>1</sup>
pPB001	pIV::25His	pIVEX2.3d derivative carrying SPP1 endolysin gene 25	São-José Lab <sup>2</sup>
<i>C. glutamicum</i>	wild-type		Theriot Lab
<i>E. coli</i>	wild-type MG1655		Lab stock

**Table S1. Strains and plasmids used in this study.**

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