

Conserved signal peptide recognition systems across the prokaryotic domains.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S1. Strains and plasmids used in this study.

| Name | Description | Reference / Source |
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| Bacterial strains | | |
| <i>E. coli</i> MC4100 | Parental <i>E. coli</i> strain (F ⁻ , Δ lacU169, <i>araD139</i> , <i>rpsL150</i> , <i>relA1</i> , <i>ptsF</i> , <i>rbs</i> , <i>flbB5301</i>) | (1) |
| <i>E. coli</i> DADE | MC4100 Δ tatABCD, Δ tatE | (2) |
| <i>E. coli</i> K-38 | HfrC, <i>phoA4</i> , <i>pit-10</i> , <i>tonA22</i> , <i>ompF627</i> , <i>relA1</i> | (3) |
| <i>E. coli</i> MCDSSAC | MC4100 <i>amiA</i> ⁻ , <i>amiC</i> | (4) |
| <i>E. coli</i> MC4100-A | Arabinose-resistant derivative of MC4100 | (5) |
| <i>E. coli</i> DADE-A | Arabinose-resistant derivative of DADE | (5) |
| <i>E. coli</i> BTH101 | Host strain for Bacterial Two Hybrid experiments, <i>cya</i> ⁻ (F ⁻ , <i>cya-99</i> , <i>araD139</i> , <i>galE15</i> , <i>galK16</i> , <i>rpsL1</i> , <i>hsdR2</i> , <i>mcrA1</i> , <i>mcrB1</i>) | (6) |
| <i>E. coli</i> BL21(DE3) | Protein overproduction strain (F ⁻ , <i>ompT</i> , <i>hsdS</i> (rB ⁻ , mB ⁻), <i>dcm</i> , <i>gal</i> , λ (DE3)) | (7) |
| <i>E. coli</i> BL21(DE3) Δ tat | Δ tatABC derivative of BL21(DE3) | B. Ize & T. Palmer; using method of (8) |
| <i>E. coli</i> BL21(DE3) pLysS | As BL21(DE3), also producing T7 lysozyme | Promega Inc. |
| Plasmids | | |
| pGH-SG1080110 | Synthetic <i>ttrBACD</i> operon in pUC57 (Amp ^R) | This study |
| pUNIPROM | pT7.5-derived vector allowing constitutive expression under the control of the <i>E. coli</i> <i>tat</i> promoter or inducible expression from the upstream T7 promoter (Amp ^R) | (9) |
| pUNI-TtrBACD | <i>ttrBACD</i> from synthetic operon in pUNIPROM | This study |
| pUNI-TtrBAC | <i>ttrBAC</i> from synthetic operon in pUNIPROM | This study |
| pUNI-TtrACD | <i>ttrACD</i> from synthetic operon in pUNIPROM | This study |
| pUNI-TtrBC | <i>ttrBC</i> from synthetic operon in pUNIPROM | This study |
| pUNI-TtrAD | <i>ttrAD</i> from synthetic operon in pUNIPROM | This study |
| pUNI-ssTtrA _{Af} -AmiA | <i>ssTtrA_{Af}</i> (synthetic sequence) fused to <i>amiA</i> Δ 2-33 in pUNIPROM; to express ssTtrA _{Af} -AmiA (mature AmiA from pTorASP-AmiA, Ize <i>et al.</i> , 2009) | This study |
| pSUPROM | pSU40-derived vector allowing constitutive expression under the control of the <i>E. coli</i> <i>tat</i> promoter (Kan ^R) | (9) |
| pSU-ssTtrA _{Af} -Bla | <i>ssTtrA_{Af}</i> (synthetic sequence) fused to <i>bla</i> (lacking signal peptide) in pSUPROM; to express ssTtrA _{Af} -Bla (derived from pSU-TorAss-Bla, G. Buchanan & T. Palmer, | This study |

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| | unpublished) | |
| pBAD33 | Arabinose-inducible expression vector (Cm ^R) | (10) |
| pBAD24 | Arabinose-inducible expression vector (Kan ^R) | (10) |
| pBAD-TtrD | The <i>ttrD</i> gene (synthetic sequence) in pBAD33 | This study |
| pBAD-ssTtrA _{Af} -GFP-SsrA | <i>ssTtrA_{Af}</i> (synthetic sequence) fused to <i>gfp-ssrA</i> in pBAD24; to express ssTtrA _{Af} -GFP-SsrA (based on pTGS, DeLisa <i>et al.</i> , 2007, and its derivative pBAD24-TorAss-GFP-SsrA, B. Ize & T. Palmer, unpublished) | This study |
| pETM-11 | Protein overproduction vector for the generation of N-terminal His ₆ -TEV cleavage site-protein fusions (Kan ^R) | (11) |
| pETM-TtrD | Synthetic <i>ttrD</i> (AF0160) gene in pETM-11 | This study |
| pUT18 | Amp ^R (ori pMB1) vector for generation of N-terminal T18 fusions for the Bacterial Two Hybrid system (Amp ^R) | (6) |
| pT25 | Cm ^R (p15A) vector for generation of C-terminal T25 fusions for the Bacterial Two Hybrid system (Cm ^R) | (12) |
| pUT18-ssTtrA _{Af} | <i>ssTtrA_{Af}</i> (natural sequence, codons 1-36) in pUT18 | This study |
| pUT18-ssTtrA _{Af} _RA | <i>ssTtrA_{Af}</i> (natural sequence, Region A: codons 1-26) in pUT18 | This study |
| pUT18-ssTtrA _{Af} _RB | <i>ssTtrA_{Af}</i> (natural sequence, Region B: codons 10-27) in pUT18 | This study |
| pUT18-ssTtrA _{Af} _RC | <i>ssTtrA_{Af}</i> (natural sequence, Region C: codons 11-36) in pUT18 | This study |
| pUT18-ssTtrA _{Af} _RD | <i>ssTtrA_{Af}</i> (natural sequence, Region D: codons 7-17) in pUT18 | This study |
| pUT18-ssTtrA _{Af} _R6Q | <i>ssTtrA_{Af}</i> (natural sequence) with R6Q substitution in pUT18 | This study |
| pUT18-ssTtrA _{Af} _V15Q | <i>ssTtrA_{Af}</i> (natural sequence) with V15Q substitution in pUT18 | This study |
| pUT18-ssTtrA _{Af} _S17Q | <i>ssTtrA_{Af}</i> (natural sequence) with S17Q substitution in pUT18 | This study |
| pUT18-ssTtrA _{Af} _V20Q | <i>ssTtrA_{Af}</i> (natural sequence) with V20Q substitution in pUT18 | This study |
| pUT18-ssTtrA _{Af} _L22Q | <i>ssTtrA_{Af}</i> (natural sequence) with L22Q substitution in pUT18 | This study |
| pUT18-ssTtrA _{Af} _G24Q | <i>ssTtrA_{Af}</i> (natural sequence) with G24Q substitution in pUT18 | This study |
| pT25-TtrD | The <i>ttrD</i> (AF0160) gene (natural sequence) in pT25 | This study |
| pQE80-GST | Glutathione S transferase coding sequence in pQE80-L (to express His ₆ -GST) | This study |
| pQE80-ssTtrA _{Af} -GST | <i>ssTtrA_{Af}</i> (synthetic sequence) in QE80_GST; for production of ssTtrA _{Af} -GST | This study |
| pQE80-ssTtrA _{Af} -GST_TtrD1 | The <i>ttrD</i> (AF0160) gene (synthetic sequence) in pQE80-ssTtrA _{Af} -GST; for co-production of TtrD and ssTtrA _{Af} -GST | This study |
| pQE80-GST-TtrD1 | The <i>ttrD</i> (AF0160) gene (synthetic sequence) in pQE80-GST; for co-production of TtrD and His ₆ -GST | This study |

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S2. Oligonucleotides used in this study.

| Name | Sequence (5'-3') | Details |
|--------|---|---|
| SC1056 | <u>TATAGGATCC</u> ATGTCCCCATAGCTAGTTATTGGA | Forward primer to amplify GST from pGEX-5X-1 (BamHI) |
| SC1057 | <u>TATGAAGCTT</u> CAGATCCGATTTTGGAGG | Reverse primer to amplify GST from pGEX-5X-1 (HindIII) |
| SC1098 | <u>TATAGGATCC</u> ATGCAACTCTCCCGACGTG | Forward primer to clone ssTrA_Af (from synthetic operon) into pUNIPROM, pSUPROM and derived vectors (BamHI) |
| SC1077 | <u>TATATCTAG</u> ACCCGTGGCTTTACCAATCTATCC | Reverse primer to clone ssTrA_Af (from synthetic operon) into pUNIPROM, pSUPROM and derived vectors (XbaI) |
| SC1113 | <u>TATAGAATT</u> CAGGAGAAATATCTATGCAACTCTCCCGACG | Forward primer to clone ssTrA_Af (from synthetic operon) into pQE80-GST (EcoRI) |
| SC1114 | <u>TATAGGATCC</u> CCGTGGCTTTACCAATCTATCC | Reverse primer to clone ssTrA_Af (from synthetic operon) into pQE80-GST (BamHI) |
| SC1111 | <u>TATAGAATT</u> CAGGAGAAATACAAATGACAATCGGTCCGG | Forward primer to clone Trd (from synthetic operon) into pQE80-GST and related vectors (EcoRI) |
| SC1112 | <u>TATAGAATT</u> CTCAGTTGTATCGGCCCTTC | Reverse primer to clone Trd (from synthetic operon) into pQE80-GST and related vectors (EcoRI) |
| SC1183 | <u>TATATCAT</u> GACAATCGGTCCGGCTAAAG | Forward primer to clone Trd_Af (from synthetic operon) into pETM-11 (RcaI) |
| SC1112 | <u>TATAGAATT</u> CTCAGTTGTATCGGCCCTTC | Reverse primer to clone Trd (from synthetic operon) into pETM-11 (EcoRI) |
| SC1045 | <u>TATAGGATCC</u> AGTGACCATAGGGAGGGCAAAG | Forward primer to clone Trd_Af into pT25 (BamHI) |
| SC1046 | <u>TATAGGTAC</u> CTCAATTTGTCAGCTCCCTC | Reverse primer to clone Trd_Af into pT25 (KpnI) |
| SC1049 | <u>TATAAAGCTT</u> GTAAAGAGGAGGATCCATGCAGCTTAGCAGGAGGG | Forward primer to clone ssTrA_Af into pUT18 (HindIII) |
| SC1050 | <u>TATAGAATT</u> CGATCTCGGCTTAACCGACCTG | Reverse primer to clone ssTrA_Af into pUT18 (EcoRI) |
| SC1076 | IAIAGAAIICACCAIGCAACICICCCGACGTG | Forward primer to clone ssTrA (Af synthetic) into pBADssI or A-GFP-SsrA (EcoRI) |
| SC1077 | <u>TATATCTAG</u> ACCCGTGGCTTTACCAATCTATCC | Reverse primer to clone ssTrA (Af synthetic) into pBADssTorA-GFP-SsrA (XbaI) |
| SC1078 | <u>TATAGAGCT</u> CAGGAGGACAATGACAATCGG | Forward primer to clone Trd (Af synthetic) into pBAD33 (SacI) |
| SC1079 | <u>TATAGGTAC</u> CTCAGTTGTATCGGCCCTTC | Reverse primer to clone Trd (Af synthetic) into pBAD33 (KpnI) |
| SC1202 | <u>TATAGAATT</u> CGACGAGTAACCTGCGAGGAAACTG | Reverse primer to clone ssTrA_Af Region A into pUT18 (EcoRI) |
| SC1183 | <u>TATAAAGCTT</u> GTAAAGAGGAGGATCCATGAAGGCTCTCGTGGCTTTGG | Forward primer to clone ssTrA_Af Region B into pUT18 (HindIII) |
| SC1184 | <u>TATAGAATT</u> CGATCCGAGTAACCTGCGAGG | Reverse primer to clone ssTrA_Af Region B into pUT18 (EcoRI) |
| SC1185 | <u>TATAAAGCTT</u> GTAAAGAGGAGGATCCATGGTCTCTCGTGGCTTTGGC | Forward primer to clone ssTrA_Af Region C into pUT18 (HindIII) |
| SC1203 | <u>TATAAAGCTT</u> GTAAAGAGGAGGATCCATGGATTTTATAAGGCTCTCGTGGCTG | Forward primer to clone ssTrA_Af Region D into pUT18 (HindIII) |
| SC1204 | <u>TATAGAATT</u> CGACGAGCAACAGCCACGAG | Reverse primer to clone ssTrA_Af Region D into pUT18 (EcoRI) |
| SC1186 | CCATGCAGCTTAAAGAGGAGGATTTTAAAGGCTCTCG | Forward primer for Quikchange ssTrA_Af R6Q |
| SC1187 | CGAGACCTTAATAAAATCTGCCTGCTAAGCTGCATGG | Reverse primer for Quikchange ssTrA_Af R6Q |
| SC1188 | GGGTCTCGTGGCTCAGGCTCGGCATCAG | Forward primer for Quikchange ssTrA_Af V15Q |
| SC1189 | CTGATCCGAGCCCTGAGCCACGAGACCC | Reverse primer for Quikchange ssTrA_Af V15Q |
| SC1190 | TCTCGTGGCTGTGGCCAGGCATCAGTTTTCTCGC | Forward primer for Quikchange ssTrA_Af S17Q |
| SC1191 | GCGAGGAAAATGATGCCTGCCCAACGCCACGAGA | Reverse primer for Quikchange ssTrA_Af S17Q |
| SC1192 | CTGTTGGCTCGGCATCACAGTTCTCGCAGGTTACTCG | Forward primer for Quikchange ssTrA_Af V20Q |
| SC1193 | CGAGTAACCTGCGAGGAACCTGATGCCGAGCCAAACAG | Reverse primer for Quikchange ssTrA_Af V20Q |
| SC1194 | GCTCGGCATCAGTTTTCCAGGAGGTTACTCGG | Forward primer for Quikchange ssTrA_Af L22Q |
| SC1195 | CCGAGTAACCTGCCTGAAAATGATGCCGAGC | Reverse primer for Quikchange ssTrA_Af L22Q |
| SC1196 | CGGCATCAGTTTTCTCGCACAGTACTCGGAAACAGTTGAC | Forward primer for Quikchange ssTrA_Af G24Q |
| SC1197 | GTCACCTGTTTCCGAGTACTGTGCGAGGAAAATGATGCCG | Reverse primer for Quikchange ssTrA_Af G24Q |

Restriction sites used for cloning are underlined.
 * Trd was amplified as an RcaI-EcoRI fragment and then cloned into pETM-11 cut NcoI-EcoRI
 All primers were obtained from Sigma-Genosys, UK.

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S3. Structure statistics for TtrD.

| PDB Code | 2xol | | | 2yjm | | | 2y6y | | |
|---|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|
| Crystal Statistics | | | | | | | | | |
| Resolution range (Å) | 1.35-64.69 | | | 1.84 – 35.01 | | | 2.20 – 55.93 | | |
| Space Group | $P2_1$ | | | $C2$ | | | $P3_221$ | | |
| Unit cell dimensions: | | | | | | | | | |
| a, b, c (Å) | 62.76 | 52.54 | 64.95 | 91.16 | 37.93 | 49.12 | 87.06 | 87.06 | 83.39 |
| β (°) | 91.26 | | | 94.16 | | | - | | |
| Scaling Statistics | | | | | | | | | |
| Data collection location | ESRF ID-29 | | | In – house | | | ESRF ID-29 | | |
| No. Measurements | 622523 (80665) | | | 27711 (943) | | | 188108 (12266) | | |
| Unique reflections | 89700 (12764) | | | 13256 (1796) | | | 18960 (2751) | | |
| Redundancy | 6.9 6.3 | | | 2.1 2.1 | | | 9.9 4.5 | | |
| Completeness (%) | 96.9 94.9 | | | 90.6 84.7 | | | 100 100 | | |
| $\langle I / \sigma(I) \rangle$ | 17.6 4.2 | | | 9.9 4.3 | | | 14.1 3.5 | | |
| R_{merge} (%) | 5.4 49.2 | | | 5.6 15.9 | | | 11.2 38.9 | | |
| Refinement Statistics | | | | | | | | | |
| R_{work} (%) / No of reflections | 14.85 / 85158 | | | 21.41 / 12576 | | | 21.7 / 17981 | | |
| R_{free} (%) / No of reflections | 17.54 / 4523 | | | 24.51 / 680 | | | 23.8 / 955 | | |
| R.M.S.D bond lengths (Å) | 0.011 | | | 0.009 | | | 0.011 | | |
| R.M.S.D bond angles (°) | 1.27 | | | 0.986 | | | 1.13 | | |
| DPI ¹ | 0.046 | | | 0.155 | | | 0.165 | | |
| Ramachandran: | | | | | | | | | |
| Favoured region (%) | 98.5 | | | 98.8 | | | 98.11 | | |
| Outliers (%) | 0.0 | | | 0.0 | | | 0.63 | | |
| Model Statistics | | | | | | | | | |
| Protein residues: | | | | | | | | | |
| No. in subunits | 168 / 172 | | | 165 / - | | | 163 / - | | |
| Overall B -factor | 20.42 20.88 | | | 41.72 / - | | | 40.02 / - | | |
| Side chain | 22.41 22.02 | | | 43.30 / - | | | 42.33 / - | | |
| Main chain | 18.20 18.40 | | | 40.05 / - | | | 38.37 / - | | |
| Additional groups: | | | | | | | | | |
| Solvent | 393 / 40.7 | | | 88 / 33.13 | | | 70 / 40.69 | | |
| Other entities | Ethane diol (EDO) / 30.3 | | | CHES (NHE) / 42.7 | | | Cl ⁻ / 31.0 | | |

¹ DPI, The diffraction-component precision index ($I3$).

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