

## **Supplemental Materials**

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**Table S1.** Bacterial strains used in this study.

Strain	Relevant genotype	Reference/resource
<i>E. coli</i>		
DH5α λpir	<i>supE44, ΔlacU169 (ΦlacZΔM15), recA1, endA1, hsdR17, thi-1, gyrA96, relA1, λpir</i>	Lab collections
SM10λpir	<i>Km<sup>R</sup>, thi-1, thr, leu, tonA, lacY, supE, recA::RP4-2-Tc::Mu, λpir</i>	Lab collections
XL1-Blue	<i>endA1 gyrA96 thi-1 hsdR17 supE44 relA1 lac</i>	Lab collections
BTH101	<i>F-, cya-99, araD139, galE15, galK16, rpsL1 (Str<sup>r</sup>), hsdR2, mcrA1, mcrB1</i>	(1)
BTH101 <i>ΔdsbA</i>	BTH101 <i>ΔdsbA</i>	(2)
<i>V. cholerae</i>		
C6706	wild type, El Tor C6706, Sm <sup>r</sup>	(3)
LZV441	C6706 <i>ΔtoxRS, ΔtcpPH</i> ,	This study
LZV1122	C6706 <i>ΔdsbA ΔtoxRS, ΔtcpPH, Sm<sup>r</sup></i>	This study

**Table S2.** Plasmids used in this study.

Plasmid	Relevant property	Reference
pWM91	<i>oriR6KmobRP4</i> ; Ap <sup>r</sup>	(4)
pSRKtc	<i>lac</i> promoter and <i>lacI<sup>q</sup></i> , Tet <sup>r</sup>	(5)
pACYC117	Multicopy number cloning vector, Km <sup>r</sup>	NEB
pUT18	<i>lac</i> promoter and the T18 fragment for N-terminal heterologous protein fusion. Amp <sup>r</sup>	(1)
pUT18C	pUT18-derived vector, designed to create C-terminal heterologous protein fusion, Amp <sup>r</sup>	(1)
pKT25	<i>lac</i> promoter and the T25 fragment for C-terminal heterologous protein fusion. Km <sup>r</sup>	(1)
pKNT25	pKT25-derived vector, designed to create N-terminal heterologous protein fusion. Km <sup>r</sup>	(1)
pUT18C-tcpPH	pUT18C-derived, <i>tcpPH</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	(2)
pKT25-tcpPH	pKT25-derived, <i>tcpPH</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	(2)
pUT18C-tcpPH(C207S)	pUT18C-derived, <i>tcpP (C207S)tcpH</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	(2)
pUT18C-tcpPH(C218S)	pUT18C-derived, <i>tcpP(C218S)tcpH</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	(2)
pUT18C-C <sub>P</sub> -tcpH	pUT18C-derived, <i>tcpP(1-142 aa)</i> , <i>tcpH</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	(2)
pUT18C-C <sub>P</sub> -T <sub>P</sub> -tcpH	pUT18C-derived, <i>tcpP(1-176 aa)</i> , <i>tcpH</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	(2)
pUT18C-T <sub>P</sub> -P <sub>P</sub> -tcpH	pUT18C-derived, <i>tcpP(143-223 aa)</i> , <i>tcpH</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	(2)
pACYC-tcpPH(C207S)	pACYC117-derived, <i>tcpP (C207S)</i> , <i>tcpH</i> , Km <sup>r</sup>	(2)
pACYC-tcpPH(C218S)	pACYC117-derived, <i>tcpP(C218S)</i> , <i>tcpH</i> , Km <sup>r</sup>	(2)
pWM91-Δvc0034(dsba)	pWM91-derived, inframe deletion fragment of <i>dsba</i> . Amp <sup>r</sup>	(2)
pAH6-toxT-LacZ	<i>toxT</i> - <i>lacZ</i> transcriptional fusion reporter. Cm <sup>r</sup>	(6)
pUT18C-toxRS(C236S)	pUT18C-derived, <i>toxR(C236S)</i> , <i>toxS</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	This study
pUT18C-toxRS	pUT18C-derived, <i>toxRS</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	This study
pUT18C-toxRS(C293S)	pUT18C-derived, <i>toxR(C293S)</i> , <i>toxS</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	This study
pUT18C-C <sub>R</sub> -T <sub>R</sub>	pUT18C-derived, <i>toxR (1-193 aa)</i> , <i>toxS</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	This study
pUT18C-C <sub>R</sub>	pUT18C-derived, <i>toxR (1-177 aa)</i> , <i>toxS</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	This study
pUT18C-T <sub>R</sub> -P <sub>R</sub>	pUT18C-derived, <i>toxR(178-293 aa)</i> , <i>toxS</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	This study

Plasmid	Relevant property	Reference
pKT25-toxRS	pKT25-derived, <i>toxRS</i> , Km <sup>r</sup>	This study
pSRKtc-toxRS (C293S)	pSRKtc-derived, <i>toxR(C293S),toxS</i> , Tc <sup>r</sup>	This study
pSRKtc-toxRS (C236S)	pSRKtc-derived, <i>toxR(C236S),toxS</i> , Tc <sup>r</sup>	This study
pSRKtc-toxRS	pSRKtc-derived, <i>toxRS</i> , Tc <sup>r</sup>	This study
pUT18C-C <sub>R</sub> -T <sub>P</sub> -P <sub>P</sub> -tcpH	pUT18C-derived, <i>toxR(1-177 aa)-tcpP(143-223 aa), tcpH</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	This study
pUT18C-C <sub>P</sub> -T <sub>R</sub> -P <sub>R</sub>	pUT18C-derived, <i>tcpP(1-142 aa)-toxR(178-293 aa)</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	This study
pUT18C-C <sub>R</sub> -T <sub>R</sub> -P <sub>P</sub> -tcpH	pUT18C-derived, <i>toxR(1-193 aa)-tcpP(177-223 aa), tcpH</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	This study
pKNT25-AphB	pKNT25-derived, <i>aphB</i> , Km <sup>r</sup>	This study
pUT18-AphB	pUT18-derived, <i>aphB</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	This study
pKNT25-AphB(C235S)	pKNT25-derived, <i>aphB(C235S)</i> , Km <sup>r</sup>	This study
pUT18-AphB(C235S)	pUT18-derived, <i>aphB(C235S)</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	This study
pKNT25-ToxT	pKNT25-derived, <i>toxT</i> , Km <sup>r</sup>	This study
pUT18-ToxT	pUT18-derived, <i>toxT</i> , Amp <sup>r</sup>	This study
pACYC-AphB(C235S)	pACYC117-derived, containing <i>bad</i> promoter, and <i>aphB(C235S)</i> , Km <sup>r</sup>	(7)

**Table S3.** Oligonucleotide primers used in this study.

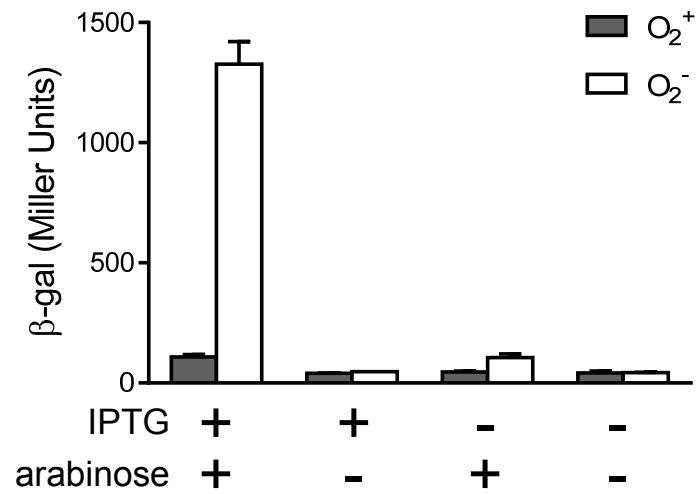
Oligonucleotides	Sequence (5' – 3') <sup>a</sup>	Used in plasmid
toxRS-Nde1-R	GCC <u>CATATGTT</u> CGGATTAGGACACAACTC	pSRKTC-toxRS
toxRS-Spe1-F	CCG <u>ACTAGTTA</u> AGAATTACTAACAGTACGG	

Oligonucleotides	Sequence (5' – 3') <sup>a</sup>	Used in plasmid
toxR <sup>C293S</sup> -F	GCAAGATCCTACT <u>CAGACACTT</u> GATGG	Overlap PCR primer for <i>toxR</i> (C293S) <i>toxS</i> fragment
toxR <sup>C293S</sup> -R	CCATCAAAGTGTCTGAGTAGGATCTTGC	
toxR <sup>C236S</sup> -F	GAACTGTCCGTTAAAAAATAC	Overlap PCR primer for <i>toxR</i> (C236S) <i>toxS</i> fragment
toxR <sup>C236S</sup> -R	GTATTTTAACGGACAGTTC	
toxRS-XbaI-F1	CGC <u>TCTAGA</u> G ATGTTCGGATTAGGACAC	pKT25-toxRS
toxRS-BamHI-R	CCG <u>GGATCC</u> TTAAGAATTACTGAACAGTACGG	
toxRS-KpnI-R	CGG <u>GGTACC</u> TTAAGAATTACTGAACAGTACGG	pUT18C-toxRS
toxRS-XbaI-F1	CGC <u>TCTAGA</u> G ATGTTCGGATTAGGACAC	pUT18C-toxRS(C293S) pUT18C-toxRS(C236S)
toxRcytotoxS-overlap-F	ATCCTACTCACACACTGGAGGCCATTATTCGTCAC	pUT18C-C <sub>R</sub>
toxRcytotoxS-overlap-R	AATAAAATCGGCTCCAGTGTGTGAGTAGGATCTTGCTATGC	
toxRcytotoxS-overlap-F	ATCCTACTCACACACGGGAAGTAAGACCCTATCAGAATAAG CAG	pUT18C-C <sub>R</sub> -T <sub>R</sub>
toxRcytotoxS-overlap-R	GCGGTCTTACTTCCC GTGTGAGTAGGATCTTGCTATGC	
toxR Tm--XbaI-F	CGC <u>TCTAGA</u> GGGGAATCGACTGCTTATT	pUT18C-T <sub>R</sub> -P <sub>R</sub>
toxR-Tm-peri-- KpnI-F	CGG <u>GGTACC</u> AGTCAGGTTAAGAATTACTG	
toxR cyto-XbaI-F	CGC <u>TCTAGA</u> GTTCGGATTAGGACACAAC	pUT18C-C <sub>R</sub> -T <sub>R</sub> -P <sub>P</sub> -tcpH
toxR cyto Tm tcpP	CATAACTATTGACGGC TACGCCATCGACAAC	
peri-overlap-R		
toxR cyto Tm tcpP	GTTGTCGATGGCGTA GCCGTCAATAGTTATG	
peri-overlap-F		
toxR cyto Tm tcpP	CGG <u>GGTACC</u> CTAAAAATCGCTTGAC	
peri-KpnI-R		
toxR cyto-XbaI-F	CGC <u>TCTAGA</u> GTTCGGATTAGGACACAAC	pUT18C-C <sub>R</sub> -T <sub>P</sub> -P <sub>P</sub> -tcpH

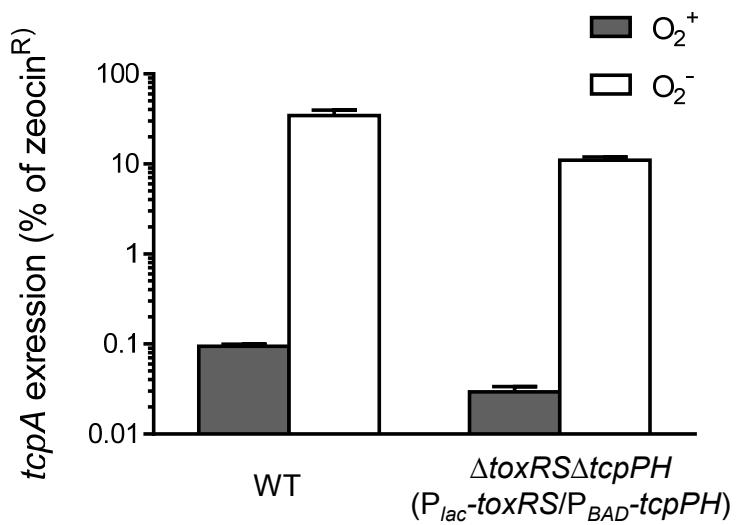
Oligonucleotides	Sequence (5' – 3') <sup>a</sup>	Used in plasmid
toxR cyto tcpP	GTTTATCTTCCCCCACTCAATCGATTATTCGTCAC	
Tm-peri-overlap-R		
toxR cyto tcpP	GTGACGAATAAATCGATTGAGTGGGGAAAGATAAAC	
Tm-peri-overlap-F		
toxR cyto tcpP Tm- peri-KpnI-R	CGG <u>GGTACC</u> CTAAAAATCGCTTGAC	
tcpP-cyto- XbaI-F	CGC <u>TCTAGA</u> GATGGGGTATGTCCGCG	pUT18C-C <sub>P</sub> -T <sub>R</sub> -P <sub>R</sub>
tcpP cyto toxR Tm peri-overlap-R	CGATTCCCCAAGTTGGAGCGTTATCTTCCCCCAC	
tcpP cyto toxR Tm peri-overlap-F	GTGGGGGAAGATAAAC GCTCCAAACTGGGGATCG	
tcpP cyto toxR Tm peri- KpnI-R	<u>CGGGGTACCG</u> CATAGCAAGATCCTACTCACACAC	
toxT-F-PstI	<b>GACTGCAGG</b> ATTGGGAAAAAATCTTCAAAC	pKNT25-toxT
toxT-R-KpnI	<b>GTGGTACCG</b> CTTCTGCAACTCCTGTCAAC	pUT18-toxT
aphB-F-PstI	<b>GCGCTGCAGG</b> ATGCAACATAATGTGTCAG	pKNT25-aphB
aphB-R-EcoRI	<b>CGGGAATT</b> CGATTGCAGGTGGTAGCCAATCAC	pUT18-aphB and their C235S mutants

<sup>a</sup>Restriction sites are underlined.

<sup>b</sup>Bold letters indicate amino acid change.



**Fig. S1. Both ToxR and TcpP are required for *toxT* expression.** *ΔtoxRS ΔtcpPH* mutants containing P<sub>BAD</sub>-tcpPH, P<sub>lac</sub>-toxRS and P<sub>toxT</sub>-lacZ reporter plasmids were grown in AKI aerobically or anaerobically with or without 0.01% arabinose and 1μM IPTG until OD<sub>600</sub> ≈ 0.3. β-galactosidase activity was then measured. Data represent the mean ± SD of three independent experiments.



**Fig. S2. The effects of ToxR-TcpP interaction on *tcpA* expression.**  $\Delta\text{toxRS}\Delta\text{tcpPH}$  mutants containing  $\text{P}_{\text{BAD}}\text{-tcpPH}$ ,  $\text{P}_{\text{lac}}\text{-toxRS}$  and  $\text{P}_{\text{toxT}}\text{-lacZ}$  reporter plasmids were grown in AKI aerobically or anaerobically with or without 0.01% arabinose and 1 $\mu\text{M}$  IPTG until  $\text{OD}_{600} \approx 0.3$ . This strain also harbored a  $\text{P}_{\text{tcpA-sh ble}}$  reporter (7). The cultures were then treated with 25  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  zeocin in 0.5x LB (pH 8.5) for 30' and the percentage of *zeocin<sup>R</sup>* cells were calculated based on the CFU counting.

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