



Fig S1 Light microscopy images (100X) of *B. thuringiensis* DB27 cultures used in *C. elegans* killing assays. A. Culture which kills nematodes in 16 hours and marked “BT DB27 veg cells/spores” in Fig 1A. Mixture of vegetative cells (often represented by chains of cells) and spores is shown. B. Culture which kills worms in 10 hours and marked “BT DB27 spores” in Fig 1A. Pure spores are shown. C. Culture which is not virulent to nematodes and marked “BT DB27 veg cells” in Fig 1A. Pure vegetative cells that form long chains are shown. Scale bar is 20 μm .

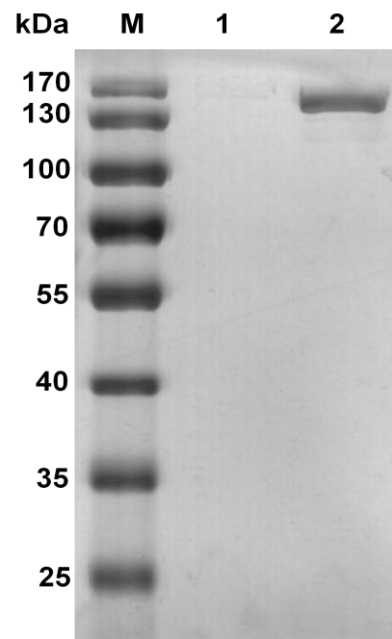


Fig S2 SDS-PAGE confirmation of Cry toxin production. Spore-crystal mixtures of *B. thuringiensis* DB27 (lane 2) and of plasmidless strain (lane 1) grown in BT sporulation medium were treated with alkaline solubilization buffer. Obtained proteins were resolved using SDS-PAGE, stained with Coomassie Brilliant Blue.

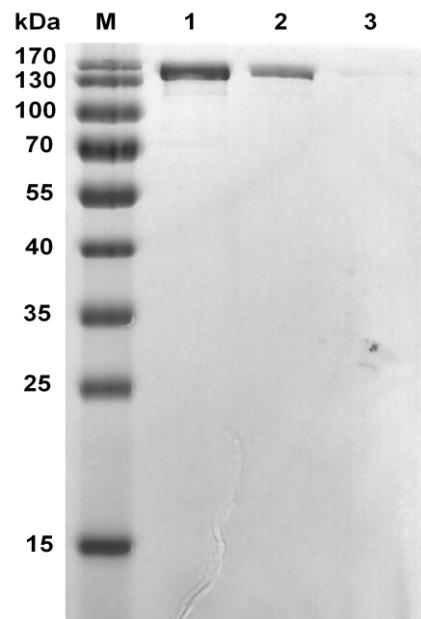


Fig S3 SDS-PAGE image of Cry proteins isolated from *B. thuringiensis* DB27 pure spores (lane 1), mixed culture of spores and vegetative cells (lane 2), pure vegetative cells (lane 3). Analyzed samples were normalized to total protein content. Vegetative cells do not produce Cry proteins, spores showed the highest production.

Fig S4 Multiple sequence alignment (Clustal Omega) of three novel Cry21 protoxins discovered in this study in comparison with Cry21Ba1 toxin, which shows the highest similarity to all three proteins

Fast, scalable generation of high-quality protein multiple sequence alignments using Clustal Omega Sievers F, Wilm A, Dineen DG, Gibson TJ, Karplus K, Li W, Lopez R, McWilliam H, Remmert M, Söding J, Thompson JD, Higgins DMolecular Systems Biology 7 Article number: 539 [doi:10.1038/msb.2011.75](https://doi.org/10.1038/msb.2011.75)

An * (asterisk) indicates positions which have a single, fully conserved residue.
 A : (colon) indicates conservation between groups of strongly similar properties.
 A . (period) indicates conservation between groups of weakly similar properties.

Colours mark the residues according to their physicochemical properties:

- RED – small and hydrophobic
- BLUE – acidic
- MAGENTA – basic
- GREEN - Hydroxyl + sulfhydryl + amine

Cry21Gal	MADLSNIYPIPYNTVSSQYFYQNQLDVPNGENNPLTKNEQLIEDFKKTLKEKPGNLLTA	60
Cry21Hal	MVVLNNIYKGPYNVLAATPTF----LDTQEGSFDDLITDLQSAWDFNFKT-----GAFS--	49
Cry21Ba1	MADLTELPSYHNVLARPIR----LDSIFDPPIDIFNALKGGWEEFAKT-----GYKD-P	50
Cry21Fa1	MVILNDIYKRPYNVLANPPIIVE-EGTTPGSFMDIFEDIKKAFEEFQKT-----GNLQ--	52
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Cry21Gal	GADIFKDIYNAI-DKQEVVDYLSLTTSILGLVSI FVPEIGFVAPLLGLFYRAMG---TGNT	116
Cry21Hal	-TEVLNQAYKMYENGGSF DYALALFKAGITVVGSVFPEIAPAVPFITMIANFIFPHLFGGT	108
Cry21Ba1	LEQHLKIAWNAS-QNGTIDYLALTKASISFIGL-IPDADAVVPPINMFVDFIFPKLFGEG	108
Cry21Fa1	-TTALQQAWNAY-QGGTIDYLALLKSSLSLVGLLIPGGEAAVPPIGMFLDFVFPKLF GAS	110
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Cry21Gal	TSDPNMNDIFALKPKIEEMIDS KLTQEEDFLNKTVEGLQDNLSNYRNAVRTFTIAKQS	176
Cry21Hal	SDN--KQTIINI DDEVNRLNLERLEQDKKDELQGYLNGMGNNIKDFGQKIVDTL FNS--	164
Cry21Ba1	SQQNSQAQPFELIIEKVKIIVDQEFRNFTLNTLLNDLDGMQTTLEHFQNDVQIAICQGEQ	168
Cry21Fa1	GSN--SDNVFPIIIKEVKQWTNQGFENFTLNSLNNTLIGIQSNISSFNEMIQIAICQEET	168
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Cry21Gal	KNTDKI-----KAAKTFLQRTIDIIDQIFTNQLAHLSSVHVKL	215
Cry21Hal	-----NKKPLIPNSHSLHDVYQSYSGFIGNVNTVIDQFR-----LKSYEKM	205
Cry21Ba1	PGLILD-EKHPPCTPTKNHLVSVKESFKNARTS IETVLPFKNPMTNKTPDFNSD TVLL	227
Cry21Fa1	PGDDKSSTPSPLCTPTAEHLKNVWTQFQIARTQIEASLPYFKNPMQLDASADPQSNYIML	228
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Cry21Gal	SLPYYAMMGTLYLALLKDTITNGVEWGYEDVVL-----NTKKYELREKIKTNTER	265
Cry21Hal	SLPYYCLAVTLVNLVYRDFIRYGGKWIYTTIDETDYTTYENYINTAIKNMNQLTSKATKY	265
Cry21Ba1	TLPMYTTAATLNLILHQGYIQFVERWKSVDYDEAFI-----NQTKADLQHRIQEYSTT	280
Cry21Fa1	TLPLYTMAATLNLTLYQSFIQFADKHKDVIYDLGTM-----EQTKANHRKKNIKSYTAT	281
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Cry21Gal	QAKQLSKARNVLVGGNF FKGHWLGRKATMVANHDLFKGDHLLLPPTLYPSYAYQKID	887
Cry21Hal	QAKQLSKARNVLVGGNF FKGHEWVLRKATMVANHDLFKGDHLLLPPTLYPSYAYQKID	915
Cry21Bal	QAKQLSKARNVLVGGNF FKGHEWVLRGREATMIANHELFKGDHLLLPPTLYPSYAYQKID	939
Cry21Fal	QAKQLSKTRNVLVGGNF FKGHEWALGREATMVANHELFKGDHLLLPPTLYPSYAYQKID	927
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Cry21Gal	ESK LQSNTRYTVSGFIAQSEHVEVVVSRYGKEVHDMLDVPYEEALPISSDESPNCKPAA	947
Cry21Hal	ESK LQPNTRYTVSGFVAQSEHLEVVVSRYGKEVHDMLDVPYEEALPISSDESPNCKPAA	975
Cry21Bal	ESK LKSNTRYTVSGFIAQSEHLEVIIVSRYGKEVHDMLDVPYEEALPISSDESPNCKPAT	999
Cry21Fal	ESK LKSNTRYTVSGFIAQSEHVEVIVSRYGKEVHDMLDVPYEEALPISSDESPNCKPAA	987
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Cry21Gal	CQCQSCDGS KRDSHFFSYSIDVGSVQSDVNLGIELGLRITKPNGFAKISNLEIKEDRPLT	1007
Cry21Hal	CQCSSCDGSQ PDSHFFSYSIDVGSIQSDVNLGIEFGLRIAKPNGFAKISNLEIKEDRPLT	1035
Cry21Bal	CQC PSCDGSQPDHFFSYSIDVGSVQSDVNLGIEFGLRIAKPNGFAKISNLEIKEDRPLT	1059
Cry21Fal	CQCSSCDGSQ PDSHFFSYNDVGSVQSDVNLGIEFGLRIAKPNGFAKISNLEIKEDRPLT	1047
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Cry21Gal	EKEIKKVQRKE QKWKAFDQEQTEVTARLQPTLDQINALYQNEWDWNSLHPVTTYQDLSA	1067
Cry21Hal	EKEIKKVQRKE QKWKAFDQEQA EVAATLQPTLDQINALYQNEWDWNSLHPVTTYQHLSA	1095
Cry21Bal	DQEIKKIQRKE QKWKAFDQEQA EVAATFQPTLDQINALYQNEWDWNSLHPVTTYQHLSA	1119
Cry21Fal	EKEIKKVQRKE QKWKAFDQEQA ELATTLQPTLDQINALYQNEWDWNSLHSHVTTYQHLSA	1107
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Cry21Gal	VVVP TLPKQRHWFMEDRKGESGLTQQFQQALDRAFQQIEEQNLIHNGSFNGLTDWTVT	1127
Cry21Hal	VVLP TLPKQRHWFMEDREGHEHYSVTQQFQQALDRAFQQIEEQNLIHNGSFANGLTDWTVT	1155
Cry21Bal	VVLP TLPKQRHWFMEDREGHEHYGVTQQFQQALDRGFQQIEEQNLIHNGSFANGLTDWTVT	1179
Cry21Fal	VVLPALPKQR HWFMEDREGHEHYGVTQQFQQALDRAFQQIEEQNLIHNGSFANGLTDWTVT	1167
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Cry21Gal	GDAQLTIF DEDPVLELAHWASVSQTIEIMDFEETTEYKLRVRGKKGTVTVQHGEEELE	1187
Cry21Hal	GDAQLTIF DEDPVLELAHWASVSQTIEIMDFEEDTEYKLRVRGKKGTVTVQHGEEELE	1215
Cry21Bal	GDAQLTIF DEDPVLELAHWASVSQTIEIMDFEETTEYKLRVRGKKGTVTVQHGEEELE	1239
Cry21Fal	GDAQLTIF DEDPVLELAHWASVSQTIEIMDFEEDTEYKLRVRGKKGTVTVQHGEEELE	1227
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Cry21Gal	TMTFN TTSFTTQEQTFFYFEGKTVDVHVQSENNTFLVDSVELIEVVEE - 1234	
Cry21Hal	TMTFN TTSFTTQEQTFFYFEGDTVDVHVQSENNTFLVDSVELIEVVEEE 1263	
Cry21Bal	TMTFN TTSFTTQEQTFFYFEGDTVDVHVQSENNTFLVDSVELIEVVEE - 1286	
Cry21Fal	TMTFN TTSFTTQEQTFFYFEGNTVDVHVQSENNTFLVDSAELIEVVEE 1275	
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Fig S5 Representative western blot image of purified Cry21Fa1 and Cry21Ha1 proteins. Western blot was used to confirm that size-selected proteins in chromatography-separated fractions are proteins of interest. Anti-His primary antibodies were used in 1:1000 dilution. Horseradish peroxidase-conjugated secondary antibody (1:5000) and enhanced chemiluminescence were used to visualize the signal.

Table S1 Log-rank statistical analysis of survival curves

Figures	Treatment ^a	Mean survival \pm SD ^b	Comparison ^c	P value ^d
1A	DB27 veg. cells DB27 mix cells/spores DB27 spores	20.0 \pm 0.0 ³ 10.7 \pm 0.6 ³ 5.4 \pm 0.48 ³	Veg. cells vs mix cells/spores Veg. cells vs spores Mix cells/spores vs spores	<0.00001 <0.00001 <0.0001
1G	<i>C. elegans</i> N2 <i>P. strongyloides</i> <i>O. carolinensis</i>	16.0 \pm 0.0 ³ 35.8 \pm 3.79 ³ 50.0 \pm 4.1 ³	<i>C. elegans</i> N2 vs <i>P. strongyloides</i> <i>C. elegans</i> N2 vs <i>O. carolinensis</i>	<0.0001 <0.0001
1H	<i>C. elegans</i> N2 <i>P. redivivus</i>	10.7 \pm 0.6 ³ 7.8 \pm 0.43 ³	<i>C. elegans</i> N2 vs <i>P. redivivus</i>	<0.001
3A	Vector Cry21Fa1 Cry21Ga1 Cry21Ha1	n. a. 42.0 \pm 2.23 ² n. a. 84.4 \pm 6.18 ²	Vector vs Fa1 Vector vs Ga1 Vector vs Ha1 Fa1 vs Ha1	<0.00001 ^{***} 0.82 ^{**} <0.00001 ^{**} <0.0001
3D	Cry21Fa1+vector Cry21Ha1+vector Cry21Fa1+Cry21Ha1 Cry21Ha1+Cry21Ga1 Cry21Ga1+Cry21Fa1 Cry21Ha1+Cry21Fa1+ Cry21Ga1	83.3 \pm 5.19 ² 109.2 \pm 4.07 ² 55.0 \pm 3.37 ² 104.4 \pm 4.69 ² 80.2 \pm 4.63 ² 63.9 \pm 4.84 ²	Fa1+v vs Fa1+Ha1 Ha1+v vs Fa1+Ha1 Fa1+v vs Ha1+v Fa1+v vs Fa1+Ga1 Fa1+v vs Fa1+Ha1+Ga1 Ha1+v vs Ha1+Ga1 Ha1+v vs Fa1+Ha1+Ga1	<0.0001 <0.0001 <0.001 0.612 0.014 0.525 <0.0001
3E	N2 Cry21Fa1 N2 Cry21Ha1 <i>nasp-1</i> cry21Fa1 <i>nasp-1</i> cry21Ha1	47.05 \pm 1.23 ² 83.3 \pm 6.26 ² 67.25 \pm 4.66 ² 114.0 \pm 4.88 ²	N2 vs <i>nasp-1</i> Cry21Fa1 N2 vs <i>nasp-1</i> Cry21Ha1	<0.0001 <0.001
4A	N2 Cry21Fa1 N2 Cry21Ha1 <i>bre-2</i> Cry21Fa1 <i>bre-2</i> Cry21Ha1 <i>bre-3</i> Cry21Fa1 <i>bre-3</i> Cry21Ha1	42.8 \pm 1.95 ² 84.4 \pm 6.18 ² 44.0 \pm 2.43 ² 89.6 \pm 6.4 ² 44.8 \pm 2.35 ² 93.6 \pm 6.25 ²	N2 vs <i>bre-2</i> Fa1 N2 vs <i>bre-2</i> Ha1 N2 vs <i>bre-3</i> Fa1 N2 vs <i>bre-3</i> Ha1	0.804 0.532 0.552 0.303
4B	N2 wt <i>xbp-1</i> <i>jun-1</i> <i>pmk-1</i> <i>kgb-1</i>	41.6 \pm 1.89 ² 34.4 \pm 1.75 ² 34.4 \pm 1.93 ² 27.6 \pm 0.91 ² 38.8 \pm 1.77 ²	N2 vs <i>xbp-1</i> N2 vs <i>jun-1</i> N2 vs <i>pmk-1</i> N2 vs <i>kgb-1</i>	0.006 0.012 <0.0001 0.223

Mean survival and statistical significance were calculated for each experiment as detailed in Materials and Methods.

^a Treatment indicates which nematode species, mutant genotype and/or toxins were analysed.

^b Mean survival and standard error for indicated treatment. Each treatment was tested in at least three replicates and repeated at least two times. Superscript indicates the number of repetitions of that experiment. The reported mean is based on the average survival curve of the replicates of the representative experiment.

^c Comparison shows which treatments are statistically compared.

^d P value for a given comparison.

n. a. * survival curves for these treatments are not completed, therefore it is not possible to calculate mean survival time

** P values for time point 120 hours

*** P value for time point 48 hours

Table S2 Potential virulence factors of *B. thuringiensis* DB27 detected by whole genome sequencing

Potential virulence factor	Function	Quantity	Location
Microbial collagenase	Peptidase M9	1	plasmid
Hemolysin BL	enterotoxin	3	plasmid
NheA, NheB, NheC	non-hemolytic enterotoxin	1	chromosome
Phospholipase (pipls, cerA, cerB)	lipase	3	chromosome
Collagenase	Peptidase M9	2	chromosome
Immune inhibitor A	InhA peptidase M6 superfamily	3	chromosome
Chitinase	chitinase	2	chromosome
Lipase	lipase	9	chromosome
Bacillolysin	Neutral protease	4	chromosome
Proteases	protease	>40	chromosome
Enhancin	mettaloprotease	1	chromosome
Hemolysin(CytK, Hly3)	cytotoxins	3	chromosome

Table S3 Features of *B. thuringiensis* DB27 plasmids and Cry toxins detected by whole genome sequencing

Plasmid name	Plasmid size, bp	Detected Cry toxins	% of protein similarity to known toxins	Designated new names	GenBank accession number
pDB27210	201029	Cry21Ba1-like	54	Cry21Fa1	KF701307
pDB27104	104550	-			
pDB2743	43904	-			
pDB278	8003	Cry21Ba1-like	49	Cry21Ga1	KF771885
pDB276	6525	Cry21Ba1-like	50	Cry21Ha1	KF771886
pDB275	5336	-			
pDB274	4121	-			