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#### SI Materials and Methods

Strains and Media. Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans (Aa) and Streptococcus gordonii were cultured in filter-sterilized tryptic soy broth  $+ 0.5\%$  (wt/vol) yeast extract (TSBYE) medium. Escherichia coli was cultured in LB medium. Cultures were grown at 37 °C with shaking at 250 rpm oxically in a 5%  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ atmosphere, microoxically in a chamber (Coy) with a 5%  $O_2$ ,  $10\%$  CO<sub>2</sub>, and 85% N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, or anoxically in a chamber (Coy) with a 5%  $H_2$ , 10%  $CO_2$ , and 85%  $N_2$  atmosphere. Where appropriate, antibiotics were used at previously described selection and maintenance concentrations (1). Agar plates containing bovine liver catalase (Sigma-Aldrich) were made by equilibrating concentrated agar media to 42 °C and adding lyophilized catalase (suspended in 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer, pH 7.0) to give a final catalase activity concentration of 10,000 U mL<sup>-1</sup>. Aa biofilms for monoculture experiments were formed by spotting 100 μL dense cell suspensions  $(OD = 0.5)$  onto 0.2-µm-pore–size polycarbonate filters (Whatman) placed onto the surface of tryptic soy agar + yeast extract (TSAYE) plates. Colony biofilms were moved to a fresh location on the plate after 24 h and further incubated anoxically for a total of 48 h before conducting experiments.

**Strain Construction.** The promoter fragment for generating a gene encoding the enzyme Dispersin B (dspB) transcriptional reporter construct (pYGK-pepB-β) was amplified from Aa 624 genomic DNA, digested, and ligated into pYGK-βGal (primers and restriction enzymes are listed in Table S4). The construct was electroporated into Aa 624 as previously described (2). Constructs for deleting the gene encoding the enzyme Dispersin B and  $\alpha$ <sub>xy</sub>R from Aa 624 by natural transformation and homologous recombination were generated by using overlap extension PCR to fuse the 5 $\degree$ - and 3 $\degree$ -flanking regions of the target gene to an Spc<sup> $\kappa$ </sup> cassette (aad9). One hundred nanograms each fragment was mixed and amplified using the following conditions: (i) 5 min at 94 °C; (ii) 3 cycles of 45 s at 94 °C, 45 s at 40 °C, and 3 min at 68 °C; (iii) 10 cycles of 45 s at 94 °C, 45 s at 45 °C, and 3 min at 68 °C; (iv) 15 cycles of 45 s at 94 °C, 45 s at 50 °C, and 3 min at 68 °C; (v) 10 cycles of 45 s at 94 °C, 45 s at 55 °C, and 3 min at 68 °C; and  $(vi)$  10 min at 68 °C. Natural transformation of 624 was performed as previously described (3). Briefly, a 5- to 10-mL culture of 624 was pelleted, declumped by pestling, and spotted onto  $TSAYE + 5\%$  heatinactivated horse serum (Life Technologies). Spots were incubated for 24 h, collected, and resuspended in TSBYE. cAMP (Sigma-Aldrich) was added to a final concentration of 2 mM, and the suspension was respotted onto a fresh TSAYE + serum plate and incubated anoxically for 2 h to increase intracellular cAMP concentrations (4). The spot was then overlaid with  $1 \mu$ g appropriate gene deletion construct and further incubated for 24 h before being resuspended and plated onto TSAYE with spectinomycin. Transformants were confirmed by PCR for replacement of the target gene with  $aad9$ . The  $lysT(5)$  promoter fragment for generating the constitutive mCherry construct

(pPJ002) was amplified from  $Aa$  Y4 genomic DNA and fused by overlap extension PCR to mCherry amplified from pmCherry (Clontech). The fusion was digested and ligated into pJAK16 (primers and restriction enzymes are listed in Table S4). The construct was electroporated into Aa 624 as previously described (2).

β-Gal Assays. Biofilms were transferred to test tubes with rich media [tryptic soy broth + yeast extract (TSBYE)] and vortexed to remove attached cells. β-Gal activity was quantified using a luminescence assay (Galacto-Light Plus; Life Technologies) and microplate luminometer (Luminoskan Ascent; Thermo-Fisher Scientific). Raw luminescence values were normalized by total protein concentration determined using a standard Bradford assay on cells washed and boiled in 6 M urea.

Test Tube Dispersal Assay. Aa 624 was inoculated to an OD of 0.01 into test tubes with 2 mL rich media (TSBYE) and incubated anoxically with shaking for 24 h to form ring biofilms. Biofilms were gently washed, replaced with 4 mL media, and further incubated, either anoxically or oxically, with shaking for 48 h before being stained with crystal violet for visualization.

Microscopy. Abscess samples were resected from mice at the specified time point and immediately placed in coverwell imaging chambers (Electron Microscopy Sciences). For each chamber, ∼50–100 μL Prolong Gold antifade reagent (Invitrogen) was placed on the sample, sealed with a  $45 \times 50$ -mm coverglass (12–544-F; Fisherbrand), and then analyzed by confocal laser-scanning microscopy. All samples were visualized using an A1 confocal (Nikon) on a Ti-E inverted microscope (Nikon) equipped with a Plan Apo 10×/0.45 N.A. differential interference contrast (DIC) N1 objective (Nikon). Images were acquired using an N-STORM super resolution camera (Nikon) controlled with NIS-Elements Ar 4.13 software (Nikon). For each sample, multiple Z stacks were taken from distinct areas within the abscess, and optical sections within each Z stack were collected using a step size of 4.0–10.0 μm. All instrument settings were uniformly consistent and maintained between each set of experimental conditions. Z-stack images were then adjusted for γ, brightness, and contrast (identically for compared image sets) using NIS-Elements Ar 4.0 software (Nikon) before spatial distribution analysis. Images were generated in the Image Analysis Core Facility supported by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Operon Analysis. RNA from Aa VT1169 and 624 oxic liquid cultures was isolated for RT-PCR. cDNA synthesis with  $N_6$  random primers and PCR on genomic DNA, cDNA, and RNA templates was performed as previously described (6) using primers targeting cotranscribed coding regions (Table S4).

RNA-seq. RNA isolation, next-generation sequencing library preparation, and computational methods were conducted as previously described (7).

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Fig. S1. Growth of Aa is inhibited by S. gordonii (Sg) in an H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-dependent manner. An overnight anoxic culture of Aa 624 was struck out as lawns onto rich media. Paper discs were placed onto the lawns and inoculated with 10<sup>7</sup> cfu exponential-phase Sg WT or spxB<sup>-</sup>, a mutant that does not produce H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Images were acquired after coculturing the bacteria overnight under anoxic or oxic growth conditions. Images are of one representative experiment.



Fig. S2. The dspB promoter region and operon. (A) DNA sequence of the dspB promoter region. The start codon is in bold, the transcriptional start site is denoted by +1, putative  $\sigma^{70}$  promoter elements are underlined, and a putative OxyR operator is boxed. (B) Alignment to the consensus sequence shows that dspB has a degenerate OxyR binding sequence. (C) Structure of the dspB operon. Regions 1 and 2 correspond to the fragments amplified for the cotranscription analysis in D. (D) RT-PCR was used to show that dspB is in an operon with pepB and ndk. RNA for cDNA synthesis was extracted from oxic cultures of Aa strains VT1169 and 624. gDNA, genomic DNA.



Fig. S3. dspB is regulated by OxyR. (A) β-Gal activity was quantified for anoxically grown Aa strain 624 WT or oxyR<sup>-</sup> colony biofilms that were transferred to media alone or media supplemented with exogenous catalase (10,000 U mL<sup>−1</sup>) and incubated under anoxic or oxic conditions for 6 h. (*Upper*) Fold difference in dspB expression (y axis) was determined by dividing the oxic expression value for each strain by its corresponding anoxic value. The dashed line represents anoxic expression (normalized to one within each replicate). Error bars represent SEM ( $n = 3$ ). \*P < 0.025 by a two-tailed Student t test. (Lower) Semiquantitative RT-PCR was used to measure oxic dspB expression in WT, oxyR<sup>−</sup>, and complemented oxyR<sup>−</sup> (oxyR<sup>−</sup> + oxyR) strains. RNA for cDNA synthesis was harvested from anoxic biofilms that were transferred to oxic conditions for 6 h. The constitutively expressed clpX gene served as a loading control. (B) Same as A except with Aa strain VT1169.  $^{\dagger}P$  < 0.06 by a two-tailed Student t test.



Fig. S4. dspB mediates dispersal in response to oxygen. (A) Qualitative test tube assay for monitoring biofilm dispersal. (1) Aa is initially grown as an anoxic shaking culture to form a ring biofilm (brown), (2) the media is replaced with a larger volume, (3) the culture is further incubated under anoxic (−O2) or oxic (+O2) conditions, and (4) detachment is assessed after crystal violet staining (purple). Biofilm dispersal is indicated by the development of a second ring biofilm (#2) located above the initial biofilm (#1). (B) Representative result of the test tube assay.



Fig. S5. The catalase gene (katA) and dspB transcription are enhanced during coculture in vivo with Sq. RNA-seq was used to measure katA and dspB gene expression within mono- and coinfected abscesses. Data analysis was performed as previously described (SI Materials and Methods). Aa, monoinfection; Aa + Sg, coinfection. Errors bars represent SEM. \*\*P < 0.0065;  $^{\dagger}P$  < 0.075 by a two-tailed Student t test (n = 3).



Fig. S6. dspB and katA enhance community-wide fitness in vivo. (A) dspB and katA are required for Aa polymicrobial synergy with Sg. Murine abscesses were formed using Aa WT (Aa), katA−, dspB−, and Sg. At 3 d postinfection, abscesses were harvested for enumerating viable bacteria on selective media. Each data point represents a single animal, and at least two biological replicates were performed for each condition. Horizontal bars represent the mean. Five katA<sup>−</sup> data points with values less than 10<sup>4</sup> cfu/abscess are not shown for visualization purposes. ns, not significant by a two-tailed Mann-Whitney U test. \*P < 0.015; \*\*P < 0.005; <sup>†</sup>P < 0.075 by a two-tailed Mann–Whitney U test. (B) Sg is less fit during coinfection with Aa katA<sup>-</sup> and dspB<sup>-</sup>. Coinfected murine abscesses were harvested at 3 d postinfection to enumerate viable bacteria on selective media. Each data point represents a single animal, and at least two biological replicates were performed for each condition. Horizontal bars represent the mean. \*P < 0.04; \*\*P < 0.005 by a two-tailed Mann–Whitney U test.



Fig. S7. DspB modulates community spatial structure in vivo. (A) Bacterial aggregates in vivo are larger when Aa cannot disperse. Each data point represents the mean aggregate size of either Aa or Sg within a single confocal Z stack [Aa + Sg (n = 12); dspB<sup>-</sup> + Sg (n = 16)]. For each species, aggregate sizes in dspB<sup>-</sup> + Sg infections were compared with aggregate sizes in Aa + Sg infections to determine statistical significance. \*P < 0.03 by a two-tailed Mann-Whitney U test. (B) Aa that cannot disperse is located closer to Sg. Aa positional fraction is plotted as a histogram. Positional fraction here is defined as the proportion of total Aa biomass that is contained within defined micrometer ranges away from Sg aggregates. Positional fractions have been normalized, such that fractions above one (log<sub>2</sub> = 0) occur more than expected, whereas fractions below one (log<sub>2</sub> = 0) occur less than expected. Each column represents the mean, and the tested distances from Sg are indicated. The light gray region indicates positional fractions that were more than expected, and the dark gray region indicates positional fractions that were less than expected. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals. Aa + Sq (n = 12); dspB<sup>-</sup> + Sq (n = 16). \*P < 0.05; \*\*P < 0.01 by a two-tailed Student t test.



Fig. S8. Model for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-supported L-lactate consumption by Aa. Oxygen levels control H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and L-lactate production by Sg. In highly oxic regions, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is inhibitory to Aa and induces detoxification by KatA and dispersal by DspB. In less oxic regions, KatA converts H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> to oxygen and enables Aa L-lactate consumption. In anoxic regions, L-lactate is abundant but unavailable to Aa as a carbon source.

			Table 51. Aa genes induced tworold or greater in the presence of oxygen
FC*	SD	ORF no. <sup>†</sup>	Description
2.00	1.33	AA0004	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.42	2.49	AA0019	Hypothetical protein
2.93	2.20	AA0024	DNA-binding protein, putative
2.59	1.88	AA0026	Hypothetical protein
4.68	4.63	AA0065	Hypothetical protein
3.36	1.24	AA0142	Glycerate kinase, putative
5.10	1.32	AA0143	Conserved hypothetical protein
3.86	1.18	AA0223	Catalase (katA)
2.38	1.53	AA0395	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.46	2.01	AA0396	Conserved hypothetical protein
3.54	1.07	AA0546	Cytochrome c-type protein, putative
3.03	1.06	AA0547	Diheme cytochrome C napB precursor, putative
3.73	1.06	AA0549	Ferredoxin-type protein, putative
4.00	1.08	AA0550	Ferredoxin-type protein, putative
4.36	1.13	AA0551	Hypothetical protein
3.67	1.04	AA0551	Hypothetical protein
3.36	1.09	AA0552	Periplasmic nitrate reductase precursor, putative
5.46	1.55	AA0553	NapD protein, putative
2.00	2.72	AA0631	Hypothetical protein
2.69	2.25	AA0633	Hypothetical protein
2.22	1.13	AA0708	Cysteine desulfurase, putative
2.22	1.09	AA0709	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.22	1.16	AA0715	Ferredoxin 2Fe-2S, putative
2.73	1.04	AA0716	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.98	1.33	AA0719	Hypothetical protein
2.83	1.30	AA0719	Hypothetical protein
3.42	1.32	AA0721	Conserved hypothetical protein (dspB)
3.25	1.19	AA0722	Nucleoside diphosphate kinase, putative
3.14	1.18	AA0723	Cytosol aminopeptidase, putative
3.31	1.30	AA0795	Iron compound ABC transporter, substrate-binding protein, putative
2.88	1.26	AA0796	Iron compound ABC transporter, permease protein, putative
2.83	1.19	AA0798	Iron compound ABC transporter, permease protein, putative
2.59	1.23	AA0799	Vibriobactin and enterobactin ABC transporter,
			ATP-binding protein, putative
2.11	4.33	AA0803	Hypothetical protein
2.11	1.37	AA1048	Major ferric iron-binding protein, putative
2.93	4.77	AA1212	Hypothetical protein
2.59	2.47	AA1395	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.07	2.24	AA1531	Hypothetical protein
2.51	1.36	AA1604	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.38	2.86	AA1620	Hypothetical protein
2.34	1.59	AA1640	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.59	1.80	AA1823	Hypothetical protein
2.73	1.38	AA1824	Not yet annotated
2.55	1.28	AA1825	Iron(III) ABC transporter, permease protein, putative
2.78	1.30	AA1826	Iron(III) ABC transporter, putative
2.88	1.47	AA1827	Iron(III) ABC transporter, periplasmic-binding protein, putative
2.98	1.46	AA1840	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.42	2.50	AA1904	Hypothetical protein
2.00	2.15	AA1908	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.98	2.03	AA1911	Hypothetical protein
3.03	1.06	AA1984	Tellurite resistance protein, putative
2.88	1.54	AA2034	Ferredoxin-NADP reductase, putative
2.42	2.92	AA2074	Hypothetical protein
2.42	1.27	AA2123	Hypothetical protein
2.14	1.46	AA2436	Conserved hypothetical protein
5.37	1.50	AA2485	Adhesin invasin, putative (apiA)
2.69	1.31	AA2495	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.88	1.20	AA2521	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.83	1.21	AA2532	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.30	4.51	AA2546	Hypothetical protein

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#### Table S4. Primers used in this study



\*Represents the restriction site, overlap extension sequence, or uptake signal sequence (USS).

## Other Supporting Information Files

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