# **Supporting Information**

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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<sub>2</sub>, 10% CO<sub>2</sub>, and 85% N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, or anoxically in a chamber (Coy) with a 5% H<sub>2</sub>, 10% CO<sub>2</sub>, and 85% N<sub>2</sub> 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- $\beta$ ) 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 oxvR from Aa 624 by natural transformation and homologous recombination were generated by using overlap extension PCR to fuse the 5'- and 3'-flanking regions of the target gene to an  $\text{Spc}^{R}$ 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; ( $\nu$ ) 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).

 $\beta$ -Gal Assays. Biofilms were transferred to test tubes with rich media [tryptic soy broth + yeast extract (TSBYE)] and vortexed to remove attached cells.  $\beta$ -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  $\gamma$ , 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  $H_2O_2$ -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  $10^7$  cfu exponential-phase *Sg* WT or *spxB*<sup>-</sup>, a mutant that does not produce  $H_2O_2$ . Images were acquired after coculturing the bacteria overnight under anoxic or oxic growth conditions. Images are of one representative experiment.



**Fig. 52.** 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. 53. dspB is regulated by OxyR. (A)  $\beta$ -Gal activity was quantified for anoxically grown Aa strain 624 WT or  $oxyR^-$  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) Semi-quantitative RT-PCR was used to measure oxic dspB expression in WT,  $oxyR^-$ , and complemented  $oxyR^-$  ( $oxyR^- + oxyR$ ) 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. <sup>†</sup>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  $(-O_2)$  or oxic  $(+O_2)$  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 *Sg*. 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; <sup>†</sup>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<sup>-</sup>*, *dspB<sup>-</sup>*, 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; \**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 to represent the mean. \**P* < 0.04; \*\**P* < 0.005 by a two-tailed Mann–Whitney U test.



**Fig. 57.** 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);  $dspB^- + Sg$  (n = 16)]. For each species, aggregate sizes in  $dspB^- + Sg$  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 ( $log_2 = 0$ ) occur more than expected, whereas fractions below one ( $log_2 = 0$ ) 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 + Sg (n = 12);  $dspB^- + Sg$  (n = 16). \*P < 0.05; \*\*P < 0.01 by a two-tailed Student *t* test.



**Fig. S8.** Model for  $H_2O_2$ -supported L-lactate consumption by *Aa*. Oxygen levels control  $H_2O_2$  and L-lactate production by *Sg*. In highly oxic regions,  $H_2O_2$  is inhibitory to *Aa* and induces detoxification by KatA and dispersal by DspB. In less oxic regions, KatA converts  $H_2O_2$  to oxygen and enables *Aa* L-lactate consumption. In anoxic regions, L-lactate is abundant but unavailable to *Aa* as a carbon source.

Table S	I. Aa	genes induced to	wotold 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	1.13	AA0551	Hypothetical protein
3 36	1 09	AA0552	Periplasmic nitrate reductase precursor putative
5.36	1 55	AA0553	NanD protein putative
2.00	2 72	AA0631	Hypothetical protein
2.00	2.72	AA0633	Hypothetical protein
2.05	1 13	A A 0708	Cysteine desulfurase nutative
2.22	1.15	A A 0709	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.22	1.05	AA0715	Ferredovin 2Fe-2S nutative
2.22	1.10	AA0716	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.75	1 3 3	A A 0719	Hypothetical protein
2.50	1.55	A A 0719	Hypothetical protein
2.05	1.30	ΔΔ0721	Conserved hypothetical protein (dsnB)
3.75	1.52	ΔΔ0721	Nucleoside diphosphate kinase putative
3.23	1.19	AA0722	
2 21	1.10	AA0725	Iron compound ABC transportor substrate binding protein putative
2.21	1.50	AA0795	Iron compound ABC transporter, substrate-binding protein, putative
2.00	1.20	AA0790	Iron compound ABC transporter, permease protein, putative
2.05	1.15	A A 0799	Vibriobactin and enterobactin ABC transporter
2.33	1.25	AA0733	ATP binding protoin putativo
2 11	1 22	V V 0803	Hypothetical protein
2.11	4.55	AA0805 AA1048	Major forric iron binding protoin, putativo
2.11	1.57	ΔΔ1212	Hypothetical protein
2.55	2/17	AA1212 AA1395	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.55	2.47	AA1531	Hypothetical protein
2.07	1 26	A A 1604	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.31	7.96	AA 1620	Hypothetical protein
2.30	1 50	AA1640	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.54	1.55	ΔΔ1823	Hypothetical protein
2.35	1.00	AA 1827	Not yet appointed
2.75	1.50	AA 1825	Iron(III) ABC transporter permease protein putative
2.35	1.20	AA 1825	Iron(III) ABC transporter, permease protein, putative
2.70	1.50	AA 1020 A A 1927	Iron(III) ABC transporter, patiative
2.00	1.47	AA18/0	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.50	2 50	A A 1040	Hypothetical protein
2.42	2.50	AA 1904	Concerved hypothetical protein
2.00	∠.1⊃ 2.02	ΔΑ1500 ΔΔ1011	Conserved hypothetical protein Hypothetical protein
2.50	2.05	AA 1911 A A 1004	Tallurita resistance protein, putative
2.05	1 5/	ΔΔ2024	Ferredovin-NADP reductase putative
2.00	7 07	AA2034 A A 2074	Hypothetical protoin
2.42 7 /17	2.92 1.77	AA20/4	Hypothetical protein Hypothetical protein
2.42 2.1/	1.27	AA2123	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.14 5.27	1.40	AA2430	Adhasin invasin, putativo (apiA)
2.57	1.50	AA2400 A A 2405	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.09	1.21	AA2490	Conserved hypothetical protein
∠.00 2.92	1.20	AA2021	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.05	⊺.∠⊺ ∕/⊑1	AA2332	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.30	4.51	AA2546	nypothetical protein

Table S1. Aa genes induced twofold or greater in the presence of oxygen

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FC*	SD	ORF no. <sup>†</sup>	Description			
4.44 2.11	2.06 5.96	AA2593 AA2798	Conserved hypothetical protein Hypothetical protein Not yet appetted			
2.00 2.18	1.84 4.12	AA2803 AA2921 AA3016	Conserved hypothetical protein Hypothetical protein			

\*Fold changes (FCs) are relative to anoxic gene expression and represent the average of four pairwise comparisons. <sup>†</sup>ORF numbers are from the *Aa* HK1651 genome annotations (www.genome.ou.edu/act.html).

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Table S2.	Aa genes induced to	wofold or greater i	n the absence of oxygen

FC*	SD	ORF no. <sup>†</sup>	Description
4.52	2.47	AA0025	Hypothetical protein
4.92	1.77	AA0031	Hypothetical protein
2.46	1.26	AA0041	Formate-dependent nitrite reductase, putative
6.50	1.20	AA0043	Polysulfide reductase, putative
5.56	1.14	AA0044	Nitrite reductase, iron-sulfur protein, putative
7.73	1.09	AA0046	Nitrite reductase, cytochrome c-type protein, putative
8.72	1.30	AA0047	Cytochrome c nitrite reductase, catalytic subunit NrfA, putative
3.73	1.13	AA0069	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.64	1.33	AA0236	Anaerobic ribonucleoside-triphosphate reductase, putative
2.59	1.35	AA0288	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.33	1 46	AA0290	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.00	1 41	AA0478	Phosphotransferase system mannose-specific IIAB component putative
2.00	1 44	AA0495	Hypothetical protein
5.01	1.73	AA0804	Fumarate reductase flavoprotein subunit putative
4 59	1.20	A A 0805	Fumarate reductase inco-sulfur protein, putative
5.66	1.20	AA0806	Fumarate reductase 15 kDa bydrophobic protein, putative
5.00 6.84	1.00	ΔΔ0807	Fumarate reductase 13 kDa hydrophobic protein, putative
2 78	2.80	ΔΔ0852	Hypothetical protein
3 67	1 36	A A 0853	Hypothetical protein
2.59	1.50	A A 085/	ABC transporter permease protein putative
2.55	1.20	A A 0855	ABC transporter, permease protein, putative
2.20	1.22	A A 0856	ABC transporter, perintease protein, putative
2.14	1.20	AA0850	ABC transporter, ATP binding protein, putative
2.20	1.55	AA0050	Abe transporter, Arr-binding protein, putative
3.01	1.31	AA1137 AA1128	Anaerobic dimethyl suffoxide reductase chain a, putative
2 1/	1.41	AA1130 AA1140	Anaerobic dimethyl sulfoxide reductase chain 6, putative
5.14 2.46	1.50	AA1140 AA1141	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.40	1.55	AA1141 AA1210	
2.00	1.55	AA 13 10 A A 1270	Rypolitetical protein Glycorophorphoryl diaster phorphodiasterase, putative
2.40	1.02	AA 1379	Der A protein putative
2.42	1.49	AA 1505	Hovuloso & phosphate supthase putative
2.54	1.08	AA 1092 A A 1694	Not yot apported
2.95	1.74	AA 1094 A A 1695	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.31	1.79	AA1095 AA1717	Eumarate hydratase class II, putative
2.30	1.12	AA1717 AA1758	Hydrogenese isoenzymes nickel incornoration protein hynR nutative
2.22	1.24	AA1750 AA1750	Not yet appointed
2.51	1.04	AA1750	Hydrogenase expression formation protein putative
2.75	1.23	AA1767	Hypothetical protein
2.07	1.15	ΔΔ1769	Hypothetical protein
5 10	1.60	ΔΔ1839	Bacterionhage transcriptional regulator putative
2 78	2.93	AA1950	Spermidine putrescine ABC transporter permease protein putative
3 73	1 69	ΔΔ2028	Conserved hypothetical protein
3 54	2 30	ΔΔ2120	Conserved hypothetical protein
2 34	1 72	AA2190	Hydrogenase assembly chaperone HypC putative
5 46	1.72	AA2193	Oxaloacetate decarboxylase $\gamma$ -subunit putative
5 37	1 41	AA2195	Oxaloacetate decarboxylase $q$ -subunit, putative
5 56	1 72	AA2196	Oxaloacetate decarboxylase & subunit, putative
3.61	2.53	AA2199	Hypothetical protein
2.42	1.17	AA2231	Dethiobiotin synthetase, putative
15.45	1.22	AA2250	Cytochrome c-type protein, putative
12.13	1.06	AA2251	Biotin sulfoxide reductase, putative
2.73	1.45	AA2540	5-Methyltetrahydropteroyltriglutamate-homocysteine
2.7.5		/ 0 .20 10	methyltransferase, putative
2.30	1.33	AA2565	Iransketolase, N-terminal subunit, putative
2.11	1.30	AA2566	Conserved hypothetical protein
2.18	1.42	AA2567	Hypothetical protein
3.19	1.43	AA2595	Cytochrome c551 peroxidase, putative
2.38	1.39	AA2682	Not yet annotated
9.35	1.23	AA2683	Conserved hypothetical protein
5.56	1.53	AA2684	Conserved hypothetical protein
4.52	1.46	AA2686	Hypothetical protein
13.00	3.19	AA2687	Na H antiporter component, putative
6.96	1.16	AA2688	NOT YET ANNOTATED

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FC*	SD	ORF no. <sup>†</sup>	Description
7.09	1.45	AA2689	Hypothetical protein
7.34	1.25	AA2691	Hypothetical protein
5.66	1.26	AA2692	Hydrogenase, putative
6.06	1.29	AA2693	Not yet annotated
5.01	1.38	AA2695	Not yet annotated
4.07	1.46	AA2696	Not yet annotated
3.19	1.37	AA2697	Not yet annotated
5.96	1.31	AA2698	Formate dehydrogenase, $\alpha$ -subunit, putative
5.86	1.13	AA2699	Formate dehydrogenase, α-subunit
2.59	2.58	AA2705	Hypothetical protein
2.42	1.26	AA2706	2-Oxoglutarate dehydrogenase, E1 component, putative
5.96	1.13	AA2716	Not yet annotated
2.07	1.26	AA2726	Not yet annotated
8.57	1.38	AA2784	Not yet annotated
2.51	1.26	AA2805	Leukotoxin secretion ATP-binding protein
2.11	1.35	AA2807	Leukotoxin-activating lysine-acyltransferase
2.51	1.67	AA2808	Hypothetical protein
2.69	1.61	AA2876	Hypothetical protein
3.67	1.70	AA2969	β-Eliminating lyase, putative
2.59	1.73	AA2970	β-Eliminating lyase, putative
2.69	2.40	AA2972	β-Eliminating lyase, putative

\*Fold changes (FCs) are relative to anoxic gene expression and represent the average of four pairwise comparisons. <sup>†</sup>ORF numbers are from the *Aa* HK1651 genome annotations (www.genome.ou.edu/act.html).

Table S3.	Strains and	plasmids	used	in	this	study

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Strain or plasmid	Description	Source
Aa		
VT1169	WT, Nal <sup>R</sup> Rif <sup>R</sup>	1
VT1169 <i>oxyR</i> <sup>−</sup>	<i>oxyR</i> null mutant, Spc <sup>R</sup>	2
624	WT	3
624 oxyR <sup>-</sup>	<i>oxyR</i> deletion mutant, Spc <sup>R</sup>	This study
624 dspB <sup>-</sup>	<i>dspB</i> deletion mutant, Spc <sup>R</sup>	This study
E. coli		
DH5a	endA1 hsdR17 supE44 thi-1 recA1 ∆(lacZYA-argF) U169, deoR [Φ80dlac ∆(lacZ)M15]	4
Sg		
Challis DL1.1	WT	ATCC 49818
Challis <i>spxB</i> <sup>-</sup>	<i>spxB</i> null mutant, Spc <sup>R</sup>	5
Challis GFP	Constitutive GFP	This study
Plasmids		
pYGK-βGal	pYGK expression vector with promoterless <i>lacZ</i> , Kan <sup>R</sup>	6
pYGK-pepB-β	pYGK-βGal with <i>pepB</i> promoter region, Kan <sup>R</sup>	This study
pYGS-OxyRC	oxyR complementation vector	2
pGEM-T Easy	TA cloning vector, Amp <sup>R</sup>	Promega
pVT1461	Source of aad9	7
pmCherry	Source of mCherry	Clontech
pJAK16	Expression vector	8
pPJ002	lysT promoter-mCherry fusion	This study

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

Function/name	Sequence $(5' \rightarrow 3')$	Underlined region*
Operon RT-PCR		
Region 1		
Operon-1-F	ACTGCCACCGCTTTTTTATCC	
Operon-1-R	TTTGGCAGCGTTCTCAGGGTTAG	
Region 2		
Operon-2-F	CACGATTCGCCGTGATTTTGC	
Operon-2-R	CCGCACGTTGATTAAGTAAATGGC	
dspB transcriptional reporter		
pepB promoter		
pepB-pro-F	<u>GGGGTACCCCACTGCCTTTATTGATGCGCAG</u>	Kpnl
pepB-pro-R	CGGGATCCCGAACTTCTCCCATTGGAAACAAATG	BamHI
oxyR deletion construct		
5'-Flanking region		
oxyR-UP-F	AAGTGCGGTACGCTTCTAAATCATCACTGC	USS
oxyR-UP-R	CATGTATTCACGAACGAAAATCGAGATCCTCAATTATAGAAGGTAGC	Overlaps with aad9
3'-Flanking region		
oxyR-DN-F	GAAAACAATAAACCCTTGCATATGTGGGGTAAGCTATGGTCG	Overlaps with aad9
oxyR-DN-R	AAGTGCGGTCCGAAATGGGGAACAACC	USS
dspB deletion construct		
5'-Flanking region		
dspB-UP-F	AAGTGCGGTATGGATGATAACTTGGTCGGC	USS
dspB-UP-R	CATGTATTCACGAACGAAAATCGTGTCCAGCATTAATCCGGTCT	Overlaps with aad9
3'-Flanking region		
dspB-DN-F	GAAAACAATAAACCCTTGCATATGAAATAGATTGCTAACGCGTGTTCA	Overlaps with aad9
dspB-DN-R	AAGTGCGGTACGGCAATGTGATTCAAGGTT	USS
Spc <sup>R</sup> cassette ( <i>aad9</i> )		
SpcR-F	CGATTTTCGTTCGTGAATACATG	
SpcR-R	CATATGCAAGGGTTTATTGTTTTC	
Constitutive mCherry		
<i>lysT</i> promoter		
lysT-pro-F	<u>TGACGGATCC</u> ACTTGTGTAGAGGTGCAAAC	BamHI
lysT-pro-R	CCTCCTCGCCCTTGCTCACCATTTGTTCTTCCTAATATTAAGGGAGAAC	
mCherry		
cherry-F	CCCTTAATATTAGGAAGAACAAATGGTGAGCAAGGGCG	
cherry-R	<u>TGACAAGCTT</u> CGCTACTTGTACAGCTCGT	HindIII
Semiquantitative RT-PCR		
dspB		
dspB-F	TATTTTATCTCTTTTCCTACTGGG	
dspB-R	CACTCATCCCCATTCGTC	
clpX		
clpX-F	GCAGAAACCATGGCGCGTATG	
clpX-R	CAATTCGCTTAATGGCGCCAC	

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

## **Other Supporting Information Files**

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