

Table S1. Bacterial strains and plasmids used in this study

| Strains | Designation in this study | Description | Source |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------|
| <i>B. anthracis</i> | | | |
| Sterne 34F2 | WT | Wild-type ($pXO1^+$ $pXO2^-$) | (1) |
| $\Delta lcpB1$ | <i>lcpB1</i> | Deletion of <i>lcpB1(bas1830)</i> nucleotides 1856993-1857982 in 34F2 | This work |
| <i>lcpB2::alpha3</i> | <i>lcpB2</i> | <i>lcpB2(bas0572)::alpha3</i> transposon insertion at nucleotide 619533 in 34F2 | This work |
| $\Delta lcpB3$ | <i>lcpB3</i> | Deletion of <i>lcpB3(bas0746)</i> nucleotides 798568-799746 in 34F2 | This work |
| $\Delta lcpB4$ | <i>lcpB4</i> | Deletion of <i>lcpB4(bas3381)</i> nucleotides 3356447-3357475 in 34F2 | This work |
| $\Delta lcpC$ | <i>lcpC</i> | Deletion of <i>lcpC(bas5115)</i> nucleotides 4995461-4994610 in 34F2 | This work |
| <i>lcpD::aad9</i> | <i>lcpD</i> | <i>lcpD(bas5047)::aad9</i> transposon insertion at nucleotide 4919831 in 34F2 | This work |
| Δsap | <i>sap</i> | Deletion of <i>sap(bas0841)</i> nucleotides 896758-899063 in 34F2 | (2) |
| Δeag | <i>eag</i> | Deletion of <i>eag(bas0842)</i> nucleotides 899843-902414 in 34F2 | (2) |
| <i>bslR::Sp</i> | <i>bslR</i> | <i>bslR(bas3463)::Sp</i> transposon insertion at nucleotide 3437623 in 34F2 | This work |
| <i>bslU::Sp</i> | <i>bslU</i> | <i>bslU(bas2351)::Sp</i> transposon insertion at nucleotide 2351169 in 34F2 | This work |
| <i>S. aureus</i> | | | |
| MSSA1112 | WT (<i>S. aureus</i>) | Wild-type Methicillin sensitive <i>S. aureus</i> , clinical isolate | (3) |
| Δlcp | Δlcp | MSSA1112 lacking all three <i>lcp</i> genes | (4) |
| Plasmids | Designation in this study | Description | |
| pGC2- <i>lcpA_{Sa}</i> | p <i>lcpA_{Sa}</i> | pGC2 (pT194-based) encoding <i>lcpA_{Sa}</i> (<i>msrR</i>) | (4) |
| pWWW412 | vector | pEC194 derivative carrying the <i>hprK</i> promoter of <i>S. aureus</i> (Cm^R) | (5) |
| pYC99 | p <i>lcpB2_{Ba}</i> | pWWW412 encoding <i>lcpB2_{Ba}</i> (<i>bas0572</i>) | This work |
| pYC105 | p <i>lcpB3_{Ba}</i> | pWWW412 encoding <i>lcpB3_{Ba}</i> (<i>bas0746</i>) | This work |
| pYC100 | p <i>lcpB1_{Ba}</i> | pWWW412 encoding <i>lcpB1_{Ba}</i> (<i>bas1830</i>) | This work |
| pYC103 | p <i>lcpB4_{Ba}</i> | pWWW412 encoding <i>lcpB4_{Ba}</i> (<i>bas3381</i>) | This work |
| pYC101 | p <i>lcpD_{Ba}</i> | pWWW412 encoding <i>lcpD_{Ba}</i> (<i>bas5047</i>) | This work |
| pYC102 | p <i>lcpC_{Ba}</i> | pWWW412 encoding <i>lcpC_{Ba}</i> (<i>bas5115</i>) | This work |

Table S2. Primers used in this study

| Name | Sequence ¹ | Use |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| BAS0572 Ndel F | NNcatatgAACAAAGATACTCGAGCC | Expression of <i>lcpB2_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS0572 BamHI R | NNggatccTTATAATTTTATGTTCATTTTATTG | Expression of <i>lcpB2_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS0746 Xhol F | NNctcgagCAAAACCCATCTTGCAAGAAAATAC | Expression of <i>lcpB3_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS0746 Xhol R | NNctcgagTTATTCAATTGTCGTTAGACGATG | Expression of <i>lcpB3_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS1820 Ndel F | NNcatatgAGCTCTGAATTAGAACAAAATCGAG | Expression of <i>lcpB1_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS1830 BamHI R | NNggatccTTATTCAATTGCAACTGATTGGTG | Expression of <i>lcpB1_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS3381 Xhol F | NNctcgagAATCACTCTTCTCAAGAGAAAAGGAAA | Expression of <i>lcpB4_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS3381 Xhol R | NNctcgagTCAATTTCCTCAATCTCCTTTTC | Expression of <i>lcpB4_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS5047 Ndel F | NNcatatgGAAGAACGTTATTATCATCTCCAAA | Expression of <i>lcpD_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS5047 BamHI R | NNggatccTTATTGCTGATTCTCATAATCCACTC | Expression of <i>lcpD_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS5115 Ndel F | NNcatatgAAAAAGAAAATTTATTTGGGTACTCGG | Expression of <i>lcpC_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS5115 BamHI R | NNggatccTTACTTAGTCACCAAGATGCGTT | Expression of <i>lcpC_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS0746 1kb up EcoRI F | TTTgaattcATTGCTGCTATTATGATGTTCTAC | Allelic replacement of <i>lcpB3_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS0746 1kb up Xhol R | TTTctcgagAACGACAATGAATAATAAAGAACGAG | Allelic replacement of <i>lcpB3_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS0746 1kb dn Xhol F | TTTctcgagCATTCTGTACTCCTTCAATTG | Allelic replacement of <i>lcpB3_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS0746 1kb dn XmaI R | TTTcccggGTTACACAACCACCATTTACC | Allelic replacement of <i>lcpB3_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS1830 1kb up EcoRI F | TTTgaattcGTTTATTGATTGTGATGCAACAGGGT | Allelic replacement of <i>lcpB1_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS1830 1kb up Xhol R | TTTctcgagTCATAACCATTGCCCTCTCTTC | Allelic replacement of <i>lcpB1_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS1830 1kb dn Xhol F | TTTctcgagATGAATAATAAAAAGATTGGCTTC | Allelic replacement of <i>lcpB1_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS1830 1kb dn XmaI R | TTTcccggCTTCATTAACATCTTACTTCTAC | Allelic replacement of <i>lcpB1_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS3381 1kp up EcoRI F | TTTgaattcGGATGATGAAAAATTATTTGATGAG | Allelic replacement of <i>lcpB4_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS3381 1kp up Xhol R | TTTctcgagAGTGATTCTCCATATAATTATCCC | Allelic replacement of <i>lcpB4_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS3381 1kb dn Xhol F | TTTctcgagGGCGAAATGTCTGCTTTATTATG | Allelic replacement of <i>lcpB4_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS3381 1kb dn XmaI R | TTTcccggAAATCTGATTCTGATGATGATGTC | Allelic replacement of <i>lcpB4_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS5115 1kb up EcoRI F | AAAgattcTTAGCATTCTCGCAGGC | Allelic replacement of <i>lcpC_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS5115 1kb up NheI R | AAAGcttagcCCGAGTACCCAAAATAAAATTCTTTTC | Allelic replacement of <i>lcpC_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS5115 1kb dn NheI F | AAAGcttagcAAGAACGCATCTGAAGTACTAA | Allelic replacement of <i>lcpC_{Ba}</i> |
| BAS5115 1kb dn XmaI R | AAAcccgggTAAACGTGCTGGATCTCCC | Allelic replacement of <i>lcpC_{Ba}</i> |

¹NN refers to random nucleotides incorporated for optimal restriction activity.

Restriction site sequence is denoted in lower-case.

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