

S1 Table. Strains and plasmids included in this study.

Designation	Relevant characteristics	Reference or source
Strains		
<i>A baumannii</i>		
ATCC17978	Reference strain	ATCC
17978 $\Delta tssM$	ATCC17978 isogenic derivative <i>tssM</i> unmarked deletion mutant	This study
17978 mini-CTX1	ATCC17978 carrying a chromosomal insertion of mini-CTX1 conferring tetracycline resistance.	This study
DSM30011		ATCC
DSM30011 $\Delta tssM$	DSM30011 isogenic derivative <i>tssM</i> deletion mutant, marked with an apramycin resistance cassette	This study
DSM30011 $\Delta tssM$ <i>ptssM</i>	DSM30011 $\Delta tssM$ complemented strain	This study
DSM30011 mini-Tn7	DSM30011 carrying a chromosomal insertion of mini Tn7 conferring gentamycin resistance.	This study
Ab242	Clinical isolate	[1]
Ab244	Clinical isolate	[1]
Ab825	Clinical isolate	[1]
<i>E. coli</i>		
DH5 α	intermediate host for cloning and nalidixic acid resistant prey in bacterial competition assays. In some cases this strain contained a plasmid carrying apramycin cassette	[2]
<i>P. aeruginosa</i>		
PAK	prey in the bacterial competition assays.	[3]
PAK <i>retS</i>	<i>retS</i> mutant used as prey in the bacterial competition assays	[3]
PA14	prey in the bacterial competition assays and positive control in cell death experiments	
PA7	prey in the bacterial competition assays	[4]
<i>K. pneumoniae</i>		
52145	prey in the bacterial competition assays	[5]
Plasmids		
pGEM [®] -T Easy		Promega
pGEM-2.1	pGEM [®] -T Easy derivative carrying 2 kb upstream and downstream regions of DSM30011 <i>tssM</i> gene	This study
pGEM-2.2	pGEMT-2.1 derivative with DSM30011 <i>tssM</i> gene flanking regions interrupted by an apramycin resistant cassette	This study
pEX100T/Kan	pEX100T derivative carrying a kanamycin resistant cassette	[6]
pEX-TssM17	pEX100T/Kan derivative carrying 0.5 kb upstream and downstream regions of 17978 <i>tssM</i> gene	This study
pX5K	derivative of the RSF1010-derived plasmid pMM2017-Kan14	[7]
pTssM	pX5K derivative carrying DSM30011 <i>tssM</i> gene under the control of a constitutive promoter	This study

pMini Tn7	Used to insert gentamycin resistance into the chromosome for bacterial competition assays	[8]
pMini CTX1	Used to insert tetracyclin resistance into the chromosome for bacterial competition assays	[9]

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