# **Supplementary Material**

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## Supplementary Figure Legends

**Fig S1. Growth curves in LB following misexpression of YodL and/or YisK.**  $2X P_{hy}$ -yodL (BAS191),  $2X P_{hy}$ -yisK (BYD074) and  $2X P_{hy}$ -yodL,  $2X P_{hy}$ -yisK (BYD281) were grown in LB media at 37°C to mid-exponential diluted to an OD<sub>600</sub> of <0.02. At time 0, 1 mM IPTG or 1 mM IPTG and the indicated concentration of MgCl<sub>2</sub> was added.

Fig S2. Misexpression of YodL and YisK on PAB media. (A) Cells were streaked on PAB solid media supplemented with 100  $\mu$ g/ml spectinomycin and, when indicated, 1 mM IPTG and the denoted concentration of MgCl<sub>2</sub>. Plates were incubated for ~16 hr at 37°C before image capture. (B) Cells were grown in PAB liquid media at 37°C to mid-exponential and back-diluted to an OD<sub>600</sub> of <0.02. When indicated, 1 mM IPTG and the denoted concentration of MgCl<sub>2</sub> was added. Cells were then grown for 1.5 hrs at 37°C before image capture. Membranes are stained with TMA-DPH (white). All images are shown at the same magnification.

**Fig S3. A strain harboring a GFP reporter without a promoter during a sporulation timecourse.** BAS205 ( $P_{empty}$ -*gfp*) was induced to sporulate via resuspension, and membranes are stained with TMA (white). Signal from GFP was scaled identically for all images and pseudocolored green. All images are shown at the same magnification.

Fig S4. Strains lacking *yodL* and/or *yisK* appear morphologically similar to wildtype during a sporulation timecourse. *B. subtilis* 168 (wt), BYD276 ( $\Delta yodL$ ), BYD278 ( $\Delta yisK$ ) and BYD279 ( $\Delta yodL \Delta yisK$ ) were grown induced to sporulate via resuspension, and cells were grown for the indicated amount of time at 37°C before image capture. Membranes are stained with TMA-DPH (white). All images are shown at the same magnification.

**Fig S5.** Location of MreB residues conferring resistance to YodL. The co-crystal structure of RodZ-MreB (2WUS)(1) was extracted from the Protein Data Bank. MreB is labeled in brown and RodZ is labeled in grey. The identity and locations of the amino acid substitutions obtained from the YodL spontaneous suppressor selections are indicated on the structure, marked by a black asterisk above the relevant amino acid on the sequence alignment. Substitutions that confer resistance to YodL over YisK are shown in bold. Residues previously implicated in the MreB-RodZ interaction interface (1) are indicated by red asterisks. The filled circles indicate the location of the substitutions in Mbl conferring resistance to YodL misexpression. MreB<sub>R117G</sub> (underlined) was identified in a suppressor selections conferring resistance to YodL as well as in suppressor selections conferring resistance to YisK.

**Fig S6.** Location of MbI residues conferring resistance to YisK. The structure of *B. subtilis* MbI, as predicted by I-TASSER (2), threaded to *T. maritima* MreB (1JCG)(3). The structure on the right is a surface prediction model. The identity and locations of the amino acid substitutions obtained from the YisK spontaneous suppressor selections are indicated on the structure, with substitutions conferring resistance to YisK over YodL in bold. The sequence alignment is of MreB from *T. maritima*, *B. subtilis* 168, *C. crescentus* NA1000, *E. coli* MG1655, and *V. cholera* N16961. The location of amino acid substitutions conferring YisK resistance are indicated by black asterisks. Residues also previously shown to confer resistance to A22 in *C. crescentus* NA1000 (4, 5) and *V. cholera* N16961 (6) are indicated by red and blue asterisks, respectively. The filled triangle corresponds to a residue shown by in vivo crosslinking to be important for the formation of antiparallel MreB protofilaments (7). The filled circle denotes the location of MreB<sub>R117G</sub>, which was identified in spontaneous suppressor selections conferring resistance to both YodL and YisK. MbI<sub>T3171</sub> (underlined) was only identified in a spontaneous suppressor selection conferring resistance to YodL, although it exhibits cross-resistance to YisK (see Fig 3).

<u>Suppressors</u> of <u>Y</u> od <u>L</u>	GENE	COORDINATE	REFERENCE	SAMPLE	DISTRIBUTION	VARIANT
SYL#1	ImrB	289144	С	А	50% C, 50% A	G317C
	yjgA	1284721	С	G	61% C, 39% G	G17R
	mreB	2860903	Т	А	100% A	R282S
	biol	3089273	G	Т	50% G, 50% T	R381I
	yyaC-parB	4205543	A	Т	47% A, 53% T	intergenic
SYL#3	mreB	2861400	G	С	100% C	R117G
SYL#7	mbl	3747508	С	Т	97% T	E250K
SYL#8	mreB	2861287	G	Т	98% T	S154R
SYL#10	mreB	2861309	G	С	99% C	P147R
SYL#14	mreB	2860781	С	Т	99% T	G323E
	folC	2866565	С	А	100% A	G14W

 Table S1. Whole-genome sequencing of YodL-resistant suppressors

**Table S1. Whole-genome sequencing analysis of genomic DNA from six YodL-resistant suppressors.** BYD048 (three copies of  $P_{hy}$ -yodL) was used for suppressor selection. Candidates were analyzed by whole-genome sequencing as described in the materials and methods.

### Table S2. Strains

Strain	Description	Referenc
		е
Parental		
B. subtilis	Bacillus subtilis laboratory strain 168 trpC2	BGSC*
168		
(1A866)		
DH5α	$F_{,}$ endA1, glnV44, thi-1, recA1, relA1, gyrA96, deoR, nupG, Φ80dlacZΔM15, Δ(lacZYA-argF)U169, hsdR17( $r_{K}$ $m_{K}$ ), $\lambda$ –	
B. subtilis	spo0H::cat (sigH::cat)	(8)
3610		

B. subtilis	spo0A::erm (RL891)	(8)
PY79		
B. subtilis		
168		
BAS040	amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec)	This study
BAS041	amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec)	This study
BAS146	ponA::erm, kanΩΔmreB	This study
BAS147	ponA::erm, kanΩΔmbl	This study
BAS170	amyE::P <sub>yodL</sub> -lacZ (spec)	This study
BAS171	amyE::P <sub>yodL</sub> -gfp (spec)	This study
BAS191	amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo)	This study
BAS192	amyE::P <sub>yisK</sub> -lacZ (spec)	This study
BAS193	amyE::P <sub>yisK</sub> -gfp (spec)	This study
BAS205	amyE::P <sub>empty</sub> -gfp (spec)	This study
BAS248	ponA::erm, kan $\Omega\Delta$ mbl, cat $\Omega\Delta$ mreBH, amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (phleo)	This study
BAS249	ponA::erm, kan $\Omega\Delta$ mbl, cat $\Omega\Delta$ mreBH, amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo)	This study
BAS265	spo0A::erm	This study
BAS266	amyE::P <sub>yodL</sub> -gfp (spec), spo0A::erm	This study
BAS267	amyE::P <sub>yisK</sub> -gfp (spec), spo0A::erm	This study
BAS282	sigH::cat	This study
BAS301	amyE::P <sub>yodL</sub> -lacZ (spec), spo0A::erm	This study
BAS302	amyE::P <sub>yisK</sub> -lacZ (spec), spo0A::erm	This study
BAS303	amyE::P <sub>yodL</sub> -lacZ (spec), sigH::cat	This study
BAS304	amyE::P <sub>yisK</sub> -lacZ (spec), sigH::cat	This study
BAS305	amyE::P <sub>yodL</sub> -lacZ (spec), spo0A::erm, sigH::cat	This study
BAS306	amyE::P <sub>yisK</sub> -lacZ (spec), spo0A::erm, sigH::cat	This study
BDR992	amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -lacZ (spec)	David Z.
		Rudner
BKE10750	yisK::erm	BGSC*
BKE19640	yodL::erm	BGSC*
BKE22320	ponA::erm	BGSC*
BYD048	amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), ycgO::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (tet), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), sacA::P <sub>hy</sub> -lacZ (erm)	This study
BYD074	amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (phleo)	This study
BYD076	amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (cat), sacA::P <sub>hy</sub> -lacZ (erm)	This study
BYD175	ponA::erm <sub>,</sub> amyE:: P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (phleo)	This study
BYD176	ponA::erm, amyE:: P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo)	This study
BYD177	$kan\Omega mreB_{G323E}$ , $amyE::P_{hy}$ -yisK (spec), $yhdG::P_{hy}$ -yisK (phleo), $yycR::P_{hy}$ -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD178	$kan\Omega mreB_{P147R}$ , $amyE::P_{hy}$ -yisK (spec), $yhdG::P_{hy}$ -yisK (phleo), $yycR::P_{hy}$ -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD179	$kan\Omega mreB_{R282S}$ , $amyE::P_{hy}$ -yisK (spec), $yhdG::P_{hy}$ -yisK (phleo), $yycR::P_{hy}$ -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD180	$kan\Omega mreB_{G143A}$ , $amyE::P_{hy}$ -yisK (spec), $yhdG::P_{hy}$ -yisK (phleo), $yycR::P_{hy}$ -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD184	$kan\Omega mreB_{R117G}$ , $amyE::P_{hy}$ -yisK (spec), $yhdG::P_{hy}$ -yisK (phleo), $yycR::P_{hy}$ -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD258	ponA::erm, kan $\Omega\Delta$ mbl, amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (phleo)	This study
BYD259	ponA::erm, kan $\Omega\Delta$ mbl, amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo)	This study
BYD262	ponA::erm, kan $\Omega\Delta$ mreB, amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (phleo)	This study
BYD263	ponA::erm, kan $\Omega\Delta$ mreB, amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo)	This study
BYD276	ΔyodL	This study
BYD278	ΔyisK	This study

BYD279	ΔyodL, ΔyisK	This study
BYD281	amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), ycgO::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (tet), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD327	kanΩmreB <sub>G323E</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD328	kanΩmreB <sub>R117G</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD329	kanΩmreB <sub>N145D</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD330	kanΩmreB <sub>P147R</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD332	kanΩmreB <sub>S154R,R230C</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD333	kanΩmreB <sub>G143A</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD334	kanΩmbl <sub>E250K</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD335	kanΩmbl <sub>T317l</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD336	kanΩmbl <sub>T158M</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD337	$kan\Omega mbl_{\Delta S251}$ , $amyE::P_{hy}$ -yisK (spec), $yhdG::P_{hy}$ -yisK (phleo), $yycR::P_{hy}$ -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD338	kanΩmbl <sub>P309L</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD339	kanΩmbl <sub>G156D</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD340	kanΩmbl <sub>T158A</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD341	kanΩmbl <sub>D153N</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD342	kanΩmbl <sub>R63C</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD343	$kan\Omega mbl_{M511}$ , $amyE::P_{hy}$ -yisK (spec), $yhdG::P_{hy}$ -yisK (phleo), $yycR::P_{hy}$ -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD344	kanΩmbl <sub>A314T</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD345	kanΩmbl <sub>E204G</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD346	kanΩmbl <sub>E250K</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD348	kanΩmbl <sub>T158A</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD349	kanΩmbl <sub>G156D</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD351	kanΩmbl <sub>D153N</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD352	kanΩmbl <sub>M51I</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD353	kanΩmbl <sub>A314T</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD354	kanΩmbl <sub>E204G</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD361	amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo)	This study
BYD363	$kan\Omega mreB_{S154R,R230C}$ , $amyE::P_{hy}$ -yisK (spec), $yhdG::P_{hy}$ -yisK (phleo), $yycR::P_{hy}$ -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD365	kanΩmreB <sub>R282S</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD404	kanΩmreB <sub>N145D</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (spec), yhdG::Phy-yisK (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (cat)	This study
BYD405	kanΩmbl <sub>R63C</sub> , amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (spec), yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (phleo), yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD406	$kan\Omega mbl_{\Delta S251}$ , $amyE::P_{hy}$ -yodL (spec), $yhdG::P_{hy}$ -yodL (phleo), $yycR::P_{hy}$ -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD407	$kan\Omega mbl_{P309L}$ , $amyE::P_{hy}$ -yodL (spec), $yhdG::P_{hy}$ -yodL (phleo), $yycR::P_{hy}$ -yodL (cat)	This study
BYD510	ΔyodL, ΔyisK, amyE::P <sub>yisK</sub> -yisK (spec)	This study

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### Table S3. Plasmids

Plasmid	Description	Reference
pAS015	yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (amp)	This study
pAS040	amyE::P <sub>yodL</sub> -lacZ (amp)	This study
pAS041	amyE::P <sub>yodL</sub> -gfp (amp)	This study
pAS044	amyE::P <sub>yisK</sub> -lacZ (amp)	This study
pAS045	amyE::P <sub>yisK</sub> -gfp (amp)	This study
pAS047	amyE::gfp (amp)	This study
pAS067	amyE::P <sub>visK</sub> -yisK (amp)	This study
	amvE::D. (amn)	David Z.
μοιτιτ	any L. Phy (an p)	Rudner
pDR244	Temperature sensitive Cre recombinase plasmid (amp)(spec)	David Z.

		Rudner
pJH036	sacA::P <sub>hy</sub> -lacZ (amp)	This study
pJW004	yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> (amp)	This study
pJW006	amyE::P <sub>hy</sub> -sirA-gfp (amp)	(9)
pJW033	ycgO::P <sub>hy</sub> (amp)	This study
pJW034	yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> (amp)(cat)	This study
nKM062	sach ::orm (omp)	David Z.
primooz	SacAem (amp)	Rudner
nW/X11/	vn(M) (amp)(kap)	David Z.
μωχιιά	yivin r <sub>hy</sub> (amp)(kan)	Rudner
pYD073	yhdG::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (amp)	This study
pYD155	yycR::P <sub>hy</sub> -yodL (amp)	This study
pYD156	ycgO::P <sub>hy</sub> -yisK (amp)	This study

### Table S4. Oligos

Oligo	Sequence 5' to 3'
OAM001	AGAAGCGTTAGCGGCAGCAAGTGAT
OAM002	CCATGTCTGCCCGTATTTCGCGTAAGGAAATCCATTATGTACTATTTCGATCAGACCAG
OAM009	GAAAACAATAAACCCTTGCATAGGGGGGATCGGGCAAGGCTAGACGGGACTTACC
OAM010	ATGGACACAACAACAGCAAAACAGGC
OAM011	TAATGGATTTCCTTACGCGAAATA
OAM013	AGTAGTTCCTCCTTATGTAAGC
OAS064	TCCTCCTTTTCAAAAGAAAAAAC
OAS067	TGTTACATATTGCTGCTTTTTGGT
OAS078	GGATCCCAGCGAACCATTTGA
OAS079	GTCGACAAATTCCTCGTAGGC
OAS080	CCTATCACCTCAAATGGTTCGCTGGGATCCAAAGCAAAAATACCCTAAAGGGAA
OAS081	GTCCCGAGCGCCTACGAGGAATTTGTCGACACACTTTTTTTT
OAS086	CGAATACATACGATCCTACAGC
OAS087	CCTATCACCTCAAATGGTTCGCTGGGATCCAAAAAGTTGGAAGCACAATAAGTT
OAS088	GTCCCGAGCGCCTACGAGGAATTTGTCGACATCACCTGGCATTGCCTTCTT
OAS089	ATTAATGGTGATATTCTTCATTGA
OAS091	AGATGGATGTGCTCCAGTGCTCCAAGATCTATACCAAGGTCT
OAS092	AGACCTTGGTATAGATCTTGGAGCACTGGAGCACATCCATC
OAS095	GGAAGCTTGTCCATATTATCAAGATTTGCAGTACCGAGGTCAATA
OAS096	TATTGACCTCGGTACTGCAAATCTTGATAATATGGACAAGCTTCC
OAS114	TCTAAGGAATTCCTGTTTTAGTCGGCATAAGCAG
OAS116	GTAATCTTACGTCAGTAACTTCCACCAAGATCCCCTCCCT
OAS117	AAGAAATAAAAGGGAGGGGATCTTGGTGGAAGTTACTGACGTAAGAT
OAS118	ACTTAGGGATCCTTATTTTGACACCAGACCAACT
OAS119	TGAAAAGTTCTTCTCCTTTACTCATCAAGATCCCCTCCCT
OAS120	AAGAAATAAAAGGGAGGGGATCTTGATGAGTAAAGGAGAAGAACTTTTC
OAS121	ACTTAGGGATCCTTATTTGTATAGTTCATCCATGCCAT
OAS134	TCTAAGGAATTCTCCTTTTCAGCTGCTCCCGAT
OAS135	GTAATCTTACGTCAGTAACTTCCACGTTATTCCTCCATCATCTTTTAAA
OAS136	ATTTAAAAGATGATGGAGGAATAACGTGGAAGTTACTGACGTAAGAT
OAS137	TGAAAAGTTCTTCTCCTTTACTCATGTTATTCCTCCATCATCTTTTAAA
OAS138	ATTTAAAAGATGATGGAGGAATAACATGAGTAAAGGAGAAGAACTTTTC
OAS148	TCTAAGGAATTCATGAGTAAAGGAGAAGAACTTTTC
OAS149	ACTTAGGGATCCTTATTTGTATAGTTCATCCATGCC
OAS274	TCTAAGGAATTCTCCTTTTCAGCTGCTCCCGA
OAS275	ACTTAGGGATCCTCAGCCAATTTGGTTTGACAG
OEA035	GGATAACAATTAAGCTTACATAAGGAGGAACTACTATGAAATTTGCGACAGGGGAACTT
OEA036	TTCCACCGAATTAGCTTGCATGCGGCTAGCCCAGTTTTATTCAGCCAATTTGGT

OEA275	GGATAACAATTAAGCTTACATAAGGAGGAACTACTATGATGTTATCCGTGTTTAAAAAG
OEA276	TTCCACCGAATTAGCTTGCATGCGGCTAGCTTTCTTTCATTATGTCGTTTGTA
OJH159	CTGCAGGAATTCGACTCTCTA
OJH160	TAGCTTGCATGCGGCTAGC
OJH185	CAGGAATTCGACTCTCTAGC
OJH186	CTCAGCTAGCTAACTCACATTAATTGCGTTGC

#### Strain Construction

The Gibson enzymatic assembly method has been described in detail (10).

Except where otherwise indicated, PCR amplifications are performed using *B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA as template.

To generate unmarked derivatives the BGSC strains (BKE22320, BKE19640, and BKE10750) each strain was transformed with pDR244, selecting for spectinomycin resistance at 30°C. Isolated colonies were restreaked on LB media and placed at 42°C. Isolated colonies from these plates were streaked again on spectinomycin, MLS, and LB plates. Clones that were sensitive to both spectinomycin and MLS were used to generate freezer stocks. Loss of the erm resistance cassette was confirmed by PCR.

#### Moving suppressor mutations in *mbl* into clean genetic backgrounds

To move the mutant *mbl* alleles obtained in the suppressor selections, we generated linear Gibson assembly products corresponding to a region of ~1,500 bp upstream of *mbl* ("UP"), a kanamycin resistance cassette ("KAN"), and each mutant *mbl* allele plus ~1,500 bp downstream of *mbl* ("DOWN"). This linear double stranded DNA product was then transformed directly into *B. subtilis*. Double cross-over recombination was selected for by plating on LB plates supplemented with 10 µg/ml kanamycin. To confirm the presence of the relevant mutations, and the absence of others, the entire *mbl* ORF was sequenced. The "UP" fragment comprised a region of homology to the *B. subtilis* chromosome upstream of *mbl* (including a region downstream of *spoIIID*), and was amplified from genomic DNA using oAS86 and oAS87. The "KAN" fragment was made by amplifying a kanamycin cassette from pWX114a using oAS78 and oAS79. The "DOWN" fragment corresponded to a region including the *mbl* promoter, *mbl* and 1500bp downstream of *mbl* and was amplified from genomic DNA of each corresponding suppressor strain using oAS88 and oAS89. For each allele of interest, the three products were combined in single Gibson assembly reaction and transformed directly into *B. subtilis* 168, selecting for kanamycin resistance. To confirm the presence of the relevant mutation(s) and the absence of others, the entire *mbl* ORF was sequenced.

#### Moving suppressor mutations in mreB into clean genetic backgrounds

To move the mutant *mreB* alleles obtained in the suppressor selections, we generated linear Gibson assembly products corresponding to a region of ~1,500 bp upstream of *mreB* ("UP"), a kanamycin resistance cassette ("KAN"), and each mutant *mreB* allele plus ~1,500 bp downstream of *mreB* ("DOWN"). This linear double stranded DNA product was then transformed directly into *B. subtilis*. Double cross-over recombination was selected for by plating on LB plates supplemented with 10 µg/ml kanamycin. To confirm the presence of the relevant mutations, and the absence of others, the entire *mreB* ORF was sequenced. The "UP" fragment comprised a region of homology to the *B. subtilis* chromosome upstream of *mreB* (including a region downstream of *radC)*, and was amplified from genomic DNA using oAS64 and oAS80. The "KAN" fragment was made by amplifying a kanamycin cassette from pWX114a using oAS78 and oAS79. The "DOWN" fragment corresponded to a region including the *mreB* promoter, *mreB* and 1500bp downstream of *mreB* and was amplified from genomic DNA of each corresponding suppressor strain using oAS81 and oAS67. For each allele of interest, the three products were combined in single Gibson assembly reaction and transformed

directly into B. subtilis 168, selecting for kanamycin resistance. To confirm the presence of the relevant mutation(s) and the absence of others, the entire *mreB* ORF was sequenced.

**BAS040** was generated by transforming a linear Gibson assembly product encoding a region upstream of *amyE*, a spectinomycin cassette, the  $P_{hy}$  promoter, an optimized ribosome binding site, *yodL*, *lacl*, and a region downstream of *amyE* into *B. subtilis* 168, and selecting for spectinomycin resistance. The final strain was confirmed by PCR and sequencing. The region of upstream of *amyE* was PCR amplified from *B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA using OAM009 and OAM010. The spectinomycin resistance cassette and the  $P_{hy}$  promoter were PCR amplified from pDR111 using primers OAM10 and OAM13, and included a ribosome binding site (TAAGGAGG). The *yodL* ORF was PCR amplified using OEA275 and OEA276. *lacl* was PCR amplified from pDR111 using OAM011 and OAM012. The region downstream of *amyE* was PCR amplified from *B. subtilis* 168

**BAS041** was generated by transforming a linear Gibson assembly product encoding a region upstream of *amyE*, a spectinomycin cassette, the  $P_{hy}$  promoter, an optimized ribosome binding site, *yisK*, *lacl*, and a region downstream of *amyE* into *B. subtilis* 168, and selecting for spectinomycin resistance. The final strain was confirmed by PCR and sequencing. The region of upstream of *amyE* was PCR amplified from *B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA using OAM009 and OAM010. The spectinomycin resistance cassette and the  $P_{hy}$  promoter were PCR amplified from pDR111 using primers OAM10 and OAM13, and included a ribosome binding site (TAAGGAGG). The *yisK* ORF was PCR amplified using OEA035 and OEA036. *lacl* was PCR amplified from pDR111 using OAM011 and OAM012. The region downstream of *amyE* was PCR amplified from *B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA using OAM0013 and OAM014.

**BAS147** was generated by directly transforming a Gibson assembly of a region upstream of *mbl*, a kanamycin resistance cassette, and an *mbl* knockout fragment (see below) directly into BKE22320, selecting for kanamycin resistance in the presence of 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>. The region upstream of *mbl* was amplified using OAS86 and OAS87 (*B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template). The kanamycin resistance cassette was amplified from pWX114a using OAS78 and OAS79. The *mbl* knockout fragment was made by amplifying a DNA product that included the first 42 bp of *mbl* and its upstream region using oAS86 and oAS95 (*B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template), amplifying a DNA product that included the last 42 bp *mbl* and its downstream region using oAS86 and oAS89 (*B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template), amplifying a DNA product that included the last 42 bp *mbl* and its downstream region using oAS86 and oAS89 (*B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template), amplifying a DNA product that included the last 42 bp *mbl* and its downstream region using oAS86 and oAS89 (*B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template). The kanamycin region DNA template), and splicing the two fragments together using overlap extension PCR with OAS088 and OAS089. The kanamycin-linked *mbl* knockout was confirmed by PCR amplification.

**BAS170** was made by transforming *B. subtilis* 168 with pAS040 linearized with Scal and selecting for spectinomycin resistance. Integrations were confirmed by starch test.

**BAS171** was made by transforming *B. subtilis* 168 with pAS041 linearized with Scal and selecting for spectinomycin resistance. Integrations were confirmed by starch test.

**BAS192** was made by transforming *B. subtilis* 168 with pAS044 linearized with Scal and selecting for spectinomycin resistance. Integrations were confirmed by starch test and sequencing.

**BAS193** was made by transforming *B. subtilis* 168 with pAS045 linearized with Scal and selecting for spectinomycin resistance. Integrations were confirmed by starch test and sequencing.

**BAS265** was generated by transforming *B. subtilis* 168 with genomic DNA from RL891 and selecting for erythromycin resistance (erm). Recommend growth on 0.5  $\mu$ g/ml erythromycin (erm) and 12.5  $\mu$ g/ml lincomycin (0.5X normal antibiotic concentration).

**BAS282** was generated by transforming *B. subtilis* 168 with genomic DNA from BJH154 and selecting on chloramphenicol.

**BYD258** was generated by directly transforming a Gibson assembly of a region upstream of *mbl*, a kanamycin resistance cassette, and an *mbl* knockout fragment (see below) directly into BYD175, selecting for kanamycin resistance in the presence of 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>. The region upstream of *mbl* was amplified using OAS86 and OAS87 (*B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template). The kanamycin resistance cassette was amplified from pWX114a using OAS78 and OAS79. The *mbl* knockout fragment was made by amplifying a DNA product that included the first 42 bp of *mbl* and its upstream region using oAS86 and oAS95 (*B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template), amplifying a DNA product that included the last 42 bp *mbl* and its downstream region using oAS96 and oAS89 (*B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template), amplifying a DNA product that included the last 42 bp *mbl* and its downstream region using oAS96 and oAS89 (*B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template), amplifying a DNA product that included the last 42 bp *mbl* and its downstream region using oAS96 and oAS89 (*B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template), amplifying a DNA product that included the last 42 bp *mbl* and its downstream region using oAS96 and oAS89 (*B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template), and splicing the two fragments together using overlap extension PCR with OAS088 and OAS089. The kanamycin-linked *mbl* knockout was confirmed by PCR amplification.

**BYD259** was generated as described for BYD258, but transforming the final Gibson assembly into BYD176. The kanamycin-linked *mbl* knockout was confirmed by PCR amplification.

**BYD262** was generated by directly transforming a Gibson assembly of a region upstream of *mreB*, a kanamycin resistance cassette, and an *mreB* knockout fragment (see below) directly into BYD175, selecting for kanamycin resistance in the presence of 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>. The region upstream of *mreB* was amplified using OAS64 and OAS80 (*B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template) and was designed to include the putative *radC* terminator/*mreB* promoter region to avoid the chances of disrupting the terminator. The kanamycin resistance cassette was amplified from pWX114a using OAS78 and OAS79. The *mreB* knockout fragment was made by amplifying the *mreBCD* promoter region and the first 42bp of *mreB* using oAS64 and oAS91 (*B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template), amplifying the last 42bp of *mreB* along with region downstream of *mreB* using OAS67 (*B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template), and splicing the two fragments together using overlap extension PCR with oAS81 and oAS67. The kanamycin-linked *mreB* knockout was confirmed by PCR amplification. The final integration product encodes identical sequences before and after the kanamycin cassette, so loss of the kanamycin resistance cassette is possible in the absence of selective pressure.

**BYD263** was generated as described for BYD262, but transforming the final Gibson assembly into BYD176. The kanamycin-linked *mreB* knockout was confirmed by PCR amplification.

#### **Plasmid construction**

**pAS015** was generated by cloning PCR product from OJH159 and OJH160 amplification of genomic DNA from BAS041 into pJW004 (EcoRI-NheI).

**pAS040** was generated with overlap extension PCR. The "UP" product encoding the *yodL* promoter region was amplified from *B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA with primer pair OAS114/OAS116. The "DOWN" product encoding *lacZ* was amplified from genomic DNA from SYL#8 (Table S1) using primer pair OAS117/OAS118. The two PCR products were used as template for overlap extension PCR using primer pair OAS114/OAS118. The amplified fragment was cut with EcoRI and BamHI and cloned into pDR111 cut with the same enzymes.

**pAS041** was generated with overlap extension PCR. The "UP" product was amplified from *B. subtilis 168* genomic DNA with primer pair OAS114/OAS119. The "DOWN" product was amplified from pJW006 with primer pair OAS120/ OAS121. The two PCR products were used as template for overlap extension PCR with primer pair OAS114/OAS121. The amplified fragment was cut with EcoRI and BamHI and cloned into pDR111 cut with the same enzymes.

**pAS044** was generated with overlap extension PCR. The "UP" product encoding the *yisK* promoter region was amplified from *B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template using primer pair OAS134/OAS135. The "DOWN" product encoding the *lacZ* gene was amplified from genomic DNA of SYL#8 (Table S1) with primer pair OAS136/OAS118. The two PCR products were used as template for overlap extension PCR using primer pair OAS134/OAS134. The amplified fragment was cut with EcoRI and BamHI and cloned into pDR111 cut with the same enzymes.

**pAS045** was generated with overlap extension PCR. The "UP" product was amplified from *B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template using primer pair OAS134/OAS137. The "DOWN" product was amplified from pJW006 with primer pair OAS138/ OAS121. The two PCR products were used as template for overlap extension PCR with primer pair OAS134/OAS121. The amplified fragment was cut with EcoRI and BamHI and cloned into pDR111 cut with the same enzymes.

**pAS047** was generated by cloning PCR product from an OAS148 and OAS149 amplification of pJW006 into pDR111 (EcoRI-BamHI).

**pAS067** was generated by cloning the PCR product obtained from an OAS274 and OAS275 amplification of *B. subtilis* 168 genomic DNA template (encoding 200bp upstream of *yisK* and *yisK*) into pDR111 (EcoRI-BamHI).

**pJH036** was generated by cloning the PCR product obtained from an OJH185 and OJH186 amplification of genomic DNA from BDR992 (encoding P<sub>hy</sub>-*lacZ*) into pKM062 (EcoRI-NheI).

**pJW004** was generated by cloning the ~1770 bp BamHI-EcoRI fragment from pDR111 (encoding the  $P_{hy}$  promotor and *lacl*) into pBB280, an allelic exchange vector that integrates at the *yhdG* locus and confers phleomycin resistance.

**pJW033** was generated by cloning the ~1770 bp BamHI-EcoRI fragment from pDR111 (encoding the  $P_{hy}$  promotor and *lacl*) into pKM086, an allelic integration vector that integrates at the *ycgO* locus and confers tetracycline resistance.

**pJW034** was was generated by cloning the ~1770 bp BamHI-EcoRI fragment from pDR111 (encoding the  $P_{hy}$  promotor and *lacl*) into pNS037, an allelic exchange vector that integrates at the *yycR* locus and confers chloramphenicol resistance.

**pYD073** was generated by cloning PCR product from OJH159 and OJH160 amplification using genomic DNA from BAS040 (amyE::P<sub>hy</sub>-yodL) and cloning into the into the EcoRI-NheI sites of pJW004.

**pYD155** was generated by cloning PCR product from OJH159 and OJH160 amplification using genomic DNA from BAS040 and cloning into the into the EcoRI-Nhel sites of pJW034.

**pYD156** was generated by cloning PCR product from OJH159 and OJH160 amplification using genomic DNA from BAS040 and cloning into the into the EcoRI-Nhel sites of pJW033.

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