sRNA and *cis*-antisense sRNA identification in *Staphylococcus aureus* highlights an unusual sRNA gene cluster with one encoding a secreted peptide

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Supplementary Information



Figure S1: Growth curve of Staphylococcus aureus Newman in BHI broth. Cells were inoculated at an OD600nm of 0.02 and cultured at 37°C under agitation at 160 rpm. The dotted lines correspond to the time in hours (h) when cells were harvested prior RNA extraction.



Figure S2: Relative RNA levels of (A) IGR_1050586, (B) IGR_1141544, and (C) IGR_2019372 in *Staphylococcus aureus* Newman based on northern blots. Cells were grown in BHI medium and harvested at 0.5, 2, 6, and 10 OD_{600nm} . tmRNA was used as an internal loading control, and the relative expression level determined at an OD_{600nm} of 0.5 was set to one for each gene tested. Data presented are the means of three independent experiments. A student t-test was done to determine significant differences with the condition at OD_{600nm} of 0.5.



Figure S3 : Expression profile of IGR_2839262 and IGR_1141544 RNase-deficient strains. Northern blot were performed using probes specific to the targets on RNAs extracted from HG003 (Δrnc , RNaseIII mutant) or Newman (Δrny : RNaseY mutant) cultured in BHI medium. The expression profile of IGR_2839262 was monitored in HG003 $\Delta rnaseIII$ and in Newman $\Delta rnaseY$ mutants of *S. aureus*, while IGR_1141544 expression was only monitored in Newman $\Delta rnaseY$ since the targeted region is absent in HG003.WT, wild-type; compl, complemented strain.



Figure S4 : IGR 1050586, 1079951, 2083121, and 2605426 expression in five *Staphylococcus aureus* strains. Northern blots were performed using target-specific probes on RNA extracted from UAMS-1, Newman, USA300, N315, and HG003 cultured in BHI medium until $OD_{600nm} = 6$. tmRNA was used as an internal loading control.



Figure S5: Artemis visualization of paired-end reads mapped onto the IGR_1141544 locus.









srn_2058











srn_3765





A- Cellular extract



B- Extracellular proteins



Figure S7: Western blots performed on cell extracts or secreted proteins of Newman strain transformed with appropriate plasmids.