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- Supplementary material
- **Supplementary figures and tables**



31 Supplementary Figure 1 | MS/MS fragmentation of Pseudopaline-Ni complex. The mass of the ions are indicated as well as their interpretation with the deduced fragmentation scheme shown in the inset.



38 Supplementary Figure 2 | Final purification steps of PaCntL, PaCntM and identification

of a complex between PaCntL and PaCntM by gel filtration. The elution profiles of PaCntL (blue trace) PaCntM (green trace) and a mix of PaCntL and PaCntM (red trace) are shown, with a SDS-PAGE gel using the pic fraction of the PaCntLM elution with molecular weight markers indicated on the left (inset).



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45 Supplementary Figure 3 | Pseudopaline is involved in nickel uptake in minimal media 46 supplemented with 1  $\mu$ M nickel. Intracellular nickel levels were measured by ICP-MS in 47 WT,  $\Delta cntL$  and  $\Delta cntL::cntL$  strains grown in MS medium and supplemented with 1  $\mu$ M of 48 nickel. Error bars, mean  $\pm$  s.d. \**P*<0.05, \*\**P*<0.01 and \*\*\**P*<0.001. 49



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52 Supplementary Figure 4 | Involvement of PaCntO in the import of Ni. Comparison of the

- 53 nickel intracellular accumulation in the WT and  $\Delta$ cntO mutant strains. Error bars, mean  $\pm$  s.d.
- 54 \**P*<0.05, \*\**P*<0.01 and \*\*\**P*<0.001.



57 Supplementary Figure 5 | Cell viability assay of WT,  $\Delta cntI$  single mutant and

58 Δ*cntL*/Δ*cntI* double mutant. Cell viability was assessed by serial dilutions of PA14 strain
 59 cultures spotted on MS agar plates.



64 Supplementary Figure 6 | Differences in the staphylopine (top) and pseudopaline
65 (bottom) biosynthetic pathways.

	Gene name and locus tag			
strain	cntO	cntL	<i>cntM</i>	cntI
PAO1	PA4837	PA4836	PA4835	PA4834
PA14	PA14_63960	PA14_63940	PA14_63920	PA14_63910
PA7	PSPA7_5556	PSPA7_5555	PSPA7_5554	PSPA7_5553

69 Supplementary Table 1 | correspondence with locus tag in PAO1 and PA14 and PA7

<sup>70</sup> strains of *P. aeruginosa*.

	description	Reference	
<i>E. coli</i> strains			
CC118λ <i>pir</i>	$\Delta$ ( <i>ara-leu</i> ) <i>ara</i> D $\Delta$ <i>lac</i> X74 <i>gal</i> E <i>gal</i> K <i>pho</i> A20 <i>thi-1 rps</i> E <i>rpo</i> B <i>arg</i> E (Am) <i>rec</i> A1 RfR ( $\lambda$ pir)		
SM10 thi-1, thr, leu, tonA, lacY, supE, recA::RP4-2-Tc::Mu; Km <sup>R</sup>		Laboratory collection	
BL21	$F^- ompT hsdS_B (r_B^-, m_B^-) gal dcm araB::T7RNAP-tetA$	Laboratory collection	
P. aeruginosa strains			
PA14	Wild type	2	
$PA14\Delta cntL$	cntL (PA14_63940) deletion mutant	This work	
PA14 <i>\DeltacntI</i>	PA14 $\Delta cntI$ cntI (PA14_63910) deletion mutant		
PA14 <i>\DeltacntO</i>	<i>cntO</i> ( <i>PA14_63960</i> ) deletion mutant	This work	
$PA14\Delta cntL::cntL_{V5}$	PA14 $\Delta cntL$ strain with $cntL_{V5}$ allele under the control of the <i>cnt</i> promoter integrated at the <i>attB</i> site (:: $cntL_{V5}$ )	This work	
PA14 $\Delta cntL$ :: <i>cntL</i> PA14 $\Delta cntL$ strain with <i>cntL</i> allele under the control of the <i>cnt</i> promoter integrated at the <i>attB</i> site (:: <i>cntL</i> )		This work	
$PA14\Delta cntL\Delta cntI$	$PA14\Delta cntL\Delta cntI$ $cntL cntI$ double deletion strain		
PA14zur	PA14 <i>zur</i> PA14 strain with transposon insertion in the <i>zur</i> gene $PA14$ 72560 ( <i>zur Tn</i> or <i>zur</i> ) (mutant ID 42601)		
PA14:: $cntL_{V5}$ zur	PA14 <i>zur</i> :: $Tn$ ( <i>zur</i> ) strain with $cntL_{V5}$ allele under the control of the <i>cnt</i> promoter integrated at the <i>attB</i> site		
Vectors and Plasmids			
pKNG101	Suicide vector SmR, <i>oriR6K</i> , <i>oriTRK2</i> , <i>mobRK2</i> , <i>sacB</i> R+	1	
pKNG101∆cntL	Suicide plasmid for <i>cntL</i> deletion	This work	
pKNG101∆cntI	Suicide plasmid for <i>cntI</i> deletion	This work	
pKNG101∆cntO	Suicide plasmid for <i>cntO</i> deletion	This work	
Mini-CTX1	vector containing <i>attP</i> site for integration at the <i>attB</i> site of <i>P. aerugionosa</i> chromosome; $Tc^{R}$ .	3	
Mini-CTX1-cntL <sub>V5</sub>	plasmid harboring $cntL_{V5}$ under the control of the $cnt$ promoter cloned in $Eco$ RI of Mini-CTX1; Tc <sup>R</sup> .	This work	
Mini-CTX1-cntL	plasmid harboring <i>cntL</i> under the control of the <i>cnt</i> promoter cloned in <i>Eco</i> RI of Mini-CTX1: $Tc^{R}$ .	This work	
pFLP2	pFLP2 plasmid harboring the inducible $flp$ recombinase; ApR (Ch <sup>R</sup> )		
pRK2013	Plasmid for triparental mating. Km <sup>R</sup> . ColE1. Tra+ Mob+	4	
pET22b+	Expression plasmid	Novagen	
pET22b <sup>+</sup> cntL	plasmid harboring <i>cntL</i>	This work	
pET-TEV	Expression plasmid	Addgene	
pET-TEV <i>cntM</i>	plasmid harboring <i>cntM</i>	This work	

73 Supplementary Table 2 | Strains and plasmids used in this study.

Name	Sequence (5'-3')		
SL1	CAGGTCGACGGATCCCCGGGGAAAAAGAAGAACGTGCTCACC		
SL2	GGCCTTCTCCATGGCATGGCTTCCTGGCG		
SL3	GCCATGCCATGGAGAAGGCCGGTCGATGA		
SL4	TATGCATCCGCGGGGCCCGGGAGGTAGACCCTGCGCTTGAC		
SL7	GCTTGATATCGAATTCGGCTGGGCTGGTCGT		
SL8	GTAGAGGGCGGGAAATCGCACCAGAAAAG		
SL9	CGATTTCCCGCCCTCTACCGCCGCCAGGA		
SL10	CGGGCTGCAGGAATTCTCACGTAGAATCGAGACCGAGGAGAGGGTTAGGGATAG		
	GCTTACCTCGACCGGCCTTCTC		
SL12	CAGGTCGACGGATCCCCGGGGGAAATGCAGCGGATCGAG		
SL13	GAGGGCTCACATGGGAAATCGCACCAGAA		
SL14	TTTCCCATGTGAGCCCTCTACCGCCGCCA		
SL15	TATGCATCCGCGGGCCCGGGCCTCTTCGTCGATGTCCAG		
SL19	CAGGTCGACGGATCCCCGGGGTCTACCCGGAGGGACCTATC		
SL20	GGAGGCTCACTTCAGCAGGTCGAGCACCA		
SL21	CTGCTGAAGTGAGCCTCCGGCGCGACCGG		
SL22	TATGCATCCGCGGGGCCCGGGGCTGCTCTACAGCATCTCGAC		
SL32	ΓΤΧΓΧΤΑΧΤΑΧΓΑΓΧΓΤΤΧΧ		
SL33	GATGTCCAGGCAGCACAAA		
SL34b	AACTGGAGAAGCACCTTTGC		
SL35b	GACCACGTCCAGGTAACTGTC		
SL36	GATTCATCGATTGCCAAGGA		
SL37	GGAATAGCTGAACGGCTTGA		
SL38	GAGCAGCATGAACAGCATCA		
SL39	GGATGTCCTCGATACGGGTG		
SL40	GCTATATCGGCATCGTCTTCA		
SL41	CATGCTCCAGGAGATCAAGC		
SL42	TCAGTGTGTCGCTTGTCCTC		
SL43	GCTTCTTGGTCACCAGGTTC		
SL44	GAGATTCGCCTGCTCACC		
SL45	GATGTCCAGGCAGCACAAA		
SL46b	ACCAAGGTGATCGACGAGAC		
SL47b	CTCCTTGGCAATCGATGAAT		
SL48	ATCGGTACCCTGCTGATCTA		
SL49	CACCGCCAGGAAGTAGAAGA		
SL50	CGGGCTGCAGGAATTCTCATCGACCGGCCTTCTCCA		

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Supplementary Table 3 | Oligonucleotides used in this study.

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