1 Supplemental Figures and Tables

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Figure S1. CHX induces *liaX* gene expression in *E. faecium*. RT-qPCR was used to quantify the expression of *liaX* upon exposure to CHX for 15 min as compared to control untreated condition. Expression of *liaX* was internally normalized to *clpX*, and expression in control cultures was set to 1 (not shown). The fold change in *liaX* expression in cultures treated with 1X MIC CHX relative to the control was quantified for two independent (Trial 1 and 2) experiments. Efm 410, *E. faecium* 1,231,410; Efm 733, *E. faecium* 1,141,733.

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Figure S2. Quantification of genes expression levels in DAP mutants by RT-qPCR. RTqPCR was used to quantify the expression of A) *liaX*, B) *chtR* and *chtS*, and C) *cls-1* and *cls-2* genes at exponential phase (OD_{600} ~0.6) in DAP mutants compared to *E. faecium* 410. Expression of genes of interest was internally normalized to *clpX*, and expression in *E. faecium* 410 cultures was set to 1. The standard deviation was calculated from n=3 independent experiments and one-tailed Student's *t*-test was used to calculate significance value. *, *P* < 0.05. 410 wild-type, *E. faecium* 1,231,410.

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Figure S3. Quantification of expression levels of cytidylate kinase (*cmk*) in DAP mutants. 18 19 A) Gel electrophoresis analysis of *cmk* promoter amplicons in *E. faecium* 410 wild-type and DAP-A mutants. 100 ng of purified PCR products were analyzed for each on a 1% TAE gel. 20 Presence of wild-type and IS1251 insertion PCR bands in the *cmk* promoter were observed in 21 the DAP-A mutants. B) RT-qPCR confirmed significant down-regulation of *cmk* transcript levels 22 in the DAP mutants vs. E. faecium 410 during exponential growth (OD₆₀₀~0.6) in three 23 24 independent trials. Expression of *cmk* was internally normalized to *clpX* and expression of *E*. faecium 410 was set to 1 (not shown). *, P < 0.05. 410 wt, E. faecium 1,231,410; Neg., negative 25 control. 26

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Figure S4. Quantification of intracellular organic phosphate (Pi) levels in *E. faecium* 410 wild-type and DAP-B1 mutant. Intracellular Pi levels were measured for wild-type and DAP strain DAP-B1 at different growth time points (OD_{600} 0.4-0.8) as described in materials and methods. The levels (pmoles) were normalized using CFU count. Standard deviation was calculated from n=3 independent experiments and significance value was calculated using onetailed Student's *t* test. Time points: 1, OD_{600} 0.4-0.5; 2, OD_{600} 0.5-0.6; 3, OD_{600} 0.6-0.7 and 4, OD_{600} 0.7-0.8. *, *P* < 0.05. 410 wt, *E. faecium* 1,231,410.

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Figure S5. Cardiolipin levels are decreased in DAP-A1 and DAP-A2 mutants. Lipidomic 36 analysis of E. faecium 410 and DAP strains DAP-A1 and -A2 was performed by normal-phase 37 LC-ESI/MS in the negative ion mode. The major lipids detected are phosphatidylglycerol (PG), 38 (CL), 39 cardiolipin diacylglycerol (DAG), monohexosyldiacylglycerol (MHDAG), dihexosyldiacylglycerol (DHDAG), phosphatidic acid (PA), and lysylphosphaditylglycerol (LPG). 40 Shown are the total ion chromatograms (TIC) and the selected mass spectra of [M-H] ion 41 42 species of PG and CL from the first trial.

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Figure S6. Lipid-like compounds (Atmer-163) are detected in *E. faecium* 410 but not in $\Delta efrEF$ mutant. A) Positive ion ESI mass spectra showing the detection of Atmer-163 (C₁₃) ([M+H]⁺ at *m/z* 288) and Atmer-163 (C₁₅) ([M+H]⁺ ion at *m/z* 316) in *E. faecium* 410, and their absence in the $\Delta efrEF$ mutant. B) Chemical structures and molecular formulae of Atmer-163 (C₁₃) and Atmer-163 (C₁₅). C) MS/MS spectrum of Atmer-163 (C₁₅) [M+H]⁺ ion at *m/z* 316. The fragment ion structures are depicted.

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51 **Table S1.** List of primers used in the study.

- **Table S2.** Doubling time and rifampin mutation frequency for the DAP strains vs. *E. faecium* 410
- 54 wild-type.





Figure S2







Figure S4









| 1.Real time primers | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 410 <i>clpX</i> for | GCAAAACGCTCGTTAGCTGT |
| 410 <i>clpX</i> rev | CCAGACCCTGTAGGTCCGAT |
| 410 <i>liaX</i> for | CCCAGCATTTTTCGCAACGA |
| 410 <i>liaX</i> rev | TGCATGGCAAGTCAGGTGAA |
| 733 <i>clpX</i> for | AAACGCTCGTTAGCTGTTGC |
| 733 <i>clpX</i> rev | CCCTGTAGGTCCGATCAAGC |
| 733 <i>liaX</i> for | GCAGCAAACGGAAACGTGAC |
| 733 <i>liaX</i> rev | CTCGATCTGGCTCCGTTCAG |
| 410 <i>cmk</i> for | GGCTCATCCTTCGGTGTGAA |
| 410 <i>cmk</i> rev | GCACTGTTTCCCAATACCGC |
| 410 <i>cls</i> 1 for | CCTGGGGTGGGCTTTGTATT |
| 410 <i>cls</i> 1 rev | TATCGCCCATGTCAGGATCG |
| 410 <i>cls2</i> for | CAAATCGTGACAAGCGGACC |
| 410 <i>cls2</i> rev | AGAGCCAACTTCAGTGCTTCA |
| 410 chtS for | TCGCTACGAGATCGTTGGTG |
| 410 chtS rev | GTTTCCGTGATCCGGCGTA |
| 410 <i>chtR</i> for | GCTATGAACATGGGGGCAGA |
| 410 <i>chtR</i> rev | ACGTAATGCCATTGTGGCTC |
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| 3. ABC transporter | |
| ABC transporter flankingarm1_for | ATGCAT GAATTC CCTCTAAAAAACTAAAATTCT |
| ABC transporter flankingarm1_rev | ATGCATGCATGCGATAGACATATTATTCCTCCT |
| ABC transporter flanking arm2_for | ATGCATGCATGCATAGCGTAACAAACATTATC1 |
| ABC transporter flanking arm2_rev | ATGCAT GGATCC TGGACAACACATATGATATT |
| ABC complementation for | ATGC GGATCC GCGGATCGTTGATTTTGGCA |
| ABC complementation rev | ATGC GGATCC CCTGCCTCTTCCGTTCAACT |
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| 4. Confirmation of mutations | |
| ABC transporter for | GCTTGGGTCACTCCAATTGC |
| ABC transporter rev | CCGTCGTAATGAGGCAAACG |
| RelA for | GTGACAAAAGAAGAAATTTTAACG |
| RelA rev | CTATCCATTCGTCCGGCGTACACT |
| Hydrolase for | TGGGATGGCTAGATCGGCTA |
| Hydrolase rev | CGCTGCTTCTGTAGGGACAA |
| <i>cmk</i> for | TGGCAACGGTACTTTTCCCA |
| <i>cmk</i> rev | GTGCAGGGATCACCACTGAT |
| PhoU for | ATGGGGATGATGGTGAGCAG |

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Glycosyl transferase for Glycosyl transferase rev

PhoU rev

CTGCCCTTTTACGCGAATCG

CCAAGTATCCCTGCTCCGAA

AAGGTGCGTATTCAGGTGCA

| Strains | Average doubling time ± SD (mins) ^a | P value ^b | Average Rifampin mutation frequency ± SD (X 10 ⁻⁷) ^a | P value |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------|--|---------|
| <i>E. faecium</i> 410 wt | 29.27 ± 1.63 | | 1.68 ± 1.75 | |
| DAP-A1 | 37.82 ± 5.26 | *0.028 | 3.16 ± 3.53 | 0.13 |
| DAP-A2 | 42.67 ± 2.78 | *0.013 | 3.23 ± 4.66 | 0.18 |
| DAP-B1 | 38.48 ± 2.09 | *0.014 | 0.615 ± 0.19 | 0.14 |
| DAP-B2 | 29.12 ± 1.92 | 0.244 | 0.975 ± 0.52 | 0.25 |

Table S2. Doubling time and Rifampin mutation frequency for the DAP strains vs. *E. faecium* 410 wild-type.

^aAverage values and standard deviation (SD) were calculated from minimum n=3 independent trials. ^bSignificance value was calculated using one-tailed Student's *t* test. *, P < 0.05. *E. faecium* 410, *E. faecium* 1,231,410.