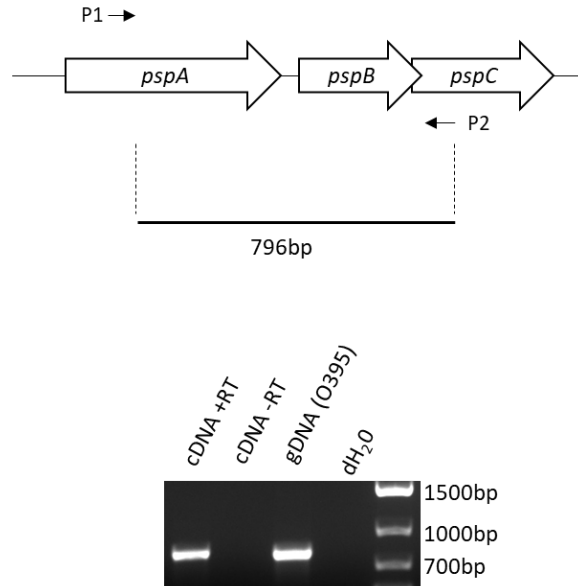


**Table S1. Strains and Plasmids**

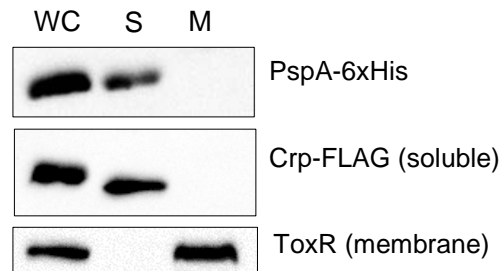
<b>Genotype/Features</b>	<b>Reference or Source</b>
<u>Strains</u>	
O395	Laboratory strain
O395- <i>pspA</i> -His <sub>6</sub>	This study
O395 $\Delta$ <i>lacZ</i>	Laboratory strain
O395 $\Delta$ <i>pspFABC</i>	This study
O395 $\Delta$ <i>pspA</i>	This study
O395 $\Delta$ <i>pspB</i>	This study
O395 $\Delta$ <i>pspBC</i>	This study
O395 $\Delta$ <i>pspF</i>	This study
O395 <i>lacZ</i> $\Omega$ P <i>pspA</i>	This study
O395 <i>lacZ</i> $\Omega$ P <i>pspA</i> , <i>pspA</i> -His <sub>6</sub>	This study
DH5 $\alpha$	Laboratory strain
JM101	Laboratory strain
DH5 $\alpha$ $\lambda$ pir	Laboratory strain
SM10 $\lambda$ pir	Laboratory strain
<u>Plasmids</u>	
pTTQ18	(1)
pKAS32	(2)
pBAD18-kan	(3)
pBAD33	(3)
pBAD30	(3)
pKAS32- $\Delta$ <i>pspA</i>	This study
pKAS32- $\Delta$ <i>pspB</i>	This study
pKAS32- $\Delta$ <i>pspC</i>	This study
pKAS32- $\Delta$ <i>pspBC</i>	This study
pKAS32- $\Delta$ <i>pspF</i>	This study

pKAS32- $\Delta$ <i>pspFABC</i>	This study
pKAS32- <i>PpspA::lacZ</i>	This study
pKAS32- <i>pspA-6xHis</i>	This study
pTTQ18- <i>gspD-6xHis</i>	This study
pTTQ18- <i>tcpC-6xHis</i>	This study
pTTQ18- <i>pilQ-6xHis</i>	This study
pTTQ18- <i>mshL-6xHis</i>	This study
pBAD18-kan- <i>gspD-6xHis</i>	This study
pBAD18-kan- <i>tcpC-6xHis</i>	This study
pBAD18-kan- <i>pilQ-6xHis</i>	This study
pBAD18-kan- <i>mshL-6xHis</i>	This study
pBAD33- <i>pspA-6xHis</i>	This study
pBAD33- <i>ompT-FLAG</i>	This study
pBAD30- <i>pspA-6xHis</i>	This study
pBAD30- <i>pspBC-6xHis</i>	This study
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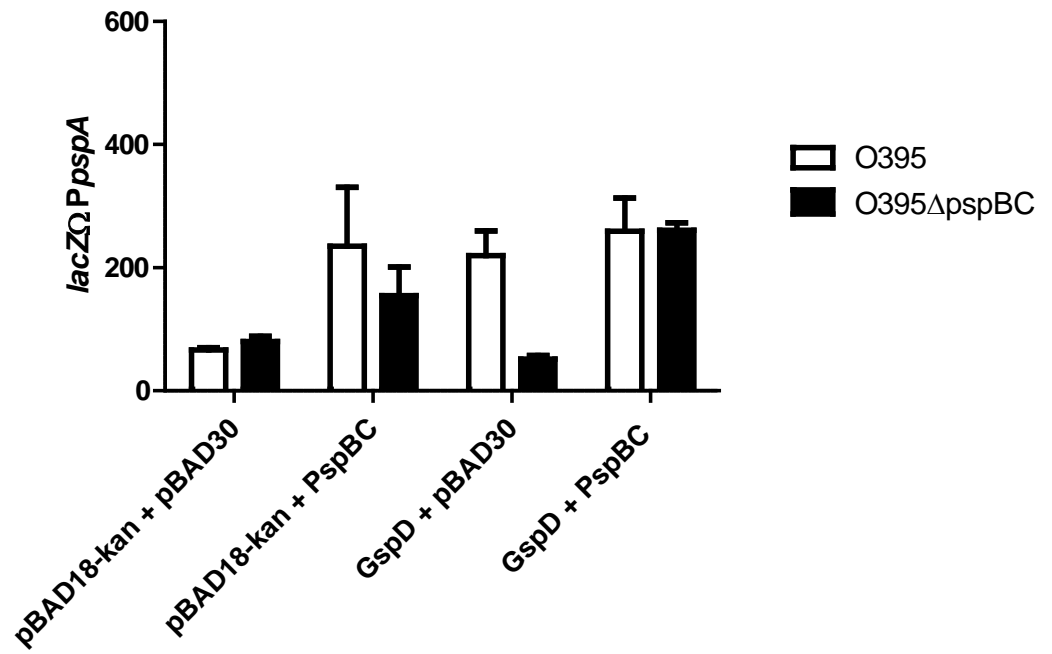
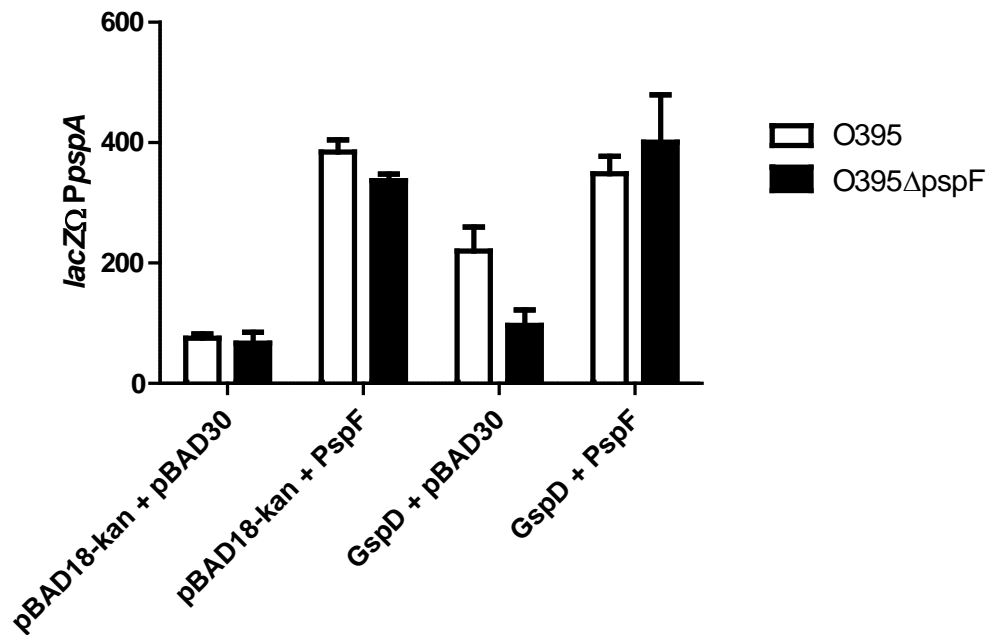
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**Figure S1. *pspABC* are cotranscribed.** Cultures were grown to mid-log phase when GspD expression was induced for one hour. RNA was harvested for RT-PCR analysis. Primers spanning from *pspA* (P1) to *pspC* (P2) were used for amplification from cDNA made by reverse transcription (+RT), reverse transcription negative (-RT) samples, or from genomic DNA (gDNA).



**Figure S2. PspA is primarily localized in the soluble fraction under non-inducing conditions.** Cultures were grown to mid-log phase before fractionation into soluble (S) and membrane (M) fractions. Crp-FLAG and ToxR were used as cytoplasmic and membrane controls, respectively. WC = whole cell lysate, S = soluble, M = membrane fractions.

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**Figure S3. Complementation with *pspBC* and *pspF* restore *psp* activity to their respective deletion strains.** Cultures were grown to mid-log phase when GspD and *psp* expression were induced for one hour.  $\beta$ -galactosidase activity was detected from the chromosomal reporter *lacZ $\Omega$ PpspA*.