

1 Supplemental Materials

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3 Selecting for POL7001 resistant mutants

4 PA14 (*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* UCBPP-PA14) cells were grown to mid-log phase (OD₆₀₀ 0.4–0.6) in
5 Lysogeny Broth (LB). Cells were pelleted at room temperature with centrifugation (5000g, 10 minutes) and
6 resuspended in LB to yield 1x10⁹ CFU/mL (OD₆₀₀ 1.0). ~10⁸ CFU were plated onto agar plates containing
7 1.6µg/mL POL7001 (~4X the MIC on LB agar). Six resistant mutants were isolated after incubation at 37°C for
8 16 hours, which were further grown in 5mL LB with 0.3µg/mL POL7001. Total DNA was extracted using the
9 DNeasy Blood and Tissue Kit (Qiagen, Hilden Germany), and subsequently quantified using the High
10 Sensitivity Quant-iT dsDNA Assay Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham MA). Indexed paired-end libraries
11 were generated using the Nextera XT DNA library preparation kit (Illumina, San Diego CA). 25µL of index
12 DNA libraries were mixed with 15µL Agencourt AMPure XP beads (Beckman Coulter, Pasadena CA) in a
13 0.5mL deep well block (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham MA), and after equilibrating on a 96S Super Magnet
14 (Alpaqua Engineering, Beverly MA) for 2 minutes, the supernatants were removed. Samples were twice
15 washed with 200µL of 80% (v/v) ethanol, and after drying on the magnet stand for 15 minutes, purified DNA
16 was eluted with 25µL water. DNA quality and quantity were determined using the D5000 ScreenTape with the
17 2200 TapeStation (Agilent, Santa Clara CA). Samples were diluted to a final concentration of 6.8ng/µL, and
18 pooled for sequencing on the MiSeq instrument (Illumina, San Diego CA). Annotated reference genomes were
19 obtained from www.pseudomonas.com(1). Illumina reads were mapped to the PA14 genome and single
20 nucleotide polymorphisms were identified using the Pilon program previously reported(2). All SNPs, including
21 the *pmrB* mutation in the clinical isolate PA1571-*pmrB*_{G188D}, were subsequently confirmed by Sanger
22 sequencing.

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24 MIC determination

25 All MIC experiments were conducted in biological triplicate in 384-well microplates (Nunc 384-well clear
26 polystyrene plates, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham MA) using the standard microdilution broth method
27 adapted from previously published methods in Nature Protocols(3). For strains containing a second *pmrB* allele

28 at the attTn7 site, cultures were grown in the presence of 0.25% (v/v) arabinose. For colistin, meropenem,
 29 piperacillin, and ceftazidime, 2-fold serial dilutions were performed in water at 200X the desired assay
 30 concentrations, after which samples were diluted 1:100 into LB or MHB. For POL7001, POL7080, PG-1 and
 31 TAMRA-L27-11, 2-fold serial dilutions were performed in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) at 200X the desired assay
 32 concentrations, after which samples were diluted 1:100 into LB or MHB. 30 μ L of serially diluted drug solutions
 33 were mixed with equal volume mid-log bacterial culture to yield final conditions of 5x10⁵ CFU/mL bacteria
 34 (OD₆₀₀ 1.0 = 10⁹ CFU/mL based on plate counts) with various drug concentrations. The final DMSO
 35 concentration did not exceed 0.5% (v/v). Microplates were incubated in a humidity chamber without shaking
 36 for 16 hours at 37°C, after which time the OD₆₀₀ was measured in the Spark Multimode Reader (Tecan,
 37 Männedorf Switzerland). The clinical strain PA1571-*pmrB*_{G188D}, previously reported to contain the PmrB
 38 substitution G188D(4), displayed a growth delay and was thus allowed to grow for 30 hours in a humidity
 39 chamber without shaking. Data were plotted and analyzed using GraphPad Prism8 software to determine the
 40 MICs, defined as the minimal drug concentrations required for complete inhibition of bacterial growth. **Table S1**
 41 summarizes the MIC data generated for PA14, the six POL7080-resistant mutants, and the clinical strain
 42 PA1571-*pmrB*_{G188D} in both LB and MHB. **Table S2** summarizes the activities of other conventional antibiotics
 43 against these strains. **Table S3** contains the MIC data in LB with 0.25% arabinose after introducing a copy of
 44 the mutant *pmrB* alleles at the attTn7 chromosomal site. **Table S4** shows the activity of TAMRA-L27-11
 45 against PA14 and the resistant PA14-*pmrB*_{L172del} mutant.

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Table S1: MICs against resistant mutants in MHB and LB. The fold-change relative to PA14 is shown in parentheses.

Strain	MIC (μ g/mL) in MHB				MIC (μ g/mL) in LB			
	POL7001	POL7080	PG-1	Colistin	POL7001	POL7080	PG-1	Colistin
Wildtype PA14	0.050	0.050	1.3	0.44	0.10	0.10	2.7	0.88
PA14- <i>pmrB</i> _{L172del}	1.6 (32)	1.6 (32)	43 (32)	14 (32)	1.6 (16)	3.2 (32)	>43 (>16)	7.0 (8)
PA14- <i>pmrB</i> _{G188S}	0.40 (8)	0.20 (4)	11 (8)	1.8 (4)	0.80 (8)	0.80 (8)	>43 (>16)	3.5 (4)
PA14- <i>pmrB</i> _{V136L}	0.80 (16)	0.40 (8)	>43 (>32)	3.5 (8)	1.6 (16)	1.6 (16)	>43 (>16)	3.5 (4)
PA14- <i>pmrB</i> _{T132P}	0.40 (8)	0.40 (8)	>43 (>32)	3.5 (8)	1.6 (16)	1.6 (16)	>43 (>16)	3.5 (4)
PA14- <i>pmrB</i> _{R155H}	1.6 (32)	1.6 (32)	>43 (>32)	7.0 (16)	1.6 (16)	3.2 (32)	>43 (>16)	3.5 (4)
PA14- <i>pmrB</i> _{A330P}	0.80 (16)	0.80 (16)	>43 (>32)	3.5 (8)	1.6 (16)	3.2 (32)	>43 (>16)	3.5 (4)
PA1571- <i>pmrB</i> _{G188D}	0.20 (4)	0.40 (8)	10.8 (8)	>56 (>64)	0.40 (4)	0.80 (8)	22 (8)	>56 (>64)

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Table S2: MICs of conventional anti-pseudomonal antibiotics against PA14 and resistant mutants in MHB and LB. Fold-change relative to wildtype is shown in parentheses.

Strain	MIC ($\mu\text{g/mL}$) in MHB			MIC ($\mu\text{g/mL}$) in LB		
	Piperacillin	Ceftazidime	Meropenem	Piperacillin	Ceftazidime	Meropenem
Wildtype PA14	2.7	2.7	0.27	2.7	2.7	0.55
PA14- <i>pmrB</i> _{L172del}	1.3 (0.5)	2.7 (1)	0.27 (1)	1.3 (0.5)	2.7 (1)	0.55 (1)
PA14- <i>pmrB</i> _{G188S}	5.4 (2)	5.4 (2)	0.27 (1)	5.4 (2)	2.7 (1)	0.55 (1)
PA14- <i>pmrB</i> _{V136L}	2.7 (1)	5.4 (2)	0.27 (1)	2.7 (1)	2.7 (1)	0.55 (1)
PA14- <i>pmrB</i> _{T132P}	5.4 (2)	5.4 (2)	0.27 (1)	5.4 (2)	2.7 (1)	1.1 (2)
PA14- <i>pmrB</i> _{R155H}	2.7 (1)	5.4 (2)	0.55 (2)	2.7 (1)	2.7 (1)	1.1 (2)
PA14- <i>pmrB</i> _{A330P}	2.7 (1)	5.4 (2)	0.27 (1)	2.7 (1)	2.7 (1)	0.55 (1)
PA1571- <i>pmrB</i> _{G188D}	>43 (>16)	>43 (>16)	>4.4 (>16)	>43.7 (>16)	>43.7 (>16)	4.4 (>8)

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Table S3: MICs in LB with 0.25% arabinose after introduction of second *pmrB* alleles into PA14 and *pmrB*_{L172del} backgrounds. The fold-change relative to the background strain is indicated in parentheses.

Background strain	attTn7 Allele	POL7080 MIC ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	Colistin MIC ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)
PA14	---	0.10	0.88
PA14	<i>pmrB</i> _{WT}	0.20 (2)	0.88 (1)
PA14	<i>pmrB</i> _{L172del}	1.6 (16)	3.5 (4)
PA14	<i>pmrB</i> _{G188S}	0.40 (4)	1.8 (2)
PA14	<i>pmrB</i> _{G188D}	1.6 (16)	7.0 (8)
PA14- <i>pmrB</i> _{L172del}	---	3.2	7.0
PA14- <i>pmrB</i> _{L172del}	<i>pmrB</i> _{WT}	1.6 (0.5)	3.5 (0.5)

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Table S4: MICs of TAMRA-L27-11 against PA14 and the resistant PA14-*pmrB*_{L172del} mutant.

Strain	TAMRA-L27-11 MIC ($\mu\text{g/mL}$) in MHB
Wildtype PA14	14
PA14- <i>pmrB</i> _{L172del}	>28

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53 Introduction of *pmrB* alleles at the attTn7 chromosomal site

54 Copies of the wildtype *pmrB* allele, POL7080-resistant *pmrB* alleles L172del and G188S, and the colistin-
 55 resistant *pmrB* allele G188D(4) were introduced into PA14 at the neutral, naturally-evolved attTn7
 56 chromosomal site using the mini-Tn7 system described previously in *P. aeruginosa*(5). When possible, the
 57 desired *pmrB* alleles were amplified from the genomic DNA of its corresponding mutant and inserted into the
 58 pUC18-derived mini-Tn7 integration vector (with gentamicin cassette and AraC-*araBAD* promoter system)
 59 using standard PCR and Gibson Assembly protocols (New England Biolabs, Ipswich MA)(6). The G188D
 60 substitution was engineered into the wildtype PA14 *pmrB* mini-Tn7 integration vector using the Q5 Site-

61 Directed Mutagenesis Kit (New England Biolabs, Ipswich MA). Ultimately, each mini-Tn7 integration vector
62 contained the desired *pmrB* allele (wildtype, L172del, G188S, or G188D) under control of the *AraC-araBAD*
63 promoter(7), which encodes the *araC* repressor allowing for titratable *pmrB* gene expression in response to
64 arabinose. After transformation into 10-beta *Escherichia coli* (New England Biolabs, Ipswich MA), bacterial
65 conjugation was performed on cellulose membranes by spotting 20 μ L of a 1:2:2:2 mixture of the recipient
66 strain (PA14 or PA14-*pmrB*_{172del}), 10-beta cells harboring the desired *pmrB* integration vector, and helper
67 strains pRK2013 and pTNS3 (encoding the machinery necessary for pseudomonal plasmid uptake and
68 subsequent integration at the attTn7 site). After mating at 37°C for 10 hours, cells were resuspended in 400 μ L
69 LB and selected on LB agar containing 30 μ g/mL gentamicin and 15 μ g/mL irgasan, permitting growth of only
70 PA14 cells containing the *pmrB* gene (and gentamicin cassette). Colonies were isolated and *pmrB* gene inserts
71 were confirmed by fragment sizing after colony PCR. PCR products of the appropriate size were also
72 recovered using the Gel Extraction Kit (Qiagen, Hilden Germany) and confirmed by sequencing.

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74 **RNAseq experiments**

75 RNAseq experiments were carried out in biological triplicate in 384-well microplates (Nunc 384-well clear
76 polystyrene plates, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham MA). POL7001 was dissolved in DMSO at 200X the
77 working concentration, and then diluted 1:100 into LB, yielding 2X drug solution in 1% (v/v) DMSO in LB.
78 PA14 cultures were grown with shaking (37°C, 250rpm) to mid-log phase, and 30 μ L of cultures were mixed
79 with equal volume of 2X POL7001 solution, yielding final conditions containing of 2x10⁸ CFU/mL PA14 with
80 0.2 μ g/mL POL7001 in 0.5% (v/v) DMSO in LB. Cells were treated at 37°C for 100 minutes without shaking in a
81 humidity chamber. Samples were then mixed with 30 μ L of 3X RNAgem Blue Buffer (Zygem, Charlottesville
82 VA), and chemically lysed by incubation in a thermocycler at 75°C for 10 minutes. Total RNA was then
83 extracted using the Direct-zol kit (Zymo Research, Irvin CA), and RNA quality and quantity were analyzed
84 using the RNA ScreenTape with the 2200 TapeStation (Agilent, Santa Clara CA). RNA-seq libraries were
85 prepared using the RNA TagSeq protocol previously described(8), and samples were sequenced samples on a
86 NextSeq instrument (Illumina, San Diego CA). Transcriptional data were analyzed using the Burrows-Wheeler
87 Aligner(9) for alignment and DESeq2(10) to determine genes differentially expressed.

88 qRT-PCR experiments

89 qRT-PCR experiments were carried out in biological triplicate in a Nunc 96-well 2mL Deep Well Block (Thermo
90 Fisher Scientific, Waltham MA). POL7080 was dissolved in DMSO at 200X the working concentration, and
91 then diluted 1:100 into LB, yielding 2X drug solution in 1% (v/v) DMSO in LB. PA14 and resistant PA14-
92 *pmrB*_{L172del} cultures were grown with shaking (37°C, 250rpm) to mid-log phase in LB. 125µL of mid-log
93 cultures were mixed with equal volume of either 2X POL7080 solution or 1% DMSO vehicle control, yielding
94 final conditions containing of 2×10^8 CFU/mL bacteria with 0.2µg/mL or 0µg/mL POL7080 in 0.5% (v/v) DMSO
95 in LB. Cells were treated at 37°C for 100 minutes without shaking in a humidity chamber. Samples were then
96 pelleted by centrifugation (5,000g, 10 minutes), and 150µL of supernatant was discarded. After resuspension
97 in the remaining supernatant, 90µL of culture were transferred to an Axygen 96-well PCR plate (Corning
98 Incorporated, Corning NY), containing 10µL of 10X RNAgem Blue Buffer (Zygem, Charlottesville VA).
99 Chemically lysis was performed by incubation in a thermocycler at 75°C for 10 minutes. Total RNA was then
100 extracted using the Direct-zol kit (Zymo Research, Irvin CA), and RNA quality and quantity were analyzed
101 using the RNA ScreenTape with the 2200 TapeStation (Agilent, Santa Clara CA). Complementary DNA
102 (cDNA) libraries were generated using the qScript cDNA synthesis kit (QuantaBio, Beverly MA). All qRT-PCR
103 reactions were carried with the ViiA 7 Real-Time PCR system (Applied Biosystems, Foster City CA). Primer
104 pairs were designed for *pmrA*, *arnB*, *pagL* and *rpoD* genes and purchased from Integrated DNA Technologies
105 (**Table S5**). cDNA, primer pairs, and iTaq Universal SYBR Green Supermix (Bio-Rad Laboratories) were mixed
106 according to the iTaq Universal SYBR Green Supermix protocol. 10µL of PCR reaction mixtures were
107 transferred to 384-well thin-wall hard-shell PCR plates (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules CA). Cycle conditions
108 were based on the iTaq SYBR Green mix protocol for the BIO-RAD CFX384 system as follows: polymerase
109 activation and DNA denaturation at 95°C for 20 seconds for cDNA, or 5 minutes for genomic DNA; 40 cycles
110 for amplification (denaturation at 95°C for 5 seconds, followed by annealing at 63°C for 30 seconds, followed
111 by extension at 72°C for 2 minutes). A series of seven 10-fold dilutions of PA14 control genomic DNA (initial
112 stock at 40ng/µL) were performed, and standard curves were generated as previously described to determine
113 the conversion factor of DNA copies per PCR reaction, assuming 1ng of PA14 genomic DNA equaled 1.4×10^5
114 DNA copies(11, 12). For analysis, gene transcript levels were normalized to those of the housekeeping *rpoD*

115 gene, and subsequently normalized by untreated PA14 transcript levels to determine fold-change in gene
116 expression relative to untreated PA14.

Gene	Forward Primer	Reverse Primer
<i>pmrA</i>	AAGGCGATACCGTGGAATG	CAGGTTGCGCAGGATGT
<i>arnB</i>	CTGGCACCTGTTCATCCTG	AGGTGACTGGCGATGAAATG
<i>pagL</i>	GATGCGGGCTACACCTATTG	GCCTCGATGAATGGCTTGAT
<i>rpoD</i>	GATTTCCATCGCCAAGAAGT	CACGACGGTATTCGAACTTG

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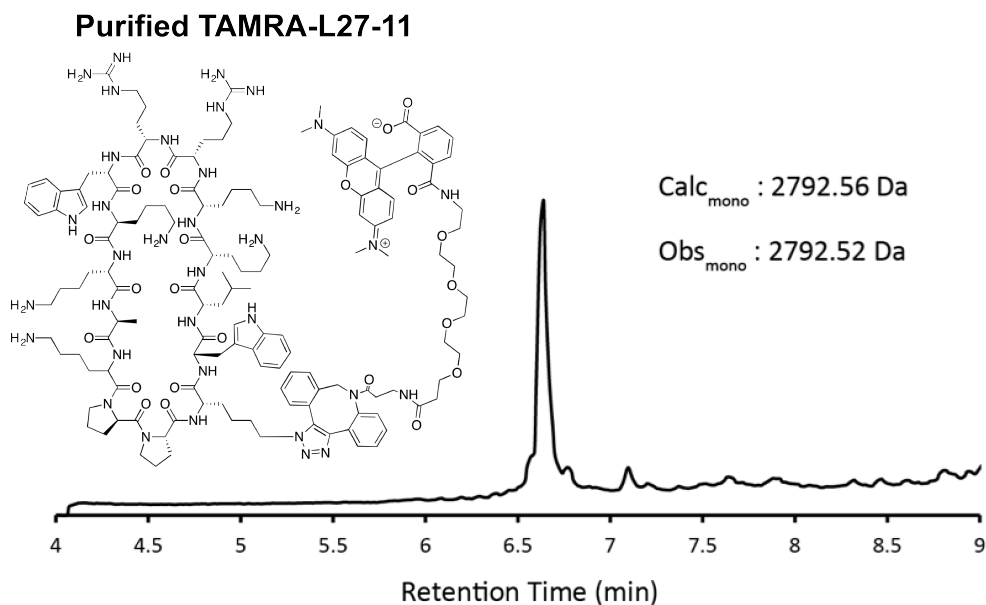
118 **Synthesis of TAMRA-modified cyclic peptide L27-11 (TAMRA-L27-11)**

119 *Synthesis of parent peptide*

120 The parent cyclic peptide L27-11 was synthesized mostly as previously described(13). The uncyclized linear
121 peptide was prepared by a combination of batch synthesis and manual flow peptide synthesis (N^α-Fmoc-
122 protected amino acids from Chem-Impex International)(14). Except where specified, all reagents in this
123 procedure were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. In batch, Fmoc-L-Pro-OH (1mmol) was coupled to 150 mg 2-
124 chlorotriyl chloride polystyrene resin (200–400 mesh, loading: 1.14mmol/g, Chem-Impex International) in the
125 presence of diisopropylethylamine (DIEA, 0.3mL) in dichloromethane (DCM, 2.5mL). Manual flow peptide
126 synthesis followed the standard 3-minute cycle at 60°C previously described. Initial deprotection of N^α-Fmoc
127 was performed with 6.6mL 20% (v/v) piperidine in N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) delivered at 20mL/min over
128 20 seconds. Subsequent coupling was performed by delivering 1mmol Fmoc-Xaa dissolved in 2.5mL of 0.4M
129 2-(7-Aza-1H-benzotriazole-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate (HATU, Chem-Impex
130 International) in DMF and 0.5mL DIEA. Between coupling and deprotection steps, resin was washed for 1
131 minute by delivering 20mL of DMF at 20mL/min. Final amino acid coupling was performed in batch. Fmoc-N^ε-
132 azide-L-Lysine-OH (1mmol) was dissolved in 2.5 mL of 0.4M HATU in DMF and 0.5mL DIEA, and added to
133 resin. Subsequent Fmoc deprotection was performed by addition of 20% (v/v) piperidine in DMF (5mL).
134 Cleavage from resin was performed via addition of 1% (v/v) TFA in DCM for 5 minutes. The eluate was
135 transferred and neutralized with 1mL DIEA. Cleavage and neutralization was performed twice. Solvent was
136 then removed under high vacuum. To cyclize, the resulting side-chain protected linear peptide was
137 resuspended in DMF (85mL), and HATU (1mmol, 6 eq.), 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole (HOAt, 1mmol, 6 eq.,
138 Chem-Impex International), and 2,4,6-collidine (2.6mmol, 15 eq.) were added. The reaction was stirred for 72

139 hours, and DMF was then removed under high vacuum. Crude cyclic peptide was resuspended in DCM
140 (20mL) and washed with 10% (v/v) acetonitrile (MeCN) in water containing 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA)
141 twice. DCM fraction was transferred to a new vessel and DCM was removed under high vacuum. Crude cyclic
142 peptide was then subjected to global deprotection via resuspension in TFA/thioanisole/water/phenol/1,2-
143 ethanedithiol (82.5:5:5:5:2.5 v/v, 5mL) and incubation at room temperature for 2 hours. Deprotected peptide
144 was precipitated from cleavage solution via trituration with ice cold diisopropyl ether. Crude cyclic peptide was
145 washed twice with ice cold diisopropyl ether, dried, and conjugated to tetramethyl rhodamine (TAMRA).
146 *Fluorophore conjugation and purification of TAMRA-L27-11*
147 Crude parent peptide was conjugated to TAMRA using strain-promoted copper-free azide-alkyne click
148 chemistry. Azide-containing parent peptide L27-11 (3mg) was resuspended in 1X phosphate buffered saline
149 (PBS), and dibenzocyclooctyne-PEG4-TAMRA (3 mg, 2 eq., Sigma-Aldrich) resuspended in 5% (v/v) DMSO in
150 1X PBS was added to peptide, and mixture was incubated at room temperature for 2 hours. Reaction was
151 then purified by preparative RP-HPLC (Agilent Zorbax SB C3 column: 9.4 x 250mm, 5 μ m) with a gradient of 5-
152 55% MeCN in water with 0.1% TFA, run at 0.5% B/min. Pure fractions were pooled and lyophilized, and final
153 purity was confirmed by LC-MS (**Figure S1**).

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156 **Figure S1. Chemical structure and LC-MS analysis of RP-HPLC purified TAMRA-modified cyclic peptide**
157 **L27-11.** Calculated and observed masses are monoisotopic, with total ion chromatogram shown.

158 **Confocal Microscopy**

159 PA14 and PA14-*pmrB*_{L172del} cultures were grown with shaking (37°C, 250rpm) to mid-log phase in LB.

160 TAMRA-L27-11 was dissolved in DMSO at 200X the working concentration, and then diluted 1:100 into LB,
161 yielding 2X TAMRA-L27-11 solution in LB with 1% (v/v) DMSO. 500µL of mid-log bacteria were mixed in
162 culture tubes with equal volume of TAMRA-L27-11 to yield a final bacterial concentration of 1x10⁸ CFU/mL in
163 1.4µg/mL TAMRA-L27-11 in LB with 0.5% (v/v) DMSO. After incubation with shaking (37°C, 250rpm) in the
164 dark for 120 minutes, cells were pelleted and twice washed with PBS. All wash steps were carried out at room
165 temperature by resuspension in 500µL PBS, centrifugation (4000g, 10 minutes), and careful removal of the
166 supernatant without pellet disruption. Cells were next fixed by treatment with 4% (v/v) paraformaldehyde in
167 PBS in the dark for 30 minutes on ice. Cells were washed once with PBS, resuspended in 100µL of 100µM
168 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI) dissolved in PBS, and incubated at room temperature for 20 minutes in
169 the dark. Cells were again washed and resuspended in 20µL PBS. On clean microscope slides, 1µL of fixed
170 cells were mixed with 5µL of ProLong Gold Antifade Reagent (Invitrogen, Carlsbad CA). Cover slips were
171 applied and the samples were allowed to dry in the dark at room temperature for at least 24 hours. Blue and
172 red-field confocal microscopy images were collected using the Zeiss Confocal Microscope. For analysis, the
173 average intensities of about 20 cells were quantified using ImageJ software to calculate mean DAPI and
174 TAMRA fluorescence intensities of PA14 and PA14-*pmrB*_{L172del} after TAMRA-L27-11 treatment.

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