## **Supplementary figures**



Figure S1. RpoN is required for colony biofilm susceptibility to TOB+FUM. Survival of 4 hold PA14 wild-type and  $\Delta rpoN$  colony biofilms (pre-treatment) that were treated for 20 h on M9 plates containing no supplements (no treatment), 15 mM FUM, 16 µg/mL TOB, or TOB+FUM. Data are presented as mean log<sub>10</sub> cfu/biofilm ± SEM for three biological replicates. The dashed line indicates the limit of detection of the assay (all replicates for PA14 with TOB+FUM were below the limit of detection).



Figure S2. L-glutamine supplementation does not reverse non-susceptibility of  $\Delta rpoN$  to TOB+FUM. Survival of PA14 wildtype and  $\Delta rpoN$  stationary phase cells that were incubated for 4 h in the presence of 2 mM L-glutamine with no additional treatment, 15 mM FUM, 32 µg/mL TOB, or TOB+FUM. Data are presented as mean  $\log_{10}$  cfu/mL ± SEM for three biological replicates.



Figure S3. RpoN is required for growth with FUM as the sole carbon source. Growth curves of indicated strains in (A) LB, (B) LB with 2 mM L-glutamine, (C) M9 with 30 mM FUM and 2 mM L-glutamine, and (D) M9 with 30 mM FUM, 0.2% L-arabinose, and 2 mM L-glutamine. Lines represent the mean  $OD_{600}$  of two biological replicates, each with six technical repeats. Lighter shading represents the SEM.



Figure S4. FUM-dependent increase in resazurin reduction is dependent on the ETC. Reduction of resazurin to resorufin was measured over time in NaN<sub>3</sub>-treated stationary phase cells of the indicated strains in the presence or absence of 15 mM FUM. Data are shown as mean fluorescence intensity  $\pm$  SEM for two independent experiments with three technical replicates per experiment. Since some data sets were obscured by others on the graph, Roman numerals were used to indicate the locations of the data sets.



Figure S5. FUM increases TOB accumulation in wildtype but not  $\Delta rpoN$  stationary phase cells. Image of a representative experiment showing zones of *E. coli* DH5 $\alpha$  growth inhibition caused by lysates from PA14 and  $\Delta rpoN$  cells treated with TOB or TOB+FUM.

## Supplementary tables

Table S1. Antibiotic MICs ( $\mu$ g/mL) determined in LB with 2 mM L-glutamine for strains

| Strain                             | TOB | TOB+FUM <sup>a</sup> | GEN    | GEN+FUM <sup>a</sup> | AMK    | AMK+FUM <sup>a</sup> |
|------------------------------------|-----|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|
| PA14                               | 2   | 2                    | 2      | 2                    | 2      | 2                    |
| PA14-lacZ                          | 2   | 2                    | $ND^b$ | $ND^b$               | $ND^b$ | $ND^b$               |
| $\Delta rpoN$                      | 2   | 2                    | 2      | 2                    | 2      | 2                    |
| PA14/pMQ70                         | 4   | 4                    | 4      | 4                    | 4      | 4                    |
| PA14/pMQ70::rpoN                   | 4   | 4                    | 4      | 4                    | 4      | 4                    |
| PA14/pMQ70::dctA                   | 4   | 4                    | 4      | 4                    | 4      | 4                    |
| Δ <i>rpoN</i> /pMQ70               | 2   | 2                    | 4      | 4                    | 4      | 4                    |
| Δ <i>rpoN</i> /pMQ70:: <i>rpoN</i> | 4   | 4                    | 4      | 4                    | 4      | 4                    |
| Δ <i>rpoN</i> /pMQ70:: <i>dctA</i> | 4   | 4                    | 4      | 4                    | 4      | 4                    |

<sup>a</sup>FUM added at a final concentration of 15 mM

<sup>b</sup>ND = not determined

| Name                                 | Genotype or description                               | Reference  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------|--|
| Strains                              |   |            |  |
| PA14                                 | Wildtype P. aeruginosa; burn wound isolate            | (1)        |  |
| $\Delta rpoN$                        | Unmarked deletion of <i>rpoN</i> in PA14              | This study |  |
| PA14-lacZ                            | PA14 with chromosomal $lacZ$ and TET <sup>R</sup>     | (2)        |  |
|                                      | markers   |            |  |
| DH5a                                 | E. coli strain; supE44 ∆lacU169(φ80                   | Invitrogen |  |
|                                      | $lacZ\Delta M15$ ) recA1 hsdR17 thi-1 relA1           |            |  |
| S17-1                                | E. coli strain; recA pro hsdR RP42Tc::Mu-             | (3)        |  |
|                                      | Km::Tn7   |            |  |
| Plasmids                             |   |            |  |
| pEX18Gm                              | Allelic exchange suicide vector; <i>sacB</i> ,        | (4)        |  |
|                                      | GEN <sup>R</sup>                                      |            |  |
| pEX18Gm::Δ <i>rpoN</i>               | pEX18Gm derivative for unmarked deletion              | This study |  |
|                                      | of <i>rpoN</i> ; GEN <sup>R</sup>                     |            |  |
| pMQ70                                | Expression plasmid with arabinose-                    | (5)        |  |
|                                      | inducible P <sub>BAD</sub> promoter; CAR <sup>R</sup> |            |  |
| pMQ70:: <i>rpoN</i>                  | pMQ70 carrying <i>rpoN</i> from wildtype PA14;        | This study |  |
| T 0 100                              | CAR <sup>R</sup>                                      |            |  |
| pMQ70:: <i>rpoN</i> <sup>L343S</sup> | pMQ70 carrying PA14 <i>rpoN</i> with                  | This study |  |
| 1.4100                               | engineered L343S mutation; CAR <sup>R</sup>           |            |  |
| pMQ70:: <i>rpoN</i> <sup>L419P</sup> | pMQ70 carrying PA14 <i>rpoN</i> with                  | This study |  |
| 4.4004                               | engineered L419P mutation; CAR <sup>R</sup>           |            |  |
| pMQ70:: <i>rpoN</i> <sup>A449V</sup> | pMQ70 carrying PA14 <i>rpoN</i> with                  | This study |  |
|                                      | engineered A449V mutation; CAR <sup>R</sup>           |            |  |
| pMQ70::dctA                          | pMQ70 carrying <i>dctA</i> from wildtype PA14;        | This study |  |
|                                      | CAR <sup>ĸ</sup>                                      |            |  |

Table S2. Bacterial strains and plasmids

## Table S3. Oligonucleotides

| Name              | Sequence $(5' \rightarrow 3')^a$           | Purpose                             |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>rpoN</i> delUF | TCAGaagcttGCCGAAATTCATCCTCCTCGA            | pEX18Gm::∆rpo                       |
|                   |  | N construction                      |
| <i>rpoN</i> delUR | TCAGctgcagGGCTGAGGGCTTAGTACCTTATTCG        | pEX18Gm::∆rpo                       |
|                   |  | N construction                      |
| <i>rpoN</i> delDF | TCAGctgcagTGACTGACTGACGTTGATCCACGCCAA      | pEX18Gm::∆rpo                       |
|                   | GGT  | N construction                      |
| <i>rpoN</i> delDR | TCAGggatccTTGTTCGAGTACGCGTTTCTTGCT         | pEX18Gm::∆rpo                       |
|                   |  | N construction                      |
| <i>rpoN</i> DxF   | GAATTCCACATCCACCAC                         | $\Delta rpoN$                       |
|                   |  | confirmation                        |
| <i>rpoN</i> DxR   | GGCGATGCCATTGCCGAA                         | $\Delta rpoN$                       |
|                   |  | confirmation                        |
| pMQ <i>rpoN</i> F | CATCATgagctcgaaggagatatacatATGAAACCATCGCTA | pMQ70:: <i>rpoN</i>                 |
|                   | GTC  | construction                        |
|                   |  |                                     |
| pMQ <i>rpoN</i> R | CATCATaagcttTCACACCAGTCGCTTGCGCTC          | pMQ70:: <i>rpoN</i>                 |
|                   |  | construction                        |
| L343S_F           | CAACCAGT <u>C</u> GCAGGAAGC                | pMQ70:: <i>rpoN</i> <sup>L343</sup> |
|                   | —  | <sup>s</sup> construction           |
| L343S_R           | GCTTCCTGCGACTGGTTG                         | pMQ70:: <i>rpoN</i> <sup>L343</sup> |
|                   | —  | <sup>s</sup> construction           |
| L419P_F           | GGCATTTTCGAGCCGAAATATTTC                   | pMQ70:: <i>rpoN</i> <sup>L419</sup> |
| _                 | -  | <sup>P</sup> construction           |
| L419P R           | <b>GAAATATTTCGGCTCGAAAATGCC</b>            | pMQ70:: <i>rpoN</i> <sup>L419</sup> |
| _                 | —  | <sup>P</sup> construction           |
| A449V F           | CTGGTGGTCGCGGAAAATGC                       | pMO70:: <i>rpoN</i> <sup>A44</sup>  |
| —                 | =  | <sup>9V</sup> construction          |
| A449V R           | GCATTTTCCGCGACCACCAG                       | pMQ70:: <i>rpoN</i> <sup>A44</sup>  |
|                   |  | <sup>9V</sup> construction          |
| pMO <i>dctA</i> F | CATCATgagctcgaaggagatatacatATGACCAAACAACCC | pMO70:: <i>dctA</i>                 |
| 1 2               | TTC  | construction                        |
|                   |  |                                     |
| pMQ <i>dct</i> AR | CATCATaagcttCGAACAGGTTTGAGCTTAGAC          | pMQ70:: <i>dctA</i>                 |
|                   | 0  | construction                        |

| pMQseqF | GGACCAAAGCCATGACAAAA | pMQ70<br>derivative |
|---------|----------------------|---------------------|
|         |                      | sequencing          |
| pMQseqR | TTAATCTGTATCAGGCTG   | pMQ70               |
|         |                      | derivative          |
|         |                      | sequencing          |

<sup>*a*</sup> Restriction sites are bolded and in lowercase. Engineered ribosomal binding sites are underlined

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