SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The small molecule nitazoxanide selectively disrupts BAM-mediated folding of the outer membrane usher protein

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Data File S1. Mutations identified by whole genome sequencing of selected strains from genetic screen.

| Strain or plasmid | Relevant characteristic(s) | Reference or source |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------|
| <u>Strains^a</u> | | |
| BW25113 | LacI ^q rrnB Δ lacZ hsdR514 Δ araBAD Δ rhaBAD | (1) |
| BW25113 $\Delta bamB$ | BW25113 bamB::kan | (2) |
| BW25113 $\Delta bamC$ | BW25113 bamC::kan | (2) |
| BW25113 $\Delta bamE$ | BW25113 bamE::kan | (2) |
| MC4100 | F-araD139 (argF-lac)U169 rpsL150 relA1 flb5301 deoC1 ptsF25 thi | (3) |
| MC4100bamA101 | MC4100 ara ^{r/-} bamA101 | (4) |
| <u>Plasmids</u> | | |
| pMON6235∆cat | Cloning vector, Para, Amp ^r | (5) |
| pTRYC | Cloning vector, P _{trc} , Clm ^r | (6) |
| pTRYC-NdeI | | This study |
| pACYC184 | Cloning vector, P _{trc} , Clm ^r , Tet ^r | (7) |
| pFJ20 | pMON6235∆cat derivative encoding PapC | (8) |
| pMJ3 | pMON6235∆cat derivative encoding His-tagged PapC | (9) |
| pJP1 | pMON6235∆cat derivative encoding FLAG-tagged PapC | This study |
| pJH114 | pTRC99a/NdeI derivative encoding BamABCDE-His | (10) |
| pBAD18::bamB | pBAD18 derivative encoding BamB | (11) |
| pBamE-His | pET22-42 derivative encoding BamE-His | (12) |
| pBamABCDE | pTRYC derivative encoding BamABCDE-His | This study |
| pBamA | pTRYC derivative encoding BamA | This study |
| pBamB | pTRYC derivative encoding BamB | This study |
| pBamE | pTRYC derivative encoding BamE-His | This study |
| pFJ29 | pACYC184 derivative encoding the whole pap operon | (8) |

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^aAll strains are *E. coli* K-12.

Amp^r, ampicillin resistance; Clm^r, chloramphenicol resistance; Tet^r, tetracycline resistance; P_{ara} , arabinose-inducible promoter, P_{trc} , IPTG-inducible promoter.

| Primer name | Sequence (5' - 3') |
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| Bam mutant verification | |
| bamBUPFwd | 5'-CTGAAAACCCTTGATACCAT-3' |
| bamBDOWNRev | 5'-ATAAATCATCAGACAACGC-3' |
| bamCUPFwd | 5'-GCCATTACACAACAAACTAT-3' |
| bamCDOWNRev | 5'-GTTTGCGTATCATATCAGAA-3' |
| bamEUPFwd | 5'-AAGTCACACGTAATACACT-3' |
| bamEDOWNRev | 5'-AGCGAATAAATAACAGACAG-3' |
| bamBUPFwd | 5'-CTGAAAACCCTTGATACCAT-3' |
| Deve device | |
| Bam cloning | |
| bamE-HisFwd | 5 - GEGEGEGAATTEATGEGETGTAAAAEGET GAETGE-5 |
| TDVC/Nd-IE- | |
| pTRYC/NdeIPwd | 5 - CACACAGGAAACAGCATATGGAATTCGA GCTCGG-5 |
| pikiC/Indelkev | |
| bamr wu | 5 - GATATACATATGGTTAGGAAGAAGGCATAATAACG-5 |
| | 5 - 1ATATACCCGGGTTAGTGGTGATGATGGTGTGATGAT-5 |
| BamAKEVAmai | 5 -CHATTACCCGGGCACTTACCAGGTTTTACGATG-5 |
| PapC 3X FLAG | |
| PapCflFW_tail | 5'-GACTACAAGGACCACGACGGTGACTACAAGGACCACGACATCG ACTACAAGGACGACGACGACAAG GGGGAAAAAACGACAAAC-3' |
| PapCflFW_short | 5'-GGGGAAAAAACGACAAACAGAAATTTCACATGGAGTCGCTTTTA TCTGTTCCGTGCCATT-3' |
| PapCflRev_tail | 5'-CTTGTCGTCGTCGTCCTTGTAGTCGATGTCGTGGTCCTTGTAGT CACCGTCGT GGTCCTTGTAGTCGTTGTAGCGGCTCTGCTC-3' |
| PapCflRev_short | 5'-GTTGTAGCGGCTCTGCTCCTGGCTTCCCTGATAGTCAGC-3' |
| <u>no-SCAR</u> <u>mutagenesis</u> (BamD _{P100S}) | |
| sgRNA-target-F | 5'-TATTCGGATGGGTCGGGTTAGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAG-3' |
| sgRNAtarget-R | 5'-TAACCCGACCCATCCGAATAGTGCTCAGTATCTCTATCACTGA-3' |

Table S2. Oligonucleotides used in this study

| CPEC rev 2 | 5'-CCAATTGTCCATATTGCATCA-3' |
|------------|--|
| CPEC2F | 5'-CGGCGTCACACTTTGCTAT-3' |
| gamR | 5'- TTTATAACCTCCTTAGAGCTCGA-3' |
| pKDseq5 | 5'-CAGTGAATGGGGGTAAATGG-3' |
| sgrnaR | 5'-GCCTGCAGTCTAGACTCGAG-3' |
| sgrnaA | 5'-AGCTTTCGCTAAGGATGATTT-3' |
| BamDP100S | 5'-TGCCGTTAGCACAGGCTGCCATCGATCGTTTTATTCGCCTTAATA GCAC CCA TCCGAATATCGATTATGTCATGTACATG-3' |



Figure S1. Model for BAM complex-mediated folding of the PapC usher and P pilus assembly by the CU pathway. (A) In *E. coli*, the BAM complex consists of BamA, an OM β -barrel protein with five N-terminal POTRA domains (P1–P5), and the lipoproteins BamB–E. Nascent OMPs such as PapC are translocated across the inner membrane (IM) via the Sec pathway into the periplasm. Chaperones such as SurA, Skp, and DegP recognize unfolded OMPs in the periplasm and transport them to the BAM complex. The BAM complex then catalyzes the proper assembly and insertion of the protein into the OM. The usher follows a SurA-BamB folding pathway. (B) Substrates that fall off-pathway are targeted for degradation by periplasmic proteases such as DegP. (C) The usher (PapC) comprises an OM β -barrel channel domain, a plug domain (P), and N- and C-terminal periplasmic domains (N, C1 and C2). Upon entering the periplasm via the Sec pathway, nascent pilus subunits form binary complexes with the pilus chaperone (PapD), which facilitates subunit folding. Periplasmic chaperone-subunit complexes are recruited by the usher in a sequential manner. The usher catalyzes the exchange of chaperone-subunit for subunit-subunit interactions to build the pilus fiber and provides the channel for secretion of the fiber to the cell surface.



Figure S2. Effect of NTZ on BAM complex formation. Strain BW25113/ pBamABCDE-His₆, expressing the BAM complex with a His-tagged BamE, was grown in the presence of 0 or 20 µg/ml NTZ, OM fractions were isolated, and the detergent-extracted complex was captured by nickel affinity chromatography. Proteins eluted from the column were then analyzed by staining with Commassie blue (left panel) or immunoblotting with anti-His-tag and anti-BamA antibodies (right panel).



Figure S3. Detection of the PapC usher in intact bacteria. (A) Structure of PapC [PDB ID: 2VQI] showing surface-exposed loop between β -strands 3 and 4 where the 3X FLAG tag was inserted. (B) Intact bacteria from cultures of BW25113/pMJ3 (PapC_{His}; FLAG-) or BW25113/pJP1 (PapC_{FLAG}; FLAG +) were labeled with a PE-conjugated anti-FLAG antibody to detect PapC levels in the OM and the bacteria were imaged by fluorescence microscopy at 100X magnification. Representative brightfield (top panels) and TRITC-filter (bottom panels) images are shown. Scale bar represents 10 µm.



Figure S4. The Bam D_{P100S} mutation. Structure of the BAM complex (PDB ID: 5LJO) showing location of the Bam D_{P100S} mutation.

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