

Title: Enhancement of immune response against *Bordetella* spp. by disrupting immunomodulation

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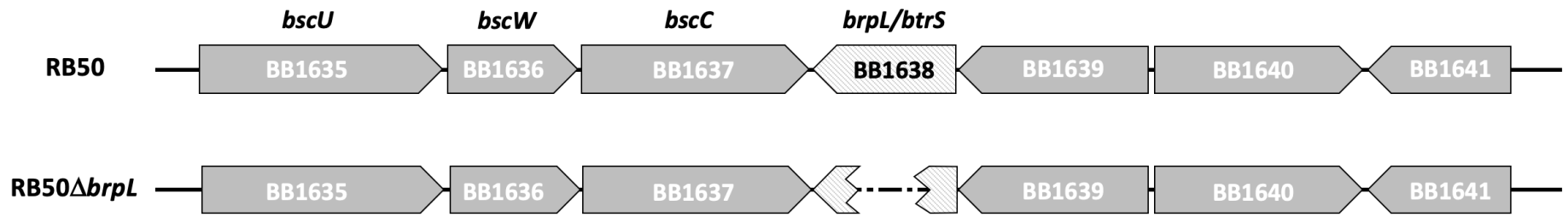


Figure S1: Genetic context for RB50 Δ *btrS* mutant strain. Diagram showing the clean, in-frame deletion of the *brpL/btrS* gene (Locs_tag BB1638) in the RB50 *B. bronchiseptica* chromosome.

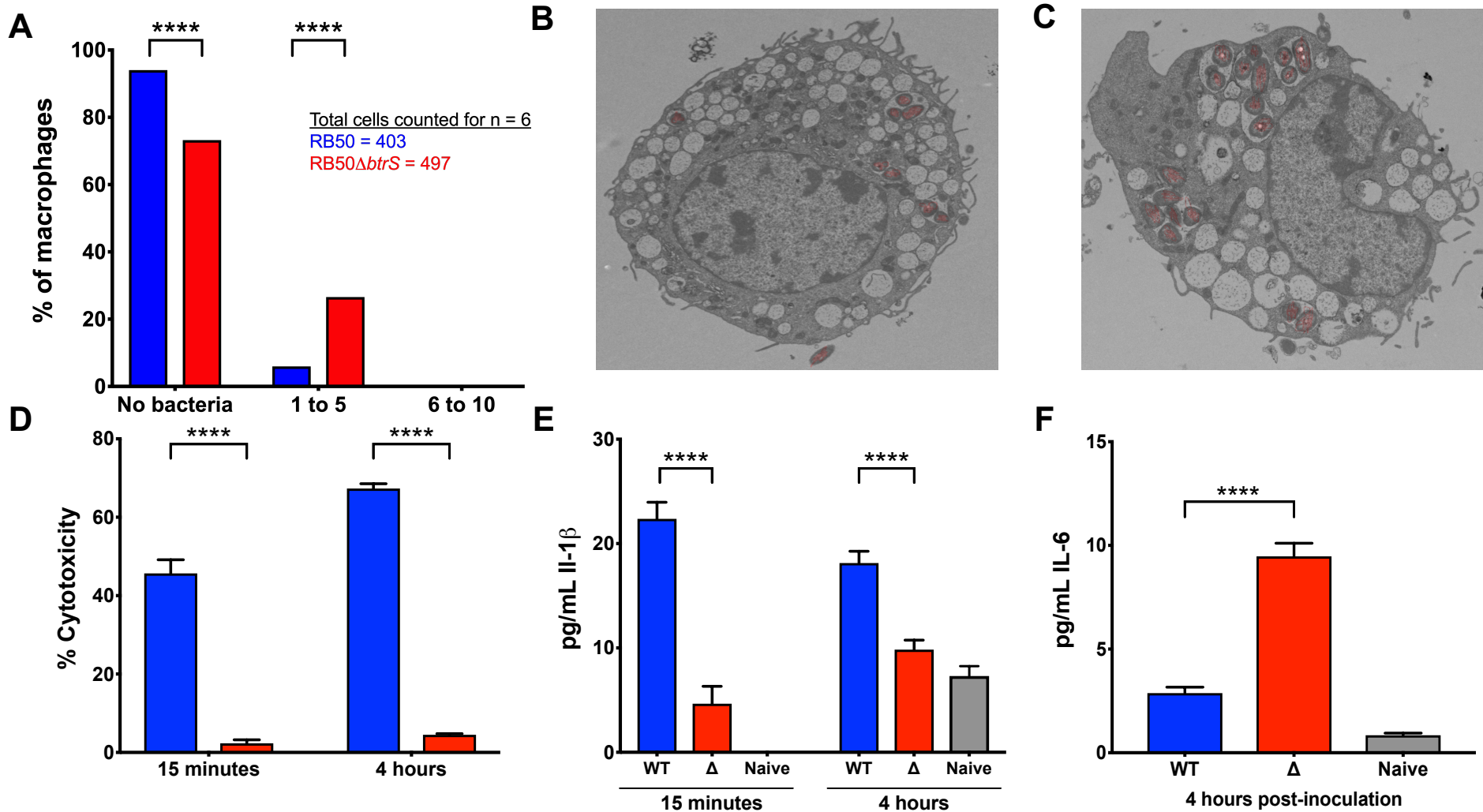
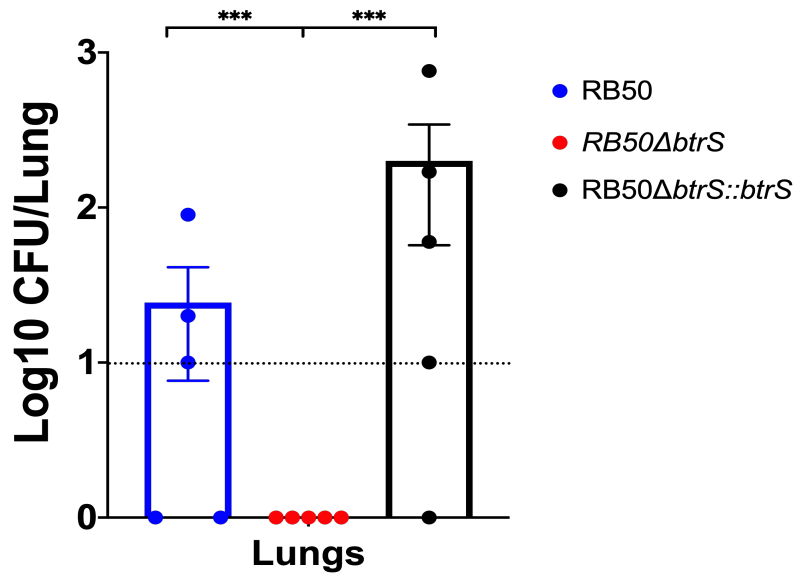


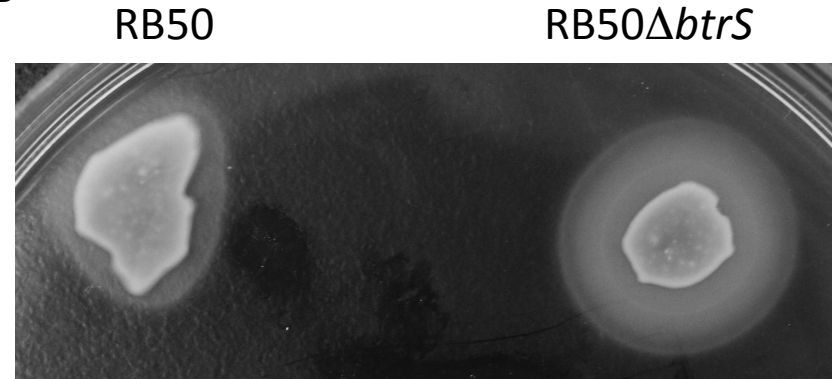
Figure S2: Macrophages at a confluency of 97-99% were challenged at an MOI of 100, n=6. **(A)** Percentage of macrophages containing the indicated number of bacteria at 15 minutes post-exposure. RB50 (blue) and RB50 Δ btrS (red) were enumerated using Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM). TEM of RAW macrophages challenged for 4 hours with RB50 **(B)** (bacteria are shown in red) or with the mutant **(C)**. **(D)** Cytotoxicity of RB50 and RB50 Δ btrS at 15 min and 4 hours post-challenge. **(E)** IL-1 β secreted measured at 15 min and 4 hours post-challenged of macrophages challenged with wild-type or mutant *B. bronchiseptica*. **(F)** IL-6 secreted at 4 hours post-challenge with RB50 or RB50 Δ btrS. Statistical significance was calculated using Two-Way ANOVA. * p<0.05, ** p<0.005, *** p<0.0005, and **** p<0.0001. Error bars indicate SEM.

28 days post infection

A



B



C

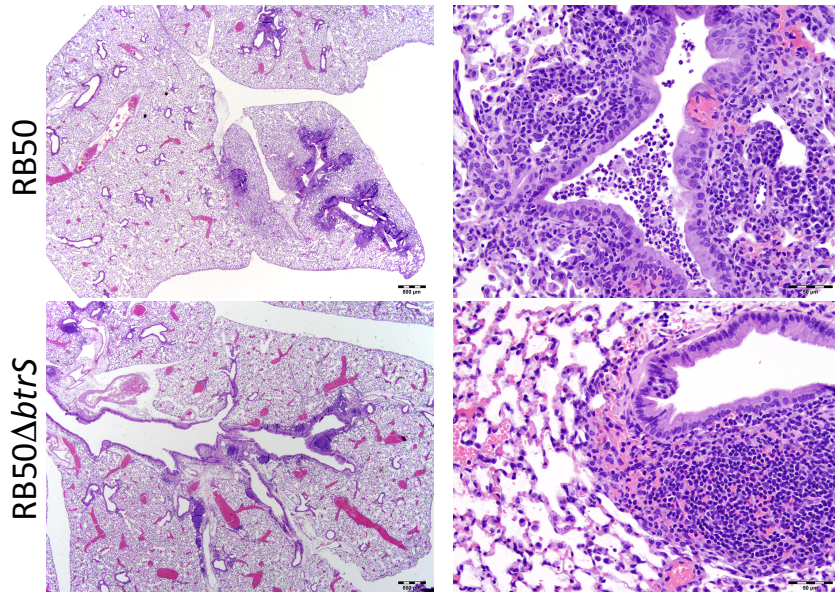


Figure S3: Phenotypes that required *btrS* *in vivo* and *in vitro*. (A) Mice were intranasally challenged with RB50 (blue), *RB50ΔbtrS* (red), or *RB50ΔbtrS::btrS* (black). 28 days post-inoculation organs were harvest and bacterial load in the lungs was enumerated. (B) Motility assay was performed in 0.4% LB agar inoculated with 10 μ l of a liquid culture of RB50 or *RB50ΔbtrS* at an OD of 0.7. The plates were read at 24 and 48 hours post-inoculation (n=4) (B) Mice were intranasally challenged with RB50 or *RB50ΔbtrS* and pathological studies (H&E) were performed. In the left is the zoom out and the right is the zoom in image of RB50 (top) and *RB50ΔbtrS* (bottom).

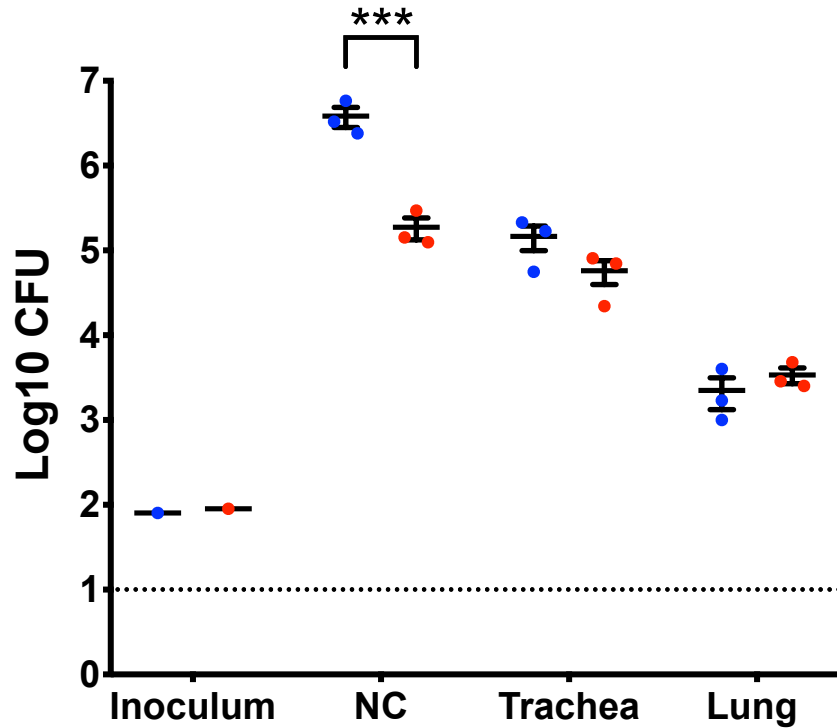


Figure S4: Bacterial numbers isolated from nasal cavity, trachea, and lungs of *Rag*^{-/-} mice. Groups of 4 mice were challenged with a low dose (150 CFU) in a low volume (5mL) of wild-type (blue) or mutant (red) *B. bronchiseptica* at 24 days post-inoculation. Bacterial load from the respiratory tract organs was enumerated (n=2). Statistical significance was calculated using Two-Way ANOVA. *** p<0.0005. Error bars indicate SEM.

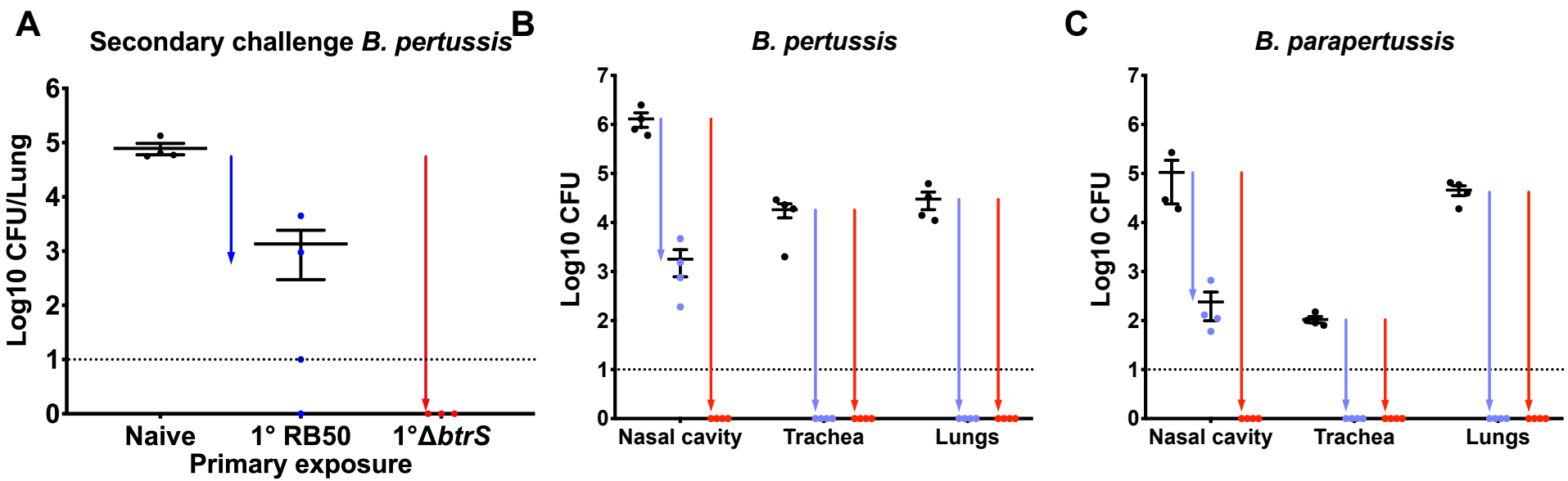


Figure S5: Efficiency of RB50 $\Delta btrS$ as a vaccine against *B. pertussis* and *B. parapertussis*. (A) Mice were challenged with PBS (black), RB50 (blue), or RB50 $\Delta btrS$ (red). 3 months post-exposure, mice were inoculated with *B. pertussis* and sacrificed at day 7 (n=4). Bacterial load in the lungs was enumerated. (B-C) Mice were vaccinated with PBS (black), Adacel acellular vaccine (violet), or RB50 $\Delta btrS$ (red). 60 days later, mice were re-challenged with (B) *B. pertussis* or (C) *B. parapertussis* and euthanized at day 7 (n=4).

RB50 / RB50 Δ btrS

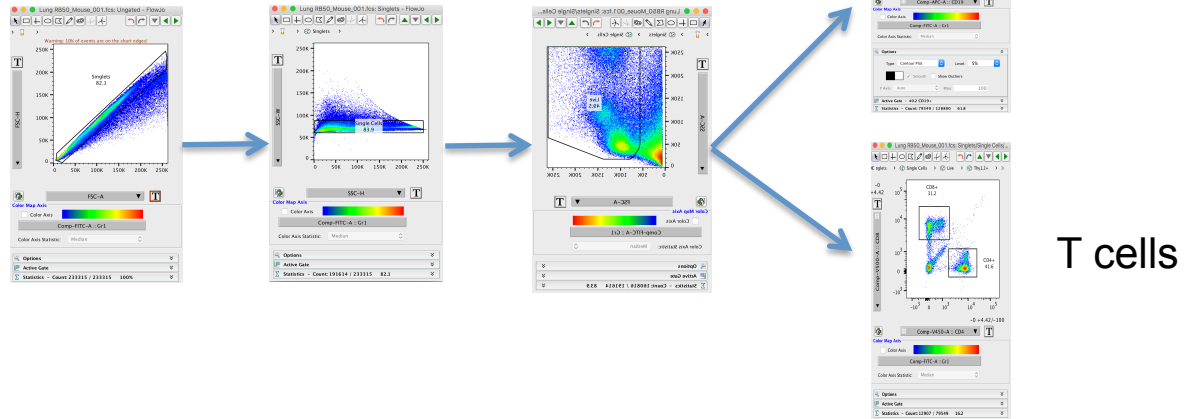


Figure S6: Gating strategy utilized for flow cytometry. Strategies adapted from standard gating procedures (52) (n=6 per experiment of 4).

Table S1.

Antibodies used in this study are detailed on the table below.

Laser	BP filter	Fluorochromes	Cytokine	Vendor	Reference
488 Laser					
B	525/50	FitC	GR1	Tonbo	35-5931
532 Laser					
E	575/20	PE	CD11b	Tonbo	50-0112
488 Laser					
A	695/40	PerCP	F4/80	Tonbo	65-4801
640 Laser					
C	660/20	APC	CD19	Tonbo	20-0193
640 Laser					
A	780/60	APC-Cy7	CD90.2	BD	561641
405 Laser					
C	450/50	V450	CD4	Tonbo	75-0041
404 Laser					
B	525/50	V500	CD8	BD	563068