

Figure S1. AcrIIA1 Stimulates Post-transcriptional Degradation of Lmo and Spy Cas9 in *Listeria*, Related to Figure 1

(A) Cas9 mRNA levels of *Lmo10403s* lysogens containing the indicated prophages in early or mid-log phase as quantified by qRT-PCR. Transcript measurements were conducted in technical triplicate and data are shown as the mean $2^{-\Delta CT}$ values normalized to the 16S rRNA endogenous control gene \pm SD (error bars). (B) Lmo or Spy Cas9-mCherry protein levels in *Lmo10403s* expressing Lmo or Spy Cas9-mCherry from the constitutively active pHyper promoter and AcrIIA1 or AcrIIA4 from an inducible promoter. Cas9-mCherry measurements reflect the mean percentage mCherry (RFU/OD₆₀₀) in cells treated with 100 mM rhamnose (+, induced Acr) or glycerol (-, uninduced Acr), relative to a control strain lacking an Acr (-Acr). Error bars represent the mean \pm SD of three biological replicates. (C) SpyCas9-mCherry protein levels post Acr induction or translation inhibition. *Lmo10403s* expressing SpyCas9-mCherry from the constitutively active pHyper promoter and AcrIIA1 or AcrIIA4 from an inducible promoter were grown to mid-log and treated with 100 mM rhamnose to induce Acr expression (+, dashed lines) or 100 mM glycerol as a neutral carbon source control (-, solid lines) and 5 μ g/mL gentamicin (Gent) to inhibit translation (+) or water (-) as a control. SpyCas9-mCherry protein measurements reflect the mean percentage fluorescence (RFU/OD₆₀₀) relative to the SpyCas9-mCherry levels at the time translation inhibition was initiated (0 min). Error bars (vertical lines) represent the mean \pm SD of at least three biological replicates. Data were fitted by nonlinear regression to generate best-fit decay curves. Note: *Lmo* doubling time is significantly slower in LB media containing glycerol and/or rhamnose carbon sources (Fieseler et al., 2012).

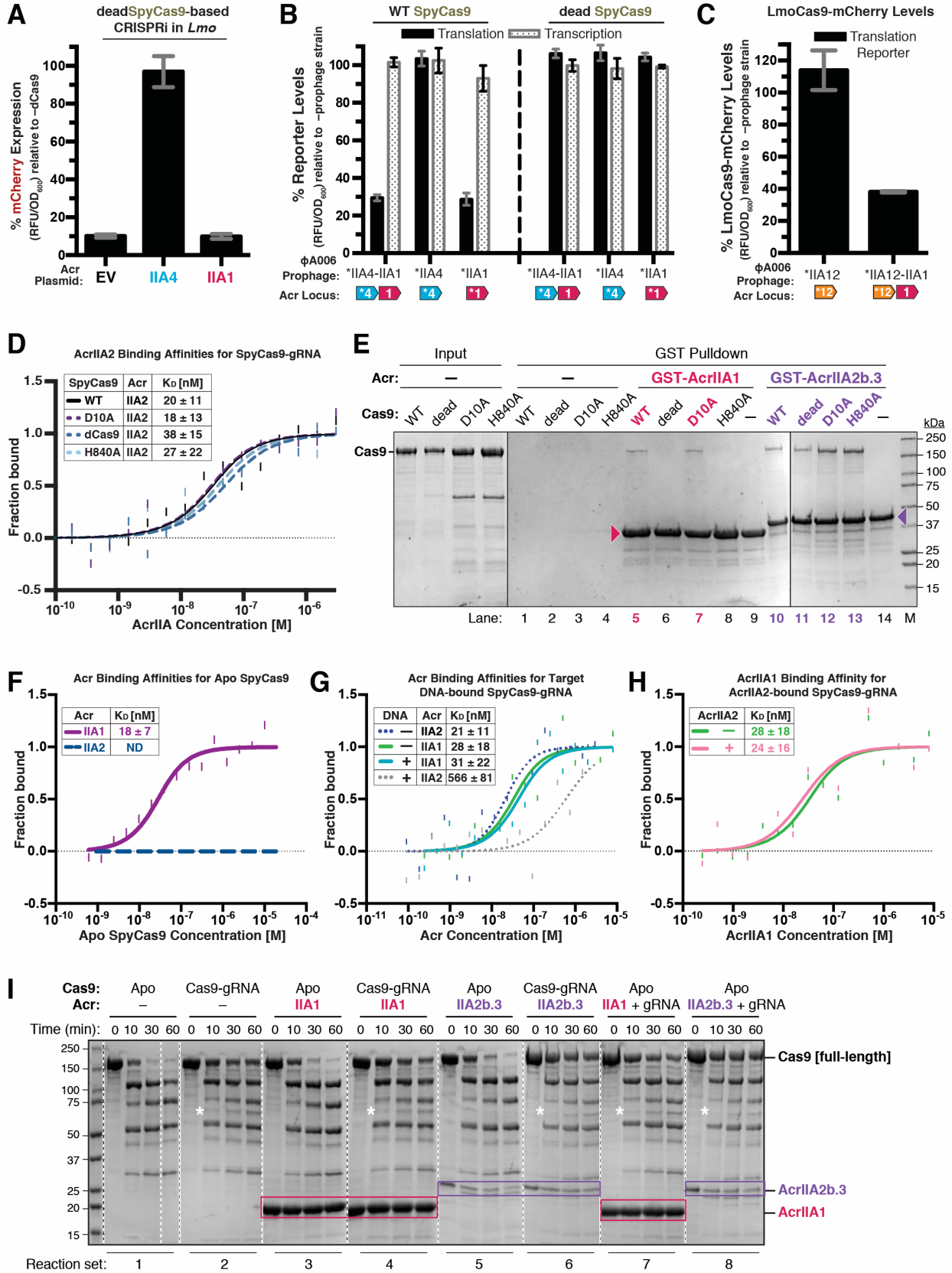


Figure S2. AcrIIA1 Selectively Binds and Inactivates Catalytically Active Cas9, Related to

Figure 2

(A) Acr-mediated inhibition of CRISPRi in *Lmo10403s* containing a chromosomally-integrated construct expressing deadSpyCas9 from the inducible pRha-promoter and sgRNA that targets the pHelp-promoter driving mCherry expression. mCherry expression measurements reflect the mean percentage fluorescence (RFU/OD₆₀₀) in deadCas9-induced cells relative to uninduced (–dCas9) controls of three biological replicates \pm SD (error bars). (B) Translational and transcriptional reporter levels of catalytically active and dead SpyCas9 in *Lmo10403s* lysogenized with isogenic Φ A006 prophages encoding the indicated Acrs. (C) Catalytically active LmoCas9-mCherry protein levels in *Lmo10403s* lysogenized with isogenic Φ A006 prophages encoding AcrIIA12 alone or with AcrIIA1. Cas9-mCherry (translational reporter, black bars in B and C) or mCherry (transcriptional reporter, gray bars in B) measurements reflect the mean percentage mCherry (RFUs/OD₆₀₀) in the indicated lysogens relative to the control strain lacking a prophage (–prophage). Error bars represent the mean \pm SD of at least three biological replicates (B and C). Asterisk (*) indicates the native orfA RBS (strong) in Φ A006 was used for Acr expression. (D) Quantification of the binding affinities (K_D ; boxed inset) of AcrIIA2b.3 for WT, catalytically dead (dCas9), or nickase (D10A or H840A) SpyCas9-gRNA complexes using microscale thermophoresis. Data shown are representative of three independent experiments. Note: Data for WT Cas9-gRNA is duplicated from Figure 2D for easy comparison. (E) Differential interactions of SpyCas9 nickases with AcrIIA1. GST-tagged AcrIIA1 (magenta arrowhead, lanes 5-9) or AcrIIA2b.3 (purple arrowhead, lanes 10-14) were incubated with SpyCas9-gRNA complexes (WT, dead, D10A, H840A; input) and pulled down with glutathione-coupled beads. WT and D10A Cas9-gRNA co-purify with AcrIIA1 (lanes 5 and 7), whereas dead and H840A Cas9-gRNA do not (lanes 6 and 8). All four Cas9-gRNA complexes co-purify with AcrIIA2b.3 (lanes 10-13). Cas9-gRNA complexes were incubated with beads in the absence of GST-Acr proteins to test for non-specific binding (lanes 1-4). M, molecular weight marker. (F-H) Quantification of the binding affinities (K_D ; boxed insets) of AcrIIA1 and AcrIIA2b.3 for Apo or gRNA-bound SpyCas9 (F), SpyCas9-gRNA pre-bound to target DNA (G), and SpyCas9-gRNA pre-bound to AcrIIA2b.3 (H) using microscale thermophoresis. ND indicates no binding was detected. Data shown are representative of three independent experiments. Note: The same data for the Cas9-gRNA-AcrIIA1 binding control ($K_D = 28 \pm 18$ nM) is displayed in both G and H for easy comparison. (I) Limited α -chymotrypsin proteolysis of SpyCas9-Acr complexes. Proteolysis of Apo SpyCas9 (set 1) or SpyCas9-gRNA (set 2) without anti-CRISPR (–) or in the presence of AcrIIA1 (sets 3, 4, 7; magenta boxes) or AcrIIA2b.3 (sets 5, 6, 8; purple boxes). For reaction sets 7 and 8, Apo Cas9 was first incubated with anti-CRISPR followed by addition of gRNA. (*) Denotes a proteolysis product that appears in all Cas9-gRNA reactions but not Apo Cas9 reactions. Dashed lines indicate where intervening lanes were removed for clarity.

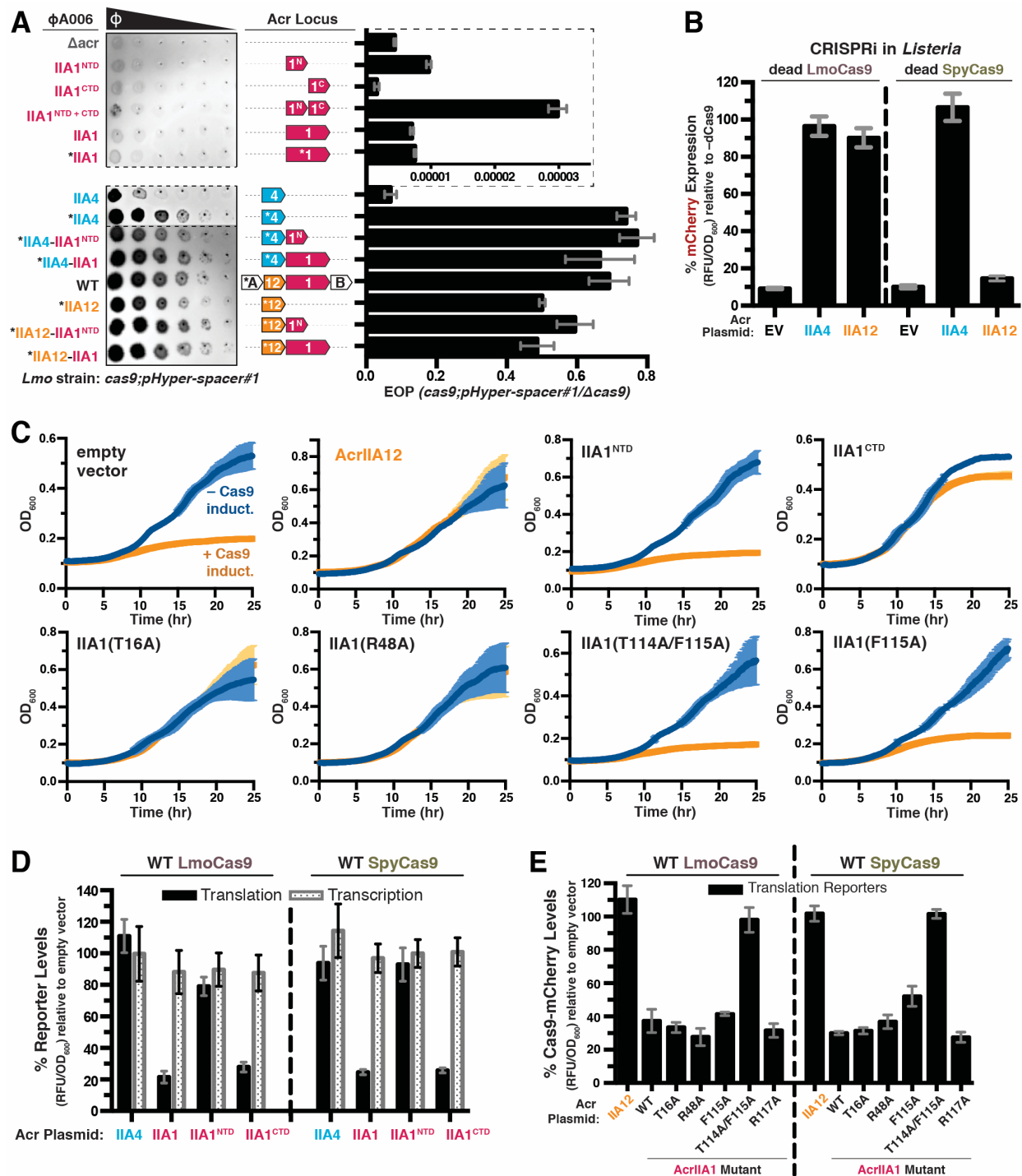


Figure S3. AcrIIA1^{CTD} Inactivates Cas9 in Self-Targeting *Listeria* Strains and a Coexisting Acr Blocks Cas9 During Phage Lytic Replication, Related to Figures 3 and 4

(A) Left: Representative image of plaquing assays where isogenic ϕ A006 phages are titrated in ten-fold serial dilutions (black spots) on a lawn of *Lmo10403s* (gray background). Dashed lines indicate where intervening rows were removed for clarity. Right: Efficiency of plaquing (EOP) of isogenic ϕ A006 phages expressing the indicated Acrs on *Lmo10403s*. Plaque forming units (PFUs) were quantified on *Lmo10403s* overexpressing the first spacer in the native CRISPR

array that targets Φ A006 (*cas9;pHyper-spacer#1*) and normalized to the number of PFUs measured on a non-targeting *Lmo10403s*-derived strain (Δ *cas9*). The dashed lines boxing the first 6 phages show a zoomed in view of the graph with a distinct x-axis scale. Data are displayed as the mean EOP of at least three biological replicates \pm SD (error bars). Note: this figure contains the same subset of data displayed in Figure 3A. (B) Anti-Cas9 activity of AcrIIA12 in a *Lmo10403s* CRISPRi strain expressing Lmo or Spy deadCas9 from the inducible pRha-promoter and sgRNA that targets the pHelp-promoter driving mCherry expression. Measurements reflect the mean percentage mCherry expression (RFU/OD₆₀₀) in deadCas9-induced cells relative to uninduced ($-d$ Cas9) controls of three biological replicates \pm SD (error bars). Note: AcrIIA12 inhibits Lmo but not Spy deadCas9-based CRISPRi, indicating specificity against LmoCas9. (C) Anti-Cas9 activity in *Lmo10403s* self-targeting strains containing Acr-expressing plasmids and chromosomally-integrated constructs expressing LmoCas9 from the inducible pRha-promoter and sgRNA that targets the bacterial chromosome. Bacterial growth was monitored after LmoCas9 induction (orange lines) or no induction (blue lines) and data are displayed as the mean OD₆₀₀ of three biological replicates \pm SD (error bars). (D-E) Translational (black bars in D and E) and transcriptional (gray bars in D) reporter levels of catalytically active Lmo and Spy Cas9 in *Lmo10403s* containing plasmids expressing Acrs. Cas9-mCherry (translational reporter) and mCherry (transcriptional reporter) measurements reflect the mean percentage mCherry (RFU/OD₆₀₀) in the presence of the indicated Acrs relative to the control strain containing an empty vector of three biological replicates \pm SD (error bars).

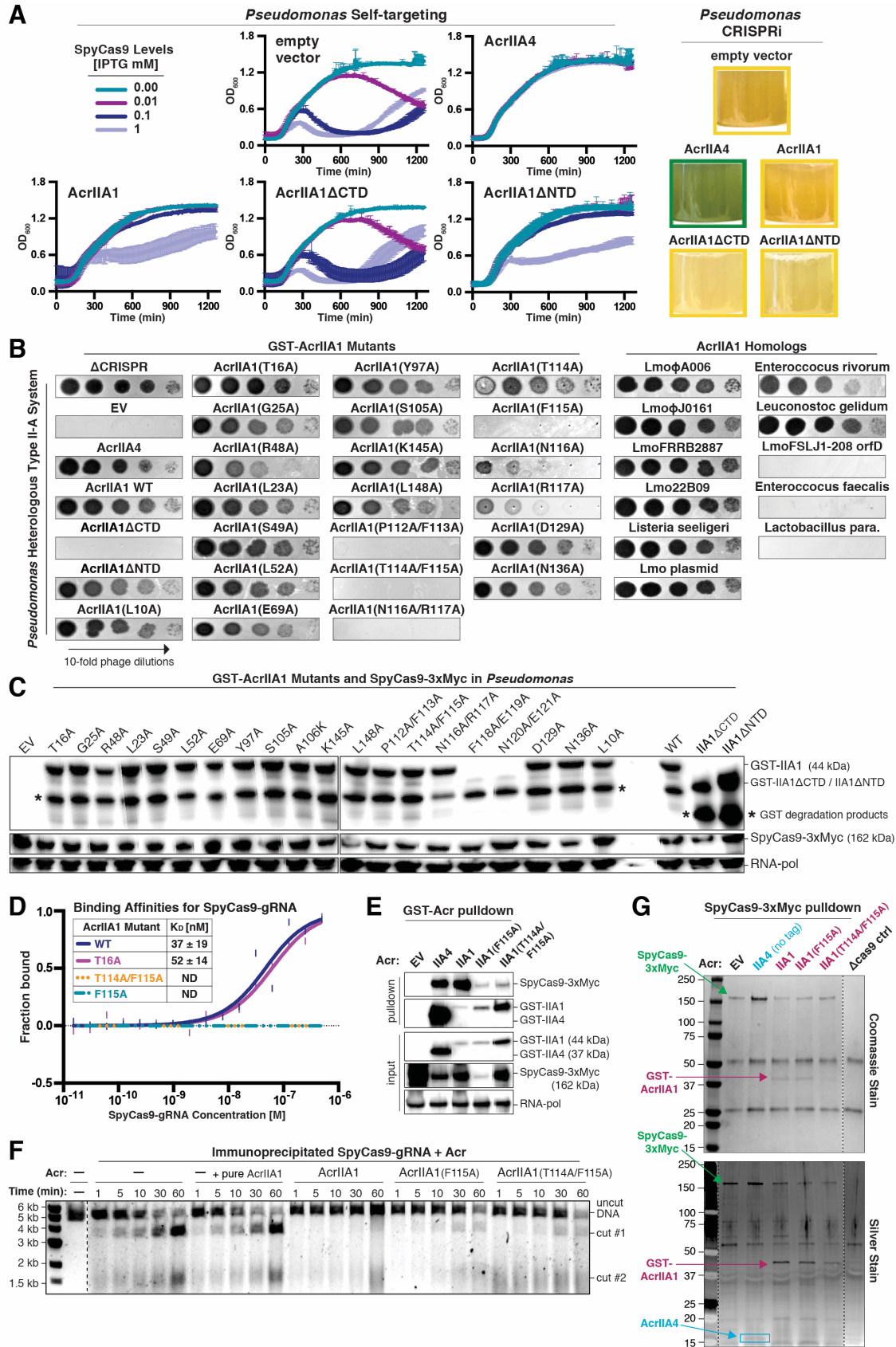


Figure S4. AcrIIA1^{CTD} Requires an Auxiliary Cellular Factor to Lock Cas9 in an Inhibited

State, Related to Figure 4

(A) Anti-Cas9 activity in *P. aeruginosa* self-targeting (left) and CRISPRi (right) strains containing plasmids expressing Acrs and chromosomally-integrated SpyCas9-sgRNA programmed to target the *phzM* gene promoter. For self targeting (left), SpyCas9 expression from the inducible pLAC-promoter was titrated using the indicated IPTG concentrations and bacterial growth curves display the mean OD₆₀₀ of three biological replicates ± SD (error bars). CRISPRi (right) was qualitatively assessed by inspecting culture pigment. Transcriptional repression of the *phzM* gene by dCas9 generates a yellow culture whereas inhibition of dCas9 (e.g. by an Acr) allows *phzM* expression and pyocyanin production that generates a green culture. Representative pictures of three biological replicates are shown. (B) Plaquing assays where the *P. aeruginosa* DMS3m-like phage JBD30 is titrated in ten-fold dilutions (black spots) on a lawn of *P. aeruginosa* (gray background) expressing the indicated Acrs and Type II-A SpyCas9-sgRNA programmed to target phage DNA. Representative pictures of 3 biological replicates are shown. (C) Immunoblots detecting GST-tagged AcrIIA1 (mutants or individual domains) proteins, Myc-tagged SpyCas9 protein, and RNA-polymerase as a protein loading control in a *P. aeruginosa* strain heterologously expressing the Type II-A SpyCas9-gRNA system and the indicated Acrs. (*) Denotes GST-containing degradation products derived from GST-tagged Acr proteins. AcrIIA1 mutants that failed to express were not analyzed further. (D) Quantification of the binding affinities (K_D; boxed inset) of WT and mutant AcrIIA1 proteins with SpyCas9-gRNA using microscale thermophoresis. ND indicates no binding detected. Data shown are representative of three independent experiments. (E) Immunoblots detecting 3xMyc-tagged SpyCas9 protein that co-immunoprecipitated with GST-tagged Acrs in a *P. aeruginosa* strain heterologously expressing Type II-A SpyCas9-gRNA and the indicated Acrs. For input samples, one-hundredth lysate volume was analyzed to verify tagged protein expression and RNA-polymerase was used as a loading control. Representative blots of three biological replicates are shown. (F) Time course of SpyCas9 DNA cleavage reactions conducted with SpyCas9-gRNA-Acr complexes immunoprecipitated from *P. aeruginosa*. A reaction with SpyCas9-gRNA immunoprecipitated without an Acr (–) was supplemented with recombinant WT AcrIIA1 protein purified from *E. coli* (+ pure AcrIIA1). Dashed line indicates where intervening lanes were removed for clarity. Data shown are representative of three independent experiments. (G) SDS-PAGE and Coomassie Blue staining analysis of SpyCas9-gRNA-Acr complexes immunoprecipitated from *P. aeruginosa*.

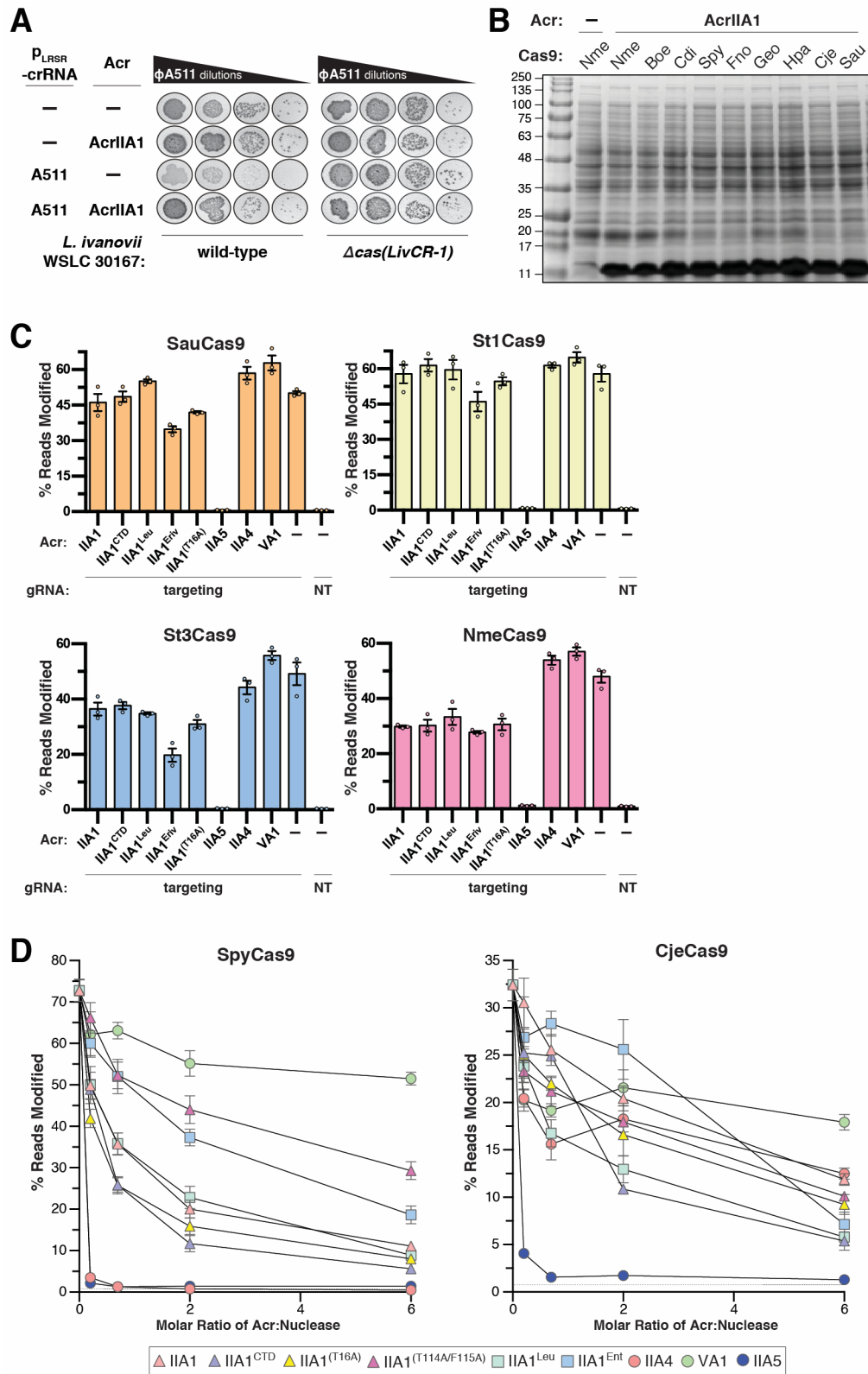


Figure S5. AcrIIA1 Inhibition of Cas9 Orthologues in Heterologous Hosts, Related to Figure 5

(A) Plaquing assays where the *Listeria* phage Φ A511 is titrated in ten-fold serial dilutions (black spots) on lawns of the *Listeria ivanovii* WSLC 30167 (gray background) strain with an endogenous Type II-A LivCas9 system or lacking this system (Δcas), plasmid-expressed AcrIIA1 or no Acr (-), and crRNA that targets phage DNA or a non-targeting control (-) expressed from the pLRSR plasmid. (B) SDS-PAGE and Coomassie Blue staining analysis of AcrIIA1 expression after IPTG induction in *E. coli* strains containing the indicated Cas9 orthologues. (C) Gene editing activities of Cas9 orthologues in human cells in the presence of AcrIIA1 variants and orthologues. Control inhibitors (references in Methods): AcrIIA4 selective inhibitor of SpyCas9; AcrIIA5 broad-spectrum Cas9 inhibitor; AcrVA1 Cas12 inhibitor (negative control for Cas9 orthologues). Editing assessed by targeted sequencing; NT indicates a no-sgRNA control condition; error bars indicate SEM for three independent biological replicates. (D) Activities of SpyCas9 and CjeCas9 in human cells in the presence of varying doses of acr plasmid (molar ratios of 6:1, 2:1, 0.67:1, and 0.22:1 acr:nuclease). Gene editing assessed by targeted sequencing. Error bars indicate SEM for three independent biological replicates.

Table S1. AcrIIA1 homolog protein accession numbers, Related to Figure 4

Strains Containing AcrIIA1 Homologs	Designated Homolog Name	Protein Accession #
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> J0161	Lmo ϕ A006/ ϕ J0161	WP_003722518.1
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> strain LMO10	LMO10	KUG37233.1
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> strain FRRB 2887	LmoFRRB2887	WP_085696370.1
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> isolate 22B09	Lmo22B09	WP_077316628.1
<i>Listeria seeligeri</i> FSL S4-171	<i>Listeria seeligeri</i>	EFS02359.1
<i>Enterococcus rivorum</i> strain LMG 258993	<i>E. rivorum</i>	WP_069698591.1
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> CFSA026587 plasmid	Lmo plasmid	WP_061665673.1
<i>Leuconostoc gelidum</i> subsp. gasicomitatum KG16-1	<i>Leu gelidum</i>	CUR63869.1
<i>Lactobacillus parabuchneri</i> strain FAM23166	<i>Lac parabuchneri</i>	WP_084975236.1
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> strain plasmid Efsorialis-p2	<i>E. faecalis</i>	WP_002401838.1
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> SLCC2540, serotype 3b	Lmo orfD	WP_012951927.1