

**PelX is a UDP-N-acetylglucosamine C4-epimerase involved in Pel polysaccharide-dependent biofilm formation**

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**Table S1: Bacterial strains and plasmids used in this study**

Strain/Plasmid/Primer	Genotype/Properties	Source
<b><i>E. coli</i></b>		
TOP10	F <sup>-</sup> <i>mcrA</i> Δ( <i>mrr-hsdRMS-mcrBC</i> ) Φ80 <i>lacZ</i> ΔM15 Δ <i>lacX74</i> <i>recA1</i> <i>araD139</i> Δ( <i>ara leu</i> ) 7697 <i>galU galK rpsL endA1 nupG</i> , Str <sup>R</sup>	Invitrogen
BL21CodonPlus™ (DE3)-RP	F <sup>-</sup> <i>ompT hsdS</i> (rB <sup>-</sup> mB <sup>-</sup> ) <i>dcm</i> <sup>+</sup> Tet <sup>r</sup> <i>gal</i> λ (DE3) <i>endA</i> Hte <i>metA</i> ::Tn5(Kan <sup>r</sup> ) [ <i>argU ileY leuW Cam</i> <sup>r</sup> ]	Stratagene
DH5α	F <sup>-</sup> Φ80 <i>lacZ</i> ΔM15 Δ( <i>lacZYA-argF</i> ) U169 <i>recA1</i> <i>endA1 hsdR17</i> (rK <sup>-</sup> , mK <sup>+</sup> ) <i>phoA supE44</i> λ- <i>thi-1 gyrA96 relA1</i>	Invitrogen
SM10	<i>thi thr leu tonA lacY supE recA::RP4-2-Tc::Mu Km λpir</i> , Kan <sup>R</sup> , Tet <sup>R</sup>	1
<b><i>P. protegens</i></b>		
Pf-5	Wild-type	
Pf-5 Δ <i>pslA</i>	In frame deletion of <i>pslA</i> (PFL_4208)	This study
Pf-5 Δ <i>pelF</i>	In frame deletion of <i>pelF</i> (PFL_2977)	This study
Pf-5 Δ <i>pslA</i> Δ <i>pelF</i>	In frame deletion of <i>pslA</i> and <i>pelF</i>	This study
Pf-5 Δ <i>pelX</i>	In frame deletion of <i>pelX</i> (PFL_2971)	This study
Pf-5 ΔPFL_5533	In frame deletion of PFL_5533	This study
Pf-5 Δ <i>pelX</i> ΔPFL_5533	In frame deletion of <i>pelX</i> and PFL_5533	This study
Pf-5 <i>pelX-V</i>	<i>pelX</i> with a C-terminal VSV-G (YTDIEMNRLGK) tag	This study
Pf-5 <i>pelF-V</i>	<i>pelF</i> with a C-terminal VSV-G (YTDIEMNRLGK) tag	This study
Pf-5 PFL_5533- <i>V</i>	PFL_5533 with a C-terminal VSV-G (YTDIEMNRLGK) tag	This study
<b>Plasmids</b>		
<b>Protein production</b>		
pET-28a(+)	IPTG inducible expression vector; Kan <sup>r</sup>	Novagen
pLSM-PelX <sub>Pp</sub> <sup>1-309</sup> <sub>C232S</sub>	PelX <sub>Pp</sub> encoding the full-length protein. Expressed thrombin-cleavable fusion protein MGSSH <sub>6</sub> SSGLVPRGSHM-PelX <sub>Pp</sub> <sup>1-309</sup> in pET-28a. Mutation of cysteine 232 to serine.	This study
pLSM-PelX <sub>Pp</sub> <sup>1-309</sup> <sub>C232S/Y146F/S121A</sub>	PelX <sub>Pp</sub> encoding the full-length protein. Expressed thrombin-cleavable fusion protein MGSSH <sub>6</sub> SSGLVPRGSHM-PelX <sub>Pp</sub> <sup>1-309</sup> in pET-28a. Mutation of cysteine 232 to serine, tyrosine 146 to phenylalanine, and serine 121 to alanine.	This study
<b>WspR overexpression</b>		
pPSV39	Expression vector with <i>lacI</i> , lacUV5 promoter derived from pPSV35	2
pLSM21	WspR <sup>R242A</sup> from PAO1 encoding the full-length protein with a mutation to the allosteric inhibition site in pPSV39. IPTG inducible expression.	This study
<b>Two Step Allelic exchange</b>		
pEXG2	allelic exchange vector, Gen <sup>R</sup>	2
pLSM33	pEXG2 with an in-frame deletion allele for <i>P. protegens</i> Pf-5 <i>pslA</i> (PFL 4208) Gen <sup>R</sup>	This study
pLSM34	pEXG2 with an in-frame deletion allele for <i>P. protegens</i> Pf-5 <i>pelF</i> (PFL 2977) Gen <sup>R</sup>	This study
pLSM35	pEXG2 with an in-frame deletion allele for <i>P. protegens</i> Pf-5 <i>pelX</i> (PFL_2971) Gen <sup>R</sup>	This study
pLSM36	pEXG2 with an in-frame deletion allele for <i>P. protegens</i> Pf-5 PFL_5533 Gen <sup>R</sup>	This study

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pLSM37	pEXG2 with full-length <i>pelF</i> fused to a C-terminal VSV-G tag Gen <sup>R</sup>	This study
pLSM38	pEXG2 with full-length <i>pelX</i> fused to a C-terminal VSV-G tag Gen <sup>R</sup>	This study
pLSM39	pEXG2 with full-length PFL_5533 fused to a C-terminal VSV-G tag Gen <sup>R</sup>	This study

Amp, ampicillin; Cam, chloramphenicol; Kan, kanamycin; Gen, Gentamicin; Str, streptomycin; Tet, tetracycline

**Table S2: Primers used in this study**

Primers	Sequence*
<b>Vectors for recombinant protein production</b>	
PelX 1F	GG <b>CAT ATG</b> TCT GCC GAA CGG ATA CTG
PelX 309R	GG <b>CTC GAG</b> CTA <u>AAG GCT GCG GTA AAG CCG</u>
PelX C232S F	<u>CAG GGC CTG GAA aGC CCC GCG CCG G</u>
PelX C232S R	<u>C CGG CGC GGG GcT TTC CAG GCC CTG</u>
PelX Y146F F	<u>CC CTC ACG CCC TtC GCG GCG GAC AA</u>
PelX Y146F R	<u>TT GTC CGC CGC GaA GGG CGT GAG GG</u>
PelX S121A F	<u>G GTG TTC GCG TCC gcT GCG GCG GTC TAT GG</u>
PelX S121A R	<u>CC ATA GAC CGC CGC Agc GGA CGC GAA CAC C</u>
<b>Allelic exchange vectors</b>	
PslA_Pf5_upF	TAG TAC AGA <b>GAA TTC</b> <u>GGC AAT CAG CCG GGT ATG G</u>
PslA_Pf5_upR	<u>G TGT GCT CAT TCA GAA GGC CTC GCT GTC TAC AGG TTG CAA CCG</u>
PslA_Pf5_downF	<u>GAG GCC TTC TGA ATG AGC ACA C</u>
PslA_Pf5_downR	T CAA TCA GTA <b>TCT AGA</b> <u>GCA TGC AGA ACA TCC CGC CG</u>
PelF_Pf5_upF	TAG TAC AGA <b>GAA TTC</b> <u>CAA CTG CAT TCG CCC ACC TTC</u>
PelF_Pf5_upR	<u>CAC AGC CTC CTT GTG TGG GGT GGG GGT TGA GTC GGG GGT</u>
PelF_Pf5_downF	<u>ACC CCA CAC AAG GAG GCT GTG</u>
PelF_Pf5_downR	T CAA TCA GTA <b>TCT AGA</b> <u>CAG CGC CAG CAA CAG CCCT</u>
PelX_Pf5_upF	TAG TAC AGA <b>GGT ACC</b> GGA ACA ACG CATAGG GAA TCGC
PelX_Pf5_upR	<u>GCT GCG GTA AAG CCG TTC CAG AAC CAG TAT CCG TTC GGC AGA CAT</u>
PelX_Pf5_downF	<u>CTG GAA CGG CTT TAC CGC AGC</u>

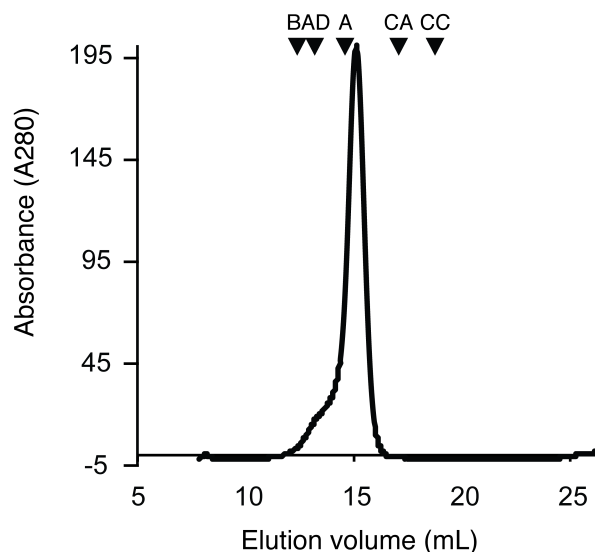
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PelX_Pf5_downR	T CAA TCA GTA <b>AAG CTT</b> <u>TCG GGG AGC AAC TGG AAA CTG</u>
PFL_5533 upF	GTG <b>GAA TTC</b> <u>GCT TAC TAC TTC GAC TGG TTT C</u>
PFL_5533 upR	<u>GGC GAG GCC GAC GCT CAT</u> <u>CAA TAC GAG GCC TTC AGC CAT</u>
PFL_5533 downF	<u>ATG AGC GTC GGC CTC GCC</u>
PFL_5533 downR	GGT <b>AAG CTT</b> <u>CAA CGC CCA CGA AGC TGG T</u>
PelX VSVG upF	GGG <b>GAA TTC</b> <u>ATG GCA ATA ACG GCG AGG GC</u>
PelX VSVG upR	ttt tcc taa tct att cat ttc aat atc tgt ata <u>AAG GCT GCG GTA</u> <u>AAG CCG TTC</u>
PelX VSVG downF	tat aca gat att gaa atg aat aga tta gga aaa <u>TAG TTC GTT GCC</u> <u>TTA GGG GCG</u>
PelX VSVG downR	GGT <b>AAG CTT</b> <u>CTG GTC CTG CAG CGC CTT G</u>
PelF VSVG upF	GGG <b>GAA TTC</b> <u>GGT GGT GCC GAT CAA GGA CG</u>
PelF VSVG upR	ttt tcc taa tct att cat ttc aat atc tgt ata <u>CAC AGC CTC CTT</u> <u>GTG TGG GG</u>
PelF VSVG downF	tat aca gat att gaa atg aat aga tta gga aaa <u>TAA ATG GCC GGC</u> <u>ATC GGT TTC G</u>
PelF VSVG downR	GGG <b>AAG CTT</b> <u>ATC ACC AGG AGG ATG CGG TTA TA</u>
PFL_5533 VSVG upF	GGG <b>GAA TTC</b> <u>ATG GCA ACA ACG GGG AAG GC</u>
PFL_5533 VSVG upR	ttt tcc taa tct att cat ttc aat atc tgt ata <u>GCG CCC CAT CAG</u> <u>GCG GG</u>
PFL_5533 VSVG downF	Tat aca gat att gaa atg aat aga tta gga aaa <u>TGA GGG AAA ACA</u> <u>CGC ACA TGA AA</u>
PFL_5533 VSVG downR	GAG <b>AAG CTT</b> <u>ACC CCG TTC GAA CAC GAC GT</u>
<b>Sequencing Primers</b>	
PslA_Pf5_seqF	<u>GGC TGG CCG GGG CGT C</u>
PslA_Pf5_seqR	<u>GGT GGC TCT GCT CCA GGC A</u>
PelF_Pf5_seqF	<u>GCG AGG CGC AGA CGT GGC</u>
PelF_Pf5_seqR	<u>CAC CAG CTT CTC GGC CCG</u>
PelX_Pf5_seqF	<u>TGC AGC AAG GAG GTG CGG G</u>
PelX_Pf5_seqR	<u>GGC GAC GCC ATC GAG CTC</u>
PFL_5533 seqF	<u>AAC TGC TCG ACG ACA CCC</u>

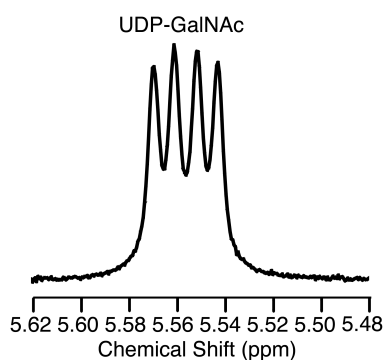
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PFL_5533 seqR	<u>GCA CGA ACG ATG ATG TCA C</u>
<b>WspR overexpression</b>	
WspR-F	GC <b>GAA TTC</b> <u>AGG AGG ATA TTC ATG CAC AAC CCT CAT GAG AGC</u>
WspR-R	GC <b>AAG CTT</b> <u>TCA GCC CGC CGG GGC</u>

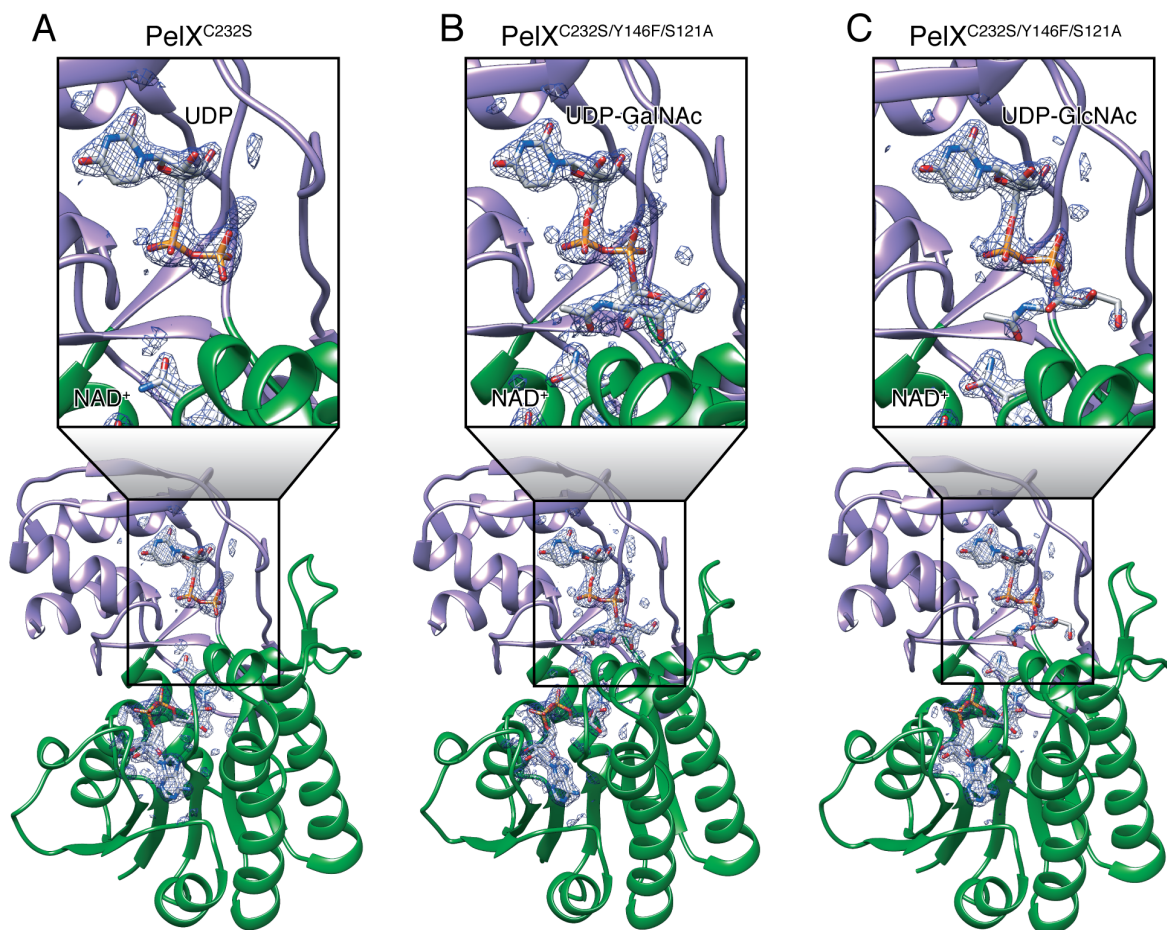
\*Restriction site sequences are in **bold**; regions of complementary to the target amplicon are underlined; lower case letters denote a nucleotide substitution or mismatch to sequence (in the case of VSV-G tag); regions of complementarity to facilitate splicing of PCR products are in *italics*



**Figure S1: PelX<sup>C232S</sup> forms a dimer in solution.** Analytical gel filtration demonstrates that PelX<sup>C232S</sup> exists as a dimer in solution, eluting at a molecular weight of approximately 63 kDa. Expected molecular weight: 34.6 kDa. Protein standards used to calibrate the column are indicated by inverted triangles; BA,  $\beta$ -amylase; AD, alcohol dehydrogenase; A, albumin; CA, carbonic anhydrase; CC, cytochrome C. The molecular weights of  $\beta$ -amylase, alcohol dehydrogenase, albumin, carbonic anhydrase, and cytochrome C are 200 kDa, 150 kDa, 66 kDa, 29 kDa, and 12.4 kDa, respectively.



**Figure S2: PelX<sup>C232S/Y146F/S121A</sup> is catalytically inactive towards UDP-GalNAc.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum from the reaction of PelX<sup>C232S/S121A/Y146F</sup> with UDP-GalNAc.



**Figure S3: PeIX<sup>C232S/Y146F/S121A</sup> density of the ligands.** PeIX is displayed with its N-terminal Rossmann-fold domain shown in green, and its C-terminal substrate-binding  $\alpha/\beta$ -domain in purple as in Figure 5. (A) PeIX<sup>C232S</sup> with density shown for UDP and NAD<sup>+</sup> (B) PeIX<sup>C232S/Y146F/S121A</sup> in complex with UDP-GalNAc and NAD<sup>+</sup> and (C) PeIX<sup>C232S/Y146F/S121A</sup> in complex with UDP-GlcNAc and NAD<sup>+</sup>. All three structures were modeled with NAD<sup>+</sup> and nucleotide or sugar-nucleotide shown in stick representation, with the corresponding  $|2mF_o-DFc|$  map displayed as black mesh contoured at  $2.0 \sigma$ .

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