

## Supplementary Information for

Identification of signaling pathways, matrix-digestion enzymes, and motility components controlling *Vibrio cholerae* biofilm dispersal

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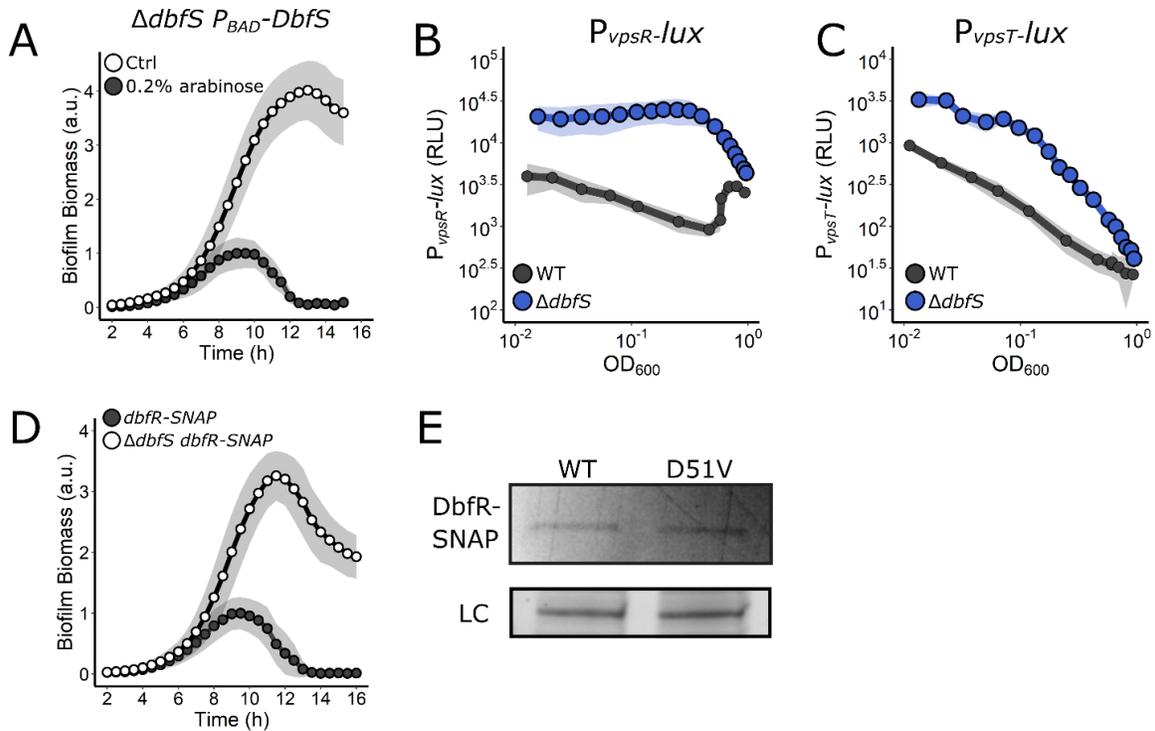
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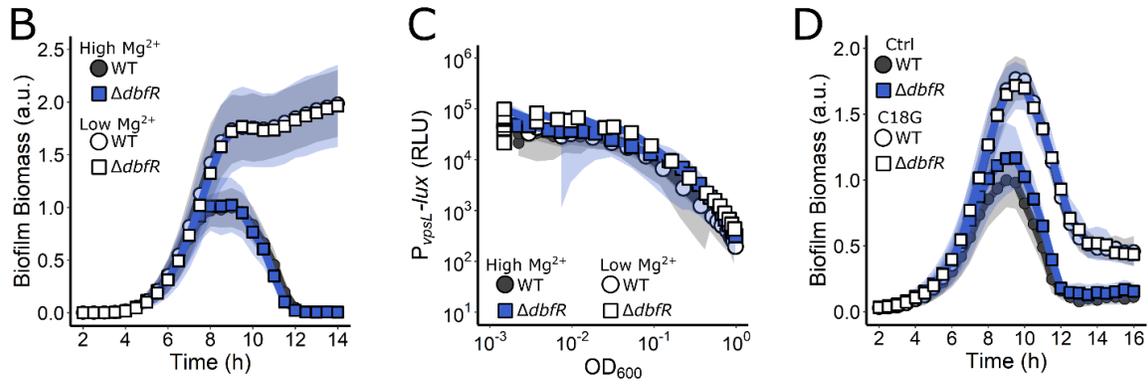
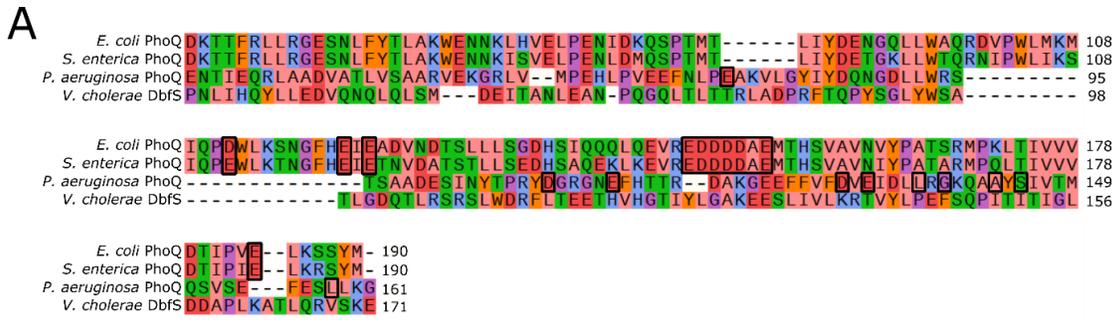
## Supplementary Information Text

### DbfS is not equivalent to PhoQ

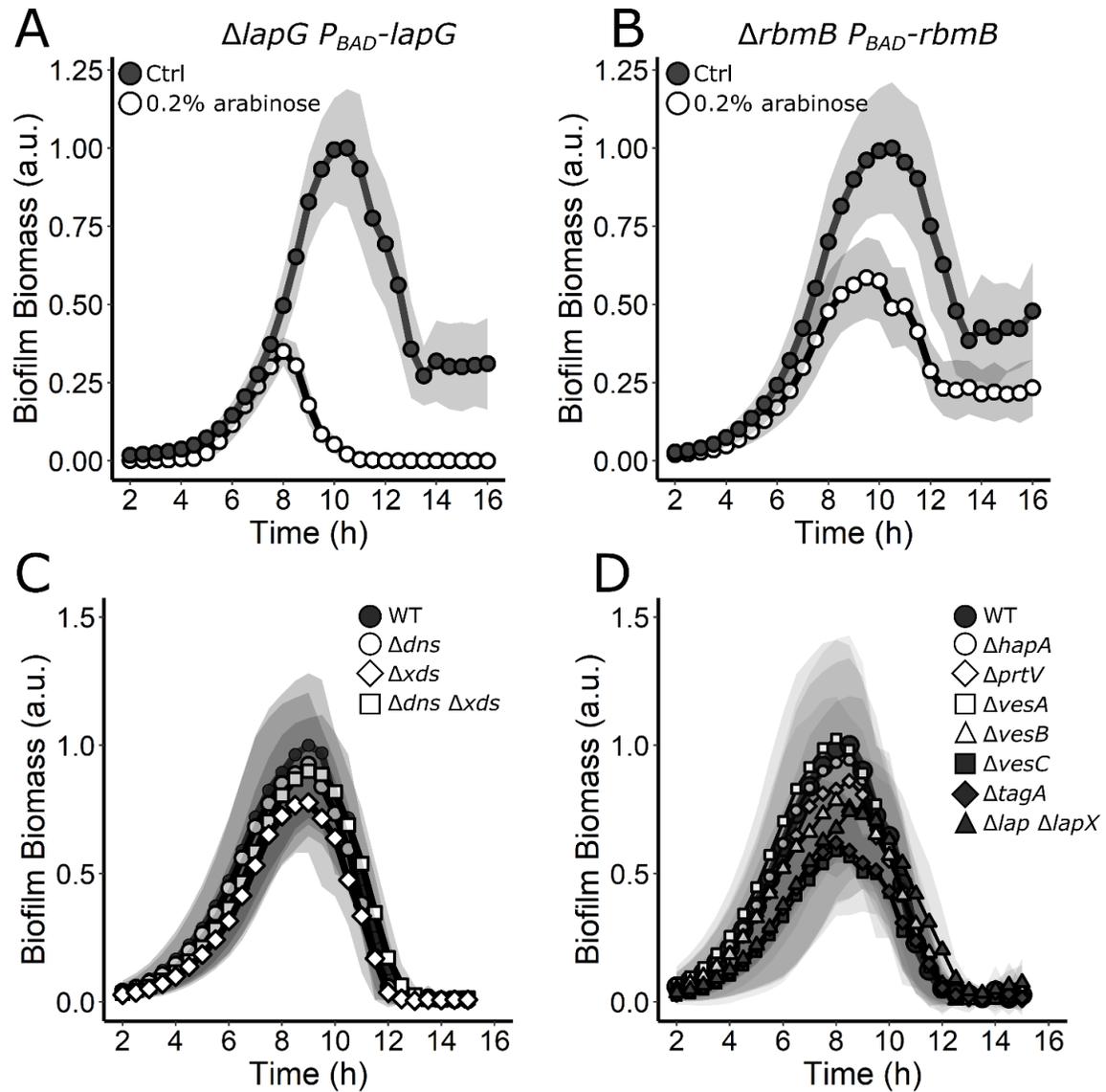
In *Escherichia coli*, low  $Mg^{2+}$  and cationic peptides activate PhoQ kinase activity (1). Sequence alignment of the DbfS sensory domain with that from PhoQ of *E. coli*, *Salmonella enterica*, and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* revealed that DbfS lacks all of the key residues involved in  $Mg^{2+}$  binding (Fig. S2A) (2). To test if  $Mg^{2+}$  alters DfbS activity, we measured the *V. cholerae* biofilm lifecycle in response to low  $Mg^{2+}$  conditions in WT *V. cholerae* and in the  $\Delta dbfR$  mutant. If, analogous to PhoQ, DfbS kinase activity is activated by low  $Mg^{2+}$ , when  $Mg^{2+}$  is limiting, WT *V. cholerae* should exhibit an altered biofilm dispersal phenotype while the  $\Delta dbfR$  mutant would be impervious to  $Mg^{2+}$  changes (1). Fig. S2B shows that  $Mg^{2+}$  limitation does indeed inhibit *V. cholerae* biofilm dispersal, however, inhibition occurs in *both* the WT and the  $\Delta dbfR$  strains.  $Mg^{2+}$  limitation did not alter *vpsL-lux* expression in either strain (Fig. S2C). Thus,  $Mg^{2+}$  does not control DfbS activity. We obtained the same results following exogenous addition of the cationic peptide C18G (Fig. S2D). Together, these results demonstrate that DfbS does not respond to the ligands that control PhoQ activity.



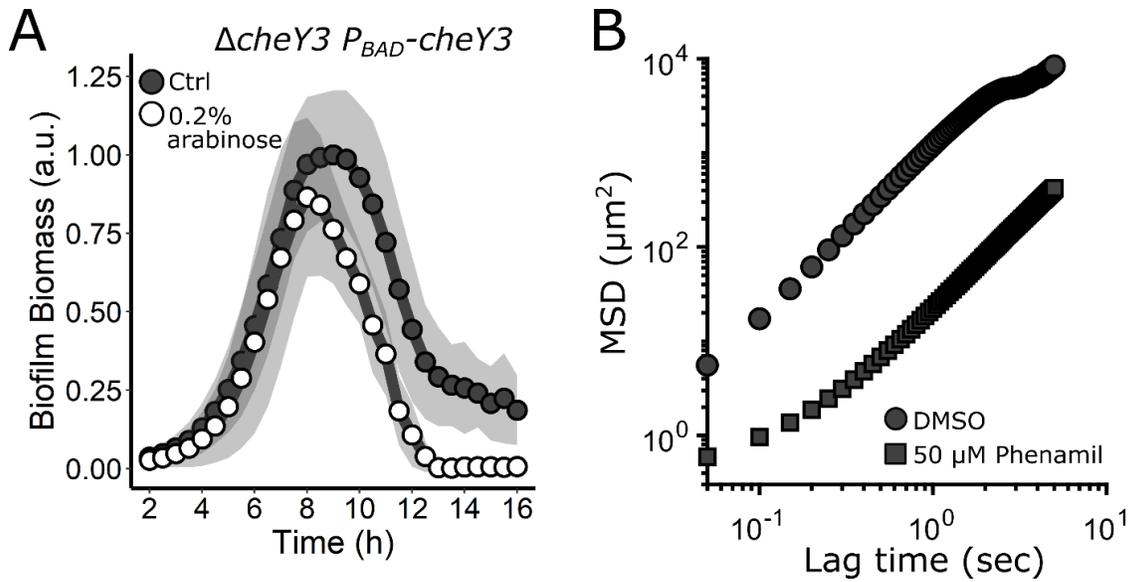
**Fig. S1. Complementation, functional tagging, and mutagenesis of the DbfS-DbfR two-component system.** (A) Quantitation of biofilm biomass over time measured by time-lapse microscopy for the  $\Delta dbfS P_{BAD}\text{-}dbfS$  strain following addition of water (Ctrl) or 0.2% arabinose. (B)  $P_{vpsR}\text{-}lux$  and (C)  $P_{vpsT}\text{-}lux$  output for WT and the  $\Delta dbfS$  strain over the growth curve. (D) As in A for SNAP-tagged DbfR in the WT and  $\Delta dbfS$  strains. (E) Top panel: representative in-gel SDS-PAGE fluorescence following electrophoresis of *V. cholerae* cell lysates containing WT DbfS-SNAP or DbfS<sup>D51V</sup>-SNAP that had been incubated with SNAP-Cell TMR Star. Bottom panel: Coomassie stained loading control (LC). For all biofilm measurements,  $N = 3$  biological and  $N = 3$  technical replicates,  $\pm$  SD (shaded). a.u., arbitrary unit. For *lux* measurements,  $N = 3$  biological replicates,  $\pm$  SD (shaded). RLU, relative light units.



**Fig. S2. DbfS is not functionally equivalent to PhoQ.** (A) Alignment of the sensory domains of PhoQ from *E. coli*, *S. enterica*, and *P. aeruginosa* against that of *V. cholerae* DbfS. Black boxes indicate residues involved in  $Mg^{2+}$  binding in PhoQ. (B) Quantitation of biofilm biomass over time measured by time-lapse microscopy in high magnesium (10 mM) and limiting magnesium (10  $\mu$ M) conditions for WT *V. cholerae* and the  $\Delta dbfR$  strain. (C) The corresponding  $P_{vpsL-lux}$  outputs for strains and growth conditions in B over the growth curve. (D) As in B except following the addition of water or 5  $\mu$ g/mL C18G. In all cases,  $N = 3$  biological and  $N = 3$  technical replicates,  $\pm$  SD (shaded). a.u., arbitrary unit. For  $vpsL-lux$  measurements,  $N = 3$  biological replicates,  $\pm$  SD (shaded). RLU, relative light units.



**Fig. S3. Introduction of *lapG* and *rbmB* complements the  $\Delta lapG$  and  $\Delta rbmB$  biofilm defects, respectively, and assessment of the roles of extracellular DNAses and secreted proteases in *V. cholerae* biofilm dispersal.** (A) Quantitation of biofilm biomass over time measured by time-lapse microscopy for the  $\Delta lapG P_{BAD-lapG}$  strain following addition of water (Ctrl) or 0.2% arabinose. (B) As in A, but for the  $\Delta rbmB P_{BAD-rbmB}$  strain. (C) Quantitation of biofilm biomass over time measured by time-lapse microscopy for WT *V. cholerae* and mutants lacking the designated DNAses. (D) Quantitation of biofilm biomass over time measured by time-lapse microscopy for WT *V. cholerae* and mutants lacking the designated proteases. In all cases,  $N = 3$  biological and  $N = 3$  technical replicates,  $\pm$  SD (shaded). a.u., arbitrary unit.



**Fig. S4. Complementation of the  $\Delta cheY3$  mutant and phenamil inhibition of *V. cholerae* motility.** (A) Quantitation of biofilm biomass over time measured by time-lapse microscopy for the  $\Delta cheY3 P_{BAD}-cheY3$  strain following addition of water (Ctrl) or 0.2% arabinose. In all cases,  $N = 3$  biological and  $N = 3$  technical replicates,  $\pm$  SD (shaded). a.u., arbitrary unit. (B) Mean squared displacement (MSD) of cell trajectories versus lag time for WT *V. cholerae* treated with DMSO solvent or 50  $\mu\text{M}$  phenamil.

**Table S1. Strains used in this study.**

Strain Number	Genotype	Plasmid	Antibiotic Resistance	Parent
BB_Vc_0090	WT O1 El Tor biotype C6706str2	-	Sm	-
AB_Vc_761	$\Delta vlc1807::Cm^R$ (Referred to as WT)	-	Sm, Cm	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_705	$\Delta cheY \Delta vlc1807::Cm^R$	-	Sm, Cm	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_708	$\Delta bipA \Delta vlc1807::Cm^R$	-	Sm, Cm	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_839	$\Delta mbaA \Delta vlc1807::Cm^R$	-	Sm, Cm	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_711	$\Delta potD1 \Delta vlc1807::Cm^R$	-	Sm, Cm	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_757	$\Delta lapG \Delta vlc1807::Cm^R$	-	Sm, Cm	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_758	$\Delta rocS \Delta vlc1807::Cm^R$	-	Sm, Cm	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_775	$\Delta dbfS \Delta vlc1807::Cm^R$	-	Sm, Cm	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_777	$\Delta cdgI \Delta vlc1807::Cm^R$	-	Sm, Cm	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_778	$\Delta cdgG \Delta vlc1807::Cm^R$	-	Sm, Cm	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_485	$\Delta rbmB \Delta vlc1807::Kan^R$	-	Sm, Kan	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_801	$\Delta vlc1807::Kan^R$	pEVS143- <i>P<sub>vpsL</sub>-lux::Cm<sup>R</sup></i>	Sm, Cm, Kan	AB_Vc_479
AB_Vc_825	$\Delta cheY \Delta vlc1807::Kan^R$	pEVS143- <i>P<sub>vpsL</sub>-lux::Cm<sup>R</sup></i>	Sm, Cm, Kan	AB_Vc_705
AB_Vc_829	$\Delta lapG \Delta vlc1807::Kan^R$	pEVS143- <i>P<sub>vpsL</sub>-lux::Cm<sup>R</sup></i>	Sm, Cm, Kan	AB_Vc_757
AB_Vc_802	$\Delta rbmB \Delta vlc1807::Kan^R$	pEVS143- <i>P<sub>vpsL</sub>-lux::Cm<sup>R</sup></i>	Sm, Cm, Kan	AB_Vc_485
AB_Vc_815	$\Delta dbfS \Delta vlc1807::Kan^R$	pEVS143- <i>P<sub>vpsL</sub>-lux::Cm<sup>R</sup></i>	Sm, Cm, Kan	AB_Vc_775
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AB_Vc_938	WT	pBBR1- <i>P<sub>vpsT</sub>-lux::Cm<sup>R</sup></i>	Sm, Cm	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_942	$\Delta dbfS \Delta vlc1807::Kan^R$	pBBR1- <i>P<sub>vpsR</sub>-lux::Cm<sup>R</sup></i>	Sm, Cm, Kan	AB_Vc_815
AB_Vc_944	$\Delta dbfS \Delta vlc1807::Kan^R$	pBBR1- <i>P<sub>vpsT</sub>-lux::Cm<sup>R</sup></i>	Sm, Cm, Kan	AB_Vc_815
AB_Vc_773	$\Delta dbfR \Delta vlc1807::Cm^R$	-	Sm, Cm	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_701	$\Delta dbfRS \Delta vlc1807::Cm^R$	-	Sm, Cm	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_788	$dbfR^{DS1V} \Delta vlc1807::Cm^R$	-	Sm, Cm	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_891	$dbfR^{DS1V} \Delta dbfS \Delta vlc1807::Kan^R$	-	Sm, Kan	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_863	$dbfR-SNAP \Delta dbfS \Delta vlc1807::P_{BAD}-dbfS::Spec^R$	-	Sm, Spec	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_865	$\Delta dbfS \Delta vlc1807::P_{BAD}-dbfS::Spec^R$	-	Sm, Spec	BB_Vc_0090
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AB_Vc_881	$dbfR^{DS1V}-SNAP \Delta vlc1807::Kan^R$	-	Sm, Kan	BB_Vc_0090
AB_Vc_859	$\Delta lapG \Delta vlc1807::P_{BAD}-lapG::Spec^R$	-	Sm, Spec	AB_Vc_757
AB_Vc_898	$\Delta lapD \Delta vlc1807::Kan^R$	-	Sm, Kan	BB_Vc_0090
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BB_Vc_0254	$\Delta dns \Delta xds$	-	Sm	BB_Vc_0090
MJ_552	$\Delta hapA \Delta vlc1807::Kan^R$	-	Sm, Kan	BB_Vc_0090

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AB_Vc_857	$\Delta cheY \Delta vc1807::P_{BAD-cheY3}::Spec^R$	-	Sm, Spec	AB_Vc_705
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**Table S2. DNA oligonucleotides and gene fragments used in this study.**

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530	<i>vc1638_100</i> down	Cloning at <i>dbfR</i> locus	R	CTCCAGCAAATATTGATGGATGAGATTTGGG
628	<i>vc1638_Real_B</i>	<i>dbfR</i> deletion	R	GAGATTTAATTGGCATGCAACTGATACCCAAGGTCTGCTCGA TTATTTTTTGATGGCAG
629	<i>vc1638_Real_C</i>	<i>dbfR</i> deletion	F	CGTGCCATCAAAAAATAATCGAGCAGACCTTGGGTATCAGTT GCATGCCAATTAATCTC
557	<i>vc1638_2700</i> up	Cloning at <i>dbfR</i> locus	F	CACCATCCGGTTTGTGCATCATGATG
558	<i>vc1638_2700</i> down	Cloning at <i>dbfR</i> locus	R	GTGGCGTCAGATCCCAAACTGTTC
650	<i>dbfR_D51V_B</i>	Generating <i>dbfR<sup>DS1V</sup></i>	R	CAATTTCCGGTAGGCCGAGTACGAGTACGATGACGTCC
651	<i>dbfR_D51V_C</i>	Generating <i>dbfR<sup>DS1V</sup></i>	F	GGACGTCATCGTACTCGTACTCGGCCTACCGAAATTG
736	<i>dbfR_SNAP_deltaS</i> _Gblock	Gblock for generating <i>dbfR-SNAP</i> and simultaneously deleting <i>dbfS</i>	F	CGCGGTCTTGGGTATCAGTTGCATGCCAATTCAGGAAGCGGC TCAGGCAGCGGATCAGGAATGGATAAGGATTGTGAAATGAA GAGAACAACCTTAGATTCCCCTACTAGGTAAATTAGATTATCC GGTTGCGAACAAGGATTACATCGTATTATATTTTTAGGAAAA GGAACCAAGTGCAGCAGACGCCGTAGAGTACCAGCCCCCGCC GCAGTTTTAGGAGGACCAGAACCCTAATGCAAGCCACCGCT TGGTAAAACGCATATTTTCATCAACCAGAAGCCATAGAGAA TTCCAGTACCAGCCCTACACCACCGTATTCAACAAGAA TCATTTACGAGACAAGTATTATGGAAATTATAAAAGTCGTC AAATTCGGAGAAGTTATCAGCTATAGTCACCTAGCCGCTCTT GCCGGTAATCCAGCAGCCACTGCCGAGTTAAAACCGCATT TCAGGTAACCCAGTCCCATATTAATTCATGCCATAGAGTAG TACAAGGAGATTTAGACGTCGGCGGATATGAAGGAGGTTTAG CAGTTAAAGAATGGTTACTAGCACATGAAGGACATAGATTAG GTAAACCAAGGATTAGGTTAAATGCGGTGCAAAAAACGGATTT CAGTTGC
734	<i>dbfR_R</i>	Generating <i>dbfR-SNAP</i> and deleting <i>dbfS</i>	R	TTGGCATGCAACTGATACCCAAGACCGCG
735	<i>dbfS_down_F</i>	Generating <i>dbfR-SNAP</i> and deleting <i>dbfS</i>	F	ATGCGGTGCAAAAACGGATTTTCAGTTGC
672	<i>SNAP_UnivR</i>	Generating <i>dbfR-SNAP</i>	R	TTAACCTAATCCTGGTTTACCTAATCTATGCTTTCATGTGCT AGTAACC
718	<i>dbfR_SNAP_E</i>	Generating <i>dbfR-SNAP</i>	F	GACATAGATTAGGTTAAACCAAGGATTAGGTTAAGATGTGATCA AAACTGTGCGCGGTC

634	<i>cdgI_3000up</i>	Cloning at <i>cdgI</i> locus	F	CGATGCAAGTAGCTGAACAAGCAC
635	<i>cdgI_2700up</i>	Cloning at <i>cdgI</i> locus	F	GAATACATTGACGCCGAGCGCTTTG
636	<i>cdgI_100up</i>	Cloning at <i>cdgI</i> locus	F	GGGAGCAACTTCACTGTATTCAATGAGTG
637	<i>cdgI_B</i>	<i>cdgI</i> deletion	R	GATGCGATCATCATGAGCTACCTATTTTTGTAAAGGCCCGAC TTCATTTTTTCTACTCTC
638	<i>cdgI_C</i>	<i>cdgI</i> deletion	F	GAGAGTAGAAAAAATGAAGTCGGGCTTACAAAAATAGGT AGCTCATGATGATCGCATC
639	<i>cdgI_100down</i>	Cloning at <i>cdgI</i> locus	R	GGTCAGCAGCTTTTGCAGCACTTTATTG
640	<i>cdgI_2700down</i>	Cloning at <i>cdgI</i> locus	R	GAGGTGCAACCTGCGTGTAAGTGGATTTTC
641	<i>cdgI_3000down</i>	Cloning at <i>cdgI</i> locus	R	CCAGTGAGGCTATCAATATGCGCATC
642	<i>cdgG_3000up</i>	Cloning at <i>cdgG</i> locus	F	GTGTCGATTCCAGCGACAAGTGCCAATTG
643	<i>cdgG_2700up</i>	Cloning at <i>cdgG</i> locus	F	GAATACACCGCAGAGCCGATAGTGAC
644	<i>cdgG_100up</i>	Cloning at <i>cdgG</i> locus	F	GATAAATGCTGCCAGTCGGCATAAACACTGAG
645	<i>cdgG_B</i>	<i>cdgG</i> deletion	R	GCACAAATTAATAGTTAATTAGCTTAAATATTAATCAGACTG GATAGTTGAGGATCAATCTGATCC
646	<i>cdgG_C</i>	<i>cdgG</i> deletion	F	GGATCAGGATTGATCCTCAACTATCCAGTCTGATTAATATTTA AGCTAATTAATACTAATTTGTGC
647	<i>cdgG_100down</i>	Cloning at <i>cdgG</i> locus	R	TTGAGGCCATGCTAGAGCATGATGTTGAGC
648	<i>cdgG_2700down</i>	Cloning at <i>cdgG</i> locus	R	CCAGTAAATTCGGGTTATGAGGTAAGGATG
649	<i>cdgG_3000down</i>	Cloning at <i>cdgG</i> locus	R	GATCGCCACTTTCCGCGATTGGATG
105	BBC1881	Cloning at <i>vc1807</i> locus	F	TTAAAGGGGATCAGTGACCG
106	BBC1882	Cloning at <i>vc1807</i> locus	R	CAATTTGCTTTTGACCATCCC
270	<i>1807_2700up</i>	Cloning at <i>vc1807</i> locus	F	GGCCGGCACTTTGATTACAATC
271	<i>1807_2700down</i>	Cloning at <i>vc1807</i> locus	R	GTCTATATCAGAGCGCTTAAAGAGCG
721	<i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-1807_Univ_B</i>	Generating <i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-dbfS</i>	R	CATTTACACCTCTGCAGGTAC
722	<i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-dbfS-1807_C</i>	Generating <i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-dbfS</i>	F	GTACCTGCAGGAGGTGTGAAATGGGTATCAGTTGCATGCCAA TTAAATCTCG
723	<i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-dbfS-1807_D</i>	Generating <i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-dbfS</i>	R	GTCGACGGATCCCCGGAATTTAATGGGATTGACGGCTTTGG CTG
232	ABD123	Generating <i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-dbfS</i>	F	ATTCGGGGATCCGTCGAC
729	<i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-lapG-1807_C</i>	Generating <i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-lapG</i>	R	GTACCTGCAGGAGGTGTGAAATGAAACGTTGGATTGTGCTGT CTCTGG
730	<i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-lapG-1807_D</i>	Generating <i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-lapG</i>	F	GTCGACGGATCCCCGGAATCTACTCATCATAGCTAACTAGAG G
731	<i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-rbmB-1807_C</i>	Generating <i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-rbmB</i>	R	GTACCTGCAGGAGGTGTGAAATGCTGTTATACTTAAATCAAT TCAATAAAGAGGGTGG
732	<i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-rbmB-1807_D</i>	Generating <i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-rbmB</i>	F	GTCGACGGATCCCCGGAATCAATCTTTAATAAAGTGCTGTA TATAATAATGGTCCG
724	<i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-cheY3-1807_Gblock</i>	Generating <i>P<sub>BAD</sub>-cheY3</i>	F	GTACCTGCAGGAGGTGTGAAATGGAGGCAATTTTGAATAAA AACATGAAGATCCTTATTGTTGATGACTTTTCAACAATGCGC CGAATCGTTAAAAACCTACTTCGAGATCTGGGGTTCAATAAC ACGAGGAAGCGGACGATGGCCTAACGGCATTGCCTATGCTC AAGAAAGGTGATTTTGACTTTGTAGTCACAGACTGGAATATG CCCGGTATGCAAGGTATTGACTTGCTTAAAAATATCCGTGCC GACGAAGAACTGAAGCACCTGCTGTAATAATGATCACAGCA GAAGCAAACGTGAGCAAATCATCGAAGCCGCTCAAGCAGG CGTGAATGGTTACATCGTAAAACCATTTACCCTGCTACGCT

				TAAAGAAAAATTAGACAAAATTTTGAGCGTTTATAAATTC GGGGATCCGTCGAC
587	<i>tagA_3000up</i>	Cloning at <i>tagA</i> locus	F	GGGCTGCAAGAAGCTGGATCTGCTAC
588	<i>tagA_2700up</i>	Cloning at <i>tagA</i> locus	F	GAGCAAAATTACAAGCTCGATCTTCAGCTAAG
662	<i>tagA_103bpD_B</i>	Removes first 103 codons of <i>tagA</i> including start	R	GTCAAATACTGGTCGTTACTGGATGTTGCATTCTTTAACAAA AAAATAAAGACAAGGGAAACGTATTG
663	<i>tagA_103bpD_C</i>	Removes first 103 codons of <i>tagA</i> including start	F	CAATACGTTTCCCTTGTCTTTATTTTTTTGTTAAAGAATGCAA CATCCAGTAACGACCAGTATTGAC
591	<i>tagA_2700down</i>	Cloning at <i>tagA</i> locus	R	CCACCGAGGATACCATCCATCTTGATAATATG
592	<i>tagA_3000down</i>	Cloning at <i>tagA</i> locus	R	CTCTTGCCATCCATATGACATGATGCTTTTTG
593	<i>tagA_100up</i>	Cloning at <i>tagA</i> locus	F	GTGTGGCTTCATCCATTGACCTCCAATG
594	<i>tagA_100down</i>	Cloning at <i>tagA</i> locus	R	CCACTGCGAAATTAATTTTAGGATCAGCTTTAGC
664	<i>tagA_150down</i>	Cloning at <i>tagA</i> locus	R	GCAACCATACATCTTCCATTACTACCATAAGAG
519	Arbitrary Primer	Transposon localization	F	GGCCACGCGTCGACTAGTACNNNNNNNNNAGAG
520	<i>Tn5</i> specific Primer	Transposon localization	R	GAAGCCCTTAGAGCCTCTC
521	Arbitrary PCR cleanup	Transposon localization	F	AGGAACACTTAACGGCTGAC
522	Arbitrary PCR cleanup	Transposon localization	R	GGCCACGCGTCGACTAGTAC

**Movie S1 (separate file).** Representative time-lapse images of WT *V. cholerae* undergoing biofilm dispersal. Also shown are the phenotypes of mutants identified in a screen for strains defective in dispersal. The mutant categories are designated by color: signal transduction, blue; matrix degradation, green; motility, red.

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