

**DECIPHERING THE CHE2 CHEMOSENSORY PATHWAY AND THE ROLES OF
INDIVIDUAL CHE2 PROTEINS FROM *PSEUDOMONAS AERUGINOSA***

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Table S1. Bacterial strains, plasmids and genomic libraries used in this study

| Bacterial strains | Genotype or description | Reference or source |
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| <i>P. aeruginosa</i> | | |
| PAO1 (mPAO1) | WT <i>P. aeruginosa</i> | (Jacobs <i>et al.</i> , 2003, Held <i>et al.</i> , 2012) |
| PW1295 (PAO1 <i>cheB2</i>) | mPAO1 with transposon ISphoA/hah inserted at nt 218 of PA0173 | (Jacobs <i>et al.</i> , 2003, Held <i>et al.</i> , 2012) |
| PW1297 (PAO1 <i>cheD</i>) | mPAO1 with transposon ISlacZ/hah inserted at nt 28 of PA0174 | (Jacobs <i>et al.</i> , 2003, Held <i>et al.</i> , 2012) |
| PW1299 (PAO1 <i>cheR2</i>) | mPAO1 with transposon ISphoA/hah inserted at nt 109 of PA0175 | (Jacobs <i>et al.</i> , 2003, Held <i>et al.</i> , 2012) |
| <i>E. coli</i> | | |
| BL21(DE3) | <i>F- ompT gal dcm lon hsdS_B(r_B- m_B-) (λDE3)</i> | |
| BTH101 | <i>F- cya-99 araD139 galE15 galK16 rpsL1 (Str^R) hsdR2 mcrA1 mcrB1</i> | Euromedex |
| BT3388 | <i>tar tsr trg tap aer</i> | (Yu <i>et al.</i> , 2002) |
| UU2610 | <i>tar tsr trg tap aer cheR cheB</i> | (Zhou <i>et al.</i> , 2011) |
| Plasmids | Description or construction | Reference or source |
| <i>P. aeruginosa</i> | | |
| pJN105 | Broad host range plasmid with Gm ^R and <i>araC-P_{BAD}</i> | (Newman & Fuqua, 1999) |
| pJN105-Aer2 | <i>his-aer2</i> (PA0176) amplified from pLH1 with its RBS and cloned into the EcoRI site of pJN105 | This study |
| <i>E. coli</i> | | |
| pProEXHTa | Plasmid containing Amp ^R , <i>lacI^q</i> , and <i>P_{trc}</i> | Invitrogen |
| pLH1 (pProEXHTa-Aer2) | pProEXHTa expressing full-length His-Aer2 (Aer2 ^{QEEE} , WT) from <i>P_{trc}</i> | (Watts <i>et al.</i> , 2011) |
| pProEXHTa-Aer2 ^{EEEE} | Q414E was introduced into pLH1 by site-directed mutagenesis to express His-Aer2 ^{EEEE} | This study |
| pProEXHTa-Aer2 ^{QQQQ} | E421Q, E428Q, and E610Q were sequentially introduced into pLH1 by site-directed mutagenesis to express His-Aer2 ^{QQQQ} | This study |
| pProEXHTa-CheA2 | CheA2 (PA0178) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the NcoI and HindIII sites of pProEXHTa to express His-CheA2 | This study |
| pProEXHTa-CheY2 | CheY2 (PA0179) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the NcoI and HindIII sites of pProEXHTa to express His-CheY2 | This study |
| pProEXHTa-CheY2-D10K | D10K was introduced into pProEXHTa-CheY2 by site-directed mutagenesis to express His-CheY2-D10K | This study |
| pProEXHTa-CheY | CheY (PA1456) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the NcoI and HindIII sites of pProEXHTa to express His-CheY | This study |
| pProEXHTa- <i>Ec</i> CheA | CheA was amplified from <i>E. coli</i> BT3388 DNA and cloned into the NcoI and HindIII sites of pProEXHTa to express His- <i>Ec</i> CheA | This study |
| pProEXHTa-CheD | CheD (PA0174) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the NcoI and HindIII sites of pProEXHTa to express His-CheD | This study |
| pProEXHTa-Aer2 ³⁸⁰⁻⁶⁷⁹ | pProEXHTa expressing His-Aer2 ³⁸⁰⁻⁶⁷⁹ | (Watts <i>et al.</i> , 2011) |
| pProEXHTa-Aer ²⁶⁰⁻⁵²¹ | Aer ²⁶⁰⁻⁵²¹ (PA1561) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the BamHI and Sall sites of pProEXHTa to express His-Aer ²⁶⁰⁻⁵²¹ | This study |

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| pProEXHTa-CtpM ₃₀₀₋₅₆₁ | CtpM ₃₀₀₋₅₆₁ (PA2652) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the EcoRI and NotI sites of pProEXHTa to express His-CtpM ₃₀₀₋₅₆₁ | This study |
| pVSCheY-6H | Amp ^R and <i>lacI^q</i> plasmid expressing <i>E. coli</i> CheY-His | (Miller <i>et al.</i> , 2006) |
| pKG116 | Plasmid with Cam ^R and <i>P_{nahG}</i> | (Buron-Barral <i>et al.</i> , 2006) |
| pKG116-CheB2 | CheB2 (PA0173) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the NdeI and BamHI sites of pKG116 to express His-CheB2 | This study |
| pKG116-CheD | CheD (PA0174) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the NdeI and BamHI sites of pKG116 to express His-CheD | This study |
| pKG116-CheD-V41T | V41T was introduced into pKG116-CheD by site-directed mutagenesis to express His-CheD-V41T | This study |
| pKG116-CheR2 | CheR2 (PA0175) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the NdeI and BamHI sites of pKG116 to express His-CheR2 | This study |
| pKG116-CheDB2 | CheDB2 was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the NdeI and BamHI sites of pKG116 to express His-CheD and CheB2 | This study |
| pKG116-CheR2D | CheR2D was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the NdeI and BamHI sites of pKG116 to express His-CheR2 and CheD | This study |
| pKG116-CheR2DB2 | CheR2DB2 was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the NdeI and BamHI sites of pKG116 to express His-CheR2, CheD and CheB2 | This study |
| pKG116-CheR1 | CheR1 (PA3348) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the NdeI and EcoRI sites of pKG116 to express His-CheR1 | This study |
| pKG116-CheR1D | CheR1 and CheD were each amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the NdeI and BamHI sites of pKG116 with an EcoRI/linker (11 nts) in between in order to express His-CheR1 and His-CheD | This study |
| pKT25 | Km ^R plasmid with <i>P_{lac}</i> encoding the T25 fragment of <i>B. pertussis cyaA</i> and a downstream MCS | Euromedex |
| pKT25-CheA2 | CheA2 (PA0178) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the XbaI and EcoRI sites of pKT25 to express T25-CheA2 | This study |
| pKT25-CheY2 | CheY2 (PA0179) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the XbaI and EcoRI sites of pKT25 to express T25-CheY2 | This study |
| pKT25-CheY2-D10K | D10K was introduced into pKT25-CheY2 by site-directed mutagenesis to express T25-CheY2-D10K | This study |
| pKT25-CheY2/CheA2 | <i>his-cheA2</i> was amplified from pProEXHTa-CheA2 with its <i>P_{trc}</i> promoter and cloned into the HindIII site of pKT25-CheY2 to express T25-CheY2 and His-CheA2 | This study |
| pKT25-CheY2-D10K/CheA2 | D10K was introduced into pKT25-CheY2/CheA2 by site-directed mutagenesis to express T25-CheY2-D10K and His-CheA2 | This study |
| pKT25-CheR2 | CheR2 (PA0175) was amplified from pKG116-CheR2 and cloned into the XbaI and EcoRI sites of pKT25 to express T25-CheR2 | This study |
| pKNT25 | Km ^R plasmid with <i>P_{lac}</i> containing a MCS upstream of the T25 fragment of <i>B. pertussis cyaA</i> | Euromedex |
| pKNT25-CheY2 | CheY2 (PA0179) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the HindIII and XbaI sites of pKNT25 to express CheY2-T25 | This study |

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| pKNT25-CheY2-D10K | D10K was introduced into pKNT25-CheY2 by site-directed mutagenesis to express CheY2-D10K-T25 | This study |
| pKNT25-CheY2/CheA2 | <i>his-cheA2</i> was amplified from pProEXHTa-CheA2 with its <i>P_{trc}</i> promoter and cloned into the HindIII site of pKNT25-CheY2 to express CheY2-T25 and His-CheA2 | This study |
| pKNT25-CheY | CheY (PA1456) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the HindIII and XbaI sites of pKNT25 to express CheY-T25 | This study |
| pUT18 | Amp ^R plasmid with <i>P_{lac}</i> containing a MCS upstream of the T18 fragment of <i>B. pertussis cyaA</i> | Euromedex |
| pUT18-CheA2 | CheA2 (PA0178) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the XbaI and EcoRI sites of pUT18 to express CheA2-T18 | This study |
| pUT18-CheD | Full-length CheD (PA0174, nts encoding res. 1-200) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the XbaI and EcoRI sites of pUT18 to express CheD-T18 | This study |
| pUT18-CheD ₁₋₁₈₂ | CheD [nts encoding res. 1-182] was amplified by inverse PCR of pUT18-CheD and ligated at EcoRI to express CheD ₁₋₁₈₂ -T18 | This study |
| pUT18-CheD ₁₋₁₆₇ | CheD [nts encoding res. 1-167] was amplified by inverse PCR of pUT18-CheD and ligated at EcoRI to express CheD ₁₋₁₆₇ -T18 | This study |
| pUT18C | Amp ^R plasmid with <i>P_{lac}</i> encoding the T18 fragment of <i>B. pertussis cyaA</i> and a downstream MCS | Euromedex |
| pUT18C-CheA2 | CheA2 (PA0178) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the XbaI and EcoRI sites of pUT18C to express T18-CheA2 | This study |
| pUT18C- <i>Ec</i> CheA | CheA was amplified from <i>E. coli</i> BT3388 DNA and cloned into the PstI and BamHI sites of pUT18C to express T18- <i>Ec</i> CheA | This study |
| pUT18C-FliM | FliM (PA1443) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the XbaI and EcoRI sites of pUT18C to express T18-FliM | This study |
| pUT18C-CheD | CheD (PA0174) was amplified from PAO1 DNA and cloned into the XbaI and EcoRI sites of pUT18C to express T18-CheD | This study |
| PAO1 libraries | Description | Source |
| pUT18-PAO1lib | pUT18 containing a PAO1 genomic library as an N-terminal fusion to T18 (see methods for details) | This study |
| pUT18C-PAO1lib | pUT18C containing a PAO1 genomic library as C-terminal fusion to T18 (see methods for details) | This study |

Table S2. Summary of *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 gDNA library screens with CheY2

| Screen | Co-transformants | Red clones | Red after restreaking | CheY2 partners |
|---|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| pKT25-CheY2/CheA2 + pUT18-PAO1lib pUT18C-PAO1lib total | 391, 500 342, 100 733, 600 | 79 258 337 | 22 11 33 | - 2 2 |
| pKNT25-CheY2/CheA2 + pUT18-PAO1lib pUT18C-PAO1lib total | 216, 808 39, 680 256, 488 | 108 153 261 | 30 1 31 | - - - |
| pKT25-CheY2-D10K + pUT18-PAO1lib pUT18C-PAO1lib total | 31, 560 355, 840 387, 400 | 2 304 306 | - 17 17 | - - - |

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