

Supplementary Information for

### **Cardiolipin aids in lipopolysaccharide transport to the Gram-negative outer membrane**

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### **Supplementary Materials and Methods.**

### **Efficiency of plating**

Bacterial cultures grown overnight were standardized by optical density at 600 nm ( $OD<sub>600</sub>$ ) and then serially diluted by a factor of 10 in a 96-well plate. Bacteria were transferred to LB plates supplemented with 0.2% glucose using a 96-well plate replicator and grown overnight at 37°C.

### **Determination of vancomycin minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC)**

For a liquid MIC, strains were grown in LB at  $37^{\circ}$ C at a starting OD<sub>600</sub> of 0.05 in a range of antibiotic concentrations. The MIC was defined as the lowest antibiotic concentration showing growth <0.05. Additional MICs were determined by E-strip (BioMerieux). Cultures grown to mid-log phase were back diluted and spread on LB plates. A sterile E-strip was added to the dry plate and incubated overnight at 37°C. The MIC was assigned as the value where the zone of inhibition intersected with the E-strip.

### **DIC microscopy**

Bacteria were viewed using a Nikon Instruments Ti Eclipse microscope with A1R scan head (Melville NY). Images were captured in wide field DIC mode with a 488nm laser point scan using a Nikon Plan Apo 60x VC 1.40 oil immersion objective at a resolution of 1024 x 1024 pixels.

### **Analysis of 32P-labeled lipid A**

Isolation of 32P-labeled lipid A was carried out as previously described (1, 2). Briefly, cultures were either grown in 2.5  $\mu$ Ci/mL of <sup>32</sup>P ortho-Phosphoric acid (<sup>32</sup>P<sub>i</sub>) (Perkin-Elmer) to an OD<sub>600</sub> of 0.8 to 1.0 (Fig 6), or 2.5  $\mu$ Ci/mL of <sup>32</sup>P<sub>i</sub> was added to growing cultures at mid-log phase and cells continued to grow for one doubling (Fig 7). Lipid A was extracted via mild-acid hydrolysis followed by Bligh-Dyer solvent extraction as previously described (3). TLC analysis of lipid A samples was done in a pyridine, chloroform, 88% formic acid, aqueous (50:50:16:5 v/v) tank. Plates were exposed to a phosphor screen, imaged, and the percentage of lipid species quantified by densitometry.

## **GPL radiolabeling**

Isolation of 32P-radiolabaled GPLs was carried out as described previously (4). Briefly, cultures were labeled with 2.5  $\mu$ Ci/mL <sup>32</sup>P<sub>i</sub> and grown to an OD<sub>600</sub> 0.8-1.0, harvested in a clinical centrifuge and washed with PBS. Lipids were extracted by Bligh-Dyer extraction as previously described (2) and TLC carried out using a chloroform, methanol, and acetic acid (65:25:10 vol/vol) solvent system. Plates were exposed to a phosphor screen overnight before imaging.

## **SDS-PAGE and OmpA Immunoblotting**

The OM protein, OmpA, was used as a marker for the OM. Boiled fractions in LDS were loaded in equal volumes (10 $\mu$ L) from the density gradient and analyzed by SDS-PAGE using a 10% Bis-Tris gel (Fisher). Western blot analysis was carried out via a gel transfer to a low fluorescent polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) membrane (Thermo Scientific) using the Novex Xcell II Blot Module. All blots were blocked overnight in a 2% ECL prime blocking agent. The primary rabbit monoclonal α-OmpA (LifeSpan Biosciences) was used at a 1:40000 dilution and a goat anti-rabbit cyanine5 polyclonal served as the secondary antibody (Fisher). Blots were imaged on a Typhoon NIR Plus (Amersham).

#### **NADH Oxidase Assay**

The inner membrane enzyme, NADH oxidase, was used as a marker for the IM as previously described (5). Briefly, 2.5  $\mu$ L of each fraction from the sucrose density gradient was added to a 96-well black bottom plate containing 180  $\mu$ L of 100 mM Tris HCl, pH 8.0 containing 120  $\mu$ M NADH (Sigma) and 5 mM dithiothreitol (DTT, Sigma) per well. Changes in fluorescence over time with an excitation at 340 nm and emission at 465 nm was monitored. The activity of NADH oxidase for each fraction is represented as a % of total NADH oxidase activity in the gradient.

### *Construction of the strain MVD3clsA [***∆***clsA***, ∆***lpxM::kan* **(pBAD18-***clsA)] and MVD3lpxM [∆clsA***, ∆***lpxM::kan* **(pBAD18-***lpxM)]*

The *∆lpxM::kan* allele was transduced using a P1 phage from the Keio collection into W3110 ∆*clsA* pBAD18-*clsA* and W3110 ∆*clsA* pBAD-*lpxM.* Transductants were selected on agar containing kan and 0.2% L-arabinose. Transductants were confirmed by PCR the using the primers for both *clsA* (using ClsA\_F: GCGTAAACTCATAACAATGCGCTTTC, ClsA\_R: GTTTAACCTCTGTTGGCGACGTTTTAC) and *lpxM* (using LpxM\_F: CCGCTACACTATCACCAGATTG, LpxM\_R: GAACTTATCATCAGGCGAAGG).

## *Construction of the strain MVD7 [***∆***clsA***, ∆***lpxM::kan* **(pBAD18-** *msbA***)]**

The *∆lpxM::kan* allele was transduced using a P1 phage from the Keio collection into W3110 ∆*clsA* pBAD18-*msbA.* Transductants were selected on kan plates containing 0.2% L-arabinose. Transductants were confirmed by PCR using the primers for both *clsA* (using ClsA\_F: GCGTAAACTCATAACAATGCGCTTTC, ClsA\_R: GTTTAACCTCTGTTGGCGACGTTTTAC) and *lpxM* (using LpxM\_F: CCGCTACACTATCACCAGATTG, LpxM\_R: GAACTTATCATCAGGCGAAGG).

### *Construction of the strain MVD13 [yejM569::kan]*

The strain was constructed by  $\lambda$  Red Recombinase as previously described (6). To generate the *yejM*569*::kan* allele, the kan resistance cassette and FRT sites were amplified from plasmid pKD4 using primers YejM569\_F\_Recomb and YejM569\_R\_Recomb. The *yejM569::kan* DNA was purified and electroporated into strain W3110 pKD46. Recombinants were selected on LB agar containing kan, and the presence of *yejM569*::*kan* was confirmed by PCR. The kan resistance cassette was removed using pCP20.

#### *Plasmid construction*

### **pBAD18-***clsA*

*clsA* was amplified from gDNA using primers ClsA\_RBS\_xbaI\_F (GATTCTAGATGCGCTTTCAAAAGGATTTC) and ClsA\_SalI\_R (CTAGTCGACTTACAGCAACGGACTGAAGAAG). The resulting insert was cloned into vector pBAD18 using restriction enzymes xbal and SalI.

### **pBAD-***lpxM*

*lpxM* was amplified from gDGA using primers LpxM\_RBS\_EcoRI\_R (TAAGACGAATTCTGCCTTATCCGAAACTGG) and LpxM\_KpnI\_R (GTCTTAGGTACCCTCTCCTCGCGAGAGGC). The resulting insert was cloned into vector pBAD18 using restriction enzymes EcoRI and KpnI.

#### **pBAD-***msbA*

*msbA* was amplified from gDNA using primers MsbA\_RBS\_BamHI\_F (TAAGACGGATCCATAACGGGTAGAATATGCGGC) and MsbA\_HindIII\_R (GTCTTAAAGCTTCACCAGACCAGATTTTTTCG). The resulting insert was cloned into vector pBAD18 using restriction enzymes BamHI and HindIII.

#### **pBAD-***clsB*

*clsB* was amplified from gDNA using primers ClsB\_RBS\_EcoRI\_F (TAAGACGAATTCATGCCCCTTTAAGTGCGG) and ClsB\_KpnI\_R (GTCTTAGGTACCGCGCGGGTGTGATTTACTCATCAGG). The resulting insert was cloned into vector pBAD18 using restriction enzymes EcoRI and KpnI.

#### **pBAD18-***ymdB-clsB*

*ymdB* and *clsC* were amplified in tandem from gDNA using primers YmdB\_RBS\_EcoRI\_F (TAAGACGAATTCCAAGAAGGTGTAAGGAGGC) and ClsC\_KpnI\_R (GTCTTAGGTACCAGCACCAGCCCGTTAAGC). The resulting insert was cloned into vector pBAD18 using restriction enzymes EcoRI and KpnI.

#### **pACYC184-***lpxE*

*lpxE* was amplified from gDNA of *Francisella novicida* U112 using primers LpxE\_RBS\_BamHI\_F (TAAGACGGATCCGCTTGTAACTATCTAATTAATAGG) and LpxE\_SalI\_R (GTCTTAGTCGACTAGTAATATTTACAATAGC). The resulting insert was cloned into vector pBAD18 using restriction enzymes BamHI and SalI.

#### **pBAD18-***clsAH224A*

Site directed mutagenesis was performed on pBAD18-*clsA* using Agilent QuikChange II kit, following manufactures instructions. Primers ClsA\_H224A\_F (TGATCATCTTGCGAGCTTGGCGCAGGTCCATACGG) and ClsA\_H224A\_R (CCGTATGGACCTGCGCCAAGCTCGCAAGATGATCA) were used.

## **pCV3-***clsAH224A*

*clsAH224A* was amplified from pBAD-*clsAH224A* using primers ClsA\_BspQI\_F (NNGCTCTTCNTTCATGACAACCGTTTATA) and ClsA\_BspQI\_R (NNGCTCTTCNTTATTACAGCAACGGACTG). The resulting insert was cloned into vector pCV3 using the restriction enzymes BspQI.



**Fig. S1. Pathway pathway for glycerophospholipid (GPL) biosynthesis and structures of the major GPLs in** *E. coli***. A.** Phosphatidic acid, that is generated at the cytoplasmic surface of the IM, is activated using cytidine nucleotides allowing for subsequent phosphatidyl-transfer reactions. CdsA (CDP-DAG synthase) converts phosphatidic acid to cytidine diphosphate diacylglycerol using cytidine triphosphate (CTP). CDP-DAG then functions as a donor of phosphatidyl moieties to generate phosphatidylserine (PS) by phosphatidylserine synthase (PssA) and phosphatidylglycerol-3-phosphate (PGP) by phosphatidylglycerol phosphate synthase (PgsA). PS is quickly decarboxylated by the enzyme Psd yielding the bulk GPL in *E. coli*, phosphatidylethanolamine (PE). An inner membrane phosphatase (either PgpA, PgpB, or PgpC) dephosphorylates PGP to yield phosphatidylglycerol (PG) which is the second most abundant GPL in *E. coli*. Finally, cardiolipin (CL) arises from the condensation of two PG molecules by either ClsA or ClsB. ClsC, however, utilizes PE and PG to form CL. Enzyme names are in red, major substrates are in blue, and cofactors in black. **B.** Chemical structures of the major glycerophospholipids**.**



**Fig. S2. Volcano plot of genes revealed by Tn-seq analysis.** Genes of interest were highlighted (red) that have a cut-off of log<sub>2</sub> fold change >3 or <-3 (vertical grey lines), and a False Discovery Rate (FDR) p value <0.05 (horizontal grey line) in a genetic background of Δ*clsABC* (**A**) or Δ*lpxM*  (**B).** For a more complete visual representation, in **A** genes *yrbC, cpxR, nlpI, rfaQ, yrbD, vacJ, argB* and in **B** gene *tolC* are not shown. These genes were under the fold change cut off but expressed a high FDR p value.



**Fig. S3. Depletion of LpxM in the absence of ClsA leads to a growth defect.** Cells of *clsA, lpxM/*P*ara*::*lpxM* were grown under repressing conditions with 0.2% glucose (red) (**-Ara)**. WT cells were used as a control. Growth of indicated strains were monitored by  $OD_{600}$  every 30 minutes. Error bars represent SEM from technical triplicate.



**Fig. S4. Cardiolipin synthesized by ClsB or ClsC cannot fully rescue the** *clsA***,** *lpxM* **synthetic phenotype. A.** Cardiolipin synthesized by different Cls enzymes. CL deficient ∆*clsABC* mutants harboring different *cls* genes down stream of an inducible promoter were grown in the presence of 0.2% arabinose to induce *cls* expression. Cells were grown to an OD<sub>600</sub> ~1.0 in the presence of  $^{32}P_i$  in LB media. Extracted GPLs were separated by TLC and visualized by phosphorimaging. The positions of PE, PG, and CL are indicated, and the TLC is representative of 2 biological experiments. **B.** Growth Curve of CL deficient *lpxM* mutants expressing individual Cls enzymes. Cells were grown in inducing conditions in 0.2% arabinose and growth of indicated strains were monitored by  $OD_{600}$  every 30 minutes. Error bars represent SEM from technical triplicate.



**Fig. S5. Analysis of NADH oxidase activity (IM marker) and presence of OmpA (OM marker) of sucrose gradient fractions.** Fractions from **Fig 4.** were analyzed by SDS-PAGE and Western blot for the presence of the OM  $\beta$ -barrel OmpA using  $\alpha$ -OmpA antibody. NADH oxidase activity was measured for each fraction as previously described (1) and the % activity of each fraction across the gradient has been indicated.



**Fig. S6. LPS quantification across inner and outer membrane fractions. A.** LPS Density across membrane separation gradient**.** % LPS density was analyzed in biological triplicate as shown in **Fig. 5**. **B.** Inner membrane (IM) and outer membrane (OM) % LPS. Pooled membrane LPS levels were determined by adding the % LPS from the expected membrane fraction locations as seen in **Fig. S5.** With the inner membrane located between fractions 5-7, and the outer membrane located between fractions 11-13. Error bars represent SEM from biological triplicate. T-test used between strains.  $0.05 > P^*$ ,  $0.01 > P^{**}$ ,  $0.001 > P^{***}$ .



**Fig. S7. Over expression of ClsA does not increase LpxE activity in a wild type background.**  Indicated strains were grown in the presence 0.2% arabinose to induce plasmid expression. Cultures were grown to mid-log phase and then inoculated with  $^{32}P_i$  and grown for one doubling phase. Lipid A was isolated, separated by TLC and visualized by phosphorimaging. % LpxE is calculated by densitometry of the mono-phosphate lipid A divided by total densitometry. Lipid A species are listed. The TLC is representative of 3 biological triplicates.



**Fig. S8. MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry of lipid A**. The lipid A of the indicated strains were purified as previously described (7) and analyzed by MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry. 5-Chloro-2-mercaptobenzothiazole was used as the matrix. Lipid A structures and their corresponding exact masses are provided for reference. WT and *clsA* show prominent spectral peaks at *m/z*  1795.8 and 1795.5, respectively. These peaks correspond to the major *bis-*phosphorylated, hexaacylated lipid A of *E. coli* K-12. Absence of *lpxM* results in a major peak with an *m/z* of 1585.6 corresponding to penta-acylated lipid A and an additional peak at *m/z* 1822.9 corresponding to the addition of palmitate (C16:0) by the outer membrane enzyme PagP. *Note*: The *tris*phosphorylated lipid A species containing a diphosphate at the 1-position is not detected using this particular matrix and instrument (see **Fig. 6**).



**Fig. S9.** *msbA* **suppressors have decreased levels of PagP modified lipid A**. Indicated strains were grown in the presence 0.2% arabinose to induce plasmid expression, or in 0.2% glucose to repress plasmid expression, cultures were grown to mid-log phase in the presence of  $^{32}$ P<sub>i</sub>. Lipid A was isolated, separated by TLC and visualized by phosphorimaging. PagP modified lipid A was measured as percent of total densitometry. Lipid A species are indicated.



**LB Glucose** 

**Fig. S10***.* **Efficiency of plating for** *yejM569* **mutant strains**. Serial dilutions of the indicated strains were spotted on LB plates containing 0.2% glucose and grown overnight at 37℃.

**Table S1**. **Vancomycin MICs of various strains**.



**\***Vancomycin MIC was measured by E-test. Cultures were grown overnight in LB. Overnight cultures were back diluted 1:100 in LB with or without 0.2% arabinose. Cultures grown until OD<sub>600</sub> 0.5 reached. Diluted cells were then spread across LB plates with or without 0.2% arabinose. An E-test was placed on lawn and incubated overnight at 37 ºC. MIC was determined by visualizing a clear zone of inhibition.

<b>Strain</b>	Description	Source or reference
E. coli W3110	Wild type, F- λ-, rphH-1 IN(rrnD,	E. coli Genetic Stock Center
	rmE)1	(Yale)
BKT10a	W3110 ∆clsA	(8)
BKT11a	W3110 AclsA, AclsB	(6)
BKT12	W3110 ∆clsA, ∆clsB, ∆clsC::kan	(8)
BKT12a	W3110 AclsA, AclsB, AclsC, derived	This study
	from BKT12	
BKT13	W3110 ∆clsB::kan	(8)
BK <sub>13a</sub>	W3110 AclsB, derived from BKT13	This study
BKT14a	W3110 AclsC	(8)
BKT15	W3110 ∆clsA, ∆clsC::kan	(8)
BKT15a	W3110 ∆clsA, ∆clsC, derived from	This study
	<b>BKT15</b>	
BKT16	W3110, ∆clsB::kan, ∆clsC	(8)
BKT16a	W3110, ∆clsB, ∆clsC, derived from	This study
	<b>BKT16</b>	
MVD1	W3110, $\triangle$ lpxM	This study
MVD3clsA	W3110, ∆clsA, ∆lpxM::kan (pBAD18-	This study
	clsA), derived from BKT10a	
MVD3lpxM	W3110, ∆clsA, ∆lpxM::kan (pBAD18-	This study
	IpxM), derived from BKT10a	
MVD15	W3110, ∆clsABC, (pBAD18-clsA),	This study
	derived from BKT12a	
MVD16	W3110, ∆c/sABC, (pBAD18-c/sB),	This study
	derived from BKT12a	
MVD17	W3110, ∆clsABC, (pBAD18-ymdB-	This study
	clsC), derived from BKT12a	
MVD18	W3110, $\triangle$ clsABC, (pBAD18-clsA <sub>H224A</sub> ),	This study
	derived from BKT12a	
MVD19	W3110, ∆clsABC, ∆lpxM::kan	This study
	(pBAD18-clsA), derived from MVD15	
MVD <sub>20</sub>	W3110, ∆clsABC, ∆lpxM::kan	This study
	(pBAD18-clsB), derived from MVD16	
MVD21	W3110, ∆clsABC, ∆lpxM::kan	This study
	(pBAD18-ymdB-clsC), derived from	
	MVD <sub>17</sub>	
MVD <sub>22</sub>	W3110, ∆clsABC, ∆lpxM::kan	This study
	(pBAD18-clsA, pCV3-clsA <sub>H224A</sub> ),	
	derived from MVD19	This study
MVD <sub>23</sub>	W3110, ∆clsABC, ∆lpxM::kan	
	(pBAD18-clsB, pCV3-clsA $_{H224A}$ ), derived from MVD20	
MVD24	W3110, ∆clsABC, ∆lpxM::kan	This study
	(pBAD18-ymdB-clsC, pCV3-clsA $_{H224A}$ ),	
	derived from MVD21	
MG1655	$F - \lambda -$ , rph-1	E. coli Genetic Stock Center
		(Yale)
MVD4	MG1655, ∆lpxM	This study

**Table S2: Strains and plasmids used in this study**







\*Underlined sequences denote restriction enzyme cut sites

# **Dataset S1 (separate file)**. Tn-Seq analysis of *cls* and *lpxM* mutants.

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