Supplemental Information

Shutoff of host transcription triggers a toxin-antitoxin system to cleave phage RNA and abort infection

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Fig. S1. *E. coli toxIN* is a type III toxin-antitoxin system that protects against multiple coliphage, Related to Fig. 1.

(A) Sequence alignment of *E. coli* and *P. atrosepticum* ToxN.

(B) Sequence alignment of *E. coli* and *P. atrosepticum toxI* arrays, with ToxN cleavage motifs highlighted.

(C) Representative serial dilution plaque assays a panel of coliphage spotted on +toxIN, +toxI toxN(K55A), and -toxIN cells.













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Fig. S2. ToxN recognizes the 5-mer GAAAU, Related to Fig. 2.

(A) Schematic overview of computational approach for identifying ToxN cleavage sites. Briefly, we identified local minima in the cleavage ratio array and looked for 'cleavage valleys' in which the cleavage ratio increased by a given dy within a nucleotide distance dx from the local minimum. We then extracted the sequences of these so-called cleaved regions for further analysis.

(B) Number of cleavage valleys identified using the dx and dy thresholds indicated.

(C-F) Scatterplots showing the percent of cleaved regions identified with the thresholds indicated that contain each possible 3-mer (C), 4-mer (D), 5-mer (E), or 6-mer (F). Top three most frequent k-mers are indicated on the right.

(G) Position weight matrix for sites associated with ToxN-cleaved regions of a maximum width of 100 nt. Scores were calculated using MEME.

(H) Zoomed-in position weight matrix shown in (G).

(I) Histograms showing the distribution of the minimum cleavage ratios within well-expressed GAAAU sequences in *E. coli* transcripts (purple, n = 2579) compared to the minimum cleavage ratios within the same number of random 5-mers in the transcriptome (green).





GAAAU sites

Fig. S3. ToxN disrupts progression of the T4 life cycle and cleaves phage and host transcripts, Related to Fig. 3.

(A) Plot showing the total RNA-seq signal coming from host (*E. coli*) and phage (T4) mRNAs relative to the total counts coming from a spike-in control (ERCC standard) at the indicated times post-infection. Note that we included the spike-in control in only one of the two RNA-seq replicates during T4 infection.

(B-C) Heatmaps showing the $log_2(rpkm)$ (reads per kilobase per million) for each T4 transcript at each time post-infection in +toxIN (B) or -toxIN (C) cells. Each row corresponds to an individual gene, and genes are ordered based on their time of peak expression in the -toxIN dataset. Time of peak expression was determined by comparing the rpkm for a particular transcript relative to the entire T4 transcriptome and determining the timepoint at which a given gene made up the largest fraction of the T4 transcriptome.

(D-E) Plots showing the fraction of total T4 mRNA signal in RNA-seq coming from different classes of T4 transcripts (early, delayed early, middle, and late) in +toxIN (C) or -toxIN (D) cells at the indicated times post-infection.

(F-I) Plots showing the total counts coming from T4 early (A), delayed early (B), middle (C), or late (D) mRNAs relative to the total counts coming from a spike-in control (ERCC standard) at the indicated times post-infection in +toxIN and -toxIN cells. Note that we included the spike-in control in only one of our RNA-seq replicates during T4 infection.

(J) Cleavage profiles for the regions surrounding T4 genes *10* and *16* at 5, 10, 20, and 30 min post-infection. Sites of GAAAU motifs are indicated with red triangles.

(K) Cleavage profiles for the regions surrounding the *E. coli* ribosomal protein genes *rplV* and *rplR* at 10 min post-infection. Sites of GAAAU motifs are indicated with red triangles. See Fig. 2D for the cleavage profile of these regions following ToxN overexpression.

(L) RNA fragment density profiles for +toxIN and -toxIN cells (top three panels) and cleavage profiles (bottom panel) for the T4 gene *dda* at 10, 20, and 30 min post-infection. As infection proceeds, GAAAU sites are cleaved in the +toxIN sample, but the surrounding regions remain stable relative to the -toxIN sample, likely due to defects in progression of the T4 life cycle. Thus,

at 20 and 30 min post-infection, the cleavage ratio becomes positive (>0) in regions of dda surrounding the cut site. Also see Fig. 3C.



Fig. S4. ToxN is activated by transcription shutoff of *toxIN*, Related to Fig. 4.

(A) Serial dilution plaque assays for T4 spotted on +toxIN, +toxI toxN-His₆, and -toxIN cells.

(B) Western blot of ToxN-His₆ during T4 infection with purified His₆-FolC included as a loading control during cell harvesting. Also see Fig. 4B.

(C) Growth curves for +toxIN and -toxIN cells following chloramphenicol treatment at the indicated concentrations for 30 min. Data are the mean of two technical replicates each of three biological replicates, and shaded areas report the S.D. Estimated lag time is reported in parentheses.

(D) Histograms showing the distribution of the minimum cleavage ratios within well-expressed coding regions (n = 389) in *E. coli* when comparing +*toxIN* to –*toxIN* cells (red, top) or comparing two independent replicates of –*toxIN* cells (blue, bottom) following rif treatment for 10 min.

(E) Percent of well-cleaved regions in the *E. coli* transcriptome that contain each possible 5-mer at the timepoints indicated following rif treatment. Top three most frequent 5-mers are indicated on the right.

Figure S5



Fig. S5. ToxN is activated during T7 infection, Related to Fig. 5.

(A-B) Cleavage profiles for the region surrounding the T7 genes 9 (A) and 3.5 (B) at 10, 20 and 30 min post-infection. Sites of GAAAU motifs are indicated with red triangles.

(C) Scatterplots showing the percent of well-cleaved regions in the T7 transcriptome that contain each possible 5-mer at the times indicated post-infection. Top three most frequent 5-mers are indicated on the right.

(D) Plot showing the total RNA-seq signal coming from host (*E. coli*) and phage (T7) mRNAs relative to the total counts coming from a spike-in control (ERCC standard) at the indicated times post-infection.

(E) Plot showing the total counts coming from T7 late mRNAs relative to the total counts coming from a spike-in control (ERCC standard) at the indicated times post-infection in +toxIN and -toxIN cells. Late transcripts were defined as those whose time of peak expression (panel G) was 20 or 30 min post-infection.

(F-G) Heatmaps showing the $log_2(rpkm)$ (reads per kilobase per million) for each T7 mRNA at each timepoint post-infection in -toxIN (F) and +toxIN (G) cells. Each row corresponds to an individual mRNA, and mRNAs are ordered based on their time of peak expression in the -toxIN dataset. Time of peak expression was determined by comparing the rpkm for a particular transcript relative to the entire T7 transcriptome and determining the timepoint at which a given mRNA made up the largest fraction of the T7 transcriptome.

(H) Serial dilution plaque assays for P1 spotted on *E. coli* MG1655, *E. coli* MG1655 $\Delta mazEF$, and *E. coli* MG1655 $\Delta mazEF \Delta relBE \Delta chpB \Delta dinJ-yafQ \Delta yefM-yoeB \Delta yafNO \Delta prlF-yhaV \Delta hicAB <math>\Delta ygiMN \Delta mqsRA$ ($\Delta 10TA$).



Fig. S6. Population-level model for phage defense by type III TA systems, Related to Fig. 6.

(Left) Following infection of a -toxIN cell, T4 replicates and releases progeny, which go on to infect neighboring cells and eradicate the cell population. (Right) Following infection of a +toxIN cell, ToxN is activated and blocks production of new phage particles. The initially infected cell dies, but because no new progeny are released, uninfected cells in the clonal population survive.

Table S1. Strains, Related to STAR Methods

Name	Genotype	Source
ML6	MG1655	
DH5a	Cloning strain	Invitrogen
ML3358	MG1655 $\Delta mazEF$	This study
ML3221	MG1655	Goeders et al., 2013
ML3222	MG1655 Δ mazEF Δ relBE Δ chpB Δ dinJ-yafQ Δ yefM-yoeB Δ yafNO Δ prlF-yhaV Δ hicAB Δ ygjMN Δ mgsRA	Goeders et al., 2013
ML3326	MG1655 pBAD33-toxN pEXT20-toxI	This study
ML3327	MG1655 pBAD33 pEXT20	This study
ML3328	MG1655 pBR322-toxIN	This study
ML3329	MG1655 pBR322-toxI-toxN(K55A)	This study
ML3330	MG1655 pBR322	This study
ML3331	MG1655 pBR322-toxI-toxN-His ₆	This study
ML3332	MG1655 pBR322-toxIN pdCas9deg-toxIN gRNA	This study
ML3333	MG1655 pBR322-toxI-toxN(K55A) pdCas9deg-toxIN gRNA	This study
ML3334	MG1655 pBR322 pdCas9deg-toxIN gRNA	This study
ML3335	MG1655 pACYC-toxIN pBluescript-P _{35.3 (T4 early)} -toxI	This study
ML3336	MG1655 pACYC-toxIN pBluescript-PrIIB2 (T4 middle) -toxI	This study
ML3337	MG1655 pACYC-toxIN pBluescript-Psoc (T4 late)-toxI	This study
ML3338	MG1655 pACYC-toxIN pBluescript II SK(+)	This study
ML3339	MG1655 pACYC pBluescript-P _{35.3 (T4 early)} -toxI	This study
ML3340	MG1655 pACYC pBluescript-PrIIB2 (T4 middle) -toxI	This study
ML3341	MG1655 pACYC pBluescript-P _{soc (T4 late)} -toxI	This study
ML3342	MG1655 pACYC pBluescript II SK(+)	This study
ML3343	DH5a pBAD33-toxN	This study
ML3344	DH5a pBAD33	This study
ML3345	DH5a pEXT20-toxI	This study
ML1978	DH5a pEXT20	E. coli Genetic Stock Center, #12325
ML3346	DH5a pBR322-toxIN	This study
ML3347	DH5a pBR322-toxI-toxN(K55A)	This study
ML3348	DH5a pBR322	This study
ML3349	DH5a pBR322-toxI-toxN-His ₆	This study
ML3350	DH5α pdCas9deg- <i>toxIN</i> gRNA	This study
ML3351	DH5α pACYC-toxIN	This study
ML3352	DH5a pACYC	This study
ML3353	DH5α pBluescript-P _{35.3 (T4 early)} -toxI	This study
ML3354	DH5a pBluescript-PrIIB2 (T4 middle) -toxI	This study
ML3355	DH5a pBluescript-P _{soc (T4 late)} -toxI	This study
ML3356	DH5a pBluescript II SK(+)	This study

Table S2. Plasmids, Related to STAR Methods

Plasmid	Description	Source
pBAD33	Arabinose inducible vector	Guzman et al., 1995
pBAD33-toxN	Arabinose inducible ToxN expression	This study
pEXT20	IPTG inducible vector	E. coli Genetic Stock Center, #12325
pEXT20-toxI	IPTG inducible <i>toxI</i> expression	This study
pBR322-toxIN	Full toxIN locus	This study
pBR322-toxI-toxN(K55A)	toxIN locus with active-site ToxN mutant	This study
pBR322-toxI-toxN-His6	toxIN locus with C-terminal His6-tagged ToxN	This study
pBR322 empty vector	Derivative of pBR322 with pTet removed	This study
pBluescript II SK(+)	Control for P _{T4} -toxI experiments	D. Alley
pBluescript-P _{35.3 (T4 early)} -toxI	Expression of toxI during T4 infection	This study
pBluescript-P _{rIIB2 (T4 middle)} -toxI	Expression of toxI during T4 infection	This study
pBluescript-P _{soc (T4 late)} -toxI	Expression of toxI during T4 infection	This study
pACYC empty vector	Derivative of pACYC-Duet with <i>lac1</i> and two multiple cloning sites removed	This study
pACYC-toxIN	Full toxIN locus	This study
pdCas9deg-toxIN gRNA	aTc-inducible expression of catalytically-inactive Cas9 for repression of <i>toxIN</i> promoter	This study

Table S3. Primers, Related to STAR Methods.

Number	Purpose	Sequence (5'→3')
CG-1	toxN into pBAD33 (forward)	ATGCAGAGCTCATGAAATTTTACACAATATCAAGCA GTTACATAAAATACCTG
CG-2	<i>toxN</i> into pBAD33 (reverse)	GCCGTGTCGACTTAATCGTCTATTTCCATGTCTTCAG GTTTTTTACCG
CG-3	Ultramer to construct <i>toxI</i> locus with 3.5 tandem repeats (sense strand)	AGGTGATTTGCTACCTTTAAGTGCAGCTAGAAATTC AGGTGATTTGCTACCTTTAAGTGCAGCTAGAAATTC AGGTGATTTGCTACCTTTAAGTGCAGCTAGAAATTT AGGTCATTTACTACCTTAAAGTAATAAAGTAAAAAA GGCGACTATACACAGTCGCCTTTTTTACGAGAAAAA
CG-4	Ultramer to construct <i>toxI</i> locus with 3.5 tandem repeats (antisense strand)	TTTTTCTCGTAAAAAAGGCGACTGTGTATAGTCGCCT TTTTTACTTTATTACTTTAAGGTAGTAAATGACCTAA ATTTCTAGCTGCACTTAAAGGTAGCAAATCACCTGA ATTTCTAGCTGCACTTAAAGGTAGCAAATCACCTGA ATTTCTAGCTGCACTTAAAGGTAGCAAATCACCT
CG-5	toxl into pEXT20 (forward)	AGGAAACAGAATTCGAGCTCAGGTGATTTGCTACCT TTAAG
CG-6	toxl into pEXT20 (reverse)	GCTTGCATGCCTGCAGGTCGACCATTTTTTCTCGTAA AAAAGGCGACTGTG
CG-7	Ultramer to construct full <i>tox1</i> locus using overlap PCR (sense strand)	GCTACCTTTAAGTGCAGCTAGAAATTTAGGTGATTT GCTACCTTTAAGTGCAGCTAGAAATTTAGGTGATTT GCTACCTTTAAGTGCAGCTAGAAATTCAGGTGATTT GCTACCTTTAAGTGCAGCTAGAAATTCAGGTGATTT GCTACCTTTAAGTGCAGCTAGAAATTTAGGTCATTTA CTACCTTAAAGTAATAAAG
CG-8	Construct full <i>toxI</i> locus (forward, PCR1)	CATGTATACTTAGTTCAAGGTGATTTGCTACCTTTAA GTGCAGCTAGAAATTT
CG-9	Construct full <i>toxI</i> locus (reverse forward, PCR1,2&3)	TGTAACTGCTTGATATTGTGTAAAATTTCATTTTTC TCGTAAAAAAGGCGACTGTG
CG-10	Construct full <i>toxI</i> locus (forward, PCR2)	GTAAGCCCAAGCGAAGATCATGTATACTTAGTTCAA GGTGATTTGC
CG-11	Construct full <i>toxI</i> locus (forward, PCR3)	CTGAACATCCCATGCTAAGCACCTAGTTGTAAGCCC AAGCGAAGATCATG
CG-12	Amplify full <i>toxIN</i> locus (forward)	TTTATCACAGTTAAATTGCTAACGCAGTCAG
CG-13	Amplify full <i>toxIN</i> locus (reverse)	GGAGTGGTGAATCCGTTAGCG
CG-14	Construct pBR322 empty vector and assemble pBR322- <i>toxIN</i> (forward)	ATGGAAGCCGGCGGCAC
CG-15	Construct pBR322 empty vector and assemble pBR322- <i>toxIN</i> (reverse)	ACATGAGAATTCTTGAAGACGAAAGGGC
CG-16	Construct pBR322- <i>toxI-toxN</i> (K55A) (forward)	GCGGCATGGCATGCTAATGTAAAAGAGTCATC
CG-17	Construct pBR322- <i>toxI-toxN</i> (K55A) (reverse)	TGGCGATGTTAAAGGTGCTAAATATTTATGTCC
CG-18	Construct pBR322- <i>toxI-toxN</i> -His6 (forward)	CATCATCACCATCACCATTAACCATTCTTTTTATGG AATTGAAGGTCCAAAATC
CG-19	Construct pBR322- <i>toxI-toxN</i> -His6 (reverse)	GCTTCCGCTTCCATCGTCTATTTC
CG-20	Construct pACYC- <i>toxIN</i> (forward)	GTGAGCTAACTTACATTAATTGCGTTGCGCCTGAAC ATCCCATGCTAAGCACC
CG-21	Construct pACYC- <i>toxIN</i> (reverse)	TCTCAAATGCCTGAGGTTTCAGCTTATATTGGATGAG AGCAAAAAAAAAA
CG-22	Construct pACYC empty vector and assemble pACYC- <i>toxIN</i> (forward)	CTGAAACCTCAGGCATTTGAGAAGCAC

CG-23	Construct pACYC empty vector and assemble pACYC- <i>toxIN</i> (reverse)	GCGCAACGCAATTAATGTAAGTTAGCTCAC
CG-22	Amplify T4 35.3 promoter (forward)	TAGAGGATCTGCTCATGTTTGACAGCTTATCCCTGGC ATCGTAGAATTCATTATCC
CG-23	Amplify T4 35.3 promoter (reverse)	ATGATCTCCGACTAGTACATATGAATCAAGTTTCAG TTACTATAACACGTACTGATAGATTTGTAAAATC
CG-24	Amplify T4 <i>rIIB2</i> promoter (forward)	TAGAGGATCTGCTCATGTTTGACAGCTTATCTCATGA CATTTGGACAGTAACTAATCTTTTTG
CG-25	Amplify T4 <i>rIIB2</i> promoter (reverse)	ATGATCTCCGACTAGTACATATGAATCAAGTTAGCA ACCATTTTATCACTGTTTTTTGAAGC
CG-26	Amplify T4 soc promoter (forward)	TAGAGGATCTGCTCATGTTTGACAGCTTATCCTTAAG AATTTAATTT
CG-27	Amplify T4 soc promoter (reverse)	ATGATCTCCGACTAGTACATATGAATCAAGTTATGA TTATTTATACATCTTCTTTTCTGAATAAG
CG-28	Amplify pKVS45 backbone to assemble pKVS45-P _{T4} (forward)	ATGCCCGTCGACAGGGAACTGCCAGGCATCAAATA
CG-29	Amplify pKVS45 backbone to assemble pKVS45-P _{T4} (reverse)	GATAAGCTGTCAAACATGAGCAGATCCTCTACG
CG-30	Amplify <i>toxIN</i> for Gibson assembly into pKVS45-P _{T4} (forward)	TTTATTTGATGCCTGGCAGTTCCCTCTTATATTGGAT GAGAGCAAAAAAAATAGGTCC
CG-31	Amplify <i>toxIN</i> for Gibson assembly into pKVS45-P _{T4} (reverse)	ATTTGATGCCTGGCAGTTCCCTCATTTTTTCTCGTAA AAAAGGCGACTGTGTATAG
CG-32	Amplify pKVS45-P _{T4} for Gibson assembly with <i>toxIN</i> (forward)	ATACATGATGTCGGACAACTAGGTGCTTAGATGATC TCCGACTAGTACATATGAATCAAG
CG-33	Amplify pKVS45-P _{T4} for Gibson assembly with <i>toxIN</i> (reverse)	AGGGAACTGCCAGGCATCAAATA
CG-34	Remove region upstream of <i>toxIN</i> in pKVS45-P _{35.3} - <i>toxIN</i> (forward)	TCAGTTACTATAACACGTACTGATAGATTTGTAAAA TCTTTATAG
CG-35	Remove region upstream of <i>toxIN</i> in pKVS45-P _{rIIB2} -toxIN (forward)	AGCAACCATTTTATCACTGTTTTTTGAAGC
CG-36	Remove region upstream of <i>toxIN</i> in pKVS45-P _{soc} -toxIN (forward)	ATGATTATTTATACATCTTCTTTTCTGAATAAGTAAA TTAAATTC
CG-37	Remove region upstream of <i>toxIN</i> in pKVS45-P _{T4} - <i>toxIN</i> (reverse)	AAGGTGATTTGCTACCTTTAAGTGCAGCTAGAAATT T
CG-38	Amplify P _{35,3} -toxI for construction of pBluescript- P _{35,3} -toxI (forward)	TAGAACTAGTGGATCCCCCGGGCTGCAGGACCTGGC ATCGTAGAATTCATTATCC
CG-39	Amplify P _{T4} -toxI for construction of pBluescript- P _{T4} -toxI (reverse)	CCTCGAGGTCGACGGTATCGATTTACATTTTTCTCG TAAAAAAGGCGACTGTG
CG-40	Amplify P _{rIIB2} -toxI for construction of pBluescript- P _{rIIB2} -toxI (forward)	TAGAACTAGTGGATCCCCCGGGCTGCAGGATCATGA CATTTGGACAGTAACTAATCTTTTTG
CG-41	Amplify P _{soc} -toxI for construction of pBluescript- P _{soc} -toxI (forward)	CTAGAACTAGTGGATCCCCCGGGCTGCAGGACTTAA GAATTTAATTT
CG-42	Linearize pBluescript II SK(+) for construction of pBluescript- P _{T4} -toxI (forward)	TCCTGCAGCCCGGGGGGATC
CG-43	Linearize pBluescript II SK(+) for construction of pBluescript- P _{T4} -toxI (reverse)	TAAATCGATACCGTCGACCTCGAGG
CG-44	Construct pdCas9deg- <i>toxIN</i> gRNA (forward)	CCACTAGTTTACAACTAGGTGCTTAGCAGTTTTAGA GCTAGAAATAGCAAG

CG-45	Construct pdCas9deg- <i>toxIN</i> gRNA (reverse)	GGACTAGTATTATACCTAGGACTGAG
CG-46	Northern blot probe for <i>toxI</i>	CTAGCTGCACTTAAAGGTAGCAAATCACCT
CG-47	Northern blot probe for <i>groL</i>	GTCGTTAGCGGCTTTAGTAATCTGGATACC