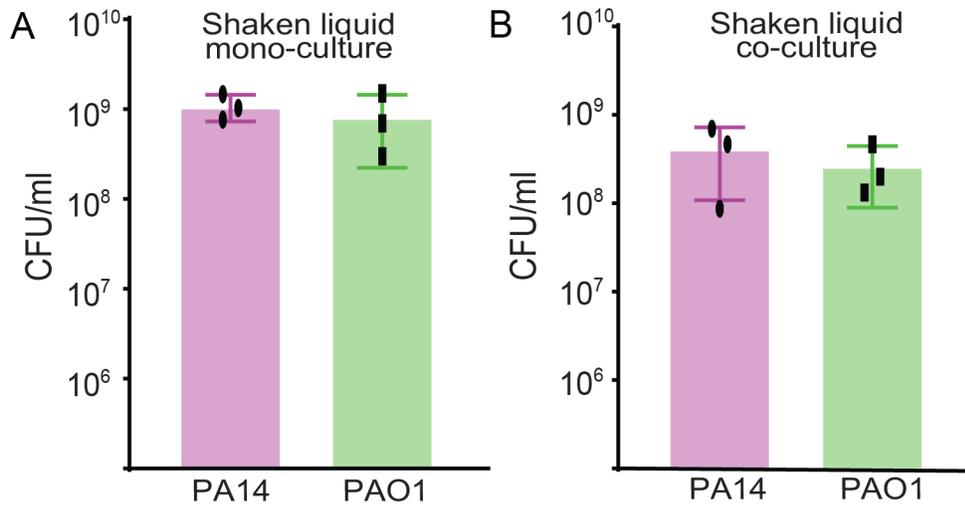


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5 **Figure S1. Well-mixed liquid culture growth comparison of PA14 and PAO1 in monoculture**

6 **and co-culture.** PA14 and PAO1 were back-diluted 1:10 from overnight cultures and allowed to

7 regrow into exponential phase for 3 hr prior to being back-diluted once again to OD₆₀₀ = 0.05

8 either on their own (A) or together at a 1:1 starting ratio (B). Population size in stationary phase

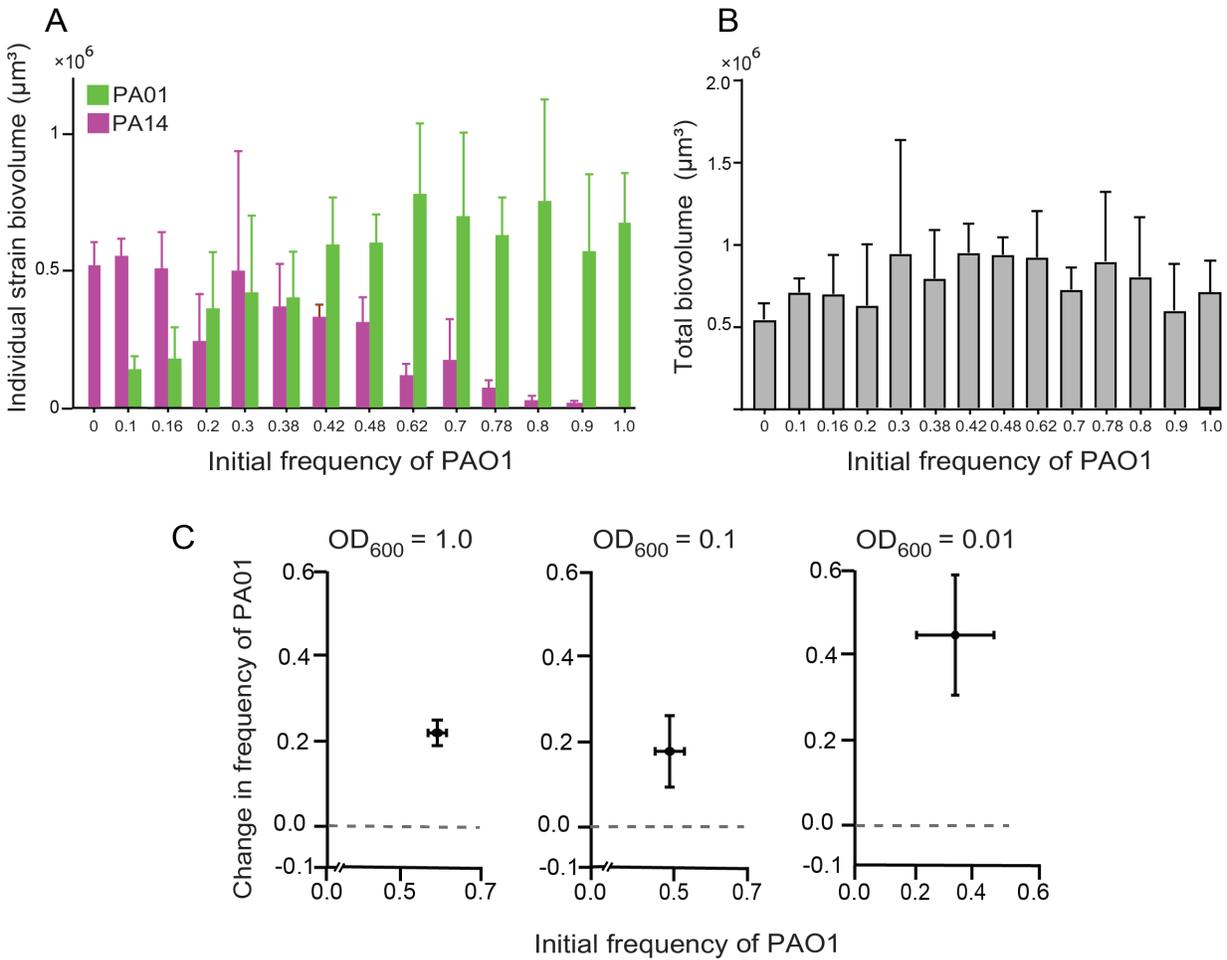
9 was measured by colony-forming unit (CFU) count. *n* = 3; error bars denote the standard deviation.

10 PAO1 and PA14 were not significantly different from each other in mono-culture or co-culture by

11 2-way ANOVA with a Sidak post-test.

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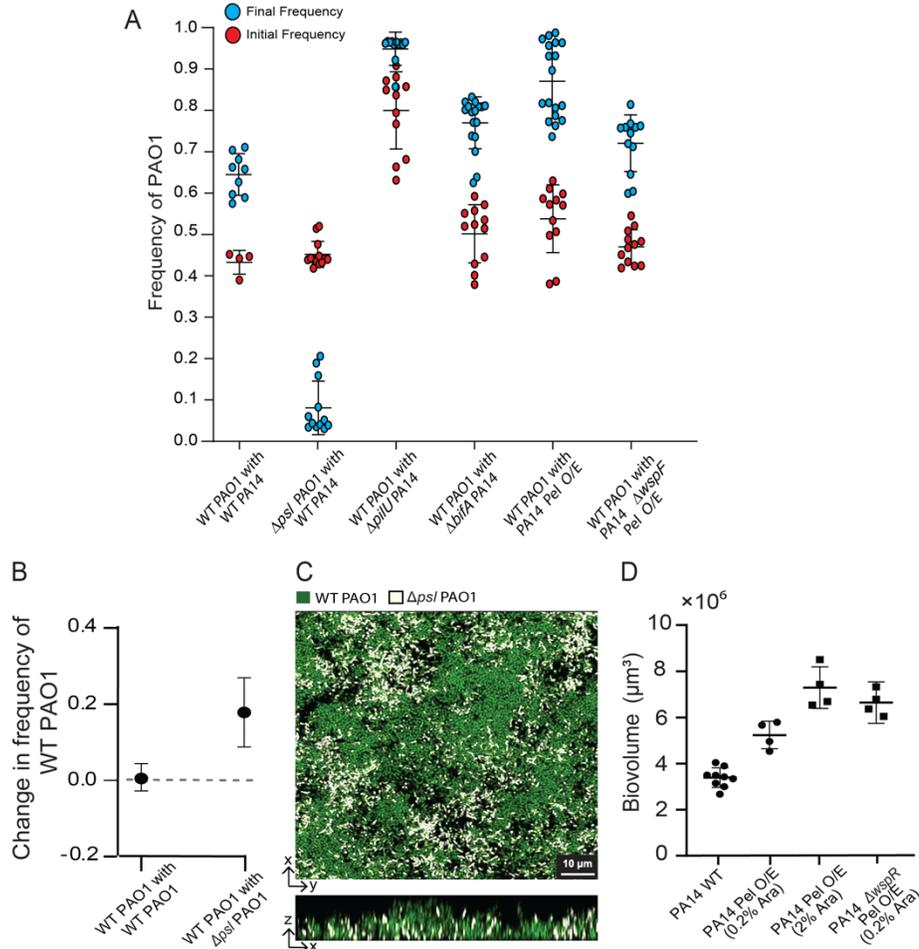


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15 **Figure S2. Absolute growth rate dynamics in biofilm co-cultures of PA14 and PAO1, and**
 16 **tests for density-dependence of the PAO1 biofilm competitive advantage. (A)** The biovolume
 17 accumulation of PA14 and PAO1 in co-culture from a full spectrum of initial frequencies of the
 18 two strains. **(B)** The total biovolume of both strains from each initial condition in **(A)**. Data from
 19 **(A)** and **(B)** are the same as those from Figure 1G of the main text, visualized in a different way.
 20 $n = 9$ non-overlapping image stacks from 4 separate microfluidic chambers. Error bars denote the
 21 standard deviation. **(C)** Competition between PA14 and PAO1 from approximately 1:1 initial
 22 inoculation at three different initial culture densities used for inoculation. For each inoculation
 23 density, $n = 9$ non-overlapping image stacks from 4 separate microfluidic chambers; error bars
 24 denote the standard deviation.

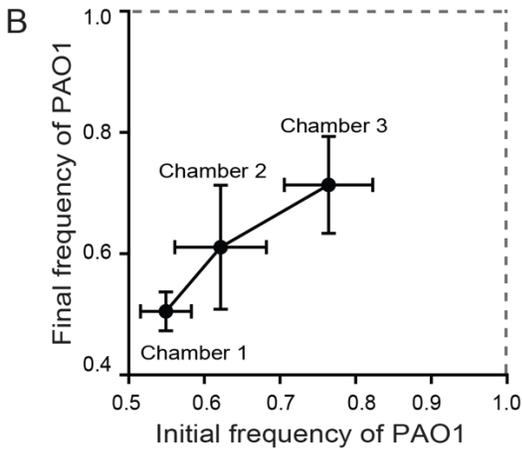
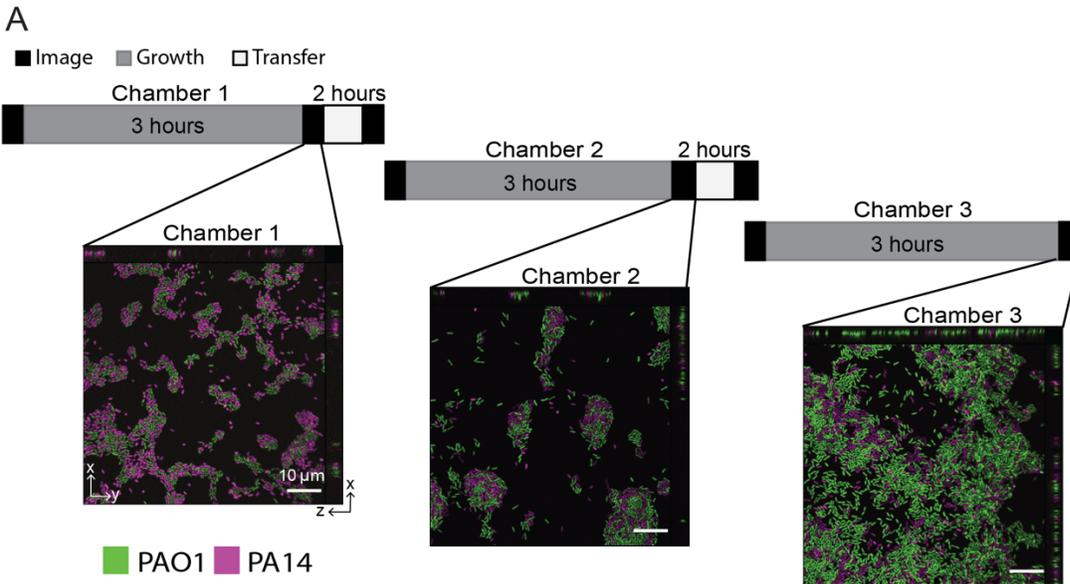
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29 **Figure S3. Control biofilm competition experiments with strain PAO1 and Pel over-**
 30 **expression strains of PA14. (A)** Absolute initial and final frequencies of PAO1 (and in once case
 31 PAO1 Δ psl) against PA14 and isogenic strains with altered piliation or matrix production. The
 32 change-in-frequency data in Figure 2 are derived from the final and initial frequencies displayed
 33 in this panel. $n = 9-18$ non-overlapping image stacks from 4-6 separate microfluidic chambers;
 34 error bars denote the standard deviation. **(B,C)** Biofilm competition of PAO1 against itself and
 35 against a PAO1 mutant with reduced Psl production. $n = 4-9$ non-overlapping image stacks from
 36 2-4 separate microfluidic chambers; error bars denote the standard deviation. **(D)** Biofilm
 37 production of PA14 WT in mono-culture and in three strain backgrounds with augmented Pel
 38 production by overexpression in trans for Pel, or with the *wspR* deletion. $n = 4-9$ non-overlapping
 39 image stacks from 2-4 separate microfluidic chambers; error bars denote the standard deviation.



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42 **Figure S4. PAO1 outcompetes PA14 in a high-frequency dispersal regime.** (A) Graphical

43 summary of dispersal experiment regime (top) and representative images of biofilms in serially

44 inoculated chambers (bottom). (B) The frequency of PAO1 in dispersal experiments through

45 serially inoculated chambers with intervening 3 hr incubations. All error bars denote standard

46 deviation ($n = 9$ non-overlapping image stacks from 4 separate microfluidic chambers).

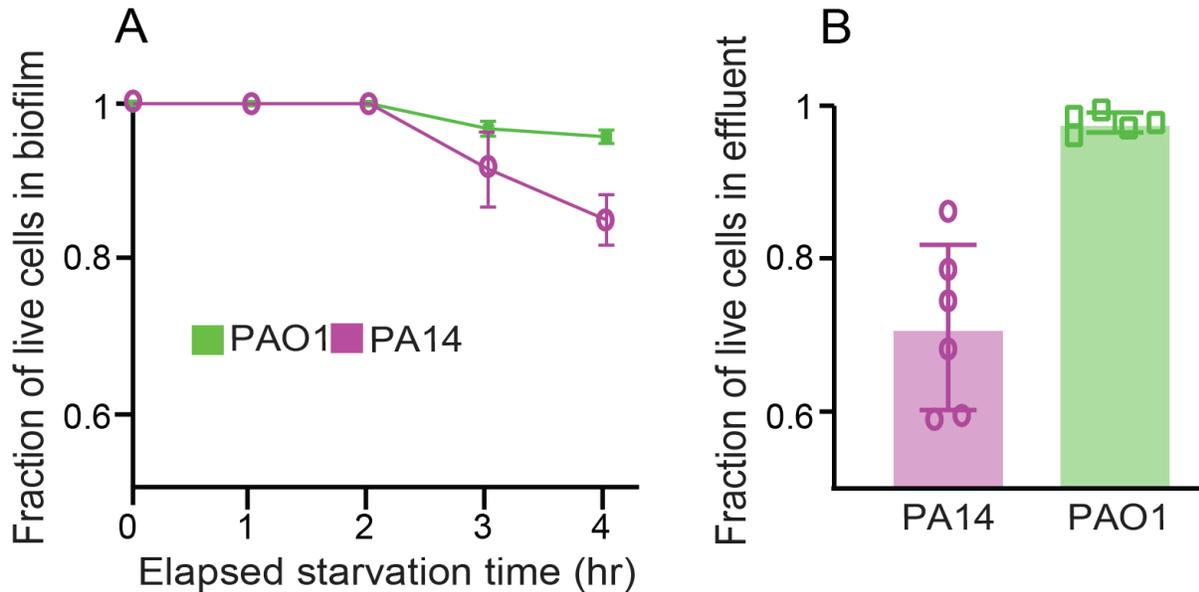
47 Population densities exiting the 3 hr-incubated biofilm chambers were too low to consistently

48 colonize subsequent chambers with sufficient surface coverage. To adjust for this effect, the final

49 frequencies of each strain in chambers following their 3 hr incubation were used to seed

50 downstream chambers, but at higher cell density to obtain sufficient surface coverage for seeding

51 the next chamber's biofilm growth.



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54 **Figure S5. Tracking cell death following carbon starvation in growing biofilms and dispersed**
 55 **cells in the effluent liquid phase.** Biofilms inoculated with a 1:1 mixture of *P. aeruginosa* PAO1
 56 and PA14 were incubated for 24 h under constant flow, after which the inflow tubing was switched
 57 to a new syringe containing carbon-free medium and propidium iodide (2 μ g/mL) at room
 58 temperature. The biofilms were imaged 1/hr for 4 hr, and effluent from these chambers was
 59 collected continuously into chilled storage tubes, from which samples were taken for imaging at
 60 the end of the experiment. (A) The frequency of living PA14 and PAO1 cells (cell with zero
 61 propidium iodide staining) within biofilms undergoing carbon starvation for 4 hr. $n = 6$ non-
 62 overlapping image stacks from 3 separate microfluidic chambers. Error bars denote the standard
 63 deviation. (B) The fraction of living PA14 and PAO1 cells in the effluent collected over 4 hr of
 64 carbon starvation. Effluent was collected separately for $n = 6$ independent microfluidic chambers;
 65 error bars denote the standard deviation.

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