

## **Supplemental Information**

### **GpsB coordinates cell division and cell surface decoration by wall teichoic acids in *Staphylococcus aureus***

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## Supplemental Table and Figure Legends

### Figure S1

(A) Stable production of  ${}^*\text{GpsB}^{\text{SA}}\text{-GFP}$  was confirmed with western blot analysis of PY79 *B. subtilis* cells expressing  $\text{gpsB}^{\text{SA}}\text{-gfp}$  (GG8) or  ${}^*\text{gpsB}^{\text{SA}}\text{-gfp}$  (CS89-CS93, PE377, PE448) both with and without the addition of 1 mM IPTG. C cleavage product is denoted by \*. (B) The L35S  ${}^*\text{GpsB-GFP}$  (PE448) mutation shows a cleavage product detected via western blot (as denoted by \*).  $\text{GpsB}^{\text{SA}}\text{-GFP}$  (GG8) and free GFP (RL4709) are shown for comparison. Blots probed with anti-GFP antibodies and anti-sigA for a loading control. (C) Localization of  $\text{GpsB}^{\text{SA}}\text{-GFP}$  (i) (GG8) and  ${}^*\text{GpsB}^{\text{SA}}\text{-GFP}$  (ii – viii) (CS89-CS93, PE377, PE448) in *B. subtilis* PY79 cells. Images taken 3 h after the addition of 1 mM IPTG and membranes were visualized with SynaptoRed membrane dye. Scale bar is 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

### Figure S2

Investigation of  ${}^*\text{GpsB}$  dominant negative phenotypes. (A) Spot titer assay with *B. subtilis* PY79 cells co-expressing  $\text{gpsB}^{\text{SA}}\text{-gfp}$  (LH73) and one of the  ${}^*\text{gpsB}^{\text{SA}}\text{-gfp}$  intragenic suppressor mutations (LH75-LH80). Cultures were serially diluted and spotted onto plates in the absence (left) and presence (right) of 1 mM IPTG. (B) BACTH assay testing pairwise interactions of T18 -  ${}^*\text{GpsB}^{\text{SA}}$  (LH43, LH45, LH47, LH49, LH51, LH53, LH55) with WT T25-  $\text{GpsB}^{\text{SA}}$  (LH40) and the negative (PE83/PE84; Neg) and positive (PE87/PE88; Pos) controls. Interactions on solid media with a dark pink color indicating a positive interaction. Image taken after 48 h of incubation (top).  $\beta$  galactosidase assay testing the same pairwise interactions. Bars show calculated Miller units

with the dashed line marking the cutoff from the negative control (bottom). Error bars show standard deviation. (C) Spot titer assay of RN4220 *S. aureus* cells harboring \*GpsB<sup>SA</sup>-GFP mutations (PE355, GGS2, LH17-LH20, LH32, LH35, LH36) and plated on media containing 1 mM IPTG. (D) Production of GpsB<sup>SA</sup>-GFP (LH141) and \*GpsB<sup>SA</sup>-GFP (LH142-LH144, LH159-LH162) in *S. aureus* RN4220  $\Delta$ spa cells. Blots were probed with antibody raised against GpsB<sup>SA</sup>-GFP and a total protein stained gel was used as a loading control.

### Figure S3

Superimposition of the crystal structures of *S. pneumoniae* (PDB ID 6GQA), *B. subtilis* (PDB ID 4UG3), *L. monocytogenes* (PDB ID 4UG1), GpsB and the *S. aureus* homology model. (A) Side view. (B) Top view. (C) The equivalent of *S. aureus* D41 is strictly conserved in *S. pneumoniae*, *B. subtilis*, and *L. monocytogenes*, where it functions as a hydrogen bond acceptor for three residues. These interactions are an important force that stabilizes this region. The subscripts A and B denote the two protomers in the dimer.

### Figure S4

Homology model of *S. aureus* GpsB. The N-terminal LEELR section of  $\alpha$ -helix 2 with (a) native and (b) inserted LEE residues colored in yellow.

### Figure S5

(A)  $\beta$  galactosidase assay testing pairwise interactions of GpsB<sup>SA</sup> (LH39-LH40) with TarG (SKB1-SKB2) and TarH (SKB3-SKB4). Bars show calculated Miller units with the dashed line marking the cutoff from the negative control. (B) *S. aureus* cell lysates of GpsB<sup>SA</sup>-FLAG (LH38)

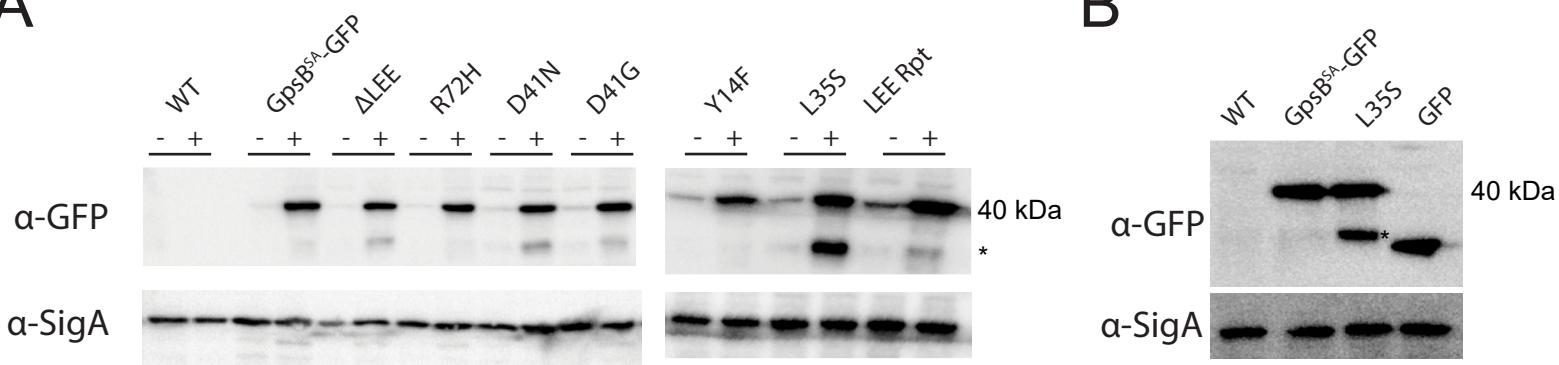
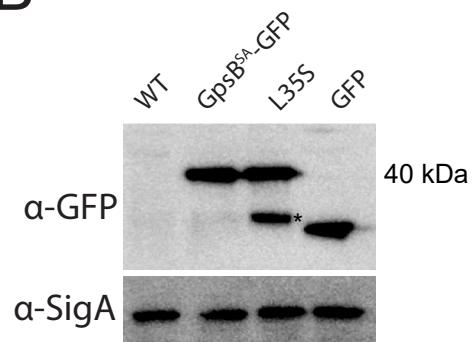
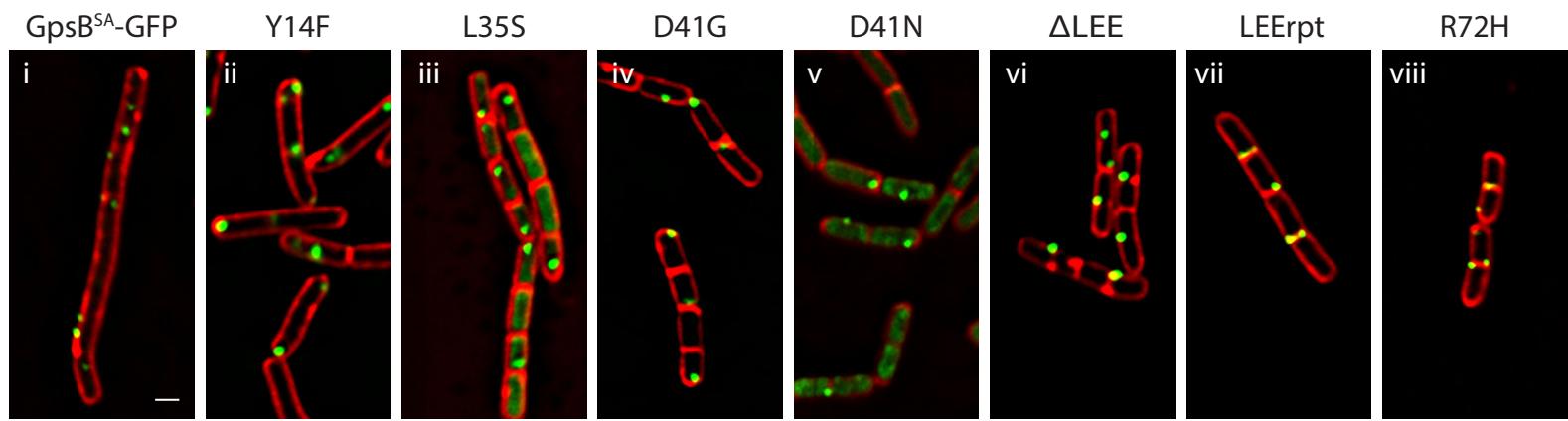
and GFP-TarG<sup>SA</sup> (LH136) were combined and subjected to co-immunoprecipitation assay. Load (lysate), flow through, wash 1, wash 2, wash 3, and eluate fractions were subjected to immunoblotting. (C) Purified WTA extracts from strains of SH1000 *S. aureus* cells containing the empty vector (EV; PES5) or a plasmid for *gpsB<sup>SA</sup>* overexpression (PES13). Cells were grown to mid-log phase and then induced with 1 mM IPTG for 3 h prior before collection and extraction of WTAs. Extracts were analyzed via electrophoresis on a native PAGE gel and visualized through Alcian blue and silver staining. (D) Fluorescence micrographs showing localization of GFP-TarG in RN4220 *S. aureus* cells (LH136) imaged at mid-log phase with no inducer added. Scale bar 1 μm. (E) Measurement of autolysis in strains overproducing GpsB<sup>SA</sup> (GGS1) and GpsB<sup>ΔLEE</sup> (AH2) and an empty vector control (PE355) both with and without treatment of 5 μg/ml targocil. (F) Immunoblot of *E. coli* cell lysates harboring plasmids containing T18-GpsB (LH39) and T18-ΔLEE (LH47) were probed with anti-GpsB antibody. Coomassie-stained gel of total protein served as a loading control.

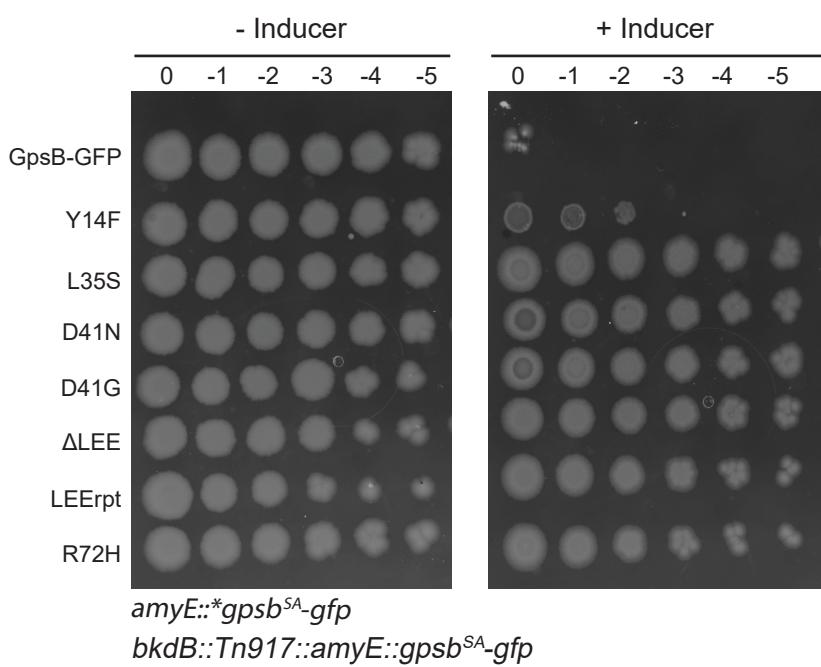
## Figure S6

Multiple sequence alignments of (A) TagH/TarH and (B) TagG/TarG of *Bacillus subtilis* (Bs), *Staphylococcus aureus* (Sa), *Enterococcus faecalis* (Ef), and *Listeria monocytogenes* (Lm) are shown. The alignment was generated using Clustal Omega. The residues mutated in the extragenic suppressors of *B. subtilis* TagH/TagG shown in Fig. 4A are highlighted.

## Table S1

Strains and oligonucleotides used in this study.

**A****B****C**

**A**

*amyE::gpsb<sup>SA</sup>-gfp*  
*bkdB::Tn917::amyE::gpsb<sup>SA</sup>-gfp*

**B**

### Interaction with WT T25-GpsB<sup>SA</sup>

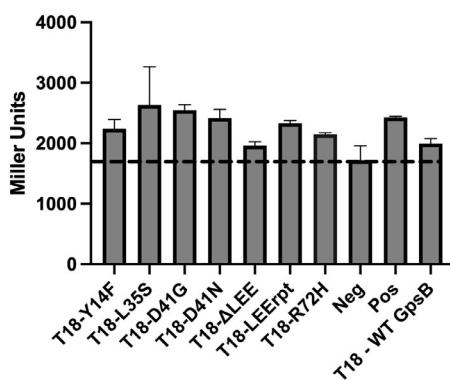
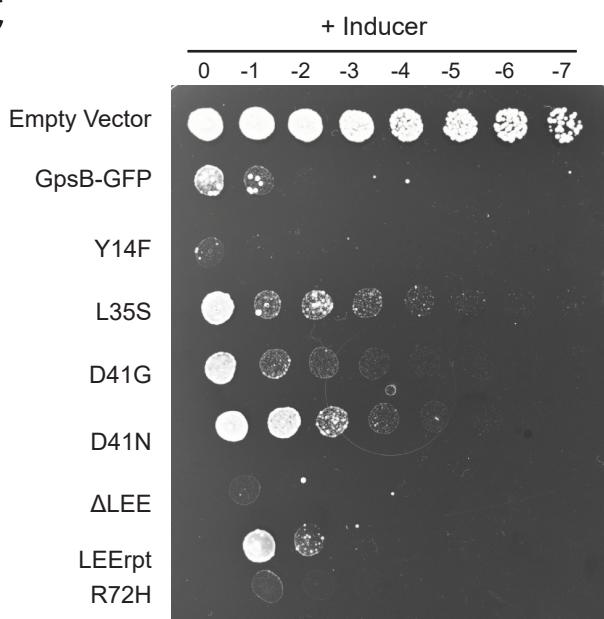
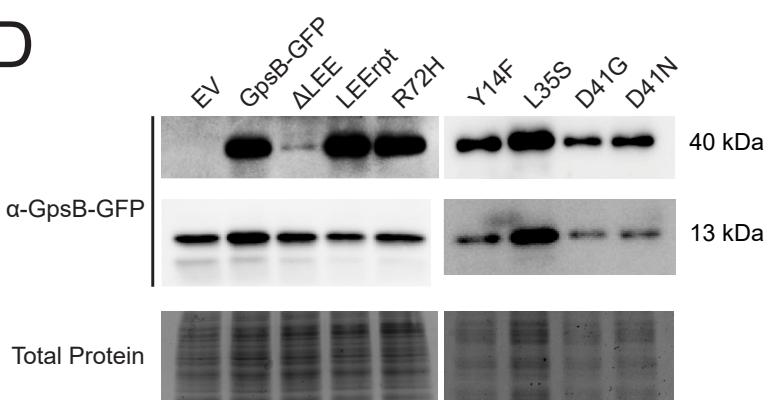
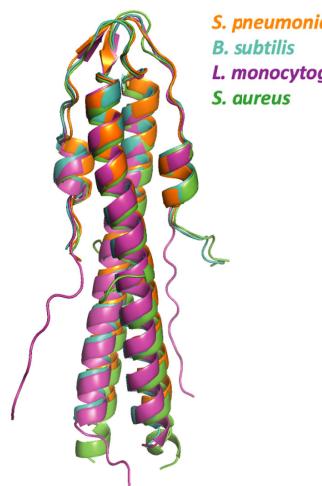
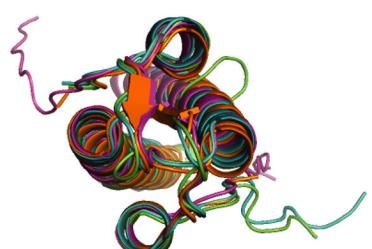
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Figure S2

A



B



C

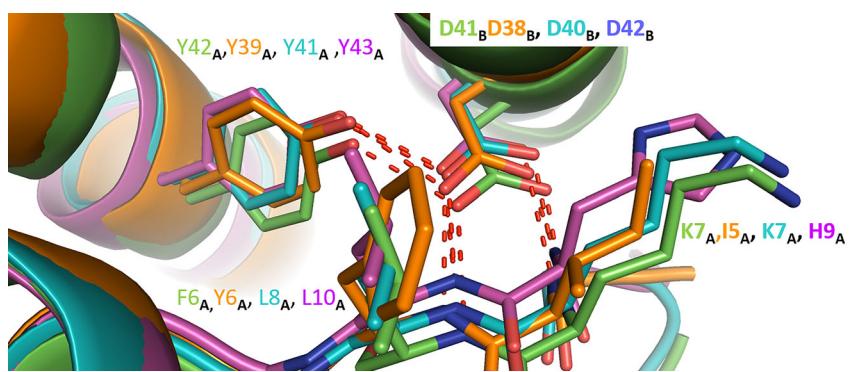


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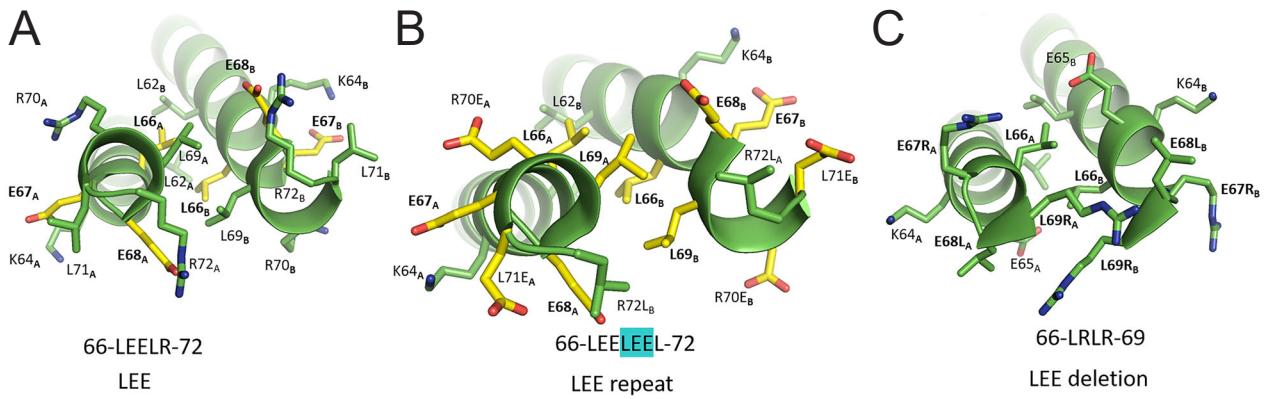


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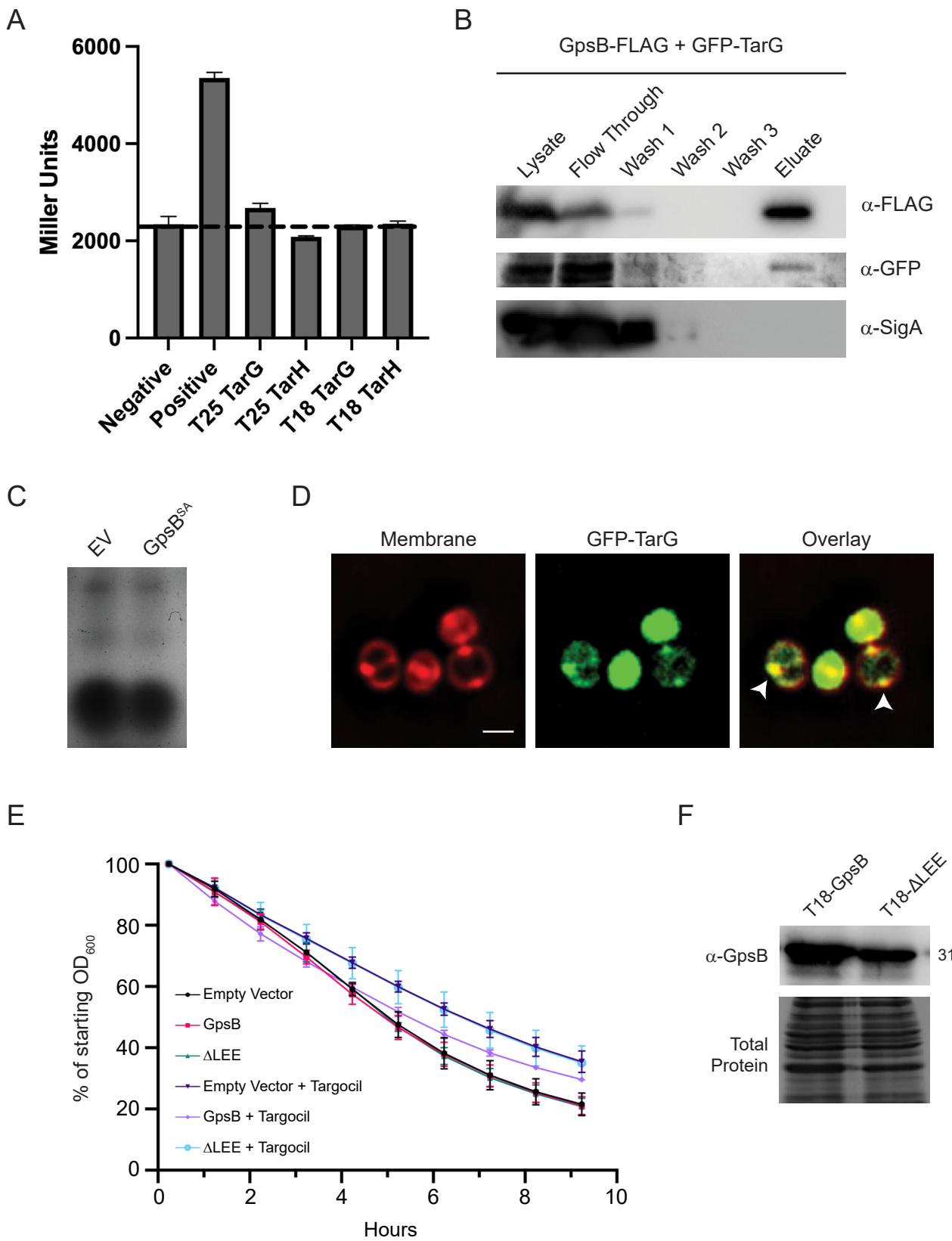


Figure S5

A

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Ef-TagH	MKKVEKEIKVRSTLVTKEYDLYKKKSDVKVALFKFYHRNVPRLFWALKGVSFEVRAGEGSVG	60
Lm-TagH	-----MKVSFKHVSKEYDLYQNKSRSKIKGLFLPKSRSKRQSFWALRNVCFDVYDGETVGG	53
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Sa-TarH	LVGINGSGKSTLSNIIGGSLPPTVKGVRDRNGEVSVIAISAGLSQLGTGLENIEFKMLCMG	114
Ef-TagH	IIGINGSGKSTLSNVISIGPPTSGTMVEGNGDTSIIAIGAKLYQLTGLENLIRKLKLMMSG	120
Lm-TagH	LIGINGSGKTSISNIMSGVPIPTQEDEVVINGETSLIAIAVGKGLPGLSGLENIRKLKLLMHG	113
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Sa-TarH	FKRKEIKAMTPKIEIEFSELGEFIYQPVKYSSGMRAKLGFSINITVNPDLVIDEALSVG	174
Ef-TagH	MTNKEIDKMDIEVIAFADLGDFINQPVKYSSGMRSRLGFAIAVHNPDVLVIDEALSVG	180
Lm-TagH	LKGQSQIDSLLPSIIEFADIGDFINQPPIKNYSSGMRSRLGFAISVHIDPDILVDEALSVG	173
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Sa-TarH	-----	264
Ef-TagH	V-----FK-----	351
Lm-TagH	-----	245
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Sa-TarH	-----	264
Ef-TagH	-----	351
Lm-TagH	-----	245
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Sa-TarH	-----	264
Ef-TagH	-----	351
Lm-TagH	-----	245
Bs-TagH	EEHTLTLMLK 527	
Sa-TarH	----- 264	
Ef-TagH	----- 351	
Lm-TagH	----- 245	

B

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

Species	Strain	Genotype	Source
<i>B. subtilis</i>	PY79	Wildtype	[1]
<i>B. subtilis</i>	GG8	<i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> - <i>gpsB<sup>SA</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	[2]
<i>B. subtilis</i>	PE448	<i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA-L35S</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	[2]
<i>B. subtilis</i>	PE377	<i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA-LEEpt</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>B. subtilis</i>	CS89	<i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA-D41N</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>B. subtilis</i>	CS90	<i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA-ΔLEE</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>B. subtilis</i>	CS91	<i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA-R72H</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>B. subtilis</i>	CS92	<i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA-Y14F</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>B. subtilis</i>	CS93	<i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA-D41G</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>B. subtilis</i>	LH72	<i>bkdB</i> :: <i>Tn917</i> :: <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> - <i>gpsB</i> - <i>gfp</i> ( <i>specR</i> )	This study
<i>B. subtilis</i>	LH73	<i>bkdB</i> :: <i>Tn917</i> :: <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> - <i>gpsB</i> - <i>gfp</i> ( <i>ermR</i> )	This study
<i>B. subtilis</i>	LH75	<i>bkdB</i> :: <i>Tn917</i> :: <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> - <i>gpsB</i> - <i>gfp</i> <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA-L35S</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>B. subtilis</i>	LH79	<i>bkdB</i> :: <i>Tn917</i> :: <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> - <i>gpsB</i> - <i>gfp</i> <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA-LEEpt</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>B. subtilis</i>	LH76	<i>bkdB</i> :: <i>Tn917</i> :: <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> - <i>gpsB</i> - <i>gfp</i> <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA-D41N</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>B. subtilis</i>	LH78	<i>bkdB</i> :: <i>Tn917</i> :: <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> - <i>gpsB</i> - <i>gfp</i> <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA-ΔLEE</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
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<i>B. subtilis</i>	LH74	<i>bkdB</i> :: <i>Tn917</i> :: <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> - <i>gpsB</i> - <i>gfp</i> <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA-Y14F</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>B. subtilis</i>	LH77	<i>bkdB</i> :: <i>Tn917</i> :: <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> - <i>gpsB</i> - <i>gfp</i> <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA-D41G</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>B. subtilis</i>	RL4709	<i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> - <i>gfp</i>	(R. Losick Lab)
<i>B. subtilis</i>	SK15	<i>lacA</i> :: <i>P<sub>xyl</sub></i> - <i>dCas9</i> <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>veg</sub></i> - <i>sgRNA</i> ( <i>tagG</i> )	This study; derived from BEC35710 (^BGSC)
<i>B. subtilis</i>	SK16	<i>lacA</i> :: <i>P<sub>xyl</sub></i> - <i>dCas9</i> <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>veg</sub></i> - <i>sgRNA</i> ( <i>tagH</i> )	This study; derived from BEC35700 (^BGSC)
<i>B. subtilis</i>	SK17	<i>lacA</i> :: <i>P<sub>xyl</sub></i> - <i>dCas9</i> <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>veg</sub></i> - <i>sgRNA</i> ( <i>tagG</i> ); <i>bkdB</i> :: <i>Tn917</i> :: <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> - <i>gpsB</i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>B. subtilis</i>	SK18	<i>lacA</i> :: <i>P<sub>xyl</sub></i> - <i>dCas9</i> <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>veg</sub></i> - <i>sgRNA</i> ( <i>tagH</i> ); <i>bkdB</i> :: <i>Tn917</i> :: <i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> - <i>gpsB</i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>B. subtilis</i>	PE528	<i>tagH</i> :: <i>P<sub>xyt</sub></i> - <i>gfp</i> - <i>tagH</i> (1-648)	This study; derived from [3]
<i>B. subtilis</i>	GG19	<i>amyE</i> :: <i>P<sub>hyperspank</sub></i> - <i>gpsB<sup>BS</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	[2]
<i>S. aureus</i>	SH1000	Wildtype	[4]
<i>S. aureus</i>	RN4220	Wildtype	Lab stock
<i>S. aureus</i>	SEJ1	RN4220 $\Delta$ <i>spa</i>	[5]
<i>S. aureus</i>	PES5	SH1000 with pCL15 Empty Vector	[2]
<i>S. aureus</i>	PE355	RN4220 with pCL15 Empty Vector	[2]
<i>S. aureus</i>	PES6	SH1000 pCL15 backbone <i>P<sub>spac</sub></i> - <i>gpsB<sup>SA</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	[2]
<i>S. aureus</i>	GGS2	RN4220 pCL15 backbone <i>P<sub>spac</sub></i> - <i>gpsB<sup>SA</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	[2]
<i>S. aureus</i>	PES13	SH1000 pCL15 backbone <i>P<sub>spac</sub></i> - <i>gpsB<sup>SA</sup></i>	[2]
<i>S. aureus</i>	GGS1	RN4220 pCL15 backbone <i>P<sub>spac</sub></i> - <i>gpsB<sup>SA</sup></i>	[2]
<i>S. aureus</i>	LH36	RN4220 pCL15 backbone <i>P<sub>spac</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA L35S</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	[2]
<i>S. aureus</i>	LH35	RN4220 pCL15 backbone <i>P<sub>spac</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA LEEpt</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>S. aureus</i>	LH19	RN4220 pCL15 backbone <i>P<sub>spac</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA D41N</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>S. aureus</i>	LH17	RN4220 pCL15 backbone <i>P<sub>spac</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA ΔLEE</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>S. aureus</i>	LH18	RN4220 pCL15 backbone <i>P<sub>spac</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA R72H</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
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<i>S. aureus</i>	LH136	RN4220 pJB67 backbone <i>P<sub>caer</sub></i> - <i>gfp</i> - <i>tarG</i>	This study
<i>S. aureus</i>	AH2	RN4220 pCL15 backbone <i>P<sub>spac</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA ΔLEE</sup></i>	This study
<i>S. aureus</i>	LH140	RN4220 with pCL15 Empty Vector	This study
<i>S. aureus</i>	LH141	RN4220 $\Delta$ <i>spa</i> pCL15 backbone <i>P<sub>spac</sub></i> - <i>gpsB<sup>SA</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>S. aureus</i>	LH162	RN4220 $\Delta$ <i>spa</i> pCL15 backbone <i>P<sub>spac</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA L35S</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>S. aureus</i>	LH144	RN4220 $\Delta$ <i>spa</i> pCL15 backbone <i>P<sub>spac</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA LEEpt</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>S. aureus</i>	LH160	RN4220 $\Delta$ <i>spa</i> pCL15 backbone <i>P<sub>spac</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA D41N</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study
<i>S. aureus</i>	LH142	RN4220 $\Delta$ <i>spa</i> pCL15 backbone <i>P<sub>spac</sub></i> * <i>gpsB<sup>SA ΔLEE</sup></i> - <i>gfp</i>	This study

<i>S. aureus</i>	LH143	RN4220 $\Delta$ spa pCL15 backbone $P_{spac}^*$ - $gpsB^{SA R72H}$ -gfp	This study
<i>S. aureus</i>	LH161	RN4220 $\Delta$ spa pCL15 backbone $P_{spac}^*$ - $gpsB^{SA Y14F}$ -gfp	This study
<i>S. aureus</i>	LH159	RN4220 $\Delta$ spa pCL15 backbone $P_{spac}^*$ - $gpsB^{SA D41G}$ -gfp	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	BTH101	Adenylate cyclase deficient reporter strain for BACTH; F', cya-99, araD139, galE15, galK16, rpsL1 (Str <sup>R</sup> ), hsdR2, mcrA1, mcrB1, relA1	[6]
<i>E. coli</i>	LH39	T18-linker $gpsB^{SA}$	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	LH40	T25-linker $gpsB^{SA}$	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	LH43	T18-linker * $gpsB^{SA LEEpt}$	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	LH44	T25-linker * $gpsB^{SA LEEpt}$	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	LH45	T18-linker * $gpsB^{SA L35S}$	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	LH46	T25-linker * $gpsB^{SA L35S}$	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	LH47	T18-linker * $gpsB^{SA \Delta LEE}$	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	LH48	T25-linker * $gpsB^{SA \Delta LEE}$	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	LH49	T18-linker * $gpsB^{SA Y14F}$	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	LH50	T25-linker * $gpsB^{SA Y14F}$	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	LH51	T18-linker * $gpsB^{SA D41G}$	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	LH52	T25-linker * $gpsB^{SA D41G}$	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	LH53	T18-linker * $gpsB^{SA D41N}$	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	LH54	T25-linker * $gpsB^{SA D41N}$	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	LH55	T18-linker * $gpsB^{SA R72H}$	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	LH56	T25-linker * $gpsB^{SA R72H}$	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	SKB3	T18-linker tarH	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	SKB4	T25-linker tarH	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	SKB1	T18-linker tarG	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	SKB2	T25-linker tarG	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	PE87	pUT25-zip	[6]
<i>E. coli</i>	PE88	pUT18-zip	[6]
<i>E. coli</i>	PE84	pEB355	[6]
<i>E. coli</i>	PE83	pEB354	[6]
<i>E. coli</i>	pCL15	pCL15	[7]
<i>E. coli</i>	pLH5	pCL15 backbone $P_{spac}^*$ - $gpsB^{SA \Delta LEE}$ -gfp	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	pLH6	pCL15 backbone $P_{spac}^*$ - $gpsB^{SA R72H}$ -gfp	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	pLH7	pCL15 backbone $P_{spac}^*$ - $gpsB^{SA D41N}$ -gfp	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	pLH8	pCL15 backbone $P_{spac}^*$ - $gpsB^{SA D41G}$ -gfp	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	pLH13	pCL15 backbone $P_{spac}^*$ - $gpsB^{SA Y14F}$ -gfp	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	pPE78	pCL15 backbone $P_{spac}^*$ - $gpsB^{SA LEEpt}$ -gfp	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	pPE80	pCL15 backbone $P_{spac}^*$ - $gpsB^{SA L35S}$ -gfp	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	pPE46	pCL15 backbone $P_{spac}^*$ - $gpsB^{SA}$ -gfp	[2]
<i>E. coli</i>	pPE45	pCL15 backbone $P_{spac}^*$ - $gpsB^{SA}$	[2]
<i>E. coli</i>	pLH64	pJB67 backbone $P_{cad}$ -gfp-tarG	This study
<i>E. coli</i>	pAH1	pCL15 backbone $P_{spac}^*$ - $gpsB^{SA \Delta LEE}$	This study

\*denotes mutant  $gpsB^{SA}$

<sup>^</sup>BGSC - Bacillus Genetic Stock Center

#### Oligonucleotides used in this study

Primer	Sequence (5' to 3')
oP36	AAAAAGCTTACATAAGGAGGAACTAATGTCAGATGTTCATTGAAATTATCAGCA
oP38	AAAGCATGTTATTACCAAATACAGCTTTCTAACGTTGA
oGG2	AAAGTCGACTTATTGTATAGTCATCCATGCC
BTH11	AATAAGAATTCATGTCAGATGTTCATTGAAATTATCAGC
BTH12	GCTGTATTTGGTAAATAACTCGAGTTATT
BTH61	AATAAGAATTGATGAACGTTCGGTAAACATTAAAAATG
BTH62	AATAACTCGAGTTATTAAACGAAGCGGGACTCATCG
BTH63	AATAAGAATTCAATGTCAGCAATAGGAACAG
BTH64	AATAACTCGAGTTACAAGAAGTCTGCAAATTGATCTC
oLH11	AATAAGTCGACACATAAGGAGGAACTAATGAGTAAAGGAGAAGAACTTTCAC
oLH12	AATAAGGATCCTTGTATAGTTCATCCATGCC
oLH13	AATAAGGATCCTGTCAGCAATAGGAACAG
oLH14	AATAAGAATTCTTACAAGAAGTCTGCAAATTG

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