Supplementary information

MARTX toxin of *Vibrio vulnificus* induces RBC phosphatidylserine exposure that can contribute to thrombosis

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Supplementary figure legends:

Supplementary Fig. 1 Shape changes of RBCs infected with *V. vulnificus*. RBCs were infected with *V. vulnificus* at various MOIs and incubated for 1 h. *V. vulnificus* only (left) and the shape changes of the human RBCs infected with *V. vulnificus* (red arrowheads) at various MOIs and incubated for 1 h (right) were analyzed by TEM. The representative images by TEM among 5 independent experiments were presented. Red arrowhead indicates *V. vulnificus*; white arrow, echinocyte; and white arrowhead, spherocyte. Scale bar is presented. MOI, multiplicity of infection; and TEM, transmission electron microscopy.

Supplementary Fig. 2 Effects of *V. vulnificus* on the MV generation, and PS exposure of human RBCs. a, b RBCs were infected with *V. vulnificus* at various MOIs and different incubation times. MV generation (a) and PS exposure (b) were determined (n=6, two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Duncan's multiple range test). The means \pm SE were calculated from at least five independent experiments. Control, uninfected; MOI, multiplicity of infection; PS, phosphatidylserine; and MV, microvesicle.

Supplementary Fig. 3 Effect of purified Annexin V on thrombin generation in V. *vulnificus*-infected RBCs. Human RBCs were incubated in the presence or absence of purified Annexin V for 10 min. And then, the pre-incubated RBCs were infected with V. *vulnificus* at 5, and 10 MOIs for 30 min, and thrombin generation were determined (n=5, two-tailed Student's *t*-test). The means \pm SE. were calculated from at least five independent experiments. Control, uninfected; and MOI, multiplicity of infection.

Supplementary Fig. 4 Characteristics of the V. vulnificus mutant strains used in the study. a Schematic diagrams of the *rtxA* structural gene of the V. vulnificus WT, *rtxA*::*nptI*

mutant, and revertant strains. The *rtxA::nptI* mutant carries the *nptI* gene cassette inserted at the 5'-end of *rtxA* and produces no MARTX toxin. The revertant carries the WT *rtxA* gene restored from the *rtxA::nptI* by removing the *nptI* insertion as indicated with dimmed symbol, and thus produces the WT-MARTX toxin. Arrows indicate transcriptional directions of each gene. **b**, **c** Human RBCs were infected with different strains of *V. vulnificus* at an MOI of 10 and incubated for 1 h, and then PS exposure (**b**) (n=5, two-tailed Student's *t*-test) and thrombin generation (**c**) (n=6, two-tailed Student's *t*-test) were determined. **d** Human epithelial cells (HeLa cells, 1 x 10⁵ cells) originally purchased from ATCC (CCL-2) were infected with different strains of *V. vulnificus* at an MOI of 10 min, and then bleb formation (red arrowheads) was observed. Scale bar is presented. The means \pm SE. were calculated from at least five independent experiments. WT, wild type; *ΔrtxA*, a mutant producing no MARTX toxin; *rtxA::nptI*, a mutant producing no MARTX toxin; Rev, a revertant producing the WT-MARTX toxin; *nptI*, aminoglycoside 3'-phosphotransferase gene; *EF-rtxA*, a mutant producing the EF-MARTX toxin; PS, phosphatidylserine; control, uninfected; and MOI, multiplicity of infection.

Supplementary Fig. 1













MOI 10



Supplementary Fig. 2



Supplementary Fig. 3



Supplementary Fig. 4

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Strain or plasmid	Relevant characteristics ^a	Reference or source
Bacterial strains Vibrio vulnificus		
WT	Clinical isolate MO6-24/O, wild type, WT-MARTX toxin	(Wright et al., 1990) ¹
∆rtxA	MO6-24/O with <i>drtxA::nptI</i> , Km ^r , no MARTX toxin	(Lee et al., 2007) ²
EF-rtxA	MO6-24/O with EF-rtxA, EF-MARTX toxin	This study
rtxA::nptI	MO6-24/O with rtxA::nptI, Kmr, no MARTX toxin	(Lee et al., 2018) ³
Revertant	MO6-24/O with the restored rtxA, Km ^s , WT-MARTX toxin	(Lee et al., 2018) ³
Escherichia coli		
S17-1 λ pir	λ <i>pir</i> lysogen, <i>thi pro hsdR hsdM</i> ⁺ <i>recA</i> RP4-2 Tc::Mu-Km::Tn7, Tp ^R , Sm ^R , host for π-requiring plasmids, conjugal donor	(Simon et al., 1983) ⁴
Plasmid		
pDS132	oriR6K sacB oriT RP4, Cm ^R	(Philippe et al., 2004) ⁵
pDS_EF-MARTX	pDS132:: <i>EF-rtxA</i> , Cm ^R	$(Lee et al., 2019)^6$

Supplementary Table 1 Bacterial strains and plasmids used in this study

WT, wild type; ^a Km^r, kanamycin-resistant; EF, effector-free; Km^s, kanamycin-sensitive; Tp^R, Trimethoprim-resistant; Sm^R, streptomycin-resistant; Cm^R, chloramphenicol-resistant.

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Locus tag"	Annotation	Control	Exposed to RBCs	Log ₂ fold change	P value		
		Up-reg	ulation ^b				
Amino acid transport and metabolism ^c							
VVMO6_01726	Homoserine O-succinyltransferase	136.78	369.50	1.43	2.56.E-28		
VVMO6_03431	2-aminoethylphosphonate	243.40	521.45	1.10	2.02E-22		
VVMO6_03434	ATP-binding protein	311.33	781.19	1.33	6.42E-40		
VVMO6_04200	2-keto-3-deoxy-D-arabino-Heptulosonate-7- phosphate synthase I alpha	113.39	288.97	1.35	1.63E-20		
VVMO6_04207	Isochorismate pyruvate-lyase of siderophore biosynthesis	32.15	94.69	1.56	2.88E-11		
Carbohydrate t	ransport and metabolism ^c						
VVMO6_02646	Glycosyltransferase	222.26	447.00	1.01	2.52E-16		
VVMO6_03242	Metabolite transporter	935.99	2072.28	1.15	1.83E-41		
Coenzyme trans	sport and metabolism ^c						
VVMO6_01252	Nicotinate phosphoribosyltransferase	536.63	1319.58	1.30	3.94E-60		
VVMO6_03382	Radical SAM family protein HutW	127.16	295.72	1.22	8.23E-18		
Transcription ^c							
VVMO6_01093	Transcriptional activator MetR	70.83	252.16	1.83	4.33E-30		
Replication, recombination and repair ^c							
VVMO6_03779	RstA phage-related replication protein	16.74	35.71	1.09	2.80E-03		

Supplementary Table 2 List of differentially expressed genes in *V. vulnificus* exposed to human RBCs

Cell wall/memb	orane/envelope biogenesis ^c				
VVMO6_03380	Ferric siderophore transport system periplasmic binding protein TonB	7.31	17.36	1.25	1.00E-02
VVMO6_04039	Putative outer membrane protein	1853.30	4221.61	1.19	6.68E-38
Inorganic ion t	ransport and metabolism ^c				
VVMO6_00202	Manganese superoxide dismutase	109.24	315.19	1.53	5.10E-25
VVMO6_04408	Aerobactin siderophore receptor IutA	99.93	209.56	1.07	3.22E-13
Secondary meta	abolites biosynthesis, transport and catabo	olism ^c			
VVMO6_04208	2,3-dihydroxybenzoate-AMP ligase	64.23	214.36	1.74	2.16E-23
VVMO6_04209	Aryl carrier domain	5.54	15.06	1.44	1.74E-02
General function	on prediction only ^c				
VVMO6_01352	Death on curing protein, Doc toxin	2.16	7.04	1.71	4.35E-02
Intracellular tra	afficking, secretion, and vesicular transpo	rt ^c			
VVMO6_01206	flp pilus assembly protein CpaB	13.60	40.05	1.56	6.75E-06
Function unkno	own ^c				
VVMO6_01693	Tricarboxylate transport protein TctC	320.99	1479.75	2.20	4.36E-147
VVMO6_01696	Tricarboxylate transport membrane protein TctA	116.38	404.24	1.80	8.37E-46
Unclassified ^c					
VVMO6_01205	Hypothetical protein	15.46	31.96	1.05	3.10E-03
VVMO6_01356	Hypothetical protein	31.98	80.23	1.33	3.34E-07

VVMO6_01694	Hypothetical protein	3.98	40.23	3.34	6.40E-12
VVMO6_01695	Tricarboxylate transport protein TctB	32.15	142.11	2.14	2.95E-25
VVMO6_01834	Predicted manganese transporter	53.99	167.38	1.63	8.27E-19
VVMO6_02535	Hypothetical protein	23.50	48.17	1.04	3.65E-04
VVMO6_03008	Hypothetical protein	21.29	44.66	1.07	4.20E-04
VVMO6_03538	Type II/IV secretion system ATPase TadZ/CpaE	37.02	77.53	1.07	4.77E-06
VVMO6_03894	Transposase	4.80	13.46	1.49	2.18E-02
VVMO6_04161	Hypothetical protein	81.05	240.29	1.57	4.25E-22
Iron uptake ^d					
VVMO6_04199	Siderophore biosynthesis	120.07	278.71	1.21	2.39E-18
VVMO6_04201	Catechol siderophore ABC transporter	31.81	88.13	1.47	2.87E-09
VVMO6_04206	Siderophore biosynthesis	48.56	163.93	1.76	2.51E-21
VVMO6_04210	Catechol siderophore ABC transporter	98.78	216.15	1.13	1.56E-13
Toxin ^d					
VVMO6_03947	MARTX toxin	1121.50	2578.14	1.20	2.72E-43
		Down-reg	gulation ^b		
Energy product	ion and conversion ^c				
VVMO6_01670	Acylphosphate phosphohydrolase putative	4.49	0.35	-3.69	2.18E-02
VVMO6_02002	Glutamate symport protein	962.04	461.17	-1.06	3.18E-36
VVMO6_02391	Glutamate symport protein	3187.71	967.56	-1.72	2.21E-123
VVMO6_03181	Oligopeptide transport ATP-binding protein OppF	157.11	60.11	-1.39	4.93E-13
VVMO6_03847	Nitrite reductase	109.18	46.40	-1.23	8.32E-09
VVMO6_03866	Nitrite reductase	9012.01	4048.87	-1.15	3.44E-05

VVMO6_04094	Ferredoxin-type protein NapF	310.68	119.27	-1.38	1.11E-23
VVMO6_04096	Periplasmic nitrate reductase precursor	4850.36	1241.94	-1.97	3.59E-161
VVMO6_04097	Nitrate reductase cytochrome c550-type subunit	263.20	60.19	-2.13	7.57E-36
VVMO6_04098	Cytochrome c-type protein NapC	378.90	83.75	-2.18	9.81E-50
VVMO6_04166	L-lactate permease	3883.93	1851.31	-1.07	1.15E-57
Amino acid trai	nsport and metabolism ^c				
VVMO6_00054	Ketol-acid reductoisomerase	9904.53	4244.73	-1.22	6.09E-75
VVMO6_00199	Aspartate ammonia-lyase	490.20	199.48	-1.30	3.59E-31
VVMO6_01167	Tyrosine-specific transport protein	913.90	413.44	-1.14	1.44E-36
VVMO6_01655	Sodium/glycine symporter GlyP	951.96	346.61	-1.46	1.18E-53
VVMO6_02415	Sodium/alanine symporter	955.08	349.24	-1.45	8.05E-53
VVMO6_02533	Sodium/alanine symporter	1281.58	456.23	-1.49	2.88E-65
VVMO6_02972	Amino acid ABC transporter	7313.88	2351.55	-1.64	2.70E-85
VVMO6_03045	Sodium/dicarboxylate symporter	1255.89	548.12	-1.20	1.37E-48
VVMO6_03441	Di-/tripeptide transporter	80.95	26.87	-1.59	1.89E-09
VVMO6_03488	Serine transporter	384.21	177.75	-1.11	1.59E-18
Carbohydrate t	ransport and metabolism ^c				
VVMO6_00328	Ribulose-phosphate 3-epimerase	359.94	173.56	-1.05	1.76E-17
Coenzyme trans	sport and metabolism ^c				
VVMO6_00730	Multidrug efflux pump component MtrF	160.67	65.49	-1.29	8.42E-13
VVMO6_02721	Uroporphyrinogen-III methyltransferase	6674.09	3319.38	-1.01	2.96E-33

Lipid transport	and metabolism ^c				
VVMO6_00780	Butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase	2445.81	1085.24	-1.17	9.99E-38
Translation, rib	osomal structure and biogenesis ^c				
VVMO6_02205	Endoribonuclease L-PSP	39.83	17.42	-1.19	4.79E-4
Transcription ^c					
VVMO6_03062	Transcriptional regulator	121.32	57.39	-1.08	9.48E-08
VVMO6_04439	Transcriptional regulator	490.02	235.65	-1.06	3.40E-21
Cell wall/memb	rane/envelope biogenesis ^c				
VVMO6_03345	Capsular polysaccharide synthesis enzyme CpsI	104.12	51.71	-1.01	2.34E-06
VVMO6_04183	Lipoprotein	436.29	216.01	-1.01	8.75E-19
Posttranslation	al modification, protein turnover, chapero	ones ^c			
VVMO6_00209	Heat shock protein 60 family co-chaperone Gro	396.09	101.56	-1.96	7.93E-44
VVMO6_00210	Heat shock protein 60 family chaperone GroEL	9753.06	3465.84	-1.49	1.49E-74
VVMO6_00297	ATP-dependent hsl protease ATP-binding subunit HslU	2433.27	1057.85	-1.20	2.10E-53
VVMO6_00298	ATP-dependent protease HslV	553.43	150.15	-1.88	9.16E-48
VVMO6_02385	Chaperone protein DnaK	10047.69	4211.13	-1.25	4.91E-65
VVMO6_02477	ClpB protein	6924.19	3211.64	-1.11	3.10E-59
VVMO6_02966	16 kDa heat shock protein A	2949.54	632.75	-2.22	8.41E-33
VVMO6_04438	Glutaredoxin 3	9.24	2.54	-1.86	2.41E-02
VVMO6_04522	Heat shock protein 60 family chaperone GroEL	7113.21	2770.01	-1.36	1.23E-51

VVMO6_04523	Heat shock protein 60 family co-chaperone GroES	344.60	90.14	-1.93	1.29E-32			
Inorganic ion transport and metabolism ^c								
VVMO6_00653	Chromate transport protein ChrA	102.39	50.56	-1.02	1.47E-06			
VVMO6_00937	Lead, cadmium, zinc and mercury transporting ATPase	1652.00	799.21	-1.05	2.12E-28			
VVMO6_02186	Ferrous iron transport protein A	10.23	2.29	-2.16	8.89.E-03			
VVMO6_02280	Lead, cadmium, zinc and mercury transporting ATPase	839.91	407.86	-1.04	4.27E-22			
VVMO6_02509	Sodium-dependent phosphate transporter	6498.65	2385.24	-1.45	2.25E-86			
VVMO6_03867	Nitrate ABC transporter ATP-binding protein	2859.99	995.43	-1.52	8.29E-09			
VVMO6_03868	Nitrate ABC transporter permease protein	2815.34	668.68	-2.07	6.61E-38			
VVMO6_03869	Nitrate ABC transporter nitrate-binding protein	4960.46	1164.12	-2.09	2.22E-27			
VVMO6_04095	Periplasmic nitrate reductase component NapD	442.22	123.19	-1.84	6.69E-32			
Secondary meta	abolites biosynthesis, transport and cataboli	ism ^c						
VVMO6_01992	Hypothetical protein	411.85	174.84	-1.24	5.60E-25			
General functio	on prediction only ^c							
VVMO6_00722	Sodium-dependent transporter	878.74	335.98	-1.39	5.36E-48			
VVMO6_02367	Xanthine/uracil/thiamine/ascorbate permease family protein	620.68	288.94	-1.10	1.17E-26			
VVMO6_04325	Phospholipid-binding protein	282.59	39.67	-2.83	1.73E-48			
VVMO6_04520	Multimeric flavodoxin WrbA	15.05	6.39	-1.24	2.32E-02			
VVMO6_04524	Acetyltransferase	43.92	20.73	-1.08	1.02E-03			

Signal transduction mechanisms^c

VVMO6_03870	Putative two-component response regulatory protein	579.57	129.13	-2.17	2.77E-73
Defense mechar	nisms ^c				
VVMO6_00539	ABC-type multidrug transport system	227.40	78.06	-1.54	1.19E-21
VVMO6_03667	Multidrug resistance protein A	178.81	72.97	-1.29	1.47E-12
VVMO6_04387	Membrane fusion component of tripartite multidrug resistance system	15.39	7.15	-1.11	3.76E-02
Function unkno	own ^c				
VVMO6_00408	Predicted transmembrane protein	40.21	18.84	-1.09	8.44E-04
VVMO6_00453	Hypothetical protein	559.71	247.17	-1.18	5.74E-27
VVMO6_00887	Hypothetical protein	108.91	50.59	-1.11	1.3E-07
VVMO6_01713	Hypothetical protein	9.35	2.78	-1.75	3.05E-02
VVMO6_02105	Membrane protein	125.60	60.84	-1.05	2.50E-07
VVMO6_03810	Hypothetical protein	39.17	18.91	-1.05	1.85E-03
VVMO6_04285	Membrane protein	14.34	5.21	-1.46	1.24E-02
VVMO6_04437	Membrane protein	21.42	10.31	-1.05	1.64E-02
Unclassified ^c					
VVMO6_00939	Hypothetical protein	824.70	317.42	-1.38	2.46E-45
VVMO6_01196	Hypothetical protein	167.49	58.27	-1.52	3.90E-14
VVMO6_01874	Hypothetical protein	236.18	99.02	-1.25	2.31E-12
VVMO6_01899	Hypothetical protein	18.43	8.85	-1.06	4.03E-02
VVMO6_02992	Permease of the major facilitator superfamily	19.07	9.16	-1.06	3.28E-02
VVMO6_03146	Hypothetical protein in aerobactin uptake cluster	25.32	11.93	-1.09	9.13E-03
VVMO6_03548	Pyruvate/2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase	15.93	7.18	-1.15	3.15E-02

	complex dihydrolipoamide dehydrogenase component					
VVMO6_03986	Hypothetical protein	16.61	7.29	-1.19	3.83E-02	
VVMO6_04154	Permease of the major facilitator superfamily	40.51	19.02	-1.09	1.48E-03	
VVMO6_04217	Hypothetical protein	10.42	3.36	-1.63	2.70E-02	
VVMO6_04375	Acyl-CoA synthetase	175.34	82.71	-1.08	1.09E-10	
VVMO6_04432	Hypothetical protein	20.18	9.30	-1.12	2.04E-02	
VVMO6_04506	Hypothetical protein	9.45	2.88	-1.71	2.55E-02	
VVMO6_04521	Hypothetical protein	28.86	9.86	-1.55	5.05.E-04	
Antiphagocytos	is ^d					
VVMO6_03346	Capsular polysaccharide	44.61	16.59	-1.43	2.11E-05	
VVMO6_03350	Capsular polysaccharide	149.86	52.07	-1.53	1.36E-14	
VVMO6_03351	Capsular polysaccharide	595.28	230.69	-1.37	1.17E-26	
Chemotaxis and motility ^d						
VVMO6_02252	Flagella	3175.42	1519.97	-1.06	4.24E-54	
^a Locus tags are based on the database for the V. vulnificus MO6-24/O genome (GenBank accession numbers: CP002469 and CP002470,						

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/).

^b $|\text{Log}_2 \text{ fold change}| \ge 1.0$, and *P* value ≤ 0.05 .

^c Clusters of orthologous genes (COG, http://weizhong-lab.ucsd.edu/webMGA/) category⁷.

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