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Data collection

For STAMP sequencing, data was collected using an Illumina MiSeq and FASTQ files were generated by Illumina's proprietary analysis pipeline (FASTQ Generation V1.0.0). For bacterial whole genome sequencing, data was collected by MiGS using an Illumina NextSeq and FASTQ files generated as above.

Data analysis

STAMP FASTQ files were processed with CLC Genomics Workbench (Qiagen) and Geneious (Biomatters) to create a barcode table with the number of reads mapping to each barcode in each sample. The barcode tables were then analyzed using custom scripts. Scripts and barcode tables are provided on github at https://github.com/hullahalli/stampr_rtisan (doi 10.5281/zenodo.7521417). Bacterial whole genome FASTQ files were mapped to the *C. rodentium* ICC168 reference genome NCBI ASM2708v1 [https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/assembly/GCA_000027085.1] with CLC Genomics Workbench (Qiagen). Reads from whole genome sequencing are available at the Sequencing Read Archive under PRJNA895384 [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/?term=PRJNA895384>]. Variant detection was also performed with CLC. Statistical analyses were performed using GraphPad Prism version 9.

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STAMP scripts and barcode read counts from this study are deposited online at https://github.com/hullahalli/stampr_rtisan. Reads from bacterial whole genome sequencing are available in the Sequencing Read Archive (BioProject accession PRJNA895384).

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| Recruitment | N/A |
| Ethics oversight | N/A |

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| Sample size | Sample sizes were determined by the variation observed during preliminary experiments. |
| Data exclusions | STAMP samples were excluded after sequencing if they received less than 100,000 reads unless it was apparent that less than 1,000 barcodes were present in the sample. |
| Replication | All individual points in display items are independent biological replicates (a sample or measurement collected from an independent animal or culture). Notably, we found similar results using two independent <i>C. rodentium</i> STAMP libraries. Figure 1B, Figure 2 B-C, and Figure 3 C-D (plus supplemental Figure 2 and 3) contain consistent data for infection dynamics (shedding and founding population) of untreated B6 mice challenged with two independent <i>C. rodentium</i> STAMP libraries. Figure 3A is 7 and 5 animals and the results are consistent with Supplemental Figure 5. Figure 3B is 10 independent cultures, which display a consistent pattern across multiple doses. Figure 3 C-D "Loxidine" are 16 independent animals with a consistent trend across doses. Figure 4 A-E is a single cage of 5 animals, which produce consistent results with the 22 animals in Figure 4 F-G. Figure 5 C3H/HeOuJ are 12 animals with a consistent trend across 3 doses. Figure 6 is 20 animals with a consistent trend across 5 doses. Figure 7 is 20 animals with a consistent trend across 5 doses. Supplemental Figure 1A is 20 independent cultures in triplicate. Supplemental Figure 1B is 7 independent cultures. Supplemental Figure 4 is 4 independent co-housing of 3 mice each. The control of Supplemental Figure 5 is consistent with Figure 3A and streptomycin-treated and germ-free are each 5 independent animals. All attempts at replication were successful. |
| Randomization | Mice were randomly assigned to experimental groups. |
| Blinding | Blinding was not used in these studies as most values were measured by sequencing, which is independent of the investigator, and all measurements were at defined timepoints. |

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| Laboratory animals | Mice were C57BL/6J or C3H/HeOuj and 9-14 weeks of age at the start of experimentation. Mice were housed in a temperature (68-75F) and humidity (50%) controlled facility with 12 hour light/dark cycles. |
| Wild animals | This study did not involve wild animals. |
| Reporting on sex | All mice were female. |
| Field-collected samples | This study did not include field samples. |
| Ethics oversight | All experiments involving mice were performed according to protocols reviewed and approved by the Brigham and Women's Hospital Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (protocol 2016N000416) and in compliance with the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. |

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